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# **Zeckendorf Arithmetic For Lucas Numbers**

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**Abstract** In this article we present some new algorithms of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of two positive integers using Zeckendorf form, moreover, we calculated their complexity. Such results find application in coding theory.

## 1 Introduction

There are few previous work in this area. Graham, Knuth and Patashnik (see[6]) discussing the addition of 1 in the Zeckendorf representation, but have not talked about the actual arithmetic. Fliponi (see[4]) did for addition and multiplication, and Freitag philips(see[2]) for the subtraction and division (see[3]). Thus, no previous work has discussed arithmetic as a coherent whole, covering all major operations, including multiplication and division. All these algorithms have been implemented and tested on a computer. Most algorithms are developed by analogy with conventional arithmetic methods. For example, multiplication is carried out by adding appropriate multiples of the multiplicand, depending on the selected bit pattern of the multiplier. The division will use a sequence of test subtraction, as in the normal long division. Here we use arithmetic complexity models, where cost is measured by the number of machine instructions performed on a single processor with addition and subtractions of *m*-bit integers that costs O(m) (see[7])

## 2 Zeckendorf theorems for Lucas numbers

Lucas numbers are defined by the recursion formula:

$$\begin{cases} L_n = L_{n-1} + L_{n-2}, n \ge 2\\ L_0 = 2, L_1 = 1. \end{cases}$$

and for all  $n \ge 0$ , we have the well-known  $L_n = F_{n+1} + F_{n-1}$  where  $F_n$  is the nth Fibonacci number.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let n be an integer satisfying  $0 < n \le L_k$  for  $k \ge 1$ . Then  $n = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \alpha_i L_i$  where  $\alpha_i \in \{0, 1\}$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_i \alpha_{i+1} = 0, \text{ for any } i > 0; \\ \alpha_0 \alpha_2 = 0. \end{cases}$$

this representation is unique.

**Proof:** (see[1])

### **3** Zeckendorf decomposition method

To decompose an integer m of the Zeckendorf form  $m = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n L_n$ , proceeding as follows :

(i) Find the greater Lucas number  $L_n \leq m$ .

- (ii) Do subtraction  $M = m L_n$ , assign a 1 to  $e_n$  and keep this coefficient.
- (iii) Assign M to m and repeat steps 1 et 2 until M have a zero.
- (iv) Assign of 0 to  $e_i$  where  $0 \le i \le n$  and  $e_i \ne 1$ .

The result of this decomposition is a vector of n elements that contains the coefficients  $e_i$  decomposition. Example decomposition of 50, this table shows the performance:

Lucas sequence	2	1	3	4	7	11	18	29	47	76
Vector $e_r$	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

So  $50_L = 001000001$ 

**Proposition 3.1.** Let m > 1, if  $L_n \le m$  then  $n \le \frac{ln(m-1)}{ln(\varphi)}$ , where  $\varphi$  is the golden ratio.

**Proof:** let  $L_n = \varphi^n + \frac{1}{\varphi^n} \le \varphi^n + 1$ . While  $L_n \le m$  then  $\varphi^n + 1 \le m$   $\Rightarrow \varphi^n \le m - 1$  $\Rightarrow ln(\varphi^n) \le ln(m - 1)$  $\Rightarrow n \le \frac{ln(m-1)}{ln(\varphi)}$ .

We conclude that the bit Zeckendorf number for representation n is at most equal to  $\lfloor \frac{ln(m-1)}{ln(\varphi)} \rfloor$ .

# 4 Addition

We take two positive integers a and b written in the form of Zeckendorf, obtainable form of a + b Zeckendorf repeating adding, at the same time, numbers of Lucas occupant in one of two numbers, say b, to another number a. This gives an initial amount for which figures are  $d_i \in \{0, 1\}$ , where each  $d_i$  is  $L_i$  its number of Lucas.

For  $d_i = 2$  does not exist because  $n = 1 \rightarrow 2L_1 = L_0$ , we replace 020 by 001 and  $n \ge 2 \rightarrow 2L_n = L_{n+1} + L_{n-2}$ , we replace 00200 by 01001. In way is equivalent model x 2 y z figures transforms to (1 + x)0y(1 + z).

This rule does not apply to terms with a weight of 1, which is covered by the special case below. If the combination 011 exists in the vector  $e_r$ , we will substitute it by 001. This step must be performed by scanning left to right through the performance. Here is a table that summarizes all possible cases of the addition in the representation of Zeckendorf:

Addition	Lucas weight	$L_{i+1}$	$L_i$	$L_{i-1}$	$L_{i-2}$
Consecutive 1	_	x	y	1	1
	becomes	x	y + 1	0	0
Eliminate a 2	here $x \ge 2$	w	x	y	z
	becomes	w + 1	x - 2	y	z + 1
Add,right bits		$L_2$	$L_1$	$L_0$	
$d_2 \ge 2$	here $x \ge 2^{-}$		x	0	
	becomes		0	1	
$d_2 \ge 2$			0	x	
	becomes	1	1	0	

Table 1. Adjustments and corrections in addition

**Theorem 4.1.** The complexity of the addition algorithm is O(ln(a)).

**Proof:** Let a and b two integers such that  $b \le a$ . We take n and n' the bit Zeckendorf number for a and b respectively. Then the addition  $(a + b) \cos O(Max(n, n'))$ . The total number T(a) of operation is given by:

$$T(a) = O(\frac{\ln(a-1)}{\ln(\varphi)}) = O(\ln(a)).$$

This table shows the two additions examples 33 + 19 and 12 + 19 in Zeckendorf representation:

а			1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	= 33
b				1	0	0	0	0	1	0	= 19
initial sum	L		1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	= 52
consecutiv	e 1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	= 52
becomes		1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	= 52
check 33 -	- 19	= 5	2								

<b>Table 2.</b> Example of addition (35   17	Table 2.	Example	of addition	(33 + 19)	))
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a			1	0	0	0	1	0	= 12
b		1	0	0	0	0	1	0	= 19
initial sum		1	1	0	0	0	2	0	= 31
		1	1	0	0	0	0	1	= 31
consecutive 1		1	1	0	0	0	0	1	= 31
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	= 31
becomes	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	= 31
check 12 + 19	= 3	1							

**Table 3.** Example of addition (12 + 19)

## **5** Subtraction

For subtraction, a - b = z, where b < a and Z the difference. We start by subtracting all figures  $a_i - b_i = z_i$ , where

 $z_i \in \{0, 1, -1\}$  Values 0 and 1 have no problem, as they are valid representation in Zeckendorf. Where  $z_i = -1$  is the most difficult. If in this case, go to the next bit 1 and is written in the Fibonacci rule  $100 \rightarrow 011$  and write bit 1 rightmost pairs 1 is repeated until the bit 1 bit coincides with the -1 in the same position and eliminates replacing the box by 0 then 1 consecutive passes.

Subtraction	Lucas weights	$L_{i+2}$	$L_{i+1}$	$L_i$	$L_{i-1}$	$L_{i-2}$	
eliminate -1		1	0	0	0	-1	
		0	1	1	0	-1	
	becomes	0	1	0	1	0	

Table 4.	Adjustment	ts and	corrections	in	subtractio	on

**Theorem 5.1.** The complexity of the subtraction algorithm is O(ln(a)).

**Proof:** Let a and b two integers such that  $b \le a$ . We take n and n' the bit Zeckendorf number for a and b respectively. Then the addition  $(a - b) \operatorname{cost} O(Max(n, n'))$ . The total number T(a) of operation is given by:

$$T(a) = O(\frac{\ln(a-1)}{\ln(\varphi)}) = O(\ln(a))$$

This table shows the example 42-32 in Zeckendorf representation.

a	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	= 42
b	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	= 32
subtract bit by bit			1	0	0	-1	0	1	= 10
rewrite 1000				1	1	-1	0	1	= 10
rewrite 0110, cancelling -1				1	0	0	1	1	= 10
consecutive 1				1	0	1	0	0	= 10
becomes				1	0	1	0	0	= 10

**Table 5.** Example of subtraction (42 - 32)

## **6** Multiplication

Using the following results (propositions 1,2,3,4) and section 3 above, one can derive a multiplication method of integers in Zackendorf representation.

**Proposition 6.1.** *If*  $n \ge 3$ *, then* 

$$L_k L_{k+n} = \begin{cases} F_{n-1} + F_{n+1} + F_{2k+n\pm 1} & (k \ even), \\ F_{n-2} + F_{n+1} + F_{2k+n+1} + \sum_{j=1}^{k-2} F_{2j+n+2} & (k \ge 3, odd). \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 6.2.** *If*  $n \ge 5$ *, then* 

$$2L_k L_{k+n} = \begin{cases} F_{n\pm 3} + F_{2k+n\pm 3} & (k \ge 4, even), \\ F_{n-4} + F_{2k+n+3} + \sum_{j=1}^3 F_{2j+n-3} + \sum_{j=1}^{k-4} F_{2j+n+4} & (k \ge 5, odd). \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 6.3.** *If*  $n \ge 5$ *, then* 

$$3L_kL_{k+n} = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=1}^4 \left(F_{2j+n-5} + F_{2j+2k+n-5}\right) & (k \ge 4, even), \\ F_{n-4} + F_{n+3} + \sum_{j=1}^3 F_{2j+2k+n-3} + \sum_{j=1}^{k-4} F_{2j+n+4} & (k \ge 5, odd). \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 6.4.** *If*  $n \ge 6$ *, then* 

$$4L_kL_{k+n} = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=1}^4 \left(F_{3j+n-8} + F_{3j+2k+n-8}\right) & (k \ge 6, even) \\ F_{n-4} + F_{n-2} + F_{n+1} + \sum_{j=1}^3 F_{3j+2k+n-5} + \sum_{j=1}^{k-5} F_{2j+n+4} & (k \ge 5, odd) \end{cases}$$

Proof: (see[5])

**Theorem 6.5.** The complexity of the multiplication algorithm is  $O(a \ln(a))$ .

**Proof:** We have  $ab = \underbrace{a + a + \dots a}_{b \ times}$  the addition costs O(ln(a)), then the addition  $\underbrace{a + a + \dots a}_{b \ times}$  costs  $O(b \ln(a))$ , but  $b \le a$ , then  $O(b \ln(a)) = O(a \ln(a))$ , finally :

$$T(a) = O(a \ln(a)).$$

a						1	0	1	0	0	1	=17
b							1	0	1	0	0	=10
Multiple of Luca 17												
multiple $L_1$						1	0	1	0	0	1	=17
multiple $L_2$			1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	=51
multiple $L_3$			1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	=68
multiple $L_4$		1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	=119
multiple $L_5$	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	=187
Accumulate appropria	ite	m	ulti	ple	s							
Add multiple of $L_2$			1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	=51
Add multiple of $L_4$		1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	=119
$L_2 + L_4 =$		1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	=170
Eliminate 1 consecutive	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	=170
Eliminate 1 consecutive	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	=170
becomes=	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=170

This example shows how to compute  $17 \times 10$  in Zeckendorf representation :

**Table 6.** Example of Zeckendorf multiplication  $(17 \times 10)$ 

# 7 Division

Using the following proposition 5 and section 4 above, one can derive a division method of integers in Zackendorf representation.

**Proposition 7.1.** *First, for* k = 4m *and* n *odd, we obtain* 

$$\frac{F_{kn}}{F_n} = \sum_{r=1}^m \left( L_{(k-4r+3)n} + L_{(k-4r+1)n} \right),$$

and thus

$$\frac{F_{kn}}{F_n} = S_{k,n}$$

say, where  

$$S_{k,n} = \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor k/4 \rfloor - 1} (F_{(k-4r-1)n+1} + (\sum_{s=1}^{n-2} F_{(k-4r-1)n-2s}) + F_{(k-4r-3)n+1} + F_{(k-4r-3)n-2}).$$

We similarly work through the other cases, where n is odd and  $k \equiv 1, 2$  and 3 mod 4. In each case, the "most significant" part of the Zeckendorf form is  $S_{k,n}$ . The precise Zackendorf form is

$$\frac{F_{kn}}{F_n} = S_{k,n} + e_{k,n}$$

where the least significant part of the Zeckendorf sum is

$$e_{k,n} = \begin{cases} 0, & k \equiv 0 \mod 4 ), \\ F_2, & k \equiv 1 \mod 4 ), \\ F_{n+1} + F_{n-1}, & k \equiv 2 \mod 4 ), \\ F_{2n+1} + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} F_{2n-2r}, & k \equiv 3 \mod 4 ). \end{cases}$$

Proof:(see[3])

**Theorem 7.2.** The complexity of the Division algorithm is  $O(a \ln(a))$ .

### **Proof:** (as in **Theorem 4**)

This example shows how to compute  $250 \div 17$  in Zeckendorf representation:

a	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	=250
b						1	0	1	0	0	1	=17
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multiple $L_1$						1	0	1	0	0	1	=17
multiple $L_2$			1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	=51
multiple $L_3$			1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	=68
multiple $L_4$		1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	=119
multiple $L_5$	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	=187
multiple $L_6$	1 0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	=306
Trial subtrac	tion											
L5 residue=			1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	=63
L2 residue=						1	0	0	0	1	0	=12
quotient=						1	0	1	0	0	1	=17
remainder =						1	0	0	0	1	0	=12

**Table 7.** Example of Zeckendorf division  $(250 \div 17)$ 

# 8 Conclusion

Although we have highlighted the main arithmetic operations on integers Zeckendorf, this arithmetic should not stay more than a curiosity. In future research, we plan to study the applications of our results to other areas of mathematics such as error correcting codes.

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