

# Binomial Transforms of the k-Fibonacci Sequence

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## Abstract

In this paper, we apply the binomial, k-binomial, rising, and falling transforms to the k-Fibonacci sequence. Many formulas relating the so obtained new sequences are presented and proved. Finally, we define and find the inverse transforms of the sequences previously obtained.

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## 1. Introduction

The Fibonacci numbers  $F_n$  are the terms of the sequence  $\{0,1,1,2,3,5,\dots\}$  wherein each term is the sum of the two previous terms, beginning with the values  $F_0=0$ , and  $F_1=1$ . The ratio of two consecutive Fibonacci numbers converges to the Golden Section,  $\tau = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ ,

which appears in modern research [1-5], particularly Physics of the high energy particles [6,7] or theoretical Physics [8-11]. Recently, El Naschi has shown that the exceptional Lie symmetry group  $E12$  together with the compactified Klein modular curve  $SL(2,7)_c$  gives  $|E12| + |SL(2,7)_c| = 685 + 339 = 1024$  [12]. Even the so-called Fibonacci-Pascal triangle has been related with the internal symmetries of super strings and 5-Brane in 11 dimensions [13,14].

Fibonacci numbers have been generalized in many ways [2, 15-22]. Gazale [20], Kappraff [21], and later Stakhov [22], Falcon and Plaza [18,19] independently introduced the Generalized Fibonacci numbers of the order k or simply Fibonacci k-numbers, depending only on one integer parameter k.

On the other hand, given a sequence, many matrix based transforms can be defined. Some of these transforms are the binomial transform, and other similar formulations, like the rising and falling binomial transforms. The focus of

this paper is to apply these transforms to the k-Fibonacci sequence and deduce several relations between the so obtained new sequences.

Given an integer sequence  $A = \{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ , define the binomial transform B of the sequence A to be the sequence  $B(A) = \{b_n\}$ , where  $b_n$  is given by

$$b_n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a_i \quad (1)$$

For any positive integer number k, the k-Fibonacci sequence, say  $\{F_{k,n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is defined recurrently by [18,19]:

$$F_{k,n+1} = k F_{k,n} + F_{k,n-1} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1 \quad (2)$$

with the initial conditions  $F_{k,0} = 0, F_{k,1} = 1$ .

Note that if "k" is a real variable "x" then  $F_{k,n} = F_{x,n}$  and they correspond to the Fibonacci polynomials defined by:

$$F_{n+1}(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0 \\ x, & n = 1 \\ xF_n(x) + F_{n-1}(x), & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

Particular cases of the k-Fibonacci sequences are the classical Fibonacci sequence, for k=1, and the Pell sequence, for k=2.

The first k-Fibonacci sequences indexed in

The On-Line Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences [23], from now on OEIS, are:

- $\{F_{1,n}\} = \{0,1,1,2,3,\dots\} : A000045$
- $\{F_{2,n}\} = \{0,1,2,5,12,\dots\} : A000129$
- $\{F_{3,n}\} = \{0,1,3,10,33,\dots\} : A006190$
- $\{F_{4,n}\} = \{0,1,4,17,72,\dots\} : A001072$
- $\{F_{5,n}\} = \{0,1,5,26,135,\dots\} : A052918$
- $\{F_{6,n}\} = \{0,1,6,37,228,\dots\} : A005668$

**1.1 The Pascal 2-triangle.**

In [19,24], we created and used the Pascal 2-triangle from the k-Fibonacci sequences as an extension of the classical Pascal triangle, also called the Fibonacci-Pascal triangle [15]. See Table 1.

**Table 1**

| n  |   |   |    |    |    | Row sums |
|----|---|---|----|----|----|----------|
| 1  |   | 1 |    |    |    | 1        |
| 2  |   | 1 |    |    |    | 1        |
| 3  |   | 1 | 1  |    |    | 2        |
| 4  |   | 1 | 2  |    |    | 3        |
| 5  |   | 1 | 3  | 1  |    | 5        |
| 6  |   | 1 | 4  | 3  |    | 8        |
| 7  |   | 1 | 5  | 6  | 1  | 13       |
| 8  |   | 1 | 6  | 10 | 4  | 21       |
| 9  | 1 | 7 | 15 | 10 | 1  | 34       |
| 10 | 1 | 8 | 21 | 20 | 25 | 55       |

Among other properties, in this triangle it is verified that, if i indicates the row and j the order of the element  $C_{i,j}$  in this row, then  $C_{i,j} = C_{i-1,j} + C_{i-2,j-1}$

**2. Binomial Transform of the k-Fibonacci Sequences**

**2.1 Definition 1.** We will indicate the binomial transform of the k-Fibonacci sequence  $\{F_{k,n}\}$

as  $B_k = \{b_{k,n}\}$  where:

$$b_{k,n} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} F_{k,i} \tag{3}$$

It is easy to prove that the binomial transform of the classical Fibonacci sequence  $\{F_n\} = \{0,1,1,2,3,5,\dots\}$  is the sequence  $B_1 = \{b_{1,n}\} = \{0,1,3,8,21,55,\dots\}$  indexed as A001906 in OEIS and called bisection of classical Fibonacci sequence. Note that this sequence equals sequence of Fibonacci numbers with even indices,  $\{b_{1,n}\} = \{F_{2n}\}$ .

The only binomial transforms of the k-Fibonacci sequences indexed in OEIS are:

- $B_1 = \{0,1,3,8,21,\dots\} : A001906$
- $B_2 = \{0,1,4,14,48,\dots\} : A007070 \cup \{0\}$
- $B_3 = \{0,1,5,22,95,\dots\} : A116415 \cup \{0\}$
- $B_4 = \{0,1,6,32,168,\dots\} : A084326$

Binomial transform of the k-Fibonacci sequences can be obtained as application of the main theorem of this paper that we will prove in the sequel. But previously, we need to demonstrate the following Lemma.

**2.1 Lemma.** The binomial transform of the k-Fibonacci sequence verifies the relation

$$b_{k,n+1} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (F_{k,i+1} + F_{k,i}) \tag{4}$$

**Proof.** Taking into account the addition property of binomial numbers

$$\binom{n+1}{i} = \binom{n}{i} + \binom{n}{i-1},$$

it is

$$\begin{aligned} b_{k,n+1} &= \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{i} F_{k,i} = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \left[ \binom{n}{i} + \binom{n}{i-1} \right] F_{k,i} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} F_{k,i} + \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} F_{k,i+1} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (F_{k,i+1} + F_{k,i}) \end{aligned}$$

Note that Equation (4) can also be written

$$\text{as } b_{k,n+1} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} F_{k,i+1} + b_{k,n}.$$

Now, we proceed to demonstrate the main

theorem of this paper.

**2.2 Theorem 1: Main Theorem.** Binomial transform of the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence,

$B_k = \{b_{k,n}\}$  verifies the recurrence relation

$$b_{k,n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} (F_{k,i+1} + F_{k,i}) + (F_{k,1} + F_{k,0}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} (k F_{k,i} + F_{k,i} + F_{k,i-1}) + (F_{k,1} + F_{k,0})$$

$$= (k+1) \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} F_{k,i} + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} F_{k,i-1} + F_{k,1}$$

And therefore,

$$b_{k,n+1} = (k+1)b_{k,n} + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} F_{k,i-1} + 1 \tag{6}$$

On the other hand, taking into account that  $\binom{n-1}{n} = 0$ , it is

$$b_{k,n} = (k+1)b_{k,n-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{i} F_{k,i-1} + 1 = k b_{k,n-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{i} F_{k,i} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{i} F_{k,i-1} + 1$$

$$= k b_{k,n-1} + \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \binom{n-1}{i-1} + \binom{n-1}{i} \right] F_{k,i-1} + 1 = k b_{k,n-1} + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} F_{k,i-1} + 1$$

And, hence,

$$1 + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} F_{k,i-1} = b_{k,n} - k b_{k,n-1} \tag{6}$$

Therefore, by substituting this expression in Eq. (6), the looked formula is obtained.

**2.3 Theorem 2: Binet's formula for  $B_k$ .** The general term of the binomial transform of the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence can be calculated by means of the following Binet-type formula

$$b_{k,n} = \frac{r_1^n - r_2^n}{\sqrt{k^2 + 4}} \quad \text{being} \quad r_1 = \frac{k+2 + \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2}$$

$$\text{and } r_2 = \frac{k+2 - \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2}$$

**Proof.** The characteristic polynomial equation of recurrence formula (5) is  $r^2 - (k+2)r + k = 0$ , whose solutions are  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ . So, it is  $b_{k,n} = C_1 r_1^n + C_2 r_2^n$ . Taking into

$$b_{k,n+1} = (k+2)b_{k,n} - k b_{k,n-1} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1 \tag{5}$$

with initial conditions  $b_{k,0} = 0$  and  $b_{k,1} = 1$

**Proof.** With Lemma (1) in mind and formula (1),

account  $b_{k,0} = 0$  and  $b_{k,1} = 1$ , we deduce this formula.

Note that the characteristic roots verify  $r_1 r_2 = k$ , and then, the preceding formula can

also be written as  $b_{k,n} = \frac{r^n - k^n r^{-n}}{r + r^{-1}}$ ,  $r$  being

the positive characteristic root,  $r = \frac{k+2 + \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2} = \sigma + 1$  with  $\sigma = \frac{k + \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2}$

as in Eq. (9).

**2.4 Generating function of the binomial transform of the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence.**

Let us suppose the binomial transform of the  $k$ -Fibonacci numbers are the coefficients of a power series centered at the origin, and consider the corresponding analytic function  $b_k(x)$ . This function is called the generating function of the sequence  $B$ . So,  $b_k(x) = b_{k,0} + b_{k,1}x + b_{k,2}x^2 + \dots$  And then,

$$(k + 2)x b_k(x) = (k + 2)b_{k,0}x + (k + 2)b_{k,1}x^2$$

$$+ (k + 2)b_{k,2}x^3 + \dots$$

$$k x^2 b_k(x) = k b_{k,0}x^2 + k b_{k,1}x^3 + k b_{k,2}x^4 + \dots$$

From where, since  $b_{k,i} = (k + 2)b_{k,i-1} - k b_{k,n-2}, b_{k,0} = 0,$  and  $b_{k,1} = 1,$  we obtain

$$(1 - (k + 2)x + k x^2) b_k(x) = x.$$

And, hence, the generating function for the binomial transform of k-Fibonacci sequence  $\{b_{k,n}\}_{n=0}^\infty$  is

$$b_k(x) = \frac{x}{1 - (k + 2)x + k x^2}.$$

Function  $b_k(x)$  may be also be obtained from the generating function of the k-Fibonacci

sequence,  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1 - kx - x^2}$  [19]. It is

straightforwardly deduced by using the following result proved by Barry and Prodinger, independently [25,26]: If  $f(x)$  is the ordinary generating function of the sequence  $\{a_n\}$ , then the generating function of the transformed

$$\text{binomial sequence is } \frac{1}{1-x} f\left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right).$$

**2.5 Triangle of the binomial transform of the k-Fibonacci sequence.**

Following [27,28], we introduce, for each integer  $k$ , an infinite triangle of numbers  $T_k$ , as follows: The left diagonal of the triangle consists of the elements of the k-Fibonacci sequence and any number off the left diagonal is the sum of the number to its left and the number diagonally above it to the left.

Then, the sequence on the right diagonal is the binomial transform of the k-Fibonacci sequence.

Every antidiagonal sequence  $\{a_{k,n}\}$  of this triangle verify the same relation as the k-Fibonacci initial sequence, that is:  $a_{k,n+1} = k a_{k,n} + a_{k,n-1}.$

For example, Table 2 shows the triangle  $T_3$  for the 3-Fibonacci sequence and its Binomial Transform:

**Table 2**

|   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1 |    |    |    | 0  |    |    |
| 2 |    |    | 1  |    | 1  |    |
| 3 |    | 3  |    | 4  |    | 5  |
| 4 | 10 |    | 13 |    | 17 | 22 |
| 5 | 33 | 43 |    | 56 | 73 | 95 |

Note that the sequence on the right diagonal,  $\{0,1,5,22,95,409,\dots\}$ , is  $B_3 = \{b_{3,n}\}$ , precisely the binomial transform of  $\{F_{3,n}\}.$

Sequences from Table 2 indexed in OEIS are:

$\{1, 4, 13, 43, 142, \dots\} : A003688,$

$\{1, 4, 17, 73, 314, \dots\} : A018902,$

$\{3, 13, 56, 241, 1037, \dots\} : A010903, A010920,$

and  $A095934$

All diagonal sequences verify the relation  $a_{3,n+1} = 5a_{3,n} - 3a_{3,n-1}$  while the antidiagonal sequences hold  $a_{3,n+1} = 3a_{3,n} + a_{3,n-1}.$

The elements  $b_{k,n}$  of the diagonal sequence of order  $i$  verify the relation

$$b_{k,n+2} = (k + 1)b_{k,n+1} + \sum_{i=0}^n b_{k,i} + 1.$$

In a similar way to Spivey and Steil in [26], we now consider three variations of the binomial transform applied to the k-Fibonacci sequences.

**3. The k-binomial transform of the k - Fibonacci sequence.**

**3.1 Definition 2.** The k-binomial transform  $W$  of the sequence  $\{F_{k,n}\}$  is the sequence

$W_k = \{w_{k,n}\},$  where  $w_{k,n}$  is given by

$$w_{k,n} = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^n F_{k,i} & \text{for } k \neq 0 \text{ or } n \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } k = 0 \text{ and } n = 0 \end{cases}$$

The 1-binomial transform  $W_1$  coincides with the binomial transform  $B_1$  and is the unique of these sequences indexed in OEIS with the number A001906.

The first  $k$ -binomial transforms are:

$$W_1 = \{0, 1, 3, 8, 21, \dots\} : A001906$$

$$W_2 = \{0, 2, 16, 112, 768, \dots\} : 2 \cdot A057084$$

$$W_3 = \{0, 3, 45, 594, 7695, \dots\}$$

$$W_4 = \{0, 4, 96, 2048, 43008, \dots\}$$

### 3.2 Triangle of the $k$ -binomial transform.

Create an infinite triangle of numbers so that the left diagonal consists of the  $k$ -Fibonacci numbers and any number off the left diagonal is  $k$  times the sum of the numbers to its left and diagonally above it to the left. Then the right diagonal is the  $k$ -binomial transform  $W_k$  of  $\{F_{k,n}\}$

This triangle, applied in this case to the 3-Fibonacci sequence is given in Table 3:

Table 3

|   |    |     |     |      |      |
|---|----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 1 |    |     |     |      | 0    |
| 2 |    |     |     | 1    | 3    |
| 3 |    |     | 3   | 12   | 45   |
| 4 | 10 |     | 39  | 153  | 594  |
| 5 | 33 | 129 | 504 | 1971 | 7695 |

The right diagonal sequence,  $\{0, 3, 45, 594, 7695, 99387, \dots\}$  is precisely the  $k$ -binomial transform of the 3-Fibonacci sequence, as in Definition 4.

**3.3 Theorem 3.** *The  $k$ -binomial transform of the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence is a recurrence sequence where  $w_{k,n+1} = k(k+2)w_{k,n} - k^3w_{k,n-1}$  for  $n \geq 1$  with initial conditions  $w_{k,0}=0$  and  $w_{k,1} = k$*

*Proof.* From the definition of binomial transform and  $k$ -binomial transform, we obtain  $w_{k,n} = k^n b_{k,n}$ . And combining this equation with Eq. (9), relation (8) is obtained.

Similarly to that for the binomial transform, the generating function for the  $k$ -binomial transform of the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence

$$\text{is } w_k(x) = \frac{kx}{1 - k(k+2)x + k^3x^2}.$$

This formula can also be obtained by considering that if  $f(x)$  is the generating function of sequence  $F_k$ , then the generating function of the  $k$ -Binomial transform is

$$w_k(x) = \frac{1}{1 - kx} f\left(\frac{kx}{1 - kx}\right) [25,27].$$

Binet's formula for the  $k$ -binomial transform of the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence is

$$r_{k,n} = \frac{r_1^n - r_2^n}{r_1 - r_2} \quad \text{being} \quad r_1 = \frac{k+2 + \sqrt{k^2+4}}{2} k$$

and  $r_2 = \frac{k+2 - \sqrt{k^2+4}}{2} k$ . It is verified that

$$r_1 - r_2 = \sqrt{k^2+4} \quad \text{and} \quad r_1 = k(\sigma+1) \quad \text{where } \sigma \text{ is as Eq. (9).}$$

## 4. The Rising $k$ -Binomial Transform of the $k$ -Fibonacci Sequence

**4.1 Definition 3.** *The rising  $k$ -binomial transform  $R$  of the sequence  $\{F_{k,n}\}$  is the sequence  $R_k = \{r_{k,n}\}$ , where  $r_{k,n}$  is given by*

$$r_{k,n} = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} k^i F_{k,i} & \text{if } k \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } k = 0 \end{cases}$$

The first rising  $k$ -Fibonacci sequences indexed in OEIS are

$$R_1 = \{0, 1, 3, 8, 21, \dots\} : A001906$$

$$R_2 = \{0, 2, 12, 70, 408, \dots\} : A001542$$

$$R_3 = \{0, 3, 33, 360, 3927, \dots\} : A075835$$

$$R_4 = \{0, 4, 72, 1292, 23184, \dots\} : A060645$$

### 4.2 Triangle of the Rising $k$ -Binomial transform.

Create a triangle of numbers so that the left diagonal consists of the  $k$ -Fibonacci numbers and any number off the left diagonal is the sum of the number diagonally above it to the left and  $k$  times the number to its left. Then the right diagonal is the rising  $k$ -binomial transform  $R_k$  of  $\{F_{k,n}\}$ .

In this case, we can create the triangle in

such a way that the left diagonal of order  $i$  consists of the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence beginning with the term of order  $(2i - 1)$ .

This triangle, applied to the 3-Fibonacci sequence is shown in Table 4.

Table 4

|   |    |     |  |     |  |      |
|---|----|-----|--|-----|--|------|
| 1 |    | 0   |  |     |  |      |
| 2 |    | 1   |  | 3   |  |      |
| 3 |    | 3   |  | 10  |  | 33   |
| 4 | 10 | 33  |  | 109 |  | 360  |
| 5 | 33 | 109 |  | 360 |  | 1189 |
|   |    |     |  |     |  | 3927 |

The right diagonal sequence of this triangle is  $\{0, 3, 33, 360, 3927, \dots\} = F_{3,2n} : A075835$  and coincides with the Rising 3-Binomial transform of  $F_{3,n}$ . The following diagonal sequence is  $\{1, 10, 109, 1189, 12970, \dots\} = F_{3,2n+1} : A078922$

$$r_{k,n} = \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} k^i F_{k,i} = \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} k^i \frac{\sigma_1^i - \sigma_2^i}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2} = \frac{1}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} (k\sigma_1)^i - \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} (k\sigma_2)^i \right) = \frac{1}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2} \left( (k\sigma_1 + 1)^n - (k\sigma_2 + 1)^n \right) = \frac{\sigma_1^{2n} - \sigma_2^{2n}}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2} = F_{k,2n}$$

since  $k\sigma + 1 = \sigma^2$ .

Eq. (8) and Eq.(9) give the Binet’s formula for the rising  $k$ -binomial transform,  $k$ -binomial transform  $R_k$  of the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence:

$$r_{k,n} = \frac{r^{2n} - r^{-2n}}{r + r^{-1}}, \text{ where } r = \sigma = \frac{k + \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2}.$$

Taking into account the definition of the binomial transform, Eq. (1), the following relation between the terms of the rising  $k$ -binomial transform is obtained:

$$F_{k,2n+2} = k F_{k,2n+1} + F_{k,2n} = k(k F_{k,2n} + F_{k,2n-1}) + F_{k,2n} = (k^2 + 1) F_{k,2n} + F_{k,2n} - F_{k,2n-2} = (k^2 + 2) F_{k,2n} - F_{k,2n-2}$$

From where, by Eq. (10),  $r_{k,n+1} = (k^2 + 2)r_{k,n} - r_{k,n-1}$ .

**4.3 Theorem 4.** The rising  $k$ -binomial transform  $k$ -binomial transform  $R_k$  of the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence  $\{F_{k,n}\}$  is the sequence  $\{F_{k,2n}\}$  which is called bisection of  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence.

*Proof.* We have to prove that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$r_{k,n} = F_{k,2n} \tag{7}$$

Binet’s formula for the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequences is

$$F_{k,n} = \frac{\sigma^n - (-\sigma)^{-n}}{\sigma + \sigma^{-1}} \tag{8}$$

where  $\sigma$  is the positive characteristic root,  $\sigma = \sigma_1 = \frac{k + \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2}$ . This number is also called *metallic ratio* or *metallic mean*, and for  $k = 1$  is precisely the golden ratio [5,29]. Then,

**4.5 Theorem 5.** The rising  $k$ -Fibonacci sequences are recurrence sequences such that

$$r_{k,n+1} = (k^2 + 2)r_{k,n} - r_{k,n-1} \text{ for } n \geq 1, \tag{9}$$

with initial conditions  $r_{k,0} = 0$  and  $r_{k,1} = k$ .

*Proof.* Taking into account  $F_{k,n+1} = k F_{k,n} + F_{k,n-1}$  and formula (7), it is

Solving this recurrence equation, the Binet-type formula for the rising  $k$ -binomial transform of the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequences is obtained:

$$r_{k,n} = \frac{k(\sigma_1^n - \sigma_2^n)}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}$$

with

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{k^2 + 2 + \sqrt{k^4 + 4k^2}}{2} = k\sigma + 1,$$

$$\text{or } r_{k,n} = \frac{\sigma^n - (-\sigma)^{-n}}{\sqrt{k^2 + 4}}.$$

Likewise in Theorem 5, it can be proved that the generating function for the rising  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence is  $r_k(x) =$

$$\frac{kx}{1 - (k^2 + 2)x + x^2}.$$

### 5 The Falling $k$ -Binomial Transform of the $k$ -Fibonacci Sequence

**5.1 Definition 4.** The falling  $k$ -binomial transform  $F$  of the sequence  $\{F_{k,n}\}$  is the sequence  $F_k = \{f_{k,n}\}$ , where  $f_{k,n}$  is given by

$$f_{k,n} = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n-i} F_{k,i} & \text{if } k \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } k = 0 \end{cases}$$

The first falling  $k$ -Fibonacci sequences are:

$$F_1 = \{0, 1, 3, 8, 21, \dots\} : A001906$$

$$F_2 = \{0, 1, 6, 29, 132, 589, \dots\} : A081179$$

$$F_3 = \{0, 1, 9, 64, 423, 2719, \dots\}$$

$$F_4 = \{0, 1, 12, 113, 984, \dots\}$$

**5.2 Theorem 6.** The falling  $k$ -Fibonacci sequences verify

$$f_{k,n+1} = 3k f_{k,n} - (2k^2 - 1) f_{k,n-1} \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

with initial conditions  $f_{k,0} = 0$  and  $f_{k,1} = 1$ .

*Proof.* We first prove that

$$\begin{aligned} f_{k,n+1} &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n+1-i} (F_{k,i+1} + F_{k,i}) = \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n+1-i} F_{k,i+1} + k f_{k,n}. \end{aligned}$$

Now the proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.

Analogously to that in Theorem 5, we can prove that the generating function for the falling  $k$ -Fibonacci sequence is  $f_k(x) = \frac{x}{1 - 3kx + (2k^2 - 1)x^2}$ . Finally, Binet's

formula for the falling  $k$ -Fibonacci sequences is

$$f_{k,n} = \frac{r_1^n - r_2^n}{r_1 - r_2} \text{ where } r_1 \text{ and } r_2 \text{ are the characteristic roots. In fact, } r_1 = \frac{3k + \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2} = \sigma + k, \text{ with } \sigma \text{ as in Eq. (11).}$$

#### 5.3 Triangle of the falling $k$ -binomial transform

Create a triangle of numbers so that the left diagonal consists of the  $k$ -Fibonacci numbers and any number off the left diagonal is the sum of the number to its left and  $k$  times the number diagonally above it to the left. Then the right diagonal is the falling  $k$ -binomial transform  $F_k$  of  $\{F_{k,n}\}$ .

Table 5 shows the triangle for the 3-Fibonacci sequence.

**Table 5**

|   |    |    |     |     |   |     |
|---|----|----|-----|-----|---|-----|
| 1 |    |    |     | 0   |   |     |
| 2 |    |    | 1   |     | 1 |     |
| 3 |    |    | 3   | 6   |   | 9   |
| 4 |    | 10 | 19  | 37  |   | 64  |
| 5 | 33 | 63 | 120 | 231 |   | 423 |

The right diagonal sequence,  $\{0, 1, 9, 64, 423, 2719, \dots\}$  is precisely the sequence  $F_3$ .

Evidently, if  $k=1$ , the falling 1-binomial

transform coincides with the 1-binomial transform. And taking into account all the notes indicated in the preceding sections,

$$B_1 = W_1 = R_1 = F_1 : A001906 \tag{10}$$

Let  $T^m$  denote m successive applications of the transform  $T$ ; i.e.,  $T^m(F_k) = T(T(\dots T(F_k)\dots))$  where  $T$  occurs  $m$  times.

From Eq. (11) we obtained

$$\begin{aligned} B_1^2 &= W_1^2 = R_1^2 = F_1^2 : A093131, \\ B_1^3 &= W_1^3 = R_1^3 = F_1^3 : A099453 \cup \{0\}, \\ B_1^4 &= W_1^4 = R_1^4 = F_1^4 : A081574, \text{ etc.} \end{aligned}$$

In [27, Theorem 2.2], it is proved that  $B^k = F_k$ . There are many relations between

transforms  $B, W, R,$  and  $F$ . In general, for  $k \neq 1$ , the composition of two of these transforms is not commutative. On the other hand, the composition of two of them may be equal to the composition of two other transforms. Next, some of these relations are proved.

**5.4 Theorem 7** *The following relations hold:*

- a)  $RB = FR$
- b)  $RB = BW$
- c)  $FB = BF$

*Proof.* (a) It is enough to prove that  $(rb)_n = (fr)_n$ . From the definitions of  $B$  and  $R$  transforms, the general term of the sequence  $RB$  is

$$\begin{aligned} (rb)_n &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^i \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{i}{j} F_{k,j} = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=j}^n \binom{n}{i} \binom{i}{j} k^i F_{k,j} = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=j}^n \binom{n}{j} \binom{n-j}{i-j} k^i F_{k,j} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} F_{k,j} \sum_{i=j}^n \binom{n-j}{i-j} k^i = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} F_{k,j} \sum_{l=0}^{n-j} \binom{n-j}{l} k^{l+j} = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} k^j (k+1)^{n-j} F_{k,j} \end{aligned}$$

The third equality holds by trinomial revision [30, p.174] and the last one by the binomial theorem.

On the other hand, the general term of the sequence  $FR$  is

$$\begin{aligned} (fr)_n &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n-i} \sum_{j=0}^i \binom{i}{j} k^j F_{k,j} = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^i \binom{n}{i} \binom{i}{j} k^{n+j-i} F_{k,j} = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=j}^n \binom{n}{j} \binom{n-j}{i-j} k^{n+j-i} F_{k,j} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} F_{k,j} k^{n+j} \sum_{i=j}^n \binom{n-j}{i-j} k^{-i} = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} F_{k,j} k^n \sum_{l=0}^{n-j} \binom{n-j}{l} \left(\frac{1}{k}\right)^{l+j} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} k^n \left(\frac{1}{k} + 1\right)^{n-j} F_{k,j} = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} k^j (k+1)^{n-j} F_{k,j} \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* (b) The general term of the sequence  $BW$  is

$$(bw)_n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} \sum_{j=0}^i \binom{i}{j} k^j F_{k,j} = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=j}^n \binom{n}{i} \binom{i}{j} k^j F_{k,j} = (rb)_n$$

*Proof.* (c) Following a similar argument to that for part (a), we have:



$$\begin{aligned}
 (fb)_n &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n-i} \sum_{j=0}^i \binom{i}{j} F_{k,j} = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=j}^n \binom{n}{i} \binom{i}{j} k^{n-i} F_{k,j} = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=j}^n \binom{n}{j} \binom{n-j}{i-j} k^{n-i} F_{k,j} \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} F_{k,j} \sum_{i=j}^n \binom{n-j}{i-j} k^{n-i} = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} F_{k,j} \sum_{l=0}^{n-j} \binom{n-j}{l} k^{n-l-j} = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} F_{k,j} k^{n-j} \left(\frac{1}{k} + 1\right)^{n-j} \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} F_{k,j} (k+1)^{n-j}
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (bf)_n &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} \sum_{j=0}^i \binom{i}{j} k^{i-j} F_{k,j} = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=j}^n \binom{n}{i} \binom{i}{j} k^{i-j} F_{k,j} = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=j}^n \binom{n}{j} \binom{n-j}{i-j} k^{i-j} F_{k,j} \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} F_{k,j} \sum_{i=0}^{n-j} \binom{n-j}{i} k^i = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} F_{k,j} (k+1)^{n-j}
 \end{aligned}$$

and the theorem is proved.

**5.5 Theorem 8.** For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , it is  $FB^m = B^m F$ .

*Proof.* By induction: For  $m=1$  it is the preceding property. Let us suppose the property holds for  $m-1$ :  $FB^{m-1} = B^{m-1} F$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 FB^m &= (FB^{m-1})B = (B^{m-1}F)B = B^{m-1}(FB) \\
 &= B^{m-1}(BF) = B^m F
 \end{aligned}$$

All the binomial transforms of the classical Fibonacci sequence, that is  $k=1$ , are equal.

In Table 6 these transformations are denoted by  $T_k^m$ , where  $T$  is  $B, W, R$  and  $F$ , for  $k=1, 2, 3, 4$  and  $n=1, 2, 3$ .

**Table 6**

| Tr.   | Power                         |                             |                             |
|-------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|       | 1                             | 2                           | 3                           |
| $T_1$ | A001906                       | A093131                     | A099453                     |
| $B_2$ | A007070 $\cup$ {0}            | A080179                     | {0, 1, 8, 50, 276, ...}     |
| $W_2$ | {0, 2, 16, 112, 768, ...}     | {0, 4, 64, 896, 12288, ...} | {0, 8, 256, 7168, ...}      |
| $R_2$ | A001542                       | {0, 4, 56, 716, 9072, ...}  | {0, 8, 240, 6424, ...}      |
| $F_2$ | A081179                       | A091182                     | A081184                     |
| $B_3$ | A116415 $\cup$ {0}            | A083327                     | {0, 1, 9, 64, 423, ...}     |
| $W_3$ | {0, 3, 45, 594, 7695, ...}    | {0, 27, 3645, 433026, ...}  | {0, 8, 256, 7168, ...}      |
| $R_3$ | {0, 3, 33, 360, 3927, ...}    | A075835                     | {0, 27, 2889, 295812, ...}  |
| $F_3$ | {0, 1, 9, 64, 423, 2719, ...} | {0, 1, 15, 172, 1785, ...}  | {0, 1, 141, 5058, ...}      |
| $B_4$ | A084326 $\cup$ {0}            | A091870                     | A093145                     |
| $W_4$ | {0, 4, 96, 2048, 43008, ...}  | {0, 16, 1536, 131072, ...}  | {0, 64, 24576, 838860, ...} |
| $R_4$ | A060645                       |                             |                             |
| $F_4$ | {0, 1, 12, 113, 984, ...}     |                             |                             |

### 6 The Inverse Binomial Transform

There are also some nice relationships between the binomial transform and the inverse binomial transform which is defined as follows.

**6.1 Definition 5.** Given a sequence  $A = \{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ , the inverse binomial transform of  $A$  is defined [26,27,31,32] to be a sequence  $B^{-1}(A) = \{c_n\}$ , where  $c_n$  is given by

$$c_n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^{n-i} a_i \tag{11}$$

It is easy to see that  $B^{-1}(B(A)) = B(B^{-1}(A)) = A$ . Spivey and Steil show [27, Theorem 3.2] that, if  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  $B^k(A) = F(A, k)$ . In other words,  $k$  successive applications of the binomial transform (or the inverse binomial transform, if  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^-$ ) is equivalent to the falling  $k$ -binomial transform. In the same paper, it is proved that  $W(A, k) = F(R(A, k), k-1)$ , that is, the  $k$ -binomial transform is equivalent to the composition of the falling  $(k-1)$ -binomial transform with the rising  $k$ -binomial transform.

In particular, the inverse of the preceding transforms are:

$$F_{k,n} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^{n-i} b_{k,i},$$

$$F_{k,n} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^{n-i} k^{-i} w_{k,i},$$

$$F_{k,n} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^{n-i} k^{-n} r_{k,i},$$

$$F_{k,n} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^{n-i} k^{n-i} f_{k,i}$$

#### 6.2 Matrix form of the binomial transforms.

Let us consider the sequences of  $k$ -Fibonacci numbers in matrix form as  $S = (F_{k,0}, F_{k,1}, F_{k,2}, \dots)^T$ , the diagonal matrix  $K = \text{diag}(k^0, k^1, k^2, \dots)^T$ , and the Pascal

$$\text{matrix } P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & \dots \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

Finally, let us consider the infinite matrices of binomial transforms of  $k$ -Fibonacci sequences,

$$B = (b_{k,0}, b_{k,1}, b_{k,2}, \dots)^T,$$

$$W = (w_{k,0}, w_{k,1}, w_{k,2}, \dots)^T,$$

$$R = (r_{k,0}, r_{k,1}, r_{k,2}, \dots)^T,$$

and

$$F = (f_{k,0}, f_{k,1}, f_{k,2}, \dots)^T,$$

respectively for the binomial,  $k$ -binomial, rising and falling transforms.

The following relations hold:

Binomial Transform:  $B = P \cdot S$   
 $k$ -Binomial Transform:  $W = K \cdot P \cdot S$   
 Rising Binomial Transform:  $R = P \cdot K \cdot S$   
 Falling Binomial Transform:  $F = K \cdot P \cdot K^{-1} \cdot S$

Both matrices  $P$  and  $K$  are invertible: the inverse of  $P$  is matrix  $P^{-1}$  of entries  $(-1)^{i-j} \binom{i}{j}$  and the inverse of  $K$  is the diagonal matrix  $K^{-1} = \text{diag}(k^0, k^{-1}, k^{-2}, \dots)$ . Then, we can obtain the expressions for the matrix of the  $k$ -Fibonacci numbers  $S$  in several ways:

$$S = P^{-1} \cdot B = P^{-1} \cdot K^{-1} \cdot W = K^{-1} \cdot$$

$$P^{-1} \cdot R = K \cdot P^{-1} \cdot K^{-1} \cdot F$$

which coincide, evidently, with the respective equations of the preceding sections.

### Conclusions.

In this paper the binomial,  $k$ -binomial, rising, and falling transforms have been applied to the  $k$ -Fibonacci sequences. Many relations between the new sequences so obtained have

been proved. Finally, we have defined and found the inverse transforms of the preceding sequences.

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