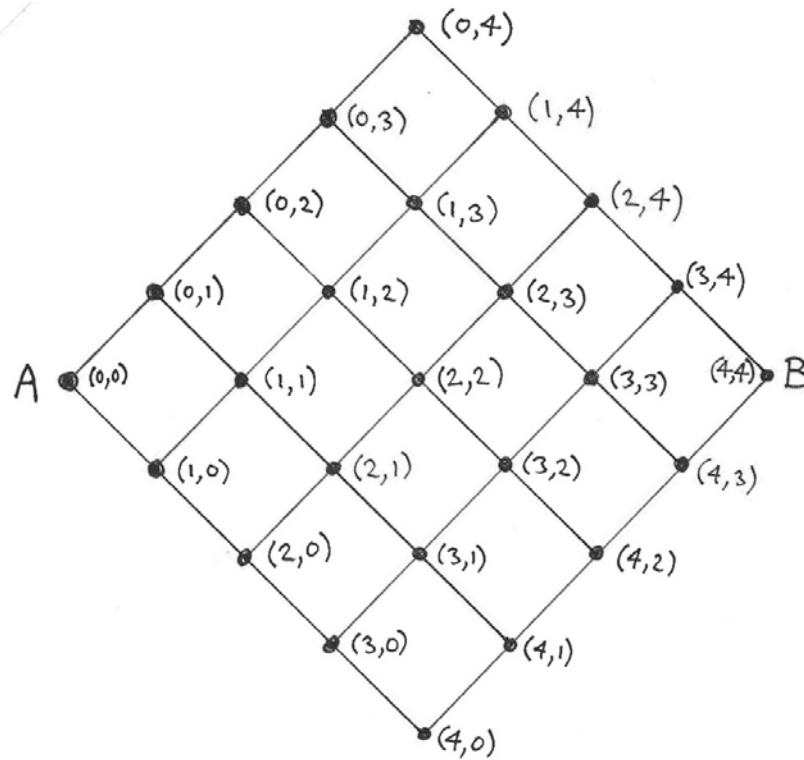


A “diamond graph” of size  $N$  is a square arrangement of  $N \times N$  nodes, each with a connection to all of its immediate (up, down, left, right) neighbours, but it is rotated by  $45^\circ$  so that it takes on a diamond shape.



The left-most node  $(0,0)$  is known as  $A$ , and the rightmost node  $(N-1,N-1)$  is known as  $B$ .

The question is, how many different paths are there from  $A$  to  $B$ ?