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## The Hadamard-type k-step Pell sequences

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Abstract: In this paper, we define the Hadamard-type k-step Pell sequence by using the Hadamard-type product of characteristic polynomials of the Pell sequence and the k-step Pell sequence. Also, we derive the generating matrices for these sequences, and then we obtain relationships between the Hadamard-type k-step Pell sequences and these generating matrices. Furthermore, we produce the Binet formula for the Hadamard-type k-step Pell numbers for the case that k is odd integers and  $k \ge 3$ . Finally, we derive some properties of the Hadamard-type k-step Pell sequences such as the combinatorial representation, the generating function, and the exponential representation by using its generating matrix.

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### **1** Introduction

It is well-known that Pell sequence is defined by the following equation:

$$P_{n+1} = 2P_n + P_{n-1}$$

for n > 0, where  $P_0 = 0$ ,  $P_1 = 1$ .

Kılıç and Tasci [11] defined k sequences of the generalized order-k Pell numbers as shown:

$$P_n^i = 2P_{n-1}^i + P_{n-2}^i + \dots + P_{n-k}^i$$

for n > 0 and  $1 \le i \le k$ , with initial conditions

$$P_n^i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 1 - i, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad 1 - k \le n \le 0,$$

where  $P_n^i$  is the *n*-th term of the *i*-th sequence.

It is clear that the characteristic polynomials of Pell sequence and the generalized order-k Pell sequence are  $P(x) = x^2 - 2x - 1$  and  $P_k(x) = x^k - 2x^{k-1} - x^{k-2} - \cdots - 1$ , respectively.

Aküzüm and Deveci [1] defined the Hadamard-type product of polynomials f and g as follows:

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$$f(x) * g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (a_i * b_i) x^i, \text{ where } a_i * b_i = \begin{cases} a_i b_i, & \text{if } a_i b_i \neq 0 \\ a_i + b_i, & \text{if } a_i b_i = 0 \end{cases}$$

such that  $f(x) = a_m x^m + a_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$  and  $g(x) = b_n x^n + b_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + b_1 x + b_0$ .

Suppose that the (n + k)th term of a sequence is defined recursively by a linear combination of the preceding k terms:

$$a_{n+k} = c_0 a_n + c_1 a_{n+1} + \dots + c_{k-1} a_{n+k-1}$$

where  $c_0, c_1, \ldots, c_{k-1}$  are real constants. In [10], Kalman derived a number of closed-form formulas for the generalized sequence by the companion matrix method as follows:

Let the matrix A be defined by

$$A = [a_{i,j}]_{k \times k} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \\ c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & \cdots & c_{k-2} & c_{k-1} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$A^n \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_n \\ a_{n+1} \\ \vdots \\ a_{n+k-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

then

for  $n \ge 0$ .

The study of linear and recurrent sequences has been known for a long time and miscellaneous properties of these sequences have been studied by some authors; see, for example [2,5-9,14-16]. In [1] Akuzum and Deveci defined the Hadamard-type product of two polynomials and then they obtain the Hadamard-type k-step Fibonacci sequence by the aid of this the Hadamard-type product. In this paper, we define the Hadamard-type k-step Pell sequence. Then we obtain the

Binet formula for the Hadamard-type k-step Pell numbers for the case that k is odd integers and  $k \ge 3$ . Also, we give the permanental representations, the determinantal representations, the combinatorial representations, the generating function, the exponential representation, and the sums of the Hadamard-type k-step Pell numbers.

#### 2 The Hadamard-type k-step Pell sequences

We define the Hadamard-type k-step Pell sequence by using Hadamard-type product of the characteristic polynomials of Pell sequence and the generalized order-k Pell sequence as shown:

$$h_{n+k}^{k} = 2h_{n+k-1}^{k} + h_{n+k-2}^{k} + \dots + h_{n+2}^{k} - 2h_{n+1}^{k} - h_{n}^{k}$$
(1)

for the integers  $n \ge 0$  and  $k \ge 3$ , with initial constants  $h_0^k = h_1^k = \cdots = h_{k-2}^k = 0$  and  $h_{k-1}^k = 1$ .

By (1), we can write the generating matrix for the Hadamard-type k-step Pell sequence as follows:

	2	1	1	• • •	1	-2	-1	
	1	0	0	• • •	0	0	0	
	0	1	0	0	•••	0	0	
$H_k^p =$	0	0	1	0	0	•••	0	
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	0	•••	0	0	1	0	0	
	0	0	• • •	0	0	1	0	$ _{h \lor h}$
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The matrix  $H_k^p$  is said to be a Hadamard-type k-Pell matrix. By induction on n, we get

(*i*). For k = 3,

$$(H_3^p)^n = \begin{bmatrix} h_{n+2}^3 & -2h_{n+1}^3 - h_n^3 & -h_{n+1}^3 \\ h_{n+1}^3 & -2h_n^3 - h_{n-1}^3 & -h_n^3 \\ h_n^3 & -2h_{n-1}^3 - h_{n-2}^3 & -h_{n-1}^3 \end{bmatrix},$$

(ii). For k = 4,

$$(H_4^p)^n = \begin{bmatrix} h_{n+3}^4 & h_{n+4}^4 - 2h_{n+3}^4 & -2h_{n+2}^4 - h_{n+1}^4 & -h_{n+2}^4 \\ h_{n+2}^4 & h_{n+3}^4 - 2h_{n+2}^4 & -2h_{n+1}^4 - h_n^4 & -h_{n+1}^4 \\ h_{n+1}^4 & h_{n+2}^4 - 2h_{n+1}^4 & -2h_n^4 - h_{n-1}^4 & -h_n^4 \\ h_n^4 & h_{n+1}^4 - 2h_n^4 & -2h_{n-1}^4 - h_{n-2}^4 & -h_{n-1}^4 \end{bmatrix},$$

(iii). For  $k \ge 5$ ,

$$(H_k^p)^n = \begin{bmatrix} h_{n+k-1}^k & h_{n+k}^k - 2h_{n+k-1}^k & -2h_{n+k-2}^k - h_{n+k-3}^k & -h_{n+k-2}^k \\ h_{n+k-2}^k & h_{n+k-1}^k - 2h_{n+k-2}^k & -2h_{n+k-3}^k - h_{n+k-4}^k & -h_{n+k-3}^k \\ \vdots & \vdots & H_k^{p*} & \vdots & \vdots \\ h_{n+1}^k & h_{n+2}^k - 2h_{n+1}^k & -2h_n^k - h_{n-1}^k & -h_n^k \\ h_n^k & h_{n+1}^k - 2h_n^k & -2h_{n-1}^k - h_{n-2}^k & -h_{n-1}^k \end{bmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

where  $H_k^{p*}$  is a  $(k) \times (k-4)$  matrix as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} h_{n+k-2}^{k} + h_{n+k-3}^{k} + \dots + h_{n+3}^{k} - 2h_{n+2}^{k} - h_{n+1}^{k} & h_{n+k-2}^{k} + h_{n+k-3}^{k} + \dots + h_{n+4}^{k} - 2h_{n+3}^{k} - h_{n+2}^{k} & \dots \\ h_{n+k-3}^{k} + h_{n+k-4}^{k} + \dots + h_{n+2}^{k} - 2h_{n+1}^{k} - h_{n}^{k} & h_{n+k-3}^{k} + h_{n+k-4}^{k} + \dots + h_{n+3}^{k} - 2h_{n+2}^{k} - h_{n+1}^{k} & \dots \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \ge k-3$ . Also, It is easy to see that  $\det H_k^p = (-1)^k$ .

We consider the Binet formula for the Hadamard-type k-step Pell sequence with the following theorem.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let k be an odd integer such that  $k \ge 3$ . The characteristic equation of the Hadamard-

type k-step Pell sequence  $x^k - 2x^{k-1} - x^{k-2} - \cdots - x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$  does not have multiple roots.

*Proof.* Let  $f(x) = x^k - 2x^{k-1} - x^{k-2} - \cdots - x^2 + 2x + 1$ . For k = 3, we reach the equation  $x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x + 1$ . Then, we obtain the roots of this equation as follows:

$$x_1 = 1.1766 - 1.2028 i,$$
  
 $x_2 = 1.1766 + 1.2028 i,$  and  
 $x_3 = -0.35321.$ 

Thus, it is easily seen that the equation f(x) = 0 does not have multiple roots for k = 3.

Now, we consider the proof for  $k \ge 5$  in which case k is an odd integer number. Suppose that  $g(x) = (x - 1) f(x) = x^{k+1} - 3x^k + x^{k-1} + 3x^2 - x - 1$ . So, we obtain

$$x^{k} = \frac{-3x^{3} + x^{2} + x}{x^{2} - 3x + 1}.$$
(3)

Moreover, it can be written  $g'(x) = (k+1)x^k - 3kx^{k-1} + (k-1)x^{k-2} + 6x - 1$  and thus, we get

$$x^{k} = \frac{-6x^{3} + x^{2}}{(k+1)x^{2} - 3kx + k - 1}.$$
(4)

From (3) and (4), we reach the equation

$$k = 1 + \frac{8x^3 - 8x^2 + 4x}{-3x^4 + 10x^3 - 5x^2 - 2x + 1}$$

Using an appropriate software such as Wolfram Mathematica 10.0 [17], we obtain that there is no solution for  $k \ge 5$ . Since k are odd integers such that  $k \ge 5$ , it is a contradiction. Therefore, the equation f(x) = 0 does not have multiple roots.

If  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_k$  are roots of the equation  $x^k - 2x^{k-1} - x^{k-2} - \cdots - x^2 + 2x + 1$ , then by Lemma 2.1, it is known that  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_k$  are distinct. Let  $V^k$  be  $k \times k$  Vandermonde matrices as follows:

$$V^{k} = \begin{bmatrix} (x_{1})^{k-1} & (x_{2})^{k-1} & \cdots & (x_{k})^{k-1} \\ (x_{1})^{k-2} & (x_{2})^{k-2} & \cdots & (x_{k})^{k-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{1} & x_{2} & \cdots & x_{k} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let

$$R^{k}(i,j) = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1}^{n+k-i} \\ x_{2}^{n+k-i} \\ \vdots \\ x_{k}^{n+k-i} \end{bmatrix}$$

and suppose that  $V^{k}(i, j)$  is a  $k \times k$  matrix obtained from  $V^{k}$  by replacing the *j*-th column of  $V^{k}$  by  $R^{k}(i, j)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let k be an odd integer such that  $k \ge 3$  and let  $(H_k^p)^n = [h_{i,j}^{p,k,n}]$ , then

$$h_{i,j}^{p,k,n} = \frac{\det V^k\left(i,j\right)}{\det V^k},$$

for  $n \ge 0$ .

*Proof.* Since  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_k$  are distinct, the matrix  $H_k^p$  is diagonalizable. Then,  $H_k^p V^k = V^k S^k$ , where  $S^k = (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_k)$ . Since  $V^k$  is invertible, we can write  $(V^k)^{-1} H_k^p V^k = S^k$ . Then, the matrix  $H_k^p$  is similar to  $S^k$  and so  $(H_k^p)^n V^k = V^k (S^k)^n$ . We can now easily establish the following linear system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} h_{i,1}^{p,k,n} x_1^{k-1} + h_{i,2}^{p,k,n} x_1^{k-2} + \dots + h_{i,k}^{p,k,n} = x_1^{n+k-i} \\ h_{i,1}^{p,k,n} x_2^{k-1} + h_{i,2}^{p,k,n} x_2^{k-2} + \dots + h_{i,k}^{p,k,n} = x_2^{n+k-i} \\ \vdots \\ h_{i,1}^{p,k,n} x_k^{k-1} + h_{i,2}^{p,k,n} x_k^{k-2} + \dots + h_{i,k}^{p,k,n} = x_k^{n+k-i} \end{cases}$$

Therefore, for each i, j = 1, 2, ..., k, we obtain

$$h_{i,j}^{p,k,n} = \frac{\det V^k\left(i,j\right)}{\det V^k}.$$

The following Corollary gives the Binet formula for the Hadamard-type k-step Pell numbers.

**Corollary 2.1.** Let k be an odd integer such that  $k \ge 3$  and let  $h_n^k$  be the n-th the Hadamard-type k-step Pell number, then

$$h_{n}^{k} = \frac{\det V^{k}\left(k,1\right)}{\det V^{k}} = -\frac{\det V^{k}\left(k-1,k\right)}{\det V^{k}}$$

for  $n \geq 0$ .

Now we consider the permanental representations of the Hadamard-type k-step Pell numbers.

**Definition 2.1.** A  $u \times v$  real matrix  $M = [m_{i,j}]$  is called a contractible matrix in the k-th column (respectively, row) if the k-th column (respectively, row) contains exactly two non-zero entries.

Suppose that  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_u$  are row vectors of the matrix M. If M is contractible in the k-th column such that  $m_{i,k} \neq 0, m_{j,k} \neq 0$  and  $i \neq j$ , then the  $(u-1) \times (v-1)$  matrix  $M_{ij:k}$  obtained from M by replacing the *i*-th row with  $m_{i,k}x_j + m_{j,k}x_i$  and deleting the *j*-th row. The *k*-th column is called the contraction in the *k*-th column relative to the *i*-th row and the *j*-th row.

In [3], Brualdi and Gibson obtained that per(M) = per(N) if M is a real matrix of order  $\alpha > 1$  and N is a contraction of M.

Let  $r \ge k$   $(k \ge 3)$  be an integer and let  $M^{r,k} = \left[m_{i,j}^{r,k}\right]$  be the  $r \times r$  super-diagonal matrix, defined by

$$m_{i,j}^{r,k} = \begin{cases} \text{if } i = t \text{ and } j = t + 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq t \leq r - 1, \\ i = t \text{ and } j = t + 2 \text{ for } 1 \leq t \leq r - 2, \\ 1, & \vdots \\ i = t \text{ and } j = t + k - 3 \text{ for } 1 \leq t \leq r - k + 3, \text{ and} \\ i = t \text{ and } j = t - 1 \text{ for } 2 \leq t \leq r, \\ 2, & \text{if } i = t \text{ and } j = t \text{ for } 1 \leq t \leq r, \\ -2, & \text{if } i = t \text{ and } j = t + k - 2 \text{ for } 1 \leq t \leq r - k + 2, \\ -1, & \text{if } i = t \text{ and } j = t + k - 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq t \leq r - k + 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then we have the following Theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** For  $r \ge k$  and  $k \ge 3$ ,

$$\operatorname{per} M^{r,k} = h_{r+k-1}^k$$

*Proof.* We prove this by mathematical induction. Let the equation be hold for  $r \ge k$ , then we show that the equation holds for r + 1. If we expand the per  $M^{r,k}$  by the Laplace expansion of permanent according to the first row, then we obtain

$$\operatorname{per} M^{r+1,k} = 2 \operatorname{per} M^{r,k} + \operatorname{per} M^{r-1,k} + \dots + \operatorname{per} M^{r-k+3,k} - 2 \operatorname{per} M^{r-k+2,k} - \operatorname{per} M^{r-k+1,k}.$$

Since per  $M^{r,k} = h_{r+k-1}^k$ , per  $M^{r-1,k} = h_{r+k-2}^k$ , ..., per  $M^{r-k+3,k} = h_{r+2}^k$ , per  $M^{r-k+2,k} = h_{r+1}^k$  and per  $M^{r-k+1,k} = h_r^k$ , it is easy to see that per  $M^{r+1,k} = h_{r+k}^k$ . Thus, the proof is complete.

$$\text{Let } r > k \text{ and let } N^{r,k} = \begin{bmatrix} n_{i,j}^{r,k} \end{bmatrix} \text{ be the } r \times r \text{ matrix, defined by} \\ \text{if } i = t \text{ and } j = t + 1 \text{ for } 1 \le t \le r - 2, \\ i = t \text{ and } j = t + 2 \text{ for } 1 \le t \le r - 3, \\ 1 & \vdots \\ i = t \text{ and } j = t + k - 3 \text{ for } 1 \le t \le r - k + 2, \text{ and} \\ i = t \text{ and } j = t - 1 \text{ for } 2 \le t \le r, \\ 2 & \text{if } i = t \text{ and } j = t \text{ for } 1 \le t \le r - 1, \\ -2 & \text{if } i = t \text{ and } j = t + k - 2 \text{ for } 1 \le t \le r - k + 1, \\ -1 & \text{if } i = t \text{ and } j = t + k - 1 \text{ for } 1 \le t \le r - k + 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \\ \end{array}$$

Assume that the  $r \times r$  matrix  $B^{r,k} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{i,j}^{r,k} \end{bmatrix}$  is defined by  $\begin{bmatrix} r-k \\ \downarrow \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$B^{r,k} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ 1 & & & \\ 0 & & & N^{r-1,k} \\ \vdots & & \\ 0 & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

Then we have the following interesting results.

**Theorem 2.3.** (*i*) For r > k,

$$\operatorname{per} N^{r,k} = -h_{r-1}^k.$$

(*ii*) For r > k + 1,

per 
$$B^{r,k} = -\sum_{i=0}^{r-2} h_i^k.$$

*Proof.* (i) We will use the induction method on r. Assume that the equation holds for r > k, then we show that the equation holds for r + 1. If we expand the per  $N^{r,k}$  by the Laplace expansion of permanent according to the first row, then we obtain

per  $N^{r+1,k} = 2 \text{ per } N^{r,k} + \text{per } N^{r-1,k} + \dots + \text{per } N^{r-k+3,k} - 2 \text{ per } N^{r-k+2,k} - \text{per } N^{r-k+1,k}$ . Also, since per  $N^{r,k} = h_{r-1}^k$ , per  $N^{r-1,k} = h_{r-2}^k$ , ..., per  $N^{r-k+3,k} = h_{r-k+2}^k$ , per  $N^{r-k+2,k} = h_{r-k+1}^k$  and per  $N^{r-k+1,k} = h_{r-k}^k$ , we easily obtain that per  $N^{r+1,k} = h_r^k$ . So, the proof of (i) is complete.

(ii). If we expand the per  $B^{r,k}$  with respect to the first row, we can write

$$\operatorname{per} B^{r,k} = \operatorname{per} B^{r-1,k} + \operatorname{per} N^{r-1,k}.$$

From Theorem 2.2 and Theorem 2.3. (i) and induction on r, the proof follows directly.  $\Box$ 

Let the notation  $M \circ K$  denote the Hadamard product of M and K. A matrix M is called convertible if there is an  $u \times u$  (1, -1)-matrix K such that per  $M = \det(M \circ K)$ . Let r > k + 1 and let Q be the  $r \times r$  matrix, defined by

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

As an immediate consequence, we have the following.

**Corollary 2.2.** *For* r > k + 1*,* 

$$\det (M^{r,k} \circ Q) = h_{r+k-1}^k,$$
$$\det (N^{r,k} \circ Q) = -h_{r-1}^k,$$

and

(i)

$$\det \left( B^{r,k} \circ Q \right) = -\sum_{i=0}^{r-2} h_i^k.$$

Let  $C(c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_v)$  be a  $v \times v$  companion matrix as follows:

$$C(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_v) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & \cdots & c_v \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For more details see [12, 13].

**Theorem 2.4.** (Chen and Louck [4]) The (i, j) entry  $k_{i,j}^{(u)}(k_1, k_2, \ldots, k_v)$  in the matrix  $K^u(k_1, k_2, \ldots, k_v)$  is given by the following formula:

$$k_{i,j}^{(u)}(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_v) = \sum_{(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_v)} \frac{t_j + t_{j+1} + \dots + t_v}{t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_v} \times \binom{t_1 + \dots + t_v}{t_1, \dots, t_v} k_1^{t_1} \cdots k_v^{t_v}, \quad (5)$$

where the summation is over nonnegative integers satisfying  $t_1 + 2t_2 + \cdots + vt_v = u - i + j$ ,  $\binom{t_1 + \cdots + t_v}{t_1, \dots, t_v} = \frac{(t_1 + \cdots + t_v)!}{t_1! \cdots t_v!}$  is a multinomial coefficient, and the coefficients in (5) are defined to be 1 if u = i - j.

Then we have the following Corollary for the Hadamard-type k-step Pell numbers.

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $h_n^k$  be the *n*-th the Hadamard-type k-step Pell number for  $k \ge 3$ . Then

$$h_n^k = \sum_{(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k)} \binom{t_1 + \dots + t_k}{t_1, \dots, t_k} 2^{t_1} (-2)^{t_{k-1}} (-1)^{t_k},$$

where the summation is over nonnegative integers satisfying  $t_1 + 2t_2 + \cdots + (k) t_k = n - k + 1$ .

(*ii*) 
$$h_n^k = -\sum_{(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k)} \frac{t_k}{t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_k} \times \binom{t_1 + \dots + t_k}{t_1, \dots, t_k} 2^{t_1} (-2)^{t_{k-1}} (-1)^{t_k},$$

where the summation is over nonnegative integers satisfying  $t_1 + 2t_2 + \cdots + (k) t_k = n + 1$ .

*Proof.* In Theorem 2.4, If we choose i = k and j = 1, for case (i) and i = k - 1, j = k, for case (ii), then we can directly see the conclusions from (2).

It is easy to show that the generating function of the Hadamard-type k-step Pell numbers is as follows: k-1

$$g_k(x) = \frac{x^{k-1}}{1 - 2x - x^2 - \dots - x^{k-2} + 2x^{k-1} + x^k}.$$

Then we can give an exponential representation for the Hadamard-type k-step Pell numbers by the aid of the generating function with the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.5.** *The Hadamard-type k-step Pell numbers have the following exponential representation:* 

$$g_k(x) = x^{k-1} \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x)^i}{i} \left(2 + x + \dots + x^{k-3} - 2x^{k-2} - x^{k-1}\right)^i\right),$$

where  $k \geq 3$ .

*Proof.* It is clear that

$$\ln \frac{g_k(x)}{x^{k-1}} = -\ln \left(1 - 2x - x^2 - \dots - x^{k-2} + 2x^{k-1} + x^k\right).$$

Also, we have

$$-\ln\left(1-2x-x^{2}-\dots-x^{k-2}+2x^{k-1}+x^{k}\right) = -\left[-x\left(2+x+\dots+x^{k-3}-2x^{k-2}-x^{k-1}\right)-\frac{1}{2}x^{2}\left(2+x+\dots+x^{k-3}-2x^{k-2}-x^{k-1}\right)^{2}-\dots-\frac{1}{n}x^{n}\left(2+x+\dots+x^{k-3}-2x^{k-2}-x^{k-1}\right)^{n}-\dots\right]$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\ln \frac{g_k(x)}{x^{k-1}} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x)^i}{i} \left(2 + x + \dots + x^{k-3} - 2x^{k-2} - x^{k-1}\right)^i.$$

Thus we have the conclusion.

Now we give the sums of the Hadamard-type k-step Pell numbers. Let

$$S_n = \sum_{i=0}^n h_n^k$$

for  $n \ge 0$  and  $k \ge 3$ , and suppose that  $L_k^h$  is the  $(k+1) \times (k+1)$  matrix, such that

$$L_k^h = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 1 & & & \\ 0 & & H_k^p & \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & & & \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then by the inductive argument, we write

$$(L_k^h)^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ S_{n+k-2} & & \\ S_{n+k-3} & (H_k^p)^n & \\ \vdots & & \\ S_{n-1} & & \end{bmatrix}.$$

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