

ON SUMS OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS OF LUCAS NUMBERS

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ABSTRACT

New results about certain sums $S_n(k)$ of products of the Lucas numbers are derived. These sums are related to the generating function of the k -th powers of the Fibonacci numbers. The sums for $S_n(k)$ are expressed by the binomial and the Fibonomial coefficients. Proofs of these formulas are based on a special inverse formula.

1. INTRODUCTION

Generating functions are very helpful in finding many important relations for sequences of integers. Many of these identities for the Fibonacci numbers F_n and Lucas numbers L_n were found by simple manipulation of the various generating functions. Our approach to the problem is rather different. This paper is devoted to certain generalizations of the well-known formulas for the Fibonacci and Lucas numbers (see [8] pp. 179–183), for example

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i L_{n-2i} = 2F_{n+1} . \quad (1)$$

In the past much attention has been focused on the generating function $f_k(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F_n^k x^n$ for the k -th powers of F_n . In [4] Riordan found the general recurrence for $f_k(x)$ considering the initial obsolete conditions $F_0 = F_1 = 1$. We can rewrite his result with initial conditions $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1$ as

$$(1 - L_k x + (-1)^k x^2) f_k(x) = x + kx \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} A_{ki} f_{k-2i}(x(-1)^i) ,$$

where $\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor$ is the integer part of $\frac{k}{2}$ and A_{ki} are integers given by the equality $A_{ki} = \frac{a_{ki}}{i}$. Riordan showed that the numbers a_{ki} satisfy the relation

$$\frac{1}{(1-x-x^2)^i} = \sum_{k=2i}^{\infty} a_{ki} x^{k-2i} .$$

Recently Dujella in [2] discovered a more elegant way to compute a_{ki}

$$a_{ki} = \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \binom{k-m-1}{m-1} \binom{m}{i} \frac{1}{m}$$

and published a bijective proof of Riordan's theorem using the Morse code interpretation.

Carlitz in [1] and Horadam in [3] generalized Riordan's result and found similar recurrences for the generating functions of different types of generalized Fibonacci numbers. They found closed form for the polynomial $N_k(x)$ in the numerator and the polynomial $D_k(x)$ in the denominator of the generating functions.

As a special case of Horadam's result it is possible to get the following formula for the generating function of an odd integer powers of Fibonacci numbers

$$f_k(x) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{j=0}^i (-1)^{\frac{j(j+1)}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} k+1 \\ j \end{bmatrix} F_{i-j}^k x^i}{\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} (-1)^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} k+1 \\ i \end{bmatrix} x^i}, \quad (2)$$

where $\begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}$ are the so-called Fibonomial coefficients defined by

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} = \frac{F_n F_{n-1} \cdots F_{n-k+1}}{F_1 F_2 \cdots F_k}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1.$$

Applying Carlitz' approach, Shannon obtained in [6] some special results for the numerator and the denominator in the expression of the generating function $f_k(x)$. Later Stănică extended in [7] Horadam's results giving also some new formulas for weighted cases.

It is easy to obtain for any odd integer k that

$$f_k(x) = 5^{-\frac{k-1}{2}} \sum_{j=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \binom{k}{j} \frac{F_{k-2j} x}{1 - (-1)^j L_{k-2j} x - x^2} \quad (3)$$

after simplification of one of Shannon's results.

As k is an odd positive integer, the denominator $D_{k+1}(x)$ is a polynomial of even degree $k+1$ and the relation

$$D_{k+1}(x) = \prod_{j=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (1 - (-1)^j L_{k-2j} x - x^2)$$

holds. Thus, the coefficients of the powers of x in $D_{k+1}(x)$ include the following sums of products of the Lucas numbers

$$\sum_{i_n=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \sum_{i_{n-1}=i_n+1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \cdots \sum_{i_{n-2}=i_{n-1}+1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^{i_1+i_2+\cdots+i_n} \prod_{j=1}^n L_{k-2i_j}.$$

Combining (2) and (3) we will find some new results about these sums with the help of the Fibonomial coefficients.

2. THE MAIN RESULT

Define the sequence $\{S_n(k)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ for any odd positive integer k in the following way:

$$S_0(k) = 1, \quad S_1(k) = \sum_{i_1=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^{i_1} L_{k-2i_1}$$

and

$$S_n(k) = \sum_{i_n=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \sum_{i_{n-1}=i_n+1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \cdots \sum_{i_1=i_2+1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^{i_1+i_2+\cdots+i_n} \prod_{j=1}^n L_{k-2i_j} \quad (4)$$

for any positive integer $n > 1$.

The main result about these sums is given in the next theorem.

Theorem 1: *Let k be any odd positive integer and n be any positive integer. Then*

$$S_{2n-1}(k) = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{(i-1)(2i+1)} \left(\binom{\frac{k+3}{2} - n - i}{n - i} + \binom{\frac{k+1}{2} - n - i}{n - i - 1} \right) \begin{bmatrix} k + 1 \\ 2i - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$S_{2(n-1)}(k) = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{(i+1)(2i-1)} \left(\binom{\frac{k+5}{2} - n - i}{n - i} + \binom{\frac{k+3}{2} - n - i}{n - i - 1} \right) \begin{bmatrix} k + 1 \\ 2(i - 1) \end{bmatrix} .$$

3. THE PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Let $\{G_n\}$ be a generalized Fibonacci sequence, which obeys the recurrence relation $G_{n+2} = G_n + G_{n+1}$ with arbitrary seeds G_0 and G_1 . This leads to the generalized Binet formula

$$G_n = A\alpha^n + B\beta^n, \quad \text{where } \alpha = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2, \beta = (1 - \sqrt{5})/2 .$$

There are many identities for the generalized Fibonacci numbers G_n (see e. g. [8]). We will need the following special identities which are generalizations of (1).

Theorem 2: *Let $a, p \neq 0, q$ be arbitrary integers and n be a nonnegative integer. Then*

$$\sum_{i=a}^n G_{pi+q} = \frac{G_{p(n+1)+q} + (-1)^{p+1}G_{pn+q} + (-1)^p G_{p(a-1)+q} - G_{pa+q}}{1 + (-1)^p - L_p} \quad (5)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=a}^n (-1)^i G_{pi+q} &= \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n G_{p(n+1)+q} + (-1)^{n+p} G_{pn+q} + (-1)^a G_{pa+q} + (-1)^{a+p} G_{p(a-1)+q}}{1 + (-1)^p + L_p} . \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Proof: Using the generalized Binet formula we get immediately (5) and (6). \square

Theorem 3: Let $a, p \neq 0, q$ be arbitrary integers and n be a nonnegative integer. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=a}^n iG_{pi+q} &= \frac{nG_{p(n+2)+q} - G_{p(n-1)+q} - (n+1+2n(-1)^p)G_{p(n+1)+q}}{(1+(-1)^p - L_p)^2} \\ &+ \frac{(n+2(-1)^p(n+1))G_{pn+q}(n+1)}{(1+(-1)^p - L_p)^2} \\ &+ \frac{aG_{p(a-2)+q} - (a-1)G_{p(a+1)+q}}{(1+(-1)^p - L_p)^2} \\ &+ \frac{(a+2(a-1)(-1)^p)G_{pa+q} - (a-1+2a(-1)^p)G_{p(a-1)+q}}{(1+(-1)^p - L_p)^2} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=a}^n (-1)^{i-1} iG_{pi+q} &= \frac{n(-1)^{n+1}G_{p(n+2)+q} - (n+1+2n(-1)^p)(-1)^n G_{p(n+1)+q}}{(1+(-1)^p + L_p)^2} \\ &+ \frac{(-1)^{n+1}((n+2(-1)^p(n+1))G_{pn+q} + (n+1)G_{p(n-1)+q})}{(1+(-1)^p + L_p)^2} \\ &- \frac{(a-1)(-1)^a G_{p(a+1)+q} + (a+2(a-1)(-1)^p)(-1)^a G_{pa+q}}{(1+(-1)^p + L_p)^2} \\ &- \frac{(a-1+2a(-1)^p)(-1)^a G_{p(a-1)+q} + a(-1)^a G_{p(a-2)+q}}{(1+(-1)^p + L_p)^2}, \end{aligned}$$

which we will denote by (8).

Proof: These identities can be proved in a similar way as Theorem 2 but now using the identity

$$\sum_{i=a}^n ix^{i-1} = \frac{nx^{n+1} - (n+1)x^n - (a-1)x^a + ax^{a-1}}{(x-1)^2},$$

which is formed by differentiating the formula for the sum of a geometrical progression. \square

Lemma 1: Let n be any positive integer. Then $S_n(k) = 0$ for each odd positive integer $k < 2n - 1$.

Proof: Rewriting relation (4) in the form

$$S_n(k) = \sum_{\substack{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n \\ 0 \leq i_n < i_{n-1} < \dots < i_1 \leq \frac{k-1}{2}}} (-1)^{i_1+i_2+\dots+i_n} \prod_{j=1}^n L_{k-2i_j}$$

the assertion easily follows from the condition

$$0 \leq i_n < i_{n-1} < \dots < i_1 \leq \frac{k-1}{2}$$

which does not hold for any values i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n if $\frac{k-1}{2} < n - 1$. \square

Lemma 2: *Let k be any odd positive integer and n be any positive integer. Then*

$$(i) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n+i-\frac{k+5}{2}}{n-i} S_{2i-1}(k) = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq \frac{k+3}{2}$$

and

$$(ii) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n+i-\frac{k+7}{2}}{n-i} S_{2(i-1)}(k) = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq \frac{k+5}{2}.$$

Proof: We show the proof of (i). Case (ii) can be proved by the analogous procedure. Let l be any even positive integer. Thus, each positive integer $n \geq \frac{k+3}{2}$ can be written in the form $n = \frac{k+3+l}{2}$. Then for the sum in (i) the following holds

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\frac{k+l+3}{2}} \binom{i+\frac{l-2}{2}}{\frac{k+l+3}{2}-i} S_{2i-1}(k) = P(k, l) + Q(k, l),$$

where

$$P(k, l) = \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor \frac{k+3}{4} \rfloor} \binom{i+\frac{l-2}{2}}{\frac{k+l+3}{2}-i} S_{2i-1}(k)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} Q(k, l) &= \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{k+3}{4} \rfloor + 1}^{\frac{k+l+3}{2}} \binom{i+\frac{l-2}{2}}{\frac{k+l+3}{2}-i} S_{2i-1}(k) \\ &= \sum_{p=0}^{\frac{k+l+1}{2} - \lfloor \frac{k+3}{4} \rfloor} \binom{\lfloor \frac{k+3}{4} \rfloor + \frac{l}{2} + p}{\frac{k+l+1}{2} - \lfloor \frac{k+3}{4} \rfloor - p} S_{2\lfloor \frac{k+3}{4} \rfloor + 1 + 2p}(k). \end{aligned}$$

It is easily seen that $\binom{i+\frac{l-2}{2}}{\frac{k+l+3}{2}-i} = 0$ for $i < \frac{k+5}{2}$ and therefore $P(k, l) = 0$ for any k, l . Since for any nonnegative integer p the equality $S_{2\lfloor \frac{k+3}{4} \rfloor + 1 + 2p}(k) = 0$ is implied by Lemma 1, it follows that $Q(k, l) = 0$. \square

4. THE SPECIAL CASES FOR SMALL n

We now consider the integers $S_n(k)$ for values $n = 1, 2$ and 3 .

Theorem 4: *Let k be any odd positive integer. Then*

$$(i) \quad S_1(k) = \sum_{i_1=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^{i_1} L_{k-2i_1} = F_{k+1},$$

$$(ii) \quad S_2(k) = \sum_{i_2=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \sum_{i_1=i_2+1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^{i_1+i_2} L_{k-2i_2} L_{k-2i_1} = \frac{k+1}{2} - F_{k+1} F_k,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (iii) \quad S_3(k) &= \sum_{i_3=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \sum_{i_2=i_3+1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \sum_{i_1=i_2+1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^{i_3+i_2+i_1} L_{k-2i_3} L_{k-2i_2} L_{k-2i_1} \\
 &= \frac{k-1}{2} F_{k+1} - \frac{1}{2} F_{k+1} F_k F_{k-1} .
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof: All cases can be proved with a suitable choice of the parameters in Theorem 2 and Theorem 3:

(i) Putting $n = \frac{k-1}{2}$, $p = -2$, $q = k$ and $a = 0$ in (5) we have immediately

$$S_1(k) = \sum_{i_1=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^{i_1} L_{k-2i_1} = F_{k+1} .$$

(ii) If we take $n = \frac{k-1}{2}$, $p = -4$, $q = 2k - 1$, $a = 0$ and use the identities $L_n = F_{n+2} - F_{n-2}$ and $L_{n+m} + (-1)^m L_{n-m} = 5F_m F_n$ (see [8], (17b)), we get, using (5),

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} F_{2(k-2i)-1} = \frac{1}{5} (F_{2k+3} - F_{2k-1} + 1) = \frac{1}{5} (L_{2k+1} + 1) = F_{k+1} F_k .$$

Setting $n = \frac{k-1}{2}$, $p = -2$, $q = k$ we obtain from (6)

$$\sum_{i=a}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^i L_{k-2i} = (-1)^a F_{k-2a+1} ,$$

where a is a nonnegative integer.

Finally using the identity $L_n F_{n-1} = F_{2n-1} + (-1)^n$ (see [8], (15b)) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_2(k) &= \sum_{i_2=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \sum_{i_1=i_2+1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^{i_1+i_2} L_{k-2i_2} L_{k-2i_1} = - \sum_{i_2=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} L_{k-2i_2} F_{(k-2i_2)-1} \\
 &= \sum_{i_2=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (1 - F_{2(k-2i_2)-1}) = \frac{k+1}{2} - F_{k+1} F_k .
 \end{aligned}$$

(iii) First, we derive several identities which are necessary to prove this case. Setting $n = \frac{k-1}{2}$, $p = -4$, $q = 2k - 1$, $a = j + 1$ and using the well-known identity $L_n = F_{n+2} - F_{n-2}$ we obtain from (5)

$$\sum_{i=j+1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} F_{2(k-2i)-1} = \frac{1}{5} (F_{2(k-2j)-1} - F_{2(k-2j)-5} + 1) = \frac{1}{5} (L_{2(k-2j)-3} + 1) .$$

For $a = 0$, $p = -6$, $q = 3(k - 1)$ and $n = \frac{k-1}{2}$ we get from (6), using the relation $L_{m-3} + L_{m+3} = 10F_{3m}$,

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^j L_{3(k-2j-1)} = (-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}} + \frac{1}{20} (L_{3(k-1)} + L_{3(k+1)}) = (-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}} + \frac{1}{2} F_{3k} .$$

For $a = 0$, $p = -2$, $q = k - 3$ and $n = \frac{k-1}{2}$ the identity

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^j L_{k-2j-3} = 2(-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}} + F_{k-2}$$

follows from (6).

Setting $a = 0$, $p = -2$, $q = k$ and $n = \frac{k-1}{2}$ we get from (8) using the identities $L_k + L_{k+2} = 5F_{k+1}$ and $F_{k-1} + F_{k+1} = L_k$ (see [8], (5) and (6))

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^i i L_{k-2i} = \frac{1}{5} \left((-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}} - L_k \right).$$

From (17a) in [8] we obtain the following special case

$$L_{k-2j} L_{2(k-2j)-3} = L_{3(k-2j-1)} - L_{k-2j-3}.$$

The previous identities enable us to finish the proof of the third case:

$$\begin{aligned} S_3(k) &= \sum_{i_3=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \sum_{i_2=i_3+1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \sum_{i_1=i_2+1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^{i_3+i_2+i_1} L_{k-2i_3} L_{k-2i_2} L_{k-2i_1} \\ &= \sum_{i_3=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \sum_{i_2=i_3+1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^{i_3+1} L_{k-2i_3} L_{k-2i_2} F_{(k-2i_2)-1} \\ &= \sum_{i_3=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \sum_{i_2=i_3+1}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^{i_3+1} L_{k-2i_3} (F_{2(k-2i_2)-1} - 1) \\ &= \sum_{i_3=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^{i_3+1} L_{k-2i_3} \left(\frac{1}{5} (L_{2(k-2i_3)-3} + 1) - \frac{k-1}{2} + i_3 \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{k-1}{2} - \frac{1}{5} \right) \sum_{i_3=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^{i_3} L_{k-2i_3} - \sum_{i_3=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^{i_3} i_3 L_{k-2i_3} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{5} \sum_{i_3=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^{i_3} L_{3(k-2i_3-1)} + \frac{1}{5} \sum_{i_3=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (-1)^{i_3} L_{k-2i_3-3} \\ &= \frac{k-1}{2} F_{k+1} + \frac{1}{10} (2F_k - F_{3k}) = \frac{k-1}{2} F_{k+1} - \frac{1}{2} F_{k+1} F_k F_{k-1}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Remark: It is known that $L_{-m} = (-1)^m L_m$. If we assume that n in (1) is an odd number, then

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i L_{n-2i} = \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{n-1}{2}} (-1)^i L_{n-2i} + \sum_{i=\frac{n+1}{2}}^n (-1)^i L_{n-2i} = 2 \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{n-1}{2}} (-1)^i L_{n-2i} = 2F_{n+1},$$

which shows a relation between case (i) in Theorem 4 and (1).

The previous method of evaluation of the integers $S_n(k)$ can be used similarly also for $n > 3$. Again we only need the identities (5), (6), (7) and (8) for suitable values of the parameters a, k, p, q . But its concrete realization would be more complicated.

5. THE PROOF OF THE MAIN THEOREM

Relations (2) and (3) which hold for any odd positive integer k lead to

$$D_{k+1}(x) = \prod_{j=0}^{\frac{k-1}{2}} (1 - (-1)^j L_{k-2j} x - x^2) = \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} d_{k+1,i} x^i ,$$

where $d_{k+1,i} = (-1)^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} k+1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$.

After multiplication of all factors in $D_{k+1}(x)$ it follows that

$$d_{k+1,0} = S_0(k) = 1 , \quad d_{k+1,i} = \sum_{l=0}^{\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \rfloor} \binom{\frac{k+1}{2} - (i-2l)}{l} (-1)^{i+l} S_{i-2l}(k) ,$$

where $i = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$.

We can rewrite the last identity into the following two relations for any positive integer n

$$d_{k+1,2n-1} = - \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n+i-\frac{k+5}{2}}{n-i} S_{2i-1}(k) , \quad (9)$$

$$d_{k+1,2(n-1)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n+i-\frac{k+7}{2}}{n-i} S_{2(i-1)}(k) , \quad (10)$$

with respect to Lemma 2 and the well-known formula $\binom{r}{m} = (-1)^m \binom{m-r-1}{m}$.

Proof of Theorem 1: We have to invert identities (9) and (10) to obtain explicit formulas for the sums $S_n(k)$. We use the inversion theorem from [5] (see (23), p. 74). Thus,

$$a_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n+i+p}{n-i} b_i$$

holds if and only if

$$b_n = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+n} \left(\binom{2n+p}{n-i} - \binom{2n+p}{n-i-1} \right) a_i , \quad (11)$$

where p is any integer.

To prove the first equality in Theorem 1 we set $a_n = d_{k+1,2n-1}$, $b_i = -S_{2i-1}(k)$ and $p = -\frac{k+5}{2}$ in (11). Then identity

$$\begin{aligned} S_{2n-1}(k) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{n-i+1} \left(\binom{2n-\frac{k+5}{2}}{n-i} - \binom{2n-\frac{k+5}{2}}{n-i-1} \right) d_{k+1,2i-1} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^1 \left(\binom{\frac{k+3}{2} - n - i}{n-i} + \binom{\frac{k+1}{2} - n - i}{n-i-1} \right) d_{k+1,2i-1} \end{aligned}$$

holds. Thus,

$$S_{2n-1}(k) = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{(i-1)(2i+1)} \left(\binom{\frac{k+3}{2} - n - i}{n-i} + \binom{\frac{k+1}{2} - n - i}{n-i-1} \right) \begin{bmatrix} k+1 \\ 2i-1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Similarly setting $a_n = d_{k+1,2(n-1)}$, $b_i = S_{2(i-1)}(k)$ and $p = -\frac{k+7}{2}$ in (11) we get

$$\begin{aligned} S_{2(n-1)}(k) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{n-i} \left(\binom{2n - \frac{k+7}{2}}{n-i} - \binom{2n - \frac{k+7}{2}}{n-i-1} \right) d_{k+1,2(i-1)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\binom{\frac{k+5}{2} - n - i}{n-i} + \binom{\frac{k+3}{2} - n - i}{n-i-1} \right) d_{k+1,2(i-1)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{(i+1)(2i-1)} \left(\binom{\frac{k+5}{2} - n - i}{n-i} + \binom{\frac{k+3}{2} - n - i}{n-i-1} \right) \begin{bmatrix} k+1 \\ 2(i-1) \end{bmatrix}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

6. CONCLUSION

The effectiveness of the formulas from Theorem 1 for the computation of $S_n(k)$ is shown by the following fact. Using the standard PC we have found that the computation of $S_{12}(51)$ by relation (4) took 26.5 minutes approximately and by Theorem 1 less than a second only.

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