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1. Introduction. The purpose of this paper is to prove a general theorem on the existence of pairwise orthogonal Latin squares (p.o.l.s.) of a given order and to give a counter example to Euler's [3] conjecture that there do not exist two p.o.l.s. of order 4t+2.

2. Definitions. An arrangement of v objects (called treatments) in b sets (called blocks) will be called a pairwise balanced design of index unity and type $(v; k_1, k_2, \ldots, k_m)$ if each block contains either k_1, k_2, ..., or k_m treatments which are all distinct $(k_i \leq v,\ k_i \neq k_j)$, and every pair of distinct treatments occurs exactly in one block of the design. If the number of blocks containing k_i treatments is b_i, then clearly

$$(1) \qquad b = \sum_{i=1}^{m} b_i, \qquad v(v-1) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} b_i k_i (k_i - 1)$$

3. Lemma 1. Suppose there exists a set Σ of q-1 p.o.l.s. of order k, then we can construct a $q \times k(k-1)$ matrix P, whose elements are the symbols 1, 2, ..., k and such that any ordered pair $\binom{i}{j}$ $i \neq j$, occurs as a column exactly once in any two rowed submatrix of P.

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We can take the set Σ in the standard form in which the first row of each Latin square contains the symbols 1, 2, ..., k in that order. We then prefix to the set Σ a kxk square containing the symbol i in each position in the i-th column. If we then write the elements of each square in a single row such that the symbol in the i-th row and j-th column occupies the n-th position in the row, where $n = k(i-1) + j$ then we can display these squares as in [2] in the form of an orthogonal array $A[k^2, q, k, 2]$ of q rows. By deleting the first k columns, we get the matrix P with the required properties.

Let γ be a column of k distinct treatments $t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_k$ in that order, then we shall denote by $P(\gamma)$, the $q \times k(k-1)$ matrix obtained by replacing the symbol i in P, by the treatment t_i occupying the i-th position in $\gamma (i = 1,2,\ldots,k)$. Clearly every treatment occurs exactly k-1 times in every row of $P(\gamma)$, and any order pair $\binom{t_i}{t_j}$ occurs as a column exactly once in any two rowed submatrix of $P(\gamma)$.

4. Theorem 1. Let there exist a pairwise balanced design of index unity and type $(v; k_1,k_2,\ldots,k_m)$ and suppose there exist $q_i - 1$ p.o.l.s. of order k_i. If

$$q = \min(q_1,q_2,\ldots,q_m)$$

then there exist q-2 p.o.l.s. of order v.

Let the treatments of the design be $t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_v$, and let the blocks of the design (written out as columns) which contain k_i treatments be denoted by $\gamma_{i1}, \gamma_{i2}, \ldots, \gamma_{ib_i}$. Let P_i be the matrix of order $q_i \times k_i(k_i-1)$ defined in Lemma 1, the elements of P_i being the symbols 1, 2, ..., k_i. Let $C_{ij} = P_i(\gamma_{ij})$ be the matrix obtained from P_i and γ_{ij}.

Retain only q rows of C_{ij} to get C^*_{ij}. From (1) the matrix

$$C^* = [C^*_{11}, C^*_{12}, \ldots, C^*_{1b_1}, \ldots, C^*_{i1}, C^*_{i2}, \ldots, C^*_{ib_i}, \ldots, C^*_{m1}, C^*_{m2}, \ldots, C^*_{mb_m}]$$

is of order q x v(v-1), and is such that any ordered pair of treatments $\binom{t_i}{t_j}$, $i \neq j$ occurs as a column exactly once in any two rowed submatrix of C^*. Let C^*_o be a qxv matrix whose i-th column contains t_i in every position (i = 1,2,...,v). Then from [2], the matrix $[C^*_o, C^*]$ is an orthogonal array A $[v^2, q, v, 2]$. Using two rows to coordinatize we get a set of q-2 p.o.l.s. of order v.

5. <u>Counter examples to Euler's conjecture</u>. Consider the balanced incomplete block (BIB) design with parameters $v^* = 15$, $b^* = 35$, $r^* = 7$, $k^* = 3$, $\lambda^* = 1$. A resolvable solution is given in Table III of [1]. To each block of the i-th complete replication add a new treatment θ_i (i = 1,2,...,7) and take a new block consisting of the treatments θ_1, θ_2, θ_3, θ_4, θ_5, θ_6, θ_7. We then get a pairwise balanced design of index unity and type (22; 4, 7). Since there exist 3 p.o.l.s. of order 4, and 6 p.o.l.s. of order 7, it follows from the theorem that there exist two orthogonal Latin squares of order 22. The actual squares are given in the Appendix.

A detailed paper generalizing and improving the results of Mann [4, p. 105] and Parker [5] is being prepared where among other things it will be shown that there are an infinity of values of t for which there exist two or more p.o.l.s. of order 4t+2.

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APPENDIX

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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