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*How to Sum the Squares of the Tetranacci Numbers and the Fibonacci  $m$ -Step Numbers,*

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**Abstract**

In this paper, we present explicit formulas for the sum of the first  $n$  Tetranacci numbers and for the sum of the squares of the first  $n$  Tetranacci numbers. In the second half of the paper, we will prove an explicit formula for the sum of the first  $n$  Fibonacci  $m$ -step numbers. This formula will give us explicit expressions for the sum of the first  $n$  Pentanacci numbers, the first  $n$  Hexanacci numbers, the first  $n$  Heptanacci numbers, and so on.