# Generating matrices of the k-Jacobsthal Numbers

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Abstract: In this paper we define some tridiagonal matrices depending of a parameter from which we will find the k-jacobsthal numbers. And from the cofactor matrix of one of these matrices we will prove some formulas for the k-jacobsthal numbers differently to the traditional form. Finally we will study the eigenvalues of these tridiagonal matrices.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The generalization of the Fibonacci has been treated by some authors eg. Hoggat V.E and Horadom A.F. k- Fibonacci generalizations has been found by Falcon .S and plaza A to study the method of triangulation.

In this paper we have to give generating matrices of the k-jacobsthal numbers Besides the

usual jacobsthal numbers many kinds of generalization of these have been presented and well known jacobsthal sequence is defined as  $j_0 = 0, j_1 = 1, j_n = j_{n-1} + 2 j_{n-2}$ , for  $n \ge 2$  where  $j_n$  denotes the n-jacobsthal numbers for any positive real number k, the k-jacobsthal sequence say  $\{j_{k,n}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is defined recurrently by

 $j_{k,n+1} = k j_{k,n} + 2 j_{k,n-1}$  with initial conditions as  $j_{k,0} = 0$ ,  $j_{k,1} = 1$ Ĵ<sub>k,n</sub> 0 0 1 1 2 k  $k^{2} + 2$ 3  $k^{3} + 4k$ 4  $k^4 + 6k^2 + 4$ 5  $k^5 + 8k^3 + 12k$ 6 7  $k^{6} + 10k^{4} + 24k^{2} + 8$  $\begin{aligned} &k^7 + 12k^5 + 40k^3 + 32k \\ &k^8 + 14k^6 + 60k^4 + 80k^2 + 16 \end{aligned}$ 8 9  $k^9 + 16 k^7 + 84k^5 + 16k^3 + 80k$ 10

Particular cases of the previous definitions are if k=1, the classical jacobsthal sequence obtained  $j_0 = 0, j_1 = 1, j_{n+1} = j_n + 2 j_{n-1}$  for  $n \ge 1, \{j_{k,n}\}_{n=0}^{\infty} = \{0, 1, 1, 3, 5, 11...\}$ 

#### 2. Tridiagonal matrices and k-jacobsthal numbers

In this section we extend the matrices defined and applied them to the k-jacobsthal numbers in order to prove some formulas differently to the traditional form.

#### 2.1 The determinant of a special kind of the tridiagonal matrices

Let us consider the n by n tridiagonal matrices

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$$M_{n} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & & & \\ c & d & e & & \\ & c & d & e & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & c & d & e \\ & & & & c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

Solving the sequence of determinants, we find

$$|M_1| = a |M_2| = d. |M_1| - bc |M_3| = d. |M_2| - ce. |M_1| |M_4| = d. |M_3| - ce. |M_2| ....$$

In general

 $|M_{n+1}| = d. |M_n| - ce. |M_{n-1}|$ 

#### 2.2 Some tridiagonal matrices and k-jacobsthal numbers

If a = d = k, b = e = 2 and c = -1, the matrices Mn transformed in the tridiagonal matrices

$$H_n(k) = \begin{pmatrix} k & 2 & & & \\ -1 & k & 2 & & & \\ & -1 & k & 2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & & -1 & k & 2 \\ & & & & & -1 & k \end{pmatrix}$$

In this case and taking

$$\begin{aligned} |H_1(k)| &= k = j_{k,2} \\ |H_2(k)| &= k.k - 2(-1) = k^2 + 2 = j_{k,3} \\ |H_3(k)| &= k.(k^2 + 2) - 2(-1).k = k^3 + 4k = j_{k,4} \end{aligned}$$

And formula (2.1) is  $|H_1(k)| = j_{k,n+1}$  for  $n \ge 1$ The k-jacobsthal numbers can also be obtained from the symmetric tridiagonal matrices

$$H'_{n}(k) = \begin{pmatrix} k & i & & & \\ i & k & i & & \\ & i & k & i & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & & i & k & i \\ & & & & & i & k \end{pmatrix}$$

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Where *i* is the imaginary unit, i.e  $i^2 = -1$ 

\* if 
$$a = k^{2} + 2 \ d = k^{2} + 4$$
,  $b = e = c = 2$ , the tridiagonal matrices are  

$$O_{n}(k) = \begin{pmatrix} k^{2} + 2 & 2 & & \\ 2 & k^{2} + 4 & 2 & & \\ & 2 & k^{2} + 4 & 2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & & 2 & k^{2} + 4 & 2 \\ & & & & 2 & k^{2} + 4 & 2 \\ & & & & & 2 & k^{2} + 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

In this case, it is

 $|O_n(k)| = j_{k,2n+1}$  for  $n \ge 1$  So, with  $|O_0(k)| = j_{k,1} = 1$ , the sequence of these determinants is the sequence of odd k - jacobsthal numbers  $\{1, k^2 + 2, k^4 + 6k^2 + 4, k^6 + 10k^4 + 24k^2 + 4 \dots\}$ \*Finally If a = k  $d = k^2 + 4$ , b = 0, e = c = 2 for  $n \ge 1$ 

$$|E_n(k)| = \begin{pmatrix} k & 0 \\ 2 & k^2 + 4 & 2 \\ & 2 & k^2 + 4 & 2 \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & 2 & k^2 + 4 & 2 \\ & & & & 2 & k^2 + 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

because  $|E_n(k)| = j_{k,2n}$  for  $n \ge 1$  So, with  $|E_0(k)| = j_{k,0} = 0$ 

# Cofactor matrices of the generating matrices of the k-jacobsthal numbers

The following definitions are well Known:

If A is a square matrix, then the minor of its entry  $a_{ij}$ , also known as the (i, j) minor of A, is denoted by  $M_{ij}$  and is defined to be the determinant of the submatrix obtained by removing from A its i - th row and j - th column.

If follows  $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$  and  $C_{ij}$  called the cofactor of  $a_{ij}$ , also refered to as the (i,j)cofactor of A. Define the cofactor matrix of A, as the n X n matrix C whose (i, j) entry is the (i, j) cofactor of A.

Finally, the inverse matrix of A is  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} C^T$ , where |A| is the determinant of the matrix A (assuming non zero) and  $C^T$  is the transpose of the cofactor matrix C or adjugate matrix of A.

On the other hand, let us consider the n X n nonsingular tridiagonal matrix

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$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & & & \\ c_1 & a_2 & b_2 & & & \\ & c_2 & a_3 & b_3 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & c_{n-2} & a_{n-1} & b_{n-1} \\ & & & & c_{n-1} & a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

In an elegant and coincise formula for the inverse of the tridiagonal matrix  $T^{1} = (t_{ij})$ :

$$\mathbf{t}_{ij} = \begin{cases} (-1)^{i+j} \frac{1}{\theta_n} b_i \dots \dots b_{j-1} \theta_{i-1} \varphi_{j+1} & if \ i \leq j \\ (-1)^{i+j} \frac{1}{\theta_n} c_j \dots \dots c_{i-1} \theta_{j-1} \varphi_{i+1} & if \ i > j \end{cases}$$

where

 $\theta_i$  verify the recurrence relation  $\theta_i = a_i^T \theta_{i-1}^{\text{pe}} e_{i-1} \theta_{i-2}^{\text{here}}$  for i = 2, ..., n with the initial conditions  $\theta_0 = 1$  and  $\theta_1 = a_1$ .

Formula (2.1) is one special case of this one.

 $\varphi_i$  verify the recurrence relation  $\varphi_i = a_i \theta_{i+1} - b_i c_i \varphi_{i+2}$  for  $i = n - 1, \dots, 1$  with the initial conditions  $\varphi_{n+1} = 1$  and  $\varphi_n = a_n$  observe that  $\varphi_n = \det(T)$ .

#### **3.1** Cofactor matrix of $H_n(k)$

For the matrix  $H_n(k)$ , it is  $a_i = k$ ,  $b_i = 2$ ,  $c_i = -1$   $\theta_i = j_{k,i+1}$  and  $\theta_i = j_{k,n-j+2}$ Consequently

$$((H_n(k))^{-1})_{i,j} = \begin{cases} (-1)^{i+j} \frac{1}{j_{k,n+1}} j_{k,i} \cdot j_{k,n-j+1} & if \ i \le j \\ \frac{1}{j_{k,n+1}} j_{k,j} \cdot j_{k,n-i+1} & if \ i > j \end{cases}$$

We will work with the cofactor matrix whose entries are

$$c_{i,j}(H_n(k)) = \begin{cases} (-1)^{i+j} j_{k,j} \cdot j_{k,n-i+1} & \text{if } i \ge j \\ j_{k,i} \cdot j_{k,n-j+1} & \text{if } i < j \end{cases}$$

So  $c_{j,i}(H_n(k)) = (-1)^{i+j} c_{i,j}(H_n(k))$  if i > jIn this form, the cofactor matrix of  $H_n(k)$  for  $n \ge 2$  is

$$C_{n-1}(k) = \begin{pmatrix} j_{k,n} & 2j_{k,n-1} & j_{k,n-2} & j_{k,n-3} & \dots & j_{k,2} & j_{k,1} \\ -j_{k,n-1} & j_{k,2} j_{k,n-1} & 2j_{k,2} j_{k,n-2} & j_{k,2} j_{k,n-3} & \dots & j_{k,2} j_{k,2} & j_{k,2} \\ j_{k,n-2} & -j_{k,2} j_{k,n-2} & j_{k,3} j_{k,n-2} & 2j_{k,3} j_{k,n-3} & \dots & j_{k,3} j_{k,2} & j_{k,3} \\ -j_{k,n-3} & j_{k,2} j_{k,n-3} & -j_{k,3} j_{k,n-3} & j_{k,4} j_{k,n-3} & \dots & j_{k,4} j_{k,2} & j_{k,4} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ j_{k,2} & -j_{k,2} j_{k,2} & j_{k,3} j_{k,2} & -j_{k,4} j_{k,2} & \dots & j_{k,n-1} j_{k,2} & 2j_{k,n-1} \\ -j_{k,1} & j_{k,2} & -j_{k,3} & j_{k,4} & \dots & -j_{k,n-1} & j_{k,n} \end{pmatrix}$$

On the other hand taking into account of the inverse matrix  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|}Adj(A)$ , It is easy to prove  $|Adj(A)| = A^{n-1}$ 

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So  $|C_{n-1}| = j_{k,n+1}^{n-1}$ In this form, for n = 2,3,4 .... It is

$$C_1(k) = \begin{vmatrix} j_{k,2} & 2j_{k,1} \\ -j_{k,1} & j_{k,2} \end{vmatrix} = j_{k,3} \rightarrow j_{k,2}^2 + 2j_{k,1}^2 = j_{k,3}$$

$$C_{2}(k) = \begin{vmatrix} j_{k,3} & 2j_{k,2} & j_{k,1} \\ -j_{k,2} & j_{k,2}j_{k,2} & 2j_{k,2} \\ j_{k,1} & -j_{k,2} & j_{k,3} \end{vmatrix} = j_{k,4}^{2}$$
  
$$\rightarrow j_{k,2}^{2}(j_{k,3}^{2} + 4j_{k,3}^{2} + 4) = j_{k,4}^{2}$$
  
$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{j_{k,3-2j_{k,1}}}{k}\right)^{2} (j_{k,3} + 2j_{k,1})^{2} = j_{k,4}^{2}$$
  
$$\rightarrow j_{k,3}^{2} - 2j_{k,1}^{2} = kj_{k,4}$$

$$C_{3}(k) = \begin{vmatrix} j_{k,4} & 2j_{k,3} & j_{k,2} & j_{k,1} \\ -j_{k,3} & j_{k,3}j_{k,2} & 2j_{k,2}j_{k,2} & j_{k,2} \\ j_{k,2} & -j_{k,2}j_{k,2} & j_{k,3}j_{k,2} & 2j_{k,3} \\ -j_{k,1} & j_{k,2} & -j_{k,3} & j_{k,4} \end{vmatrix} = j_{k,5}^{3} \rightarrow j_{k,5}^{2}(j_{k,3}^{2} + 2j_{k,2}^{2}) = j_{k,5}^{3}$$

$$C_{4}(k) = j_{k,6}^{4} \rightarrow j_{k,3}^{2}(j_{k,4}^{2} + 4j_{k,2}^{2})j_{k,6}^{2} = j_{k,6}^{4}$$

$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{j_{k,4-2j_{k,2}}}{k}\right)^{2}(j_{k,4-2j_{k,2}})^{2} = j_{k,6}^{2}$$

Generating these results and taking into account  $j_{k,n} = \frac{j_{k,n+1}-2j_{k,n-1}}{k}$ , we find the following two formulas for k-jacobsthal numbers according to that n is odd or even  $j_{k,n+1}^2 + 2j_{k,n}^2 = j_{k,2n+1}$  and  $j_{k,n+1}^2 - 2j_{k,n-1}^2 = kj_{k,2n}$ .

#### **3.2** Cofactor matrix of $O_n(k)$

 $\rightarrow j_{k,4}^2 - 2j_{k,2}^2 = k j_{k,6}$ 

To apply (3.2) to the matrices  $O_n(k)$ , we must take into account that

 $a_{1} = k^{2} + 2$   $a_{i} = k^{2} + 4 \quad i \ge 2$   $b_{i} = c_{i} = 2 \quad i \ge 1$   $\theta_{i} = j_{k,2i-1}, \quad i \ge 1$   $\varphi_{j} = \frac{1}{k} j_{k,2(n-i+2)}, \quad j \ge 1 \text{ and consequently the cofactor of the } (i, j) \text{ entry of these matrices is}$   $c_{i,j}(O_{n}(k)) = (-1)^{i+j} \frac{1}{k} j_{k,2j-1} j_{k,2(n-i+1)}, \quad i \ge j$   $c_{i,i}(O_{n}(k)) = c_{i,i}(O_{n}(k)) \text{ for } j \ge i$ 

#### **3.3** Cofactor matrix of $E_n(k)$

For the matrices  $E_n(k)$ , we must take into account that

$$a_{1} = k = j_{k,2}$$
  

$$a_{i} = k^{2} + 4 \quad i \ge 2$$
  

$$b_{1} = 0$$
  

$$b_{i+1} = c_{i} = 2 \quad i \ge 1$$

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 $\begin{aligned} \theta_i &= j_{k,2(i+1)}, \ i \geq 1\\ \varphi_j &= \frac{1}{k} j_{k,2(n-i+2)}, \ j \geq 1 \text{ and consequently the cofactor of the } (i,j) \text{ entry of these matrices is }\\ c_{1,j}(E_n(k)) &= (-1)^{i+j} \frac{1}{k} j_{k,2(n-i+1),} \end{aligned}$ 

$$c_{i,j}(E_n(k)) = (-1)^{i+j} \frac{1}{k} j_{k,2j} j_{k,2(n-i+1),} \quad i \ge j$$
  
$$c_{j,i}(E_n(k)) = c_{i,j}(E_n(k)) \text{ for } j > i > 1$$

#### 4. Eigen Values

This section is dedicated to the study of the eigen values of the matrices  $H_n(k)$ ,  $O_n(k)$  and  $E_n(k)$ .

#### 4.1 Eigen Values of the matrices $H_n(k)$

The matrix has entries in the diagonals  $a_{1,}a_{2,}\ldots a_{n,}$ ,  $b_{1,}b_{2,}\ldots b_{n-1,}c_{1,}c_{2,}\ldots c_{n-1}$ It is well known the eigen values of the matrix are

 $\lambda_r = a + 2\sqrt{bc} \cos\left(\frac{r\pi}{n+1}\right) \text{ for } r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n.$ 

Consequently, the eigen values of the matrix  $H_n(k)$  where a = k, b = 2, c = -1 are  $\lambda_r = k + 2i\sqrt{2} \cos\left(\frac{r\pi}{n+1}\right)$ .

If n is odd, then the matrix  $H_n(k)$  has one unique real eigenvalue corresponding to  $r = \frac{n+1}{2}$ .

If n is even, no one eigen value is real.

So, the sequence of the tridiagonal  $H_n(k)$  for n = 1, 2, ... is

$$\sum_{1} = \{k\}$$

$$\sum_{2} = \{k - i\sqrt{2}\}$$

$$\sum_{3} = \{k, k - 2i\}$$
....

It is verified that  $\sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_j = nk$  and  $\prod_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_j = j_{k,n+1}$  where  $j_{k,n+1} = \prod_{j=1}^{n} \left(k + 2i\sqrt{2}\cos\frac{\pi j}{n+1}\right)$ .

#### Eigen values of the Matrices $O_n(k)$

Matrices  $O_n(k)$  are symmetric, so all its eigenvalues are real.

#### Theorem:

If  $\lambda_i$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $O_n(k)$  for a fixed value k, then  $\lambda_i + 2k + 1$  is eigenvalue of the matrix  $O_n(k + 1)$ .

#### **Proof:**

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If  $\lambda_i$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $O_n(k)$ , then it is

$$|O_n(k) - \lambda_i I_n| = \begin{bmatrix} k^2 + 2 - \lambda_i & 2 \\ 2 & k^2 + 4 - \lambda_i & 2 \\ & 2 & k^2 + 4 - \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} (k+1)^2 - (\lambda_i + 2k+1) & 2 \\ 2 & (k+1)^2 + 2 - (\lambda_i + 2k+1) & 2 \\ & 2 & (k+1)^2 + 2 - \lambda_i + 2k + 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $= |O_n(k+1) - (\lambda_i + 2k + 1) I_n|$ 

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Consequently, only it is necessary to find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $O_n(1)$  for n = 2,3,... and then,

if  $\lambda_i$  is an eigenvalue of  $O_n(1)$ , then  $\lambda'_i = \lambda_i + k^2 - 1$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $O_n(k)$ .

#### Eigen values of the matrices $E_n(k)$

Finally, we say a matrix is positive if all entries are real and non negative. If a matrix is tridiagonal and positive, then all the eigen values are real. So taking into account matrix  $E_n(k)$  is tridiagonal and positive, all its eigenvalues are real.

Following the same process that for the matrices  $O_n(k)$ , we can prove that the first eigen value is k and othes verify  $\lambda_i = \lambda_i(1) + k^2 - 1$ .

Moreover  $\sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_j(k) = (n-1)(k^2+4) + k$  and  $\prod_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_j(k) = j_{k,2n}$ 

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