

Simplicial d-Polytopic Numbers Defined on Lucas Sequences

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Abstract

This paper introduces the simplicial d-polytopic numbers defined on Lucas sequences. We establish basic identities and find q-identities. Furthermore, we find generating functions for the simplicial d-Lucas-polytopic numbers and for the squares of the Lucas-triangular numbers. Finally, we compute sums of reciprocals of Lucas sequences and Lucas-triangular numbers. We introduce an analogue of the zeta function defined on Lucas sequences.

1 Introduction

There is growing research on analogue sequences of numbers defined in terms of Lucas sequences, including Catalan numbers [1, 5], Bernoulli and Euler polynomials [7], Eulerian numbers [10], among others. In this paper, we define simplicial d-polytopic numbers on Lucas sequences. The advantage of doing so is that we obtain, for free, analogs of Fibonacci, Pell, Jacobsthal, and Mersenne sequences, among others.

The simplicial polytopic numbers [3] are a family of sequences of figurate numbers corresponding to the d-dimensional simplex for each dimension d, where d is a non-negative integer. For d ranging from 1 to 5, we have the following simplicial polytopic numbers, respectively: non-negative numbers \mathbb{N} , triangular numbers T_n , tetrahedral numbers T_n ,

pentachoron numbers P_n and hexateron numbers H_n . A list of the above sets of numbers is as follows:

$$\mathbb{N} = (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, \dots),$$

$$T = (0, 1, 3, 6, 10, 15, 21, 28, 36, 45, 55, 66, \dots),$$

$$Te = (0, 1, 4, 10, 20, 35, 56, 84, 120, 165, \dots),$$

$$P = (0, 1, 5, 15, 35, 70, 126, 210, 330, 495, 715, \dots),$$

$$H = (0, 1, 6, 21, 56, 126, 252, 462, 792, 1287, \dots).$$

The n^{th} simplicial d-polytopic numbers P_n^d are given by the formula

$$P_n^d = \binom{n+d-1}{d} = \frac{n^{(d)}}{d!},$$

where $x^{(d)} = x(x+1)(x+2)\cdots(x+d-1)$ is the rising factorial. The generating function of the simplicial d-polytopic numbers is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} {n+d-1 \choose d} x^n = \frac{x}{(1-x)^{d+1}}.$$

In this paper, the *n*-th simplicial *d*-Lucas-polytopic number is defined by

$${n+d-1 \brace d}_{s,t} = \frac{\{n\}_{s,t}\{n+1\}_{s,t} \cdots \{n+d-1\}_{s,t}}{\{d\}_{s,t}!},$$

where $\{n\}_{s,t}$ is the Lucas analogue of the positive integer n. We determine basic identities for simplicial Lucas polytopic numbers, especially for Lucas-triangular and Lucas-tetrahedral numbers. These sequences are part of the On-Line Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences [13]. Some known q-identities are found, [12, 14]. We establish generating functions for the simplicial d-Lucas-polytopic numbers $\binom{n+d-1}{d}_{s,t}$ and for the sequence $\binom{n+1}{2}_{s,t}^2$. Finally, we introduce the Lucas-zeta function $\zeta_{s,t}(z)$ and find some values for $\zeta_{s,t}(1)$. In addition, we calculate reciprocal sums of Lucas sequences and Lucas-triangular numbers.

2 Preliminaries

The Lucas sequences [11] on the parameters s, t are defined by

$${n+2}_{s,t} = s{n+1}_{s,t} + t{n}_{s,t}$$

with initial values $\{0\}_{s,t} = 0$ and $\{1\}_{s,t} = 1$, where $s \neq 0$ and $t \neq 0$. Below are some important specializations of Lucas sequences.

1. If s=2, t=-1, then $\{n\}_{2,-1}=n$ are the positive integers.

2. If s = 1, t = 1, then $\{n\}_{1,1} = F_n$ are the Fibonacci numbers

$$F_n = (0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, \ldots).$$

3. If s = 2, t = 1, then $\{n\}_{2,1} = P_n$, where P_n are the Pell numbers

$$P_n = (0, 1, 2, 5, 12, 29, 70, 169, 408...).$$

4. If s = 1, t = 2, then $\{n\}_{1,2} = J_n$, where J_n are the Jacobsthal numbers

$$J_n = (0, 1, 1, 3, 5, 11, 21, 43, 85, 171, \ldots).$$

5. If s=3, t=-2, then $\{n\}_{3,-2}=M_n$, where $M_n=2^n-1$ are the Mersenne numbers

$$M_n = (0, 1, 3, 7, 15, 31, 63, 127, 255, \ldots).$$

6. If s = p + q, t = -pq, then $\{n\}_{p+q,-pq} = [n]_{p,q}$, where $[n]_{p,q}$ are the (p,q)-numbers

$$[n]_{p,q} = (0, 1, [2]_{p,q}, [3]_{p,q}, [4]_{p,q}, [5]_{p,q}, [6]_{p,q}, [7]_{p,q}, [8]_{p,q}, \ldots).$$

If p = 1, we obtain the q-numbers $[n]_q = 1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + \cdots + q^{n-1}$.

7. If s = 2t, t = -1, then $\{n\}_{2t,-1} = U_{n-1}(t)$, where $U_n(t)$ are the Chebyshev polynomials of the second kind, with $U_{-1}(t) = 0$.

The Lucas constant is the ratio toward which adjacent terms in a Lucas sequence tend. This is the only positive zero of $x^2 - sx - t = 0$. We let $\varphi_{s,t}$ denote this constant, where

$$\varphi_{s,t} = \frac{s + \sqrt{s^2 + 4t}}{2}$$

and

$$\varphi'_{s,t} = s - \varphi_{s,t} = -\frac{t}{\varphi_{s,t}} = \frac{s - \sqrt{s^2 + 4t}}{2}$$

denote the reciprocal of $\varphi_{s,t}$. Some specializations of the constants $\varphi_{s,t}$ and $\varphi'_{s,t}$ are

- 1. If s = 2 and t = -1, then $\varphi_{2,-1} = 1$ and $\varphi'_{2,-1} = 1$.
- 2. If s=1 and t=1, then $\varphi_{1,1}=\varphi=\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ and $\varphi'_{1,1}=\varphi'=\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$.
- 3. If s = 2 and t = 1, then $\varphi_{2,1} = 1 + \sqrt{2}$ and $\varphi'_{2,1} = 1 \sqrt{2}$.
- 4. If s = 1 and t = 2, then $\varphi_{1,2} = 2$ and $\varphi'_{1,2} = -1$.
- 5. If s = 3 and t = -2, then $\varphi_{3,-2} = 2$ and $\varphi'_{3,-2} = 1$.

6. If s = p + q and t = -pq, then $\varphi_{p+q,-pq} = p$ and $\varphi'_{p+q,-pq} = q$.

7. If
$$s = 2t$$
 and $t = -1$, then $\varphi_{2t,-1} = \frac{t + \sqrt{t^2 - 1}}{2}$ and $\varphi'_{2t,-1} = \frac{t - \sqrt{t^2 - 1}}{2}$.

The Lucasnomial coefficients are defined by

$${n \brace k}_{s,t} = \frac{\{n\}_{s,t}!}{\{k\}_{s,t}!\{n-k\}_{s,t}!},$$

where $\{n\}_{s,t}! = \{1\}_{s,t}\{2\}_{s,t}\cdots\{n\}_{s,t}$. The Lucas nomial coefficients satisfy the following Pascal recurrence relationships. For $1 \le k \le n-1$ we have

$${\binom{n+1}{k}}_{s,t} = \varphi_{s,t}^k {\binom{n}{k}}_{s,t} + \varphi_{s,t}^{\prime(n+1-k)} {\binom{n}{k-1}}_{s,t}, \tag{1}$$

$$= \varphi_{s,t}^{\prime(k)} {n \brace k}_{s,t} + \varphi_{s,t}^{n+1-k} {n \brace k-1}_{s,t}.$$
 (2)

A proof of the above identities was provided by Corcino [2].

Set $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$, with $s \neq 0$ and $t \neq 0$. If $s^2 + 4t \neq 0$, we define the Lucas-derivative $D_{s,t}$ of the function f(x) as

$$(D_{s,t}f)(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(\varphi_{s,t}x) - f(\varphi'_{s,t}x)}{(\varphi_{s,t} - \varphi'_{s,t})x}, & \text{if } x \neq 0; \\ f'(0), & \text{if } x = 0, \end{cases}$$

provided f(x) is differentiable at x = 0. If $s^2 + 4t = 0$, with t < 0, we define the Lucas-derivative of the function f(x) as

$$(D_{\pm 2i\sqrt{t},t}f)(x) = f'(\pm i\sqrt{t}x).$$

The Lucas-derivative $D_{s,t}$ fulfills the following properties.

• Linearity:

$$D_{s,t}(\alpha f + \beta g) = \alpha D_{s,t} f + \beta D_{s,t} g.$$

• Product rules:

$$D_{s,t}(f(x)g(x)) = f(\varphi_{s,t}x)D_{s,t}g(x) + g(\varphi'_{s,t}x)D_{s,t}f(x),$$

and

$$D_{s,t}(f(x)g(x)) = f(\varphi'_{s,t}x)D_{s,t}g(x) + g(\varphi_{s,t}x)D_{s,t}f(x).$$

Quotient rules:

$$D_{s,t}\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right) = \frac{g(\varphi_{s,t}x)D_{s,t}f(x) - f(\varphi_{s,t}x)D_{s,t}g(x)}{g(\varphi_{s,t}x)g(\varphi'_{s,t}x)},$$

and

$$D_{s,t}\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right) = \frac{g(\varphi'_{s,t}x)D_{s,t}f(x) - f(\varphi'_{s,t}x)D_{s,t}g(x)}{g(\varphi_{s,t}x)g(\varphi'_{s,t}x)}.$$

Define the *n*-th Lucas-derivative of the function f(x) recursively as

$$D_{s,t}^n f(x) = D_{s,t}(D_{s,t}^n f(x)).$$

3 d-Lucas-polytopic numbers

3.1 Definition and basic properties

Definition 1. The *n*-th simplicial *d*-Lucas-polytopic number is defined by

$${n+d-1 \brace d}_{s,t} = \frac{\{n\}_{s,t}\{n+1\}_{s,t} \cdots \{n+d-1\}_{s,t}}{\{d\}_{s,t}!}.$$

The Lucas analogues of the triangular numbers, tetrahedral numbers, pentachoron numbers, and hexateron numbers are

$$T_{s,t} = \left\{ T_n(s,t) = \begin{Bmatrix} n+1 \\ 2 \end{Bmatrix}_{s,t} : n \ge 0 \right\},$$

$$Te_{s,t} = \left\{ Te_n(s,t) = \begin{Bmatrix} n+2 \\ 3 \end{Bmatrix}_{s,t} : n \ge 0 \right\},$$

$$P_{s,t} = \left\{ P_n(s,t) = \begin{Bmatrix} n+3 \\ 4 \end{Bmatrix}_{s,t} : n \ge 0 \right\},$$

$$H_{s,t} = \left\{ H_n(s,t) = \begin{Bmatrix} n+4 \\ 5 \end{Bmatrix}_{s,t} : n \ge 0 \right\}.$$

From the Pascal recurrence in Eqs. (1) and (2) we have

$${n+d \atop d}_{s,t} = \varphi_{s,t}^{d} {n+d-1 \atop d}_{s,t} + \varphi_{s,t}^{n} {n+d-1 \atop d-1}_{s,t},$$

$$= \varphi_{s,t}^{d} {n+d-1 \atop d}_{s,t} + \varphi_{s,t}^{n} {n-d-1 \atop d-1}_{s,t}.$$
(3)

It is a well-known fact that the sum of the first n terms of a sequence of d-polytopic numbers is the n-th term of a sequence of (d+1)-polytopic numbers, i.e,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} P_n^d = P_n^{d+1}.$$

We then obtain the Lucas analogue of the above formula.

Theorem 2. For all $n \geq 1$, the sum of simplicial d-Lucas-polytopic numbers is

Proof. The proof is by induction on n. When n=1, then ${d+1 \brace d+1}_{s,t} = {d \brace d}_{s,t}$. For n=2, it follows that

$${d+2 \brace d+1}_{s,t} = \varphi_{s,t}^{d+1} {d \brace d}_{s,t} + \varphi_{s,t}' {d+1 \brace d}_{s,t}.$$

Suppose the statement is true for n and we prove the statement for n+1. We have

$$\begin{cases} n+d+1 \\ d+1 \end{cases}_{s,t} = \varphi_{s,t}^{d+1} \begin{cases} n+d \\ d+1 \end{cases}_{s,t} + \varphi_{s,t}'^{n} \begin{cases} n+d \\ d \end{cases}_{s,t}$$

$$= \varphi_{s,t}^{d+1} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \varphi_{s,t}^{(d+1)(n-k)} \varphi_{s,t}'^{(k-1)} \begin{cases} k+d-1 \\ d \end{cases}_{s,t} + \varphi_{s,t}'^{n} \begin{cases} n+d \\ d \end{cases}_{s,t}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{n} \varphi_{s,t}^{(d+1)(n+1-k)} \varphi_{s,t}'^{(k-1)} \begin{cases} k+d-1 \\ d \end{cases}_{s,t} + \varphi_{s,t}'^{n} \begin{cases} n+d \\ d \end{cases}_{s,t}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \varphi_{s,t}^{(d+1)(n+1-k)} \varphi_{s,t}'^{(k-1)} \begin{cases} k+d-1 \\ d \end{cases}_{s,t} .$$

The proof is reached.

From Theorem 2 we obtain the following known result about q-binomial coefficients:

$$\begin{bmatrix} n+d \\ d+1 \end{bmatrix}_q = \sum_{k=1}^n q^{k-1} \begin{bmatrix} k+d-1 \\ d \end{bmatrix}_q = \sum_{k=1}^n q^{(d+1)(n-k)} \begin{bmatrix} k+d-1 \\ d \end{bmatrix}_q.$$

4 Some specializations

4.1 Lucas-triangular numbers

Some specializations of Lucas-triangular numbers are

$${n+1 \brace 2}_{1,1} = F_n F_{n+1} = (0, 1, 2, 6, 15, 40, 104, 273, \ldots),$$

$${n+1 \choose 2}_{2,1} = \frac{1}{2} P_n P_{n+1} = (0, 1, 5, 30, 174, 1015, 5915, \dots),$$

$${n+1 \choose 2}_{1,2} = J_n J_{n+1} = (0, 1, 2, 6, 15, 55, 231, 903, 3655, \dots),$$

$${n+1 \choose 2}_{3,-2} = \frac{1}{3} (2^n - 1)(2^{n+1} - 1)$$

$$= (0, 1, 7, 35, 155, 651, 2667, 10795, 43435, 174251, \dots).$$

The $\binom{n+1}{2}_{1,1}$ -numbers are known as golden rectangle numbers, ($\underline{A001654}$ in [13]). The $\binom{n+1}{2}_{2,1}$ -numbers may be called Pell triangles, ($\underline{A084158}$ in [13]). The $\binom{n+1}{2}_{1,2}$ -numbers are known as Jacobsthal oblong numbers, ($\underline{A084175}$ in [13]). The $\binom{n+1}{2}_{3,-2}$ -numbers are the Gaussian binomial coefficients $\binom{n}{2}_q$ for q=2, ($\underline{A006095}$ in [13]).

From Eqs. (3) and (4), and Theorem 2, we obtain

$$\left\{ {n+2 \atop 2} \right\}_{s,t} = \varphi_{s,t}^2 \left\{ {n+1 \atop 2} \right\} + \varphi_{s,t}'^n \{n+1\}_{s,t},
 \left\{ {n+2 \atop 2} \right\}_{s,t} = \varphi_{s,t}'^2 \left\{ {n+1 \atop 2} \right\}_{s,t} + \varphi_{s,t}^n \{n+1\}_{s,t},
 \left\{ {n+1 \atop 2} \right\}_{s,t} = \sum_{k=1}^n \varphi_{s,t}^{2(n-k)} \varphi_{s,t}'^{(k-1)} \{k\}_{s,t},
 \left\{ {n+1 \atop 2} \right\}_{s,t} = \sum_{k=1}^n \varphi_{s,t}'^{2(n-k)} \varphi_{s,t}^{k-1} \{k\}_{s,t}.$$

From the above identities, we obtain the identity of Warnaar [14]

$${\binom{n+1}{2}}_q = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1-q^k}{1-q} q^{2(n-k)} = \sum_{k=1}^n q^{k-1} \frac{1-q^k}{1-q}.$$

Theorem 3. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

1. The Lucas analogue of the identity $T_n + T_{n-1} = n^2$ is

$${\binom{n+1}{2}}_{s,t} = t {\binom{n}{2}}_{s,t} + {\{n\}}^2.$$

2. Another Lucas analogue of the identity $T_n + T_{n-1} = n^2$ is

$$\varphi_{s,t}^{\prime(n-1)} \begin{Bmatrix} n+1 \\ 2 \end{Bmatrix}_{s,t} + \varphi_{s,t}^{n+1} \begin{Bmatrix} n \\ 2 \end{Bmatrix}_{s,t} = \frac{\langle n \rangle_{s,t}}{\{2\}_{s,t}} \{n\}_{s,t}^2,$$

where $\langle n \rangle_{s,t} = \varphi_{s,t}^n + \varphi_{s,t}^{\prime n}$.

3. The Lucas analogue of the alternating sum squares $T_n = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{n-k} k^2$ is

$${n+1 \choose 2}_{s,t} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} t^{n-k} \{k\}_{s,t}^{2}.$$

Proof. We have

$${n+1 \choose 2}_{s,t} = \frac{\{n\}_{s,t}\{n+1\}_{s,t}}{\{2\}_{s,t}}$$

$$= \frac{\{n\}_{s,t}(s\{n\}_{s,t} + t\{n-1\}_{s,t})}{\{2\}_{s,t}}$$

$$= s\frac{\{n\}_{s,t}^2}{s} + t\frac{\{n\}_{s,t}\{n-1\}_{s,t}}{\{2\}_{s,t}}$$

$$= \{n\}_{s,t}^2 + t\binom{n}{2}_{s,t}.$$

Statement 2 is proved as follows:

$$\varphi_{s,t}^{n+1} \begin{Bmatrix} n \\ 2 \end{Bmatrix}_{s,t} + \varphi_{s,t}^{\prime(n-1)} \begin{Bmatrix} n+1 \\ 2 \end{Bmatrix}_{s,t} = \varphi_{s,t}^{n+1} \frac{\{n\}_{s,t} \{n-1\}_{s,t}}{\{2\}_{s,t}} + \varphi_{s,t}^{\prime(n-1)} \frac{\{n\}_{s,t} \{n+1\}_{s,t}}{\{2\}_{s,t}}$$

$$= \frac{\{n\}_{s,t}}{\{2\}_{s,t}} (\varphi_{s,t}^{n+1} \{n-1\}_{s,t} + \varphi_{s,t}^{\prime(n-1)}) \{n+1\}_{s,t})$$

$$= \frac{\{n\}_{s,t}}{\{2\}_{s,t}} \{2n\}_{s,t}$$

$$= \frac{\langle n\rangle_{s,t}}{\{2\}_{s,t}} \{n\}_{s,t}^{2}.$$

By iterating statement (1), we obtain statement (3).

If we set s = 1 + q, and t = -q in the previous theorem, then

and

$${n \brack 2}_q + q^{n-1} {n+1 \brack 2}_q = \frac{1+q^n}{1+q} [n]_q^2.$$

By iterating Eq. (5), we obtain a result due to Schlosser [12]:

$${\binom{n+1}{2}}_q = \sum_{k=1}^n (-q)^{n-k} \left(\frac{1-q^k}{1-q}\right)^2.$$

Theorem 4. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$${\binom{n+2}{2}}_{s,t}^2 - t^2 {\binom{n+1}{2}}_{s,t}^2 = \left(\frac{\{n+2\}_{s,t} + t\{n\}_{s,t}}{s}\right) \{n+1\}_{s,t}^3.$$
 (6)

Proof. From Theorem 3, we have that

The remainder of the proof follows straightforwardly.

Eq. (6) is the Lucas analogue of the identity

$$T_{n+1}^2 - T_n^2 = n^3.$$

From Warnaar [14] we have

$${n+2\brack 2}_q^2 - q^2 {n+1\brack 2}_q^2 = \left(\frac{1-q^{2(n+1)}}{1-q^2}\right) \left(\frac{1-q^{n+1}}{1-q}\right)^2.$$

Theorem 5. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} t^{2(n-k)} \left(\frac{\{k+1\}_{s,t} + t\{k-1\}_{s,t}}{s} \right) \{k\}_{s,t}^{3} = {n+1 \choose 2}_{s,t}^{2}.$$
 (7)

Proof.

$${n+1 \choose 2}_{s,t}^2 = \left({n+1 \choose 2}_{s,t}^2 - t^2 {n \choose 2}_{s,t}^2 \right) + \left(t^2 {n \choose 2}_{s,t}^2 - t^4 {n-1 \choose 2}_{s,t}^2 \right)$$

$$+ \dots + \left(t^{2n-2} {2 \choose 2}_{s,t}^2 - t^{2n} {1 \choose 2}_{s,t}^2 \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\{n+1\}_{s,t} + t\{n-1\}_{s,t}}{s}\right) \{n\}_{s,t}^3 + t^2 \left(\frac{\{n\}_{s,t} + t\{n-2\}_{s,t}}{s}\right) \{n-1\}_{s,t}^3 + \cdots + t^{2n-2} \left(\frac{\{2\}_{s,t}}{s}\right) \{1\}_{s,t}^3$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n t^{2(n-k)} \left(\frac{\{k+1\}_{s,t} + t\{k-1\}_{s,t}}{s}\right) \{k\}_{s,t}^3.$$

Eq. (7) can be written as

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} t^{2(n-k)} \left(\frac{\varphi_{s,t}^{2k} - \varphi_{s,t}'^{2k}}{\varphi_{s,t}^{2} - \varphi_{s,t}'^{2}} \right) \left(\frac{\varphi_{s,t}^{k} - \varphi_{s,t}'^{k}}{\varphi_{s,t} - \varphi_{s,t}'} \right)^{2} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} t^{2(n-k)} [k]_{\varphi^{2},\varphi'^{2}} [k]_{\varphi,\varphi'}^{2} = \begin{Bmatrix} n+1 \\ 2 \end{Bmatrix}_{s,t}^{2}.$$
(8)

Eq. (7) is the Lucas analogue of the identity

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} k^3 = \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} k\right)^2.$$

Corollary 6. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

1. The Fibonacci analogue of the sum of cubes:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} (F_{k+1} + F_{k-1}) F_k^3 = F_n^2 F_{n+1}^2.$$

2. The Pell analogue of the sum of cubes:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} (P_{k+1} + P_{k-1}) P_k^3 = \frac{1}{2} P_n^2 P_{n+1}^2.$$

3. The Jacobsthal analogue of the sum of cubes:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} 4^{n-k} (J_{k+1} + 2J_{k-1}) J_k^3 = J_n^2 J_{n+1}^2.$$

4. The Mersenne analogue of the sum of cubes:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} 4^{n-k} (2^k + 1)(2^k - 1)^3 = \frac{1}{3} (2^n - 1)^2 (2^{n+1} - 1)^2.$$

5. The q-identity of Warnaar [14]:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} q^{2(n-k)} \left(\frac{1-q^{2k}}{1-q^2} \right) \left(\frac{1-q^k}{1-q} \right)^2 = {n+1 \brack 2}_q^2.$$

4.2 Lucas-tetrahedral numbers

Some specializations of Lucas-tetrahedral numbers are

$${n+2 \choose 3}_{1,1} = \frac{1}{2} F_n F_{n+1} F_{n+2}$$

$$= (0, 1, 3, 15, 60, 260, 1092, 4641, 19635, \dots),$$

$${n+2 \choose 3}_{2,1} = \frac{1}{10} P_n P_{n+1} P_{n+2}$$

$$= (1, 12, 174, 2436, 34307, 482664, \dots),$$

$${n+2 \choose 3}_{1,2} = \frac{1}{3} J_n J_{n+1} J_{n+2}$$

$$= (0, 1, 5, 55, 385, 3311, 25585, 208335, \dots),$$

$${n+2 \choose 3}_{3,-2} = \frac{1}{21} (2^n - 1)(2^{n+1} - 1)(2^{n+2} - 1)$$

$$= (0, 1, 15, 155, 1395, 11811, 97155, \dots).$$

The sequences $\binom{n+2}{3}_{1,1}$, $\binom{n+2}{3}_{2,1}$, and $\binom{n+2}{3}_{3,-2}$ correspond to <u>A001655</u>, <u>A099930</u>, and <u>A006096</u>, respectively, in [13]. The sequence $\binom{n+2}{3}_{1,2}$ has not been previously investigated. From Eqs. (3) and (4), and Theorem 2,

Theorem 7. For all n > 0,

$${n+3 \brace 3}_{s,t} = st {n+2 \brace 3}_{s,t} + {n+1}_{s,t} {n+2 \brack 2}_{s,t}.$$
 (9)

Proof. We have

$${n+3 \brace 3}_{s,t} = \frac{\{n+1\}_{s,t} \{n+2\}_{s,t} \{n+3\}_{s,t}}{\{3\}_{s,t}!}$$

$$= \frac{\{n+1\}_{s,t} \{n+2\}_{s,t}}{\{3\}_{s,t}!} (s\{n+2\}_{s,t} + t\{n+1\}_{s,t})$$

$$= \frac{\{n+1\}_{s,t} \{n+2\}_{s,t}}{\{3\}_{s,t}!} ((s^2+t)\{n+1\}_{s,t} + st\{n\}_{s,t})$$

$$= \{n+1\}_{s,t} {n+2 \brace 2}_{s,t} + st {n+2 \brack 3}_{s,t}.$$

The above theorem is Prop. 2.2 given by Sagan and Savage [1]. Eq. (9) is the Lucas analogue of the identity

$$Te_{n+1} + 2Te_n = (n+1)T_{n+1}.$$

If we choose s = 1 + q and t = -q in Eq. (9), we obtain

5 Generating functions

Theorem 8. For all $n \geq 1$,

$$D_{\varphi,\varphi'}^{n}\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right) = \frac{\{n\}_{s,t}!}{(\varphi_{s,t}^{n}x;q)_{n+1}},\tag{10}$$

where $(a;q)_n = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1-aq^k)$ is the q-shifted factorial.

Proof. Note that

$$D_{\varphi,\varphi'}\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right) = \frac{1}{(1-\varphi_{s,t}x)(1-\varphi'_{s,t}x)} = \frac{\{1\}_{s,t}!}{(\varphi_{s,t}x;q)_2}.$$

Suppose that Eq. (10) is true for n and let us prove by induction for n + 1. As

$$D_{\varphi,\varphi'}(\varphi_{s,t}^n x; q)_{n+1} = -\{n+1\}_{s,t}(\varphi_{s,t}^n \varphi_{s,t}' x; q)_n,$$

then

$$D_{\varphi,\varphi'}^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right) = D_{\varphi,\varphi'}D_{\varphi,\varphi'}^{n}\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)$$

$$= D_{\varphi,\varphi'}\left(\frac{\{n\}_{s,t}!}{(\varphi_{s,t}^{n}x;q)_{n+1}}\right)$$

$$= \frac{-\{n\}_{s,t}!D_{\varphi,\varphi'}(\varphi_{s,t}^{n}x;q)_{n+1}}{(\varphi_{s,t}^{n+1}x;q)_{n+1}(\varphi_{s,t}^{n}\varphi_{s,t}'x;q)_{n+1}}$$

$$= \frac{\{n+1\}_{s,t}!(\varphi_{s,t}^{n}\varphi_{s,t}'x;q)_{n}}{(\varphi_{s,t}^{n+1}x;q)_{n+1}(\varphi_{s,t}^{n}\varphi_{s,t}'x;q)_{n+1}}$$

$$= \frac{\{n+1\}_{s,t}!}{(1-(\varphi_{s,t}q)^{n+1}x)(\varphi_{s,t}^{n+1}x;q)_{n+1}}$$

$$= \frac{\{n+1\}_{s,t}!}{(\varphi_{s,t}^{n+1}x;q)_{n+2}}.$$

The proof is completed.

Theorem 9. For all $d \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} {n+d-1 \brace d}_{s,t} x^n = \frac{x}{(\varphi_{s,t}^d x; q)_{d+1}}.$$

Proof. From Theorem 8,

$$\frac{x}{(\varphi_{s,t}^{d}x;q)_{d+1}} = \frac{x}{\{d\}_{s,t}!} D_{\varphi,\varphi'}^{d} \left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)$$

$$= \frac{x}{\{d\}_{s,t}!} D_{\varphi,\varphi'}^{d} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{n}\right)$$

$$= \frac{x}{\{d\}_{s,t}!} \sum_{n=d}^{\infty} \{n\}_{s,t} \{n-1\}_{s,t} \cdots \{n-d+1\}_{s,t} x^{n-d}$$

$$= \frac{x}{\{d\}_{s,t}!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\{d+n\}_{s,t}!}{\{n\}_{s,t}!} x^{n}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} {n+d-1 \choose d}_{s,t} x^{n}.$$

Theorem 10. The generating function of the squares of the Lucas-triangular numbers is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} {n+1 \choose 2}^2 x^n$$

$$= \frac{x + (\{4\}\varphi_{s,t} - \varphi_{s,t}^4)x^2 - \{3\}_{s,t}\varphi_{s,t}^3\varphi_{s,t}'^3x^3 + (\{3\}_{s,t}\varphi_{s,t}^7\varphi_{s,t}'^3 - \{4\}_{s,t}\varphi_{s,t}^6\varphi_{s,t}'^3)x^4}{(1 - t^2x)(1 - \varphi_{s,t}'^4x)(\varphi_{s,t}^4x;q)_4}.$$

Proof. From Eq. (8),

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ n+1 \atop 2 \right\}_{s,t}^{2} x^{n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{n} t^{2(n-k)} [k]_{\varphi^{2},\varphi'^{2}} [k]_{\varphi,\varphi'}^{2} x^{n} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [k]_{\varphi^{2},\varphi'^{2}} [k]_{\varphi,\varphi'}^{2} x^{k} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} t^{2(n-k)} x^{n} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [k]_{\varphi^{2},\varphi'^{2}} [k]_{\varphi,\varphi'}^{2} x^{k} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (t^{2}x)^{n} \\ &= \frac{1}{1-t^{2}x} (xD_{\varphi,\varphi'})^{2} (xD_{\varphi^{2},\varphi'^{2}}) \left\{ \frac{x}{1-x} \right\} \\ &= \frac{x+(\{4\}_{s,t}\varphi_{s,t}-\varphi_{s,t}^{4})x^{2}-\{3\}_{s,t}\varphi_{s,t}^{3}\varphi_{s,t}^{3}x^{3}+(\{3\}_{s,t}\varphi_{s,t}^{7}\varphi_{s,t}^{3}-\{4\}_{s,t}\varphi_{s,t}^{6}\varphi_{s,t}^{3})x^{4}}{(1-t^{2}x)(1-\varphi_{s,t}^{\prime 4}x)(\varphi_{s,t}^{4}x;q)_{4}}. \end{split}$$

The q-analogue of the previous theorem is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{n+1}{2}_q^2 x^n = \frac{x + ([4]_q - 1)x^2 - [3]_q q^3 x^3 + ([3]_q q^3 - [4]_q q^3) x^4}{(1 - q^2 x)(1 - q^4 x)(x;q)_4}.$$

6 Sum of reciprocals

The Lucas-zeta function, or (s,t)-zeta function, is the function defined by

$$\zeta_{s,t}(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\{n\}_{s,t}^z} = 1 + \frac{1}{s^z} + \frac{1}{(s^2 + t)^z} + \frac{1}{(s^3 + 2st)^z} + \cdots$$

Egami [4] and Navas [9] independently studied the zeta function $\zeta_{1,1}(z)$. Landau [8] studied the problem of evaluating $\zeta_{1,1}(1)$. The function $\zeta_{s,t}(z)$ is convergent when z > 0 and when

either $\varphi_{s,t} > 1$ and 0 < |q| < 1 or $\varphi'_{s,t} > 1$ and |q| > 1. Take $z = \sigma + i\beta$. Then $\zeta_{s,t}(z)$ converges when $\Re(z) > 0$. Some specializations of $\zeta_{s,t}(1)$ are

$$\zeta_{1,1}(1) = \zeta_F(1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{F_n} = 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots = 3.359885666243\dots,$$

$$\zeta_{2,1}(1) = \zeta_P(1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{P_n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{29} + \dots = 1.81781609195402\dots,$$

$$\zeta_{1,2}(1) = \zeta_J(1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{J_n} = 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{11} + \frac{1}{21} + \dots = 2.67186147\dots,$$

$$\zeta_{3,-2}(1) = \zeta_M(1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{M_n} = 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{31} + \dots = 1.57511520737327\dots,$$

$$\zeta_{2t,-1}(1) = \zeta_U(1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{U_{n-1}(t)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2t} + \frac{1}{4t^2 - 1} + \frac{1}{8t^3 - 4t} + \frac{1}{16t^4 - 12t^2 + 1} + \dots,$$

with $t \neq 0$, $\cos \frac{k\pi}{n+1}$, and $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Theorem 11.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{\{2n\}_{s,t}} = \sqrt{s^2 + 4t} \left(L(\varphi_{s,t}^{2}/t) - L(\varphi_{s,t}^{4}/t^2) \right),$$

where $L(q) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^n}{1-q^n}$ is the Lambert function.

Proof. Take into account that

$$\frac{t^n}{\{2n\}_{s,t}} = \sqrt{s^2 + 4t} \left(\frac{(\varphi_{s,t}^{2}/t)^n}{1 - (\varphi_{s,t}^{2}/t)^n} - \frac{(\varphi_{s,t}^{4}/t^2)^n}{1 - (\varphi_{s,t}^{4}/t^2)^n} \right)$$

and sum for all $n \geq 1$.

Theorem 12.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\{2n-1\}_{s,1}} = -\frac{\sqrt{s^2+4}}{4} \theta_2(\varphi_{s,1}^{\prime 2})^2,$$

where $\theta_2(q) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{(n+1/2)^2}$.

Proof.

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\{2n-1\}_{s,1}} &= -\frac{\sqrt{s^2+4}}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(\varphi_{s,1}'^2)^{n-1/2}}{1+(\varphi_{s,1}'^2)^{2n-1}} \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{s^2+4}}{4} \sum_{a=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2(\varphi_{s,1}'^2)^{a-1/2}}{1+(\varphi_{s,1}'^2)^{2a-1}} \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{s^2+4}}{4} \theta_2(\varphi_{s,1}'^2)^2. \end{split}$$

Theorem 13.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\{n\}_{s,t} \{n+1\}_{s,t}} = \varphi_{s,t} - (1+t) \ln_{s,t} \left(1 + \frac{\varphi_{s,t}}{t}\right), \tag{11}$$

where

$$\ln_{s,t}(1-x) = -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{\{n\}_{s,t}}$$

is a Lucas analogue of the logarithm function.

Proof. Suppose that 0 < |q| < 1, and $q = \varphi'_{s,t}/\varphi_{s,t}$, and set $a_n = 1/\{n\}_{s,t}\{n+1\}_{s,t}$. As

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\{n\}_{s,t}}{\{n+2\}_{s,t}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1 - q^n}{\varphi_{s,t}^2 - \varphi_{s,t}'^2 q^n} = \frac{1}{\varphi_{s,t}^2},$$

then the series in the left-hand of Eq. (11) is convergent only if $|\varphi_{s,t}| > 1$. If |q| > 1, then the series in the left-hand of Eq. (11) is convergent only if $|\varphi'_{s,t}| > 1$. By partial fractions

$$\frac{1}{\{n\}_{s,t}\{n+1\}_{s,t}} = \frac{A}{\{n\}_{s,t}} + \frac{B}{\{n+1\}_{s,t}} = \frac{A}{\{n\}_{s,t}} + \frac{B}{\varphi_{s,t}\{n\}_{s,t} + \varphi_{s,t}'^n},$$

where $A = (-\varphi_{s,t}/t)^n$ and $B = (-\varphi_{s,t}/t)^{n+1}$. Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\{n\}_{s,t} \{n+1\}_{s,t}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(-\varphi_{s,t}/t)^n}{\{n\}_{s,t}} + \frac{t(-\varphi_{s,t}/t)^{n+1}}{\{n+1\}_{s,t}} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{\varphi_{s,t}}{t} + (1+t) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-\varphi_{s,t}/t)^n}{\{n\}_{s,t}}$$

$$= -\frac{\varphi_{s,t}}{t} - (1+t) \left(\ln_{s,t} \left(1 + \frac{\varphi_{s,t}}{t} \right) - \frac{\varphi_{s,t}}{t} \right)$$

$$= \varphi_{s,t} - (1+t) \ln_{s,t} \left(1 + \frac{\varphi_{s,t}}{t} \right).$$

The function $\ln_{s,t}(1-x)$ is convergent for all $x \in (-|\varphi_{s,t}|, |\varphi_{s,t}|)$. Some specializations of Theorem 13 are

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{F_n F_{n+1}} = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} - 2\ln_F\left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right),$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{P_n P_{n+1}} = 1 + \sqrt{2} - 2\ln_P(2+\sqrt{2}),$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{J_n J_{n+1}} = 2 - 3 \ln_J(2),$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{M_n M_{n+1}} = 2 + \ln_M(0),$$

where $\ln_F \equiv \ln_{1,1}$, $\ln_P \equiv \ln_{2,1}$, $\ln_J \equiv \ln_{1,2}$, and $\ln_M \equiv \ln_{3,-2}$. A very important remark is that $\ln_M(0)$ is finite.

Corollary 14.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-t)^n}{\{n\}_{s,t} \{n+1\}_{s,t}} = \frac{s + \sqrt{s^2 + 4t}}{2}.$$

Proof. If t = -1 in the previous theorem, then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\{n\}_{s,-1} \{n+1\}_{s,-1}} = \varphi_{s,-1}.$$

Note that $\{n\}_{s,-1}=(i/\sqrt{t})^{n-1}\{n\}_{a,t}$, where $s=ia/\sqrt{t}$. Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\{n\}_{s,-1} \{n+1\}_{s,-1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(i/\sqrt{t})^{2n-1} \{n\}_{a,t} \{n+1\}_{a,t}}$$
$$= \frac{i}{\sqrt{t}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-t)^n}{\{n\}_{a,t} \{n+1\}_{a,t}} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{t}} \varphi_{a,t}.$$

The proof is completed.

Some specializations of Corollary 14 are

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{F_n F_{n+1}} = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{P_n P_{n+1}} = 1+\sqrt{2}.$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^n}{J_n J_{n+1}} = 2.$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{M_n M_{n+1}} = 2.$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{U_{n-1}(t) U_n(t)} = t + \sqrt{t^2 - 1}.$$

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