

# Series method to solve conformable fractional riccati differential equations

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## Abstract

This paper investigates and states some properties of conformable fractional derivative, Further Study and applies the series solution for a case of conformable fractional Riccati differential equation with variable coefficients "which is arising in stochastic games" or "hyperbolic boundary control." Recently, Prof. Roshdi Khalil introduced a new and interesting definition for the C F D, which is simpler than the previous definition in Caputo and Riemann-Liouville. It leads to many extensions of the classical theorems in calculus.

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Fractional calculus is a branch of mathematics that comes from the usual definition of calculus integral and derivative operators in much the same way as fractional exponents are an outgrowth of exponents with integer value.

In 1695 L'Hopital asked the question as to the meaning of  $d^n y/dx^n$  if  $n = \frac{1}{2}$  that is "what if  $n$  is fractional?". Leibniz replied that " $d^{\frac{1}{2}}x$  will be equal to  $x\sqrt{dx}:x$ ". [1]

In the past few years' fractional calculus appeared as an important tool to deal with anomalous diffusion processes, which can be visualized as an ant in a labyrinth where the average square of the distance covered by the ant is  $\langle x^2(t) \rangle \propto t^{2\mu}$  where  $\mu$  is a phenomenological constant for  $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$  we have the ordinary diffusion processes. A more physical approach of anomalous diffusion processes has several applications in many field such as diffusion in porous media or long range correlation of DNA sequence.

On the other hand many numerical methods solutions of multi order fractional differential equations have been investigated for unique solutions and expectance of a solutions. For example, they have been used successfully to model frequency dependent damping behavior of many viscoelastic materials. Bagley and Torvik provided a review of work done in the area prior to 1980 [6], and showed that half-order fractional differential models describe the frequency dependence of damping materials very well. Other authors have demonstrated applications of fractional derivatives in the area of electrochemical processes, dielectric polarization, colored noise, viscoelastic materials, and chaos. [7]

Other scientist such as Mainardi, Rossikhin and Shitikiva apply the applications of fractional differential equations in general to solid mechanics, and modeling of viscoelastic damping. In addition Magin has produced produce a three part critical review of application of fractional calculus in bioengineering [8].

Nowadays many definitions of the fractional derivatives are introduced but most of them are in the integral form which is more complicated. The two most Known of them are the following:

### Definition 1.1: [5]

- 1) Riemann – Liouville Definition: If  $n$  is a positive integer and  $\alpha \in [n - 1, n]$ , the  $\alpha^{\text{th}}$  derivative of  $f$  is given by

$$D_a^\alpha(f)(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \int_a^t \frac{f(x)}{(t-x)^{\alpha-n+1}} dx$$

- 2) Caputo Definition. For  $\alpha \in [n - 1, n]$ , the  $\alpha^{\text{th}}$  derivative of  $f$  is:

$$D_a^\alpha(f)(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_a^t \frac{f^{(n)}(x)}{(t-x)^{\alpha-n+1}} dx$$

Now the two definitions satisfy the linearity properties of the classical derivative, but the properties of products quotient and chain rule are not satisfied where:

$$D^\alpha(f \cdot g) \neq f \cdot D^\alpha g + g \cdot D^\alpha f \text{ And } D^\alpha\left(\frac{f}{g}\right) \neq \frac{g D^\alpha f - f D^\alpha g}{g^2} \text{ or } D^\alpha(f(g(x))) \neq D^\alpha f(g(x)) \cdot D^\alpha g(x)$$

## 2. Conformable fractional derivative

**Definition2.1:** [2] given a function:  $[0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then the Conformable fractional derivative of order  $\alpha \in (0,1)$  for  $f$  is defined as:

$$T_\alpha(f)(x) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\epsilon x^{1-\alpha})-f(x)}{\epsilon}, \text{ for all } x \in (0, \infty)$$

If  $f(x)$  is  $\alpha$ - differentiable in some  $(0, a), a > 0$ , and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} T_\alpha(x)$  exist, then we define  $T_\alpha(f)(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} T_\alpha(x)$

**Theorem2.1:** [2] Given  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are  $\alpha$ -differentiable where  $\alpha \in (0,1)$  then for all  $x > 0$ ,

- 1)  $T_\alpha(af + bg)(x) = a(T_\alpha f)(x) + b(T_\alpha g)(x)$  For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- 2)  $T_\alpha(x^p) = px^{p-\alpha}$ , for all  $p \in \mathbb{R}$
- 3)  $T_\alpha(\lambda) = 0$  for all constant  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

- 4)  $T_\alpha(f, g)(x) = f(x)(T_\alpha g)(x) + g(x)T_\alpha(f)(x)$
- 5)  $T_\alpha\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{g(x)(T_\alpha f)(x) - f(x)(T_\alpha g)(x)}{g^2}$
- 6) Important formula will convert the CFD into classical derivative  $T_\alpha(f)(x) = x^{1-\alpha} \frac{df}{dx}$ .

All proves for the above parts of the theorem come directly from definition 2.1 above.

- 7) Conformable chain rule

$$T_\alpha((f \circ g)(x)) = x^{1-\alpha} g(x)^{1-\alpha} g'(x) (T_\alpha f)(g(x)).$$

Conformable fractional derivative for some common functions:

- 1)  $T_\alpha(x^\mu) = \mu x^{\mu-\alpha}$ , for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$
- 2)  $T_\alpha(a) = 0$ , for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$
- 3)  $T_\alpha(e^{ax}) = ax^{1-\alpha} e^{ax}$
- 4)  $T_\alpha(\sin(ax)) = ax^{1-\alpha} \cos(ax)$
- 5)  $T_\alpha(\cos(ax)) = -ax^{1-\alpha} \sin(ax)$

A conformable fractional derivatives of some invariant functions which are very important and arise when solving deferential equations:

- 1)  $T_\alpha\left(\frac{x^\alpha}{\alpha}\right) = 1$
- 2)  $T_\alpha\left(e^{\frac{x^\alpha}{\alpha}}\right) = e^{\frac{x^\alpha}{\alpha}}$
- 3)  $T_\alpha\left(\sin\left(\frac{x^\alpha}{\alpha}\right)\right) = \cos\left(\frac{x^\alpha}{\alpha}\right)$
- 4)  $T_\alpha\left(\cos\left(\frac{x^\alpha}{\alpha}\right)\right) = -\sin\left(\frac{x^\alpha}{\alpha}\right)$

All above rules from 1 to 4 can be shown easily using the fact that

$$T_\alpha(f)(x) = x^{1-\alpha} \frac{df}{dx}$$

Let us see number 3:

$$\begin{aligned} T_\alpha\left(\sin\left(\frac{x^\alpha}{\alpha}\right)\right) &= x^{1-\alpha} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\sin\left(\frac{x^\alpha}{\alpha}\right)\right) \\ &= x^{1-\alpha} \cdot \frac{\alpha x^{\alpha-1}}{\alpha} \cos\left(\frac{x^\alpha}{\alpha}\right) \\ &= \cos\left(\frac{x^\alpha}{\alpha}\right) \text{ Done.} \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Conformable fractional integral

**Definition 3.1:** [2] let,  $f(x): [a, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then  $I_\alpha^a(f)(x) = \int_a^x \frac{f(s)}{s^{1-\alpha}} ds, \alpha \in (0,1)$  Where the integral is the usual Riemann improper integral.

**Theorem 3.1:**  $T_\alpha I_\alpha^a(f)(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in (a, \infty)$  where  $f$  is continuous in the domain of  $I_\alpha$ .

Again the proof is easy by using the above fact or see [2].

### 4. Conformable n<sup>th</sup> derivative

Denote the  $\alpha - n$ th derivative off(x):  $(0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , as  $T_\alpha^{(n)}(f)(x) = T_\alpha T_\alpha T_\alpha \dots T_\alpha f(x)$

Now consider that  $f(x): (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be twice differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$  and  $0 < \alpha < 1, \beta \leq 1$  such that,  $1 < \alpha + \beta \leq 2$  Then [3]:

Proposition 4.1:  $T_\alpha T_\alpha(f)(x) = (1 - \alpha)x^{1-2\alpha} f'(x) + x^{2-2\alpha} f''(x)$

Proof:  $T_\alpha T_\alpha(f)(x) = T_\alpha(T_\alpha(f)(x)) = T_\alpha(x^{1-\alpha} f'(x))$   
 $= T_\alpha(x^{1-\alpha}) f'(x) + x^{1-\alpha} T_\alpha(f')(x)$   
 $= (1 - \alpha)x^{1-2\alpha} f'(x) + x^{2-2\alpha} f''(x)$

Proposition 4.2:  $T_\alpha^{(3)}(f)(x) = (1 - \alpha)(1 - 2\alpha)x^{1-3\alpha} f'(x) + (3 - 3\alpha)x^{2-3\alpha} f''(x) + x^{3-3\alpha} f'''(x)$

Proof: Same as above.

Proposition 4.3:

$$T_\alpha T_\beta(f)(x) = (1 - \beta)x^{1-(\alpha+\beta)} f'(x) + x^{2-(\alpha+\beta)} f''(x),$$

Proof:  $T_\alpha(T_\beta f)(x) = T_\alpha(x^{1-\beta} f'(x))$

$$\begin{aligned} &= T_\alpha(x^{1-\beta}) f'(x) + x^{1-\beta} T_\alpha(f'(x)) \\ &= (1 - \beta)x^{1-\beta-\alpha} f'(x) + x^{1-\beta} x^{1-\alpha} f''(x) \\ &= (1 - \beta)x^{1-(\alpha+\beta)} f'(x) + x^{2-(\alpha+\beta)} f''(x) \text{ Done.} \end{aligned}$$

if  $\alpha = \beta = 1$ , then  $T_1 T_1 = f''(x)$ .

Note: It is easy from proposition 4.3 to show that:  $T_\alpha T_\beta(f)(x) \neq T_\beta T_\alpha(f)(x)$ , where  $\alpha \neq \beta$ .

### 5. Series Solution for CFD

In this section we will discuss the series solution of CFD for FDE. Note that the power series in powers of  $(x - a)$  is an infinite series of the form [4], [5]:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - a)^{n\alpha} = a_0 + a_1(x - a)^\alpha + a_2(x - a)^{2\alpha} + \dots + a_n(x - a)^{n\alpha} + \dots \text{ *}$$

If  $a = 0$  the series become:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n\alpha} = a_0 + a_1 x^\alpha + a_2 x^{2\alpha} + \dots + a_n x^{n\alpha} + \dots \text{ **}$$

If the power series in (\*\*\*) converges on the interval  $I = (0, \infty)$ , this means that:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n\alpha} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^N a_n x^{n\alpha}, \text{ exist for each } x \in I \text{ in this case the below sum}$$

$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n\alpha}$  is defined on  $I$  which is a power series representation of  $f(x)$  on  $I$ .

- To study the convergence of the fractional power series we test that by ratio test as follows:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n x^{n\alpha}}{a_{n+1} x^{(n+1)\alpha}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1} x^\alpha} \right|$$

Now if we place  $r = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right|$  then:

- 1) If  $r = 0$ , the series will diverges for all  $x \neq 0$
- 2) If  $0 < r < \infty$ , then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n\alpha}$  is converges if  $|x| < r^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$  and diverges if  $|x| > r^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$ .
- 3) If  $r = \infty$  the series converges for all  $x$ .

Remark: Term wise Conformable differentiation of power series

If  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n\alpha} = a_0 + a_1 x^\alpha + a_2 x^{2\alpha} \dots$ , Then:

- 1)  $(T_\alpha f)(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n\alpha a_n x^{n\alpha-\alpha} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n\alpha a_n x^{(n-1)\alpha}$ .
- 2)  $(T_\alpha T_\alpha f)(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n\alpha(n\alpha - \alpha) x^{n\alpha-2\alpha} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \alpha^2 n(n-1) a_n x^{(n-2)\alpha}$ .

## 6. Riccati conformable fractional differential equation with variable coefficients

Consider the CFDE:

$$y^{(2\alpha)} + x^\alpha y^{(\alpha)} + x^{2\alpha} y = 0, \quad (1)$$

Where  $\alpha \in (0,1)$  and  $x > 0$ , consider the initial conditions

$$y(0) = 0, y^{(\alpha)}(0) = 1$$

We will denote:

$$(T_\alpha y)(x) = y^{(\alpha)}(x), T_\alpha T_\alpha y(x) = y^{(2\alpha)}(x).$$

First of all we need to show that this is a one case of Riccati differential equation with variable coefficients: [9]

To show that we will use the following change of variables:

$$z(x) = -\frac{y^{(\alpha)}(x)}{y(x)} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Then: } y^{(\alpha)}(x) = -z(x)y(x) \quad (3)$$

Now with some calculations and using the Theorem 1 part 5 we get:

$$y^{(2\alpha)} = yz^{(\alpha)} - z^2 y \quad (4)$$

Substitute (2), (3) and (4) in (1) we get:

$$z^{(\alpha)}(x) = x^{2\alpha} - z^2(x) - x^\alpha z(x) \quad (5)$$

Which is a nonlinear Riccati conformable differential equation with variable coefficients?

Now we need to use a series solution to find a general solution of (1).

$$\text{let } y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n\alpha} \text{ So,}$$

$$x^{2\alpha} y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{\alpha(n+2)} \quad (6)$$

$$\text{, then } y^{(\alpha)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{\alpha(n-1)} \text{ So,}$$

$$x^\alpha y^{(\alpha)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n\alpha} \quad (7)$$

$$y^{(2\alpha)} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \alpha^2 n(n-1) a_n x^{\alpha(n-2)} \quad (8)$$

Now in (6) replace  $(n)$  by  $(n+2)$  we get:  $x^{2\alpha} y = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^{n\alpha}$

In (7) no need to replace parameters:  $x^\alpha y^{(\alpha)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n\alpha}$

In (8) replace  $(n)$  by  $(n-2)$  we get:

$$y^{(2\alpha)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha^2 (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} x^{n\alpha}$$

Now substitute the last three results in the equation (1) we get that:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha^2 (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} x^{n\alpha} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n\alpha} +$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^{n\alpha} = 0$$

In the last equation we will unify all summations to start from

$(n=2)$  So:

$$2\alpha^2 a_2 + 6\alpha^2 a_3 x^\alpha + \alpha a_1 x^\alpha + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \alpha^2 (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} x^{n\alpha} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n\alpha} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^{n\alpha} = 0$$

From this we find that:

$$1) \quad 2\alpha^2 a_2 = 0 \rightarrow a_2 = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$2) \quad 6\alpha^2 a_3 + \alpha a_1 = 0, \text{ then: } a_3 = \frac{-1}{6\alpha} a_1 \quad (10)$$

$$3) \quad \alpha^2 (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} + n a_n + a_{n-2} = 0, \text{ then:}$$

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{-n a_n - a_{n-2}}{\alpha^2 (n+2)(n+1)} \quad (11)$$

Where (11) is a three-term recurrence relation where  $n \geq 2$ . From (11) we get:

$$a_4 = \frac{-1}{12\alpha^2} a_0, a_6 = \frac{-1}{\alpha^3 45} a_0,$$

$$a_8 = \frac{3}{1120\alpha^4} a_0, a_{10} = \frac{-17}{113400\alpha^5} a_0, \dots$$

$$a_5 = \frac{-1}{40\alpha^2} a_1, a_7 = \frac{1}{144\alpha^3} a_1,$$

$$a_9 = \frac{-17}{51840\alpha^4} a_1, a_{11} = \frac{-53}{633600\alpha^5} a_1, \dots$$

Now in case that we have an odd and even terms let us apply the initial conditions in the equation solution

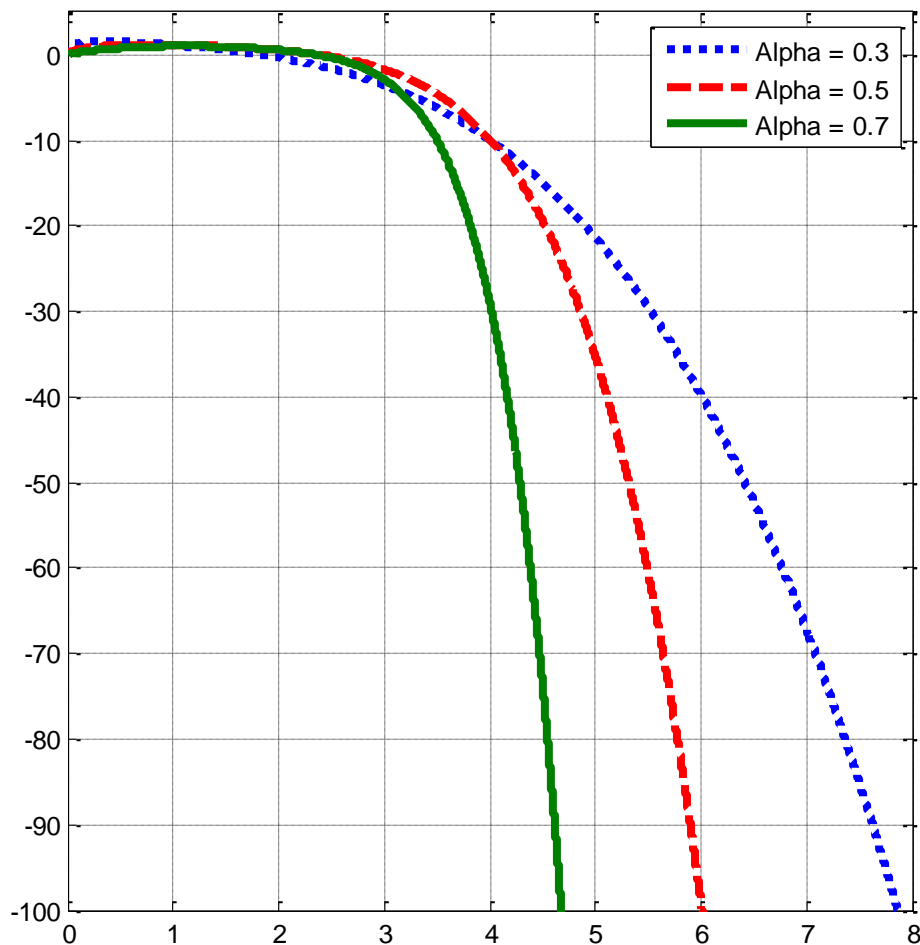
$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n\alpha}$$

$$y(0) = 0 \rightarrow a_0 = 0, y^{(\alpha)}(0) = 1, \text{ then: } a_1 = \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

According to these results all even terms will be canceled and the odd terms will remain, so the solution will become:

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{\alpha} x^\alpha - \frac{1}{6\alpha^2} x^{3\alpha} - \frac{1}{40\alpha^3} x^{5\alpha} + \frac{1}{144\alpha^4} x^{7\alpha} - \frac{17}{51840\alpha^5} x^{9\alpha} - \frac{53}{633600\alpha^6} x^{11\alpha} + \dots$$

If we consider only the first 6 terms of this series, we will get the following graph for several values of  $\alpha$ .



Now consider other initial conditions  $y(0) = 1, y^\alpha(0) = 0$  here the odd terms will be all cancelled and since  $a_1 = 0$  and  $a_0 = 1$  the solution become:  $y(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{12\alpha^2}x^{4\alpha} - \frac{1}{45\alpha^3}x^{6\alpha} + \frac{3}{1120\alpha^4}x^{8\alpha} - \frac{17}{113400\alpha^5}x^{10\alpha} + \dots$

## 7. Conclusion

In this paper, we state some important properties for the conformable fractional derivative of multi order, which can lead to converting the fractional order differential equations into ordinary differential equations. And investigate series solutions of Riccati differential equation with variable coefficients, which is not easy to find an exact solution.

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