

# A trimagic square with three pairs of 3-equivalent 4-tuples

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The trimagic square 9a has 3 pairs of 3-equivalent 4-tuples and each of them has 4 diagonal entries. For each pair of 4-tuples there are 2 transformations which lead to a new axially symmetric trimagic square. We show this for columns 2 and 11 with the blue (cyan) 4-tuples:

transformation i: Identity (leave the square as it is)

transformation r: Swap the 8-tuples which are in the two columns beside the 4-tuples.

(Interchange entries 67, 94, 24, 143, 2, 121, 51, 78 with the entries 63, 138, 131, 76, 69, 14, 7, 82.)

transformation s: Swap the 4-tuples of column 2 and 11 (Interchange the 33, 104, 41, 112 with 74, 22, 123, 71).

Now the diagonals are no longer trimagic, because 74 and 112 are in the descending diagonal instead of 33 and 71. Therefore we additionally have to interchange row 2 with row 11.

transformation t: Apply transformation b and c.

First I thought we would obtain  $3^3 = 27$  essentially different trimagic squares, but Holger Danielsson informed me that the squares 9b and 9r can be transformed into each other by swapping row 2 and 11 and swapping column 2 and 11. Thus the squares are not essentially different. The same is true for 9a and 9t. This means: s and t are obsolete.

**9a** (= 9a after transformation i)

12	67	53	137	6	44	91	109	46	114	63	128
96	33	124	39	47	127	52	38	113	1	74	126
102	104	34	136	48	5	35	85	135	83	22	81
86	94	72	55	20	79	4	29	45	129	138	119
56	24	134	88	115	70	105	13	15	77	131	42
3	143	118	50	84	117	23	25	65	58	76	108
142	2	27	95	61	28	122	120	80	87	69	37
89	121	11	57	30	75	40	132	130	68	14	103
59	51	73	90	125	66	141	116	100	16	7	26
43	41	111	9	97	140	110	60	10	62	123	64
49	112	21	106	98	18	93	107	32	144	71	19
133	78	92	8	139	101	54	36	99	31	82	17

**9b** (= 9a after transformation r)

12	63	53	137	6	44	91	109	46	114	67	128
96	33	124	39	47	127	52	38	113	1	74	126
102	104	34	136	48	5	35	85	135	83	22	81
86	138	72	55	20	79	4	29	45	129	94	119
56	131	134	88	115	70	105	13	15	77	24	42
3	76	118	50	84	117	23	25	65	58	143	108
142	69	27	95	61	28	122	120	80	87	2	37
89	14	11	57	30	75	40	132	130	68	121	103
59	7	73	90	125	66	141	116	100	16	51	26
43	41	111	9	97	140	110	60	10	62	123	64
49	112	21	106	98	18	93	107	32	144	71	19
133	82	92	8	139	101	54	36	99	31	78	17

**9s** (= 9a after transformation s)  $\cong$  9b

12	67	53	137	6	44	91	109	46	114	63	128
49	71	21	106	98	18	93	107	32	144	112	19
102	22	34	136	48	5	35	85	135	83	104	81
86	94	72	55	20	79	4	29	45	129	138	119
56	24	134	88	115	70	105	13	15	77	131	42
3	143	118	50	84	117	23	25	65	58	76	108
142	2	27	95	61	28	122	120	80	87	69	37
89	121	11	57	30	75	40	132	130	68	14	103
59	51	73	90	125	66	141	116	100	16	7	26
43	123	111	9	97	140	110	60	10	62	41	64
96	74	124	39	47	127	52	38	113	1	33	126
133	78	92	8	139	101	54	36	99	31	82	17

**9t** (= 9a after transformation t)  $\cong$  9a

12	67	53	137	6	44	91	109	46	114	63	128
49	71	21	106	98	18	93	107	32	144	112	19
102	22	34	136	48	5	35	85	135	83	104	81
86	94	72	55	20	79	4	29	45	129	138	119
56	24	134	88	115	70	105	13	15	77	131	42
3	143	118	50	84	117	23	25	65	58	76	108
142	2	27	95	61	28	122	120	80	87	69	37
89	121	11	57	30	75	40	132	130	68	14	103
59	51	73	90	125	66	141	116	100	16	7	26
43	123	111	9	97	140	110	60	10	62	41	64
96	74	124	39	47	127	52	38	113	1	33	126
133	78	92	8	139	101	54	36	99	31	82	17

On the squares 9a and 9b we can apply the transformation r also on the second 4-tuple and obtain 9c and 9d:

**9a, 9b, 9c, 9d**

With each of these 4 squares we can do transformation r with the third 4-tuple and get:

**9e, 9f, 9g, 9h**

All in all we obtain 8 essentially different axially symmetric trimagic squares of order 12.

9c

12	67	53	46	6	44	91	109	137	114	63	128
96	33	124	113	47	127	52	38	39	1	74	126
102	104	34	135	48	5	35	85	136	83	22	81
86	94	72	55	20	79	4	29	45	129	138	119
56	24	134	15	115	70	105	13	88	77	131	42
3	143	118	50	84	117	23	25	65	58	76	108
142	2	27	95	61	28	122	120	80	87	69	37
89	121	11	130	30	75	40	132	57	68	14	103
59	51	73	90	125	66	141	116	100	16	7	26
43	41	111	10	97	140	110	60	9	62	123	64
49	112	21	32	98	18	93	107	106	144	71	19
133	78	92	99	139	101	54	36	8	31	82	17

9d

12	63	53	46	6	44	91	109	137	114	67	128
96	33	124	113	47	127	52	38	39	1	74	126
102	104	34	135	48	5	35	85	136	83	22	81
86	138	72	55	20	79	4	29	45	129	94	119
56	131	134	15	115	70	105	13	88	77	24	42
3	76	118	50	84	117	23	25	65	58	143	108
142	69	27	95	61	28	122	120	80	87	2	37
89	14	11	130	30	75	40	132	57	68	121	103
59	7	73	90	125	66	141	116	100	16	51	26
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9e

12	67	53	137	6	44	91	109	46	114	63	128
96	33	124	39	47	52	127	38	113	1	74	126
102	104	34	136	48	35	5	85	135	83	22	81
86	94	72	55	20	4	79	29	45	129	138	119
56	24	134	88	115	105	70	13	15	77	131	42
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9f

12	63	53	137	6	44	91	109	46	114	67	128
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102	104	34	136	48	35	5	85	135	83	22	81
86	138	72	55	20	4	79	29	45	129	94	119
56	131	134	88	115	105	70	13	15	77	24	42
3	76	118	50	84	117	23	25	65	58	143	108
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9g

12	67	53	46	6	44	91	109	137	114	63	128
96	33	124	113	47	52	127	38	39	1	74	126
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9h

12	63	53	46	6	44	91	109	137	114	67	128
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43	41	111	10	97	110	140	60	9	62	123	64
49	112	21	32	98	93	18	107	106	144	71	19
133	82	92	99	139	101	54	36	8	31	78	17

The entries of both diagonals are equal in all 8 squares.  
 The entries of the 4-tuples are equal in all 8 squares.  
 The entries of columns 1, 3, 5, 8, 10 and 12 are equal in all 8 squares.

The differences between the squares can be seen for example in ...

### Row 5

**9a**

56	24	134	88	<b>115</b>	70	105	<b>13</b>	15	77	131	42
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**9b**

56	131	134	88	<b>115</b>	70	105	<b>13</b>	15	77	24	42
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**9c**

56	24	134	15	<b>115</b>	70	105	<b>13</b>	88	77	131	42
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**9d**

56	131	134	15	<b>115</b>	70	105	<b>13</b>	88	77	24	42
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**9e**

56	24	134	88	<b>115</b>	105	70	<b>13</b>	15	77	131	42
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**9f**

56	131	134	88	<b>115</b>	105	70	<b>13</b>	15	77	24	42
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**9g**

56	24	134	15	<b>115</b>	105	70	<b>13</b>	88	77	131	42
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**9h**

56	131	134	15	<b>115</b>	105	70	<b>13</b>	88	77	24	42
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