

## The Exponential Generating Functions of Mersenne and Mersenne-Lucas Identities

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we presented some relations connecting Mersenne and Mersenne-Lucas sequences by applying exponential generating functions.

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### 1. Introduction

Generating Function is a most powerful application in discrete mathematics and which is used to operate the sequences efficiently. (Carlitz, L. et al.,1969) Generating function and its characterization are presented. (Khoshy.T.2001) Applications of Fibonacci and Lucas numbers are exhibited. Fibonacci and Lucas identities are established by using exponential generating function (Church.C.A. & Marjorie Bicknell 1973). Generalized Mersenne numbers, properties and its generating functions and so on are investigated (Ali Boussayoud, Mourad Chelgham & Souhila Boughaba et al.,2018).

In this communication, we analyze some properties relating Mersenne and Mersenne-Lucas sequences by using exponential generating functions.

Filtering of integers gives some interesting results in Number Theory. In this way, we define Mersenne numbers by the recurrence relation

$$M_n = 3M_{n-1} - 2M_{n-2}; M_0 = 0, M_1 = 1$$

and Mersenne-Lucas numbers by the recurrence relation

$$ML_n = 3ML_{n-1} - 2ML_{n-2}; ML_0 = 2, ML_1 = 3 \text{ for } n \geq 2.$$

The characteristic equation of these recurrence relations are  $x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0$  with  $\alpha = 2, \beta = 1$ .

The Binet formulas for Mersenne and Mersenne-Lucas numbers are

$$M_n = \alpha^n - \beta^n \text{ and } ML_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n$$

The ordinary generating functions for these sequences are

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k x^k = \frac{x}{1-3x+2x^2}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ML_k x^k = \frac{2-3x}{1-3x+2x^2}$$

By using the expansion of Maclaurin series of the exponential function, we have

$$e^{\alpha t} = 1 + \frac{\alpha t}{1!} + \frac{(\alpha t)^2}{2!} + \frac{(\alpha t)^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{(\alpha t)^n}{n!} + \dots$$

$$e^{\alpha t} - e^{\beta t} = (1 - 1) + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)t}{1!} + \frac{(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)t^2}{2!} + \frac{(\alpha^3 - \beta^3)t^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{(\alpha^n - \beta^n)t^n}{n!} + \dots$$

$$e^{\alpha t} + e^{\beta t} = (1 + 1) + \frac{(\alpha + \beta)t}{1!} + \frac{(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)t^2}{2!} + \frac{(\alpha^3 + \beta^3)t^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{(\alpha^n + \beta^n)t^n}{n!} + \dots$$

We obtain the exponential generating function as

$$e^{\alpha t} - e^{\beta t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} M_n \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$e^{\alpha t} + e^{\beta t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ML_n \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

## 2. Properties

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_k = 3^n - 2^n$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-2)^{n-1} M_k = (3^n - 2^n)(-2)^{n-1}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_k ML_{n-k} = 2^n M_n$$

**Lemma.** Let  $A(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \frac{t^n}{n!}$  and  $B(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \frac{t^n}{n!}$  then

$$A(t)B(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a_k b_{n-k} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!} \text{ and } A(t)B(-t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n-k} \binom{n}{k} a_k b_{n-k} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

## 3. Exponential Generating Functions for Mersenne Identities

The characteristic equation of Mersenne and Mersenne Lucas numbers are  $x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0$ , with roots  $\alpha = 2, \beta = 1$ .

$$\therefore \alpha^2 = 3\alpha - 2 \text{ and } \beta^2 = 3\beta - 2.$$

**Theorem 1.** For  $n$  positive integers

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 3^k (-2)^{n-k} M_k = M_{2n}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 3^k (-2)^{n-k} ML_k = ML_{2n}$$

**Proof.** Let  $A(t) = e^{3\alpha t} - e^{3\beta t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3^n M_n \frac{t^n}{n!}$  and  $B(t) = e^{-2t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2)^n \frac{t^n}{n!}$

$$\begin{aligned} A(t)B(t) &= (e^{3\alpha t} - e^{3\beta t}) (e^{-2t}) \\ &= [e^{(3\alpha-2)t} - e^{(3\beta-2)t}] = e^{\alpha^2 t} - e^{\beta^2 t} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} M_{2n} \frac{t^n}{n!} \end{aligned}$$

By using Lemma, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A(t)B(t) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 3^k (\alpha^k - \beta^k) (-2)^{n-k} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 3^k M_k (-2)^{n-k} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 3^k M_k (-2)^{n-k} = M_{2n}$$

Similarly, let  $A(t) = e^{3\alpha t} + e^{3\beta t}$  and  $B(t) = e^{-2t}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(t)B(t) &= [e^{(3\alpha-2)t} + e^{(3\beta-2)t}] = e^{\alpha^2 t} + e^{\beta^2 t} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ML_{2n} \frac{t^n}{n!} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 3^k ML_k (-2)^{n-k} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!} \\
 \therefore \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 3^k ML_k (-2)^{n-k} &= ML_{2n}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.** For  $n$  positive integers

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-3)^{n-k} M_k &= (-1)^{n+1} M_n \\
 \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-3)^{n-k} ML_k &= (-1)^n ML_n
 \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Assume that  $A(t) = e^{\alpha t} - e^{\beta t}$  and  $B(t) = e^{-3t}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(t)B(t) &= [e^{(\alpha-3)t} - e^{(\beta-3)t}] = e^{-\beta t} - e^{-\alpha t} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\beta t)^n - (-\alpha t)^n}{n!} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (\alpha^n - \beta^n) t^n}{n!} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} M_n \frac{t^n}{n!}
 \end{aligned}$$

From the multiplication of series,

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(t)B(t) &= \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{M_n t^n}{n!} \right] \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-3t)^n}{n!} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_k (-3)^{n-k} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!} \\
 \therefore \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_k (-3)^{n-k} &= (-1)^{n+1} M_n
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, choose  $A(t) = e^{\alpha t} + e^{\beta t}$  and  $B(t) = e^{-3t}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(t)B(t) &= [e^{(\alpha-3)t} + e^{(\beta-3)t}] = e^{-\beta t} + e^{-\alpha t} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (\alpha^n + \beta^n) t^n}{n!} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n ML_n \frac{t^n}{n!}
 \end{aligned}$$

By using the Lemma, we have

$$A(t)B(t) = \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{ML_n t^n}{n!} \right] \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-3t)^n}{n!} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} ML_k (-3)^{n-k} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} ML_k (-3)^{n-k} = (-1)^n ML_n$$

**Theorem 3.** For  $n$  positive integers,

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (2)^{n-k} M_{2k} = (3)^n M_n$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (2)^{n-k} ML_{2k} = (3)^n ML_n$$

**Proof.** Let  $A(t) = e^{\alpha^2 t} - e^{\beta^2 t}$  and  $B(t) = e^{2t}$

$$A(t)B(t) = [e^{(\alpha^2+2)t} - e^{(\beta^2+2)t}] = e^{3\alpha t} - e^{3\beta t}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (3)^n M_n \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

From the multiplication of series,

$$A(t)B(t) = \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{M_{2n} t^n}{n!} \right] \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2t)^n}{n!} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_{2k} (2)^{n-k} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_{2k} (2)^{n-k} = (3)^n M_n$$

Similarly, let  $A(t) = e^{\alpha^2 t} + e^{\beta^2 t}$  and  $B(t) = e^{2t}$

$$A(t)B(t) = [e^{(\alpha^2+2)t} + e^{(\beta^2+2)t}] = e^{3\alpha t} + e^{3\beta t}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (3)^n ML_n \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

By using the Lemma, we have

$$A(t)B(t) = \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{ML_{2n} t^n}{n!} \right] \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2t)^n}{n!} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} ML_{2k} (2)^{n-k} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} ML_{2k} (2)^{n-k} = (3)^n ML_n$$

**Theorem 4.** For  $n$  positive integers,

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_k M L_{n-k} = (2)^n M_n$$

**Proof.** Assume that  $A(t) = e^{\alpha t} - e^{\beta t}$  and  $B(t) = e^{\alpha t} + e^{\beta t}$

$$A(t)B(t) = [e^{2\alpha t} - e^{2\beta t}] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2)^n M_n \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

From the multiplication of series,

$$\begin{aligned} A(t)B(t) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (\alpha^k - \beta^k) (\alpha^{n-k} + \beta^{n-k}) \right] \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_k M L_{n-k} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_k M L_{n-k} = (2)^n M_n$$

**Theorem 5.** For  $n$  positive integers,

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_k M_{n-k} = [2^n M L_n - 2(3)^n]$$

**Proof.** Assume that  $A(t) = B(t) = e^{\alpha t} - e^{\beta t}$

$$\begin{aligned} A(t)B(t) &= [e^{\alpha t} - e^{\beta t}]^2 = e^{2\alpha t} + e^{2\beta t} - 2e^{(\alpha+\beta)t} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(2)^n M L_n - 2(3)^n] \frac{t^n}{n!} \end{aligned}$$

From the multiplication of series,

$$\begin{aligned} A(t)B(t) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (\alpha^k - \beta^k) (\alpha^{n-k} - \beta^{n-k}) \right] \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_k M_{n-k} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_k M_{n-k} = (2)^n M L_n - 2(3)^n$$

**Theorem 6.** For  $n$  positive integers,

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M L_k M L_{n-k} = [2^n M L_n + 2(3)^n]$$

**Proof.** Assume that  $A(t) = B(t) = e^{\alpha t} + e^{\beta t}$

$$A(t)B(t) = [e^{\alpha t} + e^{\beta t}]^2 = e^{2\alpha t} + e^{2\beta t} + 2e^{(\alpha+\beta)t}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(2)^n ML_n + 2(3^n)] \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

By using Lemma, we have

$$A(t)B(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} ML_k ML_{n-k} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} ML_k ML_{n-k} = (2)^n ML_n + 2(3)^n$$

**Theorem 7.** Let  $m, n$  be any positive integers

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_{mk} ML_{m(n-k)} = [2^n M_{mn}]$$

**Proof.** If we choose  $A(t) = e^{\alpha^m t} - e^{\beta^m t}$  and  $B(t) = e^{\alpha^m t} + e^{\beta^m t}$

$$A(t)B(t) = e^{2\alpha^m t} - e^{2\beta^m t}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2)^n M_{mn} \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

From the multiplication of series

$$A(t)B(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_{mk} ML_{m(n-k)} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_{mk} ML_{m(n-k)} = (2)^n M_{mn}$$

**Theorem 8.** Let  $m, n$  be any positive integers

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_{mk} M_{m(n-k)} = [2^n ML_{mn} - 2ML_m^n]$$

**Proof.** If we choose  $A(t) = B(t) = e^{\alpha^m t} - e^{\beta^m t}$

$$A(t)B(t) = e^{2\alpha^m t} + e^{2\beta^m t} - 2e^{(\alpha^m + \beta^m)t}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2)^n ML_{mn} \frac{t^n}{n!} - 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ML_m^n \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [2^n ML_{mn} - 2ML_m^n] \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$A(t)B(t) = \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{M_{mn} t^n}{n!} \right] \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{M_{mn} t^n}{n!} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_{mk} M_{m(n-k)} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_{mk} M_{m(n-k)} = (2)^n ML_{mn} - 2ML_m^n$$

**Theorem 9.** Let  $m, n$  be any positive integers

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} ML_{mk} M_{m(n-k)} = [2^n M_{mn}]$$

**Proof.** If we choose  $A(t) = e^{\alpha^m t} + e^{\beta^m t}$ ,  $B(t) = e^{\alpha^m t} - e^{\beta^m t}$

$$A(t)B(t) = e^{2\alpha^m t} - e^{2\beta^m t}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2)^n M_{mn} \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A(t)B(t) &= \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{ML_{mn} t^n}{n!} \right] \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{M_{mn} t^n}{n!} \right] \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} ML_{mk} M_{m(n-k)} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} ML_{mk} M_{m(n-k)} = (2)^n M_{mn}$$

**Theorem 10.** Let  $m, n$  be any positive integers

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} ML_{mk} ML_{m(n-k)} = [2^n ML_{mn} - 2ML_m^n]$$

**Proof.** If we choose  $A(t) = B(t) = e^{\alpha^m t} + e^{\beta^m t}$

$$A(t)B(t) = e^{2\alpha^m t} + e^{2\beta^m t} + 2e^{(\alpha^m + \beta^m)t}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2)^n ML_{mn} \frac{t^n}{n!} + 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ML_m^n \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [2^n ML_{mn} + 2ML_m^n] \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A(t)B(t) &= \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{M_{mn} t^n}{n!} \right] \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{ML_{mn} t^n}{n!} \right] \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} ML_{mk} ML_{m(n-k)} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} ML_{mk} ML_{m(n-k)} = (2)^n ML_{mn} - 2ML_m^n$$

**Theorem 11.** Let  $n, r$  be any positive integers then

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 3^{k+r} (-2)^{n-k} M_{k+r} = 3^r M_{2n+r}$$

**Proof.** If we choose  $A(t) = e^{3\alpha t} - e^{3\beta t}$  and  $B(t) = e^{-2t}$

$$D_t^r A(t) = D_t^r [e^{3\alpha t} - e^{3\beta t}]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (3\alpha)^r e^{3\alpha t} - (3\beta)^r e^{3\beta t} \\
 D_t^r A(t)B(t) &= [(3\alpha)^r e^{3\alpha t} - (3\beta)^r e^{3\beta t}](e^{-2t}) \\
 &= (3\alpha)^r [e^{(3\alpha-2)t}] - (3\beta)^r [e^{(3\beta-2)t}] \\
 &= (3)^r [\alpha^r e^{\alpha^2 t} - \beta^r e^{\beta^2 t}] \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3^r M_{2n+r} \frac{t^n}{n!} \\
 D_t^r A(t)B(t) &= \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3^{n+r} M_{n+r} \frac{t^n}{n!} \right] \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2)^n \frac{t^n}{n!} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 3^{k+r} M_{k+r} (-2)^{n-k} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!} \\
 \therefore \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 3^{k+r} (-2)^{n-k} M_{k+r} &= 3^r M_{2n+r}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 12.** Let  $m, n, r$  be any positive integers then

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 2^{2m(n-k)} M_{4m(k+r)} = ML_{2m}^n M_{4mr+2mn}$$

**Proof.** Let  $A(t) = e^{\alpha^{4m}t} - e^{\beta^{4m}t}$  and  $B(t) = e^{2^{2m}t}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_t^r A(t) &= D_t^r [e^{\alpha^{4m}t} - e^{\beta^{4m}t}] \\
 &= (\alpha^{4m})^r e^{\alpha^{4m}t} - (\beta^{4m})^r e^{\beta^{4m}t} \\
 D_t^r A(t)B(t) &= [\alpha^{4mr} e^{(\alpha^{4m}+2^{2m})t} - \beta^{4mr} e^{(\beta^{4m}+2^{2m})t}] \\
 &= \alpha^{4mr} e^{(\alpha^{4m}+(\alpha\beta)^{2m})t} - \beta^{4mr} e^{(\beta^{4m}+(\alpha\beta)^{2m})t} \\
 &= \alpha^{4mr} e^{\alpha^{2m}(\alpha^{2m}+\beta^{2m})t} - \beta^{4mr} e^{\beta^{2m}(\alpha^{2m}+\beta^{2m})t} \\
 &= \alpha^{4mr} e^{(\alpha^{2m}ML_{2m})t} - \beta^{4mr} e^{(\beta^{2m}ML_{2m})t} \\
 &= \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha^{2mn+4mr} ML_{2m}^n \frac{t^n}{n!} \right] - \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta^{2mn+4mr} ML_{2m}^n \frac{t^n}{n!} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} M_{4mr+2mn} ML_{2m}^n \frac{t^n}{n!} \\
 D_t^r A(t)B(t) &= \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} M_{4m(n+r)} \frac{t^n}{n!} \right] \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2)^{2mn} \frac{t^n}{n!} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} M_{4m(k+r)} (2)^{2m(n-k)} \right] \frac{t^n}{n!} \\
 \therefore \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (2)^{2m(n-k)} M_{4m(k+r)} &= ML_{2m}^n M_{4mr+2mn}
 \end{aligned}$$



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