# CATALAN TRANSFORM OF THE $k$-JACOBSTHAL SEQUENCE 

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#### Abstract

In this study, we present Catalan transform of the $k$-Jacobsthal sequence and examine the properties of the sequence. Then we put in for the Hankel transform to the Catalan transform of the $k$-Jacobsthal sequence. Furthermore, we acquire an interesting characteristic related to determinant of Hankel transform of the sequence.


## 1. Introduction

For any integer $n \in Z$, it is called a generalized Fibonacci-type sequence for any recurrence sequence of the following form $G(n+1)=a G(n)+b G(n-1), G(0)=$ $m, G(1)=t$ where $m, t, a$ and $b$ are any complex numbers [3].

The known Jacobsthal numbers have some applications in many branches of mathematics such as group theory, calculus, applied mathematics, linear algebra, etc [9, 10]. Bruhn, et al. [5] introduced that generalized Petersen graph is equal to $k$ th Jacobsthal number

There is an extensive work in the literature concerning Fibonacci-type sequences and their applications in modern science (for more detail, see $[3,6,9,11,12,13,14]$ and the references therein).

There exist generalizations of the Jacobsthal numbers. This paper is an extension of the work of Falcon [14]. Falcon [14] gave an application of the Catalan transform to the $k$-Fibonacci sequences. In this paper, we put in for Catalan transform to the $k$-Jacobsthal sequence and present application of the Hankel transform to the Catalan transform of the $k$-Jacobsthal sequence.

The other section of the paper is prepared as follows. The following, we introduce some fundamental definitions of $k$-Jacobsthal numbers. In section 3, Catalan transform of $k$-Jacobsthal sequence is given. Finally, we give Henkel transform of the new sequence obtained $k$-Jacaobsthal sequence.

## 2. $k$-JACOBSTHAL NUMBER

For any positive number $k$, the $k$-Jacobsthal sequence, say $\left\{J_{k, n}\right\}_{(n \in N)}$ is defined by the recurrence relation

[^0]$$
J_{k, n+1}=J_{k, n}+k J_{k, n-1}, n \geq 1
$$
with initial conditions $J_{k, 0}=0$ and $J_{k, 1}=1$ [2].
The $k$-Jacobsthal numbers is expressed function of the roots of $\sigma_{1}$ and $\sigma_{2}$ of characteristic equation $r^{2}=k r+2$ via the well-known Binet's formula of Jacobsthal numbers. Hence, The $k$-Jacobsthal numbers is given as follow
$$
J_{k, n}=\frac{\sigma_{1}^{n}-\sigma_{2}^{n}}{\sigma_{1}-\sigma_{2}}
$$
where $\sigma_{1}=\frac{k+\sqrt[2]{k^{2}+8}}{2}$ and $\sigma_{2}=\frac{k-\sqrt[2]{k^{2}+8}}{2}$.
Note that, since $k>0$, then $\sigma_{2}<0<\sigma_{1}$ and $\left|\sigma_{1}\right|<\left|\sigma_{1}\right|, \sigma_{1}+\sigma_{2}=k, \sigma_{1} \cdot \sigma_{2}=-2$ and $\sigma_{1}-\sigma_{2}=\sqrt[2]{k^{2}+8}$. Therefore, the general term of the $k$-Jacobsthal sequence may be expressed in the form: $J_{k, n}=c_{1} \sigma_{1}^{n}+c_{2} \sigma_{2}^{n}$ for some coefficients $c_{1}$ and $c_{2}$. If $n=0$ and $n=1$, then it is acquired $c_{1}=\frac{1}{\sigma_{1}-\sigma_{2}}=-c_{2}$, and $J_{k, n}=\frac{\sigma_{1}^{n}-\sigma_{2}^{n}}{\sigma_{1}-\sigma_{2}}$.

## Proposition 2.1.

$$
J_{k, n}=\frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{i=0}^{\left\lfloor\frac{n-1}{2}\right\rfloor}\binom{n}{2 i+1} k^{n-1-2 i}\left(k^{2}+8\right)^{i}
$$

where $\lfloor a\rfloor$ is the floor function of $a$.
Proof. By using the values of $\sigma_{1}$ and $\sigma_{2}$ obtained in equation, we get

$$
\begin{gathered}
J_{k, n}=\frac{\sigma_{1}^{n}-\sigma_{2}^{n}}{\sigma_{1}-\sigma_{2}} \\
=\frac{1}{\sqrt[2]{k^{2}+8}}\left[\left(\frac{k+\sqrt[2]{k^{2}+8}}{2}\right)^{n}-\left(\frac{k-\sqrt[2]{k^{2}+8}}{2}\right)^{n}\right]
\end{gathered}
$$

from where, by developing the $n t h$ powers, it follows:

$$
\begin{gathered}
=\frac{1}{\sqrt[2]{k^{2}+8}}\left\{\frac{k^{n}}{2^{n-1}}\left[\binom{n}{1} \frac{\sqrt[2]{k^{2}+8}}{k}+\binom{n}{2} \frac{\left(\sqrt[2]{k^{2}+8}\right)^{3}}{k^{3}}+\ldots\right]\right\} \\
=\frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{i=0}^{\left\lfloor\frac{n-1}{2}\right\rfloor}\binom{n}{2 i+1} k^{n-1-2 i}\left(k^{2}+8\right)^{i}
\end{gathered}
$$

The limit of the quotient of $J_{k, n}$ and $J_{k, n-1}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ is equal to $\sigma_{1}$. That is $\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{J_{k, n}}{J_{k, n-1}}=\sigma_{1}$.
2.2. The Catalan transformation. The Catalan transform is a sequence trans-
form introduced by Barry [11] The Catalan numbers are defined by

$$
c_{n}=\frac{1}{n+1}\binom{2 n}{n}
$$

in [11]. The latter can be written as

$$
c_{n}=\frac{(2 n)!}{(n+1)!n!}
$$

The first few Catalan numbers are $1,1,2,5,14,42,132,429,1430, \ldots$
Also, one can be obtained the recurrence relation for $C(n)$ from

$$
\frac{c_{n+1}}{c_{n}}=\frac{2(2 n+1)}{n+2}
$$

in [13].
It is given that the ordinary generating function of the Catalan sequence as follow

$$
\begin{aligned}
c(x) & =\frac{1-\sqrt[2]{1-4 x}}{2 x} \\
& =1+x+2 x^{2}+5 x^{3}+14 x^{4}+\ldots
\end{aligned}
$$

Definition 2.3. $\left(a_{n}\right)_{n \geq 0}$ be a sequence with the generating function

$$
A(x)=a_{0}+a_{1} x+a_{2} x^{2}+\ldots
$$

The Catalan transform of the sequence $\left(a_{n}\right)$ is defined to be the sequence whose o.g.f. is $A(x c(x))$.
3. Catalan transform of the $k$-Jacobsthal sequence

Following [11], we define the Catalan transform of the $k$-Jacobsthal sequence $\left\{J_{k, n}\right\}$ as

$$
C J_{k, n}=\sum_{i=0}^{n} \frac{i}{2 n-i}\binom{2 n-i}{n-i} J_{k, i}
$$

for $n \geq 1$ with $C J_{k, 0}=0$.
We can give some of them as follow:

$$
\begin{gathered}
C J_{k, 1}=\sum_{1}^{1} \frac{i}{2-i}\binom{2-i}{1-i} J_{k, i}=1, \\
C J_{k, 2}=\sum_{1}^{2} \frac{i}{4-i}\binom{4-i}{2-i} J_{k, i}=2, \\
C J_{k, 3}=\sum_{1}^{3} \frac{i}{6-i}\binom{6-i}{3-i} J_{k, i}=5+k \\
C J_{k, 4}=14+5 k \\
C J_{k, 5}=42+20 k+k^{2} \\
C J_{k, 6}=132+75 k+8 k^{2} \\
C J_{k, 7}=429+275 k+44 k^{2}+k^{3}
\end{gathered}
$$

It can be written the following equation as the product of matrix $C$ and $n \times 1$ matrix $J_{k}$

$$
\left[\begin{array}{c}
C J_{k, 1} \\
C J_{k, 2} \\
C J_{k, 3} \\
C J_{k, 4} \\
C J_{k, 5} \\
C J_{k, 6} \\
\cdot \\
. \\
\cdot
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cccccc}
1 & & & & & \\
1 & 1 & & & & \\
2 & 2 & 1 & & & \\
5 & 5 & 3 & 1 & & \\
14 & 14 & 9 & 4 & 1 & \\
42 & 42 & 28 & 14 & 5 & 1 \\
\cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\
\cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\
\cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot
\end{array}\right] \cdot\left[\begin{array}{c}
J_{k, 1} \\
J_{k, 2} \\
J_{k, 3} \\
J_{k, 4} \\
J_{k, 5} \\
J_{k, 6} \\
\cdot \\
\cdot \\
\cdot
\end{array}\right]
$$

The entries of the matrix $C$ verify the recurrence relation $C_{i, j}=\sum_{r=j-1}^{i-1} C_{i-1, r}$. The first column equals the second for $i>1$ which are the Catalan numbers.

The lower triangular matrix $C_{n, n-i}$ is called Catalan triangle. Also, for $0 \leq i \leq$ $n$,

$$
C_{n, n-i}=\frac{(2 n-i)!(i+1)}{(n-i)!(n+1)!}
$$

We obtain first few Catalan transform of the $k$-Jaccobsthal sequence as follow:
$C J_{1}=\{0,1,2,6,19,63,215,749, \ldots\}$, indexed in OEIS as A109262.
$C J_{2}=\{0,1,2,7,24,86,314,1163, \ldots\}$,
$C J_{3}=\{0,1,2,8,29,111,429,1677, \ldots\}$,
$C J_{4}=\{0,1,2,9,34,138,560,2297, \ldots\}$,
$C J_{5}=\{0,1,2,10,39,167,707,3029, \ldots\}$.

## 4. Hankel Transform

Let $R=\left\{r_{0}, r_{1}, r_{2}, \ldots\right\}$ be a sequence of real numbers. The Hankel transform of $R$ is the sequence of determinants $H_{n}=\operatorname{Det}\left[r_{i+j-2}\right]$ [10]. That is

$$
H_{n}=\left[\begin{array}{cccccc}
r_{0} & r_{1} & r_{2} & r_{3} & r_{4} & \cdots \\
r_{1} & r_{2} & r_{3} & r_{4} & r_{5} & \cdots \\
r_{2} & r_{3} & r_{4} & r_{5} & r_{6} & \cdots \\
r_{3} & r_{4} & r_{5} & r_{6} & r_{7} & \cdots \\
r_{4} & r_{5} & r_{6} & r_{7} & r_{8} & \cdots \\
\cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots
\end{array}\right]
$$

The Hankel determinant of order $n$ of $R$ is the upper-left $n \times n$ subdeterminant of $H_{n}$ [6].

The sequence $\{1,1,1, \ldots\}$ is the Hankel transform of the Catalan sequence [1]. The Hankel transform of the sum of consecutive generalized Catalan numbers is the bisection of Fibonacci numbers [12].

$$
\begin{gathered}
H C J_{1}=\operatorname{Det}[1]=1 \\
H C J_{2}=\left|\begin{array}{cc}
1 & 2 \\
2 & 5+k
\end{array}\right|=1+k \\
H C J_{3}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 2 & 5+k \\
2 & 5+k & 14+5 k \\
5+k & 14+5 k & 42+20 k+k^{2}
\end{array}\right|=k^{2}+3 k+1 \\
H C J_{4}=\left|\begin{array}{cccc} 
\\
1 & 2 & 5+k & 14+5 k \\
2 & 5+k & 14+5 k & 42+20 k+k^{2} \\
5+k & 14+5 k & 42+20 k+k^{2} & 132+75 k+k^{2} \\
14+5 k & 42+20 k+k^{2} & 132+75 k+k^{2} & 429+275 k+44 k^{2}+k^{3}
\end{array}\right|=k^{3}+5 k^{2}+6 k+1 .
\end{gathered}
$$

We can continue in this form and then we will find that the Hankel transform of the Catalan transform of the k- Jacobsthal sequence $\left\{J_{k, n}\right\}$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& H C J_{1}=J_{1}, \\
& H C J_{2}=J_{3}, \\
& H C J_{3}=J_{5}, \\
& H C J_{4}=J_{7},
\end{aligned}
$$

thus

$$
H C J_{n}=J_{k, 2 n-1}
$$

Conclusion 4.1. In the present paper, we define Catalan $k$-Jacobsthal sequence and give some identites between the $k$-Jacobsthal and Catalan numbers. Also, we present some properties of the Catalan $k$-Jacobsthal sequence. This enables us to give in a straight forward way several formulas for the sums of such sequences. We put in for the Hankel transform to the Catalan transform of the $k$-Jacobsthal sequence and get an unknown property. These identities can be used to develop new identities of polynomials.

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