# INFINITE SUMS INVOLVING GIBONACCI POLYNOMIAL PRODUCTS REVISITED

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ABSTRACT. Using graph-theoretic tools, we confirm six sums involving gibonacci polynomial products explored in [3]. The graph-theoretic versions of their Pell counterparts follow from them.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Extended gibonacci polynomials  $z_n(x)$  are defined by the recurrence  $z_{n+2}(x) = a(x)z_{n+1}(x) + a(x)z_{n+1}(x)$  $b(x)z_n(x)$ , where x is an arbitrary integer variable; a(x), b(x),  $z_0(x)$ , and  $z_1(x)$  are arbitrary integer polynomials; and n > 0.

Suppose a(x) = x and b(x) = 1. When  $z_0(x) = 0$  and  $z_1(x) = 1$ ,  $z_n(x) = f_n(x)$ , the nth Fibonacci polynomial; and when  $z_0(x) = 2$  and  $z_1(x) = x$ ,  $z_n(x) = l_n(x)$ , the nth Lucas polynomial. Clearly,  $f_n(1) = F_n$ , the nth Fibonacci number; and  $l_n(1) = L_n$ , the nth Lucas number [1, 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. In particular, the Pell numbers  $P_n$  and Pell-Lucas numbers  $Q_n$ are given by  $P_n = p_n(1) = f_n(2)$  and  $2Q_n = q_n(1) = l_n(2)$ , respectively [2].

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  $z_n(x)$ . In addition, we let  $g_n = f_n$  or  $l_n, b_n = p_n$  or  $q_n, \Delta = \sqrt{x^2 + 4}, 2\alpha(x) = x + \Delta$ , and  $2\beta(x) = x - \Delta$ , and omit a lot of basic algebra.

1.1. Sums Involving Gibonacci Polynomial Products. In [3], we investigated the following sums involving gibonacci polynomial products:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{m} \frac{x}{f_{2n}^2 + 1} = \frac{f_{2m+2}}{f_{2m+1}}; \qquad (1.1)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{m} \frac{x^3 + 2x}{f_{2n+1}^2 + x^2} = \frac{f_{4m+4}}{f_{2m+3}f_{2m+1}};$$
(1.2)

$$\frac{x^{2}+2}{f_{n}^{4}-(-1)^{n}(x^{2}-1)f_{n}^{2}-x^{2}} = \frac{1}{f_{n-2}f_{n-1}f_{n}f_{n+1}} + \frac{1}{f_{n-1}f_{n}f_{n+1}f_{n+2}}; \quad (1.3)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{m} \frac{x}{l_{2n}^{2}+x^{2}} = \frac{f_{2m+2}}{\Delta^{2}f_{2m+1}}; \quad (1.4)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{m} \frac{x^{3}+2x}{l_{2n+1}^{2}+(x^{2}+2)^{2}} = \frac{f_{4m+4}}{\Delta^{2}f_{2m+3}f_{2m+1}}; \quad (1.5)$$

$$\frac{x^{2}+2}{\Delta^{2}+2} = \frac{1}{\Delta^{2}} + \frac{1}{\Delta^{2}} \quad (1.6)$$

$$\sum_{0}^{\infty} \frac{x}{l_{2n}^2 + x^2} = \frac{f_{2m+2}}{\Delta^2 f_{2m+1}};$$
(1.4)

$$\sum_{n=0}^{n} \frac{x^3 + 2x}{l_{2n+1}^2 + (x^2 + 2)^2} = \frac{f_{4m+4}}{\Delta^2 f_{2m+3} f_{2m+1}};$$
(1.5)

$$\frac{x^2 + 2}{l_n^4 + (-1)^n (x^2 - 1)\Delta^2 l_n^2 - \Delta^4 x^2} = \frac{1}{l_{n-2} l_{n-1} l_n l_{n+1}} + \frac{1}{l_{n-1} l_n l_{n+1} l_{n+2}}.$$
 (1.6)

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Our goal is to confirm them using graph-theoretic techniques. To this end, we first develop the needed tools.

### 2. Graph-theoretic Tools

Consider the Fibonacci digraph D in Figure 1 with vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ , where a weight is assigned to each edge [2, 4].



FIGURE 1. Weighted Fibonacci Digraph  $D_1$ 

It follows by induction from its weighted adjacency matrix 
$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} x & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 that  
$$Q^n = \begin{bmatrix} f_{n+1} & f_n \\ f_n & f_{n-1} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $n \ge 1$  [2, 4].

A walk from vertex  $v_i$  to vertex  $v_j$  is a sequence  $v_i - e_i - v_{i+1} - \cdots - v_{j-1} - e_{j-1} - v_j$  of vertices  $v_k$ and edges  $e_k$ , where edge  $e_k$  is incident with vertices  $v_k$  and  $v_{k+1}$ . The walk is closed if  $v_i = v_j$ ; otherwise, it is open. The length of a walk is the number of edges in the walk. The weight of a walk is the product of the weights of the edges along the walk.

The sum of the weights of closed walks of length n originating at  $v_1$  in the digraph is  $f_{n+1}$ and that of those originating at  $v_2$  is  $f_{n-1}$  [2, 4]. Consequently, the sum of the weights of all closed walks of length n in the digraph is  $f_{n+1} + f_{n-1} = l_n$ . These facts play a pivotal role in the graph-theoretic proofs.

Let A and B denote sets of walks of varying lengths originating at a vertex v. Then the sum of the weights of the elements (a, b) in the product set  $A \times B$  is *defined* as the product of the sums of weights from each component. This definition can be extended to any finite number of components [4].

With these tools, we are now ready for the graph-theoretic proofs.

#### 3. Graph-theoretic Proof

#### 3.1. Confirmation of Identity (1.1).

*Proof.* Let  $A_n$  denote the sum of the weights of walks in the set A of closed walks of length 2n-1 in the digraph originating at  $v_1$ , where  $1 \le n \le m$ . Then, the sum of the weights of the elements in the product set  $A \times A$  is given by  $A_n^2$ . Let  $S_n = A_n^2 + 1$ , and

$$S_m = \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{x}{S_n} = \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{x}{A_n^2 + 1}.$$

We will now compute  $S_m$  in a different way. To this end, let w be an arbitrary walk in A. It can land at  $v_1$  or  $v_2$  at the (n-1)st step:

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$$w = \underbrace{v_1 - \cdots - v}_{\text{subwalk of length } n-1 \text{ subwalk of length } n} \underbrace{v - \cdots - v_1}_{n}$$
, where  $v = v_1$  or  $v_2$ .

Table 1 shows the possible cases and the sum of the weights in each case. It follows from the table that the sum  $A_n$  of the weights of walks in A is given by  $A_n = f_{n+1}f_n + f_nf_{n-1} = f_{2n}$ . So  $S_n = A_n^2 + 1 = f_{2n}^2 + 1$ , and hence

$$S_m = \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{x}{f_{2n}^2 + 1}.$$

$w \text{ lands at } v_1 \text{ at} \\ \text{the } (n-1) \text{st step?}$	$w$ lands at $v_1$ at the $(2n-1)$ st step?	$\begin{array}{c} \text{sum of the weights} \\ \text{of walks } w \end{array}$
yes no	yes yes	$ \begin{array}{c c} f_n f_{n+1} \\ f_{n-1} f_n \end{array} $

Table 1: Sums of the Weights of Closed Walks Originating at  $\boldsymbol{v}_1$ 

Based on the initial values

$$S_1 = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} = \frac{f_2}{f_3};$$
  

$$S_2 = \frac{x^3 + 2x}{x^4 + 3x^2 + 1} = \frac{f_4}{f_5}; \text{ and}$$
  

$$S_3 = \frac{x^5 + 4x^3 + 3x}{x^6 + 5x^4 + 6x^2 + 1} = \frac{f_6}{f_7},$$

of  $S_m$ , we conjecture that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{m} \frac{x}{f_{2n}^2 + 1} = \frac{f_{2m}}{f_{2m+1}}.$$
(3.1)

This can be confirmed using induction or recursion [3]. For example, let  $C_m$  and  $D_m$  denote the left side and right side of (3.1). By the addition formula  $f_{a-b} = (-1)^b (f_a f_{b-1} - f_{a-1} f_b)$ and the Cassini-like identity  $f_{n+1}f_{n-1} - f_n^2 = (-1)^n$  [2], we have

$$D_m - D_{m-1} = \frac{f_{2m}}{f_{2m+1}} - \frac{f_{2m-2}}{f_{2m-1}}$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^{2m-1}(f_{2m+1}f_{2m-2} - f_{2m}f_{2m-1})}{f_{2m+1}f_{2m-1}}$$

$$= \frac{f_{(2m+1)-(2m-1)}}{f_{2m+1}f_{2m-1}}$$

$$= \frac{x}{f_{2m}^2 + 1}$$

$$= C_m - C_{m-1}.$$

So  $C_m - D_m = C_{m-1} - D_{m-1} = \cdots = C_1 - D_1 = 0$ , and hence  $C_m = D_m$ , as expected. Thus, the conjecture is true.

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It follows from equation (3.1) that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{m} \frac{x}{f_{2n}^2 + 1} = \frac{f_{2m+2}}{f_{2m+1}},$$

as desired.

It particular, we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{F_{2n}^2 + 1} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2},$$

as in [3, 5, 7].

## 3.2. Confirmation of Identity (1.2).

*Proof.* Let  $A_n$  denote the sum of the weights of elements in the set A of closed walks of length 2n in the digraph originating at  $v_1$ , where we define  $A_0 = 1$  and  $0 \le n \le m$ . Then, the sum of the weights of the elements in the product set  $A \times A$  is given by  $A_n^2$ . Let  $S_n = A_n^2 + (\text{weight of the loop})^2 = A_n^2 + x^2$ , and

$$S_m = \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{x^3 + 2x}{S_n} = \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{x^3 + 2x}{A_n^2 + x^2}.$$

We will now compute  $A_n$  and hence  $S_m$  in a different way. Let w be an arbitrary walk in A. It can land at  $v_1$  or  $v_2$  at the *n*th step:

$$w = \underbrace{v_1 - \cdots - v}_{\text{subwalk of length } n} \underbrace{v - \cdots - v_1}_{\text{subwalk of length } n}$$
, where  $v = v_1$  or  $v_2$ .

It follows from Table 2 that the sum  $A_n$  of the weights of walks w in A is given by  $A_n = f_{n+1}^2 + f_n^2 = f_{2n+1}$ . So,  $S_n = A_n^2 + x^2 = f_{2n+1}^2 + x^2$ . Then,

$$S_m = \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{x^3 + 2x}{f_{2n+1}^2 + x^2}.$$

$w$ lands at $v_1$ at	$w$ lands at $v_1$ at	sum of the weights
the $n$ th step?	the $(2n)$ th step?	of walks $w$
yes	yes	$f_{n+1}f_{n+1}$
no	yes	$f_n f_n$

Table 2: Sums of the Weights of Closed Walks Originating at  $v_1$ 

With the initial values

$$S_{0} = \frac{x^{3} + 2x}{x^{2} + 1} = \frac{f_{4}}{f_{3}f_{1}};$$

$$S_{1} = \frac{(x^{3} + 2x)(x^{4} + 4x^{2} + 2)}{(x^{4} + 3x^{2} + 1)(x^{2} + 1)} = \frac{f_{8}}{f_{5}f_{3}}; \text{ and}$$

$$S_{2} = \frac{(x^{5} + 4x^{3} + 3x)(x^{6} + 6x^{4} + 9x^{2} + 2)}{(x^{6} + 5x^{4} + 6x^{2} + 1)(x^{4} + 3x^{2} + 1)} = \frac{f_{12}}{f_{7}f_{5}},$$

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of  $S_m$ , we conjecture that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{m} \frac{x^3 + 2x}{f_{2n+1}^2 + x^2} = \frac{f_{4m+4}}{f_{2m+3}f_{2m+1}}.$$

This can be confirmed by recursion [3], as before; and gives the desired result.

This result implies that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{F_{2n+1}^2 + 1} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}.$$

as in [7].

Next, we pursue the sum in equation (1.3).

#### 3.3. Confirmation of Identity (1.3).

*Proof.* Let  $A_n$  denote the sum of the weights of closed walks of length n originating at  $v_1$ . Let  $S_1 = A_{n-3}A_{n-2}A_{n-1}A_n$ ,  $S_2 = A_{n-2}A_{n-1}A_nA_{n+1}$ , and  $S = \frac{1}{S_1} + \frac{1}{S_2}$ . Because  $A_n = f_{n+1}$ , we then have

$$S = \frac{1}{A_{n-3}A_{n-2}A_{n-1}A_n} + \frac{1}{A_{n-2}A_{n-1}A_nA_{n+1}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{f_{n-3}f_{n-2}f_{n-1}f_n} + \frac{1}{f_{n-2}f_{n-1}f_nf_{n+1}}.$$

Now, let  $T_n = A_{n-3}A_{n-2}A_{n-1}A_nA_{n+1}$ . Using the identities  $f_{n+2} + f_{n-2} = (x^2 + 2)f_n$  and  $f_{n+k}f_{n-k} - f_n^2 = (-1)^{n+k+1}f_k^2$  [2], we then have

$$S = \frac{A_{n-3}}{A_{n-3}A_{n-2}A_{n-1}A_{n}A_{n+1}} + \frac{A_{n+1}}{A_{n-3}A_{n-2}A_{n-1}A_{n}A_{n+1}}$$

$$= \frac{A_{n-3}}{T_{n}} + \frac{A_{n+1}}{T_{n}}$$

$$= \frac{f_{n+2} + f_{n-2}}{f_{n-2}f_{n-1}f_{n}f_{n+1}f_{n+2}}$$

$$= \frac{(x^{2} + 2)f_{n}}{f_{n-2}f_{n-1}f_{n}f_{n+1}f_{n+2}}$$

$$= \frac{x^{2} + 2}{f_{n-2}f_{n-1}f_{n-1}f_{n+1}f_{n+2}}$$

$$= \frac{x^{2} + 2}{(f_{n+2}f_{n-2})(f_{n+1}f_{n-1})}$$

$$= \frac{x^{2} + 2}{[f_{n}^{2} - (-1)^{n}x^{2}][f_{n}^{2} + (-1)^{n}]}$$

$$= \frac{x^{2} + 2}{f_{n}^{4} - (-1)^{n}(x^{2} - 1)f_{n}^{2} - x^{2}}.$$

Equating the two values of S yields the desired result.

It follows from this result that

$$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{F_n^4 - 1} = \frac{35}{18} - \frac{5\sqrt{5}}{6}$$

as in [3, 5, 7].

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Next, we confirm the Lucas sums in equations (1.4) through (1.6).

#### 3.4. Confirmation of Identity (1.4).

*Proof.* Let  $B_n$  denote the sum of the weights of the elements in the set B of closed walks of length 2n in the digraph, where we define  $B_0 = 2$  and  $0 \le n \le m$ . Then the sum of the weights of the elements in the product set  $B \times B$  is  $B_n^2$ . Let  $S_n = B_n^2 + (\text{weight of the loop})^2 = B_n^2 + x^2$ , and

$$S_m = \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{x}{S_n} = \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{x}{B_n^2 + x^2}.$$

We will now compute  $B_n$  and hence  $S_m$  in a different way. To this end, let w be an arbitrary element in B.

Case 1. Suppose w originates at  $v_1$ . It can land at  $v_1$  or  $v_2$  at the nth step:

$$w = \underbrace{v_1 - \cdots - v}_{\text{subwalk of length } n} \underbrace{v - \cdots - v_1}_{\text{subwalk of length } n}$$
, where  $v = v_1$  or  $v_2$ .

It follows from Table 3 that the sum of the weights of such walks w is  $f_{n+1}^2 + f_n^2 = f_{2n+1}$ .

$\begin{array}{c} w \text{ lands at } v_1 \\ \text{at the } n \text{th step}? \end{array}$	$\frac{w \text{ lands at } v_1}{\text{ at the } (2n) \text{ th step}?}$	sum of the weights of walks $w$
yes no	yes yes	$\begin{array}{ c c c }\hline f_{n+1}f_{n+1}\\f_nf_n\end{array}$

Table 3: Sums of the Weights of Closed Walks Originating at  $v_1$ 

Case 2. Suppose w originates at  $v_2$ . It can land at  $v_1$  or  $v_2$  at the nth step:

$$w = \underbrace{v_2 - \cdots - v}_{\text{subwalk of length } n} \underbrace{v - \cdots - v_2}_{\text{subwalk of length } n}, \text{ where } v = v_1 \text{ or } v_2$$

It follows from Table 4 that the sum of the weights of such walks w is  $f_n^2 + f_{n-1}^2 = f_{2n-1}$ .

$w$ lands at $v_1$	$w$ lands at $v_2$	sum of the weights
at the <i>n</i> th step:	at the $(2n)$ th step:	OI WAIKS W
yes	yes	$\int f_n f_n$
no	yes	$f_{n-1}f_{n-1}$

Table 4: Sums of the Weights of Closed Walks Originating at  $v_2$ 

Thus, the sum  $B_n$  of the weights of all closed walks w is given by  $B_n = f_{2n+1} + f_{2n-1} = l_{2n}$ . Consequently,

$$S_m = \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{x}{l_{2n}^2 + x^2}.$$

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Using the initial values

$$S_{0} = \frac{x}{\Delta^{2}} = \frac{f_{2}}{\Delta^{2} f_{1}};$$
  

$$S_{1} = \frac{x^{3} + 2x}{\Delta^{2}(x^{2} + 1)} = \frac{f_{4}}{\Delta^{2} f_{3}}; \text{ and}$$
  

$$S_{2} = \frac{x^{5} + 4x^{3} + 3x}{\Delta^{2}(x^{4} + 3x^{2} + 1)} = \frac{f_{6}}{\Delta^{2} f_{5}},$$

of  $S_m$ , we conjecture that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{m} \frac{x}{l_{2n}^2 + x^2} = \frac{f_{2m+2}}{\Delta^2 f_{2m+1}}.$$

We can establish its validity by recursion [3]. Let  $C_m$  and  $D_m$  denote the left side and right side of this equation, respectively. Using the addition formula  $f_{a-b} = (-1)^b (f_a f_{b-1} - f_{a-1} f_b)$ and the identity  $l_n^2 - \Delta^2 f_n^2 = 4(-1)^n$  [2], we then have

$$D_m - D_{m-1} = \frac{f_{2m+2}}{\Delta^2 f_{2m+1}} - \frac{f_{2m}}{\Delta^2 f_{2m-1}}$$
$$= \frac{f_{2m+2} f_{2m-1} - f_{2m+1} f_{2m}}{\Delta^2 f_{2m+1} f_{2m-1}}$$
$$= \frac{f_{(2m+2)-2m}}{\Delta^2 (f_{2m}^2 + 1)}$$
$$= \frac{x}{l_{2m}^2 + x^2}$$
$$= C_m - C_{m-1}.$$

Then,  $C_m - D_m = C_{m-1} - D_{m-1} = \cdots = C_0 - D_0 = 0$ . So  $C_m = D_m$ , as expected. Thus, the conjecture is true, as expected.

In particular, we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{L_{2n}^2 + 1} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{10},$$

as in [3].

We now confirm equation (1.5).

#### 3.5. Confirmation of Identity (1.5).

*Proof.* Let  $C_n$  denote the sum of the weights of elements in the set C of all closed walks of length 2n + 1 in the digraph, where  $0 \le n \le m$ . Then, the sum of the weights of the elements in the product set  $C \times C$  is  $C_n^2$ . Let  $S_n = C_n^2 + (x^2 + 2)^2$  and

$$S_m = \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{x^3 + 2x}{S_n} = \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{x^3 + 2x}{C_n^2 + (x^2 + 2)^2}.$$

To compute  $S_m$  in a different way, we let w be an arbitrary walk in C.

Case 1. Suppose w originates at  $v_1$ . It can land at  $v_1$  or  $v_2$  at the nth step:

$$w = \underbrace{v_1 - \cdots - v}_{\text{subwalk of length } n \text{ subwalk of length } n + 1} \underbrace{v - \cdots - v_1}_{\text{subwalk of length } n+1}$$
, where  $v = v_1$  or  $v_2$ 

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Table 5 implies that the sum of the weights of such walks w is given by  $f_{n+2}f_{n+1} + f_{n+1}f_n = f_{2n+2}$ .

$\begin{tabular}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$	$w$ lands at $v_1$ at the $(2n+1)$ st step?	$\begin{array}{c} \text{sum of the weights} \\ \text{of walks } w \end{array}$
yes no	yes yes	$\begin{array}{ c c }\hline f_{n+1}f_{n+2}\\f_nf_{n+1}\end{array}$

Table 5: Sums of the Weights of Closed Walks Originating at  $v_1$ 

Case 2. Suppose w originates at  $v_2$ . It can land at  $v_1$  or  $v_2$  at the nth step:

 $w = \underbrace{v_2 - \cdots - v}_{\text{subwalk of length } n \text{ subwalk of length } n+1} \underbrace{v - \cdots - v_2}_{n+1}$ , where  $v = v_1$  or  $v_2$ .

It follows from Table 6 that the sum of the weights of such walks is  $f_{n+1}f_n + f_nf_{n-1} = f_{2n}$ .

$  w \text{ lands at } v_1 \\ at the nth step? $	$w$ lands at $v_2$ at the $(2n+1)$ st step?	$\begin{array}{c} \text{sum of the weights} \\ \text{of walks } w \end{array}$
yes no	yes yes	$ \begin{array}{c c}  & f_n f_{n+1} \\  & f_{n-1} f_n \end{array} $

Table 6: Sums of the Weights of Closed Walks Originating at  $v_1$ 

Thus, the sum  $C_n$  of the weights of all walks in C is given by  $C_n = f_{2n+2} + f_{2n} = l_{2n+1}$ . Consequently,

$$S_m = \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{x^3 + 2x}{l_{2n+1}^2 + (x^2 + 2)^2}$$

It then follows that

$$S_{0} = \frac{x^{3} + 2x}{\Delta^{2}(x^{2} + 1)} = \frac{f_{4}}{\Delta^{2}f_{3}f_{1}};$$

$$S_{1} = \frac{(x^{3} + 2x)(x^{4} + 4x^{2} + 2)}{\Delta^{2}(x^{4} + 3x^{2} + 1)(x^{2} + 1)} = \frac{f_{8}}{\Delta^{2}f_{5}f_{3}}; \text{ and}$$

$$S_{2} = \frac{(x^{5} + 4x^{3} + 3x)(x^{6} + 6x^{4} + 9x^{2} + 2)}{\Delta^{2}(x^{4} + 3x^{2} + 1)(x^{6} + 5x^{4} + 6x^{2} + 1)} = \frac{f_{12}}{\Delta^{2}f_{7}f_{5}}$$

Based on these initial values of  $S_n$ , we conjecture that

$$S_m = \frac{f_{4m+4}}{\Delta^2 f_{2m+3} f_{2m+1}}.$$

We can confirm this using recursion, as in [3].

Equating the two values of  $S_m$  yields the desired result.

This result implies that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{L_{2n+1}^2 + 9} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{15},$$

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as in [3].

Finally, we confirm equation (1.6).

## 3.6. Confirmation of Identity (1.6).

*Proof.* Let  $B_n$  denote the sum of the weights of all closed walks of length n in the digraph. We also let  $S_1^* = B_{n-2}B_{n-1}B_nB_{n+1}$ ,  $S_2^* = B_{n-1}B_nB_{n+1}B_{n+2}$ , and  $S = \frac{1}{S_1^*} + \frac{1}{S_2^*}$ . Because  $B_n = l_n$ , we have

$$S = \frac{1}{B_{n-2}B_{n-1}B_nB_{n+1}} + \frac{1}{B_{n-1}B_nB_{n+1}B_{n+2}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{l_{n-2}l_{n-1}l_nl_{n+1}} + \frac{1}{l_{n-1}l_nl_{n+1}l_{n+2}}.$$

We now compute S in a different way. Let  $T_n = B_{n-2}B_{n-1}B_nB_{n+1}B_{n+2}$ . Using the identities  $l_{n+2} + l_{n-2} = (x^2 + 2)l_n$  and  $l_{n+k}l_{n-k} - l_n^2 = (-1)^{n+k}\Delta^2 f_k^2$  [2], we then have

$$S = \frac{B_{n+2}}{B_{n-2}B_{n-1}B_nB_{n+1}B_{n+2}} + \frac{B_{n-2}}{B_{n-2}B_{n-1}B_nB_{n+1}B_{n+2}}$$

$$= \frac{B_{n+2} + B_{n-2}}{T_n}$$

$$= \frac{l_{n+2} + l_{n-2}}{l_{n-2}l_{n-1}l_nl_{n+1}l_{n+2}}$$

$$= \frac{(x^2 + 2)l_n}{l_{n-2}l_{n-1}l_nl_{n+1}l_{n+2}}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 + 2}{(l_{n+2}l_{n-2})(l_{n+1}l_{n-1})}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 + 2}{[l_n^2 + (-1)^n \Delta^2 x^2][l_n^2 - (-1)^n \Delta^2]}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 + 2}{l_n^4 + (-1)^n (x^2 - 1) \Delta^2 l_n^2 - \Delta^4 x^2}.$$

This value of S, coupled with the earlier one, gives the desired result.

It then follows that

$$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{L^4 - 25} = \frac{5}{63} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{30},$$

as in [3, 6, 8].

### 4. Conclusion

Because  $b_n(x) = g_n(2x)$ , the graph-theoretic confirmations of the Pell versions of the summation formulas in equations (1.1) through (1.6) follow from the above proofs. In the interest of brevity, we omit them.

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