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# **FRACTIONAL CALCULUS:** The name of the game: a misnomer!

## **Fractional** operators

have nothing to do with fractions (1/3, 1/2...)!!!



Therefore, if someone says:

"I had Fractional Calculus in the elementary school"

there are two possibilities:

- 1. A probable misunderstanding
- 2. First effects of the Bologna process

# FRACTIONAL CALCULUS? Not exotic!





1646 - 1716

Leibnitz, Euler, Riemann, Liouville, Abel, Feller, Grünwald, Letnikov, Marchaud, Weyl, Caputo, Riesz, Samko

Useful consequences in Mechanics

- Viscoelasticity
- Fracture Mechanics
- Non-local Continuum Mechanics
- Stochastic Dynamics

# FRACTIONAL CALCULUS? Never heard! WHY?



- Calculations are very hard to be tackled by hand (CAS needed)
- Lack of simple geometrical meaning
- Is it useful?

Books:

For engineers: Podlubny

For Physicists: Hilfer

Encyclopedic textbook: Samko, Kilbas and Marichev

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## FRACTIONAL CALCULUS OVERVIEW: WHICH IS THE SCOPE?

• Classical derivatives:

$$f(x), \frac{df(x)}{dx}, \frac{d^2f(x)}{dx^2}, \dots, \frac{d^jf(x)}{dx^j}, \dots, j \in N$$

• Fractional derivatives:

$$(D^{\alpha}f)(x) \qquad \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \operatorname{Re}[\alpha] > 0$$

• Classical n-folded integrals:

$$f(x), \int f(x) dx, \quad \iint f(x) dx dx, \dots, \quad \iint f(x) dx \dots dx$$
  
Fractional integrals:

 $(I^{\alpha}f)(x)$   $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \operatorname{Re}[\alpha] > 0$ 

#### First step: definition of the Fractional Integral



#### Cauchy formula

$$(I_{0+}^{n}f)(x) = \underbrace{\int_{0}^{x} dx_{1} \dots \int_{0}^{x_{n-1}} f(x_{n}) dx_{n}}_{n-fold} = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{0}^{x} (x-z)^{n-1} f(z) dz$$

We want to extend this formula to non-integer number. HOW?



#### First step: definition of the Fractional Integral



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Riemann – Liouville fractional integral

$$(I_{0+}^{\alpha}f)(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0}^{x} (x-z)^{\alpha-1} f(z) dz$$
  
 
$$\alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \operatorname{Re}[\alpha] > 0$$

## Second step: From the Fractional Integrals to the fractional Derivatives



Riemann – Liouville fractional integral

$$\left(I_{0+}^{\alpha}f\right)\left(x\right) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0}^{x} \left(x-z\right)^{\alpha-1} f(z) dz$$

$$f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \Big[ \Big( I_{0+}^1 f \Big) (x) \Big]$$

$$(D^{1}f)(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \left( I_{0+}^{1} f \right)(x) \right] \right)$$

Riemann – Liouville fractional derivative

$$\left(D_{0+}^{\alpha}f\right)(x) = \frac{d^{m}}{dx^{m}} \left[ \left(I_{0+}^{m-\alpha}f\right)(x) \right]$$

$$m = [\alpha] + 1$$



#### Second step: From the Fractional Integrals to the fractional Derivatives



$$\left(D_{0+}^{\alpha}f\right)(x) = \frac{d^{m}}{dx^{m}} \left[ \left(I_{0+}^{m-\alpha}f\right)(x) \right]$$

$$(D_{t-}^{\alpha}f)(x) = (-1)^m \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \Big[ (I_{t-}^{m-\alpha}f)(x) \Big]$$

#### **Possible intervals for Fractional Derivatives**



## **Properties**

Composition

$$D_{a\pm}^{\alpha}I_{a\pm}^{\beta}f = D_{a\pm}^{\alpha-\beta}f$$

- Leibnitz's rule
- Integration by parts
- Fourier Transform
- Taylor's expansion



# Example



## Example





- Taylor series: approximation in a point's neighborhood
- Models via ODE and PDE

VERSUSFractional Derivatives• Real or Complex order• Different definitions• Generalize the classical derivatives• Interpolate the classical derivatives• Global (interval)



- Generalized Taylor series: approximation in the whole interval
- Models via FDE and PFDE

# MODELLING WITH FRACTIONAL DERIVATIVES. WHEN?

- Phenomena with memory
  - Viscoelasticity
  - Nonlinear behaviour
  - Long correlated processes (inverse power-law decay)
  - Long-range interactions (inverse power-law decay)
- Alternative to higher-order models (i.e. gradient non-local theory)
- Failure of Taylor series:
  - Does not catch the necessary information (non-local)
  - Cannot be calculated (not derivable functions)

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Stochastic Viscous-Elastic Oscillators

## **Classical Taylor expansion**

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} (D^{j} f)(0) x^{j} \qquad (D^{j} f)(0) = \frac{d^{j} f(x)}{dx^{j}} \bigg|_{x=0}$$



## Generalization of the Taylor expansion by

• Riemann (Hardy proved the asymptotic convergence)

$$f(x+h) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{h^{m+r}}{\Gamma(m+r+1)} \left(\mathcal{D}_{+}^{m+r}f\right)(x)$$
 (post. 1876)

•	Dzherbashyan and Nerseyan	(1958)
•	Osler	(1972)
•	Samko, Kilbas, Marichev*	(1993)
•	Trujillo, Bonilla, Rivero	(1999)
•	Jumarie	(2006)

Integral Taylor form (Samko et al., Cottone et al.)

$$f(\pm\xi) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\rho-i\infty}^{\rho+i\infty} \Gamma(\gamma) \left(I_{\pm}^{\gamma}f\right)(0) \left|\xi\right|^{-\gamma} d\gamma$$

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Stochastic Viscous-Elastic Oscillators

Characteristic Function – Integer Moments relation

$$\phi_X(\vartheta) = E\left[\exp\left(i\vartheta X\right)\right] = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i\vartheta)^j E[X^j]}{j!}$$

#### **Generalization of the Taylor expansion**

For general function

$$f(\pm\xi) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\rho-i\infty}^{\rho+i\infty} \Gamma(\gamma) \left(I_{\pm}^{\gamma}f\right)(0) \left|\xi\right|^{-\gamma} d\gamma$$

For the Fourier transform of the probability density function (characteristic function)

$$\phi_X\left(\vartheta\right) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\rho-i\infty}^{\rho+i\infty} \Gamma\left(\gamma\right) E\left[\left(\mp iX\right)^{-\gamma}\right] |\vartheta|^{-\gamma} d\gamma$$

"Taylor series like" form

$$\phi_{X}\left(\vartheta\right) \cong \frac{\Delta}{2\pi} \sum_{k=-M}^{M} \Gamma\left(\gamma_{k}\right) E\left[\left(-iX\right)^{-\gamma_{k}}\right] \left|\vartheta\right|^{-\gamma_{k}} \qquad \gamma_{k} = \rho + ik\Delta,$$

#### What are the fractional moments? (keep in mind the misnomer...)

Definition, knowing the density

$$E\left[\left(\pm iX\right)^{\mp\gamma}\right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x)\left(\pm ix\right)^{\mp\gamma} dx$$

Definition, knowing the characteristic function

$$E\left[\left(\pm iX\right)^{\gamma}\right] = \left(D_{\mp}^{\gamma}\phi_{X}\right)(0) \qquad \operatorname{Re}[\gamma] > 0$$
$$E\left[\left(\pm iX\right)^{-\gamma}\right] = \left(I_{\mp}^{\gamma}\phi_{X}\right)(0)$$

How to calculate fractional moments from data?

$$\begin{split} X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \\ E\Big[ \big(iX\big)^{0.5+2.3i} \Big] &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \Big( iX_j \Big)^{0.5+2.3i} \quad \text{Not Exotic!} \end{split}$$

#### EXAMPLE

Standard Gaussian random variable

$$\phi_X\left(\vartheta\right) = e^{-\frac{\vartheta^2}{2}}$$

For a fixed value of  $\vartheta$  =1.5 we plot the REAL part of the integrand



## EXAMPLE Standard Gaussian random variable

In order to evaluate the integral, the value of  $ho\,$  must be properly selected

$$\phi_{X}(\vartheta) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\rho-i\infty}^{\rho+i\infty} \Gamma(\gamma) E\left[(-iX)^{-\gamma}\right] \vartheta^{-\gamma} d\gamma \qquad \gamma = \rho + i\eta$$
Re[ $\Gamma(\gamma) E\left[(-iX)^{-\gamma}\right](1.5)^{-\gamma}$ ]
The integral is performed along a imaginary axis with real part  $\rho$ , chosen in the *FUNDAMENTAL STRIP*
 $0 < \rho < 1$ 
In particular we select
 $\rho = 1/2$ 

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#### **EXAMPLE Standard Gaussian random variable**



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Comparison between the integer and fractional moments series



Comparison between the integer and fractional moments series





Lévy – Smirnov distribution

**IMAGINARY PART** 



#### Density by complex moments

In the case of integer moments the well-known expression are valid

$$\phi_X(\vartheta) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(i\vartheta\right)^j E\left[X^j\right]}{j!} \quad \text{FT} \quad p_X(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \frac{E\left[X^j\right]}{j!} \frac{d^j \delta(x)}{dx^j}$$

In the case of fractional moments of complex order

$$\phi_X\left(\pm\vartheta\right) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\rho-i\infty}^{\rho+i\infty} \Gamma\left(\gamma\right) E\left[\left(\mp iX\right)^{-\gamma}\right] \left|\vartheta\right|^{-\gamma} d\gamma$$

By making Inverse Fourier transform

$$p_X(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2 i} \int_{\rho-i\infty}^{\rho+i\infty} \Gamma(\gamma) \Gamma(1-\gamma) \times \left\{ E\left[ (-iX)^{-\gamma} \right] (ix)^{\gamma-1} + E\left[ (iX)^{-\gamma} \right] (-ix)^{\gamma-1} \right\} d\gamma$$

As the CF has symmetry properties, it simplifies

$$p_X(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2 i} \operatorname{Re}\left\{\int_{\rho-i\infty}^{\rho+i\infty} \Gamma(\gamma) \Gamma(1-\gamma) E\left[\left(-iX\right)^{-\gamma}\right] (ix)^{\gamma-1} \mathrm{d}\gamma\right\}$$

PDF Lévy-Smirnov random variable

$$p_X(x) = (1/2\pi)^{1/2} (x)^{-3/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2x}}$$



#### **Bivariate Gaussian Random Vector**



#### **Bivariate Cauchy Random Vector**



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Application of Fractional calculus to the representation of Stochastic processes

#### Define the analytical process

$$X(t) = \left[Y(t) + i\hat{Y}(t)\right] / \sqrt{2}$$
  
Hilbert transform  
$$\hat{Y}(t) = \frac{1}{\pi}\mathcal{P}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{Y(\rho)}{t - \rho}d\rho$$
  
Correlation Function of X(t)

$$R_X(\tau) = R_Y(\tau) + i\hat{R}_Y(\tau)$$

**One-sided Power Spectral Density** 

$$S_X(\omega) = 2U(\omega)S_Y(\omega)$$

Spectral moments of the analytical process (Vanmarke)

$$\lambda_X^j = \int_0^\infty 2U(\omega) S_Y(\omega) \,\omega^j d\omega = \int_0^\infty S_X(\omega) \,\omega^j d\omega$$

$$\lambda_X^{2n} = E\left[\frac{d^n X(t)}{dt^n} \frac{d^n X^*(t)}{dt^n}\right]$$

$$i\lambda_X^{2n+1} = E\left[\frac{d^{n-1}X(t)}{dt^{n-1}}\frac{d^nX^*(t)}{dt^n}\right]$$

Fractional spectral moments of the analytical process

$$\Lambda_{X}(\gamma) = \int_{0}^{\infty} S_{X}(\omega) \, \omega^{\gamma} d\omega \qquad \gamma = \rho + i\eta$$
  
Mellin transform of  $S_{X}(\omega)$   
INVERTIBLE

$$(I^{\gamma}R_{Y})(0) = \int_{0}^{\infty} \omega^{-\gamma}S_{X}(\omega) \,\mathrm{d}\omega = \Lambda_{X}(-\gamma)$$

$$(\mathcal{D}^{\gamma}R_{Y})(0) = \int_{0}^{\infty} \omega^{\gamma}S_{X}(\omega) \,\mathrm{d}\omega = \Lambda_{X}(\gamma)$$

Correlation function

Power Spectral Density

$$R_{Y}(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\rho-i\infty}^{\rho+i\infty} v(\gamma) \Lambda_{X}(-\gamma) |s|^{-\gamma} d\gamma \qquad S_{Y}(\omega) = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{\rho-i\infty}^{\rho+i\infty} \Lambda_{X}(-\gamma) |\omega|^{\gamma-1} d\gamma$$
  
Exact Form  

$$Approximate Form$$

$$R_{Y}(s) \cong \frac{\Delta \eta}{2\pi} \sum_{k=-m}^{m} v(\gamma_{k}) \Lambda_{X}(-\gamma_{k}) |s|^{-\gamma_{k}} \qquad S_{Y}(\omega) \cong \frac{\Delta \eta}{4\pi} \sum_{k=-m}^{m} \Lambda_{X}(-\gamma_{k}) |\omega|^{\gamma_{k}-1}$$

#### **Applications to Wind Engineering**

Davenport's spectrum

$$S_{V}(\omega) = \frac{4\pi k_{0} V_{ref}^{2}}{|\omega|} \frac{q(\omega)^{2}}{\left(1 + q(\omega)^{2}\right)^{4/3}}$$

 $V_{ref}$ :mean wind speed at the reference level k<sub>0</sub>: roughness characteristic of the analyzed site  $q(\omega) = 1200 \omega / (2\pi V_{ref})$ 

$$R_Y(s) \cong \frac{\Delta \eta}{2\pi} \sum_{k=-m}^m \nu(\gamma_k) \Lambda_X(-\gamma_k) |s|^{-\gamma_k}$$

$$S_Y(\omega) \cong \frac{\Delta \eta}{4\pi} \sum_{k=-m}^m \Lambda_X(-\gamma_k) |\omega|^{\gamma_k-1}$$







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#### Long-Term Correlation Function



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Generation of weakly stationary Gaussian coloured noises (H-FSM)

**GOAL**: Process F(t) with target  $S_F(\omega)$  as output of linear system

$$\mathcal{L}(F(t)) = W(t)$$
 Gaussian White Noise

In the frequency domain the Power Spectral Density of the process F(t) can be obtained as:

$$S_{F}(\omega) = \left|H(\omega)\right|^{2} S_{W}(\omega) = \frac{q}{2\pi} \left|H(\omega)\right|^{2}$$

The transfer function is the Fourier transform of the Impulse response function h(t)

Generation of weakly stationary Gaussian coloured noises (H-FSM)

Fractional Spectral Moments of the transfer function:

$$\Pi_{H}(\gamma) \stackrel{def}{=} 2 \int_{0}^{\infty} |\omega|^{\gamma} H(\omega) d\omega, \quad \operatorname{Re} \gamma > 0$$

H-FSM are Riesz fractional integrals and derivatives of the impulse response function h(t), evaluated in zero.

By inverse Mellin transform:

$$H(\omega) = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{\rho-i\infty}^{\rho+i\infty} \Pi_H(-\gamma) |\omega|^{\gamma-1} d\gamma, \qquad \gamma = \rho + i\eta, \quad 0 < \rho < 1$$

Approximating by truncated series:

$$H(\omega) \cong \frac{\Delta \eta}{4\pi} \sum_{k=-m}^{m} \Pi_{H}(-\gamma_{k}) |\omega|^{\gamma_{k}-1} \qquad \gamma_{k} = \rho + ik\Delta \eta$$

Generation of weakly stationary Gaussian coloured noises (H-FSM)

From System's Linearity and Inverse Fourier it follows

$$F\left(t\right) = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{\rho-i\infty}^{\rho+i\infty} \prod_{H} \left(-\gamma\right) \left(I^{1-\gamma}W\right) \left(t\right) d\gamma$$
  
Fractional moments of  
the system's transfer function  
Fractional Brownian motions  
Riesz Fractional Integral  
 $\left(I^{\gamma}W\right) \left(t\right) \propto \left(I_{-}^{\gamma}W + I_{+}^{\gamma}W\right) \left(t\right)$ 

Discrete form

$$F(t) = \frac{\Delta \eta}{4\pi} \sum_{k=-m}^{m} \prod_{H} (-\gamma_k) (I^{1-\gamma_k} W)(t)$$

# Application to wind loads





# Auto-correlation of generated wind data: Memory Propagation

Extension: Multivariate processes

$$\mathbf{S_{V}}\left(\omega\right) = \begin{bmatrix} S_{V_{1}V_{1}}\left(\omega\right) & S_{V_{1}V_{2}}\left(\omega\right) & \dots & S_{V_{1}V_{N}}\left(\omega\right) \\ S_{V_{1}V_{2}}\left(\omega\right) & S_{V_{2}V_{2}}\left(\omega\right) & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ S_{V_{1}V_{N}}\left(\omega\right) & S_{V_{2}V_{N}}\left(\omega\right) & \dots & S_{V_{N}V_{N}}\left(\omega\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{V}}\left(\omega\right) = \Psi\left(\omega\right) \mathbf{L}^{1/2}\left(\omega\right) \, \mathbf{L}^{1/2}\left(\omega\right) \, \Psi^{*T}\left(\omega\right)$$

$$\mathbf{H}\left(\omega\right) = \Psi\left(\omega\right) \, \mathbf{L}^{1/2}\left(\omega\right)$$

$$\mathbf{\Pi}\left(\boldsymbol{\gamma}\right) \stackrel{def}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\boldsymbol{\omega}|^{\boldsymbol{\gamma}} \, \mathbf{H}\left(\boldsymbol{\omega}\right) \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{\omega}$$

$$\mathbf{V}\left(t\right) = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{\rho-i\infty}^{\rho+i\infty} \mathbf{\Pi}\left(-\gamma\right) \left(I^{1-\gamma}\mathbf{W}\right)\left(t\right) d\gamma$$

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## APPLICATION: STOCHASTIC VISCOUS-ELASTIC SYSTEMS

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Costitutive equation of viscous-elastic dampers:

$$f(\dot{X}(t)) = c_d |\dot{X}|^{\gamma} \operatorname{sign}(\dot{X}) \qquad \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$$

Equation of motion

$$m\ddot{X}(t) + f(\dot{X}(t)) + k X(t) = W_{\alpha}(t)$$

Non-linear Stochastic Differential Equation subjected to Lévy noise

#### APPLICATION: STOCHASTIC VISCOUS-ELASTIC SYSTEMS

$$\begin{split} \vec{x}(t) + c_d \begin{vmatrix} \vec{x}(t) & \vec{y} \\ \vec{x}(t) & \vec{sign}(\vec{x}(t)) + k X(t) = W_{\alpha}(t) & \vec{\gamma} \in \mathbb{R} \\ \vec{\gamma} \neq 0, 2, 4, \dots \end{split}$$
Spectral Einstein-Smoluchowski equation
$$\frac{\partial \phi_z(\theta, t)}{\partial t} = \vartheta_1 \frac{\partial \phi_z(\theta, t)}{\partial \vartheta_2} - \frac{k}{m} \vartheta_2 \frac{\partial \phi_z(\theta, t)}{\partial \vartheta_1} + \frac{c_d}{m} \vartheta_{2,\vartheta} H^{-\gamma}(\phi_z(\theta, t)) - \left( \frac{|\mathcal{X}|}{m} \right)^{\alpha} \phi_z(\theta, t) \end{split}$$
Einstein-Smoluchowski equation
$$\frac{\partial p_z(\mathbf{z}, t)}{\partial t} = -z_2 \frac{\partial p_z(\mathbf{z}, t)}{\partial z_1} + \frac{k}{m} z_1 \frac{\partial p_z(\mathbf{z}, t)}{\partial z_2} + \frac{c_d}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} \left( |z_2|^{\gamma} \operatorname{sign}(z_2) p_z(\mathbf{z}, t) \right) + \frac{1}{m^{\alpha}} \left( z_2 \mathcal{D}^{\alpha} p_z(\mathbf{z}, t) \right) \\ \text{where} \left( z_2 \mathcal{D}^{\alpha} p_z(\mathbf{z}, t) \right) \text{ is the partial Riesz derivative of the joint PDF}$$

# **Deterministic Fractional Differential Equations**

#### APPLICATION: STOCHASTIC VISCOUS-ELASTIC SYSTEMS

 $\alpha = 2, \gamma = 0.5$ 

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