



## Study of Fractional Transforms and Its Applications



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### Abstract

The aim of this paper is to study the fractional Mellin and fractional Fourier transforms. As an application of these fractional transform, we had proven some properties and solved fractional order differential equations.

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### 1. Introduction:

The applications of fractional transforms to generalized function have been done time to time and their properties have been studied by various mathematicians. As Fourier transform has shift invariant property and scale invariant property of Mellin transform, the Fourier-Mellin transform is a very powerful tool for model problems in signal processing and other applications. Furthermore, the fractional Fourier transform was proposed by Namias and developed by McBride. After that, it has been studied by many researchers and contributed. Also, L.B. Almeida had introduced the fractional Fourier transform as an angular transform. The fractional



calculus have several applications in various fields of Mathematics as well as in real life situations, such as Abel's integral equation, viscoelasticity, capacitor theory, conductance of biological systems [1, 6, 8]. The idea of fractional operators, fractional derivative, fractional geometry has long back history but fractional transform has been rediscovered in quantum mechanics, optics, signal processing as well as in pattern recognition.

Now a days, many linear boundary value and initial value problems in applied mathematics, mathematical physics, and engineering science are effectively solved by fractional Fourier and fractional Mellin transforms. Also, these transforms are useful for fractional integral equations. To solve these fractional differential equations, we need various fractional transformations like Fractional Laplace Transform, Fractional Fourier Transform [7], Fractional Mellin Transform [2, 3, 4, 8], Fractional Wavelet Transform, Fractional Hankel Transform etc. Therefore, this is a field of active research and it is still in full expansion.

The paper is organized as follows:

In section 2, we have given some basic definitions which are useful for the further calculations. In section 3, we had proved some properties of fractional Transformations. In last section as an application we have solved some fractional differential equations by using these Transformations along with the conclusion.

## 2. Preliminaries

### 2.1) Grūunwald - Letnikov:

The Grūunwald - Letnikov definition of fractional derivative of a function generalize the notion of backward difference quotient of integer order. The Grūunwald - Letnikov fractional derivative of order  $\alpha$  of the function  $f(x)$  is defined as [8]

$${}_a D_x^\alpha f(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{(x-a)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(-\alpha)} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{\Gamma(j-\alpha)}{\Gamma(j+1)} f(x - j[\frac{x-a}{N}]) \right\}$$

In this case  $\alpha = 1$  if the limit exists the Grūunwald - Letnikov fractional derivative is the left derivative of the function.

### 2.2) (Riemann-Liouville): Riemann (1953), Liouville (1832)

(a) If  $f(x) \in C[a, b]$  and  $a < x < b$  then

$$I_{a^+}^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x \frac{f(t)}{(x-t)^{1-\alpha}} dt$$

Where,  $\alpha \in (-\infty, \infty)$  is called the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral of order  $\alpha$ .



(b) If  $f(x) \in C[a, b]$  and  $a < x < b$  then

$${}_a D_x^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x \frac{f(t)}{(x-t)^\alpha} dt, 0 < \alpha < 1$$

is called the Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative of order  $\alpha$  [8]

### 2.3) (M. Caputo (1967)):

If  $f(x) \in C[a, b]$  and  $a < x < b$  then the Caputo fractional derivative of order  $\alpha$  is defined as follows [6],

$$D_x^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_a^x \frac{f'(t)}{(x-t)^\alpha} dt, 0 < \alpha < 1$$

### 2.4) Fractional Fourier Transform (FrFT)

The Fractional Fourier transform of function  $f(t)$  is defined as follows [5],

$$\widehat{f}_\alpha(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-2\pi i \xi \frac{1}{\alpha} t} dt, 0 < \alpha \leq 1$$

Where, as  $\alpha \rightarrow 1$ , the FrFT tends to be an ordinary Fourier Transform, it is defined for the function space called Lizorkin space. This space is denoted by  $\Phi(\mathcal{R})$ . Also, the above definition is applicable for some rapidly decreasing functions. If the functions  $u(x)$  and  $v(x)$  are in Lizorkin space then we have the following property.

### 2.5) Inverse Fractional Fourier Transform

The Fractional Fourier transform of function  $\widehat{f}_\alpha(\xi)$  is defined as follows [5],

$$f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{f}_\alpha(\xi) e^{2\pi i \xi \frac{1}{\alpha} t} dt, 0 < \alpha \leq 1$$

### 2.6) Fractional Mellin Transform (FrMT)

The Fractional Mellin transform of the function  $f(x)$  with angular parameter  $\Phi$  is denoted by  $M^\Phi(f(x))$  and it is defined as follows [2],

$$[M^\Phi(f(x))](s) = \left\{ \sqrt{1 - i \cot \Phi} \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)}{\sqrt{x}} e^{i\pi \varphi(x)} dx \text{ for } \Phi \neq n\pi, \text{ where } \varphi(x) \text{ is given} \right.$$

$$\left. \text{by } \varphi(x) = s^2 \cot \Phi + (\ln x)^2 \cot \Phi - 2s(\ln x) \csc \Phi \right.$$



## 2.7) Inverse Fractional Mellin Transform

The Fractional Mellin transform of the function is denoted by  $M^{-\Phi}(f(x))$  and it is defined as follows [2],

$M^{-\Phi}(f(x)) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} x^{-y} \phi(y) dy$ , the transform  $\phi(y)$  exist if the integral  $\int_0^{\infty} |f(x)| x^{k-1} dx$  is bounded for some  $k > 0$

2.8) Convolution: The convolution of functions  $f(\tau)$  and  $g(\tau)$  at point  $t$  is defined as,

$$(f * g)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) g(t - \tau) d\tau$$

## 3. Properties of fractional transforms

### (a) Properties of Fractional Fourier Transform

I) If  $g(t) = f(-t)$  then,

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{g}_\alpha(\xi) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) e^{-2\pi i \xi^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(-t) e^{-2\pi i \xi^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} t} dt \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

On substituting  $-t = x$  in equation (3.1), we get

$$\widehat{g}_\alpha(\xi) = \widehat{f}_\alpha(-\xi)$$

II) If  $g(t) = f(t + \beta)$  where  $\beta \in \mathfrak{R}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{g}_\alpha(\xi) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) e^{-2\pi i \xi^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t + \beta) e^{-2\pi i \xi^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} t} dt \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

On substituting  $t + \beta = x$  in equation (3.2), we get

$$\widehat{g}_\alpha(\xi) = e^{-2\pi i \beta \xi^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \widehat{f}_\alpha(\xi)$$

III) If  $g(t) = f(\beta t)$ , where  $\beta \neq 0$  then

$$\widehat{g}_\alpha(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) e^{-2\pi i \xi^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} t} dt$$



$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\beta t) e^{-2\pi i \xi \frac{1}{\alpha}} dt \tag{3.3}$$

On substituting  $\beta t = x$  equation (3.3), we get

$$\widehat{g}_\alpha(\xi) = \frac{1}{\beta} \widehat{f}_\alpha\left(\frac{\xi}{\beta^\alpha}\right)$$

IV) If  $h(t) = (f * g)(t)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{h}_\alpha(\xi) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) e^{-2\pi i \xi \frac{1}{\alpha}} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) g(t - \tau) d\tau \right] e^{-2\pi i \xi \frac{1}{\alpha}} dt \end{aligned}$$

from definition (2.8) by applying Fubini's theorem to the above equation we have,

$$\widehat{h}_\alpha(\xi) = \widehat{f}_\alpha(\xi) \widehat{g}_\alpha(\xi)$$

### (b) Properties of Fractional Mellin Transform

I) If  $g(x) = f(kx)$ ,  $k > 0$  then by definition (2.6)

$$[M^\Phi(g(x))](s) = \sqrt{1 - i \cot \Phi} \int_0^\infty \frac{f(kx)}{\sqrt{x}} e^{i\pi \varphi(x)} dx \tag{3.4}$$

$$\text{and } \varphi(x) = s^2 \cot \Phi + (\ln x)^2 \cot \Phi - 2s(\ln x) \csc \Phi$$

by substituting  $kx = t$  in equation (3.4), we get

$$[M^\Phi(f(kx))](s) = \varphi(\Phi, s, k) [M^\Phi e^{-2\pi i (\ln t)(\ln k) \cot \Phi} (f(t))](s)$$

$$\text{Where, } \varphi(\Phi, s, k) = \sqrt{1 - i \cot \Phi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} e^{2\pi i s (\ln k) \csc \Phi + i\pi (\ln k)^2 \cot \Phi}$$

II) If  $g(x) = x^\alpha f(x)$ , then

$$[M^\Phi(g(x))](s) = \sqrt{1 - i \cot \Phi} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^\alpha f(x)}{\sqrt{x}} e^{i\pi \varphi(x)} dx \tag{3.5}$$

$$\varphi(x) = s^2 \cot \Phi + (\ln x)^2 \cot \Phi - 2s(\ln x) \csc \Phi$$

by rearranging the terms in equation (3.5),

$$[M^\Phi(g(x))](s) = \sqrt{1 - i \cot \Phi} e^{i\pi s^2 \cot \Phi} \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)}{\sqrt{x}} e^{\varphi(x)} dx$$



Where

$$\varphi(x) = i\pi[(\ln x)^2 \cot \Phi - 2(s + \alpha) \ln x \csc \Phi] + \alpha \ln x [1 + 2\pi i \csc \Phi] - i\pi[s^2 + (s + \alpha)^2]$$

III) If  $g(x) = f(x + a)$

$$[M^\Phi(g(x))](s) = \sqrt{1 - i \cot \Phi} \int_0^\infty \frac{f(\alpha+x)}{\sqrt{x}} e^{i\pi\varphi(x)} dx \tag{3.6}$$

and

$$\varphi(x) = s^2 \cot \Phi + (\ln x)^2 \cot \Phi - 2s(\ln x) \csc \Phi$$

with acute angle in equation (3.6),

$$[M^\Phi(f(x+\alpha))](s) = \int_\alpha^\infty \frac{f(t)}{\sqrt{(t-\alpha)}} e^{i\pi(-2s[\ln(t-\alpha)])} dt = \int_\alpha^\infty \frac{f(t)}{(t-\alpha)^{u-1}} dt$$

Where

$$u = (1/2) - 2s i \pi$$

In the next section we solve some fractional order differential equations using fractional transforms and their solutions are given.

#### 4. Applications of fractional Transforms

##### Example I:

Consider the following fractional order differential equation,

$${}_0D_x^\alpha y(x) = e^{-x}, 0 < \alpha < 1 \tag{4.1}$$

with initial condition  $y(0)=0$

To solve the above equation by using the definition (2.2 a), we have

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x \frac{y(t)}{(x-t)^\alpha} dt = e^{-x}$$

By applying FrMT to both sides of the above equation with parameter  $\Phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , we have

$$[M^{\frac{\pi}{2}}({}_0D_x^\alpha y(x))](s) = M^{\frac{\pi}{2}}(e^{-x})(s) \sqrt{1 - i \cot \Phi} \int_0^\infty \frac{D_x^\alpha y(x)}{\sqrt{x}} e^{i\pi\varphi(x)} dx = \Gamma(u)$$

Where  $u = (1/2) - 2is\pi$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Gamma(1-u+\alpha)Y(u-\alpha)}{\Gamma(1-u)} = \Gamma(u)$$



$$\Rightarrow Y(u - \alpha) = \frac{\Gamma(u)\Gamma(1 - u)}{\Gamma(1 - u + \alpha)}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(u - \alpha) = \beta(1 - u, \alpha) \frac{\Gamma(u)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \quad (A)$$

Define  $G(u) = \frac{\Gamma(u)}{\Gamma(u+\alpha)}$ ,  $F(u) = \frac{\Gamma(u)}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$

Applying inverse fractional Complex Mellin transform on both sides to the equation (A)

$$t^\alpha y(x) = M^{-\frac{\pi}{2}}(G(1 - u)F(u))$$

Now we define function as follows

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{(1 - t)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}, & 0 < t < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

By using Convolution theorem for Complex FrMT we get the solution as follows:

$$y(x) = \frac{x^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 e^{-x\xi} x^{-\alpha} \frac{1}{(x - \xi)^{1-\alpha}} d\xi$$

which is the required solution of the given fractional differential equation

**Example II:**

Consider the following fractional order differential equation,

$$-\infty D_x^\alpha y(x) = f(t), 0 < \alpha \leq 1 \quad (4.2)$$

with initial condition  $y(0)=0$

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-t}, & 0 \leq t < \infty \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Apply FrFT on both sides to the equation (4.2)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-\infty}^0 (t - \tau)^{-\alpha} y(\tau) d\tau \right] e^{-2\pi i t \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}}} dt &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(1+2\pi i t \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}})} dt \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2\pi i \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}}}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \int_0^{\infty} (t - \tau)^{-\alpha} y(\tau) d\tau \right] e^{-2\pi i t \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}}} dt & \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(1+2\pi i t \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}})} dt \end{aligned}$$

we define the function as follows,

$$h(t - \tau) = \begin{cases} \frac{(t-\tau)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)}, & 0 < \tau < t \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ and}$$

$$H(\tau) = \begin{cases} 0, & \tau < 0 \\ 1, & \tau > 0 \end{cases}$$



Now by convolution theorem (2.8)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [(H(\tau)h(\tau)] * y(\tau)(t)e^{-2\pi i t \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}}} dt = \frac{(2\pi i \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}})^{-1}}{1 + 2\pi i \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \widehat{y}_{\beta}(\xi) \int_0^t t^{-\alpha} e^{-2\pi i t \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}}} dt = \frac{(2\pi i \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}})^{-1}}{1 + 2\pi i \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(2\pi i \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}}\right)^{\alpha-1} \widehat{y}_{\beta}(\xi) = \frac{(2\pi i \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}})^{-1}}{1 + 2\pi i \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \widehat{y}_{\beta}(\xi) = \frac{(2\pi i \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}})^{-\alpha}}{1 + 2\pi i \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}}} \quad \text{--- I}$$

$$\text{Define, } h(t - \tau) = \begin{cases} \frac{(t-\tau)^{-(1-\alpha)}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}, & 0 < \tau < t \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{(A)}$$

$$g(\tau) = \begin{cases} e^{-\tau}, & 0 \leq \tau < \infty \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{(B)}$$

$$\text{Now, } \widehat{h}_{\beta}(\xi) = (2\pi i \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}})^{-\alpha} \text{ and } \widehat{g}_{\beta}(\xi) = \frac{1}{1 + 2\pi i \xi^{\frac{1}{\beta}}}$$

Hence from equation I, (A) and (B)

$$\widehat{y}_{\beta}(\xi) = \widehat{h}_{\beta}(\xi) \widehat{g}_{\beta}(\xi)$$

Applying inverse FrFT on both sides to the equation and using the definition of convolution

We get,

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\alpha-1} e^{-\tau} d\tau$$

which is the required solution of the given fractional differential equation.

## 5. Conclusion

The aim of this manuscript is to solve the fractional differential equation by using fractional transformation along with it we have proved some properties of it.





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