# Catalan Transform of The $\boldsymbol{k}$-Lucas Numbers 

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#### Abstract

Öz Bu çalışmada, $k$-Lucas dizisinin $L_{k, n}$ Catalan dönüşümünün $C L_{k, n}$ tanımı verildi. $k$-Lucas dizisinin $L_{k, n}$ Catalan dönüşümünün $C L_{k, n}$ geren fonksiyonu elde edildi. Ayrıca, $C L_{k, n}$ dönüşümü, alt üçgen matris olan Catalan matrisi $C$ ile $n \times 1$ tipindeki $L_{k}$ matrisinin çarpımı olarak yazıldı. Hankel fonksiyonu kullanılarak $C L_{k, n}$ ler ile oluşturulan matrislerin determinantları hesaplandı.


Anahtar Kelimeler: $k$-Lucas dizisi, $k$-Fibonacci dizisi, Catalan dönüşümü, Hankel dönüşümü.

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In this study, the $C L_{k, n}$ description of Catalan transformation of $k$-Lucas $L_{k, n}$ sequences was given. The $C L_{k, n}$ generating function of Catalan transformation of $k$-Lucas $L_{k, n}$ sequences was obtained. And also, $C L_{k, n}$ transformation was written as the multiplying of Catalan matris C which is the lower triangular matris, and the $L_{k}$ matris of $n x 1$ type. Determinants of matrices which were formed with $C L_{k, n}$ by using Hankel transform were calculated.


Keywords: $k$-Lucas sequence, $k$-Fibonacci sequence, Catalan Transform, Hankel Transform.

## 1. Introduction

For any integer $n$, it is called a generalized Fibonacci-type sequence any recurrence sequence of the following form $G(n+1)=$ $a G(n)+b G(n-1), \quad G(0)=m, G(1)=$ $t$, where $m, t, a$ and $b$ are any complex numbers. There is an extensive work in the literature concerning Fibonacci-type sequences and their applications in modern
science (see e.g.[ Horadam, 1961; Bruhn, et al., 2015; Anuradha, 2008; Özkan, et al., 2018; Falcon and Plaza, 2007; Özkan and Taştan, 2019] and the references therein) The known Lucas numbers have some applications in many branches of mathematics such as group theory, calculus, applied mathematics, linear algebra, etc [Koshy, 2001; Özkan and Altun, 2019;

[^0]Özkan, et al., 2017; Özkan, 2014; Taştan and Özkan, 2020; Özkan, et al., 2019; Özkan and Taştan, 2019].

There exist generalizations of the Lucas numbers. This paper is an extension of the work of Falcon [Falcon, 2013]. Falcon [Falcon, 2013] gave an application of the Catalan transform to the $k$-Fibonacci sequences. In this paper, we put in for Catalan transform to the $k$-Lucas sequence and present application of the Hankel transform to the Catalan transform of the $k$-Lucas sequence.

The other section of the paper is prepared as follows. The following, we introduce some fundamental definitions of $k$-Lucas numbers. In section 3, Catalan transform of $k$-Lucas sequence is given. In section 4, generating function of Catalan transformation of $k$-Lucas sequence is obtained. Finally, we give Henkel transform of the new sequence and its determinant.

## 2. $\boldsymbol{k}$-Lucas numbers

Let $k$ be any positive real number. Then the $k$-Lucas sequence is defined recurrently by

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

where $L_{k, 0}=2$ and $L_{k, 1}=k$. We will show the sequence with such that $\left\{L_{k . n}\right\}_{n \in N}$ from now on.

When $k=1$, the known Lucas sequence is optained.

Characteristic equation of the sequence is

$$
r^{2}-k . r-1=0 .
$$

Its characteristic roots are

$$
r_{1}=\frac{k+\sqrt{k^{2}+4}}{2}
$$

and

$$
r_{2}=\frac{k-\sqrt{k^{2}+4}}{2} .
$$

Characteristic roots verify the properties

$$
\begin{gathered}
r_{1}-r_{2}=\sqrt{k^{2}+4}=\sqrt{\Delta}=\delta \\
r_{1}+r_{2}=k \\
r_{1} \cdot r_{2}=-1
\end{gathered}
$$

Binet's formula for $L_{k, n}$ is

$$
L_{k, n}=r_{1}^{n}+r_{2}^{n} .
$$

$k$-Lucas sequence as numbered;

$$
L_{k, n+1}=k L_{k, n}+L_{k, n-1}
$$

$L_{k, 0}=2$,
$L_{k, 1}=k$,
$L_{k, 2}=k L_{k, 1}+L_{k, 0}=k^{2}+2$,
$L_{k, 3}=k L_{k, 2}+L_{k, 1}=k\left(k^{2}+2\right)+1=$ $k^{3}+3 k$,
$L_{k, 4}=k L_{k, 3}+L_{k, 2}=k\left(k^{3}+3 k\right)+k^{2}+2$,
$L_{k, 4}=k^{4}+4 k^{2}+2$,
$L_{k, 5}=k L_{k, 4}+L_{k, 3}=k\left(k^{4}+4 k^{2}+2\right)+$ $k^{3}+3 k$,
$L_{k, 5}=k^{5}+5 k^{3}+5 k$,
$L_{k, 6}=k L_{k, 5}+L_{k, 4}=k\left(k^{5}+5 k^{3}+5 k\right)+$ $k^{4}+4 k^{2}+2$,
$L_{k, 6}=k^{6}+6 k^{4}+9 k^{2}+2$,

$$
\begin{array}{rl}
L_{k, 7}=k L_{k, 6}+L_{k, 5} & C L_{k, 3}=\sum_{i=1}^{3} \frac{i}{6-i}\binom{6-i}{3-i} L_{k, i}=k^{3}+2 k^{2}+ \\
=k\left(k^{6}+6 k^{4}+9 k^{2}+2\right)+k^{5}+5 k^{3} & 5 k+4, \\
\quad+5 k & C L_{k, 4}=\sum_{i=1}^{4} \frac{i}{8-i}\binom{8-i}{4-i} L_{k, i}=k^{4}+3 k^{3}+ \\
=k^{7}+7 k^{5}+14 k^{3}+7 k . & 9 k^{2}+14 k+12,
\end{array}
$$

### 2.1 Catalan Numbers

For $n \geq 0$, the $n^{\text {th }}$ Catalan number is showed by [Barry, 2005]

$$
C_{n}=\frac{1}{n+1}\binom{2 n}{n} \text { or } C_{n}=\frac{(2 n)!}{(n+1)!n!}
$$

and its generating function is given by

$$
c(x)=\frac{1-\sqrt{1-4 x}}{2 x}
$$

For some $n$, the first Catalan numbers are
$C L_{k, 5}=\sum_{i=1}^{5} \frac{i}{10-i}\binom{10-i}{5-i} L_{k, i}=k^{5}+$ $4 k^{4}+14 k^{3}+30 k^{2}+46 k+36$,
$C L_{k, 6}=\sum_{i=1}^{6} \frac{i}{12-i}\binom{12-i}{6-i} L_{k, i}=k^{6}+$ $5 k^{5}+20 k^{4}+53 k^{3}+107 k^{2}+151 k+$ 114,
$C L_{k, 7}=\sum_{i=1}^{7} \frac{i}{14-i}\binom{14-i}{7-i} L_{k, i}=k^{7}+$ $6 k^{6}+27 k^{5}+84 k^{4}+204 k^{3}+378 k^{2}+$ $\{1,1,2,5,14,132,429,1430,4862,16796, \ldots\}$ $509 k+372$.
,from now on OEIS, as A000108 in http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catalan number.

## 3. Catalan transform of the $C$ as $k$-Lucas sequence

Following [Barry, 2005], we define the Catalan transform of the $k$-Lucas sequence $\left\{L_{k, n}\right\}$ as

$$
C L_{k, n}=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{i}{2 n-i}\binom{2 n-i}{n-i} L_{k, i} \text { for } n \geq 1
$$

with $C L_{k, 0}=0$.
We can give some members of Catalan transform of the first $k$-Lucas numbers. These are the polynomials in $k$ :
$C L_{k, 1}=\sum_{i=1}^{1} \frac{i}{2-i}\binom{2-i}{1-i} L_{k, i}=k$,
$C L_{k, 2}=\sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{i}{4-i}\binom{4-i}{2-i} L_{k, i}=k^{2}+k+2$,

$$
\left[\begin{array}{c}
C L_{k, 1} \\
C L_{k, 2} \\
C L_{k, 3} \\
C L_{k, 4} \\
\vdots
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
1 & & & & \cdots \\
1 & 1 & & & \cdots \\
2 & 2 & 1 & & \cdots \\
5 & 5 & 5 & 3 & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{c}
L_{k, 1} \\
L_{k, 2} \\
L_{k, 3} \\
L_{k, 4} \\
\vdots
\end{array}\right]
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
{\left[\right]} \\
=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & & & \cdots \\
1 & 1 & & \cdots \\
2 & 2 & 1 & \cdots \\
5 & 5 & 5 & 3 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{c}
k \\
k^{2}+2 \\
k^{3}+3 k \\
k^{4}+4 k^{2}+2 \\
\vdots
\end{array}\right]
\end{gathered}
$$

We can show $\left\{L_{k, n}\right\}$ as the $n \times 1$ matrix $L_{k}$ and the product of the lower triangular matrix
where

$$
C_{i, j}=\sum_{r=j-1}^{i-1} C_{i-1, r} .
$$

The lower triangular matrix $C_{n, n-i}$ is known as the Catalan triangle and its elements verify the formula

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

with $0 \leq i \leq n$.

## 4. Generating function

We know that the generating function of the $k$-Lucas polynomials and the generating function of the Catalan numbers, respectively, are $L_{k}(x)=\frac{2-k x}{1-k x-x^{2}}$ and $c(x)=\frac{1-\sqrt{1-4 x}}{2 x}$ in $[1,14]$.

Let $C(x)$ and $A(x)$, respectively, be the generating function of the sequence of the Catalan numbers $\left\{C_{n}\right\}$ and and the generating function of the sequence $\left\{a_{n}\right\}$. It is proved that $A(x * c(x))$ is the generating function of the Catalan transform of this last sequence [Barry, 2005]. Consequently, we obtain that the generating function of the Catalan transform of the $k$-Lucas sequence $\left\{L_{k, n}\right\}$ is

$$
\begin{aligned}
& C L_{k}(x)=L_{k}(x * C(x)) \\
& =\frac{4-k+k \cdot \sqrt{1-4 x}}{1+2 x-k+(k+1) \sqrt{1-4 x}} .
\end{aligned}
$$

## 5. Hankel Transform

$A=\left\{a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots,\right\}$ is a sequence of real numbers [Cvetkovi'c, et al., 2002; Layman, 2001]. The Hankel transform of the sequence $A$ is the sequence of determinants $H_{n}=$ $\operatorname{Det}\left[a_{i+j-2}\right]$, i.e.,

$$
H_{n}=\left|\begin{array}{ccccc}
a_{0} & a_{1} & a_{2} & a_{3} & \ldots \\
a_{1} & a_{2} & a_{3} & a_{4} & \ldots \\
a_{2} & a_{3} & a_{4} & a_{5} & \ldots \\
a_{3} & a_{4} & a_{5} & a_{6} & \ldots \\
. & . & . & . & . \\
. & . & . & . & . \\
. & . & . & . & .
\end{array}\right| .
$$

The upper-left $n \times n$ subdeterminant of $H_{n}$ is called the Hankel determinant of order $n$ of the sequence $A$.

The Hankel transform of the Catalan sequence is the sequence $\{1,1,1, \ldots\}$ [Sloane, 2007] and the Hankel transform of the sum of consecutive generalized Catalan numbers is the bisection of classical Fibonacci sequence [Rajkovi'c, et al.,2007]. It is very interesting the study of the Catalan transform of this $k$-Lucas sequence, as we will see in the sequel.

Considering the Catalan transform of the $k$-Lucas sequence of the preceding subsection, we find out:

$$
H C L_{1}=\operatorname{Det}[k]=k
$$

$$
H C L_{2}=\left|\begin{array}{cc}
k & k^{2}+k+2 \\
k^{2}+k+2 & k^{3}+2 k^{2}+5 k+4
\end{array}\right|
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& H C L_{3} \\
& =\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{cc}
k & k \\
k^{2}+k+2 & \begin{array}{c}
k^{2}+k+2 \\
k^{3}+2 k^{2}+5 k+4
\end{array} \\
k^{4}+3 k^{3}+9 k^{2}+5 k+4
\end{array}\right. \\
& =k^{3}-4 k^{2}-8 k-16 k+12
\end{aligned}
$$

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