

GENERALIZATIONS OF THE FIBONACCI AND LUCAS POLYNOMIALS

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Abstract

In this note we consider two sequences of polynomials, which are denoted by $\{U_{n,m}^{(k)}\}$ and $\{V_{n,m}^{(k)}\}$, where k, m, n are nonnegative integers, and $m \geq 2$. These sequences represent generalizations of the well-known Fibonacci and Lucas polynomials. For example, if $m = 2$, then we obtain exactly the Fibonacci and Lucas polynomials. If $m = 3$, then polynomials $U_{n,3}^{(k)}$ and $V_{n,3}^{(k)}$ were considered in papers (G. B. Djordjević, *Fibonacci Quart.* 39.2(2001), and G. B. Djordjević, *Fibonacci Quart.* 43.4(2005)).

1 Introduction

The Fibonacci and Lucas polynomials are well-known and widely investigated. In this paper we consider a more general situation, by investigating polynomials $U_{n,m}$ and $V_{n,m}$, where all polynomials are polynomials in a real variable x , and m, n are nonnegative integers, $m \geq 2$. Recall that polynomials $U_{n,m}$ and $V_{n,m}$, respectively, are defined by recurrence relations (see [1, 2]):

$$U_{n,m} = xU_{n-1,m} + U_{n-m,m}, \quad n \geq m, \quad (1.1)$$

with $U_{0,m} = 0$, $U_{n,m} = x^{n-1}$, $n = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$, and

$$V_{n,m} = xV_{n-1,m} + V_{n-m,m}, \quad n \geq m, \quad (1.2)$$

with $V_{0,m} = 2$, $V_{n,m} = x^n$, $n = 1, \dots, m-1$, $m \geq 2$ and x is a real variable. In this case corresponding generating functions are given by:

$$U^m(t) = \frac{t}{1 - xt - t^m} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{n,m} t^n \quad (1.3)$$

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$$V^m(t) = \frac{2 - xt}{1 - xt - t^m} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} V_{n,m} t^n. \quad (1.4)$$

It is easy to obtain the equality

$$V_{n,m} = U_{n+1,m} + U_{n+1-m,m}, \quad n \geq m - 1.$$

We denote by $U_{n,m}^{(k)}$ and $V_{n,m}^{(k)}$, respectively, derivatives of the k^{th} order of polynomials $U_{n,m}$ and $V_{n,m}$, i.e.

$$U_{n,m}^{(k)} = \frac{d^k}{dx^k} \{U_{n,m}\} \quad \text{and} \quad V_{n,m}^{(k)} = \frac{d^k}{dx^k} \{V_{n,m}\}.$$

For given real x , we take complex numbers $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$, such that they satisfy:

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i = x, \quad \sum_{i<j} \alpha_i \alpha_j = 0, \quad \sum_{i<j<k} \alpha_i \alpha_j \alpha_k = 0, \dots, \alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_m = (-1)^{n-1}, \quad (1.5)$$

where $i, j, k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$. For $m = 4$, equalities (1.5) yield:

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 \alpha_i = x, \quad \sum_{i<j} \alpha_i \alpha_j = 0, \quad \sum_{i<j<k} \alpha_i \alpha_j \alpha_k = 0, \quad \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4 = -1, \quad (1.6)$$

for $i, j, k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

If $m = 2$, then we obtain exactly the Fibonacci and Lucas polynomials. If $m = 3$, then polynomials $U_{n,3}^{(k)}$ and $V_{n,3}^{(k)}$ were considered in papers [1] and [2]. In Section 2 we investigate polynomials $U_{n,4}^{(k)}$, and in Section 3 we consider the general case of polynomials $U_{n,n}^{(k)}$. In Section 4 we prove some related identities.

2 Polynomials $U_{n,4}^{(k)}$

In this section we investigate polynomials $U_{n,4}^{(k)}$, which are a special case of polynomials $U_{n,m}^{(k)}$. From (1.1), for $m = 4$, we get

$$U_{n,4} = xU_{n-1,4} + U_{n-4,4}, \quad n \geq 4, \quad (2.1)$$

with initial values $U_{0,4} = 0$, $U_{1,4} = 1$, $U_{2,4} = x$, $U_{3,4} = x^2$. Hence, by (1.3), we have that $U^4(t)$ is the corresponding generating function

$$U^4(t) = \frac{t}{1 - xt - t^4} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{n,4} t^n. \quad (2.2)$$

Differentiating both sides of (2.2) k times with respect to x , we obtain

$$U_k^4(t) = \frac{k! t^{k+1}}{(1 - xt - t^4)^{k+1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{n,4}^{(k)} t^n. \quad (2.3)$$

Now, we prove the following result.

Theorem 2.1. *For a nonnegative integer k the following holds:*

$$U_k^4(t) = \frac{k!}{(\alpha_1 A_{10}^1)^{k+1}} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{a_{k,i}^1}{(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{k+1-i}} \tag{2.4}$$

$$+ \frac{k!}{(\alpha_2 A_{10}^2)^{k+1}} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{a_{k,i}^2}{(1 - \alpha_2 t)^{k+1-i}} \tag{2.5}$$

$$+ \frac{k!}{(\alpha_3 A_{10}^3)^{k+1}} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{a_{k,i}^3}{(1 - \alpha_3 t)^{k+1-i}} \tag{2.6}$$

$$+ \frac{k!}{(\alpha_4 A_{10}^4)^{k+1}} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{d_{k,i}}{(1 - \alpha_4 t)^{k+1-i}}, \tag{2.7}$$

where

$$A_{10}^r = A_{10}^r(\alpha_r) = \frac{3\alpha_r^4 - 2\alpha_r^3 x + 1}{\alpha_r^4}, \quad A_{11}^r = A_{11}^r(\alpha_r) = \frac{3\alpha_r^3 x - 3\alpha_r^4 - 3}{\alpha_r^4},$$

$$A_{12}^r = A_{12}^r(\alpha_r) = \frac{\alpha_r^4 - \alpha_r^3 x + 3}{\alpha_r^4}, \quad A_{13}^r = A_{13}^r(\alpha_r) = -\frac{1}{\alpha_r^4},$$

$$a_{k,i}^r = (-1)^i (A_{10}^r)^i \binom{k+1}{i} - \sum_{j=1}^i \sum_{l=0}^{[j/2]} \sum_{s=0}^{j-2l} \binom{k+1}{j} \binom{j-l-s}{l} \binom{l}{s} (A_{10}^r)^{l+s} (A_{11}^r)^{j-2l} (A_{12}^r)^{l-s} (A_{13}^r)^s a_{k,i-j},$$

$r = 1, 2, 3, 4.$

Proof. Using the equality (1.6), we get

$$\frac{t^{k+1}}{(1 - xt - t^4)^{k+1}} \tag{2.8}$$

$$= \frac{t^{k+1}}{(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{k+1} (1 - \alpha_2 t)^{k+1} (1 - \alpha_3 t)^{k+1} (1 - \alpha_4 t)^{k+1}} \tag{2.9}$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{a_{k,i}^1}{(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{k+1-i}} + \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{a_{k,i}^2}{(1 - \alpha_2 t)^{k+1-i}} \tag{2.10}$$

$$+ \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{a_{k,i}^3}{(1 - \alpha_3 t)^{k+1-i}} + \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{a_{k,i}^4}{(1 - \alpha_4 t)^{k+1-i}}. \tag{2.11}$$

Multiplying both sides of (2.8)– (2.11) with

$$\alpha_1^{k+1} (1 - \alpha_2 t)^{k+1} (1 - \alpha_3 t)^{k+1} (1 - \alpha_4 t)^{k+1} \tag{2.12}$$

we get the following equality

$$\frac{(\alpha_1 t)^{k+1}}{(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{k+1}} = \alpha_1^{k+1} (A_{10}^1 + A_{11}^1(1 - \alpha_1 t) + A_{12}^1(1 - \alpha_1 t)^2) \quad (2.13)$$

$$+ A_{13}^1(1 - \alpha_1 t)^3)^{k+1} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{A_{k,i}^1}{(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{k+1-i}} + \Phi_1(t), \quad (2.14)$$

($\Phi_1(t)$ is an analytic function at the point $t = \alpha_1^{-1}$, t is a complex variable and x is a real constant.) On the other hand, we see that:

$$\frac{(\alpha_1 t)^{k+1}}{(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{k+1}} ((1 - \alpha_1 t)^{-1} - 1)^{k+1} = \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \binom{k+1}{i} (-1)^i (1 - \alpha_1 t)^{-(k+1-i)}, \quad (2.15)$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \binom{k+1}{i} (-1)^i (1 - \alpha_1 t)^{-(k+1-i)} \\ &= \alpha_1^{k+1} (A_{10}^1 + A_{11}^1(1 - \alpha_1 t) + A_{12}^1(1 - \alpha_1 t)^2 + A_{13}^1(1 - \alpha_1 t)^3)^{k+1} \times \\ & \times \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{A_{k,i}^1}{(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{k+1-i}} + \Phi_1(t) \\ &= \alpha_1^{k+1} \sum_{j=0}^{k+1} \sum_{l=0}^j \sum_{s=0}^l \binom{k+1}{j} \binom{j}{l} \binom{l}{s} (A_{10}^1)^{k+1-j} (A_{11}^1)^{j-l} (A_{12}^1)^{l-s} A_{13}^s \times \\ & \times (1 - \alpha_1 t)^{l+j+s} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{A_{k,i}^1}{(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{k+1-i}} + \Phi_1(t). \end{aligned}$$

Because the Laurent series is unique at the point $t = \alpha_1^{-1}$ for the function $(\alpha_1 t)^{-(k+1)} (1 - \alpha_1 t)^{-(k+1)}$, from the last equality, and $l + j + s := j$, $j - l := j - 2l - s$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} (-1)^i \binom{k+1}{i} (1 - \alpha_1 t)^{-(k+1-i)} \\ &= \alpha_1^{k+1} \sum_{j=0}^{k+1} \sum_{l=0}^j \sum_{s=0}^{j-2l} \binom{k+1}{i} \binom{j-l-s}{l} \binom{l}{s} (A_{10}^1)^{k+1-j+l+s} (A_{11}^1)^{j-2l-s} \times \\ & \times (A_{12}^1)^{l-s} (A_{13}^1)^s \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{A_{k,i}^1}{(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{k+1-i}} + \Phi_1(t). \end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients with respect to $(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{-(k+1-i)}$, we find that:

$$(-1)^i (A_{10}^1)^i \binom{k+1}{i} = \alpha_1^{k+1} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j \sum_{s=0}^{j-2l} \binom{k+1}{j} \binom{j-l-s}{l} \binom{l}{s} \times \\ \times (A_{10}^1)^{k+1+i-j} (A_{10}^1)^{l+s} (A_{11}^1)^{j-2l-s} (A_{12}^1)^{l-s} (A_{13}^1)^s A_{k,i-j}^1.$$

Hence, for

$$\alpha_1^{k+1} (A_{10}^1)^{k+1+i-j} A_{k,i-j}^1 = a_{k,i-j}^1,$$

we get

$$(-1)^i (A_{10}^1)^i \binom{k+1}{i} = \\ \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^{[j/2]} \sum_{s=0}^{j-2l} \binom{k+1}{j} \binom{j-l-s}{l} \binom{l}{s} (A_{10}^1)^{l+s} (A_{11}^1)^{j-2l} (A_{12}^1)^{l-s} (A_{13}^1)^s a_{k,i-j}^1.$$

It follows that

$$a_{k,i}^1 = (-1)^i (A_{10}^1)^i \binom{k+1}{i} - \\ \sum_{j=1}^i \sum_{l=0}^{[j/2]} \sum_{s=0}^{j-2l} \binom{k+1}{j} \binom{j-l-s}{l} \binom{l}{s} (A_{10}^1)^{l+s} (A_{11}^1)^{j-2l} (A_{12}^1)^{l-s} (A_{13}^1)^s a_{k,i-j}^1.$$

In a similar way, we find the remaining coefficients $a_{k,i}^r$, $r = 1, 2, 3, 4$:

$$a_{k,i}^r = (-1)^i (A_{10}^r)^i \binom{k+1}{i} \\ - \sum_{j=1}^i \sum_{l=0}^{[j/2]} \sum_{s=0}^{j-2l} \binom{k+1}{j} \binom{j-l-s}{l} \binom{l}{s} (A_{10}^r)^{l+s} (A_{11}^r)^{j-2l} (A_{12}^r)^{l-s} (A_{13}^r)^s a_{k,i-j}^r.$$

Coefficients $A_{10}^1, A_{11}^1, A_{12}^1, A_{13}^1$ can be computed from the following equalities $A_{10}^1 + A_{11}^1(1 - \alpha_1 t) + A_{12}^1(1 - \alpha_1 t)^2 + A_{13}^1(1 - \alpha_1 t)^3 = (1 - \alpha_2 t)(1 - \alpha_3 t)(1 - \alpha_4 t)$ (2.16) and using (1.6).

In a similar way, we find the remaining coefficients $A_{10}^r, A_{11}^r, A_{12}^r, A_{13}^r$, $r = 2, 3, 4$. □

3 Polynomials $U_{n,m}^{(k)}$

In this section we investigate polynomials $U_{n,m}^{(k)}$. Differentiating (1.3), k -times with respect to x , we obtain

$$U_m^k(t) = \frac{k!t^{k+1}}{(1 - xt - t^m)^{k+1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{n,m}^{(k)} t^n. \tag{3.1}$$

Theorem 3.1. *Let k be a nonnegative integer, and let m be a positive integer, $m \geq 2$. Then*

$$U_k^m(t) = \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{k!}{(\alpha_j A_{10}^j)^{k+1}} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{a_{k,i}^j}{(1 - \alpha_j t)^{k+1-i}}, \tag{3.2}$$

where:

$$A_{10}^j + A_{11}^j(1 - \alpha_j t) + A_{12}^j(1 - \alpha_j t)^2 + \dots + A_{1,m-1}^j(1 - \alpha_j t)^{m-1} = (1 - \alpha_1 t)(1 - \alpha_2 t) \dots (1 - \alpha_{j-1} t)(1 - \alpha_{j+1} t) \dots (1 - \alpha_m t),$$

and $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$ satisfy equalities (1.5);

$$a_{k,i}^j = (-1)^i (A_{10}^j)^i \binom{k+1}{i} - \tag{3.3}$$

$$\sum_{j_1=1}^i \sum_{j_2=0}^{j_1} \dots \sum_{j_{m-1}=0}^{j_{m-2}} \binom{k+1}{j_1} \binom{j_1}{j_2} \dots \binom{j_{m-2}}{j_{m-1}} (A_{10}^j)^{j_2+\dots+j_{m-1}} \times \tag{3.4}$$

$$(A_{11}^j)^{j_1-j_2} \dots \times (A_{1,m-1}^j)^{j_{m-1}} a_{k,i-j_1}^j, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m. \tag{3.5}$$

Proof. From (3.1) and (1.5) we obtain:

$$\frac{t^{k+1}}{(1 - xt - tm)^{k+1}} = \frac{t^{k+1}}{(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{k+1} \dots (1 - \alpha_m t)^{k+1}} \tag{3.6}$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{A_{k,i}^1}{(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{k+1-i}} + \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{A_{k,i}^2}{(1 - \alpha_2 t)^{k+1-i}} + \dots \tag{3.7}$$

$$+ \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{A_{k,i}^m}{(1 - \alpha_m t)^{k+1-i}}. \tag{3.8}$$

Multiplying (3.6)–(3.8) with $\alpha_1^{k+1}(1 - \alpha_2 t)^{k+1} \dots (1 - \alpha_m t)^{k+1}$, we have the following equality

$$\frac{(\alpha_1 t)^{k+1}}{(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{k+1}} = \alpha_1^{k+1} (A_{10}^1 + A_{11}^1(1 - \alpha_1 t) + A_{12}^1(1 - \alpha_1 t)^2 + \dots \tag{3.9}$$

$$+ A_{1,m-1}^1(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{m-1})^{k+1} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{A_{k,i}^1}{(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{k+1-i}} + \Phi_1(t), \tag{3.10}$$

($\Phi_1(t)$ is an analytic function at $t = \alpha_1^{-1}$; t is a complex variable; x is a real constant.) The left side of the equality (3.9) can be rewritten in the following form:

$$\frac{(\alpha_1 t)^{k+1}}{(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{k+1}} = ((1 - \alpha_1 t)^{-1} - 1)^{k+1} = \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} (-1)^i \binom{k+1}{i} (1 - \alpha_1 t)^{-(k+1-i)}. \tag{3.11}$$

The right side of the same equality is

$$\alpha_1^{k+1} \sum_{j_1=0}^{k+1} \sum_{j_1=0}^{j_1} \dots \sum_{j_{m-1}}^{j_{m-2}} \binom{k+1}{j_1} \binom{j_1}{j_2} \dots \binom{j_{m-1}}{j_{m-2}} (A_{10}^1)^{k+1-j_1} (A_{11}^1)^{j_1-j_2} \dots \quad (3.12)$$

$$\times (A_{1,m-1}^1)^{j_{m-1}} (1 - \alpha_1 t)^{j_1 + \dots + j_{m-1}} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{A_{k,i}^1}{(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{k+1-i}} + \Phi_1(t). \quad (3.13)$$

First taking

$$\alpha_1^{k+1} (A_{10}^1)^{k+1+i-j_1} A_{k,i-j_1}^1 = a_{k,i-j_1}^1, \text{ and } j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{m-1} := j_1,$$

comparing coefficients with respect to $(1 - \alpha_1 t)^{-(k+1-i)}$, and then using (3.11) and (3.12), we obtain coefficients $a_{k,i}^1$. Similarly, we compute other coefficients, $a_{k,i}^j$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, j_{m-1}$. \square

4 Some identities

In this section we prove some identities, for generalized polynomials $U_{n,m}^{(k)}$ and $V_{n,m}^{(k)}$. For $m = 2$, these identities correspond to the Fibonacci and Lucas polynomials. For $m = 3$, these identities correspond to generalized polynomials, which are considered in [1] and [2].

Lemma 4.1. *For positive integers m, n , such that $n \geq m \geq 2$, the following hold:*

$$\sum_{i=0}^n U_{i,m} = \frac{1}{x} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} U_{n+2-m+j,m} - 1 \right), \quad (4.1)$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n V_{i,m} = \frac{1}{x} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} V_{n+2-m+j,m} - 1 \right), \quad (4.2)$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i h_{r+(m-1)i,m} = h_{r+mn,m}, \quad (4.3)$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i h_{r+mi,m} = (-1)^n x^n h_{r+(m-1)n,m}, \quad (4.4)$$

where $h_{n,m} = U_{n,m}$, or $h_{n,m} = V_{n,m}$.

Proof. We use the induction on n . It is easy to see that (4.1) is satisfied for $n = 1$. Suppose that the equality (4.1) is valid for n , then (for $n := n + 1$):

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} U_{i,m} &= \frac{1}{x} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} U_{n+2-m+j,m} - 1 \right) + U_{n+1,m} \\ &= \frac{1}{x} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} U_{n+2-m+j,m} - 1 + xU_{n+1,m} \right) \quad (\text{by (1.1)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{x} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} U_{n+3-m+j,m} - 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the equality (4.1) holds for any positive integer n .

The equality (4.2) can be proved in a similar way, using the recurrence relation (1.2).

Suppose that (4.3) holds for n . Then, taking the value $n + 1$ instead of n , from (1.1) and (1.2), we get:

$$\begin{aligned} h_{r+m(n+1),m} &= xh_{r+mn+m-1,m} + h_{r+mn,m} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i h_{r+(m-1)i,m} + xh_{r+mn+m-1,m} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i h_{r+(m-1)i,m} + x \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i h_{r+m-1+(m-1)i,m} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i h_{r+(m-1)i,m} + \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \binom{n}{i-1} x^i h_{r+(m-1)i,m} = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\binom{n}{i} + \binom{n}{i-1} \right) x^i h_{r+(m-1)i,m} + h_{r,m} + x^{n+1} h_{r+(m-1)(n+1),m} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n+1}{i} x^i h_{r+(m-1)i,m} + \binom{n+1}{0} h_{r,m} + \binom{n+1}{n+1} h_{r+(m-1)(n+1),m} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{i} x^i h_{r+(m-1)i,m}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we have proved the equality (4.3).

Suppose that (4.4) is correct for n . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (-1)^{n+1}x^{n+1}h_{r+(m-1)(n+1),m} = (-1)^{n+1}x^n(xh_{r+m-1+(m-1)n,m}) \\ & = (-1)^{n+1}x^n(h_{r+m+(m-1)n,m} - h_{r+(m-1)n,m}) \\ & = (-1)^{n+1}x^n h_{r+m+(m-1)n,m} + (-1)^n x^n h_{r+(m-1)n,m} \\ & = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^{i+1} \binom{n}{i} h_{r+m(i+1),m} + \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} h_{r+mi,m} \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \left(\binom{n}{i-1} + \binom{n}{i} \right) h_{r+mi,m} + h_{r,m} + (-1)^{n+1} h_{r+m(n+1),m} \\ & = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i \binom{n+1}{i} h_{r+mi,m}. \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 4.1. For positive integers m, n , such that $n \geq m \geq 2$, the following equalities hold:

$$x \sum_{i=0}^n U_{i,m}^{(k)} = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} U_{n+2-m+j,m}^{(k)} - k \sum_{i=0}^n U_{i,m}^{(k-1)}, \quad k \geq 1. \tag{4.5}$$

$$x \sum_{i=0}^n V_{i,m}^{(k)} = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} V_{n+2-m+j,m}^{(k)} - k \sum_{i=0}^n V_{i,m}^{(k-1)}, \quad k \geq 1. \tag{4.6}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{n}{i} \binom{k}{j} (x^i)^{(j)} h_{r+(m-1)i,m}^{(k-j)} = h_{r+mn,m}^{(k)}, \tag{4.7}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} h_{r+mi,m}^{(k)} = (-1)^n \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} (n-j+1)_j x^{n-j} h_{r+(m-1)n,m}^{(k-j)}. \tag{4.8}$$

where $h_{r,m} = U_{r,m}$ or $h_{r,m} = V_{r,m}$.

Proof. Differentiating both sides of equalities (4.1) and (4.2), on x , k -times, we obtain equalities (4.5) and (4.6). Using the induction on k , we prove (4.7). If $k = 0$, then (4.7) becomes

$$h_{r+mn,m} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i h_{r+(m-1)i,m},$$

so, we get the equality (4.7). Suppose that (4.7) holds for k ($k \geq 0$). Then, for

$k := k + 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
h_{r+mn,m}^{(k+1)} &= \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{n}{i} \binom{k}{j} \frac{d}{dx} \left((x^i)^{(j)} h_{r+(m-1)i,m}^{(k-j)} \right) = \\
&\sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{n}{i} \binom{k}{j} \left((x^i)^{(j+1)} h_{r+(m-1)i,m}^{(k-j)} + (x^i)^{(j)} h_{r+(m-1)i,m}^{(k+1-j)} \right) \\
&\sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \binom{n}{i} \binom{k}{j-1} (x^i)^{(j)} h_{r+(m-1)i,m}^{(k+1-j)} + \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{n}{i} \binom{k}{j} (x^i)^{(j)} h_{r+(m-1)i,m}^{(k+1-j)} \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=1}^k \binom{n}{i} \binom{k+1}{j} (x^i)^{(j)} h_{r+(m-1)i,m}^{(k+1-j)} + \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i h_{r+(m-1)i,m}^{(k+1)} + \\
&\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (x^i)^{(k+1)} h_{r+(m-1)i,m} = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^{k+1} \binom{n}{i} \binom{k+1}{j} (x^i)^{(j)} h_{r+(m-1)i,m}^{(k+1-j)}.
\end{aligned}$$

So, we have proved the equality (4.7). Similarly, we can get the equality (4.8). \square

Further, we prove some equalities, using generating functions (1.3) and (1.4). Precisely, if we differentiate (1.4) k -times with respect to x , then we obtain

$$V_k^m(t) = \frac{k!t^k(1+t^m)}{(1-xt-t^m)^{k+1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} V_{n,m}^{(k)} t^n. \quad (4.9)$$

Using (3.1) and (4.9), we can easily prove the following theorem.

Theorem 4.2. *For integers m, k, r , such that $m \geq 2$, and $k, r \geq 0$, the following hold:*

$$U_k^m(t)U_r^m(t) = \frac{k!r!}{(k+r+1)!}U_{k+r+1}^m(t), \quad (4.10)$$

$$U_k^m(t)V^m(t) = \frac{2t^{-1}-x}{k+1}U_{k+1}^m(t), \quad (4.11)$$

$$V_k^m(t)V_r^m(t) = \frac{k!r!}{(k+r+1)!}V_{k+r+1}^m(t^{-1}+t^{m-1}), \quad (r, k \geq 1), \quad (4.12)$$

$$U_k^m(t)V_r^m(t) = \frac{k!r!}{(k+r+1)!}V_{k+r+1}^m(t), \quad (r, k \geq 1), \quad (4.13)$$

$$V_k^m(t)V(t) = \frac{1}{k+1}(2t^{-1}-x)V_{k+1}^m(t), \quad (4.14)$$

$$V^m(t)V^m(t) = (2t^{-1}-x)^2U_1^m(t). \quad (4.15)$$

The following result is an immediate consequence of Theorem 4.2:

Theorem 4.3. *Let m, n, k be integers, such that $n \geq m \geq 2$ and $k \geq 0$. Then*

$$\sum_{i=0}^n U_{i,m}^{(k)} U_{n-i,m}^{(r)} = \frac{k!r!}{(k+r+1)!} U_{n,m}^{(k+r+1)}, \tag{4.16}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n U_{i,m}^{(k)} V_{n-i,m} = \frac{1}{k+1} \left(2U_{n+1,m}^{(k+1)} - xU_{n,m}^{(k+1)} \right), \tag{4.17}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n V_{i,m}^{(k)} V_{n-i,m}^{(r)} = \frac{k!r!}{(k+r+1)!} \left(V_{n+1,m}^{(k+r+1)} + V_{n+1-m,m}^{(k+r+1)} \right), \tag{4.18}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n U_{i,m}^{(k)} V_{n-i,m}^{(r)} = \frac{k!r!}{(k+r+1)!} V_{n,m}^{(k+r+1)}, \quad (r \geq 1), \tag{4.19}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n V_{i,m}^{(k)} V_{n-i,m} = \frac{1}{k+1} \left(2V_{n+1,m}^{(k+1)} - xV_{n,m}^{(k+1)} \right), \tag{4.20}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n V_{i,m} V_{n-i,m} = 4U_{n+2,m}^{(1)} - 4xU_{n+1,m}^{(1)} + x^2U_{n,m}^{(1)}. \tag{4.21}$$

Proof. Comparing coefficients with respect to t^n in equalities (4.10)–(4.15), respectively, we obtain equalities (4.16)–(4.21). □

Corollary 4.1. *Equalities (4.10)–(4.21) for $m = 2$ and $m = 3$ correspond to the Fibonacci and Lucas polynomials, and to those considered in [1] and [2].*

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