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## On Vietoris' hybrid number sequence

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**Abstract:** This work is intended to establish a relation between Vietoris' sequence, which is a rational sequence, and hybrid numbers. Then it provides some characteristic properties of the hybrid numbers with Vietoris' number coefficients. Some relations between this hybrid number and its norm, the recurrence relations, the generating function, Binet-like formula and Catalan-like identities are also indicated. Furthermore, a determinantal approach is presented to obtain elements of Vietoris' hybrid number sequence.

**Key words:** Vietoris' number sequence, recurrence relation, hybrid number, tridiagonal matrix

### 1. Introduction

A hybrid number  $z = a + bi + c\epsilon + dh$ ,  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  which come to exist by linear combination of complex, dual and hyperbolic numbers introduced by Özdemir, [18]. Here, the hybrid units  $\mathbf{i}, \epsilon$  and  $\mathbf{h}$  satisfy the conditions:

$$\mathbf{i}^2 = -1, \epsilon^2 = 0, \mathbf{h}^2 = 1, \mathbf{ih} = -\mathbf{hi} = \epsilon + \mathbf{i}, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $1 \leftrightarrow (1, 0, 0, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{i} \leftrightarrow (0, 1, 0, 0)$ ,  $\epsilon \leftrightarrow (0, 0, 1, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{h} \leftrightarrow (0, 0, 0, 1)$  represent real, complex, dual, and hyperbolic units, respectively. The set of hybrid numbers is a non-commutative ring according to addition and multiplication (see detailed information in [11, 18].)

Before continuing with the importance of the paper, it seems worthwhile to mention the special number sequences. Fibonacci number sequence is one of the most important special integer sequences with almost limitless applications. Mathematicians have been fascinated by it for almost 800 years. One may refer to the first comprehensive survey of mathematics' most fascinating number sequences Fibonacci and Lucas numbers [13, 17] for details. The study of the relation between special number sequences and multicomponent number systems has attracted much attention. This is largely due to the following problem: Can existing special number sequences be generalized to different number systems? This problem is studied for special hybrid numbers such as Fibonacci, Lucas, Pell, Padovan, etc., and their properties and so on; see [7, 10, 12, 15, 20–23].

As a general case of integer sequences, Vietoris' number sequence is one of the rational sequences. This special rational sequence is firstly defined in a theorem by Vietoris [24] with important applications, in harmonic analysis [1] and in the theory of stable holomorphic functions [19]. The  $s$ th element of the Vietoris' number

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sequence  $\{v_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  is given by the formula:

$$v_s = \frac{1}{2^s} \binom{s}{\lfloor \frac{s}{2} \rfloor}, \quad s \geq 0, \tag{1.2}$$

where  $\binom{s}{\lfloor \frac{s}{2} \rfloor}$  is the central binomial coefficient ([14]) and the notion  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  represents the floor function. The first several values of this sequence are (related with the sequence A283208 in OEIS\*):

$$1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{8}, \frac{3}{8}, \frac{5}{16}, \frac{5}{16}, \frac{35}{128}, \frac{35}{128}, \frac{63}{256}, \frac{63}{256}, \dots$$

The detailed information including the properties of Vietoris' number sequence can be found in [2–5, 8, 9, 14, 25].

Our main research is concerned with Vietoris' number sequence with 4-dimensions via noncommutative hybrid numbers by a unified approach. For this target, the study is organized as follows. In Section 2, basic concepts about the hybrid numbers and the Vietoris' number sequence are presented. In Section 3, starting with the definition of Vietoris' hybrid numbers, several properties, the recurrence relations, and Catalan-like identities are discussed. Furthermore, a generating function and Binet-like formula are examined. This section finishes with a tridiagonal matrix approach to Vietoris' hybrid numbers.

## 2. Basic notions and arguments

To be brief, but a little bit more detailed, in this section we give a discussion of the hybrid numbers ([11, 18]) and then restrict this discussion to the Vietoris' number sequence ([2–5, 8, 9, 14, 24, 25]) also.

Let  $z_1 = a_1 + b_1\mathbf{i} + c_1\epsilon + d_1\mathbf{h}$  and  $z_2 = a_2 + b_2\mathbf{i} + c_2\epsilon + d_2\mathbf{h}$  be hybrid numbers. For the equality  $z_1 = z_2$  is valid if and only if  $a_1 = a_2, b_1 = b_2, c_1 = c_2$  and  $d_1 = d_2$ . The addition (hence subtraction) of the hybrid numbers  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  is  $z_1 + z_2 = (a_1 \pm a_2) + (b_1 \pm b_2)\mathbf{i} + (c_1 \pm c_2)\epsilon + (d_1 \pm d_2)\mathbf{h}$ . By means of the conditions in

**Table 1.** The multiplication of the hybrid units, [18]

.	$\mathbf{i}$	$\epsilon$	$\mathbf{h}$
$\mathbf{i}$	-1	$1 - \mathbf{h}$	$\epsilon + \mathbf{i}$
$\epsilon$	$1 + \mathbf{h}$	0	$-\epsilon$
$\mathbf{h}$	$-\epsilon - \mathbf{i}$	$\epsilon$	1

Table 1 which are extended form of the equations (1.1), the multiplication of the hybrid numbers  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  is given as:

$$z_1 z_2 = (a_1 a_2 - b_1 b_2 + b_1 c_2 + b_2 c_1 + d_1 d_2) + (a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1 + b_1 d_2 - d_1 b_2)\mathbf{i} + (a_1 c_2 + b_1 d_2 + a_2 c_1 - c_1 d_2 - b_2 d_1 + c_2 d_1)\epsilon + (a_1 d_2 - b_1 c_2 + b_2 c_1 + a_2 d_1)\mathbf{h}.$$

The multiplication is not commutative but associative. For  $z_1$ ,  $S_{z_1} = a_1$  is called the scalar part and  $\mathbf{V}_{z_1} = b_1\mathbf{i} + c_1\epsilon + d_1\mathbf{h}$  is called the vector part. The conjugate of  $z_1$  is:

$$\overline{z_1} = a_1 - b_1\mathbf{i} - c_1\epsilon - d_1\mathbf{h}. \tag{2.1}$$

\*The Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences, <https://oeis.org/book>.

We thus get  $\bar{z}_1 = S_{z_1} - \mathbf{V}_{z_1}$ . Every hybrid number can be written with  $2 \times 2$  real matrices:

$$M(z_1) = M(a_1 + b_1\mathbf{i} + c_1\epsilon + d_1\mathbf{h}) = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + c_1 & b_1 - c_1 + d_1 \\ -b_1 + c_1 + d_1 & a_1 - c_1 \end{bmatrix}, \tag{2.2}$$

with

$$M(1) \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, M(\mathbf{i}) \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, M(\epsilon) \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, M(\mathbf{h}) \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Furthermore, the character of  $z_1$  is defined by

$$C(z_1) = \bar{z}_1 z_1 = z_1 \bar{z}_1 = a_1^2 + (b_1 - c_1)^2 - c_1^2 - d_1^2 = \det(M(z_1)). \tag{2.3}$$

$z_1$  is spacelike, timelike, lightlike if  $C(z_1) < 0$ ,  $C(z_1) > 0$ ,  $C(z_1) = 0$ , respectively. The norm of  $z_1$  is:

$$\|z_1\| = \sqrt{|C(z_1)|} = \sqrt{|a_1^2 + (b_1 - c_1)^2 - c_1^2 - d_1^2|}. \tag{2.4}$$

The inverse of  $z_1$  is given by:  $z_1^{-1} = \frac{\bar{z}_1}{C(z_1)}$ ,  $\|z_1\| \neq 0$ . The hybrid vector of  $z_1$  is:  $\xi_{z_1} = ((b_1 - c_1), c_1, d_1)$  and

$$C_\xi(z_1) = -(b_1 - c_1)^2 + c_1^2 + d_1^2 = \frac{(\text{tr}(M(z_1)))^2 - 4 \det(M(z_1))}{4}. \tag{2.5}$$

$z_1$  is elliptic (complike), hyperbolic (hyperlike), parabolic (duallike) if  $C_\xi(z_1) < 0$ ,  $C_\xi(z_1) > 0$ ,  $C_\xi(z_1) = 0$ , respectively. The norm of the hybrid vector of  $z_1$  is denoted by  $N(z_1) = \sqrt{|C_\xi(z_1)|}$ .

Now, let us discuss the basic properties of Vietoris' number sequence  $\{v_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  belonging to the  $s$ th element formula given by equation (1.2). Even members of  $\{v_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  are given by:  $v_{2n} = \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \binom{2n}{n}$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , where  $v_{2n} = v_{2n-1}$ . The two-term recurrence relation for  $\{v_{2n}\}_{n \geq 0}$  is given as:

$$v_{2n+2} = d(2n)v_{2n}, \quad n \geq 0, \tag{2.6}$$

where  $d(k) = \frac{k+1}{k+2}$ ,  $k \geq 0$ . Hence  $v_{2n}$  in terms of any  $v_{2k}$  or  $v_0$  can be written follows, respectively ([8, 9]):

$$v_{2n} = \prod_{l=1}^{n-k} d(2n - 2l)v_{2k}, \quad n > k, \tag{2.7}$$

$$v_{2n+2} = \prod_{i=0}^n d(2i)v_0 = \frac{(2n+1)!!}{(2n+2)!!}. \tag{2.8}$$

The three consecutive term recurrence relation with an even index is:

$$v_{2n+2} = \frac{1}{2}v_{2n+1} + \frac{1}{2}d(2n)v_{2n}. \tag{2.9}$$

It can also be written as:

$$v_{2n+2} = \frac{1}{2}d(2n)v_{2n} + \frac{1}{2}d(2n)d(2n-2)v_{2n-2}. \tag{2.10}$$

The generating function is (see [5]):

$$g(x) = \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - \sqrt{1-x}}{x\sqrt{1-x}} = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} v_s x^s, \quad 0 < |x| < 1. \tag{2.11}$$

The Binet-like formula is given by:

$$v_{2n} = c_1(2n) r_1^{2n}(2n) + c_2(2n) r_2^{2n}(2n), \tag{2.12}$$

where

$$r_1(2n) = \frac{1}{4} \left( 1 - \sqrt{1 + 8d(2n)} \right), \quad r_2(2n) = \frac{1}{4} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 + 8d(2n)} \right) \tag{2.13}$$

and

$$\begin{cases} c_1(2n) = \frac{r_2^{2n}(2n) - v_2}{r_2^{2n}(2n) - r_1^{2n}(2n)} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (2r_1(2k) - 1)r_1(2k) \\ c_2(2n) = \frac{v_2 - r_1^{2n}(2n)}{r_2^{2n}(2n) - r_1^{2n}(2n)} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (2r_2(2k) - 1)r_2(2k). \end{cases} \tag{2.14}$$

Here  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  have the following basic properties (see [8]):  $r_2(0) = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{4}$  is half of the golden ratio,  $r_1(2n) + r_2(2n) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $r_1(2n)r_2(2n) = -\frac{1}{2}d(2n)$ .

### 3. Vietoris' hybrid numbers

In this section, we extend the results of Vietoris' numbers to Vietoris' hybrid numbers taking into account the fundamental properties given in previous section.

**Definition 3.1** *The  $s$ th element of the hybrid sequence with Vietoris' numbers  $\{V_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  is defined by  $V_s$  and determined by as follows:*

$$V_s = v_s + v_{s+1}\mathbf{i} + v_{s+2}\boldsymbol{\epsilon} + v_{s+3}\mathbf{h}, \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{3.1}$$

Here the hybrid units satisfy the conditions in Table 1.

Since  $v_{2n-1} = v_{2n}$ , the even and odd indexed Vietoris' hybrid numbers are of the following forms:

$$V_{2n} = v_{2n} + v_{2n+2}(\mathbf{i} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}) + v_{2n+4}\mathbf{h}, \quad \text{for } s = 2n \tag{3.2}$$

and

$$V_{2n+1} = v_{2n+2}(1 + \mathbf{i}) + v_{2n+4}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon} + \mathbf{h}), \quad \text{for } s = 2n + 1. \tag{3.3}$$

By using equation (2.6), we can write:

$$\begin{cases} V_{2n} &= v_{2n}R(2n), \\ V_{2n+1} &= v_{2n+2}S(2n + 2), \end{cases} \tag{3.4}$$

where

$$R(2n) = 1 + d(2n)(\mathbf{i} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}) + d(2n)d(2n + 2)\mathbf{h} \tag{3.5}$$

$$S(2n + 2) = 1 + \mathbf{i} + d(2n + 2)(\boldsymbol{\epsilon} + \mathbf{h}). \tag{3.6}$$

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $\{V_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  be Vietoris' hybrid number sequence.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the following relations between the conjugation and the norm are satisfied:

- (i)  $\left. \begin{aligned} \dagger V_{2n} - \mathbf{i}V_{2n+1} - \epsilon V_{2n+2} - \mathbf{h}V_{2n+3} \\ \ddagger V_{2n} - V_{2n+1}\mathbf{i} - V_{2n+2}\epsilon - V_{2n+3}\mathbf{h} \end{aligned} \right\} = v_{2n} + v_{2n+2} - 2v_{2n+4} - v_{2n+6},$
- (ii)  $\left. \begin{aligned} \dagger V_{2n+1} - \mathbf{i}V_{2n+2} - \epsilon V_{2n+3} - \mathbf{h}V_{2n+4} \\ \ddagger V_{2n+1} - V_{2n+2}\mathbf{i} - V_{2n+3}\epsilon - V_{2n+4}\mathbf{h} \end{aligned} \right\} = v_{2n+2} - v_{2n+4} - v_{2n+8},$
- (iii)  $V_s + \bar{V}_s = 2v_s,$
- (iv)  $V_s^2 + ||V_s||^2 = 2v_s V_s.$

**Proof** On account of equations (2.1) and (2.4), the proof is obvious. □

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $\{V_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  be Vietoris' hybrid number sequence. Then the following matrices can be written:

$$M(V_{2n}) = v_{2n} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + d(2n) & d(2n)d(2n + 2) \\ d(2n)d(2n + 2) & 1 - d(2n) \end{pmatrix}, \tag{3.7}$$

$$M(V_{2n+1}) = v_{2n}d(2n) \begin{pmatrix} 1 + d(2n + 2) & 1 \\ -1 + 2d(2n + 2) & 1 - d(2n + 2) \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3.8}$$

**Proof** Applying equation (2.2) we have:

$$M(V_{2n}) = \begin{pmatrix} v_{2n} + v_{2n+2} & v_{2n+1} - v_{2n+2} + v_{2n+3} \\ -v_{2n+1} + v_{2n+2} + v_{2n+3} & v_{2n} - v_{2n+2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Combining  $v_{2n} = v_{2n-1}$  and equation (2.6), the above matrix transforms into the matrix given in equation (3.7). Similarly  $M(V_{2n+1})$  can be easily calculated. □

**Corollary 3.4** Let  $\{V_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  be Vietoris' hybrid number sequence.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the following statements are given for the characters and types of the even and odd indexed Vietoris' hybrid numbers:

- (i) 
$$\begin{cases} C(V_{2n}) = v_{2n}^2 (1 - d^2(2n) - d^2(2n)d^2(2n + 2)), \\ C(V_{2n+1}) = v_{2n}^2 d^2(2n) (2 - 2d(2n + 2) - d^2(2n + 2)). \end{cases}$$

For  $n < 2$ ,  $V_{2n}$  is timelike since  $C(V_{2n}) > 0$ . For  $n \geq 2$ ,  $V_{2n}$  is spacelike due to the fact that  $C(V_{2n}) < 0$ .  $V_{2n+1}$  is certainly spacelike since  $C(V_{2n+1}) < 0$ . The lightlike Vietoris' hybrid number is not valid.

- (ii) 
$$\begin{cases} C_\xi(V_{2n}) = v_{2n}^2 d^2(2n) (1 + d^2(2n + 2)), \\ C_\xi(V_{2n+1}) = -v_{2n}^2 d^2(2n) (1 - 2d(2n + 2) - d^2(2n + 2)). \end{cases}$$

Hence, the Vietoris' hybrid numbers  $V_{2n}$  and  $V_{2n+1}$  are certainly hyperbolic since  $C_\xi(V_{2n}) > 0$  and  $C_\xi(V_{2n+1}) > 0$ .

**Proof** Considering equations (2.3), (2.5) and matrices (3.7), (3.8), the classifications can be obtained quickly.  $\square$

**Remark 3.5** For  $n < 2$ ,  $V_{2n}$  is timelike hyperbolic,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $V_{2n}$  is spacelike hyperbolic and  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $V_{2n+1}$  is spacelike hyperbolic.

**Proposition 3.6** Let  $\{V_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  be Vietoris' hybrid number sequence. Then the followings hold:

- (i)  $V_{2n} + V_{2n+1} = v_{2n} [1 + d(2n) + 2d(2n)\mathbf{i} + d(2n)(1 + d(2n + 2))\epsilon + 2d(2n)d(2n + 2)\mathbf{h}]$ ,
- (ii)  $V_{2n} - V_{2n+1} = v_{2n} [1 - d(2n) + d(2n)(1 - d(2n + 2))\epsilon]$ ,
- (iii)  $V_{2n} + V_{2n-1} = v_{2n} [2 + (d(2n) + 1)\mathbf{i} + 2d(2n)\epsilon + d(2n)(d(2n + 2) + 1)\mathbf{h}]$ ,
- (iv)  $V_{2n} - V_{2n-1} = v_{2n} [(d(2n) - 1)\mathbf{i} + d(2n)(d(2n + 2) - 1)\mathbf{h}]$ ,
- (v)  $V_{2n+1} + V_{2n-1} = v_{2n} [(d(2n) + 1)(1 + \mathbf{i}) + d(2n)(d(2n + 2) + 1)(\epsilon + \mathbf{h})]$ ,
- (vi)  $V_{2n+1} - V_{2n-1} = v_{2n} [(d(2n) - 1)(1 + \mathbf{i}) + d(2n)(d(2n + 2) - 1)(\epsilon + \mathbf{h})]$ ,
- (vii)  $V_{2n} + V_{2n+2} = v_{2n} [(1 + d(2n)) + d(2n)(d(2n + 2) + 1)(\mathbf{i} + \epsilon) + d(2n)d(2n + 2)(d(2n + 4) + 1)\mathbf{h}]$ ,
- (viii)  $V_{2n+2} - V_{2n} = v_{2n} [(d(2n) - 1) + d(2n)(d(2n + 2) - 1)(\mathbf{i} + \epsilon) + d(2n)d(2n + 2)(d(2n + 4) - 1)\mathbf{h}]$ .

**Proof** By considering equations (2.6), (3.2), and (3.3), the proofs are clear.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.7** Let  $\{V_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  be Vietoris' hybrid number sequence. Then, the following properties are given:

- (i)  $V_{2n}V_{2m} - \bar{V}_{2n}\bar{V}_{2m} = 2v_{2n}v_{2m}\mathbf{V}_{R(2n)+R(2m)}$ ,
- (ii)  $V_{2n}V_{2m+1} - \bar{V}_{2n}\bar{V}_{2m+1} = 2d(2m)v_{2n}v_{2m}\mathbf{V}_{R(2n)+S(2m+2)}$ ,
- (iii)  $V_{2n+1}V_{2m} - \bar{V}_{2n+1}\bar{V}_{2m} = 2d(2n)v_{2n}v_{2m}\mathbf{V}_{S(2n+2)+R(2m)}$ ,
- (iv)  $V_{2n+1}V_{2m+1} - \bar{V}_{2n+1}\bar{V}_{2m+1} = 2d(2n)d(2m)v_{2n}v_{2m}\mathbf{V}_{S(2n+2)+S(2m+2)}$ .

**Proof** (iii) From equations (3.4), we can write:

$$V_{2n+1}V_{2m} - \bar{V}_{2n+1}\bar{V}_{2m} = v_{2n+2}v_{2m}S(2n + 2)R(2m) - v_{2n+2}v_{2m}\overline{S(2n + 2)R(2m)}.$$

Considering equations (3.5) and (3.6), we obtain:

$$V_{2n+1}V_{2m} - \bar{V}_{2n+1}\bar{V}_{2m} = (1 + d(2m))\mathbf{i} + (d(2n + 2) + d(2m))\epsilon + (d(2n + 2) + d(2m)d(2m + 2))\mathbf{h}.$$

Hence from equation (2.6) and the vector part  $\mathbf{V}_{S(2n+2)+R(2m)}$  of  $S(2n + 2) + R(2m)$ , the proof is obvious.

The other parts are clear using the same manner.  $\square$

Additionally, the expression  $V_{2n}\bar{V}_{2m} - \bar{V}_{2n}V_{2m}$  is calculated as  $2v_{2n}v_{2m}\mathbf{V}_{R(2n)-R(2m)}$ . One can see that the only difference between this identity and part (i) of Proposition 3.7 is the sign in vector part. Hence the identities  $V_{2n}\bar{V}_{2m+1} - \bar{V}_{2n}V_{2m+1}$ ,  $V_{2n+1}\bar{V}_{2m} - \bar{V}_{2n+1}V_{2m}$  and  $V_{2n+1}\bar{V}_{2m+1} - \bar{V}_{2n+1}V_{2m+1}$  can be calculated easily by the same manner considering parts (ii)-(iv) of Proposition 3.7.

**3.1. The recurrence relations**

In this subsection, the concept of the recurrence relations of Vietoris' number sequence are extended to Vietoris' hybrid number sequence.

**Theorem 3.8** *Let  $\{V_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  be Vietoris' hybrid number sequence. Then,*

$$V_{2n+2} = V_{2n+1}\eta_r(2n+2) = \eta_l(2n+2)V_{2n+1}, \tag{3.9}$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \eta_r(2n+2) = \frac{\eta_0 + \eta_1\mathbf{i} + \eta_2\epsilon + \eta_3\mathbf{h}}{2 - d(2n+2)(2 + d(2n+2))}, \\ \eta_l(2n+2) = \frac{\eta_0 + \eta_4\mathbf{i} - \eta_2\epsilon + \eta_5\mathbf{h}}{2 - d(2n+2)(2 + d(2n+2))} \end{cases}$$

with

$$\begin{cases} \eta_0 = 1 - d^2(2n+2)(1 + d(2n+4)), \\ \eta_1 = -1 + d(2n+2)(1 + d(2n+2) - d(2n+4)), \\ \eta_2 = d(2n+2)d(2n+4)(d(2n+2) - 1), \\ \eta_3 = d(2n+2)(-d(2n+2) + d(2n+4)), \\ \eta_4 = -1 + d(2n+2)(1 - d(2n+2) + d(2n+4)), \\ \eta_5 = d(2n+2)(-2 + d(2n+2) + d(2n+4)). \end{cases} \tag{3.10}$$

**Proof** Using equations (3.4), we can write:

$$V_{2n+2} = v_{2n+2}S(2n+2) \frac{\overline{S(2n+2)}R(2n+2)}{S(2n+2)\overline{S(2n+2)}}.$$

Considering Table 1, we compute  $\overline{S(2n+2)}R(2n+2)$  as  $\eta_0 + \eta_1\mathbf{i} + \eta_2\epsilon + \eta_3\mathbf{h}$  (see equations (3.10)). Also computation of  $S(2n+2)\overline{S(2n+2)}$  gives  $2 - d(2n+2)(2 + d(2n+2))$ . Hence we obtain:

$$V_{2n+2} = V_{2n+1} \frac{\eta_0 + \eta_1\mathbf{i} + \eta_2\epsilon + \eta_3\mathbf{h}}{2 - d(2n+2)(2 + d(2n+2))} = V_{2n+1}\eta_r(2n+2).$$

Again using equations (3.4), we now turn to the another case:

$$V_{2n+2} = v_{2n+2}R(2n+2) = \frac{R(2n+2)\overline{S(2n+2)}}{S(2n+2)\overline{S(2n+2)}}S(2n+2)v_{2n+2}.$$

On account of equation Table 1, the computation of  $R(2n+2)\overline{S(2n+2)}$  gives  $\eta_0 + \eta_4\mathbf{i} - \eta_2\epsilon + \eta_5\mathbf{h}$  (see equations (3.10)), and so

$$V_{2n+2} = \frac{\eta_0 + \eta_4\mathbf{i} - \eta_2\epsilon + \eta_5\mathbf{h}}{2 - d(2n+2)(2 + d(2n+2))}V_{2n+1} = \eta_l(2n+2)V_{2n+1}.$$

This completes the proof. □

**Theorem 3.9** *Let  $\{V_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  be Vietoris' hybrid number sequence. Then,*

$$V_{2n+1} = V_{2n}\zeta_r(2n) = \zeta_l(2n)V_{2n}, \tag{3.11}$$



where

$$\begin{cases} \zeta_r(2n) &= d(2n) \frac{\zeta_0 + \zeta_1 \mathbf{i} + \zeta_2 \boldsymbol{\epsilon} + \zeta_3 \mathbf{h}}{1 - d^2(2n)(1 + d^2(2n + 2))}, \\ \zeta_l(2n) &= d(2n) \frac{\zeta_0 + \zeta_1 \mathbf{i} + \zeta_4 \boldsymbol{\epsilon} + \zeta_5 \mathbf{h}}{1 - d^2(2n)(1 + d^2(2n + 2))} \end{cases}$$

with

$$\begin{cases} \zeta_0 &= 1 - d(2n)d(2n + 2)(1 + d(2n + 2)), \\ \zeta_1 &= 1 - d(2n), \\ \zeta_2 &= -d(2n) + d(2n + 2)(1 + d(2n) - d(2n)d(2n + 2)), \\ \zeta_3 &= -d(2n) + d(2n + 2), \\ \zeta_4 &= -d(2n) + d(2n + 2)(1 - d(2n) + d(2n)d(2n + 2)), \\ \zeta_5 &= d(2n)(1 - 2d(2n + 2)) + d(2n + 2). \end{cases} \tag{3.12}$$

**Proof** Using equations (3.4), we obtain:

$$V_{2n+1} = d(2n)v_{2n}S(2n + 2) = v_{2n}R(2n)d(2n) \frac{\overline{R(2n)}S(2n + 2)}{R(2n)\overline{R(2n)}}.$$

According to Table 1, we see that  $\overline{R(2n)}S(2n + 2) = \zeta_0 + \zeta_1 \mathbf{i} + \zeta_2 \boldsymbol{\epsilon} + \zeta_3 \mathbf{h}$  (see equations (3.12)) and  $R(2n)\overline{R(2n)} = 1 - d^2(2n)(1 + d^2(2n + 2))$ . We thus get  $V_{2n+1} = V_{2n}\zeta_r(2n)$ . Similarly, considering Table 1, equations (3.4) and (3.12), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{2n+1} &= d(2n)v_{2n}S(2n + 2) \\ &= d(2n) \frac{S(2n + 2)\overline{R(2n)}}{R(2n)\overline{R(2n)}} R(2n)v_{2n} \\ &= d(2n) \frac{\zeta_0 + \zeta_1 \mathbf{i} + \zeta_4 \boldsymbol{\epsilon} + \zeta_5 \mathbf{h}}{1 - d^2(2n)(1 + d^2(2n + 2))} V_{2n} \\ &= \zeta_l(2n)V_{2n}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 3.10** Let  $\{V_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  be Vietoris' hybrid number sequence. Then,

$$V_{2n+2} = V_{2n}\mu_r(2n) = \mu_l(2n)V_{2n},$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \mu_r(2n) &= d(2n) \frac{\mu_0 + \mu_1 \mathbf{i} + \mu_2 \boldsymbol{\epsilon} + \mu_3 \mathbf{h}}{1 - d^2(2n)(1 + d^2(2n + 2))}, \\ \mu_l(2n) &= d(2n) \frac{\mu_0 + \mu_4 \mathbf{i} + \mu_2 \boldsymbol{\epsilon} + \mu_3 \mathbf{h}}{1 - d^2(2n)(1 + d^2(2n + 2))} \end{cases}$$

with

$$\begin{cases} \mu_0 &= 1 - d(2n)d(2n + 2)(1 + d(2n + 2)d(2n + 4)), \\ \mu_1 &= d(2n)(-1 + d^2(2n + 2) - d(2n + 2)d(2n + 4)) + d(2n + 2), \\ \mu_2 &= -d(2n) + d(2n + 2), \\ \mu_3 &= d(2n + 2)(-d(2n) + d(2n + 4)), \\ \mu_4 &= d(2n)(-1 - d^2(2n + 2) + d(2n + 2)d(2n + 4)) + d(2n + 2). \end{cases} \tag{3.13}$$

**Proof** From equations (3.4), we have:

$$V_{2n+2} = d(2n)v_{2n}R(2n+2) = v_{2n}R(2n)d(2n)\frac{\overline{R(2n)}R(2n+2)}{R(2n)\overline{R(2n)}}.$$

Applying Table 1, we can assert that  $\overline{R(2n)}R(2n+2) = \mu_0 + \mu_1\mathbf{i} + \mu_2\epsilon + \mu_3\mathbf{h}$  (see equations (3.13)), and  $R(2n)\overline{R(2n)} = 1 - d^2(2n)(1 + d^2(2n+2))$ . This gives  $V_{2n+2} = V_{2n}\mu_r(2n)$ . Moreover, we have:

$$V_{2n+2} = d(2n)v_{2n}R(2n+2) = d(2n)\frac{R(2n+2)\overline{R(2n)}}{R(2n)\overline{R(2n)}}R(2n)v_{2n}.$$

From this we conclude that

$$V_{2n+2} = d(2n)\frac{\mu_0 + \mu_1\mathbf{i} + \mu_2\epsilon + \mu_3\mathbf{h}}{1 - d^2(2n)(1 + d^2(2n+2))}V_{2n} = \mu_l(2n)V_{2n},$$

where  $R(2n+2)\overline{R(2n)} = \mu_0 + \mu_4\mathbf{i} + \mu_2\epsilon + \mu_3\mathbf{h}$ . □

**Theorem 3.11** Let  $\{V_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  be Victoris' hybrid number sequence. Then,

$$V_{2n+1} = V_{2n-1}\delta_r(2n) = \delta_l(2n)V_{2n-1},$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \delta_r(2n) &= d(2n)\frac{\delta_0 + \delta_1(\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{h})}{2 - d(2n)(2 + d(2n))}, \\ \delta_l(2n) &= d(2n)\frac{\delta_0 - \delta_1(\mathbf{i} + 2\epsilon)}{2 - d(2n)(2 + d(2n))} \end{cases}$$

with

$$\begin{cases} \delta_0 &= 2 - d(2n)(1 + d(2n+2)) - d(2n+2), \\ \delta_1 &= d(2n) - d(2n+2). \end{cases} \tag{3.14}$$

Considering the functions  $\eta_r, \zeta_r, \mu_r$  and  $\delta_r$  in Theorem 3.8-Theorem 3.11, the following theorem can be given.

**Theorem 3.12** Let  $\{V_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  be Victoris' hybrid number sequence. Then, the three term recurrence relations are given by:

(i)  $V_{s+1} = V_s F_1(s) + V_{s-1} F_0(s-1)$ , where

$$F_1(s) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}\zeta_r(s), & s = 2n \\ \frac{1}{2}\eta_r(s+1), & s = 2n+1 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad F_0(s-1) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}\delta_r(s), & s = 2n \\ \frac{1}{2}\mu_r(s-1) & s = 2n+1. \end{cases}$$

(ii)  $V_{s+2} = V_s G_1(s) + V_{s-2} G_0(s-2)$ , where

$$G_1(s) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}\mu_r(s), & s = 2n \\ \frac{1}{2}\delta_r(s+1), & s = 2n+1 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad G_0(s-2) = \begin{cases} \mu_r(s-2)G_1(s), & s = 2n \\ \delta_r(s-1)G_1(s) & s = 2n+1. \end{cases}$$

**Proof** (i) The proof is a simple calculation by using Theorem 3.8-Theorem 3.11, and a relation  $V_{s+1} = \frac{1}{2}V_{s+1} + \frac{1}{2}V_{s+1}$ .

(ii) Let us consider the case  $s = 2n + 1$ . From equations (3.4), we obtain  $V_{2n+3} = v_{2n+4}S(2n + 4)$ . From equation (2.10), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{2n+3} &= \left(\frac{1}{2}d(2n + 2)v_{2n+2} + \frac{1}{2}d(2n + 2)d(2n)v_{2n}\right) S(2n + 4) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}V_{2n+1}d(2n + 2)\frac{\overline{S}(2n+2)}{S(2n+2)\overline{S}(2n+2)}S(2n + 4) + \frac{1}{2}V_{2n-1}\left[d(2n)\frac{\overline{S}(2n)}{S(2n)\overline{S}(2n)}S(2n + 2)\right] \\ &\quad \left[d(2n + 2)\frac{\overline{S}(2n+2)}{S(2n+2)\overline{S}(2n+2)}S(2n + 4)\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}V_{2n+1}\delta_R(2n + 2) + \frac{1}{2}V_{2n-1}\delta_R(2n)\delta_R(2n + 2) \\ &= V_{2n+1}G_1(2n + 1) + V_{2n-1}G_0(2n - 1). \end{aligned}$$

The case  $s = 2n$  can also be proved by the same manner. □

**Theorem 3.13** Consider even values of  $p$  and  $R(p)\overline{R}(p) \neq 0$ . A Catalan-like identity for  $\{V_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  is given by:

$$V_s^2 - V_{s-p}V_{s+p} = V_p^2\mathcal{T}(s, p), \quad s > p,$$

where

$$\mathcal{T}(s, p) = \left[ \frac{\overline{R}(p)}{R(p)\overline{R}(p)} \prod_{l=1}^{\lfloor \frac{s+1-p}{2} \rfloor} d\left(2\left\lfloor \frac{s+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 2l\right) \right]^2 \mathcal{K}(s, p)$$

with

$$\mathcal{K}(s, p) = \begin{cases} R^2(s) - \mathcal{X}(s, p)R(s-p)R(s+p), & s = 2n, \\ S^2(s+1) - \mathcal{X}(s, p)S(s+1-p)S(s+1+p), & s = 2n + 1, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\mathcal{X}(s, p) = \begin{cases} \prod_{l=1}^{\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \rfloor} \frac{d(s+p-2l)}{d(s-p+2l-2)}, & s + p \text{ even} \\ \prod_{l=1}^{\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \rfloor} \frac{d(s+1+p-2l)}{d(s-1-p+2l)}, & s + p \text{ odd.} \end{cases} \tag{3.15}$$

**Proof** Let us consider  $p = 2k$  and conduct the proof by taking  $s = 2n$  and  $s = 2n + 1$ , respectively.

• For  $s = 2n$ , from equations (2.7) and (3.4), we obtain:

$$V_{2n+2k} = v_{2n+2k}R(2n + 2k) = \prod_{l=1}^k d(2n + 2k - 2l)v_{2n}R(2n + 2k), \quad n > k, \tag{3.16}$$

and

$$V_{2n-2k} = v_{2n-2k}R(2n - 2k) = \prod_{l=1}^k \frac{1}{d(2n-2k+2l-2)}v_{2n}R(2n - 2k), \quad n > k. \tag{3.17}$$

From equations (3.4), (3.16), and (3.17), we get:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{2n}^2 - V_{2n-2k}V_{2n+2k} &= v_{2n}^2 R^2(2n) - v_{2n-2k}v_{2n+2k}R(2n-2k)R(2n+2k) \\ &= v_{2k}^2 \prod_{l=1}^{n-k} d^2(2n-2l) (R^2(2n) - \mathcal{X}(2n, 2k)R(2n-2k)R(2n+2k)) \\ &= v_{2k}^2 \prod_{l=1}^{n-k} d^2(2n-2l)\mathcal{K}(2n, 2k) \\ &= V_{2k}^2 \mathcal{T}(2n, 2k). \end{aligned}$$

- For  $s = 2n + 1$ , by using equations (2.7) and (3.4), we find:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{2n-2k+1} &= v_{2n-2k+2}S(2n-2k+2) \\ &= \prod_{l=1}^k \frac{1}{d(2n-2k+2l)} v_{2n+2}S(2n-2k+2), \quad n > k, \end{aligned} \tag{3.18}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} V_{2n+2k+1} &= v_{2n+2k+2}S(2n+2k+2) \\ &= \prod_{l=1}^k d(2n+2k+2-2l)v_{2n+2}S(2n+2k+2), \quad n > k. \end{aligned} \tag{3.19}$$

By utilizing equations (3.4), (3.18), and (3.19), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{2n+1}^2 - V_{2n-2k+1}V_{2n+2k+1} &= v_{2n+2}^2 S^2(2n+2) - v_{2n-2k+2}v_{2n+2k+2}S(2n-2k+2)S(2n+2k+2) \\ &= v_{2k}^2 \prod_{l=1}^{n-k} d^2(2n-2l)d^2(2n) (S^2(2n+2) - \mathcal{X}(2n+1, 2k)S(2n-2k+2)S(2n+2k+2)) \\ &= v_{2k}^2 \prod_{l=1}^{n-k} d^2(2n-2l)d^2(2n)\mathcal{K}(2n+1, 2k) = V_{2k}^2 \mathcal{T}(2n+1, 2k). \end{aligned}$$

The proof is completed. □

**Theorem 3.14** Consider odd values of  $p$  and  $S(p+1)\bar{S}(p+1) \neq 0$ . A Catalan-like identity for Vietoris' hybrid number sequence  $\{V_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  is given by:

$$V_s^2 - V_{s-p}V_{s+p} = V_p^2 \mathcal{T}^*(s, p), \quad s > p,$$

where

$$\mathcal{T}^*(s, p) = \left( \frac{\bar{S}(p+1)}{S(p+1)\bar{S}(p+1)} \prod_{l=1}^{\lfloor \frac{s-1-p}{2} \rfloor} d \left( 2 \lfloor \frac{s}{2} \rfloor - 2l \right) \right)^2 \mathcal{K}^*(s, p) \tag{3.20}$$

with

$$\mathcal{K}^*(s, p) = \begin{cases} R^2(s) - \mathcal{X}(s, p)d(s)S(s+1-p)S(s+1+p), & s = 2n, \\ d^2(s-1)S^2(s+1) - \mathcal{X}(s, p)d(s-1)R(s-p)R(s+p), & s = 2n+1. \end{cases} \tag{3.21}$$

Here  $\mathcal{X}(s, p)$  is the function defined in equation (3.15).

**Proof** Let us consider  $p = 2k + 1$  and conduct the proof by taking  $s = 2n$  and  $s = 2n + 1$ , respectively. From equations (2.7) and (3.4), we have the followings

- For  $s = 2n$ :

$$V_{2n-2k-1} = v_{2n-2k}S(2n - 2k) = \prod_{l=1}^k \frac{1}{d(2n-2k+2l-2)} v_{2n}S(2n - 2k), \quad n > k. \tag{3.22}$$

- For  $s = 2n + 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} V_{2n+2k+2} &= v_{2n+2k+2}R(2n + 2k + 2) \\ &= \prod_{l=1}^k d(2n + 2k + 2 - 2l)v_{2n+2}R(2n - 2k + 2), \quad n > k. \end{aligned} \tag{3.23}$$

With reference to equations (3.4), (3.20), and (3.21), substituting equations (3.19), (3.22), (3.23), and (3.17) into  $V_s^2 - V_{s-p}V_{s+p} = V_p^2\mathcal{T}^*(s, p)$  in order, completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.15** A generating function for  $\{V_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  is:

$$\mathcal{G}(x) = \frac{1}{x^3} (g(x)(x^3 + x^2\mathbf{i} + x\boldsymbol{\epsilon} + \mathbf{h}) - \mathbf{g}(x)), \quad 0 < |x| < 1,$$

where  $\mathbf{g}(x) = \frac{1}{2} (2x^2\mathbf{i} + (2x + x^2)\boldsymbol{\epsilon} + (2 + x + x^2)\mathbf{h})$ .

**Proof** Assume that  $\mathcal{G}(x) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} V_s x^s$  is generating function of  $\{V_s\}_{s \geq 0}$ . Multiplying with  $x^3$  and considering equation (2.11), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} x^3\mathcal{G}(x) &= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} V_s x^{s+3} \\ &= x^3 \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} v_s x^s + x^2 \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} v_{s+1} x^{s+1} \mathbf{i} + x \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} v_{s+2} x^{s+2} \boldsymbol{\epsilon} + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} v_{s+3} x^{s+3} \mathbf{h} \\ &= g(x) (x^3 + x^2\mathbf{i} + x\boldsymbol{\epsilon} + \mathbf{h}) - \frac{1}{2} (2x^2\mathbf{i} + (2x + x^2)\boldsymbol{\epsilon} + (2 + x + x^2)\mathbf{h}) \\ &= g(x) (x^3 + x^2\mathbf{i} + x\boldsymbol{\epsilon} + \mathbf{h}) - \mathbf{g}(x). \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

**Theorem 3.16** A Binet-like formula for  $\{V_s\}_{s \geq 0}$  is given by:

$$V_s = \mathcal{P}_1(s)r_1^{2\lfloor \frac{s+1}{2} \rfloor} \left( 2 \left\lfloor \frac{s+1}{2} \right\rfloor \right) + \mathcal{P}_2(s)r_2^{2\lfloor \frac{s+1}{2} \rfloor} \left( 2 \left\lfloor \frac{s+1}{2} \right\rfloor \right),$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_i(s) = \begin{cases} c_i(s)R(s), & s = 2n \\ c_i(s+1)S(s+1), & s = 2n + 1. \end{cases} \quad (i = 1, 2)$

Here,  $r_i(s), c_i(s)$  are the functions defined in equations (2.13) and (2.14).

**Proof** For  $s = 2n + 1$ , applying equations (2.12) and (3.4), we assert:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{2n+1} &= v_{2n+2}S_{2n+2} \\ &= (c_1(2n + 2)r_1^{2n+2}(2n + 2) + c_2(2n + 2)r_2^{2n+2}(2n + 2))S(2n + 2) \\ &= c_1(2n + 2)S(2n + 2)r_1^{2n+2}(2n + 2) + c_2(2n + 2)S(2n + 2)r_2^{2n+2}(2n + 2) \\ &= \mathcal{P}_1(2n + 1)r_1^{2n+2}(2n + 2) + \mathcal{P}_2(2n + 1)r_2^{2n+2}(2n + 2). \end{aligned}$$



For  $n = 1$ , considering Theorem 3.12, we get:

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} V_1 & -V_0 \\ F_0(0) & F_1(1) \end{bmatrix} \right) = V_1 F_1(1) + V_0 F_0(0) = V_2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{8}\mathbf{i} + \frac{3}{8}\epsilon + \frac{5}{16}\mathbf{h}.$$

For  $n = 2$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} V_1 & -V_0 & 0 \\ F_0(0) & F_1(1) & -1 \\ 0 & F_0(1) & F_1(2) \end{bmatrix} \right) &= (-1)^{3+3} \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} V_1 & -V_0 \\ F_0(0) & F_1(1) \end{bmatrix} \right) F_1(2) \\ &\quad - (-1)^{3+2} (V_1) F_0(1) \\ &= V_2 F_1(2) + V_1 F_0(1) \\ &= V_3 \\ &= \frac{3}{8} + \frac{3}{8}\mathbf{i} + \frac{5}{16}\epsilon + \frac{5}{16}\mathbf{h}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $n - 1$ , assume that  $\det(K_n) = V_n$ . By applying Laplace expansion and Theorem 3.12 for  $n$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(K_{n+1}) &= (-1)^{2n+2} \det(K_n) F_1(n) - (-1)^{2n+1} \det(K_{n-1}) F_0(n-1) \\ &= V_n F_1(n) + V_{n-1} F_0(n-1) \\ &= V_{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

The other parts can be proved in a similar manner by mathematical induction. □

#### 4. Conclusions

Motivated by properties of Vietoris' sequence and hybrid numbers, this work aims to bring together Vietoris' sequence and hybrid numbers to construct Vietoris' hybrid number sequence. Then some properties of the hybrid numbers with Vietoris' number coefficients are examined. For this approach, it is natural to seek the recurrence relations, the generating function, Binet-like formula, and Catalan-like identities. The results are also extended by the tridiagonal matrix approach for Vietoris' hybrid numbers. We hope the concept of Vietoris' hybrid number sequence will prove fruitful for other number sequences.

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