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Curtis N. Cooper* (cooper@cmsu.edu), Dept. of Math. & Comp. Sci., University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO 64093. *An Identity for Period k Second Order Linear Recurrence Systems.*

Let a_1 , a_2 , b_1 , and b_2 be real numbers. The period 2 second order linear recurrence system is defined to be the sequence $x_0 = 1$, $x_1 = a_1$, and

$$\begin{aligned}x_{2n+2} &= a_2x_{2n+1} + b_1x_{2n}, \\x_{2n+3} &= a_1x_{2n+2} + b_2x_{2n+1},\end{aligned}$$

for $n \geq 0$. We will show that for $n \geq 4$,

$$x_n = (a_1a_2 + b_1 + b_2)x_{n-2} - b_1b_2x_{n-4}.$$

Then we will generalize this result to the period $k \geq 2$ second order linear recurrence system. (Received September 22, 2006)