

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

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

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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