

# ON THE TERMS OF UNLIMITED RANK OF LUCAS SEQUENCES

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ABSTRACT. Let  $P, Q$  be nonzero integers such that  $D = P^2 - 4Q$  is different to zero. The sequences of integers defined by

$$\begin{cases} U_n = PU_{n-1} - QU_{n-2} & , \quad U_0 = 0 \quad U_1 = 1 \\ V_n = PV_{n-1} - QV_{n-2} & , \quad V_0 = 2 \quad V_1 = P. \end{cases}$$

are called the Lucas sequences associated to the pair  $(P, Q)$  [1,5].

In this paper we prove the following result:

*Theorem.* If  $P, Q$  are such that  $D$  is strictly positive. Then for each unlimited  $n$ , each of integers  $U_n$  and  $V_n$  is, to a limited integer near, product of two unlimited integers.

## 1. INTRODUCTION & RAPPEL

This work is in the frame of the non standard analysis ([2, 3]). In [1] we had asked: Is every unlimited integer equal to the sum of a limited integer and a product of two unlimited integers ? i.e

$$Unlimited = standard + Unlimited \times Unlimited$$

We had provided in this reference some examples affirming this question.

**These examples are as follows** [1]

**Example 1.** *Definition.* A *pseudoprime* (in base 2), also called a *Poulet number*, is a composite odd number  $n$  such that

$$2^{n-1} = 1 \pmod{n}.$$

**Then.** Any unlimited pseudoprime  $n$  (in base 2) is the product of two unlimited natural numbers, i.e.

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$$n = \omega_1 \cdot \omega_2$$

where  $\omega_1 \cong +\infty$  ,  $\omega_2 \cong +\infty$ .

Let  $a \geq 2$  be a natural number.

**Example 2.** *Definition.* A composite integer  $n > a$  that verifies

$$a^{n-1} = 1 \pmod{n} .$$

is called an  $a$ -pseudoprime.

**Then.** Let  $a \geq 2$  be a standard integer. Any unlimited  $a$ -pseudoprime  $n$  is the product of two unlimited natural numbers, i.e.

$$n = \omega_1 \cdot \omega_2$$

where  $\omega_1 \cong +\infty$  ,  $\omega_2 \cong +\infty$ .

Let  $a \geq 2$  be a standard natural number.

**Example 3.** In the base  $a$  any unlimited Euler pseudoprime  $n$  (resp. strong pseudoprime) is the product of two unlimited natural numbers, i.e.

$$n = \omega_1 \cdot \omega_2$$

where  $\omega_1 \cong +\infty$  ,  $\omega_2 \cong +\infty$ .

**Example 4.** *Definition.* A composite integer  $n$  that verifies  $a^{n-1} = 1 \pmod{n}$  for every integer  $a$ ,  $1 < a < n$ , such that  $a$  is relatively prime to  $n$ , is called a Carmichael number.

**Then.** Any unlimited Carmichael number  $n$  is the product of two unlimited natural numbers, i.e.

$$n = \omega_1 \cdot \omega_2$$

where  $\omega_1 \cong +\infty$  ,  $\omega_2 \cong +\infty$ .

**Example 5.** If exists an infinity of even perfect number (  $n$  is called a perfect number if  $\sigma(n) = 2n$  ), then we have: Any unlimited even perfect number  $n$  is the product of two unlimited natural numbers, i.e.

$$n = \omega_1 \cdot \omega_2$$

where  $\omega_1 \cong +\infty$  ,  $\omega_2 \cong +\infty$  .

**Example 6.** *Definition.* Let  $n$  be a natural number. If  $\sigma(n) = 2n - 1$  then  $n$  is called almost perfect.

**Then.** Any unlimited almost perfect number  $n$  is the product of two unlimited natural numbers, i.e.

$$n = \omega_1 \cdot \omega_2$$

where  $\omega_1 \cong +\infty$  ,  $\omega_2 \cong +\infty$  .

In this work we present another example. Let's start with a small preview on Lucas sequences associated to a pair of integers [4, 5]:

Let  $P, Q$  be nonzero integers. Consider the polynomial  $p(x) = x^2 - Px + Q$ ; its discriminant is  $D = P^2 - 4Q$  and the roots are

$$(1.1) \quad \alpha = \frac{P + \sqrt{D}}{2}, \beta = \frac{P - \sqrt{D}}{2}.$$

Suppose that  $P$  and  $Q$  are such that  $D$  is different of zero. The sequences of integers

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{cases} U_n(P, Q) = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta} , & U_0(P, Q) = 0 \quad U_1(P, Q) = 1 \\ V_n(P, Q) = \alpha^n + \beta^n , & V_0(P, Q) = 2 \quad V_1(P, Q) = P \end{cases}$$

are called the Lucas sequences associated to the pair  $(P, Q)$ . We will note by  $U_n$  (resp.  $V_n$ ) the element  $U_n(P, Q)$  (resp.  $V_n(P, Q)$ ).

It is demonstrated that for  $n \geq 2$  :

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{aligned} U_n &= PU_{n-1} - QU_{n-2} , & U_0 &= 0 \quad U_1 = 1 \\ V_n &= PV_{n-1} - QV_{n-2} , & V_0 &= 2 \quad V_1 = P . \end{aligned}$$

In the particular case  $(P, Q) = (1, -1)$ , the sequence  $(U_n)_{n \geq 0}$  beginning as follows 0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 ... was first considered by Fibonacci; for the same values the sequence of Lucas numbers  $(V_n)_{n \geq 0}$  which is the companion sequence of Fibonacci numbers begins as follows: 2 1 3 4 7 11 18 ... .

Here are some results that are known [1, 5] :

$$(1.4) \quad V_{2n} = (V_n)^2 - 2Q^n.$$

Let  $p$  be a prime integer, then

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{cases} U_p = \left(\frac{D}{p}\right) \text{Mod}(p) & : \text{ pour } p \geq 3 \\ V_p = P \text{Mod}(p) & : \text{ pour } p \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Where  $\left(\frac{D}{p}\right)$  is the Legendre symbol that is, according to the relation between  $p$  and  $D$ , one of the values  $-1, 0, +1$ . In addition if  $n, k \geq 1$ , then

$$(1.6) \quad U_n \mid U_{nk}, \quad V_n \mid V_{nk} \text{ if } k \text{ is odd.}$$

Moreover

$$(1.7) \quad \begin{cases} U_n(-P, Q) = (-1)^{n-1} U_n(P, Q) \\ V_n(-P, Q) = (-1)^n V_n(P, Q). \end{cases}$$

**Fermat's Little Theorem.** If  $p$  is a prime number and if  $a$  is an integer, then

$$(1.8) \quad a^p \equiv a [p].$$

In particular, if  $p$  does not divide  $a$  then  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 [p]$ .

**External recurrence principle.** For all internal or external formula  $F(n)$  we have ([2]):

$$(1.9) \quad [F(0) \text{ and } \forall^{st} n (F(n) \implies F(n+1))] \implies \forall^{st} n F(n)$$

**Notations.** Let  $x, y$  and  $a$  be real numbers (integers or non)

1°  $x \cong 0$  ( resp.  $x \cong +\infty$ ) signifies that  $x$  is an infinitesimal ( resp.  $x$  is a positive unlimited). We have an analogous significance for  $x \cong -\infty$ .

2° We say that  $x$  is equivalent to  $y$  if  $x - y \cong 0$ .

3°  $x \not\cong a$  signifies that  $x$  is not equivalent to  $a$ .

4° We say that  $x$  is appreciable if it is not an infinitesimal nor an unlimited.

5° The inequalities  $x \underset{\cong}{\geq} y$  (resp.  $x \underset{\cong}{>} y$ ) mean that  $x$  is strictly superior

and equivalent to  $y$  (resp. that  $x$  is superior and is not equivalent to  $y$ ). We have an analogous significance for  $\underset{\cong}{\leq}$  and  $\underset{\cong}{<}$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULT

Now the example of which I spoke before is formulated by the following result.

**Theorem.** *If  $P, Q$  are such that  $D > 0$ . Then for each unlimited  $n$ , each of integers  $U_n$  and  $V_n$  is, to a limited integer near, product of two unlimited integers.*

Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be such that  $D > 0$  and let  $n \cong +\infty$ . Put  $\lambda = \frac{P}{\sqrt{D}}$ . To prove this result, we will have need to the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.**

**1<sup>0</sup>)**  $\alpha \neq \beta$ ,  $Max(|\alpha|, |\beta|) > 1$  and

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{\beta}{\alpha} = \frac{\lambda - 1}{\lambda + 1}, \quad \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \frac{\lambda + 1}{\lambda - 1}.$$

**2<sup>0</sup>)** *If  $P > 0$  then:*

i)  $|\alpha| > |\beta|$ , ii)  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \leq 1 \iff \lambda \cong +\infty$ , iii)  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \geq -1 \iff \lambda \underline{\cong} 0$  and  
iv)  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \not\cong \pm 1$  if and only if  $\lambda$  is appreciable positive.

**3<sup>0</sup>)** *If  $P < 0$  then:*

i)  $|\alpha| < |\beta|$ , ii)  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \leq 1 \iff \lambda \cong -\infty$ , iii)  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \geq -1 \iff \lambda \underline{\cong} 0$  and  
iv)  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \not\cong \pm 1$  if and only if  $\lambda$  is appreciable negative.

**Proof.** 1<sup>0</sup>) Because  $\alpha = \frac{P + \sqrt{D}}{2}$  and  $\beta = \frac{P - \sqrt{D}}{2}$  we have  $\alpha \neq \beta$ .

Let's study, according to the following cases, the different values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

i)  $P > 1$ : in this case  $\alpha > 1$ .

ii)  $P = 1$ : In this case  $Q$  must be strictly negative and therefore  $\alpha > 1$ .

iii)  $P = -1$ : In this case  $Q$  must be strictly negative and therefore  $|\beta| > 1$ .

iv)  $P < -1$ : In this case  $|\beta| > 1$ .

Therefore:

$$\underset{\neq}{Max} (|\alpha|, |\beta|) > 1.$$

By (1.1),  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha} = \frac{\lambda - 1}{\lambda + 1}$  and  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \frac{\lambda + 1}{\lambda - 1}$ .

2<sup>0</sup>) If  $P > 0$  then it is immediate that  $|\alpha| > |\beta|$ . Furthermore,  $\lambda > 0$  and the rest of the proof is legible on the graph of  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha}(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda - 1}{\lambda + 1}$  in the interval  $[0, +\infty[$  where one sees the growth of this function of  $-1$  to  $+1$ .

3<sup>0</sup>) This is similar to 2<sup>o</sup>). □

**Remark.** By (1.7), we make proofs of the four following lemmas only when  $P > 0$ . In this case  $\alpha$  is positive and, according to lemma 1,  $\alpha > |\beta|$ ; consequently by (1.2)  $U_i = \alpha^{i-1} \left( \frac{1 - (\beta/\alpha)^i}{1 - (\beta/\alpha)} \right) > 0$ ,

$$V_i = \alpha^i \left( 1 + \left( \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \right)^i \right) > 0 \quad \text{for } i \geq 1.$$

The following lemma (lemma 2) shows how the values of  $|U_n|$  and  $|V_n|$  increase depending on  $n$

**Lemma 2.** *Each of  $|U_n|$  and  $|V_n|$  is in the form of  $\omega.n$  where  $\omega$  is an unlimited.*

**Proof.** By (1.2),

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{cases} U_n &= \alpha^{n-1} \left( \frac{1 - (\beta/\alpha)^n}{1 - (\beta/\alpha)} \right) \\ V_n &= \alpha^n \left( 1 + \left( \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \right)^n \right). \end{cases}$$

Via the discussion of possible values of the report  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha}$  one completes the proof of the proposal in question, where  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha} = 1 - \phi$  with  $\phi \geq 0$  or  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha} = -1 + \phi$  with  $\phi \geq 0$  or  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \neq \pm 1$ .

The following lemma (lemma 3) concerning the report of two terms of  $U_n$  and the report of two terms of  $V_n$

**Lemma 3.** *If  $n$  of the form  $n_1n_2$  with  $n_1 > 1$  and  $n_2 > 1$ . Then  $\frac{|U_{n_1n_2}|}{|U_{n_1}|}$  and  $\frac{|V_{n_1n_2}|}{|V_{n_1}|}$  are unlimited.*

**Proof.** Seen that  $n \cong +\infty$  at least  $n_1$  or  $n_2$  is an unlimited. By (1.2),

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{U_{n_1n_2}}{U_{n_1}} = \frac{\alpha^{n_1n_2}}{\alpha^{n_1}} \left( \frac{1 - (\beta/\alpha)^{n_1n_2}}{1 - (\beta/\alpha)^{n_1}} \right) \\ \frac{V_{n_1n_2}}{V_{n_1}} = \frac{\alpha^{n_1n_2}}{\alpha^{n_1}} \left( \frac{1 + (\beta/\alpha)^{n_1n_2}}{1 + (\beta/\alpha)^{n_1}} \right). \end{cases}$$

Also here the proof of this lemma is done through the discussion of the possible values of the report  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha}$  which are  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha} = 1 - \phi$  with  $\phi \geq 0$  or  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha} = -1 + \phi$  with  $\phi \geq 0$  or  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \not\cong \pm 1$ .

Now we demonstrate that the  $|U_i|$  and  $|V_i|$  increase with  $i$ .

**Lemma 4.** *For every  $i \geq 2$   $|U_i| < |U_{i+1}|$  &  $|V_i| < |V_{i+1}|$*

Finally

**Lemma 5.** *If  $(P, Q)$  is not standard then  $\frac{|V_2|}{|V_1|} \cong +\infty$ .*

### Demonstration of the theorem

**Case of  $U_n$**

We distinguish two cases

**I)  $n$  premier.** By (1.5)  $U_n = \left(\frac{D}{n}\right) \text{Mod}(n)$ . Hence  $U_n = \pm 1 + kn$ . Since, according to lemma 2,  $|U_n|$  is in the form of  $\omega n$  with  $\omega$  is an unlimited real, the integer  $k$  must be unlimited. This finishes the proof for this case.

**II)  $n = n_1n_2$  where  $n_1 \geq n_2 > 1$ .** By (1.6)  $U_n = CU_{n_1}$  where  $C$  is an integer which is, according to lemma 3, unlimited. On the other hand, seen that  $n_1 \cong +\infty$   $U_{n_1}$  is also, according to lemma 4, unlimited. So the proof is finished for the case of  $U_n$ .

**Case of  $V_n$** 

We distinguish four cases

**I)  $n = p \cong +\infty$  **prime.**** we have two cases to consider

**a)  $P$  limited.** By (1.5),  $V_p = P \text{ Mod}(p)$  i.e.  $V_p = P + kp$ . Since  $P$  is limited,  $k$  must be, according to lemma 2, unlimited.

**b)  $P$  unlimited.** In this case by (1.6),  $V_1 \mid V_p$  i.e.  $V_p = V_1 N$ . By lemma 4, we have

$$|V_2| < |V_3| < \dots < |V_n| < \dots .$$

By lemma 5,  $\frac{|V_2|}{|V_1|} \cong +\infty$ . Then  $\frac{|V_2|}{|V_1|} < \frac{|V_p|}{|V_1|}$  and therefore  $\frac{|V_p|}{|V_1|} \cong +\infty$ . This signifies that  $N$  is unlimited and finish the demonstration for this case because  $V_1 = P$  and  $|P| \cong +\infty$ .

**II)  $n = 2^s p$  **where  $s \geq 1$  limited,  $p \cong +\infty$  **prime******

**a)  $P$  and  $Q$  are all both limited.** Put for every  $s \geq 1$  :

$A(s) \equiv \ll$  For  $n = 2^s p$  :  $V_n = g_1 + g_2 p$  where  $g_1$  (resp.  $g_2$ ) is a limited (resp. is an unlimited) integer  $\gg$ .

We have  $A(1)$ ; indeed:

Let  $n = 2p$ . By (1.4)

$$\begin{aligned} V_n &= V_{2p} \\ &= (V_p)^2 - 2Q^p . \end{aligned}$$

The application of (1.5) and (1.8) leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{2p} &= (P + kp)^2 - 2(Q + lp) \\ &= P^2 - 2Q + tp . \end{aligned}$$

Put  $g_1 = P^2 - 2Q$  and  $g_2 = t$ . Then  $g_1$  is limited and, according to lemma 2,  $g_2$  is unlimited. Hence  $A(1)$ . Let  $s \geq 1$  be a limited integer and suppose  $A(s)$ . Let's demonstrate  $A(s+1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} V_{2^{s+1}p} &= V_{2(2^s p)} \\ &= (V_{2^s p})^2 - 2Q^{2^s p} . \end{aligned}$$

Because we have  $A(s)$  and by (1.8) we deduct

$$V_{2^{s+1}p} = (g_1 + g_2 p)^2 - 2(Q^{2^s} + fp) .$$



Hence

$$V_{2^{s+1}.p} = g_1^2 - 2Q^{2^s} + \bar{f}p.$$

Seen that  $g_1$ ,  $Q$  and  $s$  are limited, the integer  $\bar{f}$ , according to lemma 2, must be unlimited and this means that we have  $A(s+1)$ . Then by (1.9),  $\forall^{st} s \geq 1 A(s)$ .

**b)**  $P$  or  $Q$  is unlimited. In this case by (1.6)  $V_{2^s} \mid V_{2^s p}$ , i.e.  $V_{2^s p} = V_{2^s} \cdot c$ . By lemma 3,  $c$  is an unlimited integer. By lemma 5  $|V_2| \cong +\infty$  and by lemma 4  $|V_2| < |V_3| < |V_4| < \dots$ . Hence  $V_{2^s}$  is an unlimited. this finishes the demonstration for this case.

**III)  $n = n_1 n_2$  where one of  $n_1, n_2$  is odd greater or equal to 3, the other is unlimited.**

Suppose  $n_1 \geq 3$  odd and  $n_2 \cong +\infty$ . then

$$V_{n_1 n_2} = V_{n_2} C$$

where by (1.6)  $C$  is an integer which, according to lemma 3, is unlimited. since  $n_2 \cong +\infty$ , then, by lemma 4,  $V_{n_2}$  is unlimited. This finishes the proof for this case.

**IV)  $n = 2^{\omega+1}$  with  $\omega \cong +\infty$**

**a)**  $Q$  is even ( $Q = 2t$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{Z}^*$ ). We have  $V_n = V_{2^{\omega+1}} = (V_{2^\omega})^2 - 2(Q)^{2^\omega}$ . By considering  $2^\omega = 2 \cdot 2^{\omega-1}$  and by applying (1.4), we obtain  $V_{2^\omega} = V_{2 \cdot 2^{\omega-1}} = V_{2^{\omega-1}}^2 - 2Q^{2^{\omega-1}}$ . Hence, by replacing  $V_{2^\omega}$  by its value gotten in this last equality,

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} V_n = V_{2^{\omega+1}} &= \left( V_{2^{\omega-1}}^2 - 2Q^{2^{\omega-1}} \right)^2 - 2Q^{2^\omega} \\ &= (V_{2^{\omega-1}})^4 \text{ Mod } \left( Q^{2^{\omega-1}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, by considering  $V_{2^{\omega-1}} = V_{2 \cdot 2^{\omega-2}}$ , we get

$$(2.5) \quad V_n = V_{2^{\omega+1}} = (V_{2^{\omega-2}})^8 \text{ Mod } \left( Q^{2^{\omega-2}} \right).$$

Thus if  $f \cong +\infty$  is an integer such that  $\omega - f \cong +\infty$  then the process that has permitted to write  $V_n$  according to formulas (2.4) and (2.5) will, after successive iterations, permit to write

$$(2.6) \quad V_n = V_{2^{\omega+1}} = (V_{2^{\omega-f}})^{2^{f+1}} \text{Mod} \left( Q^{2^{\omega-f}} \right).$$

where  $V_{2^{\omega-f}}$  is an unlimited. Now if  $V_{2^{\omega-f}}$  is even then

$$V_{2^{\omega+1}} = 2^\gamma . t$$

where  $\gamma = \min(2^{f+1}, 2^{\omega-f})$  and  $t$  is integer. This signifies that we can put  $V_{2^{\omega+1}}$  in the form of  $2^{\gamma_1} . 2^{\gamma_2} . t$  where  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are two unlimited integers of which the sum is  $\gamma$ .

If  $V_{2^{\omega-f}}$  is odd, then

$V_{2^{\omega+1}} - 1 = \left[ (V_{2^{\omega-f}})^{2^{f+1}} - 1 \right] + kQ^{2^{\omega-f}}$ . Since  $(V_{2^{\omega-f}})^{2^{f+1}} - 1$  is a difference of two squares, then

$$V_{2^{\omega+1}} - 1 = \left[ (V_{2^{\omega-f}})^{2^f} - 1 \right] \left[ (V_{2^{\omega-f}})^{2^f} + 1 \right] + kQ^{2^{\omega-f}}.$$

Also  $(V_{2^{\omega-f}})^{2^f} - 1$  is a difference of two squares, consequently

$$V_{2^{\omega+1}} - 1 = \left[ (V_{2^{\omega-f}})^{2^{f-1}} - 1 \right] \left[ (V_{2^{\omega-f}})^{2^{f-1}} + 1 \right] \left[ (V_{2^{\omega-f}})^{2^f} + 1 \right] + kQ^{2^{\omega-f}}.$$

By this way we can write  $V_{2^{\omega+1}} - 1$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} V_{2^{\omega+1}} - 1 = & \left[ (V_{2^{\omega-f}})^{2^{f-t}} - 1 \right] \left[ (V_{2^{\omega-f}})^{2^{f-t}} + 1 \right] \left[ (V_{2^{\omega-f}})^{2^{f-(t-1)}} + 1 \right] + \dots \\ & \dots + \left[ (V_{2^{\omega-f}})^{2^{f-1}} - 1 \right] \left[ (V_{2^{\omega-f}})^{2^{f-1}} + 1 \right] + kQ^{2^{\omega-f}} \end{aligned}$$

where  $t$  is an integer verifying  $1 \leq t < f$ .

Let's take  $t_0 \cong +\infty$  such that  $t_0 < f$  and  $t_0 + 2 < 2^{\omega-f}$ . This is possible, indeed: since that  $\text{Min}(f, 2^{\omega-f}) \cong +\infty$  therefore we can choose an integer  $s \cong +\infty$  and  $s \leq \text{Min}(f, 2^{\omega-f})$ . Let's take  $t_0 = s - 3$ . seen that  $Q^{2^{\omega-f}}$  contains the factor  $2^{2^{\omega-f}}$  and the product

$\left[ (V_{2^{\omega-f}})^{2^{f-t_0}} - 1 \right] \prod_{i=0}^{t_0} \left[ (V_{2^{\omega-f}})^{2^{f-i}} + 1 \right]$  contains  $2^k$  where  $k \geq t_0 + 2$ ,

then

$$V_{2^{\omega+1}} - 1 = 2^{t_0+2} N$$

where  $N$  is an integer. Therefore

$$V_n - 1 = V_{2^{\omega+1}} - 1 = 2^{t_1} 2^{t_2} N .$$

where  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are two unlimited positive integers of which the sum is  $t_0 + 2$ .

**b)**  $Q$  is odd ( $Q = 2t + 1, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ ).

Put  $n_o = 2^\omega$ . If  $Q = \pm 1$ , then by (1.4)

$$\begin{aligned} V_n = V_{2n_o} &= (V_{n_o})^2 - 2Q^{n_o} \\ &= (V_{n_o})^2 - 2 \end{aligned}$$

because  $n_o$  is even. This ends the proof because  $V_{n_o}$  is, by lemma 2, an unlimited. Therefore we suppose  $Q \neq \pm 1$  and we distinguish the following cases

**1°)  $P$  is even.** In this case, by induction, we show easily that the elements  $V_n$  ( $n \geq 0$ ) are even. Moreover  $V_2 \neq 2$ , because otherwise  $P^2 - 2Q = 2$  and therefore  $D = P^2 - 4Q = 2 - 2Q$ . Hence the fact that  $D > 0$  means  $2 - 2Q > 0$  i.e.  $Q < 0$  ( $Q \in \mathbb{Z}^*$ ). This contradicts  $P^2 - 2Q = 2$ . By the same way we show that  $V_2 \neq -2$ .

Now we demonstrate that  $V_n - 2$  equal to the product of two unlimited integers. Indeed by (1.4)

$$\begin{aligned} V_n = V_{2^{\omega+1}} &= V_{2n_o} \\ &= V_{n_o}^2 - 2Q^{n_o}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} V_{2n_o} - 2 &= V_{n_o}^2 - 4 - 2Q^{n_o} + 2 \\ &= (V_{n_o} - 2) \cdot (V_{n_o} + 2) - 2(Q^{n_o} - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Seen that  $Q^{n_o} - 1$  is the difference between two squares,

$$(2.7) \quad V_{2n_o} - 2 = (V_{n_o} - 2)(V_{n_o} + 2) - 2(Q^{n_o/2} - 1)(Q^{n_o/2} + 1).$$

Because  $n_o$  is divisible by 2, the application of (1.4) to  $V_{n_o} - 2$  permit to write  $V_{n_o} - 2 = V_{2(n_o/2)} - 2 = V_{(n_o/2)}^2 - 4 - 2(Q^{n_o/2} - 1)$ . Then from this and by (2.7) we have

$$V_{2n_o} - 2 = \left[ V_{(n_o/2)}^2 - 4 - 2(Q^{n_o/2} - 1) \right] (V_{n_o} + 2) - 2(Q^{n_o/2} - 1)(Q^{n_o/2} + 1).$$

Seen that  $V_{(n_o/2)}^2 - 4$  and  $(Q^{n_o/2} - 1)$  are differences between squares, it ensues

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} V_{2n_o} - 2 &= (V_{(n_o/2)} - 2)(V_{(n_o/2)} + 2)(V_{n_o} + 2) \\ &\quad - 2(Q^{n_o/4} - 1)(Q^{n_o/4} + 1)(V_{n_o} + 2) \\ &\quad - 2(Q^{n_o/4} - 1)(Q^{n_o/4} + 1)(Q^{n_o/2} + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Because  $n_o/2$  is divisible by 2, the application of (1.4) to  $V_{n_o/2} - 2$  permit to write

$$\begin{aligned} V_{(n_0/2)} - 2 &= V_{(n_0/4)}^2 - 2Q^{n_0/4} - 4 + 2 \\ &= \left( V_{(n_0/4)}^2 - 4 \right) - 2 \left( Q^{n_0/4} - 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

By replacing  $V_{(n_0/2)} - 2$  by  $\left( V_{(n_0/4)}^2 - 4 \right) - 2 \left( Q^{n_0/4} - 1 \right)$  and by observing that  $V_{(n_0/4)}^2 - 4$  and  $Q^{n_0/4} - 1$  are differences between squares, we get

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} V_{2n_0} - 2 &= \left( V_{(n_0/4)} - 2 \right) \left( V_{(n_0/4)} + 2 \right) \left( V_{(n_0/2)} + 2 \right) \left( V_{n_0} + 2 \right) \\ &\quad - 2 \left( Q^{n_0/8} - 1 \right) \left( Q^{n_0/8} + 1 \right) \left( V_{(n_0/2)} + 2 \right) \left( V_{n_0} + 2 \right) \\ &\quad - 2 \left( Q^{n_0/8} - 1 \right) \left( Q^{n_0/8} + 1 \right) \left( Q^{n_0/4} + 1 \right) \left( V_{n_0} + 2 \right) \\ &\quad - 2 \left( Q^{n_0/8} - 1 \right) \left( Q^{n_0/8} + 1 \right) \left( Q^{n_0/4} + 1 \right) \left( Q^{n_0/2} + 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

So the process consisting, every time to apply (1.4) and to put the difference between two squares as a product of two factors, leads to the following general formulate

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} V_n - 2 &= V_{2n_0} - 2 = \\ &\left( V_{n_0/2^{i-1}} - 2 \right) \left( V_{n_0/2^{i-1}} + 2 \right) \dots \left( V_{n_0/2} + 2 \right) \left( V_{n_0} + 2 \right) \\ &- 2 \left( Q^{n_0/2^i} - 1 \right) \left( Q^{n_0/2^i} + 1 \right) \left( V_{n_0/2^{i-2}} + 2 \right) \dots \left( V_{n_0/2} + 2 \right) \left( V_{n_0} + 2 \right) \\ &- 2 \left( Q^{n_0/2^i} - 1 \right) \left( Q^{n_0/2^i} + 1 \right) \left( Q^{n_0/2^{i-1}} + 1 \right) \left( V_{n_0/2^{i-3}} + 2 \right) \dots \left( V_{n_0} + 2 \right) \\ &- 2 \left( Q^{n_0/2^i} - 1 \right) \left( Q^{n_0/2^i} + 1 \right) \left( Q^{n_0/2^{i-1}} + 1 \right) \left( Q^{n_0/2^{i-2}} + 1 \right) \left( V_{n_0/2^{i-4}} + 2 \right) \\ &\quad \dots \left( V_{n_0} + 2 \right) \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ &- 2 \left( Q^{n_0/2^i} - 1 \right) \left( Q^{n_0/2^i} + 1 \right) \left( Q^{n_0/2^{i-1}} + 1 \right) \dots \left( Q^{n_0/2^2} + 1 \right) \left( V_{n_0} + 2 \right) \\ &- 2 \left( Q^{n_0/2^i} - 1 \right) \left( Q^{n_0/2^i} + 1 \right) \left( Q^{n_0/2^{i-1}} + 1 \right) \dots \left( Q^{n_0/2^2} + 1 \right) \left( Q^{n_0/2} + 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

(2.10)

This formula is general in the following sense: If we replace  $i$  by 1 we recover (2.7) and by 2 we recover (2.8) etc... .

Take  $i_0 \cong +\infty$  such that  $\frac{n_0}{2^{i_0}} \geq 1$ . The formula (2.10) is formed by  $i_0 + 1$  terms where each term is a product of  $i_0 + 1$  nonzero factors of which each is a multiple of 2. This because on the one hand the integers  $V_{n_0/2^j}$  ( $0 \leq j \leq i_0 - 1$ ) appearing in the formula is even and, according to lemme 4, different of  $\pm 2$  following the fact that  $V_2$  is different from these values. On the other hand  $Q$  is odd different of  $\pm 1$ . Then in (2.10), we can put  $2^{i_0+1}$  as a common factor between terms constituting  $V_{2n_0} - 2$ . From this

$$V_n - 2 = V_{2n_0} - 2 = 2^{t_1} 2^{t_2} t$$

where  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are two unlimited positive integers of which the sum is  $i_0 + 1$  and  $t$  is an integer.

**2°)**  $P$  is odd. In this case we demonstrate by induction that  $V_{2^n}$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) is odd; indeed:  $V_{2^1} = V_2 = P^2 - 2Q$  this signifies that  $V_2$  is odd. Suppose that  $V_{2^n}$ ,  $n \geq 1$  is odd.  $V_{2^{n+1}} = (V_{2^n})^2 - 2Q^{2^n}$  then  $V_{2^{n+1}}$  is also odd. On the other hand  $V_2 \neq 1$  because otherwise  $P^2 - 2Q = 1$ , then the fact that  $D = P^2 - 4Q = 1 - 2Q > 0$  signifies  $Q < 0$  and this contradicts  $P^2 - 2Q = 1$ . By the same way  $V_2 \neq -1$ .

By (1.4)

$$\begin{aligned} V_n = V_{2^{\omega+1}} &= V_{2n_0} \\ &= V_{n_0}^2 - 2Q^{n_0}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $V_{2^{\omega+1}} + 1 = V_{n_0}^2 - 1 + 2 - 2Q^{n_0}$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{2^{\omega+1}} + 1 &= V_{n_0}^2 - 1 + 2 - 2Q^{n_0} \\ &= (V_{n_0} - 1)(V_{n_0} + 1) + 2(1 - Q^{n_0}) \end{aligned}$$

So

$$(2.11) \quad V_{2^{\omega+1}} + 1 = \frac{(V_{n_0} + 1)(V_{n_0} - 1)}{+2(1 - Q^{n_0/2})(1 + Q^{n_0/2})}.$$

Let's calculate, with (1.4),  $V_{n_0} + 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} V_{n_0} + 1 &= V_{2(n_0/2)} + 1 \\ &= \left[ V_{(n_0/2)}^2 - 1 + 2 - 2Q^{(n_0/2)} \right] \\ &= \left[ (V_{(n_0/2)} - 1)(V_{(n_0/2)} + 1) + 2(1 - Q^{(n_0/2)}) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Now by replacing in (2.11) by the value of  $V_{n_0} + 1$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} V_{2^{\omega+1}} + 1 &= \left[ (V_{(n_0/2)} - 1)(V_{(n_0/2)} + 1) + 2(1 - Q^{(n_0/2)}) \right] (V_{n_0} - 1) \\ &\quad + 2(1 - Q^{n_0/2})(1 + Q^{n_0/2}) \\ &= \frac{(V_{(n_0/2)} - 1)(V_{(n_0/2)} + 1)(V_{n_0} - 1)}{+2(1 - Q^{(n_0/2)})(V_{n_0} - 1)} \\ &\quad + 2(1 - Q^{(n_0/2)})(1 + Q^{(n_0/2)}). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$(2.12) \quad V_{2^{\omega+1}} + 1 = \frac{(V_{(n_0/2)} - 1)(V_{(n_0/2)} + 1)(V_{n_0} - 1)}{+2(1 - Q^{(n_0/4)})(1 + Q^{(n_0/4)})(V_{n_0} - 1)} + 2(1 - Q^{(n_0/4)})(1 + Q^{(n_0/4)})(1 + Q^{(n_0/2)}).$$

So for  $i \geq 0$ , the general formulates is

$$\begin{aligned}
V_n + 1 &= V_{2^{\omega+1}} + 1 = \\
&(V_{n_0/2^i} + 1) (V_{n_0/2^i} - 1) (V_{n_0/2^{i-1}} - 1) \dots (V_{n_0/2} - 1) (V_{n_0} - 1) \\
&+ 2 \left(1 - Q^{n_0/2^{i+1}}\right) \left(1 + Q^{n_0/2^{i+1}}\right) (V_{n_0/2^{i-1}} - 1) (V_{n_0/2^{i-2}} - 1) \dots (V_{n_0} - 1) \\
&+ 2 \left(1 - Q^{n_0/2^{i+1}}\right) \left(1 + Q^{n_0/2^{i+1}}\right) \left(1 + Q^{n_0/2^i}\right) (V_{n_0/2^{i-2}} - 1) \dots (V_{n_0} - 1) \\
&+ 2 \left(1 - Q^{\frac{n_0}{2^{i+1}}}\right) \left(1 + Q^{\frac{n_0}{2^{i+1}}}\right) \left(1 + Q^{\frac{n_0}{2^i}}\right) \left(1 + Q^{\frac{n_0}{2^{i-1}}}\right) \left(V_{\frac{n_0}{2^{i-3}}} - 1\right) \dots (V_{n_0} - 1) \\
&+ \dots \dots \dots \\
&+ 2 \left(1 - Q^{n_0/2^{i+1}}\right) \left(1 + Q^{n_0/2^{i+1}}\right) \left(1 + Q^{n_0/2^i}\right) \left(1 + Q^{n_0/2^{i-1}}\right) \dots \left(1 + Q^{n_0/2^2}\right) \\
&(V_{n_0} - 1) \\
&+ 2 \left(1 - Q^{n_0/2^{i+1}}\right) \left(1 + Q^{n_0/2^{i+1}}\right) \left(1 + Q^{n_0/2^i}\right) \left(1 + Q^{n_0/2^{i-1}}\right) \dots \left(1 + Q^{n_0/2}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

(2.13)

This formula is general in the following sense: where if we replace  $i$  by 0 we recover (2.11) and by 1 we recover (2.12) etc... .

Take  $i_0 \cong +\infty$  such that  $\frac{n_0}{2^{i_0}} \geq 2$ . The formula (2.13) is formed by  $i_0 + 2$  terms where each term is a product of  $i_0 + 2$  nonzero factors of which each is a multiple of 2. This because on the one hand the integers  $V_{n_0/2^j}$  ( $0 \leq j \leq i_0$ ) appearing in the formula is odd and, according to lemme 4, different of  $\pm 1$  following the fact that  $V_2$  is different from these values. On the other hand  $Q$  is odd different of  $\pm 1$ . Then in (2.13), we can put  $2^{i_0+2}$  as a common factor between terms constituting  $V_{2n_0} + 1$ . From this

$$V_n + 1 = V_{2n_0} + 1 = 2^{t_1} . 2^{t_2} . t$$

where  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are two unlimited positive integers of which the sum is  $i_0 + 2$  and  $t$  is an integer.  $\square$

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