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(54) **Game device, image display device, and computer-readable recording medium using an openable dice**

(57) In a game device for use in extending each region formed on a board by a combination of partial paths, from a player to an opponent, a plurality of the partial paths are prepared to be selected one by one

and are arranged on the board without any overlap with any other partial paths. In this event, each partial path is located on the board and does not exceed a board boundary. Such partial paths may be formed by opening dice (Fig. 9).

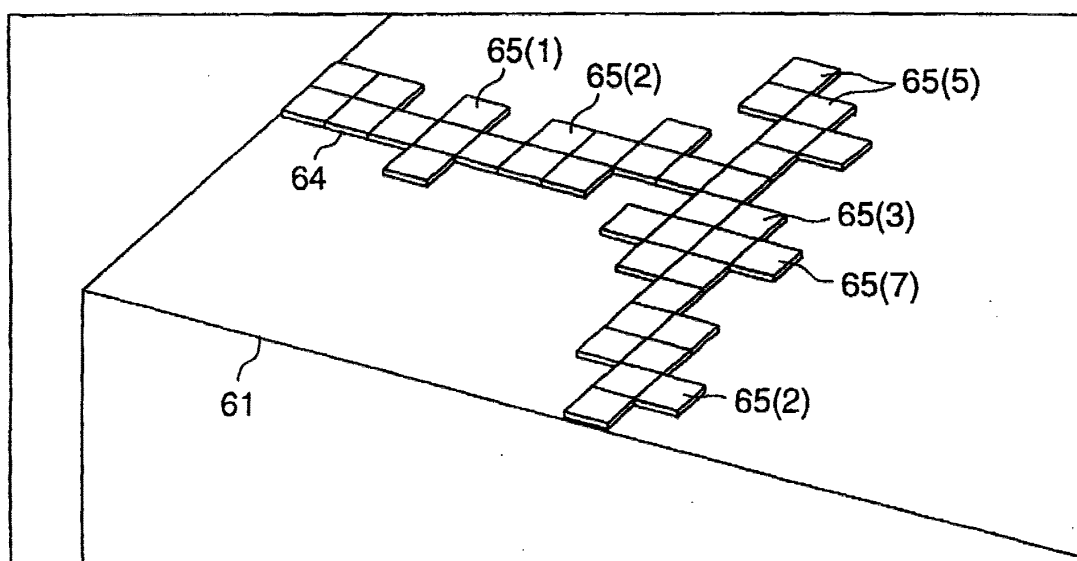


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