

Relations on Jacobsthal numbers

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Abstract: Relations between Jacobsthal numbers, prime Jacobsthal numbers and Fibonacci Jacobsthal numbers are found out.

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1 Introduction

In this paper, we determine a relation between Jacobsthal number and prime Jacobsthal number for twin prime numbers, and an inequality is found between Fibonacci Jacobsthal numbers.

Jacobsthal number is defined as [1, 2, 3]

$$J_n = \frac{2^n - (-1)^n}{3}.$$

The generalised form of n -th order ($n \geq 0$) Jacobsthal number, Prime Jacobsthal number and Fibonacci Jacobsthal number [1] are defined as

$$J_n^s = \frac{s^n - (-1)^n}{s + 1} \quad (1)$$

$$JP_n^s = \frac{p_s^n - (-1)^n}{p_{s+1}} \quad (2)$$

where p_i is the i -th prime number ($p_0 = 2, p_1 = 3, \dots$)

$$JF_n^s = \frac{f_s^n - (-1)^n}{f_{s+1}} \quad (3)$$

where f_i is the i -th Fibonacci number ($f_0 = 0, f_1 = 1, f_2 = 1, f_3 = 2, f_4 = 3, \dots$)

Theorem 1. For all natural number m , such that $2m + 1$ and $2m + 3$ both are prime numbers,

$$(2m + 3)JP_s^n = (m + 1) \sum_{x=0}^{n-1} C_x^n 2^{n-x} J_{n-x}^m$$

Theorem 2.

$$(2f_{s+1} + f_s)JF_n^{s+2} > f_{s+1}JF_n^s$$

2 Proof of Theorem 1

We know that twin prime numbers can be represented as $p_s = 2m + 1$ and $p_{s+1} = 2m + 3$. So we have

$$JP_n^s = \frac{p_s^n - (-1)^n}{p_{s+1}} = \frac{(2m + 1)^n - (-1)^n}{2m + 3} \quad (4)$$

By binomial expansion for natural number n ,

$$(2m + 3)JP_n^s = C_0^n (2m)^n + C_1^n (2m)^{n-1} (1) + C_2^n (2m)^{n-2} 1^2 + \dots + C_{n-1}^n (2m)^{n-(n-1)} + C_n^n 1^n - (-1)^n$$

$$(2m + 3)JP_n^s = 2^n m^n + C_1^n 2^{n-1} m^{n-1} + C_2^n 2^{n-2} m^{n-2} + \dots + C_{n-1}^n 2^{n-(n-1)} m^{n-(n-1)} + 1 - (-1)^n.$$

Adding and subtracting the following term on right hand side of above equation,

$$2^n (-1)^n + C_1^n (2^{n-1} (-1)^{n-1}) + C_2^n (2^{n-2} (-1)^{n-2}) + \dots + C_{n-1}^n (2^{n-(n-1)} (-1)^{n-(n-1)}).$$

By grouping the corresponding terms, we get

$$(2m + 3)JP_n^s = 2^n (m^n - (-1)^n) + C_1^n 2^{n-1} (m^{n-1} - (-1)^{n-1}) + C_2^n 2^{n-2} (m^{n-2} - (-1)^{n-2}) + \dots + C_{n-1}^n 2^{n-(n-1)} (m^{n-(n-1)} - (-1)^{n-(n-1)}) + 2^n (-1)^n + C_1^n 2^{n-1} (-1)^{n-1} + C_2^n 2^{n-2} (-1)^{n-2} + \dots + C_{n-1}^n 2^{n-(n-1)} (-1)^{n-(n-1)} + 1 - (-1)^n$$

$$(2m + 3)JP_n^s = 2^n (m^n - (-1)^n) + C_1^n 2^{n-1} (m^{n-1} - (-1)^{n-1}) + C_2^n 2^{n-2} (m^{n-2} - (-1)^{n-2}) + \dots + C_{n-1}^n 2^{n-(n-1)} (m^{n-(n-1)} - (-1)^{n-(n-1)}) + (-2)^n + C_1^n (-2)^{n-1} + C_2^n (-2)^{n-2} + \dots + C_{n-1}^n (-2)^{n-(n-1)} + 1 - (-1)^n$$

We know that

$$(-1)^n = (-2 + 1)^n = (-2)^n + C_1^n (-2)^{n-1} + C_2^n (-2)^{n-2} + \dots + C_{n-1}^n (-2)^{n-(n-1)} + 1.$$

Therefore,

$$(2m + 3)JP_n^s = 2^n (m^n - (-1)^n) + C_1^n 2^{n-1} (m^{n-1} - (-1)^{n-1}) + C_2^n 2^{n-2} (m^{n-2} - (-1)^{n-2}) + \dots + C_{n-1}^n 2^{n-(n-1)} (m^{n-(n-1)} - (-1)^{n-(n-1)}) + (-1)^n - (-1)^n.$$

Dividing both sides by $(m + 1)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{2m+3}{m+1}\right) JP_n^s &= 2^n \left(\frac{m^n - (-1)^n}{m+1}\right) + C_1^m 2^{n-1} \left(\frac{m^{n-1} - (-1)^{n-1}}{m+1}\right) \\ &+ C_2^m 2^{n-2} \left(\frac{m^{n-2} - (-1)^{n-2}}{m+1}\right) \dots + C_{n-1}^m 2^{n-(n-1)} \left(\frac{m^{n-(n-1)} - (-1)^{n-(n-1)}}{m+1}\right) \\ \left(\frac{2m+3}{m+1}\right) JP_n^s &= 2^n J_n^m + C_1^m 2^{n-1} J_{n-1}^m + C_2^m 2^{n-2} J_{n-2}^m + \dots + C_{n-1}^m J_{n-(n-1)}^m \\ \left(\frac{2m+3}{m+1}\right) JP_n^s &= \sum_{x=0}^{n-1} C_x^m 2^{n-x} J_{n-x}^m. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$(2m+3)JP_n^s = (m+1) \sum_{x=0}^{n-1} C_x^m 2^{n-x} J_{n-x}^m.$$

This proves the theorem.

3 Proof of Theorem 2

For particular values of n and s , $J_n^{s+2} < J_n^s$. So we determine this generalised inequality.

$$JF_n^{s+2} = \frac{f_{s+2}^n - (-1)^n}{f_{s+3}}$$

From the definition of Fibonacci number, $f_{s+2} = f_s + f_{s+1}$ and $f_{s+3} = f_s + 2f_{s+1}$. Therefore, from binomial expansion

$$(2f_{s+1} + f_s)JF_n^{s+2} = f_s^n + C_1^n f_s^{n-1} f_{s+1} + \dots + f_{s+1}^n - (-1)^n$$

this implies

$$(2f_{s+1} + f_s)JF_n^{s+2} > f_{s+1} \left(\frac{f_s^n - (-1)^n}{f_{s+1}}\right)$$

Hence,

$$(2f_{s+1} + f_s)JF_n^{s+2} > f_{s+1}JF_n^s$$

This proves the theorem.

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