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- 1. In figure relating to exercise is a subnetwork, where all μ 's are equal. We try to find throughput $u(n)$ (you can think throughput means same as service rate) of Norton equivalent queue. One way to do this is to use combinatorics.
 - a) Show that total number of ways n identical packets (balls, if you wish) can be distributed randomly among M queues (boxes) is given by

$$\binom{n+M-1}{n} = \frac{(n+M-1)!}{n! (M-1)!} = C(M)$$
 - b) Show that $\binom{M-1}{n} = \frac{(n+M-2)!}{n! (M-2)!}$ represents the number of combinations that result in zero packets (balls) in any, say first, queue (box). Hence show that the probability that a queue is empty is given by $\binom{M-1}{n} / C(M)$. Use this to calculate the Norton equivalent throughput from equation $u(n) = n\mu / (n+M-1)$.

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- 2. Fill in to the lower part of exercise one's figure an artificial queue with service rate μ to make it a complete virtual circuit model. Assume $\lambda = \mu_1 = \mu$. Show that under sliding window control, the throughput of the virtual circuit and the time delay across it (from S to D) are given by

$$\gamma = N\mu / (N+M) \text{ and } E(T) = [M / (M+1)] (M+N) / \mu.$$
 Show also that the window size N that maximizes $\gamma / E(T)$ is given by $N=M$.

