

Fibonacci and Golden Ratio Formulae

Here are almost 200 formula involving the Fibonacci numbers and the golden ratio together with the Lucas numbers and the General Fibonacci series (the G series). This forms a major reference page for Ron Knott's [Fibonacci Web site](http://www.mcs.surrey.ac.uk/Personal/R.Knott/Fibonacci/) (<http://www.mcs.surrey.ac.uk/Personal/R.Knott/Fibonacci/>) where there are many more details and explanations with applications, puzzles and investigations aimed at secondary school students and teachers as well as interested mathematical enthusiasts.

Note that it is **easy to search for a named formula** on this page since it is an HTML page and the formulae are not images. In your browser main menu, under the **Edit** menu look for **Find...** and type Vajda-N or Dunlap-N for the relevant formula.

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Definitions and Notation

Beware of different golden ratio symbols used by different authors!

At [this web site](#) Phi is 1.618033... and phi is 0.618033.. but Vajda (see below) and Dunlap (see below) use a symbol for -0.618033..

Where a formula below (or a simple re-arrangement of it) occurs in either Vajda or Dunlap's book, the reference number they use is given. Dunlap's formulae are listed in his Appendix A3. Hoggatt's formula are from his "Fibonacci and Lucas Numbers" booklet. Full bibliographic details are at the end of this page.

As used here	Vajda	Dunlap	Description
floor(x)	[x]	trunc(x), not used for x<0	the nearest integer $\leq x$. When $x>0$, this is "the integer part of x" or "truncate x" i.e. delete any fractional part after the decimal point. 3=floor(3)=floor(3.1)=floor(3.9), -4=floor(-4)=floor(-3.1)=floor(-3.9)
round(x)	$[x + \frac{1}{2}]$	trunc(x+1/2)	the nearest integer to x, equivalent to trunc(x+0.5) 3=round(3)=round(3.1), 4=round(3.9), -4=round(-4)=round(-3.9), -3=round(-3.1) 4=round(3.5), -3=round(-3.5)
ceil(x)	-	-	the nearest integer $\geq x$. 3=ceil(3), 4=ceil(3.1)=ceil(3.9), -3=ceil(-3)=ceil(-3.1)=ceil(-3.9)

fract(x)	-	-	the fractional part of x, i.e. the part of abs(x) after the decimal point Knuth writes this a x mod 1 defined as x-floor(x)
$\binom{n}{r}$	$\binom{n}{r}$	$\binom{n}{r}$	$= \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$ ${}_n C_r$; n choose r; the element in row n column r of Pascal's Triangle; the coefficient of x^r in $(1+x)^n$; the number of ways of choosing r objects from a set of n different objects. $n \geq 0$ and $r \geq 0$.

F(i) is the Fibonacci series 0,1,1,2,3,5,... and L(i) is the Lucas series 2,1,3,4,7,11,....

Formula	Refs	Comments
$F(0) = 0, F(1) = 1,$ $F(n+2) = F(n+1) + F(n)$	-	Definition of the Fibonacci series
$F(-n) = (-1)^{n+1} F(n)$	Vajda-2, Dunlap-5	Extending the Fibonacci series 'backwards'
$L(0) = 2, L(1) = 1,$ $L(n+2) = L(n+1) + L(n)$	-	Definition of the Lucas series
$L(-n) = (-1)^n L(n)$	Vajda-4, Dunlap-6	Extending the Lucas series 'backwards'
$G(n+2) = G(n+1) + G(n)$	Vajda-3, Dunlap-4	Definition of the Generalised Fibonacci series, G(0) and G(1) needed
$\text{Phi} = 1.618... = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{2}$	Dunlap-63	Vajda and Dunlap use tau (τ) and Koshy uses alpha (α). Phi and -phi are the roots of $x^2 = x + 1$
$\text{phi} = 0.618... = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2}$	Dunlap-65	Vajda uses $-\sigma$, and Dunlap uses $-\varphi$ and Koshy uses $-\beta$ Beware! Dunlap occasionally uses φ to represent our phi = 0.61803..., but more frequently he uses φ to represent -0.618033..

Linear Formulae

Linear relationships involve only sums or differences of Fibonacci numbers or Lucas numbers or their multiples.

Linear Sums of Fibonacci numbers

$F(n+3) + F(n) = 2 F(n+2)$	-
$F(n+3) - F(n) = 2 F(n+1)$	-
$F(n+4) + F(n) = 3 F(n+2)$	-
$F(n+4) - F(n) = L(n+2)$	-
$F(n+6) + F(n) = 2 L(n+3)$	-
$F(n+6) - F(n) = 4 F(n+3)$	-
$F(n+1) + F(n-1) = L(n)$	Vajda-6, Hoggatt-18, Dunlap-14, Koshy-5.14
$F(n) + 2 F(n-1) = L(n)$	(Dunlap-32)
$F(n+2) - F(n-2) = L(n)$	Vajda-7a, Dunlap-15, Koshy-5.15
$F(n+3) - 2 F(n) = L(n)$	possible correction for Dunlap-31
$F(n+2) - F(n) + F(n-1) = L(n)$	possible correction for Dunlap-31
$F(n) + F(n+1) + F(n+2) + F(n+3) = L(n+3)$	C Hyson(*)

Linear Sums of Lucas numbers

$L(n-1) + L(n+1) = 5 F(n)$	Vajda-5, Dunlap-13,
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Koshy-5.16

$$L(n) + L(n+3) = 2L(n+2) \quad -$$

$$L(n) + L(n+4) = 3L(n+2) \quad -$$

$$2L(n) + L(n+1) = 5F(n+1) \quad -$$

$$L(n+2) - L(n-2) = 5F(n) \quad -$$

$$L(n+3) - 2L(n) = 5F(n) \quad -$$

Linear Sum of a Fibonacci and a Lucas number

$$F(n) + L(n) = 2F(n+1) \quad \text{Vajda-7b, Dunlap-16}$$

$$L(n) + 5F(n) = 2L(n+1) \quad -$$

$$3F(n) + L(n) = 2F(n+2) \quad \text{Vajda-26, Dunlap-28}$$

$$3L(n) + 5F(n) = 2L(n+2) \quad \text{Vajda-27, Dunlap-29}$$

Golden Ratio Formulae

Here Phi (see Definitions above) is Vajda's and Dunlap's τ
and $-\text{phi}$ (see Definitions above) is Vajda's σ , Dunlap's φ and Koshy's β .

Basic Phi Formulae

$$\text{Phi} \text{ phi} = 1 \quad \text{Vajda page 51(3), Dunlap-65}$$

$$\text{Phi} + \text{phi} = \sqrt{5} \quad -$$

$$\text{Phi} / \text{phi} = \text{Phi} + 1 \quad -$$

$$\text{phi} / \text{Phi} = 1 - \text{phi} \quad -$$

$$\text{Phi} - \text{phi} = 1 \quad -$$

$$\text{Phi} = \text{phi} + 1 = \sqrt{5} - \text{phi} \quad -$$

$$\text{phi} = \text{Phi} - 1 = \sqrt{5} - \text{Phi} \quad -$$

$$\text{Phi}^2 = 1 + \text{Phi} \quad \text{Vajda page 51(4), Dunlap-64}$$

$$\text{phi}^2 = 1 - \text{phi} \quad \text{Vajda page 51(4), Dunlap-64}$$

$$\text{Phi}^{n+2} = \text{Phi}^{n+1} + \text{Phi}^n \quad -$$

$$(-\text{phi})^{n+2} = (-\text{phi})^{n+1} + (-\text{phi})^n \quad -$$

$$\text{phi}^n = \text{phi}^{n+1} + \text{phi}^{n+2} \quad -$$

$$(-\text{Phi})^n = (-\text{Phi})^{n+1} + (-\text{Phi})^{n+2} \quad -$$

Golden Ratio with Fibonacci and Lucas

$$F(n) = \frac{\text{Phi}^n - (-\text{phi})^n}{\sqrt{5}} \quad \text{"Binet's" Formula}$$

Vajda-58, Dunlap-69,
Hoggatt-page 11, Binet(1843),
De Moivre(1718), Lamé(1844)

$$L(n) = \text{Phi}^n + (-\text{phi})^n \quad \text{Vajda-59, Dunlap-70}$$

$$F(n) = \text{round} \left(\frac{\text{Phi}^n}{\sqrt{5}} \right), \text{if } n \geq 0 \quad \text{Vajda-62, Dunlap-71 corrected}$$

$$L(n) = \text{round}(\text{Phi}^n), \text{if } n \geq 2 \quad \text{Vajda-63, Dunlap-72}$$

$$F(-n) = \text{round} \left(\frac{-(-\phi)^{-n}}{\sqrt{5}} \right), \text{if } n \geq 0 \quad -$$

$$L(-n) = \text{round} ((-\phi)^{-n}), n \geq 3 \quad -$$

$$F(-n) = (-1)^{n+1} \text{round} \left(\frac{\phi^n}{\sqrt{5}} \right), \text{if } n \geq 0 \quad -$$

$$F(n + 1) = \text{round}(\phi F(n)), \text{if } n \geq 2 \quad \text{Vajda-64, Dunlap-73}$$

$$L(n + 1) = \text{round}(\phi L(n)), \text{if } n \geq 4 \quad \text{Vajda-65, Dunlap-74}$$

$$\text{fract}(F(2n) \phi) = 1 - \phi^{2n} \quad \text{Knuth vol 1, Ex 1.2.8 Qu 31}$$

$$\text{fract}(F(2n+1) \phi) = \phi^{2n-1} \quad \text{Knuth vol 1, Ex 1.2.8 Qu 31}$$

$$\phi^n = \frac{L(n) + F(n)\sqrt{5}}{2} \quad \text{Rabinowitz-25}$$

$$(-\phi)^n = \frac{L(n) - F(n)\sqrt{5}}{2} \quad \text{Rabinowitz-25}$$

$$\phi^n = \phi F(n) + F(n-1) \quad \text{Rabinowitz-28}$$

$$\phi^n = F(n+1) + F(n) \phi \quad \text{Rabinowitz-28}$$

$$\sqrt{5} \phi^n = \phi L(n) + L(n-1) \quad -$$

$$(-\phi)^n = -\phi F(n) + F(n-1) \quad \text{Rabinowitz-28}$$

$$\sqrt{5} (-\phi)^n = \phi L(n) - L(n-1) \quad -$$

$$(-\phi)^n = F(n+1) - \phi F(n) \quad \text{Vajda-103b, Dunlap-75}$$

$$L(n) + \sqrt{5} F(n) = 2 \phi^n \quad \text{Vajda page 125}$$

$$L(n) - \sqrt{5} F(n) = 2 (-\phi)^n \quad \text{Vajda page 125}$$

Order 2 Formulae

Order 2 means these formula have a terms involving the *product of 2* Fibonacci or Lucas numbers at most.

Fibonacci numbers

$$F(n)^2 + 2 F(n - 1)F(n) = F(2n) \quad -$$

$$F(n + 1)^2 + F(n)^2 = F(2n + 1) \quad \text{Vajda-11, Dunlap-7, Lucas(1876)}$$

$$F(n + 1)^2 - F(n - 1)^2 = F(2n) \quad \text{Lucas(1876)}$$

$$F(n + k + 1)^2 + F(n - k)^2 = F(2k + 1)F(2n + 1) \quad \text{a generalization of Vajda-11,Dunlap-7 Melham(1999)}$$

$$F(n + 2) F(n - 1) = F(n + 1)^2 - F(n)^2 \quad \text{Vajda-12, Dunlap-8}$$

$$F(n + 1) F(n - 1) - F(n)^2 = (-1)^n \quad \text{Vajda-29, Dunlap-9, Cassini's Formula(1680), Simson(1753) special case of Catalan's Identity with r=1}$$

$$F(n)^2 - F(n + r)F(n - r) = (-1)^n F(r)^2 \quad \text{Catalan's Identity(1879)}$$

$$F(n)F(m + 1) - F(m)F(n + 1) = (-1)^m F(n - m) \quad \text{d'Ocagne's Identity, special case of Vajda-9 with G=F}$$

$$F(n) = F(m) F(n + 1 - m) + F(m - 1) F(n - m) \quad \text{Dunlap-10}$$

$$F(n + m) = F(m) F(n + 1) + F(m - 1) F(n) \quad \text{alternative to Dunlap-10}$$

$F(n) F(n + 1) = F(n - 1) F(n + 2) + (-1)^{n-1}$	Vajda-20a special case: $i=1; k=2; n=n-1$
$F(n + i) F(n + k) - F(n) F(n + i + k) = (-1)^n F(i) F(k)$	Vajda-20a=Vajda-18(corrected) with $G:=H:=F$
$F(a)F(b) - F(c)F(d)$ $= (-1)^r (F(a-r)F(b-r) - F(c-r)F(d-r))$ $a+b=c+d$ for any integers a,b,c,d,r	Johnson FQ 41 (2003) B-960, pg 182. Cassini, Catalan and D'Ocagne's Identities are all special cases of this formula

$F(nk)$ is a multiple of $F(n)$ -

$\gcd(F(m), F(n)) = F(\gcd(m, n))$ Lucas (1876)

$F(m) \bmod F(n) = F(k)$ Knuth Vol 1 Ex 1.2.8 Qu. 32

Lucas numbers

$L(2n) = L(n)^2 - 2 (-1)^n$ -

$L(n + 2) L(n - 1) = L(n + 1)^2 - L(n)^2$ -

$L(n + 1) L(n - 1) - L(n)^2 = -5 (-1)^n$ -

$L(2n) + 2 (-1)^n = L(n)^2$ Vajda-17c, Dunlap-12

$L(n + m) + (-1)^m L(n - m) = L(m) L(n)$ Vajda-17a, Dunlap-11

Fibonacci and Lucas Numbers

$F(2n) = F(n) L(n)$	Vajda-13, Hoggatt-17, Koshy-5.13
$L(n + 1)^2 + L(n)^2 = 5 F(2n + 1)$	Vajda-25a
$L(n + 1)^2 - L(n)^2 = 5 F(2n)$	-
$L(n + 1)^2 - 5 F(n) = L(2n + 1)^2$	-
$L(2n) - 2 (-1)^n = 5 F(n)^2$	Vajda-23, Dunlap-25
$F(n + 1) L(n) = F(2n + 1) + (-1)^n$	Vajda-30, Vajda-31, Dunlap-27, Dunlap-30
$L(n + 1) F(n) = F(2n + 1) - (-1)^n$	-
$F(2n + 1) = F(n + 1) L(n + 1) - F(n) L(n)$	Vajda-14, Dunlap-18
$L(2n + 1) = F(n + 1) L(n + 1) + F(n) L(n)$	-
$L(n)^2 - 2 L(2n) = -5 F(n)^2$	Vajda-22, Dunlap-24
$5 F(n)^2 - L(n)^2 = 4 (-1)^{n+1}$	Vajda-24, Dunlap-26
$F(n)^2 + L(n)^2 = 4 F(n + 1)^2 - 2 F(2n)$	FQ (2003)vol 41, B-936, M A Rose, page 87
$5 (F(n)^2 + F(n + 1)^2) = L(n)^2 + L(n + 1)^2$	Vajda-25
$F(n) L(m) = F(n + m) + (-1)^m F(n - m)$	Vajda-15a, Dunlap-19
$L(n) F(m) = F(n + m) - (-1)^m F(n - m)$	Vajda-15b, Dunlap-20
$5 F(m) F(n) = L(n + m) - (-1)^m L(n - m)$	Vajda-17b, Dunlap-23
$2 F(n + m) = L(m) F(n) + L(n) F(m)$	Vajda-16a, Dunlap-21
$2 L(n + m) = L(m) L(n) + 5 F(n) F(m)$	-
$(-1)^m 2 F(n - m) = L(m) F(n) - L(n) F(m)$	Vajda-16b, Dunlap-22
$L(n + i) F(n + k) - L(n) F(n + i + k) = (-1)^{n+1} F(i) L(k)$	Vajda-19a

$F(n+i)L(n+k) - F(n)L(n+i+k) = (-1)^n F(i)L(k)$ Vajda-19b
 $L(n+i)L(n+k) - L(n)L(n+i+k) = (-1)^{n+1} 5 F(i)F(k)$ Vajda-20b
 $5F(a)F(b) - L(c)L(d) = (-1)^r (5F(a-r)F(b-r) - L(c-r)L(d-r))$ Johnson
 a+b=c+d for any integers a,b,c,d,r

Higher Order Fibonacci and Lucas

$F(3n) = F(n+1)^3 + F(n)^3 - F(n-1)^3$ -
 $[F(n-1)F(n+2)]^2 + [2F(n)F(n+1)]^2 = F(2n+1)^2$ A F Horadam FQ 20 (1982) pgs 121-122
 special case of **Generalised Fibonacci Pythagorean Triples**
 $[L(n-1)L(n+2)]^2 + [2L(n)L(n+1)]^2 = [5F(2n+1)]^2$ Wulczyn FQ 18 (1980) pg 188
 special case of **Generalised Fibonacci Pythagorean Triples**
 $F(n)^2 F(m+1)F(m-1) - F(m)^2 F(n+1)F(n-1) = (-1)^{n-1} F(m+n)F(m-n)$ Vajda-32
 $F(n+1)F(n+2)F(n+6) - F(n+3)^3 = (-1)^n F(n)$ FQ 41 (2003) pg 142, Melham
 $F(n-2)F(n-1)F(n+1)F(n+2) + 1 = F(n)^4$ **Gelin-Cesàro Identity** (1880)
 FQ 41 (2003) pg 142.
 $F(n)F(n+2)F(n+3)F(n+5) + 1 = [F(n+4)^2 - 2F(n+3)^2]^2$
 $F(i+j+k) = F(i+1)F(j+1)F(k+1) + F(i)F(j)F(k) - F(i-1)F(j-1)F(k-1)$ Johnson's (6)
 for any integers i,j,k
 $\left(\frac{L(n) + \sqrt{5} F(n)}{2}\right)^k = \frac{L(kn) + \sqrt{5} F(kn)}{2}$ **De Moivre Analogue**
 $\left(\frac{L(n) - \sqrt{5} F(n)}{2}\right)^k = \frac{L(kn) - \sqrt{5} F(kn)}{2}$ **De Moivre Analogue**
 $(F(n)^2 + F(n+1)^2 + F(n+2)^2)^2 = 2(F(n)^4 + F(n+1)^4 + F(n+2)^4)$ **Candido's Identity (1951)**
 FQ 42 (2004) R S Melham, pgs 155-160
 $L(5n) = L(n)(L(2n) + 5F(n) + 3)(L(2n) - 5F(n) + 3), n \text{ odd}$ **Aurifeuille's Identity (1879)**
 FQ 42 (2004) R S Melham, pgs 155-160
 $F(n)F(n+1)F(n+2)F(n+4)F(n+5)F(n+6) + L(n+3)^2 = [F(n+3)(2F(n+2)F(n+4) - F(n+3)^2)]^2$ J Morgado **Note on some results of A F Horadam and A G Shannon concerning Catalan's Identity on Fibonacci Numbers**
Portugaliae Math. 44 (1987) pgs 243-252

G Formulae

G(i) is the General Fibonacci series. It has the same recurrence relation as Fibonacci and Lucas, namely **G(n+2) = G(n+1) + G(n) for all integers n (i.e. n can be negative)**, but the "starting values" of G(0)=a and G(1)=b can be specified. It therefore includes both series them both as special cases. To make it clear which starting values for G(0)=a and G(1)=b are being used, we write G(a,b,i) for G(i). Hoggatt and others use the letter H for series G. For example:

- If G(0)=0 and G(1)=1 we have 0,1,1,2,3,5,8,13,.. the Fibonacci series, i.e. G(0,1,i) = F(i);
- G(0)=2 and G(1)=1 gives 2,1,3,4,7,11,18,.. the Lucas series, i.e. G(2,1,i) = L(i);

Basic G Formulae

$G(n+2) = G(n+1) + G(n)$ Vajda-3, Dunlap-4
 $G(n) = G(0)F(n-1) + G(1)F(n)$ -
 $G(-n) = (-1)^n (G(0)F(n+1) - G(1)F(n))$ -
 $G(n+m) = F(m-1)G(n) + F(m)G(n+1)$ Vajda-8, Dunlap-33

$G(n - m) = (-1)^m (F(m + 1) G(n) - F(m) G(n + 1))$	Vajda-9, Dunlap-34
$L(m) G(n) = G(n + m) + (-1)^m G(n - m)$	Vajda-10a, Dunlap-35
$F(m) (G(n - 1) + G(n + 1)) = G(n + m) - (-1)^m G(n - m)$	Vajda-10b, Dunlap-36
$G(m) F(n) - G(n) F(m) = (-1)^{n + 1} G(0) F(m - n)$	Vajda-21a
$G(m) F(n) - G(n) F(m) = (-1)^m G(0) F(n - m)$	Vajda-21b
$G(m+k) F(n+k) + (-1)^{k+1} G(m) F(n) = F(k) G(m + n + k)$	Howard(2003)

Order 2 G Formulae

These formulae include terms which are a product of two G numbers either from the same G series or from two different G series i.e. with different index 0 and 1 values. Where the series may be different they are denoted G and H e.g. special cases include G = F (i.e. Fibonacci) and H = L (i.e. Lucas), or they could also be the same series G=H.

$G(n + i) H(n + k) - G(n) H(n + i + k)$ $= (-1)^n (G(i) H(k) - G(0) H(i + k))$	Vajda-18 (corrected) a special case of Johnson's:
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$G(p)H(q) - G(r)H(s)$ $= (-1)^n [G(p-n)H(q-n) - G(r-n)H(s-n)]$ if $p+q = r+s$ and p,q,r,s,n are integers	Johnson (see ref below)
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$G(n + 1) G(n - 1) - G(n)^2 = (-1)^n (G(1)^2 - G(0) G(2))$	Vajda-28
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$\sqrt{5} G(n) = (G(1) + G(0) \phi) \phi^n + (G(0) \phi - G(1)) (-\phi)^n$	Vajda-55/56, Dunlap-77
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$G(i+j+k) = F(i+1)F(j+1)G(k+1) + F(i)F(j)G(k) - F(i-1)F(j-1)G(k-1)$ for any integers i,j,k	Johnson's (39a)
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$4G(i)^2G(i+1)^2 + G(i-1)^2G(i+2)^2 = (G(i)^2 + G(i+1)^2)^2$	Generalised Fibonacci Pythagorean Triples A F Horadam Special Properties of the Sequence $w_n(a,b;p,q)$ FQ 5 (1967) pgs 424-434
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Summations

This section has formulae that sum a variable number of terms.

Fibonacci and Lucas Summations

These formulae involve a sum of Fibonacci or Lucas numbers only.

$\sum_{i=0}^n F(i) = F(n + 2) - 1$	Hoggatt-11, Lucas(1876)
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$\sum_{i=0}^n L(i) = L(n + 2) - 1$	Hoggatt-12
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$\sum_{i=a}^n F(i) = F(n + 2) - F(a + 1)$	-
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$\sum_{i=a}^n L(i) = L(n + 2) - L(a + 1)$	-
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$\sum_{i=1}^n F(2i) = F(2n + 1) - 1, n \geq 1$	Hoggatt-16, Lucas(1876)
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$$\sum_{i=1}^n F(2i - 1) = F(2n), n \geq 1 \quad \text{Hoggatt-15, Lucas(1876)}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n L(2i-1) = L(2n)-2 \quad -$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n 2^{n-i} F(i - 1) = 2^n - F(n + 2) \quad \text{Vajda-37a(adapted), Dunlap-42(adapted)}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i L(n - 2i) = 2 F(n + 1) \quad \text{Vajda-97, Dunlap-54}$$

Summations with fractions

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{F(i)}{2^i} = 2 \quad \text{Vajda-60, Dunlap-51}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{L(i)}{2^i} = 6 \quad -$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{F(i)}{r^i} = \frac{r}{r^2 - r - 1} \quad -$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{L(i)}{r^i} = 2 + \frac{r+2}{r^2 - r - 1} \quad -$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{i F(i)}{2^i} = 10 \quad \text{Vajda-61, Dunlap-52}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{i L(i)}{2^i} = 22 \quad -$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{F(2^i)} = 4 - \text{Phi} = 3 - \phi \quad \text{Vajda-77(corrected), Dunlap-53(corrected)}$$

Order 2 summations

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2n} F(i) F(i - 1) = F(2n)^2 \quad \text{Vajda-40, Dunlap-45}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2n} L(i) L(i - 1) = L(2n)^2 - 4 \quad -$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} F(i) F(i-1) = F(2n+1)^2 - 1 \quad \text{Vajda-42, Dunlap-47}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} L(i) L(i-1) = L(2n+1)^2 - 5 \quad -$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} F(2i+1)^2 = \frac{F(4n) + 2n}{5} \quad \text{Vajda-95}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} L(2i+1)^2 = F(4n) - 2n \quad \text{Vajda-96}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n F(i)^2 = F(n) F(n+1) \quad \text{Vajda-45, Dunlap-5, Hoggatt-13, Lucas(1876), Koshy-77}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n L(i)^2 = L(n) L(n+1) - 2 \quad \text{Hoggatt-14}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2n-1} L(i)^2 = 5 F(2n) F(2n-1) \quad -$$

$$5 \sum_{i=0}^n F(i) F(n-i) \begin{cases} = (n+1) L(n) - 2 F(n+1) \\ = n L(n) - F(n) \end{cases} \quad \text{Vajda-98, Dunlap-55}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n L(i) L(n-i) \begin{cases} = (n+1) L(n) + 2 F(n+1) \\ = (n+2) L(n) + F(n) \end{cases} \quad \text{Vajda-99, Dunlap-56}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n F(i) L(n-i) = (n+1) F(n) \quad \text{Vajda-100, Dunlap-57}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n L(2i)^2 = F(4n+2) + 2n - 1 \quad \text{Vajda page 70}$$

G Summations

$$\sum_{i=1}^n G(i) = G(n+2) - G(2) \quad \text{Vajda-33, Dunlap-38}$$

$$\sum_{i=a}^n G(i) = G(n+2) - G(a+1) \quad -$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n G(2i-1) = G(2n) - G(0) \quad \text{Vajda-34, Dunlap-37}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n G(2i) = G(2n+1) - G(1) \quad \text{Vajda-35, Dunlap-39}$$

$\sum_{i=1}^n G(2i) - \sum_{i=1}^n G(2i-1) = G(2n-1) + G(0) - G(1)$	Vajda-36, Dunlap-40
$\sum_{i=1}^n 2^{n-i} G(i-1) = 2^{n-1} (G(0) + G(3)) - G(n+2)$	Vajda-37(variant), Dunlap-41(variant)
$\sum_{i=1}^{4n+2} G(i) = L(2n+1) G(2n+3)$	Vajda-38, Dunlap-43
$\sum_{i=1}^{2n} G(i) G(i-1) = G(2n)^2 - G(0)^2$	Vajda-39, Dunlap-44
$\sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} G(i) G(i-1) = G(2n+1)^2 - G(0)^2 - G(1)^2 + G(0)G(2)$	Vajda-41, Dunlap-46
$\sum_{i=1}^n G(i+2) G(i-1) = G(n+1)^2 - G(1)^2$	Vajda-43, Dunlap-48
$\sum_{i=1}^n G(i)^2 = G(n) G(n+1) - G(0) G(1)$	Vajda-44, Dunlap-49
$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{G(a, b, i)}{r^i} = a + \frac{a + b r}{r^2 - r - 1}$	Stan Rabinowitz, "Second-Order Linear Recurrences" card, <i>Generating Function</i> special case (x=1/r, P=1, Q=-1)
$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{i G(a, b, i)}{r^i} = \frac{r (b r^2 - 2 a r + b - a)}{(r^2 - r - 1)^2}$	-

Summations with Binomial Coefficients

$\sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n-i}{i-1} = F(n)$	-
$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \binom{n-i-1}{i} = F(n)$	Vajda-54(corrected), Dunlap-84(corrected)
$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n+1}{i+1} F(i) = F(2n+1) - 1$	Vajda-50, Dunlap-82
$\sum_{i=0}^{2n} \binom{2n}{i} F(2i) = 5^n F(2n)$	Vajda-69, Dunlap-85
$\sum_{i=0}^{2n} \binom{2n}{i} L(2i) = 5^n L(2n)$	Vajda-71, Dunlap-87

$$\sum_{i=0}^{2n+1} \binom{2n+1}{i} F(2i) = 5^n L(2n+1) \quad \text{Vajda-70, Dunlap-86}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{2n+1} \binom{2n+1}{i} L(2i) = 5^{n+1} F(2n+1) \quad \text{Vajda-72, Dunlap-88}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{2n} \binom{2n}{i} F(i)^2 = 5^{n-1} L(2n) \quad \text{Vajda-73, Dunlap-89}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{2n} \binom{2n}{i} L(i)^2 = 5^n L(2n) \quad \text{Vajda-75, Dunlap-91}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{2n+1} \binom{2n+1}{i} F(i)^2 = 5^n F(2n+1) \quad \text{Vajda-74, Dunlap-90}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{2n+1} \binom{2n+1}{i} L(i)^2 = 5^{n+1} F(2n+1) \quad \text{Vajda-76, Dunlap-92}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} 5^i \binom{n}{2i+1} = 2^{n-1} F(n) \quad \text{Vajda-91}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} 5^i \binom{n}{2i} = 2^{n-1} L(n) \quad \text{Vajda-92}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} F(n)^i F(n-1)^{k-i} F(i) = F(kn) \quad \text{Rabinowitz-17}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} F(n)^i F(n-1)^{k-i} L(i) = L(kn) \quad \text{Rabinowitz-17}$$

Summations with Binomials and G Series

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} G(i) = G(2n) \quad \text{Vajda-47, Dunlap-80}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} G(p-i) = G(p+n) \quad \text{Vajda-46, Dunlap-79}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} G(p+i) = G(p+2n) \quad \text{Vajda-49, Dunlap-81}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} G(n+p-i) = G(p-n) \quad \text{Vajda-51, Dunlap-83}$$

Other Formulae

$$F(n) = \prod_{k=0}^{\text{floor}((n-1)/2)} \left(3 + 2 \cos \frac{2k\pi}{n} \right) -$$

Hyperbolic Functions

Here we use g for $\ln(\Phi)$, the natural log of Φ . $\cosh(g) = \sqrt{5}/2$. There are several derivations of formulae above using hyperbolic functions in chapter XI of Vajda.

$$F(2n) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \sinh(2ng) \quad \text{from Binet's formula}$$

$$= \frac{\sinh(2ng)}{\cosh(g)}$$

$$F(2n+1) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \cosh((2n+1)g) \quad \text{from Binet's formula}$$

$$= \frac{\cosh((2n+1)g)}{\cosh(g)}$$

$$L(2n) = 2 \cosh(ng) \quad \text{from Binet's formula}$$

$$L(2n+1) = 2 \sinh(ng) \quad \text{from Binet's formula}$$

Complex Numbers

$$F(n) = \frac{2 i^{1-n}}{\sqrt{5}} \sin(-i n \ln(i \Phi)) \quad \text{from Rabinowitz-7 corrected}$$

$$F(n) = \frac{2 i^{-n}}{\sqrt{5}} \sinh(n \ln(i \Phi)) \quad \text{from Rabinowitz-7 corrected}$$

$$L(n) = 2 i^{-n} \cos(-i n \ln(i \Phi)) \quad \text{from Rabinowitz-7 corrected}$$

$$L(n) = 2 i^{-n} \cosh(n \ln(i \Phi)) \quad \text{from Rabinowitz-7 corrected}$$

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