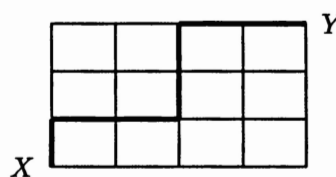


# Homework Assignment 7

- 1) Example 1.5.1
- 2) Example 1.5.2
- 3) Example 1.5.3 (know the result, not the proof)
- 4) Problem 25 on page 53
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**Q1 Example 1.5.1.** A student wishes to walk from the corner  $X$  to the corner  $Y$  through streets as given in the street map shown in Figure 1.5.1. How many shortest routes are there from  $X$  to  $Y$  available to the student?



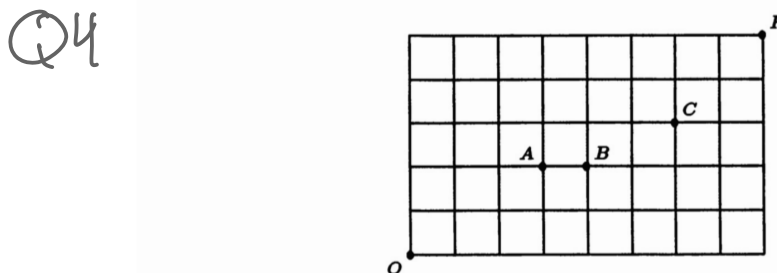
**Q2 Example 1.5.2.** Show that if  $|X| = n$ , then  $|\mathcal{P}(X)| = 2^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Q3 Example 1.5.3.** Let  $X = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Show that the number of  $r$ -combinations of  $X$  which contain no consecutive integers is given by

$$\binom{n-r+1}{r},$$

where  $0 \leq r \leq n-r+1$ .

25. In each of the following cases, find the number of shortest routes from  $O$  to  $P$  in the street network shown below:



- (i) The routes must pass through the junction  $A$ ;
- (ii) The routes must pass through the street  $AB$ ;
- (iii) The routes must pass through junctions  $A$  and  $C$ ;
- (iv) The street  $AB$  is closed.

**Q5** 27. Let  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$  where  $n \geq 2$ , and let

$$T = \{(x, y, z) \in S^3 \mid x < z \text{ and } y < z\}.$$

Show by counting  $|T|$  in two different ways that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = |T| = \binom{n+1}{2} + 2\binom{n+1}{3}.$$

**Q6** 40. Prove the identity  $\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r}$  by (BP)

**Q7** 41. Let  $X = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} = \{A \subseteq X \mid n \notin A\}$ , and  $\mathcal{B} = \{A \subseteq X \mid n \in A\}$ . Show that  $|\mathcal{A}| = |\mathcal{B}|$  by (BP).