

because

$$\frac{d^n}{dt^n} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (t-a)^k \right] = 0.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} D_{a+}^{\alpha} \left[f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (t-a)^k \right] &= \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^n I_{a+}^{n-\alpha} \left[f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (t-a)^k \right] \\ &= \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^n I_{a+}^{n-\alpha} g(t) \\ &= \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^n I_{a+}^n I_{a+}^{n-\alpha} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} f(t) \\ &= I_{a+}^{n-\alpha} \circ \frac{d^n}{dt^n} f(t) \\ &= {}^C D_{a+}^{\alpha} f(t). \end{aligned}$$

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Corollaire 2.2.1 *Let $\alpha \geq 0, n = [\alpha] + 1$ and $D_{a+}^{\alpha} f, {}^C D_{a+}^{\alpha} f$ exist, we assume that $f^{(k)}(a) = 0$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$. So*

$$D_{a+}^{\alpha} f(t) = {}^C D_{a+}^{\alpha} f(t).$$

2.2.3 Fractional derivatives of Grünwald-Letnikov

This definition is based on obtaining derivatives by finite differences [9].

Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, for $h > 0$ we have

$$f'(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} [f(t) - f(t-h)],$$

and the second derivative

$$\begin{aligned} f''(t) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} [f'(t) - f'(t-h)] \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[\frac{1}{h} (f(t) - f(t-h)) - \frac{1}{h} (f(t-h) - f(t-2h)) \right] \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h^2} [f(t) - 2f(t-h) + f(t-2h)]. \end{aligned}$$

More generally, the n^{th} derivative of f is given by

$$f^{(n)}(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h^n} \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k C_k^n f(t - kh), \quad (2.2.1)$$

with

$$C_k^n = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-(k-1))}{k!}.$$

It is possible to extend C_k^n to $k > n$, by putting $C_k^n = 0$.

Formula (2.2.1) then becomes

$$f^{(\alpha)}(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h^\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^k C_k^\alpha f(t - kh).$$

Here again, we can generalize the term on the right thanks to the gamma function, we put for $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+ - \mathbb{N}$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$C_k^\alpha = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(k + 1)\Gamma(\alpha - k + 1)}.$$

Let us note this time that $C_k^\alpha \neq 0$ even if $k > n$.

Definition 2.2.7 *Let $\alpha > 0$. The left Grünwald-Letnikov fractional derivative of order α of f is defined by*

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R} : {}^{GL} D_+^\alpha f(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h^\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^k C_k^\alpha f(t - kh).$$

Let us also define its analogue on the right.

Definition 2.2.8 *Let $\alpha > 0$. The right Grünwald-Letnikov fractional derivative of order α of f is defined by*

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R} : {}^{GL} D_-^\alpha f(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h^\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^k C_k^\alpha f(t + kh).$$

The Grünwald-Letnikov fractional derivative is of obvious numerical interest. If h is sufficiently small, the discrete evaluation of $\frac{1}{h^\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^k C_k^\alpha f(t - kh)$ makes it possible to approximate the fractional derivative of Liouville on \mathbb{R} .

2.2.4 Properties of fractional operators

One of the interests of fractional calculus is that it also generalizes certain properties of classical derivatives and integrals: the fractional derivative of the integral of the same order gives the identity, the derivative of a derivative gives back under certain conditions a