

## DIAGONAL SUMS IN NEGATIVE TRINOMIAL TABLE

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ABSTRACT. We study the negative trinomial table  $T'$  of  $(x^2 + x + 1)^{-n}$  and its  $t/u$ -slope diagonals for any  $t, u > 0$ . We investigate recurrence formula of the  $t/u$ -slope diagonal sums of  $T'$  and find interrelationships with  $t/u$ -slope diagonal sums of the trinomial table  $T$ .

### 1. introduction

The Pascal table  $P$  and the negative Pascal table  $P'$  are well known arithmetic tables of  $(x + 1)^{\pm n}$  respectively for  $n \geq 0$ . Each diagonal sum over  $P$  makes a Fibonacci number  $F_n$ , and it is not hard to see that certain diagonal sums over  $P'$  makes  $F_{-n}$  by comparing the tables  $P$  and  $P'$  ([1], [6], [7]). In fact, each diagonals and rows in  $P$  can be found as a type of diagonals in  $P'$ . As a generalization, there have been researches about the trinomial table  $T$  and the negative trinomial table  $T'$  of  $(x^2 + x + 1)^{\pm n}$  respectively ([3], [4]).

$T$	$T'$
0   1	1   1 -1 0    1 -1 0
1   1 1 1	2   1 -2 1    2 -4 2
2   1 2 3 <b>2</b> 1	3   1 -3 3    2 -9 9
3   1 3 <b>6</b> 7 6 3	4   1 -4 6    0 -15 24
4   1 <b>4</b> 10 16 19 16	5   1 -5 10 -5 -20 49
5   1 5 15 30 45 51	6   1 -6 15 -14 -21 84

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Each diagonal sum over  $T$  makes a tribonacci number ([2], [5]). However unlike  $P$  and  $P'$ , interrelationships between components of  $T$  and  $T'$  may not be seen easily by only looking at the tables. For example, the marked diagonal  $\{1, 4, 6, 2\}$  in  $T$  may not be appeared in any type of diagonals in  $T'$ .

In this work we investigate sequences of certain diagonal sums in  $T'$ , and find their interrelationships. We consider various diagonals of any slope  $t/u$  that moves  $u$  steps in  $x$ -axis and  $t$  steps in  $y$ -axis over both  $T$  and  $T'$ . And we study sequential properties of  $t/u$ -slope diagonal sums. Throughout the work, let  $P = [u_{i,j}]$  and  $P' = [u'_{i,j}]$  be (negative) Pascal tables, while  $T = [e_{i,j}]$  and  $T' = [e'_{i,j}]$  be the (negative) trinomial tables for  $i, j \geq 0$ .

### 2. Certain slope diagonal sums of Negative trinomial table

For integers  $t, u > 0$ , a  $t/u$ -slope diagonal (abbr. diag.) over an arithmetic table means a diagonal that moves  $u$  steps toward  $x$ -axis and  $t$  steps toward  $y$ -axis. In particular if  $u = 1$  then we simply say it a  $t$ -slope diagonal. So the 1-slope diag. is the ordinary diagonal. Over the negative trinomial table  $T'$ , by  $S_n^{(t/u)\uparrow}$  we mean the  $t/u$ -slope ascending diag. sum starting from  $e'_{n,0}$ . We also denote by  $S_n^{(t/u)\downarrow}$  the  $t/u$ -slope descending diag. sum from  $e'_{1,n}$ . So for instance,  $S_i^{(t/1)\uparrow} = e'_{i,0} + e'_{i-t,1} + e'_{i-2t,2} + \dots$  and  $S_j^{(1/t)\downarrow} = e'_{1,j} + e'_{2,j-t} + e'_{3,j-2t} + \dots$ .

Like  $u_{i,j} + u_{i,j+1} = u_{i+1,j+1}$  in  $P$ , the recurrence rules over  $T$  and  $T'$   $e_{i,j-1} + e_{i,j} + e_{i,j+1} = e_{i+1,j+1}$  and  $e'_{i,j+1} - e'_{i+1,j-1} - e'_{i+1,j} = e'_{i+1,j+1}$  (\*)

are well known. We explore some entries in  $T'$  to get diagonal sums.

**THEOREM 1.**  $T' = [e'_{i,j}]$  satisfies the followings.

$$(1) \begin{cases} e'_{i,0} = e_{i,0} = 1 \\ e'_{i,1} = -e_{i,1} = -i \\ e'_{i,2} = e_{i-1,2} = \frac{(i-1)i}{2} \end{cases} \quad (2) e'_{1,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ -1 & \text{if } j \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ 0 & \text{if } j \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

So  $e'_{1,j} + e'_{1,j+1} + e'_{1,j+2} = 0$  for  $j \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* Clearly  $e'_{i+1,0} = 1 = e_{i+1,0}$ , We notice  $e'_{3,0} = 1 = e_{3,0}$ ,  $e'_{3,1} = -3 = -e_{3,1}$ ,  $e'_{3,2} = 3 = e_{2,2}$ , and  $e'_{4,0} = 1 = e_{4,0}$ ,  $e'_{4,1} = -4 = -e_{4,1}$ ,  $e'_{4,2} = 6 = e_{3,2}$ .

Assume the identities (1) are true for some  $i$ . Then the recurrence rule  $(\star)$  of  $T'$  with induction hypothesis shows

$$\begin{aligned} e'_{i+1,1} &= e'_{i,1} - e'_{i+1,0} = -e_{i,1} - e_{i+1,0} = -e_{i+1,1} = -(i+1), \\ e'_{i+1,2} &= e'_{i,2} - e'_{i+1,0} - e'_{i+1,1} = e_{i-1,2} - e_{i+2,0} + e_{i+1,1} \\ &= e_{i-1,2} - e_{i,0} + (e_{i,0} + e_{i,1}) = e_{i-1,2} + e_{i,1} = e_{i,2}, \end{aligned}$$

and  $e'_{i+1,2} = e'_{i,2} - e'_{i+1,0} - e'_{i+1,1} = \frac{(i-1)i}{2} - 1 + (i+1) = \frac{i(i+1)}{2}$ .

Observe the first few entries  $\{1, -1, 0, 1, -1, 0, 1, -1, 0, \dots\}$  in the 1th row. In fact, from  $e'_{1,0} = 1$  and  $e'_{1,1} = -1$  in (1), we have  $e'_{1,2} = e'_{0,2} - e'_{1,0} - e'_{1,1} = 0$  and  $e'_{1,3} = e'_{0,3} - e'_{1,1} - e'_{1,2} = 1$ . If we assume the identities (2) for  $j < 3k$  ( $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) then (1) implies

$$e'_{1,j} = e'_{0,j} - e'_{1,j-2} - e'_{1,j-1} = \begin{cases} 0 - (-1) - (0) = 1 & \text{if } j = 3k \\ 0 - (0) - 1 = -1 & \text{if } j = 3k + 1 \\ 0 - 1 - (-1) = 0 & \text{if } j = 3k + 2 \end{cases} \quad \square$$

Let us begin to consider 1-slope diag. sums  $S_j^{(1)\downarrow}$  in  $T'$ .

**THEOREM 2.**  $S_j^{(1)\downarrow} = -S_{j-2}^{(1)\downarrow}$ , so  $S_{j-3}^{(1)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1)\downarrow} + S_{j-1}^{(1)\downarrow} = S_j^{(1)\downarrow}$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 1 and the recurrence rule  $(\star)$  of  $T'$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_0^{(1)\downarrow} &= e'_{1,0} = 1, \quad S_1^{(1)\downarrow} = e'_{1,1} + e'_{2,0} = -1 + 1 = 0, \\ S_2^{(1)\downarrow} &= e'_{1,2} + e'_{2,1} + e'_{3,0} = -1 \text{ and } S_3^{(1)\downarrow} = e'_{1,3} + e'_{2,2} + e'_{3,1} + e'_{4,0} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

etc. So the first few values are  $\{S_j^{(1)\downarrow} \mid 0 \leq j \leq 7\} = \{1, 0, -1, 0, 1, 0, -1, 0\}$ , where these satisfy  $S_j^{(1)\downarrow} = -S_{j-2}^{(1)\downarrow}$  and  $S_j^{(1)\downarrow} = S_{j-3}^{(1)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1)\downarrow} + S_{j-1}^{(1)\downarrow}$ .

In general, the 1-slope descending diag. sum starting from  $e'_{1,j}$  is

$$S_j^{(1)\downarrow} = e'_{1,j} + e'_{2,j-1} + \dots + e'_{j-1,2} + e'_{j,1} + e'_{j+1,0},$$

and each component can be expressed by the recurrence  $(\star)$  of  $T'$  that

$$\begin{aligned} e'_{1,j} &= e'_{1,j} \\ e'_{2,j-1} &= e'_{1,j-1} - e'_{2,j-3} - e'_{2,j-2} \\ e'_{j-1,2} &= e'_{j-2,2} - e'_{j-1,0} - e'_{j-1,1} \\ e'_{j,1} &= e'_{j-1,1} \quad \quad \quad -e'_{j,0} \\ e'_{j+1,0} &= e'_{j,0} \end{aligned}$$

Hence by taking columnwise sum from the above table, we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_j^{(1)\downarrow} &= e'_{1,j} + \underbrace{(e'_{1,j-1} + \dots + e'_{j-1,1} + e'_{j,0})}_{S_{j-1}^{(1)\downarrow}} \\ &\quad - \underbrace{(e'_{2,j-3} + \dots + e'_{j-1,0})}_{S_{j-2}^{(1)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-2}} - \underbrace{(e'_{2,j-2} + \dots + e'_{j-1,1} + e'_{j,0})}_{S_{j-1}^{(1)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= (e'_{1,j} + e'_{1,j-1} + e'_{1,j-2}) + S_{j-1}^{(1)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1)\downarrow}.$$

But since  $e'_{1,j} + e'_{1,j-1} + e'_{1,j-2} = 0$  by Theorem 1, we have

$$S_j^{(1)\downarrow} = S_{j-1}^{(1)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1)\downarrow} = -S_{j-2}^{(1)\downarrow}, \text{ so } S_{j-3}^{(1)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1)\downarrow} + S_{j-1}^{(1)\downarrow} = S_j^{(1)\downarrow}. \quad \square$$

**THEOREM 3.**  $S_j^{(1/2)\downarrow} = -S_{j-1}^{(1/2)\downarrow}$ , so  $S_{j-3}^{(1/2)\downarrow} + S_{j-2}^{(1/2)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/2)\downarrow} = S_j^{(1/2)\downarrow}$ .

*Proof.* Each 1/2-slope descending diagonal starting from  $e'_{1,j}$  ends at either 0th or 1th column according to even or odd  $j$ . So if  $j = 2k + r$  ( $r = 0, 1$ ) then

$$S_j^{(1/2)\downarrow} = e'_{1,j} + e'_{2,j-2} + \dots + e'_{k,r+2} + e'_{k+1,r}.$$

The first few 1/2-slope descending diag. sums  $\{S_j^{(1/2)\downarrow} \mid 0 \leq j \leq 5\}$  of  $T'$  are  $\{1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1\}$ , and it satisfies  $S_j^{(1/2)\downarrow} = -S_{j-1}^{(1/2)\downarrow}$  for  $j \leq 5$ .

Assume  $S_j^{(1/2)\downarrow} = -S_{j-1}^{(1/2)\downarrow}$  is true for all  $j < 2k$  ( $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ). If  $j = 2k$  then

$$S_j^{(1/2)\downarrow} = e'_{1,j} + e'_{2,j-2} + \dots + e'_{k,2} + e'_{k+1,0}$$

From the recurrence rule  $(\star)$  in  $T'$ , since

$$\begin{aligned} e'_{1,j} &= e'_{1,j} \\ e'_{2,j-2} &= e'_{1,j-2} - e'_{2,j-4} - e'_{2,j-3} \\ &\dots \\ e'_{k,2} &= e'_{k-1,2} - e'_{k,0} - e'_{k,1} \\ e'_{k+1,0} &= e'_{k,0} \end{aligned}$$

the columnwise sum of the above table gives rise to

$$\begin{aligned} S_j^{(1/2)\downarrow} &= e'_{1,j} + \underbrace{(e'_{1,j-2} + \dots + e'_{k-1,2} + e'_{k,0})}_{S_{j-2}^{(1/2)\downarrow}} - \underbrace{(e'_{2,j-4} + \dots + e'_{k,0})}_{S_{j-2}^{(1/2)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-2}} \\ &\quad - \underbrace{(e'_{2,j-3} + \dots + e'_{k,1})}_{S_{j-1}^{(1/2)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-1}} = S_{j-2}^{(1/2)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/2)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/2)\downarrow} = -S_{j-1}^{(1/2)\downarrow}, \end{aligned}$$

because  $e'_{1,j} + e'_{1,j-1} + e'_{1,j-2} = 0$  by Theorem 1.

On the other hand, when  $j = 2k + 1$ , due to the following table

$$\begin{aligned} e'_{1,j} &= e'_{1,j} \\ e'_{2,j-2} &= e'_{1,j-2} - e'_{2,j-4} - e'_{2,j-3} \\ &\dots \\ e'_{k,3} &= e'_{k-1,3} - e'_{k,1} - e'_{k,2} \\ e'_{k+1,1} &= e'_{k,1} - e'_{k+1,0} \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$S_j^{(1/2)\downarrow} = e'_{1,j} + \underbrace{(e'_{1,j-2} + \dots + e'_{k-1,3} + e'_{k,1})}_{S_{j-2}^{(1/2)\downarrow}} - \underbrace{(e'_{2,j-4} + \dots + e'_{k,1})}_{S_{j-2}^{(1/2)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-2}}$$

$$-\underbrace{(e'_{2,j-3} + \dots + e'_{k+1,0})}_{S_{j-1}^{(1/2)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-1}} = S_{j-2}^{(1/2)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/2)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/2)\downarrow} = -S_{j-1}^{(1/2)\downarrow}.$$

This implies  $S_{j-3}^{(1/2)\downarrow} + S_{j-2}^{(1/2)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/2)\downarrow} = S_j^{(1/2)\downarrow}$ . □

**THEOREM 4.**  $S_{j-3}^{(1/3)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/3)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/3)\downarrow} = S_j^{(1/3)\downarrow}$ .

*Proof.* Note that 1/3-slope descending diag. starting from  $e'_{1,j}$  ends at 0, 1 or 2th column according to  $j \pmod 3$ . So when  $j = 3k + r$  ( $r = 0, 1, 2$ ),

$$S_j^{(1/3)\downarrow} = e'_{1,j} + e'_{2,j-3} + \dots + e'_{k,r+3} + e'_{k+1,r}$$

We easily see  $\{S_j^{(1/3)\downarrow} \mid 0 \leq j \leq 10\} = \{1, -1, 0, 2, -3, 1, 4, -8, 5, 7, -20\}$  and notice a recurrence  $S_{j-3}^{(1/3)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/3)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/3)\downarrow} = S_j^{(1/3)\downarrow}$  for  $0 \leq j \leq 10$ .

We now assume  $S_{j-3}^{(1/3)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/3)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/3)\downarrow} = S_j^{(1/3)\downarrow}$  is true for  $j < 3k$  ( $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ). If  $j = 3k$  then by making a table

$$\begin{aligned} e'_{1,j} &= e'_{1,j} \\ e'_{2,j-3} &= e'_{1,j-3} - e'_{2,j-5} - e'_{2,j-4} \\ &\dots \\ e'_{k,3} &= e'_{k-1,3} - e'_{k,1} - e'_{k,2} \\ e'_{k+1,0} &= e'_{k,0} \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_j^{(1/3)\downarrow} &= e'_{1,j} + \underbrace{(e'_{1,j-3} + \dots + e'_{k-1,3} + e'_{k,0})}_{S_{j-3}^{(1/3)\downarrow}} - \underbrace{(e'_{2,j-5} + \dots + e'_{k,1})}_{S_{j-2}^{(1/3)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-2}} \\ &\quad - \underbrace{(e'_{2,j-4} + \dots + e'_{k,2})}_{S_{j-1}^{(1/3)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-1}} = S_{j-3}^{(1/3)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/3)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/3)\downarrow}. \end{aligned}$$

Analogously if  $j = 3k + 1$  the with the similar table above we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_j^{(1/3)\downarrow} &= e'_{1,j} + \underbrace{(e'_{1,j-3} + \dots + e'_{k-1,4} + e'_{k,1})}_{S_{j-3}^{(1/3)\downarrow}} - \underbrace{(e'_{2,j-5} + \dots + e'_{k,2})}_{S_{j-2}^{(1/3)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-2}} \\ &\quad - \underbrace{(e'_{2,j-4} + \dots + e'_{k,3} + e'_{k+1,0})}_{S_{j-1}^{(1/3)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-1}} = S_{j-3}^{(1/3)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/3)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/3)\downarrow}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally when  $j = 3k + 2$  we also have

$$S_j^{(1/3)\downarrow} = e'_{1,j} + \underbrace{(e'_{1,j-3} + \dots + e'_{k-1,5} + e'_{k,2})}_{S_{j-3}^{(1/3)\downarrow}} - \underbrace{(e'_{2,j-5} + \dots + e'_{k,3} + e'_{k+1,0})}_{S_{j-2}^{(1/3)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-2}}$$

$$- \underbrace{(e'_{2,j-4} + \cdots + e'_{k,4} + e'_{k+1,1})}_{S_j^{(1/3)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-1}} = S_{j-3}^{(1/3)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/3)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/3)\downarrow}. \quad \square$$

**THEOREM 5.**  $S_{j-4}^{(1/4)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/4)\downarrow} - S_{i-1}^{(1/4)\downarrow} = S_j^{(1/4)\downarrow}$  for all  $j \geq 4$ .

*Proof.* The  $S_j^{(1/4)\downarrow} = \{1, -1, 0, 1, 0, -2, 2, 1, -3, 0, 5, -4, -4\}$  satisfy  $S_{j-4}^{(1/4)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/4)\downarrow} - S_{i-1}^{(1/4)\downarrow} = S_j^{(1/4)\downarrow}$  for  $0 \leq j \leq 12$ . Any 1/4-slope descending diag. starting from  $e'_{1,j}$  ends at  $j \pmod{4}$ th column. In fact, when  $j = 4k + r$  ( $r = 0, 1, 2, 3$ ) we have

$S_j^{(1/4)\downarrow} = e'_{1,j} + e'_{2,j-4} + \cdots + e'_{k,r+4} + e'_{k+1,r}$ ,  
and each component satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} e'_{1,j} &= e'_{1,j} \\ e'_{2,j-4} &= e'_{1,j-4} \quad -e'_{2,j-6} \quad -e'_{2,j-5} \\ &\dots \\ e'_{k,r+4} &= e'_{k-1,r+4} \quad -e'_{k,r+2} \quad -e'_{k,r+3} \\ e'_{k+1,r} &= e'_{k,r} \quad -e'_{k+1,r-2} \quad -e'_{k+1,r-1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence if  $j = 4k$  then

$$\begin{aligned} S_j^{(1/4)\downarrow} &= e'_{1,j} + \underbrace{(e'_{1,j-4} + \cdots + e'_{k-1,4} + e'_{k,0})}_{S_{j-4}^{(1/4)\downarrow}} - \underbrace{(e'_{2,j-6} + \cdots + e'_{k,2})}_{S_{j-2}^{(1/4)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-2}} \\ &\quad - \underbrace{(e'_{2,j-5} + \cdots + e'_{k,3})}_{S_{j-1}^{(1/4)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-1}} = S_{j-4}^{(1/4)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/4)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/4)\downarrow}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $j = 4k + 1$  then we also have

$$\begin{aligned} S_j^{(1/4)\downarrow} &= e'_{1,j} + \underbrace{(e'_{1,j-4} + \cdots + e'_{k-1,5}) + e'_{k,1}}_{S_{j-4}^{(1/4)\downarrow}} - \underbrace{(e'_{2,j-6} + \cdots + e'_{k,3})}_{S_{j-2}^{(1/4)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-2}} \\ &\quad - \underbrace{(e'_{2,j-5} + \cdots + e'_{k,4} + e'_{k+1,0})}_{S_{j-1}^{(1/4)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-1}} = S_{j-4}^{(1/4)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/4)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/4)\downarrow}. \end{aligned}$$

Analogously, the recurrence  $S_j^{(1/4)\downarrow} = S_{j-4}^{(1/4)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/4)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/4)\downarrow}$  holds for any  $j = 4k + r$  with any  $0 \leq r \leq 3$ . □

The 1/t-slope descending diag. sum  $S_j^{(1/t)\downarrow}$  ( $t = 5, 6$ ) are observed that

$$\{S_j^{(1/5)\downarrow}\} = \{1, -1, 0, 1, -1, 1, -1, 0, 2, -3, 2, 0, -2, 4\}$$

$\{S_j^{(1/6)\downarrow}\} = \{1, -1, 0, 1, -1, 0, 2, -3, 1, 3, -5, 2, 5, -10\}$   
 and notice recurrences  $S_{j-5}^{(1/5)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/5)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/5)\downarrow} = S_j^{(5)\downarrow}$  and  $S_{j-6}^{(1/6)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/6)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/6)\downarrow} = S_j^{(1/6)\downarrow}$  for some  $j$ . A generalization is as follows.

**THEOREM 6.**  $S_{j-t}^{(1/t)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/t)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow} = S_j^{(1/t)\downarrow}$  for all  $j \geq t \geq 3$ .

*Proof.* The first few  $S_j^{(1/t)\downarrow}$  are

$$\begin{array}{l} S_0^{(1/t)\downarrow} = e'_{1,0} \\ S_1^{(1/t)\downarrow} = e'_{1,1} \\ S_2^{(1/t)\downarrow} = e'_{1,2} \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} S_{t-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow} = e'_{1,t-1} \\ S_t^{(1/t)\downarrow} = e'_{1,t} + e'_{2,0} \\ S_{t+1}^{(1/t)\downarrow} = e'_{1,t+1} + e'_{2,1} \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{l} S_{2t-2}^{(1/t)\downarrow} = e'_{1,2t-2} + e'_{2,t-2} \\ S_{2t-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow} = e'_{1,2t-1} + e'_{2,t-1} \\ S_{2t}^{(1/t)\downarrow} = e'_{1,2t} + e'_{2,t} + e'_{3,0} \end{array}$$

Since  $e'_{1,t+1} + e'_{1,t} + e'_{1,t-1} = 0$  in Theorem 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_{t+1}^{(1/t)\downarrow} + S_t^{(1/t)\downarrow} + S_{t-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow} &= (e'_{1,t+1} + e'_{2,1}) + (e'_{1,t} + e'_{2,0}) + e'_{1,t-1} \\ &= e'_{2,1} + e'_{2,0} = e'_{1,1} = S_1^{(t)\downarrow}. \end{aligned}$$

And  $e'_{1,2t} + e'_{1,2t-1} + e'_{1,2t-2} = 0$  in Theorem 1 imply

$$\begin{aligned} S_{2t}^{(1/t)\downarrow} + S_{2t-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow} + S_{2t-2}^{(1/t)\downarrow} &= (e'_{1,2t} + e'_{2,t} + e'_{3,0}) + (e'_{1,2t-1} + e'_{2,t-1}) + (e'_{1,2t-2} + e'_{2,t-2}) \\ &= (e'_{1,2t} + e'_{1,2t-1} + e'_{1,2t-2}) + (e'_{2,t} + e'_{2,t-1}) + e'_{2,t-2} + e'_{3,0} \\ &= (e'_{2,t} + e'_{2,t-1}) + e'_{2,t-2} + e'_{3,0} = e'_{1,t} + e'_{2,0} = S_t^{(t)\downarrow}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we assume  $S_{j-t}^{(1/t)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/t)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow} = S_j^{(1/t)\downarrow}$  for  $j < kt$  ( $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ).

Let  $t = kt + r$  ( $0 \leq r < t$ ). Then by making use of the table

$$\begin{array}{l} e'_{1,j} = e'_{1,j} \\ e'_{2,j-t} = e'_{1,j-t} - e'_{2,j-t-2} - e'_{2,j-t-1} \\ \dots \\ e'_{k,t+r} = e'_{k-1,t+r} - e'_{k,t+r-2} - e'_{k,t+r-1} \\ e'_{k+1,r} = e'_{k,r} - e'_{k+1,r-2} - e'_{k+1,r-1} \end{array}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_j^{(1/t)\downarrow} &= e'_{1,j} + e'_{2,j-t} + \dots + e'_{k,t+r} + e'_{k+1,r} \\ &= e'_{1,j} + \underbrace{(e'_{1,j-t} + \dots + e'_{k-1,t+r} + e'_{k,r})}_{S_{j-t}^{(1/t)\downarrow}} - \underbrace{(e'_{2,j-t-2} + \dots + e'_{k+1,r-2})}_{S_{j-2}^{(1/t)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-2}} \\ &\quad - \underbrace{(e'_{2,j-t-1} + \dots + e'_{k+1,r-1})}_{S_{j-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow} - e'_{1,j-1}} = S_{j-t}^{(1/t)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/t)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Reflected sequence of diagonal sums

Table 1 is about sequences of  $1/t$ -slope descending diag. sums  $S_n^{(1/t)\downarrow}$  of  $T'$  satisfying  $S_{j-t}^{(1/t)\downarrow} - S_{j-2}^{(1/t)\downarrow} - S_{j-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow} = S_j^{(1/t)\downarrow}$  for all  $j \geq t \geq 3$ .

Table 1.  $S_n^{(1/t)\downarrow}$  ( $3 \leq t \leq 8$ )

$t \setminus n$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
3	1	-1	0	2	-3	1	4	-8	5	7	-20	18	9	-47
4	1	-1	0	1	0	-2	2	1	-3	0	5	-4	-4	8
5	1	-1	0	1	-1	1	-1	0	2	-3	2	0	-2	4
6	1	-1	0	1	-1	0	2	-3	1	3	-5	2	5	-10
7	1	-1	0	1	-1	0	1	0	-2	2	1	-4	3	2

Refer A077889, A247920 OEIS to  $\{S_j^{(1/t)\downarrow}\}$  with  $t = 4, 5$ . If we display the numbers in  $\{S_n^{(1/3)\downarrow}\}$  in reverse order then  $\{\dots, 5, -8, 4, 1, -3, 2, 0, -1, 1\}$  corresponds to the negative indexed part of the extended tribonacci sequence  $\{\dots, 5, -8, 4, 1, -3, 2, 0, -1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 4, 7, \dots\}$ . The rearranged sequence of  $\{S_n^{(1/t)\downarrow}\}$  ( $t \geq 3$ ) in reverse order will be called the reflected sequence and denoted by  $\{\hat{S}_n^{(1/t)\downarrow} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

Table 2.  $\hat{S}_n^{(1/t)\downarrow}$  ( $3 \leq t \leq 6$ )

$t \setminus n$	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
3	1	-3	2	0	-1	1	0	1	1	2	4	7	13	24	44	81	149	274	504	927	1705	3136	5768		
4	-2	0	1	0	-1	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	4	5	8	11	17	24	36	52	77				
5	1	-1	1	0	-1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	3	3	4	6	8	10					
6	0	-1	1	0	-1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	3	2	2				

So the reflected sequence  $\{\hat{S}_n^{(1/3)\downarrow} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is the extended tribonacci sequence satisfying  $\hat{S}_{n-3}^{(1/3)\downarrow} + \hat{S}_{n-2}^{(1/3)\downarrow} + \hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/3)\downarrow} = \hat{S}_n^{(1/3)\downarrow}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**THEOREM 7.** For  $t \geq 3$ , a recurrence rule is  $\hat{S}_{n+t}^{(1/t)\downarrow} = \hat{S}_{n+2}^{(1/t)\downarrow} + \hat{S}_{n+1}^{(1/t)\downarrow} + \hat{S}_n^{(1/t)\downarrow}$ , and the limit of  $\frac{\hat{S}_n^{(1/t)\downarrow}}{\hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow}}$  in  $\{\hat{S}_n^{(1/t)\downarrow} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a real root of  $x^t - x^2 - x - 1 = 0$ .

*Proof.* From the recurrence  $S_{j-t}^{(1/t)\downarrow} = S_{j-2}^{(1/t)\downarrow} + S_{j-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow} + S_j^{(1/t)\downarrow}$ , if we consider  $j = -n$  ( $n > 0$ ) then  $S_{-(n+t)}^{(1/t)\downarrow} = S_{-(n+2)}^{(1/t)\downarrow} + S_{-(n+1)}^{(1/t)\downarrow} + S_{-n}^{(1/t)\downarrow}$ , so we have

$$\hat{S}_{n+t}^{(1/t)\downarrow} = \hat{S}_{n+2}^{(1/t)\downarrow} + \hat{S}_{n+1}^{(1/t)\downarrow} + \hat{S}_n^{(1/t)\downarrow} \text{ for any } n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

By dividing the both sides of the recurrence by  $\hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow}$  we have



$$\frac{\hat{S}_n^{(1/t)\downarrow}}{\hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow}} = \frac{1}{\frac{\hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow}}{\hat{S}_{n-t+2}^{(1/t)\downarrow}}} + \frac{1}{\frac{\hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow}}{\hat{S}_{n-t+1}^{(1/t)\downarrow}}} + \frac{1}{\frac{\hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow}}{\hat{S}_{n-t}^{(1/t)\downarrow}}}.$$

So if let  $r = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\hat{S}_n^{(1/t)\downarrow}}{\hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow}}$  then  $r = \frac{1}{r^{t-3}} + \frac{1}{r^{t-2}} + \frac{1}{r^{t-1}}$ , and  $r$  is a real root of the polynomial  $x^t - x^2 - x - 1 = 0$ . □

An interesting connection of  $\hat{S}_n^{(1/t)\downarrow}$  with trinomial table  $T$  is as follows.

**THEOREM 8.** *Let  $r_k$  ( $k \geq 0$ ) be the  $k$ th row of  $T$ . Then inner product of  $r_k$  and  $2k+1$  consecutive terms  $\{\hat{S}_n^{(1/t)\downarrow}\}$  yields  $(\hat{S}_{n-2k}^{(1/t)\downarrow}, \dots, \hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_n^{(1/t)\downarrow}) \circ r_k = \hat{S}_{n+(t-2)k}^{(1/t)\downarrow}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $t = 3$ . Clearly  $(\hat{S}_{n-2}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_n^{(1/3)\downarrow}) \circ r_1 = \hat{S}_{n+1}^{(1/3)\downarrow}$ , for  $r_1 = (1, 1, 1)$ .

Since  $r_2 = (1, 2, 3, 2, 1) = (1, 1, 1, 0, 0) + (0, 1, 1, 1, 0) + (0, 0, 1, 1, 1)$  by  $(\star)$ , if we write it by  $r_2 = (r_1, 0, 0) + (0, r_1, 0) + (0, 0, r_1)$  then

$$\begin{aligned} & (\hat{S}_{n-4}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-3}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-2}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_n^{(1/3)\downarrow}) \circ r_2 \\ &= (\hat{S}_{n-4}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-3}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-2}^{(1/3)\downarrow}) \circ r_1 + (\hat{S}_{n-3}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-2}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/3)\downarrow}) \circ r_1 \\ & \quad + (\hat{S}_{n-2}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_n^{(1/3)\downarrow}) \circ r_1 \\ &= \hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/3)\downarrow} + \hat{S}_n^{(1/3)\downarrow} + \hat{S}_{n+1}^{(1/3)\downarrow} = \hat{S}_{n+2}^{(1/3)\downarrow} \end{aligned}$$

by Theorem 7. Assume the identity in the theorem is true with respect to  $r_{k-1}$ . Since  $r_k$  equals  $(r_{k-1}, 0, 0) + (0, r_{k-1}, 0) + (0, 0, r_{k-1})$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\hat{S}_{n-2k}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-2k+1}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \dots, \hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_n^{(1/3)\downarrow}) \circ r_k \\ &= (\hat{S}_{n-2k}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \dots, \hat{S}_{n-2}^{(1/3)\downarrow}) \circ r_{k-1} + (\hat{S}_{n-2k+1}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \dots, \hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/3)\downarrow}) \circ r_{k-1} \\ & \quad + (\hat{S}_{n-2k+2}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \dots, \hat{S}_n^{(1/3)\downarrow}) \circ r_{k-1} \\ &= \hat{S}_{n-2+(k-1)}^{(1/3)\downarrow} + \hat{S}_{n-1+(k-1)}^{(1/3)\downarrow} + \hat{S}_{n+(k-1)}^{(1/3)\downarrow} = \hat{S}_{n+(k-1)+1}^{(1/3)\downarrow} = \hat{S}_{n+(t-2)k}^{(1/3)\downarrow}, \end{aligned}$$

by the induction hypothesis and Theorem 7.

When  $t = 4$ , we also can see from Theorem 7 that

$$\begin{aligned} & (\hat{S}_{n-2}^{(1/4)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/4)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_n^{(1/4)\downarrow}) \circ r_1 \\ &= \hat{S}_{n-2}^{(1/4)\downarrow} + \hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/4)\downarrow} + \hat{S}_n^{(1/4)\downarrow} = \hat{S}_{n+2}^{(1/4)\downarrow} = \hat{S}_{n+(t-2)}^{(1/4)\downarrow}, \end{aligned}$$

and also

$$\begin{aligned} & (\hat{S}_{n-4}^{(1/4)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-3}^{(1/4)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-2}^{(1/4)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/4)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_n^{(1/4)\downarrow}) \circ r_2 \\ &= (\hat{S}_{n-4}^{(1/4)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-3}^{(1/4)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-2}^{(1/4)\downarrow}) \circ r_1 + (\hat{S}_{n-3}^{(1/4)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-2}^{(1/4)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/4)\downarrow}) \circ r_1 \\ & \quad + (\hat{S}_{n-2}^{(1/4)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/4)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_n^{(1/4)\downarrow}) \circ r_1 \\ &= \hat{S}_n^{(1/4)\downarrow} + \hat{S}_{n+1}^{(1/4)\downarrow} + \hat{S}_{n+2}^{(1/4)\downarrow} = \hat{S}_{n+4}^{(1/4)\downarrow} = \hat{S}_{n+(t-2)2}^{(1/4)\downarrow}. \end{aligned}$$

Now assume  $(\hat{S}_{n-2(k-1)}^{(1/t)\downarrow}, \dots, \hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_n^{(1/t)\downarrow}) \circ r_{k-1} = \hat{S}_{n+(t-2)(k-1)}^{(1/t)\downarrow}$  for any  $t \geq 3$  and  $k > 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (\hat{S}_{n-2k}^{(1/t)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_{n-2k+1}^{(1/t)\downarrow}, \dots, \hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow}, \hat{S}_n^{(1/t)\downarrow}) \circ r_k \\ &= (\hat{S}_{n-2k}^{(1/t)\downarrow}, \dots, \hat{S}_{n-2}^{(1/t)\downarrow}) \circ r_{k-1} + (\hat{S}_{n-2k+1}^{(1/t)\downarrow}, \dots, \hat{S}_{n-1}^{(1/t)\downarrow}) \circ r_{k-1} \\ & \quad + (\hat{S}_{n-2k+2}^{(1/t)\downarrow}, \dots, \hat{S}_n^{(1/t)\downarrow}) \circ r_{k-1} \\ &= \hat{S}_{n-2+(t-2)(k-1)}^{(1/t)\downarrow} + \hat{S}_{n-1+(t-2)(k-1)}^{(1/t)\downarrow} + \hat{S}_{n+(t-2)(k-1)}^{(1/t)\downarrow} \\ &= \hat{S}_{n-2+(t-2)(k-1)+t}^{(1/t)\downarrow} = \hat{S}_{n+(t-2)k}^{(1/t)\downarrow}, \end{aligned}$$

by Theorem 7. This finishes the proof. □

Since  $\{\hat{S}_n^{(1/3)\downarrow} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  corresponds to the extended tribonacci sequence, the numbers  $\hat{S}_n^{(1/3)\downarrow}$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) can be graphically explained by 1/1-slope ascending diag. sums of  $T$ , while  $\hat{S}_n^{(1/3)\downarrow}$  ( $n \leq 0$ ) are 1/3-slope descending diag. sums of  $T'$ . Then it is natural to ask graphical description of  $\hat{S}_n^{(1/t)\downarrow}$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) over  $T$  for any  $t \geq 3$ . For this purpose, similar to  $S_n^{(t/u)\uparrow}$  and  $S_n^{(t/u)\downarrow}$  over  $T'$ , we shall use notations  $\sigma_i^{(t/u)\uparrow}$  and  $\sigma_j^{(t/u)\downarrow}$  over  $T$ . The former means the  $t/u$ -slope ascending diag. sum starting from  $e_{i,0}$  while the latter is the descending diag. sum starting from  $e_{0,j}$  over  $T$ . For instance  $\sigma_i^{(t)\uparrow} = \sigma_i^{(t/1)\uparrow} = e_{i,0} + e_{i-t,1} + e_{i-2t,2} + \dots$  and  $\sigma_j^{(1/t)\downarrow} = e_{0,j} + e_{1,j-t} + e_{2,j-2t} + \dots$ .

**THEOREM 9.**  $\hat{S}_n^{(1/3)\downarrow} = \sigma_{n-3}^{(1)\downarrow} = \sigma_{n-3}^{(1)\uparrow}$ . And  $\hat{S}_n^{(1/4)\downarrow} = \sigma_{n-4}^{(1/2)\downarrow}$ .

*Proof.* The 1-slope descending diag. sums over  $T$  clearly satisfy  $\{\sigma_{n-3}^{(1)\downarrow} \mid n \geq 3\} = \{1, 1, 2, 4, 7, 13, \dots\} = \{\sigma_{n-3}^{(1)\uparrow} \mid n \geq 3\}$ , which is the tribonacci numbers. So by  $\{\hat{S}_n^{(1/3)\downarrow}\} = \{1, 1, 2, 4, 7, \dots\}$  in Table 2, the proof of the first identity is clear.

The first few numbers of 1/2-slope descending diag. sums over  $T$  are  $\{\sigma_{n-4}^{(1/2)\downarrow} \mid n \geq 4\} = \{1, 0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 4, 5, 8, 11, 17, \dots\}$ , where this equals  $\{\hat{S}_n^{(1/4)\downarrow}\} = \{1, 0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 4, 5, 8, 11, 17, \dots\}$  (see Table 2). In fact,  $\sigma_{10}^{(1/2)\downarrow} = \underbrace{e_{0,10} + e_{1,8} + e_{2,6}}_0 + \underbrace{e_{3,4} + e_{4,2} + e_{5,0}}_{17} = \hat{S}_{14}^{(1/4)\downarrow}$ . Since

the first few numbers in sequences  $\{\hat{S}_n^{(1/4)\downarrow}\}$  and  $\{\sigma_{n-4}^{(1/2)\downarrow}\}$  correspond each other, it is enough to show that  $\{\sigma_j^{(1/2)\downarrow}\}$  satisfies the recurrence  $\sigma_j^{(1/2)\downarrow} + \sigma_{j+1}^{(1/2)\downarrow} + \sigma_{j+2}^{(1/2)\downarrow} = \sigma_{j+4}^{(1/2)\downarrow}$ , that is the same pattern of  $\hat{S}_n^{(1/4)\downarrow}$  in Theorem 7. In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sigma_j^{(1/2)\downarrow} + \sigma_{j+1}^{(1/2)\downarrow} + \sigma_{j+2}^{(1/2)\downarrow} \\ &= (e_{0,j} + e_{1,j-2} + e_{2,j-4} + \dots) + (e_{0,j+1} + e_{1,j-1} + e_{2,j-3} + \dots) \\ &\quad + (e_{0,j+2} + e_{1,j} + e_{2,j-2} + \dots). \end{aligned}$$

Then by considering each columnwise sum, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_j^{(1/2)\downarrow} + \sigma_{j+1}^{(1/2)\downarrow} + \sigma_{j+2}^{(1/2)\downarrow} &= e_{1,j+2} + e_{2,j} + e_{3,j-2} + e_{4,j-5} + \dots \\ &= e_{0,j+4} + (e_{1,j+2} + e_{2,j} + e_{3,j-2} + e_{4,j-5} + \dots) = \sigma_{j+4}^{(1/2)\downarrow}, \end{aligned}$$

because  $e_{0,j+4} = 0$  for all  $j \geq 0$  and the recurrence  $(\star)$  of  $T$ . □

$$\text{Clearly } \sigma_{11}^{(1)\downarrow} = \underbrace{e_{0,11} + \dots + e_{3,8}}_{4+45+126+161+112+45+10+1=504} + \underbrace{e_{4,7} + e_{5,6} + \dots + e_{11,0}}_{4+45+126+161+112+45+10+1=504} = \hat{S}_{14}^{(1/3)\downarrow}.$$

Let  $\sigma_{(a,b)}^{(1/2)\uparrow}$  and  $\sigma_{(a,b)}^{(1/2)\downarrow}$  be 1/2-slope ascending and descending diag. sums starting from the component  $e_{a,b}$  of  $T$ . The next theorem further explains  $\hat{S}_n^{(1/4)\downarrow}$  in relation to certain 1/2-slope diag. in  $T$ .

$$\text{THEOREM 10. } \hat{S}_n^{(1/4)\downarrow} = \sigma_{(0,n-4)}^{(1/2)\downarrow} = \begin{cases} \sigma_{(\frac{n-4}{2},0)}^{(1/2)\uparrow} & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ \sigma_{(\frac{n-5}{2},1)}^{(1/2)\uparrow} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $\sigma_{(0,n-4)}^{(1/2)\downarrow} = \sigma_{n-4}^{(1/2)\downarrow}$ , the first equality is due to Theorem 9. Now we look at a 1/2-slope descending diag. sum in  $T$ , for example,  $\sigma_{(0,12)}^{(1/2)\downarrow} = \underbrace{e_{0,12} + e_{1,10} + e_{2,8}}_{1+19+15+1=36} + \underbrace{e_{3,6} + \dots + e_{6,0}}_{1+19+15+1=36} = \hat{S}_{4+12}^{(1/4)\downarrow}$ . Also it can be explained as the increasing diagonal sum  $e_{6,0} + e_{5,2} + e_{4,4} + e_{3,6} = 36 = \sigma_{(6,0)}^{(1/2)\uparrow}$ .

Table 3. $\sigma_{(\frac{n-4}{2},0)}^{(1/2)\uparrow}$	
$n = 4$	$\sigma_{(0,0)}^{(1/2)\uparrow} = 1 = \hat{S}_6^{(1/4)\downarrow}$
6	$\sigma_{(1,0)}^{(1/2)\uparrow} = 1 = \hat{S}_8^{(1/4)\downarrow}$
8	$\sigma_{(2,0)}^{(1/2)\uparrow} = 1 + 1 = \hat{S}_{10}^{(1/4)\downarrow}$
10	$\sigma_{(3,0)}^{(1/2)\uparrow} = 1 + 6 + 1 = \hat{S}_{12}^{(1/4)\downarrow}$
12	$\sigma_{(4,0)}^{(1/2)\uparrow} = 1 + 10 + 6 = \hat{S}_{14}^{(1/4)\downarrow}$

Table 4. $\sigma_{(\frac{n-5}{2},1)}^{(1/2)\uparrow}$	
$n = 5$	$\sigma_{(0,1)}^{(1/2)\uparrow} = 0$
7	$\sigma_{(1,1)}^{(1/2)\uparrow} = 1$
9	$\sigma_{(2,1)}^{(1/2)\uparrow} = 2$
11	$\sigma_{(3,1)}^{(1/2)\uparrow} = 3 + 2 = 5$
13	$\sigma_{(4,1)}^{(1/2)\uparrow} = 4 + 7 = 11$

In case of  $n = 2k \geq 4$ , the first few numbers  $\sigma_{(\frac{n-4}{2},0)}^{(1/2)\uparrow}$  are in Table 3, where it shows  $\{\sigma_{(\frac{n-4}{2},0)}^{(1/2)\uparrow}\} = \{1, 1, 2, 4, 8, 17, 36, 77, 165, \dots\} = \{\hat{S}_n^{(1/4)\downarrow} \mid n : \text{even}\}$ .

Similarly when  $n = 2k+1 \geq 4$ , the first few numbers  $\sigma_{\left(\frac{n-5}{2}, 1\right)}^{(1/2)\uparrow}$  are in Table 4, where it shows that  $\{\sigma_{\left(\frac{n-5}{2}, 1\right)}^{(1/2)\uparrow}\} = \{0, 1, 2, 5, 11, 24, 52, 112, 241, \dots\} = \{\hat{S}_n^{(1/4)\downarrow} \mid n : \text{odd}\}$ . This completes the proof  $\square$

In fact Theorem 10 corresponds to the following table.

$n$	4	5	6	7	8	9	...
$\hat{S}_n^{(1/4)\downarrow}$	$1 = \sigma_{(0,0)}^{(1/2)\uparrow}$	$0 = \sigma_{(0,1)}^{(1/2)\uparrow}$	$1 = \sigma_{(1,0)}^{(1/2)\uparrow}$	$1 = \sigma_{(1,1)}^{(1/2)\uparrow}$	$2 = \sigma_{(2,0)}^{(1/2)\uparrow}$	$2 = \sigma_{(2,1)}^{(1/2)\uparrow}$	

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