

# ON THE PRODUCT OF LINE-SEQUENCES

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For consistency, we adopt the same notations and formats developed in our previous work on line-sequences, see [2].

A line-sequence is expressed as

$$\bigcup_{u_0, u_1} (c, b) : \dots u_{-3}, u_{-2}, u_{-1}, [u_0, u_1], u_2, u_3, u_4, \dots, \quad (1)$$

where  $u_n, n \in Z$ , denotes the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term, the generating pair is given by  $[u_0, u_1]$ , and the recurrence relation is

$$cu_n + bu_{n+1} = u_{n+2}, \quad (2)$$

where  $c, b \in R$  are not zero. Since (2) is valid for any value of  $n$ , we also have

$$cu_{n+1} + bu_{n+2} = u_{n+3}.$$

From these two relations, we find

$$b = (u_n u_{n+3} - u_{n+1} u_{n+2}) / (u_n u_{n+2} - (u_{n+1})^2), \quad (3)$$

$$c = ((u_{n+2})^2 - u_{n+1} u_{n+3}) / (u_n u_{n+1} - (u_{n+1})^2). \quad (4)$$

The product (see, e.g., [1], [4], [5]), abbreviated as "product" here, of two line-sequences does not necessarily satisfy a recurrence relation. We will give some conditions under which it does.

A generalized Fibonacci line-sequence is given by

$$\bigcup_{0,1} (c, b) : \dots [0, 1], b, c + b^2, \dots, \quad (5)$$

and a generalized Lucas line-sequence is given by

$$\bigcup_{2,b} (c, b) : \dots [2, b], 2c + b^2, 3cb + b^3, \dots \quad (6)$$

see (4.3) and (4.12) in [2]. Let

$$\bigcup_{0,b} (y, x) = \bigcup_{0,1} (c, b) \bigcup_{2,b} (c, b). \quad (7)$$

Substituting (5) and (6) into (7) and multiplying corresponding terms produces

$$\bigcup_{0,b} (y, x) : \dots [0, b], 2cb + b^3, 3c^2b + 4cb^3 + b^5, \dots \quad (8)$$

Putting  $n = 0$  in (3) and (4) and applying to (8), we obtain

$$x = 2c + b^2, \quad y = -c^2. \quad (9)$$

So (7) becomes

$$\bigcup_{0,b} (-c^2, 2c + b^2) = \bigcup_{0,1} (c, b) \bigcup_{2,b} (c, b). \quad (10)$$

Let

$$\bigcup_{-b,0} (y, x) = \bigcup_{1,0} (c, b) \bigcup_{-b,2c} (c, b). \tag{11}$$

Following the same procedure, we find

$$\bigcup_{-b,0} (-c^2, 2c + b^2) = \bigcup_{1,0} (c, b) \bigcup_{-b,2c} (c, b). \tag{12}$$

From (10) and (12), we have the following pair:

$$\bigcup_{1,0} (-c^2, 2c + b^2) = -(1/b) \bigcup_{1,0} (c, b) \bigcup_{-b,2c} (c, b), \tag{13}$$

$$\bigcup_{0,1} (-c^2, 2c + b^2) = (1/b) \bigcup_{0,1} (c, b) \bigcup_{2,b} (c, b). \tag{14}$$

So we obtain the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcup_{i,j} (-c^2, 2c + b^2) &= i \bigcup_{1,0} (-c^2, 2c + b^2) + j \bigcup_{0,1} (-c^2, 2c + b^2) \\ &= (1/b) \left[ -i \bigcup_{1,0} (c, b) \bigcup_{-b,2c} (c, b) + j \bigcup_{0,1} (c, b) \bigcup_{2,b} (c, b) \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

**Example:** Let  $c = b = 1$  in (15) and put  $M_{i,j} = \bigcup_{i,j} (-1, 3)$  and  $F_{i,j} = \bigcup_{i,j} (1, 1)$ , then

$$M_{i,j} = -i F_{1,0} F_{-1,2} + j F_{0,1} F_{2,1}, \tag{16}$$

where  $M$  denotes Morgan-Voyce numbers, see (1) in [3].

Let  $m_{i,j;n}$  and  $f_{i,j;n}$  be the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of  $M_{i,j}$  and  $F_{i,j}$ , respectively. Then

$$m_{i,j;n} = -i f_{1,0;n} f_{-1,2;n} + j f_{0,1;n} f_{2,1;n} = -i f_{n-1} l_{n-1} + j f_n l_n, \tag{17}$$

where  $f_n$  and  $l_n$  denote the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Fibonacci and the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Lucas numbers, respectively. In particular,

$$m_{1,0;n} = -f_{n-1} l_{n-1} = -f_{2n-2}, \tag{18}$$

$$m_{0,1;n} = f_n l_n = f_{2n}. \tag{19}$$

Since the generating function of  $M_{i,j}$  is  $(j - it) / (1 - 3t + t^2)$ , we have

$$t / (1 - 3t + t^2) = \sum_{n \geq 1} f_{2n-2} t^{n-1}, \tag{20}$$

and

$$1 / (1 - 3t + t^2) = \sum_{n \geq 1} f_{2n} t^{n-1}. \tag{21}$$

For  $M_{1,1}$ ,

$$(1 - t) / (1 - 3t + t^2) = \sum_{n \geq 1} f_{2n-1} t^{n-1}, \tag{22}$$

and for  $M_{-1,1}$ ,

$$(1 + t) / (1 - 3t + t^2) = \sum_{n \geq 1} l_{2n-1} t^{n-1}. \tag{23}$$

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