

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.

A. concepts

Riemann–Liouville Integral, Riemann–Liouville Derivative, Caputo derivative, gamma function, analytic continuation, Ramanujan’s master theorem

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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,

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

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

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

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

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

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 .

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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,

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

so the singularities produced at the origin is a side effect of the impulse.

These polynomials may be useful for fractional time derivatives (only past events have an effect), can the equations be reformulated for fractional space derivatives (using a combination of left and right derivatives). For example fractionally integrate $H(x)H(1-x)$ a square bump function.

V. BLACK BOARD 05-27-2020

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Looking at the first four exponential polynomials $P_n^\alpha(x)$ I came up with the following recursive formula,

$$P_0^\alpha(x) = e^x$$

$$P_n^\alpha(x) = x P_{n-1}^\alpha(x) + \alpha P_{n-1}^{\alpha-1}(x) \quad (2)$$

now fractionally integrate the base case,

$$J^\beta P_0^\alpha(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_{-\infty}^x (x-t)^{\beta-1} e^t dt = e^x$$

note that $e^x = P_0^{\alpha-\beta}(x)$, so the identity $J^\beta P_0^\alpha(x) = P_0^{\alpha-\beta}(x)$ is true, though also trivial. Given this identity let us suppose $J^\beta P_{n-1}^\alpha(x) = P_{n-1}^{\alpha-\beta}(x)$, then

$$J^\beta P_n^\alpha(x) = J^\beta (xP_{n-1}^\alpha(x) + \alpha P_{n-1}^{\alpha-1}(x))$$

using linearity of J^β and our assumption about P_{n-1}^α ,

$$J^\beta P_n^\alpha(x) = J^\beta (xP_{n-1}^\alpha(x)) + \alpha P_{n-1}^{\alpha-\beta-1}(x)$$

now using the generalized Leibniz rule given by [1] equation (15.11),

$$J^\beta (xP_{n-1}^\alpha(x)) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\beta}{k} (J^{\beta+k} P_{n-1}^\alpha(x)) \left(\frac{d^k}{dx^k} x \right) = \binom{-\beta}{0} x J^\beta P_{n-1}^\alpha(x) + \binom{-\beta}{1} J^{\beta+1} P_{n-1}^\alpha(x)$$

all other terms are zero, simplifying

$$J^\beta (xP_{n-1}^\alpha(x)) = xP_{n-1}^{\alpha-\beta}(x) - \beta P_{n-1}^{\alpha-\beta-1}(x)$$

Using this the equation becomes,

$$J^\beta P_n^\alpha(x) = xP_{n-1}^{\alpha-\beta}(x) - \beta P_{n-1}^{\alpha-\beta-1}(x) + \alpha P_{n-1}^{\alpha-\beta-1}(x)$$

simplifying,

$$J^\beta P_n^\alpha(x) = xP_{n-1}^{\alpha-\beta}(x) + (\alpha - \beta) P_{n-1}^{\alpha-\beta-1}(x) = P_n^{\alpha-\beta}(x)$$

by induction then the following identity is true for all of the polynomial exponentials $P_n^\alpha(x)$

$$J^\beta P_n^\alpha(x) = P_n^{\alpha-\beta}(x) \quad (3)$$

So the set $P_n^\alpha(x)$ with operator J^β acts as an abelian group. Fractional calculus does not produce any contradictions when acting exclusively on polynomial exponentials.

VI. EXAMPLE PROBLEM USING EXPONENTIAL POLYNOMIALS

Find the fractional derivative of the equation $e^{\lambda x}$, I will use this since the solution is an elementary function $\lambda^\alpha e^{\lambda x}$.

$$e^{\lambda x} = e^{(\lambda-1)x} e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda-1)^k x^k e^x}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda-1)^k}{k!} P_k^0(x)$$

note that $P_n^0(x) = x^n e^x$. Taking the fractional derivative of this function,

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

bringing out the inner summation,

$$J^{-\alpha} e^{\lambda x} = e^x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(\lambda-1)^n}{n!} \binom{n}{k} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1+k-n)} x^k$$

Simplify, and raise the limit of the inner summation since $\binom{n}{n+k} = 0$ if $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ so $\binom{n}{k} = 0$ if $k > n$,

$$J^{-\alpha} e^{\lambda x} = e^x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda-1)^n}{k!(n-k)!} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1+k-n)} x^k$$

reindex the equation using the substitution $m = n - k$, note that any term with $m < 0$ evaluates to zero,

$$J^{-\alpha} e^{\lambda x} = e^x \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda-1)^{m+k}}{k!m!} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1-m)} x^k$$

rearranging the equation,

$$J^{-\alpha} e^{\lambda x} = \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{m! \Gamma(\alpha+1-m)} (\lambda-1)^m \right) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda-1)^k}{k!} x^k e^x = \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha}{m} (\lambda-1)^m 1^{\alpha-m} \right) e^{\lambda x}$$

this series only converges for $|1 - \lambda| < 1$, taking the analytic continuation results in the solution

$$J^{-\alpha} e^{\lambda x} = \lambda^{\alpha} e^{\lambda x}$$

VII. BLACK BOARD 06-02-2020

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I would like to define a function space that behaves nicely under fractional calculus. Towards that end we have observed that exponential functions and polynomials multiplied by exponential functions behave nicely under fractional calculus. Let us define two sets, first a set of positive monotonic increasing functions \mathbb{M} , and a set of functions that are in some sense bounded by exponential functions \mathbb{B} ,

$$\mathbb{M} := \{a \in C(\mathbb{R}) | (\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}) x > y, a(x) > a(y) \geq 0\}$$

$$\mathbb{B}(a, b) := \{f \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}) | (\forall x, x_0 \in \mathbb{R}) x \leq x_0, |f(x)| \leq a(x_0) e^{bx}\}$$

Using these two sets we can construct a set of "nice" functions,

$$\mathbb{S} := \left\{ f \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}) \left| (\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+) (\exists a_n \in \mathbb{M}, b_n \in \mathbb{R}) b_n > 0, \frac{d^n}{dx^n} f(x) \in \mathbb{B}(a_n, b_n) \right. \right\} \quad (4)$$

Given $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f, g \in \mathbb{S}$ with $a_{fn}, a_{gn} \in \mathbb{M}$, $b_{fn}, b_{gn} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $b_{fn} \geq b_{gn} > 0$ and $\frac{d^n}{dx^n} f(x) \in \mathbb{B}(a_{fn}, b_{fn})$, $\frac{d^n}{dx^n} g(x) \in \mathbb{B}(a_{gn}, b_{gn})$ then,

$$(\forall x, x_0 \in \mathbb{R}) x \leq x_0, \left| \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (\alpha f(x)) \right| \leq |\alpha| \left| \frac{d^n}{dx^n} f(x) \right| \leq (|\alpha| a_{fn}(x_0)) e^{b_{fn} x}$$

and

$$(\forall x, x_0 \in \mathbb{R}) x \leq x_0, \left| \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (f(x) + g(x)) \right| \leq \left| \frac{d^n}{dx^n} f(x) \right| + \left| \frac{d^n}{dx^n} g(x) \right| \leq$$

$$\leq a_{fn}(x) e^{b_{fn} x} + a_{gn}(x) e^{b_{gn} x} \leq \left(a_{fn}(x_0) e^{(b_{fn} - b_{gn}) x_0} + a_{gn}(x_0) \right) e^{b_{gn} x}$$

and finally

$$(\forall x, x_0 \in \mathbb{R}) x \leq x_0, \left| \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt \right| \leq \int_{-\infty}^x |f(t)| dt \leq \int_{-\infty}^x a_{fn}(x_0) e^{b_{fn} t} dt = \frac{a_{fn}(x_0)}{b_{fn}} e^{b_{fn} x}$$

thus, if $f, g \in \mathbb{S}, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ then $\alpha f(x) \in \mathbb{S}$ and $f(x) + g(x) \in \mathbb{S}$. So the set of functions \mathbb{S} is a vector space and is a sub-space of $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$. Also by definition $\frac{d}{dx} f(x) \in \mathbb{S}$ and we found that $\int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$ necessarily exists for all x and that $\int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt \in \mathbb{S}$. Note equivalent results can be produced when only requiring $b_{fn} > 0, b_{gn} > 0$ not $b_{fn} \geq b_{gn} > 0$

VIII. BLACK BOARD 06-07-2020

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Ramanujan's Master Theorem (RMT) can be stated as,

$$g(u) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(k)(-u)^k}{k!}$$

Given appropriate conditions on $\phi(k)$ the sum converges and the following result holds,

$$\int_0^{\infty} u^{s-1} g(u) du = \Gamma(s) \phi(-s)$$

When applicable this theorem acts to interpolate the sequence $\phi(k), k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, finding an analytic function $\phi(-s)$ reproducing the sequence when $s = -k, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Let us define $\phi(k)$ in terms of a function $f(x) \in C^\omega(\mathbb{C})$,

$$\phi(k) = \left. \frac{d^k}{dx^k} f(x) \right|_{x=x_0}$$

then in this case $g(u)$ is,

$$g(u) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-u)^k}{k!} \left. \frac{d^k}{dx^k} f(x) \right|_{x=x_0}$$

recognize that $g(u)$ is the Taylor expansion of $f(x_0 - u)$ in terms of u . Now using $f(x_0 - u)$ in the integral,

$$\int_0^J u^{s-1} f(x_0 - u) du = \Gamma(s) \phi(-s)$$

using the substitution $t = x_0 - u$, the integral becomes,

$$\int_{x_0}^{-\infty} -(x_0 - t)^{s-1} f(t) dt = \Gamma(s) \phi(-s)$$

and finally rearranging,

$$\phi(-s) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_{-\infty}^{x_0} (x_0 - t)^{s-1} f(t) dt = J^s f(x)|_{x=x_0}$$

So using RMT to interpolate between the derivatives of $f(x)$ at the point x_0 yields a definition for a fractional integral operator which is analytic in respect to s and defined on a strip $s \in \mathbb{C}, a < \Re(s) < b$.

Note that the function $\phi(-s)$ produced from RMT is not unique.

$$\psi(s) \in C^\omega(\mathbb{C}), \psi(k) = 0, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$\phi'(k) = \psi(k) + \phi(k) = \phi(k), k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

So applying RMT to $\phi'(k)$ will yield $\phi(-s)$ and not $\phi(-s) + \psi(-s)$. This demonstrates that while J^α has many of the properties required for fractional calculus it is not unique. Lets denote an arbitrary compatible fractional calculus operator as I^α , then

$$R^\alpha f(x) = I^\alpha f(x) - J^\alpha f(x)$$

where J^α is operator found using RMT the RL integral. If we can prove that $R^\alpha = 0$ when some additional constraint is applied to the definition of fractional calculus, then that constraint would force the operator I^α to be uniquely defined. Apply the generalized Leibniz rule given by [1] equation (15.11) to the operator I^α ,

$$I^\alpha f(x)g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\alpha}{k} (I^{\alpha+k} f(x)) \left(\frac{d^k}{dx^k} g(x) \right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\alpha}{k} ((J^{\alpha+k} + R^{\alpha+k}) f(x)) \left(\frac{d^k}{dx^k} g(x) \right)$$

then subtracting $J^\alpha f(x)g(x)$ from both sides,

$$R^\alpha f(x)g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\alpha}{k} (R^{\alpha+k} f(x)) \left(\frac{d^k}{dx^k} g(x) \right) \quad (5)$$

Now that we are setup, look at the set of ODEs $\frac{d^n}{dx^n} f(x) = f(x)$. All solutions to these equations are summes of one or more exponentials, and inparticular

$$\exists f(x) \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \frac{d^n}{dx^n} f(x) = f(x)$$

where interpreting negative intagers as repeated integrals of the form $\int_{-\infty}^x f(t)dt$. This statement is true and the only nontrivial $f(x)$ that statisfies it is $f(x) = e^x$ (ignoring the scaling constant). Any ambiguity in the statment can be removed by phrasing it as,

$$\exists f(x) \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \frac{d^n}{dx^n} f(x) = f(x), f(0) = 1 \quad (6)$$

Let us generalize this statment to fractional calculus,

$$\exists f(x) \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \frac{d^\alpha}{dx^\alpha} f(x) = f(x), f(0) = 1 \quad (7)$$

From statement (7) we can conclude that if $f(x)$ exists it must be $f(x) = e^x$, since it nesesitates that $\frac{d}{dx} f(x) = f(x), f(0) = 1$. We will now re quire that statment (7) applies to fractional calculus. So $I^\alpha e^x = J^\alpha e^x + R^\alpha e^x = e^x$, but since $J^\alpha e^x = e^x$ then $R^\alpha e^x = 0$. Now apply this result to (5) with $f(x) = e^x$ and $g(x) = e^{-x}h(x)$ with $h(x)$ in the domain of I^α

$$R^\alpha h(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\alpha}{k} (R^{\alpha+k} e^x) \left(\frac{d^k}{dx^k} h(x)e^{-x} \right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 0 \binom{-\alpha}{k} \left(\frac{d^k}{dx^k} h(x)e^{-x} \right) = 0$$

So given (7) is true, then $R^\alpha = 0$, and the fractional calculus operator J^α derived from RMT is the only operator satisfying all of our constraints.

IX. BLACK BOARD 06-15-2020

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Given $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \beta > 0$ and $f, g \in \mathbb{S}$ with $a_{fn}, a_{gn} \in \mathbb{M}, b_{fn}, b_{gn} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $b_{fn} > 0, b_{gn} > 0$ and $\frac{d^n}{dx^n} f(x) \in \mathbb{B}(a_{fn}, b_{fn}), \frac{d^n}{dx^n} g(x) \in \mathbb{B}(a_{gn}, b_{gn})$ then let $h(x) = f(\beta x + \alpha)$,

$$\left| \frac{d^n}{dx^n} h(x) \right| = \beta^n \left| \frac{d^n}{dx^n} f(\beta x + \alpha) \right| \leq \beta^n a_{fn}(\beta x_0 + \alpha) e^{b_{fn}(\beta x + \alpha)} = \beta^n e^{b_{fn}\alpha} a_{fn}(\beta x_0 + \alpha) e^{b_{fn}\beta x}$$

or let $h(x) = f(x)g(x)$, note if some function $\left| \frac{d^n}{dx^n} f(x) \right| \leq a_{fn}(x_0) e^{b_{fn}x}$ then by integrating $\left| \frac{d^{n-k}}{dx^{n-k}} f(x) \right| \leq b_{fn}^{-k} a_{fn}(x_0) e^{b_{fn}x}$,

$$\left| \frac{d^n}{dx^n} h(x) \right| \leq \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \left| \frac{d^{n-k}}{dx^{n-k}} f(x) \right| \left| \frac{d^{k-(n-k)}}{dx^{k-(n-k)}} g(x) \right| \leq \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} b_{fn}^{-k} b_{gn}^{-(n-k)} a_{fn}(x_0) a_{gn}(x_0) e^{(b_{fn} + b_{gn})x}$$

Identifying the closed form of the summation,

$$\left| \frac{d^n}{dx^n} h(x) \right| \leq \left(\frac{1}{b_{fn}} + \frac{1}{b_{gn}} \right)^n a_{fn}(x_0) a_{gn}(x_0) e^{(b_{fn} + b_{gn})x}$$

So if $f(x) \in \mathbb{S}$ then $f(\beta x + \alpha) \in \mathbb{S}$, and if $f(x), g(x) \in \mathbb{S}$ then $f(x) \cdot g(x) \in \mathbb{S}$

Note some sets of functions found to be in \mathbb{S} ,

$$|x^n e^x| \leq n^n e^{2x-n} + 2^n n^n e^{x/2-n} \leq n^n e^{-n} (e^{3x_0/2} + 2^n) e^{x/2}$$

Using this to construct arbitrary exponential polynomials and their derivatives it is clear that $e^x \sum_{k=0}^n c_k x^k \in \mathbb{S}$ for $n < \infty$

$$a = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + 8n}}{4}$$

$$\left| x^n e^{-x^2} \right| \leq a^n e^{-a^2 + a} e^x$$

Using this to construct arbitrary gaussian polynomials and their derivatives it is clear that $e^{-x^2} \sum_{k=0}^n c_k x^k \in \mathbb{S}$ for $n < \infty$

X. BLACK BOARD 10-22-2020

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The Grunwald-Letnikov derivative can be defined as

$$\mathbb{D}^\alpha f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{h^\alpha} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \binom{\alpha}{n} f(x - nh)$$

I would like to show that $\mathbb{D}^\alpha f(x)$ is equivalent to $J^\alpha f(x)$ when $f(x) \in \mathbb{S}$,

$$J^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + n)} \int_{-\infty}^x (x - t)^{\alpha + n - 1} \left(\frac{d^n}{dt^n} f(t) \right) dt$$

where $\Re(\alpha + n) \geq 1$. One major issue with the Grunwald-Letnikov derivative when compairing it to Riemann-Louville type integrals is the ambiguity about the bounds of integration. That is that $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} x - nh$ is indeterminate. So we will redefine the derivative as follows,

$$\mathbb{D}_{x_0}^\alpha f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{h^\alpha} \sum_{n=0}^{\lfloor \frac{x-x_0}{h} \rfloor} (-1)^n \binom{\alpha}{n} f(x - nh)$$

Using this derivative the ambiguity is cleared up, $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} x - nh$ ranges from x to x_0 depending on which term of the summ is beaing checked.

Let $\Re(\alpha) \geq 1$ and check $\mathbb{D}^{-\alpha} f(x) = \mathbb{D}_{-\infty}^{-\alpha} f(x)$ for $f(x) \in \mathbb{S}$.

Expanding the binomial coeficint and simplifying,

$$\mathbb{D}^{-\alpha} f(x) = \lim_{x_0 \rightarrow -\infty} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h^\alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\lfloor \frac{x-x_0}{h} \rfloor} (-1)^n \frac{\Gamma(1-\alpha)}{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(1-\alpha-n)} f(x - nh)$$

Using the property $\Gamma(\epsilon - N) = (-1)^{N-1} \frac{\Gamma(-\epsilon)\Gamma(\epsilon+1)}{\Gamma(N+1-\epsilon)}$, derived from Euler's reflection formula, with $\epsilon = -\alpha$ and $N = n - 1$. Using the substitution and simplifying, $\Gamma(1 - n - \alpha) = (-1)^n \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(1-\alpha)}{\Gamma(n+\alpha)}$, using this in the derivative produces,

$$\mathbb{D}^{-\alpha} f(x) = \lim_{x_0 \rightarrow -\infty} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h^\alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\lfloor \frac{x-x_0}{h} \rfloor} \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(n+1)} f(x - nh)$$

From Gautschi's inequality we get the limit, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha)}{\Gamma(n+1)n^{\alpha-1}} = 1$. This could be used to simplify the terms in the sum but it does not apply for all terms. To fix this we will split the sum into two parts, depending on whether $(x - nh) - x_1$ is positive or negative. Then under the limit that h goes to zero and if $(x - nh) - x_1 < 0$ we can say that the terms $\frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha)}{\Gamma(n+1)}$ go to $n^{\alpha-1}$.

$$\mathbb{D}^{-\alpha} f(x) = \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow x^-} \lim_{x_0 \rightarrow -\infty} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \left(h^\alpha \sum_{n=\lfloor \frac{x-x_1}{h} \rfloor}^{\lfloor \frac{x-x_0}{h} \rfloor} \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(n+1)} f(x - nh) + h^\alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\lfloor \frac{x-x_1}{h} \rfloor} \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(n+1)} f(x - nh) \right)$$

Let us call the second sum E ,

$$E = \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow x^-} \lim_{x_0 \rightarrow -\infty} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h^\alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\lfloor \frac{x-x_1}{h} \rfloor} \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(n+1)} f(x - nh)$$

Setting the term E asside for the moment, using the asytmotic limit described in the previuos paragraph and simplify.

$$\mathbb{D}^{-\alpha} f(x) = \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow x^-} \lim_{x_0 \rightarrow -\infty} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h^\alpha \sum_{n=\lfloor \frac{x-x_1}{h} \rfloor}^{\lfloor \frac{x-x_0}{h} \rfloor} \frac{n^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(x - nh) + E$$

Rearranging,

$$\mathbb{D}^{-\alpha} f(x) = \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow x^-} \lim_{x_0 \rightarrow -\infty} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{n=\lfloor \frac{x-x_1}{h} \rfloor}^{\lfloor \frac{x-x_0}{h} \rfloor} (nh)^{\alpha-1} f(x - nh) h + E$$

Interpreting this as a Riemann integral, where the variable of integration is $nh = u$, then

$$\mathbb{D}^{-\alpha}f(x) = \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow x^-} \lim_{x_0 \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{x-x_1}^{x-x_0} u^{\alpha-1} f(x-u) du + E$$

Using the variable substitution $t = x - u$, then

$$\mathbb{D}^{-\alpha}f(x) = \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow x^-} \lim_{x_0 \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{x_0}^{x_1} (x-t)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt + E$$

Finally applying the last two limits,

$$\mathbb{D}^{-\alpha}f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{-\infty}^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt + E$$

A. The Error term E

Returning to the definition of E . We will attempt to evaluate E using Gautschi's inequality, but first the inequality needs to be generalized. The inequality can be expressed as,

$$N^{\epsilon-1} > \frac{\Gamma(N+\epsilon)}{\Gamma(N+1)}$$

where, $N, \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$, $N > 0$ and $0 < \epsilon < 1$. Using the variable substitution $N = n + \lfloor \alpha \rfloor$ and $\epsilon = \alpha - \lfloor \alpha \rfloor$, then we get the inequality,

$$(n + \lfloor \alpha \rfloor)^{\alpha - \lfloor \alpha \rfloor - 1} > \frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha)}{\Gamma(n + \lfloor \alpha \rfloor + 1)}$$

Pochhammer symbol is related to the gamma function by the equation, $x^{(n)} = \frac{\Gamma(x+n)}{\Gamma(x)}$. Also if x and n are positive integers note that $x^{(n)} = x(x+1)(x+2)\dots(x+n-1) < (x+n-1)^n$. So using these properties,

$$(n + \lfloor \alpha \rfloor)^{\alpha - \lfloor \alpha \rfloor - 1} > \frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha)}{(n+1)^{(\lfloor \alpha \rfloor)} \Gamma(n+1)}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(n+1)^{(\lfloor \alpha \rfloor)}$ gives,

$$(n+1)^{(\lfloor \alpha \rfloor)} (n + \lfloor \alpha \rfloor)^{\alpha - \lfloor \alpha \rfloor - 1} > \frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha)}{\Gamma(n+1)}$$

And then note that $(n+1)^{(\lfloor \alpha \rfloor)} < (n + \lfloor \alpha \rfloor)^{\lfloor \alpha \rfloor}$,

$$(n + \lfloor \alpha \rfloor)^{\alpha-1} > (n+1)^{(\lfloor \alpha \rfloor)} (n + \lfloor \alpha \rfloor)^{\alpha - \lfloor \alpha \rfloor - 1} > \frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha)}{\Gamma(n+1)}$$

So the new inequality is $(n + \lfloor \alpha \rfloor)^{\alpha-1} > \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha)}{\Gamma(n+1)}$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\alpha > 1$. Using this to evaluate E , note that there are no terms of x_0 and simplifying,

$$|E| = \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow x^-} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h^\alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\lfloor \frac{x-x_1}{h} \rfloor} \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(n+1)} |f(x-nh)| < \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow x^-} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h^\alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\lfloor \frac{x-x_1}{h} \rfloor} \frac{(n + \lfloor \alpha \rfloor)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} |f(x-nh)|$$

Simplifying

$$|E| < \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow x^-} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{n=0}^{\lfloor \frac{x-x_1}{h} \rfloor} (nh + \lfloor \alpha \rfloor h)^{\alpha-1} |f(x-nh)| h$$

Interpreting this as a Riemann integral, with a variable of integration $nh = u$ and noting that $\lfloor \alpha \rfloor h$ fanishes under the limit. Then we get,

$$|E| < \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow x^-} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{x-x_1} u^{\alpha-1} |f(x-u)| du$$

Using the variable substitution $t = x - u$,

$$|E| < \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow x^-} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{x_1}^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} |f(t)| dt$$

And finally noting that since $f(x) \in \mathbb{S}$ then it is a continuous function. So then,

$$|E| < \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow x^-} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{x_1}^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} |f(t)| dt = 0$$

If $f(x) \in \mathbb{S}$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\alpha > 1$ then $E = 0$ in that case.

B. Conclusion

Assuming that $E = 0$ in general, then

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

given that $f(x) \in \mathbb{S}$ and $\Re(\alpha) \geq 1$. Then relating it to the fractional integral J^α ,

$$\mathbb{D}^{-(\alpha+n)} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+n)} \int_{-\infty}^x (x-t)^{\alpha+n-1} \left(\frac{d^n}{dt^n} f(t) \right) dt = J^\alpha f(x) \quad (8)$$

where $f(x) \in \mathbb{S}$ and $\Re(\alpha+n) \geq 1$. So the R-L integral/derivative, Caputo derivative and G-L derivative are all equivalent when taking the appropriate limits such that they are compatible with J^α and acting on functions in \mathbb{S} .

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