

# Pell Leonardo numbers and their matrix representations

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Keywords: Leonardo numbers, Pell numbers, Binet's formula, Generating function, Matrix representation Abstract — In this study, we investigate Pell numbers and Leonardo numbers and describe a new third-order number sequence entitled Pell Leonardo numbers. We then construct some identities, including the Binet formula, generating function, exponential generating function, Catalan, Cassini, and d'Ocagne's identities for Pell Leonardo numbers and obtain a relation between Pell Leonardo and Pell numbers. In addition, we present some summation formulas of Pell Leonardo numbers based on Pell numbers. Finally, we create a matrix formula for Pell Leonardo numbers and obtain the determinant of the matrix.

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# 1. Introduction

There are many famous number sequences whose elements are integers. The most well-known of these is the Fibonacci sequence. Different generalizations of the Fibonacci sequence have been made in the literature. One of these is the Pell sequence. In 1975, Bicknell [1] described the primer of the Pell sequence by the following recurrence relation: For  $n \ge 2$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ),

$$P_n = 2P_{n-1} + P_{n-2} \tag{1.1}$$

and the initial conditions  $P_0 = 0$  and  $P_1 = 1$ . The characteristic equation of (1.1) is

$$\vartheta^2 - 2\vartheta - 1 = 0 \tag{1.2}$$

which has roots  $\alpha = 1 + \sqrt{2}$  and  $\beta = 1 - \sqrt{2}$ . Binet's formula for the  $P_n$  is

$$P_n = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta} = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{2\sqrt{2}}$$
(1.3)

A lot of research has been done on Pell numbers. Some of these are as follows: In [2], Horadam studied modified Pell numbers and their applications. In [3], Melham obtained new identities of Pell numbers, and in [4], Santana and Diaz-Barrero gave new properties about the summation of Pell numbers. In [5], Mushtaq and Hayat presented a matrix with Pell numbers of entries. In [6], Dasdemir built new matrices based on Pell

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numbers and modified Pell and Pell-Lucas numbers. Çelik et al. [7] obtained new recurrences on Pell and Pell-Lucas numbers.

In this study, we are interested in another well-known sequence closely related to the Fibonacci sequence and the Leonardo sequence. Catarino and Borges [8] presented some properties of the Leonardo sequence that they described by the following recurrence relation: For  $n \ge 2$ ,

$$Le_n = Le_{n-1} + Le_{n-2} + 1$$

and the boundary conditions  $Le_0 = Le_1 = 1$ . In addition, there is an equation between the Leonardo numbers as follows: For  $n \ge 2$ ,

$$Le_{n+1} = 2Le_n - Le_{n-2} \tag{1.4}$$

The characteristic equation of (1.4) is

$$\mu^3 - 2\mu^2 + 1 = 0 \tag{1.5}$$

The Binet's formula of the  $Le_n$  number is

$$Le_n = \frac{2\delta^{n+1} - 2\theta^{n+1} - \delta + \theta}{\delta - \theta}$$

 $\delta$  and  $\theta$  are roots of (1.5). There are many more works on Leonardo's numbers in literature. Some of these are as follows: In [9], Shannon found an inhomogeneous extension of Leonardo's numbers. Alp and Koçer [10] obtained new identities of Leonardo numbers, and in [11], they introduced hybrid Leonardo numbers. Kuhapatanakul and Chobsorn [12] defined generalized Leonardo numbers and obtained matrix representations. In [13], Karatas introduced complex Leonardo numbers and gave some properties and summation formulas. Tan and Leung [14] introduced Leonardo numbers and gave Binet's formulas, generating functions, Simson formulas, and the summation formulas.

Inspired by these studies, in this article, we first aim to define a new third-order sequence we named Pell Leonardo numbers. Thus, we introduce a new type of Leonardo sequence. Additionally, we intend to find some of their equations, including the Binet formula, generating function, exponential generating function, Catalan, Cassini, and d'Ocagne's identities for Pell Leonardo numbers. We obtain some summation formulas for Pell Leonardo numbers based on Pell numbers. Finally, we build a matrix representation for Pell Leonardo numbers and get the determinant of the matrix.

## 2. Pell Leonardo Numbers

In this section, we describe *n*th Pell Leonardo number by the following recurrence relation for  $n \ge 2$ ,

$$PLe_n = 2PLe_{n-1} + PLe_{n-2} + 1 \tag{2.1}$$

and the initial conditions  $PLe_0 = 0$  and  $PLe_1 = 1$ . The first fifteen Pell Leonardo numbers are

In addition, we can mention the terms with negative subscripts of Pell Leonardo number sequences. By using (2.1), the first five terms with negative subscripts of Pell Leonardo numbers are as follows:

$$PLe_{-1} = 0, PLe_{-2} = -1, PLe_{-3} = 1, PLe_{-4} = -4, \text{ and } PLe_{-5} = 8$$

And then, according to (2.1), it is observed that

$$PLe_{n+1} = 3PLe_n - PLe_{n-1} - PLe_{n-2}$$
(2.2)

where  $PLe_n$  is *n*th Pell Leonardo number.

The characteristic equation of (2.2) is

$$\gamma^3 - 3\gamma^2 + \gamma + 1 = 0$$

The relation between Pell Leonardo and Pell numbers is expressed in the following proposition.

## **Proposition 2.1.** For $n \ge 0$ ,

$$PLe_n - PLe_{n-1} = P_n \tag{2.3}$$

PROOF. We prove by induction on n. We know that from the definition of Pell Leonardo numbers,  $PLe_{-1} = 0$ . It is easily seen that (2.3) is held for n = 0 and n = 1. We suppose that (2.3) is true for all  $1 < l \leq n$ , and we prove that (2.3) holds for l = n + 1. In fact, by using the induction hypothesis and the recurrence relation (2.2), we can write

$$PLe_{n+1} = 3PLe_n - PLe_{n-1} - PLe_{n-2}$$
  
= 2PLe\_n - PLe\_{n-1} - PLe\_{n-2} + PLe\_n  
= 2(PLe\_n - PLe\_{n-1}) + PLe\_{n-1} - PLe\_{n-2} + PLe\_n  
= 2P\_n + P\_{n-1} + PLe\_n

and thus,

$$PLe_{n+1} - PLe_n = P_{n+1}$$

Theorem 2.2. The Binet formula for Pell Leonardo numbers is given by

$$PLe_n = \frac{1}{4}(\rho^{n+1} + \sigma^{n+1}) - \frac{1}{2}$$

where  $\rho = 1 + \sqrt{2}$  and  $\sigma = 1 - \sqrt{2}$ .

PROOF. Because the roots of (1.2) are equal to  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$ , Binet's formula of the Pell Leonardo numbers can be easily calculated by using (1.3) and (2.3).  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.3.** The generating function of  $PLe_n$  is determined by

$$GF_{PLe}(t) = \frac{t}{(1 - 3t + t^2 + t^3)}$$

PROOF. For the generating function of  $\{PLe_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ . Firstly, we will consider the following power series:

$$GF_{PLe}(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} PLe_n t^n$$

Therefore,

$$GF_{PLe}(t) = PLe_0 + PLe_1t + PLe_2t^2 + \dots + PLe_kt^k + \dots$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} -3tGF_{PLe}(t) &= -3PLe_0t - 3PLe_1t^2 - 3PLe_2t^3 - \dots - 3PLe_kt^{k+1} + \dots \\ +t^2GF_{PLe}(t) &= PLe_0t^2 + PLe_1t^3 + PLe_2t^4 + \dots + PLe_kt^{k+2} + \dots \\ +t^3GF_{PLe}(t) &= PLe_0t^3 + PLe_1t^4 + PLe_2t^5 + \dots + PLe_kt^{k+3} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

If the three equations above are considered together, we obtain

$$(1 - 3t + t^{2} + t^{3})GF_{PLe}(t) = PLe_{0} + (PLe_{1} - 3PLe_{0})t + (PLe_{2} - 3PLe_{1} + PLe_{0})t^{2} + (PLe_{3} - 3PLe_{2} + PLe_{1} + PLe_{0})t^{3} + \dots + (PLe_{k+1} - 3PLe_{k} + PLe_{k-1} + PLe_{k-2})t^{k+1} + \dots$$

By using (2.2), we have

$$GF_{PLe}(t) = \frac{PLe_0 + (PLe_1 - 3PLe_0)t + (PLe_2 - 3PLe_1 + PLe_0)t^2}{(1 - 3t + t^2 + t^3)}$$
$$= \frac{t}{(1 - 3t + t^2 + t^3)}$$

**Theorem 2.4.** The exponential generating function of  $PLe_n$  is

$$EGF_{PLe}(t) = \frac{1}{4}(e^{\rho t} + e^{\sigma t}) - \frac{1}{2}$$

where  $\rho = 1 + \sqrt{2}$  and  $\sigma = 1 - \sqrt{2}$  .

PROOF. For the exponential generating function of  $\{PLe_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ , we will deal with the following series representation:

$$EGF_{PLe}(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} PLe_n \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

Thus, using the Binet formula of  $PLe_n$  and  $e^t = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!}$ , it is obtained

$$EGF_{PLe}(t) = \frac{1}{4}(e^{\rho t} + e^{\sigma t}) - \frac{1}{2}$$

**Theorem 2.5.** For  $m \ge n$ , the Catalan identity for Pell Leonardo numbers is

$$PLe_{m-n}PLe_{m+n} - PLe_m^2 = \frac{(-1)^{m-n+1}}{2}P_n^2 + PLe_m - \frac{1}{2}(PLe_{m+n} + PLe_{m-n})$$

where *m* and *n* are nonnegative numbers,  $P_n$  is *n*th Pell number,  $\rho = 1 + \sqrt{2}$ , and  $\sigma = 1 - \sqrt{2}$ . PROOF. To find Catalan identity for Pell Leonardo numbers, we first calculate the following:

$$\begin{split} PLe_{m-n}PLe_{m+n} &- PLe_m^2 &= \left(\frac{\rho^{m-n+1} + \sigma^{m-n+1}}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\rho^{m+n+1} + \sigma^{m+n+1}}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &- \left(\frac{\rho^{m+1} + \sigma^{m+1}}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\rho^{m+1} + \sigma^{m+1}}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{\rho^{2m+2} + \sigma^{2m+2}}{16} + \frac{(\rho\sigma)^{m-n+1} \left(\sigma^{2n} + \rho^{2n}\right)}{16}\right) \\ &- \left(\frac{\rho^{m-n+1} + \sigma^{m-n+1}}{8}\right) - \left(\frac{\rho^{m+n+1} + \sigma^{m+n+1}}{8}\right) + \frac{1}{4} \\ &- \left(\frac{\rho^{2m+2} + \sigma^{2m+2} + 2(\rho\sigma)^{m+1}}{16}\right) + \left(\frac{\rho^{m+1} + \sigma^{m+1}}{8}\right) \\ &+ \left(\frac{\rho^{m+1} + \sigma^{m+1}}{8}\right) - \frac{1}{4} \end{split}$$

By using  $\rho\sigma = -1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} PLe_{m-n}PLe_{m+n} &- PLe_m^2 \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{m-n+1}}{2} \left(\frac{\sigma^n - \rho^n}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 - \frac{\rho^{m-n+1}}{4} \left(\frac{\rho^n - 1}{\rho - 1}\right)^2 - \frac{\sigma^{m-n+1}}{4} \left(\frac{\sigma^n - 1}{\sigma - 1}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{m-n+1}}{2} P_n^2 - \frac{\rho^{m-n+1}}{4} \left(\frac{\rho^n - 1}{\rho - 1}\right)^2 - \frac{\sigma^{m-n+1}}{4} \left(\frac{\sigma^n - 1}{\sigma - 1}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{m-n+1}}{2} P_n^2 + PLe_m - \frac{1}{2} (PLe_{m+n} + PLe_{m-n}) \end{aligned}$$

If n = 1 in Catalan identity, Cassini identity is obtained as follows:

**Corollary 2.6.** For  $m \ge 1$ ,

$$PLe_{m-1}PLe_{m+1} - PLe_m^2 = \frac{(-1)^m}{2} - PLe_{m-1} - \frac{1}{2}$$

**Theorem 2.7.** For  $m > n, n \ge 1$ , and m - n > 1, d'Ocagne's identity for Pell Leonardo numbers is

$$PLe_mPLe_{n+1} - PLe_{m+1}PLe_n = \frac{(-1)^{n+2}}{4}(PLe_{m-n-2} + PLe_{m-n} + 1) + \frac{1}{2}(P_{m+1} - P_{n+1})$$

where m and n are nonnegative numbers and  $P_n$  is nth Pell number.

PROOF. To find d'Ocagne's identity for Pell Leonardo numbers, we first calculate the following:

$$PLe_m PLe_{n+1} - PLe_{m+1} PLe_n = \left(\frac{\rho^{m+1} + \sigma^{m+1}}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\rho^{n+2} + \sigma^{n+2}}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ - \left(\frac{\rho^{m+2} + \sigma^{m+2}}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\rho^{n+1} + \sigma^{n+1}}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ = \left(\frac{\rho^{m+n+3} + \sigma^{m+n+3}}{16} + \frac{(\rho\sigma)^{n+2} \left(\sigma^{m-n-1} + \rho^{m-n-1}\right)}{16}\right)$$

$$-\left(\frac{\rho^{m+1}+\sigma^{m+1}}{8}\right) - \left(\frac{\rho^{n+2}+\sigma^{n+2}}{8}\right) + \frac{1}{4}$$
$$-\left(\frac{\rho^{m+n+3}+\sigma^{m+n+3}}{16} + \frac{(\rho\sigma)^{n+1}\left(\sigma^{m-n+1}+\rho^{m-n+1}\right)}{16}\right)$$
$$+\left(\frac{\rho^{m+2}+\sigma^{m+2}}{8}\right) + \left(\frac{\rho^{n+1}+\sigma^{n+1}}{8}\right) - \frac{1}{4}$$

By using  $\rho\sigma = -1$ ,

$$PLe_m PLe_{n+1} - PLe_{m+1} PLe_n = \frac{(-1)^{n+2}}{16} \rho^{m-n-1} (1+\rho^2) + \sigma^{m-n-1} (1+\sigma^2) + \frac{\rho^{m+1} (\rho-1) - \rho^{n+1} (\rho-1) + \sigma^{m+1} (\sigma-1) - \sigma^{n+1} (\sigma-1)}{8}$$

By using  $\rho = 1 + \sqrt{2}$  and  $\sigma = 1 - \sqrt{2}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} PLe_m PLe_{n+1} &- PLe_{m+1} PLe_n \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{n+2}}{4} (PLe_{m-n-2} + PLe_{m-n} + 1) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\rho^{m+1} - \sigma^{m+1}}{2\sqrt{2}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\rho^{n+1} - \sigma^{n+1}}{2\sqrt{2}} \right) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{n+2}}{4} (PLe_{m-n-2} + PLe_{m-n} + 1) + \frac{1}{2} (P_{m+1} - P_{n+1}) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.8. Some summation formulas of Pell Leonardo numbers based on Pell numbers are as follows:

*i.* 
$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} PLe_k = 4(\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} P_k)$$
  
*ii.*  $\sum_{k=0}^{n} PLe_{3k} = (\sum_{k=3n-2}^{3n} P_k) + 2(\sum_{k=3n-5}^{3n-3} P_k) + \dots + (n-1)(\sum_{k=4}^{6} P_k) + n(\sum_{k=1}^{3} P_k))$   
where  $k \ge 0$  and  $P_k$  is kth Pell number.

PROOF. By using (2.3), it is easily obtained that the above equations are satisfied.  $\Box$ 

# 3. Matrix Formula of Pell Leonardo Numbers

This section introduces a new matrix formulation for Pell Leonardo numbers. By using (2.2), we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} PLe_{n+2} \\ PLe_{n+1} \\ PLe_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} PLe_{n+1} \\ PLe_n \\ PLe_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, the new matrix formulation for Pell Leonardo numbers is as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} PLe_{n+2} \\ PLe_{n+1} \\ PLe_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n \begin{bmatrix} PLe_2 \\ PLe_1 \\ PLe_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Here, we provide a matrix formulation for Pell Leonardo numbers, called the *PL*-matrix, and denote the *PL*-matrix by *PLeM*. If *PLeM* is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

then detPLeM = -1.

**Theorem 3.1.** The *PL*-matrix for *n*th Pell Leonardo number is given as

$$PLeM_{n} = \begin{bmatrix} PLe_{n+1} & -PLe_{n} - PLe_{n-1} & -PLe_{n} \\ PLe_{n} & -PLe_{n-1} - PLe_{n-2} & -PLe_{n-1} \\ PLe_{n-1} & -PLe_{n-2} - PLe_{n-3} & -PLe_{n-2} \end{bmatrix}$$

PROOF. To find the PL-matrix, we calculate the following:

$$PLeM_n = (PL)^n = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n$$

By using (2.2),  $PLeM_n$  is obtained as follows:

$$PLeM_{n} = \begin{bmatrix} PLe_{n+1} & -PLe_{n} - PLe_{n-1} & -PLe_{n} \\ PLe_{n} & -PLe_{n-1} - PLe_{n-2} & -PLe_{n-1} \\ PLe_{n-1} & -PLe_{n-2} - PLe_{n-3} & -PLe_{n-2} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Corollary 3.2.** For  $n \ge 0$ , the determinant of the *PL*-matrix for *n*th Pell Leonardo number can be found as follows:

$$|PLeM_n| = \begin{vmatrix} PLe_{n+1} & -PLe_n - PLe_{n-1} & -PLe_n \\ PLe_n & -PLe_{n-1} - PLe_{n-2} & -PLe_{n-1} \\ PLe_{n-1} & -PLe_{n-2} - PLe_{n-3} & -PLe_{n-2} \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^n$$
(3.1)

PROOF. To ensure (3.1), we use induction on *n*. For n = 0,  $PLeM_0 = I_3$ , where *I* is the identity matrix. Therefore, it is easily seen that (3.1) is held. We suppose that (3.1) is held for n = u, that is,

$$|PLeM_{u}| = \begin{vmatrix} PLe_{u+2} & -PLe_{u+1} - PLe_{u} & -PLe_{u+1} \\ PLe_{u+1} & -PLe_{u-1} - PLe_{u-1} \\ PLe_{u} & -PLe_{u-1} - PLe_{u-2} & -PLe_{u-1} \end{vmatrix} = |PL^{u}| = |PL|^{u} = (-1)^{u}$$

Then, by induction, for n = u + 1,

$$|PLeM_{u+1}| = \begin{vmatrix} PLe_{u+2} & -PLe_{u+1} - PLe_u & -PLe_{u+1} \\ PLe_{u+1} & -PLe_u - PLe_{u-1} & -PLe_u \\ PLe_u & -PLe_{u-1} - PLe_{u-2} & -PLe_{u-1} \end{vmatrix} = |PL^{u+1}| = |PL|^u |PL| = (-1)^{u+1}$$

Thus, (3.1) holds for all  $n \ge 0$ .  $\Box$ 

#### 4. Conclusion

In this study, we first introduce a new third-order Leonardo sequence and thus add a new third-order number sequence to the literature. We named that sequence Pell Leonardo numbers. Moreover, we obtain some equations for that sequence, including the Binet formula, generating function, exponential generating function, Catalan, Cassini, and d'Ocagne's identities, and some summation formulas based on the Pell sequence. Finally, we describe a *PL*-matrix for Pell Leonardo numbers and obtain the determinant of *PL*-matrix. Different sequences such as complex, bicomplex, gaussian, polynomial, and quaternion sequences can be defined using this sequence. Again, this number sequence and matrix representation can be used in coding theory, cryptography, and other engineering and physics applications.

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