

## On The Circulant K–Fibonacci Matrices

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**Abstract:** We started looking for a formula to simplify the calculation of the difference of two  $k$ -Fibonacci numbers depending on the kind of subscripts. Then we study the value of the determinant of circulant matrices whose entries are  $k$ -Fibonacci numbers. We continue calculating their eigenvalues and finish with the calculation of the eigenvalues of the matrix obtained multiplying the  $k$ -Fibonacci

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### I. Introduction

The classical Fibonacci sequence  $\{0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, \dots\}$  had been extended in many ways [1, 2]. One on which they are working more intensely in recent years is due to Falcon and Plaza [3, 4] which we remember.

For a given integer number  $k$ , we define the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence  $F_k = \{F_{k,n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  by the recurrence relation

$$F_{k,n+1} = k F_{k,n} + F_{k,n-1} \text{ for } n \geq 1 \text{ with initial conditions } F_{k,0} = 0, F_{k,1} = 1.$$

According to this definition, the general expression of the first terms of the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence are  $F_k = \{0, 1, k, k^2 + 1, k^3 + 2k, k^4 + 3k^2 + 1, \dots\}$ . In particular, for  $k = 1$  the classical Fibonacci sequence

$$F_1 = F = \{0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, \dots\} \text{ is obtained while for } k = 2 \text{ we get the Pell sequence } F_2 = \{0, 1, 2, 5, 12, 29, 70, 169, \dots\}.$$

Characteristic equation of this sequence is  $r^2 = k \cdot r + 1$  whose solutions are  $\sigma_1 = \frac{k + \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2}$  and

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2}. \text{ It is easy to prove these solutions verify}$$

$$\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 = -1, \sigma_1 + \sigma_2 = k, \sigma_1 - \sigma_2 = \sqrt{k^2 + 4}, \sigma^2 = k \sigma + 1, \sigma_1 > 0, \sigma_2 < 0.$$

In particular, the Binet Identity for the  $k$ -Fibonacci numbers is  $F_{k,n} = \frac{\sigma_1^n - \sigma_2^n}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}$ .

Moreover, we define the  $k$ -Fibonacci numbers with negative subscript as  $F_{k,-n} = (-1)^{n+1} F_{k,n}$ .

Similarly, we define the  $k$ -Lucas numbers as  $L_{k,n+1} = k \cdot L_{k,n} + L_{k,n-1}$  with initial conditions  $L_{k,0} = 2, L_{k,1} = k$ . [5].

The Binet Identity for the  $k$ -Lucas numbers takes the form  $L_{k,n} = \sigma_1^n + \sigma_2^n$  and consequently  $L_{k,n} = F_{k,n-1} + F_{k,n+1}$ .

Moreover,  $L_{k,-n} = (-1)^n L_{k,n}$ .

With these instructions, it is relatively easy to prove

$$\sum_{j=0}^n F_{k,r+j}^2 = \frac{1}{k(k^2 + 4)} \left( L_{k,2r+2n+1} - L_{k,2r-1} + (-1)^r \left( (-1)^{n+1} - 1 \right) \right) \quad (1)$$

Now, as we will later need this formula, we will simplify  $F_{k,p+m} - F_{k,p-m}$  according to  $m$  whether it is even or odd. From the Binet Identity and taking into account  $\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 = -1$ ,

$$F_{k,p+m} - F_{k,p-m} = \frac{\sigma_1^{p+m} - \sigma_2^{p+m}}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2} - \frac{\sigma_1^{p-m} - \sigma_2^{p-m}}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2} = \frac{1}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2} \left[ \sigma_1^p \left( \sigma_1^m - \frac{1}{\sigma_1^m} \right) - \sigma_2^p \left( \sigma_2^m - \frac{1}{\sigma_2^m} \right) \right]$$

- $m$  even:  $F_{k,p+m} - F_{k,p-m} = \frac{1}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2} \left[ \sigma_1^p (\sigma_1^m - \sigma_2^m) - \sigma_2^p (\sigma_2^m - \sigma_1^m) \right] = \frac{\sigma_1^m - \sigma_2^m}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2} (\sigma_1^p + \sigma_2^p) = F_{k,m} L_{k,p}$
- $m$  odd:  $F_{k,p+m} - F_{k,p-m} = \frac{1}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2} \left[ \sigma_1^p (\sigma_1^m + \sigma_2^m) - \sigma_2^p (\sigma_2^m + \sigma_1^m) \right] = \frac{\sigma_1^p - \sigma_2^p}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2} (\sigma_1^m + \sigma_2^m) = F_{k,p} L_{k,m}$

In short:

$$F_{k,p+m} - F_{k,p-m} = \begin{cases} F_{k,m} L_{k,p}, & \text{if } m \text{ is even} \\ F_{k,p} L_{k,m}, & \text{if } m \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

**1.1 Matrix norms**

The following matrix norms are defined in [6, 7].

Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix.

- The Frobenius or Euclidean norm of  $A$  is defined as  $\|A\|_E = \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|^2 \right)^{1/2}$
- The column norm of  $A$  is defined as  $\|A\|_1 = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \sum_{i=1}^m |a_{ij}|$ , which is simply the maximum absolute column sum of the matrix.
- The row norm of  $A$  is  $\|A\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|$ , which is simply the maximum absolute row sum of the matrix.
- The spectral norm of a matrix  $A$  is the largest singular value of  $A$  i.e. the square root of the largest eigenvalue of the positive-semidefinite matrix  $A^* A$  where  $A^*$  denotes the conjugate transpose of  $A$ ; that is  $\|A\|_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A^* A)} = \sigma_{\max}(A)$

**1.2 Circulant matrix**

Given the  $n$  numbers  $\{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}\}$ , the matrix  $C_n = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_{n-1} \\ a_{n-1} & a_0 & a_1 & \dots & a_{n-2} \\ a_{n-2} & a_{n-1} & a_0 & \dots & a_{n-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \dots & a_0 \end{pmatrix}$  is called a circulant matrix

[8, 9, 10], because the entry  $\{i, j\}$  is equal to the entry  $\{i+l, j+l\}$  for  $l=1, 2, \dots$ . If  $C_n$  is a circulant matrix, its transpose matrix  $(C_n)^T$  is also circulant.

It is known the determinant of the circulant matrix  $C_n$  is [8]

$$\det(C_n) = |C_n| = \prod_{l=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_j w_l^j \right) \quad (3)$$

where  $w_l = e^{\frac{2\pi l}{n}}$  are the  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity.

We will use the notation  $C = CIRC(a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1})$  for the  $n \times n$  circulant matrix whose top row is

$$c = \{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}\}.$$

And later we will need the following properties:

- a) The map  $\lambda : CIRC_n(\square) \rightarrow \square^n$  is the eigenvalue map on real  $n \times n$  circulant matrices to complex  $n$ -vectors.

Thus, if  $C \in CIRC(\square)$ , then  $\lambda(C)$  is the set of  $n$  eigenvalues of the matrix  $C$ .

- b)  $\lambda_l(CIRC(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_j w_l^j$  ([11], Theorem 1.6(ii)).

- c)  $\lambda$  is an algebra isomorphism ([11], Corollary 1.8.1).

For the norms of circulant matrices, see [12, 13, 14 – 18].

**1.3 Proposition**

If  $a, b \in \square, b \neq 0$  and  $a + ib$  is an eigenvalue of a real circulant matrix  $A$ , then  $a^2 + b^2$  is an eigenvalue of the product matrix  $A \cdot A^T$  with multiplicity  $\geq 2$ , where  $A^T$  is the transpose matrix of  $A$ .

Proof.

Suppose  $A = CIRC(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$ . Then  $A^T = CIRC(a_0, a_{n-1}, a_{n-2}, \dots, a_1)$ .

We are given that  $a + ib = \lambda_i(A)$  for some  $i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n$ , with  $b \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $a - ib = \lambda_{n-i}(A)$  is also an eigenvalue for the above Property (c). (if the subscript  $i$  is  $n - i$ , then  $b = 0$  contrary to what is given).

Again for the Property (c),  $\lambda_i(A^T) = a - ib$  and  $\lambda_{n-i}(A^T) = a + ib$ .

Hence  $\lambda_i(AA^T) = \lambda_{n-i}(AA^T) = a^2 + b^2$  and its multiplicity is  $\geq 2$ .

The proof still works in case  $b = 0$  provided  $n$  is odd and  $a \neq \lambda_0(A) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_j$ , otherwise if, for example,  $b = 0$  and  $n$  is even, the eigenvalue  $a^2$  can be non-degenerate in  $AA^T$ . But, in this case, the multiplicity is 1 because the eigenvalue is  $\lambda_i = a \pm 0i$  with multiplicity 1.

## II. A Circulant K–Fibonacci Matrix

According to previous definition, for  $r \geq 0$ ,  $(CF_k)_{n,r} = \begin{pmatrix} F_{k,r} & F_{k,r+1} & F_{k,r+2} & \cdots & F_{k,r+n-1} \\ F_{k,r+n-1} & F_{k,r} & F_{k,r+1} & \cdots & F_{k,r+n-2} \\ F_{k,r+n-2} & F_{k,r+n-1} & F_{k,r} & \cdots & F_{k,r+n-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ F_{k,r+1} & F_{k,r+2} & F_{k,r+3} & \cdots & F_{k,r} \end{pmatrix}$  is called

circulant  $k$ –Fibonacci matrix.

Next we try to simplify the expression of the determinant of this matrix. It is obvious that  $n > 1$  or  $r > 0$ , it is

$$|(CF_k)_{n,r}| \neq 0$$

### 2.1 Theorem (Determinant of the $k$ –Fibonacci circulant matrix)

The value of the circulant  $k$ –Fibonacci determinant is

$$|(CF_k)_{n,r}| = \frac{(F_{k,r+n-1} - F_{k,r-1})^n - (F_{k,r} - F_{k,r+n})^n}{L_{k,n} - 1 - (-1)^n} \tag{4}$$

Proof.

According to Formula (1.3),  $|(CF_k)_{n,r}| = \prod_{l=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} F_{k,r+j} w_l^j \right)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |(CF_k)_{n,r}| &= \prod_{l=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{\sigma_1^{r+j} - \sigma_2^{r+j}}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2} w_l^j \right) = \prod_{l=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2} (\sigma_1^r (\sigma_1 w_l)^j - \sigma_2^r (\sigma_2 w_l)^j) w_l^j \right) \\ &= \prod_{l=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2} \left( \sigma_1^r \frac{(\sigma_1 w_l)^n - 1}{\sigma_1 w_l - 1} - \sigma_2^r \frac{(\sigma_2 w_l)^n - 1}{\sigma_2 w_l - 1} \right) \\ &= \prod_{l=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2} \left( \frac{\sigma_1^r (\sigma_1^n w_l^n - 1)(\sigma_2 w_l - 1) - \sigma_2^r (\sigma_2^n w_l^n - 1)(\sigma_1 w_l - 1)}{(\sigma_1 w_l - 1)(\sigma_2 w_l - 1)} \right) \\ &= \prod_{l=0}^{n-1} \frac{(\sigma_1^{r+n} w_l^n - \sigma_1^r)(\sigma_2 w_l - 1) - (\sigma_2^{r+n} w_l^n - \sigma_2^r)(\sigma_1 w_l - 1)}{(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)(\sigma_1 w_l - 1)(\sigma_2 w_l - 1)} \\ &= \prod_{l=0}^{n-1} \frac{\sigma_1^{r+n} \sigma_2 w_l^{n+1} - \sigma_1^{r+n} w_l^n - \sigma_1^r \sigma_2 w_l + \sigma_1^r - \sigma_2^{r+n} \sigma_1 w_l^{n+1} - \sigma_2^{r+n} w_l^n - \sigma_2^r \sigma_1 w_l + \sigma_2^r}{(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)(\sigma_1 w_l - 1)(\sigma_2 w_l - 1)} \\ &= \prod_{l=0}^{n-1} \frac{(\sigma_1^r - \sigma_2^r) - (\sigma_1^{r+n} - \sigma_2^{r+n}) + ((\sigma_1^{r-1} - \sigma_2^{r-1}) - (\sigma_1^{r+n-1} - \sigma_2^{r+n-1})) w_l}{(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)(\sigma_1 w_l - 1)(\sigma_2 w_l - 1)} \\ &= \prod_{l=0}^{n-1} \frac{F_{k,r} - F_{k,r+n} + (F_{k,r-1} - F_{k,r+n-1}) w_l}{(\sigma_1 w_l - 1)(\sigma_2 w_l - 1)} \end{aligned}$$

because  $w_l^n = 1$  and  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2 = -1$ .

On the other hand,  $\prod_{l=0}^{n-1} (a - bw_l) = b^n \prod_{l=0}^{n-1} \left( \frac{a}{b} - w_l \right) = b^n \left( \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)^n - 1 \right) = a^n - b^n$ . Therefore

- $\prod_{l=0}^{n-1} (F_{k,r} - F_{k,r+n} - (F_{k,r+n-1} - F_{k,r-1})w_l) = (F_{k,r} - F_{k,r+n})^n - (F_{k,r+n-1} - F_{k,r-1})^n$
- $\prod_{l=0}^{n-1} (\sigma_1 w_l - 1)(\sigma_2 w_l - 1) = \prod_{l=0}^{n-1} (\sigma_1 w_l - 1) \prod_{l=0}^{n-1} (\sigma_2 w_l - 1) = (\sigma_1^n - 1)(\sigma_2^n - 1) = 1 - (\sigma_1^n + \sigma_2^n) + (-1)^n$   
 $= 1 - L_{k,n} + (-1)^n$

Consequently, this establishes the equation (1.4). \_

From this equation,  $\left| (CF_k)_{n,r} \right|$  is positive or negative according  $n$  is odd or even, respectively.

This formula can be simplified if  $n$  is even. Comparing the formulas (2) and (4) it is  $m = \frac{n}{2}$ . Then,

- $m$  is even if  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and then  $\left| (CF_k)_{n,r} \right| = \frac{\left( F_{k, \frac{n}{2}, k, r-1+\frac{n}{2}} \right)^n - \left( F_{k, -\frac{n}{2}, k, r+\frac{n}{2}} \right)^n}{L_{k,n} - 2} = \frac{F_{k, \frac{n}{2}}^n \left( L_{k, r-1+\frac{n}{2}}^n - L_{k, r+\frac{n}{2}}^n \right)}{L_{k,n} - 2}$
- $m$  is odd if  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and then  $\left| (CF_k)_{n,r} \right| = \frac{\left( L_{k, \frac{n}{2}, k, r-1+\frac{n}{2}} F_{k, r-1+\frac{n}{2}} \right)^n - \left( L_{k, -\frac{n}{2}, k, r+\frac{n}{2}} F_{k, r+\frac{n}{2}} \right)^n}{L_{k,n} - 2} = \frac{L_{k, \frac{n}{2}}^n \left( F_{k, r-1+\frac{n}{2}}^n - F_{k, r+\frac{n}{2}}^n \right)}{L_{k,n} - 2}$

### 2.2 Matrix norms of the $k$ -Fibonacci circulant matrix

Taking into account the definition of the Euclidean matrix norm, and as all the row vectors have the same

entries, the Euclidean norm of the  $k$ -Fibonacci circulant matrix is  $\left\| (CF_k)_{n,r} \right\|_E = n \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} F_{k,r+j}^2$ . And applying the

formula (1), it is  $\left\| (CF_k)_{n,r} \right\|_E^2 = \frac{n}{k(k^2 + 4)} (L_{k,2r+2n-1} - L_{k,2r-1} + (-1)^{r+n} - (-1)^r)$ .

Logically, the Euclidean norm of the  $k$ -Fibonacci circulant matrix is  $n$  times its row or its column norm.

### 2.3 Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

The eigenvalues of  $(CF_k)_{n,r}$  are given by  $\lambda_j = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} F_{k,r+l} w_j^l$  [11, 10], where  $w_j = \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i}{n} j\right)$  are the  $n$ -th roots of the unity and  $i$  is the imaginary unit.

The corresponding normalized eigenvectors are given by  $\vec{e} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (1, w_j, w_j^2, \dots, w_j^{n-1})^T$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ .

Taking into account if  $p \neq q \rightarrow F_{k,p} \neq F_{k,q}$ , the eigenvalues of  $(CF_k)_{n,r}$  verify the following properties:

- (1) All the eigenvalues are simple.
- (2) If  $n$  is odd, only one eigenvalue is real:  $\lambda_0 = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} F_{k,r+l}$ .
- (3) If  $n$  is even,  $n = 2p$ , the matrix  $(CF_k)_{n,r}$  get only two real eigenvalues:  $\lambda_0$  and  $\lambda_p = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (-1)^j F_{k,r+l}$
- (4) Half the other eigenvalues of  $(CF_k)_{n,r}$  gets complex and the other half are their conjugates.

For instance, if  $n = 3$ , the eigenvalues of  $(CF_k)_{3,r}$  are:

- 1)  $w_0 = 1 \rightarrow \lambda_0 = F_{k,r} + F_{k,r+1} + F_{k,r+2}$
- 2)  $w_1 = -\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rightarrow \lambda_1 = F_{k,r} + F_{k,r+1} \left( -\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) + F_{k,r+2} \left( -\frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$

$$3) \quad w_2 = -\frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rightarrow \lambda_1 = F_{k,r} + F_{k,r+1} \left( -\frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) + F_{k,r+2} \left( -\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

Evidently,  $\lambda_2 = \bar{\lambda}_1$

### III. On The Matrix Product $(CF_k)_{n,r} \cdot ((CF_k)_{n,r})^T$

Let us consider the matrix  $M_{n,r} = (CF_k)_{n,r} \cdot ((CF_k)_{n,r})^T$ , where  $((CF_k)_{n,r})^T$  is the transpose matrix of  $(CF_k)_{n,r}$ . Evidently,  $M_{n,r}$  is double symmetric, that is  $a_{i,j} = a_{j,i}$  and  $a_{i,j} = a_{i+1,j+1}$ . Consequently, all its eigenvalues are real. Finally,  $M_{n,r}$  is also circulant.

If  $\bar{a}_1 = \{a_{1,c}\}$ ,  $c = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  is the first row vector of this matrix, then

$$c = 1: a_{1,1} = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} F_{k,r+j}^2$$

$$c > 1: a_{1,c} = \sum_{j=0}^{c-2} F_{k,r+j} F_{k,r+n+j-(c-1)} + \sum_{j=c-1}^{n-1} F_{k,r+j} F_{k,r+j-(c-1)}$$

Taking into account Proposition 1, we can deduce the following theorem.

#### 3.1. Theorem

If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the circulant matrix  $(CF_k)_{n,r}$ , the square of its norm,  $|\lambda|^2$ , is an eigenvalue of

$$M_{n,r} = (CF_k)_{n,r} \cdot ((CF_k)_{n,r})^T.$$

#### 3.2 Corollary

If  $\lambda = a + ib$ ,  $b \neq 0$  is a complex eigenvalue of  $(CF_k)_{n,r}$  then  $|\lambda|^2 = a^2 + b^2$  is a double eigenvalue of

$$M_{n,r} = (CF_k)_{n,r} \cdot ((CF_k)_{n,r})^T.$$

If  $\lambda = a$  is a real eigenvalue of  $(CF_k)_{n,r}$ , then  $\lambda^2$  is a simple eigenvalue of  $M_{n,r} = (CF_k)_{n,r} \cdot ((CF_k)_{n,r})^T$ .

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