## ON FAMILIES OF BIPARTITE GRAPHS ASSOCIATED WITH SUMS OF GENERALIZED ORDER-k FIBONACCI AND LUCAS NUMBERS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we consider the relationships between the sums of the generalized order-k Fibonacci and Lucas numbers and 1-factors of bipartite graphs.

#### 1. Introduction

We consider the generalized order - k Fibonacci and Lucas numbers. In [1], Er defined k sequences of the generalized order - k Fibonacci numbers as shown:

$$g_n^i = \sum_{i=1}^k g_{n-j}^i$$
, for  $n > 0$  and  $1 \le i \le k$ , (1.1)

with boundary conditions for  $1 - k \le n \le 0$ ,

$$g_n^i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 1 - n, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $g_n^i$  is the *n*th term of the *i*th sequence. For example, if k=2, then  $\left\{g_n^2\right\}$  is usual Fibonacci sequence,  $\left\{F_n\right\}$ , and, if k=4, then the 4th sequence of the generalized order-4 Fibonacci numbers is

$$1, 1, 2, 4, 8, 15, 29, 56, 108, 208, 401, 773, 1490, \dots$$

In [9], the authors defined k sequences of the generalized order - k Lucas numbers as shown:

$$l_n^i = \sum_{j=1}^k l_{n-j}^i$$
, for  $n > 0$  and  $1 \le i \le k$ , (1.2)

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with boundary conditions for  $1-k \le n \le 0$ ,

$$l_n^i = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } i = 1 - n, \\ 2 & \text{if } i = 2 - n, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $l_n^i$  is the *n*th term of the *i*th sequence. For example, if k=2, then  $\{l_n^2\}$  is the usual Lucas sequence,  $\{L_n\}$ , and, if k=4, then the 4th sequence of the generalized order-4 Lucas numbers is

 $1, 3, 4, 8, 16, 31, 59, 114, 220, 424, 817, 1575, 30636, \ldots$ 

Also, Er showed that

$$\begin{bmatrix} g_{n+1}^i \\ g_n^i \\ \vdots \\ g_{n-k+2}^i \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} g_n^i \\ g_{n-1}^i \\ \vdots \\ g_{n-k+1}^i \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a  $k \times k$  companion matrix. Then he derived

$$G_{n+1} = AG_n$$

where

$$G_n = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} g_n^1 & g_n^2 & \dots & g_n^k \\ \\ g_{n-1}^1 & g_{n-1}^2 & \dots & g_{n-1}^k \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ g_{n-k+1}^1 & g_{n-k+1}^2 & \dots & g_{n-k+1}^k \end{array} \right]$$

The matrix A is said to be the generalized order -k Fibonacci matrix. In [9], we showed

$$\begin{bmatrix} l_{n+1}^i \\ l_n^i \\ \vdots \\ l_{n-k+2}^i \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} l_n^i \\ l_{n-1}^i \\ \vdots \\ l_{n-k+1}^i \end{bmatrix}$$

and so

$$H_{n+1} = AH_n$$

where

$$H_n = \begin{bmatrix} l_n^1 & l_n^2 & \dots & l_n^k \\ l_{n-1}^1 & l_{n-1}^2 & \dots & l_{n-1}^k \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ l_{n-k+1}^1 & l_{n-k+1}^2 & \dots & l_{n-k+1}^k \end{bmatrix},$$

also showed that

$$H_n = G_n K$$

where

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Furthermore, in [3], we gave the following relationship

$$l_n^k = g_n^k + 2g_{n-1}^k \quad \text{for} \quad k \ge 2.$$
 (1.3)

The permanent of an n-square matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  is defined by

$$per A = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i\sigma(i)}$$

where the summation extends over all permutations  $\sigma$  of the symmetric group  $S_n$ . A matrix is said to be a (0,1) – matrix if each of its entries is either 0 or 1.

In [7], Minc constructed the  $n \times n$  (0,1)-matrix F(n,k) where,  $k \le n+1$ , with 1 in the (i,j) position for  $i-1 \le j \le i+k-1$  and 0 otherwise. That is,

and he showed that

$$perF(n,k) = g_{n+1}^k \tag{1.5}$$

where  $g_n^k$  is the *n*th generalized order-k Fibonacci number. When k=2,  $perF(n,2)=F_{n+1}$ .

In this paper, we find families of square matrices such that (i) each matrix is the adjacency matrix of a bipartite graph; and (ii) the permanent of the matrices are the generalized order-k Lucas numbers and a sum of consecutive generalized order-k Fibonacci or Lucas numbers.

A bipartite graph G is a graph whose vertex set V can be partitioned into two subsets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that every edge of G joins a vertex in  $V_1$  and a vertex in  $V_2$ . A 1 – factor (or perfect matching) of a graph with 2n vertices is a spanning subgraph of G in which every vertex has degree 1. The enumeration or actual construction of 1-factors of a bipartite graph has many applications. Let A(G) be the adjacency matrix of the bipartite graph G, and let  $\mu(G)$  denote the number of 1-factors of G. Then, one can find the following fact in [8]:  $\mu(G) \leq \sqrt{perA(G)}$ . Also, one can find more applications of permanents in [8].

Let G be a bipartite graph whose vertex set V is partitioned into two subsets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that  $|V_1| = |V_2| = n$ . We construct the bipartite adjacent matix  $B(G) = [b_{ij}]$  of G as following:  $b_{ij} = 1$  if and only if G contains an edge from  $v_i \in V_1$  to  $v_j \in V_2$ , and 0 otherwise. Then, in [2] and [8], the number of 1-factors of bipartite graph G equals the permanent of its bipartite adjacency matrix.

Lee defined the matrix  $\mathcal{L}_n$  and gave that  $per\mathcal{L}_n = L_{n-1}$  where  $L_n$  is the *n*th usual Lucas number (see [5]).

In [6], the authors consider the relationship between the k-generalized Fibonacci numbers and 1-factors of a bipartite graph.

Also in [4], we determine the class of bipartite graph whose number of 1-factors is the the Lucas numbers  $L_n$ . We also consider the relationships between the sums of the Fibonacci and Lucas numbers and 1-factors of bipartite graphs.

By the definitions of the generalized order-k Fibonacci and Lucas numbers for  $i = k \ge 2$ , we have that

$$l_1^k = 1,$$
  $l_2^k = 3,$   $l_3^k = 2^2,$   $l_4^k = 2^3,$   $...,$   $l_{k-1}^k = 2^{k-2},$   $l_k^k = 2^{k-1},$   $l_{k+1}^k = 2^k$ 

and

$$g_1^k = 1,$$
  $g_2^k = 2^0,$   $g_3^k = 2^1,$   $g_4^k = 2^2,$   $\dots,$   $g_{k-1}^k = 2^{k-3},$   $g_k^k = 2^{k-2},$   $g_{k+1}^k = 2^{k-1}.$ 

## 2. THE GENERALIZED ORDER-k LUCAS NUMBERS

In this section, we determine a class of bipartite graph whose number of 1-factors is the generalized order-k Lucas number.

Firstly, let n and k be positive integers such that  $n > k \ge 2$  and let  $M(n,k) = [m_{ij}]$  be the  $n \times n$  (0,1) -matrix with M(n,k) = F(n,k) + U(n,k) where  $U(n,k) = [u_{ij}]$  be the  $n \times n$  (0,1) -matrix with  $u_{n-k-1,n-1} = u_{n-k,n} = 1$  and 0 otherwise, and the matrix F(n,k) is given by (1.4). Clearly

Then we have following Theorem.

**Theorem 1.** Let G(M(n,k)) be the bipartite graph with bipartite adjacency matrix M(n,k),  $n \geq 3$ . Then the number of 1-factors of G(M(n,k)) is the nth generalized order-k Lucas number,  $l_n^k$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to see that expanding perM(n, k) by the elements of the last row and if we consider the definition of the matrix F(n, k), then we obtain

Also if we again compute the above permanent by the elements of the last row, then we have

which satisfy, by the definition of the matrix  $F\left(n,k\right)$ 

$$perM(n,k) = 2perF(n-2,k) + perF(n-1,k).$$

Using the Eq. (1.5), we can write the last equation as

$$perM\left(n,k\right) = 2g_{n-1}^{k} + g_{n}^{k}$$

and by the Eq. (1.3)

$$perM(n,k) = 2g_{n-1}^k + g_n^k = l_n^k.$$

So the proof is complete.

For eaxample, if we take k = 2, then the matrix M(n, k) is reduced to the matrix

$$M(n,2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \ddots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and by Theorem 1,  $perM(n,2) = L_n$  where  $L_n$  is the *n*th usual Lucas number. In [4], we define the matrix  $C_n$  and show that  $perC_n = L_n$ . However, the matrix  $C_n$  is different from the matrix M(n,2).

# 3. On the sums of generalized order-k Fibonacci and Lucas numbers

In this section, we determine two classes of bipartite graphs whose number of 1-factors are sums the generalized order-k Fibonacci and Lucas numbers,  $\sum_{j=1}^n g_j^k$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^n l_j^k$ , respectively. Let n and k be positive integers such that  $n>k\geq 2$  and let T(n,k)=1

Let n and k be positive integers such that  $n > k \ge 2$  and let  $T(n, k) = [t_{ij}]$  be the  $n \times n$  (0,1)—matrix with T(n,k) = F(n,k) + V(n,k) where  $V(n,k) = [v_{ij}]$  be the  $n \times n$  (0,1)—matrix with  $v_{1j} = 1$  for  $k+1 \le j \le n$  and 0 otherwise, and the matrix F(n,k) is given by (1.4). That is,

Then we have following Theorem.

**Theorem 2.** Let G(T(n,k)) be the bipartite graph with bipartite adjacency matrix T(n,k) = F(n,k) + V(n,k),  $n \ge 2$ . Then the number of 1-factors of G(T(n,k)) is the sums of generalized order-k Fibonacci numbers,  $\sum_{j=1}^{n} g_{j}^{k}$ .

*Proof.* We will use the induction method. If n = 3, then we have

$$T(3,k) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right],$$

and hence perT(3, k) = 4. From also the definition of the generalized order-k Fibonacci numbers, we have  $g_1^k = g_2^k = 1$ ,  $g_3^k = 2^1$ . Thus  $perT(3, k) = \sum_{j=1}^3 g_j^k$ . Let we suppose that the equality holds for n, then we have

$$perT(n,k) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} g_{j}^{k}.$$
 (3.1)

Now we show that the equality holds for n+1. If we compute the perT(n+1,k) by the Laplace expansion of permanent on the elements

of the first column and consider the definition of the matrix  $F\left(n,k\right)$ , then we obtain

Furthermore, from the definition of the matrix T(n,k), we can write the last equation as

$$perT(n+1,k) = perT(n,k) + perF(n,k).$$
(3.2)

By the Eqs. (1.5) and (3.1), we write the Eq. (3.2) as follow

$$perT(n+1,k) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} g_{j}^{k} + g_{n+1}^{k}$$
$$= \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} g_{j}^{k}.$$

So the proof is complete.

Let n be positive integer such that  $n > k \ge 2$  and let  $E(n, k) = [e_{ij}]$  be the  $n \times n$  (0, 1) -matrix with E(n, k) = M(n, k) + D(n, k) where  $D(n, k) = [d_{ij}]$  be the  $n \times n$  (0, 1) -matrix with  $d_{1j} = 1$  for  $k + 1 \le j \le n$  and 0

otherwise, and the matrix M(n, k) be as in the section 2. That is,

Then we have following Theorem.

**Theorem 3.** Let G(E(n,k)) be the bipartite graph with bipartite adjacency matrix E(n,k),  $n \geq 3$ . Then the number of 1-factors of G(E(n,k)) is the sums of generalized order-k Lucas number,  $\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} l_j^k$ .

*Proof.* We will use the induction method to prove that  $perE(n, k) = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} l_j^k$ . If n = 3, then we have

$$E\left( 3,k
ight) =\left[ egin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} 
ight],$$

and hence perE(3, k) = 4. Since the definition of the generalized order-k Lucas numbers, we have that  $l_1^k = 1$  and  $l_2^k = 3$ ,  $perE(3, k) = \sum_{j=1}^2 l_j^k = 4$ . We suppose that the equality holds for n. Then we have

$$perE(n,k) = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} l_j^k.$$
 (3.4)

Now we show that the equality holds for n+1. It is easy to see that expanding perE(n+1,k) by the elements of the first column and if we consider

the definition of the matrix M(n, k), then we obtain

From also the definition of the matrix  $E\left(n,k\right)$ , we can write the last equation as

$$perE(n+1,k) = perE(n,k) + M(n,k).$$
(3.5)

By the Eq.(3.4) and Theorem 1, we can write the Eq. (3.5) as follow

$$perE(n+1,k) = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} l_j^k + l_n^k$$
$$= \sum_{j=1}^{n} l_j^k.$$

So the proof is complete.

Furthermore, a matrix A is called *convertible* if there is an  $n \times n$  (1, -1) -matrix H such that  $perA = \det(A \circ H)$ , where  $A \circ H$  denotes the Hadamard product of A and H. Such a matrix H is called a *converter* of A.

Let W be a (1,-1) -matrix of order n, defined by

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Combining the above result and Thorems 1, 2 and 3, following Theorems hold.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $l_n^k$  be the nth generalized order-k Lucas number. Then, for  $n \geq 3$ 

$$l_n^k = \det(M(n,k) \circ W).$$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $g_n^k$  be the nth generalized order-k Fibonacci number. Then, for  $n \geq 3$ 

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} g_{j}^{k} = \det \left( T\left(n, k\right) \circ W \right).$$

**Theorem 6.** Let  $l_n^k$  be the nth generalized order-k Lucas number. Then, for  $n \geq 3$ 

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} l_{j}^{k} = \det \left( E\left(n, k\right) \circ W\right).$$

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