

# SOME CLASSES OF ALTERNATING WEIGHTED BINOMIAL SUMS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we consider three classes of generalized alternating weighted binomial sums of the form

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

where  $f(n, i, k, t)$  will be chosen as  $U_{kti}V_{kn-k(t+2)i}$ ,  $U_{kti}V_{kn-kti}$  and  $U_{tki}V_{(k+1)tn-(k+2)ti}$ . We use the Binet formula and the Newton binomial formula to prove the claimed results. Further we present some interesting examples of our results.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Define second order linear recurrences  $\{U_n\}$  and  $\{V_n\}$  as for  $n > 0$

$$U_n = pU_{n-1} + U_{n-2} \text{ and } V_n = pV_{n-1} + V_{n-2},$$

where  $U_0 = 0$ ,  $U_1 = 1$ , and,  $V_0 = 2$ ,  $V_1 = p$ , respectively. If  $p = 1$ , then  $U_n = F_n$  ( $n$ th Fibonacci number) and  $V_n = L_n$  ( $n$ th Lucas number).

The Binet formulæ are

$$U_n = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta} \text{ and } V_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n,$$

where  $\alpha, \beta = \left( p \pm \sqrt{\Delta} \right) / 2$  and  $\Delta = p^2 + 4$ .

Let  $A(x)$  and  $B(x)$  be the exponential generating functions of sequences  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$ , that is,

$$A(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n \frac{x^n}{n!} \text{ and } B(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} b_n \frac{x^n}{n!}.$$

The convolution of the exponential generating functions is given as

$$A(x) B(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a_k b_{n-k} \right) \frac{x^n}{n!}.$$

Many authors have computed various weighted binomial sums by various methods (for more details, see [1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11]). One of them is to use the convolution of the exponential generating functions and its direct applications, we recall the followings formulæ from the literature (see [3, 10]):

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} F_{mi} L_{mn-mi}, \quad \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} F_{mi} F_{mn-mi}.$$

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Meanwhile, for some integers  $k, t$  and  $r$  such that  $k \neq t$  or  $k \neq r$ , the binomial sums

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} F_{ti} L_{kni-ri} \text{ and } \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i F_{ti} L_{kni-ri}$$

can't be computed by the convolution of exponential generating functions.

Recently, the authors of [4] give general formulæ for the sums

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{h=0}^n \binom{n}{h} h^m U_{ht}^{2m+\varepsilon}, \quad \sum_{h=0}^n \binom{n}{h} h^m V_{ht}^{2m+\varepsilon}, \\ & \sum_{h=0}^n \binom{n}{h} (-1)^{n+h} h^m U_{ht}^{2m+\varepsilon}, \quad \sum_{h=0}^n \binom{n}{h} (-1)^{n+h} h^m V_{ht}^{2m+\varepsilon}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $t$  is an positive integer and  $\varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}$ .

Further the authors of [5] computed the weighted binomial sums

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} r_{mk} s_m(tn+k),$$

where  $r_n$  and  $s_n$  are the terms of  $\{U_n\}$  and  $\{V_n\}$  for some positive integers  $t$  and  $m$ . For example, for odd  $m$ ,

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} U_{mi} V_{kmn+mi} = \Delta^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} U_m^n \begin{cases} U_{(k+1)mn} & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ V_{(k+1)mn} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}$$

and for even  $m$ ,

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} V_{mi} V_{kmn+mi} = V_m^n V_{(k+1)mn} + 2^n V_{kmn}.$$

In this paper we consider new three classes of generalized alternating binomial sums that couldn't be derived via the convolution of exponential generating functions :

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

where  $f(n, i, k, t)$  will be chosen as  $U_{kti} V_{kn-(t+2)ki}$ ,  $U_{kti} V_{kn-kti}$  and  $U_{tki} V_{(k+1)tn-(k+2)ti}$ .

These binomial sums (except some special cases of  $k$  and  $t$ ) have not been considered according to our best literature acknowledgement. To compute the claimed sums, our approach is to use Binet formula and the Newton binomial formula. In general, let  $\{A_n\}$  and  $\{B_n\}$  be two second order linear recurrences whose Binet formulae are

$$A_n = c_1 a_1^n + c_2 a_2^n \text{ and } B_n = d_1 b_1^n + d_2 b_2^n.$$

Then we write for the sum

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} A_{ai} B_{m-bi} &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (c_1 a_1^{ai} + c_2 a_2^{ai}) (d_1 b_1^{m-bi} + d_2 b_2^{m-bi}) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq 2} c_i d_j b_j^m (a_i^a b_j^{-b} + 1)^n. \end{aligned}$$

In computing our sums, we will choose required values of the scalars  $a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2$ .

## 2. THE MAIN RESULTS

Fist we give a auxiliary lemma and then give our first result.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $t$  be any integer. i) For odd  $k$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} (-1)^t \alpha^{-k(2t+1)} - \alpha^k &= (-1)^{t+1} V_{k(t+1)} \beta^{kt}, \\ (-1)^t \beta^{-k(2t+1)} - \beta^k &= (-1)^{t+1} V_{k(t+1)} \alpha^{kt}. \end{aligned}$$

ii) For even  $k$ ,

$$(\alpha^{-k(2t+1)} - \alpha^k) = -\sqrt{\Delta} U_{k(t+1)} \beta^{kt} \text{ and } (\beta^{-k(2t+1)} - \beta^k) = \sqrt{\Delta} U_{k(t+1)} \alpha^{kt}.$$

**Theorem 1.** *For  $n > 0$ , any integer  $t$  and odd  $k$ ,*

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i U_{kti} V_{kn-ki(t+2)} = (-1)^{tn} V_{k(t+1)}^n U_{ktn}$$

and for even  $k$ ,

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i U_{kti} V_{kn-k(t+2)i} = \begin{cases} \Delta^{\frac{n-1}{2}} [2U_k^n - U_{k(t+1)}^n V_{ktn}] & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \Delta^{\frac{n}{2}} U_{k(t+1)}^n U_{ktn} & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* First assume that  $k$  is an odd integer. We write by recalling  $\alpha\beta = -1$

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i U_{kti} V_{kn-k(t+2)i} \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i [(\alpha^{kn-2ki} - \beta^{kn-2ki}) - (-1)^{ti} (\alpha^{kn-2ki(t+1)} - \beta^{kn-2ki(t+1)})] \\ &= \frac{\alpha^{kn}}{\alpha - \beta} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i \alpha^{-2ki} - \frac{\beta^{kn}}{\alpha - \beta} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i \beta^{-2ki} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^{i(t+1)} (\alpha^{kn-2ki(t+1)} - \beta^{kn-2ki(t+1)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} [(\alpha^k - \alpha^{-k})^n - (\beta^k - \beta^{-k})^n] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^{i(t+1)} (\alpha^{kn-2ki(t+1)} - \beta^{kn-2ki(t+1)}), \end{aligned}$$

which, since  $\alpha^k - \alpha^{-k} = \beta^k - \beta^{-k}$  for odd  $k$ , equals

$$\begin{aligned} &-\frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^{i(t+1)} [\alpha^{kn-2ki(t+1)} - \beta^{kn-2ki(t+1)}] \\ &= -\frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} \left[ \alpha^{kn} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^{i(t+1)} \alpha^{-2ki(t+1)} - \beta^{kn} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^{i(t+1)} \beta^{-2ki(t+1)} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} [(\alpha^k - (-1)^t \alpha^{-k(2t+1)})^n - (\beta^k - (-1)^t \beta^{-k(2t+1)})^n], \end{aligned}$$

which, Lemma 1 (i) and the Binet formula, equals

$$-\frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} [(-1)^{tn} V_{k(t+1)}^n \beta^{ktn} - (-1)^{tn} V_{k(t+1)}^n \alpha^{ktn}] = (-1)^{tn} V_{k(t+1)}^n U_{ktn},$$

as claimed.

Now we consider the case  $k$  is even. We write

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i U_{kti} V_{kn-ki(t+2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i [(\alpha^{k(n-2i)} - \beta^{k(n-2i)}) - (\alpha^{kn-2ki(t+1)} - \beta^{kn-2ki(t+1)})], \end{aligned}$$

which, after some arrangements similar to the previous one, equals

$$\alpha^{kn} (1 - \alpha^{-2k})^n - \beta^{kn} (1 - \beta^{-2k})^n - \alpha^{kn} (1 - \alpha^{-2k(t+1)})^n + \beta^{kn} (1 - \beta^{-2k(t+1)})^n,$$

which, Lemma 1 (ii), equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha^{kn} (1 - \alpha^{-2k})^n - \beta^{kn} (1 - \beta^{-2k})^n - \alpha^{kn} (1 - \alpha^{-2k(t+1)})^n + \beta^{kn} (1 - \beta^{-2k(t+1)})^n \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} U_k^n \Delta^{\frac{n}{2}} [1 - (-1)^n] + \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} U_{k(t+1)}^n \Delta^{\frac{n}{2}} [(-1)^n \alpha^{ktn} - \beta^{ktn}] \\ &= U_k^n \Delta^{\frac{n-1}{2}} [1 - (-1)^n] + \Delta^{\frac{n-1}{2}} U_{k(t+1)}^n [(-1)^n \alpha^{ktn} - \beta^{ktn}], \end{aligned}$$

which gives the claimed result according to the case of  $n$ . □

For example, we have

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i U_{10i} V_{5(n-4i)} = V_{15}^n U_{10n}, \quad \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i U_{-3i} V_{3n-3i} = -V_0^n U_{3n}$$

and

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i F_{2i} L_{2(n-3i)} = \begin{cases} 5^{(n-1)/2} (2 - 3^n L_{2n}) & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ 5^{\frac{n}{2}} 3^n F_{2n} & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $t$  be an integer.*

i) *For odd  $k$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} (-1)^t \alpha^{k(1-2t)} - \alpha^k &= (-1)^t U_{kt} \beta^{k(t-1)} \sqrt{\Delta}, \\ (-1)^t \beta^{k(1-2t)} - \beta^k &= (-1)^{t+1} U_{kt} \alpha^{k(t-1)} \sqrt{\Delta}. \end{aligned}$$

ii) *For even  $k$ ,*

$$\alpha^{k(1-2t)} - \alpha^k = -U_{kt} \beta^{k(t-1)} \sqrt{\Delta}, \quad \beta^{k(1-2t)} - \beta^k = U_{kt} \alpha^{k(t-1)} \sqrt{\Delta}.$$

**Theorem 2.** *For  $n \geq 0$  and for odd  $k$ ,*

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i U_{kti} V_{k(n-ti)} = U_{kt}^n \begin{cases} (-1)^t V_{kn(t-1)} \Delta^{\frac{n-1}{2}} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ U_{kn(t-1)} \Delta^{\frac{n}{2}} & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

and for even  $k$ ,

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i U_{kti} V_{kn-kti} = U_{kt}^n \begin{cases} -\Delta^{\frac{n-1}{2}} V_{k(t-1)n} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \Delta^{\frac{n}{2}} U_{k(t-1)n} & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* First assume that  $k$  is odd. We write

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i U_{kti} V_{kn-kti} \\
&= \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i \left[ (\alpha^{kn} - \beta^{kn}) - (-1)^{it} (\alpha^{kn-2ikt} - \beta^{kn-2ikt}) \right] \\
&= -\frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^{i(t+1)} (\alpha^{kn-2ikt} - \beta^{kn-2ikt}) \\
&= -\frac{\alpha^{kn}}{\alpha - \beta} (1 + (-1)^{t+1} \alpha^{-2kt})^n + \frac{\beta^{kn}}{\alpha - \beta} (1 + (-1)^{t+1} \beta^{-2kt})^n \\
&= \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} (\beta^k + (-1)^{t+1} \beta^{k(1-2t)})^n - \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} (\alpha^k + (-1)^{t+1} \alpha^{k(1-2t)})^n,
\end{aligned}$$

which, by Lemma 2 (ii), equals

$$\frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} U_{kt}^n \Delta^{\frac{n}{2}} \left[ (-1)^{tn} \alpha^{kn(t-1)} - (-1)^n (-1)^{tn} \beta^{kn(t-1)} \right],$$

which gives the claim according to the case of  $n$ .

The case  $k$  is even could be obtained similarly. □

For example, for  $k = 1$ ,  $t = 2$  and the Fibonacci-Lucas case:

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i F_{2i} L_{n-2i} = \begin{cases} 5^{\frac{n-1}{2}} V_n & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ 5^{\frac{n}{2}} U_n & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 3.** *i) For odd  $k$  and  $t$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha^{t(k-1)} - \alpha^{t(k+1)} &= -V_t \alpha^{tk}, & \beta^{t(k-1)} - \beta^{t(k+1)} &= -V_t \beta^{tk}, \\
\alpha^{-t(k+1)} + \alpha^{t(k+1)} &= \beta^{-t(k+1)} + \beta^{t(k+1)} = V_{(k+1)t}.
\end{aligned}$$

*ii) For odd  $k$  and even  $t$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha^{t(k-1)} - \alpha^{t(k+1)} &= -U_t \alpha^{tk} \sqrt{\Delta}, & \beta^{t(k-1)} - \beta^{t(k+1)} &= U_t \beta^{tk} \sqrt{\Delta}, \\
\alpha^{-t(k+1)} - \alpha^{t(k+1)} &= -U_{(k+1)t} \sqrt{\Delta}, & \beta^{-t(k+1)} - \beta^{t(k+1)} &= U_{(k+1)t} \sqrt{\Delta}.
\end{aligned}$$

*iii) For even  $k$  and  $t$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha^{t(k-1)} - \alpha^{(k+1)t} &= -U_t \alpha^{kt} \sqrt{\Delta}, & \beta^{t(k-1)} - \beta^{(k+1)t} &= U_t \beta^{kt} \sqrt{\Delta}, \\
\alpha^{-t(k+1)} - \alpha^{t(k+1)} &= -U_{(k+1)t} \sqrt{\Delta}, & \beta^{-t(k+1)} - \beta^{t(k+1)} &= U_{(k+1)t} \sqrt{\Delta}.
\end{aligned}$$

*iv) For even  $k$  and odd  $t$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha^{t(k-1)} - \alpha^{(k+1)t} &= -V_t \alpha^{kt}, & \beta^{t(k-1)} - \beta^{(k+1)t} &= -V_t \beta^{kt}, \\
\alpha^{-t(k+1)} - \alpha^{t(k+1)} &= -V_{(k+1)t}, & \beta^{-t(k+1)} - \beta^{t(k+1)} &= -V_{(k+1)t}.
\end{aligned}$$

Similar to the previous results, we give the following result without proof.

**Theorem 3.** For odd  $k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i U_{tki} V_{(k+1)tn-(k+2)ti} \\ &= \begin{cases} V_t^n U_{ktn} & \text{if } t \text{ is odd,} \\ \Delta^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \left( U_t^n V_{ktn} - 2U_{(k+1)t}^n \right) & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \Delta^{\frac{n}{2}} U_t^n U_{ktn} & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \end{cases}, \text{ if } t \text{ is even,} \end{aligned}$$

and for even  $k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i U_{tki} V_{(k+1)tn-(k+2)ti} \\ &= \begin{cases} V_t^n U_{ktn} & \text{if } t \text{ is odd,} \\ \Delta^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \left( U_t^n V_{ktn} - 2U_{(k+1)t}^n \right) & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \Delta^{\frac{n}{2}} U_t^n U_{ktn} & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \text{ if } t \text{ is even.} \end{aligned}$$

As consequences of the Lemma 1, we have the following results:

**Theorem 4.** For even  $m$ ,

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i V_{2mi} = \begin{cases} \Delta^{\frac{n}{2}} V_{nm} & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ -\Delta^{\frac{n+1}{2}} U_m^n U_{nm} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 1 (ii), for even  $k$ , we have

$$\alpha^{-k(2t+1)} - \alpha^k = -\sqrt{\Delta} U_{k(t+1)} \beta^{kt} \text{ and } \beta^{-k(2t+1)} - \beta^k = \sqrt{\Delta} U_{k(t+1)} \alpha^{kt}$$

or

$$1 - \alpha^{-2k(t+1)} = \sqrt{\Delta} U_{k(t+1)} \alpha^{-k} \beta^{kt} \text{ and } 1 - \beta^{-2k(t+1)} = -\sqrt{\Delta} U_{k(t+1)} \beta^{-k} \alpha^{kt}$$

and write

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha^{-2k(t+1)})^n &= \Delta^{\frac{n}{2}} U_{k(t+1)}^n \alpha^{-kn} \beta^{knt}, \\ (1 - \beta^{-2k(t+1)})^n &= (-1)^n \Delta^{\frac{n}{2}} U_{k(t+1)}^n \beta^{-kn} \alpha^{knt}, \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i \alpha^{-2k(t+1)i} &= \Delta^{\frac{n}{2}} U_{k(t+1)}^n \alpha^{-kn} \beta^{knt}, \\ \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i \beta^{-2k(t+1)i} &= (-1)^n \Delta^{\frac{n}{2}} U_{k(t+1)}^n \beta^{-kn} \alpha^{knt}. \end{aligned}$$

By adding these equalities side by side, we obtain

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i (\alpha^{-2k(t+1)i} + \beta^{-2k(t+1)i}) = \Delta^{\frac{n}{2}} U_{k(t+1)}^n (\alpha^{-kn} \beta^{knt} + (-1)^n \beta^{-kn} \alpha^{knt}),$$

or since  $V_{-k} = (-1)^k V_k$ ,

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i V_{-2k(t+1)i} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i V_{2k(t+1)i}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \Delta^{\frac{n}{2}} U_{k(t+1)}^n [(-1)^n \beta^{-kn} \alpha^{knt} + \alpha^{-kn} \beta^{knt}] \\
&= U_{k(t+1)}^n \begin{cases} \Delta^{\frac{n}{2}} V_{kn(t+1)} & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ (-1)^{k+1} \Delta^{\frac{n+1}{2}} U_{kn(t+1)} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

which, by taking  $m$  instead of  $k(t+1)$  for even  $k$ , completes the proof.  $\square$

Similar to the proof method of Theorem just above, we have the following results without proof by using Lemma 1 (i).

**Theorem 5.** For any integer  $m$  and  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^{im} V_{2mi} = (-1)^{mn} V_m^n V_{nm},$$

and

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^{im} U_{2mi} = (-1)^{nm} V_m^n U_{nm}.$$

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