# LUCAS SEQUENCES AND FUNCTIONS OF A 4-BY-4 MATRIX 

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Define the sequences $\left\{U_{n}\right\}$ and $\left\{V_{n}\right\}$ for all integers $n$ by

$$
\begin{cases}U_{n}=p U_{n-1}-q U_{n-2}, & U_{0}=0, U_{1}=1,  \tag{1.1}\\ V_{n}=p V_{n-1}-q V_{n-2}, & V_{0}=2, V_{1}=p,\end{cases}
$$

where $p$ and $q$ are real numbers with $q\left(p^{2}-4 q\right) \neq 0$. These sequences were studied originally by Lucas [6], and have subsequently been the subject of much attention.

The Binet forms for $U_{n}$ and $V_{n}$ are

$$
\begin{equation*}
U_{n}=\frac{\alpha^{n}-\beta^{n}}{\alpha-\beta} \quad \text { and } \quad V_{n}=\alpha^{n}+\beta^{n} \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha=\frac{p+\sqrt{p^{2}-4 q}}{2} \text { and } \beta=\frac{p-\sqrt{p^{2}-4 q}}{2} \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

are the roots, assumed distinct, of $x^{2}-p x+q=0$. We assume further that $\alpha / \beta$ is not an $n^{\text {th }}$ root of unity for any $n$.

A well-known relationship between $U_{n}$ and $V_{n}$ is

$$
\begin{equation*}
V_{n}=U_{n+1}-q U_{n-1}, \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

which we use subsequently.
Recently, Melham [7] considered functions of a 3-by-3 matrix and obtained infinite sums involving squares of terms from the sequences (1.1). Here, using a similarly defined 4-by-4 matrix, we obtain new infinite sums involving cubes, and other terms of degree three, from the sequences (1.1). For example, closed expressions for

$$
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{U_{n}^{3}}{n!} \text { and } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{U_{n}^{2} U_{n+1}}{n!}
$$

arise as special cases of results in Section 3 [see (3.4) and (3.5)]. Since the above mentioned paper of Melham contains a comprehensive list of references, we have chosen not to repeat them here.

Unfortunately, one of the matrices which we need to record does not fit comfortably on a standard page. We overcome this difficulty by simply listing elements in a table. Following convention, the $(i, j)$ element is the element in the $i^{\text {th }}$ row and $j^{\text {th }}$ column.

## 2. THE MATRIX $\boldsymbol{A}_{\boldsymbol{k}, \boldsymbol{x}}$

By lengthy but straightforward induction on $n$, it can be shown that the 4-by-4 matrix

$$
A=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & 0 & 0 & -q^{3}  \tag{2.1}\\
0 & 0 & q^{2} & 3 p q^{2} \\
0 & -q & -2 p q & -3 p^{2} q \\
1 & p & p^{2} & p^{3}
\end{array}\right)
$$

is such that, for nonnegative integers $n, A^{n}$ is as follows:

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
-q^{3} U_{n-1}^{3} & -q^{3} U_{n-1}^{2} U_{n} & -q^{3} U_{n-1} U_{n}^{2} & -q^{3} U_{n}^{3} \\
3 q^{2} U_{n-1}^{2} U_{n} & q^{2}\left(2 U_{n}^{2} U_{n-1}+U_{n+1} U_{n-1}^{2}\right) & q^{2}\left(U_{n}^{3}+2 U_{n-1} U_{n} U_{n+1}\right) & 3 q^{2} U_{n}^{2} U_{n+1} \\
-3 q U_{n-1} U_{n}^{2} & -q\left(U_{n}^{3}+2 U_{n-1} U_{n} U_{n+1}\right) & -q\left(2 U_{n}^{2} U_{n+1}+U_{n-1} U_{n+1}^{2}\right) & -3 q U_{n} U_{n+1}^{2} \\
U_{n}^{3} & U_{n}^{2} U_{n+1} & U_{n} U_{n+1}^{2} & U_{n+1}^{3}
\end{array}\right) .
$$

To complete the proof by induction, we make repeated use of the recurrence for $\left\{U_{n}\right\}$. For example, performing the inductive step for the $(2,2)$ position, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& -q^{3}\left(U_{n}^{3}+2 U_{n-1} U_{n} U_{n+1}\right)+3 p q^{2} U_{n}^{2} U_{n+1} \\
& =q^{2} U_{n}\left[U_{n}\left(-q U_{n}\right)+2 U_{n+1}\left(-q U_{n-1}\right)+3 p U_{n} U_{n+1}\right] \\
& =q^{2} U_{n}\left[U_{n}\left(U_{n+2}-p U_{n+1}\right)+2 U_{n+1}\left(U_{n+1}-p U_{n}\right)+3 p U_{n} U_{n+1}\right] \\
& =q^{2} U_{n}\left[2 U_{n+1}^{2}+U_{n} U_{n+2}\right] \\
& =q^{2}\left[2 U_{n+1}^{2} U_{n}+U_{n+2} U_{n}^{2}\right], \text { which is the required expression. }
\end{aligned}
$$

When $p=1$ and $q=-1$, the matrix $A$ becomes

$$
\left(\begin{array}{llll}
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\
0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\
1 & 1 & 1 & 1
\end{array}\right),
$$

which is a 4-by-4 Fibonacci matrix. Other 4-by-4 Fibonacci matrices have been studied, for example, in [3] and [4].

The characteristic equation of $A$ is

$$
\lambda^{4}-p\left(p^{2}-2 q\right) \lambda^{3}+q\left(p^{2}-2 q\right)\left(p^{2}-q\right) \lambda^{2}-p q^{3}\left(p^{2}-2 q\right) \lambda+q^{6}=0 .
$$

Since $p=\alpha+\beta$ and $q=\alpha \beta$, it is readily verified that $\alpha^{3}, \alpha^{2} \beta, \alpha \beta^{2}$, and $\beta^{3}$ are the eigenvalues $\lambda_{j}(j=1,2,3,4)$ of $A$. These eigenvalues are nonzero and distinct because of our assumptions in Section 1.

Associated with $A$, we define the matrix $A_{k, x}$ by

$$
\begin{equation*}
A_{k, x}=x A^{k}, \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $x$ is an arbitrary real number and $k$ is a nonnegative integer. From the definition of an eigenvalue, it follows immediately that $x \alpha^{3 k}, x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}, x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}$, and $x \beta^{3 k}$ are the eigenvalues of $A_{k, x}$. Again, they are nonzero and distinct.

## 3. THE MAIN RESULTS

Let $f(z)=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} z^{n}$ be a power series whose domain of convergence includes the eigenvalues of $A_{k, x}$. Then we have, from (2.2),

$$
\begin{equation*}
f\left(A_{k, x}\right)=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} A_{k, x}^{n}=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} A^{k n} . \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The final sum in (3.1) can be expressed as a 4-by-4 matrix whose entries we record in the following table.

| $(i, j)$ | $(i, j)$ element of $f\left(A_{k, x}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $(1,1)$ | $-q^{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n-1}^{3}$ |
| $(1,2)$ | $-q^{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n-1}^{2} U_{k n}$ |
| $(1,3)$ | $-q^{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n-1} U_{k n}^{2}$ |
| $(1,4)$ | $-q^{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n}^{3}$ |
| $(2,1)$ | $3 q^{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n-1}^{2} U_{k n}$ |
| $(2,2)$ | $q^{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n}\left(2 U_{k n}^{2} U_{k n-1}+U_{k n+1} U_{k n-1}^{2}\right)$ |
| $(2,3)$ | $q^{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n}\left(U_{k n}^{3}+2 U_{k n-1} U_{k n} U_{k n+1}\right)$ |
| $(2,4)$ | $3 q^{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n}^{2} U_{k n+1}$ |
| $(3,1)$ | $-3 q \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n-1} U_{k n}^{2}$ |
| $(3,2)$ | $-q \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n}\left(U_{k n}^{3}+2 U_{k n-1} U_{k n} U_{k n+1}\right)$ |
| $(3,3)$ | $-q \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n}\left(2 U_{k n}^{2} U_{k n+1}+U_{k n-1} U_{k n+1}^{2}\right)$ |
| $(3,4)$ | $-3 q \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n} U_{k n+1}^{2}$ |
| $(4,1)$ | $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n}^{3}$ |
| $(4,2)$ | $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n}^{2} U_{k n+1}$ |
| $(4,3)$ | $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n} U_{k n+1}^{2}$ |
| $(4,4)$ | $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n+1}^{3}$ |

On the other hand, from the theory of functions of matrices ([2] and [5]), it is known that

$$
\begin{equation*}
f\left(A_{k, x}\right)=c_{0} I+c_{1} A_{k, x}+c_{2} A_{k, x}^{2}+c_{3} A_{k, x}^{3}, \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $I$ is the 4-by- 4 identity matrix, and where $c_{0}, c_{1}, c_{2}$, and $c_{3}$ can be obtained by solving the system

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
c_{0}+c_{1} x \alpha^{3 k}+c_{2} x^{2} \alpha^{6 k}+c_{3} x^{3} \alpha^{9 k}=f\left(x \lambda_{1}^{k}\right)=f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right), \\
c_{0}+c_{1} x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}+c_{2} x^{2} \alpha^{4 k} \beta^{2 k}+c_{3} 3^{3} \alpha^{6 k} \beta^{3 k}=f\left(x \lambda_{2}^{k}\right)=f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right), \\
c_{0}+c_{1} x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}+c_{2} x^{2} \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{4 k}+c_{3} x^{3} \alpha^{3 k} \beta^{6 k}=f\left(x \lambda_{3}^{k}\right)=f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right), \\
c_{0}+c_{1} x \beta^{3 k}+c_{2} x^{2} \beta^{6 k}+c_{3} x^{3} \beta^{3 k}=f\left(x \lambda_{4}^{k}\right)=f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right) .
\end{array}\right.
$$

With the use of Cramer's rule, and making use of the Binet form for $U_{n}$, we obtain, after much tedious algebra,

$$
\begin{aligned}
c_{0}= & \frac{-f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right) \beta^{6 k}}{U_{k} U_{2 k} U_{3 k}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}}+\frac{f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right) \alpha^{k} \beta^{3 k}}{U_{k}^{2} U_{2 k}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}} \\
& -\frac{f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right) \alpha^{3 k} \beta^{k}}{U_{k}^{2} U_{2 k}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}}+\frac{f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right) \alpha^{6 k}}{U_{k} U_{2 k} U_{3 k}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}}, \\
c_{1}= & \frac{\left.f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right)\right)^{3 k}\left(\alpha^{2 k}+\beta^{2 k}+\alpha^{k} \beta^{k}\right)}{x \alpha^{2 k} U_{k} U_{2 k} U_{3 k}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}}-\frac{f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)\left(\alpha^{3 k}+\beta^{3 k}+\alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)}{x \alpha^{2 k} U_{k}^{2} U_{2 k}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}} \\
& +\frac{f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)\left(\alpha^{3 k}+\beta^{3 k}+\alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)}{x \beta^{2 k} U_{k}^{2} U_{2 k}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}}-\frac{\left.f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right)\right)^{3 k}\left(\alpha^{2 k}+\beta^{2 k}+\alpha^{k} \beta^{k}\right)}{x \beta^{2 k} U_{k} U_{2 k} U_{3 k}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}}, \\
c_{2}= & \frac{-f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right) \beta^{k}\left(\alpha^{2 k}+\beta^{2 k}+\alpha^{k} \beta^{k}\right)}{x^{2} \alpha^{3 k} U_{k} U_{2 k} U_{3 k}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}}+\frac{f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)\left(\alpha^{3 k}+\beta^{3 k}+\alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)}{x^{2} \alpha^{3 k} \beta^{2 k} U_{k}^{2} U_{2 k}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}} \\
& -\frac{f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)\left(\alpha^{3 k}+\beta^{3 k}+\alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)}{x^{2} \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{3 k} U_{k}^{2} U_{2 k}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}}+\frac{\left.f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right)\right)^{k}\left(\alpha^{2 k}+\beta^{2 k}+\alpha^{k} \beta^{k}\right)}{x^{2} \beta^{3 k} U_{k} U_{2 k} U_{3 k}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}}, \\
c_{3}= & \frac{f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right)}{x^{3} \alpha^{3 k} U_{k} U_{2 k} U_{3 k}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}}-\frac{f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)}{x^{3} \alpha^{3 k} \beta^{2 k} U_{k}^{2} U_{2 k}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}} \\
& +\frac{f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)}{x^{3} \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{3 k} U_{k}^{2} U_{2 k}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}}-\frac{f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right)}{x^{3} \beta^{3 k} U_{k} U_{2 k} U_{3 k}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}} .
\end{aligned}
$$

The symmetry in these expressions emerges if we compare the coefficients of $f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right)$ and $f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right)$ and the coefficients of $f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)$ and $f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)$.

Now, if we consider (3.1) and (3.2) and the expressions for the entries of $A^{n}$, and equate entries in the $(4,1)$ position, we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n}^{3}=c_{1} x U_{k}^{3}+c_{2} x^{2} U_{2 k}^{3}+c_{3} x^{3} U_{3 k}^{3} \tag{3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Finally, with the values of $c_{1}, c_{2}$, and $c_{3}$ obtained above, we obtain, with much needed help from the software package "Mathematica":

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n}^{3}=\frac{f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right)-3 f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)+3 f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)-f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right)}{(\alpha-\beta)^{3}} . \tag{3.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

In precisely the same manner, we equate appropriate entries in (3.1) and (3.2) to obtain

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n}^{2} U_{k n+1} \\
& =\frac{\alpha f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right)-(2 \alpha+\beta) f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)+(\alpha+2 \beta) f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)-\beta f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right)}{(\alpha-\beta)^{3}} \text {, }  \tag{3.5}\\
& \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n} U_{k n+1}^{2} \\
& =\frac{\alpha^{2} f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right)-\left(\alpha^{2}+2 \alpha \beta\right) f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)+\left(\beta^{2}+2 \alpha \beta\right) f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)-\beta^{2} f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right)}{(\alpha-\beta)^{3}},  \tag{3.6}\\
& \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} n^{n} U_{k n+1}^{3}  \tag{3.7}\\
& =\frac{\alpha^{3} f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right)-3 \alpha^{2} \beta f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)+3 \alpha \beta^{2} f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)-\beta^{3} f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right)}{(\alpha-\beta)^{3}}, \\
& \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n-1} U_{k n}^{2} \\
& =\frac{\beta f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right)-(\alpha+2 \beta) f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)+(2 \alpha+\beta) f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)-\alpha f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right)}{\alpha \beta(\alpha-\beta)^{3}},  \tag{3.8}\\
& \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n}\left(U_{k n}^{3}+2 U_{k n-1} U_{k n} U_{k n+1}\right) \\
& =\frac{3 \alpha \beta\left(f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right)-f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right)\right)-(\alpha+2 \beta)(2 \alpha+\beta)\left(f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)-f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)\right)}{\alpha \beta(\alpha-\beta)^{3}} \text {, }  \tag{3.9}\\
& \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n}\left(2 U_{k n}^{2} U_{k n+1}+U_{k n-1} U_{k n+1}^{2}\right) \\
& =\frac{3 \alpha^{2} \beta f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right)-\alpha(\alpha+2 \beta)^{2} f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)+\beta(2 \alpha+\beta)^{2} f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)-3 \alpha \beta^{2} f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right)}{\alpha \beta(\alpha-\beta)^{3}},  \tag{3.10}\\
& \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n-1}^{2} U_{k n}  \tag{3.11}\\
& =\frac{\beta^{2} f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right)-\beta(2 \alpha+\beta) f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)+\alpha(\alpha+2 \beta) f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)-\alpha^{2} f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right)}{\alpha^{2} \beta^{2}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}}, \\
& \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n}\left(2 U_{k n}^{2} U_{k n-1}+U_{k n+1} U_{k n-1}^{2}\right) \\
& =\frac{3 \alpha \beta^{2} f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right)-\beta(2 \alpha+\beta)^{2} f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)+\alpha(\alpha+2 \beta)^{2} f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)-3 \alpha^{2} \beta f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right)}{\alpha^{2} \beta^{2}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}}, \tag{3.12}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\left.=\frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n-1}^{3}}{\beta^{3} f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right)-3 \alpha \beta^{2} f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)+3 \alpha^{2} \beta f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)-\alpha^{3} f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right)} \alpha^{3} \beta^{3}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}\right] . ~ .
$$

From (3.4) and (3.9), we obtain

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n-1} U_{k n} U_{k n+1}  \tag{3.14}\\
& =\frac{\alpha \beta\left(f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right)-f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right)\right)-\left(\alpha^{2}+\alpha \beta+\beta^{2}\right)\left(f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)-f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)\right)}{\alpha \beta(\alpha-\beta)^{3}} .
\end{align*}
$$

Similarly, (3.5) and (3.10) and then (3.8) and (3.12) yield, respectively,

$$
\begin{align*}
& =\frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} U_{k n-1} U_{k n+1}^{2}}{\alpha_{n}\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right)-\alpha\left(\alpha^{2}+2 \beta^{2}\right) f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)+\beta\left(2 \alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}\right) f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)-\alpha \beta^{2} f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right)} \text { } \alpha \beta(\alpha-\beta)^{3}  \tag{3.15}\\
& \\
& =\frac{\alpha \beta^{2} f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right)-\beta\left(2 \alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}\right) f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)+\alpha\left(\alpha^{2}+2 \beta^{2}\right) f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)-\alpha^{2} \beta f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right)}{\alpha^{2} \beta^{2}(\alpha-\beta)^{3}} . \tag{3.16}
\end{align*}
$$

Finally, from (1.2), we have $V_{k n}^{3}=U_{k n+1}^{3}-3 q U_{k n+1}^{2} U_{k n-1}+3 q^{2} U_{k n+1} U_{k n-1}^{2}-q^{3} U_{k n-1}^{3}$. This, together with (3.7), (3.13), (3.15), and (3.16), yields

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n} V_{k n}^{3}=f\left(x \alpha^{3 k}\right)+3 f\left(x \alpha^{2 k} \beta^{k}\right)+3 f\left(x \alpha^{k} \beta^{2 k}\right)+f\left(x \beta^{3 k}\right) \tag{3.17}
\end{equation*}
$$

after some tedious manipulation involving the use of the equality $\alpha \beta=q$.

## 4. APPLICATIONS

We now specialize (3.4) and (3.17) to the Chebyshev polynomials to obtain some attractive sums involving third powers of the sine and cosine functions.

Let $\left\{T_{n}(t)\right\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ and $\left\{S_{n}(t)\right\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ denote the Chebyshev polynomials of the first and second kinds, respectively. Then

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
S_{n}(t)=\frac{\sin n \theta}{\sin \theta} \\
T_{n}(t)=\cos n \theta
\end{array}\right\}, \quad t=\cos \theta, n \geq 0
$$

Indeed, $\left\{S_{n}(t)\right\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ and $\left\{2 T_{n}(t)\right\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ are the sequences $\left\{U_{n}\right\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ and $\left\{V_{n}\right\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$, respectively, generated by (1.1), where $p=2 \cos \theta$ and $q=1$. Thus,

$$
\alpha=\cos \theta+i \sin \theta=e^{i \theta} \text { and } \beta=\cos \theta-i \sin \theta=e^{-i \theta},
$$

which are obtained from (1.3). Further information about Chebyshev polynomials can be found, for example, in [1].

We use the following well-known power series, each of which has the complex plane as its domain of convergence:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sin z=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n} z^{2 n+1}}{(2 n+1)!}  \tag{4.1}\\
& \cos z=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n} z^{2 n}}{(2 n)!}  \tag{4.2}\\
& \sinh z=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2 n+1}}{(2 n+1)!},  \tag{4.3}\\
& \cosh z=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2 n}}{(2 n)!} \tag{4.4}
\end{align*}
$$

Now, in (3.4), taking $U_{n}=\sin n \theta / \sin \theta$ and replacing $f$ by the functions in (4.1)-(4.4), we obtain, after replacing all occurrences of $k \theta$ by $\phi$,
$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n} x^{2 n+1} \sin ^{3}(2 n+1) \phi}{(2 n+1)!}=\frac{3 \cos (x \cos \phi) \sinh (x \sin \phi)-\cos (x \cos 3 \phi) \sinh (x \sin 3 \phi)}{4}$,
$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n} x^{2 n} \sin ^{3} 2 n \phi}{(2 n)!}=\frac{-3 \sin (x \cos \phi) \sinh (x \sin \phi)+\sin (x \cos 3 \phi) \sinh (x \sin 3 \phi)}{4}$,
$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2 n+1} \sin ^{3}(2 n+1) \phi}{(2 n+1)!}=\frac{3 \cosh (x \cos \phi) \sin (x \sin \phi)-\cosh (x \cos 3 \phi) \sin (x \sin 3 \phi)}{4}$,
$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2 n} \sin ^{3} 2 n \phi}{(2 n)!}=\frac{3 \sinh (x \cos \phi) \sin (x \sin \phi)-\sinh (x \cos 3 \phi) \sin (x \sin 3 \phi)}{4}$.
Similarly, in (3.17), taking $V_{n}=2 \cos n \theta$ and replacing $f$ by the functions in (4.1)-(4.4), we obtain, respectively,

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n} x^{2 n+1} \cos ^{3}(2 n+1) \phi}{(2 n+1)!}=\frac{3 \sin (x \cos \phi) \cosh (x \sin \phi)+\sin (x \cos 3 \phi) \cosh (x \sin 3 \phi)}{4},  \tag{4.9}\\
& \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n} x^{2 n} \cos ^{3} 2 n \phi}{(2 n)!}=\frac{3 \cos (x \cos \phi) \cosh (x \sin \phi)+\cos (x \cos 3 \phi) \cosh (x \sin 3 \phi)}{4},  \tag{4.10}\\
& \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2 n+1} \cos ^{3}(2 n+1) \phi}{(2 n+1)!}=\frac{3 \sinh (x \cos \phi) \cos (x \sin \phi)+\sinh (x \cos 3 \phi) \cos (x \sin 3 \phi)}{4},  \tag{4.11}\\
& \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2 n} \cos ^{3} 2 n \phi}{(2 n)!}=\frac{3 \cosh (x \cos \phi) \cos (x \sin \phi)+\cosh (x \cos 3 \phi) \cos (x \sin 3 \phi)}{4} . \tag{4.12}
\end{align*}
$$

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