

ON A PSEUDO FIBONACCI SEQUENCE

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Abstract

This article deals with a pseudo Fibonacci sequence and its properties. Some well known identities are obtained in terms of the identities of generalised Fibonacci sequence. Modular properties different from those of Fibonacci sequence are reported.

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1 Introduction

The Fibonacci sequence $\{F_n\}$ is defined by the recurrence relation

$$(1.1) \quad F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n, n \geq 0,$$

with $F_0 = 0$ and $F_1 = 1$ [3, 10]. This sequence has been extended in many ways [See [2, 8] and references therein]. In [1], generalised Fibonacci sequence called B- Fibonacci sequence, defined by

$$(1.2) \quad {}^f B_{n+2} = a {}^f B_{n+1} + b {}^f B_n,$$

with ${}^f B_0 = 0$, ${}^f B_1 = 1$, is discussed. In [4], Phadte - Pethe has introduced pseudo Fibonacci sequence $\{g_n\}$, defined by the non-homogeneous recurrence relation,

$$(1.3) \quad g_{n+2} = g_{n+1} + g_n + At^n, n \geq 0$$

with $g_0 = 0$ and $g_1 = 1$. Here $A \neq 0$ is a constant and t is a real number such that $t \neq 0$, λ_1, λ_2 where λ_1, λ_2 are roots of the equation $\lambda^2 - \lambda - 1 = 0$. g_n is called the n^{th} pseudo Fibonacci number. First few pseudo Fibonacci numbers are:

$$g_0 = 0, \quad g_1 = 1, \quad g_2 = 1 + A, \quad g_3 = 2 + A + At \quad \text{and} \quad g_4 = 3 + 2A + At + At^2.$$

Observe that each pseudo Fibonacci number is such that its first term is a Fibonacci number and the remaining terms form a polynomial in t whose coefficients are A times Fibonacci numbers. More literature on pseudo Fibonacci sequence and its extensions can be seen in [5, 6, 7].

In this paper we shall consider pseudo Fibonacci sequence $\{G_n\}$ defined by the non-homogeneous recurrence relation

$$(1.4) \quad G_{n+2} = aG_{n+1} + bG_n + A(-1)^n, n \geq 0,$$

with $G_0 = \omega$, $G_1 = 1 - \omega$ and study its properties. We assume that $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and A be a constant such that $\omega = \frac{A}{1+a-b} \in \mathbb{Z}$. Following is immediate.

Theorem 1.1 The n^{th} term G_n of (1.4) is given by

$$(1.5) \quad G_n = {}^f B_n + \omega(-1)^n,$$

where ${}^f B_n$ is defined by (1.2).

We list below some identities for the sequence G_n . These identities can be obtained by using corresponding identities for ${}^f B_n$. [1]

Theorem 1.2 G_n satisfies following identities

$$i) \quad G_{n+1}G_{n-1} - G_n^2 = (-1)^n b^{n-1} - \omega(-1)^n (G_{n-1} + 2G_n + G_{n+1})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
ii) \sum_{r=0}^n G_r &= \frac{bG_n + G_{n+1} - \omega(-1)^n(b-1) - 1}{a+b-1} + \omega\epsilon_n \\
\text{where} \quad \epsilon_n &= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases} \\
iii) G_{n+1}G_m - G_nG_{m+1} &= (-b)^n G_{m-n} + \omega \{ (G_{n+1} + G_n)(-1)^m + (G_{m+1} - G_m)(-1)^n - ((-b)^n + 2(-1)^{m+n}) \}. \\
iv) G_n^2 - G_{n+r}G_{n-r} &= (-b)^{n-r} G_r^2 + \omega [2G_n - (-1)^{-r} G_{n+r} - (-1)^r G_{n-r}] (-1)^n + \\
&\quad (-b)^{n-r} \omega^2 - 2\omega(-b)^{n-r} (-1)^r G_r.
\end{aligned}$$

2 Modulo Properties

In this section we study some modulo properties of the sequence $\{G_n\}$. We have the following result.

Theorem 2.1 Let $\pi(m)$ be the period of G_n modulo m . Let $e \geq 1$ be given. Then

- i) For odd prime p , $\pi(p^e) = p^{e-e'} \pi(p)$, where $1 \leq e' \leq e$ is maximal so that $\pi(p^{e'}) = \pi(p)$.
- ii) For $p = 2$ and $e \geq 2$, $\pi(2^e) = 2^{e-e'} \pi(4)$, where $2 \leq e' \leq e$ is maximal so that $\pi(2^{e'}) = \pi(4)$.

Proof. Let $\pi'(m)$ be the period of $\{^f B_n\}$ modulo m . $\pi'(m)$ is always even.

Now $G_0 = ^f B_0 + \omega = \omega$ and $G_1 = ^f B_1 - \omega = 1 - \omega$.

Hence $G_{\pi'(m)} = ^f B_{\pi'(m)} + \omega(-1)^{\pi'(m)} \equiv \omega \pmod{m}$ and

$G_{\pi'(m)+1} = ^f B_{\pi'(m)+1} + \omega(-1)^{\pi'(m)+1} \equiv 1 - \omega \pmod{m}$ so that the period

$\pi'(m)$ of $^f B_n$ and $\pi(m)$ of G_n are same. Now the result follows from Theorem 2 of [9].

Remark 2.1 Note that if three consecutive values of G_n modulo m are same, then the remaining values repeat. This is different from Fibonacci sequence where two consecutive values of F_n modulo m are same then the remaining values repeat.

We now consider a particular case of $\{G_n\}$ with $a = 1$, $b = 2$, and $A = 1$. For this, **Table 2.1** below gives $G_n \pmod{n}$.

Using **Table 2.1**, we can state the following results.

Proposition 2.1

$$G(n) = \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{3} & \text{if } n \equiv 0, 5, 6 \pmod{8}, \\ 1 \pmod{3} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, \\ 2 \pmod{3} & \text{if } n \equiv 2, 3, 4, 7 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$

Proposition 2.2

$$G(n) = n \pmod{4}.$$

Proposition 2.3

$$G(n) = \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{5} & \text{if } n \equiv 0, 8, 17, 21, 22 \pmod{24}, \\ 1 \pmod{5} & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 4, 6, 7, 13, 14, 19 \pmod{24}, \\ 2 \pmod{5} & \text{if } n \equiv 2, 5, 9, 16, 18 \pmod{24}, \\ 3 \pmod{5} & \text{if } n \equiv 10, 11, 12, 15, 20 \pmod{24}, \\ 4 \pmod{5} & \text{if } n \equiv 3, 23 \pmod{24}. \end{cases}$$

Proposition 2.4

$$G(n) = \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{6} & \text{if } n \equiv 0, 6 \pmod{8}, \\ 1 \pmod{6} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, \\ 2 \pmod{6} & \text{if } n \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{8}, \\ 3 \pmod{6} & \text{if } n \equiv 5 \pmod{8}, \\ 5 \pmod{6} & \text{if } n \equiv 3, 7 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$

Table 2.1: $G_n(\text{mod } n)$ for $a = 1, b = 2$ and $A = 1$

n	G_n	mod 3	mod 4	mod 5	mod 6	mod 7	mod 8	mod 9	mod10	mod15
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	14
4	-4	2	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	11
5	-3	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	74	12
6	6	0	2	1	0	6	6	6	6	6
7	11	2	3	1	5	4	3	2	1	11
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	-23	1	1	2	1	5	1	4	7	7
10	-22	2	2	3	2	6	2	5	8	8
11	23	2	3	3	5	2	7	5	3	8
12	68	2	0	3	2	5	4	5	8	8
13	21	0	1	1	3	2	5	3	1	6
14	-114	0	2	1	0	5	6	3	6	6
15	-157	2	3	3	5	4	3	5	3	8
16	72	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	12
17	385	1	1	0	1	0	1	7	5	10
18	242	2	2	2	2	4	2	8	2	2
19	-529	2	3	1	5	3	7	2	1	11
20	-1012	2	0	3	2	3	4	5	8	8
21	45	0	1	0	3	3	5	5	0	0
22	2070	0	2	0	0	5	6	0	0	0
23	1979	2	3	4	5	5	3	8	9	14
24	-2160	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
25	-6119	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1

Proposition 2.5

$$G(n) = \begin{cases} n \text{ mod } 8 & \text{if } n \not\equiv 3, 7 \text{ mod } 8, \\ 3 \text{ mod } 8 & \text{if } n \equiv 7 \text{ mod } 8, \\ 7 \text{ mod } 8 & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \text{ mod } 8. \end{cases}$$

Proposition 2.6

$$G(n) = \begin{cases} 0 \text{ mod } 9 & \text{if } n \equiv 0, 8, 16 \text{ mod } 24, \\ 1 \text{ mod } 9 & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \text{ mod } 24, \\ 2 \text{ mod } 9 & \text{if } n \equiv 2, 7, 19 \text{ mod } 24, \\ 3 \text{ mod } 9 & \text{if } n \equiv 13, 14 \text{ mod } 24, \\ 4 \text{ mod } 9 & \text{if } n \equiv 9 \text{ mod } 24, \\ 5 \text{ mod } 9 & \text{if } n \equiv 4, 10, 11, 12, 15, 20 \text{ mod } 24, \\ 6 \text{ mod } 9 & \text{if } n \equiv 5, 6 \text{ mod } 24, \\ 7 \text{ mod } 9 & \text{if } n \equiv 17 \text{ mod } 24, \\ 8 \text{ mod } 9 & \text{if } n \equiv 3, 18, 23 \text{ mod } 24. \end{cases}$$

Proposition 2.7

$$G(n) = \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{10} & \text{if } n \equiv 0, 8, 22 \pmod{24}, \\ 1 \pmod{10} & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 7, 13, 19 \pmod{24}, \\ 2 \pmod{10} & \text{if } n \equiv 2, 16, 18 \pmod{24}, \\ 3 \pmod{10} & \text{if } n \equiv 11, 15 \pmod{24}, \\ 5 \pmod{10} & \text{if } n \equiv 17, 21 \pmod{24}, \\ 6 \pmod{10} & \text{if } n \equiv 4, 6, 14 \pmod{24}, \\ 7 \pmod{10} & \text{if } n \equiv 5, 9 \pmod{24}, \\ 8 \pmod{10} & \text{if } n \equiv 10, 12, 20 \pmod{24}, \\ 9 \pmod{10} & \text{if } n \equiv 3, 23 \pmod{24}. \end{cases}$$

Proposition 2.8

$$G(n) = \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{15} & \text{if } n \equiv 0, 8, 21, 22 \pmod{24}, \\ 1 \pmod{15} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{24}, \\ 2 \pmod{15} & \text{if } n \equiv 2, 18 \pmod{24}, \\ 6 \pmod{15} & \text{if } n \equiv 6, 13, 14 \pmod{24}, \\ 7 \pmod{15} & \text{if } n \equiv 9 \pmod{24}, \\ 8 \pmod{15} & \text{if } n \equiv 10, 11, 12, 15, 20 \pmod{24}, \\ 10 \pmod{15} & \text{if } n \equiv 17 \pmod{24}, \\ 11 \pmod{15} & \text{if } n \equiv 4, 7, 19 \pmod{24}, \\ 12 \pmod{15} & \text{if } n \equiv 5, 16 \pmod{24}, \\ 14 \pmod{15} & \text{if } n \equiv 3, 23 \pmod{24}. \end{cases}$$

3 Conclusion

A new pseudo Fibonacci sequence is studied whose modular properties are different from those of Fibonacci sequence.

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