



Generalization of Convolution Sums with Fibonacci Numbers and Lucas Numbers

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Abstract

In this article we construct some convolutions sums related to Fibonacci and Lucas numbers and obtain their generalized formulae.

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1 Introduction

Let \mathbb{N} be the set of positive integers. We may define the Fibonacci numbers, F_n , by

$$F_0 = 0, \quad F_1 = 1, \quad \text{and,} \quad F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n.$$

Associated with the numbers of Fibonacci are the numbers of Lucas, L_n , which we may define by

$$L_0 = 2, \quad L_1 = 1, \quad \text{and,} \quad L_{n+2} = L_{n+1} + L_n.$$

Fibonacci numbers and Lucas numbers can also be extended to negative index n satisfying

$$F_{-n} = (-1)^{n+1}F_n \quad \text{and} \quad L_{-n} = (-1)^nL_n. \quad (1.1)$$

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The numbers F_n and L_n are considered as special cases of general functions first studied in great detail by Lucas [1]. Let us observe that we may set the Fibonacci and Lucas numbers [2] by

$$F_n = \frac{a^n - b^n}{a - b}, \quad L_n = a^n + b^n, \quad (1.2)$$

where

$$a = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5}), \quad b = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{5}). \quad (1.3)$$

The very general functions studied by Lucas and generalized by Bell [3], [4], are essentially the F_n and L_n defined by (1.2) with a, b being the roots of the quadratic equation $x^2 = Px - Q$ so that $a + b = P$ and $ab = Q$.

In this paper we get convolution sums formulae almost based on Eqs. (1.1), (1.2), and (1.3), which implies that every proof is simple:

Theorem 1.1. *Let $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then*

(a)

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} L_{km} L_{n-km} = 2^n L_n + (-1)^{(k-1)n} L_k^n L_{(k-1)n},$$

(b)

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} L_{km} F_{n-km} = 2^n F_n - (-1)^{(k-1)n} L_k^n F_{(k-1)n},$$

(c)

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} F_{km} F_{n-km} = \frac{2^n}{5} L_n - \frac{(-1)^{(k-1)n}}{5} L_k^n L_{(k-1)n},$$

(d)

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} F_{km} L_{n-km} = 2^n F_n + (-1)^{(k-1)n} L_k^n F_{(k-1)n}.$$

Theorem 1.2. *Let $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then*

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=0}^n L_{km} L_{n-km} \\ &= (n+1)L_n + \frac{(-1)^{(k-1)n}}{\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-1-i} b^i} F_{(2k-1)n+k} + \frac{1}{\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-1-i} b^i} F_{n+k}, \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=0}^n L_{km} F_{n-km} \\ &= (n+1)F_n - \frac{(-1)^{(k-1)n}}{5 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-1-i} b^i} L_{(2k-1)n+k} + \frac{1}{5 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-1-i} b^i} L_{n+k}, \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=0}^n F_{km} F_{n-km} \\ &= \frac{1}{5} (n+1) L_n - \frac{(-1)^{(k-1)n}}{5 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-1-i} b^i} F_{(2k-1)n+k} - \frac{1}{5 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-1-i} b^i} F_{n+k}, \end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=0}^n F_{km} L_{n-km} \\ &= (n+1) F_n + \frac{(-1)^{(k-1)n}}{5 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-1-i} b^i} L_{(2k-1)n+k} - \frac{1}{5 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-1-i} b^i} L_{n+k}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1.3. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

(a)

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^k L_m L_{k-m} L_{n-k} = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} L_n + 3(n+2) F_{n+1},$$

(b)

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^k F_m F_{k-m} L_{n-k} = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{10} L_n - \frac{n+2}{5} F_{n+1}.$$

2 Proofs of Theorem 1.1, Theorem 1.2, and Theorem 1.3

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Since the proofs are similar and so we only prove part (a). From the definition of L_n in (1.2) we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} L_{km} L_{n-km} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} (a^{km} + b^{km}) (a^{n-km} + b^{n-km}) \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} (a^n + a^{km} b^{n-km} + b^{km} a^{n-km} + b^n) \\ &= a^n \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} + b^n \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{km} + a^n \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{km} \\ & \quad + b^n \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= a^n \cdot 2^n + b^n \left(1 + \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^k\right)^n + a^n \left(1 + \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^k\right)^n + b^n \cdot 2^n \\
 &= 2^n a^n + b^n \cdot \frac{1}{b^{kn}} (b^k + a^k)^n + a^n \cdot \frac{1}{a^{kn}} (a^k + b^k)^n + 2^n b^n \\
 &= 2^n (a^n + b^n) + (a^k + b^k)^n \left(\frac{1}{b^{(k-1)n}} + \frac{1}{a^{(k-1)n}}\right) \\
 &= 2^n L_n + (a^k + b^k)^n \cdot \frac{a^{(k-1)n} + b^{(k-1)n}}{(ab)^{(k-1)n}} \\
 &= 2^n L_n + (a^k + b^k)^n \cdot (-1)^{(k-1)n} \left(a^{(k-1)n} + b^{(k-1)n}\right) \\
 &= 2^n L_n + L_k^n (-1)^{(k-1)n} L_{(k-1)n}
 \end{aligned}$$

since Eq. (1.3) shows that

$$ab = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5}) \cdot \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{5}) = -1. \tag{2.1}$$

□

Corollary 2.1. *Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then*

(a)

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} L_m L_{n-m} = 2^n L_n + 2,$$

(b)

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} L_{2m} L_{n-2m} = (2^n + (-3)^n) L_n,$$

(c)

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} L_{3m} L_{n-3m} = 2^n L_n + 4^n L_{2n},$$

(d)

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} L_{4m} L_{n-4m} = 2^n L_n + (-7)^n L_{3n}.$$

Proof. By the recurrence definition of Lucas numbers we have $L_0 = 2, L_1 = 1, L_2 = 3, L_3 = 4,$ and $L_4 = 7$. Putting $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ in Theorem 1.1 (a) we have

(a)

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} L_m L_{n-m} = 2^n L_n + L_1^n L_0 = 2^n L_n + 2.$$

(b)

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} L_{2m} L_{n-2m} = 2^n L_n + (-1)^n L_2^n L_n = 2^n L_n + (-3)^n L_n.$$

(c)

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} L_{3m} L_{n-3m} = 2^n L_n + (-1)^{2n} L_3^n L_{2n} = 2^n L_n + 4^n L_{2n},$$

(d)

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} L_{4m} L_{n-4m} = 2^n L_n + (-1)^{3n} L_4^n L_{3n} = 2^n L_n + (-7)^n L_{3n}.$$

□

Example 2.2. Let us put $k = 1, 2, 3,$ and 4 in Theorem 1.1 (b), (c), and (d). Then we have the following tables :

Table 1. $k = 1, 2, 3,$ and 4 in Theorem 1.1 (b)

k	Convolution sum	Formula
1	$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} L_m F_{n-m}$	$2^n F_n$
2	$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} L_{2m} F_{n-2m}$	$(2^n - (-3)^n) F_n$
3	$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} L_{3m} F_{n-3m}$	$2^n F_n - 4^n F_{2n}$
4	$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} L_{4m} F_{n-4m}$	$2^n F_n - (-7)^n F_{3n}$

Table 2. $k = 1, 2, 3,$ and 4 in Theorem 1.1 (c)

k	Convolution sum	Formula
1	$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} F_m F_{n-m}$	$\frac{2^n}{5} L_n - \frac{2}{5}$
2	$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} F_{2m} F_{n-2m}$	$\frac{1}{5} (2^n - (-3)^n) L_n$
3	$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} F_{3m} F_{n-3m}$	$\frac{2^n}{5} L_n - \frac{4^n}{5} L_{2n}$
4	$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} F_{4m} F_{n-4m}$	$\frac{2^n}{5} L_n - \frac{(-7)^n}{5} L_{3n}$

Table 3. $k = 2, 3,$ and 4 in Theorem 1.1 (d)

k	Convolution sum	Formula
2	$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} F_{2m} L_{n-2m}$	$(2^n + (-3)^n) F_n$
3	$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} F_{3m} L_{n-3m}$	$2^n F_n + 4^n F_{2n}$
4	$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} F_{4m} L_{n-4m}$	$2^n F_n + (-7)^n F_{3n}$

Proof of Theorem 1.2. Since the proof is similar thus we prove only (a). Now by (1.2), (2.1) and the geometric series we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{m=0}^n L_{km} L_{n-km} \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n (a^{km} + b^{km})(a^{n-km} + b^{n-km}) \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^n (a^n + a^{km} b^{n-km} + b^{km} a^{n-km} + b^n) \\
 &= (a^n + b^n) \sum_{m=0}^n 1 + b^n \sum_{m=0}^n \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{km} + a^n \sum_{m=0}^n \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{km} \\
 &= L_n(n+1) + b^n \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{k(n+1)} - 1}{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^k - 1} + a^n \cdot \frac{1 - \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{k(n+1)}}{1 - \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^k} \\
 &= (n+1)L_n + b^n \cdot \frac{b^k(a^{k(n+1)} - b^{k(n+1)})}{b^{k(n+1)}(a^k - b^k)} + a^n \cdot \frac{a^k(a^{k(n+1)} - b^{k(n+1)})}{a^{k(n+1)}(a^k - b^k)} \\
 &= (n+1)L_n + \frac{1}{b^{(k-1)n}} \cdot \frac{a^{k(n+1)} - b^{k(n+1)}}{a^k - b^k} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{a^{(k-1)n}} \cdot \frac{a^{k(n+1)} - b^{k(n+1)}}{a^k - b^k} \\
 &= (n+1)L_n + \frac{a^{k(n+1)} - b^{k(n+1)}}{a^k - b^k} \left(\frac{1}{b^{(k-1)n}} + \frac{1}{a^{(k-1)n}} \right) \\
 &= (n+1)L_n + \frac{a^{k(n+1)} - b^{k(n+1)}}{a^k - b^k} \cdot \frac{a^{(k-1)n} + b^{(k-1)n}}{(ab)^{(k-1)n}} \\
 &= (n+1)L_n + \frac{(-1)^{(k-1)n}}{a^k - b^k} \cdot (a^{k(n+1)} - b^{k(n+1)}) (a^{(k-1)n} + b^{(k-1)n}).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

Then the second term in the above identity can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{(-1)^{(k-1)n}}{a^k - b^k} \cdot (a^{k(n+1)} - b^{k(n+1)}) (a^{(k-1)n} + b^{(k-1)n}) \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{(k-1)n}}{a^k - b^k} \cdot (a^{2kn+k-n} + a^{k(n+1)} b^{(k-1)n} - b^{k(n+1)} a^{(k-1)n} \\
 &\quad - b^{2kn+k-n}) \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{(k-1)n}}{a^k - b^k} \cdot \left\{ (a^{2kn+k-n} - b^{2kn+k-n}) - (ab)^{k+kn} (a^{-n-k} - b^{-n-k}) \right\} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{(k-1)n}}{\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-1-i} b^i} \left(\frac{a^{2kn+k-n} - b^{2kn+k-n}}{a - b} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - (-1)^{k(n+1)} \cdot \frac{a^{-n-k} - b^{-n-k}}{a - b} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

and so by (1.1) we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{(-1)^{(k-1)n}}{a^k - b^k} \cdot (a^{k(n+1)} - b^{k(n+1)}) (a^{(k-1)n} + b^{(k-1)n}) \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{(k-1)n}}{\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-1-i} b^i} (F_{2kn+k-n} - (-1)^{k(n+1)} F_{-(n+k)}) \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{(k-1)n}}{\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-1-i} b^i} (F_{2kn+k-n} - (-1)^{k(n+1)} \cdot (-1)^{n+k+1} F_{n+k}) \tag{2.3} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{(k-1)n}}{\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-1-i} b^i} F_{2kn+k-n} + \frac{1}{\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-1-i} b^i} F_{n+k}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Applying (2.3) to (2.2) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{m=0}^n L_{km} L_{n-km} \\
 &= (n+1)L_n + \frac{(-1)^{(k-1)n}}{\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-1-i} b^i} F_{(2k-1)n+k} + \frac{1}{\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^{k-1-i} b^i} F_{n+k}.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Example 2.3. Let us consider $k = 1, 2, 3,$ and 4 in Theorem 1.2 (a), (b), (c), and (d). Then we have the following tables:

Table 4. $k = 1, 2, 3,$ and 4 in Theorem 1.2 (a)

k	Convolution sum	Formula
1	$\sum_{m=0}^n L_m L_{n-m}$	$(n+1)L_n + 2F_{n+1}$
2	$\sum_{m=0}^n L_{2m} L_{n-2m}$	$(n+1)L_n + (-1)^n F_{3n+2} + F_{n+2}$
3	$\sum_{m=0}^n L_{3m} L_{n-3m}$	$(n+1)L_n + \frac{1}{2} F_{5n+3} + \frac{1}{2} F_{n+3}$
4	$\sum_{m=0}^n L_{4m} L_{n-4m}$	$(n+1)L_n + \frac{(-1)^n}{3} F_{7n+4} + \frac{1}{3} F_{n+4}$

Table 5. $k = 1, 2, 3,$ and 4 in Theorem 1.2 (b)

k	Convolution sum	Formula
1	$\sum_{m=0}^n L_m F_{n-m}$	$(n+1)F_n$
2	$\sum_{m=0}^n L_{2m} F_{n-2m}$	$(n+1)F_n - \frac{(-1)^n}{5} L_{3n+2} + \frac{1}{5} L_{n+2}$
3	$\sum_{m=0}^n L_{3m} F_{n-3m}$	$(n+1)F_n - \frac{1}{10} L_{5n+3} + \frac{1}{10} L_{n+3}$
4	$\sum_{m=0}^n L_{4m} F_{n-4m}$	$(n+1)F_n - \frac{(-1)^n}{15} L_{7n+4} + \frac{1}{15} L_{n+4}$

Table 6. $k = 1, 2, 3,$ and 4 in Theorem 1.2 (c)

k	Convolution sum	Formula
1	$\sum_{m=0}^n F_m F_{n-m}$	$\frac{1}{5}(n+1)L_n - \frac{2}{5}F_{n+1}$
2	$\sum_{m=0}^n F_{2m} F_{n-2m}$	$\frac{1}{5}(n+1)L_n - \frac{(-1)^n}{5}F_{3n+2} - \frac{1}{5}F_{n+2}$
3	$\sum_{m=0}^n F_{3m} F_{n-3m}$	$\frac{1}{5}(n+1)L_n - \frac{1}{10}F_{5n+3} - \frac{1}{10}F_{n+3}$
4	$\sum_{m=0}^n F_{4m} F_{n-4m}$	$\frac{1}{5}(n+1)L_n - \frac{(-1)^n}{15}F_{7n+4} - \frac{1}{15}F_{n+4}$

Table 7. $k = 2, 3,$ and 4 in Theorem 1.2 (d)

k	Convolution sum	Formula
2	$\sum_{m=0}^n F_{2m} L_{n-2m}$	$(n+1)F_n + \frac{(-1)^n}{5}L_{3n+2} - \frac{1}{5}L_{n+2}$
3	$\sum_{m=0}^n F_{3m} L_{n-3m}$	$(n+1)F_n + \frac{1}{10}L_{5n+3} - \frac{1}{10}L_{n+3}$
4	$\sum_{m=0}^n F_{4m} L_{n-4m}$	$(n+1)F_n + \frac{(-1)^n}{15}L_{7n+4} - \frac{1}{15}L_{n+4}$

Proof of Theorem 1.3. (a) Table 4 enables us to deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^k L_m L_{k-m} L_{n-k} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n \left(\sum_{m=0}^k L_m L_{k-m} \right) L_{n-k} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n ((k+1)L_k + 2F_{k+1}) L_{n-k} \tag{2.4} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n (k+1)L_k L_{n-k} + 2 \sum_{k=0}^n F_{k+1} L_{n-k} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n kL_k L_{n-k} + \sum_{k=0}^n L_k L_{n-k} + 2 \sum_{k=0}^n F_{k+1} L_{n-k}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then we note that

$$\sum_{k=0}^n kL_k L_{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n (n-k)L_{n-k} L_k$$

and so

$$\sum_{k=0}^n kL_k L_{n-k} = \frac{n}{2} \sum_{k=0}^n L_k L_{n-k}. \tag{2.5}$$

Applying (2.5) to (2.4) and using Table 4 and 5, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^k L_m L_{k-m} L_{n-k} \\
 &= \frac{n}{2} \sum_{k=0}^n L_k L_{n-k} + \sum_{k=0}^n L_k L_{n-k} + 2 \sum_{k=0}^n F_{n+1-k} L_k \\
 &= \frac{n}{2} ((n+1)L_n + 2F_{n+1}) + ((n+1)L_n + 2F_{n+1}) + 2(n+2)F_{n+1} \\
 &= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} L_n + 3(n+2)F_{n+1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) By Table 6 we expand as follows :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^k F_m F_{k-m} L_{n-k} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n \left(\sum_{m=0}^k F_m F_{k-m} \right) L_{n-k} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{5} ((k+1)L_k - 2F_{k+1}) L_{n-k} \tag{2.6} \\
 &= \frac{1}{5} \sum_{k=0}^n (k+1)L_k L_{n-k} - \frac{2}{5} \sum_{k=0}^n F_{k+1} L_{n-k} \\
 &= \frac{1}{5} \sum_{k=0}^n k L_k L_{n-k} + \frac{1}{5} \sum_{k=0}^n L_k L_{n-k} - \frac{2}{5} \sum_{k=0}^n F_{k+1} L_{n-k}.
 \end{aligned}$$

After applying (2.5) to (2.6) and employing Table 4 and 5, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^k F_m F_{k-m} L_{n-k} \\
 &= \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{n}{2} \sum_{k=0}^n L_k L_{n-k} + \frac{1}{5} \sum_{k=0}^n L_k L_{n-k} - \frac{2}{5} \sum_{k=0}^n F_{n+1-k} L_k \\
 &= \frac{n}{10} ((n+1)L_n + 2F_{n+1}) + \frac{1}{5} ((n+1)L_n + 2F_{n+1}) - \frac{2}{5} (n+2)F_{n+1} \\
 &= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{10} L_n - \frac{n+2}{5} F_{n+1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

3 Conclusion

For the Fibonacci number and Lucas number given by

$$F_n = \frac{a^n - b^n}{a - b} \quad \text{and} \quad L_n = a^n + b^n,$$

we construct some convolutions sums and get their generalized formulae.

Competing Interests

Author has declared that no competing interests exist.

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