



On the Reciprocal Sums and Products of m th-order Linear Recursive Sequences

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Abstract

The m th-order linear recursive sequence of $(w_n)_{n \geq 0}$ is defined by the recursion $w_n = a_1 w_{n-1} + a_2 w_{n-2} + \cdots + a_m w_{n-m}$ for $n > m$. In previous discussions of the reciprocal sums and products of $(w_n)_{n \geq 0}$, the condition $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \cdots \geq a_m \geq 1$ was typically imposed. In this paper, we extend previous research and allow the coefficients to be arbitrary positive integers.

1 Introduction

For positive integers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m with $a_m \neq 0$, the m th-order linear recursive sequence $(w_n)_{n \geq 0}$ is defined by

$$w_n = a_1 w_{n-1} + a_2 w_{n-2} + \cdots + a_m w_{n-m}, \quad n > m, \quad (1)$$

where the initial values $w_i \in \mathbb{N}$, and at least one is not zero. The characteristic polynomial of the sequence $(w_n)_{n \geq 0}$ is

$$\varphi(x) = x^m - a_1 x^{m-1} - \cdots - a_{m-1} x - a_m = (x - \lambda_1)^{m_1} \cdots (x - \lambda_t)^{m_t}, \quad (2)$$

where the λ_i are called the *roots* of the sequence. If the absolute value of a root of the sequence $(w_n)_{n \geq 0}$ is strictly largest, the root is called the *dominant root*.

If $m = 2$, $a_1 = a_2 = 1$, and $w_0 = 0$, $w_1 = 1$, the resulting sequence $(w_n)_{n \geq 0}$ is the famous Fibonacci sequence $(f_n)_{n \geq 0}$. Ohtsuka and Nakamura [10] considered the reciprocal sums of the Fibonacci sequence and obtained the following result:

$$\left\lfloor \left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{f_k} \right)^{-1} \right\rfloor = \begin{cases} f_{n-2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even and } n \geq 2; \\ f_{n-2} - 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd and } n \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

where $\lfloor z \rfloor$ denotes the floor function.

Computing the floor function of $\left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{w_k} \right)^{-1}$ is a difficult problem. Some researchers have studied the nearest integer to $\left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{w_k} \right)^{-1}$. For example, Wu and Zhang [13] proved that there exists a positive integer n_1 such that

$$\left\| \left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{w_k} \right)^{-1} \right\| = w_n - w_{n-1}, \quad n \geq n_1,$$

where $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_m \geq 1$ and $\|z\|$ denotes the nearest integer function, defined by $\|z\| = \lfloor z + \frac{1}{2} \rfloor$.

If two sequences $(u_n)_{n \geq 0}$ and $(v_n)_{n \geq 0}$ satisfy the condition that $(u_n/v_n)_{n \geq 0}$ tends to 1 as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we call them *asymptotically equivalent*. Some researchers have continued the study of reciprocal sums by finding a sequence that is asymptotically equivalent to $\left(\left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{w_k} \right)^{-1} \right)$. Specifically, Trojovský [12] proved that the sequences

$$\left(\left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{P(w_k)} \right)^{-1} \right)_n \quad \text{and} \quad (P(w_n) - P(w_{n-1}))_n$$

are asymptotically equivalent, where $P(z)$ is a non-constant polynomial with $P(z) \in \mathbb{C}[z]$. For more on reciprocal sums and products, see [3, 6, 15, 2, 1, 4, 9, 14, 16, 8].

In previous research concerning reciprocal sums and products of $(w_n)_{n \geq 0}$, the condition $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_m \geq 1$ was typically imposed. In this paper, we allow the coefficients to be arbitrary positive integers, and obtain a series of sequences that are asymptotically equivalent to $\left(\left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{w_k} \right)^{-1} \right)$ and $\left(1 - \prod_{k=n}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{w_k} \right) \right)^{-1}$. The main results are summarized in the following theorem.

Theorem 1. *Let $(w_n)_{n \geq 0}$ be an m th-order linear recursive sequence defined by (1). The sequences*

$$\left(\left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{w_k} \right)^{-1} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad (w_n - w_{n-1}) \tag{3}$$

are asymptotically equivalent, and the sequences

$$\left(\left(1 - \prod_{k=n}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{w_k} \right) \right)^{-1} \right)_n \quad \text{and} \quad (w_n - w_{n-1})_n \quad (4)$$

are asymptotically equivalent.

2 Some lemmas

In this section, we shall give several lemmas that are useful for the proofs of the theorem.

Lemma 2. (*Descartes rule of signs*). Let $\phi(x) = a_{n_1}x^{n_1} + \dots + a_{n_k}x^{n_k}$ be a polynomial where the n_i are integers and $n_1 > n_2 > \dots > n_k \geq 0$. The number of positive roots of $\phi(x)$ is at most the number of sign changes of adjacent nonzero coefficients.

Lemma 3. ([5, 7] *Eneström-Kakeya theorem*). Let $\phi'(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$ be a polynomial of order n with real coefficients. If $0 \leq a_0 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_n$, then all complex roots z of $\phi'(x)$ satisfy $|z| \leq 1$.

Lemma 4. Let $\varphi(x) = x^m - a_1x^{m-1} - \dots - a_{m-1}x - a_m$ be the characteristic polynomial of $(w_n)_{n \geq 0}$, where the coefficients a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m are positive integers. Then the following hold:

- $\varphi(x)$ has only one positive root λ_1 , called λ , and $\lambda > 1$;
- The other $m - 1$ roots of $\varphi(x)$ lie in the circle $|z| < \lambda$. Therefore λ is the dominant root of $\varphi(x)$.

Proof. By Lemma 2, the characteristic polynomial $\varphi(x) = x^m - a_1x^{m-1} - \dots - a_{m-1}x - a_m$ has at most one positive root λ_1 , called λ . In addition, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(x) = +\infty$, and, by $\varphi(1) < 0$, we obtain that $\lambda > 1$ and λ is the only positive root of $\varphi(x)$.

By using the relation

$$\lambda^m = a_1\lambda^{m-1} + a_2\lambda^{m-2} + \dots + a_{m-1}\lambda + a_m,$$

we obtain that $\varphi(x) = (x - \lambda)\psi(x)$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x) &= x^{m-1} + (\lambda - a_1)x^{m-2} + (\lambda^2 - a_1\lambda - a_2)x^{m-3} + \dots \\ &\quad + (\lambda^{m-2} - a_1\lambda^{m-3} - \dots - a_{m-2})x + \lambda^{m-1} - a_1\lambda^{m-2} - \dots - a_{m-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Claim 1. If z is a root of $\psi(x)$, then $|z| \leq \lambda$.

In fact, we prove that all the roots of $\Psi(x) := \psi(\lambda x)$ are in the closed unit ball. The polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(x) &= \lambda^{m-1}x^{m-1} + (\lambda - a_1)\lambda^{m-2}x^{m-2} + (\lambda^2 - a_1\lambda - a_2)\lambda^{m-3}x^{m-3} + \dots \\ &\quad + (\lambda^{m-2} - a_1\lambda^{m-3} - \dots - a_{m-2})\lambda x + \lambda^{m-1} - a_1\lambda^{m-2} - \dots - a_{m-1} \\ &= \lambda^{m-1}x^{m-1} + (\lambda^{m-1} - a_1\lambda^{m-2})x^{m-2} + (\lambda^{m-1} - a_1\lambda^{m-2} - a_2\lambda^{m-3})x^{m-3} + \dots \\ &\quad + (\lambda^{m-1} - a_1\lambda^{m-2} - \dots - a_{m-2}\lambda)x + \lambda^{m-1} - a_1\lambda^{m-2} - \dots - a_{m-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^{m-1} &> \lambda^{m-1} - a_1 \lambda^{m-2} > \lambda^{m-1} - a_1 \lambda^{m-2} - a_2 \lambda^{m-3} > \dots \\ &> \lambda^{m-1} - a_1 \lambda^{m-2} - \dots - a_{m-2} \lambda > \lambda^{m-1} - a_1 \lambda^{m-2} - \dots - a_{m-1} = a_m / \lambda > 0, \end{aligned}$$

which λ is positive root of $\varphi(x)$. By Lemma 3, this completes the proof of Claim 2.

Claim 2. On the circle $|z| = \lambda$, the polynomial $\varphi(x)$ has the unique root λ .

If $\varphi(z) = 0$, then

$$z^m = a_1 z^{m-1} + a_2 z^{m-2} + \dots + a_{m-1} z + a_m.$$

The triangle inequality is satisfied:

$$|z|^m \leq a_1 |z|^{m-1} + a_2 |z|^{m-2} + \dots + a_{m-1} |z| + a_m. \quad (5)$$

If $z = \lambda$, then $\varphi(z) = 0$. So (5) must be an equality. Therefore, $a_1 z^{m-1}$, $a_2 z^{m-2}$, \dots , $a_{m-1} z$, a_m all on the same ray leaving the origin. Since a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m are all the elements of \mathbb{R}^+ , $z^{m-1}, z^{m-2}, \dots, z$ must be elements of \mathbb{R}^+ . Therefore we obtain $\varphi(z) \in \mathbb{R}^+$. On the circle $|z| = \lambda$, we obtain $z = \lambda$. This completes the proof of Claim 2.

□

We define $f(x) = \mathcal{O}(g(x))$ to mean that the quotient $f(x)/g(x)$ is bounded for $x \geq a$.

Lemma 5. Let $(w_n)_{n \geq 0}$ be m th-order linear recursive sequence defined by (1). Then the asymptotic formula of $(w_n)_{n \geq 0}$ is as follows:

$$w_n = c\lambda^n + \mathcal{O}((\lambda\mu)^{\frac{n}{2}}) \quad (6)$$

where c is a constant. The λ defined by Lemma 4 is the dominant root of $\varphi(x)$, and μ is the largest absolute value of the remaining $m - 1$ roots of $\varphi(x)$.

Proof. By [11], there exist unique nonzero polynomials $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_l \in \mathbb{Q}(\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^l)[x]$, with $\deg \ell_i \leq m_i - 1$ (where m_i is the multiplicity of λ_i as a root of the characteristic polynomial $\varphi(x)$) for $1 \leq i \leq l$, such that

$$w_n = \ell_1(n)\lambda_1^n + \dots + \ell_l(n)\lambda_l^n, \quad \text{for all } n.$$

By Lemma 4, we get

$$w_n = c\lambda^n + \sum_{i=2}^l \ell_i(n)\lambda_i^n, \quad \ell_i(n) \in \mathbb{R}[n],$$

where λ is the dominant root of $\varphi(x)$, c is a nonzero constant, and

$$\deg \ell_i(n) \leq m_i - 1, \quad \text{for } i = 2, \dots, l, \quad m_2 + \dots + m_l = m - 1,$$

Therefore, we obtain that

$$w_n = c\lambda^n + \mathcal{O}(n^m \mu^n) = c\lambda^n + \mathcal{O}((\lambda\mu)^{\frac{n}{2}}),$$

where $n^m < \left|\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right|^{\frac{n}{2}}$ for all sufficiently large n . □

Remark 6. For discussing the reciprocal product of m th-order linear recursive sequences, we assume that $\mu > 1$. When $\mu < 1$, as in [3], we write $w_n = c\lambda^n + \mathcal{O}(c^{-n})$, for some $c > 1$.

Lemma 7. *Let $\lambda > |\mu| > 1$. We get*

$$\prod_{k=n}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{k}{2}}\right)\right) = 1 - \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right), \quad (7)$$

where c is a constant.

Proof. First we prove the following equality:

$$\prod_{k=n}^{n+m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{k}{2}}\right)\right) = 1 - \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right), \quad (8)$$

We prove (8) by mathematical induction. When $m = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{k=n}^{n+1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{k}{2}}\right)\right) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{c\lambda^n} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right)\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{c\lambda^{n+1}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n+1}{2}}\right)\right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{c\lambda^n} - \frac{1}{c\lambda^{n+1}} + \frac{1}{c^2\lambda^{2n+1}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right) \\ &\quad + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n+1}{2}}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^5}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{2n+1}{2}}\right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{c\lambda^n} - \frac{1}{c\lambda^{n+1}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right) \\ &= 1 - \sum_{k=n}^{n+1} \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

That is, (8) holds when $m = 1$. Now suppose that for every integer m , we have

$$\prod_{k=n}^{n+m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{k}{2}}\right)\right) = 1 - \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right).$$

Then for $m + 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \prod_{k=n}^{n+m+1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{k}{2}}\right)\right) \\
&= \left(1 - \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right)\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{c\lambda^{n+m+1}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n+m+1}{2}}\right)\right) \\
&= 1 - \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} - \frac{1}{c\lambda^{n+m+1}} + \frac{1}{c\lambda^{n+m+1}} \left(\sum_{k=n}^{n+m} \frac{1}{c\lambda^k}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right) \\
&\quad + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n+m+1}{2}}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^5}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{2n+m+1}{2}}\right) \\
&= 1 - \sum_{k=n}^{n+m+1} \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right).
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Now (9) follows from (9) and mathematical induction.

Taking $m \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\prod_{k=n}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{k}{2}}\right)\right) = 1 - \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right),$$

which completes the proof. \square

3 Proof of the theorem

Proof of Theorem 1. Using the geometric series, we get

$$\frac{1}{1 \pm \epsilon} = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon), \tag{10}$$

where $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$. Using Lemma 5, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{w_k} &= \frac{1}{c\lambda^k + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\lambda\mu\right)^{\frac{k}{2}}\right)} = \frac{1}{c\lambda^k \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{k}{2}}\right)\right)} \\
&= \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{k}{2}}\right)\right) = \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{k}{2}}\right).
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Thus

$$\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{w_k} = \frac{1}{c} \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda^k} + \mathcal{O}\left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{k}{2}}\right) = \frac{\lambda}{c(\lambda-1)\lambda^n} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right).$$

Taking the reciprocal, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{w_k}\right)^{-1} &= \frac{1}{\frac{\lambda}{c(\lambda-1)\lambda^n} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right)} = \frac{1}{\frac{\lambda}{c(\lambda-1)\lambda^n} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right)\right)} \\
&= \frac{c(\lambda-1)\lambda^n}{\lambda} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right)\right) = (c\lambda^n - c\lambda^{n-1}) \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right)\right),
\end{aligned}$$

which yields that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{w_k}\right)^{-1}}{w_n - w_{n-1}} &= \frac{(c\lambda^n - c\lambda^{n-1})(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right))}{(c\lambda^n + \mathcal{O}\left((\lambda\mu)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right)) - (c\lambda^{n-1} + \mathcal{O}\left((\lambda\mu)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}\right))} \\
&= \frac{(c\lambda^n - c\lambda^{n-1})(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right))}{(c\lambda^n - c\lambda^{n-1})(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{(\lambda\mu)^{\frac{n}{2}}}{\lambda^n - \lambda^{n-1}}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{(\lambda\mu)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}}{\lambda^n - \lambda^{n-1}}\right))} \\
&= \frac{(c\lambda^n - c\lambda^{n-1})(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right))}{(c\lambda^n - c\lambda^{n-1})(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}\right))}.
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

We obtain that

$$\frac{\left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{w_k}\right)^{-1}}{w_n - w_{n-1}} \text{ tends to } 1, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

In addition, by Lemma 7 and identity (11), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\prod_{k=n}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{w_k}\right) &= \prod_{k=n}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{k}{2}}\right) \\
&= 1 - \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{c\lambda^k} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^n = 1 - \frac{\lambda}{c(\lambda-1)\lambda^n} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^n.
\end{aligned}$$

Taking the reciprocal, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(1 - \prod_{k=n}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{w_k}\right)\right)^{-1} &= \frac{1}{\frac{\lambda}{c(\lambda-1)\lambda^n} + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right)} = \frac{1}{\frac{\lambda}{c(\lambda-1)\lambda^n} (1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right))} \\
&= \frac{c(\lambda-1)\lambda^n}{\lambda} (1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right)) = (c\lambda^n - c\lambda^{n-1})(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right)),
\end{aligned}$$

which yields that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\left(1 - \prod_{k=n}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{w_k}\right)\right)^{-1}}{w_n - w_{n-1}} &= \frac{(c\lambda^n - c\lambda^{n-1})(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right))}{(c\lambda^n + \mathcal{O}\left((\lambda\mu)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right)) - (c\lambda^{n-1} + \mathcal{O}\left((\lambda\mu)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}\right))} \\
&= \frac{(c\lambda^n - c\lambda^{n-1})(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right))}{(c\lambda^n - c\lambda^{n-1})(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{(\lambda\mu)^{\frac{n}{2}}}{\lambda^n - \lambda^{n-1}}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{(\lambda\mu)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}}{\lambda^n - \lambda^{n-1}}\right))} \\
&= \frac{(c\lambda^n - c\lambda^{n-1})(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right))}{(c\lambda^n - c\lambda^{n-1})(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}\right))}.
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

We obtain that

$$\frac{\left(1 - \prod_{k=n}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{w_k}\right)\right)^{-1}}{w_n - w_{n-1}} \text{ tends to } 1, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

which completes the proof. \square

Remark 8. We now discuss the relative error of the asymptotic behavior of the result in Theorem 1. By identities (12) and (13), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{w_k}\right)^{-1}}{w_n - w_{n-1}} - 1 \right| &= \left| \frac{1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right)}{1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}\right)} - 1 \right| \\ &= \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{2n-1}{2}}\right) = \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}\right), \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\left(1 - \prod_{k=n}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{w_k}\right)\right)^{-1}}{w_n - w_{n-1}} - 1 \right| &= \left| \frac{1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right)}{1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}\right)} - 1 \right| \\ &= \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{2n-1}{2}}\right) = \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

When $n = 101$, by the identities (14) and (15), we can determine the magnitude of the relative error of the asymptotic behavior for the following two sequences $(w_n)_{n_1 \geq 0}$ and $(w_n)_{n_2 \geq 0}$:

$$\begin{aligned} w_{n_1} &= 2w_{n-1} + 3w_{n-2} + 7w_{n-3} + w_{n-4} + w_{n-5}, \\ w_{n_2} &= 3w_{n-1} + 5w_{n-2} + w_{n-3} + 6w_{n-4} + w_{n-5}. \end{aligned}$$

w_n	λ	μ	$\left \frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right ^{\frac{n-1}{2}}$
w_{n_1}	≈ 3.2421	≈ -1.1509	$\approx 3.2401 \times 10^{-23}$
w_{n_2}	≈ 4.2965	≈ -1.4946	$\approx 1.1762 \times 10^{-23}$

Table 1: The higher-order linear recurrences.

The computations are given in Table 1. We used the software *Mathematica*.

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