

# SOME IDENTITIES INVOLVING THE FIBONACCI NUMBERS AND LUCAS NUMBERS

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## 1. INTRODUCTION AND RESULTS

As usual, the Fibonacci sequence  $\{F_n\}$  and the Lucas sequences  $\{L_n\}(n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$  are defined by the second-order linear recurrence sequences

$$F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n \quad \text{and} \quad L_{n+2} = L_{n+1} + L_n$$

for  $n \geq 0, F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1, L_0 = 2$  and  $L_1 = 1$ . These sequences play a very important role in the studied of the theory and application of mathematics. Therefore, the various properties of  $F_n$  and  $L_n$  were investigated by many authors. For example, R. L. Duncan [2] and L. Kuipers [5] proved that  $(\log F_n)$  is uniformly distributed mod 1. Neville Robbins [4] studied the Fibonacci numbers of the forms  $px^2 \pm 1, px^3 \pm 1$ , where  $p$  is a prime. The author [6] and Fengzhen Zhao [3] obtained some identities involving the Fibonacci numbers. In this paper, as a generalization of [3] and [6], we shall use elementary methods to study the calculating problems of the general summations

$$\sum_{a_1+a_2+\dots+a_k=n} F_{m(a_1+1)} \cdot F_{m(a_2+1)} \cdots F_{m(a_k+1)} \quad (1)$$

and

$$\sum_{a_1+a_2+\dots+a_k=n} L_{ma_1} \cdot L_{ma_2} \cdots L_{ma_k}, \quad (2)$$

and give two exact calculating formulas, where the summation is taken over all  $k$ -dimension nonnegative integer coordinates  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$  such that  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k = n, k$  and  $m$  are any positive integers, and  $n$  be any nonnegative integer.

For convenience, we first define Chebyshev polynomials of the first and second kind  $T(x) = \{T_n(x)\}$  and  $U(x) = \{U_n(x)\}(n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$  as follows:

$$T_{n+2}(x) = 2xT_{n+1}(x) - T_n(x) \quad (3)$$

and

$$U_{n+2}(x) = 2xU_{n+1}(x) - U_n(x) \quad (4)$$

for  $n \geq 0, T_0(x) = 1, T_1(x) = x, U_0(x) = 1$  and  $U_1(x) = 2x$ . Let  $U_n^{(k)}(x)$  denote the  $k^{\text{th}}$  derivative of  $U_n(x)$  with respect to  $x$ . We will use generating functions for the sequences  $T_n(x)$  and  $U_n(x)$  and their partial derivatives to prove the following two theorems.

**Theorem 1:** For any positive integer  $k, m$  and nonnegative integer  $n$ , we have the identity

$$\sum_{a_1+a_2+\dots+a_{k+1}=n} F_{m(a_1+1)} \cdot F_{m(a_2+1)} \cdots F_{m(a_{k+1}+1)} = (-i)^{mn} \frac{F_m^{k+1}}{2^k \cdot k!} U_{n+k}^{(k)} \left( \frac{i^m}{2} L_m \right),$$

where  $i$  is the square root of  $-1$ .

**Theorem 2:** For any positive integer  $k, m$  and nonnegative integer  $n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{a_1+a_2+\dots+a_{k+1}=n+k+1} L_{ma_1} \cdot L_{ma_2} \cdot \dots \cdot L_{ma_{k+1}} \\ &= (-i)^{m(n+k+1)} \frac{2}{k!} \sum_{h=0}^{k+1} \left( \frac{i^{m+2}}{2} L_m \right)^h \binom{k+1}{h} U_{n+2k+1-h}^{(k)} \left( \frac{i^m}{2} L_m \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\binom{k+1}{h} = \frac{(k+1)!}{h! \cdot (k+1-h)!}$ .

From these two theorems we may immediately deduce the following corollaries:

**Corollary 1:** For any positive integer  $m$  and nonnegative integer  $n$ , we have the identities

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{a_1+a_2+a_3=n} F_{m(a_1+1)} \cdot F_{m(a_2+1)} \cdot F_{m(a_3+1)} &= \frac{3}{2} \frac{(-1)^{m-1} F_m^2}{4 - (-1)^m L_m^2} \times \\ & \left[ \frac{(n+2)(n+4)}{3} F_{m(n+3)} - \frac{2(n+3)L_m}{4 - (-1)^m L_m^2} F_{m(n+2)} + \frac{(n+2)(-1)^m L_m^2}{4 - (-1)^m L_m^2} F_{m(n+3)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, for  $m = 2, 3, 4$  and  $5$ , we have the identities

$$\sum_{a_1+a_2+a_3=n} F_{2(a_1+1)} \cdot F_{2(a_2+1)} \cdot F_{2(a_3+1)} = \frac{1}{50} [18(n+3)F_{2n+4} + (n+2)(5n-7)F_{2n+6}],$$

$$\sum_{a_1+a_2+a_3=n} F_{3(a_1+1)} \cdot F_{3(a_2+1)} \cdot F_{3(a_3+1)} = \frac{1}{50} [(n+2)(5n+8)F_{3n+9} - 6(n+3)F_{3n+6}],$$

$$\sum_{a_1+a_2+a_3=n} F_{4(a_1+1)} \cdot F_{4(a_2+1)} \cdot F_{4(a_3+1)} = \frac{1}{150} [(n+2)(15n+11)F_{4(n+3)} + 14(n+3)F_{4(n+2)}]$$

and

$$\sum_{a_1+a_2+a_3=n} F_{5(a_1+1)} \cdot F_{5(a_2+1)} \cdot F_{5(a_3+1)} = \frac{1}{1250} [(n+2)(125n+137)F_{5(n+3)} - 66(n+3)F_{5(n+2)}].$$

**Corollary 2:** For any positive integer  $k$  and nonnegative integer  $n$ , we have the identities

$$\sum_{a_1+a_2+a_3=n+3} L_{a_1} \cdot L_{a_2} \cdot L_{a_3} = \frac{n+5}{2} [(n+10)F_{n+3} + 2(n+7)F_{n+2}],$$

$$\sum_{a_1+a_2+a_3=n+3} L_{2a_1} \cdot L_{2a_2} \cdot L_{2a_3} = \frac{n+5}{2} [3(n+10)F_{2n+5} + (n+16)F_{2n+4}]$$

and

$$\sum_{a_1+a_2+a_3=n+3} L_{3a_1} \cdot L_{3a_2} \cdot L_{3a_3} = \frac{n+5}{2} [4(n+10)F_{3n+7} + 3(n+9)F_{3n+6}].$$

**Corollary 3:** For any positive integer  $m$  and nonnegative integer  $n$ , we have the congruences

$$(n+2)(4n+16 - (-1)^m L_m^2) \cdot F_{m(n+3)} \equiv 6(n+3) \cdot L_m \cdot F_{m(n+2)} \pmod{2(4 - (-1)^m L_m^2) \cdot F_m}.$$

In particular, for  $m = 3, 4$  and  $5$ , we have

$$(n+2)(5n+8)F_{3n+9} \equiv 6(n+3)F_{3n+6} \pmod{400};$$

$$(n+2)(15n+11)F_{4(n+3)} + 14(n+3)F_{4(n+2)} \equiv 0 \pmod{4050};$$

$$(n+2)(125n+137)F_{5(n+3)} \equiv 66(n+3)F_{5(n+2)} \pmod{156250}.$$

## 2. SEVERAL LEMMAS

In this section, we shall give several lemmas which are necessary in the proofs of the theorems. First we need two exact expressions and generating functions on  $T_n(x)$  and  $U_n(x)$  (see (2.1.1) of [1]). That is,

$$T_n(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1} \right)^n + \left( x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1} \right)^n \right] \quad (5)$$

and

$$U_n(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} \left[ \left( x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1} \right)^{n+1} - \left( x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1} \right)^{n+1} \right]. \quad (6)$$

So we can easily deduce that the generating function of  $T(x)$  and  $U(x)$  are

$$G(t, x) = \frac{1 - xt}{1 - 2xt + t^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} T_n(x) \cdot t^n \quad (7)$$

and

$$F(t, x) = \frac{1}{1 - 2xt + t^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} U_n(x) \cdot t^n. \quad (8)$$

Applying these generating functions we can easily deduce the following

**Lemma 1:** For any positive integer  $k$  and nonnegative integer  $n$ , we have the identity

$$\sum_{a_1+a_2+\dots+a_{k+1}=n} U_{a_1}(x) \cdot U_{a_2}(x) \cdot \dots \cdot U_{a_{k+1}}(x) = \frac{1}{2^k \cdot k!} U_{n+k}^{(k)}(x).$$

**Proof:** Differentiating (8) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F(t, x)}{\partial x} &= \frac{2t}{(1 - 2xt + t^2)^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{n+1}^{(1)}(x) \cdot t^{n+1}; \\ \frac{\partial^2 F(t, x)}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{2! \cdot (2t)^2}{(1 - 2xt + t^2)^3} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{n+2}^{(2)}(x) \cdot t^{n+2}; \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ \frac{\partial^k F(t, x)}{\partial x^k} &= \frac{k! \cdot (2t)^k}{(1 - 2xt + t^2)^{k+1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{n+k}^{(k)}(x) \cdot t^{n+k}. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

where we have used the fact that  $U_n(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$ .  
Therefore, from (9) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{a_1+a_2+\dots+a_{k+1}=n} U_{a_1}(x) \cdot U_{a_2}(x) \dots U_{a_{k+1}}(x) \right) \cdot t^n &= \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_n(x) \cdot t^n \right)^{k+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{(1 - 2xt + t^2)^{k+1}} = \frac{1}{k!(2t)^k} \frac{\partial^k F(t, x)}{\partial x^k} = \frac{1}{2^k \cdot k!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{n+k}^{(k)}(x) \cdot t^n. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Equating the coefficients of  $t^n$  on both sides of equation (10) we obtain the identity

$$\sum_{a_1+a_2+\dots+a_{k+1}=n} U_{a_1}(x) \cdot U_{a_2}(x) \dots U_{a_{k+1}}(x) = \frac{1}{2^k \cdot k!} \cdot U_{n+k}^{(k)}(x).$$

This proves Lemma 1.

**Lemma 2:** For any positive integer  $k$  and nonnegative integer  $n$ , we have

$$\sum_{a_1+a_2+\dots+a_{k+1}=n+k+1} T_{a_1}(x) \dots T_{a_{k+1}}(x) = \frac{1}{2^k \cdot k!} \sum_{h=0}^{k+1} (-x)^h \binom{k+1}{h} U_{n+2k+1-h}^{(k)}(x).$$

**Proof:** To prove Lemma 2, multiplying  $(1 - xt)^{k+1}$  on both sides of (9) we have

$$\frac{(1 - xt)^{k+1}}{(1 - 2xt + t^2)^{k+1}} = \frac{1}{2^k \cdot k!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{n+k}^{(k)}(x) \cdot t^n (1 - xt)^{k+1}. \tag{11}$$

Note that  $(1 - xt)^{k+1} = \sum_{h=0}^{k+1} (-x)^h t^h \binom{k+1}{h}$ . Comparing the coefficients of  $t^{n+k+1}$  on both sides of equation (11) we obtain Lemma 2.

**Lemma 3:** For any positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ , we have the identities

$$T_n(T_m(x)) = T_{mn}(x) \quad \text{and} \quad U_n(T_m(x)) = \frac{U_{m(n+1)-1}(x)}{U_{m-1}(x)}.$$

**Proof:** For any positive integer  $m$ , from (5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_m^2(x) - 1 &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ (x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^m + (x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^m \right]^2 - 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ (x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^m - (x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^m \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\sqrt{T_m^2(x) - 1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^m - (x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^m \right].$$

Thus,

$$T_m(x) + \sqrt{T_m^2(x) - 1} = (x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^m. \quad (12)$$

$$T_m(x) - \sqrt{T_m^2(x) - 1} = (x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^m. \quad (13)$$

Combining (6), (12) and (13) we have

$$\begin{aligned} U_n(T_m(x)) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{T_m^2(x) - 1}} \left[ \left( T_m(x) + \sqrt{T_m^2(x) - 1} \right)^{n+1} - \left( T_m(x) - \sqrt{T_m^2(x) - 1} \right)^{n+1} \right] \\ &= \frac{(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^{m(n+1)} - (x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^{m(n+1)}}{(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^m - (x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^m} \\ &= \frac{U_{m(n+1)-1}(x)}{U_{m-1}(x)}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can also deduce that  $T_n(T_m(x)) = T_{mn}(x)$ . This proves Lemma 3.

### 3. PROOF OF THE THEOREMS

Now we complete the proofs of the theorems. Let  $i$  be the square root of  $-1$ . Taking  $x = T_m(\frac{i}{2})$  in Lemma 1 and Lemma 2, and noting that  $U_n(\frac{i}{2}) = i^n F_{n+1}$ ,  $T_n(\frac{i}{2}) = \frac{i^n}{2} L_n$ ,  $T_n(T_m(\frac{i}{2})) = \frac{i^{mn}}{2} L_{mn}$ ,  $U_n(T_m(\frac{i}{2})) = i^{mn} \frac{F_{m(n+1)}}{F_m}$ , we may immediately deduce Theorem 1 and Theorem 2.

**Proof of the Corollaries:** First we note that  $U_n(x)$  satisfies the differential equations

$$(1 - x^2)U_n'(x) = (n + 1)U_{n-1}(x) - nxU_n(x) \quad (14)$$

and

$$(1 - x^2)U_n''(x) = 3xU_n'(x) - n(n + 2)U_n(x), \quad (15)$$

So from Lemma 3, (14) and (15) we obtain

$$U_n' \left( T_m \left( \frac{i}{2} \right) \right) = \frac{4}{4 - (-1)^m L_m^2} \left[ i^{m(n-1)} \frac{(n+1)F_{mn}}{F_m} - i^{m(n+1)} \frac{nL_m F_{m(n+1)}}{2F_m} \right]$$

and

$$U_n'' \left( T_m \left( \frac{i}{2} \right) \right) = \frac{4i^{mn}}{F_m(4 - (-1)^m L_m^2)} \times \left[ \frac{6(n+1)L_m}{4 - (-1)^m L_m^2} F_{mn} - \frac{(-1)^m 3nL_m^2}{4 - (-1)^m L_m^2} F_{m(n+1)} - n(n+2)F_{m(n+1)} \right]. \quad (16)$$

Now Corollary 1 and Corollary 2 follows from the recurrence formula

$$F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n,$$

(16), Theorem 1 and Theorem 2 (with  $k = 2$ ).

Corollary 3 follows from Corollary 1 and the fact that  $F_m | F_{m(a+1)}$  for all integer  $a \geq 0$ .

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