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#### PROBLEMS PROPOSED IN THIS ISSUE

#### H-901 Proposed by Hideyuki Ohtsuka, Saitama, Japan

Prove that

(i) 
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{L_{2F_{n+1}} + L_{2F_n}} = \frac{1}{10}$$
 and (ii)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{L_{2L_{n+1}} + L_{2L_n}} = \frac{1}{15}$ .

#### <u>H-902</u> Proposed by I. V. Fedak, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

For all positive integers n, prove that

$$2L_nL_{n+2}(\sqrt[L_n]{2} - \sqrt[L_{n+2}]{2})(\sqrt[L_n]{6} - \sqrt[L_{n+2}]{6}) < L_{n+1}(\sqrt[L_n]{12} - \sqrt[L_{n+2}]{12}).$$

#### H-903 Proposed by Robert Frontczak, Stuttgart, Germany

Prove that the Diophantine equations

$$3^n L_n + 4^n = 5^m$$
 and  $3^n + 4^n L_n = 5^m$ 

have no solutions in positive integers n and m.

<u>**H-904</u>** Proposed by Robert Frontczak, Stuttgart, Germany Show the following identities valid for each even integer  $m \ge 2$ :</u>

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{L_{2mn} - L_{2n}}{(L_{2n} + L_{2m})(L_{2mn} + L_{2m})} = \frac{m-1}{\sqrt{5}F_{2m}}$$

and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{L_{2mn} + L_{2n} + 2L_{2m}}{(L_{2n} + L_{2m})(L_{2mn} + L_{2m})} = \frac{m+1}{\sqrt{5}F_{2m}} - \frac{1}{L_{2m} + 2}.$$

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#### H-905 Proposed by Kay Wang, Henderson, NV

Prove the following identities:

(i) 
$$\frac{\pi^2}{16} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left( \arctan \frac{1}{F_{4i-1}} \arctan \frac{3}{F_{4i+1}} - \arctan \frac{3}{F_{4i+1}} \arctan \frac{1}{F_{4i+3}} \right), \text{ where } F_{-1} = 1.$$
  
(ii) 
$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i \arctan \frac{3}{F_{4i+1}}.$$

#### SOLUTIONS

#### <u>A logarithmic inequality</u>

# <u>H-866</u> Proposed by Ángel Plaza, Gran Canaria, Spain (Vol. 58, No. 4, November 2020)

Let  $a_n$  denote the *n*th number in the sequence given by  $a_{n+1} = a_n + a_{n-1}$  for  $n \ge 1$  with initial values  $a_0 = a - 1$  and  $a_1 = 1$  with some  $a \ge 1$ . Prove that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{2(a_{k+1} - a_k)}{a_{k+1} + a_k} < \ln a_{n+1} < \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{a_{k+1}^2 - a_k^2}{2a_{k+1}a_k}.$$

#### Solution by Michel Bataille, Rouen, France

We will make use of the logarithmic mean L(a, b) of two distinct positive real numbers a, b defined by  $L(a, b) = \frac{a-b}{\ln a - \ln b}$ . It is linked to the usual means  $A(a, b) = \frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $H(a, b) = \frac{2ab}{a+b}$  by

$$H(a,b) < \sqrt{ab} < L(a,b) < A(a,b).$$
(1)

(A recent reference is **[1**].)

Turning to the problem, it is readily checked that strict inequalities do not hold if n = 1 and a = 1 (if a = 1, then  $\frac{2(a_2-a_1)}{a_2+a_1} = \ln a_2 = \frac{a_2^2-a_1^2}{2a_2a_1} = 0$ ). In what follows, we suppose that  $n \ge 2$  or a > 1 if n = 1.

An induction shows that 
$$a_{n+1} > a_n$$
 for  $n \ge 1$ . Using (1), it follows that for  $k \ge 1$ , we have

$$\frac{2}{a_k + a_{k+1}} = \frac{1}{A(a_k, a_{k+1})} < \frac{\ln a_{k+1} - \ln a_k}{a_{k+1} - a_k} = \frac{1}{L(a_k, a_{k+1})} < \frac{1}{H(a_k, a_{k+1})} = \frac{a_k + a_{k+1}}{2a_{k+1}a_k}.$$

Therefore, multiplying by the positive number  $a_{k+1} - a_k$ ,

$$\frac{2(a_{k+1} - a_k)}{a_{k+1} + a_k} < \ln a_{k+1} - \ln a_k < \frac{a_{k+1}^2 - a_k^2}{2a_{k+1}a_k}$$

and, summing, we obtain

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{2(a_{k+1} - a_k)}{a_{k+1} + a_k} < \sum_{k=1}^{n} (\ln a_{k+1} - \ln a_k) < \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{a_{k+1}^2 - a_k^2}{2a_{k+1}a_k}.$$

The result follows because  $\sum_{k=1}^{n} (\ln a_{k+1} - \ln a_k) = \ln a_{n+1}$ .

#### Reference

[1] G. Jameson and P. R. Mercer, *The logarithmic mean revisited*, The American Mathematical Monthly, **126.7** (2019), 641–645.

Also solved by Dmitry Fleischman, Dongsheng Li Shu, Albert Stadler, Andrés Ventas, and the proposer.

#### An identity with sums of ratios of Fibonacci and Lucas numbers

# H-867 Proposed by Hideyuki Ohtsuka, Saitama, Japan

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Let a, b, c, d be even positive integers with a + b = c + d. Prove that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{a} \frac{L_b}{F_k L_{k+b}} + \sum_{k=1}^{b} \frac{L_a}{L_k F_{k+a}} = \sum_{k=1}^{c} \frac{L_d}{F_k L_{k+d}} + \sum_{k=1}^{d} \frac{L_c}{L_k F_{k+c}}.$$

#### Solution by Andrés Ventas, Santiago de Compostela, Spain

This problem can be solved using the ideas of Rabinowitz [2] and the solution to Advanced Problem H-749 by Á. Plaza [1].

Rabinowitz showed that we must find formulas with indices  $n \pm 2$ . With that hint and with a even, we have

$$\frac{L_a}{F_n L_{n+a}} - \frac{L_{a-2}}{F_{n+2} L_{n+a}} = \frac{L_a F_{n+2} - L_{a-2} F_n}{F_n F_{n+2} L_{n+a}} = \frac{L_{n+a}}{F_n F_{n+2} L_{n+a}} = \frac{1}{F_n F_{n+2}}.$$
$$\frac{L_a}{L_n F_{n+a}} - \frac{L_{a-2}}{L_n F_{n+a-2}} = \frac{L_a F_{n+a-2} - L_{a-2} F_{n+a}}{L_n F_{n+a} F_{n+a-2}} = \frac{-L_n}{L_n F_{n+a} F_{n+a-2}} = \frac{-1}{F_{n+a} F_{n+a-2}}.$$

Now, we sum from 1 to N and apply Theorem 4 from Rabinowitz [2] so we get products with consecutive indices

$$\sum_{k=1}^{a} \frac{L_b}{F_k L_{k+b}} - \sum_{k=1}^{a} \frac{L_{b-2}}{F_{k+2} L_{k+b}} = \sum_{k=1}^{a} \frac{1}{F_k F_{k+2}} = \frac{1}{F_1 F_2} - \frac{1}{F_{a+1} F_{a+2}}.$$
$$\sum_{k=1}^{b} \frac{L_a}{L_k F_{k+a}} - \sum_{k=1}^{b} \frac{L_{a-2}}{L_k F_{k+a-2}} = \sum_{k=1}^{b} \frac{-1}{F_{k+a-2} F_{k+a}} = \frac{-1}{F_{a-1} F_a} - \frac{-1}{F_{b+a-1} F_{b+a}}.$$

And now, we use telescoping with  $L_b$  and  $L_{b-2}$ , b/2 times, and with  $L_a$  and  $L_{a-2}$ , a/2 times, erasing all intermediate sums. In the first sum,  $F_k$  increases because we have  $F_{n+2}$  in the denominator of the telescoping. In the second sum,  $F_k$  decreases because we have  $F_{n-2}$  in the denominator of the telescoping.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{a} \frac{L_b}{F_k L_{k+b}} - \sum_{k=1}^{a} \frac{L_0}{F_{k+b} L_{k+b}} = \sum_{k=0}^{b/2-1} \left( \frac{1}{F_{2k+1} F_{2k+2}} - \frac{1}{F_{2k+a+1} F_{2k+a+2}} \right).$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{b} \frac{L_a}{L_k F_{k+a}} - \sum_{k=1}^{b} \frac{L_0}{L_k F_k} = \sum_{k=0}^{a/2-1} \left( \frac{-1}{F_{a-1-2k} F_{a-2k}} - \frac{-1}{F_{b+a-1-2k} F_{b+a-2k}} \right).$$
(Reversing the order of the elements) 
$$= \sum_{k=0}^{a/2-1} \left( \frac{-1}{F_{2k+1} F_{2k+2}} - \frac{-1}{F_{2k+1+b} F_{2k+2+b}} \right).$$

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As a final step, we sum both formulas to get the left sums of the problem, then the elements of the right side cancel.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{a} \frac{L_b}{F_k L_{k+b}} + \sum_{k=1}^{b} \frac{L_a}{L_k F_{k+a}} - \sum_{k=1}^{a} \frac{L_0}{F_{k+b} L_{k+b}} - \sum_{k=1}^{b} \frac{L_0}{L_k F_k} = 0.$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{a} \frac{L_b}{F_k L_{k+b}} + \sum_{k=1}^{b} \frac{L_a}{L_k F_{k+a}} = \sum_{k=1}^{a+b} \frac{2}{F_k L_k} = \sum_{k=1}^{a+b} \frac{2}{F_{2k}}$$

that is the same result for c and d where a + b = c + d.

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A. Plaza, Advanced Problems and Solutions, H-749, The Fibonacci Quarterly, 53.4 (2015), 375.
 S. Rabinowitz, Algorithmic summation of reciprocals of products of Fibonacci numbers, The Fibonacci Quarterly, 37.2 (1999), 122–127.

#### Also solved by Dmitry Fleischman, Albert Stadler, and the proposer.

#### Odd perfect numbers and values of the Riemann (-function

### H-868 Proposed by Juan Lopez Gonzalez, Madrid, Spain

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Prove that if N is an odd perfect number, then it satisfies

$$\frac{\sigma_0(N)\ln 2}{2} = N\ln 2 - \sum_{\substack{d|N\\d>1}} \sum_{k=1}^{(d-1)/2} \sum_{\ell \ge 1} \frac{k^{2\ell} (2^{2\ell} - 1)}{\ell d^{2\ell}} \zeta(2\ell),$$

where  $\sigma(N)$  is the sum of divisors of N and for k > 1,  $\zeta(k)$  is the Riemann zeta function.

#### Solution by Albert Stadler, Herrliberg, Switzerland

We use the product representation of the sine function

$$\frac{\sin(\pi x)}{\pi x} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{n^2} \right)$$

to deduce

$$\begin{split} \sum_{\ell \ge 1} \frac{k^{2\ell} (2^{2\ell} - 1)}{\ell d^{2\ell}} \zeta(2\ell) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell \ge 1} \frac{k^{2\ell} (2^{2\ell} - 1)}{\ell d^{2\ell} n^{2\ell}} \\ &= -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln\left(1 - \frac{4k^2}{d^2 n^2}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln\left(1 - \frac{k^2}{d^2 n^2}\right) \\ &= -\ln\left(\frac{\sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{d}\right)}{\frac{2\pi k}{d}}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi k}{d}\right)}{\frac{\pi k}{d}}\right) \\ &= -\ln\left(\frac{\sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{d}\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{\pi k}{d}\right)}\right) \\ &= -\ln\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi k}{d}\right)\right). \end{split}$$

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Next, we use (see for example [1]), that

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n} \cos\left(\frac{\pi k}{2n+1}\right) = \frac{1}{2^n},$$

to deduce

$$-\sum_{k=1}^{\frac{d-1}{2}} \ln\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi k}{d}\right)\right) = -\ln\left(\prod_{k=1}^{\frac{d-1}{2}} \cos\left(\frac{\pi k}{d}\right)\right) = \frac{(d-1)}{2} \ln 2.$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sigma_0(N)\ln 2}{2} - N\ln 2 &+ \sum_{\substack{d|N\\d>1}} \sum_{\substack{k=1\\d>1}}^{\frac{d-1}{2}} \sum_{\ell\geq 1} \frac{k^{2\ell}(2^{2\ell}-1)}{\ell d^{2\ell}} \zeta(2\ell) = \frac{\sigma_0(N)\ln 2}{2} - N\ln 2 + \sum_{\substack{d|N\\d>1}} \frac{d-1}{2}\ln 2 \\ &= \frac{\ln 2}{2} (\sigma_0(N) - 2N + (\sigma_1(N) - 1) - (\sigma_0(N) - 1)) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

by the definition of a perfect number.

#### Reference

[1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of trigonometric identities.

Also solved by the proposer.

### An identity with fifth powers of the Fibonacci numbers

#### H-869 Proposed by Hideyuki Ohtsuka, Saitama, Japan

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For positive integer n, prove that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} (-1)^{k} L_{k} F_{k}^{5} = \frac{(-1)^{n} (F_{n}^{5} F_{n+3} - F_{n}^{2})}{2}.$$

#### Solution by Raphael Schumacher, ETH Zurich, Switzerland

We have, by using the Binet formulas for  $F_k$  and  $L_k$ , the following expansions

$$(-1)^{k} L_{k} F_{k}^{5} = \frac{1}{25\sqrt{5}} \left( (-1)^{k} \alpha^{6k} - (-1)^{k} \beta^{6k} - 4\alpha^{4k} + 4\beta^{4k} + 5(-1)^{k} \alpha^{2k} - 5(-1)^{k} \beta^{2k} \right),$$

$$(-1)^{k} F_{k}^{5} F_{k+3} = \frac{1}{125} \left( (-1)^{k} \alpha^{6k+3} + (-1)^{k} \beta^{6k+3} - 5\alpha^{4k+3} - 5\beta^{4k+3} + 10(-1)^{k} \alpha^{2k+3} + 10(-1)^{k} \beta^{2k+3} - 10\alpha^{3} - 10\beta^{3} + 5\beta^{3}(-1)^{k} \alpha^{2k} + 5\alpha^{3}(-1)^{k} \beta^{2k} - \beta^{3} \alpha^{4k} - \alpha^{3} \beta^{4k} \right),$$

$$(-1)^{k} F_{k}^{2} = \frac{1}{5} \left( (-1)^{k} \alpha^{2k} + (-1)^{k} \beta^{2k} - 2 \right),$$

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which imply that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k L_k F_k^5 x^k = \frac{p_1(x)}{(x^2 - 7x + 1)(x^2 + 3x + 1)(x^2 + 18x + 1)},$$
$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k F_k^5 F_{k+3} x^k = \frac{p_2(x)}{(1 - x)(x^2 - 7x + 1)(x^2 + 3x + 1)(x^2 + 18x + 1)},$$
$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k F_k^2 x^k = \frac{p_3(x)}{(1 - x)(x^2 + 3x + 1)},$$

where  $p_1(x)$ ,  $p_2(x)$ , and  $p_3(x)$  are the unique polynomials of degrees  $\leq 5, \leq 6$ , and  $\leq 2$ , such that they generate the first 6, 7, and 3 terms from their corresponding generating functions, because then they generate all of its terms.

Therefore, we have the generating function identities

$$f_1(x) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k L_k F_k^5 x^k = -\frac{x \left(x^4 + 11x^3 - 4x^2 + 11x + 1\right)}{(x^2 - 7x + 1)(x^2 + 3x + 1)(x^2 + 18x + 1)},$$
  

$$f_2(x) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k F_k^5 F_{k+3} x^k = -\frac{x \left(x^5 + 14x^4 - 91x^3 - 121x^2 + 34x + 3\right)}{(1 - x)(x^2 - 7x + 1)(x^2 + 3x + 1)(x^2 + 18x + 1)},$$
  

$$f_3(x) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k F_k^2 x^k = -\frac{x(x + 1)}{(1 - x)(x^2 + 3x + 1)}.$$

The claimed identity follows from  $(-1)^0 L_0 F_0^5 = 0$  and the equation

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{n} (-1)^{k} L_{k} F_{k}^{5} \right) x^{n} = \frac{1}{1-x} f_{1}(x) = \frac{1}{2} f_{2}(x) - \frac{1}{2} f_{3}(x)$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(-1)^{n} \left( F_{n}^{5} F_{n+3} - F_{n}^{2} \right)}{2} \right) x^{n},$$

which holds because we have that

$$\begin{aligned} x^4 + 11x^3 - 4x^2 + 11x + 1 \\ &= \frac{x^5 + 14x^4 - 91x^3 - 121x^2 + 34x + 3 - (x^5 + 12x^4 - 113x^3 - 113x^2 + 12x + 1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{x^5 + 14x^4 - 91x^3 - 121x^2 + 34x + 3 - (x + 1)(x^2 - 7x + 1)(x^2 + 18x + 1)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Also solved by Brian Bradie, Dmitry Fleischman, Robert Frontczak, Wei-Kai Lai, Ángel Plaza, Albert Stadler, Liyang Zhang, and the proposer.

#### Formulas with Fibonacci numbers whose indices are Fibonacci numbers

## $\underline{\text{H-870}}\,$ Proposed by Hideyuki Ohtsuka, Saitama, Japan

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For any positive integer n, find closed form expressions for the sums

(i) 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} (L_{F_k} L_{F_{k+1}}) (F_{F_k} F_{F_{k+1}})^3$$
 and (ii)  $\sum_{k=1}^{n} (F_{F_k} F_{F_{k+1}}) (L_{F_k} L_{F_{k+1}})^3$ 

#### Solution by Brian Bradie, Newport News, VA

By Catalan's identity

$$F_{2F_k}F_{2F_{k+1}} = F_{F_{k+2}}^2 - F_{F_{k-1}}^2.$$

Combining the identity  $L_n^2 - 5F_n^2 = 4(-1)^n$  with  $F_k \pmod{2}$  has period 3 so  $F_{k-1}$  and  $F_{k+2}$  have the same parity, it follows that

$$F_{F_{k+2}}^2 - F_{F_{k-1}}^2 = \frac{1}{5} \left( L_{F_{k+2}}^2 - L_{F_{k-1}}^2 \right).$$

(i) Because

$$(L_{F_k}L_{F_{k+1}})(F_{F_k}F_{F_{k+1}})^3 = (F_{F_k}F_{F_{k+1}})^2(F_{F_k}L_{F_k}F_{F_{k+1}}L_{F_{k+1}}) = (F_{F_k}F_{F_{k+1}})^2(F_{2F_k}F_{2F_{k+1}}) = (F_{F_k}F_{F_{k+1}})^2(F_{F_{k+2}}^2 - F_{F_{k-1}}^2),$$

it follows that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} (L_{F_{k}} L_{F_{k+1}}) (F_{F_{k}} F_{F_{k+1}})^{3} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \left( (F_{F_{k}} F_{F_{k+1}} F_{F_{k+2}})^{2} - (F_{F_{k-1}} F_{F_{k}} F_{F_{k+1}})^{2} \right)$$
$$= (F_{F_{n}} F_{F_{n+1}} F_{F_{n+2}})^{2} - (F_{F_{0}} F_{F_{1}} F_{F_{2}})^{2}$$
$$= (F_{F_{n}} F_{F_{n+1}} F_{F_{n+2}})^{2}.$$

(ii) Because

$$(F_{F_k}F_{F_{k+1}})(L_{F_k}L_{F_{k+1}})^3 = (L_{F_k}L_{F_{k+1}})^2(F_{F_k}L_{F_k}F_{F_{k+1}}L_{F_{k+1}})$$
  
=  $(L_{F_k}L_{F_{k+1}})^2(F_{2F_k}F_{2F_{k+1}})$   
=  $(L_{F_k}L_{F_{k+1}})^2(F_{F_{k+2}}^2 - F_{F_{k-1}}^2)$   
=  $\frac{1}{5}(L_{F_k}L_{F_{k+1}})^2(L_{F_{k+2}}^2 - L_{F_{k-1}}^2),$ 

it follows that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} (F_{F_{k}}F_{F_{k+1}})(L_{F_{k}}L_{F_{k+1}})^{3} = \frac{1}{5}\sum_{k=1}^{n} \left( (L_{F_{k}}L_{F_{k+1}}L_{F_{k+2}})^{2} - (L_{F_{k-1}}L_{F_{k}}L_{F_{k+1}})^{2} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{5} \left( (L_{F_{n}}L_{F_{n+1}}L_{F_{n+2}})^{2} - (L_{F_{0}}L_{F_{1}}L_{F_{2}})^{2} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{5} \left( (L_{F_{n}}L_{F_{n+1}}L_{F_{n+2}})^{2} - 4 \right).$$

Also solved by Robert Frontczak, Raphael Schumacher, Jason L. Smith, Albert Stadler, and the proposer.

#### The sum of a series involving balancing numbers

# <u>H-871</u> Proposed by Robert Frontczak, Stuttgart, Germany (Vol. 59, No. 1, February 2021)

Let  $(B_n)_{n\geq 0}$  and  $(C_n)_{n\geq 0}$  be the balancing and Lucas-balancing numbers, respectively, i.e.,  $B_{n+1} = 6B_n - B_{n-1}$  and  $C_{n+1} = 6C_n - C_{n-1}$  for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $B_0 = 0$ ,  $B_1 = 1$ ,  $C_0 = 1$ ,  $C_1 = 3$ . Show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n(n+1)6^n} = 6\ln 6 - \frac{17}{\sqrt{8}}\ln(3+\sqrt{8}) \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{C_n}{n(n+1)6^n} = 1 - 17\ln 6 + 6\sqrt{8}\ln(3+\sqrt{8}).$$

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

We will use the generating functions of these sequences 
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n x^n = \frac{x}{1-6x+x^2} = b(x)$$
,  
and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n = \frac{1-3x}{1-6x+x^2} = c(x)$ . Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n(n+1)6^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{B_n}{n6^n} - \frac{B_n}{(n+1)6^n}\right)$ , and  
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{C_n}{n(n+1)6^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{C_n}{n6^n} - \frac{C_n}{(n+1)6^n}\right)$ . Therefore,  
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n(n+1)6^n} = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{b(x/6)}{x} - b(x/6)\right) dx$   
 $= \int_0^1 \frac{1-x}{6-6x+x^2/6} dx$   
 $= 6 \ln 6 - \frac{17}{\sqrt{8}} \ln(3+\sqrt{8}).$   
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{C_n}{n(n+1)6^n} = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{c(x/6)-1}{x} - (c(x/6)-1)\right) dx$   
 $= \int_0^1 \frac{1/2 - 19x/36 + x^2/36}{1-x+x^2/36} dx$   
 $= 1 - 17 \ln 6 + 6\sqrt{8} \ln(3+\sqrt{8}).$ 

Also solved by Brian Bradie, Dmitry Fleischman, Haydn Gwyn, Raphael Schumacher, Seán M. Stewart, David Terr, Andrés Ventas, and the proposer.