

Introduction Scientific Computing

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Lecture 6

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}, \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3}, \dots \Rightarrow \int, \iint, \iiint, \dots$$

$$?!? \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{D}^\alpha$$

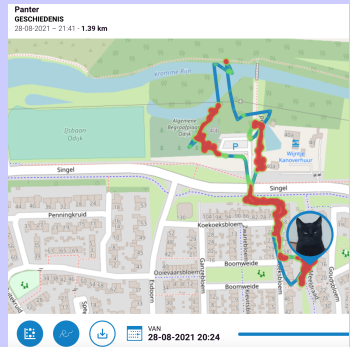
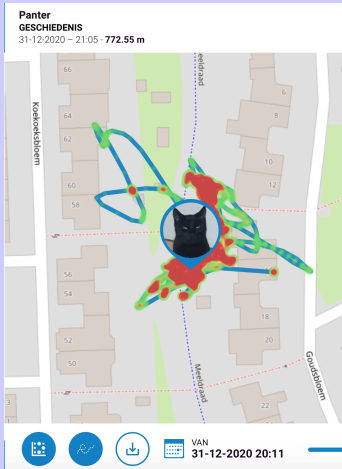
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Fractional-order PDEs: applications [1]

- Geo-hydrology (non-Fickian laws)
- Finance (Lévy-flights, non-Markovian models)
- Non-Brownian motions
- Super- and Sub-diffusion (anomalous transport)
- Visco-elasticity, Rheology, ...
- Electro-physiology of the heart

Article

Fractional Diffusion Models for the Atmosphere of Mars

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Abstract: The dust aerosols floating in the atmosphere of Mars cause an attenuation of the solar radiation traversing the atmosphere that cannot be modeled through the use of classical diffusion processes. However, the definition of a type of fractional diffusion equation offers a more accurate model for this dynamic and the second order moment of this equation allows one to establish a connection between the fractional equation and the Ångström law that models the attenuation of the solar radiation. In this work we consider both one and three dimensional wavelength-fractional diffusion equations, and we obtain the analytical solutions and numerical methods using two different approaches of the fractional derivative.

Applications [3]

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Crime modeling with truncated Lévy flights for residential burglary models

Applications [4]

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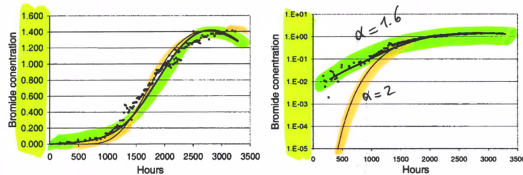
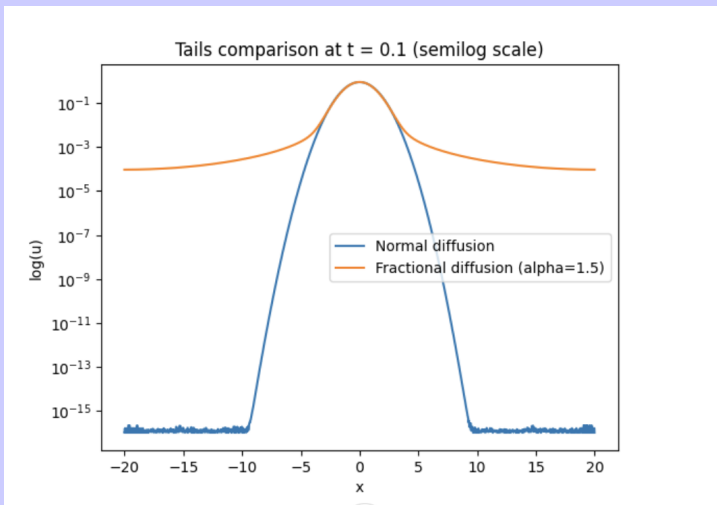


Fig. 1. Concentration of bromide tracer (gm/m^3) at extraction well. Fractional radial flow model (25) with $v_0=4.0$, $d_0=2.4$ and $\alpha=1.6$ (thick line) captures early breakthrough better than classical radial flow model with $v_0=3.5$, $d_0=5.0$ and $\alpha=2$ (thin line).

Applications [5]



Applications [6]: the tautochrone curve

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window with the address bar containing `http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tautochrone_curve`. The page title is "Tautochrone curve - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia - Mozilla Firefox". The browser's menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "View", "History", "Bookmarks", "Tools", and "Help". The search bar contains the word "Tautochrone".

The Wikipedia article content includes:

- Article** | Discussion
- Tautochrone curve**
From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
- A tautochrone or isochrone curve** (from Greek prefixes *tauto-* meaning *same* or *iso-* *equal*, and *chrono* *time*) is the curve for which the time taken by an object sliding without friction in uniform *gravity* to its lowest point is independent of its starting point. The curve is a *cycloid*, and the time is equal to n times the *square root* of the radius over the acceleration of gravity.
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- The tautochrone problem** [edit]

The tautochrone problem, the attempt to identify this curve, was solved by *Christiaan Huygens* in 1659. He proved geometrically in his *Horologium oscillatorium*, originally published in 1673, that the curve was a *cycloid*.

"On a cycloid whose axis is erected on the perpendicular and whose vertex is located at the bottom... **Cycloid** times of descent, in which a body arrives at the lowest point at the vertex after having departed from any point on the cycloid, are equal to each other..."

On the right side of the article, there is a diagram showing a cycloid curve with four points (blue, red, green, yellow) marked on it. Blue arrows indicate the direction of motion towards the lowest point. An inset graph shows position s versus time t for four different starting points, with all curves converging to the same point at the bottom of the graph.

The tautochrone: Abel's mechanical problem

Abel, 1823 (integral equation)

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^x \frac{y(s)}{(x-s)^{1-\alpha}} ds = h(x), \quad 0 < \alpha < 1$$

\Rightarrow

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x \frac{h(s)}{(x-s)^\alpha} ds = \mathcal{D}_{RL}^\alpha h(x)$$

\rightsquigarrow see later

Fourier's definition of a fractional derivative

Fourier (1822):

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(\gamma) \cos(p(x - \gamma)) dp d\gamma$$

\Rightarrow

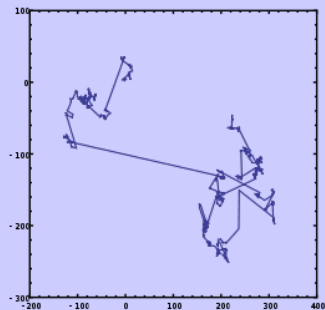
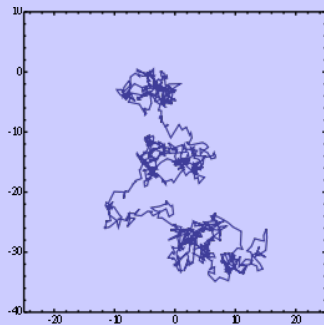
$$\frac{d^n f}{dx^n}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(\gamma) p^n \cos\left(p(x - \gamma) + \frac{n\pi}{2}\right) dp d\gamma, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

\rightsquigarrow

$$\frac{d^\alpha f}{dx^\alpha}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(\gamma) p^\alpha \cos\left(p(x - \gamma) + \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right) dp d\gamma, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

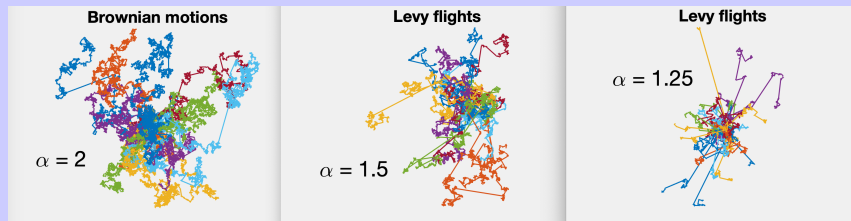
Brownian motions vs Lévy flights [1]

One "particle":



Brownian motions vs Lévy flights [2]

Many "particles":



$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} = \Delta$$

vs

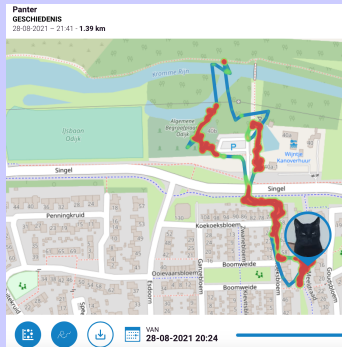
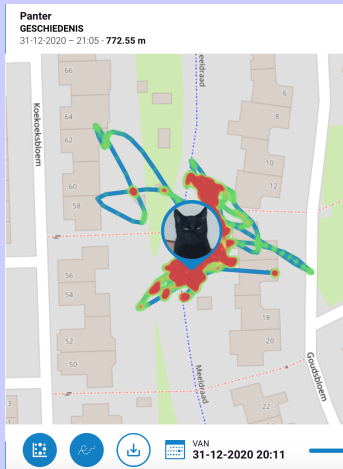
$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \Rightarrow -\left(-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}\right)^{\alpha/2} = -(-\Delta)^{\alpha/2}$$

Brownian motions vs Lévy flights [3]

$$\alpha \approx 2?$$

vs

$$\alpha \approx 1.5?$$



Reaction-diffusion vs *fractional* reaction-diffusion

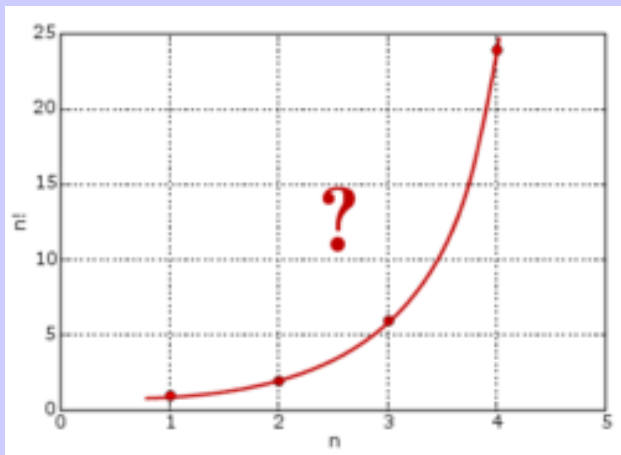
Spreading of the plague, 1345-1351



Lévy flights in modern epidemic spreading



The Gamma-function $\Gamma(x)$ [1]



The Gamma-function $\Gamma(x)$ [2]

Euler 1730, Legendre 1809 $\Gamma(x)$, Gauss $\Pi(x)$:

$$\Gamma(x) := \int_0^{\infty} t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt = \int_0^1 [-\ln(t)]^{x-1} dt, x > 0$$

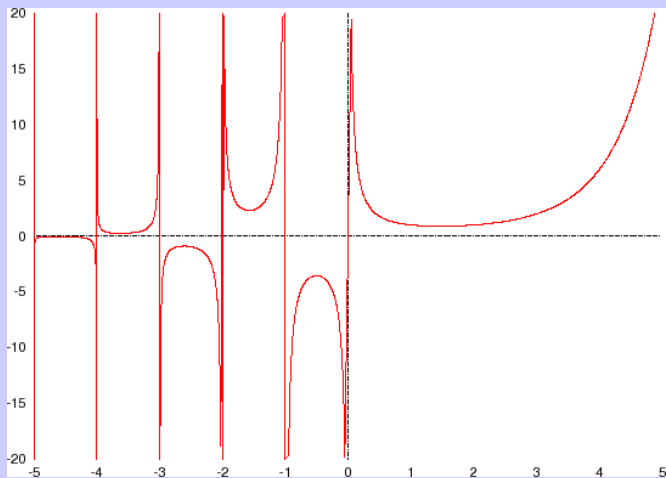
satisfies the functional equation:

$$f(x+1) = x f(x), f(1) = 1, x > 0$$

\Downarrow

$$\Gamma(1) = 1, \Gamma(n+1) = n\Gamma(n) = n(n-1)\Gamma(n-1) = \dots = n!$$

The Gamma-function $\Gamma(x)$ [3]



The Gamma-function $\Gamma(x)$ [4]

The function $\Gamma(x)$ is not the unique solution of the functional equation. Other solutions are, e.g.:

$$\begin{aligned} &\cos(2m\pi x)\Gamma(x), \quad m \in \mathbb{N} \\ &H(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-x)} \frac{d}{dx} \ln\left(\frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}x)}{\Gamma(1-\frac{1}{2}x)}\right) \quad \text{Hadamard (1894)} \\ &L(x) = \dots \quad \text{Luschny (2006)} \\ &\textit{etcetera...} \end{aligned}$$

The Bohr-Mollerup theorem (1922): the Gamma function $\Gamma(x)$ is the unique solution of the functional equation, if we also demand that $f(x)$ is logarithmically convex.

Mittag-Leffler function [1]

The Mittag-Leffler function:

$$E_{\alpha}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + 1)}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > 0,$$

A generalization with two parameters:

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + \beta)}, \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}, \operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > 0, \operatorname{Re}(\beta) > 0.$$

Note that: $E_{1,1}(z) = e^z$.

Mittag-Leffler function [2]

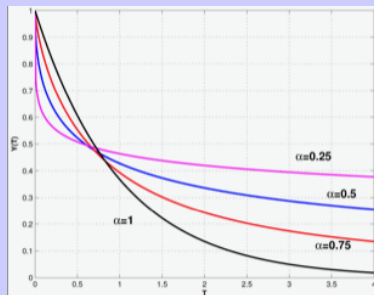
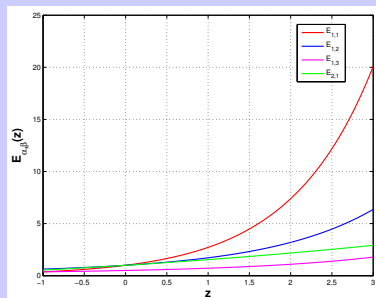
The solution of the *fractional* differential equation

$$\begin{cases} D_t^\alpha u(t) = -\lambda u(t), & 0 < \alpha \leq 1 \\ u(0) = u_0 \end{cases}$$

reads

$$u(t) = u_0 E_\alpha(-\lambda t^\alpha)$$

Mittag-Leffler function [3]



A mysterious "contradiction" (?)

1)

$$y(x) = x^k \Rightarrow \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} = \frac{k!}{(k-n)!} x^{k-n} = \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k-n+1)} x^{k-n}, \quad k \geq n$$
$$\rightsquigarrow \frac{d^\alpha y}{dx^\alpha} = \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k-\alpha+1)} x^{k-\alpha}, \quad k \geq \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$$

2)

$$y(x) = e^x \Rightarrow \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} = e^x \rightsquigarrow \frac{d^\alpha y}{dx^\alpha} = e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} =$$
$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{\Gamma(k+1)}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} \quad [*]; \quad \text{BUT, on the other hand:}$$

$$y(x) = e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} \Rightarrow \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \frac{k!}{(k-n)!} x^{k-n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{k-n}}{(k-n)!}$$
$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{k-n}}{\Gamma(k-n+1)}, \rightsquigarrow \frac{d^\alpha y}{dx^\alpha} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{k-\alpha}}{\Gamma(k-\alpha+1)} \neq [*] \quad !?!$$

Cauchy-formula for repeated integration

$$\mathcal{J}^0 f(x) = f(x)$$

$$\mathcal{J}^1 f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(s) ds$$

$$\mathcal{J}^2 f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \mathcal{J}^1 f(s) ds$$

.....

$$\mathcal{J}^n f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \mathcal{J}^{n-1} f(s) ds$$

for $f \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbb{R})$, i.e. $P(x) \frac{d^k f}{dx^k} \rightarrow 0$ if $x \rightarrow -\infty$

Fractional integral of order $\alpha \geq 0$

$$I^n f(x) := \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{-\infty}^x (x-s)^{n-1} f(s) ds \quad n! = \Gamma(n+1) \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

It can be shown that: $\mathcal{J}^n f = I^n f$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$\text{Define for } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}: \quad \mathcal{J}^\alpha f(x) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{f(s)}{(x-s)^{1-\alpha}} ds$$

$$\text{Property: } \begin{cases} \mathcal{J}^\alpha \mathcal{J}^\beta = \mathcal{J}^\beta \mathcal{J}^\alpha = \mathcal{J}^{\alpha+\beta} & \forall \alpha, \beta \geq 0 \\ \mathcal{J}^0 = \mathcal{I} \end{cases}$$

("the semi-group property of fractional differ-integral operators")

Fractional derivative of order $\alpha < m$

$$\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} : \mathcal{J}^\alpha f(x) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{f(s)}{(x-s)^{1-\alpha}} ds$$

Define the "[fractional](#)"-derivative:

$$\mathcal{D}^\alpha f(x) := \mathcal{J}^{m-\alpha} \left(\frac{d^m}{dx^m} f(x) \right), \quad m > \alpha, \quad f \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbb{R})$$

Fractional derivatives: Caputo & Riemann-Liouville

The "Caputo"-derivative:

$$\mathcal{D}_C^\alpha f(x) := \mathcal{J}_0^{m-\alpha} \left(\frac{d^m}{dx^m} f(x) \right), \quad x > 0$$

and the "Riemann-Liouville-derivative":

$$\mathcal{D}_{RL}^\alpha f(x) := \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \left(\mathcal{J}_0^{m-\alpha} (f(x)) \right), \quad x > 0$$

Here: $\mathcal{J}_0^\alpha f(x) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^x (x-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds, \quad x > 0$

Note: $\mathcal{D}_C^\alpha(\text{constant}) = 0$ & $\mathcal{D}_{RL}^\alpha(\text{constant}) \sim x^{-\alpha} \neq 0$

"Consistency" of Caputo-derivative

For $f \in C^{m+1}([0, L])$, $\forall L > 0$:

$$\mathcal{D}_C^\alpha f(x) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-\alpha)} \int_0^x \frac{f^{(m)}(s)}{(x-s)^{1-(m-\alpha)}} ds \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-\alpha)} \left\{ -\frac{(x-s)^{m-\alpha}}{m-\alpha} f^{(m)}(s) \Big|_{s=0}^{s=x} + \int_0^x \frac{(x-s)^{m-\alpha}}{m-\alpha} f^{(m+1)}(s) ds \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-\alpha+1)} \left\{ 0 + x^{m-\alpha} f^{(m)}(0) + \int_0^x (x-s)^{m-\alpha} f^{(m+1)}(s) ds \right\} \end{aligned}$$

(take limit: $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow m \in \mathbb{N}$)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(1)} \left\{ f^{(m)}(0) + \int_0^x f^{(m+1)}(s) ds \right\} \\ &= f^{(m)}(0) + f^{(m)}(x) - f^{(m)}(0) = \frac{d^m f}{dx^m}(x) \end{aligned}$$

"Caputo" vs "Riemann-Liouville" [1]

(Luchko & Gorenflo, 1999, th.2.3, p.213)

Let $f \in L^1([0, \infty)) \cap C^m([0, \infty))$ and $m - 1 < \alpha \leq m$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Then:

$$\mathcal{D}_{RL}^\alpha f(x) = \mathcal{D}_C^\alpha f(x) + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{f^{(k)}(0^+)}{\Gamma(1+k-\alpha)} x^{k-\alpha} \quad (x > 0)$$

Notation: $f^{(k)}(0^+) = \lim_{x \downarrow 0} f^{(k)}(x)$

Corollary: if $f^{(k)}(0^+) = 0$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1$, then $\mathcal{D}_{RL}^\alpha = \mathcal{D}_C^\alpha$

Grünwald-Letnikov-definition [1]

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$
$$f''(x) = \lim_{h_1 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\lim_{h_2 \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h_1+h_2) - f(x+h_1)}{h_2} - \lim_{h_2 \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h_2) - f(x)}{h_2}}{h_1}$$

Take $h = h_1 = h_2 \Rightarrow f''(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+2h) - 2f(x+h) + f(x)}{h^2}$

By induction:

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h^n} \sum_{m=0}^n (-1)^m \binom{n}{m} f(x - mh), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Grünwald-Letnikov-definition [2]

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h^n} \sum_{m=0}^n (-1)^m \binom{n}{m} f(x - mh), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Note: $\binom{n}{m} = \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!}$, replace "!"-terms by "Γ"-values

Define:
$$\mathcal{D}_{GL}^\alpha f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h^\alpha} \sum_{m=0}^{[\alpha]} (-1)^m \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{m! \Gamma(\alpha - m + 1)} f(x - mh)$$

Podlubny, 1999:

$$f \in C_{0-}^{m+1}(\mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}) := \{f \in C^{m+1}([0, \infty)) \text{ \& } f(x) = 0 \text{ for } x \leq 0\}$$
$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{GL}^\alpha f(x) = \mathcal{D}_{RL}^\alpha f(x) = \mathcal{D}_C^\alpha f(x) = \mathcal{D}^\alpha f(x)$$

The fractional Laplacian

For $0 \leq \alpha \leq 2$, in one dimension:

$$-(-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} u(x) := \alpha \frac{2^{\alpha-1} \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2})} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{u(x) - u(x+y)}{|y|^{1+\alpha}} dy$$

Theorem ($\alpha \neq 1$):

$$-(-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} u(x) = -\frac{1}{2 \cos(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2})} [\mathcal{D}_{Left}^{\alpha} u(x) + \mathcal{D}_{Right}^{\alpha} u(x)]$$

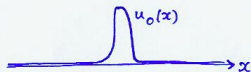
$$\alpha = 2: \quad -(-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\alpha = 1: \quad -(-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \neq \pm \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

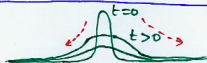
$$\alpha = 0: \quad -(-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = -\mathcal{I}$$

The *left* space-fractional heat equation: α -variation

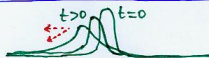
$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D^\alpha u & , \alpha \geq 0, x \in]-\infty, \infty[\\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \end{cases}$$



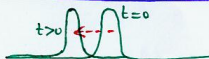
$\alpha = 2$ (heat equation)



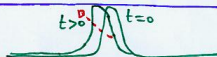
$1 < \alpha < 2$ (fractional)



$\alpha = 1$ (transport equation)



$0 < \alpha < 1$ (fractional)



$\alpha = 0$ (ODE)



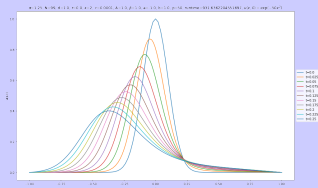
A uniform discretization for \mathcal{D}_L^α

For $1 < \alpha < 2$:

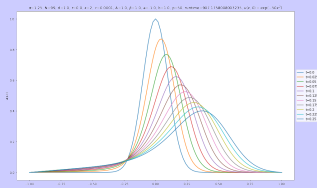
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D}_L^\alpha u|_{x_i} &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \int_0^{x_i} \frac{u''(s)}{(x_i-s)^{\alpha-1}} ds \\ &\approx \frac{1}{\Gamma(3-\alpha)} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \{x_{j+1}^{2-\alpha} - x_j^{2-\alpha}\} \frac{u_{i-j+1} - 2u_{i-j} + u_{i-j-1}}{h^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(3-\alpha)} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \left\{ \frac{j^{2-\alpha} - (j-1)^{2-\alpha}}{h^{2-\alpha}} \right\} \left\{ \frac{u_{i-j+1} - 2u_{i-j} + u_{i-j-1}}{h^2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(3-\alpha)h^\alpha} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \{j^{2-\alpha} - (j-1)^{2-\alpha}\} \{u_{i-j+1} - 2u_{i-j} + u_{i-j-1}\}\end{aligned}$$

Left-fractional vs left-fractional heat equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, t) = \mathcal{D}_{Left}^{1.5} u(x, t)$$



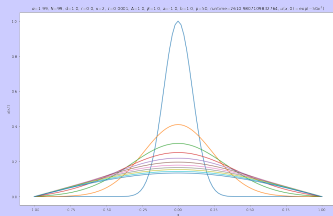
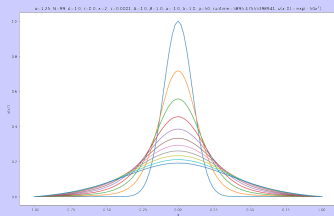
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, t) = \mathcal{D}_{Right}^{1.5} u(x, t)$$



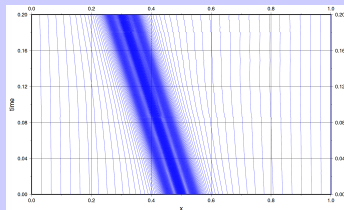
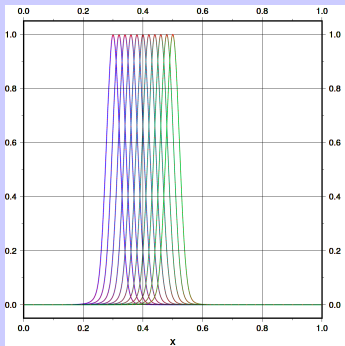
Space-fractional heat equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, t) = -(-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} u(x, t)$$

$\alpha = 2$ vs 1.25

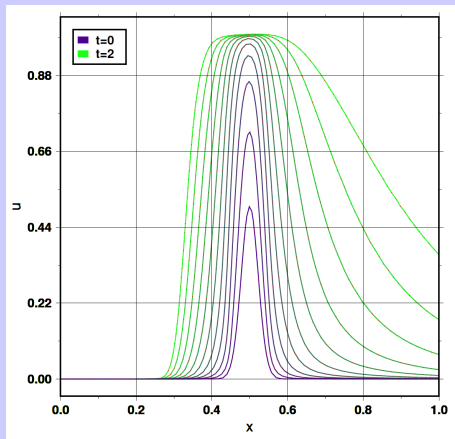


Left-fractional heat equation: $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1}$



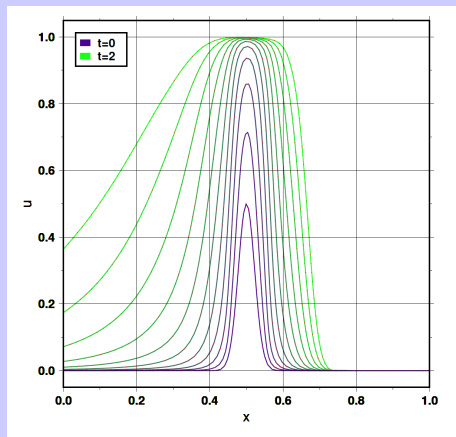
Left-fractional Fisher PDE

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, t) = \delta \mathcal{D}_{\text{Left}}^{\alpha} u(x, t) + \gamma u(x, t)(1 - u(x, t)) \quad \alpha = 1.5$$



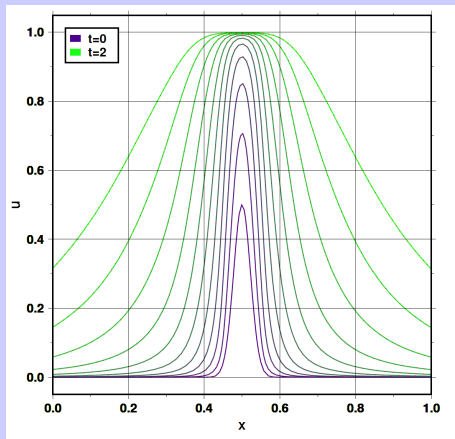
Right-fractional Fisher PDE

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, t) = \delta \mathcal{D}_{Right}^{\alpha} u(x, t) + \gamma u(x, t)(1 - u(x, t)) \quad \alpha = 1.5$$



Space-fractional Fisher PDE

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, t) = -\delta (-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} u(x, t) + \gamma u(x, t)(1 - u(x, t)) \quad \alpha = 1.5$$



The case $\alpha = 1$ [1]

$$(-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = (-\Delta)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \mathcal{H}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right), \text{ where the Hilbert transform¹ } \mathcal{H}$$

is given by:

$$[\mathcal{H}u](x) = u(x) \star \frac{1}{\pi x} = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{ p.v. } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{u(y)}{x-y} dy$$

Definition: $\text{p.v. } \int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} [\int_{-a}^{-\epsilon} f(x) dx + \int_{\epsilon}^a f(x) dx]$

Example: $\text{p.v. } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} [\int_{-\infty}^{-\epsilon} \frac{1}{x} dx + \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx] = 0$

¹used in signal processing

The case $\alpha = 1$ [2]

Properties of \mathcal{H} :

$$\Uparrow \quad \mathcal{H}^2 = -\mathcal{I}, \quad \mathcal{H}^4 = \mathcal{F}^4 = \mathcal{I}, \quad \mathcal{H}^{-1} = \mathcal{H}^3$$

$$\Uparrow \quad \mathcal{H} \circ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \circ \mathcal{H}, \quad \mathcal{H}(f \cdot g) = f \mathcal{H}(g)$$

$$\Uparrow \quad \langle f, \mathcal{H}f \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} = 0, \quad \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} = \|\mathcal{F}f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} = \|\mathcal{H}f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}$$

$$\Uparrow \quad \mathcal{H}(\cos(x)) = \sin(x), \quad \mathcal{H}(\text{sinc})(x) = \frac{\pi t}{2} \text{sinc}^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right), \dots$$

\Uparrow etcetera....

Finite-difference matrices [1]

Finite-difference matrices for $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ with periodic BCs on a three-point stencil
 x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1} (constant Δx)

$D_{1\gamma} = \frac{1}{2\Delta x} \begin{pmatrix} 2\gamma & 1-\gamma & \dots & -(1-\gamma) \\ -(1-\gamma) & 2\gamma & 1-\gamma & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1-\gamma & \dots & -(1-\gamma) & 2\gamma \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$

$\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$

$\gamma = 0$: $D_{1c} = \frac{1}{2\Delta x} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & -1 \\ -1 & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & \dots & \dots & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ central finite differences; error = $O((\Delta x)^2)$
 $\lambda(D_{1c})$

$\gamma = -1$: $D_{1+} = \frac{1}{2\Delta x} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 2 & 0 & -2 & \dots \end{pmatrix}$ forward finite differences; error = $O((\Delta x)^1)$
 ("upwind")

$\gamma = +1$: $D_{1-} = \frac{1}{2\Delta x} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & \dots & -2 \\ -2 & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ backward finite differences; error = $O((\Delta x)^1)$
 ("downwind")

$\gamma \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$: error = $O((\Delta x)^1)$; Note: $D_{1c} = \frac{1}{2}(D_{1+} + D_{1-})$

Finite-difference matrices [2]

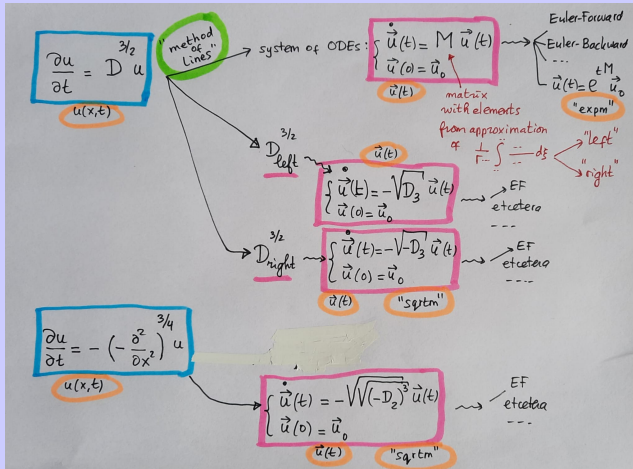
$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}\right) : \boxed{D_{2, \delta_1, \delta_2} = D_{1, \delta_1} D_{1, \delta_2}}, \delta_1, \delta_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

examples: $D_2 = D_{1+} D_{1-} = \frac{1}{(\Delta x)^2} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & & & \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & -2 & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots \\ 1 & & & & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{cases} \text{error} = O((\Delta x)^2) \\ \lambda(D_2) \in \mathbb{R}^- \end{cases}$

$\left(\frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4}\right) \rightarrow D_4 = (D_2)^2 = \frac{1}{(\Delta x)^4} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -4 & 1 & & & \\ -4 & 6 & -4 & 1 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{cases} \lambda(D_4) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \\ \text{error} = O((\Delta x)^2) \end{cases}$

and, for our purpose, $D_3 = D_{1+} D_{1-} D_{1c} = \frac{1}{(\Delta x)^3} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1/2 & & & & & \\ 1 & 0 & & & & & & \\ -1/2 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1/2 & & & \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{cases} \lambda(D_3) \in i\mathbb{R} \\ \text{error} = O(\Delta x^2) \end{cases}$

Fractional heat equation with square roots of matrices [1]



Fractional heat equation with square roots of matrices [2]

Alternative:

$$-\left(-\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} = -\frac{1}{2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right)} \left\{ D_{\text{left}}^{\alpha} u + D_{\text{right}}^{\alpha} u \right\}$$

$1 < \alpha \leq 2$

$\alpha = \frac{3}{2}$:

$$-\left(-\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ D_{\text{left}}^{\frac{3}{2}} u + D_{\text{right}}^{\frac{3}{2}} u \right\}$$

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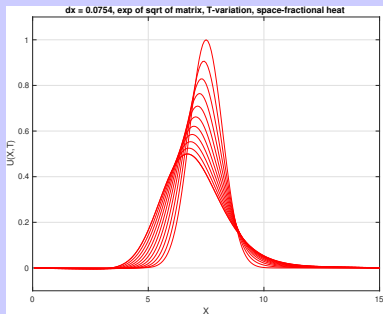
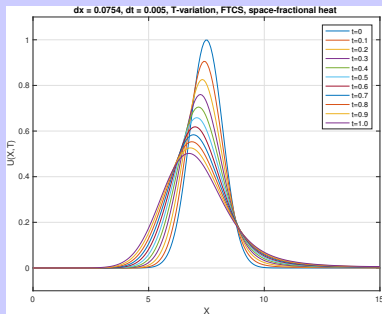
$$\begin{cases} \dot{\vec{u}}(t) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ \sqrt{D_3} + \sqrt{-D_3} \right\} \vec{u}(t) \\ \vec{u}(0) = \vec{u}_0 \end{cases}$$

$\vec{u}(t)$ "sqrtm"

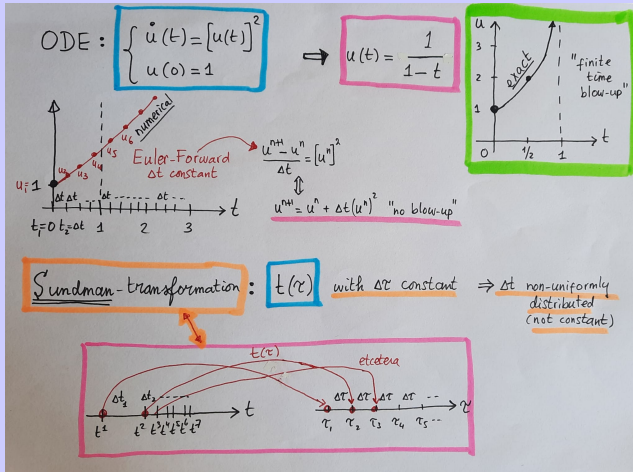
EF
etcetera

Fractional heat equation with square roots of matrices [3]

Left: approximation of fractional derivative $D^{3/2}$ and EF in time
Right: EXP in time and $-SQRT(D3)$ in space



Blow-up and Sundman-transformation [1]



Blow-up and Sundman-transformation [2]

Karl Frithiof Sundman (1873 – 1949) was a Finnish mathematician.
(Source: Wikipedia; May 9, 2026)



Blow-up and Sundman-transformation [3]

$$\dot{u} = \frac{du}{dt} = \frac{du}{d\tau} \cdot \frac{d\tau}{dt} = u^2$$
 chainrule ODE

Note:
$$\frac{d\tau}{dt} = \frac{1}{d\tau}$$

option 1:
$$\begin{cases} \frac{du}{d\tau} = 1, u(0) = 1 \\ \frac{d\tau}{dt} = u^2, \tau(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

option 2:
$$\begin{cases} \frac{du}{d\tau} = u, u(0) = 1 \\ \frac{d\tau}{dt} = u, \tau(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

option 3:
$$\begin{cases} \frac{du}{d\tau} = u^2, u(0) = 1 \\ \frac{d\tau}{dt} = 1, \tau(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

system \leftrightarrow system

option 1:
$$\begin{cases} \frac{du}{d\tau} = 1, u(0) = 1 \\ \frac{dt}{d\tau} = u^{-2}, t(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

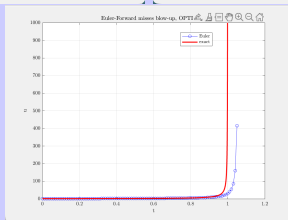
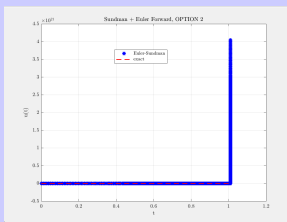
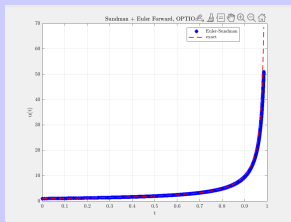
option 2:
$$\begin{cases} \frac{du}{d\tau} = u, u(0) = 1 \\ \frac{dt}{d\tau} = u^{-1}, t(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

option 3:
$$\begin{cases} \frac{du}{d\tau} = u^2, u(0) = 1 \\ \frac{dt}{d\tau} = 1, t(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$t(\tau) = \tau$
 \Rightarrow uniform dt
 (original situation) \times

\downarrow EF \leftarrow EF
 $(t^1, u^1), (t^2, u^2), (t^3, u^3), \dots$

Blow-up and Sundman-transformation [4]



OPTION 1, OPTION 2, OPTION 3