

INFINITE SUMS INVOLVING JACOBSTHAL POLYNOMIALS: GENERALIZATIONS

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ABSTRACT. We explore the Jacobsthal versions of four infinite sums involving gibbonacci polynomials.

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 integer variable; $a(x)$, $b(x)$, $z_0(x)$, and $z_1(x)$ are arbitrary integer polynomials; and $n \geq 0$.

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 n th *Fibonacci polynomial*; and when $z_0(x) = 2$ and $z_1(x) = x$, $z_n(x) = l_n(x)$, the n th *Lucas polynomial*. Clearly, $f_n(1) = F_n$, the n th Fibonacci number; and $l_n(1) = L_n$, the n th Lucas number [1, 4].

On the other hand, let $a(x) = 1$ and $b(x) = x$. When $z_0(x) = 0$ and $z_1(x) = 1$, $z_n(x) = J_n(x)$, the n th *Jacobsthal polynomial*; and when $z_0(x) = 2$ and $z_1(x) = 1$, $z_n(x) = j_n(x)$, the n th *Jacobsthal-Lucas polynomial*. Correspondingly, $J_n = J_n(2)$ and $j_n = j_n(2)$ are the n th Jacobsthal and Jacobsthal-Lucas numbers, respectively. Clearly, $J_n(1) = F_n$; and $j_n(1) = L_n$ [2, 4].

Gibbonacci and Jacobsthal polynomials are linked by the relationships $J_n(x) = x^{(n-1)/2}f_n(1/\sqrt{x})$ and $j_n(x) = x^{n/2}l_n(1/\sqrt{x})$ [3, 4].

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 , $c_n = J_n$ or j_n , $\Delta = \sqrt{x^2 + 4}$, and $D = \sqrt{4x + 1}$.

2. GIBONACCI POLYNOMIAL SUMS

We studied the following sums involving gibbonacci polynomials in Theorems 1–4 of [5]:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_{2k} f_{2(2n+1)k}}{\left[l_{(2n+1)k}^2 + \Delta^2 f_k^2\right]^2} = \frac{1}{l_{2k}^2}; \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_{4k} f_{2(2n+2)k}}{\left[l_{(2n+2)k}^2 + \Delta^2 f_{2k}^2\right]^2} = \frac{1}{l_{2k}^2} + \frac{1}{l_{4k}^2}; \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_{4k} f_{2(2n+1)k}}{\left[l_{(2n+1)k}^2 - \Delta^2 f_{2k}^2\right]^2} = \frac{1}{l_k^2} + \frac{1}{l_{3k}^2}; \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_{2k} f_{2(2n+2)k}}{\left[l_{(2n+2)k}^2 + (-1)^k \Delta^2 f_k^2\right]^2} = \frac{1}{l_{3k}^2}, \quad (4)$$

where k is a positive integer.

Our objective is to explore the Jacobsthal versions of these four sums.

3. JACOBSTHAL POLYNOMIAL SUMS

To accomplish our goal, we will employ the gibbonacci-Jacobsthal relationships in Section 1. To this end, in the interest of brevity and clarity, we let A denote the left side of the given gibbonacci equation and B its right side, and LHS and RHS the left-hand side and right-hand side of the corresponding Jacobsthal equation.

With this brief background, we begin our exploration with sum (1).

3.1. Jacobsthal Version of Equation (1).

Proof. We have $\frac{\Delta^2 f_{2k} f_{2(2n+1)k}}{\left[l_{(2n+1)k}^2 + \Delta^2 f_k^2\right]^2}$. Replacing x with $1/\sqrt{x}$, and multiplying the numerator and denominator with $x^{2(2n+1)k}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{D^2 f_{2k} f_{2(2n+1)k}}{x \left[l_{(2n+1)k}^2 + \frac{D^2}{x} f_k^2\right]^2} \\ &= \frac{D^2 \left[x^{(2k-1)/2} f_{2k}\right] \left\{x^{[2(2n+1)k-1]/2} f_{2(2n+1)k}\right\}}{\left\{\left[x^{(2n+1)k/2} l_{(2n+1)k}\right]^2 + D^2 x^{2nk} \left[x^{(k-1)/2} f_k\right]^2\right\}^2} \\ &= \frac{D^2 J_{2k} J_{2(2n+1)k}}{\left[j_{(2n+1)k}^2 + D^2 x^{2nk} J_k^2\right]^2}; \\ \text{LHS} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{D^2 J_{2k} J_{2(2n+1)k}}{\left[j_{(2n+1)k}^2 + D^2 x^{2nk} J_k^2\right]^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where $g_n = g_n(1/\sqrt{x})$ and $c_n = c_n(x)$.

Next, we turn to $B = \frac{1}{l_{2k}^2}$. Replace x with $1/\sqrt{x}$, and multiply the numerator and denominator with x^{2k} . This yields

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \frac{x^{2k}}{(x^{2k/2} l_{2k})^2}; \\ \text{RHS} &= \frac{x^{2k}}{j_{2k}^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where $g_n = g_n(1/\sqrt{x})$ and $c_n = c_n(x)$.

Equating the two sides yields the desired Jacobsthal version:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{D^2 J_{2k} J_{2(2n+1)k}}{\left[j_{(2n+1)k}^2 + D^2 x^{2nk} J_k^2\right]^2} = \frac{x^{2k}}{j_{2k}^2}, \quad (5)$$

where $c_n = c_n(x)$. □

This implies

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2(2n+1)}}{L_{2n+1}^2 + 5} = \frac{1}{45}; [5] \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{J_{2(2n+1)}}{(j_{2n+1}^2 + 9 \cdot 4^n)^2} = \frac{4}{225}.$$

Next, we pursue the Jacobsthal consequence of sum (2).

3.2. Jacobsthal Version of Equation (2).

Proof. We have $\frac{\Delta^2 f_{4k} f_{2(2n+2)k}}{[l_{(2n+2)k}^2 + \Delta^2 f_{2k}^2]^2}$. Now, replace x with $1/\sqrt{x}$, and multiply the numerator and denominator with $x^{4(n+1)k}$. This yields

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{D^2 f_{4k} f_{2(2n+2)k}}{x \left[l_{(2n+2)k}^2 + \frac{D^2}{x} f_{2k}^2 \right]^2} \\ &= \frac{D^2 x^{2nk} [x^{(4k-1)/2} f_{4k}] \{x^{[2(2n+2)k-1]/2} f_{2(2n+2)k}\}}{\left\{ [x^{(2n+2)k/2} l_{(2n+2)k}]^2 + D^2 x^{(2nk-1)/2} [x^{(2k-1)/2} f_{2k}]^2 \right\}^2} \\ &= \frac{D^2 x^{2nk} J_{4k} J_{2(2n+2)k}}{[j_{(2n+2)k}^2 + D^2 x^{(2nk-1)/2} J_{2k}^2]^2}; \\ \text{LHS} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{D^2 x^{2nk} J_{4k} J_{2(2n+2)k}}{[j_{(2n+2)k}^2 + D^2 x^{(2nk-1)/2} J_{2k}^2]^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where $g_n = g_n(1/\sqrt{x})$ and $c_n = c_n(x)$.

Next, we have $B = \frac{1}{l_{2k}^2} + \frac{1}{l_{4k}^2}$. Replacing x with $1/\sqrt{x}$, and multiplying the numerator and denominator with x^{4k} yields

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \frac{x^{2k}}{(x^{2k/2} l_{2k})^2} + \frac{x^{4k}}{(x^{4k/2} l_{4k})^2}; \\ \text{RHS} &= \frac{x^{2k}}{j_{2k}^2} + \frac{x^{4k}}{j_{4k}^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where $g_n = g_n(1/\sqrt{x})$ and $c_n = c_n(x)$.

By combining the two sides, we get the desired Jacobsthal version:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{D^2 x^{2nk} J_{4k} J_{2(2n+2)k}}{[j_{(2n+2)k}^2 + D^2 x^{(2nk-1)/2} J_{2k}^2]^2} = \frac{x^{2k}}{j_{2k}^2} + \frac{x^{4k}}{j_{4k}^2}, \quad (6)$$

where $c_n = c_n(x)$. □

This yields

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2(2n+2)}}{(L_{2n+2}^2 + 5)^2} = \frac{58}{6,615}; [5] \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2n} J_{2(2n+2)}}{[j_{2n+2}^2 + 9 \cdot 2^{(2n-1)/2}]^2} = \frac{1,556}{325,125}.$$

A Gibonacci Delight. It follows from Subsections 3.1 and 3.2 that [5]

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2n}}{(L_n^2 + 5)^2} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2(2n+1)}}{(L_{2n+1}^2 + 5)^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2(2n+2)}}{(L_{2n+2}^2 + 5)^2} \\ &= \frac{41}{1,323}; \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2n}}{(L_n^2 + 5)^2} &= \frac{2}{27}.\end{aligned}$$

Next, we explore the Jacobsthal implication of sum (3).

3.3. Jacobsthal Version of Equation (3).

Proof. We have $A = \frac{\Delta^2 f_{4k} f_{2(2n+1)k}}{\left[l_{(2n+1)k}^2 - \Delta^2 f_{2k}^2\right]^2}$. Replacing x with $1/\sqrt{x}$, and multiplying the numerator and denominator with $x^{2(2n+1)k}$ then yields

$$\begin{aligned}A &= \frac{D^2 f_{4k} f_{2(2n+1)k}}{x \left[l_{(2n+1)k}^2 - \frac{D^2}{x} f_{2k}^2\right]^2} \\ &= \frac{D^2 x^{(2n-1)k} [x^{(4k-1)/2} f_{4k}] \{x^{[2(2n+1)k-1]/2} f_{2(2n+1)k}\}}{\left\{[x^{(2n+1)k/2} l_{(2n+1)k}]^2 - D^2 x^{(2n-1)k} [x^{(2k-1)/2} f_{2k}]^2\right\}^2} \\ &= \frac{D^2 x^{(2n-1)k} J_{4k} J_{2(2n+1)k}}{\left[j_{(2n+1)k}^2 - D^2 x^{(2n-1)k} J_{2k}^2\right]^2}; \\ \text{LHS} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{D^2 x^{(2n-1)k} J_{4k} J_{2(2n+1)k}}{\left[j_{(2n+1)k}^2 - D^2 x^{(2n-1)k} J_{2k}^2\right]^2},\end{aligned}$$

where $g_n = g_n(1/\sqrt{x})$ and $c_n = c_n(x)$.

With $B = \frac{1}{l_k^2} + \frac{1}{l_{3k}^2}$, we will now find the corresponding RHS. To this end, we replace x with $1/\sqrt{x}$, and multiply the numerator and denominator with x^{3k} . We then get

$$\begin{aligned}B &= \frac{x^k}{(x^{k/2} l_{2k})^2} + \frac{x^{3k}}{(x^{3k/2} l_{3k})^2}; \\ \text{RHS} &= \frac{x^k}{j_k^2} + \frac{x^{3k}}{j_{3k}^2},\end{aligned}$$

where $g_n = g_n(1/\sqrt{x})$ and $c_n = c_n(x)$.

Equating the two sides, we get the desired Jacobsthal version:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{D^2 x^{(2n-1)k} J_{4k} J_{2(2n+1)k}}{\left[j_{(2n+1)k}^2 - D^2 x^{(2n-1)k} J_{2k}^2\right]^2} = \frac{x^k}{j_k^2} + \frac{x^{3k}}{j_{3k}^2}, \quad (7)$$

where $c_n = c_n(x)$. □

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2(2n+1)}}{(L_{2n+1}^2 - 5)^2} = \frac{17}{240}; [5] \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2n-1} J_{2(2n+1)}}{[j_{2n+1}^2 - 9 \cdot 2^{n-1}]^2} = \frac{106}{2,205}.$$

Finally, we explore the Jacobsthal implication of sum (4).

3.4. Jacobsthal Version of Equation (4).

Proof. We have $A = \frac{\Delta^2 f_{2k} f_{2(2n+2)k}}{[l_{(2n+2)k}^2 + (-1)^k \Delta^2 f_k^2]^2}$. Now, replace x with $1/\sqrt{x}$, and multiply the numerator and denominator with $x^{2(2n+2)k}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{D^2 f_{2k} f_{2(2n+2)k}}{x [l_{(2n+2)k}^2 + (-1)^k \frac{D^2}{x} f_k^2]^2} \\ &= \frac{D^2 x^{(2n+1)k} [x^{(2k-1)/2} f_{2k}] \{x^{[2(2n+2)k-1]/2} f_{2(2n+2)k}\}}{\left\{ [x^{(2n+2)k/2} l_{(2n+2)k}]^2 + (-1)^k D^2 x^{(2n+1)k} [x^{(k-1)/2} f_k]^2 \right\}^2} \\ &= \frac{D^2 x^{(2n+1)k} J_{2k} J_{2(2n+2)k}}{[j_{(2n+2)k}^2 + (-1)^k D^2 x^{(2n+1)k} J_k^2]^2}; \\ \text{LHS} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{D^2 x^{(2n+1)k} J_{2k} J_{2(2n+2)k}}{[j_{(2n+2)k}^2 + (-1)^k D^2 x^{(2n+1)k} J_k^2]^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where $g_n = g_n(1/\sqrt{x})$ and $c_n = c_n(x)$.

Next, replace x with $1/\sqrt{x}$, and multiply the numerator and denominator with x^{3k} in $B = \frac{1}{l_{3k}^2}$. We then get

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \frac{x^{3k}}{(x^{3k/2} l_{3k})^2}; \\ \text{RHS} &= \frac{x^{3k}}{j_{3k}^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where $g_n = g_n(1/\sqrt{x})$ and $c_n = c_n(x)$.

Combining the two sides, we get the desired Jacobsthal version:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{D^2 x^{(2n+1)k} J_{2k} J_{2(2n+2)k}}{[j_{(2n+2)k}^2 + (-1)^k D^2 x^{(2n+1)k} J_k^2]^2} = \frac{x^{3k}}{j_{3k}^2}, \quad (8)$$

where $c_n = c_n(x)$. □

In particular, we then get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2(2n+2)}}{(L_{2n+2}^2 - 5)^2} = \frac{1}{80}; [5] \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2n+1} J_{2(2n+2)}}{(j_{2n+2}^2 - 9 \cdot 2^{2n+1})^2} = \frac{8}{441}.$$

A *Gibonacci Delight*: Subsection 3.3, coupled with Subsection 3.4, yields

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2n}}{(L_n^2 - 5)^2} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2(2n+1)}}{(L_{2n+1}^2 - 5)^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2(2n+2)}}{(L_{2n+2}^2 - 5)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{12}; \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2n}}{(L_n^2 - 5)^2} &= \frac{1}{3}. \quad [5]\end{aligned}$$

4. ALTERNATE VERSIONS

Using the Jacobsthal counterpart $j_n^2 - D^2 J_n^2 = 4(-x)^n$ [4] of the gibbonacci identity $l_n^2 - \Delta^2 f_n^2 = 4(-1)^n$ [4], we can rewrite equations (5)–(8) in different ways:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{D^2 J_{2k} J_{2(2n+1)k}}{\left\{ D^2 \left[J_{(2n+1)k}^2 + x^{2nk} J_k^2 \right] + 4(-x)^{(2n+1)k} \right\}^2} &= \frac{x^{2k}}{D^2 J_{2k}^2 + 4x^{2k}}; \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{D^2 J_{4k} J_{2(2n+2)k}}{\left\{ D^2 \left[J_{(2n+2)k}^2 + x^{(2nk-1)/2} J_{2k}^2 \right] + 4x^{(2n+2)k} \right\}^2} &= \frac{x^{2k}}{D^2 J_{2k}^2 + 4x^{2k}} + \frac{x^{4k}}{D^2 J_{4k}^2 + 4x^{4k}}; \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{D^2 x^{(2n-1)k} J_{4k} J_{2(2n+1)k}}{\left\{ D^2 \left[J_{(2n+1)k}^2 - x^{(2n-1)k} J_{2k}^2 \right] + 4(-x)^k \right\}^2} &= \frac{x^k}{D^2 J_k^2 + 4(-x)^k} + \frac{x^{3k}}{D^2 J_{3k}^2 + 4(-x)^{3k}}; \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{D^2 x^{(2n+1)k} J_{2k} J_{2(2n+2)k}}{\left\{ D^2 \left[J_{(2n+2)k}^2 + (-1)^k x^{(2n+1)k} J_k^2 \right] + 4x^{(2n+2)k} \right\}^2} &= \frac{x^{3k}}{D^2 J_{3k}^2 + 4(-x)^{3k}},\end{aligned}$$

respectively.

They yield

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2(2n+1)}}{(5F_{2n+1}^2 + 1)^2} &= \frac{1}{45}; & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2(2n+2)}}{(5F_{2n+2}^2 + 9)^2} &= \frac{58}{6,615}; \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2(2n+1)}}{(5F_{2n+1}^2 - 9)^2} &= \frac{17}{240}; & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2(2n+2)}}{(5F_{2n+2}^2 - 1)^2} &= \frac{1}{80},\end{aligned}$$

again respectively.

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