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## PROBLEMS PROPOSED IN THIS ISSUE

## H-765 Proposed by D. M. Bătineţu-Giurgiu, Bucharest and Neculai Stanciu, Buzău, Romania.

Prove that for positive integer $n$ and $m>0$ we have:
(i) $\frac{L_{n}^{4}+L_{n+1}^{4}}{L_{n} L_{n+1}}+\frac{L_{n+1}^{4}+L_{n+3}^{4}}{L_{n+1} L_{n+3}}+\frac{L_{n+3}^{4}+L_{n}^{4}}{L_{n+3} L_{n}} \geq \frac{2}{3} L_{n+4}^{2}$;
(ii) $\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{k}^{2 m+4}\right)\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{F_{k}^{2 m}}\right) \geq F_{n}^{2} F_{n+1}^{2}$;
(iii) $\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} L_{k}^{2 m+4}\right)\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{L_{k}^{2 m}}\right) \geq\left(L_{n} L_{n+1}-1\right)^{2}$;
(iv) $\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{k}^{m+2}\right)\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{F_{k}^{m}}\right) \geq\left(F_{n+2}-1\right)^{2}$;
(v) $1+\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{F_{k}^{m+1}}{F_{n-k+1}^{m}} \geq F_{n+2} \quad$ and $\quad 3+\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{L_{k}^{m+1}}{L_{n-k+1}^{m}} \geq L_{n+2}$.

## H-766 Proposed by H. Ohtsuka, Saitama, Japan.

Let $n=m+2$. For $m \geq 1$, prove that

$$
\sum_{h=1}^{m} \sum_{i=1}^{h} \sum_{j=1}^{i} \sum_{k=1}^{j} F_{k}^{4}=\frac{4 F_{n}^{4}+n^{4}-5 n^{2}}{100}
$$

## H-767 Proposed by H. Ohtsuka, Saitama, Japan.

Prove that

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{F_{2}^{2}+\sqrt{F_{4}^{2}+\sqrt{F_{8}^{2}+\sqrt{\cdots+\sqrt{F_{2^{n}}^{2}}}}}}=3
$$

## H-768 Proposed by H. Ohtsuka, Saitama, Japan.

Let $\binom{n}{k}_{F}$ denote the Fibonomial coefficient. For $n \geq 1$, prove that
(i) $\sum_{k=0}^{n} F_{2(n-k)}\binom{2 n}{k}_{F}^{-1}=\frac{F_{2 n+1}\left(F_{2 n+2}+1\right)}{F_{2 n+3}}-\frac{F_{n+1} F_{n+3}}{F_{2 n+3}}\binom{2 n}{n}_{F}^{-1}$;
(ii) $\sum_{k=0}^{n} F_{2(n-k)}\binom{2 n}{k}_{F}^{-2}=\frac{F_{2 n+1}^{2}}{F_{2 n+2}}-\frac{F_{n+1}}{L_{n+1}}\binom{2 n}{n}_{F}^{-2}$.

## SOLUTIONS

## Integer Parts of Reciprocals of Tails of Infinite Products with Fibonacci Numbers

## H-734 Proposed by H. Ohtsuka, Saitama, Japan.

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For $n \geq 3$ find closed form expressions for

$$
\left\lfloor\left(1-\prod_{k=n}^{\infty}\left(1-\frac{1}{F_{k}}\right)\right)^{-1}\right\rfloor \quad \text { and } \quad\left\lfloor\left(1-\prod_{k=n}^{\infty}\left(1-\frac{1}{F_{k}^{2}}\right)\right)^{-1}\right\rfloor .
$$

Here, $\lfloor x\rfloor$ be the largest integer less than or equal to $x$.

## Solution by the proposer.

We need the following lemma.
Lemma 1. For $n \geq 3$, we have
(1) $\frac{F_{n-2}-1}{F_{n-2}}<\frac{F_{n}-1}{F_{n}} \times \frac{F_{n-1}-1}{F_{n-1}}$;
(2) $\frac{F_{n-2}}{F_{n-2}+1}>\frac{F_{n}-1}{F_{n}} \times \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_{n-1}+1}$;
(3) $\frac{F_{n} F_{n-1}-1}{F_{n} F_{n-1}}<\frac{F_{n}^{2}-1}{F_{n}^{2}} \times \frac{F_{n+1} F_{n}-1}{F_{n+1} F_{n}}$ (if $n$ is odd);
(4) $\frac{F_{n} F_{n-1}}{F_{n} F_{n-1}+1}>\frac{F_{n}^{2}-1}{F_{n}^{2}} \times \frac{F_{n+1} F_{n}}{F_{n+1} F_{n}+1}$;
(5) $\frac{F_{n} F_{n-1}-2}{F_{n} F_{n-1}-1}<\frac{F_{n}^{2}-1}{F_{n}^{2}} \times \frac{F_{n+1} F_{n}-2}{F_{n+1} F_{n}-1}$;
(6) $\frac{F_{n} F_{n-1}-1}{F_{n} F_{n-1}}>\frac{F_{n}^{2}-1}{F_{n}^{2}} \times \frac{F_{n+1} F_{n}-1}{F_{n+1} F_{n}}$ (if $n$ is even).

Proof. We will only prove (1) since all other verifications are similar. We have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{n-2}\left(F_{n}-1\right)\left(F_{n-1}-1\right)-F_{n} F_{n-1}\left(F_{n-2}-1\right) \\
& =F_{n-2}+F_{n-1} F_{n}-F_{n-1} F_{n-2}-F_{n} F_{n-2} \\
& =F_{n-2}+F_{n-1}^{2}-F_{n} F_{n-2}=F_{n-2}+(-1)^{n} \geq 0
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore, we obtain the desired inequality (1).
(i) Using Lemma 1 (1), we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{F_{n-2}-1}{F_{n-2}} \leq \frac{F_{n}-1}{F_{n}} \times \frac{F_{n-1}-1}{F_{n-1}} \leq \frac{F_{n}-1}{F_{n}} \times \frac{F_{n+1}-1}{F_{n+1}} \times \frac{F_{n}-1}{F_{n}} \\
& \leq \frac{F_{n}-1}{F_{n}} \times \frac{F_{n+1}-1}{F_{n+1}} \times \frac{F_{n+2}-1}{F_{n+2}} \times \frac{F_{n+1}-1}{F_{n+1}} \leq \cdots \leq \prod_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{F_{k}-1}{F_{k}} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Using Lemma 1 (2), we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{F_{n-2}}{F_{n-2}+1}>\frac{F_{n}-1}{F_{n}} \times \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_{n-1}+1}>\frac{F_{n}-1}{F_{n}} \times \frac{F_{n+1}-1}{F_{n+1}} \times \frac{F_{n}}{F_{n}+1} \\
& >\frac{F_{n}-1}{F_{n}} \times \frac{F_{n+1}-1}{F_{n+1}} \times \frac{F_{n+2}-1}{F_{n+2}} \times \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_{n+1}+1}>\cdots>\prod_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{F_{k}-1}{F_{k}} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore,

$$
1-\frac{1}{F_{n-2}} \leq \prod_{k=n}^{\infty}\left(1-\frac{1}{F_{k}}\right)<1-\frac{1}{F_{n-2}+1} .
$$

That is,

$$
F_{n-2} \leq\left(1-\prod_{k=n}^{\infty}\left(1-\frac{1}{F_{k}}\right)\right)^{-1}<F_{n-2}+1 .
$$

Thus, for $n \geq 3$, we obtain

$$
\left\lfloor\left(1-\prod_{k=n}^{\infty}\left(1-\frac{1}{F_{k}}\right)\right)^{-1}\right\rfloor=F_{n-2}
$$

(ii) Case 1. $n \geq 3$ is odd. Using Lemma 1 (3) and (4), we obtain the following inequality in the same manner as (i):

$$
\frac{F_{n} F_{n-1}-1}{F_{n} F_{n-1}}<\prod_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{F_{k}^{2}-1}{F_{k}^{2}}<\frac{F_{n} F_{n-1}}{F_{n} F_{n-1}+1} .
$$

Therefore,

$$
1-\frac{1}{F_{n} F_{n-1}}<\prod_{k=n}^{\infty}\left(1-\frac{1}{F_{k}^{2}}\right)<1-\frac{1}{F_{n} F_{n-1}+1} .
$$

That is,

$$
F_{n} F_{n-1}<\left(1-\prod_{k=n}^{\infty}\left(1-\frac{1}{F_{k}^{2}}\right)\right)^{-1}<F_{n} F_{n-1}+1
$$

Case 2. $n \geq 4$ is even. Using Lemma 1 (5) and (6), we obtain the following inequality in the same manner as (i):

$$
\frac{F_{n} F_{n-1}-2}{F_{n} F_{n-1}-1}<\prod_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{F_{k}^{2}-1}{F_{k}^{2}}<\frac{F_{n} F_{n-1}-1}{F_{n} F_{n-1}}
$$

Therefore,

$$
1-\frac{1}{F_{n} F_{n-1}-1}<\prod_{k=n}^{\infty}\left(1-\frac{1}{F_{k}^{2}}\right)<1-\frac{1}{F_{n} F_{n-1}} .
$$

That is,

$$
F_{n} F_{n-1}-1<\left(1-\prod_{k=n}^{\infty}\left(1-\frac{1}{F_{k}^{2}}\right)\right)^{-1}<F_{n} F_{n-1}
$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$
\left\lfloor\left(1-\prod_{k=n}^{\infty}\left(1-\frac{1}{F_{k}^{2}}\right)\right)^{-1}\right\rfloor=\left\{\begin{array}{cccc}
F_{n} F_{n-1} & \text { if } n \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2), & n \geq 3 \\
F_{n} F_{n-1}-1 & \text { if } & n \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2), \\
n \geq 4
\end{array}\right.
$$

Proposer's note: For $m \geq 2$ and $n \geq 2$, we obtain the following identity in the same manner:

$$
\left\lfloor\left(1-\prod_{k=n}^{\infty}\left(1-\frac{1}{F_{m k}}\right)\right)^{-1}\right\rfloor=F_{m n}-F_{m(n-1)}
$$

## Also solved by Paul S. Bruckman.

## On a Power Series with Binomial Coefficients

## H-735 Proposed by Paul S. Bruckman, BC.

(Vol. 51, No. 2, May 2013)
Let $F_{m}(x)=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\binom{2 n+m}{n} x^{n}$, where $m$ is any real number and $|x|<1 / 4$. Also let $\theta(x)=(1-4 x)^{1 / 2}$. For brevity, write $F_{m}=F_{m}(x), \theta=\theta(x)$. Prove the following:
(a) $F_{0}=\frac{1}{\theta}, F_{1}=\frac{(1-\theta)}{2 x \theta}$;
(b) for all real $m, \frac{F_{m}}{F_{0}}=\left(\frac{F_{1}}{F_{0}}\right)^{m}$;
(c) for all real $m, \sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{2 k+m}{k}\binom{2 n-2 k-m}{n-k}=4^{n}, \quad n=0,1,2, \ldots$.

## Solution by Ángel Plaza, Gran Canaria, Spain.

(a) $F_{0}=\frac{1}{\theta}$ is $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\binom{2 n}{n} x^{n}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4 x}}$, which is given as identity (2.5.1) in [1].
$F_{1}=\frac{(1-\theta)}{2 x \theta}$ is equivalent to $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\binom{2 n+1}{n} x^{n}=\frac{1-\sqrt{1-4 x}}{2 x \sqrt{1-4 x}}$. Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { RHS } & =\frac{1}{2 x}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4 x}}-1\right)=\frac{1}{2 x} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\binom{2 n}{n} x^{n}=\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\binom{2 n}{n} x^{n-1} \\
& =\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\binom{2 n+2}{n+1} x^{n}=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\binom{2 n+1}{n+1}+\binom{2 n+1}{n}}{2} x^{n} \\
& =\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\binom{2 n+1}{n} x^{n}=\text { LHS } .
\end{aligned}
$$

(b) By (a), we have to show that for all $m, F_{m}=F_{0}\left(\frac{F_{1}}{F_{0}}\right)^{m}$, where $F_{0}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4 x}}, \frac{F_{1}}{F_{0}}=$ $\frac{1-\sqrt{1-4 x}}{2 x}$. That is

$$
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\binom{2 n+m}{n} x^{n}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4 x}}\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{1-4 x}}{2 x}\right)^{m}
$$

which is identity (2.5.15) in [1].
(c) Let $A(x)$ be the generating function of the LHS. That is

$$
\begin{aligned}
A(x) & =\sum_{n \geq 0} x^{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{2 k+m}{k}\binom{2 n-2 k-m}{n-k} \\
& =\sum_{k \geq 0}\binom{2 k+m}{k} x^{k} \sum_{n-k \geq 0}\binom{2 n-2 k-m}{n-k} x^{n-k} \\
& =\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4 x}}\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{1-4 x}}{2 x}\right)^{m} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4 x}}\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{1-4 x}}{2 x}\right)^{-m}, \\
& =\frac{1}{1-4 x},
\end{aligned}
$$

which is precisely the generating function of the RHS, $4^{n}$. Note that we have used the identity (2.5.15) in [1].

## References

[1] H. S. Wilf, Generatingfunctionology, 2nd. edition, (1992).

## Also solved by Kenneth B. Davenport and the proposer.

## On the Sum of the Cubes of the Tribonacci Numbers

## H-736 Proposed by Hideyuki Ohtsuka, Saitama, Japan.

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The Tribonacci numbers $T_{n}$ satisfy $T_{0}=0, T_{1}=T_{2}=1, T_{n+3}=T_{n+2}+T_{n+1}+T_{n}$ for $n \geq 0$. Find an explicit formula for the sum $\sum_{k=1}^{n} T_{k}^{3}$.

## Solution by the proposer.

Let $S_{n}=\sum_{k=1}^{n} T_{k}^{3}$. We need the following lemma.
Lemma 2. We have
(i) $\sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(T_{k}^{2} T_{k+1}+T_{k} T_{k+1}^{2}\right)=T_{n} T_{n+1} T_{n+2} ;$
(ii) $\sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(T_{k+1}^{2} T_{k+2}+T_{k+1} T_{k+2}^{2}\right)=T_{n+1} T_{n+2} T_{n+3}-2$;
(iii) $\sum_{k=1}^{n} T_{k}^{2} T_{k+2}=S_{n}+T_{n} T_{n+1} T_{n+2}-T_{n} T_{n+1}^{2}$;
(iv) $-6 \sum_{k=1}^{n} T_{k+1} T_{k+2}^{2}=2 S_{n}+A_{n}$,
where

$$
A_{n}=-T_{n+2}^{3}-T_{n}^{3}-3 T_{n} T_{n+1}^{2}-3 T_{n}^{2} T_{n+1}-3 T_{n+1} T_{n+2}^{2}-3 T_{n+1}^{2} T_{n+2}+7
$$

Proof. (i) We have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(T_{k}^{2} T_{k+1}+T_{k} T_{k+1}^{2}\right)=\sum_{k=1}^{n} T_{k} T_{k+1}\left(T_{k}+T_{k+1}\right)=\sum_{k=1}^{n} T_{k} T_{k+1}\left(T_{k+2}-T_{k-1}\right) \\
& =\sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(T_{k} T_{k+1} T_{k+2}-T_{k-1} T_{k} T_{k+1}\right)=T_{n} T_{n+1} T_{n+2}
\end{aligned}
$$

(ii) We have

$$
\left.\sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(T_{k+1}^{2} T_{k+2}+T_{k+1} T_{k+2}^{2}\right)=\sum_{k=2}^{n}\left(T_{k}^{2} T_{k+1}+T_{k} T_{k+1}^{2}\right)=T_{n+1} T_{n+2} T_{n+3}-2, \quad \text { (by (i) }\right)
$$

(iii) We have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=1}^{n} T_{k}^{2} T_{k+2}=\sum_{k=1}^{n} T_{k}^{2}\left(T_{k+1}+T_{k}+T_{k-1}\right)=\sum_{k=1}^{n} T_{k}^{3}+\sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(T_{k}^{2} T_{k+1}+T_{k-1} T_{k}^{2}\right) \\
& =S_{n}+\sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(T_{k}^{2} T_{k+1}+T_{k} T_{k+1}^{2}\right)-T_{n} T_{n+1}^{2}=S_{n}+T_{n} T_{n+1} T_{n+2}-T_{n} T_{n+1}^{2},
\end{aligned}
$$

(iv) We have

$$
\begin{aligned}
0 & =\sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(\left(T_{k}+T_{k-1}\right)^{3}-\left(T_{k+2}-T_{k+1}\right)^{3}\right) \\
& =3 \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(T_{k+2}^{2} T_{k+1}+T_{k}^{2} T_{k-1}\right)-3 \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(T_{k+2} T_{k+1}^{2}-T_{k} T_{k-1}^{2}\right)+\sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(T_{k}^{3}+T_{k-1}^{3}-T_{k+2}^{3}+T_{k+1}^{3}\right) \\
& =6 \sum_{k=1}^{n} T_{k+2}^{2} T_{k+1}+2 S_{n}+A_{n} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Let $x=T_{k}, y=T_{k+1}, z=T_{k+2}$. We have

$$
\begin{gather*}
x^{3}+y^{3}+z^{3}+3 x^{2} y+3 x y^{2}+3 x^{2} z+3 x z^{2}+3 y^{2} z+3 y z^{2}+6 x y z=(x+y+z)^{3}  \tag{1}\\
x^{3}+2 y^{3}+z^{3}+2 x^{2} y+2 x y^{2}+x^{2} z-x z^{2}-2 y z^{2}-2 x y z=1 \tag{2}
\end{gather*}
$$

(see [1]). Multiplying (2) by 3 and adding the resulting identity to (1), we get

$$
4 x^{3}+7 y^{3}+4 z^{3}+9 x^{2} y+9 x y^{2}+6 x^{2} z+3 y^{2} z-3 y z^{2}=T_{k+3}^{3}+3
$$

From the above identity, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(4 T_{k}^{3}+7 T_{k+1}^{3}+4 T_{k+2}^{3}-T_{k+3}^{3}\right)+9 \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(T_{k}^{2} T_{k+1}+T_{k} T_{k+1}^{2}\right) \\
& +6 \sum_{k=1}^{n} T_{k}^{2} T_{k+2}+3 \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(T_{k+1}^{2} T_{k+2}+T_{k+1} T_{k+2}^{2}\right)-6 \sum_{k=1}^{n} T_{k+1} T_{k+2}^{2}=3 n
\end{aligned}
$$

Using Lemma 2 (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv), we have

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(12 T_{k}^{3}+7 T_{k+1}^{3}+4 T_{k+2}^{3}-T_{k+3}^{3}\right) \\
& +15 T_{n} T_{n+1} T_{n+2}+3 T_{n+1} T_{n+2} T_{n+3}-6 T_{n} T_{n+1}^{2}+A_{n}-6=3 n \tag{3}
\end{align*}
$$

Here,

$$
\sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(12 T_{k}^{3}+7 T_{k+1}^{3}+4 T_{k+2}^{3}-T_{k+3}^{3}\right)=22 S_{n}+10 T_{n+1}^{3}+3 T_{n+2}^{3}-T_{n+3}^{3}-5 .
$$

Therefore, (3) is

$$
\begin{aligned}
22 S_{n} & =T_{n+3}^{3}-2 T_{n+2}^{3}-10 T_{n+1}^{3}+T_{n}^{3}+9 T_{n} T_{n+1}^{2}+3 T_{n}^{2} T_{n+1} \\
& -15 T_{n} T_{n+1} T_{n+2}-3 T_{n+1} T_{n+2}\left(T_{n+3}-T_{n+2}-T_{n+1}\right)+3 n+4 .
\end{aligned}
$$

Since

$$
--3 T_{n+1} T_{n+2}\left(T_{n+3}-T_{n+2}-T_{n+1}\right)=-3 T_{n} T_{n+1} T_{n+2},
$$

we obtain

$$
S_{n}=\frac{1}{22}\left(T_{n+3}^{3}-2 T_{n+2}^{3}-10 T_{n+1}^{3}+T_{n}^{3}+9 T_{n} T_{n+1}^{2}+3 T_{n}^{2} T_{n+1}-18 T_{n} T_{n+1} T_{n+2}+3 n+4\right) .
$$

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## A Lucas Type Congruence with Fibonomials

## H-737 Proposed by Hideyuki Ohtsuka, Saitama, Japan.

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Let $\binom{n}{k}_{F}$ denote the Fibonomial coefficient. For an odd prime $p$ and a positive integer $n$, prove that

$$
\binom{n p-1}{p-1}_{F} \equiv(-1)^{\frac{(n-1)(p-1)}{2}} \quad\left(\bmod F_{p}^{2} L_{p}\right) .
$$

## Solution by Christian Ballot, Caen, France.

With $m:=n-1$, define the rational polynomial

$$
P(x):=\prod_{i=1}^{p-1}\left(x+\frac{F_{m p}}{L_{m p}} \frac{L_{i}}{F_{i}}\right) .
$$

Expanding $P(x)$ yields

$$
P(x)=x^{p-1}+\frac{F_{m p}}{L_{m p}} \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{L_{i}}{F_{i}} x^{p-2}+\frac{F_{m p}^{2}}{L_{m p}^{2}} \sum_{0<i<j<p} \frac{L_{i} L_{j}}{F_{i} F_{j}} x^{p-3}+\cdots+\frac{F_{m p}^{p-1}}{L_{m p}^{p-1}} \prod_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{L_{i}}{F_{i}} .
$$

All coefficients, except that of $x^{p-1}$, are $0\left(\bmod F_{p}^{2}\right)$. Indeed, $F_{m p}^{k}$ is divisible by $F_{p}^{2}$ for $k \geq 2$ and $F_{p}$ is prime to $L_{m p} \prod_{i=1}^{p-1} F_{i}$. Moreover, $S:=\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{L_{i}}{F_{i}} \equiv 0\left(\bmod F_{p}\right)$ because

$$
2 S=\sum_{i=1}^{p-1}\left(\frac{L_{i}}{F_{i}}+\frac{L_{p-i}}{F_{p-i}}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{F_{p-i} L_{i}+F_{i} L_{p-i}}{F_{i} F_{p-i}}=\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{2 F_{p}}{F_{i} F_{p-i}} .
$$

All forthcoming sums and products are for indices $i$ running from 1 to $p-1$. As

$$
2 F_{i+j}=F_{i} L_{j}+F_{j} L_{i}
$$

we find that

$$
2^{p-1} \prod F_{m p+i}=\prod 2 F_{m p+i}=\prod\left(F_{m p} L_{i}+L_{m p} F_{i}\right)=L_{m p}^{p-1} P(1) \prod F_{i} .
$$

Therefore,

$$
\binom{n p-1}{p-1}_{F}=\frac{\prod F_{m p+i}}{\prod F_{i}}=\left(\frac{L_{m p}}{2}\right)^{p-1} P(1) .
$$

Since $L_{k}^{2}-5 F_{k}^{2}=4(-1)^{k}$, we see that $\left(L_{m p} / 2\right)^{p-1} \equiv\left((-1)^{m}\right)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}\left(\bmod F_{p}^{2}\right)$. To establish the congruences modulo $L_{p}$, note that $L_{p}$ divides $L_{m p}$ if and only if $m$ is odd and $L_{p}$ divides $F_{m p}$ if $m$ is even. Thus, all coefficients of $\left(L_{m p} / 2\right)^{p-1} P(x)$ are $0\left(\bmod L_{p}\right)$ except possibly and respectively the constant term $\left(F_{m p} / 2\right)^{p-1} \prod L_{i} / F_{i}$, if $m$ is odd, and the leading term $\left(L_{m p} / 2\right)^{p-1}$, if $m$ is even. If $m$ is odd, then, as $2(-1)^{i} L_{p-i}=L_{p} L_{i}-5 F_{p} F_{i}$, we find that

$$
\prod \frac{L_{i}}{F_{i}}=\prod \frac{L_{p-i}}{F_{i}}=\left(2^{p-1}(-1)^{\Sigma i}\right)^{-1} \prod \frac{2(-1)^{i} L_{p-i}}{F_{i}} \equiv 2^{-p+1}(-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \prod\left(-5 F_{p}\right) \quad\left(\bmod L_{p}\right) .
$$

Hence,

$$
(-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}\left(F_{m p} / 2\right)^{p-1} \prod \frac{L_{i}}{F_{i}} \equiv\left(-5 F_{m p}^{2} / 4\right)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}\left(-5 F_{p}^{2} / 4\right)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv\left((-1)^{m}\right)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}(-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \quad\left(\bmod L_{p}\right),
$$

which yields the congruence. If $m$ is even, then a simple induction using the identity

$$
L_{2 k}=L_{k}^{2}-2(-1)^{k}
$$

gives that $L_{m p} \equiv 2\left(\bmod L_{p}\right)$. Thus, $\left(L_{m p} / 2\right)^{p-1} \equiv 1\left(\bmod L_{p}\right)$, which, as $F_{p}$ and $L_{p}$ are coprime, fully lands the H-737 problem.

## Also solved by the proposer.

Errata: In problem H-763, in the denominator of the RHS of (i), " $n+2$ )" should be " $(n+1)$ " and in the denominator RHS of (iv), " $n^{2}(n+1)^{2}$ ", should be " $n^{3}(n+1)^{3}$ ".

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