

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

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

and

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

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:

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

and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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