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~~Settlers of Catan~~ A board game is played on a hexagonal grid of 19 tiles. A 'traveler' token starts on the center tile. Each turn a die is rolled to determine what neighboring tile the traveler moves to (all six directions equally likely). The turn that the traveler leaves the board, the game ends. What is the expected number of turns of the game?

A hexagonal grid of 19 cells, numbered 0 to 18. Cell 0 is the central cell. Cells 1 through 6 form a ring around cell 0. Cells 7 through 12 form another ring. Cells 13 through 18 form the outermost ring. Each cell contains a red dot and a number. The cells are surrounded by 30 green dots, numbered 19 through 48, arranged in a larger hexagonal pattern.

We wish to find the expected value of the number of turns in the game, which we denote  $N$ .

The dice is truly random, so there is no upper bound on  $N$ . We note that this game is really akin to a Markov chain, in that it doesn't matter what the past states are.

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$N =$	$P_{0,0} = .45$	$P_{0,1} = .16$	$P_{0,2} = .16$	$P_{0,3} = .16$	$P_{0,4} = .16$	$P_{0,5} = .16$	$P_{0,6} = .16$	$P_{0,7} = .16$	$P_{0,8} = .16$	$P_{0,9} = .16$	$P_{0,10} = .16$	$P_{0,11} = .16$	$P_{0,12} = .16$	$P_{0,13} = .16$	$P_{0,14} = .16$	$P_{0,15} = .16$	$P_{0,16} = .16$	$P_{0,17} = .16$	$P_{0,18} = .16$
	$P_{1,0} = .16$	$P_{1,1} = .16$	$P_{1,2} = .16$	$P_{1,3} = .16$	$P_{1,4} = .16$	$P_{1,5} = .16$	$P_{1,6} = .16$	$P_{1,7} = .16$	$P_{1,8} = .16$	$P_{1,9} = .16$	$P_{1,10} = .16$	$P_{1,11} = .16$	$P_{1,12} = .16$	$P_{1,13} = .16$	$P_{1,14} = .16$	$P_{1,15} = .16$	$P_{1,16} = .16$	$P_{1,17} = .16$	$P_{1,18} = .16$
	$P_{2,0} = .16$	$P_{2,1} = .16$	$P_{2,2} = .16$	$P_{2,3} = .16$	$P_{2,4} = .16$	$P_{2,5} = .16$	$P_{2,6} = .16$	$P_{2,7} = .16$	$P_{2,8} = .16$	$P_{2,9} = .16$	$P_{2,10} = .16$	$P_{2,11} = .16$	$P_{2,12} = .16$	$P_{2,13} = .16$	$P_{2,14} = .16$	$P_{2,15} = .16$	$P_{2,16} = .16$	$P_{2,17} = .16$	$P_{2,18} = .16$
	$P_{3,0} = .16$	$P_{3,1} = .16$	$P_{3,2} = .16$	$P_{3,3} = .16$	$P_{3,4} = .16$	$P_{3,5} = .16$	$P_{3,6} = .16$	$P_{3,7} = .16$	$P_{3,8} = .16$	$P_{3,9} = .16$	$P_{3,10} = .16$	$P_{3,11} = .16$	$P_{3,12} = .16$	$P_{3,13} = .16$	$P_{3,14} = .16$	$P_{3,15} = .16$	$P_{3,16} = .16$	$P_{3,17} = .16$	$P_{3,18} = .16$
	$P_{4,0} = .16$	$P_{4,1} = .16$	$P_{4,2} = .16$	$P_{4,3} = .16$	$P_{4,4} = .16$	$P_{4,5} = .16$	$P_{4,6} = .16$	$P_{4,7} = .16$	$P_{4,8} = .16$	$P_{4,9} = .16$	$P_{4,10} = .16$	$P_{4,11} = .16$	$P_{4,12} = .16$	$P_{4,13} = .16$	$P_{4,14} = .16$	$P_{4,15} = .16$	$P_{4,16} = .16$	$P_{4,17} = .16$	$P_{4,18} = .16$
	$P_{5,0} = .16$	$P_{5,1} = .16$	$P_{5,2} = .16$	$P_{5,3} = .16$	$P_{5,4} = .16$	$P_{5,5} = .16$	$P_{5,6} = .16$	$P_{5,7} = .16$	$P_{5,8} = .16$	$P_{5,9} = .16$	$P_{5,10} = .16$	$P_{5,11} = .16$	$P_{5,12} = .16$	$P_{5,13} = .16$	$P_{5,14} = .16$	$P_{5,15} = .16$	$P_{5,16} = .16$	$P_{5,17} = .16$	$P_{5,18} = .16$
	$P_{6,0} = .16$	$P_{6,1} = .16$	$P_{6,2} = .16$	$P_{6,3} = .16$	$P_{6,4} = .16$	$P_{6,5} = .16$	$P_{6,6} = .16$	$P_{6,7} = .16$	$P_{6,8} = .16$	$P_{6,9} = .16$	$P_{6,10} = .16$	$P_{6,11} = .16$	$P_{6,12} = .16$	$P_{6,13} = .16$	$P_{6,14} = .16$	$P_{6,15} = .16$	$P_{6,16} = .16$	$P_{6,17} = .16$	$P_{6,18} = .16$
	$P_{7,0} = .16$	$P_{7,1} = .16$	$P_{7,2} = .16$	$P_{7,3} = .16$	$P_{7,4} = .16$	$P_{7,5} = .16$	$P_{7,6} = .16$	$P_{7,7} = .16$	$P_{7,8} = .16$	$P_{7,9} = .16$	$P_{7,10} = .16$	$P_{7,11} = .16$	$P_{7,12} = .16$	$P_{7,13} = .16$	$P_{7,14} = .16$	$P_{7,15} = .16$	$P_{7,16} = .16$	$P_{7,17} = .16$	$P_{7,18} = .16$
	$P_{8,0} = .16$	$P_{8,1} = .16$	$P_{8,2} = .16$	$P_{8,3} = .16$	$P_{8,4} = .16$	$P_{8,5} = .16$	$P_{8,6} = .16$	$P_{8,7} = .16$	$P_{8,8} = .16$	$P_{8,9} = .16$	$P_{8,10} = .16$	$P_{8,11} = .16$	$P_{8,12} = .16$	$P_{8,13} = .16$	$P_{8,14} = .16$	$P_{8,15} = .16$	$P_{8,16} = .16$	$P_{8,17} = .16$	$P_{8,18} = .16$
	$P_{9,0} = .16$	$P_{9,1} = .16$	$P_{9,2} = .16$	$P_{9,3} = .16$	$P_{9,4} = .16$	$P_{9,5} = .16$	$P_{9,6} = .16$	$P_{9,7} = .16$	$P_{9,8} = .16$	$P_{9,9} = .16$	$P_{9,10} = .16$	$P_{9,11} = .16$	$P_{9,12} = .16$	$P_{9,13} = .16$	$P_{9,14} = .16$	$P_{9,15} = .16$	$P_{9,16} = .16$	$P_{9,17} = .16$	$P_{9,18} = .16$

$$t = N\mathbf{1}$$
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Finally, we see that  $t_0 = \boxed{\frac{213}{29} \approx 7.345}$