

## Connections between the basic and the Fibonacci-type series

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Let us denote the basic (original) Fibonacci series:  $u_n = 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, \dots$

We say that the  $a_n$  is a Fibonacci-type series, if  $a_1, a_2$  are arbitrary natural numbers and  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$ .

### Theorem 1.

The connection of Fibonacci-type number and Fibonacci number is the above equality:

$$(1) \quad a_n = a_1 \cdot u_{n-2} + a_2 \cdot u_{n-1}$$

**Proof** (mathematical induction):

If  $n=3$  then  $u_1 = 1, u_2 = 1 \Rightarrow a_3 = a_1 + a_2$  (it is true by the definition).

Assume  $a_n$  holds (for some unspecified value of  $n$ ). It must then be shown that  $a_{n+1}$  holds, that is:

$$(2) \quad a_{n+1} = a_n + a_{n-1} \xrightarrow{(1)} a_{n+1} = a_1 \cdot u_{n-2} + a_2 \cdot u_{n-1} + a_{n-1}$$

By the condition of induction:

$$(3) \quad a_{n+1} = a_1 \cdot u_{n-2} + a_2 \cdot u_{n-1} + a_1 \cdot u_{n-3} + a_2 \cdot u_{n-2} = a_1 \underbrace{(u_{n-2} + u_{n-3})}_{u_{n-1}} + a_2 \underbrace{(u_{n-1} + u_{n-2})}_{u_n}$$

Q.E.D.

### Remark:

If  $a_1 = a_2 = 1 \xrightarrow{(1)} a_n = u_{n-2} + u_{n-1} = u_n$ , it is the basic Fibonacci series.

### Example:

$a_1 = 111, a_2 = 222$  then the  $a_n$  series  $\rightarrow 111, 222, 333, 555, 888, 1443, 2331, 3774 \xrightarrow{(1)} \xrightarrow{(1)} u_6 = 8, u_7 = 13 \Rightarrow a_8 = 111 \cdot 8 + 222 \cdot 13 = 3774$

**Theorem 2.**

$$(4) \quad u_n = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} u_i$$

**Proof** (mathematical induction):

If  $n=3$  then  $u_3 = 1 + u_1 = 1 + 1 = 2$  (it is true by the definition).

Assume  $u_{n-1}$  holds (for some unspecified value of  $n$ ). It must then be shown that  $u_n$  holds, that is:

$$\begin{aligned} u_n &= u_{n-1} + u_{n-2} = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} u_i + 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-4} u_j = 2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-4} u_i + u_{n-3} = \\ &= 2 \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-4} u_i \right) + u_{n-3} = u_{n-2} + \underbrace{u_{n-2} + u_{n-3}}_{u_{n-1}} = u_n \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

**Corollary:**

If  $n=m+d$  ( $d=1,2,3,\dots$ ) then by the Theorem 2.:

$$(5) \quad u_n = u_{m+d} = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{m+d-2} u_i = 1 + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} u_i}_{u_m} + \sum_{j=m-1}^{m+d-2} u_j = u_m + \sum_{j=m-1}^{n-2} u_j$$

