

# EXTENDED GIBONACCI SUMS OF POLYNOMIAL PRODUCTS OF ORDER 3 REVISITED

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ABSTRACT. We investigate two gibbonacci sums of polynomial products of order 3, and their Pell and Jacobsthal counterparts.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

*Extended gibbonacci polynomials*  $z_n(x)$  are defined by the recurrence  $z_{n+2}(x) = a(x)z_{n+1}(x) + b(x)z_n(x)$ , where  $x$  is an arbitrary complex variable,  $a(x)$ ,  $b(x)$ ,  $z_0(x)$ , and  $z_1(x)$  are arbitrary complex polynomials, and  $n \geq 0$ .

*Fibonacci polynomials*  $f_n(x)$ , *Lucas polynomials*  $l_n(x)$ , *Pell polynomials*  $p_n(x)$ , *Pell-Lucas polynomials*  $q_n(x)$ , *Jacobsthal polynomials*  $J_n(x)$ , and *Jacobsthal-Lucas polynomials*  $j_n(x)$  belong to this family  $\{z_n(x)\}$ . Their numeric counterparts are  $F_n = f_n(1)$ ,  $L_n = l_n(1)$ ,  $P_n = p_n(1)$ ,  $2Q_n = q_n(1)$ ,  $J_n = J_n(x)$ , and  $j_n = j_n(2)$ , respectively [4, 3].

As in [3], in the interest of brevity, clarity, and convenience, we omit the argument in the functional notation, when there is no ambiguity; so  $z_n$  will mean  $z_n(x)$ . We let  $g_n = f_n$  or  $l_n$ ,  $b_n = p_n$  or  $q_n$ , and  $c_n = J_n(x)$  or  $j_n(x)$ . Correspondingly, let  $G_n = F_n$  or  $L_n$ ,  $B_n = P_n$  or  $Q_n$ , and  $C_n = J_n$  or  $j_n$ .

An *extended gibbonacci polynomial product of order  $m$*  is a product of gibbonacci polynomials  $z_{n+k}$  of the form  $\prod_{k \geq 0} z_{n+k}^{s_j}$ , where  $\sum_{s_j \geq 1} s_j = m$  [2, 3].

We now explore two gibbonacci sums of polynomial products of order 3, and their Pell and Jacobsthal counterparts.

## 2. A GIBONACCI SUM OF POLYNOMIAL PRODUCTS OF ORDER 3

Our investigation hinges on the identity [5]

$$g_{n+1}^3 + xg_n^3 - g_{n-1}^3 = \begin{cases} xg_{3n}, & \text{if } g_n = f_n; \\ x\Delta^2 g_{3n}, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

and the gibbonacci recurrence

$$g_{n+6} = (x^3 + 3x)g_{n+3} + g_n, \quad (2.2)$$

where  $\Delta^2 = x^2 + 4$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $g_n = f_n$  or  $l_n$ . Then,*

$$(x^2 + 3) \left( x \sum_{k=0}^n g_k^3 + g_{n+1}^3 + g_n^3 \right) = \begin{cases} g_{3n+3} + g_{3n} + 2, & \text{if } g_n = f_n; \\ \Delta^2(g_{3n+3} + g_{3n} - 2) + 4(x+2)(x^2 + 3), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (2.3)$$

*Proof.* By recurrence (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n g_{3k+3} + \sum_{k=0}^n g_{3k} &= \sum_{k=0}^n g_{3k+6}, \\
 (x^3 + 3x) \left( \sum_{k=0}^n g_{3k} + g_{3n+3} - g_0 \right) + \sum_{k=0}^n g_{3k} &= \sum_{k=0}^n g_{3k} + g_{3n+6} + g_{3n+3} - g_3 - g_0, \\
 (x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n g_{3k} &= g_{3n+3} + g_{3n} - g_3 + (x^3 + 3x - 1)g_0. \tag{2.4}
 \end{aligned}$$

*Case 1.* Suppose  $g_n = f_n$ . Then,

$$(x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n f_{3k} = f_{3n+3} + f_{3n} - (x^2 + 1).$$

Consequently, by identity (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=0}^n f_{k+1}^3 + x \sum_{k=0}^n f_k^3 - \sum_{k=0}^n f_{k-1}^3 &= x \sum_{k=0}^n f_{3k}, \\
 (x^2 + 3) \left( x \sum_{k=0}^n f_k^3 + f_{n+1}^3 + f_n^3 \right) &= f_{3n+3} + f_{3n} + 2. \tag{2.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

*Case 2.* Suppose  $g_n = l_n$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n l_{3k} &= l_{3n+3} + l_{3n} - (x^3 + 3x) + 2(x^3 + 3x - 1) \\
 &= l_{3n+3} + l_{3n} + x^3 + 3x - 2.
 \end{aligned}$$

By identity (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=0}^n l_{k+1}^3 + x \sum_{k=0}^n l_k^3 - \sum_{k=0}^n l_{k-1}^3 &= x\Delta^2 \sum_{k=0}^n l_{3k}, \\
 x \sum_{k=0}^n l_k^3 + l_{n+1}^3 + l_n^3 + x^3 - 8 &= \frac{x\Delta^2}{x^3 + 3x} (l_{3n+3} + l_{3n} + x^3 + 3x - 2), \\
 (x^2 + 3) \left( x \sum_{k=0}^n l_k^3 + l_{n+1}^3 + l_n^3 \right) &= \Delta^2(l_{3n+3} + l_{3n} - 2) + 4(x + 2)(x^2 + 3). \tag{2.6}
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining the two cases yields the desired result. □

This theorem has interesting byproducts. It follows from formula (2.3) that

$$4 \left( \sum_{k=0}^n G_k^3 + G_{n+1}^3 + G_n^3 \right) = \begin{cases} G_{3n+3} + G_{3n} + 2, & \text{if } G_n = F_n; \\ 5(G_{3n+3} + G_{3n} - 2) + 48, & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases} \tag{2.7}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 4 \sum_{k=0}^n G_k^3 + 4G_{n-1}^3 &= \begin{cases} G_{3n+3} - 3G_{3n} + 2, & \text{if } G_n = F_n; \\ 5(G_{3n+3} - 3G_{3n}) + 38, & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases} \\
 2 \sum_{k=0}^n G_k^3 + 2G_{n-1}^3 &= \begin{cases} G_{3n-1} + 1, & \text{if } G_n = F_n; \\ 5G_{3n-1} + 19, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{2.8}
 \end{aligned}$$

Formula (2.7) implies that  $G_{3n+3} + G_{3n} \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Formula (2.8), with  $G_n = F_n$ , appears in [8].

Next, we investigate the Pell implications of Theorem 2.1.

### 3. PELL IMPLICATIONS

Because  $b_n(x) = g_n(2x)$ , formula (2.3) has a Pell counterpart:

$$(4x^2 + 3) \left( 2x \sum_{k=0}^n b_k^3 + b_{n+1}^3 + b_n^3 \right) = \begin{cases} b_{3n+3} + b_{3n} + 2, & \text{if } b_n = p_n; \\ 4(x^2 + 1)(b_{3n+3} + b_{3n} - 2) + 8(x + 1)(4x^2 + 3), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This yields

$$7 \left( 2 \sum_{k=0}^n B_k^3 + B_{n+1}^3 + B_n^3 \right) = \begin{cases} B_{3n+3} + B_{3n} + 2, & \text{if } B_n = P_n; \\ 2(B_{3n+3} + B_{3n}) + 12, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{3.1}$$

Because  $B_{n+3} = 12B_n + 5B_{n-1}$  and

$$B_{n+1}^3 + 2B_n^3 - B_{n-1}^3 = \begin{cases} 2B_{3n}, & \text{if } B_n = P_n; \\ 4B_{3n}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

by formula (2.1) [5], it then follows that

$$7 \left( \sum_{k=0}^n B_k^3 - B_n^3 + B_{n-1}^3 \right) = \begin{cases} 5B_{3n-1} - B_{3n} + 1, & \text{if } B_n = P_n; \\ 10B_{3n-1} - 2B_{3n} + 12, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Next, we explore the Jacobsthal ramifications of Theorem 2.1.

### 4. JACOBSTHAL CONSEQUENCES

Identity (2.1) has a Jacobsthal counterpart [6]:

$$c_{n+1}^3 + xc_n^3 - x^3c_{n-1}^3 = \begin{cases} c_{3n}, & \text{if } c_n = J_n(x); \\ (4x + 1)c_{3n}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{4.1}$$

This implies

$$C_{n+1}^3 + 2C_n^3 - 8C_{n-1}^3 = \begin{cases} C_{3n}, & \text{if } C_n = J_n; \\ 9C_{3n}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{4.2}$$

By the Jacobsthal recurrence, we have  $c_{n+6} = (3x + 1)c_{n+3} + x^3c_n$ . Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} (3x + 1) \sum_{k=0}^n c_{3k+3} + x^3 \sum_{k=0}^n c_{3k} &= \sum_{k=0}^n c_{3k+6}, \\ (3x + 1) \left( \sum_{k=0}^n c_{3k} + c_{3n+3} - c_0 \right) + x^3 \sum_{k=0}^n c_{3k} &= \sum_{k=0}^n c_{3k} + c_{3n+6} + c_{3n+3} - c_3 - c_0, \\ (x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n c_{3k} &= c_{3n+6} - 3xc_{3n+3} - c_3 + 3xc_0 \\ &= c_{3n+3} + x^3c_{3n} - c_3 + 3xc_0. \end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

Case 1. Suppose  $c_n = J_n(x)$ . Then,

$$(x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n J_{3k}(x) = J_{3n+3}(x) + x^3 J_{3n}(x) - x - 1.$$

Because  $J_0(x) = 0$  and  $J_{-1}(x) = 1/x$ , it then follows by identity (4.1) that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^n J_{k+1}^3(x) + x \sum_{k=0}^n J_k^3(x) - x^3 \sum_{k=0}^n J_{k-1}^3(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^n J_{3k}(x), \\ (x^3 + 3x) \left[ (1 + x - x^3) \sum_{k=0}^n J_k^3(x) + J_{n+1}^3(x) + x^3 J_n^3(x) - 1 \right] &= J_{3n+3}(x) + x^3 J_{3n}(x) - x - 1, \\ (x^3 + 3x) \left[ (1 + x - x^3) \sum_{k=0}^n J_k^3(x) + J_{n+1}^3(x) + x^3 J_n^3(x) \right] &= J_{3n+3}(x) + x^3 J_{3n}(x) \\ &\quad + x^3 + 2x - 1. \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

Case 2. Suppose  $c_n = j_n(x)$ . By equation (4.3), we have

$$(x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n j_{3k}(x) = j_{3n+3}(x) + x^3 j_{3n}(x) + 3x - 1.$$

Because  $j_0(x) = 2$  and  $j_{-1}(x) = -1/x$ , it follows by identity (4.1) that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^n j_{k+1}^3(x) + x \sum_{k=0}^n j_k^3(x) - x^3 \sum_{k=0}^n j_{k-1}^3(x) &= (4x + 1) \sum_{k=0}^n j_{3k}(x), \\ (1 + x - x^3) \sum_{k=0}^n j_k^3(x) + j_{n+1}^3(x) + x^3 j_n^3(x) - 7 &= \frac{4x + 1}{x^3 + 3x} [j_{3n+3}(x) + x^3 j_{3n}(x) + 3x - 1], \\ (x^3 + 3x) \left[ (1 + x - x^3) \sum_{k=0}^n j_k^3(x) + j_{n+1}^3(x) + x^3 j_n^3(x) \right] &= (4x + 1) [j_{3n+3}(x) + x^3 j_{3n}(x)] \\ &\quad + 7x^3 + 12x^2 + 20x - 1. \end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

Combining the two cases, we get the following result.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $c_n = J_n(x)$  or  $j_n(x)$ . Then,*

$$(x^3 + 3x) \left[ (1 + x - x^3) \sum_{k=0}^n c_k^3(x) + c_{n+1}^3(x) + x^3 c_n^3(x) \right] = A [c_{3n+3}(x) + x^3 c_{3n}(x)] + B, \tag{4.6}$$

where

$$A = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } c_n = J_n(x); \\ 4x + 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ and } B = \begin{cases} x^3 + 2x - 1, & \text{if } c_n = J_n(x); \\ 7x^3 + 12x^2 + 20x - 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Clearly, equation (2.7) follows from formula (4.6). When  $x = 2$ , using equation (4.2), it yields

$$14 \left( J_{n+1}^3 + 8J_n^3 - 5 \sum_{k=0}^n J_k^3 \right) = A^* J_{3n+3} + 8J_{3n} + B^*; \tag{4.7}$$

$$14 \left( 6J_n^3 + 8J_{n-1}^3 - 5 \sum_{k=0}^n J_k^3 \right) = A^* J_{3n+3} - 6J_{3n} + B^*, \tag{4.8}$$

where  $A^* = A(2)$  and  $B^* = B(2)$ .

It follows, from identities (4.7) and (4.8), that  $J_{3n+3} + 8J_{3n} \equiv 3 \pmod{14}$  and  $j_{3n+3} + 8j_{3n} \equiv 9 \pmod{14}$ , respectively.

Next, we explore an extended gibbonacci sum of polynomial products of order 3.

### 5. SECOND GIBONACCI SUM OF POLYNOMIAL PRODUCTS OF ORDER 3

Using the identity [5]

$$(x^2 + 1)g_n^3 + 3g_{n+1}g_n g_{n-1} = \begin{cases} g_{3n}, & \text{if } g_n = f_n; \\ \Delta^2 g_{3n}, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \sum_{k=0}^n g_{k+1}g_k g_{k-1} &= E \sum_{k=0}^n g_{3k} - (x^2 + 1) \sum_{k=0}^n g_k^3, \\ 3(x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n g_{k+1}g_k g_{k-1} &= E(x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n g_{3k} - (x^2 + 1)(x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n g_k^3, \end{aligned} \tag{5.1}$$

where

$$E = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } g_n = f_n; \\ \Delta^2, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Case 1.* Suppose  $g_n = f_n$ . Then, by formula (2.4), this yields

$$\begin{aligned} 3(x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n f_{k+1}f_k f_{k-1} &= (x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n f_{3k} - (x^2 + 1)(x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n f_k^3 \\ &= (f_{3n+3} + f_{3n} - x^2 - 1) \\ &\quad - (x^2 + 1) [(f_{3n+3} + f_{3n} + 2) - (x^2 + 3)(f_{n+1}^3 + f_n^3)] \\ &= (x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 3)(f_{n+1}^3 + f_n^3) - x^2(f_{3n+3} + f_{3n}) - 3(x^2 + 1). \end{aligned}$$

*Case 2.* Let  $g_n = l_n$ . Again by formulas (2.4) and (5.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} 3(x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n l_{k+1}l_k l_{k-1} &= \Delta^2(x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n l_{3k} - (x^2 + 1)(x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n l_k^3 \\ &= \Delta^2(l_{3n+3} + l_{3n} + x^3 + 3x - 2) - (x^2 + 1) [\Delta^2(l_{3n+3} + l_{3n} - 2)] \\ &\quad + (x^2 + 1) [(x^2 + 3)(l_{n+1}^3 + l_n^3) - 4(x + 2)(x^2 + 3)] \\ &= (x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 3)(l_{n+1}^3 + l_n^3) - x^2 \Delta^2(l_{3n+3} + l_{3n}) \\ &\quad - 3(x^5 + 2x^4 + 4x^3 + 7x^2 + 4x + 4). \end{aligned}$$

Combining the two cases yields the next result.

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $g_n = f_n$  or  $l_n$ . Then,*

$$3(x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n g_{k+1}g_k g_{k-1} = (x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 3)(g_{n+1}^3 + g_n^3) - Ex^2(g_{3n+3} + g_{3n}) - 3F, \quad (5.2)$$

where

$$E = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } g_n = f_n; \\ \Delta^2, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ and } F = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1, & \text{if } g_n = f_n; \\ x^5 + 2x^4 + 4x^3 + 7x^2 + 4x + 4, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It follows from Theorem 5.1 that

$$12 \sum_{k=0}^n G_{k+1}G_k G_{k-1} = 8(G_{n+1}^3 + G_n^3) - E^*(G_{3n+3} + G_{3n}) - 6F^*, \quad (5.3)$$

where  $E^* = E(1)$  and  $F^* = F(1)$ .

When  $G_n = F_n$ , this yields

$$\begin{aligned} 12 \sum_{k=0}^n F_{k+1}F_k F_{k-1} &= 8(F_{n+1}^3 + F_n^3) - F_{3n+3} - F_{3n} - 6 \\ &= 8(F_{n+1}^3 + F_n^3) - (3F_{3n} + 2F_{3n-1}) - F_{3n} - 6, \\ 6 \sum_{k=0}^n F_{k+1}F_k F_{k-1} &= 2F_{3n} - F_{3n-1} + 4F_{n-1}^3 - 3, \end{aligned}$$

using the Lucas identity  $F_{n+1}^3 + F_n^3 - F_{n-1}^3 = F_{3n}$  [5].

On the other hand, with  $G_n = L_n$  and the Long identity  $L_{n+1}^3 + L_n^3 - L_{n-1}^3 = 5L_{3n}$  [5], we get

$$\begin{aligned} 12 \sum_{k=0}^n L_{k+1}L_k L_{k-1} &= 8(L_{n+1}^3 + L_n^3) - 5(L_{3n+3} + L_{3n}) - 66 \\ &= 8(5L_{3n} + L_{n-1}^3) - 5(3L_{3n} + 2L_{3n-1}) - 5L_{3n} - 66, \\ 6 \sum_{k=0}^n L_{k+1}L_k L_{k-1} &= 10L_{3n} - 5L_{3n-1} + 4L_{n-1}^3 - 33. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$6 \sum_{k=0}^n G_{k+1}G_k G_{k-1} = E^*(2G_{3n} - G_{3n-1}) + 4G_{n-1}^3 - 3F^*. \quad (5.4)$$

Using the recurrence  $G_{n+3} = 3G_n + 2G_{n-1}$  and identity (2.1), we can rewrite equation (5.4) in a different way:

$$6 \sum_{k=0}^n G_{k+1}G_k G_{k-1} = 2(G_{n+1}^3 + G_n^3 + G_{n-1}^3) - E^*G_{3n-1}^3 - 3F^*. \quad (5.5)$$

Formula (5.5), with  $G_n = F_n$ , appears in [1] in a slightly different form.

**5.1. Pell Implications.** By virtue of the relationship  $b_n(x) = g_n(2x)$ , Theorem 5.1 has a Pell byproduct:

$$6(2x^3 + 3x) \sum_{k=0}^n b_{k+1} b_k b_{k-1} = (4x^2 + 1)(4x^2 + 3)(b_{n+1}^3 + b_n^3) - 4Gx^2(b_{3n+3} + b_{3n}) - 3H, \quad (5.6)$$

where

$$G = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } b_n = p_n; \\ 4(x^2 + 1), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{and } H = \begin{cases} 4x^2 + 1, & \text{if } b_n = p_n; \\ 4(8x^5 + 8x^4 + 8x^3 + 7x^2 + 2x + 1), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It then follows that

$$30 \sum_{k=0}^n B_{k+1} B_k B_{k-1} = 35(B_{n+1}^3 + B_n^3) - 4G^*(B_{3n+3} + B_{3n}) - 3H^*,$$

where  $G^* = G(1)$  and  $H^* = H(1)$ .

Next, we investigate the Jacobsthal counterpart of Theorem 5.1.

## 6. JACOBSTHAL COMPANION

We have from [6] that

$$(x + 1)c_n^3 + 3xc_{n+1}c_n c_{n-1} = \begin{cases} c_{3n}, & \text{if } c_n = J_n(x); \\ (4x + 1)c_{3n}, & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases} \quad (6.1)$$

$$c_{n+1}^3 - c_n^3 - x^3 c_{n-1}^3 = 3xc_{n+1}c_n c_{n-1}. \quad (6.2)$$

With  $A$  defined as in Theorem 4.1, it follows by identity (6.1) that

$$3x \sum_{k=0}^n c_{k+1} c_k c_{k-1} = A \sum_{k=0}^n c_{3k} - (x + 1) \sum_{k=0}^n c_k^3.$$

*Case 1.* Suppose  $c_n = J_n(x)$ . Then, by formulas (4.3) and (4.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} 3x \sum_{k=0}^n J_{k+1} J_k J_{k-1} &= \sum_{k=0}^n J_{3k} - (x + 1) \sum_{k=0}^n J_k^3, \\ 3x(x^3 + 3x)(1 + x - x^3) \sum_{k=0}^n J_{k+1} J_k J_{k-1} &= (1 + x - x^3)(J_{3n+3} + x^3 J_{3n} - x - 1) \\ &= -(x + 1)(J_{3n+3} + x^3 J_{3n} - x - 1) \\ &\quad + (x + 1)(x^3 + 3x)(J_{n+1}^3 + x^3 J_n^3 - 1) \\ &= -x^3(J_{3n+3} + x^3 J_{3n}) \\ &\quad + (x + 1)(x^3 + 3x)(J_{n+1}^3 + x^3 J_n^3) - 3x(x + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Case 2. Suppose  $c_n = j_n(x)$ . With  $S = \sum_{k=0}^n j_{k+1}j_kj_{k-1}$  and  $j_n = j_n(x)$ , again by formulas (4.3) and (4.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 3xS &= (4x+1)\sum_{k=0}^n j_{3k} - (x+1)\sum_{k=0}^n j_k^3, \\ 3x(x^3+3x)(1+x-x^3)S &= (4x+1)(1+x-x^3)(j_{3n+3}+x^3j_{3n}+3x-1) \\ &\quad - (x+1)[(4x+1)(j_{3n+3}+x^3j_{3n})+7x^3+12x^2+20x-1] \\ &\quad + (x+1)(x^3+3x)(j_{n+1}^3+x^3j_n^3) \\ &= -(4x+1)x^3(j_{3n+3}+x^3j_{3n}) \\ &\quad + (x+1)(x^3+3x)(j_{n+1}^3+x^3j_n^3) \\ &\quad - 3x(4x^4+2x^3+2x^2+7x+7). \end{aligned}$$

Combining the two cases, we get the next result.

**Theorem 6.1.** *Let  $c_n = J_n(x)$  or  $j_n(x)$ , and  $A$  be as in Theorem 4.1. Then,*

$$3x(x^3+3x)(1+x-x^3)\sum_{k=0}^n c_{k+1}c_kc_{k-1} = (x+1)(x^3+3x)(c_{n+1}^3+x^3c_n^3) - Ax^3(c_{3n+3}+x^3c_{3n}) - 3xK,$$

where

$$K = \begin{cases} x+1, & \text{if } c_n = J_n(x); \\ 4x^4+2x^3+2x^2+7x+7, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Clearly, this yields formula (5.3). It also implies

$$210\sum_{k=0}^n C_{k+1}C_kC_{k-1} = 4A^*(C_{3n+3}+8C_{3n}) - 21(C_{n+1}^3+8C_n^3) - 3K^*,$$

where  $A^* = A(2)$  and  $K^* = K(2)$ .

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