## **ANOTHER PROPERTY OF MAGIC SQUARES**

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## REMARKS

1. We do not know any nontrivial (all different entries) balanced square of order greater than 5. We constructed a magic square of order 10 from the famous pair of orthogonal Latin squares of that order, but we found it not balanced.

2. We do not know an example of a balanced magic square which is not completely balanced.

3. Magic squares of order 6, 7 and 8 appearing in Andrews' book [1] are not balanced.

4. We did not encounter yet a balanced square whose two-way diagonal product sums are equal to the row product sum (really diabolic one) but at least two diagonal product sums alone can be equal as in Fig. 3.

## REFERENCES

1. W.S. Andrews, Magic Squares and Cubes, Dover, 1960.

2. Jack Chernick, "Solution of the General Magic Square," Math. Monthly, March 1938, pp. 172-175.

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Likewise, it is obvious by inspection of a table of Fibonacci primes ( $\geq$  5) that they are  $\equiv$  1 (mod 4) and thus expressable as the sum of the square of two smaller integers; specifically, it is well known that

$$U_{p} = U_{(p-1)/2}^{2} + U_{(p-1)/2}^{2} + 1$$

where  $U_p$  is a Fibonacci prime ( $\geq$  5).

Thus, it is perceived that the Mersenne and Fibonacci primes ( $\geq$  5) form two mutually exclusive sets; i.e., *no* primes ( $\geq$  5) can be both a Mersenne and a Fibonacci prime.

## REFERENCE

 William Raymond Griffin, "Mersenne Primes-The Last Three Digits," J. Recreational Math, 5 (1), p. 53, Jan., 1972.

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