

Research on a Kind of Approximate Method of Solving Fractional Calculus Based on GL Definition

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Abstract. A kind of approximate method of solving the fractional derivative is proposed and realized with Matlab software and M language to do the numerical simulation. Also the sine function and constant function are taken as an example to testify the proposed method. And we found that if the fractional order is close to 1, then the output is close to the integer order derivative, but if the fractional order is close to zero, then the algorithm need small simulation step to realize the stability of whole system.

Introduction

In engineering, with the continuous development of science and technology and the gradual improvement of target requirements [1-6], practical problems often need to consider the complex situation of the object and various environmental factors, which greatly increases the difficulty of analysis. This urgently requires the establishment of accurate and easy-to-handle mathematical models for complex practical systems [7-14]. The fractional differential equation model provides a new way to solve this problem, because it has a wider application scope than the traditional differential equation model, but only more order parameters of the differential equation.

In recent years, fractional-order systems have attracted much attention in the field of control due to their many practical backgrounds and engineering requirements, and have gradually become a research hot spot [15-18]. It can be roughly divided into two categories: considering fractional order objects and designing effective controllers; and actively introducing fractional order links and utilizing their characteristics to improve control system performance [19-22]. In either case or both, the closed-loop system obtained is a fractional order system. Therefore, the control theory of fractional order systems has become an important and widely concerned new basic subject.

Because of the complexity of fractional order theory research and numerical simulation, this paper is based on the definition of GL to study the numerical simulation of fractional order.

The definition of Fractional Order Differential

Mathematicians have defined fractional calculus from different angles. At present, there are three definitions of fractional calculus including G. L definition, R. L definition and Caputo definition. The GL definition of fractional differential is defined as

$$\frac{d^q x}{dt^q} = f(t, x) \quad (1)$$

Where q is the order of fractional differential system.

According to the fractional definition, a fractional system can be described as

$$D_t^\alpha f(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h^\alpha} \sum_{j=0}^{t-t_0} (-1)^j C_j^\alpha f(t-jh) \quad (2)$$

Where

$$C_j^\alpha = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(j + 1)\Gamma(\alpha - j + 1)} \quad (3)$$

Where the RL definition of fractional order differential is

$$D_t^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m - \alpha)} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^m \int_\alpha^t \frac{f(\tau)}{(t - \tau)^{\alpha - m + 1}} d\tau, \quad m - 1 < \alpha < m \quad (4)$$

And the Caputo definition of fractional order differential is

$$D_t^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m - \alpha)} \int_\alpha^t \frac{f^{(m)}(\tau)}{(t - \tau)^{\alpha - m + 1}} d\tau \quad (5)$$

The Approximate Algorithm of Fractional Order Differential

According to the definition of GL fractional order differential, then it can be approximate as following equation

$$D_t^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{h^\alpha} \sum_{j=0}^{\frac{t-t_0}{h}} (-1)^j C_j^\alpha f(t - jh) \quad (6)$$

Where

$$C_j^\alpha = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(j + 1)\Gamma(\alpha - j + 1)} \quad (7)$$

The Simulation Program of Approximate Algorithm

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clc;close all;clear;
tf=1;h=0.0005;alfa=1/2;
w=waitbar(0,'waitting');
d=1;
for i=0:tf/h
    sf=0;    t=i*h;
    for j=0:i
        Calfaj=gamma(alfa+1)/(gamma(j+1)*gamma(alfa-j+1));
        tjh=t-j*h;
        ftjh=sin(tjh);
        sf=sf+(-1)^j*Calfaj*ftjh;
    end
    dalfaft=1/(h^(alfa))*sf;
    tp(i+1)=t;
    dalfaftp(i+1)=dalfaft;
    d=d+1;
    if d==10
        waitbar(i/(tf/h));
        d=1;
    end
end
close(w)
figure(1)
plot(tp,dalfaftp)

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Simulation Result and Analysis

The blow figures are the result of fractional order differential with above approximate method for triangular function or constant 2 with fraction order equal to 0.5 or 0.9.

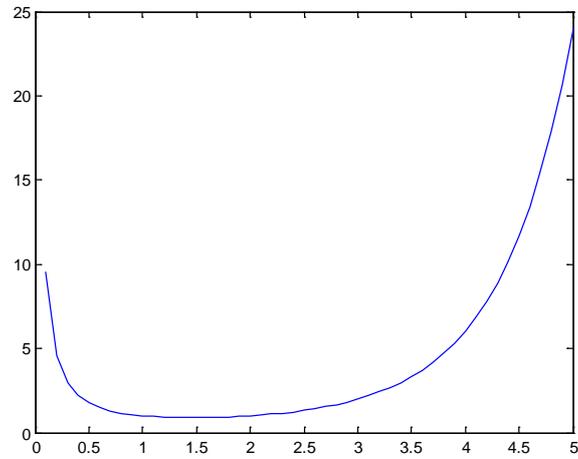


Figure 1 Output curve of order equal to 0.5

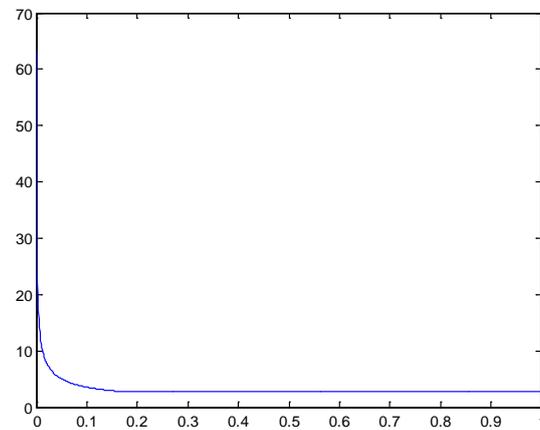


Figure 2 Output curve of constant function

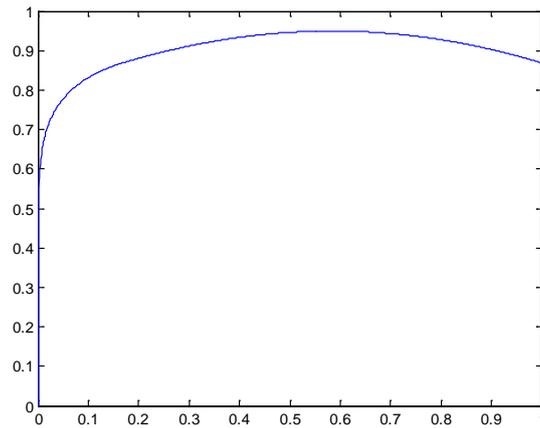


Figure 3 Output curve of order equal to 0.9

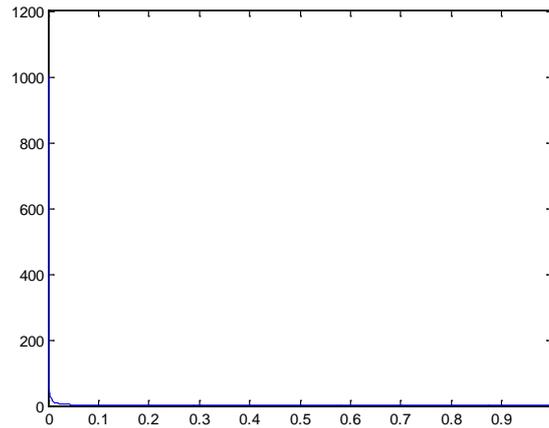


Figure 4 Output curve of constant function and order 0.9

And we found that the fractional order of a constant function is not zero but close to zero. And if the order is close to 1, then the output is close to the derivative of a sine function.

Conclusion

It can be seen that the results of the above calculation are fractional differential, but the calculation of integral is completely different from that of integer integral. Therefore, the fractional differential can only be used for fractional order control, such as fractional order PID control, but it is difficult to be used for fractional order system simulation.

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