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## Abstract

We obtain exact divisibility results for the powers of the balancing and Lucas-balancing numbers. This gives all the results analogous to those of Fibonacci and Lucas numbers from 1970 to 2019. For example, Hoggatt and Bicknell-Johnson (1977) and Benjamin and Rouse (2009) proved that if  $F_n^k \mid m$ , then  $F_n^{k+1} \mid F_{nm}$ , which was later generalized by Pongsriiam (2014) to include the exact divisibility such as  $F_n^{k+1} \mid F_{nm}$ , provided that  $F_n^k \mid m, n \geq 3$ , and  $n \not\equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ . Here,  $F_n$  is the *n*th Fibonacci number. For the balancing numbers  $B_n$ , we show that  $B_n^k \mid m$  if and only if  $B_n^{k+1} \mid B_{nm}$  for all  $k \geq 1$  and  $m, n \geq 2$ . The corresponding results for the Lucas-balancing numbers are also given.