

$$= \sum_{i=k-h}^{\infty} \binom{n-h+(k-1)(2-i)}{i}$$

$$= v_n, \text{ as required.}$$

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A NEW IMPORTANT FORMULA FOR LUCAS NUMBERS

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The formula

$$(1) \quad \frac{L_{10n}}{L_{2n}} = (L_{4n} - 3)^2 + (5F_{2n})^2$$

may be easily verified putting  $L_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n$ ,

$$F_n = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\sqrt{5}}, \quad \alpha\beta = -1,$$

Since for  $n > 0$ , (1) gives a decomposition of  $L_{10n}/L_{2n}$  into a sum of 2 squares, and since any divisor of a sum of 2 squares is  $-1 \pmod{4}$ , it follows that any primitive divisor of  $L_{10n}$ ,  $n > 0$ , is  $-1 \pmod{4}$ .

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