

A note on V-binomials' recurrence for Lucas sequence V_n companion to U_n sequence

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Summary

Following [2] (2009) we deliver V -binomials' recurrence formula for Lucas sequence V_n companion to U_n sequence [1] (1878). This formula is not present neither in [1] (1878) nor in [2] (2009), nor in [3] (1915), nor in [4] (1936), nor in [5] (1949) and neither in all other quoted here as "Lucas (p, q) -people" references [1-29]- far more not complete. Meanwhile V -binomials' recurrence formula for Lucas sequence V_n easily follows from the original Theorem 17 in [2] absent in quoted papers except for [2] of course. Our formula may and should be confronted with [3] (1915) Fontené recurrence i.e. (6) or (7) identities in [7] (1969) which, as we indicate, also stem easily from the Theorem 17 in [2].

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1 Preliminaries

Notation a, b $a \neq b$ in [1] (1878) is used for the roots of the equation $x^2 = Px - Q$ or $(a, b) \equiv (u, v)$ in [2] (2009) for the roots of the equation $x^2 = \ell x - 1$. The identification $(a, b) \equiv (p, q)$ i.e. p, q are used in "Lucas (p, q) -people" publications recently and in recent past (look into not complete list of references [2 - 29] and p, q -references therein).

Lucas (p, q) -people would then use U -identifications:

$$n_{p,q} = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} p^{n-j-1} q^j = U_n = \frac{p^n - q^n}{p - q}, \quad 0_{p,q} = U_0 = 0, \quad 1_{p,q} = U_1 = 1,$$

where p, q denote now the roots of the equation $x^2 = sx + t$ hence $p + q = s$ and $pq = -t$ and the empty sum convention was used for $0_{p,q} = 0$. Usually one assumes $p \neq q$. In general also $s \neq t$ - though according to the context [10] (1989) $s = t$ may happen to be the case of interest.

The Lucas U -binomial coefficients $\binom{n}{k}_U \equiv \binom{n}{k}_{p,q}$ are then defined as follows

Definition 1 Let U be as in [1] i.e $U_n = n_{p,q}$ then U -binomial coefficients for any $n, k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ are defined as follows

$$(1) \quad \binom{n}{k}_U = \binom{n}{k}_{p,q} = \frac{n_{p,q}!}{k_{p,q}! \cdot (n-k)_{p,q}!} = \frac{n_{p,q}^k}{k_{p,q}!}$$

where $n_{p,q}! = n_{p,q} \cdot (n-1)_{p,q} \cdot \dots \cdot 1_{p,q}$ and $n_{p,q}^k = n_{p,q} \cdot (n-1)_{p,q} \cdot \dots \cdot (n-k+1)_{p,q}$.

Definition 2 Let V be as in [1] i.e $V_n = p^n + q^n$, hence $V_0 = 2$ and $V_n = p + q = s$. Then V -binomial coefficients for any $n, k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ are defined as follows

$$(2) \quad \binom{n}{k}_V = \frac{V_n!}{V_k! \cdot V_{n-k}!} = \frac{V_n^k}{V_k!}$$

where $V_n! = V_n \cdot V_{n-1} \cdot \dots \cdot V_1$ and $V_n^k = V_n \cdot V_{n-1} \cdot \dots \cdot V_{n-k+1}$.

One easily generalizes L -binomial to L -multinomial coefficients [29] .

Definition 3 Let L be any natural numbers' valued sequence i.e. $L_n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $s \in \mathbb{N}$. **L -multinomial coefficient** is then identified with the symbol

$$(3) \quad \binom{n}{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_s}_L = \frac{L_n!}{L_{k_1}! \cdot \dots \cdot L_{k_s}!}$$

where $k_i \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\sum_{i=1}^s k_i = n$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$. Otherwise it is equal to zero.

Naturally for any natural n, k and $k_1 + \dots + k_m = n - k$ the following holds

$$(4) \quad \binom{n}{k}_L \cdot \binom{n-k}{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m}_L = \binom{n}{k, k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m}_L$$

2 V -binomial coefficients' recurrence

The authors of [2] prove (Th. 17) the following nontrivial recurrence for the general case of $\binom{r+s}{r,s}_{L[p,q]}$ L -binomial arrays in multinomial notation. Let $s, r > 0$. Then

$$(5) \quad \binom{r+s}{r,s}_{L[p,q]} = g_1(r,s) \cdot \binom{r+s-1}{r-1,s}_{L[p,q]} + g_2(r,s) \cdot \binom{r+s-1}{r,s-1}_{L[p,q]}$$

where $\binom{r}{r,0}_L = \binom{s}{0,s}_L = 1$.

$$(6) \quad L[p, q]_{r+s} = g_1(r, s) \cdot L[p, q]_r + g_2(r, s) \cdot L[p, q]_s.$$

Taking into account the U -addition formula i.e. the first of two trigonometric-like L -addition formulas (42) from [1] [see also [20], [22]] ($L[p, q] = L = U, V$) i.e.

$$(7) \quad 2U_{r+s} = U_r V_s + U_s V_r, \quad 2V_{r+s} = V_r V_s + U_s U_r$$

one readily recognizes that the U -binomial recurrence from the Corollary 18 in [2] is identical with the U -binomial recurrence (58) [1]. However there is not companion V -binomial recurrence neither in [1] (1878) nor in [2] (2009).

This V -binomial recurrence is given right now in the form of (5) adapted to $L[p, q] = V[p, q] = V$ - Lucas sequence case.

$$(8) \quad \binom{r+s}{r, s}_{V[p, q]} = h_1(r, s) \binom{r+s-1}{r-1, s}_{V[p, q]} + h_2(r, s) \binom{r+s-1}{r, s-1}_{V[p, q]},$$

where $p \neq q$ and $\binom{r}{r, 0}_L = \binom{s}{0, s}_L = 1$.

$$(9) \quad V_{r+s} = h_1(r, s)V_r + h_2(r, s)V_s.$$

and where ($p \neq q$)

$$(10) \quad h_1 \cdot (p^r q^s - q^r p^s) = p^{r+s} q^s - q^{r+s} p^s,$$

$$(11) \quad h_2 \cdot (q^r p^s - p^r q^s) = p^{r+s} q^r - q^{r+s} p^r.$$

The recurrent relations (13) and (14) in [28] for $n_{p, q}$ -binomial coefficients are special cases of this paper formula (5) i.e. of Th. 17 in [2] with straightforward identifications of g_1, g_2 in (13) and in (14) in [28] as well as this paper recurrence (6) for $L = U[p, q]_n = n_{p, q}$ sequence.

$$(12) \quad g_1 = p^r, \quad g_2 = q^s,$$

or

$$(13) \quad g_1 = q^r, \quad g_2 = p^s,$$

while

$$(14) \quad (s+r)_{p, q} = p^s r_{p, q} + q^r s_{p, q} = (r+s)_{q, p} = q^r s_{p, q} + p^s r_{p, q}.$$

Now let A is any natural numbers' or even complex numbers' valued sequence. One readily sees that also (1915) Fontené recurrence for Fontené-Ward generalized A -binomial coefficients i.e. equivalent identities (6) , (7)

in [7] **are special cases of** this paper formula (5) i.e. of Th. 17 in [2] with straightforward identifications of g_1, g_2 in this paper formula (5) identities while this paper recurrence (6) becomes trivial identity.

Namely, the identities (6) and (7) from [7] (1969) read correspondingly:

$$(15) \quad \binom{r+s}{r, s}_A = 1 \cdot \binom{r+s-1}{r-1, s}_A + \frac{A_{r+s} - A_r}{A_s} \binom{r+s-1}{r, s-1}_A,$$

$$(16) \quad \binom{r+s}{r, s}_A = \frac{A_{r+s} - A_s}{A_r} \cdot \binom{r+s-1}{r-1, s}_A + 1 \cdot \binom{r+s-1}{r, s-1}_A,$$

where $p \neq q$ and $\binom{r}{r, 0}_L = \binom{s}{0, s}_L = 1$. And finally we have tautology identity

$$(17) \quad A_{s+r} \equiv \frac{A_{r+s} - A_s}{A_r} \cdot A_r + 1 \cdot A_s.$$

As for **combinatorial interpretations** of L -binomial or L -multinomial coefficients we leave that subject apart from this note because this note is to be deliberately short. Nevertheless we direct the reader to some papers and references therein; these are herethe following: [30] (2010), [2] (2009), [29] (2009), [10] (1989), [11] (1991), [13] (1992), [14] (1993), [15] (1994), [16] (1994), [26] (2004), [26] (2004), [29] (2009) and to this end see [8].

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