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**Abstract**

The Fibonacci series represents the simplest series whose successive members obey a periodic 3-term relation, wherein the coefficients and the period are all equal to 1. Here the most general case where these parameters are all arbitrary is treated. For a series of quantities or elements, related by a periodic 3-term recurrence relation between adjacent elements, it is shown that there is also a 3-term invariant recurrence relation between corresponding elements within adjacent periods. Application to the numerators and denominators of the convergents of a periodic continued fraction follows naturally.