

## ADVANCED PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

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### PROBLEMS PROPOSED IN THIS ISSUE

**H-506** *Proposed by Paul S. Bruckman, Highwood, IL*

Let

$$A = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( \frac{1}{5n+1} + \frac{1}{5n+4} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad B = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( \frac{1}{5n+2} + \frac{1}{5n+3} \right).$$

Evaluate  $A$  and  $B$ , showing that  $A = \alpha B$ .

**H-507** *Proposed by Mohammad K. Azarian, University of Evansville, Evansville, IN*

Prove that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{k=1}^m (-1)^i 2^{-(k+1)(i+j)} \left( \frac{n(i+1)(i+2) \cdots (i+n-1)}{j!(n-j)!} \right) (F_k)^{i+j} = 1.$$

**H-508** *Proposed by H.-J. Seiffert, Berlin, Germany*

Define the Fibonacci polynomials by  $F_0(x) = 0$ ,  $F_1(x) = 1$ ,  $F_n(x) = xF_{n-1}(x) + F_{n-2}(x)$ , for  $n \geq 2$ . Show that, for all complex numbers  $x$  and  $y$  and all positive integers  $n$ ,

$$F_n(x)F_n(y) = n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k+1} \binom{n+k}{2k+1} (x+y)^k F_{k+1} \left( \frac{xy-4}{x+y} \right). \quad (1)$$

As special cases of (1), obtain the following identities:

$$F_n(x)F_n(x+1) = n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^{n-k+1}}{k+1} \binom{n+k}{2k+1} F_{k+1}(x^2+x+4); \quad (2)$$

$$F_n(x)F_n(4/x) = n \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \frac{1}{2k+1} \binom{n+2k}{4k+1} \left( \frac{x^2+4}{x} \right)^{2k}, \quad x \neq 0; \quad (3)$$

$$F_n(x)^2 = n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^{n-k+1}}{k+1} \binom{n+k}{2k+1} (x^2+4)^k; \quad (4)$$

$$F_n(x)^2 = n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k+1} \binom{n+k}{2k+1} \frac{x^{2k+2} - (-4)^{k+1}}{x^2 + 4}; \quad (5)$$

$$F_{2n-1}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{2n-2} \frac{(-1)^k}{k+1} \binom{2n+k-1}{2k+1} x^k F_{k+1}(4/x). \quad (6)$$

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**H-491** *Proposed by Paul S. Bruckman, Highwood, IL  
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Prove the following identities:

$$F_{2n} = 2 \binom{2n}{n}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-\frac{1}{2}}{k} \binom{n-\frac{1}{2}}{n-1-k} 5^k, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots; \quad (a)$$

$$F_{2n+1} = \binom{2n}{n}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n-\frac{1}{2}}{k} \binom{n+\frac{1}{2}}{n-k} 5^k, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (b)$$

**Solution by the proposer**

**Proof of Part (a):** Let  $\theta_n$  denote the sum given in the right member of the statement of part (a). It is more convenient to evaluate  $\theta_{n+1}$ . Thus:

$$\theta_{n+1} = 2 \binom{2n+2}{n+1}^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+\frac{1}{2}}{k} \binom{n+\frac{1}{2}}{n-k} 5^k, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots \quad (1)$$

Now

$$2 \binom{2n+2}{n+1}^{-1} = 2(n+1)^2 / (2n+2)(2n+1) \binom{2n}{n} = (n+1) / (2n+1) (-4)^n \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{n} = \frac{n+1}{(-4)^n \binom{-\frac{3}{2}}{n}};$$

also,

$$\binom{n+\frac{1}{2}}{n-k} \binom{-\frac{3}{2}}{k} = (-1)^k \binom{n+\frac{1}{2}}{n-k} \binom{k+\frac{1}{2}}{k} = (-1)^k \binom{n+\frac{1}{2}}{n} \binom{n}{k} = (-1)^{n+k} \binom{-\frac{3}{2}}{n} \binom{n}{k}.$$

Therefore, after some simplification,  $\theta_{n+1}$  is transformed to the following expression:

$$\theta_{n+1} = (n+1) \cdot 4^{-n} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+\frac{1}{2}}{k} \binom{n}{k} \binom{-\frac{3}{2}}{k}^{-1} (-5)^k. \quad (2)$$

We recognize the last expression as a special case of the Hypergeometric Function. The Hypergeometric Function  ${}_2F_1\left[\begin{smallmatrix} a, b \\ c \end{smallmatrix}; z\right]$  is defined if  $c - a - b > 0$  and  $|z| < 1$ , as follows:

$${}_2F_1\left[\begin{smallmatrix} a, b \\ c \end{smallmatrix}; z\right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n} \frac{z^n}{n!}. \quad (3)$$

It may happen that the series in (3) terminates after a finite number of terms, i.e., is a polynomial in  $z$ , in which case the restriction  $|z| < 1$  may be removed.

Since

$$\binom{n+\frac{1}{2}}{k} \binom{n}{k} \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^{-k} (-5)^k = \left(-n-\frac{1}{2}\right)_k (-n)_k \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)_k^{-1} \frac{5^k}{k!},$$

we see that

$$\theta_{n+1} = (n+1) \cdot 4^{-n} \cdot {}_2F_1\left[-n-\frac{1}{2}, -n, \frac{3}{2}; 5\right]. \tag{4}$$

(Note that this expression is well-defined, since  $\theta_{n+1}$  is a finite sum).

The following formula is given as Formula 15.1.10 in [1]:

$${}_2F_1\left[a, a+\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}; z^2\right] = (2z)^{-1} (1-2a)^{-1} [(1+z)^{1-2a} - (1-z)^{1-2a}]. \tag{5}$$

Setting  $a = -n - \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $z = \sqrt{5}$  in (5), and comparing with (4) yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{n+1} &= (n+1) \cdot 4^{-n} (2\sqrt{5})^{-1} (2n+2)^{-1} [(1+\sqrt{5})^{2n+2} - (1-\sqrt{5})^{2n+2}] \\ &= 2^{2n+2} \cdot 4^{-n-1} \cdot 5^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\alpha^{2n+2} - \beta^{2n+2}) = F_{2n+2}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\theta_n = F_{2n}$ .

**Proof of Part (b):** Let  $\Phi_n$  denote the sum given in the right member of the statement of part (b). Then, performing manipulations similar to those used in the proof of part (a), we obtain:

$$\Phi_n = (2n+1) \cdot 4^{-n} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n-\frac{1}{2}}{k} \binom{n}{k} \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^{-k} (-5)^k. \tag{6}$$

Then, as in the proof of part (a),  $\Phi_n$  may be expressed in terms of the Hypergeometric Function as follows:

$$\Phi_n = (2n+1) \cdot 4^{-n} \cdot {}_2F_1\left[-n, -n+\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}; 5\right]. \tag{7}$$

This time, we set  $a = -n$ ,  $z = \sqrt{5}$  in (5), which yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_n &= (2n+1) \cdot 4^{-n} (2\sqrt{5})^{-1} (2n+1)^{-1} [(1+\sqrt{5})^{2n+1} - (1-\sqrt{5})^{2n+1}] \\ &= 4^{-n} (2\sqrt{5})^{-1} 2^{2n+1} (\alpha^{2n+1} - \beta^{2n+1}) = F_{2n+1}. \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned}$$

**Reference**

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*Also solved by N. Jensen and H.-J. Seiffert.*

**More Sums**

**H-492** *Proposed by H.-J. Seiffert, Berlin, Germany*  
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Define the Fibonacci polynomials by  $F_0(x) = 0$ ,  $F_1(x) = 1$ ,  $F_n(x) = xF_{n-1}(x) + F_{n-2}(x)$ , for  $n \geq 2$ . Show that, for all complex numbers  $x$  and  $y$  and for all nonnegative integers  $n$ ,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \binom{n}{k} F_{n-2k}(x) F_{n-2k}(y) = z^{n-1} F_n(xy/z), \tag{1}$$

where  $z = (x^2 + y^2 + 4)^{1/2}$ .  $[ \ ]$  denotes the greatest integer function.

As special cases of (1), obtain the following identities:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{[n/2]} \binom{n}{k} F_{n-2k}^2 = (3^n - (-2)^n) / 5, \tag{2}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2n+1}{n-k} F_{2k+1} = 5^n, \tag{3}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2n}{n-k} F_{2k} F_{4k} = 5^{n-1} (4^n - 1) \tag{4}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2n+1}{n-k} F_{2k+1} F_{4k+2} = 5^n (2^{2n+1} + 1), \tag{5}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{[n/2]} (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} F_{2n-4k} P_{n-2k} = F_n(6), \tag{6}$$

where  $P_j = F_j(2)$  is the  $j^{\text{th}}$  Pell number,

$$\sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ (5, n-2k)=1}}^{[n/2]} (-1)^{[(n-2k+2)/5]} \binom{n}{k} = F_n. \tag{7}$$

The latter equation is the one given in H-444.

**Solution by Norbert Jensen, Kiel, Germany**

0. Note that the term on the right side of equation (1) is not defined for  $z = 0$ , which can occur if  $x, y \in \mathbb{C}$ . However, the singularity is removable. For instance, it is easy to prove by induction that, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , there is a polynomial function  $g_n : \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $z^{n-1} F_n(xy/z) = g_n(x, y, z^2)$ . [The start of the induction is trivial. Then

$$g_{n+2} = z^{n+1} F_{n+2}(xy/z) = z^{n+1} ((xy/z) F_{n+1}(xy/z) + F_n(xy/z)) = xy g_{n+1}(x, y, z^2) + z^2 g_n(x, y, z^2).]$$

1. Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Define

$$D(x) = x^2 + 4, \quad d(x) = \sqrt{D(x)},$$

$$\alpha(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x + d(x)), \quad \beta(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x - d(x)).$$

The explicit formula for the polynomials  $F_n(x)$  is

$$F_n(x) = \frac{\alpha(x)^n - \beta(x)^n}{d(x)} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

2. Identity (1) will be derived from the following: Let  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $ab = cd$ . We prove, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,

$$2.1 \quad \sum_{k=0}^{[n/2]} \binom{n}{k} (ab)^k [a^{n-2k} + b^{n-2k} - c^{n-2k} - d^{n-2k}] = (a+b)^n - (c+d)^n.$$

**Proof:** (i) Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{k} \lambda^k (1 + \lambda^{n-2k}) = \begin{cases} (1 + \lambda)^n, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ (1 + \lambda)^n - \binom{n}{n/2} \lambda^{n/2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

**Proof of (i):** Let  $s = \lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor$ .

**Case 1.**  $n$  is odd. Then  $s = (n-1)/2$ . We have

$$\sum_{k=s+1}^n \binom{n}{k} \lambda^k = \sum_{k=s+1}^n \binom{n}{n-k} \lambda^k = \sum_{k=0}^s \binom{n}{k} \lambda^{n-k}.$$

Hence, the binomial theorem implies

$$(1 + \lambda)^n = \sum_{k=0}^s \binom{n}{k} \lambda^k + \sum_{k=0}^s \binom{n}{k} \lambda^{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^s \binom{n}{k} \lambda^k (1 + \lambda^{n-2k}).$$

**Case 2.**  $n$  is even. Then  $s = (n/2) - 1$ . The proof is similar. The expression on the left side contains just the first  $s$  and the last  $s$  of the  $s+1$  terms of the binomial sum.

Hence, we have to subtract the term  $\binom{n}{n/2} \lambda^{n/2}$  on the right side. Q.E.D.

(ii) Let  $b \neq 0$ . Substituting  $\lambda$  by  $a/b$  and homogenizing the expression, we obtain

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{k} (ab)^k (a^{n-2k} + b^{n-2k}) = \begin{cases} (a+b)^n, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ (a+b)^n - \binom{n}{n/2} (ab)^{n/2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

It is easy to check that the above equation is true for  $b = 0$  as well.

(iii) Substituting  $c$  for  $a$  and  $d$  for  $b$  in the above equation and subtracting the equation obtained in this way from the one above we get, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ :

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{k} (ab)^k [a^{n-2k} + b^{n-2k} - c^{n-2k} - d^{n-2k}] = (a+b)^n - (c+d)^n.$$

If  $n$  is odd, then  $\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor = \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ ; if  $n$  is even, then  $\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor = n/2 - 1$ . However, the term  $a^{n-2k} + b^{n-2k} - c^{n-2k} - d^{n-2k} = 0$  for  $k = n/2$ , so we can replace  $\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor$  by  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$  in both cases. Q.E.D.

3. We prove equation (1) for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

3.1 Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , and let

$$\begin{aligned} a &= (x + d(x))(y + d(y)), \\ b &= (x - d(x))(y - d(y)), \\ c &= (x + d(x))(y - d(y)), \\ d &= (x - d(x))(y + d(y)). \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $ab = (x^2 - D(x))(y^2 - D(y)) = cd = 16$ .

3.2 We have  $d(x)d(y) = zd(xy/z)$ .

**Proof:**  $D(x)D(y) = (xy)^2 + 4x^2 + 4y^2 + 16 = (xy)^2 + 4z^2 = z^2[(xy/z)^2 + 4] = z^2D(xy/z)$  and  $d(x)d(y) = zd(xy/z)$ . Q.E.D.

**3.3** For each  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, [n/2]\}$ , we have

$$a^{n-2k} + b^{n-2k} - c^{n-2k} - d^{n-2k} = 4^{n-2k} d(x)d(y)F_{n-2k}(x)F_{n-2k}(y).$$

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} & a^{n-2k} + b^{n-2k} - c^{n-2k} - d^{n-2k} \\ &= (x+d(x))^{n-2k}(y+d(y))^{n-2k} + (x-d(x))^{n-2k}(y-d(y))^{n-2k} \\ &\quad - (x+d(x))^{n-2k}(y-d(y))^{n-2k} - (x-d(x))^{n-2k}(y+d(y))^{n-2k} \\ &= [(x+d(x))^{n-2k} - (x-d(x))^{n-2k}](y+d(y))^{n-2k} \\ &\quad - [(x+d(x))^{n-2k} - (x-d(x))^{n-2k}](y-d(y))^{n-2k} \\ &= [(x+d(x))^{n-2k} - (x-d(x))^{n-2k}][(y+d(y))^{n-2k} - (y-d(y))^{n-2k}] \\ &= 4^{n-2k} d(x)d(y)F_{n-2k}(x)F_{n-2k}(y). \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned}$$

**3.4** We have  $a+b = 4z\alpha(xy/z)$ ,  $c+d = 4z\beta(xy/z)$ .

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} a+b &= (x+d(x))(y+d(y)) + (x-d(x))(x-d(y)) \\ &= 2(xy+d(x)d(y)) = 2z(xy/z+d(xy/z)) = 4z\alpha(xy/z) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$c+d = 2(xy-d(x)d(y)) = 2z(xy/z-d(xy/z)) = 4z\beta(xy/z). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

**3.5** As by 3.1, we have  $ab = (x^2 - D(x))(y^2 - D(y)) = cd = 16$  and we can apply equation 2.1 for  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$  chosen as above. Using 3.3 and 3.4, we obtain

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{k} 16^k 4^{n-2k} zd(xy/z)F_{n-2k}(x)F_{n-2k}(y) = 4^n z^n (\alpha(xy/z)^n - \beta(xy/z)^n).$$

Dividing by  $zd(xy/z)$  gives

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{k} F_{n-2k}(x)F_{n-2k}(y) = z^{n-1} \frac{\alpha(xy/z)^n - \beta(xy/z)^n}{d(xy/z)} = z^{n-1} F_n(xy/z).$$

As the term on the left side is, by the recursion formula, a polynomial expression in the variables  $x, y$  and the right side is a polynomial in  $x, y, z^2$  by 0, the equation is true for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{C}$ . Here  $z$  can be any of the at most two possible roots of  $x^2 + y^2 + 4$ .

**4. Proof of identities (2)-(7).**

**4.1 Proof of identity (2):** Take  $x = y = 1$ . From the recursion formula, we obtain

**4.1.1**  $F_j(1) = F_j$  for each  $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Now calculation shows:  $z = \sqrt{6}$ ,  $d(xy/z) = d(1/\sqrt{6}) = 5/\sqrt{6}$ ,  $\alpha(xy/z) = \alpha(1/\sqrt{6}) = \sqrt{6}/2$ , and  $\beta(xy/z) = \beta(1/\sqrt{6}) = -2/\sqrt{6}$ . Hence, we obtain

$$\mathbf{4.1.2} \quad z^{n-1} F_n(xy/z) = (\sqrt{6})^{n-1} F_n(1/\sqrt{6}) = (\sqrt{6})^{n-1} \frac{\left(\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}\right)^n - \left(-\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\right)^n}{5/\sqrt{6}} = \frac{3^n - (-2)^n}{5}.$$

Now substitute 4.4.1, and 4.1.2 in (1). Q.E.D.

**4.2 Proof of identity (3):** Take  $x = 1, y = 0$ . Let  $n = 2m + 1$  (and, finally, substitute  $m$  by  $n$ ). We have  $F_j(0) = (1^j - (-1)^n)/2 = 1$  or  $0$ , according to whether  $j$  is odd or even for each  $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Thus,

$$4.2.1 \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{k} F_{n-2k}(x) F_{n-2k}(y) = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{2m+1}{k} F_{2(m-k)+1}(1) F_{2(m-k)+1}(0) = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{2m+1}{m-k} F_{2k+1}.$$

Calculation shows:  $z = \sqrt{5}$ ,  $d(xy/z) = d(0) = 2$ ,  $\alpha(xy/z) = \alpha(0) = 1$ , and  $\beta(xy/z) = \beta(0) = -1$ .

Hence, we obtain

$$4.2.2 \quad z^{n-1} F_n(xy/z) = (\sqrt{5})^{n-1} F_n(0) = (\sqrt{5})^{2m} F_{2m+1}(0) = 5^m.$$

Now substitute 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 in (1). Q.E.D.

**4.3 Proof of identity (4):** Let  $x = 1, y = \sqrt{5}$ . Let  $n = 2m$ . Since  $d(y) = d(\sqrt{5}) = \sqrt{5+4} = 3$ ,  $\alpha(y) = (\sqrt{5} + 3)/2 = \alpha^2$ , and  $\beta(y) = -\beta^2$ , we have  $F_{2j}(y) = (\alpha^{4j} - (-\beta^2)^{2j})/3 = (\sqrt{5}/3) F_{4j}$  for each  $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Hence,

$$4.3.1 \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{k} F_{n-2k}(x) F_{n-2k}(y) &= \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{2m}{k} F_{2(m-k)}(x) F_{2(m-k)}(y) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{2m}{m-k} F_{2k}(x) F_{2k}(y) = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{2m}{m-k} F_{2k} F_{4k}(\sqrt{5}/3). \end{aligned}$$

Now calculation shows:  $z = \sqrt{10}$ ,  $d(xy/z) = d(1/\sqrt{2}) = 3/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\alpha(xy/z) = \alpha(1/\sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{2}$ , and  $\beta(xy/z) = \beta(1/\sqrt{2}) = -1/\sqrt{2}$ . Thus,

$$4.3.2 \quad z^{n-1} F_n(xy/z) = (\sqrt{10})^{2m-1} F_{2m}(1/\sqrt{2}) = \frac{10^m}{\sqrt{10}} \frac{2^m - (1/2)^m}{3/\sqrt{2}} = \frac{5^m}{\sqrt{5}} \frac{4^m - 1}{3}.$$

Now substitute 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 in (1). Multiplying the equation by  $3/\sqrt{5}$  completes the proof of identity (4). Q.E.D.

**4.4 Proof of identity (5):** Take  $x = 1, y = \sqrt{5}$  and let  $n = 2m + 1$ . Then  $F_{2j+1}(y) = (\alpha^{4j+2} + \beta^{4j+2})/3 = L_{4j+2}/3$  for each  $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Hence

$$4.4.1 \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{k} F_{n-2k}(x) F_{n-2k}(y) &= \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{2m+1}{k} F_{2(m-k)+1} L_{r(m-k)+2} / 3 \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{2m+1}{m-k} F_{2k+1} L_{4k+2} / 3. \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$4.4.2 \quad z^{n-1} F_n(xy/z) = z^{2m} F_{2m+1}(xy/z) = 10^m \frac{\sqrt{2}^{2m+1} - (-1/\sqrt{2})^{2m+1}}{3/\sqrt{2}} = 5^m \frac{2^{2m+1} + 1}{3}.$$

Now substitute 4.4.1 and 4.4.2 in (1). Multiplying all equations by 3 completes the proof of identity (5). Q.E.D.

**4.5** Proof of identity (6): Take  $x = 3i$ , where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ,  $y = 2$ . Then  $d(x) = i\sqrt{5}$ ,  $\alpha(x) = (3i + i\sqrt{5})/2 = i\alpha^2$ ,  $\beta(x) = i\beta^2$ ,  $F_j(x) = ((i\alpha^2)^j - (i\beta^2)^j) / i\sqrt{5} = i^{j-1}F_{2j}$ , and  $F_j(y) = P_j$ , for each  $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Then

$$4.5.1 \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{k} F_{n-2k}(x) F_{n-2k}(y) = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{k} i^{n-2k-1} F_{2n-4k} P_{n-2k}.$$

Calculation shows:  $z = i$ ,  $d(xy/z) = d(6) = 2\sqrt{10}$ ,  $\alpha(xy/z) = \alpha(6) = 3 + \sqrt{10}$ , and  $\beta(xy/z) = \beta(6) = 3 - \sqrt{10}$ . Hence

$$4.5.2 \quad z^{n-1} F_n(xy/z) = i^{n-1} F_n(6).$$

Now substitute 4.5.1 and 4.5.2 in (1). Dividing all equations by  $i^{n-1}$  completes the proof of identity (6). Q.E.D.

**4.6** Proof of identity (7): Let  $x = i\alpha$ ,  $y = i\beta$ , where again  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . We apply the recursion formula for the sequences  $(F_j(i\alpha))$  and  $(F_j(i\beta))$ . In this way, we calculate  $F_0(i\alpha)$ ,  $F_1(i\alpha)$ , ...,  $F_{20}(i\alpha)$  and  $F_0(i\beta)$ ,  $F_1(i\beta)$ , ...,  $F_{20}(i\beta)$  and realize that both sequences  $(F_j(i\alpha))$  and  $(F_j(i\beta))$  have period 20. Thus

$$F_j(i\alpha)F_j(i\beta) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } j \equiv 0 \pmod{5}, \\ 1, & \text{if } j \equiv 1, 2, 8, 9 \pmod{10}, \\ -1, & \text{if } j \equiv 3, 4, 6, 7 \pmod{10}. \end{cases} \text{ for each } j \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

In particular,  $F_j(i\alpha)F_j(i\beta) = (-1)^{\lfloor (j+2)/5 \rfloor}$  if  $j$  and 5 are coprime. Hence,

$$4.6.1 \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{k} F_{n-2k}(i\alpha)F_{n-2k}(i\beta) = \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ (5, n-2k)=1}}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} (-1)^{\lfloor (n-2k+2)/5 \rfloor} \binom{n}{k}.$$

Also,  $z = \sqrt{-\alpha^2 - \beta^2 + 4} = 1$ ,  $xy/z = xy = 1$ , so

$$4.6.2 \quad z^{n-1} F_n(xy/z) = F_n(1) = F_n.$$

Now substitute 4.6.1 and 4.6.2 in (1). Q.E.D.

*Also solved by P. Bruckman and the proposer.*

