



## A Generalization of the Suborbital Graphs Generating Fibonacci Numbers for the Subgroup $\Gamma^3$

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**Abstract.** The Modular group  $\Gamma$  is the most well-known discrete group with many applications. This work investigates some subgraphs of the subgroup  $\Gamma^3$ , defined by

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma : ab + cd \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \right\}$$

In [1], the subgraph  $F_{1,1}$  of the subgroup  $\Gamma^3 \subset \Gamma$  is studied, and Fibonacci numbers are obtained by means of the subgraph of  $F_{1,1}$ . In this paper, we give a generalization of the subgraphs generating Fibonacci numbers for the subgroup  $\Gamma^3$  and some subgraphs having special conditions.

### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

The Modular group  $\Gamma$  is a subgroup of the automorphism group of the upper half plane, and defined as

$$\Gamma = PSL(2, \mathbb{Z}) = \{K : z \rightarrow \frac{az + b}{cz + d} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}, ad - bc = 1\}$$

The elements of the Modular group can also be taken as matrices  $\mp \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  with  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $ad - bc = 1$ , since the Modular group is isomorphic to  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) / \{\pm I\}$ . It is generated by matrices  $U = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  with defining relationships  $U^2 = V^3 = I$ , where  $I$  is the identity matrix. The Modular group acts on the extended rational numbers  $\hat{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$  with the action defined by

$$\mp \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{x}{y} = \frac{ax + by}{cx + dy}$$

where  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $ad - bc = 1$  [2]. Some more information about the modular group  $\Gamma$  can be found in [3, 4, 5, 6].

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The subgroup  $\Gamma^3$  is defined as a subgroup of  $\Gamma$  generated by third power of all elements of  $\Gamma$  in [4, 5]. In ([6],p.33), it is shown that

$$\Gamma^3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma : ab + cd \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \right\}$$

In [7], it follows from the definition that the elements of  $\Gamma^3$  are one of the forms  $\begin{pmatrix} 3a & b \\ c & 3d \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a & 3b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  where, in third matrix,  $a, b, c, d \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . Hence, the subgroup  $\Gamma^3$  acts transitively on the set of  $\hat{\mathbb{Q}}$  and the stabilizer of  $\infty$  is the group  $\left\{ \mp \begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : m \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ . We take the subgroup  $\Gamma_0^3(n) = \{g \in \Gamma^3 : c \equiv 0 \pmod{n}\}$  and the stabilizer  $\Gamma_\infty^3$ , and now we can set up  $\Gamma^3$ -invariant equivalence relation. Since the group  $\Gamma^3$  is transitive, any reduced fraction  $\frac{r}{s} \in \hat{\mathbb{Q}}$  equals  $g(\infty)$  for some  $g \in \Gamma^3$ . The diagonal action, given by  $g(\alpha, \beta) = (g\alpha, g\beta)$ , of the group  $\Gamma^3$  on  $\hat{\mathbb{Q}} \times \hat{\mathbb{Q}}$  defines the suborbitals, which are actually orbits. The orbit  $O^3(\alpha, \beta)$  containing  $(\alpha, \beta)$  gives the suborbital graph  $G^3(\alpha, \beta)$  defined as follows:

As in [2], the set of vertices is  $\hat{\mathbb{Q}}$ , and there is an edge  $\gamma \rightarrow \delta$  in  $G^3(\alpha, \beta)$  if and only if  $(\gamma, \delta) \in O^3(\alpha, \beta)$ . Due to the transitivity, every suborbital contains a pair  $(\infty, \frac{u}{n})$  for some  $\frac{u}{n} \in \hat{\mathbb{Q}}, (u, n) = 1, n > 0$ . The congruence subgroup  $\Gamma_0^3(n)$  defines the following equivalence relation on  $\hat{\mathbb{Q}}$  by  $g_1(\infty) \simeq g_2(\infty)$  for  $g_1, g_2 \in \Gamma^3$  if and only if  $g_1\Gamma_0^3(n) = g_2\Gamma_0^3(n)$ . If  $g_1(\infty) = \frac{r}{s}$  and  $g_2(\infty) = \frac{x}{y}$ , we have  $\frac{r}{s} \simeq \frac{x}{y} \Leftrightarrow ry - sx \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$

We will denote the suborbital graph by  $G_{u,n}^3$  for short. By virtue of the permuting the blocks transitively all subgraphs corresponding to the blocks are isomorphic. Hence, we will only consider the subgraph  $F_{u,n}^3$  of  $G_{u,n}^3$  whose vertex set is just the equivalence class or the block

$$[\infty] = \left\{ \frac{x}{y} \in \hat{\mathbb{Q}} : y \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \right\}$$

In [7], the author studied the connectivity properties of all subgraphs of the subgroup  $\Gamma^3$  except of the subgraph  $F_{1,1}$  and in [1], the authors showed that the subgraph  $F_{1,1}$  is disconnected and for all natural numbers  $m$ , the natural numbers  $b$  that make the numbers  $(9m^2 - 4)b^2 + 4$  square are  $0, 1, 3m, 9m^2 - 1, 3m(9m^2 - 1) - 3m, \dots, a, b, 3mb - a, \dots$ .

In this work, we will investigate some number theoretical problems and give a generalization of the subgraphs generating Fibonacci numbers for the subgroup  $\Gamma^3$  and subgraphs with some special conditions by means of some special matrices.

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 1.** [7]  $F_{u,n}^3 = F_{u',n'}^3$ , if and only if  $n = n'$  and  $u \equiv u' \pmod{3n}$

**Theorem 2.** [7] There is an edge  $\frac{r}{s} \rightarrow \frac{x}{y}$  in  $F_{n,1}^3$  if and only if either

- (i) if  $r \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , then  $y \equiv \mp ns \pmod{3}$  and  $ry - sx = \mp 1$ , or
- (ii) if  $s \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , then  $x \equiv \mp nr \pmod{3}$  and  $ry - sx = \mp 1$ , or
- (iii) if  $r, s \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , then  $x \not\equiv \mp nr \pmod{3}, y \not\equiv \mp ns \pmod{3}$  and  $ry - sx = \mp 1$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -n & n^2 + 3n + 1 \\ -1 & n + 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is in  $\Gamma^3$ .

Proof. We have  $-n.(n^2 + 3n + 1) - 1.(n + 3) \equiv -(n^3 + 2n) \pmod{3}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . To prove that the matrix  $A$  is in  $\Gamma^3$ , we must show that, for any  $n$ ,

$$n^3 + 2n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \tag{1}$$

If  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , then (1) is true. Otherwise, we have that  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  or  $n \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$ , and so  $n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Therefore, in any case,  $n^3 + 2n = n(n^2 + 2) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  for every natural number  $n$ . This gives the proof.

We give following straightforward corollary without proof.

**Corollary 4.** *If  $m \in \mathbb{N}, m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , then there exists some natural number  $k$  such that  $3k - 2 = m^2$ . That is, the number  $3k - 2 = m^2$  is a perfect square number. Some of the values of the number  $k$  are 1, 2, 6, 9, 17, 22, ...*

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -n & n^2 + 3n + 1 \\ -1 & n + 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then, for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$*

- (i)  $A^m\left(\frac{1}{0}\right) \rightarrow A^m\left(\frac{n}{1}\right)$  in  $F_{n,1}^3$ ,
- (ii)  $A^m\left(\frac{1}{0}\right) \rightarrow A^{m+1}\left(\frac{1}{0}\right)$  in  $F_{n,1}^3$ .

Proof. (i) We will use mathematical induction principle. For  $m = 1, A^1\left(\frac{1}{0}\right) = A\left(\frac{1}{0}\right) = \frac{n}{1} \rightarrow \frac{3n + 1}{3} = A\left(\frac{n}{1}\right) = A^1\left(\frac{n}{1}\right)$  is true. Let it be true for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence, we must show that the hypothesis is true for  $m + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

From the assumption, we get that  $A(A^m\left(\frac{1}{0}\right)) = A^{m+1}\left(\frac{1}{0}\right) \rightarrow A(A^m\left(\frac{n}{1}\right)) = A^{m+1}\left(\frac{n}{1}\right)$ .

(ii) Using (i), we have  $A^m\left(\frac{1}{0}\right) \rightarrow A^m\left(\frac{n}{1}\right) = A^m\left(A\left(\frac{1}{0}\right)\right) = A^{m+1}\left(\frac{1}{0}\right)$ .

**Corollary 6.** *The sequence  $\{A^m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  is strictly monotone increasing and the path*

$$A\left(\frac{1}{0}\right) \rightarrow A^2\left(\frac{1}{0}\right) \rightarrow A^3\left(\frac{1}{0}\right) \rightarrow \dots$$

*is an infinite path.*

Proof. For all  $z \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{n + 3\}, A(z) = \frac{-nz + (n^2 + 3n + 1)}{-z + n + 3}$  and  $A'(z) > 0$ . This shows that  $A$  is strictly monotone increasing. Also, the path is an infinite. Because, if for some positive integers  $m$  and  $k$  such that  $m > k, A^k\left(\frac{1}{0}\right) = A^m\left(\frac{1}{0}\right)$ , then put  $m = k + l$  gives  $A^l\left(\frac{1}{0}\right) = \frac{1}{0}$ . In this case, the element  $A^l$  has three fixed points as  $\frac{(2n + 3) \mp \sqrt{5}}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{0}$ , which gives  $A^l$  to be the identity. This gives a contradiction, since  $A$  is hyperbolic.

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -n & n^2 + 3n + 1 \\ -1 & n + 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , which is in  $\Gamma^3$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{n}{1} \leq \frac{a}{b} < \frac{(2n + 3) - \sqrt{5}}{2}$ . Then,*

(i)  $\frac{a}{b} < A\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) < \frac{(2n + 3) - \sqrt{5}}{2},$

(ii)  $\frac{a}{b} \rightarrow A\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$  is an edge in  $F_{n,1}^3$  if and only if  $a = \frac{(2n + 3)b - \sqrt{5b^2 + 4}}{2}$  and there exists some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $5b^2 + 4 = k^2$ .

Proof.(i) Since  $\frac{a}{b} < \frac{(2n + 3) - \sqrt{5}}{2}$ , we get that

$$2a < 2nb + 3b - \sqrt{5}b, 5b^2 < (2n + 3)^2b^2 + 4a^2 - 4ab(2n + 3)$$

Then,  $-a^2 + abn + 3ab < -anb + b^2(n^2 + 3n + 1)$  and  $\frac{a}{b} < \frac{-na + (n^2 + 3n + 1)b}{-a + b(n + 3)} = A(\frac{a}{b})$ . Further, we show that  $A(\frac{a}{b}) < \frac{(2n + 3) - \sqrt{5}}{2}$ . From the above,  $a^2 - 2abn - 3ab + b^2(n^2 + 3n + 1) > 0$  and so  $\sqrt{5} < \frac{a - (n + 3)b}{3a - (3n + 7)b}$  and

$$\sqrt{5} - (2n + 3) < -2 \frac{-an + b(n^2 + 3n + 1)}{-a + (n + 3)b}, \frac{(2n + 3) - \sqrt{5}}{2} > A(\frac{a}{b})$$

Consequently, we have  $\frac{a}{b} < A(\frac{a}{b}) < \frac{(2n + 3) - \sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

(ii) Let  $\frac{a}{b} \rightarrow A(\frac{a}{b})$  be an edge in  $F_{n,1}^3$ . By (i) and by Theorem 2, we have

$$a^2 - (2n + 3)ab + (n^2 + 3n + 1)b^2 > 0$$

and  $a^2 - (2n + 3)ab + (n^2 + 3n + 1)b^2 = 1$ . Hence, we multiply the equation by 4 and add  $5b^2$ , we get  $4a^2 - 4ab(2n + 3) + 4b^2(n^2 + 3n + 1) + 5b^2 = 4 + 5b^2$ . Also, since  $(2n + 3)b - 2a > 0$ , we have  $a = \frac{(2n + 3)b - \sqrt{5b^2 + 4}}{2}$ . Furthermore, since  $4 + 5b^2$  is a natural number, there exists some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $5b^2 + 4 = k^2$ .

Conversely, let  $a = \frac{(2n + 3)b - \sqrt{5b^2 + 4}}{2}$ . Then, after some calculations it is easily seen that

$$\frac{-b^2(n^2 + 3n + 2)(2n + 3) + nb(n + 3)\sqrt{5b^2 + 4}}{2} \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

Therefore, the matrix

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-(2n + 3)b + \sqrt{5b^2 + 4}}{2} & (n^2 + 3n + 1)b \\ -b & \frac{(2n + 3)b + \sqrt{5b^2 + 4}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

is in  $\Gamma^3$ . Also,  $B(\frac{1}{0}) = \frac{a}{b}$ ,  $B(\frac{n}{1}) = \frac{a}{b}$ . Hence by Theorem 5, we get that  $\frac{a}{b} \rightarrow A(\frac{a}{b})$  is an edge in  $F_{n,1}^3$ .

**Corollary 8.** Let  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,

(i) The path

$$\frac{1}{0} \rightarrow n + \frac{0}{1} \rightarrow n + \frac{1}{3} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow n + \frac{a_k}{b_k} \rightarrow n + \frac{b_k}{3b_k - a_k} \rightarrow \dots$$

is an infinite path under the matrix  $A$ .

(ii) All vertices in (i) are less than  $\frac{(2n - 3) + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

(iii) For the numbers  $a_k, b_k$  in (i),  $a_k = \frac{3b_k - \sqrt{5b_k^2 + 4}}{2}$  and the numbers  $5a_k^2 + 4, 5b_k^2 + 4$  are perfect squares.

Proof. (i) From the Theorem 5, we get that  $A^m(\frac{1}{0}) = \frac{x_m}{y_m} \rightarrow A^{m+1}(\frac{1}{0}) = n + \frac{y_m}{3y_m - (x_m - ny_m)} \rightarrow A^{m+2}(\frac{1}{0}) = n + \frac{3y_m - (x_m - ny_m)}{3(3y_m - (x_m - ny_m)) - y_m}$  for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , and so this gives the proof.

(ii) It is clear from (i) of the Theorem 7.

(iii) From (ii) of the Theorem 7, if  $\frac{a_k}{b_k} \rightarrow A\left(\frac{a_k}{b_k}\right)$ , then  $a_k = \frac{(2n+3)b_k - \sqrt{5b_k^2 + 4}}{2}$ . Hence, we have

$$\frac{a_k}{b_k} = \frac{(2n+3)b_k - \sqrt{5b_k^2 + 4}}{2} \rightarrow n + \frac{b_k}{3b_k - \left(\frac{(2n+3)b_k - \sqrt{5b_k^2 + 4}}{2} - nb_k\right)} = n + \frac{b_k}{3b_k - \left(\frac{3b_k - \sqrt{5b_k^2 + 4}}{2}\right)}. \text{ There-}$$

fore, by (i) of this Corollary, we get that  $a_k = \frac{3b_k - \sqrt{5b_k^2 + 4}}{2}$ .

Let  $S = \begin{pmatrix} n+3 & -(n^2+3n+1) \\ 1 & -n \end{pmatrix}$  be the inverse matrix of the above matrix  $A$ .

**Theorem 9.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{2n+1}{1} \leq \frac{a}{b} < \frac{(2n+3) + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ . Then,

(i)  $\frac{a}{b} < S\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) < \frac{(2n+3) + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ ,

(ii)  $\frac{a}{b} \rightarrow S\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$  is an edge in  $F_{n+3,1}^3$  if and only if  $a = \frac{(2n+3)b + \sqrt{5b^2 - 4}}{2}$  and there exists  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $5b^2 - 4 = l^2$ .

Proof. (i) Since  $\frac{a}{b} < \frac{(2n+3) + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ ,  $2a - b(2n+3) < \sqrt{5}b$ . From this,  $4a^2 - 4ab(2n+3) + (2n+3)b^2 < 5b^2$ , and so  $a^2 - (2n+3)ab + (n^2+3n+1)b^2 < 0$ . Therefore,

$$\frac{a}{b} < \frac{(n+3)a - b(n^2+3n+1)}{a - nb} = S\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) \tag{2}$$

Also, since  $S$  is increasing on  $\left[\frac{(2n+1)}{1}, \frac{(2n+3)+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) \cap \mathbb{Q}$  and  $S\left(\frac{(2n+3) + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right) = \frac{(2n+3) + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ ,

we obtain that

$$S\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) < \frac{(2n+3) + \sqrt{5}}{2} \tag{3}$$

By (2) and (3), we get that  $\frac{a}{b} < S\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) < \frac{(2n+3) + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

(ii) Let  $\frac{a}{b} \rightarrow S\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$  be an edge in  $F_{n+3,1}^3$ . So,  $a^2 - 2nab - 3ab + n^2b^2 + 3nb^2 + b^2 < 0$  and from Theorem 5,  $a^2 - (2n+3)ab + (n^2+3n+1)b^2 = -1$ . Then,  $(2a - (2n+3)b)^2 = -4 + 5b^2$  and taking square root, we get  $|2a - (2n+3)b| = \sqrt{-4 + 5b^2}$ . Since  $2a - (2n+3)b > 0$ , this shows that  $a = \frac{(2n+3)b + \sqrt{5b^2 - 4}}{2}$ . For  $2a - (2n+3)b \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists some  $w \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $5b^2 - 4 = w^2$ . Conversely, let  $a = \frac{(2n+3)b + \sqrt{5b^2 - 4}}{2}$

and let  $w$  be in  $\mathbb{N}$  such that  $5b^2 - 4 = w^2$ . Then,  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{(2n+3)b + \sqrt{5b^2 - 4}}{2}$ ,

$$S\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \frac{(n+3)\frac{(2n+3)b + \sqrt{5b^2 - 4}}{2} - b(n^2+3n+1)}{\frac{3b + \sqrt{5b^2 - 4}}{2}}$$

From Theorem 5, we have that  $\frac{a}{b} \rightarrow S(\frac{a}{b})$  is an edge in  $F_{n+3,1}^3$ .

**Corollary 10.** Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,

(i) The path  $(2n + 3) - \frac{1}{1} \rightarrow (2n + 3) - \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow (2n + 3) - \frac{2}{5} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (2n + 3) - \frac{a_k}{b_k} \rightarrow (2n + 3) - \frac{b_k}{(3b_k - a_k)} \rightarrow \dots$  is an infinite path under the matrix  $S$ .

(ii) The vertices in (i) are less than  $\frac{(2n + 3) + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

(iii) For the numbers  $a_k, b_k$  in (i),  $a_k = \frac{3b_k - \sqrt{5b_k^2 - 4}}{2}$  and the numbers  $5a_k^2 - 4, 5b_k^2 - 4$  are perfect squares.

From the Corollaries 8-(i) and 10-(i), we get that the following two corollaries.

**Corollary 11.** The numbers  $b_k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  making  $5b_k^2 + 4$  perfect square are  $0, 1, 3, 8, \dots, x, y, 3y - x, \dots$

**Corollary 12.** The numbers  $b_k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  making  $5b_k^2 - 4$  perfect square are  $1, 2, 5, \dots, x, y, 3y - x, \dots$

**Corollary 13.** Let the sequences  $\{a_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}, \{b_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be  $(0, 1, 3, 8, \dots, x, y, 3y - x, \dots)$  and  $(1, 2, 5, \dots, r, s, 3s - r, \dots)$ , respectively. Then, the sequence  $\{c_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ , defined by  $(0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, \dots, a_k, b_k, a_{k+1}, b_{k+1}, \dots)$  is the Fibonacci sequence.

Proof. We must show that  $a_k + b_k = a_{k+1}$  and  $b_k + a_{k+1} = b_{k+1}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . By the mathematical induction principle, for  $k = 1, a_1 + b_1 = a_2$  and  $b_1 + a_2 = b_2$  are true. Let it true be for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let us see that  $a_{k+1} + b_{k+1} = a_{k+2}$  and  $b_{k+1} + a_{k+2} = b_{k+2}$ . Since,  $a_{k+1} = 3a_k - a_{k-1}$  and  $b_{k+1} = 3b_k - b_{k-1}$ , we get that  $a_{k+1} + b_{k+1} = 3(a_k + b_k) - (a_{k-1} + b_{k-1}) = 3a_{k+1} - a_k = a_{k+2}$  and  $b_{k+1} + a_{k+2} = 3(b_k + a_{k+1}) - (b_{k-1} + a_k) = 3b_{k+1} - b_k = b_{k+2}$ .

**Theorem 14.** [7] There is an edge  $\frac{r}{s} \rightarrow \frac{x}{y}$  in  $F_{1,n}^3$  if and only if either

(i) if  $r \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , then  $x \equiv \mp r \pmod{3}, y \equiv \mp s \pmod{3n}$  and  $ry - sx = \mp n$ , or

(ii) if  $s \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , then  $x \equiv \mp r \pmod{3n}, y \equiv \mp s \pmod{n}$  and  $ry - sx = \mp n$ , or

(iii) if  $r, s \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , then  $x \equiv \mp r \pmod{n}, y \equiv \mp s \pmod{n}, x \not\equiv \mp r \pmod{3n}, y \not\equiv \mp s \pmod{3n}$  and  $ry - sx = \mp n$

Now, we consider a new matrix  $K = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -n & n-1 \end{pmatrix}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 4$ . It is easily proved that the matrix  $K$  is in  $\Gamma^3$  if and only if  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

**Theorem 15.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 4$ , and  $K = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -n & n-1 \end{pmatrix}$  be in  $\Gamma^3$ . Then,

(i)  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}, K^m \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow K^m \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ n \end{pmatrix}$  in  $F_{1,n}^3$ .

(ii)  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}, K^m \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow K^{m+1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $F_{1,n}^3$ .

(iii) The sequence  $\{K^m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  is increasing and the path

$$K \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow K^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow K^3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \dots$$

is infinite path.

(iv) The fixed points of  $K$  are  $z_{1,2} = \frac{n \mp \sqrt{(n-4)n}}{2n}$ .

From (ii) of Theorem 15, we obtain the following result

$$K^m\left(\frac{1}{0}\right) := \frac{a_m}{nb_m}, \text{ then } \frac{1}{n} + \frac{a_m - b_m}{nb_m} \rightarrow \frac{1}{n} + \frac{b_m}{n((n-2)b_m - (a_m - b_m))}.$$

**Theorem 16.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 4$ , and  $K = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -n & n-1 \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma^3$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{a}{nb} < \frac{n - \sqrt{(n-4)n}}{2n}$ .

Then,

$$(i) \frac{a}{nb} < K\left(\frac{a}{nb}\right) < \frac{n - \sqrt{(n-4)n}}{2n},$$

(ii)  $\frac{a}{nb} \rightarrow K\left(\frac{a}{nb}\right)$  is an edge in  $F_{1,n}^3$  if and only if  $a = \frac{nb - \sqrt{n(n-4)b^2 + 4}}{2}$  and there exists some  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n(n-4)b^2 + 4 = t^2$ .

Proof. (i) Since  $\frac{a}{nb} < \frac{n - \sqrt{(n-4)n}}{2n}$ ,  $a^2 - nab + nb^2 > 0$ . From this, we have  $na^2 - n^2ab + n^2b^2 > 0$ , and so

$$\frac{a}{nb} < \frac{-a + nb}{-an + (n-1)b} = K\left(\frac{a}{nb}\right) \tag{4}$$

On the other hand, for the mapping  $K$  is increasing on  $\left[\frac{1}{n}, \frac{n - \sqrt{n(n-4)}}{2n}\right) \cap \mathbb{Q}$  and  $K\left(\frac{n - \sqrt{n(n-4)}}{2n}\right) = \frac{n - \sqrt{n(n-4)}}{2n}$ , we get that

$$K\left(\frac{a}{nb}\right) < \frac{n - \sqrt{(n-4)n}}{2n} \tag{5}$$

From (4) and (5), we have  $\frac{a}{nb} < K\left(\frac{a}{nb}\right) < \frac{n - \sqrt{(n-4)n}}{2n}$ .

(ii) Let  $\frac{a}{nb} \rightarrow K\left(\frac{a}{nb}\right)$  be an edge in  $F_{1,n}^3$ . So,  $a^2 - nab + nb^2 > 0$  and from Theorem 7,  $a^2 - nab + nb^2 = 1$ . Then,  $(2a - nb)^2 = 4 + n(n-4)b^2$  and taking square root, we have  $|2a - nb| = \sqrt{4 + n(n-4)b^2}$ . Since  $2a - nb < 0$ , this shows that  $a = \frac{nb - \sqrt{n(n-4)b^2 + 4}}{2}$ . Also, since  $nb - 2a \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists some  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n(n-4)b^2 + 4 = t^2$ .

Conversely,  $a = \frac{nb - \sqrt{n(n-4)b^2 + 4}}{2}$  and there exists some  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n(n-4)b^2 + 4 = t^2$ .

Then,  $\frac{a}{nb} = \frac{2}{nb - \sqrt{n(n-4)b^2 + 4}}$ ,  $K\left(\frac{a}{nb}\right) = \frac{2}{n\left(\frac{(n-2)b - \sqrt{n(n-4)b^2 + 4}}{2}\right)}$ . From Theorem 7, we get that

$\frac{a}{nb} \rightarrow K\left(\frac{a}{nb}\right)$  is an edge in  $F_{1,n}^3$ .

Now, we give the following two corollaries without a proof.

**Corollary 17.** Let  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}; n \geq 4$ . Then,

(i) The path  $\frac{1}{0} \rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n(n-2)} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \frac{1}{n} + \frac{a_k}{nb_k} \rightarrow \frac{1}{n} + \frac{b_k}{n((n-2)b_k - a_k)} \rightarrow \dots$  is an infinite path under the matrix  $K$ .

(ii) All above vertices are less than  $\frac{n - \sqrt{(n-4)n}}{2n}$ .

(iii) For the numbers  $a_k, b_k$  in (i),  $a_k = \frac{(n-2)b_k - \sqrt{n(n-4)b_k^2 + 4}}{2}$  and the numbers  $n(n-4)a_k^2 + 4, n(n-4)b_k^2 + 4$  are perfect squares.

**Corollary 18.** The integers  $b \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\}$  in the equality  $n(n-4)b^2 + 4 = t^2$  are

$$0, 1, (n-2), \dots, x, y, (n-2)y - x, \dots$$

Proof. It is easily seen from (i) of the Corollary 17.

**Note.** By the Corollary 18, we get that the number  $(9m^2 - 4)b^2 + 4 = t^2$  in [1] for  $n = 3m + 2$ .

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