

SUMS INVOLVING GIBONACCI POLYNOMIAL SQUARES

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ABSTRACT. We explore four sums involving gibbonacci polynomial squares and their numeric versions, and extract their Pell versions.

1. INTRODUCTION

Extended gibbonacci polynomials $z_n(x)$ are defined by the recurrence $z_{n+2}(x) = a(x)z_{n+1}(x) + b(x)z_n(x)$, where x is an arbitrary integer variable; $a(x)$, $b(x)$, $z_0(x)$, and $z_1(x)$ are arbitrary integer polynomials; and $n \geq 0$.

Suppose $a(x) = x$ and $b(x) = 1$. When $z_0(x) = 0$ and $z_1(x) = 1$, $z_n(x) = f_n(x)$, the n th *Fibonacci polynomial*; and when $z_0(x) = 2$ and $z_1(x) = x$, $z_n(x) = l_n(x)$, the n th *Lucas polynomial*. They can also be defined by the *Binet-like* formulas. Clearly, $f_n(1) = F_n$, the n th Fibonacci number; and $l_n(1) = L_n$, the n th Lucas number [1, 4].

Pell polynomials $p_n(x)$ and *Pell-Lucas polynomials* $q_n(x)$ are defined by $p_n(x) = f_n(2x)$ and $q_n(x) = l_n(2x)$, respectively [4].

In the interest of brevity, clarity, and convenience, we omit the argument in the functional notation, when there is *no* ambiguity; so z_n will mean $z_n(x)$. In addition, we let $g_n = f_n$ or l_n , $b_n = p_n$ or q_n , $\Delta = \sqrt{x^2 + 4}$, and $E = \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$. Gibonacci and Pell polynomials are linked by the relationship $b_n(x) = g_n(2x)$.

It follows by the Binet-like formulas that $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{g_{m+r}} = 0$ [4, 5, 6].

1.1. Fundamental Gibonacci Identities. Gibonacci polynomials satisfy the following properties [4, 5]; they can be established using Binet-like formulas:

$$f_{2n} = f_n l_n; \quad (1)$$

$$l_n^2 - \Delta^2 f_n^2 = 4(-1)^n; \quad (2)$$

$$g_{n+k}^2 - g_{n-k}^2 = \begin{cases} f_{2k} f_{2n}, & \text{if } g_n = f_n; \\ \Delta^2 f_{2k} f_{2n}, & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$$g_{n+k} g_{n-k} - g_n^2 = \begin{cases} (-1)^{n+k+1} f_k^2, & \text{if } g_n = f_n; \\ (-1)^{n+k} \Delta^2 f_k^2, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

1.2. Telescoping Gibonacci Sums. In [6], we investigated the following telescoping sums:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{n=(k+1)/2 \\ k \geq 1, \text{ odd}}}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{g_{2n-k}} - \frac{1}{g_{2n+k}} \right) &= \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{g_{2r-1}}; & \sum_{\substack{n=k/2+1 \\ k \geq 2, \text{ even}}}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{g_{2n-k}} - \frac{1}{g_{2n+k}} \right) &= \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{g_{2r}}; \\ \sum_{\substack{n=(k+1)/2 \\ k \geq 1, \text{ odd}}}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{g_{2n+1-k}} - \frac{1}{g_{2n+1+k}} \right) &= \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{g_{2r}}; & \sum_{\substack{n=k/2 \\ k \geq 2, \text{ even}}}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{g_{2n+1-k}} - \frac{1}{g_{2n+1+k}} \right) &= \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{g_{2r-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

1.3. Generalized Telescoping Gibonacci Sums. The proofs of the above sums depend only on the subscripts of the polynomials g_n , and *not* on the power of g_n . Consequently, they can be extended to any positive integer power λ of g_n , as the next four lemmas feature; in the interest of brevity, we omit their proofs.

Lemma 1.

$$\sum_{\substack{n=(k+1)/2 \\ k \geq 1, \text{ odd}}}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{g_{2n-k}^{\lambda}} - \frac{1}{g_{2n+k}^{\lambda}} \right) = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{g_{2r-1}^{\lambda}}.$$

Lemma 2.

$$\sum_{\substack{n=k/2+1 \\ k \geq 2, \text{ even}}}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{g_{2n-k}^{\lambda}} - \frac{1}{g_{2n+k}^{\lambda}} \right) = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{g_{2r}^{\lambda}}.$$

Lemma 3.

$$\sum_{\substack{n=(k+1)/2 \\ k \geq 1, \text{ odd}}}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{g_{2n+1-k}^{\lambda}} - \frac{1}{g_{2n+1+k}^{\lambda}} \right) = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{g_{2r}^{\lambda}}.$$

Lemma 4.

$$\sum_{\substack{n=k/2 \\ k \geq 2, \text{ even}}}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{g_{2n+1-k}^{\lambda}} - \frac{1}{g_{2n+1+k}^{\lambda}} \right) = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{g_{2r-1}^{\lambda}}.$$

These lemmas with $\lambda = 2$, coupled with identities (1) through (4), play a major role in our explorations of sums involving squares of gibbonacci polynomials.

2. SUMS INVOLVING GIBONACCI POLYNOMIAL SQUARES

We begin our discourse with the following result.

Theorem 1. *Let k be a positive integer; $1 \leq r \leq k$;*

$$L = \begin{cases} (k+1)/2, k \geq 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ k/2 + 1, k \geq 2, & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad s = \begin{cases} 2r-1, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ 2r, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then,

$$\sum_{n=L}^{\infty} \frac{f_{2k} f_{4n}}{[f_{2n}^2 - (-1)^k f_k^2]^2} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{f_s^2}.$$

Proof. With identities (3) and (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f_{2k} f_{4n}}{[f_{2n}^2 - (-1)^k f_k^2]^2} &= \frac{f_{2n+k}^2 - f_{2n-k}^2}{f_{2n+k}^2 f_{2n-k}^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{f_{2n-k}^2} - \frac{1}{f_{2n+k}^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Suppose k is odd. By Lemma 1, we then get

$$\sum_{\substack{n=(k+1)/2 \\ k \geq 1, \text{ odd}}}^{\infty} \frac{f_{2k} f_{4n}}{(f_{2n}^2 + f_k^2)^2} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{f_{2r-1}^2}. \tag{6}$$

On the other hand, let k be even. Then, by Lemma 2, equation (5) yields

$$\sum_{\substack{n=k/2+1 \\ k \geq 2, \text{ even}}}^{\infty} \frac{f_{2k}f_{4n}}{(f_{2n}^2 - f_k^2)^2} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{f_{2r}^2}. \quad (7)$$

Combining equations (6) and (7), we get the desired result. \square

In particular, they yield

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_2 f_{4n}}{(f_{2n}^2 + 1)^2} &= 1; & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{4n}}{(F_{2n}^2 + 1)^2} &= 1; \\ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{f_4 f_{4n}}{(f_{2n}^2 - x^2)^2} &= \frac{f_2^2 + f_4^2}{f_2^2 f_4^2}; & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{F_{4n}}{(F_{2n}^2 - 1)^2} &= \frac{10}{27}. \end{aligned}$$

With identity (2), Theorem 1 yields

$$\sum_{n=L}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^4 f_{2k} f_{4n}}{[l_{2n}^2 - (-1)^k \Delta^2 f_k^2 - 4]^2} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{f_s^2}.$$

Consequently, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_{4n}}{(l_{2n}^2 + x^2)^2} &= \frac{1}{\Delta^4 f_2^2}; & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{4n}}{(L_{2n}^2 + 1)^2} &= \frac{1}{25}; \\ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{f_{4n}}{[l_{2n}^2 - (x^2 + 2)^2]^2} &= \frac{f_2^2 + f_4^2}{\Delta^4 f_2^2 f_4^3}; & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{F_{4n}}{(L_{2n}^2 - 9)^2} &= \frac{2}{135}. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we investigate the Lucas counterpart of Theorem 1.

Theorem 2. Let k be a positive integer; $1 \leq r \leq k$;

$$L = \begin{cases} (k+1)/2, k \geq 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ k/2 + 1, k \geq 2, & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad s = \begin{cases} 2r - 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ 2r, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then,

$$\sum_{n=L}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_{2k} f_{4n}}{[l_{2n}^2 + (-1)^k \Delta^2 f_k^2]^2} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{l_s^2}.$$

Proof. With equations (3) and (4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta^2 f_{2k} f_{4n}}{[l_{2n}^2 + (-1)^k \Delta^2 f_k^2]^2} &= \frac{l_{2n+k}^2 - l_{2n-k}^2}{l_{2n+k}^2 l_{2n-k}^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{l_{2n-k}^2} - \frac{1}{l_{2n+k}^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Let k be odd. Using Lemma 1, we then get

$$\sum_{\substack{n=(k+1)/2 \\ k \geq 1, \text{ odd}}}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_{2k} f_{4n}}{(l_{2n}^2 - \Delta^2 f_k^2)^2} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{l_{2r-1}^2}. \quad (9)$$

Suppose k is even. With Lemma 2, equation (8) yields

$$\sum_{\substack{n=k/2+1 \\ k \geq 2, \text{ even}}}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_{2k} f_{4n}}{(l_{2n}^2 + \Delta^2 f_k^2)^2} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{l_{2r}^2}. \quad (10)$$

By combining the two cases, we get the desired result. \square

It follows from equations (9) and (10) that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_2 f_{4n}}{(l_{2n}^2 - \Delta^2)^2} &= \frac{1}{f_2^2}; & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{4n}}{(L_{2n}^2 - 5)^2} &= \frac{1}{5}; \\ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_4 f_{4n}}{(l_{2n}^2 + \Delta^2 x^2)^2} &= \frac{l_2^2 + l_4^2}{l_2^2 l_4^2}; & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{F_{4n}}{(L_{2n}^2 + 5)^2} &= \frac{58}{6,615}. \end{aligned} \quad [7]$$

Using identity (3), Theorem 2 yields

$$\sum_{n=L}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_{2k} f_{4n}}{[\Delta^2 f_{2n}^2 + (-1)^k \Delta^2 f_k^2 + 4]^2} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{l_s^2}.$$

This implies

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_2 f_{4n}}{(\Delta^2 f_{2n}^2 - x^2)^2} &= \frac{1}{l_1^2}; & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{F_{4n}}{(5F_{2n}^2 - 1)^2} &= \frac{1}{5}; \\ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_4 f_{4n}}{[\Delta^2 f_{2n}^2 + (x^2 + 2)^2]^2} &= \frac{l_2^2 + l_4^2}{l_2^2 l_4^2}; & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{F_{4n}}{(5F_{2n}^2 + 9)^2} &= \frac{58}{6,615}. \end{aligned}$$

The next result is also an application of identity (3).

Theorem 3. Let k be a positive integer; $1 \leq r \leq k$;

$$M = \begin{cases} (k+1)/2, k \geq 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ k/2, k \geq 2, & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad t = \begin{cases} 2r, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ 2r-1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then,

$$\sum_{n=M}^{\infty} \frac{f_{2k} f_{4n+2}}{[f_{2n+1}^2 + (-1)^k f_k^2]^2} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{f_t^2}.$$

Proof. Using identity (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f_{2k} f_{4n+2}}{[f_{2n+1}^2 + (-1)^k f_k^2]^2} &= \frac{f_{2n+1+k}^2 - f_{2n+1-k}^2}{f_{2n+1+k}^2 f_{2n+1-k}^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{f_{2n+1-k}^2} - \frac{1}{f_{2n+1+k}^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Suppose k is odd. With Lemma 3, this yields

$$\sum_{\substack{n=(k+1)/2 \\ k \geq 1, \text{ odd}}}^{\infty} \frac{f_{2k} f_{4n+2}}{(f_{2n+1}^2 - f_k^2)^2} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{f_{2r}^2}. \quad (12)$$

On the other hand, let k be even. By Lemma 4, equation (11) yields

$$\sum_{\substack{n=k/2 \\ k \geq 2, \text{ even}}}^{\infty} \frac{f_{2k} f_{4n+2}}{(f_{2n+1}^2 + f_k^2)^2} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{f_{2r-1}^2}. \quad (13)$$

By combining equations (12) and (13), we get the desired result. \square

It follows from this theorem that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_2 f_{4n+2}}{(f_{2n+1}^2 - 1)^2} &= \frac{1}{f_2^2}; & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{4n+2}}{(F_{2n+1}^2 - 1)^2} &= 1; \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_4 f_{4n+2}}{(f_{2n+1}^2 + x^2)^2} &= \frac{f_1^2 + f_3^2}{f_3^2}; & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{4n+2}}{(F_{2n+1}^2 + 1)^2} &= \frac{5}{12}. \end{aligned}$$

A *Fibonacci Delight*. It follows by Theorems 1 and 3 that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2n}}{(F_n^2 - 1)^2} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2(2n+1)}}{(F_{2n+1}^2 - 1)^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2(2n)}}{(F_{2n}^2 - 1)^2} \\ &= 1 + \frac{10}{27} \\ &= \frac{37}{27}. \end{aligned}$$

Using identity (3), Theorem 3 yields

$$\sum_{n=M}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^4 f_{2k} f_{4n+2}}{[l_{2n+1}^2 + (-1)^k \Delta^2 f_k^2 + 4]^2} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{f_t^2}.$$

Consequently, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^4 f_2 f_{4n+2}}{(l_{2n+1}^2 - x^2)^2} &= \frac{1}{f_2^2}; & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{4n+2}}{(L_{2n+1}^2 - 1)^2} &= \frac{1}{25}; \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^4 f_4 f_{4n+2}}{[l_{2n+1}^2 + (x^2 + 2)^2]^2} &= \frac{f_1^2 + f_3^2}{f_3^2}; & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{4n+2}}{(L_{2n+1}^2 + 9)^2} &= \frac{1}{60}. \end{aligned}$$

The following result showcases the Lucas version of Theorem 3.

Theorem 4. Let k be a positive integer; $1 \leq r \leq k$;

$$M = \begin{cases} (k+1)/2, k \geq 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ k/2, k \geq 2, & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad t = \begin{cases} 2r, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ 2r-1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then,

$$\sum_{n=M}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_{2k} f_{4n+2}}{[l_{2n+1}^2 - (-1)^k \Delta^2 f_k^2]^2} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{l_t^2}.$$

Proof. With identity (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta^2 f_{2k} f_{4n+2}}{[l_{2n+1}^2 - (-1)^k \Delta^2 f_k^2]^2} &= \frac{l_{2n+1+k}^2 - l_{2n+1-k}^2}{l_{2n+1+k}^2 l_{2n+1-k}^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{l_{2n+1-k}^2} - \frac{1}{l_{2n+1+k}^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Suppose k is odd. Using Lemma 3, this yields

$$\sum_{\substack{n=(k+1)/2 \\ k \geq 1, \text{ odd}}}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_{2k} f_{4n+2}}{(l_{2n+1}^2 + \Delta^2 f_k^2)^2} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{l_{2r}^2}. \tag{15}$$

When k is even, by Lemma 4, equation (14) yields

$$\sum_{\substack{n=k/2 \\ k \geq 2, \text{ even}}}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_{2k} f_{4n+2}}{(l_{2n+1}^2 - \Delta^2 f_k^2)^2} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{l_{2r-1}^2}. \quad (16)$$

Equation (15), coupled with equation (16), yields the desired result. \square

With identity (1), this theorem yields

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_2 f_{4n+2}}{(l_{2n+1}^2 + \Delta^2)^2} &= \frac{1}{l_2^2}; & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{4n+2}}{(L_{2n+1}^2 + 5)^2} &= \frac{1}{45}; [7] \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_4 f_{4n+2}}{(l_{2n+1}^2 - \Delta^2 x^2)^2} &= \frac{l_1^2 + l_3^2}{l_1^2 l_3^2}; & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{4n+2}}{(L_{2n+1}^2 - 5)^2} &= \frac{17}{240}. [7] \end{aligned}$$

Using identity (3), it follows from Theorem 4 that

$$\sum_{n=M}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_{2k} f_{4n+2}}{[\Delta^2 f_{2n+1}^2 - (-1)^k \Delta^2 f_k^2 - 4]^2} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{l_t^2}.$$

It then follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_2 f_{4n+2}}{(\Delta^2 f_{2n+1}^2 + x^2)^2} &= \frac{1}{l_2^2}; & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{4n+2}}{(5F_{2n+1}^2 + 1)^2} &= \frac{1}{45}; \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta^2 f_4 f_{4n+2}}{[\Delta^2 f_{2n+1}^2 - (x^2 + 2)^2]^2} &= \frac{l_1^2 + l_3^2}{l_1^2 l_3^2}; & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{4n+2}}{(5F_{2n+1}^2 - 9)^2} &= \frac{17}{240}. \end{aligned}$$

Next we explore the Pell versions of the theorems.

3. PELL IMPLICATIONS

With the relationship $b_n(x) = g_n(2x)$, Theorems 1–4 yield the following Pell versions:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=L}^{\infty} \frac{p_{2k} p_{4n}}{[p_{2n}^2 - (-1)^k p_k^2]^2} &= \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{p_s^2}; & \sum_{n=L}^{\infty} \frac{4E^2 p_{2k} p_{4n}}{[q_{2n}^2 + 4(-1)^k E^2 p_k^2]^2} &= \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{q_s^2}; \\ \sum_{n=M}^{\infty} \frac{p_{2k} p_{4n+2}}{[p_{2n+1}^2 + (-1)^k p_k^2]^2} &= \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{p_t^2}; & \sum_{n=M}^{\infty} \frac{4E^2 p_{2k} p_{4n+2}}{[q_{2n+1}^2 - 4(-1)^k E^2 p_k^2]^2} &= \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{q_t^2}, \end{aligned}$$

respectively. Consequently, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=L}^{\infty} \frac{P_{2k} P_{4n}}{[P_{2n}^2 - (-1)^k P_k^2]^2} &= \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{P_s^2}; & \sum_{n=L}^{\infty} \frac{2P_{2k} P_{4n}}{[Q_{2n}^2 + 2(-1)^k P_k^2]^2} &= \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{Q_s^2}; \\ \sum_{n=M}^{\infty} \frac{P_{2k} P_{4n+2}}{[P_{2n+1}^2 + (-1)^k P_k^2]^2} &= \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{P_t^2}; & \sum_{n=M}^{\infty} \frac{2P_{2k} P_{4n+2}}{[Q_{2n+1}^2 - 2(-1)^k P_k^2]^2} &= \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{Q_t^2}, \end{aligned}$$

again respectively.

4. CHEBYSHEV AND VIETA IMPLICATIONS

Finally, Chebyshev polynomials T_n and U_n , Vieta polynomials V_n and v_n , and gibbonacci polynomials g_n are linked by the relationships $V_n(x) = i^{n-1} f_n(-ix)$, $v_n(x) = i^n l_n(-ix)$, $V_n(x) = U_{n-1}(x/2)$, and $v_n(x) = 2T_n(x/2)$, where $i = \sqrt{-1}$ [2, 3, 4]. They can be employed to find the Chebyshev and Vieta versions of Theorems 1–4. In the interest of brevity, we omit them; but we encourage gibbonacci enthusiasts to pursue them.

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