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Paul W Eloë* (Paul.Eloe@notes.udayton.edu), Department of Mathematics, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH 45469-2316, and **Ferhan Atici**. *Linear Fractional Difference Equations*.

Fractional calculus of finite differences is briefly introduced. A family of linear fractional finite difference equations with constant coefficients is defined. Two methods of solution are developed, a method that employs the roots of a characteristic equation, and a transform method. We use the Laplace transform on time scales and not the better known z -transform. (Received July 13, 2005)