

Fractional Calculus

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I. DERIVE FRACTIONAL CALCULUS

I would like to derive fractional calculus, it seems like it should exist as a natural extension to the field of calculus.

II. BLACK BOARD

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Define the functions,

$$A(x, \alpha) = e^x$$

$$B(x, \alpha) = (x + \alpha) e^x$$

$$C(x, \alpha) = (x^2 + 2\alpha x + \alpha(\alpha - 1)) e^x$$

notice that,

$$\frac{d}{dx} A(x, \alpha) = e^x = A(x, \alpha + 1)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} B(x, \alpha) = (x + \alpha + 1) e^x = B(x, \alpha + 1)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} C(x, \alpha) = (x^2 + 2(\alpha + 1)x + (\alpha + 1)\alpha) e^x = C(x, \alpha + 1)$$

and,

$$\int_{-\infty}^x A(t, \alpha) dt = e^x = A(x, \alpha - 1)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^x B(t, \alpha) dt = (x + \alpha - 1) e^x = B(x, \alpha - 1)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^x C(t, \alpha) dt = (x^2 + 2(\alpha - 1)x + (\alpha - 1)(\alpha - 2)) e^x = C(x, \alpha - 1)$$

defining the operator J^α based on the Riemann-Liouville integrals as,

$$J^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{-\infty}^x (x - t)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt \quad (1)$$

I think that the following is true for $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$J^\beta A(x, \alpha) = A(x, \alpha - \beta)$$

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$$J^\beta B(x, \alpha) = B(x, \alpha - \beta)$$

$$J^\beta C(x, \alpha) = C(x, \alpha - \beta)$$

I propose that the following is true

$$J^\beta (P_n^\alpha(x)) = P_n^{\alpha-\beta}(x)$$

$$P_n^\alpha(x) = \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1+k-n)} x^k \right) e^x$$

where $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$

Assuming this worked, then

$$J^\beta (aF(x) + bG(x)) = aJ^\beta F(x) + bJ^\beta G(x)$$

$$J^\beta (J^\gamma (P_n^\alpha(x))) = P_n^{\alpha-\gamma-\beta}(x) = P_n^{\alpha-\beta-\gamma}(x) = J^\gamma (J^\beta (P_n^\alpha(x)))$$

$$J^1 (P_n^\alpha(x)) = \int_{-\infty}^x P_n^\alpha(t) dt = P_n^{\alpha-1}(x)$$

$$J^{-1} (P_n^\alpha(x)) = \frac{d}{dx} P_n^\alpha(x) = P_n^{\alpha+1}(x)$$

so on the vector space formed by the set of functions $P_n^\alpha(x)$ the operator J^β has all of the properties necessary for a well defined fractional calculus. I expect that J^β is not valid for $\beta \leq 0$ but that there are equivalent definitions that are defined in that range (for example Cauchy's differentiation formula generalized for fractional derivatives).

Using this fractional calculus is defined for a predefined set of exponential polynomials, but linear combinations of them can be used to construct arbitrary polynomial exponentials. Then this fractional calculus can be extended even further by taking approximating some arbitrary function $F(x)$ and then computing the n th order Taylor expansion of the function $F(x)e^{-x}$ denote its Taylor expansion as $\mathfrak{T}_n(F(x)e^{-x})$ and then using the function $\mathfrak{T}_n(F(x)e^{-x})e^x \approx F(x)$ to approximate fractional calculus on $F(x)$ for sufficiently large n .

III. BLACK BOARD

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$$P_n^\alpha(x) = \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1+k-n)} x^k \right) e^x = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1-n)} {}_1F_1(\alpha+1, \alpha+1-n, x)$$

using this equation for $P_n^\alpha(x)$ makes it simple to prove the following,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} P_n^\alpha(x) &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1-n)} \frac{d}{dx} {}_1F_1(\alpha+1, \alpha+1-n, x) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1-n)} \frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha+1-n} {}_1F_1(\alpha+2, \alpha+2-n, x) \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+2)}{\Gamma(\alpha+2-n)} {}_1F_1(\alpha+2, \alpha+2-n, x) = P_n^{\alpha+1}(x) \end{aligned}$$

and also to prove the following,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\infty}^x P_n^\alpha(t)dt &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1-n)} \int_{-\infty}^x {}_1F_1(\alpha+1, \alpha+1-n, t)dt = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1-n)} \frac{\alpha-n}{\alpha} {}_1F_1(\alpha, \alpha-n, x) \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha-n)} {}_1F_1(\alpha, \alpha-n, x) = P_n^{\alpha-1}(x)\end{aligned}$$

finally the following integral may be useful,

$$\int_{-\infty}^x \frac{(x-t)^{\alpha-1} t^n e^t}{\Gamma(\alpha)} dt = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+k)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (-1)^k x^{n-k} e^x$$

IV. POLYNOMIALS

note that the fractional derivative of x^k is often expressed as,

$$\frac{d^\alpha}{dx^\alpha} x^k = \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k+1-\alpha)} x^{k-\alpha}$$

these fractional monomials can be found using J^α as the solution to the fractional integral of an impulse,

$$J^\alpha \delta(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{(x-t)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \delta(t) dt = \frac{x^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$$