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## A SIMPLE TECHNIQUE TO GENERATE ODD ORDER MAGIC SQUARES FOR ANY SEQUENCE OF CONSECUTIVE INTEGERS

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### **ABSTRACT**

A magic square of order  $n \times n$  is a square array of numbers consisting of the distinct positive integers  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n^2\}$  arranged such that the sum of the ‘n’ numbers in any horizontal, vertical, *main* diagonal and anti-diagonal line is always the same number.

The unique normal square of order three was known to the ancient Chinese, who called it the Lo Shu. A version of the order-4 magic square with the numbers 15 and 14 in adjacent middle columns in the bottom row is called Dürer's magic square.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Magic squares (Weisstein Eric, 2003) have a long history, dating back to at least 650 BC in China. At various times they have acquired magical or mythical significance, and have appeared as symbols in works of art. In modern times they have been generalized a number of ways, including using extra or different constraints, multiplying instead of adding cells, using alternate shapes or more than two dimensions, and replacing numbers with shapes and addition with geometric operations.

There are many ways to construct magic squares, but the standard (and most simple) way is to follow certain configurations/formulas which generate regular patterns. Magic squares exist for all values of  $n$ , with only one exception: it is impossible to construct a magic square of order 2.

If all the diagonals including those obtained by "wrapping around" the edges-of a magic square sum to the same *magic constant*, the square is said to be a panmagic square (Stephen Wolfram, no date).

Order of Magic square	Magic Constant (m) for magic square starting with unity	No. of possible magic square
(3 × 3)	15	1
(4 × 4)	34	880
(5 × 5)	65	(2,42,000) 275305224
(6 × 6)	111	$\approx (1.7745 \pm 0.0016) \times 10^{19}$
(7 × 7)	175	unknown
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(n × n)	$\frac{n(n^2 + 1)}{2}$	$\frac{n^2(n - 1)^4}{2}$

In case the numbers starts from ‘a’ instead of unity, Value of magic constant (m) =  $\frac{n^3 + n(2a - 1)}{2}$

The 880 squares of order four were enumerated by Frénicle de Bessy in 1693, and are illustrated in Berlekamp *et al.* (1982, pp. 778-783). The number of 5 x 5 magic squares was computed by R. Schroepel in 1973. The number of 6 x 6 squares is not known, but Pinn and Wieczorkowski (1998) estimated it to be  $(1.7745 \pm 0.0016) \times 10^{19}$  using Monte Carlo simulation and methods from statistical mechanics. Methods for enumerating magic squares are discussed by Berlekamp *et al.* (1982) and on the Math Pages website.

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Magic squares were known to Islamic mathematicians in Arabia as early as the seventh century. They may have learned about them when the Arabs came into contact with Indian culture and learned Indian astronomy and mathematics.

The  $3 \times 3$  magic square has been a part of rituals in India since Vedic times, and still is today. The Ganesh yantra is a  $3 \times 3$  magic square. There is a well-known 10th-century  $4 \times 4$  magic square on display in the Parshvanath temple in Khajuraho,

Greek Byzantine scholar Manuel Moschopoulos wrote a mathematical treatise on the subject of magic squares, leaving out the mysticism of his predecessors. Moschopoulos was essentially unknown to the Latin west. He was not, either, the first Westerner to have written on magic squares.

There are many ways to construct magic squares, but the standard (and most simple) way is to follow certain configurations/formulas which generate regular patterns. Magic squares exist for all values of  $n$ , with only one exception: it is impossible to construct a magic square of order 2. Magic squares can be classified into three types: odd, doubly even ( $n$  divisible by four) and singly even ( $n$  even, but not divisible by four). Odd and doubly even magic squares are easy to generate; the construction of singly even magic squares is more difficult but several methods exist, including the LUX method for magic squares (due to John Horton Conway) and the Strachey method for magic squares.

In the 19th century, Édouard Lucas devised the general formula for order 3 magic squares.

A method for constructing magic squares of odd order was published by the French diplomat de la Loubère in his book, A new historical relation of the kingdom of Siam (Du Royaume de Siam, 1693), in the chapter entitled. The problem of the magical square according to the Indians.

A magic square can be constructed using genetic algorithms.

Algorithms tend to only generate magic squares of a certain type or classification, making counting all possible magic squares quite difficult. Traditional counting methods have proven unsuccessful, statistical analysis using the Monte Carlo method has been applied. The basic principle applied to magic squares is to randomly generate  $n \times n$  matrices of elements 1 to  $n^2$  and check if the result is a magic square. The probability that a randomly generated matrix of numbers is a magic square is then used to approximate the number of magic squares.

On October 9, 2014 the post office of Macao in the People's Republic of China issued a series of stamps based on magic squares.

In this research article the simple techniques to develop magic squares for order  $n \times n$  of odd numbers is explained in detail.

## **TYPES OF MAGIC SQUARES**

### **1. Addition-multiplication magic square**

An addition-multiplication square is a square of integers that is simultaneously a magic square and multiplication magic square.

### **2. Alphamagic square**

A magic square for which the number of letters in the word for each number generates another magic square.

### **3. Antimagic square**

An antimagic square is an  $n \times n$  array of integers from 1 to  $n^2$  such that each row, column, and main diagonal produces a different sum such that these sums form a sequence of consecutive integers. It is therefore a special case of a heterosquare. It was defined by Lindon (1962) and appeared in Madachy's collection of puzzles (Madachy 1979, p. 103), originally published in 1966

### **4. Associative magic square**

An associative magic square (Stephen Wolfram, No date) is a magic square for which every pair of numbers symmetrically opposite to the centre sum up to the same value.

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#### **5. Bimagic square**

If replacing each number by its square in a magic square produces another magic square, the square is said to be a bimagic square (Stephen Wolfram, No date). Bimagic squares are also called doubly magic squares, and are 2-multimagic squares. Lucas (1891) and later Hendricks (1998).

#### **6. Complete magic square**

These are Magic squares (Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-Presentatie Humaniora, No date) in which the sum of the numbers on the pan-diagonals is also the same as the sum of the numbers on each line, column or diagonal. Pan-diagonals are lines parallel to the diagonal.

#### **7. Ideal Magic square**

An ideal Magic square  $n \times n$  formed from a sequence of consecutive integers in which the sum of each row, each column, two diagonals and several possible symmetrically added ‘n’ elements is equal to the magic constant.

#### **8. Most Perfect Magic Square**

A most-perfect magic square (Harvey D. Heinz, 2010) of order  $n$  is a magic square containing the numbers 1 to  $n^2$  with two additional properties:

1. Each  $2 \times 2$  sub-square sums to  $2s$ , where  $s = n^2 + 1$ .
2. All pairs of integer's distant  $n/2$  along a (major) diagonal sum to  $s$ .

#### **9. Multimagic square** (Stephen Wolfram, No date)

A magic square is said to be p-multimagic if the square formed by replacing each element by its  $k$ th power for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, p$  is also magic. A 2-multimagic square is called bimagic, a 3-multimagic square is called trimagic, a 4-multimagic square is called tetramagic, a 5-multimagic square is called pentamagic, and so on.

#### **10. Multiplication magic square**

A square which is magic under multiplication instead of addition (the operation used to define a conventional magic square) is called a multiplication magic square (Stephen Wolfram, No date). Unlike (normal) magic squares, the  $n^2$  entries for an  $n$ th order multiplicative magic square are not required to be consecutive.

#### **11. Normal/Ordinary/Diagonally magic square**

The sum of the ‘n’ numbers in any horizontal, vertical, or *main* diagonal line is always the same magic constant.

#### **12. Panmagic square**

A Pan diagonal magic square or panmagic square (Stephen Wolfram, No date) (also diabolic square, diabolical square or diabolical magic square) is a magic square with the additional property that the broken diagonals, i.e. the diagonals that wrap round at the edges of the square, also add up to the magic constant.

#### **13. Semi magic square**

A semi magic square (Stephen Wolfram, No date) is a square that fails to be a magic square only because one or both of the main diagonal sums do not equal the magic constant (Kraitchik 1942, p. 143).

#### **14. Trimagic square**

If replacing each number by its square or cube in a magic square produces another magic square, the square is said to be a tri-magic square (Stephen Wolfram, No date). Tri-magic squares are also called trebly magic squares and are 3-multimagic squares.

#### **15. Ultra-super Magic squares**

An ultra-super Magic square (Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-Presentatie Humaniora, No date) is a Magic square that is complete and symmetrical. Ultra-super Magic squares of order 4 don't exist. There are only 16 different ultra-super Magic squares of order 5.

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### METHODOLOGY

#### A New Techniques for Generating Magic Squares of order Odd Numbers

We can categorize into two viz. (i) Magic squares with order of odd number and (ii) Magic squares with order of even number.

In this paper the techniques to generate Magic squares of order of odd number from a sequence of consecutive integers is only described.

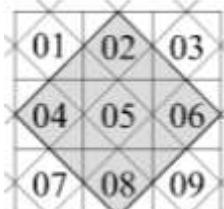
#### Method to generate magic squares of order of odd numbers

##### Magic square of order 3 x 3

To form an Ideal Magic square of order  $3 \times 3$  from a sequence of consecutive integers i.e. numbers taken from 1 to 9. Referring figures 1 to 6 of  $3 \times 3$  squares, we can understand the method of forming ideal magic square.

01	02	03
04	05	06
07	08	09

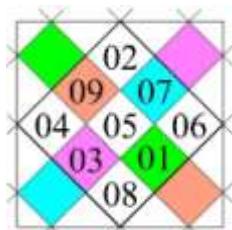
1. Simple number square



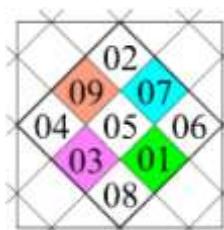
2. Diamond core



3. Voided Diamond core



4. Consolidating Diamond core



5. Consolidated diamond

02	07	06
09	05	01
04	03	08

6. Magic square

The following are the possible sum of rows/columns/diagonal/symmetrical

02	07	06
09	05	01
04	03	08

$$02 + 07 + 06$$

02	07	06
09	05	01
04	03	08

$$04 + 03 + 08$$

02	07	06
09	05	01
04	03	08

$$02 + 09 + 04$$

02	07	06
09	05	01
04	03	08

$$06 + 01 + 08$$

02	07	06
09	05	01
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$$02 + 05 + 08$$

02	07	06
09	05	01
04	03	08

$$07 + 05 + 03$$

02	07	06
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04	03	08

$$09 + 05 + 01$$

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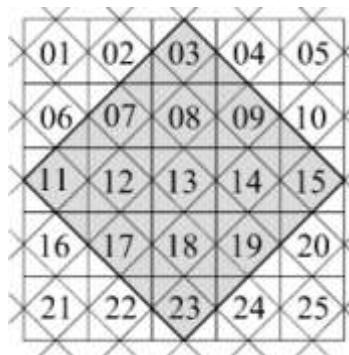
In  $3 \times 3$  magic square, maximum possible way to get sum of rows/columns/diagonals/any other symmetrical to get the magic constant is 8. There is only one magic square.

#### Magic square of order $5 \times 5$

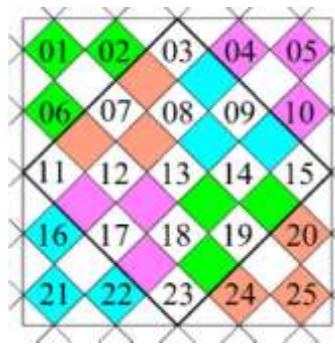
To form an Ideal Magic square of order  $5 \times 5$  from a sequence of consecutive integers i.e. numbers taken from 1 to 25. Referring fig.1 to fig.6, we can understand the method of forming ideal magic square of  $5 \times 5$ .

01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25

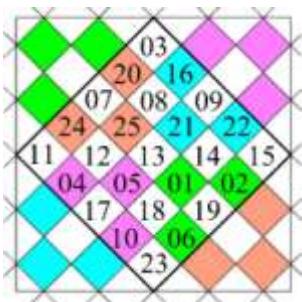
1. Simple number square



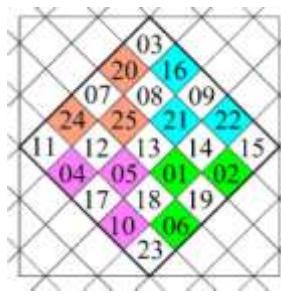
2. Central core



3. Voided core



4. Consolidating core



5. Consolidated core

03	16	09	22	15
20	08	21	14	02
07	25	13	01	19
24	12	05	18	06
11	04	17	10	23

6. Magic square

The following are the possible sum of rows/columns/diagonal/symmetrical

03	16	09	22	15
20	08	21	14	02
07	25	13	01	19
24	12	05	18	06
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$$03 + 16 + 09 + 22 + 15$$

03	16	09	22	15
20	08	21	14	02
07	25	13	01	19
24	12	05	18	06
11	04	17	10	23

$$20 + 08 + 21 + 14 + 02$$

03	16	09	22	15
20	08	21	14	02
07	25	13	01	19
24	12	05	18	06
11	04	17	10	23

$$24 + 12 + 05 + 18 + 06$$

03	16	09	22	15
20	08	21	14	02
07	25	13	01	19
24	12	05	18	06
11	04	17	10	23

$$11 + 04 + 17 + 10 + 23$$

03	16	09	22	15
20	08	21	14	02
07	25	13	01	19
24	12	05	18	06
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$$03 + 20 + 07 + 24 + 11$$

03	16	09	22	15
20	08	21	14	02
07	25	13	01	19
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$$16 + 08 + 25 + 12 + 04$$

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03	16	09	22	15
20	08	21	14	02
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**22 + 14 + 01 + 18 + 10**

03	16	09	22	15
20	08	21	14	02
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**15 + 02 + 19 + 06 + 23**

03	16	09	22	15
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**16 + 09 + 13 + 17 + 10**

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$$16 + 07 + 13 + 19 + 10$$

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$$09 + 02 + 13 + 17 + 24$$

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**22 + 15 + 13 + 11 + 04**

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**22 + 02 + 13 + 24 + 04**

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**08 + 25 + 13 + 01 + 18**

03	16	09	22	15
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24	12	05	18	06
11	04	17	10	23

**21 + 01 + 13 + 25 + 05**

03	16	09	22	15
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07	25	13	01	19
24	12	05	18	06
11	04	17	10	23

**14 + 01 + 13 + 25 + 12**

### Method of developing other Magic squares

Table-1

Initial stage	Stage-2	Stage-3	Stage-4	Stage-5	Stage-6	Stage-7	Stage-8
Primary table	Row Interchanging	Column Inter changing	Rotation	Reflection	Choosing $R_n C_n$ as Key number	Selecting entire	Forming Mag. sq. towards
Square of sequence of consecutive integers	Without Interchange of Rows	Without Interchange of Columns	Without rotation	Without Reflection	$R_1 C_1$	Row of Key Number	Forward Direction
--	Interchanging $R_1 \& R_2$	Interchanging $C_1 \& C_2$	Rotation $90^\circ$	Reflection along horizontal axis	$R_1 C_2$	Column of Key Number	Reverse Direction
--	Interchanging $R_1 \& R_3$	Interchanging $C_1 \& C_3$	Rotation $180^\circ$	Reflection along vertical axis	$R_1 C_3$	--	--
--	Interchanging $R_1 \& R_4$	Interchanging $C_1 \& C_4$	Rotation $270^\circ$	Reflection along main diagonal	$R_1 C_4$	--	--
--	Interchanging $R_1 \& R_5$	Interchanging $C_1 \& C_5$	--	Reflection along anti-diagonal	$R_1 C_5$	--	--

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--	Interchanging $R_2 \& R_3$	Interchanging $C_2 \& C_3$	--	--	$R_2 C_1$	--	--
--	Interchanging $R_2 \& R_4$	Interchanging $C_2 \& C_4$	--	--	$R_2 C_2$	--	--
--	Interchanging $R_2 \& R_5$	Interchanging $C_2 \& C_5$	--	--	$R_2 C_3$	--	--
--	Interchanging $R_3 \& R_4$	Interchanging $C_3 \& C_4$	--	--	$R_2 C_4$	--	--
--	Interchanging $R_3 \& R_5$	Interchanging $C_3 \& C_5$	--	--	$R_2 C_5$	--	--
--	Interchanging $R_4 \& R_5$	Interchanging $C_4 \& C_5$	--	--	$R_3 C_1$	--	--
--	--	--	--	--	---	--	--
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--	--	--	--	--	---	--	--
--	--	--	--	--	$R_5 C_5$	--	--

### Example-1

1	Primary number square of sequence
2	Interchanging $R_1 \& R_2$
3	Interchanging $C_1 \& C_4$
4	Anti-Clockwise Rotation 90°
5	Reflection along main diagonal
6	Choosing $R_2 C_2$ as key number
7	Forming Magic square in Forward Direction
8	Final Magic square

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Stage-3 Interchanging  $C_1$  &  $C_4$

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11	12	13	14	15	14	12	13	11	15
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21	22	23	24	25	24	22	23	21	25

Stage-4 Rotation 90°

9	7	8	6	10	10	5	15	20	25
4	2	3	1	5	6	1	11	16	21
14	12	13	11	15	8	3	13	18	23
19	17	18	16	20	7	2	12	17	22
24	22	23	21	25	9	4	14	19	24

Stage-5 Reflection along Main diagonal

10	5	15	20	25	10	6	8	7	9
6	1	11	16	21	5	1	3	2	4
8	3	13	18	23	15	11	13	12	14
7	2	12	17	22	20	16	18	17	19
9	4	14	19	24	25	21	23	22	24

Stage-6 Choosing  $R_1C_2$  as key number and forming Magic square by choosing  $R_1C_2$  as key number

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05	01	03	02	04			03	10	
15	11	13	12	14			12		09
20	16	18	17	19	07		19		
25	21	23	22	24	08	25			

Stage-7 Selecting its Row and filling the box in forward direction (Top to bottom)

		06			15		06		
		03	10		16		03	10	
		12		09	23		12		09
	07		19		07		19		
08		25			04	08	25		

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Stage-7	Final result of Magic square (Final Stage)							15	02	06	24	18	15	02	06	24	18
								16	14	03	10	22	16	14	03	10	22
								23	20	12	01	09	23	20	12	01	09
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								04	08	25	17	11	04	08	25	17	11

**Magic square of order 7 x 7**

- (i) Method to form an Ideal Magic square of 7 x 7 is shown below. Referring figures 1 to 6 of **7 x 7** squares, we can understand the method of forming ideal magic square.

01	02	03	04	05	06	07
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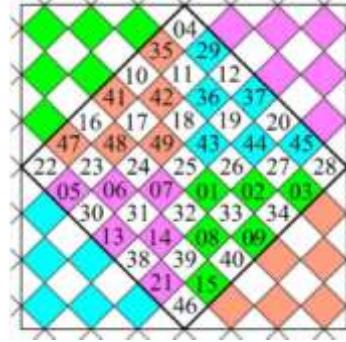
1. Simple number square

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29	30	31	32	33	34	35
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2. Central core



3. Core with voids



4. Consolidating the Core



5. Consolidated core

04	29	12	37	20	45	28
35	11	36	19	44	27	03
10	42	18	43	26	02	34
41	17	49	25	01	33	09
16	48	24	07	32	08	40
47	23	06	31	14	39	15
22	05	30	13	38	21	46

6. Ideal Magic square

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**Method of developing other Magic squares of  $7 \times 7$**

To form an Ideal Magic square of order  $7 \times 7$  from a sequence of consecutive integers i.e. numbers taken from 1 to 49. The sum of the row/column/diagonal is 175.

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		36	37	38	39	40	41	42
		43	44	45	46	47	48	49
		01	02	03	04	05	06	07

Stage-6	Choosing $R_3 C_1$ is the key number to start the magic square	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
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		43	44	45	46	47	48	49
		01	02	03	04	05	06	07

Stage-7	Magic square is started with key number as $R_1 C_4$				15			
				23	08			
				31		01		
				39			43	
		36		47				
			29	06				
			22	14				
		11	45	30	15	07	41	26

Stage-8 (Final Stage)	Completed Magic square	11	45	30	15	07	41	26
		19	04	38	23	08	49	34
		27	12	46	31	16	01	42
		35	20	05	39	24	09	43
		36	28	13	47	32	17	02
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**For (n x n) Magic square**

Similarly, magic square of any square order of  $n \times n$  of odd numbers can be formed easily.

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To form a Magic square of order  $n \times n$  from a sequence of consecutive integers.

$n \times n$	No. of Row Interchanging	No. of Column interchanging	No. of Rotations	No. of Reflection	No. of selection	Possible No. of Magic square
$3 \times 3$	3	3	4	5	5	1
$5 \times 5$	11	11	4	5	9	$11 \times 11 \times 4 \times 5 \times 9 = 21,780$
$7 \times 7$	22	22	4	5	13	$22 \times 22 \times 4 \times 5 \times 13 = 1,25,840$
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...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
$n \times n$	$\frac{n(n - 1)}{2} + 1$	$\frac{n(n - 1)}{2} + 1$	4	5	$2n - 1$	$20(2n - 1) \left(\frac{n(n - 1)}{2} + 1\right)^2$

### CONCLUSION

a square array of rows of number sequence of consecutive integers arranged so that the sum of the integers is the same when taken vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Simple technique to generate magic squares for order  $n \times n$  of odd numbers have been explained in detail. The magic of Ideal magic square has been defined with examples.

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