

## SOME IDENTITIES OF (P,Q) - FIBONACCI NUMBERS BY MATRIX METHODS

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper, we consider the generalized Fibonacci sequence which is  $(p,q)$  - Fibonacci sequence. We used the matrix methods to show some properties of  $(p,q)$  - Fibonacci number. We get some generalized identities of  $(p,q)$  - Fibonacci number.

**Keywords:**  $(p,q)$  - Fibonacci sequence,  $(p,q)$  - Fibonacci number, matrix methods

### INTRODUCTION

The Fibonacci numbers cover a wide range of interest in modern mathematics as they appear in the comprehensive works of Koshy (2001) and Vajda (1989). The Fibonacci numbers  $F_n$  are the terms of the sequence where each term is the sum of the two previous terms beginning with the initial values  $F_0 = 0$ ,  $F_1 = 1$  and  $F_{n+1} = F_n + F_{n-1}$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

Falcon & Plaza (2007) introduced the  $k$  - Fibonacci sequence  $\{F_{k,n}\}$  which is defined as  $F_{k,0} = 0$ ,  $F_{k,1} = 1$  and  $F_{k,n+1} = kF_{k,n} + F_{k,n-1}$  for  $n \geq 1$ ,  $k \geq 1$ . If  $k = 1$ , we get the classical Fibonacci sequence  $\{0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, \dots\}$ . If  $k = 2$ , we get the Pell sequence  $\{0, 1, 2, 5, 12, 29, 70, \dots\}$ .

The well-known Binet's formulas for  $k$  - Fibonacci numbers (Falcon & Plaza, 2007) are given by  $F_{k,n} = \frac{r_1^n - r_2^n}{r_1 - r_2}$  where  $r_1 = \frac{k + \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2}$  and  $r_2 = \frac{k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2}$  are roots of the characteristic equation  $r^2 - kr - 1 = 0$ .

Falco & Plaza (2007) studied the  $k$  - Fibonacci sequence and the Pascal 2 - triangle. Next, they considered the 3 - dimensional  $k$  - Fibonacci spiral in [3]. Next, Suvarnamani & Tatong (2015) showed some properties of  $(p,q)$  - Fibonacci numbers by using the Binet's formula. Then Suvarnamani (2016) proved some properties of  $(p,q)$  - Lucas numbers by using the Binet's formula. And Suvarnamani (2016) study on the odd and even terms of  $(p,q)$  - Fibonacci number and  $(p,q)$  - Lucas number by using the Binet's formulas.

In this paper, we find some properties of the  $(p,q)$  - Fibonacci numbers by using matrix methods.

### The $(p,q)$ - Fibonacci Number

The  $(p,q)$ - Fibonacci sequence  $\{F_{p,q,n}\}$  is defined as  $F_{p,q,0} = 0, F_{p,q,1} = 1$  and  $F_{p,q,n} = pF_{p,q,n-1} + qF_{p,q,n-2}$  for  $p \geq 1, q \geq 1$  and  $n \geq 2$ . The Binet's formula for  $(p,q)$ - Fibonacci numbers are given by  $F_{p,q,n} = \frac{r_1^n - r_2^n}{r_1 - r_2}$  where  $r_1 = \frac{p + \sqrt{p^2 + 4q}}{2}$  and  $r_2 = \frac{p - \sqrt{p^2 + 4q}}{2}$  are roots of the characteristic equation  $r^2 - pr - q = 0$ . We note that  $r_1 + r_2 = p, r_1 r_2 = -q$  and  $r_1 - r_2 = \sqrt{p^2 + 4q}$ .

## RESULTS

In this section, we establish some identities for  $(p,q)$ - Fibonacci numbers by using matrix methods.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $p$  and  $q$  be positive integers. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $A^n = \begin{bmatrix} F_{p,q,n+1} & qF_{p,q,n} \\ F_{p,q,n} & qF_{p,q,n-1} \end{bmatrix}$  where  $n$  is a positive integer.

**Proof.** We will prove this theorem by mathematical induction.

$$\text{Let } P(n) : A^n = \begin{bmatrix} F_{p,q,n+1} & qF_{p,q,n} \\ F_{p,q,n} & qF_{p,q,n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $n=1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} A^1 &= A = \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} p & q(1) \\ 1 & q(0) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} F_{p,q,2} & qF_{p,q,1} \\ F_{p,q,1} & qF_{p,q,0} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} F_{p,q,1+1} & qF_{p,q,1} \\ F_{p,q,1} & qF_{p,q,1-1} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

So,  $P(1)$  is true.

Next, we will show that if  $P(k)$  is true then  $P(k+1)$  is true.

Suppose that  $P(k)$  is true, i.e.,

$$A^k = \begin{bmatrix} F_{p,q,k+1} & qF_{p,q,k} \\ F_{p,q,k} & qF_{p,q,k-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $A^{k+1} = A^k A$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} F_{p,q,k+1} & qF_{p,q,k} \\ F_{p,q,k} & qF_{p,q,k-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} pF_{p,q,k+1} + qF_{p,q,k} & qF_{p,q,k+1} \\ pF_{p,q,k} + qF_{p,q,k-1} & qF_{p,q,k} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} F_{p,q,k+2} & qF_{p,q,k+1} \\ F_{p,q,k+1} & qF_{p,q,k} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} F_{p,q,(k+1)+1} & qF_{p,q,k+1} \\ F_{p,q,k+1} & qF_{p,q,(k+1)-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

So,  $P(k+1)$  is true.

Hence  $A^n = \begin{bmatrix} F_{p,q,n+1} & qF_{p,q,n} \\ F_{p,q,n} & qF_{p,q,n-1} \end{bmatrix}$  where  $n$  is a positive integer.

Next, let us define the matrix  $A$  as in the following Lemma and by using this matrix, we obtain some identities for  $(p,q)$ -Fibonacci numbers.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $p, q$  and  $n$  be positive integers. Then  $F_{p,q,n+1}F_{p,q,n-1} - F_{p,q,n}^2 = (-1)^n q^{n-1}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $p, q$  and  $n$  be positive integers.

We have  $|A| = \begin{vmatrix} p & q \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -q$ . Then  $|A^n| = |A|^n = (-q)^n$ .

Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |A^n| &= \begin{vmatrix} F_{p,q,n+1} & qF_{p,q,n} \\ F_{p,q,n} & qF_{p,q,n-1} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= F_{p,q,n+1}(qF_{p,q,n-1}) - qF_{p,q,n}(F_{p,q,n}) \\ &= q(F_{p,q,n+1}F_{p,q,n-1} - (F_{p,q,n})^2) \end{aligned}$$

So,  $q(F_{p,q,n+1}F_{p,q,n-1} - (F_{p,q,n})^2) = (-q)^n$

$$F_{p,q,n+1}F_{p,q,n-1} - (F_{p,q,n})^2 = (-1)^n q^{n-1}.$$

□

**Remark 3.3.** From Theorem 3.2, if  $p=1$  and  $q=1$  then the Cassini's identity is obtained, i.e.,  $F_{1,1,n+1}F_{1,1,n-1} - F_{1,1,n}^2 = (-1)^n$ . It is similarly as  $F_{n+1}F_{n-1} - F_n^2 = (-1)^n$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $p, q$  and  $n$  be positive integers. Then  $F_{p,q,n-2}F_{p,q,n+1} - F_{p,q,n-1}F_{p,q,n} = (-1)^{n-1} pq^{n-2}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $p, q$  and  $n$  be positive integers.

We have  $|A| = \begin{vmatrix} p & q \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -q$ . Then  $|A^{n-1}| = |A|^{n-1} = (-q)^{n-1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} F_{p,q,n-2}F_{p,q,n+1} - F_{p,q,n-1}F_{p,q,n} &= F_{p,q,n-2}(pF_{p,q,n} + qF_{p,q,n-1}) - F_{p,q,n-1}(pF_{p,q,n-1} + qF_{p,q,n-2}) \\ &= pF_{p,q,n-2}F_{p,q,n} + qF_{p,q,n-2}F_{p,q,n-1} - pF_{p,q,n-1}F_{p,q,n-1} - qF_{p,q,n-1}F_{p,q,n-2} \\ &= pF_{p,q,n-2}F_{p,q,n} - pF_{p,q,n-1}F_{p,q,n-1} \\ &= p(F_{p,q,n-2}F_{p,q,n} - F_{p,q,n-1}F_{p,q,n-1}) \\ &= \frac{p}{q}(qF_{p,q,n-2}F_{p,q,n} - qF_{p,q,n-1}F_{p,q,n-1}) \\ &= \frac{p}{q} \begin{vmatrix} F_{p,q,n} & qF_{p,q,n-1} \\ F_{p,q,n-1} & qF_{p,q,n-2} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \frac{p}{q} |A^{n-1}| \\ &= \frac{p}{q} (-q)^{n-1} \\ &= (-1)^{n-1} pq^{n-2}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark 3.5.** From Theorem 3.4, if  $p=1$  and  $q=1$  then we get

$$F_{1,1,n-2}F_{1,1,n+1} - F_{1,1,n-1}F_{1,1,n} = (-1)^{n-1}. \text{ It is similarly as } F_{n-2}F_{n+1} - F_{n-1}F_n = (-1)^{n-1}.$$

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $p, q, m$  and  $n$  be positive integers. Then  $F_{p,q,m+n} = F_{p,q,m}F_{p,q,n+1} + qF_{p,q,m-1}F_{p,q,n}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $p, q$  and  $n$  be positive integers. We have

$$A^{m+n} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{p,q,m+n+1} & qF_{p,q,m+n} \\ F_{p,q,m+n} & qF_{p,q,m+n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} A^{m+n} &= A^m A^n \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} F_{p,q,m+1} & qF_{p,q,m} \\ F_{p,q,m} & qF_{p,q,m-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_{p,q,n+1} & qF_{p,q,n} \\ F_{p,q,n} & qF_{p,q,n-1} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} F_{p,q,m+1}F_{p,q,n+1} + qF_{p,q,m}F_{p,q,n} & qF_{p,q,m+1}F_{p,q,n} + q^2F_{p,q,m}F_{p,q,n-1} \\ F_{p,q,m}F_{p,q,n+1} + qF_{p,q,m-1}F_{p,q,n} & qF_{p,q,m}F_{p,q,n} + q^2F_{p,q,m-1}F_{p,q,n-1} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, we get } F_{p,q,m+n} = F_{p,q,m}F_{p,q,n+1} + qF_{p,q,m-1}F_{p,q,n}.$$

□

**Remark 3.7.** From Theorem 3.6, if  $p=1$  and  $q=1$  then the shifting property is obtained, i.e.,  $F_{1,1,m+n} = F_{1,1,m}F_{1,1,n+1} + F_{1,1,m-1}F_{1,1,n}$ . It is similarly as  $F_{m+n} = F_m F_{n+1} + F_{m-1} F_n$ .

## APPLICATIONS

In this section we give the solutions of some Diophantine equations by applying Theorem 3.2 and Theorem 3.4.

**Theorem 4.1.** If  $p, q$  and  $n$  are positive integers then  $(x, y, z) = (F_{p,q,n+1}, F_{p,q,n-1}, F_{p,q,n})$  and  $(x, y, z) = (F_{p,q,n-1}, F_{p,q,n+1}, F_{p,q,n})$  are solutions of Diophantine equation  $xy - z^2 = (-1)^n q^{n-1}$ .

**Proof.** The result follows immediately from Theorem 3.2.

□

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $p, q$  and  $n$  are positive integers. If  $(w, x, y, z) \in A \cup B$  then  $(w, x, y, z)$  is the solution of Diophantine equation  $wx - yz = (-1)^{n-1} pq^{n-2}$  where  $A = \{(F_{p,q,n-2}, F_{p,q,n+1}, F_{p,q,n-1}, F_{p,q,n}), (F_{p,q,n-2}, F_{p,q,n+1}, F_{p,q,n}, F_{p,q,n-1})\}$  and  $B = \{(F_{p,q,n+1}, F_{p,q,n-2}, F_{p,q,n-1}, F_{p,q,n}), (F_{p,q,n+1}, F_{p,q,n-2}, F_{p,q,n}, F_{p,q,n-1})\}$

**Proof.** The result follows immediately from Theorem 3.4.

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## CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, some identities for  $(p,q)$  Fibonacci numbers are established by using matrix methods and the solutions of some Diophantine equations are presented by applying these identities.

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