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In these notes we study  $k$ -generalized Fibonacci sequences,  $(F_n^{(k)})_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ , with positive and negative indices. Denote by  $T_k(x)$  its characteristic polynomial. Our most interesting finding is that if  $k$  is even, then the absolute value of the second real root of  $T_k(x)$  is minimal among the roots. Combining this with a deep result of Bugeaud and Kaneko [6], we prove that there are only finitely many perfect powers in  $(F_n^{(k)})_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ , provided  $k$  is even. Another consequence is that if  $k$  and  $l$  denote even integers, then the equation  $F_m^{(k)} = \pm F_n^{(l)}$  has only finitely many effectively computable solutions in  $(n, m) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ . In the case  $k = l = 4$ , we establish all solutions of this equation.

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