

## EXPLORING SPECIAL FIBONACCI RELATIONS

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In a previous exploration section, readers were introduced to the problem of generalized Fibonacci-Lucas relations. We denoted the terms of the generalized Fibonacci sequence as  $f_n$  and those of the associated generalized Lucas sequence as  $g_n$  where

$$g_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n+1}$$

Recall also that the sequence (2, 9) means the Fibonacci sequence with  $f_1 = 2$  and  $f_2 = 9$ . The following represent some curious results obtained in trying to express  $f_n g_n$  as a linear combination of  $f$ 's and  $g$ 's.

Sequence	Formula for $f_n g_n$
(2,9)	$f_n g_n = f_{2n+5} - g_{2n-2}$
(3,7)	$f_n g_n = g_{2n+3} - f_{2n-1}$
(3,10)	$f_n g_n = g_{2n+3} + f_{2n} + g_{2n-1}$
(3,11)	$f_n g_n = g_{2n+4} - g_{2n} - f_{2n-3}$
(4,13)	$f_n g_n = g_{2n+4} + f_{2n-4}$
(5,11)	$f_n g_n = g_{2n+3} + f_{2n+3} + f_{2n-2}$
(5,13)	$f_n g_n = g_{2n+4} + f_{2n-1} + f_{2n-4}$
(6,13)	$f_n g_n = g_{2n+4} + g_{2n-1}$
(6,17)	$f_n g_n = g_{2n+5} - f_{2n+3} + f_{2n-4}$
(7,17)	$f_n g_n = g_{2n+4} + g_{2n+2} + f_{2n-4}$

Now, of course, it must be recognized that these linear expressions could be represented in an infinity of different ways. However, it does not seem that they are all one and the same relation. If not, then we have specific relations that characterize the individual sequences. So the following questions are raised:

- (1) Can the above formulas for  $f_n g_n$  be unified into one formula?
- (2) If not, can other instances be found of this type of phenomenon?
- (3) When is it that we have particular formulas for each Fibonacci sequence rather than a general formula for all sequences?

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