

# #2

## Numerical fractional differentiation

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## How do we do steps forward?

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### G. W. Leibniz (1695–1697)

In the letters to J. Wallis and J. Bernulli (in 1697) Leibniz mentioned the possible approach to fractional-order differentiation in that sense, that for non-integer values of  $n$  the definition could be the following:

$$\frac{d^n e^{mx}}{dx^n} = m^n e^{mx},$$

### L. Euler (1730)

$$\frac{d^n x^m}{dx^n} = m(m-1) \dots (m-n+1)x^{m-n}$$

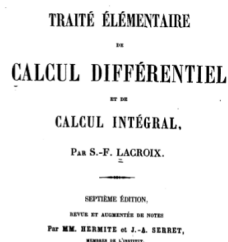
$$\Gamma(m+1) = m(m-1) \dots (m-n+1)\Gamma(m-n+1)$$

$$\frac{d^n x^m}{dx^n} = \frac{\Gamma(m+1)}{\Gamma(m-n+1)} x^{m-n}.$$

Euler suggested to use this relationship also for negative or non-integer (rational) values of  $n$ . Taking  $m=1$  and  $n=\frac{1}{2}$ , Euler obtained:

$$\frac{d^{1/2} x}{dx^{1/2}} = \sqrt{\frac{4x}{\pi}} \quad \left( = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} x^{1/2} \right)$$

S. F. Lacroix adopted Euler's derivation for his successful textbook (*Traité du Calcul Différentiel et du Calcul Intégral*, Courcier, Paris, t. 3, 1819; pp. 409–410).



### J. B. J. Fourier (1820–1822)

The first step to generalization of the notion of differentiation for **arbitrary functions** was done by J. B. J. Fourier (*Théorie Analytique de la Chaleur*, Didot, Paris, 1822; pp. 499–508).

After introducing his famous formula

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z) dz \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos(px - pz) dp,$$

Fourier made a remark that

$$\frac{d^n f(x)}{dx^n} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z) dz \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos(px - pz + n\frac{\pi}{2}) dp,$$

and this relationship could serve as a definition of the  $n$ -th order derivative for non-integer  $n$ .

## N. H. Abel (1823–1826)

N. H. Abel: Solution de quelques problèmes à l'aide d'intégrales définies (1823). *Œuvres complètes de Niels Henrik Abel*, vol. 1, Grondahl, Christiania, 1881, pp. 11–18.

In fact, Abel solved the equation

**Simply a Caputo derivative**

$$\int_0^x \frac{s'(\eta) d\eta}{(x-\eta)^\alpha} = \psi(x), \quad \Gamma(1-\alpha) \frac{d^\alpha}{dx^\alpha} s(x) = \psi(x)$$

for an arbitrary  $\alpha$  (and not just for  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ ):

$$s(x) = \frac{\sin(\pi\alpha)}{\pi} x^\alpha \int_0^1 \frac{\psi(xt) dt}{(1-t)^{1-\alpha}}.$$

After that, Abel *expressed* the obtained solution with the help of an integral of order  $\alpha$ :

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

## J. Liouville (1832–1855)

Three approaches:

I. Following Leibniz:

$$\frac{d^m e^{ax}}{dx^n} = a^m e^{ax},$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n e^{a_n x},$$

$$\frac{d^\nu f(x)}{dx^\nu} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n a_n^\nu e^{a_n x}$$

## J. Liouville (1832–1855)

Three approaches:

II. *Integrals* of non-integer order:

$$\int^\mu \Phi(x) dx^\mu = \frac{1}{(-1)^\mu \Gamma(\mu)} \int_0^\infty \Phi(x+\alpha) \alpha^{\mu-1} d\alpha$$

$$\int^\mu \Phi(x) dx^\mu = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\mu)} \int_0^\infty \Phi(x-\alpha) \alpha^{\mu-1} d\alpha$$

or (after the substitution  $\tau = x + \alpha$ ,  $\tau = x - \alpha$ )

$$\int^\mu \Phi(x) dx^\mu = \frac{1}{(-1)^\mu \Gamma(\mu)} \int_x^\infty (\tau - x)^{\mu-1} \Phi(\tau) d\tau$$

$$\int^\mu \Phi(x) dx^\mu = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\mu)} \int_{-\infty}^x (x - \tau)^{\mu-1} \Phi(\tau) d\tau.$$

## J. Liouville (1832–1855)

Three approaches:

III. *Derivatives* of non-integer order:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^\mu F(x)}{dx^\mu} &= \frac{(-1)^\mu}{h^\mu} (F(x) - \frac{\mu}{1} F(x+h) + \\ &+ \frac{\mu(\mu-1)}{1 \cdot 2} F(x+2h) - \dots) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^\mu F(x)}{dx^\mu} &= \frac{1}{h^\mu} (F(x) - \frac{\mu}{1} F(x-h) + \\ &+ \frac{\mu(\mu-1)}{1 \cdot 2} F(x-2h) - \dots). \end{aligned}$$

(Equality is in the sense  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0}$ ).

Liouville was the first, who realized the possibility of consideration of *left-sided* and *right-sided* fractional integrals and derivatives.

## G. F. B. Riemann (1847; 1876)

Riemann used a generalization of the Taylor series for obtaining a formula for fractional-order integration, which is given below in contemporary notation:

$$D^{-\nu} f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_c^x (x-t)^{\nu-1} f(t) dt + \psi(t)$$

Riemann introduced an arbitrary (complementary) function  $\psi(x)$  because he did not fix the lower bound of integration  $c$  – a disadvantage, which cannot be removed in the framework of his approach.

**N. Ya. Sonin (1869)**  
**A. V. Letnikov (1872)**  
**H. Laurent (1884)**  
**N. Nekrasov (1888)**  
**K. Nishimoto (1987–)**

Cauchy's formula:

$$f^{(n)}(z) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(t)}{(t-z)^{n+1}} dt$$

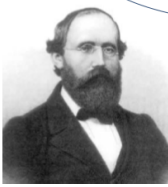
For non-integer  $n = \nu$  a branch point of the function  $(t-z)^{-\nu-1}$  appears instead of a pole:

$$D^\nu f(z) = \frac{\Gamma(\nu+1)}{2\pi i} \int_c^{x^+} \frac{f(t)}{(t-z)^{\nu+1}} dt$$

## Riemann–Liouville definition

$${}_a D_t^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right)^n \int_a^t \frac{f(\tau) d\tau}{(t-\tau)^{\alpha-n+1}}$$

$$(n-1 \leq \alpha < n)$$



G.F.B. Riemann  
(1826–1866)

J. Liouville  
(1809–1882)



## Grünwald–Letnikov definition

$${}_a D_t^\alpha f(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h^{-\alpha} \sum_{j=0}^{\left[ \frac{t-a}{h} \right]} (-1)^j \binom{\alpha}{j} f(t-jh)$$

$[x]$  – integer part of  $x$



A.K. Grünwald

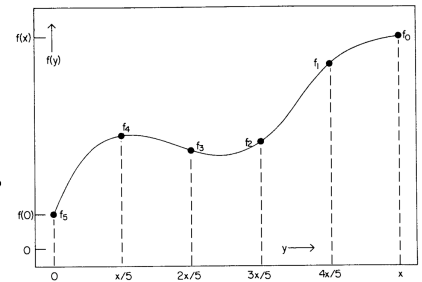


A.V. Letnikov

## A direct approach to numerical fractional differentiation

## Some notation

$$\begin{aligned} f_N &\equiv f(0), \\ f_{N-1} &\equiv f\left(\frac{x}{N}\right), \\ &\vdots \\ f_j &\equiv f\left(x - \frac{jx}{N}\right), \\ &\vdots \\ f_0 &\equiv f(x) \end{aligned}$$



Notice: backwards numbering is convenient.

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## The GI algorithm

Recall the Grünwald–Letnikov definition:

$${}_a D_t^\alpha f(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{{}_a \Delta_h^\alpha f(t)}{h^\alpha}, \quad {}_a \Delta_h^\alpha f(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\left[ \frac{t-a}{h} \right]} (-1)^j \binom{\alpha}{j} f(t-jh).$$

$[x]$  means the integer part of  $x$ .

Omitting the limit gives the simplest approximation:

$${}_a D_t^\alpha f(t) \approx {}_a \Delta_h^\alpha f(t)$$

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## The GI algorithm

Omitting the limit in the Grünwald–Letnikov definition gives the simplest formula for approximate calculations:

$${}_a D_t^\alpha f(x) \approx \left\{ \frac{\left[ \frac{x-a}{N} \right]^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(-\alpha)} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{\Gamma(j-\alpha)}{\Gamma(j+1)} f\left(x - j \left[ \frac{x-a}{N} \right]\right) \right\}$$

For  $a = 0$  we have:

$${}_0 D_t^\alpha f(x) \approx \frac{x^{-\alpha} N^\alpha}{\Gamma(-\alpha)} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{\Gamma(j-\alpha)}{\Gamma(j+1)} f_j$$

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## Computation of binomial coefficients Using recurrence relationships

For the implementation we need to compute

$$w_k^{(\alpha)} = (-1)^k \binom{\alpha}{k}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

The recurrence relationships can be used:

$$w_0^{(\alpha)} = 1; \quad w_k^{(\alpha)} = \left(1 - \frac{\alpha + 1}{k}\right) w_{k-1}^{(\alpha)}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

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## Computation of binomial coefficients Using FFT (fast Fourier transform)

The binomial coefficients can be considered as the coefficients of the power series expansion

$$(1 - z)^\alpha = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \binom{\alpha}{k} z^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} w_k^{(\alpha)} z^k.$$

Taking  $z = e^{-i\varphi}$  we obtain

$$(1 - e^{-i\varphi})^\alpha = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} w_k^{(\alpha)} e^{-ik\varphi}$$

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## Computation of binomial coefficients Using FFT (fast Fourier transform)

We have (from the previous slide):

$$(1 - e^{-i\varphi})^\alpha = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} w_k^{(\alpha)} e^{-ik\varphi}$$

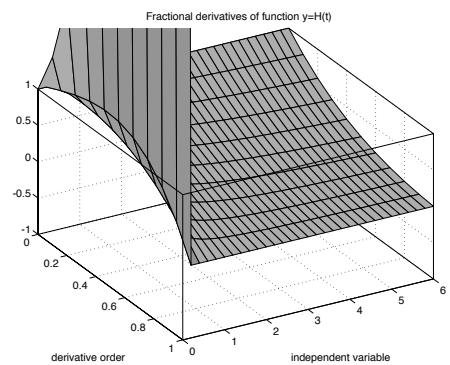
Therefore, the coefficients  $w_k^{(\alpha)}$  can be considered as Fourier transforms:

$$w_k^{(\alpha)} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f_\alpha(\varphi) e^{ik\varphi} d\varphi, \quad f_\alpha(\varphi) = (1 - e^{-i\varphi})^\alpha.$$

The fast Fourier transform (FFT) can be used here!

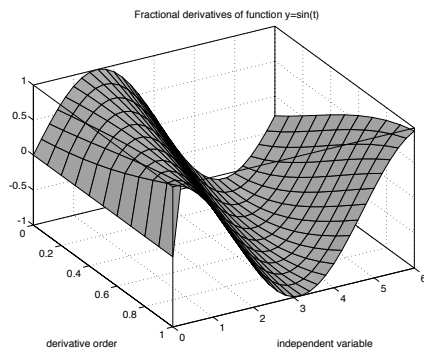
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## Using GI for computations



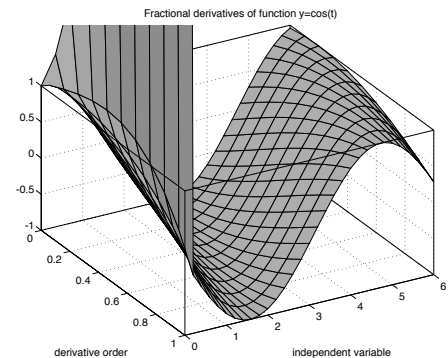
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## Using GI for computations



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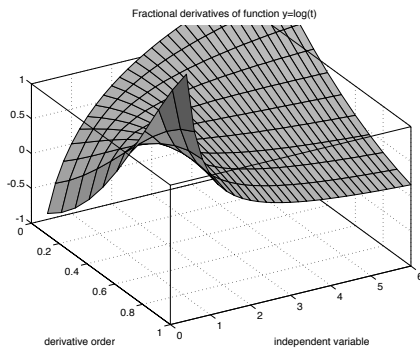
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## Using GI for computations



Notice: infinities at  $t=0$  are removed to make the rest of the picture visible.

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## Higher-order approximations

We have seen the first-order approximation:

$${}_0D_t^\alpha f(x) \approx h^{-\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor t/h \rfloor} w_k^{(\alpha)} f(t - kh)$$

The weights  $w_k^{(\alpha)}$ , ( $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $n = \lfloor \frac{t}{h} \rfloor$ ) assigned to the values  $f(t-jh)$  are the first  $n+1$  coefficients of the Taylor series expansion of the function

$$\omega_1^{(\alpha)}(z) = (1 - z)^\alpha = (\omega_1(z))^\alpha$$

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## Higher-order approximations

Christian Lubich's formulas:  $\omega_2^{(\alpha)}(z) = (\frac{3}{2} - 2z + \frac{1}{2}z^2)^\alpha$ ,

$$\omega_3^{(\alpha)}(z) = (\frac{11}{6} - 3z + \frac{3}{2}z^2 - \frac{1}{3}z^3)^\alpha,$$

$$\omega_4^{(\alpha)}(z) = (\frac{25}{12} - 4z + 3z^2 - \frac{4}{3}z^3 + \frac{1}{4}z^4)^\alpha,$$

$$\omega_5^{(\alpha)}(z) = (\frac{137}{60} - 5z + 5z^2 - \frac{10}{3}z^3 + \frac{5}{4}z^4 - \frac{1}{5}z^5)^\alpha,$$

$$\omega_6^{(\alpha)}(z) = (\frac{147}{60} - 6z + \frac{15}{2}z^2 - \frac{20}{3}z^3 + \frac{15}{4}z^4 - \frac{6}{5}z^5 + \frac{1}{6}z^6)^\alpha$$

Expand these functions in Taylor series and use the coefficients as weights in the formula

$${}_0D_t^\alpha f(t) \approx h^{-\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor t/h \rfloor} w_k f(t - kh)$$

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## The G2 algorithm

Oldham and Spanier (1974) observed that the approximations

$${}_aD_t^{-1} f(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x-a}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f\left(x - [j + \frac{1}{2}] \left[ \frac{x-a}{N} \right] \right) \right)$$

$${}_aD_t^1 f(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left[ \frac{x-a}{N} \right]^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} [-j] f\left(x - [j - \frac{1}{2}] \left[ \frac{x-a}{N} \right] \right) \right)$$

give faster convergence, and suggested "fractional central differences"

$${}_aD_t^q f(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\left[ \frac{x-a}{N} \right]^{-q}}{\Gamma(-q)} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{\Gamma(j-q)}{\Gamma(j+1)} f\left(x - [j - \frac{1}{2}] \left[ \frac{x-a}{N} \right] \right) \right\}$$

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## The G2 algorithm

Taking lower terminal  $a = 0$  we have

$${}_0D_t^q f(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{x^{-q} N^q}{\Gamma(-q)} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{\Gamma(j-q)}{\Gamma(j+1)} f\left(x + \frac{qx}{2N} - \frac{jx}{N}\right) \right\}$$

This formula uses the function values other than at nodes, so we have to interpolate (Lagrange three point interpolation):

$$f\left(x + \frac{qx}{2N} - \frac{jx}{N}\right) \approx \left[ \frac{q}{4} + \frac{q^2}{8} \right] f\left(x + \frac{x}{N} - \frac{jx}{N}\right) + \left[ 1 - \frac{q^2}{4} \right] f\left(x - \frac{jx}{N}\right) + \left[ \frac{q^2}{8} - \frac{q}{4} \right] f\left(x - \frac{x}{N} - \frac{jx}{N}\right)$$

This gives the G2 algorithm:

$${}_0D_t^q f(x) = \frac{x^{-q} N^q}{\Gamma(-q)} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{\Gamma(j-q)}{\Gamma(j+1)} \{ f_j + \frac{1}{4}q[f_{j-1} - f_{j+1}] + \frac{1}{8}q^2[f_{j-1} - 2f_j + f_{j+1}] \}$$

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## The R1 algorithm

G1 and G2 are based on fractional differences. R1 and R2 are based on approximation of integration.

Take  $q < 0$  (fractional integration):

$${}_0D_t^q f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(-q)} \int_0^x \frac{f(y) dy}{[x-y]^{q+1}} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(-q)} \int_0^x \frac{f(x-y) dy}{y^{q+1}} \quad \text{useful form}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(-q)} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \int_{jx/N}^{(j+1)x/N} \frac{f(x-y) dy}{y^{q+1}}$$

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## The R1 algorithm

Using the approximation

$$\int_{jx/N}^{[jx+x]/N} \frac{f(x-y)}{y^{q+1}} dy \approx \frac{f\left(x - \frac{jx}{N}\right) + f\left(x - \frac{x}{N} - \frac{jx}{N}\right)}{2} \int_{jx/N}^{[jx+x]/N} \frac{dy}{y^{q+1}}$$

$$= \frac{f_j + f_{j+1}}{-2q} \left\{ \left[ \frac{jx+x}{N} \right]^{-q} - \left[ \frac{jx}{N} \right]^{-q} \right\},$$

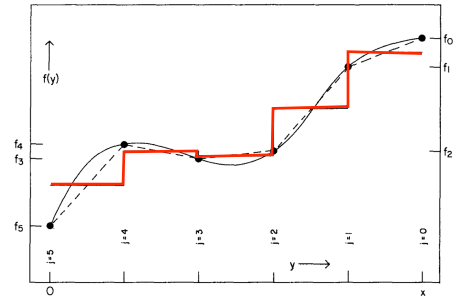
we obtain the R1 algorithm:

$${}_0D_t^q f(x) = \frac{x^{-q} N^q}{\Gamma(1-q)} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{f_j + f_{j+1}}{2} \{ [j+1]^{-q} - j^{-q} \} \quad (\text{for } q < 0)$$

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## The R1 algorithm

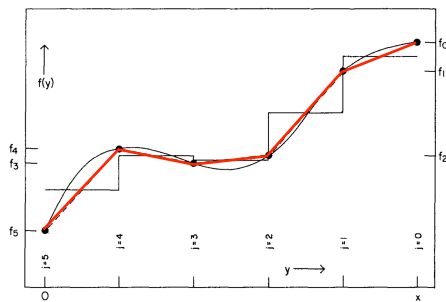
In the previous slide we have used the piecewise constant approximation of the function using the function values in the middle of the subintervals:



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## The R2 algorithm

A better function approximation can be achieved using piecewise linear continuous function:



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## The R2 algorithm

Considering the piecewise linear approximation we have:

$$\int_{jx/N}^{[jx+x]/N} \frac{f(x-y)}{y^{q+1}} dy \approx \int_{jx/N}^{[jx+x]/N} \frac{\left[ \left(1 + j - \frac{Ny}{x}\right) f\left(x - \frac{jx}{N}\right) + \left[\frac{Ny}{x} - j\right] f\left(x - \frac{x}{N} - \frac{jx}{N}\right) \right]}{y^{q+1}} dy$$

and this gives the R2 algorithm:

$${}_0D_t^q f(x) = \frac{x^{-q} N^q}{\Gamma(-q)} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{[j+1]f_j - jf_{j+1}}{-q} \{ [j+1]^{-q} - j^{-q} \} + \frac{f_{j+1} - f_j}{1-q} \{ [j+1]^{1-q} - j^{1-q} \}$$

(for  $q < 0$ )

Notice: both R1 and R2 algorithms allow consideration of non-equidistant discretization nodes.

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## The LI algorithm

Both R1 and R2 are restricted to negatives orders (integration only). How to extend beyond this "wall"?

Let us take  $0 \leq q < 1$ . Then

Caputo:

$${}_0D_t^q f(x) = \frac{x^{-q} f(0)}{\Gamma(1-q)} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-q)} \int_0^x \left[ \frac{df}{dy}(y) \right] \frac{dy}{[x-y]^q}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-q)} \left\{ \frac{f(0)}{x^q} + \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \int_{jx/N}^{[jx+x]/N} \left[ \frac{df}{dy}(x-y) \right] \frac{dy}{y^q} \right\}$$

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## The LI algorithm

Now let us approximate each term using

$$\int_{jx/N}^{[jx+x]/N} \left[ \frac{df}{dy}(x-y) \right] \frac{dy}{y^q} \approx \frac{f\left(x - \frac{jx}{N}\right) - f\left(x - \frac{x}{N} - \frac{jx}{N}\right)}{x/N} \int_{jx/N}^{[jx+x]/N} \frac{dy}{y^q}$$

$$= \frac{x^{-q} N^q}{1-q} [f_j - f_{j+1}] [(j+1)^{1-q} - j^{1-q}]$$

This leads to the LI algorithm:

$${}_0D_t^q f(x) = \frac{x^{-q} N^q}{\Gamma(2-q)} \left[ \frac{[1-q]f_N}{N^q} + \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} [f_j - f_{j+1}] [(j+1)^{1-q} - j^{1-q}] \right]$$

$0 \leq q < 1$

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## The L2 algorithm

Similarly, taking  $1 \leq q < 2$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned} {}_0D_t^q f(x) &= \frac{x^{-q}f(0)}{\Gamma(1-q)} + \frac{x^{1-q}f^{(1)}(0)}{\Gamma(2-q)} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-q)} \int_0^x \frac{f^{(2)}(y) dy}{[x-y]^{q-1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-q)} \left[ \frac{[1-q]f(0)}{x^q} + \frac{f^{(1)}(0)}{x^{q-1}} + \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \int_{jx/N}^{[jx+x]/N} \frac{f^{(2)}(x-y) dy}{y^{q-1}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

We need some approximations for the first and second order derivatives here.

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## The L2 algorithm

Using the approximations

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(1)}(0) &\approx \frac{f\left(\frac{x}{N}\right) - f(0)}{x/N} = \frac{N}{x} [f_{N-1} - f_N] \\ \int_{jx/N}^{[jx+x]/N} f^{(2)}(x-y) \frac{dy}{y^{q-1}} &\approx \frac{f\left(x + \frac{x}{N} - \frac{jx}{N}\right) - 2f\left(x - \frac{jx}{N}\right) + f\left(x - \frac{x}{N} - \frac{jx}{N}\right)}{[x/N]^2} \int_{jx/N}^{[jx+x]/N} \frac{dy}{y^{q-1}} \\ &= \frac{x^{-q}N^q}{2-q} [f_{j-1} - 2f_j + f_{j+1}] [(j+1)^{2-q} - j^{2-q}] \end{aligned}$$

we obtain the L2 algorithm

$$\begin{aligned} {}_0D_t^q f(x) &= \frac{x^{-q}N^q}{\Gamma(3-q)} \left[ \frac{[1-q][2-q]f_N}{N^q} + \frac{[2-q][f_{N-1} - f_N]}{N^{q-1}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} [f_{j-1} - 2f_j + f_{j+1}] [(j+1)^{2-q} - j^{2-q}] \right] \end{aligned} \quad 1 \leq q < 2$$

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## The D algorithm

Kai Diethelm suggested (1997) numerical evaluation of fractional derivatives using quadrature formulas for finite-part integrals. First, use change of variables to transform the interval  $[0, T]$  to  $[0, 1]$  and introduce an equidistant grid with nodes  $t_j = j/m$ . Then

$${}_0D_{t_j}^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(-\alpha)} \int_0^{t_j} \frac{f(\tau) d\tau}{(t_j - \tau)^{\alpha+1}} = \frac{t_j^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(-\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{f(t_j - t_j\xi) d\xi}{\xi^{\alpha+1}}.$$

this singularity requires the use of finite part integrals

and the D algorithm is:

$${}_0D_{t_j}^\alpha f(t) \approx \frac{t_j^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(-\alpha)} \sum_{k=0}^j \omega_{kj} f\left(\frac{k}{j}\right), \quad \omega_{kj} = \frac{j^\alpha}{\alpha(1-\alpha)} \begin{cases} -1, & \text{for } k=0, \\ 2k^{1-\alpha} - (k-1)^{1-\alpha} - (k+1)^{1-\alpha}, & \text{for } k=1, 2, \dots, j-1, \\ (\alpha-1)k^{-\alpha} - (k-1)^{1-\alpha} + k^{1-\alpha}, & \text{for } k=j. \end{cases}$$

( $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ )

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## A general framework

All considered algorithms (G1, G2, R1, R2, L1, L2, D) can be written in the same form as

$${}_0D_t^q f(x) = \frac{N^q}{x^q} \sum_{j=-1}^N w_j(q) f_j$$

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## G1 in brief:

Typical $w_j(q)$	$\frac{\Gamma(j-q)}{\Gamma(-q)\Gamma(j+1)}$
Range of typicality	$0 \leq j \leq N-1$
Values of $j$ for which $w_j(q) = 0$	$-1, N$
Atypical values	none

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## G2 in brief:

Typical $w_j(q)$	$\frac{\Gamma(j-1-q)}{\Gamma(-q)\Gamma(j+2)} \left\{ j^2 - \frac{jq}{2} [q+3] - [q+1] \left[ \frac{q^3}{8} + \frac{q^2}{2} - 1 \right] \right\}$
Range of typicality	$0 \leq j \leq N-1$
Values of $j$ for which $w_j(q) = 0$	none
Atypical values	$w_{-1}(q) = \frac{q^2 + 2q}{8\Gamma(-q)} \quad w_N(q) = \frac{\Gamma(N-1-q)}{\Gamma(-q)\Gamma(N)} \left[ \frac{q^2}{8} - \frac{q}{4} \right]$

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## R1 in brief:

Typical $w_j(q)$	$\frac{[j+1]^{1-q} - [j-1]^{1-q}}{\Gamma(1-q)}$	
Range of typicality	$1 \leq j \leq N-1$	
Values of $j$ for which $w_j(q) = 0$	$-1$	
Atypical values	$w_0(q) = \frac{1}{2\Gamma(1-q)}$	$w_N(q) = \frac{N^{-q} - [N-1]^{-q}}{2\Gamma(1-q)}$

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## R2 in brief:

Typical $w_j(q)$	$\frac{[j+1]^{1-q} - 2j^{1-q} + [j-1]^{1-q}}{\Gamma(2-q)}$	
Range of typicality	$1 \leq j \leq N-1$	
Values of $j$ for which $w_j(q) = 0$	$-1$	
Atypical values	$w_0(q) = 1/\Gamma(2-q)$	$w_N(q) = \frac{[N-1]^{1-q} - N^{1-q} + [1-q]N^{-q}}{\Gamma(2-q)}$

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## L1 in brief:

Typical $w_j(q)$	$\frac{[j+1]^{1-q} - 2j^{1-q} + [j-1]^{1-q}}{\Gamma(2-q)}$	
Range of typicality	$1 \leq j \leq N-1$	
Values of $j$ for which $w_j(q) = 0$	$-1$	
Atypical values	$w_0(q) = 1/\Gamma(2-q)$	$w_N(q) = \frac{[N-1]^{1-q} - N^{1-q} + [1-q]N^{-q}}{\Gamma(2-q)}$

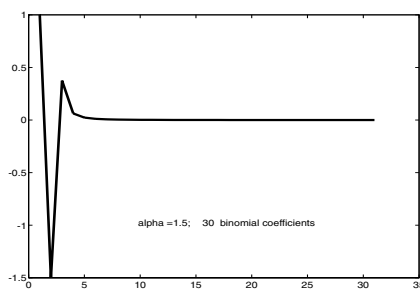
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## L2 in brief:

Typical $w_j(q)$	$\frac{[j+2]^{2-q} - 3[j+1]^{2-q} + 3j^{2-q} - [j-1]^{2-q}}{\Gamma(3-q)}$	
Range of typicality	$1 \leq j \leq N-2$	
Values of $j$ for which $w_j(q) = 0$	none	
Atypical values	$w_{-1}(q) = 1/\Gamma(3-q)$	$w_{N-1}(q) = \frac{[\Gamma(3-q)]^{-1}\{[2-q]N^{1-q} - 2N^{2-q} + 3[N-1]^{2-q} - [N-2]^{2-q}\}}{\Gamma(3-q)}$
	$w_0(q) = \frac{2^{2-q} - 3}{\Gamma(3-q)}$	$w_N(q) = \frac{[\Gamma(3-q)]^{-1}\{[1-q][2-q]N^{-q} - [2-q]N^{1-q} + N^{2-q} - [N-1]^{2-q}\}}{\Gamma(3-q)}$

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## The “short memory” principle



Behavior of coefficients in GI

$${}_a D_t^\alpha f(t) \approx {}_{t-L} D_t^\alpha f(t), \quad (t > a+L)$$

“Memory length” depends on required accuracy

## The “short memory” principle

$${}_a D_t^\alpha f(t) \approx {}_{t-L} D_t^\alpha f(t), \quad (t > a+L)$$

If  $f(t) \leq M$  for  $a \leq t \leq b$ , then it can be shown that

$$\Delta(t) = |{}_a D_t^\alpha f(t) - {}_{t-L} D_t^\alpha f(t)| \leq \frac{ML^{-\alpha}}{|\Gamma(1-\alpha)|}, \quad (a+L \leq t \leq b)$$

Therefore,

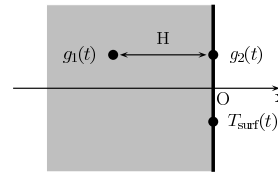
$$\Delta(t) \leq \epsilon, \quad (a+L \leq t \leq b), \quad \text{if } L \geq \left( \frac{M}{\epsilon |\Gamma(1-\alpha)|} \right)^{1/\alpha}$$

# Sample applications

Fractional derivatives of order 1/2 can appear even within the context of the integer-order models!

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## Heat flux in a blast furnace wall



$$\hat{c}\hat{\rho}\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \hat{\lambda}\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}, \quad (t > 0, \quad -\infty < x < 0)$$

$$T(0, x) = T_0$$

$$T(t, 0) = T_{\text{surf}}(t)$$

$$\left| \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} T(t, x) \right| < \infty$$

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## Heat flux in a blast furnace wall

Introduce an auxiliary function

$$u(t, x) = T(t, x) - T_0,$$

which must be a solution of the following problem:

$$\hat{c}\hat{\rho}\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \hat{\lambda}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad (t > 0, \quad -\infty < x < 0)$$

$$u(0, x) = 0$$

$$u(t, 0) = T_{\text{surf}}(t) - T_0$$

$$\left| \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} u(t, x) \right| < \infty$$

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## Heat flux in a blast furnace wall

The Laplace transform gives:

$$s \hat{c}\hat{\rho}U(s, x) = \hat{\lambda}\frac{d^2 U(s, x)}{dx^2}$$

The solution bounded at  $x \rightarrow -\infty$  is:

$$U(s, x) = U(s, 0) \exp\left(x \sqrt{\frac{\hat{c}\hat{\rho}s}{\hat{\lambda}}}\right)$$

Then we have

$$\frac{dU}{dx}(s, x) = U(s, 0) \sqrt{\frac{\hat{c}\hat{\rho}s}{\hat{\lambda}}} \exp\left(x \sqrt{\frac{\hat{c}\hat{\rho}s}{\hat{\lambda}}}\right)$$

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## Heat flux in a blast furnace wall

$$U(s, x) = U(s, 0) \exp\left(x \sqrt{\frac{\hat{c}\hat{\rho}s}{\hat{\lambda}}}\right) \quad \frac{dU}{dx}(s, x) = U(s, 0) \sqrt{\frac{\hat{c}\hat{\rho}s}{\hat{\lambda}}} \exp\left(x \sqrt{\frac{\hat{c}\hat{\rho}s}{\hat{\lambda}}}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \frac{dU}{dx}(s, 0) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{c}\hat{\rho}}{\hat{\lambda}}} U(s, 0)$$

The inverse Laplace transform gives:

$${}_0D_t^{-1/2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(t, 0) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{c}\hat{\rho}}{\hat{\lambda}}} u(t, 0)$$

After fractional integration of both sides:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(t, 0) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{c}\hat{\rho}}{\hat{\lambda}}} {}_0D_t^{1/2} u(t, 0)$$

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## Heat flux in a blast furnace wall

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(t, 0) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{c}\hat{\rho}}{\hat{\lambda}}} {}_0D_t^{1/2} u(t, 0) \quad u(t, x) = T(t, x) - T_0,$$

$$q_A(t) = \sqrt{\hat{c}\hat{\rho}\hat{\lambda}} {}_0D_t^{1/2} g(t), \quad g(t) = T_{\text{surf}}(t) - T_0$$

$$q_A(t) = \hat{\lambda} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}(t, 0)$$

the heat flux

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## Heat flux in a blast furnace wall

Numerical solution: short memory principle

$$q_A(t) \approx \tilde{q}_A(t) = \sqrt{\hat{c}\hat{\rho}\hat{\lambda}}_{(t-L)} D_t^{1/2} g(t)$$

Normalized error:

$$\delta_0 = \frac{|q_A(t) - \tilde{q}_A(t)|}{M} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L} \Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}, \quad M = \max_{[0, \infty]} |g(t)|$$

Condition on the memory length:  $L \geq \frac{1}{\pi \delta_0^2}$

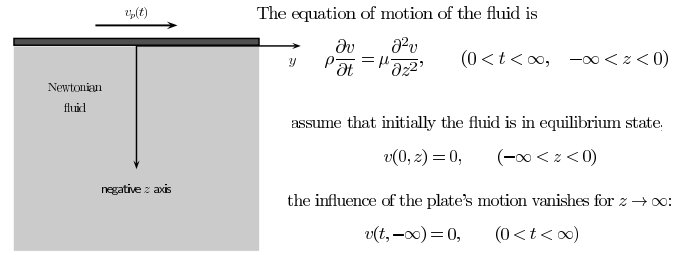
Calculate using:

$$_{(t-L)} D_t^{1/2} g(t) = \tau^{-\alpha} \sum_{i=0}^{N(t)} c_i g(t - i\tau),$$

$$N(t) = \min \left\{ \left\lceil \frac{t}{\tau} \right\rceil, \left\lceil \frac{L}{\tau} \right\rceil \right\}, \quad c_i = (-1)^i \binom{1/2}{i}$$

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## Bagley-Torvik equation



The fluid's velocity at  $z = 0$  is equal to the given velocity of the plate:

$$v(t, 0) = v_p(t)$$

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## Bagley-Torvik equation

Applying the Laplace transform gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho s V(s, z) &= \mu \frac{d^2 V(s, z)}{dz^2} \\ V(s, 0) &= V_p(s), \\ V(s, -\infty) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

The solution of this problem is:

$$V(s, z) = V_p(s) \exp(z \sqrt{\frac{\rho s}{\mu}})$$

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## Bagley-Torvik equation

By differentiation we obtain:

$$\frac{dV(s, z)}{dz} = \sqrt{\frac{\rho s}{\mu}} V_p(s) \exp(z \sqrt{\frac{\rho s}{\mu}}) = \sqrt{\frac{\rho s}{\mu}} V(s, z)$$

Knowing the velocity, we can obtain the shear stress:

$$\sigma(t, z) = \mu \frac{\partial v(t, z)}{\partial z}$$

which in terms of the Laplace transforms reads:

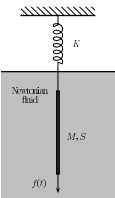
$$\bar{\sigma}(s, z) = \mu \frac{dV(s, z)}{dz} = \sqrt{\mu \rho s} V(s, z).$$

and therefore, in time domain we have:

$$\sigma(t, z) = \sqrt{\mu \rho} D_t^{1/2} v(t, z)$$

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## Bagley-Torvik equation



Considering the forces we have:

$$M y''(t) = f(t) - K y(t) - 2S \sigma(t, 0)$$

Using the relationships

$$\sigma(t, z) = \sqrt{\mu \rho} D_t^{1/2} v(s, z) \quad v_p(t, 0) = y'(t)$$

we arrive at the following equation:

$$A y''(t) + B {}_0 D_t^{3/2} y(t) + C y(t) = f(t) \quad (t > 0),$$

$$A = M, \quad B = 2S \sqrt{\mu \rho}, \quad C = K,$$

add initial conditions!  $y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0$

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## Short memory principle for FDEs

Consider the problem:

$${}_0 D_t^{3/2} y(t) + y(t) = f(t), \quad (t > 0)$$

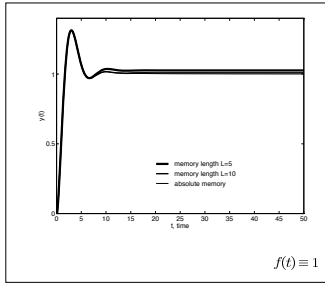
$$y(0) = y'(0) = 0$$

for the following RHS:

1.  $f(t) \equiv 1$
2.  $f(t) = t e^{-t}$
3.  $f(t) = t^{-1} e^{-1/t}$
4.  $f(t) = e^{-t} \sin(0.2t)$

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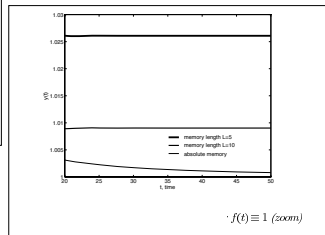
## Short memory principle for FDEs



$$f(t) \equiv 1$$

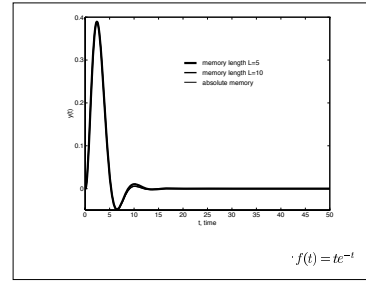
$${}_0D_t^{3/2}y(t) + y(t) = f(t), \quad (t > 0)$$

$$y(0) = y'(0) = 0$$



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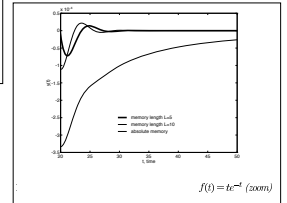
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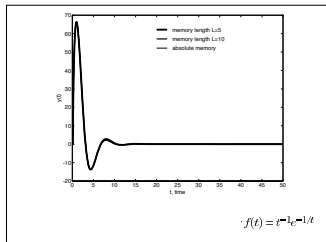
$$f(t) = te^{-t}$$

$${}_0D_t^{3/2}y(t) + y(t) = f(t), \quad (t > 0)$$

$$y(0) = y'(0) = 0$$



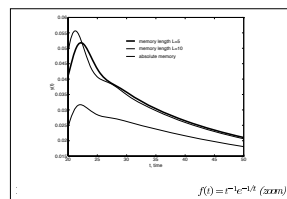
## Short memory principle for FDEs



$$f(t) = t^{-1}e^{-1/t}$$

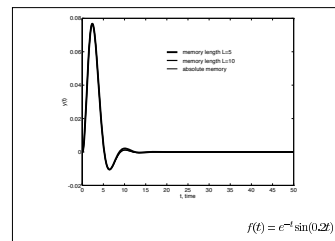
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$$y(0) = y'(0) = 0$$



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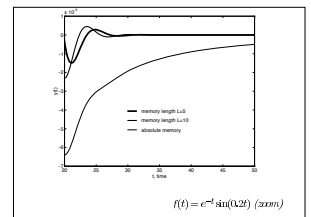
## Short memory principle for FDEs



$$f(t) = e^{-t}\sin(0.2t)$$

$${}_0D_t^{3/2}y(t) + y(t) = f(t), \quad (t > 0)$$

$$y(0) = y'(0) = 0$$



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