

Hypergeometric Functions and Lucas Numbers

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Abstract: The main purpose of this paper is to give the relationship between hypergeometric series and the Lucas sequence. A variety of representations in terms of finite sums and infinite series involving coefficients are obtained. While many of them are well known and some identities appear to be new.

I. Hypergeometric Functions:

The hypergeometric function ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; x)$ is defined by the series

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_k (b)_k}{(c)_k k!} z^k \quad (1.1)$$

For $|x| < 1$, and by continuous elsewhere (see [2] p.64) where the rising factorial $(a)_k$ is defined by $(a)_0 = 1$ and $(a)_k = a(a+1)(a+2)\dots(a+k-1)$ ($k \geq 1$) (1.2)

II. Lucas Numbers

We define the n^{th} Lucas number, denoted by L_n as

$$L_n = \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n + \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \quad (2.1)$$

Again we have

$${}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{a}{2}, \frac{a}{2} + \frac{1}{2}; \\ \frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix} z^2 \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[(1-z)^{-a} + (1+z)^{-a} \right] \quad (2.2)$$

Setting $a = -n, z = \sqrt{5}$ we arrive at

$$L_n = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -\frac{n}{2}, -\frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2}; \\ \frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix} 5 \right] \quad (2.3)$$

with (1.1) the representation of (2.3) becomes

$$L_n = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k} 5^k \quad (2.4)$$

which is well known ([5], p.168)

Throughout this chapter the following results will be used

$$(\alpha)_{2n} = 2^{2n} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} \right)_n \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2} \right)_n \quad (2.5)$$

$$(1-n)_k = (-1)^k \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-1-k)!} \quad (2.6)$$

$$(1+n)_k = \frac{(n+k)!}{n!} \tag{2.7}$$

$$\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(2z) = 2^{2z-1}\Gamma(z)\Gamma\left(z + \frac{1}{2}\right) \tag{2.8}$$

$$\Gamma(-x) = -\frac{\pi}{\sin \pi\Gamma(x+1)} \tag{2.9}$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)_k = \frac{(2k+1)!}{4^k k!} \tag{2.10}$$

III. Linear And Quadratic Transformation

In this section we will use the well-known linear and quadratic transformations for the hypergeometric functions to derive some representation from (2.3). We begin by the following pair of linear transformations:

$${}_2F_1\left[\begin{matrix} a, b; \\ c; \end{matrix} z\right] = (1-z)^{-a} {}_2F_1\left[\begin{matrix} a, c-b; \\ c; \end{matrix} \frac{z}{z-1}\right] \tag{3.1}$$

$${}_2F_1\left[\begin{matrix} a, b; \\ c; \end{matrix} z\right] = (1-z)^{-b} {}_2F_1\left[\begin{matrix} a, c-a; \\ c; \end{matrix} \frac{z}{z-1}\right] \tag{3.2}$$

That are linked together by the relation

$${}_2F_1\left[\begin{matrix} a, b; \\ c; \end{matrix} z\right] = (1-z)^{c-a-b} {}_2F_1\left[\begin{matrix} c-a, c-b; \\ c; \end{matrix} z\right] \tag{3.3}$$

([6].p.60.Theorem 21)

We also note the obvious relationship

$${}_2F_1\left[\begin{matrix} a, b; \\ c; \end{matrix} z\right] = {}_2F_1\left[\begin{matrix} b, a; \\ a; \end{matrix} z\right]$$

Applying (3.1) to (2.3) then RHS(3.3) of is a finite sum only when n is odd and we get the following identity

$$L_{2n+1} = (-1)^n {}_2F_1\left[\begin{matrix} -n, n+1; \\ \frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix} \frac{5}{4}\right] \tag{3.4}$$

A companion relationship of (3.4) can be obtained by applying (3.2) to (2.3). In this case n has to be even, and

$$L_{2n} = (-1)^n {}_2F_1\left[\begin{matrix} -n, n; \\ \frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix} \frac{5}{4}\right] \tag{3.5}$$

Our next transformation formula is

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b; \\ c; \end{matrix} z \right] &= \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(c-a-b)}{\Gamma(c-a)\Gamma(c-b)} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b; \\ a+b-c+1; \end{matrix} 1-z \right] + (1-z)^{c-a-b} \\
 &\frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(a+b-c)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} c-a, c-b; \\ c-a-b+1; \end{matrix} 1-z \right]
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

However since $a+b-c=-n$ in (2.3), one of the gamma terms in numerator is not defined. So we use the following transformation which is a special case where a or b is a negative integer and m is a non negative integer.

$${}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b; \\ a+b+m; \end{matrix} z \right] = \frac{\Gamma(m)\Gamma(a+b+m)}{\Gamma(a+m)\Gamma(b+m)} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b; \\ 1-m; \end{matrix} 1-z \right] \tag{3.7}$$

(see[8].p.559)

Also we use $\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(2z) = 2^{2z-1}\Gamma(z)\Gamma\left(z+\frac{1}{2}\right)$

(see[6].p.24)

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2}; \\ \frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix} 5 \right] &= 2^{n-1} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -\frac{n}{2}, -\frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2}; \\ 1-n; \end{matrix} -4 \right] \\
 \Rightarrow L_n &= {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -\frac{n}{2}, -\frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2}; \\ 1-n; \end{matrix} -4 \right]
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

Another transformation formula is

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b; \\ c; \end{matrix} z \right] &= \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(b-a)}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-a)} (-z)^{-a} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} a, 1-c+a; \\ 1-b+a; \end{matrix} \frac{1}{z} \right] + \\
 &\frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(b-a)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(c-b)} (-z)^{-b} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} b, 1-c+b; \\ 1-a+b; \end{matrix} \frac{1}{z} \right]
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

We apply this to (2.3) and using the fact that $\Gamma(z)$ has poles at non-positive integers, we see that one of two terms in (3.9) always disappears.

Evaluating the gamma terms in the remaining expression we arrive at

$$L_{2n+1} = (2n+1) \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^n {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -n, \frac{1}{2} - n; \\ \frac{3}{2}; \end{matrix} \frac{1}{5} \right] \tag{3.10}$$

And

$$L_{2n} = 2 \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^n {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -n, \frac{1}{2} - n; \\ \frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix} \frac{1}{5} \right]$$

(3.11)

From (3.3) we have

$$L_{2n+1} = (2n+1) \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{n+1} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{3}{2} + n, 1 + n; \\ \frac{3}{2}; \end{matrix} \frac{1}{5} \right]$$

(3.12)

And

$$L_{2n} = 2 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^n {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{1}{2} + n, n; \\ \frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix} \frac{1}{5} \right]$$

(3.13)

These two formulas give us the first infinite series representation for the Lucas Numbers. Employing (3.10) and (3.11) to (3.7) we arrive at

$$L_{2n+1} = 5^n {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -n, \frac{1}{2} - n; \\ -2n; \end{matrix} \frac{4}{5} \right]$$

(3.14)

$$L_{2n} = 5^n {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -n, \frac{1}{2} - n; \\ 1 - 2n; \end{matrix} \frac{4}{5} \right]$$

(3.15)

The next transformation formula is

$$\begin{aligned} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b; \\ c; \end{matrix} z \right] &= (1-z)^{-a} \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(b-a)}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-a)} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} a, c-b; \\ a-b+1; \end{matrix} \frac{1}{1-z} \right] \\ &+ (1-z)^{-b} \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(a-b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(c-b)} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} b, c-a; \\ b-a+1; \end{matrix} \frac{1}{1-z} \right] \end{aligned} \tag{3.16}$$

Applying (3.16) to (2.3) we get

$$L_{2n+1} = (2n+1) {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -n, 1+n; \\ \frac{3}{2}; \end{matrix} -\frac{1}{4} \right]$$

(3.17)

$$L_{2n} = 2 {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -n, n; \\ \frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix} -\frac{1}{4} \right]$$

(3.18)

Applying (3.3) to these we get

$$L_{2n+1} = (2n+1) \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{3}{2} + n, \frac{1}{2} - n; \\ -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{3}{2}; \end{matrix} \right] \tag{3.19}$$

$$L_{2n} = \sqrt{5} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{1}{2} + n, \frac{1}{2} - n; \\ -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix} \right] \tag{3.20}$$

Now, we use quadratic transformations.
Our first quadratic transformation is

$${}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b; \\ z \\ a - b + 1; \end{matrix} \right] = (1+z)^{-a} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{a}{2}, \frac{a}{2} + \frac{1}{2}; \\ \frac{4z}{(1+z)^2} \\ a - b + 1; \end{matrix} \right] \tag{3.21}$$

(see[2].p.128.(3.19))

Employing this to (3.10) and (3.11) we get the following transformations respectively

$$L_{2n+1} = (2n+1) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n \sqrt{\frac{5}{6}} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{1-2n}{4}, \frac{3-2n}{4}; \\ \frac{3}{2}; \\ \frac{5}{9} \end{matrix} \right] \tag{3.22}$$

And

$$L_{2n} = 2 \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{1-n}{2}; \\ \frac{1}{2}; \\ \frac{5}{9} \end{matrix} \right] \tag{3.23}$$

Again applying (3.3) we get

$$L_{2n+1} = (2n+1) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n+1} \sqrt{\frac{5}{6}} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{5+2n}{4}, \frac{3+2n}{4}; \\ \frac{3}{2}; \\ \frac{5}{9} \end{matrix} \right] \tag{3.24}$$

And

$$L_{2n} = 2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{n+1}{2}, \frac{n}{2}; \\ \frac{1}{2}; \\ \frac{5}{9} \end{matrix} \right] \tag{3.25}$$

Employing (3.6) to (3.24) and (3.7) to (3.23) we get

$$L_{2n+1} = (2n+1) \frac{2^{-\frac{3}{2}}}{3^{n+1}} \sqrt{\frac{5}{6}} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{5+2n}{4}, \frac{3+2n}{4}; \\ \frac{3}{2} + n; \\ \frac{4}{9} \end{matrix} \right] \tag{3.26}$$

$$+ \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n+1} 2^{n+\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{5}{6}} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{1}{4} - \frac{n}{2}, -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{n}{2}; \\ \frac{1}{2} + n; \\ \frac{4}{9} \end{matrix} \right]$$

And

$$L_{2n} = 3^n {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{1-n}{2}; \\ 1-n; \end{matrix} \frac{4}{9} \right] \tag{3.27}$$

From (3.3) and (3.26) we get

$$L_{2n+1} = \frac{2n+1}{4 \cdot 3^{n+\frac{1}{2}}} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{1}{4} + \frac{n}{2}, \frac{3}{4} + \frac{n}{2}; \\ \frac{3}{2} + n; \end{matrix} \frac{4}{9} \right] + \frac{2^{2n+\frac{3}{2}}}{3^{5n+2}} \cdot 5^{2n+1} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3n}{2}, \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3n}{2}; \\ \frac{1}{2} + n; \end{matrix} \frac{4}{9} \right] \tag{3.28}$$

Again applying(3.1) to (3.26) we get

$$L_{2n+1} = \frac{3(2n+1)}{4} 5^{-\frac{3}{4} - \frac{n}{2}} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{5+2n}{4}, + \frac{3+2n}{4}; \\ \frac{3}{2} + n; \end{matrix} -\frac{4}{5} \right] \tag{3.29}$$

$$+ \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{2n+1} \cdot 5^{\frac{1}{4}+n} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{1}{4} - \frac{n}{2}, \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3n}{2}; \\ \frac{1}{2} + n; \end{matrix} -\frac{4}{5} \right]$$

For odd n we have from (3.27)by using (3.1) that

$$L_{4n+2} = 2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{2n+1} (2n)! {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -n - \frac{1}{2}, -n; \\ -2n; \end{matrix} -\frac{4}{5} \right] \tag{3.30}$$

Again for even n, employing (3.2) to (3.27) we arrive at

$$L_{4n} = 2 \frac{6}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^n (2n-1)! {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{1}{2} - n, 1-n; \\ 1-2n; \end{matrix} -\frac{4}{5} \right] \tag{3.31}$$

Again the identity (3.29) can be further transformed by formula (3.3) as follows

$$L_{2n+1} = \frac{2n+1}{4} \cdot 5^{-\frac{1}{4} - \frac{n}{2}} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{1}{4} + \frac{n}{2}, \frac{3}{4} + \frac{n}{2}; \\ \frac{3}{2} + n; \end{matrix} -\frac{4}{5} \right] + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{2n+1} \frac{3}{5^{4+n}} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3n}{2}, -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{n}{2}; \\ \frac{1}{2} + n; \end{matrix} -\frac{4}{5} \right] \tag{3.32}$$

Applying (3.16) to identity (3.23) we get

$$L_{4n+2} = (-1)^n 3(2n+1) {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -n, n+1; \\ \frac{3}{2}; \end{matrix} \frac{9}{4} \right] \tag{3.33}$$

And

$$L_{4n} = 2(-1)^n {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -n, n; \\ \frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix} \frac{9}{4} \right] \tag{3.34}$$

Again applying (3.1) to these two identities we arrive at

$$L_{4n+2} = 3(2n+1) \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^n {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -n, \frac{1}{2}-n; \\ \frac{3}{2}; \end{matrix} \frac{9}{5} \right] \tag{3.35}$$

$$L_{4n} = 2 \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^n {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -n, \frac{1}{2}-n; \\ \frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix} \frac{9}{5} \right] \tag{3.36}$$

Finally we use the following two quadratic transformation formulae

$${}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b; \\ z \end{matrix} \right] = (1-z)^{-a} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{a}{2}, \frac{a-2b+1}{2}; \\ a-b+1; \end{matrix} -\frac{4z}{(1-z)^2} \right] \tag{3.37}$$

$${}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b; \\ z \end{matrix} \right] = \frac{1+z}{(1-z)^{a+1}} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \frac{1+a}{2}, \frac{a}{2}-b+1; \\ a-b+1; \end{matrix} -\frac{4z}{(1-z)^2} \right] \tag{3.38}$$

Applying these two to (2.3) we get

$$L_{4n+2} = 3 {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -n, n+1; \\ \frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix} -\frac{5}{4} \right] \tag{3.39}$$

$$L_{4n} = 2 {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} -n, n; \\ \frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix} -\frac{5}{4} \right] \tag{3.40}$$

IV. Explicit Formulas

In this section we will simply rewrite the formulas obtained above in terms of combinatorial sums. Identities (3.8), (3.17) and (3.18) respectively lead to the sum

$$L_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{n}{n-k} \binom{n-k}{k} \tag{4.1}$$

$$L_{n+1} = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{2n+1}{2k+1} \binom{n+k}{2k} \tag{4.2}$$

$$L_{2n} = 2 \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n}{n+k} \binom{n+k}{2k} \tag{4.3}$$

Again Identities (2.3), (3.40) and (3.5) give rise to

$$L_n = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k} 5^k \tag{4.4}$$

$$L_{4n} = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{2n}{n+k} \binom{n+k}{2k} 5^k \tag{4.5}$$

$$L_{2n} = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n+k} \frac{2n}{n+k} \binom{n+k}{2k} 5^k \tag{4.6}$$

Both (3.4) and (3.14) lead to the following identity

$$L_{2n+1} = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n+k} \binom{n+k}{2k} 5^k \tag{4.7}$$

Again both (3.30) and (3.39) lead to the following

$$L_{4n+2} = 3 \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+k}{k} 5^k \tag{4.8}$$

Again from (3.23) and (3.27) we get respectively

$$L_{2n} = 2 \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k} \left(\frac{5}{9}\right)^k \tag{4.9}$$

$$L_{2n} = 3^n \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} (-1)^k \frac{n}{n-k} \binom{n-k}{k} 9^{\frac{1}{k}} \tag{4.10}$$

From the identities (3.19), (3.20), (3.12) and (3.13) we respectively arrive at

$$L_{2n+1} = \sqrt{5} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+k+\frac{1}{2}}{2k+1} \tag{4.11}$$

$$L_{2n} = \sqrt{5} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+k-\frac{1}{2}}{2k+1} \tag{4.12}$$

$$L_{2n+1} = (2n+1) \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n+2k+1}{2k} \frac{1}{2k+1} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^k \tag{4.13}$$

$$L_{2n} = 2 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n+2k-1}{2k} \frac{1}{5^k}$$

(4.14)

Using (3.22),(3.24) and (3.25) respectively we arrive at

$$L_{2n+1} = (2n+1) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n \sqrt{\frac{5}{6}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n-\frac{1}{2}}{k} \frac{1}{2k+1} \left(\frac{5}{9}\right)^k$$

(4.15)

$$L_{2n+1} = (2n+1) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n+1} \sqrt{\frac{5}{6}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+2k+\frac{1}{2}}{2k} \frac{1}{2k+1} \left(\frac{5}{9}\right)^k$$

(4.16)

$$L_{2n} = 2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+2k-1}{2k} \left(\frac{5}{9}\right)^k$$

(4.17)

V. Further Application

The Generalized Hypergeometric Function is defined by

$${}_pF_q \left[\begin{matrix} \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_p; \\ \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_p; \end{matrix} ; z \right] = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^p (\alpha_i)_n}{\prod_{j=1}^q (\beta_j)_n} \frac{z^n}{n!}$$

(5.1)

(see[6].p.73)

We use the following identity due to Clausent (see[8].p.180)

$$\left\{ {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b; \\ a+b+\frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix} ; z \right] \right\}^2 = {}_3F_2 \left[\begin{matrix} 2a, a+b, 2b; \\ a+b+\frac{1}{2}, 2a+2b; \end{matrix} ; z \right]$$

(5.2)

Taking $a=-n, b=1+n, Z=-\frac{1}{4}$ then (3.17) and (5.2) gives

$$L_{2n+1}^2 = (2n+1)^2 {}_3F_2 \left[\begin{matrix} -2n, 1, 2+2n; \\ -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{3}{2}, 2; \end{matrix} \right]$$

(5.3)

By way of (5.1) we get

$$L_{2n+1}^2 = (2n+1)^2 \sum_{k=0}^{2n} \binom{2n+k+1}{2k+1} \frac{1}{k+1}$$

(5.4)

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