

## ( $\pm 1$ )-INVARIANT SEQUENCES AND TRUNCATED FIBONACCI SEQUENCES OF THE SECOND KIND

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we present another characterization of ( $\pm 1$ )-invariant sequences. We also introduce truncated Fibonacci and Lucas sequences of the second kind and show that a sequence  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^\infty$  is ( $-1$ )-invariant (1-invariant resp.) if and only if  $D \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}$  is perpendicular to every truncated Fibonacci (truncated Lucas resp.) sequence of the second kind where

$$D = \text{diag}((-1)^0, (-1)^1, (-1)^2, \dots).$$

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, let  $\mathbf{R}^\infty$  denote the infinite dimensional real vector space consisting of all real sequences  $(x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots)^T$ , and let  $P$  and  $D$  denote the Pascal matrix  $[\binom{i}{j}]$ ,  $(i, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$  and the diagonal matrix  $\text{diag}((-1)^0, (-1)^1, (-1)^2, \dots)$  respectively. We also assume that every matrix in this paper is assumed to have infinitely many rows and columns numbered  $0, 1, 2, \dots$  unless otherwise specified. The classical binomial inversion formula states that for  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{R}^\infty$ ,  $PD\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  if and only if  $P\mathbf{D}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}$ . Let  $\mathbf{F} = (F_0, F_1, F_2, \dots)^T = (0, 1, 1, 2, 3, \dots)^T$  and  $\mathbf{L} = (L_0, L_1, L_2, \dots)^T = (2, 1, 3, 4, \dots)^T$  be the Fibonacci sequence and the Lucas sequence respectively. Then  $P\mathbf{D}\mathbf{F} = -\mathbf{F}$  and  $P\mathbf{D}\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{L}$ . Thus, as a linear transformation of  $\mathbf{R}^\infty$ ,  $PD$  has eigenvalues  $-1, 1$ . In fact,

$-1$  and  $1$  are the only eigenvalues of  $PD$

because if  $\lambda \neq \pm 1$ , then  $PD\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$  has no nonzero solution. A sequence  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^\infty$  is called a *1-invariant sequence* if  $PD\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$ , a *( $-1$ )-invariant*

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sequence if  $PD\mathbf{x} = -\mathbf{x}$  ([1]). Associated with the Pascal matrix  $P$ , let  $P^{-}$  denote the matrix defined by

$$P^{-} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix},$$

where the row  $i$ , ( $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ), is that of the Pascal matrix  $P$  preceded by  $\mathbf{0}_i^T$ , the  $i$ -vector of zeros. Let

$$(1.1) \quad Q = P + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 1 & 4 & 5 & 2 & 0 & \cdots \\ 1 & 5 & 9 & 7 & 2 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}.$$

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where the row  $i$  is that of  $Q$  preceded by  $\mathbf{0}_i^T$ , ( $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ). Then  $\mathbf{e}^T[\mathbf{0}, P^{-}] = \mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{e}^T Q^{-} = \mathbf{L}$  where  $\mathbf{e} = (1, 1, \dots)^T \in \mathbf{R}^\infty$ . It is noted in [1] that

$$Q^{-} = P^{-} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & P^{-} \end{bmatrix}.$$

For a matrix  $A$  whose row index set and column index set are  $J$  and  $K$  respectively, and for  $J_0 \subset J$ ,  $K_0 \subset K$ , let  $A(J_0|K_0)$  denote the matrix obtained from  $A$  by deleting rows in  $J_0$  and columns in  $K_0$ , and let  $A[J_0|K_0]$  denote the matrix  $A(\bar{J}_0|\bar{K}_0)$  where  $\bar{J}_0 = J - J_0$ ,  $\bar{K}_0 = K - K_0$ .

In [4], generating functions of  $(\pm 1)$ -invariant sequences are investigated. In [1], the authors found some characterization of  $(\pm 1)$ -invariant sequences in connection with the matrices  $P$  and  $Q$ . They also introduced truncated Fibonacci and Lucas sequences and proved that a sequence  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^\infty$  is  $(-1)$ -invariant(1-invariant resp.) if and only if  $\mathbf{x}$

is expressible as a linear combination of truncated Fibonacci(truncated Lucas resp.) sequences.

In this paper we present another characterization of (±1)-invariant sequences. We also introduce truncated Fibonacci and Lucas sequences of the second kind and show that a sequence  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^\infty$  is (−1)-invariant(1-invariant resp.) if and only if  $D \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}$  is perpendicular to every truncated Fibonacci(truncated Lucas resp.) sequence of the second kind.

### 2. Relationship between (±1)-invariant sequences

In this section we first investigate the relationship between (±1)-invariant sequences.

LEMMA 2.1. [1] For a sequence  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^\infty$ , the following hold.

- (a)  $\mathbf{x}$  is (−1)-invariant if and only if  $P^- D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ ,
- (b)  $\mathbf{x}$  is 1-invariant if and only if  $Q^-(0|0)D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

The matrices  $P^-$  and  $Q^-$  are related as

$$Q^- = P^- + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & 0 & P^- \end{bmatrix}.$$

Yet, there is another relation between  $P^-$  and  $Q^-$ . In what follows let  $\Delta_{\mathbf{N}}$  denote the matrix  $\text{diag}(1, 2, 3, 4, \dots)$ .

LEMMA 2.2. The matrices  $P^-$  and  $Q^-$  are related as

$$Q^- = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & \Delta_{\mathbf{N}}^{-1} \end{bmatrix} P^- \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & \Delta_{\mathbf{N}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $P = [\beta_{ij}]$ ,  $Q = [\gamma_{ij}]$ , ( $i, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ). Then  $\beta_{ij} = \binom{i}{j}$  and, by (1.1),

$$(2.1) \quad \gamma_{ij} = \binom{i}{j} + \binom{i-1}{j-1} = \frac{i+j}{i} \binom{i}{j} = \frac{i+j}{i} \beta_{ij}$$

for  $i, j \geq 1$ . Thus we see that  $Q$  is obtained from  $P$  by multiplying the row  $i$  by  $\frac{i}{i+j}$ , ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ) and multiplying each of the entries in the line  $i + j = k$  by  $k$ , ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ) and then multiplying the row 0 by 2. Let

$$P^- = [\mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \dots], \quad Q^- = [\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots].$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p}_k &= (\beta_{0,k}, \beta_{1,k-1}, \dots, \beta_{k-1,1}, \beta_{k,0}, 0, 0, \dots)^T, \\ \mathbf{q}_k &= (\gamma_{0,k}, \gamma_{1,k-1}, \dots, \gamma_{k-1,1}, \gamma_{k,0}, 0, 0, \dots)^T, \end{aligned}$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , from which we see that

$$\mathbf{q}_k = (2k\beta_{0,k}, k\beta_{1,k-1}, \frac{1}{2}k\beta_{2,k-2}, \frac{1}{3}k\beta_{3,k-3}, \dots, \frac{1}{k}k\beta_{k,0}, 0, 0, \dots)^T,$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , by (2.1). Thus we have the equality in the Lemma.  $\square$

The following theorem is a characterization of  $(\pm 1)$ -invariant sequences which looks similar to but is different from Lemma 2.1.

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots)^T \in \mathbf{R}^\infty$ . Then*  
 (a)  $\mathbf{x}$  is  $(-1)$ -invariant if and only if  $Q^{-1}(x_0, -x_1, \frac{1}{2}x_2, -\frac{1}{3}x_3, \dots)^T = \mathbf{0}$ .  
 (b)  $\mathbf{x}$  is 1-invariant if and only if

$$P^{-1}(0|0)(x_0, -2x_1, 3x_2, -4x_3, \dots)^T = \mathbf{0}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $P^{-1}D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is equivalent to  $Q^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & \Delta_N^{-1} \end{bmatrix} D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  by Lemma 2.2, (a) follows from Lemma 2.1(a). By Lemma 2.2, we also have  $Q^{-1}(0|0) = \Delta_N^{-1}P^{-1}(0|0)\Delta_N$ . So,  $Q^{-1}(0|0)D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is equivalent to  $P^{-1}(0|0)\Delta_N D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , and (b) follows from Lemma 2.1(b).  $\square$

We now present the relationship between the  $(-1)$ -invariant sequences and the 1-invariant sequences.

**LEMMA 2.4.** [1] *Let  $(x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots)^T \in \mathbf{R}^\infty$  and let  $s_k = \sum_{i=0}^k x_i$ , ( $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ). Then  $(x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots)^T$  is  $\lambda$ -invariant if and only if  $(0, 0, s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots)^T$  is  $\lambda$ -invariant, for  $\lambda \in \{1, -1\}$ .*

**THEOREM 2.5.** *Let  $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots)^T \in \mathbf{R}^\infty$ . Then*  
 (a)  $\mathbf{x}$  is  $(-1)$ -invariant if and only if  $x_0 = 0$  and  $(x_1, \frac{1}{2}x_2, \frac{1}{3}x_3, \frac{1}{4}x_4, \dots)^T$  is 1-invariant.  
 (b)  $\mathbf{x}$  is 1-invariant if and only if  $(0, x_0, 2x_1, 3x_2, \dots)^T$  is  $(-1)$ -invariant.

*Proof.* (a) Let  $\mathbf{y} = (x_1, x_2, \dots)^T$  so that  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ -D\mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix}$ . Suppose that  $\mathbf{x}$  is  $(-1)$ -invariant. Then, by Lemma 2.1,  $P^{-1}D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & P^{-1}(0|0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ -D\mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus  $x_0 = 0$  and

$$(2.2) \quad P^{-1}(0|0)D\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Now (2.2) gives us that

$$\Delta_N^{-1}P^{-1}(0|0)\Delta_N\Delta_N^{-1}D\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}, \text{ i.e., } Q^{-1}(0|0)\Delta_N^{-1}D\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}.$$

So, by Lemma 2.1 again we see that  $\Delta_{\mathbf{N}}^{-1}\mathbf{y} = (x_1, \frac{1}{2}x_2, \frac{1}{3}x_3, \frac{1}{4}x_4, \dots)^T$  is 1-invariant. Reversing the above argument we can show that if  $\Delta_{\mathbf{N}}^{-1}\mathbf{y}$  is 1-invariant, then  $\mathbf{x}$  is (−1)-invariant.

(b) Suppose that  $\mathbf{x}$  is 1-invariant. Then, by Lemma 2.1,  $Q^{-}(0|0)D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  from which we get  $P^{-}(0|0)\Delta_{\mathbf{N}}D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  so that

$$P^{-} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta_{\mathbf{N}}D\mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & P^{-}(0|0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta_{\mathbf{N}}D\mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta_{\mathbf{N}}D\mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = -D \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta_{\mathbf{N}}\mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix},$$

we see, by Lemma 2.1, that  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta_{\mathbf{N}}\mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = (0, x_0, 2x_1, 3x_2, 4x_3, \dots)^T$  is (−1)-invariant. Reversing the above argument, it can be shown that if  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta_{\mathbf{N}}\mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}$  is (−1)-invariant, then  $\mathbf{x}$  is 1-invariant. □

### 3. (±1)-invariant sequences and the truncated Fibonacci and Lucas sequences

In [1], [2], and [3], some generalization of Fibonacci and Lucas sequences are found. In this section we introduce another extension of the notion of Fibonacci and Lucas sequences.

Suppose that we arrange  $n$  congruent cubic blocks in such a way that the blocks are arranged in one or two rows and each of the blocks in the top row(top blocks) is placed on a block in the bottom row(base block). We call such an arrangement a *Fibonacci arrangement* of  $n$  blocks. Let  $\mathcal{F}_n$  denote the set of all Fibonacci arrangements of  $n$  blocks. It is well known that  $|\mathcal{F}_n|$ , the number of elements of  $\mathcal{F}_n$ , is equal to  $\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n-1}{1} + \dots + \binom{1}{n-1} + \binom{0}{n} = F_{n+1}$ , the  $(n + 1)$ st Fibonacci number. For a nonnegative integer  $r$ , let  $\mathcal{F}_{r,n}$  denote the set of all Fibonacci arrangements of  $n$  blocks in such a way that the number of top blocks is  $\leq r$ . The sequence  $\mathbf{F}_r = (f_{r,0}, f_{r,1}, f_{r,2}, \dots)^T$  defined by  $f_{r,0} = 0$ ,  $f_{r,1} = 1$ ,  $f_{r,n} = |\mathcal{F}_{r,n-1}|$ , the number of elements of  $\mathcal{F}_{r,n-1}$ , ( $n \geq 2$ ) is called  $r$ th *truncated Fibonacci sequence* ([1]). It is noted in [1] that  $f_{r,n+1} = \sum_{k=0}^r \binom{n-k}{k}$  which is the sum of entries of  $P$  lying on the line  $i + j = n$  within the range  $0 \leq j \leq r$ .

Consider the set  $\mathcal{F}'_{r,n}$  of all Fibonacci arrangements of  $n$  blocks such that the number of base blocks is  $\leq r$ . Let  $\mathbf{F}'_r = (f'_{r,0}, f'_{r,1}, f'_{r,2}, \dots)^T$  be defined by

$$f'_{r,0} = 0, \quad f'_{r,1} = 1, \quad f'_{r,n} = |\mathcal{F}'_{r,n-1}|, \quad (n \geq 2).$$

We call  $\mathbf{F}'_r$  the  $r$ th *truncated Fibonacci sequence of the second kind*. Let  $k$  be the number of base blocks in an arrangement in  $\mathcal{F}'_{r,n}$ . Then the number of top blocks is  $n - k$ , and there are  $\binom{k}{n-k}$  ways that the  $n - k$  top blocks can be placed. Since  $0 \leq k \leq r$ , we have

$$f'_{r,n+1} = \binom{0}{n} + \binom{1}{n-1} + \cdots + \binom{r}{n-r},$$

which is the sum of entries of  $P$  lying on the line  $i + j = n$  within the range  $0 \leq i \leq r$ . Therefore we see that  $\mathbf{F}'_r$  is the column sum vector of  $[\mathbf{0}, P^{-1}[0, 1, \dots, r|0, 1, 2, \dots]]$ .

Let  $Q = [\gamma_{ij}]$  and let  $g_{r,n} = \sum_{k=0}^r \gamma_{n-k,k}$  and  $\mathbf{L}_r = (g_{r,0}, g_{r,1}, g_{r,2}, \dots)^T$ . Then  $g_{r,n}$  is equal to the sum of the entries of  $Q$  lying on the line  $i + j = n$  within the range  $0 \leq j \leq r$ . The sequence  $\mathbf{L}_r$  is called the  $r$ th *truncated Lucas sequence* ([1]).

Let

$$(3.1) \quad g'_{r,n} = \sum_{k=0}^r \gamma_{k,n-k}$$

and let  $\mathbf{L}'_r = (g'_{r,0}, g'_{r,1}, g'_{r,2}, \dots)^T$ . We call  $\mathbf{L}'_r$  the  $r$ th *truncated Lucas sequence of the second kind*. Since the right hand side of (3.1) is the sum of the entries of  $Q$  lying on the line  $i + j = n$  within the range  $0 \leq i \leq r$ , we see that  $\mathbf{L}'_r$  is the column sum vector of  $Q^{-1}[0, 1, \dots, r|0, 1, 2, \dots]$ .

A sequence  $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots)^T \in \mathbf{R}^\infty$  is called a *finite sequence* if  $x_i = 0$  for all but a finite number of  $i$ 's. Note that the sequences  $\mathbf{F}'_r$  and  $\mathbf{L}'_r$  are finite sequences for all  $r$ .

It is proved in [1] that a sequence is  $(-1)$ -invariant (1-invariant resp.) if and only if it is expressible as a linear combination of truncated Fibonacci(truncated Lucas resp.) sequences. In particular, the truncated Fibonacci(truncated Lucas resp.) sequences are  $(-1)$ -invariant (1-invariant resp.) sequences.

Are the truncated Fibonacci and the truncated Lucas sequences of the second kind  $(\pm 1)$ -invariant sequences?

The answer to this question is given in the following

**THEOREM 3.1.** *No nonzero  $(\pm 1)$ -invariant sequence is a finite sequence.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots)^T \in \mathbf{R}^\infty$  be a finite sequence. Take an integer  $m$  such that  $x_i = 0$  for all  $i > m$ . Let  $n = 2m$  and let  $\mathbf{y} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_m)^T$  so that  $\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{y}^T, x_{m+1}, x_{m+2}, \dots)^T$ . Suppose that  $\mathbf{x}$  is  $(-1)$ -invariant. Then  $P^{-1}D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  by Lemma 2.1 and hence

$$P^{-1}[0, 1, \dots, m|0, 1, \dots, n]D_n \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{0}_m \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

where  $D_n = \text{diag}((-1)^0, (-1)^1, \dots, (-1)^n)$  and  $\mathbf{0}_m$  denotes the  $m$ -vector of zeros. Since  $P^{-1}[0, 1, \dots, m|0, 1, \dots, n]$  has rank  $m + 1$ , we have that  $D_m \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  and hence that  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  so that  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . □

Though the truncated Fibonacci and the truncated Lucas sequences of the second kind are not (±1)-invariant sequences, they still retain substantial importance in determining whether a sequence is (±1)-invariant or not.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^\infty$ . Then*

- (a)  $\mathbf{x}$  is (-1)-invariant if and only if  $(\mathbf{F}'_r)^T D \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- (b)  $\mathbf{x}$  is 1-invariant if and only if  $(\mathbf{L}'_r)^T D \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

*Proof.* (a) Let

$$\Psi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \cdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}, \quad F' = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{F}'_0)^T \\ (\mathbf{F}'_1)^T \\ (\mathbf{F}'_2)^T \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $F' = \Psi[0, P^{-1}]$ . Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^\infty$ . Suppose that  $\mathbf{x}$  is (-1)-invariant. Then  $P^{-1}D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  so that  $F'D \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$ , proving the 'only if' part of (a).

Conversely suppose that  $F'D \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$ . Then  $\Psi P^{-1}D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Let

$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $\Phi\Psi = \text{diag}(1, 1, \dots)$  and we get  $P^{-1}D\mathbf{x} = \Phi\Psi P^{-1}D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , which tells us that  $\mathbf{x}$  is (-1)-invariant by Lemma 2.1(a), and the proof of (a) is complete.

(b) Let

$$L' = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{L}'_0)^T \\ (\mathbf{L}'_1)^T \\ (\mathbf{L}'_2)^T \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $L' = \Psi Q^{-}$ . Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^\infty$ . Suppose that  $\mathbf{x}$  is 1-invariant. Then  $Q^{-}(0|0)D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  so that

$$Q^{-} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ D\mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}.$$

But then

$$L' \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ D\mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix},$$

which yields that

$$L'D \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

and the 'only if' part of (b) is proved. The 'if' part can be proved by reversing the above argument.  $\square$

#### 4. Some properties of truncated Fibonacci and Lucas sequences of the second kind

In this section we give a couple of sequential properties of truncated Fibonacci and Lucas sequences of the second kind. In the sequel, we assume, for integers  $i, j$ , that  $\binom{i}{j} = 0$  if either  $i < 0$  or  $j < 0$  or  $i < j$ .

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $r$  be a positive integer. Then*

- (a)  $f'_{r,n} = f'_{r,n-1} + f'_{r,n-2} - \binom{r+1}{n-r-2}$ , ( $n \geq 2$ ).  
 (b)  $g'_{r,n} = g'_{r,n-1} + g'_{r,n-2} - \frac{n}{r+1} \binom{r+1}{n-r-1}$ , ( $n \geq 2$ ).

*Proof.* (a) By the definition of the numbers  $f'_{r,n}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f'_{r,n-1} + f'_{r,n-2} &= \binom{0}{n-2} + \binom{1}{n-3} + \cdots + \binom{r}{n-r-2} \\ &\quad + \binom{0}{n-3} + \binom{1}{n-4} + \cdots + \binom{r}{n-r-3} \\ &= \binom{1}{n-2} + \binom{2}{n-3} + \cdots + \binom{r+1}{n-r-2} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^r \binom{k}{n-k-1} + \binom{r+1}{n-r-2} \\ &= f'_{r,n} + \binom{r+1}{n-r-2}, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\binom{0}{n-1} = 0$  for  $n \geq 2$ .



(b) Let  $Q = [\gamma_{ij}]$ . Then  $\gamma_{i,j} + \gamma_{i,j+1} = \gamma_{i+1,j+1}$  for all  $i, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $\gamma_{ij} = 0$  if  $i < j$ . Let  $\delta_{ij}$  be a number defined for every pair  $(i, j)$  of integers by

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} \gamma_{ij} & \text{if } i, j \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if either } i < 0 \text{ or } j < 0. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\delta_{i,j} + \delta_{i,j+1} = \delta_{i+1,j+1}$  for all  $i, j$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} g'_{r,n-1} + g'_{r,n-2} &= \delta_{0,n-1} + \delta_{1,n-2} + \dots + \delta_{r,n-r-1} \\ &\quad + \delta_{0,n-2} + \delta_{1,n-3} + \dots + \delta_{r,n-r-2} \\ &= \delta_{1,n-1} + \delta_{2,n-2} + \dots + \delta_{r+1,n-r-1} \\ &= g'_{r,n} + \delta_{r+1,n-r-1}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $n \geq r + 2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{r+1,n-r-1} = \gamma_{r+1,n-r-1} &= \binom{r+1}{n-r-1} + \binom{r}{n-r-2} \\ &= \frac{n}{r+1} \binom{r+1}{n-r-1}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $n = r + 1$ , then

$$\delta_{r+1,n-r-1} = 1 = \frac{n}{r+1} \binom{r+1}{n-r-1}.$$

If  $n < r + 1$ , then

$$\delta_{r+1,n-r-1} = 0 = \frac{n}{r+1} \binom{r+1}{n-r-1}.$$

Thus (b) is proved. □

As finite sequences, the truncated Fibonacci and Lucas sequences of the second kind have finite sums which look very simple as we see in the following

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let  $r$  be a nonnegative integer. Then*

- (a)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f'_{r,n} = 2^{r+1} - 1.$
- (b)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g'_{r,n} = 3 \cdot 2^r - 1.$

*Proof.* (a)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f'_{r,n}$  is equal to the sum of all entries  $\binom{i}{j}$  of  $P$  in the range  $0 \leq i \leq r$ . Therefore  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f'_{r,n} = \sum_{i=0}^r 2^i = 2^{r+1} - 1.$

(b)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g'_{r,n}$  is equal to the sum of all entries  $\gamma_{ij}$  of  $Q$  in the range  $0 \leq i \leq r$ . Since  $Q = P + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & P \end{bmatrix}$  we see that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g'_{r,n} = \sum_{i=0}^r 2^i + 1 + \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} 2^i = 2^{r+1} - 1 + 1 + 2^r - 1 = 3 \cdot 2^r - 1. \quad \square$$

Our last discussion is the relationship between the Fibonacci(Lucas resp.) sequence and the truncated Fibonacci(truncated Lucas resp.) sequences of the second kind.

Since the Fibonacci sequence  $\mathbf{F} = (F_0, F_1, F_2, \dots)^T$  and the Lucas sequence  $\mathbf{L} = (L_0, L_1, L_2, \dots)^T$  are  $(-1)$ -invariant and  $1$ -invariant respectively, it follows, from Theorem 3.2, that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n f'_{r,n} F_{n-1} = 0, \quad (r = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n g'_{r,n} L_{n-1} = 0, \quad (r = 0, 1, 2, \dots).$$

Since, for  $i \geq 1$ ,

$$\gamma_{i,n-i} = \binom{i}{n-i} + \binom{i-1}{n-i-1} = \frac{n}{i} \binom{i}{n-i},$$

we see, by the definition of  $g'_{r,n}$ , that for  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$g'_{r,n} = \sum_{i=0}^r \gamma_{i,n-i} = \sum_{i=1}^r \gamma_{i,n-i} = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{n}{i} \binom{i}{n-i}.$$

So we have the following

**THEOREM 4.3.** *The Fibonacci and Lucas sequences satisfy the following relations.*

- (a)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} F_n \sum_{i=0}^r \binom{i}{n-i} = 0.$   
 (b)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} L_n (n+1) \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{i} \binom{i}{n-i+1} = 0.$

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