

# POLYNOMIAL EXTENSIONS OF A DIMINNIE DELIGHT

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ABSTRACT. As a neat application of Chebyshev polynomials of the first kind, we extend to Fibonacci polynomials a complex recurrence studied by C. R. Diminnie. We then explore the corresponding versions to Lucas, Pell, and Pell-Lucas polynomials, and extract the respective number-theoretic versions. In addition, we pursue two interesting recurrences with Fibonacci, Lucas, Pell, and Pell-Lucas implications.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

*Gibonacci (generalized Fibonacci) polynomials*  $g_n(x)$  are defined by the recurrence  $g_n(x) = xg_{n-1}(x) + g_{n-2}(x)$ , where  $g_1(x) = a$ ,  $g_2(x) = b$ ,  $a = a(x)$ ,  $b = b(x)$ , and  $n \geq 3$ . Clearly,  $g_0(x) = b - ax$ . When  $a = 1$  and  $b = x$ ,  $g_n(x) = f_n(x)$ , the *nth Fibonacci polynomial*; and when  $a = x$  and  $b = x^2 + 2$ ,  $g_n(x) = l_n(x)$ , the *nth Lucas polynomial*. In particular,  $g_n(1) = G_n$ , the *nth gibonacci number*;  $f_n(1) = F_n$ , the *nth Fibonacci number*; and  $l_n(1) = L_n$ , the *nth Lucas number* [1, 5].

Table 1 shows the first six Fibonacci and Lucas polynomials.

Table 1: First Six Fibonacci and Lucas Polynomials

$n$	$f_n(x)$	$l_n(x)$
1	1	$x$
2	$x$	$x^2 + 2$
3	$x^2 + 1$	$x^3 + 3x$
4	$x^3 + 2x$	$x^4 + 4x^2 + 2$
5	$x^4 + 3x^2 + 1$	$x^5 + 5x^3 + 5x$
6	$x^5 + 4x^3 + 3x$	$x^6 + 6x^4 + 9x^2 + 2$

*Pell polynomials*  $p_n(x)$  and *Pell-Lucas polynomials*  $q_n(x)$  are defined by  $p_n(x) = f_n(2x)$  and  $q_n(x) = l_n(2x)$ , respectively. The *Pell numbers*  $P_n$  and *Pell-Lucas numbers*  $Q_n$  are given by  $P_n = p_n(1)$  and  $2Q_n = q_n(1)$ , respectively [4, 6].

Table 2 shows the first six Pell and Pell-Lucas polynomials, and Table 3 the first 10 Pell and Pell-Lucas numbers.

Table 2: First Six Pell and Pell-Lucas Polynomials

$n$	$p_n(x)$	$q_n(x)$
1	1	$2x$
2	$2x$	$4x^2 + 2$
3	$4x^2 + 1$	$8x^3 + 6x$
4	$8x^3 + 4x$	$16x^4 + 16x^2 + 2$
5	$16x^4 + 12x^2 + 1$	$32x^5 + 40x^3 + 10x$
6	$32x^5 + 32x^3 + 6x$	$64x^6 + 96x^4 + 36x^2 + 2$

Table 3: First 10 Pell and Pell-Lucas Numbers

$n$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$P_n$	1	2	5	12	29	70	169	408	985	2378
$Q_n$	1	3	7	17	41	99	239	577	1393	3363

1.1. **Binet-like Formulas.** Gibonacci polynomials can also be defined by the Binet-like formula

$$g_n = \frac{c\alpha^n - d\beta^n}{\alpha - \beta},$$

where  $\alpha = \alpha(x)$  and  $\beta = \beta(x)$  are solutions of the characteristic equation  $t^2 - xt - 1 = 0$ ,  $c = c(x) = a + (ax - b)\beta$ ,  $d = d(x) = a + (ax - b)\alpha$ , and  $n \geq 0$ . In particular,

$$f_n(x) = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta},$$

where  $\alpha = \alpha(x) = \frac{x + \Delta}{2}$  and  $\beta = \beta(x) = \frac{x - \Delta}{2} = 0$ ,  $\Delta = \Delta(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 4}$ , and  $n \geq 0$  [1, 5]. Clearly,  $\alpha\beta = -1$ .

Likewise,

$$p_n(x) = \frac{\gamma^n - \delta^n}{\gamma - \delta},$$

$\gamma = \gamma(x) = x + D$  and  $\delta = \delta(x) = x - D$  are the solutions of the equation  $t^2 - 2xt - 1 = 0$ ,  $D = D(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$ , and  $n \geq 0$  [4, 6]. Clearly,  $\gamma\delta = -1$ .

*Chebyshev polynomials of the first kind*  $T_n(x)$  are defined by the recurrence  $T_{n+2} = 2xT_{n+1}(x) - T_n(x)$ , where  $T_0(x) = 1$ ,  $T_1(x) = x$ , and  $n \geq 0$  [6, 7]. Table 4 shows the Chebyshev polynomials  $T_n(x)$ , where  $0 \leq n \leq 7$ .

Table 4: Chebyshev polynomials  $T_n(x)$

$n$	$T_n(x)$	$n$	$T_n(x)$
0	1	4	$8x^4 - 8x^2 + 1$
1	$x$	5	$16x^5 - 20x^3 + 5x$
2	$2x^2 - 1$	6	$32x^6 - 48x^4 + 18x^2 - 1$
3	$4x^3 - 3x$	7	$64x^7 - 112x^5 + 56x^3 - 7x$

To make our exposition simple, short, and elegant, we employ a slightly modified version of the polynomials  $T_n(x)$ . To this end, consider the polynomials  $c_n(x)$ , defined by the recurrence  $c_n(x) = xc_{n-1}(x) - c_{n-2}(x)$ , where  $c_0(x) = 2$ ,  $c_1(x) = x$ , and  $n \geq 2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} c_2(x) &= x^2 - 2 & c_3(x) &= x^3 - 3x \\ c_4(x) &= x^4 - 4x^2 + 2 & c_5(x) &= x^5 - 5x^3 + 5x \\ c_6(x) &= x^6 - 6x^4 + 9x^2 - 2 & c_7(x) &= x^7 - 7x^5 + 14x^3 - 7x \\ & & & \vdots \end{aligned}$$

Clearly,  $c_n(x) = 2T_n(x/2) = i^n l_n(-ix)$ , where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . For example,  $2T_5(x/2) = 2[16(x/2)^5 - 20(x/2)^3 + 5(x/2)] = x^5 - 5x^3 + 5x = c_5(x)$ .

The polynomials  $c_n(x)$  satisfy a charming property:

$$c_n\left(y + \frac{1}{y}\right) = y^n + \frac{1}{y^n}, \tag{1.1}$$

where  $y \neq 0$  and  $n \geq 0$ ; this follows by induction.

1.2. **A Diminnie Delight.** In 1994, C. R. Diminnie proposed the following spectacular problem [2]. Solve the recurrence

$$d_{n+1} = 5d_n(5d_n^4 - 5d_n^2 + 1), \quad (1.2)$$

where  $d_0 = 1$  and  $n \geq 0$ . A few months later, A. Sinefakopoulos provided a beautiful solution to the problem [3, 8]:  $d_n = F_{5^n}$ .

We can extend this problem to Fibonacci polynomials. In the interest of brevity, clarity, and convenience, we drop the argument from the functional notation when omitting it causes *no* ambiguity. For example,  $g_n$  will mean  $g_n(x)$ .

## 2. FIBONACCI EXTENSIONS

Solve the recurrence

$$a_{n+1} = a_n(\Delta^4 a_n^4 - 5\Delta^2 a_n^2 + 5), \quad (2.1)$$

where  $a_n = a_n(x)$ ,  $a_0 = 1$ , and  $n \geq 0$ .

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= 1 \\ a_1 &= x^4 + 3x^2 + 1 \\ a_2 &= x^{24} + 23x^{22} + 231x^{20} + 1330x^{18} + 4845x^{16} + 11628x^{14} + 18564x^{12} \\ &\quad + 19448x^{10} + 12870x^8 + 5005x^6 + 1001x^4 + 78x^2 + 1 \\ a_3 &= x^{124} + 123x^{122} + 7381x^{120} + \dots + 1, \end{aligned}$$

a polynomial of degree 124 and with 63 terms.

By looking at these four initial values of  $a_n$ , it does not appear to be easy to conjecture a formula for  $a_n$ . But, here is an interesting observation:  $a_0 = f_{5^0}$ ,  $a_1 = f_{5^1}$ , and  $a_2 = f_{5^2}$ . This, coupled with the solution  $d_n = F_{5^n}$  of recurrence (2.1), helps us conjecture that  $a_n = f_{5^n}$ , where  $n \geq 0$ .

To confirm this formula, we rely on the polynomials  $c_n(x)$ . To this end, first we establish a close relationship between  $a_{n+1}$  and  $c_5$ . Using recurrence (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta a_{n+1} &= \Delta^5 a_n^5 - 5\Delta^3 a_n^3 + 5\Delta a_n \\ &= (\Delta a_n)^5 - 5(\Delta a_n)^3 + 5(\Delta a_n) \\ &= c_5(\Delta a_n). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we claim that the solution of the recurrence  $\Delta a_{n+1} = c_5(\Delta a_n)$  is  $a_n = f_{5^n}$ .

More generally, we will now confirm that the solution of the recurrence

$$\Delta a_{n+1} = c_m(\Delta a_n) \quad (2.2)$$

is  $a_n = f_{k \cdot m^n}$ , where  $a_0 = f_k$ ,  $k$  and  $m$  are odd positive integers,  $k \neq m$ ,  $m \geq 3$  and  $n \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* Clearly, the formula is true when  $n = 0$ . Assume, it is true for an arbitrary integer  $n \geq 0$ . Since  $k$  and  $m$  are odd, by the Binet-like formula for  $f_{k \cdot m^n}$ , we then have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta a_{n+1} &= c_m(\Delta f_{k \cdot m^n}) \\ &= c_m \left( \alpha^{k \cdot m^n} - \beta^{k \cdot m^n} \right) \\ &= c_m \left( \alpha^{k \cdot m^n} + \frac{1}{\alpha^{k \cdot m^n}} \right) \\ &= \alpha^{k \cdot m^{n+1}} + \frac{1}{\alpha^{k \cdot m^{n+1}}} \\ &= \alpha^{k \cdot m^{n+1}} - \beta^{k \cdot m^{n+1}} \\ a_{n+1} &= f_{k \cdot m^{n+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

So the formula works for  $n + 1$  also. Thus, by induction, formula (2.2) works for all  $n \geq 0$ ; that is, the solution of recurrence (2.2) is  $a_n = f_{k \cdot m^n}$ .  $\square$

For example, with  $k = 3, m = 5$ , and  $a_0 = f_3 = x^2 + 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= a_0(\Delta^4 a_0^4 - 5\Delta^2 a_0^2 + 5) \\ &= (x^2 + 1)[(x^2 + 4)^2(x^2 + 1)^4 - 5(x^2 + 4)(x^2 + 1)^2 + 5] \\ &= x^{14} + 13x^{12} + 66x^{10} + 165x^8 + 210x^6 + 126x^4 + 28x^2 + 1 \\ &= f_{3 \cdot 5}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, the solution of recurrence (2.1) is  $a_n = f_{5^n}$ , where  $n \geq 0$ , as conjectured. Clearly, the solution of recurrence (1.2) follows from this.

Suppose we let  $m = 3$  in recurrence (2.2). Since  $c_3(x) = x^3 - 3x$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta a_{n+1} &= c_3(\Delta a_n) \\ a_{n+1} &= \Delta^2 a_n^3 - 3a_n. \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

The solution of this recurrence is  $a_n = f_{k \cdot 3^n}$ , where  $a_0 = f_k$  and  $n \geq 0$ .

Likewise, when  $m = 7$ , we get

$$a_{n+1} = \Delta^6 a_n^7 - 7\Delta^4 a_n^5 + 14\Delta^2 a_n^3 - 7a_n; \tag{2.4}$$

its solution is  $a_n = f_{k \cdot 7^n}$ , where  $a_0 = f_k$  and  $n \geq 0$ .

Obviously, we can continue this procedure for any odd integer  $\geq 9$ .

In particular, let  $x = 1 = k$ . Then the solutions of the recurrences  $a_{n+1} = 5a_n^3 - 3a_n$  and  $a_{n+1} = 125a_n^7 - 175a_n^5 + 70a_n^3 - 7a_n$  are  $a_n = F_{3^n}$  and  $a_n = F_{7^n}$ , respectively.

As we can predict, the polynomial extension (2.1) has Pell consequences.

**2.1. Pell Extensions.** Let  $b_n = b_n(x) = a_n(2x)$ ,  $b_0 = 1$ , and  $n \geq 0$ . Then recurrences (2.3), (2.1), and (2.4) yield

$$b_{n+1} = b_n(4D^2 b_n^2 - 3) \tag{2.5}$$

$$b_{n+1} = b_n(16D^4 b_n^4 - 20D^2 b_n^2 + 5) \tag{2.6}$$

$$b_{n+1} = b_n(64D^6 b_n^6 - 112D^4 b_n^4 + 56D^2 b_n^2 - 7), \tag{2.7}$$

respectively. The corresponding solutions are  $b_n = p_{k \cdot 3^n}$ ,  $b_n = p_{k \cdot 5^n}$ , and  $b_n = p_{k \cdot 7^n}$ , respectively.

When  $x = 1 = k$ , these yield the solutions  $b_n = P_{3^n}$ ,  $b_n = P_{5^n}$ , and  $b_n = P_{7^n}$ , respectively.

For example,  $b_1 = 29 = P_{5^1}$ ; so  $b_2 = 29(64 \cdot 29^4 - 40 \cdot 29^2 + 5) = 1,311,738,121 = P_{5^2}$ , as expected.

### 3. LUCAS COUNTERPARTS

Recall that the solutions of recurrences (1.2), (2.3), and (2.4) pivoted on the polynomial  $c_m(x)$ , where  $m$  is odd and  $\geq 3$ . Interestingly, focusing on  $c_m(x)$  with  $m$  even and  $\geq 2$  yields equally rewarding results.

For example, consider the recurrence

$$a_{n+1} = a_n^4 - 4a_n^2 + 2, \tag{3.1}$$

where  $a_n = a_n(x)$ ,  $a_1 = l_{4e}$ ,  $e$  is a positive integer such that  $4 \nmid e$ , and  $n \geq 1$ .

Clearly,  $a_{n+1} = c_4(a_n)$ . Using the Binet-like formula for  $l_{e \cdot 4^n}$ , property (1.1), and induction, we can show that  $a_n = l_{e \cdot 4^n}$ .

For example, let  $e = 1$ . Then  $a_1 = l_4 = x^4 + 4x^2 + 2$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= a_1^4 - 4a_1^2 + 2 \\ &= (x^4 + 4x^2 + 2)^4 - 4(x^4 + 4x^2 + 2)^2 + 2 \\ &= x^{16} + 16x^{14} + 104x^{12} + 352x^{10} + 660x^8 + 672x^6 + 336x^4 + 64x^2 + 2 \\ &= l_{4^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the recurrences

$$a_{n+1} = a_n^2 - 2, \quad a_1 = l_{2e} \quad (2 \nmid e); \tag{3.2}$$

$$a_{n+1} = a_n^6 - 6a_n^4 + 9a_n^2 - 2, \quad a_1 = l_{6e} \quad (6 \nmid e) \tag{3.3}$$

yield the abbreviated recurrences  $a_{n+1} = c_2(a_n)$  and  $a_{n+1} = c_6(a_n)$ , respectively, where  $a_n = a_n(x)$ . Correspondingly, we have  $a_n = l_{e \cdot 2^n}$  and  $a_n = l_{e \cdot 6^n}$ , respectively.

In particular, let  $x = 1 = e$ . Then  $L_{2^n}$ ,  $L_{4^n}$ , and  $L_{6^n}$  are the solutions of the recurrences (3.2), (3.1), and (3.3), respectively; M. Klamkin (1921–2004) found these solutions [8].

**3.1. Pell-Lucas Byproducts.** Since  $l_k(2x) = q_k(x)$ , it follows from recurrences (3.2), (3.1), and (3.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} b_{n+1} &= b_n^2 - 2, \quad b_1 = q_{2e} \quad (2 \nmid e); \\ b_{n+1} &= b_n^4 - 4b_n^2 + 2, \quad b_1 = q_{4e} \quad (4 \nmid e); \\ b_{n+1} &= b_n^6 - 6b_n^4 + 9b_n^2 - 2, \quad b_1 = q_{6e} \quad (6 \nmid e), \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

respectively, where  $b_n = a_n(2x)$ . The corresponding solutions are  $b_n = q_{e \cdot 2^n}$ ,  $b_n = q_{e \cdot 4^n}$ , and  $b_n = q_{e \cdot 6^n}$ , respectively.

In particular, let  $x = 1 = e$ . Then  $b_n = 2Q_{2^n}$ ,  $b_n = 2Q_{4^n}$ , and  $b_n = 2Q_{6^n}$ , respectively.

For example, consider recurrence (3.4), where  $b_1 = 34 = 2Q_4$ . Then  $b_2 = 34^4 - 4 \cdot 34^2 + 2 = 1,331,714 = 2Q_{4^2}$ .

### 4. TWO CHARMING RECURRENCES

Next we study two equally delightful recurrences with Fibonacci and Pell implications.

4.1. **Recurrence A.** Consider the recurrence

$$x_{n+1} = x_n(\Delta^2 x_n^2 + 3), \quad (4.1)$$

where  $x_0 = f_e$ ,  $e$  is a positive even integer, and  $n \geq 0$ .

Suppose  $e = 2$ . Then  $x_0 = f_2 = x$  and  $x_1 = x[(x^2 + 4)x^2 + 3] = x^5 + 4x^3 + 3x = f_{2 \cdot 3}$ .

More generally, we conjecture that  $x_n = f_{e \cdot 3^n}$ , where  $n \geq 0$ . It is clearly true when  $n = 0$ . Assume it is true for an arbitrary integer  $n \geq 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= \Delta^2 f_{e \cdot 3^n}^3 + 3f_{e \cdot 3^n} \\ \Delta x_{n+1} &= (\alpha^{e \cdot 3^n} - \beta^{e \cdot 3^n})^3 + 3(\alpha^{e \cdot 3^n} - \beta^{e \cdot 3^n}) \\ &= \alpha^{e \cdot 3^{n+1}} - \beta^{e \cdot 3^{n+1}} - 3(\alpha\beta)^{e \cdot 3^n} (\alpha^{e \cdot 3^n} - \beta^{e \cdot 3^n}) + 3(\alpha^{e \cdot 3^n} - \beta^{e \cdot 3^n}) \\ &= \alpha^{e \cdot 3^{n+1}} - \beta^{e \cdot 3^{n+1}} \\ x_{n+1} &= f_{e \cdot 3^{n+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by induction, the conjecture works for all  $n \geq 0$ .

For example, let  $e = 4$ . Then  $x_0 = f_4 = x^3 + 2x$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= x_0(\Delta^2 x_0^2 + 3) \\ &= (x^3 + 2x)[(x^2 + 4)(x^3 + 2x)^2 + 3] \\ &= x^{11} + 10x^9 + 36x^7 + 56x^5 + 35x^3 + 6x \\ &= f_{4 \cdot 3^1}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, the solution of the recurrence  $x_{n+1} = x_n(5x_n^2 + 3)$  is  $x_n = F_{e \cdot 3^n}$ , where  $x_0 = F_e$  and  $n \geq 0$ .

4.2. **Pell Byproducts.** It follows from recurrence (4.1) that the solution of the recurrence  $x_{n+1} = x_n(4D^2 x_n^2 + 3)$  is  $x_n = p_{e \cdot 3^n}$ , where  $x_0 = p_e$  and  $n \geq 0$ . In particular, the solution of the recurrence  $x_{n+1} = x_n(8x_n^2 + 3)$  is  $x_n = P_{e \cdot 3^n}$ .

Next we study a similar recurrence which also has interesting consequences.

4.3. **Recurrence B.** Consider the recurrence

$$z_{n+2} = z_{n+1}(\Delta^2 z_n^2 + 2), \quad (4.2)$$

where  $z_1 = f_{2k}$ ,  $z_2 = f_{4k}$ ,  $k$  is an odd positive integer, and  $n \geq 1$ .

When  $k = 1$ ,  $z_1 = f_2 = x$  and  $z_2 = f_4 = x^3 + 2x$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} z_3 &= (x^3 + 2x)[(x^2 + 4)x^2 + 2] \\ &= x^7 + 6x^5 + 10x^3 + 4x \\ &= f_{2^3}. \end{aligned}$$

More generally, it follows by induction that the solution of recurrence (4.2) is  $z_n = f_{k \cdot 2^n}$ , where  $n \geq 1$ .

For example, let  $k = 3$ . Then  $z_1 = f_6 = x^5 + 4x^3 + 3x$  and  $z_2 = f_{12} = x^{11} + 10x^9 + 36x^7 + 56x^5 + 35x^3 + 6x$ . Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} z_3 &= z_2(\Delta^2 z_1^2 + 2) \\ &= (x^{11} + 10x^9 + 36x^7 + 56x^5 + 35x^3 + 6x)[(x^2 + 4)(x^5 + 4x^3 + 3x)^2 + 2] \\ &= x^{23} + 22x^{21} + 210x^{19} + 1140x^{17} + 3876x^{15} + 8568x^{13} + 12376x^{11} \\ &\quad + 11440x^9 + 6435x^7 + 2002x^5 + 286x^3 + 12x \\ &= f_{3 \cdot 2^3}. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose we let  $x = 1$  in recurrence (4.2). Then the solution of the recurrence  $z_{n+2} = z_{n+1}(5z_n^2 + 2)$  is  $z_n = F_{k \cdot 2^n}$ , where  $z_1 = F_{2k}$ ,  $z_2 = F_{4k}$ , and  $n \geq 0$ .

Recurrence (4.1) also has Pell implications.

**4.4. Pell Consequences.** The solution of the recurrence  $z_{n+2} = 2z_{n+1}(2D^2 z_n^2 + 1)$  is  $z_n = p_{k \cdot 2^n}$ , where  $z_1 = p_{2k}$ ,  $z_2 = p_{4k}$ , and  $n \geq 0$ . Consequently, the solution of the recurrence  $z_{n+2} = 2z_{n+1}(4z_n^2 + 1)$  is  $z_n = P_{k \cdot 2^n}$ , where  $z_1 = P_{2k}$ ,  $z_2 = P_{4k}$ , and  $n \geq 0$ .

For example, let  $k = 5$ . Then  $z_1 = P_{10} = 2,378$  and  $z_2 = P_{20} = 15,994,428$ . So  $z_3 = 2z_2(4z_1^2 + 1) = 2 \cdot 15,994,428(4 \cdot 2378^2 + 1) = 723,573,111,879,672 = P_{40}$ .

**4.5. Lucas Counterparts.** Interestingly, recurrences (4.1) and (4.2) have their own Lucas counterparts:

$$u_{n+1} = u_n(u_n^2 - 3), \tag{4.3}$$

where  $u_0 = l_e$  and  $n \geq 0$ ; and

$$v_{n+2} = v_{n+1}(v_n^2 - 2) - 2, \tag{4.4}$$

where  $v_1 = l_{2k}$ ,  $v_2 = l_{4k}$ , and  $n \geq 1$ .

Their solutions are  $u_n = l_{e \cdot 3^n}$  and  $v_n = l_{k \cdot 2^n}$ , respectively. Their proofs follow similarly, so we omit them.

For example, let  $e = 4$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= l_4(l_4^2 - 3) \\ &= x^{12} + 12x^{10} + 54x^8 + 112x^6 + 105x^4 + 36x^2 + 2 \\ &= l_{l_{4 \cdot 3^1}}; \end{aligned}$$

likewise,

$$\begin{aligned} v_3 &= l_{12}(l_6^2 - 2) - 2 \\ &= x^{24} + 24x^{22} + 252x^{20} + 1520x^{18} + 5814x^{16} + 14688x^{14} \\ &\quad + 24752x^{12} + 27456x^{10} + 19305x^8 + 8008x^6 + 1716x^4 + 144x^2 + 2 \\ &= l_{3 \cdot 2^3}. \end{aligned}$$

**4.6. Pell-Lucas Versions.** It follows from recurrences (4.3) and (4.4) that the solutions of the recurrences

$$u_{n+1} = u_n(u_n^2 - 3), \quad u_0 = q_e; \tag{4.5}$$

and

$$v_{n+2} = v_{n+1}(v_n^2 - 2) - 2, \quad v_1 = q_{2k} \text{ and } v_2 = q_{4k} \tag{4.6}$$

are  $u_n = q_{e \cdot 3^n}$  and  $v_n = q_{k \cdot 2^n}$ , respectively.

In particular, let  $x = 1$ . Then the solutions of the recurrences (4.3), (4.4), (4.5), and (4.6) are  $u_n = L_{e \cdot 3^n}$ ,  $v_n = L_{k \cdot 2^n}$ ,  $u_n = 2Q_{e \cdot 3^n}$ , and  $v_n = 2Q_{k \cdot 2^n}$ , respectively.

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For example, when  $k = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}v_5 &= v_4(v_3^2 - 2) - 2 \\ &= 1,331,714(1154^2 - 2) - 2 \\ &= 2 \cdot 886,731,088,897 \\ &= 2Q_{2^5}.\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we invite Fibonacci enthusiasts to interpret combinatorially the recurrences investigated in the article.

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