Relying on the known result that the period of divisibility by m_1m_2 (m_1, m_2 co-prime) is given by $D(m_1m_2) = LCM(z_1, z_2)$ (see Wall [6]), we get the results:

LCM (3,5) = 15, and so F_{15} is the first Fibonacci number to be divisible by 10. *lcm* (6,25) = 150, and so F_{150} is divisible by 100. *LCM*(12,625) = 7,500 and so F_{2500} is divisible by 10⁴.

This has been an exercise in finding the z numbers. By an extension of the argument we can produce the corresponding k numbers—the period of recurrence of the Fibonacci numbers (mod m^2).

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$$F_k(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} (-1)^j e^j \frac{k}{k-j} \begin{pmatrix} k-j \\ j \end{pmatrix} g_{k-2j}((-1)^j x) .$$

Write

(5)

(6)
$$\begin{cases} h_k(x) = (1 - a_k x + (-1)^k x^2) g_k(x) \\ c_k = [(r - sb)a]^k + [(sa - r)b]^k. \end{cases}$$

Following Riordan [6], with $a_0 = 2$ and $h_0(x) = 1 - x$, we eventually derive

$$c_{1} + s\sqrt{5} x = h_{1}(x)$$

$$c_{2} - x(2e + 5s^{2}) = h_{2}(x) - 2e \{h_{0}(-x) - (a_{0} + a_{2})xg_{0}(-x)\}$$

$$c_{3} + s\sqrt{5} x(3e + 5s^{2}) = h_{3}(x) - 3e \{h_{1}(-x) - (a_{1} + a_{3})xg_{1}(-x)\}$$

$$c_{4} - x(2e^{2} + 20s^{2}e + 25s^{4}) = h_{4}(x) - 4e \{h_{2}(-x) - (a_{2} + a_{4})xg_{2}(-x)\}$$

$$+ 2e^{2} \{h_{0}(x) - (a_{4} - a_{0})xg_{0}(x)\}$$

$$c_{5} - e_{1} = h_{5}(x) - 5e \{h_{3}(-x) - (a_{3} + a_{5})xg_{3}(-x)\} + 5e^{2} \{h_{1}(x) - (a_{5} - a_{1})xg_{1}(x)\}$$

where

(8)

$$e_1 = 2r^5 - 5r^4s + 30r^2s^2 - 40r^2s^3 + 35rs^4 - 10s^5$$

Substituting values of $a_k = a^k + b^k$, we have

$$\begin{array}{l} h_1(x) = \sqrt{5} (r + sx) \\ h_2(x) = 5(r^2 - s^2x) - 10exg_0(-x) \\ h_3(x) = 5\sqrt{5} (r^3 + s^3x) - 15exg_1(-x) \\ h_4(x) = 25(r^4 - s^4x) - 40exg_2(-x) + 50e^2xg_0(x) \\ h_5(x) = 25\sqrt{5} (r^5 + s^5x) - 75exg_3(-x) + 125e^2xg_1(x). \end{array}$$

These functions lead back to (2).

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