

form a complete system of orthogonal Latin squares for each fixed j , while for n odd we get a system of $(n-1)/2$ orthogonal Latin squares, each square occurring twice.

Theorem. If n is a power of 2 then there exist $n-1$ orthogonal Latin cubes of order n with the property that the corresponding plane sections form systems of $n-1$ orthogonal Latin squares.

If n is a power of an odd prime then there exist $n-1$ orthogonal Latin cubes with the property that the corresponding plane cross-sections in two directions form complete systems of orthogonal Latin squares, while the plane cross-sections in the third direction form a system of $(n-1)/2$ orthogonal Latin squares, each square occurring twice.

Finally we observe that if we have orthogonal k -cubes of orders m and n then we can form their Kronecker products to obtain orthogonal k -cubes of order mn . That is from orthogonal k -cubes

$$A^1 = (a_{i_1 \dots i_k}^1), \dots, A^m = (a_{i_1 \dots i_k}^m); \quad B^1 = (b_{i_1 \dots i_k}^1), \dots, B^n = (b_{i_1 \dots i_k}^n),$$

where the a 's run from 1 to m and the b 's from 1 to n we can form the orthogonal k -cubes C^1, \dots, C^q , where

$$C^j = (c_{i_1 \dots i_k}^j) \quad \text{and} \quad c_{i_1 \dots i_k}^j = (a_{i_1 \dots i_k}^j, b_{j_1 \dots j_k}^j)$$

so that the c 's run through all ordered pairs $(1,1), \dots, (m,n)$ as the pairs $(i_1, j_1), \dots, (i_k, j_k)$ run through these ordered pairs. Thus we have the following.

Corollary. If

$$n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_s^{\alpha_s} \quad \text{and} \quad q = \min_{1 \leq j \leq s} p_j^{\alpha_j}$$

then for any $k < q$ there exist at least $q-1$ orthogonal Latin k -cubes of order n .

The relation to finite k -dimensional projective spaces is not as immediate as it is for Latin squares, and we shall not discuss it here.

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ON EXTENDING THE FIBONACCI NUMBERS TO THE NEGATIVE INTEGERS

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A sequence of positive integers defined by the formula

$$(1) \quad x_{n+1} = ax_n + bx_{n-1}, \quad n \text{ a positive integer,}$$

is said to be extendable to the negative integers if (1) holds for n any integer. See page 28 of [1]. The purpose of this note is to show that the Fibonacci numbers form a sequence which is extendable to the negative integers in a unique way. In this note only nontrivial integral sequences will be considered.

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