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The t -Fibonacci Sequences in Some Finite Groups With Center $Z(G) = G'$

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Abstract: We consider finitely presented groups G_{mn} as follows:

$$G_{mn} = \langle x, y \mid x^m = y^n = 1, [x, y]^x = [x, y], [x, y]^y = [x, y] \rangle \quad m, n \geq 2.$$

In this paper, we first study the groups G_{mn} . Then by using the properties of G_{mn} and t -Fibonacci sequences in finitely generated groups, we show that the period of t -Fibonacci sequences in G_{mn} are a multiple of $K(t, m)$. In particular for $t \geq 3$ and $p = 2$, we prove $LEN_t(G_{pp}) = 2K(t, p)$.

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1. Introduction

Fibonacci numbers and their generalizations have many applications in every field of science and art; see for example, [1–3]. Fibonacci numbers F_n are defined by the recurrence relation $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1; F_n = F_{n-2} + F_{n-1}, n \geq 2$. For any given integer $t \geq 2$, the t -step Fibonacci sequence $F_n(t)$ is defined [4] by the following recurrence formula:

$$F_n(t) = F_{n-1}(t) + F_{n-2}(t) + \cdots + F_{n-t}(t),$$

with initial conditions $F_0(t) = 0, F_1(t) = 0, \dots, F_{t-2}(t) = 0$ and $F_{t-1}(t) = 1$. For $m \geq 2$, we consider $F_n(t, m) = F_n(t) \pmod{m}$. Following Wall [5] one may also prove that $F_n(t, m)$ is periodic sequences. We use $K(t, m)$ to denote the minimal length of the period of the sequence $F_n(t, m)$ and call it Wall number of m with respect to t -step Fibonacci sequence. For example, for

$$\{F_n(4)\}_{n=0}^{n=\infty} = \{0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 4, 8, 15, 29, \dots\},$$

by considering

$$\{F_n(4) \pmod{2}\}_{n=0}^{n=\infty} = \{0, 0, 0, 1, 1, \underline{0}, 0, 0, 1, 1, \dots\},$$

we get $K(4, 2) = 5$.

The Fibonacci sequences in finite groups have been studied by many authors; see for example, [6–11]. We now introduce a generalization of Fibonacci sequences in finite groups which first presented in [4] by Knox.

Definition 1. Let $j \leq t$. A t -Fibonacci sequence in a finite group is a sequence of group elements $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots$ for which, given an initial set $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_j\}$, each element is defined by

$$x_n = \begin{cases} x_1 x_2 \cdots x_{n-1}, & j < n \leq t, \\ x_{n-t} x_{n-t+1} \cdots x_{n-1}, & n > t. \end{cases}$$

Note that the initial elements x_1, x_2, \dots, x_j , generate the group. The t -Fibonacci sequence of G with seed in $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_j\}$ is denoted by $F_t(G; X)$ and its period is denoted by $LEN_t(G; X)$ (see [7, 12]). When it is clear which generating set is being investigated, we will write $LEN_t(G)$ for $LEN_t(G; X)$.

Now, we consider

$$G_m = G_{mm} = \langle x, y | x^m = y^m = 1, [x, y]^x = [x, y], [x, y]^y = [x, y] \rangle \quad m \geq 2.$$

For every $t \geq 3$, to study the t -Fibonacci sequences of G_m , we define the sequence $\{g_n(t)\}_0^\infty$ of numbers as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} g_0(3) &= g_1(3) = g_2(3) = g_3(3) = 0, g_4(3) = 1, g_5(3) = 6; \\ g_n(3) &= g_{n-3}(3) + g_{n-2}(3) + g_{n-1}(3) + (F_{n-3}(3))(F_{n-1}(3) - F_{n-2}(3)) \\ &\quad + (F_{n-3}(3) + F_{n-2}(3))(F_n(3) - F_{n-1}(3)) \\ g_0(t) &= g_1(t) = g_2(t) = 0, g_3(t) = g_3(t - 1), \dots, g_{t+1}(t) = g_{t+1}(t - 1); \\ g_n(t) &= g_{n-t}(t) + g_{n-t+1}(t) + g_{n-t+2}(t) + \dots + g_{n-1}(t) \\ &\quad + F_{n-3}(t)(F_{n-1}(t) - F_{n-2}(t)) \\ &\quad + (F_{n-3}(t) + F_{n-2}(t))(F_n(t) - F_{n-1}(t)) \\ &\quad + (F_{n-3}(t) + F_{n-2}(t) + F_{n-1}(t))(F_{n+1}(t) - F_n(t)) \\ &\quad + (F_{n-3}(t) + F_{n-2}(t) + F_{n-1}(t) + F_n(t))(F_{n+2}(t) - F_{n+1}(t)) \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad + (F_{n-3}(t) + \dots + F_{n+t-5}(t))(F_{n+t-3}(t) - F_{n+t-4}(t)); \quad n > t + 1, t \geq 4. \end{aligned}$$

The 2-Fibonacci length and 3-Fibonacci length of G_m were investigated in [8, 12]. In this paper, we study the t -Fibonacci sequence of G_m . Section 2 is devoted to the proofs of some preliminary results that are needed for the main results of this paper. In Section 3, we generalize 3-Fibonacci sequences idea to t -Fibonacci sequences ($t \geq 4$). Also, we prove the Theorem 3, which show that for every $t \geq 3$ and $p = 2$, $LEN_t(G_p) = 2K(t, p)$.

2. Some Preliminaries

The aim of this section is to collect several facts and basic results that will be used in the rest of this paper. First for given integers $m \geq 2$ and $t \geq 4$, let $F_i = F_i(t, m)$, $K(m) = K(t, m)$ then we prove the following results:

Lemma 1. For integers n, i and m with $m \geq 2$, we have

1.

$$F_{K(m)+i} \equiv F_i(\text{mod } m),$$

2.

$$F_{nK(m)+i} \equiv F_i(\text{mod } m).$$

Proof. Using of the definition of the Wall number of the t -step Fibonacci sequence one has:

$$F_{K(m)+i} \equiv F_i(\text{mod } m).$$

To prove (ii), according to the above relations, we have

$$F_{nK(m)+i} \equiv F_{K(m)+(n-1)K(m)+i} \equiv F_{(n-1)K(m)+i} \equiv \dots \equiv F_i(\text{mod } m). \quad \square$$

Corollary 1. For integers n and $m \geq 2$, if

$$\begin{cases} F_n & \equiv 0 \pmod{m}, \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ F_{n+t-2} & \equiv 0 \pmod{m}, \\ F_{n+t-1} & \equiv 1 \pmod{m}. \end{cases}$$

Then $K(m) | n$.

Proof. Let $n = aK(m) + i$, $0 \leq i < K(m)$. Then by Lemma 1, we get

$$\begin{cases} F_i & \equiv 0 \pmod{m}, \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ F_{i+t-2} & \equiv 0 \pmod{m}, \\ F_{i+t-1} & \equiv 1 \pmod{m}. \end{cases}$$

Now, since $K(m)$ is the least integer such that the assumption holds, the proof is completed immediately. \square

We need some results concerning the groups presented by

$$G_{mn} = \langle x, y | x^m = y^n = 1, [x, y]^x = [x, y], [x, y]^y = [x, y] \rangle \quad m, n \geq 2.$$

First, we state a Lemma without proof that establishes some properties of groups of nilpotency class two.

Lemma 2. If G is a group and $G' \subseteq Z(G)$, then the following hold for every integer k and $u, v, w \in G$

1. $[uv, w] = [u, w][v, w]$ and $[u, vw] = [u, v][u, w]$,
2. $[u^k, v] = [u, v^k] = [u, v]^k$,
3. $(uv)^k = u^k v^k [v, u]^{\frac{k(k-1)}{2}}$.

Lemma 3. Let m, n be positive integer numbers and $d = g.c.d(m, n)$. Then $|G_{mn}| = d \times mn$.

Proof. Consider the subgroup $H = \langle a, [a, b] \rangle$ of G_{mn} . Obviously H is abelian and a simple coset enumeration by defining n coset as $1 = H$ and $ib = i + 1$, $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ shows that $|G : H| = n$. Using the modified Todd-coxeter coset enumeration algorithm, yields the following presentation for H :

$$H = \langle h_1, h_2 | h_1^m = h_2^m = h_1^n = h_2^n = 1, [h_1, h_2] = 1 \rangle.$$

So that $H \cong Z_m \times Z_d$ and $|G_{mn}| = |G : H| \times |H| = d \times mn$. \square

The following proposition is of interest to consider and one may see the proof in [8].

Proposition 1. Let $G = G_{mn}$. Then

1. $G' = \langle [a, b] \rangle$.
2. Every element of G is in the form $x^i y^j g$ where $0 \leq i \leq m - 1, 0 \leq j \leq n - 1$ and $g \in G'$.
3. $Z(G) = \langle x, y, z | x^{m/d} = y^{n/d} = z^d = [x, y] = [x, z] = [y, z] = 1 \rangle$.

For the particular case, consider $m = n$ then for $m \geq 2$ we get

$$G_m = G_{mm} = \langle x, y | x^m = y^m = 1, [x, y]^x = [x, y], [x, y]^y = [x, y] \rangle.$$

Corollary 2. With the above facts, we have

1. $|G_m| = m^3, Z(G_m) = G'_m, |Z(G_m)| = m$.
2. Every element of G_m can be written uniquely in the form $x^r y^s [y, x]^t$ where $0 \leq r, s, t \leq m - 1$.

3. The t -Fibonacci Sequences of G_m

In this section, we examine the t -Fibonacci sequence of G_m with respect to the ordered generating set $X = \{x, y\}$. First, we show that every element of $F_4(G_m; X)$ has a standard form.

Lemma 4. *For every $n, (n \geq 3)$ every element x_n of the 4-Fibonacci sequences of group G_m can be written in the form $x^{F_{n+2}-F_{n+1}}y^{F_{n+1}}[y, x]^{g_n}$.*

Proof. Let $x_r = x_r(4), F_r = F_r(4)$ and $g_r = g_r(4)$. We proceed by induction on n , for $n = 3, 4$ we have

$$x_3 = x_1x_2 = xy[y, x]^0 = x^{F_5-F_4}y^{F_4}[y, x]^{g_3}$$

$$x_4 = x_1x_2x_3 = x^2y^2[y, x] = x^{F_6-F_5}y^{F_5}[y, x]^{g_4}$$

and if $x_k = x^{F_{k+2}-F_{k+1}}y^{F_{k+1}}[y, x]^{g_k}$ ($4 \leq k \leq n - 1$), then by the relation $x_n = x_{n-4}x_{n-3}x_{n-2}x_{n-1}$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} x_n &= x_{n-4} x_{n-3} x_{n-2} x_{n-1} \\ &= x^{F_{n-2}-F_{n-3}}y^{F_{n-3}}[y, x]^{g_{n-4}} x^{F_{n-1}-F_{n-2}}y^{F_{n-2}}[y, x]^{g_{n-3}} \\ &\quad \times x^{F_n-F_{n-1}}y^{F_{n-1}}[x, y]^{g_{n-2}} x^{F_{n+1}-F_n}y^{F_n}[y, x]^{g_{n-1}} \\ &= x^{F_{n-1}-F_{n-3}} y^{F_{n-3}+F_{n-2}}[y, x]^{g_{n-4}+g_{n-3}+F_{n-3}(F_{n-1}-F_{n-2})} x^{F_n-F_{n-1}}y^{F_{n-1}} \\ &\quad \times [y, x]^{g_{n-2}} x^{F_{n+1}-F_n}y^{F_n}[y, x]^{g_{n-1}} \\ &= x^{F_n-F_{n-3}} y^{F_{n-3}+F_{n-2}+F_{n-1}} \\ &\quad \times [y, x]^{g_{n-4}+g_{n-3}+g_{n-2}+F_{n-3}(F_{n-1}-F_{n-2})+(F_{n-3}+F_{n-2})(F_n-F_{n-1})} \\ &\quad \times x^{F_{n+1}-F_n}y^{F_n}[y, x]^{g_{n-1}} \\ &= x^{F_{n+1}-F_{n-3}}y^{F_{n-3}+F_{n-2}+F_{n-1}+F_n} \\ &\quad \times [y, x]^{g_{n-4}+g_{n-3}+g_{n-2}+g_{n-1}+F_{n-3}(F_{n-1}-F_{n-2})+(F_{n-3}+F_{n-2})(F_n-F_{n-1})} \\ &\quad \times [y, x]^{(F_{n-3}+F_{n-2}+F_{n-1})(F_{n+1}-F_n)} \\ &= x^{F_{n+2}-F_{n+1}}y^{F_{n+1}}[y, x]^{g_n}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the assertion holds. □

Now, we are ready to generalize the idea of 4-Fibonacci sequence of G_m to t -Fibonacci sequence of these groups.

Theorem 1. *For every $t \geq 4$ and $n \geq 3$, each element x_n of the t -Fibonacci sequences of group G_m can be written in the form*

$$x_n(t) = x^{F_{n+t-2}(t)-F_{n+t-3}(t)}y^{F_{n+t-3}(t)}[y, x]^{g_n(t)}.$$

Proof. Use an induction method on t . We have for $t = 4$:

$$x_n(4) = x^{F_{n+2}(4)-F_{n+1}(4)}y^{F_{n+1}(4)}[y, x]^{g_n(4)}$$

and if for every $k, (5 \leq k \leq t)$, we have

$$x_n(k) = x^{F_{n+2}(k)-F_{n+1}(k)}y^{F_{n+1}(k)}[y, x]^{g_n(k)}.$$

It is sufficient to show that

$$x_n(t + 1) = x^{F_{n+t-1}(t+1)-F_{n+t-2}(t+1)}y^{F_{n+t-2}(t+1)}[y, x]^{g_n(t+1)}.$$

For this, we use an induction method on n :

If $3 \leq s \leq t$, by definitions of F_n and g_n we get $F_s(t + 1) = F_s(t)$ and $g_s(t + 1) = g_s(t)$, then $x_s(t + 1) = x_s(t)$. By this and the inductive hypothesis t we have

$$x_s(t + 1) = x^{F_{s+t-1}(t+1)-F_{s+t-2}(t+1)}y^{F_{s+t-2}(t+1)}[y, x]^{g_s(t+1)}.$$

Now we suppose that the hypothesis of induction holds for all $s \leq n - 1$. By definition of $x_n(t + 1)$ and Corollary 2-(ii), we get;

$$\begin{aligned} x_n(t + 1) &= x_{n-(t+1)}(t + 1)x_{n-(t+1)+1}(t + 1) \times \cdots \times x_{n-1}(t + 1) \\ &= x^{F_{n-2}(t+1)-F_{n-3}(t+1)} y^{F_{n-3}(t+1)} [y, x]^{g_{n-t-1}(t+1)} \\ &\quad \times x^{F_{n-1}(t+1)-F_{n-2}(t+1)} y^{F_{n-2}(t+1)} [y, x]^{g_{n-t}(t+1)} \\ &\quad \times x^{F_n(t+1)-F_{n-1}(t+1)} y^{F_{n-1}(t+1)} [y, x]^{g_{n-t+1}(t+1)} \\ &\quad \times \cdots \times x^{F_{n+t-2}(t+1)-F_{n+t-3}(t+1)} y^{F_{n+t-3}(t+1)} [y, x]^{g_{n-1}(t+1)} \\ &= x^{F_{n-1}(t+1)-F_{n-3}(t+1)} y^{F_{n-3}(t+1)+F_{n-2}(t+1)} \\ &\quad \times [y, x]^{g_{n-t-1}(t+1)+g_{n-t}(t+1)+F_{n-3}(t+1)(F_{n-1}(t+1)-F_{n-2}(t+1))} \\ &\quad \times x^{F_n(t+1)-F_{n-1}(t+1)} y^{F_{n-1}(t+1)} [y, x]^{g_{n-t+1}(t+1)} \\ &\quad \times \cdots \times x^{F_{n+t-2}(t+1)-F_{n+t-3}(t+1)} y^{F_{n+t-3}(t+1)} [y, x]^{g_{n-1}(t+1)} \\ &= x^{F_n(t+1)-F_{n-3}(t+1)} y^{F_{n-3}(t+1)+F_{n-2}(t+1)+F_{n-1}(t+1)} \\ &\quad \times [y, x]^{g_{n-t-1}(t+1)+g_{n-t}(t+1)+g_{n-t+1}(t+1)} \\ &\quad \times [y, x]^{F_{n-3}(t+1)((F_{n-1}(t+1)-F_{n-2}(t+1)))} \\ &\quad \times [y, x]^{(F_{n-3}(t+1)+F_{n-2}(t+1))(F_n(t+1)-F_{n-1}(t+1))} \\ &\quad \times \cdots \times x^{F_{n+t-2}(t+1)-F_{n+t-3}(t+1)} y^{F_{n+t-3}(t+1)} [y, x]^{g_{n-1}(t+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

We continue this process and find that

$$\begin{aligned} x_n(t + 1) &= x^{F_{n+t-1}(t+1)-F_{n+t-2}(t+1)} y^{F_{n-3}(t+1)+\cdots+F_{n+t-3}(t+1)} \\ &\quad \times [y, x]^{g_{n-t-1}(t+1)+\cdots+g_{n-1}(t+1)+F_{n-3}(t+1)(F_{n-1}(t+1)-F_{n-2}(t+1))} \\ &\quad \times [y, x]^{(F_{n-3}(t+1)+F_{n-2}(t+1))(F_n(t+1)-F_{n-1}(t+1))} \\ &\quad \times [y, x]^{(F_{n-3}(t+1)+\cdots+F_{n+t-4}(t+1))(F_{n+t-2}(t+1)-F_{n+t-3}(t+1))} \\ &= x^{F_{n+t-1}(t+1)-F_{n+t-2}(t+1)} y^{F_{n+t-2}(t+1)} [y, x]^{g_n(t+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

The theorem is proved. □

Example 1. For integer $m = 2$, by using above Theorem and relations of G_m , we obtain the 4-Fibonacci sequence of G_m (i.e. $F_4(G_m; X)$) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= x, x_2 = y, x_3 = x^{F_5-F_4} y^{F_4} [y, x]^{g_3} = x^3 y = xy, \\ x_4 &= x^{F_6-F_5} y^{F_5} [y, x]^{g_4} = x^2 y^2 [y, x] = [y, x], \\ x_5 &= x^{F_7-F_6} y^{F_6} [y, x]^{g_5} = x^4 y^4 [y, x]^6 = e, \\ x_6 &= x^{F_8-F_7} y^{F_7} [y, x]^{g_6} = x^7 y^8 [y, x]^{28} = x, \\ x_7 &= x^{14} y^{15} [y, x]^{98} = y, x_8 = x^{27} y^{29} [y, x]^{379} = yx, \\ x_9 &= x^{52} y^{56} [y, x]^{1436} = e, x_{10} = x^{100} y^{108} [y, x]^{5378} = e, \\ x_{11} &= x^{193} y^{208} [y, x]^{19984} = x, x_{12} = x^{372} y^{401} [y, x]^{74434} = y, \\ x_{13} &= x^{717} y^{773} [y, x]^{276868} = xy, x_{14} = x^{1382} y^{1490} [y, x]^{1029149} = [y, x], \dots \end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} x_{11} &= x_{10+1} = x = x_1, x_{12} = x_{10+2} = y = x_2, x_{13} = x_{10+3} = xy = x_3, \\ x_{14} &= x_{10+4} = [y, x] = x_4. \end{aligned}$$

Then $LEN_4(G_m) = 10 = 2K(4, 2)$.

Theorem 2. If $LEN_t(G_m; X) = P$ then the equations

$$\begin{cases} F_P \equiv 0 \pmod{m}, \\ \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \\ F_{P+t-2} \equiv 0 \pmod{m}, \\ F_{P+t-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}. \end{cases}$$

hold. Moreover, $K(t, m)$ divides P .

Proof. For a constant t , let $K(t, m) = K(m)$ and $x_n(t) = x_n$. Since $LEN_t(G_m; X) = P$, for $1 \leq i \leq t$, we have $x_{P+i} = x_i$. Then by the Theorem 1 and Corollary 2-(ii), we obtain

$$\begin{cases} F_{P+t-2} \equiv F_{t-2} \pmod{m}, \\ F_{P+t-1} \equiv F_{t-1} \pmod{m}, \\ \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \\ F_{P+t+t-3} \equiv F_{t+t-3} \pmod{m}. \end{cases}$$

Now by definition of F_n , this equivalent to

$$\begin{cases} F_{P+t-3} \equiv F_{t-3} \pmod{m}, \\ F_{P+t-2} \equiv F_{t-2} \pmod{m}, \\ \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \\ F_{P+t+t-4} \equiv F_{t+t-4} \pmod{m}. \end{cases}$$

By repeating this process, we obtain

$$\begin{cases} F_P \equiv 0 \pmod{m}, \\ \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \\ F_{P+t-2} \equiv 0 \pmod{m}, \\ F_{P+t-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}. \end{cases}$$

So, the Corollary 1 yields that $K(m)|P$. □

Note. Let G be a finite 2-generated group of nilpotent class two. Then $G \cong \langle a, b | R \rangle$, where $\{a^m = b^n = 1, [a, b]^a = [a, b], [a, b]^b = [a, b]\} \subseteq R$. By these facts, we believe that the Theorem 2 holds for a finite 2-generated group of nilpotent class two.

A list of $K(4, n)$ for all $2 \leq n \leq 101$ is given in the Table 1.

In [8], for $t = 2$ and $X = \{x, y\}$, the t -Fibonacci length of G_m was studied by H. Doostie and M. Hashemi. They show that for every prime number p

$$LEN_t(G_p) = \begin{cases} 2K(t, p), & p = 2, \\ K(t, p), & p \neq 2. \end{cases}$$

Note that this formula, may be generalized for $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_s^{\alpha_s}$; i.e. in this case we have $LEN_t(G_n) = l.c.m\{LEN_t(G_{p_1^{\alpha_1}}), \dots, LEN_t(G_{p_s^{\alpha_s}})\}$.

Now, we prove the following important theorem which gives an explicit formula for $LEN_t(G_2)$.

Theorem 3. For $t \geq 3$ and $p = 2$, $LEN_t(G_p) = 2K(t, p)$.

Proof. First, we show that $K(t, 2) = t + 1$. For any t -Fibonacci recurrence $\{U_n\}_{n \geq 0}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} U_n &= U_{n-1} + U_{n-2} + \dots + U_{n-t} = U_{n-1} + (U_{n-2} + \dots + U_{n-t-1}) - U_{n-t-1} \\ &= 2U_{n-1} - U_{n-t-1}, \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

n	$K(4, n)$	n	$K(4, n)$	n	$K(4, n)$	n	$K(4, n)$
2	5	27	234	52	420	77	6840
3	26	28	1710	53	303480	78	5460
4	10	29	280	54	1170	79	998720
5	312	30	1560	55	1560	80	1560
6	130	31	61568	56	3420	81	702
7	342	32	80	57	89154	82	240
8	20	33	1560	58	280	83	1157520
9	78	34	24560	59	205378	84	22230
10	1560	35	17784	60	1560	85	191568
11	120	36	390	61	226980	86	162800
12	130	37	1368	62	307840	87	3640
13	84	38	34290	63	4446	88	120
14	1710	39	1092	64	160	89	9320
15	312	40	1560	65	2184	90	1560
16	40	41	240	66	1560	91	4788
17	4912	42	22230	67	100254	92	60830
18	390	43	162800	68	24560	93	61568
19	6858	44	120	69	158158	94	519110
20	1560	45	312	70	88920	95	356616
21	4446	46	60830	71	357910	96	1040
22	120	47	103822	72	780	97	368872
23	12166	48	520	73	2664	98	11970
24	260	49	2394	74	6840	99	1560
25	1560	50	1560	75	1560	100	1560
26	420	51	63856	76	34290	101	1030300

Table 1

and reduce modulo 2 to get that $U_n \equiv U_{n-(t+1)} \pmod{2}$. Let $F_n := F_n(t)$. Then for $\{F_n\}_{n \geq 0}$, we already know that $F_0 = \dots = F_{t-2} = 0$, $F_{t-1} = 1$ and clearly $F_t = F_{t-1} + \dots + F_0 = 1$. Thus, modulo 2, $\{F_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ is simply the repeating block $0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 1$, where there are $t - 1$ zeros. The above shows right away that $F_a F_{a+i} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ if $i = 2, 3, \dots, k - 1$ and any a (that is the product of any two members of F_n with indices nonconsecutive but which differ by less than k is zero modulo 2). Now, by the above remark, the recurrence relation for $g_n(t)$ and use the fact that $-x \equiv x \pmod{2}$, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} F_{n-3}(F_{n-1} - F_{n-2}) &\equiv F_{n-3}F_{n-2} \pmod{2}; \\ (F_{n-3} + F_{n-2})(F_n - F_{n-1}) &\equiv F_{n-2}F_{n-1} \pmod{2}; \\ (F_{n-3} + F_{n-2} + F_{n-1})(F_{n+1} - F_n) &\equiv F_{n-1}F_n \pmod{2}; \\ &\dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\ (F_{n-3} + \dots + F_{n+t-5})(F_{n+t-3} - F_{n+t-4}) &\equiv F_{n+t-5}F_{n+t-4} + F_{n+t-3}F_{n+t-2} \pmod{2}. \end{aligned}$$

The last one deserves an explanation. Indeed, note that by periodicity with period $t + 1$ we have $F_{n-3} \equiv F_{n+t-2} \pmod{2}$ and now F_{n+t-2} and F_{n+t-3} have consecutive indices. However, this is the only instance when this happens, in all the other relations only the product of the last term from the first (left) factor with the last term from the second (right) factor survive modulo 2. Thus,

$$g_n \equiv g_{n-1} + \dots + g_{n-t} + (F_{n-3}F_{n-2} + \dots + F_{n+t-5}F_{n+t-4} + F_{n+t-3}F_{n+t-2}) \pmod{2}.$$

The last sum is ‘‘almost perfect’’. A perfect one would be if $F_{n+t-4}F_{n+t-3}$ would also be present in the above sum. If it were then this sum would be

$$F_m F_{m+1} + F_{m+1} F_{m+2} + \dots + F_{m+t} F_{m+t+1} \quad \text{for} \quad m = n - 3 \tag{2}$$

and one can check easily that this is constant 1 modulo 2 (it is enough to check it for the first $t + 1$ values of $m = 0, 1, \dots, t$ and then use periodicity). Since $2F_{n+t-4}F_{n+t-3} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, by the above, we have

$$g_n \equiv g_{n-1} + \dots + g_{n-t} + 1 + F_{n+t-4}F_{n+t-3} \pmod{2}.$$

Now use the trick at (1). Namely, we have

$$\begin{aligned} g_n &\equiv g_{n-1} + (g_{n-2} + \dots + g_{n-t} + g_{n-t-1} + 1 + F_{n+t-5}F_{n+t-4}) \\ &\quad + g_{n-t-1} + F_{n+t-4}F_{n+t-3} + F_{n+t-5}F_{n+t-4} \pmod{2} \\ &\equiv 2g_{n-1} + g_{n-t-1} + F_{n+t-4}(F_{n+t-3} + F_{n+t-2}) \pmod{2} \\ &\equiv g_{n-t-1} + F_{n+t-4}(F_{n+t-3} + F_{n+t-2}) \pmod{2}. \end{aligned}$$

The expression $F_{n+t-4}(F_{n+t-3} + F_{n+t-2})$ is most times 0 modulo 2 but not always since for $n = 3$ it becomes $F_{t-1}(F_t + F_{t-2}) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$. This shows that $t + 1$ is not the period of g_n . Well, let’s apply the above relation again with n replaced by $n - t - 1$. We get

$$\begin{aligned} g_n &\equiv g_{n-t-1} + F_{n+t-4}(F_{n+t-3} + F_{n+t-2}) \\ &\equiv (g_{n-(2t+1)} + F_{n-(t+1)+t-4}(F_{n-(t+1)+t-3} + F_{n-(t+1)+t-2})) \\ &\quad + F_{n+t-4}(F_{n+t-3} + F_{n+t-2}) \pmod{2}, \end{aligned}$$

and the expression involving the last four t -Fibonacci numbers is 0. Since F_n is periodic modulo 2 with period $t + 1$ (that is, that last expression is $2F_{n+t-4}(F_{n+t-3} + F_{n+t-2}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$). Hence,

$$g_n \equiv g_{n-2(t+1)} \pmod{2},$$

which proves the Theorem. □

m	$LEN_3(G_m)$	$K(3, m)$	$LEN_4(G_m)$	$K(4, m)$
2	8	4	10	5
3	13	13	26	26
4	16	8	20	10
8	32	16	40	20

Table 2

By using a computer program written in the computational algebra system GAP [13], we checked that the above formula holds for every $t = 3, 4$ and $2 \leq m \leq 10$. Some of these results are shown below. At the end of this section we state a conjecture about the $LEN_t(G_p)$, as follows:

Conjecture. For every $t \geq 3$ and prime number $p(p > 2)$

$$LEN_t(G_p) = K(t, p).$$

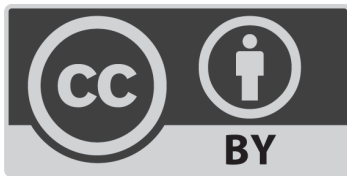
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