# THE ADJACENCY-JACOBSTHAL SEQUENCE IN FINITE GROUPS

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ABSTRACT. The adjacency-Jacobsthal sequence and the adjacency-Jacobsthal matrix were defined by Deveci and Artun (see [5]). In this work, we consider the cyclic groups which are generated by the multiplicative orders of the adjacency-Jacobsthal matrix when read modulo  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha > 1$ ). Also, we study the adjacency-Jacobsthal sequence modulo  $\alpha$  and then we obtain the relationship among the periods of the adjacency-Jacobsthal sequence modulo  $\alpha$  and the orders of the cyclic groups obtained. Furthermore, we redefine the adjacency-Jacobsthal sequence by means of the elements of 2-generator groups which is called the adjacency-Jacobsthal orbit. Then we examine the adjacency-Jacobsthal orbit of the finite groups in detail. Finally, we obtain the periods of the adjacency-Jacobsthal orbit of the dihedral group  $D_{10}$  as applications of the results obtained.

#### 1. Introduction

In [5], Deveci and Artun defined the adjacency-Jacobsthal sequence for  $k \geq 1$  as follows:

(1.1) 
$$J_{m,n}(mn+k) = J_{m,n}(mn-n+k+1) + 2J_{m,n}(k)$$

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with initial constants  $J_{m,n}(1) = \cdots = J_{m,n}(mn-1) = 0$  and  $J_{m,n}(mn) = 1$ , where m and n are positive integers such that  $m \geq 2$  and  $n \geq 4$ .

From (1.1), Deveci and Artun given the adjacency-Jacobsthal matrix as shown,

$$C_{m,n} = [c_{i,j}]_{(mn)\times(mn)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Also, by an inductive argument they obtained that

$$(C_{m,n})^{\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} J_{m,n}^{mn+\alpha} & J_{m,n}^{mn+\alpha+1} & \cdots & J_{m,n}^{mn+\alpha+n-2} & 2J_{m,n}^{\alpha+n-1} & 2J_{m,n}^{\alpha+n} & \cdots & 2J_{m,n}^{\alpha+mn-1} \\ J_{m,n}^{mn+\alpha-1} & J_{m,n}^{mn+\alpha} & \cdots & J_{m,n}^{mn+\alpha+n-3} & 2J_{m,n}^{\alpha+n-2} & 2J_{m,n}^{\alpha+n-1} & \cdots & 2J_{m,n}^{\alpha+mn-2} \\ J_{m,n}^{mn+\alpha-2} & J_{m,n}^{mn+\alpha-1} & \cdots & J_{m,n}^{mn+\alpha+n-4} & 2J_{m,n}^{\alpha+n-3} & 2J_{m,n}^{\alpha+n-2} & \cdots & 2J_{m,n}^{\alpha+mn-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ J_{m,n}^{\alpha+1} & J_{m,n}^{\alpha+2} & \cdots & J_{m,n}^{\alpha+n-1} & 2J_{m,n}^{\alpha+n-mn} & 2J_{m,n}^{\alpha+n-mn+1} & \cdots & 2J_{m,n}^{\alpha} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $J_{m,n}\left(\alpha\right)$  is denoted by  $J_{m,n}^{\alpha}$ . It is important to note that  $\det\left(C_{m,n}\right)^{\alpha}=\left(-1\right)^{mn\alpha+\alpha}\left(2\right)^{\alpha}[5].$ 

The study of linear recurrence sequences in groups began with the earlier work of Wall [11] where the ordinary Fibonacci sequences in cyclic groups were investigated. The theory is expanded to 3-step Fibonacci sequence by Ozkan, Aydin and Dikici [10]. Lu and Wang [9] contributed to study of the Wall number for the k-step Fibonacci sequence. Deveci and Karaduman [6] extended the concept to Pell numbers. The concept extended to some special linear recurrence sequences by several authors; see for example, [1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 12]. In this paper, we consider the cyclic groups which are

generated by the multiplicative orders of the adjacency-Jacobsthal matrix when read modulo  $\alpha$ . Also, we study the adjacency-Jacobsthal sequence modulo  $\alpha$  and then we obtain the relationship among the periods of the adjacency-Jacobsthal sequence modulo  $\alpha$  and the orders of the cyclic groups obtained. Furthermore, we redefine the adjacency-Jacobsthal sequence by means of the elements of 2-generator groups which is called the adjacency-Jacobsthal orbit. Then we examine the adjacency-Jacobsthal orbit of the finite groups in detail. Finally, we obtain the periods of the adjacency-Jacobsthal orbit of the dihedral group  $D_{10}$  as applications of the results obtained.

### 2. The Adjacency-Jacobsthal Sequence in Finite Groups

Reducing the adjacency-Jacobsthal sequence  $\{J_{m,n}(k)\}$  by a modulus  $\alpha$ , then we get the repeating sequence, denoted by

$$\{J_{m,n}^{\alpha}(k)\} = \{J_{m,n}^{\alpha}(1), J_{m,n}^{\alpha}(2), \dots, J_{m,n}^{\alpha}(i), \dots\}$$

where  $J_{m,n}^{\alpha}\left(i\right)=J_{m,n}\left(i\right)\left(mod\alpha\right)$ . It has the same recurrence relation as in (1.1).

It is well-known that a sequence is periodic if, after a certain point, it consists only of repetitions of a fixed subsequence. The number of elements in the shortest repeating subsequence is called the period of the sequence. In particular, if the first k elements in the sequence form a repeating subsequence, then the sequence is simply periodic and its period is k.

**Theorem 2.1.** The sequence  $\{J_{m,n}^{\alpha}(k)\}$  is periodic for every positive integer  $\alpha$ .

*Proof.* Let us consider the set  $U = \{(u_1, u_2, ..., u_{mn}) \mid u_i$ 's are integers such that  $0 \le u_i \le \alpha - 1\}$ . Since there are  $\alpha^{mn}$  distinct (mn)-tuples of elements of  $Z_{\alpha}$ , at least one of the (mn)-tuples

appears twice in the sequence  $\{J_{m,n}^{\alpha}(k)\}$ . Thus, the subsequence following this (mn)tuple repeats; hence, the sequence is periodic.

Given an integer matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$ ,  $A(mod\alpha)$  means that all entries of A are reduced modulo  $\alpha$ , that is,  $A(mod\alpha) = (a_{ij}(mod\alpha))$ . Let us consider the set  $\langle A \rangle_{\alpha} = \{A^i(mod\alpha) \mid i \geq 0\}$ . Since the determinant of the matrix A is different from zero, then the matrix A is nonsingular and so invertible. Also, If  $\gcd(\alpha, \det A) \neq 1$ , then the matrix A cannot be invertible. Hence, in this case the matrix A is a cyclic group according to modulo  $\alpha$ . Otherwise, the matrix A is a semigroup according to modulo  $\alpha$ .

Since  $\det C_{m,n} = (-1)^{mn+1} 2$ , it is clear that the set  $\langle C_{m,n} \rangle_{\alpha}$  is a cyclic group if  $\alpha$  is a positive odd integer and the set  $\langle C_{m,n} \rangle_{\alpha}$  is a semigroup if  $\alpha$  is a positive even integer.

We next consider the orders of the cyclic groups which are produced by the adjacency-Jacobsthal matrix  $C_{m,n}$  according to modulo  $\alpha$ . It is important to note that the orders of these cyclic groups are related to the periods of the sequences modulo  $\alpha$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let p be a prime and consider the cyclic group let  $\langle C_{m,n} \rangle_{P^{\alpha}}$ . If i is the largest positive integer such that  $\left| \langle C_{m,n} \rangle_p \right| = \left| \langle C_{m,n} \rangle_{p^i} \right|$ , then  $\left| \langle C_{m,n} \rangle_{p^j} \right| = p^{j-i} \cdot \left| \langle C_{m,n} \rangle_p \right|$  for every  $j \geq i$ .

Proof. Let us consider the cyclic group  $\langle C_{m,n} \rangle_{P^{\alpha}}$ . Suppose that k is a positive integer and  $|\langle C_{m,n} \rangle_{P^{\alpha}}|$  is denoted by L(p). If  $(C_{m,n})^{L(p^{k+1})} \equiv I(modp^{k+1})$ , then  $(C_{m,n})^{L(p^{k+1})} \equiv I(modp^k)$ , where I is a  $(mn) \times (mn)$  identity matrix. Thus we get that  $L(p^k)$  divides  $L(p^{k+1})$ . On the other hand, writing  $(C_{m,n})^{L(p^k)} = I + (c_{ij}^{(k)}, p^k)$ ,

by the binomial theorem, we have

$$(C_{m,n})^{L\left(p^{k}\right).p} = \left(I + \left(c_{ij}^{(k)}.p^{k}\right)\right)^{r} = \sum_{\beta=0}^{p} \begin{pmatrix} p \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \left(c_{ij}^{(k)}.p^{k}\right)^{\beta} = I\left(modp^{k+1}\right).$$

So we get that  $L\left(p^{k+1}\right)$  divides  $L\left(p^{k}\right).p$ . Thus,  $L\left(p^{k+1}\right)=L\left(p^{k}\right)$  or  $L\left(p^{k+1}\right)=L\left(p^{k}\right).p$ . It is clear that  $L\left(p^{k+1}\right)=L\left(p^{k}\right).p$  holds if and only if there exists an integer  $c_{ij}^{(k)}$  which is not divisible by p. Since i is the largest positive integer such that  $L\left(p\right)=L\left(p^{i}\right)$ , we have  $L\left(p^{i}\right)\neq L\left(p^{i+1}\right)$ . Then, there exists an integer  $c_{ij}^{(i+1)}$  which is not divisible by p. So we get that  $L\left(p^{i+1}\right)\neq L\left(p^{i+2}\right)$ . To complete the proof we may use an inductive method on i.

We next denote the period of the sequence  $\{J_{m,n}^{\alpha}(k)\}$  by  $PJ_{m,n}^{\alpha}$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $\alpha$  be a positive integer and suppose that  $\alpha = \prod_{i=1}^{k} (p_i)^{e_i}$   $(k \geq 1)$ , where  $p_i$ 's are distinct primes and  $e_i \geq 1$ . Then  $PJ_{m,n}^{\alpha}$  equals the least common multiple of the  $PJ_{m,n}^{(p_i)^{e_i}}$ 's.

Proof. It is clear that the sequence  $\left\{J_{m,n}^{(p_i)^{e_i}}\right\}$  repeats only after blocks of length  $\lambda.PJ_{m,n}^{(p_i)^{e_i}}$  where  $\lambda$  is a natural number. Since  $PJ_{m,n}^{\alpha}$  is the period of the sequence  $\left\{J_{m,n}^{\alpha}\left(k\right)\right\}$ , the sequence  $\left\{J_{m,n}^{\alpha}\left(p_i^{e_i}\right)\right\}$  repeats after  $PJ_{m,n}^{\alpha}$  terms for all values i. Thus, we easily see that  $PJ_{m,n}^{\alpha}$  is of the form  $\lambda.PJ_{m,n}^{(p_i)^{e_i}}$  for all values of i, and since any such number gives a period of  $PJ_{m,n}^{\alpha}$ . Therefore, we conclude that

$$PJ_{m,n}^{\alpha} = lcm \left[ PJ_{m,n}^{(p_1)^{e_1}}, \dots, PJ_{m,n}^{(p_k)^{e_k}} \right].$$

Let G be a finite j-generator group and let

$$X = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_j) \in \underbrace{G \times G \times \dots \times G}_{j} \mid \langle \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_j\} \rangle = G \right\}.$$

We call  $(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_j)$  a generating j-tuple for G.

**Definition 2.1.** Let G be a 2-generator group and let (x, y) be a generating pair of G such that |x| = n and |y| = m, where  $m \ge 2, n \ge 4$ . Then, for a generating pair (x, y), we define the adjacency-Jacobsthal orbit  $AJ_{(m,n)}(G: x, y)$  as follows:

$$x_{m,n}(mn+k) = (x_{m,n}(k))^2 (x_{m,n}(mn-n+k+1)) \quad (k \ge 1)$$

with initial constants 
$$x_{m,n}(1) = x$$
,  $x_{m,n}(2) = \cdots = x_{m,n}(mn - n + 1) = e$ ,  $x_{m,n}(mn - n + 2) = y$  and  $x_{m,n}(mn - n + 3) = \cdots = x_{m,n}(mn) = e$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** A adjacency-Jacobsthal orbit  $AJ_{(m,n)}(G:x,y)$  of a finite group G is a periodic sequence of group elements.

*Proof.* Suppose that q is the order of the group G. Since there are  $q^{mn}$  distinct mn-tuples of elements of G, at least one of the mn-tuples appears twice in a adjacency-Jacobsthal orbit  $AJ_{(m,n)}(G:x,y)$ . Thus, the subsequence following this mn-tuples repeats. Because of the repeating, adjacency-Jacobsthal orbit of the group G is periodic.

We denote the length of the period of the orbit  $AJ_{(m,n)}(G:x,y)$  by  $LAJ_{(m,n)}(G:x,y)$ . It is well-known that the dihedral group  $D_{2n}$  of order 2n is defined by the presentation

$$D_{2n} = \langle x, y \mid x^n = y^2 = (xy)^2 = e \rangle.$$

**Example 2.1.** For n = 5, we consider the length of the period of the adjacency-Jacobsthal orbit of the dihedral group  $D_{10}$ . First note that |x| = 5 and |y| = 2. The

sequence  $AJ_{(2,5)}(D_{10}:x,y)$  is

$$x_{2,5}(1) = x, x_{2,5}(2) = \dots = x_{2,5}(6) = e, x_{2,5}(7) = y, x_{2,5}(8) = \dots = x_{2,5}(10) = e,$$

$$x_{2,5}(11) = x^2y, x_{2,5}(12) = \dots = x_{2,5}(14) = e, x_{2,5}(15) = x^2y,$$

$$x_{2,5}(16) = \dots = x_{2,5}(18) = e, x_{2,5}(19) = x^2y, x_{2,5}(20) = e,$$

$$x_{2,5}(21) = e, x_{2,5}(22) = e, x_{2,5}(23) = x^2y, x_{2,5}(24) = \dots = (26) = e,$$

$$x_{2,5}(27) = x^2y, x_{2,5}(28) = \dots = x_{2,5}(30) = e,$$

$$x_{2,5}(31) = x^2y, x_{2,5}(32) = \dots = x_{2,5}(34) = e, x_{2,5}(35) = x^2y,$$

Since 
$$x_{2,5}$$
 (11) =  $x_{2,5}$  (31),  $x_{2,5}$  (12) =  $x_{2,5}$  (32),  $x_{2,5}$  (13) =  $x_{2,5}$  (33),  $x_{2,5}$  (14) =  $x_{2,5}$  (34),  $x_{2,5}$  (15) =  $x_{2,5}$  (35),  $x_{2,5}$  (16) =  $x_{2,5}$  (36),  $x_{2,5}$  (17) =  $x_{2,5}$  (37),  $x_{2,5}$  (18) =  $x_{2,5}$  (38),  $x_{2,5}$  (19) =  $x_{2,5}$  (39) and  $x_{2,5}$  (20) =  $x_{2,5}$  (40),  $x_{2,5}$  (10) =  $x_{2,5}$  (11) =  $x_{2,5}$  (12) =  $x_{2,5}$  (13) =  $x_{2,5}$  (15) =  $x_{2,5}$  (15) =  $x_{2,5}$  (17) =  $x_{2,5}$  (18) =  $x_{2,5}$  (19) =  $x_{2,$ 

 $x_{2,5}(36) = \cdots = x_{2,5}(38) = e, x_{2,5}(39) = x^2y, x_{2,5}(40) = e, \ldots$ 

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