

To prove the stronger result that if

$$\{v_m\} \equiv \{w_n\} \text{ for any } n, m, \text{ then } \{v_m\} \equiv \{w_n\} \text{ for all } n, m,$$

it would be necessary to replace "small" with "large" in the enunciation of Theorem 3. This would require S to be a prime ideal which could be achieved by embedding S in a maximal ideal $\mathcal{M}\alpha\beta$ which could be proved prime. However, this would then require restrictions on p' and q' as it would be easy to show that $q'v_{N-1} \in S$ but it would not automatically follow that $v_{N-1} \in S$.

Another problem that might be worth investigating is to look for commutators for relations like

$$w_{n+1}^p - w_n^p - w_{n-1}^p, \text{ where } p \text{ is a prime.}$$

These could be useful in Lie algebras.

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A GENERALIZATION OF HILTON'S PARTITION OF HORADAM'S SEQUENCES

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1. INTRODUCTION

If $P_{r1}, P_{r2}, \dots, P_{rr}$ are distinct integers for positive r , let

$$\omega = \omega(P_{r1}, \dots, P_{rr})$$

be the set of integer sequences

$$\left\{ W_{sn}^{(r)} \right\} = \left\{ W_{s0}^{(r)}, W_{s1}^{(r)}, W_{s2}^{(r)}, \dots \right\}$$

which satisfy the recurrence relation of order r ,

$$(1.1) \quad W_{s,n+r}^{(r)} = \sum_{j=1}^r (-1)^{j+1} P_{rj} W_{s,n+r-j}^{(r)}, \quad (s = 1, 2, \dots, r), \quad n \geq 1.$$

This is a generalization of of $\left\{ W_{sn}^{(2)} \right\}$ studied in detail by Horadam [1, 2, 3, 4, 5].

Hilton [6] partitioned Horadam's sequence into a set F of generalized Fibonacci sequences and a set L of generalized Lucas sequences. We extend this to show that ω can be partitioned naturally into r sets of generalized sequences.

2. NOTATION

We define r sequences of order r , $\{V_{sn}^{(r)}\}$ ($s = 1, 2, \dots, r$) by

$$(2.1) \quad V_{sn}^{(r)} = d^{1-s} \sum_{j=1}^r A_{sj}^{(r)} \alpha_{rj}^n, \quad n \geq 1,$$

where the α_{rj} are the distinct roots of

$$(2.2) \quad x^r = \sum_{k=1}^r (-1)^{k+1} P_{rk} x^{r-k}$$

and

$$d = \det D$$

where D is the Vandermonde matrix

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \alpha_{r1} & \alpha_{r2} & \dots & \alpha_{rr} \\ \alpha_{r1}^2 & \alpha_{r2}^2 & \dots & \alpha_{rr}^2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \alpha_{r1}^{r-1} & \alpha_{r2}^{r-1} & \dots & \alpha_{rr}^{r-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

and the $A_{sj}^{(r)}$ are suitable constants that depend on the initial values of the sequence:

$$\{V_{sn}^{(r)}\} \in \omega(P_{r1}, P_{r2}, \dots, P_{rr}).$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{s,n+r}^{(r)} &= d^{1-s} \sum_{j=1}^r A_{sj}^{(r)} \alpha_{rj}^{n+r} \\ &= d^{1-s} \sum_{j=1}^r A_{sj}^{(r)} \alpha_{rj}^n \sum_{k=1}^r (-1)^{k+1} P_{rk} \alpha_{rj}^{r-k} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^r (-1)^{k+1} P_{rk} \left(d^{1-s} \sum_{j=1}^r A_{sj}^{(r)} \alpha_{rj}^{n+r-k} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^r (-1)^{k+1} P_{rk} V_{s,n+r-k}^{(r)}, \text{ as required.} \end{aligned}$$

3. THE PARTITION OF $\omega(P_{r1}, \dots, P_{rr})$

It follows from (2.1) that we can represent $V_{rn}^{(r)}$ by

$$V_{rn}^{(r)} = d^{t-r} \sum_{j=1}^r B_{tj}^{(r)} \alpha_{rj}^n \quad (t = 1, 2, \dots, r)$$

so that

$$B_{1j}^{(r)} \equiv A_{rj}^{(r)},$$

and $V_{rn}^{(r)}$ can be put in the form of any of the $V_{sn}^{(r)}$. For example, when $t = 3$,

$$V_{rn}^{(r)} = d^{3-r} \sum_{j=1}^r B_{3j}^{(r)} \alpha_{rj}^n$$

has the form of

$$V_{r-2,n}^{(r)} = d^{3-r} \sum_{j=1}^r A_{r-2,j}^{(r)} \alpha_{rj}^n.$$

We shall now consider the derivation of one sequence from another, so that in what follows the results hold for any of the r sequences. Thus there are r such partitions.

We say that $W_{sn}^{(r)}$ is in Fibonacci form when it is represented as in

$$(3.1) \quad W_{sn}^{(r)} = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^r A_{rj} \alpha_{rj}^n \quad |d| \neq 1$$

and in Lucas form when it is represented as in

$$(3.2) \quad W_{sn}^{(r)} = \sum_{j=1}^r B_{rj} \alpha_{rj}^n \quad |d| \neq 1$$

where the B_{rj} are different constants from the A_{rj} . This is analogous to Hilton. To continue the analogy, one can see from (2.1) that there are r such forms which correspond to the distinct values of s . When $W_{sn}^{(r)}$ is in Fibonacci form we may perform an operation ($'$) to obtain a number

$$W_{sn}^{(r)'}$$

where

$$W_{sn}^{(r)'} = \sum_{j=1}^r B_{rj} \alpha_{rj}^n.$$

We say (like Hilton) that the sequence $\{W_{sn}^{(r)'}\}$ is *derived from* the sequence $\{W_{sn}^{(r)}\}$. Throughout this paper we assume that $|d|$ is not unity, because when d is unity the essential distinction between (3.1) and (3.2) breaks down. There would still be r partitions, provided the $A_{sj}^{(r)}$ of Equation (2.1) are distinct for all values of s , but the groups of sequences would have the basic Lucas form. Now

$$W_{sn}^{(r)'} = \sum_{j=1}^r A_{rj} \alpha_{rj}^n = d \left(\frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^r A_{rj} \alpha_{rj}^n \right) = d W_{sn}^{(r)},$$

and so $W_{sn}^{(r)''} = d^2 W_{sn}^{(r)}$, which corresponds to Hilton's Theorem 1.

It follows from (3.1) and Jarden [7] that

$$D\alpha = d\omega$$

where $\alpha = [A_{r1}, A_{r2}, \dots, A_{rr}]^T$

and $\omega = [W_{s0}^{(r)}, W_{s1}^{(r)}, \dots, W_{s,r-1}^{(r)}]^T$.

So $\tilde{a} = dD^{-1}\tilde{w}$

in which

$$dD^{-1} \equiv [d_{\rho\kappa}]$$

is the matrix with $d_{\rho\kappa}$ in row ρ and column κ , where

$$d_{\rho\kappa} = (-1)^{\rho+\kappa} \prod_{\substack{\rho \neq m, n \\ m > n}} (\alpha_{\rho m} - \alpha_{\rho n}) \sum_{m \neq \rho} \alpha_{\rho m_1} \alpha_{\rho m_2} \dots \alpha_{\rho m_{r-\kappa}}.$$

For $r = 2$,

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad D^{-1} = \frac{1}{d} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{22} & -1 \\ -\alpha_{21} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $d = \alpha_{22} - \alpha_{21}$.

For $r = 3$,

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} \\ \alpha_{31}^2 & \alpha_{32}^2 & \alpha_{33}^2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$D^{-1} = \frac{1}{d} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{33}\alpha_{32}(\alpha_{33} - \alpha_{32}), & -(\alpha_{33} + \alpha_{32})(\alpha_{33} - \alpha_{32}), & (\alpha_{33} - \alpha_{32}) \\ & \text{etc.} & \end{bmatrix}$$

where $d = (\alpha_{32} - \alpha_{31})(\alpha_{33} - \alpha_{31})(\alpha_{33} - \alpha_{32})$.

For $r = 4$,

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \alpha_{41} & & & \\ \alpha_{41}^2 & \text{etc.} & & \\ \alpha_{41}^3 & & & \end{bmatrix}, \quad D^{-1} = \frac{1}{d} \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} & d_{13} & d_{14} \\ & \text{etc.} & & \end{bmatrix}$$

where $d = (\alpha_{42} - \alpha_{41})(\alpha_{43} - \alpha_{41})(\alpha_{43} - \alpha_{42})(\alpha_{44} - \alpha_{41})(\alpha_{44} - \alpha_{42})(\alpha_{44} - \alpha_{43})$

$$d_{11} = \alpha_{42}\alpha_{43}\alpha_{44}(\alpha_{43} - \alpha_{42})(\alpha_{44} - \alpha_{42})(\alpha_{44} - \alpha_{43})$$

$$d_{12} = -(\alpha_{42}\alpha_{43} + \alpha_{43}\alpha_{44} + \alpha_{44}\alpha_{42})(\alpha_{43} - \alpha_{42})(\alpha_{44} - \alpha_{42})(\alpha_{44} - \alpha_{43})$$

$$d_{13} = (\alpha_{42} + \alpha_{43} + \alpha_{44})(\alpha_{43} - \alpha_{42})(\alpha_{44} - \alpha_{42})(\alpha_{44} - \alpha_{43})$$

$$d_{14} = -(\alpha_{43} - \alpha_{42})(\alpha_{44} - \alpha_{42})(\alpha_{44} - \alpha_{43}).$$

From $\tilde{a} = dD^{-1}\tilde{w}$, we have

$$A_{r\rho} = \sum_{\kappa=1}^r d_{\rho\kappa} W_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)} \quad \text{and} \quad W_{sn}^{(r)'} = \sum_{\rho=1}^r A_{r\rho} \alpha_{r\rho}^n,$$

so

$$(3.3) \quad W_{sn}^{(r)'} = \sum_{\rho=1}^r \sum_{\kappa=1}^r d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n W_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)}$$

which is effectively a generalization of Equations (2) and (3) of Hilton.

Suppose

$$\{X_{sn}^{(r)}\} \quad \text{and} \quad \{Y_{sn}^{(r)}\} \in \omega(P_{r1}, \dots, P_{rr})$$

and that

$$X_{sn}^{(r)'} = Y_{sn}^{(r)} \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots).$$

Since

$$d\tilde{x}^{(r)} = \tilde{y}^{(r)},$$

$$(3.4) \quad Y_{sn}^{(r)} = \sum_{\rho=1}^r \sum_{\kappa=1}^r d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n X_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)}, \quad \text{from (3.3)}$$

and

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} d^2 X_{sn}^{(r)} &= dY_{sn}^{(r)} \\ &= \sum_{\rho=1}^r \sum_{\kappa=1}^r d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n X_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)}, \quad \text{from (3.4)}. \end{aligned}$$

(3.5) is a generalization of Theorem 2(i) of Hilton.

The analogue of Theorem 2(ii) of Hilton can be stated as:

$$\text{if } \{W_{sn}^{(r)}\} \in \omega(P_{r1}, \dots, P_{rr}), \quad d^2 \left| \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n W_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)}, \quad n < r, \right.$$

$$\text{then } \{W_{sn}^{(r)}\} = \{X_{sn}^{(r)'}\} \quad \text{for some } \{X_{sn}^{(r)}\} \in \omega(P_{r1}, \dots, P_{rr}).$$

Proof: If $\{X_{sn}^{(r)}\} \in \omega(P_{r1}, \dots, P_{rr})$,

$$\text{then } X_{sn}^{(r)'} = \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n X_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)}, \quad \text{from (3.3).}$$

$$\text{If } X_{sn}^{(r)} = d^{-2} \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n W_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)}, \quad n < r,$$

$$\text{then } X_{sn}^{(r)'} = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n W_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)}, \quad n < r,$$

$$\text{but } W_{sn}^{(r)} = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n W_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)}, \quad n < r.$$

$$\text{So } dX_{sn}^{(r)} = W_{sn}^{(r)} \quad \text{for } n < r,$$

from which the result follows.

4. THEOREMS

The basic linear relationships between $\{X_{sn}^{(r)}\}$ and $\{Y_{sn}^{(r)}\}$ are described in the following theorem.

Theorem A: The following are equivalent:

$$(4.1) \quad \{X_{sn}^{(r)'}\} = \{Y_{sn}^{(r)}\}$$

$$(4.2) \quad Y_{s,n+m}^{(r)} = \sum_{\rho=1}^r \sum_{\kappa=1}^r d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^m X_{s,n+\kappa-1}^{(r)}, \text{ for all } n \geq 0,$$

$$(4.3) \quad X_{s,n+m}^{(r)} = \frac{1}{d^2} \sum_{\rho=1}^r \sum_{\kappa=1}^r d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^m Y_{s,n+\kappa-1}^{(r)}, \text{ for all } n \geq 0.$$

Proof: For each of (4.2) and (4.3) we need only require that the expression is true for r adjacent values of n .

$$(4.1) \implies (4.2);$$

if $\{X_{sn}^{(r)'}\} = \{Y_{sn}^{(r)}\},$

then $Y_{s,n}^{(r)} = \sum_{\rho=1}^r \sum_{\kappa=1}^r d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n X_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)},$ from (3.3).

Thus (4.2) is true for $n=0$. Let $t \geq r$ and assume (4.2) is true for $0 \leq n < t$.

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{s,t+m}^{(r)} &= \sum_{j=1}^r (-1)^{j+1} P_{rj} Y_{s,t+m-j}^{(r)}, \text{ from (1.1),} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{\rho=1}^r \sum_{\kappa=1}^r d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^m (-1)^{j+1} P_{rj} X_{s,t-j+\kappa-1}^{(r)} \\ &= \sum_{\rho=1}^r \sum_{\kappa=1}^r d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^m \sum_{j=1}^r (-1)^{j+1} P_{rj} X_{s,t-j+\kappa-1}^{(r)} \\ &= \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^m X_{s,t+\kappa-1}^{(r)}, \text{ as required.} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, (4.3) follows if we use (3.3) and induction.

$$(4.3) \implies (4.1);$$

since $X_{sn}^{(r)} = \frac{1}{d^2} \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n Y_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)},$ for $n < r,$

it follows from the generalization of Hilton's Theorem 2(ii) that

$$\{X_{sn}^{(r)'}\} = \{Y_{sn}^{(r)}\}.$$

Similarly, it can be shown that (4.2) \implies (4.1). This completes the proof of Theorem A.

We now describe a partition of $\omega(P_{r1}, \dots, P_{rr})$. If

$\left\{ W_{sn}^{(r)} \right\} \in \omega(P_{r1}, \dots, P_{rr})$,
 let $W_{sn}^{(r)} = d^2 \omega_{sn}^{(r)}$ for all $n \geq 0$ where $m \geq 0$ is an integer,
 $\left\{ \omega_{sn}^{(r)} \right\} \in \omega$ and $d^2 \nmid \omega_{sn}^{(r)}$
 for at least one $n \geq 0$. Then, for $|d_i| \neq 1$,

$$\left\{ W_{sn}^{(r)} \right\} \in L,$$

if $d^2 \mid \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n \omega_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)}$, for all n , $0 \leq n < r$;

$$\left\{ W_{sn}^{(r)} \right\} \in F,$$

if $d^2 \nmid \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n \omega_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)}$, for at least one n , $0 \leq n < r$.

In view of Theorem A, if $\left\{ W_{sn}^{(r)} \right\}$ is a member of F (or L), then any "tail" of $\left\{ W_{sn}^{(r)} \right\}$ is also a member of F (or L), respectively. Note that this partition of $\left\{ W_{sn}^{(r)} \right\}$ is not unique, since in terms of (2.1) L corresponds to $s = 1$ and F corresponds to $s = 2$. We could proceed with similar partitions for $s = 3, \dots, r$, but they do not tell us anything essentially new.

Theorem B: $\left\{ X_{sn}^{(r)} \right\} \in F$ iff $\left\{ Y_{sn}^{(r)} \right\} \in L$.

Proof: (i) If $\left\{ X_{sn}^{(r)} \right\} \in F$, suppose that

$$X_{sn}^{(r)} = d^{2m} x_{sn}^{(r)} \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0,$$

where $m \geq 0$ is an integer, and

$$\left\{ x_{sn}^{(r)} \right\} \in F \quad \text{and} \quad d^2 \mid x_{sn}^{(r)} \quad \text{for at least one } n \geq 0.$$

Clearly $d^2 \nmid x_{s0}^{(r)}$, or $d^2 \nmid x_{s1}^{(r)}$, ..., or $d^2 \nmid x_{s,r-1}^{(r)}$. By Theorem A,

$$Y_{sn}^{(r)} = \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n X_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq n < r.$$

Let $Y_{sn}^{(r)} = d^{2m} y_{sn}^{(r)}$ for all $n \geq 0$.

Then $y_{sn}^{(r)} = \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n x_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)}$, $0 \leq n < r$.

Since $x_{sn}^{(r)} \in F$, $d^2 \nmid \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n x_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)}$ for at least one n , $0 \leq n < r$.

Therefore, $d^2 \nmid y_{sn}^{(r)}$ for at least one n , $0 \leq n < r$.

But it follows from Theorem A that for all $n, 0 \leq n < r,$

$$d^2 x_{sn}^{(r)} = \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n y_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)}.$$

Therefore $\{y_{sn}^{(r)}\} \in L,$ and so $\{y_{sn}^{(r)}\} \in L.$

(ii) If $\{Y_{sn}^{(r)}\} \in L,$ suppose that
 $Y_{sn}^{(r)} = d^{2m} y_{sn}^{(r)}$ for all $n \geq 0,$

where $m \geq 0$ is an integer, and

$$\{y_{sn}^{(r)}\} \in L \text{ and } d^2 \nmid y_{sn}^{(r)} \text{ for at least one } n \geq 0.$$

Clearly $d^2 \nmid y_{s0}^{(r)},$ or $d^2 \nmid y_{s1}^{(r)}, \dots,$ or $d^2 \nmid y_{s,r-1}^{(r)}.$ By Theorem A,

$$X_{sn}^{(r)} = \frac{1}{d^2} \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n y_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)} \text{ for } 0 \leq n < r.$$

Let $X_{sn}^{(r)} = d^{2m} x_{sn}^{(r)}$ for all $n \geq 0.$

Then $x_{sn}^{(r)} = \frac{1}{d^2} \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n y_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)}, 0 \leq n < r.$

Since $\{y_{sn}^{(r)}\} \in L, d^2 \mid \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n y_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)}$ for all $n, 0 \leq n < r.$

So $x_{s0}^{(r)}, x_{s1}^{(r)}, \dots, x_{s,r-1}^{(r)}$ are integers and so $\{x_{sn}^{(r)}\} \in \omega.$ But

$$y_{sn}^{(r)} = \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n x_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)} \text{ for all } n, 0 \leq n < r,$$

and since $d^2 \nmid y_{s0}^{(r)},$ or $d^2 \nmid y_{s1}^{(r)}, \dots,$ or $d^2 \nmid y_{s,r-1}^{(r)},$ it follows that

$$d^2 \nmid \sum_{\rho} \sum_{\kappa} d_{\rho\kappa} \alpha_{r\rho}^n x_{s,\kappa-1}^{(r)} \text{ for at least one } n, 0 \leq n < r.$$

Therefore $\{x_{sn}^{(r)}\} \in F,$ and so $\{X_{sn}^{(r)}\} \in F.$ This completes the proof of Theorem B.

At this point, Hilton considered identities obtained from the binomial theorem. The corresponding application of the multinomial theorem to the roots α_{rj} of the auxiliary equation seems too complicated to pursue, though it is possible.

Another approach is to modify the method of Williams [10]: let

$$\epsilon = \exp(2i\pi/r), \text{ where } i^2 = -1,$$

and as before

$$d = \prod_{\substack{j,k=1 \\ j>k}}^r (\alpha_{rj} - \alpha_{rk}).$$

If we let

$$\alpha_{rj} = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} W_{k,r+1}^{(r)} d^k \varepsilon^{-jk} \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, r),$$

then it is shown in Shannon [9] that

$$\alpha_{rj}^m = r^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} W_{k,n+r}^{(r)} d^k \varepsilon^{-jk},$$

which seems to be a more useful form than the corresponding multinomial expression.

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