

A2Q2

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For $N \geq 1$ and with $A_1 = 1$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_N &= A_{N-1} - \frac{2A_{N-1}}{N} + 2\left(1 - \frac{2A_{N-1}}{N}\right) \\
 A_N &= A_{N-1} - \frac{6A_{N-1}}{N} + 2 = A_{N-1}\left(1 - \frac{6}{N}\right) + 2 = A_{N-1}\frac{N-6}{N} + 2 \\
 &\implies NA_N = (N-6)A_{N-1} + 2N \\
 &\implies \frac{N(N-1)(N-2)(N-3)(N-4)(N-5)}{6!} A_N \\
 &= \frac{(N-1)(N-2)(N-3)(N-4)(N-5)(N-6)}{6!} A_{N-1} + \frac{2N(N-1)(N-2)(N-3)(N-4)(N-5)}{6!} \\
 &= \binom{N}{6} A_N = \binom{N-1}{6} A_{N-1} + 2\binom{N}{6} \\
 &\implies \binom{N}{6} A_N = \binom{1}{6} A_1 + 2 \sum_{k=2}^N \binom{N}{6} = 0 + 2\binom{N+1}{7}
 \end{aligned}$$

Divide by N choose 6 and expand the factorial expression for the combinations:

$$A_N = 2 \frac{(N+1)!}{(N-6)!7!} \frac{6!(N-6)!}{N!} = \frac{2(N+1)}{7}.$$

-1 What if $N < 6$?

Also, how does this relate to the average number of 2-nodes after N steps?