

# Codes Based On The $k$ -Fibonacci Sequence Of The Heisenberg Group\*

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## Abstract

In this paper, we consider the Heisenberg group

$$H_{(t,l,m)} = \langle a, b, c | a^t = b^l = c^m = 1, [a, b] = c, [a, c] = [b, c] = 1 \rangle.$$

First, we study the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence of  $H_{(t,l,m)}$ . Then we introduce a new coding scheme using the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence of the Heisenberg group as an application of groups in coding theory. It is shown that the error-correcting capability of these codes is very high.

## 1 Introduction

The mathematical foundation of error-correcting codes [2, 15] is generally well-known but not always appreciated. Error-correcting codes were first investigated by Hamming [10]. He introduced many fundamental concepts including the Hamming distance and Hamming bound. In [20], Shannon established the fundamental concepts of information theory which are the basis for modern communication and cryptographic systems. This paper presents new results on error-correcting codes based on recent extensions to the Fibonacci sequence and its algebraic generalizations [3, 6, 7, 12, 13] within the broader field of information theory [21]. One generalization relevant to error-correcting codes and their relationship to number theory is the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence [5, 9, 14, 16, 17, 19].

**Definition 1** For  $k \geq 2$ , the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence,  $\{F_n^k\}_{n=0}^\infty$  is

$$F_n^k = F_{n-1}^k + F_{n-2}^k + \cdots + F_{n-k}^k, \quad n \geq k,$$

where  $F_0^k = 0$ ,  $F_1^k = 0$ , ...,  $F_{k-2}^k = 0$ , and  $F_{k-1}^k = 1$ . Let  $K_k(m)$  denote the minimal period of the sequence  $\{F_n^k \pmod m\}_{n=0}^\infty$ . This is called the Wall number of the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence modulo  $m$  [5].

**Definition 2** A  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence in a finite group  $G = \langle X \rangle$  is a sequence of group elements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots$  for which given an initial (seed) set  $X = \{a_1, \dots, a_j\}$ , the elements are

$$x_n = \begin{cases} a_n, & n \leq j, \\ x_1 x_2 \dots (x_{n-1}), & j < n \leq k, \\ x_{n-k} \dots (x_{n-1}), & n > k. \end{cases}$$

The  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence of the group  $G = \langle X \rangle$  and its period are denoted by  $F_t(G; X)$  and  $L_t(G; X)$ , respectively [16].

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**Lemma 1** ([11]) *For integers  $n$  and  $m \geq 2$ , if*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} F_n^k \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } m), \\ F_{n+1}^k \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } m), \\ \vdots & \\ F_{n+k-2}^k \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } m), \\ F_{n+k-1}^k \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } m). \end{array} \right.$$

*Then  $K_k(m) \mid n$ .*

**Definition 3** ([18]) *For all  $t, l, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , each element of the Heisenberg group,  $H_{(t,l,m)}$ , has the form*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & t & m+tl \\ 0 & 1 & l \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Then*

$$H_{(t,l,m)} = \langle a, b, c | a^t = b^l = c^m = 1, [a, b] = c, [a, c] = [b, c] = 1 \rangle.$$

*Based on the above, we have the following lemma.*

**Lemma 2** *Every element of  $H_{(t,l,m)}$  can be written uniquely in the form  $a^i b^j c^k$  where  $1 \leq i \leq t$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq l$  and  $1 \leq k \leq m$ .*

In [22], a new coding scheme was introduced based on generating matrices of the Fibonacci  $p$ -numbers. The  $(m, t)$ -extension of the Fibonacci  $p$ -numbers and corresponding codes were given in [1]. In [8], codes were constructed using a new class of Fibonacci sequences. The  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence for  $k \geq 3$  was defined and studied in [14] and it was used to obtain new codes. In [17], codes were constructed using the  $t$ -extension of the  $p$ -Fibonacci lower and upper triangular Pascal matrices. It was shown that the corresponding error correction capability is 100%. In this paper, we derive the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence of the Heisenberg group. Then new codes are introduced using this sequence.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. The 3-Fibonacci sequence of the Heisenberg group is examined in Section 2. This is generalized to the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequences in Section 3. In Section 4, a new coding scheme is defined using the Heisenberg group, and the error correction capability is shown to be high.

## 2 The 3-Fibonacci Sequence of $H_{(t,l,m)}$

In this section, we obtain the 3-Fibonacci sequence of  $H_{(t,l,m)}$  and determine its period. To study the 3-Fibonacci sequence of  $H_{(t,l,m)}$  with respect to  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ , we require the following sequences

$$\begin{aligned} F_n^3 &:= F_n, \\ T(n) &= F_{n-3} + F_{n-2}, \\ g(1) &= g(2) = 0, g(3) = 1, \\ g(n) &= g(n-1) + g(n-2) + g(n-3) - (T(n-3)F_{n-4} + (T(n-3) + T(n-2))F_{n-3}), \quad n \geq 4. \end{aligned}$$

We next provide a standard form for the 3-Fibonacci sequence  $x_4, x_5, \dots$ , of  $H_{(t,l,m)}$ .

**Lemma 3** *Every element of  $F_3(H_{(t,l,m)}; X)$  can be represented by  $x_n = a^{F_{n-2}} b^{T(n)} c^{g(n)}$ ,  $n \geq 4$ .*

**Proof.** For  $n = 4$  and  $n = 5$ , we have  $x_4 = a^1 b^1 c^1 = a^{F_2} b^{T(4)} c^{g(4)}$  and  $x_5 = abc^2 = a^{F_3} b^{T(5)} c^{g(5)}$ . Then by induction on  $n$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x_n &= x_{n-3} x_{n-2} x_{n-1} \\ &= a^{F_{n-5}} b^{T(n-3)} c^{g(n-3)} a^{F_{n-4}} b^{T(n-2)} c^{g(n-2)} a^{F_{n-3}} b^{T(n-1)} c^{g(n-1)} \\ &= a^{F_{n-5}} b^{T(n-3)} a^{F_{n-4}} b^{T(n-2)} a^{F_{n-3}} b^{T(n-1)} c^{g(n-3)+g(n-2)+g(n-1)} \\ &= a^{F_{n-5}+F_{n-4}} b^{T(n-3)+T(n-2)} b^{T(n-2)} a^{F_{n-3}} b^{T(n-1)} c^{g(n-3)+g(n-2)+g(n-1)-(T(n-3))F_{n-4}} \\ &= a^{F_{n-5}+F_{n-4}+F_{n-3}} b^{T(n-3)+T(n-2)+T(n-1)} c^{g(n-3)+g(n-2)+g(n-1)-(T(n-3)F_{n-4}+(T(n-3)+T(n-2)F_{n-3}))} \\ &= a^{F_{n-2}} b^{T(n)} c^{g(n)}, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. ■

**Lemma 4** The following statements (i) and (ii) hold:

(i) For  $n \geq 6$ ,  $g(n) = F_{n-2} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})$ .

(ii) For  $i$  an integer and  $s = 2^i$ , let  $n = K_3(2^{i+1})$ . Then we have

$$\begin{cases} g(n+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{s}, \\ g(n+2) \equiv 0 \pmod{s}, \\ g(n+3) \equiv 0 \pmod{s}. \end{cases}$$

**Proof.**

(i) For  $n = 6$

$$g(6) = F_4 - \sum_{i=1}^{6-6} F_{6-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}) = 2.$$

Then by induction on  $n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} g(n) &= g(n-1) + g(n-2) + g(n-3) - (T(n-3)F_{n-4} + (T(n-3) + T(n-2))F_{n-3}) \\ &= F_{n-3} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-7} F_{n-(i+5)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}) + F_{n-4} \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^{n-8} F_{n-(i+6)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}) \\ &\quad + F_{n-5} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-9} F_{n-(i+7)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}) \\ &\quad - (T(n-3)F_{n-4} + (T(n-3) + T(n-2))F_{n-3}) \\ &= (F_{n-3} + F_{n-4} + F_{n-5}) - (\sum_{i=1}^{n-7} ((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n-8} ((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n-9} ((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}) + T(n-3)F_{n-4} + (T(n-3) + T(n-2))F_{n-3}) \\ &= F_{n-2} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) By induction on  $i$ , we prove that  $g(n+2) \equiv 0 \pmod{s}$ . We have that

$$g(K_3(2^2) + 2) = g(10) = F_8 - \sum_{i=1}^{8-4} F_{8-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}) \equiv -390 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}.$$

If  $g(K_3(2^{v+1}) + 2) \equiv 0 \pmod{2^v}$ ,  $1 \leq v \leq i-1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} g(K_3(2^{v+1}) + 2) &= F_{K_3(2^{v+1})} - \sum_{i=1}^{K_3(2^{v+1})-4} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}) \\ &\equiv \sum_{i=1}^{K_3(2^{v+1})-4} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}) \\ &\equiv \sum_{i=1}^{K_3(2^v)} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=K_3(2^v)+1}^{K_3(2^{v+1})} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}) \\ &\equiv 2 \sum_{i=1}^{K_3(2^v)} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2^v}, \end{aligned}$$

and the result follows.

**Lemma 5** If  $L_3(H_{(t,l,m)}; X) = s$ , then  $s$  is the least integer such that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} F_{s-1} \equiv 1 & (\text{mod } t), \\ F_s \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } t), \\ F_{s+1} \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } t), \\ T(s+1) \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } l), \\ T(s+2) \equiv 1 & (\text{mod } l), \\ T(s+3) \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } l), \\ g(s+1) \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } m), \\ g(s+2) \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } m), \\ g(s+3) \equiv 1 & (\text{mod } m). \end{array} \right.$$

Moreover,  $K_3(t)$  divides  $L_3(H_{(t,l,m)}; X)$ .

**Proof.** By Lemma 3 we have  $x_n = a^{F_{n-2}} b^{T(n)} c^{g(n)}$ . Further,  $x_{s+1} = a$ ,  $x_{s+2} = b$ , and  $x_{s+3} = c$ . Every element of  $H_{(t,l,m)}$  can be written uniquely in the form  $a^i b^j c^k$  where  $1 \leq i \leq t$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq l$ , and  $1 \leq k \leq m$ , so we have

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} F_{s-1} \equiv 1 & (\text{mod } t), \\ F_s \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } t), \\ F_{s+1} \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } t), \\ T(s+1) \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } l), \\ T(s+2) \equiv 1 & (\text{mod } l), \\ T(s+3) \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } l), \\ g(s+1) \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } m), \\ g(s+2) \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } m), \\ g(s+3) \equiv 1 & (\text{mod } m). \end{array} \right.$$

Then Lemma 1 yields that  $K_3(t) \mid s$ . ■

**Theorem 1** For integer  $u \geq 1$  and  $t = l = m = 2^u$  we have  $L_3(H_{(t,l,m)}; X) = K_3(2^{u+1})$ .

**Proof.** Let  $s = 2^u$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} x_{K_3(s)+1} &= a^{F_{K_3(s)-1}} b^{T(K_3(s)+1)} c^{g(K_3(s)+1)} = a, \\ x_{K_3(s)+2} &= a^{F_{K_3(s)}} b^{T(K_3(s)+2)} c^{g(K_3(s)+2)} = b, \\ x_{K_3(s)+3} &= a^{F_{K_3(s)+1}} b^{T(K_3(s)+3)} c^{g(K_3(s)+3)} = c. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemmas 1 and 5

$$F_{K_3(s)-1} \equiv F_{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{s}, \quad F_{K_3(s)} \equiv F_0 \equiv 0 \pmod{s}, \quad \text{and} \quad F_{K_3(s)+1} \equiv F_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{s},$$

$$T_{K_3(s)+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{s}, \quad T_{K_3(s)+2} \equiv 1 \pmod{s}, \quad \text{and} \quad T_{K_3(s)+3} \equiv 0 \pmod{s},$$

$$g_{K_3(2^{u+1})+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{s}, \quad g_{K_3(2^{u+1})+2} \equiv 0 \pmod{s}, \quad \text{and} \quad g_{K_3(2^{u+1})+3} \equiv 1 \pmod{s}.$$

Therefore,  $x_{n+1} = a$ ,  $x_{n+2} = b$ ,  $x_{n+3} = c$ , i.e.  $L_3(H_{(t,l,m)}; X) \mid K_3 2^{u+1}$ . Let  $i = L_3(H_{(t,l,m)}, X)$ . Then

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} F_{i-1} \equiv 1 & (\text{mod } s), \\ F_i \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } s), \\ F_{i+1} \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } s), \\ T(i+1) \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } s), \\ T(i+2) \equiv 1 & (\text{mod } s), \\ T(i+3) \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } s), \\ g(i+1) \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } 2^{u+1}), \\ g(i+2) \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } 2^{u+1}), \\ g(i+3) \equiv 1 & (\text{mod } 2^{u+1}). \end{array} \right.$$

Table 1: Period of  $L_3(H_{(t,l,m)}; X)$  for  $1 \leq n \leq 10$  and  $t = l = m = 2^n$ .

$n$	$K_3(2^{n+1})$	$L_3(H_{(t,l,m)}; X)$	$n$	$K_3(2^{n+1})$	$L_3(H_{(t,l,m)}; X)$
1	8	8	6	256	256
2	16	16	7	512	512
3	32	32	8	1024	1024
4	64	64	9	2048	2048
5	128	128	10	4096	4096

If  $i = j \times K_3(m)$ , then by Lemma 4 we have

$$\begin{cases} g(i+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{2^{u+1}}, \\ g(i+2) \equiv 0 \pmod{2^{u+1}}, \\ g(i+3) \equiv 1 \pmod{2^{u+1}}. \end{cases}$$

so  $K_3(m^2)$  is a divisor of  $L_3(H_{(t,l,m)}; X)$  and therefore  $L_3(H_{(t,l,m)}; X) = L_3(2^{u+1})$ . ■

Table 1 gives the period of  $L_3(H_{(t,l,m)}; X)$  for  $1 \leq n \leq 10$  and  $t = l = m = 2^n$ .

### 3 The $k$ -Fibonacci Sequence of $H_{(t,l,m)}$

In this section, we determine the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence of  $H_{(k,l,m)}$  for  $k > 3$  and investigate its period. Before proving the main results, we present some useful lemmas. For  $k = 4$ , we have

$$h_n(4) = F_{n-2}^4 + F_{n-1}^4,$$

$$W_1(4) = W_2(4) = 0, W_3(4) = W_4(4) = 1,$$

$$\begin{aligned} W_n(4) &= W_{n-4}(4) + W_{n-3}(4) + W_{n-2}(4) + W_{n-1}(4) \\ &\quad - (F_{n-4}^4 h_{n-3}(4) + (F_{n-4}^4 + F_{n-3}^4) h_{n-2}(4) + (F_{n-4}^4 + F_{n-3}^4 + F_{n-2}^4) h_{n-1}(4)) \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq 5$ .

**Lemma 6** Every element of  $F_3(H_{(t,l,m)}; X)$  can be represented by  $x_n = a^{h_n(4)} b^{F_n^4} c^{W_n(4)}$ ,  $n \geq 5$ .

**Proof.** For  $n = 4$  and  $n = 5$ , we have  $x_4 = a^1 b^1 c^1 = a^{h_4(4)} b^{F_4^4} c^{W_4(4)}$  and  $x_5 = a^2 b^2 c^1 = a^{h_5(4)} b^{F_5^4} c^{W_5(4)}$ . Then by induction on  $n$

$$\begin{aligned} x_n &= x_{n-4} x_{n-3} x_{n-2} x_{n-1} \\ &= a^{h_{n-4}(4)} b^{F_{n-4}^4} c^{W_{n-4}(4)} a^{h_{n-3}(4)} b^{F_{n-3}^4} c^{W_{n-3}(4)} a^{h_{n-2}(4)} b^{F_{n-2}^4} c^{W_{n-2}(4)} a^{h_{n-1}(4)} b^{F_{n-1}^4} c^{W_{n-1}(4)} \\ &= a^{h_{n-4}(4)} b^{F_{n-4}^4} a^{h_{n-3}(4)} b^{F_{n-3}^4} a^{h_{n-2}(4)} b^{F_{n-2}^4} a^{h_{n-1}(4)} b^{F_{n-1}^4} c^{W_{n-4} + W_{n-3} + W_{n-2} + W_{n-1}} \\ &= a^{h_{n-4}(4) + h_{n-3}(4)} b^{F_{n-4}^4 + F_{n-3}^4} a^{h_{n-2}(4)} b^{F_{n-2}^4} a^{h_{n-1}(4)} b^{F_{n-1}^4} c^{W_{n-4} + W_{n-3} + W_{n-2} + W_{n-1} - F_{n-4}^4 h_{n-3}(4)} \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &= a^{h_n(4)} b^{F_n^4} c^{W_n(4) + W_{n-3}(4) + W_{n-2}(4) + W_{n-1}(4) - (F_{n-4}^4 h_{n-3}(4) + (F_{n-4}^4 + F_{n-3}^4) h_{n-2}(4) + (F_{n-4}^4 + F_{n-3}^4 + F_{n-2}^4) h_{n-1}(4))} \\ &= a^{h_n(4)} b^{F_n^4} c^{W_n(4)}, \end{aligned}$$

and the result follows. ■

Table 2 gives the period of  $L_4(H_{(t,l,m)}; X)$  for  $2 < p < 29$ ,  $p$  prime, and  $t = l = m = p$ .

Table 2: Period of  $L_4(H_{(t,l,m)}; X)$  for  $2 < p < 29$ ,  $p$  prime, and  $t = l = m = p$ .

$p$	$K_4(p)$	$L_4(H_{(t,l,m)}; X)$	$p$	$K_4(p)$	$L_4(H_{(t,l,m)}; X)$
3	26	78	13	84	1092
5	312	1560	17	4912	43504
7	342	2394	19	6858	130302
11	120	1320	23	12166	279818

We now generalize the 4-Fibonacci sequence to the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence of  $H_{(t,l,m)}$ . First, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
h_n(k) &= F_{n-2}^k + F_{n-1}^k + \cdots + F_{n+k-5}^k, \quad n \geq k+2, \\
h_1(k) &= h_1(k-1), h_2(k) = h_2(k-1), \dots, h_k(k) = h_k(k-1), \\
h_{k+1}(k) &= h_{k+1}(k-1) + F_{k-2}^{k-1}, \\
W_1(k) &= W_1(k-1), W_2(k) = W_2(k-1), \dots, W_{k+1}(k) = W_{k+1}(k-1), \\
W_{k+2}(k) &= W_{k+2}(k-1) - (h_4(k-1) + h_5(k-1) + h_6(k-1) + (F_4^{k-1} + F_5^{k-1})F_{k-2}^{k-1}), \\
W_n(k) &= W_{n-1}(k) + W_{n-2}(k) + \cdots + W_{n-k}(k) \\
&\quad - (h_{n-(k-1)}F_{n-4}^k + (F_{n-4}^k + F_{n-3}^k)h_{n-(k-2)} + \cdots + (F_{n-4}^k + F_{n-3}^k + \cdots + F_{n+k-5}^k)h_{n-1}(k)).
\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 7** Every element of  $F_k(H_{(t,l,m)}; X)$  can be represented by  $x_n(k) = a^{h_n(k)}b^{F_{n+k-4}^k}c^{W_n(k)}$ ,  $k \geq 4$ ,  $n \geq 4$ .

**Proof.** We use induction on both  $k$  and  $n$ . By Lemma 6, we have  $x_n(4) = a^{h_n(4)}b^{F_4^4}c^{W_n(4)}$  and if  $x_n(s) = a^{h_n(s)}b^{F_{n+s-4}^s}c^{W_n(s)}$ ,  $5 \leq s \leq k-1$ , it is sufficient to show that

$$x_n(s) = a^{h_n(k)}b^{F_{n+k-4}^k}c^{W_n(k)}.$$

For this, we use induction on  $n$ . If  $4 \leq v \leq k-1$ , from the definitions of  $F_n$ ,  $h_n$ , and  $W_n$  we have  $F_v^k = F_v^{k-1}$ ,  $h_v(k) = h_v(k-1)$ , and  $W_v(k) = W_v(k-1)$ , respectively, so  $x_v(k) = x_v(k-1)$ . Then by induction on  $k$

$$x_v(k) = a^{h_v(k)}b^{F_{v+k-4}^k}c^{W_v(k)}.$$

Now suppose that the hypothesis holds for all  $v \leq n-1$ . From the definition of  $x_n(k)$ , if  $t_n := t_n(k)$ ,  $F_n := F_n^k$ , and  $x_n := x_n(k)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
x_n &= x_{n-k}x_{n-k+1}x_{n-k+2}\cdots x_{n-2}(x_{n-1}) \\
&= a^{h_{n-k}}b^{F_{n-4}}c^{W_{n-k}}a^{h_{n-(k-1)}}b^{F_{n-3}}c^{W_{n-(k-1)}} \times \cdots \times a^{h_{n-1}}b^{F_{n+k-5}}c^{W_{n-1}} \\
&= a^{h_{n-k}}b^{F_{n-4}}a^{h_{n-(k-1)}}b^{F_{n-3}}c^{W_{n-k}+W_{n-(k-1)}} \times \cdots \times a^{h_{n-1}}b^{F_{n+k-5}}c^{W_{n-1}} \\
&= a^{h_{n-k}+h_{n-(k-1)}}b^{F_{n-4}+F_{n-3}}c^{W_{n-k}+W_{n-(k-1)}-F_{n-4}h_{n-(k-1)}} \times \cdots \times a^{h_{n-1}}b^{F_{n+k-5}}c^{W_{n-1}} \\
&= a^{h_{n-k}+h_{n-(k-1)}+\cdots+h_{n-1}}b^{F_{n-4}+F_{n-3}+\cdots+F_{n+k-5}} \\
&\quad + c^{W_{n-1}+W_{n-2}+\cdots+W_{n-k}-(h_{n-(k-1)}F_{n-4}+(F_{n-4}+F_{n-3})h_{n-(k-2)}+\cdots+(F_{n-4}+F_{n-3}+\cdots+F_{n+k-5})h_{n-1})} \\
&= a^{h_n}b^{F_{n+k-4}}c^{W_n},
\end{aligned}$$

and the proof is complete. ■

**Theorem 2** For integer  $t \geq 1$  and prime  $p$  we have

$$K_k(l)|L_k(H_{(t,l,m)}; X).$$

**Proof.** The proof is similar to that of Lemma 5 and so is omitted. ■

We end this section with the following open question. Prove or disprove for  $t = l = m = p$  and  $p$  a prime that

$$L_k(H_{(t,l,m)}; X) = K_k(p^2).$$

## 4 Error Correcting Codes From the 3-Fibonacci Sequence of $H_{(t,l,m)}$

In this section, a new class of error-correcting codes is obtained using the 3-Fibonacci sequence of  $H_{(k,l,m)}$ , and the error detection and correction capability of these codes is examined. For this, from Lemmas 3 and 4 we have that

$$x_n = a^{F_{n-2}} b^{T(n)} c^{g(n)},$$

where

$$g(n) = F_{n-2} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}).$$

Using Lemma 2, define

$$U_n := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & F_{n-2} & F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) + (F_{n-2} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})) \\ 0 & 1 & F_{n-2} + F_{n-3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$U_n^T := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ F_{n-2} & 1 & 0 \\ a & F_{n-2} + F_{n-3} & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$a := F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) + (F_{n-2} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})).$$

For a message  $M_{3 \times 3}$ , the transformation

$$E = U_n^T \times M \times U_n,$$

is called 3-Fibonacci Heisenberg group encoding and the transformation

$$M = (U_n^T)^{-1} \times E \times (U_n)^{-1},$$

is called 3-Fibonacci Heisenberg group decoding. The matrix  $E$  is called the code matrix and all elements of  $M$  are positive, i.e.

$$M := \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \\ m_4 & m_5 & m_6 \\ m_7 & m_8 & m_9 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $m_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 9$ , is a nonnegative integer. The following example explains this method.

**Example 1** Consider the message given by

$$M := \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 6 \\ 10 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

If  $n = 8$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} U_8 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & F_6 & F_6 \times (F_6 + F_5) + (F_6 - \sum_{i=1}^2 F_{8-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})) \\ 0 & 1 & F_6 + F_5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & 53 \\ 0 & 1 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Using 3-Fibonacci Heisenberg group encoding gives  $E = U_n^T \times M \times U_n$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} E &= U_6^T \times M \times U_6 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 1 & 0 \\ 53 & 11 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 6 \\ 10 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & 53 \\ 0 & 1 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 42 & 344 \\ 11 & 129 & 1175 \\ 319 & 2639 & 21546 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Then 3-Fibonacci Heisenberg group decoding results in

$$\begin{aligned} M &= (U_6^T)^{-1} \times M \times (U_6)^{-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -7 & 1 & 0 \\ 24 & -11 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 42 & 344 \\ 11 & 129 & 1175 \\ 319 & 2639 & 21546 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -7 & 24 \\ 0 & 1 & -11 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 6 \\ 10 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 8** For  $E = U_n^T \times M \times U_n$ , we have  $\det(E) = \det(M)$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\det(U_n) = 1$ , the result follows. ■

The generalization of 3-Fibonacci Heisenberg group coding to  $k$ -Fibonacci Heisenberg group coding for  $k \geq 4$  is as follows.  $k$ -Fibonacci Heisenberg group encoding is

$$E = U_{(n,k)}^T \times M \times U_{(n,k)},$$

and  $k$ -Fibonacci Heisenberg group decoding is

$$M = (U_{(n,k)}^T)^{-1} \times E \times (U_{(n,k)})^{-1},$$

where

$$U_{(n,k)} := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & h_n(k) & W_n(k) + h_n(k)F_{n+k-4}^k \\ 0 & 1 & F_{n+k-4}^k \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and  $U_{(n,k)}^T$  denotes transpose.

For 3-Fibonacci Heisenberg group coding, we have the following relationship for the elements of the code matrix  $E$

$$\begin{aligned} &(U_n^T)^{-1} \times E \times (U_n)^{-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & 0 & 0 \\ F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}) & 1 & & 0 \\ -F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})) & & -(F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) & 1 \\ \times \begin{bmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & e_3 \\ e_4 & e_5 & e_6 \\ e_7 & e_8 & e_9 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & -F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})) \\ 0 & 1 & -(F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & & & \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} e_1 & b & c \\ d & f & g \\ h & o & u \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$a := F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}),$$

$$b := (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_1 + e_2,$$

$$c := (-F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})))e_1 - (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3})e_2 + e_3,$$

$$d := (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_1 + e_4,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f &:= (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_1 + e_4 \\
&\quad \times (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})) \\
&\quad + (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_2 + e_5, \\
g &:= (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_1 + e_4 \\
&\quad \times (-F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})) - (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) \times (F_{n-2} \\
&\quad \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_2 + e_5) \\
&\quad + (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_3 + e_6, \\
h &:= -F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_1 - (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3})e_4 + e_7, \\
o &:= (-F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_1 - (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3})e_4 + e_7 \\
&\quad \times (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})) \\
&\quad + (-F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})))e_2 - (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3})e_5 + e_8, \\
u &:= (-F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_1 - (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3})e_4 + e_7 \\
&\quad \times (-F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})) \\
&\quad - (-F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})))e_2 \\
&\quad - (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3})e_5 + e_8) \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) \\
&\quad + (-F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})))e_3 \\
&\quad - (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3})e_6 + e_9,
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $M = (U_n^T)^{-1} \times E \times (U_n)^{-1}$  and  $m_i > 0$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 9$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
m_1 &= e_1 \geq 0, \\
m_2 = b &:= (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_1 + e_2 \geq 0, \\
m_3 = c &:= (-F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})))e_1 - (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3})e_2 + e_3 \geq 0, \\
m_4 = d &:= (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})))e_1 + e_4 \geq 0, \\
m_5 &= f := (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_1 + e_4 \\
&\quad \times (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})) \\
&\quad + (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})))e_2 + e_5 \geq 0, \\
m_6 &= g := (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})))e_1 + e_4 \\
&\quad \times (-F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))) - (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) \times (F_{n-2} \\
&\quad \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})))e_2 + e_5) \\
&\quad + (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})))e_3 + e_6 \geq 0, \\
m_7 = h &:= -F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_1 - (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3})e_4 + e_7 \geq 0, \\
m_8 &= o := (-F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})))e_1 - (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3})e_4 + e_7 \\
&\quad \times (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})) \\
&\quad + (-F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})))e_2 - (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3})e_5 + e_8 \geq 0,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
m_9 =: u &= (-F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_1 - (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3})e_4 + e_7 \\
&\quad \times (-F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})) \\
&\quad - (-F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_2 \\
&\quad - (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3})e_5 + e_8) \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) \\
&\quad + (-F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_3 - (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3})e_6 + e_9 \geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

As

$$m_2 = (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_1 + e_2 \geq 0,$$

we have

$$(F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}))e_1 \geq -e_2,$$

which gives

$$\frac{e_1}{e_2} \leq \frac{1}{-F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})}. \quad (1)$$

Similarly, we have

$$\frac{e_1}{e_3} \leq \frac{1}{e_3}, \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{e_1}{e_4} \leq \frac{1}{-F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})}, \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{e_2}{e_5} \leq \frac{1}{-F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})}, \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{e_3}{e_6} \leq \frac{1}{-F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})}, \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{e_1}{e_7} \leq \frac{1}{e_7}, \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{e_2}{e_8} \leq \frac{1}{e_8}, \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{e_3}{e_9} \leq \frac{1}{e_9}, \quad (8)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
i &= -F_{n-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3}) \\
&\quad + (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) \times (F_{n-2} \times (F_{n-2} + F_{n-3}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-6} F_{n-(i+4)}((F_i + F_{i+1})F_{i+2} + (F_{i+1} + F_{i+3})F_{i+3})).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the determinant of the message  $M$ ,  $\det(M)$ , is connected to the determinant of the code matrix  $E$ , so  $\det(M)$  affects the entries of  $E$ . First, assume that only one error exists in the received matrix  $E$ . There are nine cases to consider

$$\begin{array}{lll}
(1) \begin{bmatrix} a & e_2 & e_3 \\ e_4 & e_5 & e_6 \\ e_7 & e_8 & e_9 \end{bmatrix}, & (2) \begin{bmatrix} e_1 & b & e_3 \\ e_4 & e_5 & e_6 \\ e_7 & e_8 & e_9 \end{bmatrix}, & (3) \begin{bmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & c \\ e_4 & e_5 & e_6 \\ e_7 & e_8 & e_9 \end{bmatrix}, \\
(4) \begin{bmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & e_3 \\ d & e_5 & e_6 \\ e_7 & e_8 & e_9 \end{bmatrix}, & (5) \begin{bmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & e_3 \\ e_4 & e & e_6 \\ e_7 & e_8 & e_9 \end{bmatrix}, & (6) \begin{bmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & e_3 \\ e_4 & e_5 & f \\ e_7 & e_8 & e_9 \end{bmatrix}, \\
(7) \begin{bmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & e_3 \\ e_4 & e_5 & e_6 \\ g & e_8 & e_9 \end{bmatrix}, & (8) \begin{bmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & e_3 \\ e_4 & e_5 & e_6 \\ e_7 & h & e_9 \end{bmatrix}, & (9) \begin{bmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & e_1 \\ e_4 & e_5 & e_6 \\ e_7 & e_8 & i \end{bmatrix},
\end{array}$$

where  $a, b, \dots, i$  are the possible erroneous entries. From  $\det(E) = \det(M)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & a(e_5e_9 - e_6e_8) - e_2(e_4e_9 - e_6e_7) + e_3(e_4e_8 - e_5e_7) = \det(M), \\ (2) \quad & e_1(e_5e_9 - e_6e_8) - b(e_4e_9 - e_6e_7) + e_3(e_4e_8 - e_5e_7) = \det(M), \\ & \vdots \\ (9) \quad & e_1(e_5i - e_6e_8) - e_2(e_4i - e_6e_7) + e_3(e_4e_8 - e_5e_7) = \det(M). \end{aligned}$$

Then we can consider double errors in  $E$ , for example

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & e_2 & b \\ e_4 & e_5 & e_6 \\ e_7 & e_8 & e_9 \end{bmatrix},$$

so there are  $\binom{9}{2} = 36$  possibilities.

The number of possible error patterns is

$$\binom{9}{0} + \binom{9}{1} + \binom{9}{2} + \dots + \binom{9}{9} = 2^9 = 512.$$

Using  $\det(E) = \det(M)$  and the relations (1)–(8), we can correct zero, single, double, ..., and eight errors, but not nine errors. Thus, the probability of correct decoding is  $\frac{510}{511} = 0.998$  (99.8%) if the error patterns are equiprobable [22].

The  $k$ -Fibonacci Heisenberg group coding has a high error correction capability compared to classical (algebraic) coding. The reason is that matrix theory is used rather than algebraic techniques that add parity symbols to information symbols. As in [22], we compare 3-Fibonacci Heisenberg group codes with the binary Hamming codes. For  $r > 1$ , the Hamming code parameters are  $n = 2^r - 1$  and  $k = 2^r - r - 1$ . There are  $2^n$  error patterns of which  $2^r = 2^{n-k}$  can be corrected. Thus, the probability of correct decoding is

$$\frac{2^{n-k}}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2^k},$$

so the percentage decreases as  $r$  increases. As an example, let  $r = 4$ , so  $n = 15$  and  $k = 11$  [22]. This code can correct  $2^{15-11} = 2^4 = 16$  error patterns so the probability of correct decoding is .0625. Conversely, the error correction capability of the 3-Fibonacci Heisenberg group codes is .998 which is much higher.

## 5 Conclusion

In this paper, we studied the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence in the Heisenberg group and considered its application in error correction coding. A new class of codes was introduced and the coding/decoding examined. The error correction capability of this coding method was shown to be very high compared to the Hamming codes.

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