

**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:

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

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

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

where  $g_n^i$  is the  $n$ th term of the  $i$ th sequence. For example, if  $k = 2$ , then  $\{g_n^2\}$  is usual Fibonacci sequence,  $\{F_n\}$ , 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$G_n = \begin{bmatrix} g_n^1 & g_n^2 & \dots & g_n^k \\ g_{n-1}^1 & g_{n-1}^2 & \dots & g_{n-1}^k \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ g_{n-k+1}^1 & g_{n-k+1}^2 & \dots & g_{n-k+1}^k \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

also showed that

$$H_n = G_n K$$

where

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

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

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

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

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

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,  $k \leq n+1$ , with 1 in the  $(i, j)$  position for  $i-1 \leq j \leq i+k-1$  and 0 otherwise. That is,

$$F(n, k) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{1.4}$$

and he showed that

$$\text{per}F(n, k) = g_{n+1}^k \quad (1.5)$$

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

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]:  $\mu(G) \leq \sqrt{\text{per}A(G)}$ . 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 matrix*  $B(G) = [b_{ij}]$  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  $\text{per}\mathcal{L}_n = L_{n-1}$  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  $i = k \geq 2$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} l_1^k &= 1, & l_2^k &= 3, & l_3^k &= 2^2, & l_4^k &= 2^3, \\ \dots, & l_{k-1}^k &= 2^{k-2}, & l_k^k &= 2^{k-1}, & l_{k+1}^k &= 2^k \end{aligned}$$

and

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

## 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  $n > k \geq 2$  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

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

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  $n$ th 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

$$perM(n, k) = per \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \ddots & \ddots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \ddots & \ddots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \ddots & \ddots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{2.1}$$

$+perF(n-1, k).$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{per}M(n, k) &= 2\text{per} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \dots & \dots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \ddots & \ddots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &+ \text{per}F(n-1, k).
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\text{per}M(n, k) = 2\text{per}F(n-2, k) + \text{per}F(n-1, k).$$

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

$$\text{per}M(n, k) = 2g_{n-1}^k + g_n^k$$

and by the Eq. (1.3)

$$\text{per}M(n, k) = 2g_{n-1}^k + g_n^k = l_n^k.$$

So the proof is complete.  $\square$

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

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

and by Theorem 1,  $\text{per}M(n, 2) = L_n$  where  $L_n$  is the  $n$ th usual Lucas number. In [4], we define the matrix  $C_n$  and show that  $\text{per}C_n = L_n$ . 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  $T(n, k) = [t_{ij}]$  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  $k + 1 \leq j \leq n$  and 0 otherwise, and the matrix  $F(n, k)$  is given by (1.4). That is,

$$T(n, k) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \dots & \ddots & \ddots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \ddots & \ddots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then we have following Theorem.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $G(T(n, k))$  be the bipartite graph with bipartite adjacency matrix  $T(n, k) = F(n, k) + V(n, k)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . 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

$$T(3, k) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

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

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

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  $F(n, k)$ , then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{per}T(n+1, k) = \text{per} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & + \text{per}F(n, k). \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\text{per}T(n+1, k) = \text{per}T(n, k) + \text{per}F(n, k). \quad (3.2)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{per}T(n+1, k) &= \sum_{j=1}^n g_j^k + g_{n+1}^k \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} g_j^k. \end{aligned}$$

So the proof is complete.  $\square$

Let  $n$  be positive integer such that  $n > k \geq 2$  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  $k+1 \leq j \leq n$  and 0



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

$$E(n, k) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{3.3}$$

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

$$E(3, k) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{per}E(n+1, k) = \text{per} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \ddots & \ddots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & + \text{per}M(n, k). \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\text{per}E(n+1, k) = \text{per}E(n, k) + M(n, k). \quad (3.5)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{per}E(n+1, k) &= \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} l_j^k + l_n^k \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n l_j^k. \end{aligned}$$

So the proof is complete.  $\square$

Furthermore, a matrix  $A$  is called *convertible* if there is an  $n \times n$   $(1, -1)$ -matrix  $H$  such that  $\text{per}A = \det(A \circ H)$ , 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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\sum_{j=1}^n l_j^k = \det(E(n, k) \circ W).$$

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