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# Applying al-zughair transform on nuclear physics

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#### Abstract

Al-Zughair transform is a novel transformation that is proposed in (2017), and due to its novelty it has not been applied to engineering fields, however Al-Zughair transform is capable to solve differential equations, for that reason it can be applied into engineering applications that include differential equations. In nuclear physics the radioactive decay of the atoms is well study subject, where there are many methods that are used to deal with it, however Al-Zughair transform has never been used before in that field, in this paper the differential equation of radioactive decay has been solved using Al-Zughair transform.

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## 1. Introduction

Since the beginning of the modern physics in (1895), atoms were a very interesting subject to the scientists, that's lead to the development of the nuclear physics. In nature most atoms are stable and don't emit energy, however there are some atoms that need to emit energy in order to become stable. The radioactive decay of the uranium and thorium containing natural elements is represents the base for the nuclear physics. The radioactive decay could happen naturally or induced by artificial methods. There are many types of nuclear decays that depends on the type of emitted radiation such as  $\alpha$ -decay,  $\beta$ -decay and other types as shows in figure 1. [1 - 3] [8].



There are many methods that solved the radioactive decay of the atoms [1 - 4] [7] [8], however Al-Zughair transform never been used before in such application. Al-Zughair transform is a novel transformation that emerged at 2017, it is a an efficient transformation that can be used in solving the ordinary differential equations, and for that reason it can be used in many engineering fields [5], [6].

# 2. Basic concepts

In order to make the calculation clearer, it is necessary to mention some definitions, functions, properties and theorems

#### 2.1. Definition [6]

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Al-Zughair transformation for the function f(x), is defined by the following integral:  $Z[f(x)] = \int_{1}^{e} \frac{(\ln x)^{p}}{x} f(x) dx = F(p)$ . Such that this integral is a convergent and p is a constant that is greater than (-1).

## 2.2. Propriety, [6]

Al-Zughair transformation is characterized by the linear property, which is:  $Z[Af(x) \mp Bg(x)] = AZ[f(x)] \mp BZ[g(x)]$ . Where A and B are constants, the functions f(x) and g(x) are defined when  $x \in [1, e]$ .

Function on f(x)	$F(p) = \int_{1}^{e} \frac{(\ln x)^{p}}{x} f(x) dx = Z[f(x)]$	Region of convergence
k, k≡constant	$\frac{k}{p+1}$	p > -1
$(\ln x)^n$ , $n \in R$	$\frac{1}{p+(n+1)}$	p > -(n + 1)
$\ln\left(\left(\ln x\right)\right){}^{n}$ , $n\in Z^{+}$	$\frac{(-1)^{n}n!}{(p+1)^{n+1}}$	p > -1
sin (aln(lnx))	$\frac{-a}{(p+1)^2+a^2}$	p > -1, a is a constant
cos (a ln(ln x))	$\frac{p+1}{(p+1)^2+a^2}$	p > -1, a is a constant
$\sinh(a\ln(\ln x))$	$\frac{-a}{(p+1)^2-a^2}$	p + 1  > a, a is a constant
$\cosh(a\ln(\ln x))$	$\frac{p+1}{(p+1)^2-a^2}$	p + 1  > a, a is a constant

#### 2.3. Al-Zughair transform for some fundamental functions, [6]

#### 2.4. Theorem, [6]

If Z[f(x)] = F(p) and a is a constant, then  $Z[(\ln x)^a f(x)] = F(p+a)$ .

#### 2.5. Definition, [6]

Let f(x) be a function,  $x \in [1, e]$  and Z[f(x)] = F(p), f(x) is said to be an inverse of Al-Zughair transformation and written as:  $Z^{-1}[F(p)] = f(x)$ . Where  $Z^{-1}$  returns the transformation to the original function. Note:  $Z^{-1}$ has the linear propriety as it is for Al-Zughair transformation.

## 2.6. Theorem, [6]

If  $Z^{-1}[F(p)] = f(x)$ , then  $Z^{-1}[F(p+a)] = (\ln x)^a f(x)$ , where a is a constant.

## 2.7. Theorem, [6]

If the function  $y(\ln x)$  is defined for ,  $x \in [1, e]$  and its derivatives  $y'(\ln x), y''(\ln x), \dots, y^{(n)}(\ln x)$  are exist, then:  $Z[(\ln x)^n y^{(n)}(\ln x)] = y^{(n-1)}(1) + (-1)^{2n+1}(p+n)y^{(n-2)}(1) + (-1)^{2n+2}(p+n)(p+(n-1))y^{(n-3)}(1) + \dots + (-1)^{3n-1}(p+n)(p+(n-1))\dots (p+2)y(1) + (-1)^{3n}(p+n)! F(p).$ Note: for  $n = 1, Z[\ln x . y'(\ln x)] = y(1) - (p+1)Z[y(\ln x)].$ 

# 3. Radioactive decay in nuclear, [4] [8]

In a period of time, the number of disintegrated nuclei in a radioactive sample decreases exponentially, which is serve as a way to identify a nuclide.

In any given sample the rate of radioactive decay is proportional to the number of each type of radioactive nuclei. The rate of disintegration of radioactive nuclei = decay constant  $\times$  number

of radioactive nuclei present. This statement can be translated into the first order linear differential equation:  $\frac{dN}{dt} = -\lambda N$  (3.1). Where N = N(t) represents the number of undecayed atoms remaining in a sample of a radioactive isotope at time t and  $\lambda$  is the decay constant.

## 4. Solving the radioactive decay using al-zughair transform

It is possible to write the equation (3.1) as:

$$\frac{dN}{dt} + \lambda N = 0$$

Let  $N = N(\ln t)$ ,  $-\infty < \ln(t) < \infty$  and  $1 \le t \le e$ .

Then equation (4.1) becomes:

 $\frac{dN(\ln t)}{dt} + \lambda N(\ln t) = 0$ 

(4.1)

By multiplying equation (4.2) by *ln t*:

$$lnt.N'(lnt) + \lambda lnt.N(lnt) = 0$$

By taking Al-Zughair transform to equation (4.3):

$$Z\left[lnt.\frac{dN(lnt)}{dt}\right] + \lambda Z[lnt.N(lnt)] = 0.$$

By using theorems (2.4) and (2.7), the equation will become:

$$N(1) - (p+1)Z[N(\ln t)] + \lambda N^*(P+1) = 0.$$

 $-(p+1)Z[N(\ln t)] = -\lambda N^*(P+1) - N(1) \,.$ 

So  $Z[N(\ln t)] = \frac{\lambda N^{*}(P+1) + N(1)}{p+1}$ .

Then: 
$$Z[N(ln t)] = \frac{\lambda N^*(P+1)}{p+1} + \frac{N(1)}{p+1}$$
.

The solution of equation (4.3) is:

$$N(\ln t) = \lambda Z^{-1} \left[ \frac{N^*(P+1)}{p+1} \right] + N(1) Z^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{p+1} \right].$$

By using table (2.3):

$$N(lnt) = \lambda Z^{-1} \left[ \frac{N^*(P+1)}{p+1} \right] + N(1)(1) , N(lnt) = \lambda Z^{-1} \left[ \frac{N^*(P+1)}{p+1} \right] + N(1).$$

Or, the general solution is:

$$N(p) = \lambda \frac{N^{*}(P+1)}{p+1} + \frac{N(1)}{p+1}$$
. Where  $Z[N(\ln t)] = F(p)$ , and  $p > -1$ .

## 5. Conclusions

Al-Zughair transformation is capable of solving functions and differential equations, either by using its table (table 2.3) or by using its definition and theorems.

The previous calculation proved the ability of Al-Zughair transformation of providing a new and simplified general method to solve the radioactive decay ordinary differential equation:  $\frac{dN}{dt} = -\lambda N$  through time period  $1 \le t \le e$ , where it is assumed that:  $\forall t \in [1, e], N(t) = N(\ln t), N(\ln 1) = N_0 at t = 1 as initial condition, and <math>N(\ln e) = N(1) at t = e as end condition$ . Based on theorems (2.4), (2.7) and table (2.3) of Al-Zughair transformation.

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