

**TWO PROPERTIES OF THE GENERALIZED SEQUENCE $\{W_n\}$
RELEVANT TO RECURRING DECIMAL**

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1. Introduction

In this paper, we deduce two properties of the generalized sequence $\{W_n\}$ relevant to recurring decimal, and further get some interesting properties of special sequences $\{F_n\}$, $\{L_n\}$, $\{P_n\}$ and $\{Q_n\}$.

The generalized sequence $\{W_n\}$ is defined for all integers n by the recurrence relation (see[1])

$$W_{n+2} = pW_{n+1} + qW_n \tag{1}$$

in which

$$W_0 = a, W_1 = b \tag{2}$$

where, a, b, p, q are arbitrary integers.

Its general term formula is

$$W_n = \frac{(b-a\beta)\alpha^n - (b-a\alpha)\beta^n}{\alpha - \beta} \tag{3}$$

where

$$\alpha = \frac{p + \sqrt{p^2 + 4q}}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{p - \sqrt{p^2 + 4q}}{2} \tag{4}$$

are the roots of the proper equation

$$x^2 - px - q = 0 \tag{5}$$

Special cases of $\{W_n\}$ which interest us are

the Fibonacci sequence $\{F_n\}$: $p=1,q=1,a=0,b=1$

the Lucas sequence $\{L_n\}$: $p=1,q=1,a=2,b=1$

the Pell sequence $\{P_n\}$: $p=2,q=1,a=0,b=1$ (6)

the Pell-Lucas sequence $\{Q_n\}$: $p=2,q=1,a=2,b=2$

It is easy of to get the generating functions of the generalized sequence $\{W_n\}$ as follows :

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} W_i x^i = \frac{a+bx-ax^2}{1-px-qx^2} \quad (7)$$

2. Two Properties of $\{W_n\}$ Relevant to Recurring Decimal

Theorem 1:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{W_i}{10^{i+1}} = \frac{10a+b-ap}{100-10p-q} \quad (\text{where } p^2+q^2 \neq 0) \quad (8)$$

Proof: In equation (7) putting $x = \frac{1}{10}$, we get

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{W_i}{10^{i+1}} = \frac{10a+b-ap}{100-10p-q} .$$

And dividing both sides of the equation by 10 we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{W_i}{10^{i+1}} = \frac{10a+b-ap}{100-10p-q} .$$

Corollary 1 : When $a=0,b=1$,from theorem 1 we get

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{W_i}{10^{i+1}} = \frac{1}{100-10p-q} . \quad (9)$$

(where $0 \leq p \leq 9$, $0 \leq q \leq 9$, $p^2+q^2 \neq 0$)

In fact, when $a=0, b=1, 0 \leq p \leq 9, 0 \leq q \leq 9, p^2+q^2 \neq 0$, $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{W_i}{10^{i+1}}$ take the reciprocals of 1—99.

Corollary 2: When $p=1, q=1, a=0$ and $b=1$, from theorem 1 we get a property of the Fibonacci sequence $\{F_n\}$:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{F_i}{10^{i+1}} = \frac{1}{89}, \quad (10)$$

this is

$$\begin{array}{r} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 8 \\ 13 \\ 21 \\ \cdot \\ \hline +) \quad 0.011235951 \dots \rightarrow 1/89 \end{array}$$

Corollary 3 : When $p=1, q=1, a=2$ and $b=1$, from theorem 1 we get a property of the Lucas sequence $\{L_n\}$:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{L_i}{10^{i+1}} = \frac{19}{89}, \quad (11)$$

that is

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 7 \\ 11 \\ 18 \\ 29 \\ 47 \\ 76 \\ \cdot \\ \hline +) \quad 0.2134831446 \dots \rightarrow 19/89 \end{array}$$

Corollary 4 : When $p=2$, $q=1$, $a=0$, and $b=1$, from theorem 1 we get a property of the Pell sequence $\{P_n\}$:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_i}{10^{i+1}} = \frac{1}{79} , \quad (12)$$

that is

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0 \\
 1 \\
 2 \\
 5 \\
 12 \\
 29 \\
 70 \\
 169 \\
 408 \\
 985 \\
 2378. \\
 \hline
 +) \quad \cdot \\
 \hline
 0.01265822028..... \rightarrow 1/79
 \end{array}$$

Corollary 5: When $p=2$, $q=1$, $a=2$ and $b=2$, from theorem 1 we get a property of the Pell-Lucas sequence $\{Q_n\}$:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{Q_i}{10^{i+1}} = \frac{18}{79} , \quad (13)$$

that is

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2 \\
 2 \\
 6 \\
 14 \\
 34 \\
 82 \\
 198 \\
 478 \\
 1154 \\
 2786. \\
 \hline
 +) \quad \cdot \\
 \hline
 0.2278480126..... \rightarrow 18/79
 \end{array}$$

Theorem 2 :

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{W_i}{10^{2i+1}} = \frac{100a+b-ap}{10000-100p-q} \quad (\text{where } p^2+q^2 \neq 0) \quad (14)$$

Proof : In equation (7) putting $x = \frac{1}{100}$, we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{W_i}{10^{2i}} = \frac{10000a+100b-100ap}{10000-100p-q} .$$

And dividing both sides of the equation by 100 we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{W_i}{10^{2i+2}} = \frac{100a+b-ap}{10000-100p-q} .$$

Corollary 6 : When $p=1, q=1, a=0$ and $b=1$, from theorem 2 we get a property of the Fibonacci sequence $\{F_n\}$:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{F_i}{10^{2i+2}} = \frac{1}{9899} , \quad (15)$$

that is

$$\begin{array}{r} 00 \\ 01 \\ 01 \\ 02 \\ 03 \\ 05. \\ \hline +) \quad 0.000101020305..... \rightarrow 1/9899 \end{array}$$

Corollary 7 : When $p=1, q=1, a=2$ and $b=1$, from theorem 2 we get a property of the Lucas sequence $\{L_n\}$:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{L_i}{10^{2i+2}} = \frac{199}{9899}, \quad (16)$$

that is

$$\begin{array}{r} 02 \\ 01 \\ 03 \\ 04 \\ 07 \\ 11. \\ \cdot \\ +) \hline 0.020103040711\dots\dots \rightarrow 199/9899 \end{array}$$

Corollary 8 : When $p=2, q=1, a=0$ and $b=1$, from theorem 2 we get a property of the Pell sequence $\{P_n\}$:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_i}{10^{2i+2}} = \frac{1}{9799}, \quad (17)$$

that is

$$\begin{array}{r} 00 \\ 01 \\ 02 \\ 05 \\ 12 \\ 29. \\ \cdot \\ +) \hline 0.000102051229\dots\dots \rightarrow 1/9799 \end{array}$$

Corollary 9: When $p=2, q=1, a=2$ and $b=2$, from theorem 2 we get a property of the Pell-Lucas sequence $\{Q_n\}$:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{Q_i}{10^{2i+2}} = \frac{198}{9799}, \quad (18)$$

that is

$$\begin{array}{r} 02 \\ 02 \\ 06 \\ 14 \\ 34 \\ 82. \\ \hline +) \\ 0.020206143482..... \rightarrow 198/9799 \end{array}$$

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