

Binomial transforms of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence

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Abstract

This study applies the binomial, k -binomial, rising k -binomial and falling k -binomial transforms to the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence. Also, the Binet formulas and generating functions of the above mentioned four transforms are newly found by the recurrence relations.

1 Introduction

The Fibonacci sequence $(F_n)_{n \geq 0}$ is defined by the recurrence relation

$$F_{n+1} = F_n + F_{n-1} \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

with the initial conditions $F_0 = 0$ and $F_1 = 1$.

Some authors have introduced new approaches to the Fibonacci sequence.

In particular, Falcón and Plaza [4] introduced the k -Fibonacci sequence.

Definition 1.1 ([4]). *For any positive real number k , the k -Fibonacci sequence $(F_{k,n})_{n \geq 0}$ is defined by recurrence relation*

$$F_{k,n+1} = kF_{k,n} + F_{k,n-1} \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

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

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Also, Kwon [6] introduced the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence.

Definition 1.2 ([6]). For any positive real number k , the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence $(M_{k,n})_{n \geq 0}$ is defined by the recurrence relation

$$M_{k,n+1} = kM_{k,n} + M_{k,n-1} \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

with the initial conditions $M_{k,0} = 2$ and $M_{k,1} = 2$.

The first few modified k -Fibonacci-like numbers are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{k,2} &= 2k + 2, \\ M_{k,3} &= 2k^2 + 2k + 2, \\ M_{k,4} &= 2k^3 + 2k^2 + 4k + 2, \\ M_{k,5} &= 2k^4 + 2k^3 + 6k^2 + 4k + 2. \end{aligned}$$

Kwon [6] studied identities between the k -Fibonacci sequence and the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence.

$$M_{k,n} = 2(F_{k,n} + F_{k,n-1}) \quad \text{and} \quad F_{k,n} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} M_{k,n-i} (-1)^i$$

Spivey and Steil [9] introduced various binomial transforms.

- (1) The binomial transform B of the integer sequence $A = \{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots\}$, which is denoted by $B(A) = \{b_n\}$ and defined by

$$b_n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a_i.$$

- (2) The k -binomial transform W of the integer sequence $A = \{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots\}$, which is denoted by $W(A) = \{w_n\}$ and defined by

$$w_n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^n a_i.$$

- (3) The rising k -binomial transform R of the integer sequence $A = \{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots\}$, which is denoted by $B(A) = \{r_n\}$ and defined by

$$r_n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^i a_i.$$

- (4) The falling k -binomial transform F of the integer sequence $A = \{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots\}$, which is denoted by $F(A) = \{f_n\}$ and defined by

$$f_n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n-i} a_i.$$

Other latest research [1, 5, 10] also examined various binomial transforms. Based on those preceding studies, this study applies the four binomial transforms namely, binomial, k -binomial, rising k -binomial and falling k -binomial transforms to the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence. This study also proves their properties.

2 The binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence

The binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence $(M_{k,n})_{n \geq 0}$ is denoted by $B_k = (b_{k,n})_{n \geq 0}$ where

$$b_{k,n} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} M_{k,i}.$$

The first binomial transforms indexed in the On-Line Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences(OEIS) [8] are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} B_1 &= \{2, 4, 10, 26, 68, 178, \dots\} : A052995 - \{0\} \text{ or } A055819 - \{1\} \\ B_2 &= \{2, 4, 12, 40, 136, 464, \dots\} : A056236 \\ B_3 &= \{2, 4, 14, 58, 248, 1066, \dots\} \\ B_4 &= \{2, 4, 16, 80, 416, 2176, \dots\} \\ B_5 &= \{2, 4, 18, 106, 652, 4034, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.1. *The binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence satisfies the relation*

$$b_{k,n+1} - b_{k,n} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} M_{k,i+1}.$$

Proof. Note that $\binom{n}{0} = 1$ and $\binom{n+1}{i} = \binom{n}{i} + \binom{n}{i-1}$.

The difference of the two consecutive binomial transforms is the following:

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

□

Note that $b_{k,n+1} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (M_{k,i} + M_{k,i+1})$.

Theorem 2.2. *The binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence satisfies the recurrence relation*

$$b_{k,n+1} = (k+2)b_{k,n} - kb_{k,n-1} \text{ for } n \geq 1 \quad (2.1)$$

with the initial conditions $b_{k,0} = 2$ and $b_{k,1} = 4$.

Proof. By Lemma 2.1, since $b_{k,n+1} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (M_{k,i} + M_{k,i+1})$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
b_{k,n+1} &= M_{k,0} + M_{k,1} + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} (M_{k,i} + M_{k,i+1}) \\
&= M_{k,0} + M_{k,1} + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} (M_{k,i} + kM_{k,i} + M_{k,i-1}) \\
&= \left[(k+1)M_{k,0} + (k+1) \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} M_{k,i} \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} M_{k,i-1} + M_{k,1} - kM_{k,0} \\
&= (k+1) \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} M_{k,i} + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} M_{k,i-1} + M_{k,1} - kM_{k,0} \\
&= (k+1)b_{k,n} + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} M_{k,i-1} + 2 - 2k.
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, in the case of $\binom{n-1}{n} = 0$, we can obtain the following:

$$b_{k,n} = kb_{k,n-1} + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} M_{k,i-1} + 2 - 2k.$$

Based on the above two identities, this study draws the below formulas.

$$b_{k,n+1} - (k+1)b_{k,n} = b_{k,n} - kb_{k,n-1},$$

and so

$$b_{k,n+1} = (k+2)b_{k,n} - kb_{k,n-1}.$$

□

Taking the above into consideration, this study further suggests that Binet's formula for the binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence is:

Theorem 2.3. *Binet's formula for the binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence is given by*

$$b_{k,n} = 4 \frac{r_1^n - r_2^n}{r_1 - r_2} - 2k \frac{r_1^{n-1} - r_2^{n-1}}{r_1 - r_2},$$

where r_1 and r_2 are the roots of the characteristic equation $x^2 - (k+2)x + k = 0$, and $r_1 > r_2$.

Proof. The characteristic polynomial equation of $b_{k,n+1} = (k+2)b_{k,n} - kb_{k,n-1}$ is $x^2 - (k+2)x + k = 0$, whose solution are r_1 and r_2 with $r_1 > r_2$. The general term of the binomial transform may be expressed in the form, $b_{k,n} = C_1 r_1^n + C_2 r_2^n$ for some coefficients C_1 and C_2 .

$$(1) \quad b_{k,0} = C_1 + C_2 = 2$$

$$(2) \quad b_{k,1} = C_1 r_1 + C_2 r_2 = 4$$

Then

$$C_1 = \frac{4 - 2r_2}{r_1 - r_2} \quad \text{and} \quad C_2 = \frac{2r_1 - 4}{r_1 - r_2}.$$

Therefore,

$$b_{k,n} = \frac{4 - 2r_2}{r_1 - r_2} r_1^n + \frac{2r_1 - 4}{r_1 - r_2} r_2^n = 4 \frac{r_1^n - r_2^n}{r_1 - r_2} - 2k \frac{r_1^{n-1} - r_2^{n-1}}{r_1 - r_2}.$$

□

The binomial transform B_k can be seen as the coefficients of the power series which is called the generating function. Therefore, if $b_k(x)$ is the generating function, then we can write

$$b_k(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} b_{k,i} x^i = b_{k,0} + b_{k,1}x + b_{k,2}x^2 + \cdots .$$

And then,

$$\begin{aligned} (k+2)xb_k(x) &= (k+2)b_{k,0}x + (k+2)b_{k,1}x^2 + (k+2)b_{k,2}x^3 + \cdots , \\ kx^2b_k(x) &= kb_{k,0}x^2 + kb_{k,1}x^3 + kb_{k,2}x^4 + \cdots . \end{aligned}$$

Since $b_{k,n+1} - (k+2)b_{k,n} + kb_{k,n-1} = 0$, $b_{k,0} = 2$ and $b_{k,1} = 4$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} &(1 - (k+2)x + kx^2)b_k(x) \\ &= b_{k,0} + (b_{k,1} - (k+2)b_{k,0})x + (b_{k,2} - (k+2)b_{k,1} + kb_{k,0})x^2 + \cdots \\ &= b_{k,0} + (b_{k,1} - (k+2)b_{k,0})x \\ &= 2 + (4 - (k+2)2)x = 2 - 2kx. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the generating function for the binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence $(b_{k,n})_{n \geq 0}$ is

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

3 The k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence

The k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence $(M_{k,n})_{n \geq 0}$ is denoted by $W_k = (w_{k,n})_{n \geq 0}$ where

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

The first k -binomial transforms are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} W_1 &= \{2, 4, 10, 26, 68, 178, \dots\} : A052995 - \{0\} \text{ or } A055819 - \{1\} \\ W_2 &= \{2, 8, 96, 320, 1088, 3712, \dots\} \\ W_3 &= \{2, 12, 378, 1566, 6696, 28782, \dots\} \\ W_4 &= \{2, 16, 1024, 5120, 26624, \dots\} \\ W_5 &= \{2, 20, 2250, 13250, 81500, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

Note that the 1-binomial transform W_1 coincides with the binomial transform B_1 .

Note that

$$w_{k,n} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^n M_{k,i} = k^n \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} M_{k,i} = k^n b_{k,n},$$

and so

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

from Lemma 2.1

Theorem 3.1. *The k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence $W_k = (w_{k,n})_{n \geq 0}$ satisfies the recurrence relation*

$$w_{k,n+1} = k(k+2)w_{k,n} - k^3 w_{k,n-1} \text{ for } n \geq 1 \quad (3.2)$$

with the initial conditions $w_{k,0} = 2$ and $w_{k,1} = 4k$.

Proof. By Theorem 2.2, we can easily obtain the following:

$$\begin{aligned} w_{k,n+1} &= k^{n+1} b_{k,n+1} \\ &= k^{n+1} [(k+2)b_{k,n} - k b_{k,n-1}] \\ &= k^{n+1} (k+2)b_{k,n} - k^{n+2} b_{k,n-1} \\ &= k(k+2)w_{k,n} - k^3 w_{k,n-1} \end{aligned}$$

□

Similarly, Binet's formula for the k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence is the following:

Theorem 3.2. *Binet's formula for the k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence is given by*

$$w_{k,n} = 4 \frac{s_1^n - s_2^n}{s_1 - s_2} - 2k \frac{s_1^{n-1} - s_2^{n-1}}{s_1 - s_2},$$

where s_1 and s_2 are the roots of the characteristic equation $x^2 - k(k+2)x + k^3 = 0$, and $s_1 > s_2$.

Proof. The proof is same as that of the binomial transform, which is in Theorem 2.3. □

Similarly, the generating function for the k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence is

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

4 The rising k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence

The rising k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence $(M_{k,n})_{n \geq 0}$ is denoted by $R_k = (r_{k,n})_{n \geq 0}$ where

$$r_{k,n} = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^i M_{k,i}, & \text{for } k \neq 0 \text{ or } n \neq 0; \\ 0, & \text{if } k = 0 \text{ and } n = 0. \end{cases}$$

The first rising k -binomial transforms are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 &= \{2, 4, 10, 26, 68, 178, \dots\} : A052995 - \{0\} \text{ or } A055819 - \{1\} \\ R_2 &= \{2, 6, 34, 198, 1154, 6726, \dots\} \\ R_3 &= \{2, 8, 86, 938, 10232, \dots\} \\ R_4 &= \{2, 10, 178, 3194, 57314, \dots\} \\ R_5 &= \{2, 12, 322, 8682, 234092, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 4.1. *For any integer $n \geq 0$ and $k \neq 0$,*

$$r_{k,n} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^i M_{k,i} = M_{k,2n}.$$

Proof. This identity coincides with Theorem 4.10 in [6]. □

Theorem 4.2. *The rising k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence $R_k = (r_{k,n})_{n \geq 0}$ satisfies the recurrence relation*

$$r_{k,n+1} = (k^2 + 2)r_{k,n} - r_{k,n-1} \text{ for } n \geq 1 \tag{4.3}$$

with the initial conditions $r_{k,0} = 2$ and $r_{k,1} = 2k + 2$.

Proof. From the definition of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
M_{k,2n+2} &= kM_{k,2n+1} + M_{k,2n} \\
&= k(kM_{k,2n} + M_{k,2n-1}) + M_{k,2n} \\
&= (k^2 + 1)M_{k,2n} + kM_{k,2n-1} \\
&= (k^2 + 1)M_{k,2n} + M_{k,2n} - M_{k,2n-2} \\
&= (k^2 + 2)M_{k,2n} - M_{k,2n-2}.
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 4.1, since $r_{k,n} = M_{k,2n}$, then we have

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

□

Similarly, Binet's formula for the rising k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence is the following:

Theorem 4.3. *Binet's formula for the rising k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence is given by*

$$r_{k,n} = (2k + 2) \frac{t_1^n - t_2^n}{t_1 - t_2} - 2 \frac{t_1^{n-1} - t_2^{n-1}}{t_1 - t_2},$$

where t_1 and t_2 are the roots of the characteristic equation $x^2 - (k^2 + 2)x + 1 = 0$, and $t_1 > t_2$.

Proof. The proof is same as that of the binomial transform, which is in Theorem 2.3. □

Similarly, the generating function for the rising k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence is

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

5 The falling k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence

The falling k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence $(M_{k,n})_{n \geq 0}$ is denoted by $F_k = (f_{k,n})_{n \geq 0}$ where

$$f_{k,n} = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n-i} M_{k,i}, & \text{for } k \neq 0 \text{ or } n \neq 0; \\ 0, & \text{if } k = 0 \text{ and } n = 0. \end{cases}$$

The first falling k -binomial transforms are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &= \{2, 4, 10, 26, 68, 178, \dots\} : A052995 - \{0\} \text{ or } A055819 - \{1\} \\ F_2 &= \{2, 6, 22, 90, 386, 1686, \dots\} \\ F_3 &= \{2, 8, 38, 206, 1208, 7370, \dots\} \\ F_4 &= \{2, 10, 58, 386, 2834, 22042 \dots\} \\ F_5 &= \{2, 12, 82, 642, 5612, 52722 \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 5.1. *The falling k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence satisfies the relation*

$$f_{k,n+1} - kf_{k,n} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n-i} M_{k,i+1}.$$

Proof. The proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 2.1. And, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f_{k,n+1} - kf_{k,n} &= \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{i} k^{n+1-i} M_{k,i} - \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n+1-i} M_{k,i} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\binom{n+1}{i} - \binom{n}{i} \right] k^{n+1-i} M_{k,i} + M_{k,n+1} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i-1} k^{n+1-i} M_{k,i} + M_{k,n+1} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} k^{n-i} M_{k,i+1} + \binom{n}{n} M_{k,n+1} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n-i} M_{k,i+1}. \end{aligned}$$

□

Note that $f_{k,n+1} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (k^{n+1-i} M_{k,i} + k^{n-i} M_{k,i+1})$.

Theorem 5.2. *The falling k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence $F_k = (f_{k,n})_{n \geq 0}$ satisfies the recurrence relation*

$$f_{k,n+1} = 3kf_{k,n} - (2k^2 - 1)f_{k,n-1} \text{ for } n \geq 1 \quad (5.4)$$

with the initial conditions $f_{k,0} = 2$ and $f_{k,1} = 2k + 2$.

Proof. By Lemma 5.1, since $f_{k,n+1} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (k^{n+1-i} M_{k,i} + k^{n-i} M_{k,i+1})$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{k,n+1} &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n-i} (kM_{k,i} + M_{k,i+1}) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n-i} (2kM_{k,i} + M_{k,i-1}) + k^n (kM_{k,0} + M_{k,1}) \\
&= 2k \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n-i} M_{k,i} + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n-i} M_{k,i-1} + k^n (kM_{k,0} + M_{k,1}) \\
&= 2k \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n-i} M_{k,i} + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n-i} M_{k,i-1} \\
&\quad + k^n (kM_{k,0} + M_{k,1} - 2kM_{k,0}) \\
&= 2kf_{k,n} + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n-i} M_{k,i-1} + k^n (M_{k,1} - kM_{k,0}).
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, in the case of $\binom{n-1}{n} = 0$, we can obtain the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
kf_{k,n} &= 2k^2 f_{k,n-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{i} k^{n-i} M_{k,i-1} + k^n (M_{k,1} - kM_{k,0}) \\
&= 2k^2 f_{k,n-1} - \left[f_{k,n-1} - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{i} k^{n-1-i} M_{k,i} \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \binom{n-1}{i+1} k^{n-1-i} M_{k,i} + k^n (M_{k,1} - kM_{k,0}) \\
&= (2k^2 - 1) f_{k,n-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[\binom{n-1}{i} + \binom{n-1}{i+1} \right] k^{n-1-i} M_{k,i} \\
&\quad + k^n (M_{k,1} - kM_{k,0}) \\
&= (2k^2 - 1) f_{k,n-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i+1} k^{n-1-i} M_{k,i} + k^n (M_{k,1} - kM_{k,0}) \\
&= (2k^2 - 1) f_{k,n-1} + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} k^{n-i} M_{k,i-1} + k^n (M_{k,1} - kM_{k,0}).
\end{aligned}$$

Based on the above two identities, this study draws the below formulas.

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

and so

$$f_{k,n+1} = 3kf_{k,n} - (2k^2 - 1)f_{k,n-1}.$$

□

Similarly, Binet's formula for the falling k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence is the following:

Theorem 5.3. *Binet's formula for the falling k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence is given by*

$$f_{k,n} = (2k + 2) \frac{u_1^n - u_2^n}{u_1 - u_2} - 2 \frac{u_1^{n-1} - u_2^{n-1}}{u_1 - u_2},$$

where u_1 and u_2 are the roots of the characteristic equation $x^2 - 3kx + (2k^2 - 1) = 0$, and $u_1 > u_2$.

Proof. The proof is same as that of the binomial transform, which is in Theorem 2.3. □

Similarly, the generating function for the falling k -binomial transform of the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence is

$$f_k(x) = \frac{2 + (2 - 4k)x}{1 - 3kx + (2k^2 - 1)x^2}.$$

6 Conclusion

This paper applies the four transforms — the binomial, k -binomial, rising k -binomial and falling k -binomial transforms — to the modified k -Fibonacci-like sequence. This study examines new approaches and methods to obtain the recurrence relations (2.1), (3.2), (4.3) and (5.4). This study, furthermore, investigates Binet's formulas and generating functions of the abovementioned transforms.

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