

Theorem 1. The Caputo fractional derivative D_C^α with $m-1 < \alpha \leq m$ is consistent with the integer-order derivative $\frac{d^m}{dx^m}$ for $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. For $g \in C^{m+1}([0, \infty))$, we write:

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

and taking the limit: $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow m \in \mathbb{N}$ with $m-1 \leq \alpha \leq m$ yields:

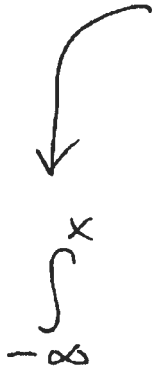
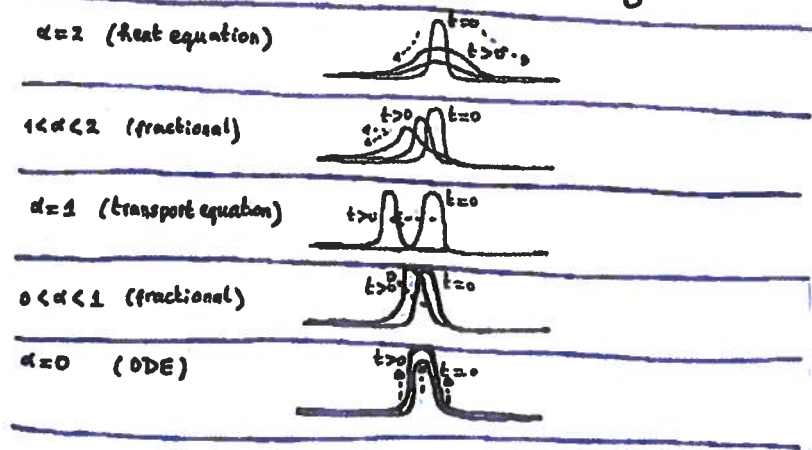
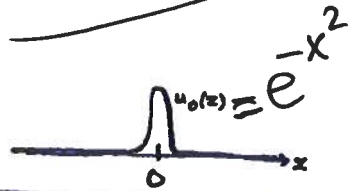
$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(1)} [g^{(m)}(0) + \int_0^x g^{(m+1)}(s) ds] \\ &= g^{(m)}(0) + g^{(m)}(x) - g^{(m)}(0) = \frac{d^m}{dx^m} g(x). \end{aligned}$$

9.1

! see "Slide 26" lecture notes!

9.2

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



$$\int_{-\infty}^x$$

; in the case we use the fractional derivative defined by $\int_{-\infty}^x$

we see similar effects, but now "motion" to the right (instead of left) as in the picture

- symmetric fractional diffusion: take the "average" of $\int_{-\infty}^x$ and \int_x^{∞}
- difference with "ordinary" diffusion: slower and "flatter tails" than $u_t = u_{xx}$

9.3

(a) make use of lecture notes: formula 1)
in "A mysterious contradiction". (take $\alpha = 3/2$
and $k = 5$)

(b) see matlab-file on the webpage.

Suppose $h = x/k$, k is a positive integer. Using a second order difference approximation, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_0D_x^\alpha u(x, t) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \int_0^x \frac{1}{(x-\xi)^{\alpha-1}} \frac{\partial^2 u(\xi, t)}{\partial \xi^2} d\xi \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \int_{jh}^{(j+1)h} z^{1-\alpha} \frac{\partial^2 u(x-z, t)}{\partial z^2} dz \\
 &\approx \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{u(x-(j-1)h, t) - 2u(x-jh, t) + u(x-(j+1)h, t)}{h^2} \\
 &\quad \times \int_{jh}^{(j+1)h} z^{1-\alpha} dz \\
 &= \frac{h^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(3-\alpha)} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} [u(x-(j-1)h, t) - 2u(x-jh, t) + u(x-(j+1)h, t)] \\
 &\quad \times [(j+1)^{2-\alpha} - j^{2-\alpha}].
 \end{aligned}$$

9.4

(a) check directly, using the definitions.

(b) apply D_C^α (or D_{RL}^α) to a linear combination of functions

(c) substitute and use "cos"-property.

(d) plot gamma-function and also interpolating functions on top of this graph (making use of cosines ---)

see next page

(e) Another important property, which we often use in this thesis, is $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi}$. This property helps us to calculate fractional order derivatives and integrals easier. Some other Gamma function values are [6]:

$$\begin{cases}
 \Gamma(2) = \infty \\
 \Gamma(\frac{3}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\pi} \approx 2.363271 \\
 \Gamma(1) = \infty \\
 \Gamma(\frac{3}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\pi} \approx 0.886226 \\
 \Gamma(\frac{5}{2}) = \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{\pi} \approx 1.329340 \\
 \Gamma(\frac{7}{2}) = \frac{15}{8}\sqrt{\pi} \approx 3.323350 \text{ etcetera.}
 \end{cases} \quad (1.15)$$

The Gamma function $\Gamma(z)$ is defined:

$$\Gamma(z) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{z-1} dt, \quad (1.7)$$

which is known to converge in the complex plane for $\text{Re}(z) > 0$ (see Figure 1.1).

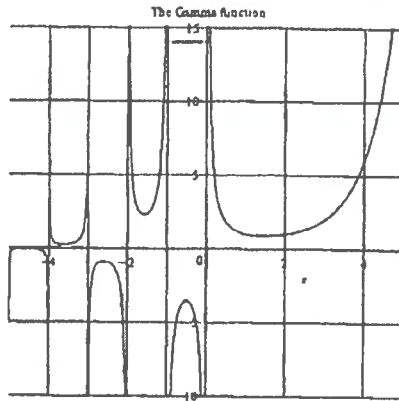


FIGURE 1.1: The Gamma function along part of the real axis.

1.2.2 Some properties of the Gamma function

One of the most important properties of the Gamma function is:

$$\Gamma(z+1) = z\Gamma(z), \quad (1.8)$$

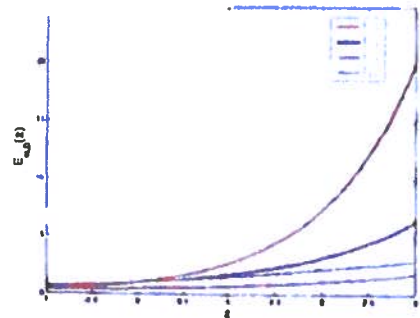
which can be easily checked as follows:

$$\Gamma(z+1) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^z dt = [-e^{-t} t^z]_{t=0}^{t=\infty} + z \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{z-1} dt = z\Gamma(z). \quad (1.9)$$

It is obvious that $\Gamma(1) = 1$. We can conclude from (1.8):

$$\begin{cases} \Gamma(2) = 1 \Gamma(1) = 1 = 1!, \\ \Gamma(3) = 2 \Gamma(2) = 2! = 2!, \\ \Gamma(4) = 3 \Gamma(3) = 3! = 3!, \\ \dots \\ \Gamma(n+1) = n \Gamma(n) = n(n-1)! = n!. \end{cases} \quad (1.10)$$

The Mittag-Leffler function (1.18) for different α and β values. We obtain the exponential function for $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 1$ ($E_{1,1}$).



Another important formula in fractional calculus is the Mittag-Leffler function [26]. The Mittag-Leffler function shows its importance in physics, biology, engineering and applied sciences and it has a direct involvement in problems. The Mittag-Leffler function is a fundamental solution of fractional differential equations and fractional order integral equations. The most noticeable general property of the Mittag-Leffler function is dealing with Laplace transform and asymptotic expansions of these functions. The Mittag-Leffler function has two definitions in the literature:

$$E_{\alpha}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + 1)}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \text{Re}(\alpha) > 0, \quad (1.17)$$

and

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + \beta)}, \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}, \text{Re}(\alpha) > 0, \text{Re}(\beta) > 0. \quad (1.18)$$

Check the article by Meerschaert & Tadjeran on the webpage of the course and the lecture notes.



9.7

$$(a) \begin{cases} u'(t) = \lambda u(t), \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \\ u(0) = u_0 \end{cases}$$

following Axelson & Klewe (Egbr1 on webpage):

$$\begin{cases} u_0 = u_0 \\ u_{n+1} - u_{n-1} - 2\lambda\Delta t u_n = 0, \quad n=1, 2, \dots, N-1 \\ u_N - u_{N-1} - \lambda\Delta t u_N = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{\eta} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_N \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\boxed{\mathbf{B}(\lambda\Delta t) \vec{\eta} = \vec{b}}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\lambda\Delta t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} -2\lambda\Delta t & 1 & & & \\ -1 & -2\lambda\Delta t & 1 & & \\ & -1 & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & -2\lambda\Delta t & 1 \\ \emptyset & & & -1 & 1-\lambda\Delta t \end{pmatrix} \quad \& \quad \vec{b} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(b) \begin{cases} \vec{u}_0 = \vec{u}_0 \\ \vec{u}_{n+1} - \vec{u}_{n-1} - 2\mathbf{A}\Delta t \vec{u}_n = \vec{0}, \quad n=1, 2, \dots, N-1 \\ \vec{u}_N - \vec{u}_{N-1} - \Delta t \mathbf{A} \vec{u}_N = \vec{0} \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{\eta} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{u}_1 \\ \vec{u}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{u}_N \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{C} \vec{\eta} = \vec{b},$$

where $\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{u}_0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -2\mathbf{A}\Delta t \mathbf{I} & & & & \\ -\mathbf{I} & -2\mathbf{A}\Delta t \mathbf{I} & & & \\ & -\mathbf{I} & \ddots & \ddots & \\ \emptyset & & \ddots & -\mathbf{I} & -2\mathbf{A}\Delta t \mathbf{I} \\ & & & -\mathbf{I} & \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}\Delta t \end{pmatrix}$

(c)

below, read for $f(u(t)) = S(u)$
(in exercise)

$$\frac{u_2 - 1}{2\Delta t} - S(u_1) = 0 \Rightarrow u_2 - 2\Delta t S(u_1) = 1$$

$$\frac{u_3 - u_1}{2\Delta t} - S(u_2) = 0 \Rightarrow u_3 - 2\Delta t S(u_2) - u_1 = 0$$

$$\frac{u_4 - 2\Delta t S(u_3) - u_2}{2\Delta t} - S(u_2) = 0 \Rightarrow u_4 - 2\Delta t S(u_3) - u_2 = 0$$

$$\frac{u_5 - 2\Delta t S(u_4) - u_3}{2\Delta t} - S(u_2) = 0 \Rightarrow u_5 - 2\Delta t S(u_4) - u_3 = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\frac{u_{N-1} - u_{N-2}}{2\Delta t} - S(u_{N-1}) = 0 \Rightarrow u_{N-1} - 2\Delta t S(u_{N-1}) = u_{N-2}$$

$$\frac{u_N - dt S(u_N) - u_{N+1}}{2\Delta t} - S(u_N) = 0 \Rightarrow u_N - dt S(u_N) - u_{N+1} = 0$$

Labels: $f_1(\vec{u}) = b_1$, $f_2(\vec{u}) = f_2(u_1, u_2, u_3)$, $f_4(u_3, u_4, u_5)$, b_{N-1} , b_N , $F_N(u_{N-1}, u_N)$

$\Rightarrow \vec{F}(\vec{u}) = \vec{b}$ and apply, for instance, Newton-Raphson
 $\Rightarrow \vec{F}(\vec{u}) - \vec{b} = \vec{0}$
 $= \vec{G}(\vec{u})$
nonlinear system
to find numerically \vec{u} .

(or use "fsolve" in Matlab)

9.8

see lecture notes!

9.9

doubling $\Rightarrow u_{tt} = -u_{xx}$ "backward wave equation"

splitting $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} u_t = v \\ v_t = -u_{xx} \end{cases}$

semi-discrete: $\begin{cases} \dot{\vec{u}} = \vec{v} \\ \dot{\vec{v}} = D_2 \vec{u} \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\vec{\eta}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ D_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \vec{\eta}$$

check eigenvalues of } and conclude: need BVM

9.10

doubling $\Rightarrow u_{tttt} = u_{xxxx}$

splitting $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} u_{1,t} = u_2 \\ u_{2,t} = u_3 \\ u_{3,t} = u_4 \\ u_{4,t} = u_5 \\ u_{5,t} = u_{1,xxxx} \end{cases}$ semi-discrete

$u_1 = u$
 $u_2 = u_{,t} = u_t$
 $u_3 = u_{,t,t} = u_{tt}$
etcetera

matrix: $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & I & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I \\ D_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
check eigenvalues
BVM