

## ADVANCED PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

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### PROBLEMS PROPOSED IN THIS ISSUE

#### **H-906 Proposed by Kenny B. Davenport, Dallas, PA**

Prove the identity

$$3 \left( \sum_{k=1}^n F_{k-3} F_{k-2} F_{k-1} F_{k+1} F_{k+2} F_{k+3} - \sum_{k=1}^n F_k^6 \right) = 4(-1)^n (F_n F_{n+1})^2 - 11F_n F_{n+1} + 12D_n,$$

where  $D_n = (1 + (-1)^n)/2$  is 0 if  $n$  is odd and 1 if  $n$  is even.

#### **H-907 Proposed by Andrés Ventas, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, and Curtis Cooper, Warrensburg, MO**

Let  $n \geq 0$  be an integer. Prove that

$$F_{3n} = \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor} \binom{n-i-1}{i} 2^{2n-1-4i}.$$

#### **H-908 Proposed by D. M. Băținețu Giurgiu, Bucharest, Romania, and Neculai Stanciu, Buzău, Romania**

Prove that in every triangle  $ABC$  with area  $F$  and altitudes  $h_a, h_b, h_c$  perpendicular to the sides  $a, b, c$ , respectively, the following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad & \frac{a^{F_n} b^{F_{n+2}}}{h_a^{F_{n+1}}} + \frac{b^{F_n} c^{F_{n+2}}}{h_b^{F_{n+1}}} + \frac{c^{F_n} a^{F_{n+2}}}{h_c^{F_{n+1}}} \geq 2^{F_n + F_{n+2}} \sqrt{3}^{2-F_{n+2}} F^{F_n}; \\ \text{(ii)} \quad & \frac{a^{F_n^2} b^{F_{2n+1}}}{h_a^{F_{n+1}^2}} + \frac{b^{F_n^2} c^{F_{2n+1}}}{h_b^{F_{n+1}^2}} + \frac{c^{F_n^2} a^{F_{2n+1}}}{h_c^{F_{n+1}^2}} \geq 2^{F_{2n+1} + F_n^2} \sqrt{3}^{2-F_{2n+1}} F^{F_n^2}. \end{aligned}$$

#### **H-909 Proposed by Michel Bataille, Rouen, France**

Let  $n$  be a positive integer. For each integer  $k$  in  $[0, n/2]$ , let

$$U_{n,k} = \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} \frac{4^j}{n-j} \quad \text{and} \quad V_{n,k} = \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{n}{j} (-5)^j.$$

Prove that

$$n \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \binom{n+1}{2k+1} U_{n,k} = 2^n L_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \binom{n+1}{2k+1} \frac{(-1)^k V_{n,k}}{\binom{n-1}{k}}.$$

**H-910 Proposed by Robert Frontczak, Stuttgart, Germany**

Show the following identity involving Lucas numbers holds:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{L_{k+1}}{k(k+1)2^{k+1}} = 1 - \frac{\pi^2}{12} + \frac{\ln(2)}{2}(2\ln(2) - 3) - \ln(\alpha)(2\ln(\alpha) - \sqrt{5}).$$

**SOLUTIONS**

**Fibonacci numbers and the alternating Riemann zeta function**

**H-872 Proposed by Robert Frontczak, Stuttgart, Germany**

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Prove that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \eta(2n) \frac{F_{2n}}{5^n} = \frac{\pi}{10 \cos(\frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{5}})} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \eta(2n) \frac{L_{2n}}{5^n} = \frac{\pi}{2 \cos(\frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{5}})} - 1,$$

where  $\eta(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1}/k^s$  (defined for  $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ ) is the Dirichlet  $\eta$  (or alternating Riemann zeta) function.

**Solution by the proposer**

We will need the following lemma.

**Lemma.** For all complex numbers  $z$  with  $|z| < \pi$  it holds that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \eta(2n) z^{2n} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\pi z}{\sin(\pi z)} - 1 \right).$$

*Proof.* The connection between the Riemann zeta function and its alternating variant is

$$\eta(s) = (1 - 2^{1-s})\zeta(s).$$

Therefore, using

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \zeta(2n) z^{2n} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \pi z \cot(\pi z)), \quad (|z| < \pi),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \eta(2n) z^{2n} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \zeta(2n) z^{2n} - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \zeta(2n) \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2n} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\pi z}{2} \left( \cot(\pi z) - \cot\left(\frac{\pi z}{2}\right) \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\pi z}{2} \left( \frac{\cos(\pi z)}{\sin(\pi z)} - \frac{\cos(\pi z/2)}{\sin(\pi z/2)} \right), \end{aligned}$$

and the statement follows upon using the addition formula for the sine function  $\sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$ . □

Having the above result in hand, we can prove the first identity directly calculating

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \eta(2n) \frac{F_{2n}}{5^n} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \eta(2n) \left( \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{5}} \right)^{2n} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \eta(2n) \left( \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{5}} \right)^{2n} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{\pi\alpha/\sqrt{5}}{\sin(\pi\alpha/\sqrt{5})} - \frac{\pi\beta/\sqrt{5}}{\sin(\pi\beta/\sqrt{5})} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Because

$$\frac{\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{5}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\pi\beta}{2\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{5}},$$

the result follows by inserting the above formulas and simplifying using the addition formula for the sine function. The second identity is proved in the same manner, and the proof is omitted.

**Editor’s note:** Andrés Ventas points out that a generalized version of this problem has appeared in [1].

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Also solved by Brian Bradie, Dmitry Fleischman, Haydn Gwyn, Raphael Schumacher, Albert Stadler, Séan M. Stewart, and David Terr.

Identities with Fibonacci and Tribonacci numbers

**H-873 Proposed by Robert Frontczak, Stuttgart, Germany**  
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Let  $(T_n)_{n \geq 0}$  be the Tribonacci sequence defined by  $T_{n+3} = T_{n+2} + T_{n+1} + T_n$  for all  $n \geq 0$  with  $T_0 = 0, T_1 = T_2 = 1$ . Prove the following identities valid for all  $n \geq 2$ :

(i)

$$T_n = (-1)^{n+1}F_n + 2(-1)^nF_{n-1} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (-1)^{k+1}F_k(2T_{n-k} + T_{n-2-k}).$$

(ii)

$$\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (F_j - F_i)(T_{n-j} - T_{n-i}) = n(T_{n+2} - F_{n+2}) - \frac{1}{2}(F_{n+2} - 1)(T_{n+1} + T_{n-1} - 1).$$

(iii)

$$\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (L_j - L_i)(T_{n-j} - T_{n-i}) = n(2T_{n+3} - T_{n+2} - 2T_n - L_{n+2}) - \frac{1}{2}(L_{n+2} - 3)(T_{n+1} + T_{n-1} - 1).$$

**Solution by Andrés Ventas, Santiago de Compostela, Spain**

For (i) we use the same method as used in [1]. We also need the generating function for the alternating Fibonacci sequence obtained with Maxima (see [2]):

$$f_a(x) = ggf([0, 1, -1, 2, -3, 5, -8, 13, -21, 34, -55]) = -\frac{x}{x^2 - x - 1}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_a(x) &= \frac{x}{1+x-x^2}, \quad u(x) = \frac{x}{1-x-x^2-x^3}. \\
 1+x-x^2-2x-x^3 &= 1-x-x^2-x^3 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{f_a(x)} - 2x-x^3 = \frac{x}{u(x)}. \\
 u(x) &= f_a(x) + f_a(x)u(x)(2+x^2). \\
 T_n &= (-1)^{n+1}F_n + \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{k+1}F_k T_{n-k} \cdot 2 + \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (-1)^{k+1}F_k T_{n-2-k}. \\
 T_n &= (-1)^{n+1}F_n + 2(-1)^n F_{n-1} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (-1)^{k+1}F_k (2T_{n-k} + T_{n-2-k}).
 \end{aligned}$$

For (ii) and (iii) we use the Binet–Cauchy identity (see [3]):

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i c_i \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n b_j d_j \right) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i d_i \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n b_j c_j \right) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (a_i b_j - a_j b_i)(c_i d_j - c_j d_i),$$

and several identities obtained or cited in Theorems 2.1, 2.3, Identities 3.7, 3.10, 3.30:

$$\text{(Theorem 2.1)} \quad T_n = F_n + \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} F_k T_{n-2-k} \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n F_k T_{n-k} = T_{n+2} - F_{n+2} - F_0 T_n.$$

$$\text{(Theorem 2.3)} \quad 2T_n = T_{n-1} + L_{n-1} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-3} L_k T_{n-3-k} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n L_k T_{n-k} = 2T_{n+3} - T_{n+2} - L_{n+2} - L_0 T_n.$$

$$\text{(Id. 3.7)} \quad \sum_{n=1}^N F_n = F_{N+2} - 1.$$

$$\text{(Id. 3.10)} \quad \sum_{n=1}^N T_n = \frac{1}{2}(T_{N+2} + T_N - 1). \quad \text{(Id. 3.30)} \quad \sum_{n=1}^N L_n = L_{N+2} - 3.$$

(ii) Substituting  $a_i = 1$ ,  $d_i = 1$ ,  $b_i = F_i$ ,  $b_j = F_j$ ,  $c_i = T_{n-i}$ , and  $c_j = T_{n-j}$  into the Binet–Cauchy identity we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n T_{n-i} \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n F_j \right) &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n F_j T_{n-j} \right) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (F_j - F_i)(T_{n-i} - T_{n-j}) \Rightarrow \\
 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (F_j - F_i)(T_{n-j} - T_{n-i}) &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n F_j T_{n-j} \right) - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n T_{n-i} \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n F_j \right). \\
 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (F_j - F_i)(T_{n-j} - T_{n-i}) &= n(T_{n+2} - F_{n+2}) - \frac{1}{2}(T_{n+1} + T_{n-1} - 1)(F_{n+2} - 1).
 \end{aligned}$$

And now we do the same for (iii), substituting  $a_i = 1$ ,  $d_i = 1$ ,  $b_i = L_i$ ,  $b_j = L_j$ ,  $c_i = T_{n-j}$ , and  $c_j = T_{n-i}$  into the Binet–Cauchy identity and using the identities for Lucas numbers.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n T_{n-i}\right)\left(\sum_{j=1}^n L_j\right) &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n 1\right)\left(\sum_{j=1}^n L_j T_{n-j}\right) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (L_j - L_i)(T_{n-i} - T_{n-j}) \Rightarrow \\ \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (L_j - L_i)(T_{n-j} - T_{n-i}) &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n 1\right)\left(\sum_{j=1}^n L_j T_{n-j}\right) - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n T_{n-i}\right)\left(\sum_{j=1}^n L_j\right). \\ \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (L_j - L_i)(T_{n-j} - T_{n-i}) &= n(2T_{n+3} - T_{n+2} - L_{n+2} - 2T_n) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}(T_{n+1} + T_{n-1} - 1)(L_{n+2} - 3). \end{aligned}$$

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Also solved by **Dmitry Fleischman, Albert Stadler, and the proposer.**

Catalan meets Fibonacci

**H-874 Proposed by Robert Frontczak, Stuttgart, Germany**  
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Let  $C_n$  be the  $n$ th Catalan number; i.e.,  $C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$ , and  $\alpha$  be the golden section. Prove that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2n}}{n(n+1)C_n} = \alpha^{-2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{L_{2n}}{n(n+1)C_n} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{25\sqrt{5}}}.$$

**Solution by Michel Bataille, Rouen, France**

We use the following theorem, stated and proved in [1]: If  $|x| < 1$ , then

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2x)^{2m}}{m \binom{2m}{m}} = \frac{2x \arcsin(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}.$$

Because  $|\frac{\alpha}{2}|, |\frac{\beta}{2}| < 1$ , this theorem yields

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^{2n}}{n \binom{2n}{n}} = \frac{2\alpha \arcsin(\alpha/2)}{\sqrt{4-\alpha^2}}, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\beta^{2n}}{n \binom{2n}{n}} = \frac{2\beta \arcsin(\beta/2)}{\sqrt{4-\beta^2}}.$$

We have  $\frac{\alpha}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{4} = \cos \frac{\pi}{5}$ ; hence,  $\arcsin(\alpha/2) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arccos(\alpha/2) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{5} = \frac{3\pi}{10}$  and  $4 - \alpha^2 = 3 - \alpha$ . Similarly, we find  $\arcsin(\beta/2) = -\frac{\pi}{10}$  and  $4 - \beta^2 = 3 - \beta$ . If  $S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{2n}}{n(n+1)C_n}$ ,

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\alpha^{2n}}{n \binom{2n}{n}} - \frac{\beta^{2n}}{n \binom{2n}{n}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{10} \cdot 2 \left( \frac{3\alpha}{\sqrt{3-\alpha}} + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{3-\beta}} \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{5\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{3\alpha\sqrt{3-\beta} + \beta\sqrt{3-\alpha}}{\sqrt{(3-\alpha)(3-\beta)}}. \end{aligned}$$

Easy calculations give  $\sqrt{(3-\alpha)(3-\beta)} = \sqrt{5}$  and  $(3\alpha\sqrt{3-\beta} + \beta\sqrt{3-\alpha})^2 = 50 + 10\sqrt{5}$  so that

$$S = \frac{\pi}{5\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \sqrt{50 + 10\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{10}}{25} \sqrt{5 + \sqrt{5}} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{10}}{25} \sqrt{\frac{10\alpha}{\sqrt{5}}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{25\sqrt{5}}}.$$

In the same way, we calculate  $T = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{L_{2n}}{n(n+1)C_n}$  as follows:

$$T = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\alpha^{2n}}{n \binom{2n}{n}} + \frac{\beta^{2n}}{n \binom{2n}{n}} \right) = \frac{\pi}{5} \left( \frac{3\alpha}{\sqrt{3-\alpha}} - \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{3-\beta}} \right) = \frac{\pi}{5\sqrt{5}} \sqrt{50 + 22\sqrt{5}}.$$

The required result follows because  $2\sqrt{5}\alpha^2 \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{5}}} = (5 + 3\sqrt{5}) \sqrt{\frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10}} = \sqrt{50 + 22\sqrt{5}}$  is readily checked.

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Also solved by Brian Bradie, Dmitry Fleischman, Hideyuki Ohtsuka, Raphael Schumacher, Albert Stadler, Séan M. Stewart, Andrés Ventas, and the proposer.

A geometric inequality involving Fibonacci numbers

**H-875** Proposed by D. M. Băţineţu-Giurgiu, Bucharest, Romania, and Neculai Stanciu, Buzău, Romania  
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Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $a, b, c$  the lengths of the sides,  $R$  the length of the circumradius,  $r$  the length of the inradius, and  $s$  the semiperimeter. Prove that

$$\left( \frac{F_n^2 a^2 + F_{n+1}^2 b^2}{c} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{F_n^2 b^2 + F_{n+1}^2 c^2}{a} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{F_n^2 c^2 + F_{n+1}^2 a^2}{b} \right)^2 \geq 2F_{2n+1}^2 (s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)$$

holds for all  $n \geq 0$ .

**Solution by Brian Bradie, Newport News, VA**

By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( \frac{F_n^2 a^2 + F_{n+1}^2 b^2}{c} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{F_n^2 b^2 + F_{n+1}^2 c^2}{a} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{F_n^2 c^2 + F_{n+1}^2 a^2}{b} \right)^2 \\ &\geq \frac{((F_n^2 + F_{n+1}^2)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2))^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \\ &= F_{2n+1}^2 (a^2 + b^2 + c^2). \end{aligned}$$

The desired result follows from the identity

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr).$$

Also solved by Michel Bataille, Dmitry Fleischman, Wei-Kai Lai, Nandan Sai Dasireddy, Albert Stadler, Andrés Ventas, and the proposers.

**Inequalities with Fibonacci and Lucas numbers**

**H-876 Proposed by I. V. Fedak, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine**  
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For all positive integers  $n$ , prove that

$$F_{n+2} \geq \sqrt{\frac{F_n F_{n+1} + 1}{n+1}} + n \sqrt[n]{F_1 F_2 \cdots F_n}; \quad L_{n+2} \geq \sqrt{\frac{L_n L_{n+1} + 1}{n+3}} + (n+2) \sqrt[n+3]{L_1 L_2 \cdots L_n}.$$

**Solution by Michel Bataille, Rouen, France**

We first show the following lemma.

**Lemma.** Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  be positive real numbers with sum  $S$ , geometric mean  $G$ , and quadratic mean  $Q$ . Then,  $S \geq Q + (n-1)G$ .

*Proof.* Because  $a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2 = nQ^2$  and

$$\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_i a_j \geq \frac{n(n-1)}{2} (a_1^{n-1} \cdot a_2^{n-1} \cdots a_n^{n-1})^{\frac{2}{n(n-1)}} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} G^2$$

(using the arithmetic mean-geometric mean inequality), we obtain  $S^2 \geq nQ^2 + n(n-1)G^2$ . Therefore, it is sufficient to prove that

$$nQ^2 + n(n-1)G^2 \geq Q^2 + (n-1)^2 G^2 + 2(n-1)QG.$$

We are done because this becomes  $(n-1)(Q-G)^2 \geq 0$ , which obviously holds. □

We first apply the lemma with  $n+1$  instead of  $n$  and with  $a_1 = F_1$  and  $a_k = F_{k-1}$  for  $k = 2, 3, \dots, n+1$ . We obtain

$$F_1 + \sum_{k=1}^n F_k \geq \sqrt{\frac{F_1^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n F_k^2}{n+1}} + n \sqrt[n+1]{F_1 \cdot F_1 \cdot F_2 \cdots F_n}. \tag{1}$$

Because  $F_1 = 1$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^n F_k = F_{n+2} - 1$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^n F_k^2 = F_n F_{n+1}$ , (1) rewrites as

$$F_{n+2} \geq \sqrt{\frac{F_n F_{n+1} + 1}{n+1}} + n \sqrt[n+1]{F_1 F_2 \cdots F_n}.$$

Second, we apply the lemma with  $n+3$  instead of  $n$  and with  $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = L_1 = 1$  and  $a_k = L_{k-3}$  for  $k = 4, 5, \dots, n+3$ . Similarly, because  $\sum_{k=1}^n L_k = L_{n+2} - 3$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^n L_k^2 = L_n L_{n+1} - 2$ , we obtain

$$L_{n+2} \geq \sqrt{\frac{L_n L_{n+1} + 1}{n+3}} + (n+2) \sqrt[n+3]{L_1 L_2 \cdots L_n}.$$

Also solved by Ilia Antypenko, Brian Bradie, Dmitry Fleischman, Albert Stadler, Andrés Ventas, and the proposer.

Some formulas involving powers of Lucas numbers

**H-877** Proposed by Hideyuki Ohtsuka, Saitama, Japan  
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Given an even integer  $r$  and an integer  $n \geq 0$ , prove that

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2n-k}{n} L_r^k L_{r(k+1)} = L_r^{2n+1}.$$

**Solution by Robert Frontczak, Stuttgart, Germany**

The proposed identity is not new and appeared in [1]. In [1], equation (3.2), a generalization of the proposal is stated in the equivalent form

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \binom{2n-1-k}{n-1} L_r^k L_{rk} = (-1)^{rn} L_r^{2n},$$

which reduces to the proposed identity when  $r$  is even. The identities reappeared recently in [2].

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