

## ON $F(p, n)$ -FIBONACCI BICOMPLEX NUMBERS

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper we introduce  $F(p, n)$ -Fibonacci bicomplex numbers and  $L(p, n)$ -Lucas bicomplex numbers as a special type of bicomplex numbers. We give some their properties and describe relations between them.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let consider the set  $\mathbb{C}$  of complex numbers  $a + bi$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , with the imaginary unit  $i$ . Let  $\mathbb{B}$  be the set of bicomplex numbers  $w$  of the form

$$(1) \quad w = z_1 + z_2j,$$

where  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $i$  and  $j$  are commuting imaginary units, i.e.

$$(2) \quad ij = ji, \quad i^2 = j^2 = -1.$$

Let  $w_1 = (a_1 + b_1i) + (c_1 + d_1i)j$  and  $w_2 = (a_2 + b_2i) + (c_2 + d_2i)j$  be arbitrary two bicomplex numbers. Then the equality, the addition, the subtraction, the multiplication and the multiplication by scalar are defined in the following way.

Equality:  $w_1 = w_2$  only if  $a_1 = a_2, b_1 = b_2, c_1 = c_2, d_1 = d_2$ ,

addition:  $w_1 + w_2 = ((a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2)i) + ((c_1 + c_2) + (d_1 + d_2)i)j$ ,

subtraction:  $w_1 - w_2 = ((a_1 - a_2) + (b_1 - b_2)i) + ((c_1 - c_2) + (d_1 - d_2)i)j$ ,

multiplication by scalar  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ :  $sw_1 = (sa_1 + sb_1i) + (sc_1 + sd_1i)j$ ,

multiplication:

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 \cdot w_2 &= ((a_1a_2 - b_1b_2 - c_1c_2 + d_1d_2) + (a_1b_2 + a_2b_1 - c_1d_2 - c_2d_1)i) + \\ &+ ((a_1c_2 + a_2c_1 - b_1d_2 - b_2d_1) + (a_1d_2 + a_2d_1 + b_1c_2 + b_2c_1)i)j. \end{aligned}$$

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The bicomplex numbers were introduced in 1892 by Segre, see [5]. The theory of bicomplex numbers is developed, many of papers concerning this topic are published quite recently, see for example [2], [3], [4].

The Fibonacci numbers  $F_n$  are defined by the recurrence relation  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$ , for  $n \geq 2$  with  $F_0 = F_1 = 1$ . The  $n$ th Lucas number  $L_n$  is defined recursively by  $L_n = L_{n-1} + L_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 2$  with the initial terms  $L_0 = 2$ ,  $L_1 = 1$ .

In this paper we recall some generalizations of Fibonacci numbers and Lucas numbers and we introduce the bicomplex numbers related with these generalizations.

## 2. THE $F(p, n)$ -FIBONACCI NUMBERS

The Fibonacci sequence has been generalized in many ways but a very natural is firstly to use one-parameter generalization of the Fibonacci sequence. A generalization uses one parameter  $p$ ,  $p \geq 2$  was introduced and studied by Kwaśnik and I. Włoch in the context of the number of  $p$ -independent sets in graphs, see [1]. We recall this definition.

Let  $p \geq 2$  be integer. Then

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} F(p, n) &= n + 1, \text{ for } n = 0, 1, \dots, p - 1, \\ F(p, n) &= F(p, n - 1) + F(p, n - p), \text{ for } n \geq p, \end{aligned}$$

is the  $F(p, n)$ -Fibonacci number.

Moreover  $L(p, n)$ -Lucas number is a cyclic version of  $F(p, n)$  defined in the following way

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} L(p, n) &= n + 1, \text{ for } n = 0, 1, \dots, 2p - 1, \\ L(p, n) &= L(p, n - 1) + L(p, n - p), \text{ for } n \geq 2p, \end{aligned}$$

where  $p \geq 2$ ,  $n \geq 0$ .

Note that for  $n \geq 0$  we have that  $F(2, n) = F_{n+1}$  and for  $n \geq 2$   $L(2, n) = L_n$ .

The following Tables present the initial words of the generalized Fibonacci numbers and the generalized Lucas numbers for special case of  $n$  and  $p$ .

$n$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$F_n$	1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34	55	89
$F(2, n)$	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34	55	89	144
$F(3, n)$	1	2	3	4	6	9	13	19	28	41	60
$F(4, n)$	1	2	3	4	5	7	10	14	19	26	36
$F(5, n)$	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	11	15	20	26

Table 1. The values of  $F(p, n)$  and  $F_n$ .

$n$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$L_n$	2	1	3	4	7	11	18	29	47	76	123
$L(2, n)$	1	2	3	4	7	11	18	29	47	76	123
$L(3, n)$	1	2	3	4	5	6	10	15	21	31	46
$L(4, n)$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	13	19	26

Table 2. The values of  $L(p, n)$  and  $L_n$ .

Generalized Fibonacci numbers  $F(p, n)$  and generalized Lucas numbers  $L(p, n)$  have been studied recently, mainly with respect to their graph and combinatorial properties, see for example [7], [8], [9], [10]. Among other some identities for  $F(p, n)$  and  $L(p, n)$  were given. We recall some of them.

**Theorem 1** ([8]). *Let  $p \geq 2$  be integer. Then for  $n \geq p + 1$*

$$(5) \quad \sum_{l=0}^{n-p} F(p, l) = F(p, n) - p.$$

**Theorem 2** ([8]). *Let  $p \geq 2$ ,  $n \geq p$  be integers. Then*

$$(6) \quad \sum_{l=1}^n F(p, lp - 1) + 1 = F(p, np).$$

**Theorem 3** ([6]). *Let  $p \geq 2$ ,  $n \geq p$  be integers. Then*

$$(7) \quad \sum_{l=1}^n F(p, lp) = F(p, np + 1) - F(p, 1),$$

$$(8) \quad \sum_{l=1}^n F(p, lp + 1) = F(p, np + 2) - F(p, 2),$$

$$(9) \quad \sum_{l=1}^n F(p, lp + 2) = F(p, np + 3) - F(p, 3).$$

**Theorem 4** ([8]). *Let  $p \geq 2$ ,  $n \geq 2p - 2$  be integers. Then*

$$(10) \quad F(p, n) = \sum_{l=0}^{p-1} F(p, n - (p - 1) - l).$$

**Theorem 5** ([8]). *Let  $p \geq 2$ ,  $n \geq 2p$  be integers. Then*

$$(11) \quad \sum_{l=2}^n L(p, pl) = L(p, np + 1) - (p + 2).$$

**Theorem 6** ([6]). *Let  $p \geq 2$ ,  $n \geq 2p$  be integers. Then*

$$(12) \quad \sum_{l=2}^n L(p, pl + 1) = L(p, np + 2) - L(p, p + 2).$$

$$(13) \quad \sum_{l=2}^n L(p, pl + 2) = L(p, np + 3) - L(p, p + 3).$$

$$(14) \quad \sum_{l=2}^n L(p, pl + 3) = L(p, np + 4) - L(p, p + 4).$$

**Theorem 7** ([8]). *Let  $p \geq 2$ ,  $n \geq 2p$  be integers. Then*

$$(15) \quad L(p, n) = pF(p, n - (2p - 1)) + F(p, n - p).$$

### 3. THE $F(p, n)$ -FIBONACCI BICOMPLEX NUMBERS

Let  $n \geq 0$  be an integer. The  $n$ th  $F(p, n)$ -Fibonacci bicomplex number  $BF_n^p$  and the  $n$ th  $L(p, n)$ -Lucas bicomplex number  $BL_n^p$  are defined as

$$(16) \quad BF_n^p = (F(p, n) + F(p, n + 1)i) + (F(p, n + 2) + F(p, n + 3)i)j,$$

$$(17) \quad BL_n^p = (L(p, n) + L(p, n + 1)i) + (L(p, n + 2) + L(p, n + 3)i)j,$$

respectively.

Using the above definitions we can write selected  $F(p, n)$ -Fibonacci bicomplex numbers, i.e.

$$BF_0^3 = (1 + 2i) + (3 + 4i)j,$$

$$BF_1^3 = (2 + 3i) + (4 + 6i)j,$$

$$BF_2^3 = (3 + 4i) + (6 + 9i)j,$$

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$$BF_0^4 = (1 + 2i) + (3 + 4i)j,$$

$$BF_1^4 = (2 + 3i) + (4 + 5i)j,$$

$$BF_2^4 = (3 + 4i) + (5 + 7i)j,$$

...

$$BF_0^5 = (1 + 2i) + (3 + 4i)j,$$

$$BF_1^5 = (2 + 3i) + (4 + 5i)j,$$

$$BF_2^5 = (3 + 4i) + (5 + 6i)j,$$

...

In the same way one can easily write selected  $L(p, n)$ -Lucas bicomplex numbers.

The addition, the subtraction and the multiplication of  $F(p, n)$ -Fibonacci bicomplex numbers and  $L(p, n)$ -Lucas bicomplex numbers are defined in the same way as for bicomplex numbers.

In the set  $\mathbb{C}$ , the complex conjugate of  $x + yi$  is  $\overline{x + yi} = x - yi$ . In the set  $\mathbb{B}$ , for a bicomplex number  $w = (a + bi) + (c + di)j$ , there are three distinct conjugations.

Let  $BF_n^p$  be the  $n$ th  $F(p, n)$ -Fibonacci bicomplex number, i.e.

$$BF_n^p = (F(p, n) + F(p, n+1)i) + (F(p, n+2) + F(p, n+3)i)j,$$

The bicomplex conjugation of  $BF_n^p$  with respect to  $i$  has the form

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{BF_n^p}^i &= \overline{(F(p, n) + F(p, n+1)i)} + \overline{(F(p, n+2) + F(p, n+3)i)j} = \\ &= (F(p, n) - F(p, n+1)i) + (F(p, n+2) - F(p, n+3)i)j.\end{aligned}$$

The bicomplex conjugation of  $BF_n^p$  with respect to  $j$  has the form

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{BF_n^p}^j &= (F(p, n) + F(p, n+1)i) - (F(p, n+2) + F(p, n+3)i)j = \\ &= (F(p, n) + F(p, n+1)i) + (-F(p, n+2) - F(p, n+3)i)j.\end{aligned}$$

The third kind of conjugation is a composition of the above two conjugations. Putting  $k := ji = ij$  we can define the bicomplex conjugation of  $BF_n^p$  with respect to  $k$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{BF_n^p}^k &= \overline{(F(p, n) + F(p, n+1)i)} - \overline{(F(p, n+2) + F(p, n+3)i)j} = \\ &= (F(p, n) - F(p, n+1)i) + (-F(p, n+2) + F(p, n+3)i)j.\end{aligned}$$

Using the bicomplex conjugation of  $BF_n^p$  with respect to  $i, j, k$  respectively and (16) we can write

$$\begin{aligned}BF_n^p \cdot \overline{BF_n^p}^i &= \\ &= (|F(p, n) + F(p, n+1)i|^2 - |F(p, n+2) + F(p, n+3)i|^2) + \\ &\quad + 2\Re((F(p, n) + F(p, n+1)i) \cdot \overline{(F(p, n+2) + F(p, n+3)i)})j = \\ &= (F(p, n))^2 + (F(p, n+1))^2 - (F(p, n+2))^2 - (F(p, n+3))^2 + \\ &\quad + 2(F(p, n)F(p, n+2) + F(p, n+1)F(p, n+3))j.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}BF_n^p \cdot \overline{BF_n^p}^j &= \\ &= (F(p, n) + F(p, n+1)i)^2 + (F(p, n+2) + F(p, n+3)i)^2 = \\ &= (F(p, n))^2 - (F(p, n+1))^2 + (F(p, n+2))^2 - (F(p, n+3))^2 + \\ &\quad + 2(F(p, n)F(p, n+1) + F(p, n+2)F(p, n+3))i.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}BF_n^p \cdot \overline{BF_n^p}^k &= \\ &= (|F(p, n) + F(p, n+1)i|^2 + |F(p, n+2) + F(p, n+3)i|^2) + \\ &\quad - 2\Im((F(p, n) + F(p, n+1)i) \cdot \overline{(F(p, n+2) + F(p, n+3)i)})k = \\ &= (F(p, n))^2 + (F(p, n+1))^2 + (F(p, n+2))^2 + (F(p, n+3))^2 + \\ &\quad - 2(F(p, n+1)F(p, n+2) - F(p, n)F(p, n+3))k.\end{aligned}$$

In the set  $\mathbb{C}$ , the modulus of  $x + yi$  is  $|x + yi| = \sqrt{(x + yi) \cdot (\overline{x + yi})} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ . In the set  $\mathbb{B}$  there are four different moduli, named: real modulus

$|BF_n^p|$ ,  $i$ -modulus  $|BF_n^p|_i$ ,  $j$ -modulus  $|BF_n^p|_j$  and  $k$ -modulus  $|BF_n^p|_k$ . We give the formulae of the squares of these modules:

$$\begin{aligned} |BF_n^p|^2 &= |F(p, n) + F(p, n+1)i|^2 + |F(p, n+2) + F(p, n+3)i|^2 = \\ &= (F(p, n))^2 + (F(p, n+1))^2 + (F(p, n+2))^2 + (F(p, n+3))^2, \\ |BF_n^p|_i^2 &= BF_n^p \cdot \overline{BF_n^p}^i, \\ |BF_n^p|_j^2 &= BF_n^p \cdot \overline{BF_n^p}^j, \\ |BF_n^p|_k^2 &= BF_n^p \cdot \overline{BF_n^p}^k. \end{aligned}$$

The different conjugations and squares of modules for  $L(p, n)$ -Lucas bicomplex number  $BL_n^p$  are presented as follows

$$\overline{BL_n^p}^i = (L(p, n) - L(p, n+1)i) + (L(p, n+2) - L(p, n+3)i)j,$$

$$\overline{BL_n^p}^j = (L(p, n) + L(p, n+1)i) + (-L(p, n+2) - L(p, n+3)i)j,$$

$$\overline{BL_n^p}^k = (L(p, n) - L(p, n+1)i) + (-L(p, n+2) + L(p, n+3)i)j.$$

$$|BL_n^p|^2 = (L(p, n))^2 + (L(p, n+1))^2 + (L(p, n+2))^2 + (L(p, n+3))^2,$$

$$\begin{aligned} |BL_n^p|_i^2 &= (L(p, n))^2 + (L(p, n+1))^2 - (L(p, n+2))^2 - (L(p, n+3))^2 + \\ &\quad + 2(L(p, n)L(p, n+2) + L(p, n+1)L(p, n+3))j. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |BL_n^p|_j^2 &= (L(p, n))^2 - (L(p, n+1))^2 + (L(p, n+2))^2 - (L(p, n+3))^2 + \\ &\quad + 2(L(p, n)L(p, n+1) + L(p, n+2)L(p, n+3))i. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |BL_n^p|_k^2 &= (L(p, n))^2 + (L(p, n+1))^2 + (L(p, n+2))^2 + (L(p, n+3))^2 + \\ &\quad - 2(L(p, n+1)L(p, n+2) - L(p, n)L(p, n+3))k. \end{aligned}$$

#### 4. PROPERTIES OF $F(p, n)$ -FIBONACCI BICOMPLEX NUMBERS

We will give some properties of  $F(p, n)$ -Fibonacci bicomplex numbers and  $L(p, n)$ -Lucas bicomplex numbers.

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $p \geq 2$  be integer. Then for  $n \geq p+1$*

$$\begin{aligned} (18) \quad & \sum_{l=0}^{n-p} BF_l^p = BF_n^p - [p + (p + F(p, 0))i + \\ & + ((p + F(p, 0) + F(p, 1)) + (p + F(p, 0) + F(p, 1) + F(p, 2))i)j]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Using (5) and (16) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{l=0}^{n-p} BF_l^p &= BF_0^p + BF_1^p + \dots + BF_{n-p}^p = \\
&= (F(p, 0) + F(p, 1)i) + (F(p, 2) + F(p, 3)i)j + \\
&\quad + (F(p, 1) + F(p, 2)i) + (F(p, 3) + F(p, 4)i)j + \dots + \\
&\quad + (F(p, n-p) + F(p, n-p+1)i) + \\
&\quad + (F(p, n-p+2) + F(p, n-p+3)i)j = \\
&= F(p, 0) + F(p, 1) + \dots + F(p, n-p) + \\
&\quad + (F(p, 1) + \dots + F(p, n-p+1) + F(p, 0) - F(p, 0))i + \\
&\quad + [F(p, 2) + \dots + F(p, n-p+2) + F(p, 0) + F(p, 1) - F(p, 0) + \\
&\quad - F(p, 1) + (F(p, 3) + \dots + F(p, n-p+3) + F(p, 0) + F(p, 1) + \\
&\quad + F(p, 2) - F(p, 0) - F(p, 1) - F(p, 2))i]j = \\
&= (F(p, n) - p + (F(p, n+1) - p - F(p, 0))i) + \\
&\quad + [(F(p, n+2) - p - F(p, 0) - F(p, 1)) + \\
&\quad + (F(p, n+3) - p - F(p, 0) - F(p, 1) - F(p, 2))i]j = \\
&= BF_n^p - (p + (p + F(p, 0))i) - [(p + F(p, 0) + F(p, 1)) + \\
&\quad + (p + F(p, 0) + F(p, 1) + F(p, 2))i]j,
\end{aligned}$$

which ends the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 9.** Let  $p \geq 2, n \geq p$  be integers. Then

$$(19) \quad \sum_{l=1}^n BF_{lp-1}^p = BF_{np}^p - [(F(p, 0) + F(p, 1)i) + (F(p, 2) + F(p, 3)i)j].$$

*Proof.* Using (16) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{l=1}^n BF_{lp-1}^p &= BF_{p-1}^p + BF_{2p-1}^p + \dots + BF_{np-1}^p = \\
&= (F(p, p-1) + F(p, p)i) + (F(p, p+1) + F(p, p+2)i)j + \\
&\quad + (F(p, 2p-1) + F(p, 2p)i) + (F(p, 2p+1) + F(p, 2p+2)i)j + \dots + \\
&\quad + (F(p, np-1) + F(p, np)i) + (F(p, np+1) + F(p, np+2)i)j = \\
&= F(p, p-1) + F(p, 2p-1) + \dots + F(p, np-1) + \\
&\quad + (F(p, p) + F(p, 2p) + \dots + F(p, np))i + \\
&\quad + [(F(p, p+1) + F(p, 2p+1) + \dots + F(p, np+1)) + \\
&\quad + (F(p, p+2) + F(p, 2p+2) + \dots + F(p, np+2))i]j.
\end{aligned}$$

Writing (6) as  $\sum_{l=1}^n F(p, lp-1) = F(p, np) - 1 = F(p, np) - F(p, 0)$  and using (7)–(9) we obtain (19).  $\square$

**Theorem 10.** Let  $p \geq 2, n \geq 2p-2$  be integers. Then

$$(20) \quad BF_n^p = \sum_{l=0}^{p-1} BF_{n-(p-1)-l}^p.$$

*Proof.* Using (10) and (16) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{l=0}^{p-1} BF_{n-(p-1)-l}^p &= BF_{n-(p-1)}^p + BF_{n-(p-1)-1}^p + \dots + BF_{n-(p-1)-(p-1)}^p = \\
&= (F(p, n - (p - 1)) + F(p, n - (p - 1) + 1)i) + \\
&\quad + [F(p, n - (p - 1) + 2) + F(p, n - (p - 1) + 3)i]j + \\
&\quad + (F(p, n - (p - 1) - 1) + F(p, n - (p - 1))i) + \\
&\quad + [F(p, n - (p - 1) + 1) + F(p, n - (p - 1) + 2)i]j + \dots + \\
&\quad + (F(p, n - (p - 1) - (p - 1)) + F(p, n - (p - 1) - (p - 1) + 1)i) + \\
&\quad + [F(p, n - (p - 1) - (p - 1) + 2) + F(p, n - (p - 1) - (p - 1) + 3)i]j = \\
&= (F(p, n) + F(p, n + 1)i) + (F(p, n + 2) + F(p, n + 3)i)j = BF_n^p,
\end{aligned}$$

which ends the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 11.** Let  $p \geq 2$ ,  $n \geq 2p$  be integers. Then

$$(21) \quad \sum_{l=2}^n BL_{pl}^p = BL_{np+1}^p - BL_{p+1}^p.$$

*Proof.* Using (17) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{l=2}^n BL_{pl}^p &= BL_{2p}^p + BL_{3p}^p + \dots + BL_{nl}^p = \\
&= (L(p, 2p) + L(p, 2p + 1)i) + (L(p, 2p + 2) + L(p, 2p + 3)i)j + \\
&\quad + (L(p, 3p) + L(p, 3p + 1)i) + (L(p, 3p + 2) + L(p, 3p + 3)i)j + \dots + \\
&\quad + (L(p, np) + L(p, np + 1)i) + (L(p, np + 2) + L(p, np + 3)i)j + \\
&= L(p, 2p) + L(p, 3p) + \dots + L(p, np) + \\
&\quad + (L(p, 2p + 1) + L(p, 3p + 1) + \dots + L(p, np + 1))i + \\
&\quad + [(L(p, 2p + 2) + L(p, 3p + 2) + \dots + L(p, np + 2)) + \\
&\quad + (L(p, 2p + 3) + L(p, 3p + 3) + \dots + L(p, np + 3))]j.
\end{aligned}$$

Writing (11) as  $\sum_{l=2}^n L(p, pl) = L(p, np + 1) - L(p, p + 1)$  and using (12)–(14) we obtain (21).  $\square$

**Theorem 12.** Let  $p \geq 2$ ,  $n \geq 2p$  be integers. Then

$$(22) \quad BL_n^p = p \cdot BF_{n-(2p-1)}^p + BF_{n-p}^p.$$

*Proof.* Using (16) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
BF_{n-(2p-1)}^p &= (F(p, n - (2p - 1)) + F(p, n - (2p - 1) + 1)i) + \\
&\quad + (F(p, n - (2p - 1) + 2) + F(p, n - (2p - 1) + 3)i)j
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
BF_{n-p}^p &= (F(p, n - p) + F(p, n - p + 1)i) + \\
&\quad + (F(p, n - p + 2) + F(p, n - p + 3)i)j,
\end{aligned}$$

consequently

$$\begin{aligned} p \cdot BF_{n-(2p-1)}^p + BF_{n-p}^p &= \\ &= p \cdot F(p, n - (2p - 1)) + F(p, n - p) + \\ &\quad + (p \cdot F(p, (n + 1) - (2p - 1)) + F(p, (n + 1) - p)) i + \\ &\quad + [(p \cdot F(p, (n + 2) - (2p - 1)) + F(p, (n + 2) - p)) + \\ &\quad + (p \cdot F(p, (n + 3) - (2p - 1)) + F(p, (n + 3) - p)) i] j \end{aligned}$$

Using (15) we have

$$\begin{aligned} p \cdot BF_{n-(2p-1)}^p + BF_{n-p}^p &= \\ &= (L(p, n) + L(p, n + 1)i) + (L(p, n + 2) + L(p, n + 3)i)j, \end{aligned}$$

which ends the proof.  $\square$

For integers  $p, n, l, p \geq 2, n \geq 2, 0 \leq l \leq n$  we have (see [9]) the direct formula for  $F(p, n)$ -Fibonacci number

$$F(p, n) = \sum_{l \geq 0} f(p, n, l),$$

where

$$f(p, n, l) = \binom{n - (p - 1)(l - 1)}{l}.$$

Using this direct formula other forms of given earlier identities can be given.

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