

FIBONACCI LENGTHS INVOLVING THE WALL NUMBER $k(n)$

H. DOOSTIE* AND M. HASHEMI

ABSTRACT. Two infinite classes of special finite groups considered (The group G is special, if G' and $Z(G)$ coincide). Using certain sequences of numbers we give explicit formulas for the Fibonacci lengths of these classes which involve the well-known Wall numbers $k(n)$.

AMS Mathematics Subject Classification : 20F05.

Key words and phrases : Groups, special groups, Fibonacci length.

1. Introduction

Many authors have studied the periodic sequences of elements of finite groups. It was then refined in [4] and [5] and to that of a Fibonacci length of a given group $G = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle$. Since 1990 the Fibonacci length has been studied and calculated for certain classes of finite groups (for example one may see [2,4,5,7]) where the least positive integer l is called the Fibonacci length of the group $G = \langle A \rangle$ with respect to the generating set $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$, denoted by $LEN_A(G)$,

if it is the period of the sequence $x_i = a_i, (1 \leq i \leq n), x_{n+i} = \prod_{j=1}^n x_{i+j-1}, i \geq 1$, of

the elements of G . When it is clear which generating set is being investigated we will write $LEN(G)$ for $LEN_A(G)$. The Fibonacci sequence $\{f_n\}_{-\infty}^{\infty}$ of numbers defined by $f_n = f_{n-2} + f_{n-1}$ for $n \geq 0$, and $f_n = f_{n+2} - f_{n+1}$ for $n \leq 0$, and we seed the sequence with $f_0 = 0$ and $f_1 = 1$. We use $k(n)$ to denote the fundamental period of the sequence, and call it the Wall number (see [9]). Using the Theorem 5 of [9] and the Wall's conjecture (see [2,9]), for a prime p and the integer $\alpha \geq 1$, we get $k(p^\alpha) = p^{\alpha-1}k(p)$. Also we define the sequence $\{g_n\}_0^\infty$ by

$$g_n = g_{n-1} + g_{n-2} + f_{n-2}^2, (n \geq 3), g_0 = g_1 = g_2 = 0.$$

Received September 8, 2004. Revised January 25, 2005. *Corresponding author.

© 2006 Korean Society for Computational & Applied Mathematics and Korean SIGCAM.

The standard notations $[a, b] = a^{-1}b^{-1}ab$ (for the commutator of the elements a and b of a group) and $|G : H|$ (the index of the subgroup H in the group G) have been used through this paper. We consider two classes of finitely presented groups as:

$$G_{mn} = \langle a, b | a^m = b^n = 1, [a, b]^a = [a, b], [a, b]^b = [a, b] \rangle, \quad m, n \geq 1,$$

$$H_m = \langle x, y | x^{m^2} = y^m = 1, y^{-1}xy = x^{1+m} \rangle, \quad m \geq 2.$$

In the Sections 2 and 3 we study the groups G_{mn} and show that the Fibonacci length of $G_n = G_{nn}$ may be defined explicitly in terms of the Wall number $k(n)$. Section 4 is devoted to study of the groups H_m .

2. A presentation for $Z(G_{mn})$

In this section, we give a presentation for $Z(G_{mn})$, the center of the group G_{mn} , and hereby we show that G_{mn} is an extra special finite group. This computation is almost similar to the counting of the centralizer of finite groups which for certain groups has been done in [1]. However our calculation involves an infinite class of finite groups. First we show that G_{mn} is finite for every positive integers m and n . Indeed we show that $|G_{mn}| = g.c.d.(m, n) \times mn$.

Consider the subgroup $H = \langle a, [a, b] \rangle$ of G_{mn} . Obviously H is abelian and a simple coset enumeration by defining n cosets as $1 = H$ and $ib = i + 1$, $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ shows that $|G : H| = n$. Using the modified Todd-coxeter coset enumeration algorithm in the form given in [2] yields the following presentation for H :

$$H = \langle h_1, h_2 | h_1^m = h_2^n = h_1^n = h_2^m = [h_1, h_2] = 1 \rangle.$$

If $d = g.c.d.(m, n)$, then $H \simeq Z_m \times Z_d$. So $|G_{mn}| = d \times mn$ as desired.

Proposition 2.1. *Let $G = G_{mn}$. Then $Z(G)$, the center of G , has a presentation isomorphic to*

$$Z(G) = \langle x, y, z | x^{\frac{m}{d}} = y^{\frac{n}{d}} = z^d = [x, y] = [x, z] = [y, z] = 1 \rangle.$$

Proof. Since $[a, b]^a = [a, b]$, $[a, b]^b = [a, b]$, then $[a, b] \in Z(G)$ and also

$$[a, b^{-1}] = \left([a, b]^{b^{-1}} \right)^{-1} = [a, b]^{-1} \in Z(G),$$

$$[a^{-1}, b] = \left([a, b]^{a^{-1}} \right)^{-1} = [a, b]^{-1} \in Z(G).$$

Then $G' = \langle [a, b] \rangle$ and $G' \subseteq Z(G)$. For, by the relations $[a, b]^a = [a, b]$ and $[a, b]^b = [a, b]$ of the group G and the well-known commutator relations $[xy, z] = [x, z]^y [y, z]$ and $[x, yz] = [x, z] [x, y]^z$ which hold for every x, y, z in G , we conclude that every element $g \in G'$ is a power of $[a, b]$. (An almost easy calculation may be processed by letting every $g \in G'$ as a product of commutators $[x_i, y_i]$ where $x_i = z_1 z_2 \dots z_k$, $y_i = t_1 t_2 \dots t_p$, $z_i \in \{a, b\}$ or $z_i^{-1} \in \{a, b\}$, and $t_i \in \{a, b\}$

or $t_i^{-1} \in \{a, b\}$.) Since $|\frac{G}{G'}| = mn$, then $|G| = mnd$, where $d = g.c.d.(m, n)$. Consequently, $[a, b]^d = 1$.

Also, for every $x = x_1^{s_1} x_2^{s_2} \dots x_k^{s_k}$ in G_{mn} where $x_i \in \{a, b\}$ and s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k are integers, and using the relations $b^j a^i = a^i b^j [b^j, a^i]$, we may easily prove that every element of G is in the form $a^i b^j g$ where $0 \leq i \leq m - 1$, $0 \leq j \leq n - 1$ and $g \in G'$ (by an induction method on the length of the word x).

To drive a generating set for $Z(G_{mn})$, suppose $x \in Z(G_{mn})$. Then $a^i b^j \in Z(G_{mn})$ and $[a, b^j] = [a, b]^j = 1$ so $d|j$. Similarly $d|i$. Then $x = (a^d)^s (b^d)^t [a, b]^l$. Suppose

$$T = \langle a^d, b^d, [a, b] \mid (a^d)^{\frac{m}{d}} = (b^d)^{\frac{n}{d}} = [a, b]^d = [a^d, b^d] = 1 \rangle.$$

Then $Z(G_{mn}) \subseteq T$. Clearly, $a^d, b^d, [a, b] \in Z(G_{mn})$ and we get

$$T = Z(G_{mn}) \cong \langle x, y, z \mid x^{\frac{m}{d}} = y^{\frac{n}{d}} = z^d = 1, [x, y] = [x, z] = [y, z] = 1 \rangle.$$

□

As a result of 2.1 we see that G_{mn} is an extra special group ($G' \cong Z(G)$) if and only if $m = n$. So, considering the case $m = n$ is of interest. For small values of m and n ($m = n \leq 10$), these groups have been studied among the non-metacyclic groups of order less than 1000 (see [8]).

3. The Fibonacci length of G_{mn}

If $m = n$, then for the group $G_n = G_{nn}$ we know that $|G_n| = n^3$, $Z(G) = G'$, $|Z(G)| = n$, and every element of G_n can be written uniquely in the form $a^t b^s [a, b]^k$ where $0 \leq t, s, k \leq n - 1$. For different values of m and n it is easy to see that $G'_{mn} \subseteq Z(G_{mn})$. Firstly we study the group G_n and almost a similar result will be deduced for G_{mn} .

Lemma 3.1. *For every m ($m \geq 3$), every element x_m of the Fibonacci sequence of the group G_n can be written in the form $a^{f_{m-2}} b^{f_{m-1}} [b, a]^{g_{m-1}}$. And if $LEN(G_n) = t$, then t is the least integer such that all of the equations*

$$\begin{cases} f_{t-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \\ f_t \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \\ g_t \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \\ g_{t+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \end{cases}$$

hold. Moreover, $k(n)$ divides $LEN(G_n)$, and for every integer m if $m|n$, then $LEN(G_m)$ divides $LEN(G_n)$.

Proof. We use an induction method on m . Indeed, $x_3 = a^{f_1} b^{f_2} [b, a]^{g_2}$, $x_4 = a^{f_2} b^{f_3} [b, a]^{g_3}$ and if $x_k = a^{f_{k-2}} b^{f_{k-1}} [b, a]^{g_{k-1}}$ ($4 \leq k \leq m - 1$), then by the

relation $x_m = x_{m-2}x_{m-1}$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_m &= x_{m-2}x_{m-1} = a^{f_{m-4}}b^{f_{m-3}}[b, a]^{g_{m-3}}a^{f_{m-3}}b^{f_{m-2}}[b, a]^{g_{m-2}} \\
 &= a^{f_{m-4}}b^{f_{m-3}}a^{f_{m-3}}b^{f_{m-2}}[b, a]^{g_{m-3}+g_{m-2}} \\
 &= a^{f_{m-4}+f_{m-3}}b^{f_{m-3}+f_{m-2}}[b, a]^{g_{m-3}+g_{m-2}+f_{m-3}^2} \\
 &= a^{f_{m-2}}b^{f_{m-1}}[b, a]^{g_{m-1}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the above proof gives the proof of the second part. To complete the proof, let $t = LEN(G_n)$. Then

$$\begin{cases} f_{t-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}, \\ f_t \equiv 0 \pmod{n}, \\ g_t \equiv 0 \pmod{n}, \\ g_{t+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{n}. \end{cases}$$

So, the condition $m \mid n$ yields the equations

$$\begin{cases} f_{t-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}, \\ f_t \equiv 0 \pmod{m}, \\ g_t \equiv 0 \pmod{m}, \\ g_{t+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{m}. \end{cases}$$

Then the result follows immediately by letting $LEN(G_m) = s$, i.e.; $t = ks$ for some integer k . \square

Lemma 3.2.

- (i) For every $n \geq 3$, $g_n = \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_{n-i-1}f_i^2$.
- (ii) Let $n = k(m)$. If $g_n \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ and $g_{n+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$, then for every positive integer t , $g_{tn} \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ and $g_{tn+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ respectively.

Proof. For $n = 3$ and $n = 4$, we get

$$g_3 = g_1 + g_2 + f_1^2 = \sum_{i=1}^1 f_{3-i-1}f_i^2$$

and

$$g_4 = f_1^2 + f_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^2 f_{4-i-1}f_i^2$$

respectively. Then by induction on n we get

$$\begin{aligned} g_n &= g_{n-1} + g_{n-2} + f_{n-2}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} f_{n-i-2} f_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-4} f_{n-i-3} f_i^2 + f_{n-2}^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} (f_{n-i-2} + f_{n-i-3}) f_i^2 + f_{n-2}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} f_{n-i-1} f_i^2 + f_{n-2}^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_{n-i-1} f_i^2. \end{aligned}$$

To prove (ii), clearly, $\sum_{i=1}^n f_{n-i-1} f_i^2 \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_{n-i-1} f_i^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} g_{tn} &= \sum_{i=1}^{tn-2} f_{tn-i-1} f_i^2 \\ &= \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \left(\sum_{i=(s-1)n+1}^{sn} f_{tn-i-1} f_i^2 \right) + \sum_{i=(t-1)n+1}^{tn-2} f_{tn-i-1} f_i^2 \\ &\equiv (t-1) \sum_{i=1}^n f_{n-i-1} f_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_{n-i-1} f_i^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{m}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $g_{tn+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$. □

Proposition 3.3. *For an integer $t \geq 1$ and for a prime p , let $n = p^t$. Then*

$$LEN(G_n) = \begin{cases} 6 \times 2^{t-1}, & \text{if } p = 2, \\ k(p^t), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let $p = 2$. By induction on t we prove that $g_{2k(n)} \equiv 0 \pmod{2^t}$ and $g_{2k(n)+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{2^t}$. Indeed, $g_{2k(2)} = g_6 = \sum_{i=1}^4 f_{6-i-1} f_i^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, and if $g_{2k(2^s)} \equiv 0 \pmod{2^s}$ ($1 \leq s \leq t-1$), then we get

$$\begin{aligned} g_{2k(n)} &= \sum_{i=1}^{2k(n)-2} f_{2k(n)-i-1} f_i^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{k(n)} f_{2k(n)-i-1} f_i^2 + \sum_{i=k(n)+1}^{2k(n)-2} f_{2k(n)-i-1} f_i^2 \\ &\equiv 2 \sum_{i=1}^{k(n)} f_{k(n)-i-1} f_i^2 = 2g_{2k(2^{t-1})} \equiv 0 \pmod{2^t}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $g_{2k(n)+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{2^t}$. Then by the Lemma 3.1 we get the results

$$k(2^t) | LEN(G_n), \quad LEN(G_n) | 2k(2^t).$$

To prove the equality $LEN(G_n) = 2k(2^t)$, it is sufficient to show that $g_{k(2^t)}$ is not a multiple of 2^t . Suppose $2^t | g_{k(2^t)}$. Then by the relation $g_{k(2^t)} \equiv 2g_{k(2^{t-1})} \pmod{2^t}$ we get consecutively:

$$g_{k(2^t)} \equiv 2g_{k(2^{t-1})} \equiv \cdots \equiv 2^{t-1}g_{k(2)} \equiv 2^{t-1} \pmod{2^t}.$$

So, $2^t | 2^{t-1}$, which is a contradiction.

Now, let $p \geq 3$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k(n)+1} &= a^{f_{k(n)}-1} . b^{f_{k(n)}} . [b, a]^{g_{k(n)}} = a \\ x_{k(n)+2} &= a^{f_{k(n)}} . b^{f_{k(n)+1}} . [b, a]^{g_{k(n)+1}} \\ &= a^{f_0} . b^{f_1} . [b, a]^{g_{k(n)+1}} = b. \end{aligned}$$

For, $f_{k(p^t)+1} \equiv f_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{p^t}$ and $f_{k(p^t)} \equiv f_0 \equiv 0 \pmod{p^t}$. Then the relations $g_{k(p^t)+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^t}$ and $g_{k(p^t)} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^t}$ may be deduced by the results of [2,4]. Using 3.1 shows that $k(p^t)$ is a divisor of $LEN(G_n)$. So $LEN(G_n) = k(p^t)$. \square

Note that the result of 3.3 may be generalized for $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_s^{\alpha_s}$ and in this case we have:

$$LEN(G_n) = \text{l.c.m.}(LEN(G_{p_1^{\alpha_1}}), \dots, LEN(G_{p_s^{\alpha_s}})).$$

Proposition 3.4. For different positive integers m and n ,

$$LEN(G_{mn}) = \text{l.c.m.}(k(m), k(n)).$$

Proof. Let $v = \text{l.c.m.}(k(m), k(n))$, $u = LEN(G_{mn})$ and d be the order of $[a, b]$. As well as the Lemma 3.1 every element of the Fibonacci sequence of G_{mn} may be represented by $x_k = a^{f_{k-2}} b^{f_{k-1}} [b, a]^{g_{k-1}}$ for every $k \geq 3$. Then the equations $x_{u+1} = a$, $x_{u+2} = b$, $x_{v+1} = a$ and $x_{v+2} = b$ hold. Since $G'_{mn} \subseteq Z(G_{mn})$, then an almost tedious calculation shows that $[a, b]^{f_u} = 1$ and $[a, b]^{f_{u+1}-1} = 1$. So we get the key results $LEN(G_{mn}) | v$ and $k(d) | u$ (by considering $f_u \equiv 0 \pmod{d}$ and $f_{u+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{d}$). The rest of proof is similar to that of 3.3 by considering the similar results of 3.2. \square

4. The groups H_m , $m \geq 2$

Let $G = H_m$. An easy calculation shows that G' is cyclic and may be generated by the commutator $[x, y]$. Moreover, $|G'| = m$ and $G' = Z(G)$ (for, $y^r x^s \in Z(G)$ and then $m | r, m | s$; i.e., $y^r x^s = (x^m)^t = [x, y]^t \in G'$, and also $[[x, y], y] = 1$ and $[[x, y], x] = 1$). To calculate the Fibonacci length of H_m , we need some preliminary results.

For every $m \geq 2$ we define the sequence $\{t_n\}_3^\infty$ of numbers as follows:

$$t_3 = t_4 = 1 + m, \dots, t_n = (1 + mf_{n-2})t_{n-2} + t_{n-1}, \quad n \geq 5.$$

And then,

Lemma 4.1.

- (i) Every element of the Fibonacci sequence of H_m may be represented by $x_n = y^{f_{n-1}} x^{t_n}$.
(ii) For every integers $n \geq 5$ and $m \geq 2$,

$$t_n \equiv f_{n-2} + m \left(f_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-4} f_i f_{2+i} f_{n-3-i} \right) \pmod{m^2}.$$

Proof. Since $x_3 = xy = y^{f_2} x^{1+m}$, $x_4 = y^2 x^{1+m}$ and $x_n = x_{n-2} x_{n-1}$ then by an induction method we get:

$$\begin{aligned} x_n &= y^{f_{n-3}} x^{t_{n-2}} y^{f_{n-2}} x^{t_{n-1}} \\ &= y^{f_{n-3}+f_{n-2}} x^{((1+m)^{f_{n-2}}) \times t_{n-2} + t_{n-1}} \\ &= y^{f_{n-1}} x^{(1+mf_{n-2})t_{n-2} + t_{n-1}} \\ &= y^{f_{n-1}} x^{t_n} \end{aligned}$$

To prove (ii) we may also use an induction method. Verifying the assertion for $n = 5$ is easy and then we get

$$\begin{aligned} t_n &\equiv (1 + mf_{n-2})t_{n-2} + t_{n-1} \\ &\equiv f_{n-4} + mf_{n-4} + m \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-6} f_i f_{i+2} f_{n-5-i} \right) + mf_{n-2} f_{n-4} + f_{n-3} \\ &\quad + mf_{n-3} + m \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-5} f_i f_{i+2} f_{n-4-i} \right) \\ &\equiv f_{n-2} + mf_{n-2} + m \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-4} f_i f_{i+2} f_{n-3-i} \right) \pmod{m^2}. \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 4.2. Let $A_s = f_{s-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{s-4} f_i f_{i+2} f_{s-(i+3)}$ and $n = k(m)$, $m \geq 2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} A_{n+1} &= f_{n-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} f_i f_{i+2} f_{n-(i+2)} \\ &\equiv \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_i^2 f_{i+1} - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_i f_{i+1}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_i^3 \pmod{m}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{n+2} &= f_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_i f_{i+2} f_{n-(i+1)} \\
&\equiv \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_i f_{i+1}^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_{i+1} f_i^2 \pmod{m}.
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. Since for every $i \geq 1$, $f_{n-i} \equiv (-1)^{i+1} f_i \pmod{m}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{n+1} &= f_{n-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} f_i f_{i+2} f_{n-(i+2)} \\
&\equiv f_{n-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} (-1)^{i+1} f_i f_{i+2}^2 \\
&\equiv f_{n-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} (-1)^{i+1} f_i (f_i + f_{i+1})^2 \\
&\equiv f_{n-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} (-1)^{i+1} (f_i f_{i+1}^2 + 2f_i^2 f_{i+1} + f_i^3) \\
&\equiv f_{n-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} f_{i+1}^2 f_{n-i} - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} f_{n-(i+1)} f_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} f_{n-i}^3.
\end{aligned}$$

However, expanding the summations yields :

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^{n-3} f_{i+1}^2 f_{n-i} &\equiv \sum_{i=2}^{n-2} f_{i+1} f_{n-i}^2 \equiv \sum_{i=2}^{n-2} f_i^2 f_{i+1} \equiv -1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_i^2 f_{i+1}, \\
\sum_{i=1}^{n-3} f_{n-(i+1)} f_i^2 &\equiv \sum_{i=2}^{n-2} f_{n-(i+1)}^2 f_i \equiv \sum_{i=2}^{n-2} f_{i+1}^2 f_i \equiv \sum_{i=2}^{n-2} f_{i+1}^2 f_i - f_1 f_2^2 \\
&\equiv -1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_{i+1}^2 f_i, \\
\sum_{i=1}^{n-3} f_{n-i}^3 &\equiv -2 + \sum_{i=3}^{n-1} f_i^3,
\end{aligned}$$

respectively. So

$$A_{n+1} \equiv \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_i^2 f_{i+1} - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_i f_{i+1}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_i^3 \right) \pmod{m}.$$

The second part may be proved in a similar way. \square

Proposition 4.3. For every $m \geq 2$, $LEN(H_m) = k(m^2)$.

Proof. It is sufficient to show that for every prime p and every $\alpha \geq 1$ if $m = p^\alpha$, then $LEN(H_m) = k(m^2)$. By the Lemma 4.1-(i) we get $x_s = y^{f_{s-1}}.x^{t_s}$, where $t_s = f_{s-2} + m \left(f_{s-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{s-4} f_i f_{i+2} f_{s-(i+3)} \right)$. Let $n = k(m)$. Then by the Lemma 4.2,

$$A_{n+1} \equiv \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_i^2 f_{i+1} - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_i f_{i+1}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_i^3 \right) \pmod{m},$$

$$A_{n+2} = f_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_i f_{i+2} f_{n-(i+1)} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_i f_{i+1}^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_{i+1} f_i^2 \pmod{m},$$

where, $A_s = f_{s-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{s-4} f_i f_{i+2} f_{s-(i+3)}$.

Now assume that $l = k(m^2) = k(p^{2\alpha}) = p^\alpha k(p^\alpha)$. Then

$$A_{l+1} = f_{l-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{l-3} f_i f_{i+2} f_{l-(i+2)}$$

$$\equiv \sum_{i=1}^{l-2} f_i^2 f_{i+1} - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_i f_{i+1}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{l-1} f_i^3$$

$$\equiv p^\alpha \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_i^2 f_{i+1} - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} f_i f_{i+1}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_i^3 \right) \equiv 0 \pmod{m},$$

and similarly, $A_{l+2} \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ (for, $f_{tk(m)+i} \equiv f_i \pmod{m}, t \geq 1$). This yields

$$t_{l+1} \equiv f_{l-1} \pmod{m^2}, \quad t_{l+2} \equiv 0 \pmod{m^2}.$$

So $x_{l+1} = y^{f_l}.x^{t_{l+1}} = x$ and $x_{l+2} = y$; i.e., $LEN(H_m) | k(m^2)$.

Let $v = LEN(H_m)$. Then we have

$$\begin{cases} f_v \equiv 0 \pmod{m}, \\ f_{v+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}, \\ f_{v-1} + mA_{v+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m^2}, \\ f_v + mA_{v+2} \equiv 0 \pmod{m^2}. \end{cases}$$

So $v = tk(m)$ and this yields the equations

$$\begin{cases} f_{tk(m)-1} + mA_{tk(m)+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m^2}, \\ f_{tk(m)} + mA_{tk(m)+2} \equiv 0 \pmod{m^2}. \end{cases}$$

Let $p \geq 3$. Then by the above properties of A_{n+1} and A_{n+2} , and the results of [2,4] we get

$$\begin{cases} A_{tk(m)+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{m}, \\ A_{tk(m)+2} \equiv 0 \pmod{m}. \end{cases}$$

Consequently, $f_{v-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m^2}$ and $f_v \equiv 0 \pmod{m^2}$; i.e., $k(m^2) | v$. Then we get $LEN(H_m) = k(m^2)$.

Now let $m = 2^\alpha$, where $\alpha \geq 2$. Using the induction method gives us : $A_{k(m)+1} \equiv 2A_{k(2^{\alpha-1})+1} \equiv 2^{\alpha-1}(\text{mod } m)$. If t is even, then $A_{tk(m)+1} \equiv 0(\text{mod } m)$ (for, $A_{tk(m)+1} \equiv tA_{k(m)+1}(\text{mod } m)$) and the result follows similarly for $p \geq 3$. Now assume t is odd. Then

$$A_{tk(m)+1} \equiv A_{k(m)+1} \equiv 2^{\alpha-1}(\text{mod } m), f_{tk(m)-1} + \frac{m^2}{2} \equiv 1(\text{mod } m^2)$$

and $f_{tk(m)} \equiv 0(\text{mod } m^2)$. So,

$$\begin{cases} f_{tk(m)-1} \equiv 1(\text{mod } 2^{2\alpha-1}), \\ f_{tk(m)} \equiv 0(\text{mod } 2^{2\alpha-1}). \end{cases}$$

And namely, $2^{2(\alpha-1)}k(2) \mid t2^{\alpha-1}k(2)$ which is a contradiction (for, t is odd). If $\alpha = 1$ then $LEN(H_2) = k(4) = 6$ may be checked by a simple hand calculation. \square

REFERENCES

1. Ali Reza Ashrafi, *Counting the centralizers of some finite groups*, J. Appl. Math. & Computing, **7** (2000), 115-124.
2. H. Aydin and G. C. Smith, *Finite p -quotients of some cyclically presented groups*, J. London Math. Soc. **49** (1994), 83-92.
3. M. J. Beetham and C. M. Campbell, *A note on the Todd-Coxeter coset enumeration algorithm*, Proc. Edinburgh Math. Soc. **20** (1976), 73-79.
4. C. M. Campbell, H. Doostie and E. F. Robertson, *Fibonacci length of generating pairs in groups*, in: Applications of Fibonacci numbers, G. A. Bergumet (eds.), Vol. 5, 1990, 27-35.
5. C. M. Campbell, P. P. Campbel, H. Doostie and E. F. Robertson, *Fibonacci length for certain metacyclic group*, Algebra Colloquium **11**(2) (2004), 215-222.
6. H. Doostie, *Fibonacci-type sequences and classes of groups*, Ph. D. Thesis, The University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 1988.
7. H. Doostie and R. Golamie, *Computing on the Fibonacci lengths of finite groups*, Internat. J. Appl. Math. **4** (2000), 149-156.
8. Ali-Reza Jamali, *Deficiency zero non-metacyclic p -groups of order less than 1000*, J. Appl. Math. & Computing, **16** (2004), 303-306.
9. D. D. Wall, *Fibonacci series modulo m* , Amer. Math. Monthly **67** (1960), 525-532.

Hossein Doostie received his B. Sc. from Tabriz University of Iran in 1974 and his Ph. D. from the St. Andrews University of Scotland in 1988 under the supervision of Professor C. M. Campbell. He is currently Senior Lecturer of mathematics at the Teacher Training University of Iran. His area of current research is combinatorial and computational group theory.

Department of Mathematics, Teacher Training University, 49 Mofateh Ave., Tehran 15614, Iran

e-mail: doostih@saba.tmu.ac.ir

Mansour Hashemi, he is currently a lecturer of the Gilan University of Iran. His research interests focus on the combinatorial group theory and finitely presented semigroups.

Mathematics Department, Faculty of Science, Guilan University, P. O. Box 451, Rasht, Iran

e-mail: m_hashemi@guilan.ac.ir