

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} R = \frac{221}{2}, \cos \alpha &= \frac{140}{221}, \sin \alpha = \frac{171}{221} \\ \cos \beta &= \frac{104}{221}, \sin \beta = \frac{195}{221} \\ \cos \gamma &= \frac{85}{221}, \sin \gamma = \frac{204}{221}, \end{aligned}$$

and our result for the perimeter of  $\triangle ACE$ .

It is easy to check that  $\angle BFD = \alpha, \angle FDB = \beta, \angle DBF = \gamma$  so that  $\angle BAF = \pi - \beta, \angle DEF = \pi - \gamma$ .

Applying the cosine formula to  $\triangle BAF$  and  $\triangle DEF$  respectively, we obtain  $BF = 195$  and  $DF = 204$ .

It follows, as claimed, that the area of

$$\triangle BDF = \frac{1}{2}(\overline{BF})(\overline{DF}) \sin \angle BFD = \frac{1}{2}(195)(204)\frac{171}{221} = 15390.$$

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- **5046:** *Proposed by R.M. Welukar of Nashik, India and K.S. Bhanu, and M.N. Deshpande of Nagpur, India.*

Let  $4n$  successive Lucas numbers  $L_k, L_{k+1}, \dots, L_{k+4n-1}$  be arranged in a  $2 \times 2n$  matrix as shown below:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & \cdots & 2n \\ L_k & L_{k+3} & L_{k+4} & L_{k+7} & \cdots & L_{k+4n-1} \\ L_{k+1} & L_{k+2} & L_{k+5} & L_{k+6} & \cdots & L_{k+4n-2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Show that the sum of the elements of the first and second row denoted by  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively can be expressed as

$$R_1 = 2F_{2n}L_{2n+k}$$

$$R_2 = F_{2n}L_{2n+k+1}$$

where  $\{L_n, n \geq 1\}$  denotes the Lucas sequence with  $L_1 = 1, L_2 = 3$  and  $L_{i+2} = L_i + L_{i+1}$  for  $i \geq 1$  and  $\{F_n, n \geq 1\}$  denotes the Fibonacci sequence,  $F_1 = 1, F_2 = 1, F_{n+2} = F_n + F_{n+1}$ .

**Solution by Angel Plaza and Sergio Falcon, Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Spain.**

$R_1 = L_k + L_{k+3} + L_{k+4} + L_{k+7} + \cdots + L_{k+4n-2} + L_{k+4n-1}$ , and since  $L_i = F_{i-1} + F_{i+1}$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
R_1 &= F_{k-1} + F_{k+1} + F_{k+2} + F_{k+4} + F_{k+3} + F_{k+5} + \cdots + F_{k+4n-2} + F_{k+4n} \\
&= F_{k-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{4n} F_{k+j} - F_{k+4n-1} \\
&= F_{k-1} - F_{k+4n-1} + \sum_{j=0}^{4n+k} F_j - \sum_{j=0}^k F_j
\end{aligned}$$

And since  $\sum_{j=0}^m F_j = F_{m+2} - 1$  we have:

$$R_1 = F_{k-1} - F_{k+4n-1} + F_{k+4n+2} - 1 - F_{k+2} + 1 = 2F_{k+4n} - 2F_k$$

where in the last equation it has been used that  $F_{i+2} - F_i = F_{i+1} + F_i - F_{i-1} = 2F_i$ . Now, using the relation  $L_n F_m = F_{n+m} - (-1)^m F_{n-m}$  (S. Vajda, Fibonacci and Lucas numbers, and the Golden Section: Theory and Applications, Dover Press (2008)) in the form  $L_{2n+k} F_{2n} = F_{4n+k} - (-1)^{2n} F_{2n+k-2n}$  it is deduced  $R_1 = 2F_{2n} L_{2n+k}$ . In order to prove the fomula for  $R_2$  note that

$$R_1 + R_2 = \sum_{j=0}^{4n-1} L_{k+j} = \sum_{j=0}^{4n+k-1} L_j - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} L_j$$

As before,  $\sum_{j=0}^{4n+k-1} L_j = F_{k+4n} + F_{k+4n+2}$ , while  $\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} L_j = F_k + F_{k+2}$ , so

$$\begin{aligned}
R_1 + R_2 &= F_{k+4n} - F_k + F_{k+4n+2} - F_{k+2} \\
&= L_{2n+k} F_{2n} + L_{2n+k+2} F_{2n}
\end{aligned}$$

And therefore,

$$R_2 = F_{2n} (L_{2n+k+2} - L_{2n+k}) = F_{2n} L_{2n+k+1}$$

**Also solved by Paul M. Harms, North Newton, KS; John Hawkins and David Stone (jointly), Statesboro, GA, and the proposers.)**

- 5047: *Proposed by David C. Wilson, Winston-Salem, N.C.*

Find a procedure for continuing the following pattern:

$$\begin{aligned}
S(n, 0) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n \\
S(n, 1) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} k = 2^{n-1} n \\
S(n, 2) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} k^2 = 2^{n-2} n(n+1)
\end{aligned}$$