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# ON LEONARDO NUMBERS AND THEIR MATRIX REPRESENTATION

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we introduce and investigate a Hessenberg matrix  $T_n$ , which incorporates both local interactions of tridiagonal matrices and fixed-distance non-local couplings, thereby exhibiting a hybrid Hessenberg–tridiagonal structure. We establish a recurrence relation for its determinant and demonstrate that  $\det(T_n)$  coincides with the Leonardo numbers, with further connections to Fibonacci numbers and Chebyshev polynomials. The characteristic polynomial of  $T_n$  is derived through a Schur complement approach, and its spectral properties are examined in detail. The eigenvalue distribution reveals non-Hermitian features, including the presence of complex conjugate pairs and oscillatory instabilities. Moreover, an explicit LU factorization is obtained, enabling efficient computation of determinants and shedding light on the sparse structural properties of the matrix. Numerical experiments and visualization of eigenvalue behavior confirm the theoretical findings and highlight the potential of  $T_n$  as a model for structured non-Hermitian operators relevant in dynamical systems, wave propagation, and transport phenomena.

**Keywords** Hessenberg matrix · Determinant formulas · Leonardo numbers · Chebyshev polynomials · Eigenvalue analysis · LU decomposition

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