

(2.) Riemann-Liouville approach:

Start with Cauchy n-fold integral formula

$$\frac{d^n f(x)}{dx^n} \equiv \int_x^a \int_{x_{n-1}}^a \dots \int_{x_1}^a f(x_0) dx_0 = \frac{(n-1)!}{1} \int_x^a (x-x')^{n-1} f(x') dx'$$

Generalization by introduction of the Γ function:

Riemann-Liouville fractional integral

$$\mathcal{D}_x^{-\alpha} f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_x^a (x-x')^{\alpha-1} f(x') dx'$$

Fractional differentiation:

$$\mathcal{D}_x^\alpha f(x) = \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^n \mathcal{D}_x^{\alpha-n} f(x) \quad \therefore \nu > 0, n-1 < \nu < n$$

Examples: (1.) Power-law function

$$\mathcal{D}_x^\alpha x^p = \frac{d^n}{dx^n} x^{p-(n-\alpha)} = \frac{d^n}{dx^n} x^{p-n+\alpha} = \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \int_x^a (x-z)^{p-n+\alpha} z^{-1} dz$$

$$= \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(p+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(p+1)} x^{p+1}$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(p+1)}{\Gamma(p-\alpha+1)} x^{p-\alpha}$$

consistent with our heuristic generalization

Here we used the Beta function integral

$$\int_x^a (x-x')^p dx = \frac{\Gamma(b+1) \Gamma(d+1)}{\Gamma(d+b+2)} x^{b+d+1} = B(b+1, d+1) x^{b+d+1}$$

$$A \quad b > -1 \quad d > -1$$

(2.) Calculus $\mathcal{D}_x^\alpha f(x) = x^{b+d+1} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma([j]q)}{\Gamma([j]q)} \dots \therefore 0 < q \leq 1$

The following theorem holds for fractional derivatives:

$$D^{\alpha} (x^{\mu}) - \delta(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} K^{\alpha} \frac{\partial^{\alpha}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} P(x; \mu)$$

We had previously in Laplace space for $\alpha(x) \sim x^{\alpha} / \Gamma(1+\alpha)$

Fractional diffusion equation:

$$\alpha \rightarrow \alpha(x) = E_{\alpha, \alpha}(z)$$

$$E_{\alpha, \beta}(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^j}{\Gamma(\alpha j + \beta)}$$

Generalised Mittag-Leffler function:

$$q=1: \alpha(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^j}{j!} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^j}{\Gamma(j+1)} = e^x$$

Thus $\alpha(x)$ is a natural generalisation of the exponential function for fractional order differential equations.

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{\alpha(j+1)-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha(j+1))} = x^{\alpha-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{\alpha j}}{\Gamma(\alpha(j+1))} \equiv \alpha(x)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{\alpha j-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha j)}$$

$\leftarrow \infty @ j=0$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha(j+1))}{\Gamma(\alpha(j+1))} x^{\alpha(j+1)-1}$$

$$D^{\alpha} \alpha(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha(j+1))}{\Gamma(\alpha(j+1))} x^{\alpha(j+1)-1}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\partial_x^{-\alpha} f(x)\} = u^{-\alpha} f(u)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(x, t) - \delta(x) = \partial_x^{-\alpha} K_\alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \mathcal{P}(x, t)$$

equ. validity:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{P}(x, t)}{\partial t} = \partial_x^{-\alpha} K_\alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \mathcal{P}(x, t)$$

frac. diffusion eq.

Second moment:

$$\int x^2 \cdot dx \rightsquigarrow \frac{d}{dt} \langle x^2(t) \rangle = 2K_\alpha \partial_x^{-\alpha} 1 = 2K_\alpha \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} t^{\alpha-1}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \langle x^2(t) \rangle = x_0^2 + 2K_\alpha t^\alpha \quad \checkmark$$

Can we relate the Brownian & the fractional propagators $\mathcal{P}_1(x, t)$ & $\mathcal{P}_\alpha(x, t)$?

We had the Fourier-Laplace form:

$$\mathcal{P}_\alpha^x(k, u) = \frac{u^{\alpha-1}}{u^\alpha + K_\alpha k^2} \quad \text{for } \mathcal{P}(t) \sim t^\alpha / \Gamma(1+\alpha); \mathcal{P}(u) \sim 1 - (u\tau)^\alpha$$

$$\mathcal{P}_1(k, u) = \frac{1}{u + K_1 k^2}$$

\Rightarrow we can relate the two \mathcal{P} 's by the rescaling relation

$$\overline{\mathcal{P}_\alpha^x(k, u)} = (u\tau)^{-\alpha-1} \mathcal{P}_1(k, u\tau^\alpha)$$

This must also be valid for the inverse Fourier transform:

$$\mathcal{P}_\alpha^x(x, t) = (u\tau)^{-\alpha-1} \mathcal{P}_1(x, u\tau^\alpha)$$

We can write this relation as a generalised Laplace transform:

$$P_\alpha(x, t) = \int_0^\infty E_\alpha(s, t) P_1(x, s) ds$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{P_\alpha(x, t); t \rightarrow u\}: P_\alpha(x, u) = \int_0^\infty E_\alpha(s, u) P_1(x, s) ds$$

$$\Rightarrow E_\alpha(s, u) = u^{\alpha-1} \tau^{\alpha-1} e^{-su^\alpha \tau^{\alpha-1}} = -\frac{1}{\alpha s} \frac{d}{du} e^{-s\tau^{\alpha-1} u^\alpha}$$

$e^{-(u\tau)^\alpha}$ is the Laplace transform of the one-sided Lévy stable law

$$L_\alpha^+\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right), \text{ i.e. } \mathcal{L}\left\{L_\alpha^+\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right)\right\} = e^{-(u\tau)^\alpha} \therefore \mathcal{L}_\alpha^+\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow E_\alpha(s, t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{-\frac{1}{\alpha s} \frac{d}{du} e^{-s\tau^{\alpha-1} u^\alpha}\right\} = \frac{t}{\alpha s} L_\alpha^+\left(\frac{t}{(s\tau^{\alpha-1})^{1/\alpha}}\right)$$

$$\text{using: } -\frac{d}{du} f(u) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}^{-1}} t f(t)$$

for $\alpha = 1/2$ E_α represents the Lévy-Smirnov law

$$E_{1/2}(s, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(s\tau^{-1/2})^2}{4t}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi t}} e^{-\frac{s^2}{4t\tau}}$$

The mapping from $P_1(x, t)$ to $P_\alpha(x, t)$ is called subordination, i.e., it corresponds to a transformation of the process time.

Representations using the subordination for certain values of α ($1/2, 1/3, \dots$) are useful to plot the solution P_α based on the knowledge of P_1 .

$E_\alpha(s, t)$ is positive $\forall s, t > 0 \Rightarrow$ The solution P_α is a proper PDF $\forall \alpha$.

Solution of the fractional diffusion equation:

There is no closed form solution involving simple functions. Here we consider the solution in terms of Fox G-functions (see, e.g., Metzler & Klafter, Phys Rep 339, (2001)).

Fourier invert $\mathcal{P}(k|u) = \frac{u^{\alpha-1}}{u^{\alpha} + K_1 k^2} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(x|u) = \frac{u^{\alpha/2-1}}{2K_1^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{K_1} x^2}{u^{\alpha/2}}\right)$

The Fox function is defined through

$$H_{m,n}^{p,q} [z | (a_1, A_1), (a_2, A_2), \dots, (a_p, A_p)] = H_{m,n}^{p,q} [z | (b_1, B_1), (b_2, B_2), \dots, (b_q, B_q)] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_L \chi(s) z^s ds \dots$$

$$\chi(s) = \frac{\prod_{m=1}^m \Gamma(b_j - B_j s) \prod_{n=1}^n \Gamma(1 - a_j + A_j s)}{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(1 - b_j + B_j s) \prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma(a_j - A_j s)}$$

with the properties

$$H_{m,n}^{p,q} [x | (a_1, A_1)] = x^a H_{m,n}^{p,q} [x | (a_1, A_1 + a)]$$

$$x^a H_{m,n}^{p,q} [x | (a_1, A_1)] = H_{m,n}^{p,q} [x | (a_1 + a, A_1)]$$

$$z^{-a} e^{-z} = H_{0,1}^{1,0} [z | (b, 1)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(x|u) = \dots = \frac{|x|^{2/\alpha-1}}{2K_1^{1/\alpha}} H_{0,1}^{1,0} \left[\frac{\sqrt{K_1} |x|^{1/\alpha}}{|x|^{2/\alpha-1}} \right]$$

for α : $\left\{ H_{m,n}^{p,q}(u) \right\} = \frac{x}{1} \left\{ H_{m,n}^{p,q} [x | (1-b_1, B_1), (1, 1)] \right\}, 0 \leq \mu \leq 1$
 $\left\{ H_{m,n}^{p,q} [x | (a_1, A_1), (0, 1)] \right\}, \mu \geq 1$

$$\mu = \sum b_j - \sum A_j$$

The solution becomes:

$$P(x,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4K_1 t^\alpha}} H_{1,0} \left[\frac{|x|}{\sqrt{4K_1 t^\alpha}} \middle| (1-\alpha/2, \alpha/2) \right]$$

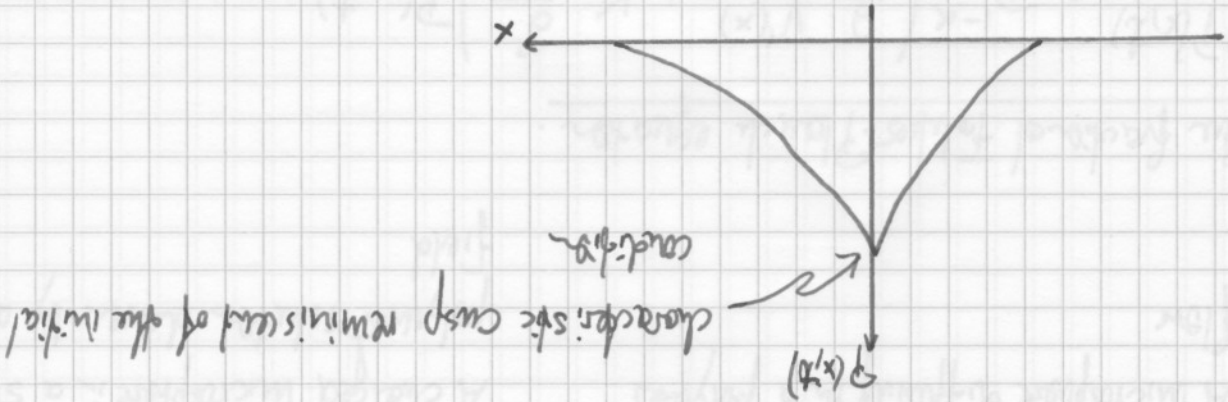
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4K_1 t^\alpha}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! \Gamma(1-\alpha[n+1/2])} \left(\frac{|x|}{\sqrt{4K_1 t^\alpha}} \right)^{n/2}$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{4K_1 t^\alpha}} \left[\frac{1}{2} \right]^{2-\alpha} \left(\frac{|x|}{\sqrt{4K_1 t^\alpha}} \right)^{-(1-\alpha)/(2-\alpha)} \left(\frac{|x|}{\sqrt{4K_1 t^\alpha}} \right)^{-1/(1-\alpha/2)}$$

$$\times \exp \left(-\frac{2}{2-\alpha} \left(\frac{|x|}{\sqrt{4K_1 t^\alpha}} \right)^2 \right) \left[\frac{|x|}{\sqrt{4K_1 t^\alpha}} \right]^{1/(1-\alpha/2)}$$

$\frac{1}{1-\alpha/2} \in 1, 2 \rightarrow$ stretched Gaussian

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} P(x,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4K_1 t}} \exp \left(-\frac{x^2}{4K_1 t} \right) \checkmark$$



Fractional diffusion-advection equation:

$$\text{Normal DAE: } \frac{\partial P(x,t)}{\partial t} = -v \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + K_1 \frac{\partial^2 P(x,t)}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\text{2 fractional derivatives: } \frac{\partial P(x,t)}{\partial t} = -v \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + D^{1-\alpha} K_2 \frac{\partial^2 P(x,t)}{\partial x^2}$$

Galilei invariant

Galilei variant

Both relations are exper. mutually verified.

$$\langle x(t) \rangle_0 = \frac{t}{2\alpha\beta} \langle x^2(t) \rangle_0 \quad \text{generalised 2nd Einstein relation}$$

$$P_{st}(x) = N \exp\left(-\frac{V}{m\eta_\alpha k_\alpha}\right) \sim K_\alpha = \frac{k_B T}{m\eta_\alpha} \quad \text{generalised Einstein-Solowes}$$

$$\frac{\partial P(x,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{m\eta_\alpha} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} V'(x) \right) P(x,t) + K_\alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} P(x,t)$$

The fractional Fokker-Planck equation.

A microsphere diffusing in a polymer flow

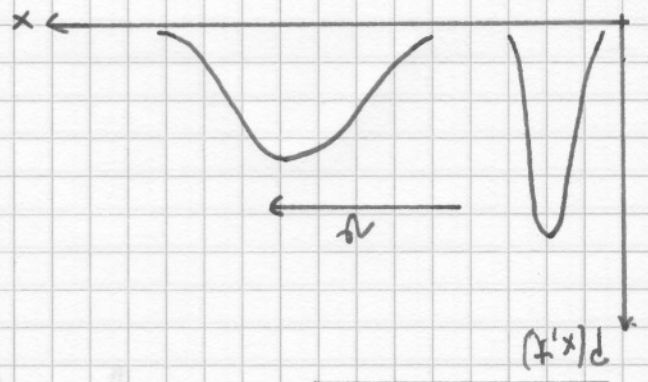
A charged microsphere in a stationary polymer solution driven by an electrical field

$$\frac{\ell}{\sigma} \sim \frac{\ell}{t^{\alpha/2}} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\langle (\Delta x(t))^2 \rangle = 2K_\alpha \frac{t^\alpha}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}$$

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle = 2K_\alpha \frac{t^\alpha}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} + v^2 t^2$$

$$\langle x(t) \rangle = vt$$



Galilei invariant

$$\frac{\ell}{\sigma} \sim 1$$

$$\langle (\Delta x(t))^2 \rangle = 2K_\alpha \frac{t^\alpha}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} + \frac{t^{2\alpha}}{\Gamma(2+2\alpha)} - \frac{t^{2\alpha}}{\Gamma(2(1+\alpha))} N_\alpha t^{2\alpha}$$

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle = 2N_\alpha \frac{t^{2\alpha}}{\Gamma(1+2\alpha)} + 2K_\alpha \frac{t^\alpha}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}$$

$$\langle x(t) \rangle = N_\alpha \frac{t^\alpha}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}$$



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