

RECURRENCE SEQUENCES AND NORLUND-BERNOULLI POLYNOMIALS

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Abstract. The purpose of this paper is to establish some identities containing Norlund-Bernoulli polynomials, which as one application, yield some results of Toscano [8], Kelisky [5] and Zhang & Guo [10] as special cases, as well as other identities involving Bernoulli-Euler and Fibonacci-Lucas or Pell and Pell-Lucas numbers.

1. Definition and Notation

Definition 1. The general two order linear recurrence sequences are defined by

$$S_n(p, q) = pS_{n-1}(p, q) - qS_{n-2}(p, q)$$

with $S_0, S_1; p, q$ arbitrary, provided that $\Delta = p^2 - 4q > 0$.

In particular, if $S_0 = 0, S_1 = 1$ or $S_0 = 2, S_1 = p$, we have generalized Fibonacci and Lucas sequences, respectively, in symbols $U_n(p, q), V_n(p, q)$.

Let α, β ($\alpha > \beta$) are the roots of equation $x^2 - px + q = 0$, then we have (see [3])

$$(1) \quad U_n(p, q) = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta} \quad V_n(p, q) = \alpha^n + \beta^n$$

$$(2) \quad S_n(p, q) = \left(S_1 - \frac{1}{2}S_0 \right) U_n(p, q) + \frac{1}{2}S_0 V_n(p, q)$$

We assume that

$$\begin{aligned} S_0 &= \omega \\ S_1 &= \frac{1}{2}p\omega + \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\omega \right) \Delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

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and, according to (1) and (2), we deduce

$$(3) \quad S_n(x; p, q) = \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\omega\right) \Delta^{\frac{1}{2}} U_n(p, q) - \frac{1}{2}\omega V_n(p, q)$$

$$(4) \quad S_n(x; p, q) = x\alpha^n + (\omega - x)\beta^n$$

From this point on, we use U_n, V_n and $S_n(x)$ to denote $U_n(p, q), V_n(p, q)$ and $S_n(x; p, q)$, respectively.

Definition 2. The Norlund-Bernoulli polynomials $B_n^{(k)}(x|\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k)$ are defined as (see [1], [7])

$$(5) \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^r}{r!} B_n^{(k)}(x|\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k) = \frac{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k t^k}{(\exp(\omega_1 t) - 1)(\exp(\omega_2 t) - 1) \dots (\exp(\omega_k t) - 1)} \exp(tx)$$

In particular, $B_n^{(k)}(x|1, 1, \dots, 1) = B_n^{(k)}(x)$ (the Bernoulli polynomials of higher order); $B_n^{(1)}(x) = B_n(x)$ (the ordinary Bernoulli polynomials); $B_n(0) = B_n$ (the Bernoulli numbers) (see [2]).

From this definition, it is easy to deduce the following properties (see [1]):

$$(6) \quad B_{2n+1} = 0 \quad (n > 0)$$

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} & B_n^{(k)}(\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \dots + \omega_k - x|\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k) = \\ & = (-1)^n B_n^{(k)}(x|\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k) \end{aligned}$$

(7) is called the complementary argument theorem of Norlund-Bernoulli polynomials.

2. Some Lemmas

First we introduce the following results from [9].

$$(8) \quad S_n^m(x) + S_n^m(\omega - x) = \frac{1}{2^{m-1}} \sum_{r=0}^{[m/2]} \binom{m}{2r} \Delta^r U_n^{2r} \omega^{m-2r} V_n^{m-2r} (2x - \omega)^{2r}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (9) \quad & S_n^{2m}(x) + S_n^{2m}(\omega - x) = 2 \binom{2m}{n} q^m x^m (\omega - x)^m + \\
 & + \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} \binom{2m}{r} q^{nr} V_{2(m-r)} [x^r (\omega - x)^{2m-r} + x^{2m-r} (\omega - x)^r] \\
 (10) \quad & S_n^{2m+1}(x) - S_n^{2m+1}(\omega - x) = \sum_{r=0}^m \binom{2m+1}{r} q^{nr} V_{n(2m-2r+1)} \cdot \\
 & \cdot [x^r (\omega - x)^{2m-r+1} + x^{2m-r+1} (\omega - x)^r] \\
 (11) \quad & S_n^m(x) - S_n^m(\omega - x) = \frac{1}{2^{m-1}} \sum_{n=0}^{[m/2]} \binom{m}{2r+1} \Delta^{r+\frac{1}{2}} U_n^{2r+1} \cdot \\
 & \cdot \omega^{m-2r-1} V_n^{m-2r-1} (2x - \omega)^{2r-1} \\
 (12) \quad & S_n^m(x) - S_n^m(\omega - x) = \Delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{r=0}^{[\frac{m-1}{2}]} \binom{m}{r} q^{nr} U_{n(m-2r)} \cdot \\
 & [x^{mr} (\omega - x)^r - x^r (\omega - x)^{m-r}]
 \end{aligned}$$

and the generating functions and the generating functions

$$(13) \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^r}{r!} U_{nr} = \frac{1}{\Delta^{\frac{1}{2}}} [\exp(t\alpha^n) - \exp(t\beta^n)]$$

$$(14) \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^r}{r!} V_{nr} = \exp(t\alpha^n) + \exp(t\beta^n)$$

3. The Main Results

Theorem 1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{r=0}^{[\frac{m-1}{2}]} \binom{m}{2r} \Delta^r U_n^{2r} B_{2r}^{(k)}(x|\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k) \\
 (15) \quad & (m-2r)! \sum_{r_1+r_2+\dots+r_k=m-2r} \frac{\omega_1^{r_1} U_{nr_1}}{r_1!} \dots \frac{\omega_k^{r_k} U_{nr_k}}{r_k!} \\
 & = \frac{(m)_k}{2^{m-k}} \omega_1 \omega_2 \dots \omega_k U_n^k \sum_{r=0}^{[\frac{m-k}{2}]} \binom{m-k}{2r} \Delta^r U_n^{2r} (\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \dots + \omega_k)^{m-k-2r}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_n^{m-k-2r} (2x - (\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \dots + \omega_k))^{2r} &= (m)_k U_n^k \frac{1 + (-1)^m}{2} \omega_1 \omega_2 \dots \omega_k q^{\frac{n(m-k)}{2}} \\
 &\quad \left(\frac{m-k}{2} \right) x^{\frac{m-k}{2}} (\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \dots + \omega_k - x)^{\frac{m-k}{2}} \\
 (16) \quad &= \frac{(m)_k}{2^{m-k}} \omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k U_n^k \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m-k-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{m-k}{r} q^{nr} V_{n(m-k-2r)} \\
 &\quad \left[x^r (\omega_1 + \dots + \omega_k - x)^{m-k-r} + x^{m-k-r} (\omega_1 + \dots + \omega_k - x)^r \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m-2}{2} \rfloor} \binom{m}{2r+1} \Delta^r U_n^{2r+1} B_r^{(k)}(x|\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k) \\
 (15) \quad &(m-2r-1)! \sum_{r_1+r_2+\dots+r_k=m-2r-1} \frac{\omega_1^{r_1} U_{nr_1}}{r_1!} \dots \frac{\omega_k^{r_k} U_{nr_k}}{r_k!} \\
 &= \frac{(m)_k}{2^{m-k}} \omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k U_n^k \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m-k-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{m-k}{2r+1} \Delta^r U_n^{2r+1} (\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \dots + \omega_k)^{m-k-2r-1} \\
 &\quad V_n^{m-k-2r-1} (2x - (\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \dots + \omega_k))^{2r+1} \\
 (16) \quad &= \frac{(m)_k}{2} \omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k U_n^k \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m-k-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{m-k}{r} q^{nr} V_{n(m-k-2r)} \\
 &\quad \left[x^r (\omega_1 + \dots + \omega_k - x)^{m-k-r} - x^{m-k-r} (\omega_1 + \dots + \omega_k - x)^r \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

4. The Proofs of Theorems

From (5), replacing t by $\Delta^{\frac{1}{2}} U_n t$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} B_r^{(k)}(x|\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k) \frac{(\Delta^{\frac{1}{2}} U_n t)^r}{r!} \\
 &= \frac{\omega_1 \omega_2 \dots \omega_k (\Delta^{1/2} U_n t)^k \cdot \exp(x \Delta^{\frac{1}{2}} U_n t)}{(\exp(\omega_1 \Delta^{\frac{1}{2}} U_n t) - 1) (\exp(\omega_2 \Delta^{\frac{1}{2}} U_n t) - 1) \dots (\exp(\omega_k \Delta^{\frac{1}{2}} U_n t) - 1)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\omega_1 \omega_2 \dots \omega_k \left(\Delta^{1/2} U_n t\right)^k \cdot \exp\left(t\left(x \alpha^n + (\omega_1 + \dots + \omega_k) \beta^n\right)\right)}{\left(\exp\left(\omega_1 t \alpha^n\right) - \exp\left(\omega_1 t \beta^n\right)\right) \dots \left(\exp\left(\omega_k t \alpha^n\right) - \exp\left(\omega_k t \beta^n\right)\right)}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{\omega_1^{r_1} t^{r_1}}{r_1!} U_{nr_1} \dots \sum_{r_k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\omega_k^{r_k} t^{r_k}}{r_k!} U_{nr_k} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} B_r^{(k)}(x|\omega_1, \dots, \omega_k) \frac{\left(\Delta^{1/2} U_n t\right)^r}{r!} &= \\ &= \omega_1 \dots \omega_k (U_n t)^k \exp(t S_n(x)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} &\left[\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{r_1+r_2+\dots+r_k=r} \frac{\omega_1^{r_1} t^{r_1}}{r_1!} \dots \sum_{r_k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\omega_k^{r_k} t^{r_k}}{r_k!} \right) t^r \right] \cdot \\ &\cdot \left(\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} B_r^{(k)}(x|\omega_1, \dots, \omega_k) \frac{\left(\Delta^{1/2} U_n t\right)^r}{r!} \right) = \omega_1 \dots \omega_k (U_n t)^k \exp(t S_n(x)). \end{aligned}$$

We expand the product figuring in the first term into a power series of t , and compare with the expansion of the second term, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{r=0}^{m-1} \binom{m}{r} \Delta^{\frac{r}{2}} U_n^r B_r^{(k)}(x|\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k) (m-r)! \\ (17) \quad &\sum_{r_1+\dots+r_k=m-r} \frac{\omega_1^{r_1} U_{nr_1}}{r_1!} \dots \frac{\omega_k^{r_k} U_{nr_k}}{r_k!} = (m)_k U_n^k \omega_1 \dots \omega_k S_n^{m-k}(x). \end{aligned}$$

If we replace x by $\omega_1 + \dots + \omega_k - x$ in (17), and using (7), we find

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{r=0}^{m-1} \binom{m}{r} \Delta^{\frac{r}{2}} U_n^r (-1)^r B_r^{(k)}(x|\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k) (m-r)! \\ (18) \quad &\sum_{r_1+\dots+r_k=m-r} \frac{\omega_1^{r_1} U_{nr_1}}{r_1!} \dots \frac{\omega_k^{r_k} U_{nr_k}}{r_k!} = \\ &= (m)_k U_n^k \omega_1 \dots \omega_k S_n^{m-k}(\omega_1 + \dots + \omega_k - x) \end{aligned}$$

(17)–(18), using (8), (9) or (17)–(18), using (11), (12), we get the proofs of Theorem 1 and 1, respectively.

5. Some Consequences

If we take $x = (\omega_1 + \cdots + \omega_k)/2$ in (15), then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (19) \quad & \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{m}{2r} \Delta^r U_n^{2r} B_{2r}^{(k)} \left(\frac{\omega_1 \cdots \omega_k}{2} \middle| \omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k \right) (m-2r)! \\
 & \sum_{r_1 + \cdots + r_k = m-2r} \frac{\omega_1^{r_1} U_{nr_1}}{r_1!} \cdots \frac{\omega_k^{r_k} U_{nr_k}}{r_k!} = \\
 & = \frac{\binom{m}{k}}{2^{m-k}} \omega_1 \omega_2 \cdots \omega_k U_n^k (\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \cdots + \omega_k)^{m-k} V_n^{m-k}
 \end{aligned}$$

Again taking $\omega_1 = \cdots = \omega_k = 1$ in (19), we get the following results from [10]

$$\begin{aligned}
 (20) \quad & \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{m}{2r} \Delta^r U_n^{2r} B_{2r}^{(k)} \left(\frac{k}{2} \right) (m-2r)! \sum_{r_1 + \cdots + r_k = m-2r} \frac{U_{nr_1}}{r_1!} \cdots \frac{U_{nr_k}}{r_k!} = \\
 & = \frac{\binom{m}{k}}{2^{m-k}} U_n^k k^{m-k} V_n^{m-k}
 \end{aligned}$$

If we take in (20) and recalling that $B_{2n} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = (2^{1-2n} - 1) B_{2n}$ (see [8]), we have

$$(21) \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{m}{2r} \Delta^r U_n^{2r} (2^{1-2r} - 1) B_{2r} U_{n(m-2r)} = \frac{1}{2^{m-1}} m U_n V_n^{m-1},$$

where (21) is the result of paper [8].

If we take $x = 0$ in (16), then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (21) \quad & \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{m}{2r} \Delta^r U_n^{2r} B_{2r}^{(k)} (0 | \omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k) (m-2r)! \\
 & \sum_{r_1 + \cdots + r_k = m-2r} \frac{\omega_1^{r_1} U_{nr_1}}{r_1!} \cdots \frac{\omega_k^{r_k} U_{nr_k}}{r_k!} = \frac{\binom{m}{k}}{2^{m-k}} \omega_1 \omega_2 \cdots \omega_k U_n^k V_{n(m-k)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking $\omega_1 = \cdots = \omega_k = 1$ in (21), then we obtain (21) from [11]:

$$\sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{m}{2r} \Delta^r U_n^{2r} B_{2r}^{(k)} (m-2r)!$$

$$(22) \quad \sum_{r_1+\dots+r_k=m-2r} \frac{U_{nr_1}}{r_1!} \dots \frac{U_{nr_k}}{r_k!} = \frac{(m)_k}{2} U_n^k V_{n(m-k)}$$

From (22), using that $B_k^{(n+1)} = (1 - \frac{k}{n}) B_k^{(n)} - kB_{k-1}^{(n)}$ (see [6]) and taking $k = 1, 2$ we get

$$(23) \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{m}{2r} \Delta^r U_n^{2r} B_{2r} U_{n(m-2r)} = \frac{m}{2} U_n V_{n(m-1)}$$

$$\sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{m}{2r} \Delta^r U_n^{2r} ((1 - 2r)B_{2r} - 2rB_{2r-1}).$$

$$(24) \quad \sum_{t=0}^{m-2r} \binom{m-2r}{t} U_m U_{n(m-2r-1)} = \frac{m(m-1)}{2} U_n^2 V_{n(m-2)}$$

If we take $p = 1, q = -1$, then

$U_n(1, -1) = F_n$ Fibonacci numbers

$V_n(1, -1) = L_n$ Lucas numbers

and from (21) (23), it follows

$$(25) \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{m}{2r} 5^r F_n^{2r} (2^{1-2r} - 1) B_{2r} F_{n(m-2r)} = \frac{m}{2^{m-1}} F_n L_n^{m-1}$$

$$(26) \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{m}{2r} 5^r F_n^{2r} B_{2r} F_{n(m-2r)} = \frac{m}{2} F_n L_{n(m-1)}$$

where (26) is Kelisky's result given in [5].

If we take $p = 1, q = -1$, then

$U_n(2, -1) = P_n$ Pell numbers

$V_n(2, -1) = Q_r$ Pell-Lucas numbers (see [4])

and from (21), (23), it follows

$$(27) \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{m}{2r} 8^r P_n^{2r} (2^{1-2r} - 1) B_{2r} P_{n(m-2r)} = \frac{m}{2^{m-1}} P_n Q_n^{m-1}$$

$$(28) \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{m}{2r} 8^r P_n^{2r} B_{2r} P_{n(m-2r)} = \frac{m}{2} P_n Q_{n(m-1)}.$$

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