

Handout 1: Latin Squares

Week 1

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In class, we asked the following question:

Question 1. Consider the following two Latin squares L, M described below:

$$L = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \hline 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}, \quad L = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array}.$$

Show that no matter how you permute the columns or rows of L , you cannot get the Latin square M .

Solve this problem, write up its solution in L^AT_EX, and turn it in on Friday along with the problems from Wednesday!