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# Introduction

In the mathematical literature, there are many famous families of polynomials. Among these families, by way of examples but not limited to them, we find the polynomials of Tchebyshev, Hermite, Legendre, . . . .

Often, these polynomials are defined by recursive relations and they have important applications in mathematics and other sciences; the thing that immortalized them in the names of the mathematicians who discovered them.

The polynomials considered in this memory are those of Fibonacci, Lucas and Jacobsthal. These polynomials are defined by recursive relations and are intimately related to the Fibonacci and Lucas numbers. In this dissertation we are interested in the study of the properties of these polynomials and their applications; especially the rediscovery of some identities concerning the Fibonacci and Lucas numbers.

In this memory, the first chapter is devoted to fundamental concepts and tools. The study of Fibonacci and Lucas numbers is the subject of the second chapter. In the third chapter we deal with Fibonacci and Lucas polynomials. We end with the fourth chapter which is devoted to Jacobsthal polynomials.

# Chapter 1

## SOME BASIC TOOLS AND PRINCIPLES

### 1.1 PRINCIPLE OF MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION (PMI)

Let  $(P(n))_{n \geq 0}$  be a sequence of proposition. The method of mathematical induction assists in proving that  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq n_0$ , where  $n_0$  is a given nonnegative integer.

#### 1.1.1 MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION (weak form)

Suppose that

1.  $P(n_0)$  is true ;
2. For all  $k \geq n_0$ ,  $P(k)$  is true implies  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Then  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

#### 1.1.2 MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION (strong form)

Suppose that

1.  $P(n_0)$  is true ;
2. For all  $k \geq n_0$ ,  $P(m)$  is true for all  $m$  with  $n_0 \leq m \leq k$  implies  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

Then  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

This principle is amply used in mathematics.

## 1.2 PASCAL'S TRIANGLE

It is remarkable that Fibonacci numbers have a strong connection with the elements of Pascal's triangle.

### 1.2.1 BINOMIAL COEFFICIENTS

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $n$  and  $k$  be nonnegative integers. and  $0 \leq k \leq n$ , the binomial coefficients is defined by

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

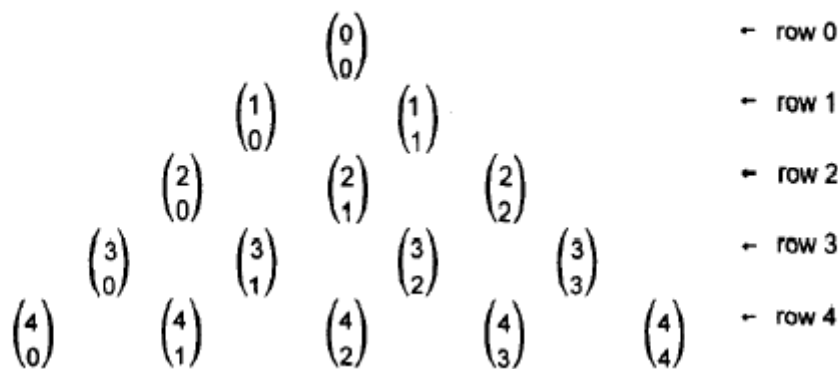
where  $0! = 1$  and  $n! = n(n-1) \cdots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$ .

**Example 1.1.**

$$\binom{4}{2} = \frac{4!}{2!(4-2)!} = \frac{24}{4} = 6.$$

### 1.2.2 PASCAL'S TRIANGLE

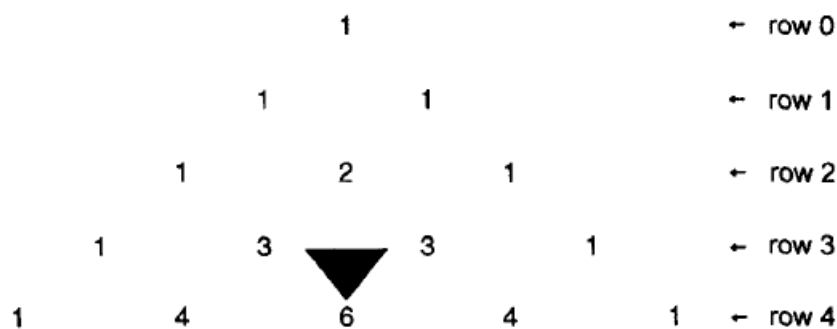
The various binomial coefficients  $\binom{n}{k}$ , where  $0 \leq k \leq n$ , can be arranged in the form of a triangle, called Pascal's triangle as shown in following Figure



PASCAL'S TRIANGLE

**Theorem 1.1** (The Binomial of Newton). Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$(a+b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^k$$



PASCAL'S TRIANGLE

**Example 1.2.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x + y)^3 &= \sum_{k=0}^3 \binom{3}{k} x^{3-k} y^k \\
 &= \binom{3}{0} x^{3-0} y^0 + \binom{3}{1} x^{3-1} y^1 + \binom{3}{2} x^{3-2} y^2 + \binom{3}{3} x^{3-3} y^3 \\
 &= x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3.
 \end{aligned}$$

### 1.2.3 RELATION BETWEEN PASCAL'S TRIANGLE AND FIBONACCI NUMBRES

We show that the Fibonacci numbers related to Pascal's triangle.

Now add the numbers along the diagonals of the northeast .The sums are 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ... , and they appear to be the Fibonacci numbers as in the following figure

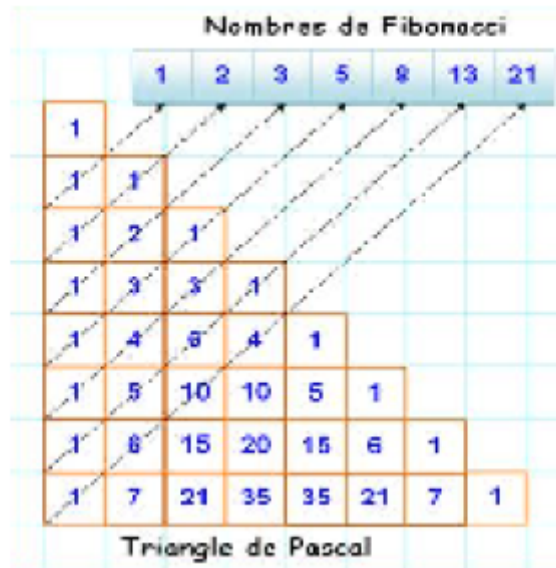
## 1.3 LINEAR RECURRENCE SEQUENCE

A linear recurrence relation is an equation that relates a term in a sequence to previous terms using recursion. The use of the word linear refers to the fact that previous terms are arranged as a 1<sup>st</sup> degree polynomial in the recurrence relation.

**Definition 1.2.** *A linear recurrence relation is an equation that defines the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term in a sequence in terms of the  $k$  previous terms in the sequence. The recurrence relation is in the form*

$$x_n = c_1x_{n-1} + c_2x_{n-2} + \dots + c_kx_{n-k}.$$

Where each  $c_i$  is a constant coefficient.



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**Definition 1.3.** A solution to a recurrence relation is the value of  $x_n$  in terms of  $n$ , and does not require the value of any previous terms.

**Example 1.3.** Let the recurrence relation :  $x_1 = 3$  ,  $x_n = 3x_{n-1}$

Each term in the sequence can be calculated with a previous term. The first term,  $x_1 = 3$ , is given. The next term can be calculated using the relation  $x_n = 3x_{n-1}$  thus

$$x_2 = 3x_1 = 3 \cdot 3 = 9.$$

This process is repeated for the other terms.

$$x_3 = 3x_2 = 3 \cdot 9 = 27 , x_4 = 3x_3 = 3 \cdot 27 = 81 = 3^4, \dots .$$

These are powers of 3.

Let us say we have a recurrence

$$x_n = c_1x_{n-1} + c_2x_{n-2} + \dots + c_kx_{n-k}$$

and a solution  $x_n = ar^n$ .

Replacing in the last equation, we get

$$ar^n = c_1ar^{n-1} + c_2ar^{n-2} + \dots + c_kar^{n-k}.$$

Since  $a, r \neq 0$ , we can divide by  $ar^{n-k}$

$$r^k = c_1 r^{k-1} + c_2 r^{k-2} + \dots + c_k.$$

Moving the terms over, we get

$$r^k - c_1 r^{k-1} - c_2 r^{k-2} - \dots - c_k = 0$$

which is a polynomial in  $r$ , so the solution satisfies the recurrence only if  $r$  is a root of this polynomial. This polynomial is called the characteristic polynomial of the recurrence.

Also, note that if two geometric series satisfy a recurrence, the sum of them also satisfies the recurrence. Then, we can find the following method for solving recurrences

- (i) Find the characteristic polynomial;
- (ii) Find the roots  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k$  of the characteristic polynomial;
- (iii) Assuming no multiple roots, the form expression is

$$x_n = a_1(r_1)^n + a_2(r_2)^n + \dots + a_k(r_k)^n$$

for some constant  $a$ 's.

- (iv) Use the initial values to find the values of the  $a$ 's.

Let us try an example

**Example 1.4.** Let the sequence  $x_n$  be defined by

$$x_n = 5x_{n-1} + 6x_{n-2} \quad , \quad n \geq 2$$

$$x_0 = 1 \quad , \quad x_1 = 3.$$

Then the characteristic polynomial is

$$x^2 = 5x + 6.$$

The roots are  $-1$  and  $6$ . Thus, the form expression looks like

$$x_n = a_1(-1)^n + a_2(6)^n.$$

For in  $n = 0$

$$1 = a_1 + a_2.$$

For in  $n = 1$

$$3 = -a_1 + 6a_2.$$

Solving, we get  $a_1 = \frac{3}{7}$  and  $a_2 = \frac{4}{7}$ , and the closed-form expression is

$$x_n = \frac{3}{7}(-1)^n + \frac{4}{7}(6)^n.$$

This can be verified by replacing into the recurrence.

## 1.4 GENERATING FUNCTIONS

The generating functions help us to solve linear homogeneous recurrence relations.

**Definition 1.4.** The generating functions for the sequence  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k, \dots$  of real numbers series is defined by

$$G(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_kx^k + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_kx^k.$$

**Example 1.5.** The generating function for the sequence  $1, 1, 1, 1, \dots$  is

$$G(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-x}.$$

**Example 1.6.** The generating functions for the sequence  $1, a, a^2, a^3, \dots$  is

$$G(x) = 1 + ax + a^2x^2 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a^kx^k = \frac{1}{1-ax}.$$

### 1.4.1 Using Generating Functions to solve Recurrence Relation

**Example 1.7.** Find the generating function for the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  defined by  $a_0 = 1$  and

$$a_n = 4a_{n-1} + 5^{n-1} \tag{1.1}$$

for  $n \geq 1$ . then find explicit formula for  $a_n$ .

*Solution.*

We multiply both sides of the recurrence relation (1.1) by  $x^n$  to obtain

$$a_nx^n = 4a_{n-1}x^n + 5^{n-1}x^n. \tag{1.2}$$

Let  $G(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  be the generating function of the sequence  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$ . We sum both sides of the equation (1.2), starting with  $n = 1$ , to find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(x) - 1 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (4a_{n-1}x^n + 5^{n-1}x^n) \\
 &= 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1}x^n + x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 5^{n-1}x^{n-1} \\
 &= 4x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 5^{n-1}x^{n-1} \\
 &= 4x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n + x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 5^n x^n \\
 &= 4xG(x) + \frac{x}{1-5x}
 \end{aligned}$$

where we have use example (1.6) to evaluate the second summation. Therefore, we have

$$G(x) - 1 = 4xG(x) + \frac{x}{1-5x}.$$

Solving for  $G(x)$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(x) - 4xG(x) &= 1 + \frac{x}{1-5x} \\
 G(x)(1-4x) &= 1 + \frac{x}{1-5x} \\
 G(x)(1-4x) &= \frac{1-5x+x}{1-5x} \\
 G(x)(1-4x) &= \frac{1-4x}{1-5x}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{1-5x}. \tag{1.3}$$

Since  $G(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 5^n x^n$  and  $G(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ , then  $a_n = 5^n$  for  $n \geq 0$ .

Verification

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_n &= 4a_{n-1} + 5^{n-1} \\
 5^n &= 4 \cdot 5^{n-1} + 5^{n-1} \\
 &= (4+1)5^{n-1} \\
 &= 5 \cdot 5^{n-1} = 5^n
 \end{aligned}$$

is true.

# Chapter 2

## FIBONACCI AND LUCAS SUITE

### 2.1 FIBONACCI SEQUENCE

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**Definition 2.1.** *The numbers 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, ... is called the Sequence of Fibonacci numbers each term greater than or equal to 2 is obtained by adding the two previous terms i.e.*

$$2 = 1 + 1, \quad 3 = 1 + 2, \quad 5 = 2 + 3 \dots$$

*Thus we have the following recursive definition of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Fibonacci number  $F_n$*

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &= F_2 = 1 \\ F_n &= F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} \quad n \geq 3. \end{aligned}$$

*We deduced that  $F_0 = 0$ . The characteristic polynomial of the linear recurrence relation defining Fibonacci numbers is*

$$x^2 - x - 1 = 0.$$

*The roots are*  $\alpha = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$

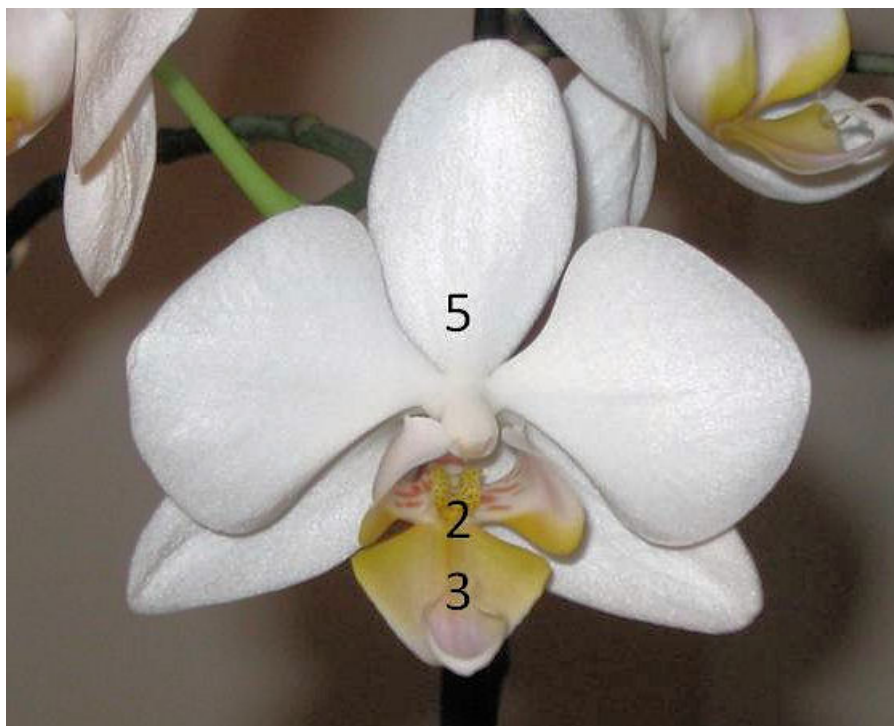
*and in this case*

$$F_n = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta}, \quad n \geq 3.$$

#### **Example 2.1.**

The following example shows the occurrence of fibonacci numbers in petals of plants

Plant	Number of Petals
Enchanter's nightshade	2
Iris, lilly	3
Buttercup, columbine, delphinium, larkspur, wall lettuce	5
Celandine, delphinium, field senecio, squalid senecio	8



### 2.1.2 FIBONACCI IDENTITIES

Both Fibonacci and Lucas numbers satisfy numerous identities that have been discovered over the centuries. In the rest of this chapter we explore several of these fundamental identities.

**Theorem 2.1.** (LUCAS,1876)

$$\sum_{i=1}^n F_i = F_{n+2} - 1. \quad (2.1)$$

*Proof.* Using the Fibonacci recurrence relation, we have

$$F_1 = F_3 - F_2$$

$$F_2 = F_4 - F_3$$

$$F_3 = F_5 - F_4$$

$$\vdots$$

$$F_{n-1} = F_{n+1} - F_n$$

$$F_n = F_{n+2} - F_{n-1}.$$

Adding these equations, we get

$$\sum_1^n F_i = F_{n+2} - F_2 = F_{n+2} - 1.$$

□

### 2.1.3 AN ALTERNATE METHOD

An alternate method of proving identity (2.1) is to apply the principle of mathematical induction (weak form). Since  $F_1 = F_3 - 1$ , the formula works for  $n = 1$ .

Now assume it is true for an arbitrary positive integer  $k \geq 1$  i.e.

$$\sum_1^k F_i = F_{k+2} - 1.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_1^{k+1} F_i &= \sum_1^k F_i + F_{k+1} \\ &= (F_{k+2} - 1) + F_{k+1} \quad \text{by the inductive hypothesis} \\ &= (F_{k+1} + F_{k+2}) - 1 \\ &= F_{k+3} - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by PMI, the formula is true for every positive integer  $n$ .

**Example 2.2.**  $\sum_1^{20} F_i = F_{22} - 1 = 17711 - 1 = 17710.$

**Example 2.3.** Prove that  $\sum_{j=0}^k F_{i+j} + F_{i+1} = F_{i+k+2}$ .

*Solution*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^k F_{i+j} + F_{i+1} &= \sum_1^{i+k} F_i - \sum_1^{i-1} F_i + F_{i+1} \\ &= (F_{i+k+2} - 1) - (F_{i+1} - 1) + F_{i+1} \\ &= F_{i+k+2}. \end{aligned}$$

This example justifies the validity of the puzzle of W. H. Huff : Add up any finite number of consecutive Fibonacci numbers. Now add the second term to this sum. The resulting sum is a Fibonacci number.

**Theorem 2.2** (Lucas).

$$\sum_1^n F_{2i-1} = F_{2n}.$$

*Proof.* By Fibonacci recurrence relation, we have

$$F_1 = F_2 - F_0$$

$$F_3 = F_4 - F_2$$

$$F_5 = F_6 - F_4$$

⋮

$$F_{2n-3} = F_{2n-2} - F_{2n-4}$$

$$F_{2n-1} = F_{2n} - F_{2n-2}.$$

Adding these equations, we obtain

$$\sum_1^n F_{2i-1} = F_{2n} - F_0 = F_{2n}.$$

□

**Example 2.4.**

$$\sum_1^{10} F_{2i-1} = F_{20} = 6765.$$

**Corollary 2.1.**

$$\sum_1^n F_{2i} = F_{2n+1} - 1.$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_1^n F_{2i} &= \sum_1^{2n} F_i - \sum_1^n F_{2i-1} \\
&= (F_{2n+2} - 1) - F_{2n} \quad \text{by Theorems (2.1) and (2.2)} \\
&= (F_{2n+2} - F_{2n}) - 1 \\
&= F_{2n+1} - 1 \quad \text{by the Fibonacci recurrence relation.}
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 2.3.**

$$\sum_1^n F_i^2 = F_n F_{n+1}.$$

*Proof.* When  $n = 1$ , the left-hand side

$$\sum_1^1 F_i^2 = F_1^2 = 1 = 1 \cdot 1 = F_1 F_2.$$

Which is the right-hand side. So the result is true when  $n = 1$ .

Assume the formula for a positive integer  $k$

$$\sum_1^k F_i^2 = F_k F_{k+1}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_1^{k+1} F_i^2 &= \sum_1^k F_i^2 + F_{k+1}^2 \\
&= F_k F_{k+1} + F_{k+1}^2 \\
&= F_{k+1}(F_k + F_{k+1}) \\
&= F_{k+1} F_{k+2} \quad \text{by the Fibonacci recurrence relation.}
\end{aligned}$$

So the statement is true when  $n = k + 1$ . Thus, by (PMI), it is true for every positive integer  $n$ .

□

Also we recall here the following important theorem

**Theorem 2.4** (Binet's formula). *Let  $\alpha$  be the positive root of the quadratic equation  $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$  and  $\beta$  its negative root. Then*

$$F_n = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta}, \quad L_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n \quad \text{for } n \geq 0.$$

## 2.1.4 HOW DO THE FIBONACCI NUMBERS ENLARGE ?

**Theorem 2.5.** For all  $n \geq 3$  we have

$$\alpha^{n-1} \geq F_n \geq \alpha^{n-2}$$

## 2.2 LUCAS SEQUENCE

### 2.2.1 LUCAS SEQUENCE

**Definition 2.2.** The numbers  $L = 1, 3, 4, 7, 11, \dots$  is called the Sequence of Lucas numbers.

Each term greater than or equal to 2 is obtained by adding the two previous terms

$$4 = 1 + 3, \quad 7 = 4 + 3, \quad 11 = 4 + 7 \dots$$

Thus we have the following recursive definition of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Lucas number  $L_n$

$$L_n = L_{n-1} + L_{n-2}, \quad n \geq 3$$

$$L_1 = 1 \text{ and } L_2 = 3.$$

We deduced that  $L_0 = 2$ .

### 2.2.2 LUCAS IDENTITIES

Like the case of Fibonacci Numbers, there are analogous results for Lucas number

$$\sum_1^n L_i = L_{n+2} - 3 \quad (2.2)$$

$$\sum_1^n L_{2i-1} = L_{2n} - 2 \quad (2.3)$$

$$\sum_1^n L_{2i} = L_{2n+1} - 1 \quad (2.4)$$

$$L_{n-1}L_{n+1} - L_n^2 = 5(-1)^{n-1} \quad (2.5)$$

$$\sum_1^n L_i^2 = L_n L_{n+1} - 2. \quad (2.6)$$

These identities can also be established by using PMI.

## 2.3 MEXED FIBONNCI AND LUCAS IDENTITIES

**Theorem 2.6.**

$$L_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n+1}, \quad n \geq 0. \quad (2.7)$$

*Proof.* By Binet's formula  $L_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n$  and  $F_n = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta}$ .

Then (2.7) is equivalent to

$$\alpha^n + \beta^n - \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta}(\alpha^{n-1} - \beta^{n-1}) - \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta}(\alpha^{n+1} - \beta^{n+1}) = 0$$

Or to

$$(\alpha - \beta)(\alpha^n + \beta^n) - \alpha^{n-1} + \beta^{n-1} - \alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1} = 0. \quad (2.8)$$

The right hand side of (2.8) is equal to  $-\alpha^{n-1}(1 + \alpha\beta) + \beta^{n-1}(1 + \alpha\beta)$  which equal to 0, since  $1 + \alpha\beta = 0$ .  $\square$

The two Binet formulas can be used together to derive an array of identities.

**Corollary 2.2.**

$$F_{2n} = F_n L_n \quad (2.9)$$

$$F_{n-1} + F_{n+1} = L_n \quad (2.10)$$

$$F_{n+2} - F_{n-2} = L_n \quad (2.11)$$

$$F_{n-1} + F_{n+1} = 5F_n. \quad (2.12)$$

**Example 2.5.**

$$F_{20} = 6765 = 55 \times 123 = F_{10} L_{10}$$

$$F_{11} + F_{13} = 89 + 233 = 322 = L_{12}$$

$$F_{11} - F_7 = 89 - 13 = 76 = L_9.$$

*And*

$$L_{10} + L_{12} = 123 + 322 = 445 = 5 \times 89 = 5F_{11}.$$

**Corollary 2.3.**

$$F_{2^m} = L_1 L_2 L_4 L_8 \cdots L_{2^{m-2}} L_{2^{m-1}}.$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{2^m} &= L_{2^{m-1}} F_{2^{m-1}} \\ &= L_{2^{m-1}} (L_{2^{m-2}} F_{2^{m-1}}) = L_{2^{m-1}} L_{2^{m-2}} F_{2^{m-2}} \\ &= L_{2^{m-1}} L_{2^{m-2}} (L_{2^{m-3}} F_{2^{m-2}}) = L_{2^{m-1}} L_{2^{m-2}} F_{2^{m-3}}. \end{aligned}$$

Continuing like this we get

$$F_{2^m} = L_{2^{m-1}}L_{2^{m-2}} \cdots L_8L_4L_2L_1.$$

□

# Chapter 3

## FIBONACCI AND LUCAS POLYNOMIALS

### 3.1 FIBONACCI POLYNOMIALS

The Fibonacci polynomials were studied by the Belgian mathematician Eugene Charles Catalan (1814-1894) and the German mathematician E. Jacobsthal.

Eugene Charles Catalan studied The polynomials  $f_n(x)$  defined by

$$f_n(x) = xf_{n-1}(x) + f_{n-2}(x) \quad (3.1)$$

where  $f_1(x) = 1$ ,  $f_2(x) = x$ , and  $n \geq 3$ .

#### 3.1.1 CATALAN'S FIBONACCI POLYNOMIALS

The first six members of this Fibonacci family are :

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x) &= 1 \\ f_2(x) &= x \\ f_3(x) &= x^2 + 1 \\ f_4(x) &= x^3 + 2x \\ f_5(x) &= x^4 + 3x^2 + 1 \\ f_6(x) &= x^5 + 4x^3 + 3x \end{aligned}$$

We note that  $f_i(1) = F_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 10$ . In fact,  $f_n(1) = F_n$  for all  $n$  ; this follows directly from the recurrence relation (3.1). Also we note that  $f_1(2) = 1$ ,  $f_2(2) = 2$ , and  $f_n(2) = 2f_{n-1}(2) + f_{n-2}(2)$ , where  $n \geq 3$ . So  $f_n(2) = P_n$ , where  $(P_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is the Pell numbers

1, 2, 5, 12, 29, .... .

The Fibonacci polynomials to negative subscripts is defined as following

$$f_{-n}(x) = (-)^{n+1} f_n(x)$$

and  $f_0(x) = 0$ .

$n$	$x^0$	$x^1$	$x^2$	$x^3$	$x^4$	$x^5$	$x^6$	$x^7$	$x^8$	
1	1									
2	0	1								
3	1	0	1							
4	0	2	0	1						
5	1	0	3	0	1					
6	0	3	0	4	0	1				
7	1	0	6	0	5	0	1			
8	0	4	0	10	0	6	0	1		
9	1	0	10	0	15	0	7	0	1	
10	0	5	0	20	0	21	0	8	0	1

Table 2

Table 2 shows the various coefficients of the first ten Fibonacci polynomials, when arranged in increasing exponents. We have Three observations

- (i) The elements on every rising diagonal beginning on row  $2n$  are zero ;
- (ii) The alternate rising diagonals form the various Pascal rows ;
- (iii) The sum of the elements on the  $n$ th rising diagonal is  $2^{(n-1)/2} = 2 \cdot 2^{(n-3)/2}$ , where  $n$  is odd. For example, the sum of the numbers on row 5 is  $1 + 2 + 1 = 4$ .

$n$	Expansion of $(x + 1)^n$
0	1
1	$x + 1$
2	$x^2 + 2x + 1$
3	$x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$
4	$x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$
5	$x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1$
6	$x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 6x + 1$

Table 3

The sums of the elements along the rising diagonals in Table 3 yield the various Fibonacci polynomials. For instance, the sum of the elements along the diagonal beginning at row 5 is  $x^5 + 4x^3 + 3x$ , which is  $f_6(x)$ ; similarly, the diagonal beginning at row 7 yields  $f_8(x)$ .

### 3.1.2 EXPLICIT FORMULA FOR $f_n(x)$

More generally, the sum of the elements along the diagonal beginning at row  $n$  is  $f_{n+1}(x)$ .

Thus we have the following

**Theorem 3.1.**

$$f_{n+1}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \binom{n-j}{j} x^{n-2j}, \quad n \geq 0$$

$$f_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor} \binom{n-j-1}{j} x^{n-2j-1}, \quad n \geq 0. \quad (3.2)$$

*Proof.* Notice that

$$g_1(x) = \sum_{j=0}^0 \binom{-j}{j} x^{-2j} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad g_2(x) = \sum_{j=0}^0 \binom{1-j}{j} x^{1-2j} = x.$$

Besides,

$$xg_{n-1}(x) + g_{n-2}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor (n-2)/2 \rfloor} \binom{n-j-2}{j} x^{n-2j-1} + \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor (n-3)/2 \rfloor} \binom{n-j-1}{j} x^{n-2j-3}.$$

When  $n$  is even,  $n = 2m$

$$\begin{aligned}
RHS &= \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \binom{2m-j-2}{j} x^{2m-2j-1} + \sum_{j=0}^{m-2} \binom{2m-j-3}{j} x^{2m-2j-3} \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \binom{2m-j-2}{j} x^{2m-2j-1} + \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \binom{2m-j-2}{j} x^{2m-2j-1} \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \binom{2m-j-2}{j-1} x^{2m-2j-1} + \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \binom{2m-j-2}{j-1} x^{2m-2j-1} \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \left[ \binom{2m-j-2}{j-1} + \binom{2m-j-2}{j-1} \right] x^{2m-2j-1} \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \binom{2m-j-1}{j-1} x^{2m-2j-1} = g_{2m}(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, when  $n = 2m + 1$ ,  $RHS = g_{2m+1}(x)$ . Thus, in both case,  $g_n(x)$  satisfies the recurrence relation (3.1)  $g_n(x) = f_n(x)$

□

**Example 3.1.**

$$\begin{aligned}
f_6(x) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor (6-1)/2 \rfloor} \binom{5-j}{j} x^{5-2j} \\
&= \binom{5}{0} x^5 + \binom{4}{1} x^3 + \binom{3}{2} x^1 \\
&= x^5 + 4x^3 + 3x = F_6.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus is consistent with what we have mentioned earlier .

### 3.1.3 OTHER EXPLICIT FORMULA FOR explicit FOR $f_n(x)$

$$f_n(x) = \frac{\alpha^n(x) - \beta^n(x)}{\alpha(x) - \beta(x)} \quad (3.3)$$

where  $\alpha(x) = \frac{x+\sqrt{x^2+4}}{2}$  and  $\beta(x) = \frac{x-\sqrt{x^2+4}}{2}$

**Example 3.2.** Let us compute  $f_5(x)$ . It is easy to verify that

$$(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 4})^5 - (x - \sqrt{x^2 + 4})^5 = 32(x^4 + 3x^2 + 1)\sqrt{x^2 + 4}.$$

So  $f_5(x) = x^4 + 3x^2 + 1$ .

Next we establish a few properties of Fibonacci polynomials, which are generalizations of some formulas that we encountered in chapter 2.

**Theorem 3.2.**

$$x \sum_1^n f_i(x) = f_{n+1}(x) + f_n(x) - 1.$$

*Proof.* By using the recurrence relation 3.1,

$$\sum_1^n f_{i+1}(x) = x \sum_1^n f_i(x) + \sum_1^n f_{i-1}(x).$$

That is,

$$f_n(x) + f_{n+1}(x) = x \sum_1^n f_i(x) + f_0(x) + f_1(x).$$

Since  $f_0(x) = 0$ , it follows that

$$x \sum_1^n f_i(x) = f_{n+1}(x) + f_n(x) - 1.$$

□

**Example 3.3.**

$$\begin{aligned} x \sum_1^5 f_i(x) &= x[1 + x + (x^2 + 1) + (x^3 + 2x) + (x^4 + 3x^2 +)] \\ &= x^5 + x^4 + 4x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x. \end{aligned}$$

*On the other hand*

$$\begin{aligned} f_6(x) + f_5(x) - 1 &= x^5 4x^3 + 3x + (x^4 + 3x^2 + 1) - 1 \\ &= x^5 + x^4 + 4x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x \\ &= x \sum_1^5 f_i(x). \end{aligned}$$

*As expected*

**Corollary 3.1.**

$$\sum_1^n F_i = F_{n+2} - 1$$

*This corollary from the theorem, since  $f_i(1) = F_i$ .*

### 3.1.4 A GENERATING FUNCTION FOR $f_n(x)$

Next, we will find the generating function for  $f_n(x)$ . To this end, we let

$$g(t) = \sum_0^{\infty} f_n(x)t^n$$

$$xtg(t) = \sum_0^{\infty} xf_n(x)t^{n+1}$$

$$t^2g(t) = \sum_0^{\infty} f_n(x)t^{n+1}.$$

Then

$$(1 - xt - t^2)g(t) = f_0(x) + tf_1(x) - xtf_0(x) = t.$$

Thus

$$g(t) = \frac{t}{1 - xt - t^2}$$

generates  $f_n(x)$ .

### 3.1.5 AS AN APPLICATION OF THE GENERATING FUNCTIONS

we have

**Theorem 3.3.**

$$f_{m+n+1}(x) = f_{m+1}(x)f_{n+1}(x) + f_m(x)f_n(x).$$

*Proof.*

$$\frac{y}{1 - xy - y^2} = \sum_0^{\infty} f_n(x)y^n.$$

Then

$$\frac{yf_m(x)}{1 - xy - y^2} = \sum_0^{\infty} f_m(x)f_n(x)y^n. \quad (3.4)$$

And

$$\frac{f_{m+1}(x)}{1 - xy - y^2} = \sum_0^{\infty} f_{m+1}(x)f_{n+1}(x)y^n. \quad (3.5)$$

Then

$$\frac{f_{m+1}(x)f_n(x)y}{1 - xy - y^2} = \sum_0^{\infty} (f_{m+1}(x)f_{n+1}(x) + f_m(x)f_n(x))y^n.$$

On the other hand, by Zeitlin

$$\frac{f_{m+1}(x) + f_m(x)y}{1 - xy - y^2} = \sum_0^{\infty} f_{m+n+1}(x)y^n. \quad (3.6)$$

Henc

$$f_{m+n+1}(x) = f_{m+1}(x)f_{n+1}(x) + f_m(x)f_n(x).$$

□

This theorem illustrates an alternate method for constructing new members of the family of Fibonacci polynomials

**Example 3.4.** *let  $m = 2$  and  $n = 3$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} f_{m+1}(x)f_{n+1}(x) + f_m(x)f_n(x) &= f_3(x)f_4(x) + f_2(x)f_3(x) \\ &= (x^2 + 1)(x^3 + 2x) + (x)(x^2 +) \\ &= x^5 + 4x^3 + 3x \\ &= f_6(x) = f_{m+n+1}(x). \end{aligned}$$

Also theorem (3.3) yields the following Fibonacci identity .

**Corollary 3.2.**  $F_{m+n} = F_{m+1}F_n + F_mF_{n-1}$

**Theorem 3.4.**

$$f_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor} \binom{n-j-1}{j} x^{n-2j-1}, \quad n \geq 0$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\frac{y}{1 - xy - y^2} = \sum_0^{\infty} f_n(x)y^n. \quad (3.7)$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1 - 2tz + z^2} &= \sum_0^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (-1)^j \binom{n-j}{j} \right] z^n \\ U_n(t) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (-1)^j \binom{n-j}{j} (2t)^{n-2j} \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

is the Chepyshev polynomial of the second kind. Let  $z = iy$  and  $t = x/2i$ , where  $i^2 = -1$ .

Then Eq(3.8) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1 - xy - y^2} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i^n U_n(x/2i)y^n \\ \frac{y}{1 - xy - y^2} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} i^n U_n(x/2i)y^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

From Eqs (3.7) and (3.8), it follows that

$$f_{n+1}(x) = i^n U_n(x/2i)y^n \quad (3.9)$$

$$= i^n \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (-1)^j \binom{n-j}{j} (x/i)^{n-2j} \quad (3.10)$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \binom{n-j}{j} (x)^{n-2j} \quad (3.11)$$

$$f_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \binom{n-j-1}{j} (x)^{n-2j-1}. \quad (3.12)$$

□

The next result, which we encountered in Pascal triangle, follows from this formula.

**Corollary 3.3** (lucas, 1876).

$$F_n = \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor} \binom{n-j-1}{j}$$

**Theorem 3.5.**

$$f'_n(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_i(x)f_{n-1}(x)$$

where  $f'_n(x)$  denotes the derivative of  $f_n(x)$  with respect to  $x$  and  $n \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* Differentiating Eq (3.7) with respect to  $x$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f'_n(x)y^n &= \left( \frac{y}{1-xy-y^2} \right)^2 \\ &= \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n(x)y^n \right]^2 \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^n f_i(x)f_{n-i}(x) \right] y^n. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the coefficients of  $y^n$ , we get

$$f'_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n f_i(x)f_{n-1}(x)$$

$$f'_n(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_i(x)f_{n-1}(x).$$

since  $f_0(x) = 0$ .

□

**Example 3.5.** *We have*

$$f_5(x) = x^4 + 3x^2$$

$$f'_5(x) = 4x^3 + 6x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_1^5 f_i(x)f_{5-i}(x) &= f_1(x)f_4(x) + f_2(x)f_3(x) + f_3(x)f_2(x) + f_4(x)f_1(x) \\ &= x^3 + 2x + x^3 + x + x^3 + x + x^3 + 2x \\ &= 4x^3 + 6x \\ &= f'_5(x). \end{aligned}$$

## 3.2 LUCAS POLYNOMIALS

Lucas polynomials  $l_n(x)$ , originally studied in 1970 by Bicknell, are defined by

$$l_n = xl_{n-1}(x) + l_{n-2}(x)$$

where  $l_0(x) = 2$ ,  $l_1(x) = x$ , and  $n \geq 2$ .

The first seven Lucas polynomials are

$$l_1(x) = x$$

$$l_2(x) = x^2 + 2$$

$$l_3(x) = x^3 + 3x$$

$$l_4(x) = x^4 + 4x^2 + 2$$

$$l_5(x) = x^5 + 5x^3 + 5x$$

$$l_6(x) = x^6 + 6x^4 + 9x^2 + 2$$

$$l_7(x) = x^7 + 7x^5 + 9x^3 + 7x.$$

It follows from the recursive definition that  $l_n(1) = L_n$  for  $n \geq 0$ ; that is, the sum of the coefficient of  $l_n(x)$  is  $L_n$ . We can verify this by computing  $l_n(1)$  for these Lucas polynomials.

$n$	$x^0$	$x^1$	$x^2$	$x^3$	$x^4$	$x^5$	$x^6$	$x^7$	$x^8$	$x^9$	$x^{10}$
1	0	1									
2	2	0	1								
3	0	3	0	1							
4	2	0	4	0	1						
5	0	5	0	5	0	1					
6	2	0	9	0	6	0	1				
7	0	7	0	14	0	7	0	1			
8	2	0	16	0	20	0	8	0	1		
9	0	9	0	30	0	27	0	9	0	1	
10	2	0	25	0	50	0	35	0	10	0	1

Table 4

We can prove that the Lucas polynomials satisfy three additional properties

- $l_n = f_{n+1}(x) + f_{n-1}(x) = xf_n(x) + 2f_{n-1}(x)$ ;
- $xl_n(x) = f_{n+2}(x) - f_{n-2}(x)$
- $l_{-n}(x) = (-1)^n l_n(x)$ .

In addition  $l_n(2) = f_{n+1}(2) + f_{n-1}(2) = P_{n+1} + P_{n-1}$  where  $P_n$  denotes the  $n$ th Pell number.

**Example 3.6.**  $l_5(2) = 82 = 70 + 12 = P_6 + P_4$ .

Arranging the coefficients of the various polynomials in ascending order of exponents, we get the array in Table 4. The sum of the elements along the  $n$ th rising diagonal is  $3 \cdot 2^{(n-2)/2}$ , where  $n \geq 2$  is even.

### 3.2.1 BINET'S FORMULAS FOR $f_n(x)$ AND $l_n(x)$

Next we find Binet's formulas for both Fibonacci and Lucas polynomials.

Let  $\alpha(x)$  and  $\beta(x)$  be the solutions of the quadratic equation  $t^2 - xt - t = 0$

$$\alpha(x) = \frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 4}}{2} \text{ and } \beta(x) = \frac{x - \sqrt{x^2 + 4}}{2}.$$

Notice that  $\alpha(1) = \alpha$  and  $\beta(1) = \beta$ ;  $\alpha(2) = 1 + \sqrt{2}$  and  $\beta(2) = 1 - \sqrt{2}$  are the characteristic roots of the Pell recurrence relation  $x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$ . We have

**Theorem 3.6.**  $f_n(x) = \frac{\alpha^n(x) - \beta^n(x)}{\alpha(x) - \beta(x)}$  and  $l_n = \alpha^n(x) - \beta^n(x)$ .

*Proof.* Let

$$\alpha = \alpha(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \beta(x)$$

Then  $l_1(x) = \alpha + \beta = x$ ;  $l_2(x) = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = x^2 - 2(-1) = x^2 + 2$ .

And

$$\begin{aligned} xl_{n-1}(x) + l_{n-2}(x) &= x(\alpha^{n-1} + \beta^{n-1}) + (\alpha^{n-2} + \beta^{n-2}) \\ &= \alpha^{n-2}(x\alpha + 1) + \beta^{n-2}(x\beta + 1) \\ &= \alpha^{n-2}\alpha^2 + \beta^{n-2}\beta^2 \\ &= \alpha^n + \beta^n \\ &= l_n(x). \end{aligned}$$

Is the Lucas polynomial. □

### 3.2.2 OTHER FORMULA FOR POLYNOMIAL FIBONACCI AND LUCAS

There are polynomials  $g_n(x)$  and  $h_n(x)$  corresponding to the Fibonacci and Lucas polynomials defined by

$$\begin{aligned} g_0(x) &= 0 & g_1(x) &= 1 \\ g_n(x) &= xg_{n-1}(x) - g_{n-2}(x) & n &\geq 2 \\ h_0(x) &= 0 & h_1(x) &= 1 \\ h_n(x) &= xh_{n-1}(x) - h_{n-2}(x) & n &\geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\gamma(x)$  and  $\delta(x)$  be the roots of the quadratic equation  $t^2 - xt + 1 = 0$ .

Then

$$\gamma(x) = \frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 - 4}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \delta(x) = \frac{x - \sqrt{x^2 - 4}}{2}.$$

We have

**Theorem 3.7.** (Hoggatt, Jr, Bicknell, and King, 1972).

$$f_{nk}(x) = \begin{cases} f_k(x) \cdot f_n(L_k(x)) & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ f_k(x) \cdot g_n(L_k(x)) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* The polynomials  $f_n(x)$ ,  $l_n(x)$ ,  $g_n(x)$  and  $h_n(x)$  yield interesting divisibility relationships.

To extract some of them, recall that

$$\alpha(x) = \frac{x+\sqrt{x^2+4}}{2} \text{ and } \beta(x) = \frac{x-\sqrt{x^2+4}}{2}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(L_{2m+1}(x)) &= \frac{L_{2m+1}(x) + \sqrt{x^2 + 4}F_{2m+1}}{2} \\ &= \alpha^{2m+1}(x) \end{aligned}$$

by EX15. Similary.

$$\beta(L_{2m+1}(x)) = \beta^{2m+1}(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_n(L_{2m+1}(x)) &= \frac{\alpha^n(L_{2m+1}(x)) - \beta^n(L_{2m+1}(x))}{\alpha(L_{2m+1}(x)) - \beta(L_{2m+1}(x))} \\ &= \frac{\alpha^{(2m+1)n}(x) - \beta^{(2m+1)n}(x)}{\alpha^{2m+1}(x) - \beta^{2m+1}(x)} = \frac{f_{(2m+1)n}(x)}{f_{2m+1}(x)} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, using the identity  $l_{2m}^2(x) - 4 = (x^2 + 4)f_{2m}^2(x)$ , we can show that :

$$\gamma(l_{2m}(x)) = \frac{l_{2m}(x) + \sqrt{x^2 + 4}f_{2m}(x)}{2} = \alpha^{2m}(x)$$

$$\delta(l_{2m}(x)) = \frac{l_{2m}(x) - \sqrt{x^2 + 4}f_{2m}(x)}{2} = \beta^{2m}(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_n(L_{2m}(x)) &= \frac{\gamma^n(L_{2m}(x)) - \delta^n(L_{2m}(x))}{\alpha(L_{2m}(x)) - \gamma(L_{2m}(x))} \\ &= \frac{\gamma^{2mn}(x) - \delta^{2mn}(x)}{\gamma^{2m}(x) - \delta^{2m}(x)} = \frac{f_{2mn}(x)}{f_{2m}(x)} \end{aligned}$$

□

We deducted for the theorem (3.7)

**Corollary 3.4.**  $f_k(x)|f_{nk}(x)$

**Example 3.7.**

$$\begin{aligned} f_4(x) &= x^3 + 2x \\ &= (x)(x^2 + 2) \\ &= f_2(x) \cdot l_2(x) = f_2(x) \cdot f_2(l_2(x)) \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.5.**  $F_k|F_{nk}$

This follows from corollary (3.4), since  $f_n(1) = F_k$  ; note that we already knew this from

**Corollary 3.6.**

$$f_{nk}(x) = f_k(x) \sum_{j=0}^{(n-1)/2} \binom{n-j-1}{j} (-1)^{(k+1)j} l_k^{n-2j-1}(x)$$

**Example 3.8.**

$$\begin{aligned}
f_4(x) &= f_2(x) \cdot \sum_0^0 \binom{2-i}{i} (-1)^i l_2^{2-2i}(x) \\
&= x \cdot \binom{1}{0} l_2^1(x) = x[(x^2 + 2)] \\
&= x^3 + 2x
\end{aligned}$$

as we found in the preceding chapter

We can also employ the polynomials  $l_n(x)$  and  $h_n(x)$  to derive similar divisibility properties.

To this end, recall that

$$\alpha(l_{2m+1}(x)) = \alpha^{2m+1}(x) \text{ and } \beta(l_{2m+1}(x)) = \beta^{2m+1}(x)$$

$$l_n(l_{2m+1}(x)) = \alpha^{(2m+1)n}(x) + \beta^{(2m+1)n}(x) = l_{(2m+1)n}(x)$$

Since  $\gamma(l_{2m+1}(x)) = \alpha^{2m}$  and  $\delta(l_{2m}(x)) = \beta^{(2m)n}(x)$ , it follows that

$$h_n(l_{2m}(x)) = \alpha^{2mn}(x) + \beta^{2mn}(x) = l_{2mn}(x)$$

Thus, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.8.**  $l_n(l_{2m-1}(x)) = l_{(2m-1)n}(x)$  and  $h_n(l_{2m}(x)) = l_{2mn}(x)$

**Corollary 3.7.**  $l_n(x) | l_{(2m-1)n}(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
l_{10}(x) = l_{5,2}(x) &= x^{10} + 10x^8 + 35x^6 + 50x^4 + 25x^2 + 2 \\
&= (x^2 + 2)(x^8 + 8x^6 + 20x^4 + 16x^2 + 1) \\
&= l_2(x) \cdot [l_8(x) - 1]
\end{aligned}$$

So  $l_2(x) | l_{5,2}(x)$

Since  $l_n(1) = L_n$ , this corollary yields the following result

**Corollary 3.8.**  $L_n | L_{(2m-1)n}$

# Chapter 4

## JACOBSTHAL POLYNOMIALS

Jacobsthal polynomials,  $J_n(x)$ , are related to Fibonacci polynomials. They are defined by

$$J_n(x) = J_{n-1}(x) + xJ_{n-2}(x) \quad (4.1)$$

where  $J_1(x) = 1 = J_2(x)$ . Clearly,  $J_n(1) = F_n$ , The first 8 Jacobsthal polynomials are

$$J_1(x) = 1$$

$$J_2(x) = 1$$

$$J_3(x) = x + 1$$

$$J_4(x) = 2x + 1$$

$$J_5(x) = x^2 + 3x + 1$$

$$J_6(x) = 3x^2 + 4x + 1$$

$$J_7(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + 5x + 1$$

$$J_8(x) = 4x^3 + 10x^2 + 6x + 1$$

We have the following observation

- The Jacobsthal polynomials  $J_{2n-1}(x)$  and  $J_{2n}(x)$  have the same degree.
- The degree of  $J_n(x)$  is  $\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor$ .
- The leading coefficient of  $J_{2n-1}(x)$  is one, whereas that of  $J_{2n}(x)$  is  $n$ .
- The coefficients of  $J_{2n-1}(x)$  are the same of those of  $f_n(x)$ , but in the reverse order.
- The coefficients of the Jacobsthal polynomials lie on the rising diagonals of the left-justified Pascal's triangle, in the reverse order, as shown below :



$$J_n(x) = \frac{r^n - s^n}{\sqrt{1 + 4x}}, \quad n \geq 1 \quad (4.3)$$

(4.3) is the Binet's formula for  $J_n(x)$

### 4.3 ANOTHER FAMILY OF POLYNOMIALS $K_n(x)$

Next, we introduce yet another family of polynomials  $K_n(x)$ , which are closely related to Jacobsthal polynomials.

We define the polynomials  $K_n(x)$  by

$$K_n(x) = K_{n-1}(x) + xK_{n-2}(x) \quad (4.4)$$

where  $K_1(x) = 1$  and  $K_2(x) = x$ . The first 6 members of this family are :

$$\begin{aligned} K_1(x) &= 1 \\ K_2(x) &= x \\ K_3(x) &= 2x \\ K_4(x) &= x^2 + 2x \\ K_5(x) &= 3x^2 + 2x \\ K_6(x) &= x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x. \end{aligned}$$

The use of polynomials  $J_n(x)$  and  $K_n(x)$  allows us to find recover formulas concerning the Fibonacci and Lucas numbers. But we can't do all the detail because this will make the memory even bigger.

## Conclusion

In this memory, we study the Fibonacci and Lucas series and determine their properties and the relationship between them. We also study the Fibonacci and Lucas polynomials and Jacobstahl and their importance. Work remains to study the properties of the Fibonacci polynomials, Lucas and Jacobstahl.

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## ملخص

في هذه المذكرة، قمنا بالتذكير أولاً بأرقام فيبوناتشي ولوكاس والخصائص المرتبطة بها. بعد ذلك، ندرس كثيرات حدود فيبوناتشي ولوكاس وجاكوب ستال وبعض تطبيقاتها؛ ولا سيما إعادة اكتشاف بعض الخصائص المتعلقة بأرقام فيبوناتشي ولوكاس.

## كلمات مفتاحية

كثير حدود، فيبوناتشي، لوكاس، جاكوب ستال، اعداد فيبوناتشي، اعداد لوكاس.

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## Abstract

In this memory, we recalled, first of all, Fibonacci and Lucas numbers and the identities linked to them. Next, we study Fibonacci, Lucas and Jacobsthal polynomials and some of their applications; in particular the rediscovery of certain identities concerning Fibonacci and Lucas numbers.

## Key words

Polynomail, Fibonacci, Lucas, Jacobsthal, Fibonacci numbers, Lucas numbers.

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## Résumé

Dans ce mémoire on a donné, tout d'abord, un rappel sur les nombres de Fibonacci, Lucas et les identités qui leur sont liées. Ensuite, nous avons fait une étude sur les polynômes de Fibonacci, Lucas et Jacobsthal et certaines de leurs applications; en particulier la redécouverte de certaines identités concernant les nombres de Fibonacci et Lucas.

## Mot-clés

Polynôme, Fibonacci, Lucas, Jacobsthal, nombres des Fibonacci, nombres des Lucas.