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$$= \sum_{i=k-h}^{\infty} {n-h+(k-1)(2-i) \choose i}$$

=  $v_n$  , as required.

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## A NEW IMPORTANT FORMULA FOR LUCAS NUMBERS

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The formula

(1) 
$$\frac{L_{10n}}{L_{2n}} = (L_{4n} - 3)^2 + (5F_{2n})^2$$

may be easily verified putting  $L_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n$  ,

$$F_n = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\sqrt{5}}$$
,  $\alpha\beta = -1$ ,

Since for n>0, (1) gives a decomposition of  $L_{10n}/L_{2n}$  into a sum of 2 squares, and since any divisor of a sum of 2 squares is -1 (mod 4), it follows that any primitive divisor of  $L_{10n}$ , n>0, is -1 (mod 4).

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