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APPLICATION OF FRACTIONAL CALCULUS TO ORDINARY
DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS OF FUCHS TYPE

ABSTRACT

In this paper, an application of the fractional calculus to a differential equation

$$\phi_2 \cdot (z^2 - \nu z) + \phi_1 \cdot (2\nu z - \nu^2 + \nu) + \phi \cdot \nu(\nu - 1) = f$$

$z \neq 0$, ν is discussed, where $f=f(z)$, $\phi=\phi(z)$, $\phi_2=\phi''(z)$, $\phi_1=\phi'(z)$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$ and ν is arbitrary.

A particular solution of the above equation is given as

$$\phi = \left((f_{1-\nu} \cdot \frac{z-\nu}{z})^{-1} \cdot \frac{1}{(z-\nu)^2} \right)_{\nu-2}$$

if f_ν exists and $f_\nu \neq 0$, where $f_\nu = f_\nu(z)$ means the differintegration of arbitrary order ν of the function $f(z)$

RESUMEN

En este trabajo se aplica el método del cálculo fraccional para resolver la ecuación diferencial

$$\phi_2 (z^2 - \nu z) + \phi_1 (2\nu z - \nu^2 + \nu) + \phi \cdot \nu(\nu - 1) = f,$$

$z \neq 0$, ν , donde $f=f(z)$, $\phi=\phi(z)$, $\phi_1=\phi'(z)$, $\phi_2=\phi''(z)$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$ y ν es arbitrario. Se da una solución particular de esta ecuación

$$\phi = \left((f_{1-\nu} \cdot \frac{z-\nu}{z})^{-1} \cdot \frac{1}{(z-\nu)^2} \right)_{\nu-2}$$

si f_ν existe y $f_\nu \neq 0$, $f_\nu = f_\nu(z)$ significa el differintegral de orden arbitrario ν , de la función $f(z)$

1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of differintegral (fractional calculus) of complex order ν , which is a generalization of the ordinary n -th derivative and n -times integral for $\nu=n$ (a positive integer) and $\nu=-n$ (a negative integer), respectively, can be introduced in several ways [7,8].

Nishimoto [5,6] defines the differ-integral as follows: Let $f(z)$ is an analytic function and it has no branch points inside and on C ($C = \{C^-, C^+\}$), C^- is an integral curve along the cut joining two points $z(x, y)$ and $-\infty + iy$, and C^+ is an integral curve along the cut joining two points z and $\infty + iz$,

$$f_\nu = {}_c f_\nu(z) = \frac{\Gamma(\nu+1)}{2\pi i} \int_c \frac{f(\xi) d\xi}{(\xi-z)^{\nu+1}}, \nu \notin \mathbb{Z}^- \text{ and}$$

$$f_{-\nu} = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow -n} f_\nu (n \in \mathbb{Z}^+),$$

where $\xi \neq z$, $-\pi \leq \arg(\xi-z) \leq \pi$ for C^- and $0 \leq \arg(\xi-z) \leq 2\pi$ for C^+ , then $f_\nu (\nu > 0)$ is the fractional derivative of order ν and $f_\nu (\nu < 0)$ is the fractional integral of order $-\nu$, if f_ν exists.

Recently, there has been a considerable interest in the applications of fractional calculus. Oldham and Spanier [7] have treated several applications to the problems of Chemistry. Kalla and Ross [3], have obtained functional relations and summation of series by invoking operators of fractional integration. Kalla and Al-Saqabi [2] have also treated such problems. Al-Bassam [1] and Lowndes [4] have used differintegrals for obtaining solutions of differential equations.

In the present paper, we invoke differintegrals to solve a non-homogeneous linear ordinary differential equation of Fuchs type. Corresponding homogeneous case is also considered.

2. NON-HOMOGENEOUS DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

Theorem 1. If f_v exists and $f_v \neq 0$, then the differential equation of Fuchs type

$$\phi_2 \cdot (z^2 - vz) + \phi_1 \cdot (2vz - v^2 + v) + \phi \cdot v(v-1) = f \quad (z \neq 0, v) \quad (1)$$

has a particular solution of the form

$$\phi = \left((f_{1-v} \cdot \frac{z-v}{z})_{-1} \cdot \frac{1}{(z-v)^2} \right)_{v-2} \quad (2)$$

for arbitrary v , where $\phi = \phi(z)$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$ and $f = f(z)$ is known.

Proof. Putting

$$\phi = w_{v-1} \quad (3)$$

then we have

$$\phi_1 = w_v, \quad (4)$$

and

$$\phi_2 = w_{v+1}, \quad (5)$$

where $w = w(z)$.

Substituting (3), (4) and (5) into (1), we obtain

$$w_{v+1} \cdot (z^2 - vz) + w_v \cdot (2vz - v^2 + v) + w_{v-1} \cdot v(v-1) = f, \quad (6)$$

that is,

$$(w_1 \cdot z^2)_v - v(w_2 \cdot z)_{v-1} = f \quad (7)$$

since [5]

$$(w_1 \cdot z^2)_v = \sum_{n=0}^2 \frac{\Gamma(v+1)}{\Gamma(v-n+1)\Gamma(n+1)} (w_1)_{v-n} \cdot (z^2)_n \quad (8)$$

and

$$(w_2 \cdot z)_{v-1} = \sum_{n=0}^1 \frac{\Gamma(v)}{\Gamma(v-n)\Gamma(n+1)} (w_2)_{v-1-n} \cdot (z)_n \quad (9)$$

Making a differintegration of order $(1-v)$ of the equation (7), we have then

$$(w_1 \cdot z^2)_1 - v(w_2 \cdot z) = f_{1-v} \quad (10)$$

hence

$$w_2 + w_1 \cdot \frac{2}{z-v} = f_{1-v} \cdot \frac{1}{z^2 - vz} \quad (11)$$

Multiplying (11) by $(z-v)^2$, we obtain

$$w_2 \cdot (z-v)^2 + w_1 \cdot 2(z-v) = f_{1-v} \cdot \frac{z-v}{z}, \quad (12)$$

that is

$$(w_1 \cdot (z-v)^2)_1 = f_{1-v} \cdot \frac{z-v}{z} \quad (13)$$

Consequently we obtain

$$w_1 \cdot (z-v)^2 = (f_{1-v} \cdot \frac{z-v}{z})_{-1} \quad (14)$$

hence

$$w = \left((f_{1-v} \cdot \frac{z-v}{z})_{-1} \cdot \frac{1}{(z-v)^2} \right)_{-1}, \quad (15)$$

from (13).

Substituting (15) into (3), we have then

$$\phi = w_{v-1} = \left((f_{1-v} \cdot \frac{z-v}{z})_{-1} \cdot \frac{1}{(z-v)^2} \right)_{v-2} \quad (16)$$

as a particular solution to the differential equation (1) for arbitrary ν , if f_ν exists and $f_\nu \neq 0$.

Inversely, substituting (16) into the left hand side of the equation (1), yields

$$\phi_2 \cdot (z^2 - \nu z) + \phi_1 \cdot (2\nu z - \nu^2 + \nu) + \phi \cdot \nu(\nu - 1)$$

$$= w_{\nu+1} \cdot (z^2 - \nu z) + w_\nu \cdot (2\nu z - \nu^2 + \nu) + w_{\nu-1} \cdot \nu(\nu - 1) \quad (17)$$

$$= (w_1 \cdot z^2)_\nu - \nu(w_2 \cdot z)_{\nu-1} \quad (18)$$

$$= ((w_1 \cdot z^2)_{\nu-1})_{\nu-1} - \nu(w_2 \cdot z)_{\nu-1} \quad (19)$$

$$= (w_2 \cdot z^2 + w_1 \cdot 2z - \nu w_2 \cdot z)_{\nu-1} \quad (\text{using (15)}) \quad (20)$$

$$= (f_{1-\nu} \cdot \frac{z-\nu}{z} \cdot \frac{1}{(z-\nu)^2} \cdot z^2 + (f_{1-\nu} \cdot \frac{z-\nu}{z})_{-1} \cdot \frac{\nu-2}{(z-\nu)^3} \cdot z^2 + (f_{1-\nu} \cdot \frac{z-\nu}{z})_{-1} \cdot \frac{1}{(z-\nu)^2} \cdot 2z$$

$$- f_{1-\nu} \cdot \frac{z-\nu}{z} \cdot \frac{1}{(z-\nu)^2} \cdot \nu z - (f_{1-\nu} \cdot \frac{z-\nu}{z})_{-1} \cdot \frac{-2}{(z-\nu)^3} \cdot \nu z)_{\nu-1} \quad (21)$$

$$= (f_{1-\nu})_{\nu-1} \quad (22)$$

$$= f, \quad (23)$$

if f_ν exists and $f_\nu \neq 0$

3. HOMOGENEOUS DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

Theorem 2. Differential equation of Fuchs type

$$\phi_2 \cdot (z^2 - \nu z) + \phi_1 \cdot (2\nu z - \nu^2 + \nu) + \phi \cdot \nu(\nu - 1) = 0 \quad (z \neq 0, \nu) \quad (24)$$

has a solution

$$\phi = -k \left((z-\nu)^{-1} \right)_{\nu-1} \quad (25)$$

where k is an arbitrary constant of the integration, $\phi = \phi(z)$ and $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

Proof. Putting

$$\phi = w_{\nu-1} \quad (26)$$

and substituting this into (24), we have then

$$w_{\nu+1} \cdot (z^2 - \nu z) + w_\nu \cdot (2\nu z - \nu^2 + \nu) + w_{\nu-1} \cdot \nu(\nu - 1) = 0 \quad (27)$$

that is,

$$(w_1 \cdot z^2)_\nu - \nu(w_2 \cdot z)_{\nu-1} = 0 \quad (28)$$

hence

$$(w_2 \cdot z^2 + w_1 \cdot 2z - w_2 \cdot \nu z)_{\nu-1} = 0. \quad (29)$$

Consequently we obtain

$$w_2 \cdot z^2 + w_1 \cdot 2z - w_2 \cdot \nu z = 0 \quad (30)$$

from (29), hence

$$w_2 \cdot (z^2 - \nu z) + w_1 \cdot 2z = 0, \quad (31)$$

that is, we have

$$\frac{w_2}{w_1} = \frac{-2}{z-\nu} \quad (32)$$

Integrating both side of (32) with respect to z , we obtain

$$\int \frac{w_2}{w_1} dz = -2 \int \frac{1}{z-v} dz + \log k \quad (k \neq 0)$$

that is,

$$w_1 = k \cdot \frac{1}{(z-v)^2} \quad (33)$$

where k is an arbitrary constant of the integration.

Therefore we obtain

$$w = k \left(\frac{1}{(z-v)^2} \right)_{-1} = -k (z-v)^{-1}, \quad (34)$$

finally.

Substituting (34) into (26), we have then

$$\phi = w_{v-1} = -k((z-v)^{-1})_{v-1}, \quad (35)$$

as the solution of the differential equation (24).

Inversely, substituting (35) into the left hand side of (24), yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_2 \cdot (z^2 - vz) + \phi_1 \cdot (2vz - v^2 + v) + \phi \cdot v(v-1) \\ &= w_{v+1} \cdot (z^2 - vz) + w_v \cdot (2vz - v^2 + v) + w_{v-1} \cdot v(v-1) \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

$$= (w_1 \cdot z^2)_v - v(w_2 \cdot z)_{v-1} \quad (37)$$

$$= (w_2 \cdot z^2 + w_1 \cdot 2z - w_2 \cdot vz)_{v-1} \quad (38)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(-2k \frac{1}{(z-v)^3} \cdot z^2 + k \cdot \frac{1}{(z-v)^2} \cdot 2z + 2k \right) \\ & \quad \frac{1}{(z-v)^3} \cdot vz \Big)_{v-1} \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

$$= (0)_{v-1} \quad (40)$$

$$= 0 \quad (41)$$

Theorem 3. If $f_v (\neq 0)$ exists, then the fractional differ-integrated function

$$\phi = \left((f_{1-v} \frac{z-v}{z})_{-1} \cdot \frac{1}{(z-v)^2} \right)_{v-2} - k \left(\frac{1}{z-v} \right)_{v-1} \quad (42)$$

satisfies equation (1), where k is an arbitrary constant of the integration, $\phi = \phi(z)$ and $z \in C$.

Proof. It is clear by the Theorems 1 and 2.

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