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## DETERMINANTAL IDENTITIES FOR $k$ LUCAS SEQUENCE

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**Abstract** — In this paper, we defined new relationship between  $k$  Lucas sequences and determinants of their associated matrices, this approach is different and never tried in  $k$  Fibonacci sequence literature.

**Keywords** —  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence,  $k$ -Lucas sequence, Recurrence relation.

## 1 Introduction

The Fibonacci sequence is a source of many nice and interesting identities. Many identities have been documented in [9],[10],[11],[12],[16],[2],[3]. A similar interpretation exists for  $k$  Fibonacci and  $k$  Lucas numbers. Many of these identities have been documented in the work of Falcon and Plaza [6],[7],[8], where they are proved by algebraic means, many of another interesting algebraic identities are also proved in [1],[4]. In this paper determinantal techniques are used to obtain several  $k$  Lucas identities.

## 2 Preliminary

**Definition 2.1.** The  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence  $\{F_{k,n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is defined as,  $F_{k,n+1} = k \cdot F_{k,n} + F_{k,n-1}$ , with  $F_{k,0} = 0, F_{k,1} = 1$ , for  $n \geq 1$

**Definition 2.2.** The  $k$ -Lucas sequence  $\{L_{k,n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is defined as,  $L_{k,n+1} = k \cdot L_{k,n} + L_{k,n-1}$ , with  $L_{k,0} = 2, L_{k,1} = k$ , for  $n \geq 1$

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Characteristic equation of the initial recurrence relation is,

$$r^2 - k \cdot r - 1 = 0 \quad (1)$$

Characteristic roots are

$$r_1 = \frac{k + \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2} \quad (2)$$

and

$$r_2 = \frac{k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2} \quad (3)$$

Characteristic roots verify the properties

$$r_1 - r_2 = \sqrt{k^2 + 4} = \sqrt{\Delta} = \delta \quad (4)$$

$$r_1 + r_2 = k \quad (5)$$

$$r_1 \cdot r_2 = -1 \quad (6)$$

Binet forms for  $F_{k,n}$  and  $L_{k,n}$  are

$$F_{k,n} = \frac{r_1^n - r_2^n}{r_1 - r_2} \quad (7)$$

and

$$L_{k,n} = r_1^n + r_2^n \quad (8)$$

## 2.1 First 11 k Fibonacci sequences as numbered in the Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences

$F_{k,n}$	Classification
$F_{1,n}$	A000045
$F_{2,n}$	A000129
$F_{3,n}$	A006190
$F_{4,n}$	A001076
$F_{5,n}$	A052918
$F_{6,n}$	A005668
$F_{7,n}$	A054413
$F_{8,n}$	A041025
$F_{9,n}$	A099371
$F_{10,n}$	A041041
$F_{11,n}$	A049666

### 3 Determinantal Identities

**Theorem 3.1.** If  $n, i, j, t, m$  are positive integers with  $0 < t < i, i + 1 < m, j = 1$ , then

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} L_{k,n+t}^2 + 4L_{k,n-i}^2 & L_{k,n+i+j} & L_{k,n+i+j} \\ L_{k,n+t} & 4L_{k,n+i}^2 + L_{k,n+i+j}^2 & L_{k,n+t} \\ L_{k,n+i} & 2L_{k,n+i} & \frac{L_{k,n+i+j}^2 + L_{k,n+t}^2}{2L_{k,n+i}} \end{bmatrix} = 8L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+t}L_{k,n+i+j} \quad (9)$$

*Proof.* Let

$$\aleph_1 = \det \begin{bmatrix} L_{k,n+t}^2 + 4L_{k,n-i}^2 & L_{k,n+i+j} & L_{k,n+i+j} \\ L_{k,n+t} & 4L_{k,n+i}^2 + L_{k,n+i+j}^2 & L_{k,n+t} \\ L_{k,n+i} & 2L_{k,n+i} & \frac{L_{k,n+i+j}^2 + L_{k,n+t}^2}{2L_{k,n+i}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

Assume that

$$L_{k,n+t} = \phi$$

$$L_{k,n+i} = \varphi$$

Then

$$L_{k,n+i+j} = k\varphi + \phi$$

Now,

$$\aleph_1 = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\phi^2 + \varphi^2}{k\varphi + \phi} & k\varphi + \phi & k\varphi + \phi \\ \phi & \frac{\varphi^2 + (k\varphi + \phi)^2}{\phi} & \phi \\ \varphi & \varphi & \frac{\phi^2 + (k\varphi + \phi)^2}{\varphi} \end{bmatrix}$$

Making the row operations  $\frac{1}{(k\varphi + \phi)} [(k\varphi + \phi)R_1], \frac{1}{\phi} [\phi R_2], \frac{1}{\varphi} [\varphi R_3]$ , gives

$$\aleph_1 = \frac{1}{\phi\varphi(k\varphi + \phi)} \det \begin{bmatrix} \phi^2 + \varphi^2 & (k\varphi + \phi)^2 & (k\varphi + \phi)^2 \\ \phi^2 & \varphi^2 + (k\varphi + \phi)^2 & \phi^2 \\ \varphi^2 & \varphi^2 & \phi^2 + (k\varphi + \phi)^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

making row operations  $R_1 + R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_1$ ,  $R_3 - R_1 \rightarrow R_3$  and  $R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_2$ , gives

$$\aleph_1 = \frac{1}{\phi\varphi(k\varphi + \phi)} \det \begin{bmatrix} \phi^2 + \varphi^2 & \varphi^2 + (k\varphi + \phi)^2 & \phi^2 + (k\varphi + \phi)^2 \\ -\varphi^2 & 0 & -(k\varphi + \phi)^2 \\ \phi^2 & -(k\varphi + \phi)^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Expanding we get

$$\aleph_1 = 8\phi\varphi(k\varphi + \phi)$$

Putting

$$L_{k,n+t} = \phi$$

$$L_{k,n+i} = \varphi$$

$$L_{k,n+i+j} = k\varphi + \phi$$

Gives

$$\aleph_1 = 8L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+t}L_{k,n+i+j}$$

□

**Theorem 3.2.** If  $n, i, j, t, m$  are positive integers with  $0 < t < i$ ,  $i + 1 < m$ ,  $j = 1$ , then

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} L_{k,n+t}^2 & 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+i+j} & L_{k,n+t}L_{k,n+i+j} + L_{k,n+i+j} \\ L_{k,n+t}^2 + 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+t} & 4L_{k,n+i}^2 & L_{k,n+t}L_{k,n+i+j} \\ 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+t} & 4L_{k,n+i}^2 + 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+i+j} & L_{k,n+i+j}^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

$$= [4L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+i+j}]^2$$

*Proof.* Let

$$\aleph_2 = \det \begin{bmatrix} L_{k,n+t}^2 & 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+i+j} & L_{k,n+t}L_{k,n+i+j} + L_{k,n+i+j} \\ L_{k,n+t}^2 + 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+t} & 4L_{k,n+i}^2 & L_{k,n+t}L_{k,n+i+j} \\ 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+t} & 4L_{k,n+i}^2 + 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+i+j} & L_{k,n+i+j}^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

Assume that

$$L_{k,n+t} = \phi$$

$$L_{k,n+i} = \varphi$$

Then

$$\aleph_2 = \det \begin{bmatrix} \phi^2 & \varphi(k\varphi + \phi) & \phi(k\varphi + \phi) + (k\varphi + \phi)^2 \\ \phi^2 + \phi\varphi & \varphi^2 & \phi(k\varphi + \phi) \\ \phi\varphi & \varphi^2 + \varphi(k\varphi + \phi) & (k\varphi + \phi)^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Making the row operations  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - (R_1 + R_3)$ , gives

$$\aleph_1 = \frac{1}{\phi\varphi(k\varphi + \phi)} \det \begin{bmatrix} \phi & (k\varphi + \phi) & \phi + (k\varphi + \phi) \\ 0 & -2(k\varphi + \phi) & -2(k\varphi + \phi) \\ \varphi & \varphi + (k\varphi + \phi) & (k\varphi + \phi) \end{bmatrix} \quad (14)$$

making Column operations  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$  and expanding gives

$$\aleph_2 = 4[2\phi\varphi(k\varphi + \phi)]^2$$

Putting

$$\begin{aligned} L_{k,n+t} &= \phi \\ L_{k,n+i} &= \varphi \\ L_{k,n+i+j} &= k\varphi + \phi \end{aligned}$$

Gives

$$\aleph_2 = [4L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+i+j}]^2$$

□

**Corollary 3.3.** If  $n, i, j, t, m$  are positive integers with  $0 < t < i$ ,  $i + 1 < m$ ,  $j = 1$ , then

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} -L_{k,n+t}^2 & 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+t} & L_{k,n+t}L_{k,n+i+j} \\ 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+t} & -4L_{k,n+i}^2 & 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+i+j} \\ L_{k,n+t}L_{k,n+i+j} & 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+i+j} & -L_{k,n+i+j}^2 \end{bmatrix} = [4L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+t}L_{k,n+i+j}]^2 \quad (15)$$

**Corollary 3.4.** If  $n, i, j, t, m$  are positive integers with  $0 < t < i$ ,  $i + 1 < m$ ,  $j = 1$ , then

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 4L_{k,n+i}^2 + L_{k,n+i+j}^2 & 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+t} & L_{k,n+t}L_{k,n+i+j} \\ 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+t} & L_{k,n+t}^2 & 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+i+j} \\ L_{k,n+t}L_{k,n+i+j} & 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+i+j} & 4L_{k,n+i}^2 + L_{k,n+t}^2 \end{bmatrix} = [4L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+t}L_{k,n+i+j}]^2 \quad (16)$$

**Corollary 3.5.** If  $n, i, j, t, m$  are positive integers with  $0 < t < i$ ,  $i + 1 < m$ ,  $j = 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \det & \begin{bmatrix} 2L_{k,n+i+j} + 2L_{k,n+i} + L_{k,n+t} & L_{k,n+t} & 2L_{k,n+i} \\ L_{k,n+i+j} & 2L_{k,n+t} + 2L_{k,n+i} + L_{k,n+i+j} & 2L_{k,n+i} \\ L_{k,n+i+j} & 2L_{k,n+t} & 4L_{k,n+i} + L_{k,n+t} + L_{k,n+i+j} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 2[2L_{k,n+i} + L_{k,n+t} + L_{k,n+i+j}]^3 \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.6.** If  $n, i, j, t, m$  are positive integers with  $0 < t < i$ ,  $i + 1 < m$ ,  $j = 1$ , then

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 + L_{k,n+t} & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 + 2L_{k,n+i} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 + L_{k,n+i+j} \end{bmatrix} = \{2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+t}L_{k,n+i+j}\} \left\{ \frac{1}{L_{k,n+t}} + \frac{1}{2L_{k,n+i}} + \frac{1}{L_{k,n+i+j}} + 1 \right\} \\ \{2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+t}L_{k,n+i+j} + 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+i+j} + L_{k,n+t}L_{k,n+t}L_{k,n+i+j} + 2L_{k,n+i}L_{k,n+t}\}$$

## 4 Conclusion

In this paper we described determinantal identities for  $k$  Lucas sequence; same identities can be derived for  $k$  Fibonacci sequence.

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