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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce a q -analog of the bi-periodic Lucas sequence, called as the q -bi-periodic Lucas sequence, and give some identities related to the q -bi-periodic Fibonacci and Lucas sequences. Also, we give a matrix representation for the q -bi-periodic Fibonacci sequence which allow us to obtain several properties of this sequence in a simple way. Moreover, by using the explicit formulas for the q -bi-periodic Fibonacci and Lucas sequences, we introduce q -analogs of the bi-periodic incomplete Fibonacci and Lucas sequences and give a relation between them.

1. INTRODUCTION

It is well-known that the classical Fibonacci numbers F_n are defined by the recurrence relation

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}, \quad n \geq 2 \quad (1.1)$$

with the initial conditions $F_0 = 0$ and $F_1 = 1$. The Lucas numbers L_n , which follows the same recursive pattern as the Fibonacci numbers, but begins with $L_0 = 2$ and $L_1 = 1$. There are a lot of generalizations of Fibonacci and Lucas sequences. In [6], Edson and Yayenie introduced a generalization of the Fibonacci sequence, called as bi-periodic Fibonacci sequence, as follows:

$$q_n = \begin{cases} aq_{n-1} + q_{n-2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ bq_{n-1} + q_{n-2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}, \quad n \geq 2 \quad (1.2)$$

with initial values $q_0 = 0$ and $q_1 = 1$, where a and b are nonzero numbers. Note that if we take $a = b = 1$ in $\{q_n\}$, we get the classical Fibonacci sequence. These sequences are emerged as denominators of the continued fraction expansion of the quadratic irrational numbers. For detailed information related to these sequences,

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we refer to [6, 19, 8, 11, 12, 17, 18, 15, 16]. Yayenie [19] gave an explicit formula of q_n as:

$$q_n = a^{\xi(n-1)} \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n-1-i}{i} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor - i} \quad (1.3)$$

where $\xi(n) = n - 2 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$, i.e., $\xi(n) = 0$ when n is even and $\xi(n) = 1$ when n is odd.

Similar to (1.2), by taking initial conditions $p_0 = 2$ and $p_1 = a$, Bilgici [2] introduced the bi-periodic Lucas numbers as follows:

$$p_n = \begin{cases} bp_{n-1} + p_{n-2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ ap_{n-1} + p_{n-2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}, \quad n \geq 2. \quad (1.4)$$

It should also be noted that, it gives the classical Lucas sequence in the case of $a = b = 1$ in $\{p_n\}$. In analogy with (1.3), Tan and Ekin [14] gave the explicit formula of the bi-periodic Lucas numbers as:

$$p_n = a^{\xi(n)} \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{n}{n-i} \binom{n-i}{i} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - i}, \quad n \geq 1. \quad (1.5)$$

On the other hand, there are several different q -analogs for the Fibonacci and Lucas sequences [3, 4, 5, 13, 7, 1]. Particularly, Cigler [5] gave the (Carlitz-) q -Fibonacci and q -Lucas polynomials

$$f_n(x, s) = xf_{n-1}(x, s) + q^{n-2}sf_{n-2}(x, s); \quad f_0(x, s) = 0, \quad f_1(x, s) = 1, \quad (1.6)$$

$$l_n(x, s) = f_{n+1}(x, s) + sf_{n-1}(x, qs); \quad l_0(x, s) = 2, \quad l_1(x, s) = x, \quad (1.7)$$

respectively.

Additionally, Ramírez and Sirvent [10] introduced a q -analog of the bi-periodic Fibonacci sequence by

$$F_n^{(a,b)}(q, s) = \begin{cases} aF_{n-1}^{(a,b)}(q, s) + q^{n-2}sF_{n-2}^{(a,b)}(q, s), & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ bF_{n-1}^{(a,b)}(q, s) + q^{n-2}sF_{n-2}^{(a,b)}(q, s), & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}, \quad n \geq 2 \quad (1.8)$$

with initial conditions $F_0^{(a,b)}(q, s) = 0$ and $F_1^{(a,b)}(q, s) = 1$. They derived the following equality to evaluate the q -bi-periodic Fibonacci sequence:

$$F_n^{(a,b)}(q, s) = \chi_n F_{n-1}^{(a,b)}(q, qs) - qsF_{n-2}^{(a,b)}(q, q^2s), \quad (1.9)$$

where $\chi_n := a^{\xi(n+1)}b^{\xi(n)}$. Also, they gave the relationship between the q -bi-periodic Fibonacci sequence and the (Carlitz-) q -Fibonacci polynomials as:

$$F_n^{(a,b)}(q, s) = \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} \right)^{\xi(n+1)} f_n(\sqrt{ab}, s). \quad (1.10)$$

By using (1.10), they obtained the explicit formula of the q -bi-periodic Fibonacci sequence as:

$$F_n^{(a,b)}(q, s) = a^{\xi(n-1)} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \begin{bmatrix} n-k-1 \\ k \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor - k} q^{k^2} s^k, \quad (1.11)$$

where $\begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} := \frac{[n]_q!}{[k]_q! [n-k]_q!}$ is the q -binomial coefficients with $[n]_q := 1 + q + q^2 + \dots + q^{n-1}$ and $[n]_q! := [1]_q [2]_q \dots [n]_q$.

Motivated by the Ramirez's results in [10], here we introduce a q -analog of the bi-periodic Lucas sequence, called as the q -bi-periodic Lucas sequence, and give some identities related to the q -bi-periodic Fibonacci and Lucas sequences. Also, we give a matrix representation for the q -bi-periodic Fibonacci sequence which allow us to obtain several properties of this sequence in a simple way. Moreover, by using the explicit formulas for the q -bi-periodic Fibonacci and Lucas sequences, we introduce q -analogs of the bi-periodic incomplete Fibonacci and Lucas sequences and give a relation between them.

2. A q -ANALOG OF THE BI-PERIODIC LUCAS SEQUENCE

First, we consider the (Carlitz-) q -Lucas polynomials in (1.7), and define the q -bi-periodic Lucas sequence by means of the (Carlitz-) q -Lucas polynomials.

Definition 1. The q -bi-periodic Lucas sequence is defined by

$$L_n^{(a,b)}(q, s) = \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} \right)^{\xi(n)} l_n(\sqrt{ab}, s) \quad (2.1)$$

where $l_n(x, s)$ is the (Carlitz-) q -Lucas polynomials.

The terms of the q -bi-periodic Lucas sequence can be given as:

n	$L_n^{(a,b)}(q, s)$
0	2
1	a
2	$ab + sq + s$
3	$a^2b + as + asq + asq^2$
4	$a^2b^2 + abs + absq + absq^2 + absq^3 + s^2q^2 + s^2q^4$
5	$a^3b^2 + a^2bs + a^2bsq + a^2bsq^2 + a^2bsq^3 + a^2bsq^4$ $+ as^2q^2 + as^2q^3 + as^2q^4 + as^2q^5 + as^2q^6$
\vdots	\vdots

Note that if we take $a = b = x$, we obtain the (Carlitz-) q -Lucas polynomials $l_n(x, s)$.

In the following lemma, we state the q -bi-periodic Lucas sequence in terms of the q -bi-periodic Fibonacci sequence.

Lemma 1. For any integer $n \geq 0$, we have

$$L_n^{(a,b)}(q, s) = F_{n+1}^{(a,b)}(q, s) + sF_{n-1}^{(a,b)}(q, qs). \quad (2.2)$$

Proof. By using the definition of the q -bi-periodic Lucas sequence and the relations (1.7) and (1.10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} L_n^{(a,b)}(q, s) &= \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}}\right)^{\xi(n)} l_n(\sqrt{ab}, s) \\ &= \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}}\right)^{\xi(n)} \left(f_{n+1}(\sqrt{ab}, s) + sf_{n-1}(\sqrt{ab}, qs)\right) \\ &= \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}}\right)^{\xi(n)} \left(\sqrt{\frac{b}{a}}\right)^{\xi(n)} \left(F_{n+1}^{(a,b)}(q, s) + sF_{n-1}^{(a,b)}(q, qs)\right) \end{aligned}$$

which gives the desired result. \square

Now we give an another relation between the q -bi-periodic Fibonacci sequence and q -bi-periodic Lucas sequence.

Theorem 1. For any integer $n \geq 0$, we have

$$\chi_n L_n^{(a,b)}(q, qs) = F_{n+2}^{(a,b)}(q, s) - q^{n+1}s^2 F_{n-2}^{(a,b)}(q, q^2s) \quad (2.3)$$

where $\chi_n := a^{\xi(n+1)}b^{\xi(n)}$.

Proof. By using the definition of the q -bi-periodic Fibonacci sequence in (1.8) and the relations (2.2) and (1.9), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_n L_n^{(a,b)}(q, qs) &= \chi_n \left(F_{n+1}^{(a,b)}(q, qs) + qsF_{n-1}^{(a,b)}(q, q^2s)\right) \\ &= F_{n+2}^{(a,b)}(q, s) - qsF_n^{(a,b)}(q, q^2s) + \chi_n qsF_{n-1}^{(a,b)}(q, q^2s) \\ &= F_{n+2}^{(a,b)}(q, s) - qs \left(F_n^{(a,b)}(q, q^2s) - \chi_n F_{n-1}^{(a,b)}(q, q^2s)\right) \\ &= F_{n+2}^{(a,b)}(q, s) - q^{n+1}s^2 F_{n-2}^{(a,b)}(q, q^2s). \end{aligned}$$

\square

If we take $a = b = x$ in (2.3), it reduces to the relation between q -bi-periodic Fibonacci sequence and Lucas polynomials

$$xl_n(x, qs) = f_{n+2}(x, s) - q^{n+1}s^2 f_{n-2}(x, q^2s)$$

which can be found in [5, Equation (3.15)].

In the following theorem, we give the explicit expression of the q -bi-periodic Lucas sequence $L_n^{(a,b)}(q, s)$. Since we define the incomplete sequences by using its explicit formula, the following theorem play a key role for our further study in the next section.

Theorem 2. For any integer $n \geq 0$, we have

$$L_n^{(a,b)}(q, s) = a^{\xi(n)} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{[n]}{[n-k]} \begin{bmatrix} n-k \\ k \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - k} q^{k^2-k} s^k. \quad (2.4)$$

Proof. By using the relations (2.2) and (1.11), we have

$$\begin{aligned} L_n^{(a,b)}(q, s) &= F_{n+1}^{(a,b)}(q, s) + s F_{n-1}^{(a,b)}(q, qs) \\ &= a^{\xi(n)} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \begin{bmatrix} n-k \\ k \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - k} q^{k^2} s^k \\ &\quad + a^{\xi(n-2)} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1} \begin{bmatrix} n-2-k \\ k \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1 - k} q^{k^2+k} s^{k+1} \\ &= a^{\xi(n)} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \begin{bmatrix} n-k \\ k \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - k} q^{k^2} s^k \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \begin{bmatrix} n-k-1 \\ k-1 \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - k} q^{k^2-k} s^k \right) \\ &= a^{\xi(n)} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \left(q^k \begin{bmatrix} n-k \\ k \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} n-k-1 \\ k-1 \end{bmatrix} \right) (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - k} q^{k^2-k} s^k. \end{aligned}$$

By using the identity

$$q^k \begin{bmatrix} n-k \\ k \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} n-k-1 \\ k-1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{[n]}{[n-k]} \begin{bmatrix} n-k \\ k \end{bmatrix},$$

we obtain the desired result. \square

If we take $a = b = x$ in the above theorem, it reduces to the (Carlitz-) q -Lucas polynomials

$$l_n(x, s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{[n]}{[n-k]} \begin{bmatrix} n-k \\ k \end{bmatrix} q^{k^2-k} s^k x^{n-2k}$$

which can be found in [5, Equation (3.14)].

Now we give a matrix representation for the q -bi-periodic Fibonacci sequence which can be proven by induction. By using matrix formula, one can obtain several properties of this sequence.

Theorem 3. For $n \geq 1$, let define the matrix $C(\chi_n, s) := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ s & \chi_n \end{pmatrix}$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_n(\chi_n, s) &:= C(\chi_n, q^{n-1}s) C(\chi_{n-1}, q^{n-2}s) \cdots C(\chi_2, qs) C(\chi_1, s) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} sF_{n-1}^{(a,b)}(q, qs) & \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{\xi(n+1)} F_n^{(a,b)}(q, s) \\ sF_n^{(a,b)}(q, qs) & \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{\xi(n)} F_{n+1}^{(a,b)}(q, s) \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

In the following theorem, we give the q -Cassini formula for the q -bi-periodic Fibonacci sequence by taking the determinant of the both sides of the equation (2.5).

Theorem 4. For any integer $n > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{\xi(n)} F_{n-1}^{(a,b)}(q, qs) F_{n+1}^{(a,b)}(q, s) - \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{\xi(n+1)} F_n^{(a,b)}(q, s) F_n^{(a,b)}(q, qs) \\ &= (-1)^n s^{n-1} q^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

Note that by taking $a = b = x$, we obtain the result in [5, Equation (3.12)].

Theorem 5. For any integer $n > 0$, we have

$$F_{2n}^{(a,b)}(q, s) = \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{\xi(n)} q^n s F_{n-1}^{(a,b)}(q, q^{n+1}s) F_n^{(a,b)}(q, s) + F_n^{(a,b)}(q, q^n s) F_{n+1}^{(a,b)}(q, s). \quad (2.7)$$

Proof. Since $M_{m+n}(\chi_n, s) = M_m(\chi_n, q^n s) M_n(\chi_n, s)$, if we equate the corresponding entries of each matrices and take $m = n$ in the resulting equality, we get the desired result. \square

One can get several properties of the q -bi-periodic Fibonacci sequence by taking proper powers of the matrix in (2.5).

3. q -BI-PERIODIC INCOMPLETE FIBONACCI AND LUCAS SEQUENCES

In this section, we define q -bi-periodic incomplete Fibonacci and Lucas sequences. Let n be a positive integer and l be an integer.

Ramirez [9] defined the bi-periodic incomplete Fibonacci numbers by using the explicit formula of the bi-periodic Fibonacci sequences in (1.3) as:

$$q_n(l) = a^{\xi(n-1)} \sum_{i=0}^l \binom{n-1-i}{i} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor - i}, \quad 0 \leq l \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor$$

Similarly, by using the explicit formula of the bi-periodic Lucas sequence in (1.5), Tan and Ekin [14] defined the bi-periodic incomplete Lucas numbers as:

$$p_n(l) = a^{\xi(n)} \sum_{i=0}^l \frac{n}{n-i} \binom{n-i}{i} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - i}, \quad 0 \leq l \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

Analogously, by using the explicit formulas of the q -bi-periodic Fibonacci sequence in (1.11) and the q -bi-periodic Lucas sequence in (2.4), we define the q -bi-periodic incomplete Fibonacci and Lucas sequences as follows.

Definition 2. For any non negative integer n , the q -bi-periodic incomplete Fibonacci and Lucas sequences are defined by

$$F_{n,l}^{(a,b)}(q, s) = a^{\xi(n-1)} \sum_{k=0}^l \begin{bmatrix} n-1-k \\ k \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor - k} q^{k^2} s^k, \quad 0 \leq l \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$L_{n,l}^{(a,b)}(q, s) = a^{\xi(n)} \sum_{k=0}^l \frac{[n]}{[n-k]} \begin{bmatrix} n-k \\ k \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - k} q^{k^2-k} s^k, \quad 0 \leq l \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor, \quad (3.2)$$

respectively.

If we take $l = \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor$ in (3.1), we obtain the q -bi-periodic Fibonacci sequence, and if we take $l = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ in (3.2), we obtain the q -bi-periodic Lucas sequence.

Next, we give non-homogenous recurrence relation for the q -bi-periodic incomplete Fibonacci sequence.

Theorem 6. For $0 \leq l \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$, the non-linear recurrence relation of the q -bi-periodic incomplete Fibonacci sequence is

$$F_{n+2,l+1}^{(a,b)}(q, s) = \begin{cases} aF_{n+1,l+1}^{(a,b)}(q, s) + q^n s F_{n,l}^{(a,b)}(q, s), & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ bF_{n+1,l+1}^{(a,b)}(q, s) + q^n s F_{n,l}^{(a,b)}(q, s), & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

The relation (3.3) can be transformed into the non-homogeneous recurrence relation

$$F_{n+2,l}^{(a,b)}(q, s) = aF_{n+1,l}^{(a,b)}(q, s) + q^n s F_{n,l}^{(a,b)}(q, s) - a \begin{bmatrix} n-1-l \\ l \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor - l} q^{n+l^2} s^{l+1} \quad (3.4)$$

for even n , and

$$F_{n+2,l}^{(a,b)}(q, s) = bF_{n+1,l}^{(a,b)}(q, s) + q^n s F_{n,l}^{(a,b)}(q, s) - \begin{bmatrix} n-1-l \\ l \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor - l} q^{n+l^2} s^{l+1} \quad (3.5)$$

for odd n .

Proof. If n is even, then $\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$. By using the Definition (3.1), we can write the RHS of (3.3) as

$$\begin{aligned} & a^{1+\xi(n)} \sum_{k=0}^{l+1} \begin{bmatrix} n-k \\ k \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - k} q^{k^2} s^k \\ & + q^n s a^{\xi(n-1)} \sum_{k=0}^l \begin{bmatrix} n-1-k \\ k \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor - k} q^{k^2} s^k \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= a \sum_{k=0}^{l+1} \begin{bmatrix} n-k \\ k \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - k} q^{k^2} s^k + q^n a \sum_{k=0}^l \begin{bmatrix} n-1-k \\ k \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor - k} q^{k^2} s^{k+1} \\
&= a \sum_{k=0}^{l+1} \begin{bmatrix} n-k \\ k \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - k} q^{k^2} s^k \\
&\quad + q^n a \sum_{k=1}^{l+1} \begin{bmatrix} n-k \\ k-1 \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - k} q^{(k-1)^2} s^k \\
&= a \sum_{k=0}^{l+1} \left(\begin{bmatrix} n-k \\ k \end{bmatrix} + q^{n-2k+1} \begin{bmatrix} n-k \\ k-1 \end{bmatrix} \right) (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - k} q^{k^2} s^k (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - k} - 0 \\
&= a \sum_{k=0}^{l+1} \begin{bmatrix} n-k+1 \\ k \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - k} q^{k^2} s^k (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - k} \\
&= F_{n+2, l+1}^{(a,b)}(q, s).
\end{aligned}$$

Also from equation (3.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
F_{n+2, l}^{(a,b)}(q, s) &= aF_{n+1, l}^{(a,b)}(q, s) + q^n s F_{n, l-1}^{(a,b)}(q, s) \\
&= aF_{n+1, l}^{(a,b)}(q, s) + q^n s F_{n, l}^{(a,b)}(q, s) + q^n s (F_{n, l-1}^{(a,b)}(q, s) - F_{n, l}^{(a,b)}(q, s)) \\
&= aF_{n+1, l}^{(a,b)}(q, s) + q^n s F_{n, l}^{(a,b)}(q, s) - a \begin{bmatrix} n-1-l \\ l \end{bmatrix} (ab)^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor - l} q^{n+l^2} s^{l+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

If n is odd, the proof is completely analogous. \square

Note that the q -bi-periodic Lucas sequence does not satisfy a recurrence like (3.3), since $F_{n+1}^{(a,b)}(q, s)$ and $F_{n+1}^{(a,b)}(q, qs)$ do not satisfy the same recurrence relation.

Finally we give the relationship between the q -bi-periodic incomplete Fibonacci and Lucas sequences as follows:

Theorem 7. For $0 \leq l \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$, we have

$$L_{n, l}^{(a,b)}(q, s) = F_{n+1, l}^{(a,b)}(q, s) + F_{n-1, l-1}^{(a,b)}(q, qs). \quad (3.6)$$

Proof. It can be proved easily by using the definitions (3.1) and (3.2). \square

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