

Note that  $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\}$  are linear recurrences. Thus, there are integers  $k, l > 0$ , polynomials  $p_1(n), p_2(n), \dots, p_k(n), r_1(n), r_2(n), \dots, r_l(n)$ , and complex numbers  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \dots, \kappa_k, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_l$  such that  $a_n = \sum_{i=1}^k \kappa_i^n p_i(n)$  and  $b_n = \sum_{i=1}^l \lambda_i^n r_i(n)$  for each  $n \geq 0$ . Now we have

$$a_n b_n = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^l (\kappa_i \lambda_j)^n \sigma_{ij}(n),$$

where  $\sigma_{ij}(n) = p_i(n)r_j(n)$  is a polynomial. Thus,  $\{a_n b_n\}$  is a linear recurrence and  $C(q)$  is rational.  $\square$