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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?

The diagram shows a hexagonal lattice with 19 cells. The cells are labeled 0 to 18. The cells are colored as follows: 0 is red, 1-6 are blue, 7-12 are green, and 13-18 are yellow. The cells are arranged in a hexagonal pattern. The central cell is 0. The first ring of cells around 0 is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. The second ring is 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. The third ring is 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18. The cells are numbered in a spiral-like pattern starting from the center. Green dots are placed on the edges of the lattice, numbered 19 to 36. The dots are placed on the edges of the cells, with each dot corresponding to a specific edge. The dots are numbered 19 to 36 in a clockwise direction starting from the top edge of cell 0.

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