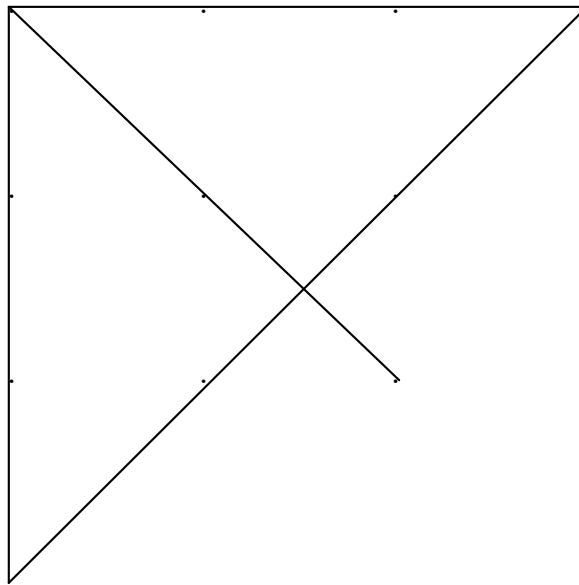


OUTSIDE THE BOX

I once attended a management seminar about thinking of outside the box. There were cute examples of how to do this, but realistically, organizational men and women don't engage in critical thinking. This is an example of "creative thinking" outside the box presented in the seminar. The object is to connect a square of dots with a minimum number of straight lines. The solution presented in the seminar is shown below.



It takes less than four lines to solve this puzzle. There are three solutions requiring less than four lines. Two of them are cheating. Anyone who can figure out a solution using less lines than the minimal solution gets a \$100 prize. The singular solution challenge answer will be posted as soon as any contestant solves the problem. Contest void where prohibited, and prohibited where void.