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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 graph with 37 nodes. The central node is labeled 0. Nodes 1 through 14 are arranged in a hexagonal pattern around the center. Nodes 15 through 36 form an outer ring. Nodes 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 are green dots, while nodes 1 through 18 are red dots.

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

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