

ELEMENTARY PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

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BASIC FORMULAS

The Fibonacci numbers F_n and the Lucas numbers L_n satisfy

$$F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n, \quad F_0 = 0, \quad F_1 = 1;$$

$$L_{n+2} = L_{n+1} + L_n, \quad L_0 = 2, \quad L_1 = 1.$$

Also, $\alpha = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$, $\beta = (1 - \sqrt{5})/2$, $F_n = (\alpha^n - \beta^n)/\sqrt{5}$, and $L_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n$.

PROBLEMS PROPOSED IN THIS ISSUE

B-1231 Proposed by Kenny B. Davenport, Dallas, PA.

Find the closed form expressions for the sums

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n} \frac{nF_n}{8^n}, \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n} \frac{nL_n}{8^n}.$$

B-1232 Proposed by D. M. Băţineţu-Giurgiu, Matei Basarab National College, Bucharest, Romania, and Neculai Stanciu, George Emil Palade School, Buzău, Romania.

Let $e_n = (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$. Prove that

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n e_i F_i^2 \right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{F_j^2}{e_j} \right) \leq \frac{(e+2)^2}{8e} F_n^2 F_{n+1}^2,$$

for any positive integer n .

B-1233 Proposed by Hideyuki Ohtsuka, Saitama, Japan.

For any positive integer n , prove that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n F_{2k^2} F_{2k} = F_{n(n+1)}^2, \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=1}^n F_{2F_k^2} F_{2F_{2k}} = F_{2F_n F_{n+1}}^2.$$

B-1234 Proposed by Ivan V. Fedak, Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine.

Let $n \geq 3$ be an odd integer. Find the real solutions of the following system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^3 + x_1 + x_2 &= F_1 x_1^2 + F_3, \\ x_2^5 + x_2 + x_3 &= F_2 x_2^4 + F_4, \\ &\vdots \\ x_{n-1}^{2n-1} + x_{n-1} + x_n &= F_{n-1} x_{n-1}^{2n-2} + F_{n+1}, \\ x_n^{2n+1} + \frac{F_{n+2} - 1}{F_n} x_n + x_1 &= F_n x_n^{2n} + F_{n+2}. \end{aligned}$$

B-1235 Proposed by Kenny B. Davenport, Dallas, PA.

Prove that, for any integer $n \geq 1$,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n F_{k-1} F_k F_{k+1} = \frac{1}{3} \left(F_{n-1}^3 + F_n^3 + F_{n+1}^3 - \frac{F_{3n-1} + 3}{2} \right).$$

SOLUTIONS

A Lucas Inequality

B-1194 (Corrected) Proposed by D. M. Băţineţu-Giurgui, Matei Basarab National College, Bucharest, Romania, and Neculai Stanciu, George Emil Palade School, Buzău, Romania.
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Prove that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{L_1}{(L_1^2 + L_2^2 + 2)^{m+1}} + \frac{L_2}{(L_1^2 + L_2^2 + L_3^2 + 2)^{m+1}} + \cdots + \frac{L_n}{(L_1^2 + L_2^2 + \cdots + L_{n+1}^2 + 2)^{m+1}} \\ \geq \frac{L_{n+2} - 3}{(3L_{n+2})^{m+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

for any positive integers n and m .

Solution by Wei-Kai Lai, University of South Carolina Salkehatchie, Walterboro, SC.

Since $\sum_{i=1}^n L_i^2 = L_n L_{n+1} - 2$, the proposed inequality can be written as

$$\frac{L_1}{(L_2 L_3)^{m+1}} + \frac{L_2}{(L_3 L_4)^{m+1}} + \cdots + \frac{L_n}{(L_{n+1} L_{n+2})^{m+1}} \geq \frac{L_{n+2} - 3}{(3L_{n+2})^{m+1}}.$$

We use induction to prove the above inequality. When $n = 1$, $\frac{L_1}{(L_2L_3)^{m+1}} = \frac{1}{12^{m+1}} = \frac{L_3-3}{(3L_3)^{m+1}}$, the above claim is true. Assume that the inequality is true when $n = k$ for some arbitrary but fixed integer $k \geq 1$. Then,

$$\frac{L_1}{(L_2L_3)^{m+1}} + \frac{L_2}{(L_3L_4)^{m+1}} + \cdots + \frac{L_{k+1}}{(L_{k+2}L_{k+3})^{m+1}} \geq \frac{L_{k+2}-3}{(3L_{k+2})^{m+1}} + \frac{L_{k+1}}{(L_{k+2}L_{k+3})^{m+1}}.$$

It suffices to prove that

$$\frac{L_{k+2}-3}{(3L_{k+2})^{m+1}} + \frac{L_{k+1}}{(L_{k+2}L_{k+3})^{m+1}} \geq \frac{L_{k+3}-3}{(3L_{k+3})^{m+1}},$$

or equivalently,

$$L_{k+3}^{m+1}(L_{k+2}-3) + 3^{m+1}L_{k+1} \geq L_{k+2}^{m+1}(L_{k+3}-3).$$

The last inequality can be rearranged further to

$$(L_{k+3}^{m+1} - L_{k+2}^{m+1})(L_{k+2}-3) \geq L_{k+1}(L_{k+2}^{m+1} - 3^{m+1}) = (L_{k+3} - L_{k+2})(L_{k+2}^{m+1} - 3^{m+1}),$$

or

$$L_{k+3}^m + L_{k+3}^{m-1}L_{k+2} + \cdots + L_{k+2}L_{k+2}^{m-1} + L_{k+2}^m \geq L_{k+2}^m + L_{k+1}^{m-1} \cdot 3 + \cdots + L_{k+2} \cdot 3^{m-1} + 3^m,$$

which is clearly true when $k \geq 1$. Therefore, according to the principle of mathematical induction, the claimed inequality is true for all positive integers n .

Editor's Notes: This problem is similar to Problem B-1173(ii).

Also solved by **Kenny B. Davenport, I. V. Fedak, Dmitry Fleischman, and the proposer.**

A Problem with Many Solutions

B-1211 Proposed by Hideyuki Ohtsuka, Saitama, Japan.
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For $n \geq 1$, prove that

$$F_{n-1}^3 + \sum_{k=1}^n F_k^3 = \frac{F_{3n-1} + 1}{2}.$$

Solution 1 by Donghae Lee (student), Masan Jeil Girls' Middle School and Institute of Gifted Education in Science, Kyungnam University, Changwon, South Korea.

We use induction. For $n = 1$, the equality clearly holds. Assume it holds for some integer $n \geq 1$, we want to show that

$$F_n^3 + \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} F_k^3 = \frac{F_{3n+2} + 1}{2}.$$

Thus, it is enough to prove that

$$\left(F_n^3 + \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} F_k^3 \right) - \left(F_{n-1}^3 + \sum_{k=1}^n F_k^3 \right) = \frac{F_{3n+2} + 1}{2} - \frac{F_{3n-1} + 1}{2},$$

which is equivalent to

$$F_n^3 + F_{n+1}^3 - F_{n-1}^3 = \frac{F_{3n+2} - F_{3n-1}}{2} = \frac{F_{3n+1} + F_{3n} - F_{3n-1}}{2} = F_{3n}.$$

Using the identity $F_k = F_i F_{k+1-i} + F_{i-1} F_{k-i}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F_{3n} &= F_{n+1} F_{2n} + F_n F_{2n-1} \\ &= F_{n+1}(F_n F_{n+1} + F_{n-1} F_n) + F_n(F_n^2 + F_{n-1}^2) \\ &= F_n(F_{n+1}^2 + F_{n+1} F_{n-1} + F_{n-1}^2) + F_n^3 \\ &= (F_{n+1} - F_{n-1})(F_{n+1}^2 + F_{n+1} F_{n-1} + F_{n-1}^2) + F_n^3 \\ &= F_{n+1}^3 - F_{n-1}^3 + F_n^3, \end{aligned}$$

and the proof is completed.

Solution 2 by David Galante (student) and Ángel Plaza (jointly), Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain.

The proposed identity may be written for $n \geq 0$ as

$$F_n^3 + \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} F_k^3 = \frac{F_{3n+2} + 1}{2}.$$

We will show that the sequences on both sides of the equation have the same generating function.

Let $F(x)$ the generating function corresponding to the left side of the equation, and $g(x)$ the generating function of $\{F_n^3\}_{n \geq 0}$. It is well-known [1, equation (4.12)] that

$g(x) = \frac{x(1-2x-x^2)}{(1+x-x^2)(1-4x-x^2)}$. Thus, the generating function of $\{\sum_{k=0}^n F_k^3\}_{n \geq 0}$ is $h(x) = \frac{g(x)}{1-x}$, and consequently the generating function of $\{\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} F_k^3\}_{n \geq 0}$ is $\frac{h(x)}{x}$. Therefore,

$$F(x) = g(x) + \frac{h(x)}{x} = \frac{1 - 2x - x^2}{(1-x)(1-4x-x^2)}.$$

For the right side sequence, we use the following result [1, equation (4.18)]:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F_{kn+r} x^n = \frac{F_r + (-1)^r F_{k-r} x}{1 - L_k x + (-1)^k x^2}.$$

So, the generating function of $\{F_{3n+2}\}_{n \geq 0}$ is $\frac{1+x}{1-4x-x^2}$, and therefore, the generating function corresponding to the right side is

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1+x}{1-4x-x^2} + \frac{1}{1-x} \right) = \frac{1-2x-x^2}{(1-x)(1-4x-x^2)}.$$

Since $F(x) = G(x)$, the conclusion follows.

Editor's Notes: Several solvers used the formulas

$$\sum_{k=1}^n F_k^3 = \frac{F_{3n+2} + 6(-1)^{n+1} F_{n-1} + 5}{10} \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_{k=1}^n F_k^3 = \frac{F_{n+2}^3 - 3F_{n+1}^3 + 3(-1)^n F_n + 2}{4}$$

to complete their proofs. The equality $F_{n+1}^3 + F_n^2 - F_{n-1}^3 = F_{3n}$ can be generalized to [2, Identity 45, page 89]

$$F_{r+1} F_{s+1} F_{t+1} + F_r F_s F_t - F_{r-1} F_{s-1} F_{t-1} = F_{r+s+t}.$$

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Also solved by Paola Andrea Velásquez Barrientos (student), Brian D. Beasley, Bruno Berselli, Brian Bradie, Charles K. Cook, Kenny B. Davenport, Steve Edwards, I. V. Fedak, Dmitry Fleischman, Wei-Kai Lai and John Risher (student) (jointly), Kathleen E. Lewis, Carlos Alexander Montoya Sanchez (student), Raphael Schumacher (student), Dong-chan Shin (student), Jason L. Smith, Albert Stadler, David Terr, and the proposer.

A Cyclic Sum in Disguise

B-1212 Proposed by D. M. Băţineţu-Giurgui, Matei Basarab National College, Bucharest, Romania and Neculai Stanciu, George Emil Palade School, Buzău, Romania.
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Prove that

$$\frac{F_n^4 + 1}{F_n^2 - F_n + 1} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{F_k^4 + F_{k+1}^4}{F_k^2 - F_k F_{k+1} + F_{k+1}^2} > 2F_n F_{n+1}$$

for any positive integer n .

Solution by Brian Bradie, Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA.

Let x and y be positive integers. Then,

$$x^2 - xy + y^2 = \left(x - \frac{1}{2}y\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}y^2 > 0,$$

and

$$\frac{x^4 + y^4}{x^2 - xy + y^2} - (x^2 + y^2) = \frac{xy(x - y)^2}{x^2 - xy + y^2} \geq 0,$$

so that

$$\frac{x^4 + y^4}{x^2 - xy + y^2} \geq x^2 + y^2,$$

with equality holding if and only if $x = y$. Using this inequality and $F_1 = 1$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F_n^4 + 1}{F_n^2 - F_n + 1} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{F_k^4 + F_{k+1}^4}{F_k^2 - F_k F_{k+1} + F_{k+1}^2} &= \frac{F_n^4 + F_1^4}{F_n^2 - F_n F_1 + F_1^2} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{F_k^4 + F_{k+1}^4}{F_k^2 - F_k F_{k+1} + F_{k+1}^2} \\ &\geq F_n^2 + F_1^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (F_k^2 + F_{k+1}^2) \\ &= 2 \sum_{k=1}^n F_k^2 \\ &= 2F_n F_{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $n = 1$ (as $F_1 = F_1 = 1$), and for $n = 2$ (as $F_1 = F_2 = 1$), but the inequality is strict for $n > 2$.

Editor’s Notes: Plaza observed that the result can be extended to $n \geq 2$ distinct positive real numbers:

$$\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ \text{cyclic}}}^n \frac{a_k^4 + a_{k+1}^4}{a_k^2 - a_k a_{k+1} + a_{k+1}^2} > 2 \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2.$$

Also solved by Kenny B. Davenport, I. V. Fedak, Dmitry Fleischman, Wei-Kai Lai and John Risher (student) (jointly), Hideyuki Ohtsuka, Ángel Plaza, and the proposer.

An Intriguing Telescoping Product

B-1213 Proposed by Ivan V. Fedak, Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine.
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For every positive integer n , prove that

$$\frac{F_1}{F_3} \cdot \frac{F_5}{F_7} \cdots \frac{F_{4n-3}}{F_{4n-1}} > \sqrt[4]{\frac{1}{F_1 + F_5 + \cdots + F_{8n+1}}},$$

and

$$\frac{F_2}{F_4} \cdot \frac{F_6}{F_8} \cdots \frac{F_{4n-2}}{F_{4n}} < \sqrt[4]{\frac{2}{F_3 + F_7 + \cdots + F_{8n+3}}}.$$

Solution by the proposer.

If $k < m$, then for every positive integer p , we find, by means of Binet’s formula, or by applying Identity 2 in [1, page 87],

$$F_k F_{m+p} - F_{k+p} F_m = (-1)^{k+1} F_p F_{m-k}.$$

Hence, $\frac{F_k}{F_m} > \frac{F_{k+p}}{F_{m+p}}$ if k is odd, and $\frac{F_k}{F_m} < \frac{F_{k+p}}{F_{m+p}}$ if k is even. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F_1}{F_3} \cdot \frac{F_5}{F_7} \cdots \frac{F_{4n-3}}{F_{4n-1}} &> \frac{F_2}{F_4} \cdot \frac{F_6}{F_8} \cdots \frac{F_{4n-2}}{F_{4n}}, \\ \frac{F_1}{F_3} \cdot \frac{F_5}{F_7} \cdots \frac{F_{4n-3}}{F_{4n-1}} &> \frac{F_3}{F_5} \cdot \frac{F_7}{F_9} \cdots \frac{F_{4n-1}}{F_{4n+1}}, \\ \frac{F_1}{F_3} \cdot \frac{F_5}{F_7} \cdots \frac{F_{4n-3}}{F_{4n-1}} &> \frac{F_4}{F_6} \cdot \frac{F_8}{F_{10}} \cdots \frac{F_{4n}}{F_{4n+2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\left(\frac{F_1}{F_3} \cdot \frac{F_5}{F_7} \cdots \frac{F_{4n-3}}{F_{4n-1}} \right)^4 > \frac{F_1 F_2}{F_{4n+1} F_{4n+2}} = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^{4n+1} F_k^2}.$$

The first inequality follows from

$$\sum_{k=1}^{4n+1} F_k^2 = F_1^2 + (F_2^2 + F_3^2) + \cdots + (F_{4n}^2 + F_{4n+1}^2) = F_1 + F_5 + \cdots + F_{8n+1}.$$

The second inequality can be obtained in a similar manner.

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Also solved by **Kenny B. Davenport** (two solutions), and **Dmitry Fleischman**.

Telescoping Sum Again!

B-1214 Proposed by **Hideyuki Ohtsuka**, Saitama, Japan.
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Given an integer $m \geq 2$, find a closed form for the infinite sum

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2n+m}}{F_n F_{n+2} F_{n+m-2} F_{n+m}}.$$

Solution by Jason L. Smith, Richland Community College, Decatur, IL.

Consider the numerator in the summand. Using the identity [1, page 89, identity 47] $F_p F_{q+r} = F_{p+q} F_r - (-1)^p F_q F_{r-p}$, we find

$$F_{2n+m} = F_2 F_{n+(n+m)} = F_{n+2} F_{n+m} - F_n F_{n+m-2}.$$

The sum now becomes

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{F_n F_{n+m-2}} - \frac{1}{F_{n+2} F_{n+m}} \right).$$

This is a telescoping sum in which only the first two positive terms survive. Therefore, the closed form that is sought is

$$\frac{1}{F_1 F_{m-1}} + \frac{1}{F_2 F_m} = \frac{1}{F_{m-1}} + \frac{1}{F_m} = \frac{F_m + F_{m-1}}{F_{m-1} F_m} = \frac{F_{m+1}}{F_{m-1} F_m}.$$

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Also solved by **Brian Bradie**, **I. V. Fedak**, **Ángel Plaza**, **Raphael Schumacher**, and the proposer.

An Infinite Series of Arctangent

B-1215 Proposed by **Ángel Plaza** and **Sergio Falcón**, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain.
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For any positive integer k , the k -Fibonacci and k -Lucas sequences $\{F_{k,n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $\{L_{k,n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ are defined recursively by $u_{n+1} = ku_n + u_{n-1}$ for $n \geq 1$, with respective initial conditions $F_{k,0} = 0$, $F_{k,1} = 1$, and $L_{k,0} = 2$, $L_{k,1} = k$. Let c be a positive integer. The sequence $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is defined by $a_1 = 1$, $a_2 = 3$, and $a_{n+2} = a_n + 2c$ for $n \geq 1$. Prove that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{F_{k,c}}{F_{k,a_n+c}} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{k} \right), \quad \text{if } c \text{ is even;}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{L_{k,c}}{L_{k,a_n+c}} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{k} \right), \quad \text{if } c \text{ is odd.}$$

Solution by Hideyuki Ohtsuka, Saitama, Japan.

We have the Binet's forms $F_{k,n} = \frac{p^n - q^n}{p - q}$, and $L_{k,n} = p^n + q^n$, with $p = \frac{k + \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2}$ and $q = \frac{k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2}$. Note that $pq = -1$, hence $p^{-1} = -q$. We find

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^{-1} p^{-a_n} - \tan^{-1} p^{-a_{n+2}} &= \tan^{-1} \frac{p^{-a_n} - p^{-a_{n+2}}}{1 + p^{-a_n} p^{-a_{n+2}}} \\ &= \tan^{-1} \frac{p^{(a_{n+2} - a_n)/2} - p^{-(a_{n+2} - a_n)/2}}{p^{(a_{n+2} + a_n)/2} + p^{-(a_{n+2} + a_n)/2}} \\ &= \tan^{-1} \frac{p^c - p^{-c}}{p^{a_n + c} + p^{-a_n - c}}. \end{aligned}$$

By the above inequality, for $m \geq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^m \tan^{-1} \frac{p^c - p^{-c}}{p^{a_n + c} + p^{-a_n - c}} &= \sum_{n=1}^m (\tan^{-1} p^{-a_n} - \tan^{-1} p^{-a_{n+2}}) \\ &= \tan^{-1} p^{-a_1} + \tan^{-1} p^{-a_2} - \tan^{-1} p^{-a_{m+1}} - \tan^{-1} p^{-a_{m+2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^{-1} p^{-a_1} + \tan^{-1} p^{-a_2} &= \tan^{-1} p^{-1} + \tan^{-1} p^{-3} = \tan^{-1} \frac{p^{-1} + p^{-3}}{1 - p^{-1} p^{-3}} \\ &= \tan^{-1} \frac{p + p^{-1}}{p^2 - p^{-2}} = \tan^{-1} \frac{p - q}{p^2 - q^2} = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{F_{k,2}} = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{k}, \end{aligned}$$

and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \infty$, we obtain the identity

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tan^{-1} \frac{p^c - p^{-c}}{p^{a_n + c} + p^{-a_n - c}} = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{k}.$$

If c is even, then $a_n + c$ is odd for $n \geq 1$, and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tan^{-1} \frac{F_{k,c}}{F_{k,a_n + c}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tan^{-1} \frac{p^c - q^c}{p^{a_n + c} - q^{a_n + c}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tan^{-1} \frac{p^c - p^{-c}}{p^{a_n + c} + p^{-a_n - c}} = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{k}.$$

If c is odd, then $a_n + c$ is even for $n \geq 1$, and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tan^{-1} \frac{L_{k,c}}{L_{k,a_n + c}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tan^{-1} \frac{p^c + q^c}{p^{a_n + c} + q^{a_n + c}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tan^{-1} \frac{p^c - p^{-c}}{p^{a_n + c} + p^{-a_n - c}} = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{k}.$$

Editor's Note: This problem is similar to Problem B-1198.

Also solved by Kenny B. Davenport, I. V. Fedak, Dmitry Fleischman, and the proposer.