

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor (n+1)/2 \rfloor} \binom{n-i}{i}_r = F_{n+1}$$

where

$$\binom{n-i}{i}_r$$

is the polynomial coefficient in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column and  $(n-i)^{\text{st}}$  row of the left-adjusted array.

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From this we have that

$$(3) \quad L(F(n)) = \frac{f(n+1) - (-1)^{F(n+2)} f(n-2)}{f(n-1)}$$

Now, letting  $a = F(n)$ ,  $b = F(n+1)$  in (2), we have

$$(4) \quad 5f(n)f(n+1) = L(F(n+2)) - (-1)^{F(n)} L(F(n-1)).$$

Finally, substituting (3) for each term on the right of (4) and rearranging gives the required recursion.

It is interesting to note that a 5<sup>th</sup> order recursion for  $f(n)$  exists, but it is much more complicated.

*Proposition.*

$$f(n) = \frac{(5f(n-2))^2 + 2(-1)^{F(n+1)} f(n-3)^2 f(n-4) + f(n-2)(f(n-2) - (-1)^{F(n-1)} f(n-5))(f(n-1) - (-1)^{F(n)} f(n-4))}{2f(n-4)f(n-3)}$$

*Proof.* Use Equation (2) and the identity

$$(5) \quad L(a)L(b) = L(a+b) + (-1)^a L(b-a),$$

to obtain

$$5f(n)f(n+1) = 2L(F(n+2)) - L(F(n))L(F(n+1)).$$

Using (3) on the right-hand side and rearranging gives the required recursion.

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