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**there are no non-square doubly stochastic
matrices**

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Suppose $A = (a_{ij})$ is a $n \times m$ matrix with nonnegative entries such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} = 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} = 1, \quad j = 1, \dots, m. \quad (2)$$

Then $n = m$.

This is seen by summing equation (1) over $i = 1, \dots, n$ and equation (2) over $j = 1, \dots, m$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} &= n, \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} &= m, \end{aligned}$$

and since the right hand sides coincide, it follows that $n = m$.