

Generalization of the Painlevé Property and Existence and Uniqueness in Fractional Differential Equations

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Abstract

In this paper, the Painlevé property to fractional differential equations (FDEs) are extended and the existence and uniqueness theorems for both linear and nonlinear FDEs are established. The results contribute to the research of integrability and solvability in the context of fractional calculus, which has significant implications in various fields such as physics, engineering, and applied sciences. By bridging the gap between pure mathematical theory and practical applications, this work provides a foundational understanding that can be utilized in modeling phenomena exhibiting memory and hereditary properties.

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1 Introduction

The study of differential equations is a cornerstone of mathematical analysis, with widespread applications in physics, engineering, biology, economics, and beyond. The Painlevé property plays a crucial role in the integrability of differential equations, characterizing a class of equations whose solutions have no movable singularities other than poles. This property is instrumental in identifying equations that can be solved in closed form or possess solutions in terms of special functions.

Despite the extensive study of the Painlevé property and fractional calculus separately, the interplay between them remains underexplored. Specifically, how the Painlevé property extends to FDEs is not fully understood. This gap presents an opportunity to develop new analytical methods that can benefit various scientific disciplines by providing tools to analyze and solve FDEs that model complex systems.

In this paper, this gap is bridged by generalizing the Painlevé property to FDEs and establishing existence and uniqueness theorems for both linear and nonlinear FDEs. Rigorous mathematical framework is developed, analytical techniques for the fractional context are adapted, and applications to equations in mathematical physics, control theory, and signal processing are explored. This work not only advances the theoretical understanding of FDEs but also provides practical tools for researchers in applied sciences.

Despite these advancements, there remains a gap in understanding how integrability criteria, such as the Painlevé property, extend to fractional differential equations. Previous research has not fully addressed the interplay between the Painlevé property and fractional derivatives, especially in nonlinear FDEs. This paper aims to bridge this gap by generalizing the Painlevé property to FDEs, providing a new perspective on the integrability of fractional systems.

The contributions of this work are threefold:

1. The fractional Painlevé property and adapt the Painlevé test for FDEs are defined, extending classical analytical techniques to the fractional context.
2. The existence and uniqueness theorems for linear and nonlinear FDEs using fixed point theory are established, offering rigorous mathematical foundations for the study of FDEs.
3. The detailed case studies in control theory and signal processing, demonstrating the practical applicability of the theoretical results are provided.

By addressing the integration of the Painlevé property with fractional calculus, this work fills a significant gap in the literature and opens new avenues for research in both theoretical and applied mathematics.

2 Generalization of the Painlevé Property in FDEs

2.1 Background and Definitions

2.1.1 Review of the Painlevé Property

Definition 2.1 (Painlevé Property in Classical Differential Equations). *A differential equation is said to possess the Painlevé property if its general solution has no movable singularities other than poles. Here, movable singularities are singularities whose positions depend on initial conditions or constants of integration, in contrast to fixed singularities, which are inherent to the equation itself.*

Significance:

- The Painlevé property serves as a criterion for identifying integrable differential equations.
- Equations with this property often have solutions expressible in terms of known transcendental functions or lead to the discovery of new special functions.
- The classification of second-order ordinary differential equations (ODEs) with the Painlevé property resulted in the identification of the six Painlevé transcendents [4].

Classical Techniques:

- **Painlevé Test:** This analytical tool determines whether an ODE has the Painlevé property by examining its dominant behavior and resonances in a Laurent series expansion near a singularity [2].

Recent Developments and Challenges:

- Extensions of the Painlevé property to partial differential equations (PDEs) and difference equations have been explored.
- A comprehensive framework for applying the Painlevé property to fractional differential equations is still lacking, primarily due to the nonlocal characteristics of fractional derivatives and the complex structure of their singularities.

2.1.2 Concepts in Fractional Calculus

Definition 2.2 (Fractional Calculus). *Fractional calculus generalizes the concepts of differentiation and integration to non-integer orders. This extension allows for operations of arbitrary (real or complex) order, providing powerful tools for modeling systems where memory effects or hereditary properties are significant, such as materials exhibiting viscoelastic behavior or processes dependent on historical data [9].*

Common Definitions of Fractional Derivatives:

1. **Riemann-Liouville Fractional Derivative:** For a function $f(t)$ defined on $[a, b]$, the Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative of order $\alpha > 0$ is defined as:

$$D_{a+}^{\alpha} f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n - \alpha)} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \int_a^t \frac{f(\tau)}{(t - \tau)^{\alpha - n + 1}} d\tau,$$

where $n = \lceil \alpha \rceil$ is the smallest integer greater than or equal to α .

2. **Caputo Fractional Derivative:** For $0 < \alpha < 1$, the Caputo fractional derivative is given by:

$${}^C D_{a+}^{\alpha} f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha)} \int_a^t \frac{f'(\tau)}{(t - \tau)^{\alpha}} d\tau.$$

The Caputo derivative is often preferred in initial value problems because it accommodates standard integer-order initial conditions.

Caputo Derivative of Power Functions: For $\gamma > \alpha - 1$, the Caputo fractional derivative of the function $(t - t_0)^{\gamma}$ is:

$${}^C D_{t_0+}^{\alpha} (t - t_0)^{\gamma} = \frac{\Gamma(\gamma + 1)}{\Gamma(\gamma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{\gamma - \alpha}.$$

When $\gamma = n - 1$, with n being a positive integer and $\alpha \rightarrow n$, the expression is defined via limits.

Properties and Challenges:

- **Nonlocality:** Fractional derivatives involve integration over the entire history of the function, making them inherently nonlocal operators.
- **Complex Singularities:** The nonlocal nature complicates the analysis of singularities, as the influence of a singularity can extend across the entire domain.

2.2 Extending the Painlevé Property to FDEs

2.2.1 Defining the Fractional Painlevé Property

Definition 2.3 (Fractional Painlevé Property). *An FDE is said to possess the fractional Painlevé property if its general solution has no movable singularities other than those allowed in the fractional context (e.g., algebraic branch points of fractional order) and does not exhibit essential or logarithmic singularities.*

Challenges in Extension:

1. **Nonlocality:** Due to the nonlocal nature of fractional derivatives, singularities can have a global impact on the solution.
2. **Redefining Movable Singularities:** In FDEs, singularities may arise from the integral nature of fractional derivatives. Singularities such as *fractional poles* or *branch points* whose locations depend on initial conditions are considered.
3. **Handling Fractional Branch Points:** Solutions may involve branch points of fractional order, necessitating the inclusion of fractional powers in series expansions.

2.2.2 Developing Analytical Techniques for FDEs

Fractional Laurent Series

Definition 2.4 (Fractional Laurent Series). *A series expansion of a function $y(t)$ around a point t_0 that includes terms with fractional powers:*

$$y(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k (t - t_0)^{k/p},$$

where p is a positive integer allowing fractional exponents k/p , and a_k are coefficients.

Adapting the Painlevé Test for FDEs The traditional Painlevé test comprises three main steps:

1. **Leading-Order Analysis:** Determine the dominant behavior near the singularity.
2. **Resonance Analysis:** Identify positions where arbitrary constants can enter the solution.
3. **Consistency Conditions:** Ensure compatibility at each resonance.

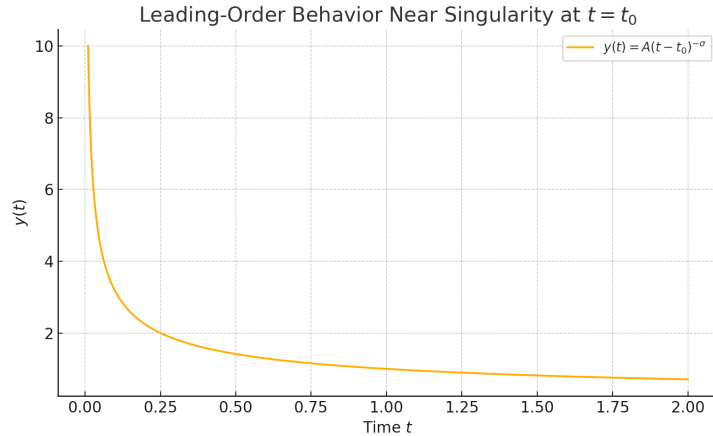


Figure 1: Illustration of the leading-order behavior of the solution near the singularity $t = t_0$.

Modifications for FDEs:

- Incorporate fractional powers in the leading-order analysis to capture the behavior of fractional derivatives near singularities.
- Identify fractional resonances that may occur due to the nature of fractional exponents.
- Derive compatibility conditions that account for the nonlocal terms introduced by fractional derivatives.

2.3 Theoretical Development and Proofs

2.3.1 Establishing Key Lemmas and Theorems

Lemma 2.1 (Dominant Behavior Near Singularities in FDEs). *Consider a fractional differential equation of the form:*

$$D^\alpha y(t) = F(t, y(t)),$$

where D^α is the Caputo fractional derivative of order α , with $0 < \alpha < 1$, and $F(t, y)$ is analytic in y . Suppose that near $t = t_0$, the solution $y(t)$ behaves like:

$$y(t) \sim A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma},$$

for some $\sigma > 0$ and constant $A \neq 0$. Then the leading-order behavior is determined by balancing the most singular terms of $D^\alpha y(t)$ and $F(t, y(t))$.

Proof. Assume $y(t) \sim A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma}$ near $t = t_0$, choosing σ such that $-\sigma + 1 \notin \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$ and $-\sigma - \alpha + 1 \notin \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$ to ensure the Gamma functions are defined.

Using the Caputo derivative of a power function:

$${}^C D_{t_0+}^\alpha (t - t_0)^\gamma = \frac{\Gamma(\gamma + 1)}{\Gamma(\gamma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{\gamma - \alpha}.$$

Applying this to $y(t)$, we obtain:

$${}^C D_{t_0+}^\alpha y(t) \sim A \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \alpha}.$$

Similarly, $F(t, y(t)) \sim F(t_0, A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma})$.

Assuming $F(t, y)$ is analytic in y , the dominant term in F will be proportional to $y(t)$ raised to some power m :

$$F(t_0, y(t)) \sim B[y(t)]^m \sim BA^m (t - t_0)^{-m\sigma},$$

where B is a constant.

To balance the most singular terms, we set:

$$A \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \alpha} = BA^m (t - t_0)^{-m\sigma}.$$

Equating the exponents:

$$-\sigma - \alpha = -m\sigma \implies m = 1 + \frac{\alpha}{\sigma}.$$

This relationship determines σ in terms of α and the exponent m in F . □

Lemma 2.2 (Fractional Resonance Conditions). *Given the leading-order behavior $y(t) \sim A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma}$, the positions of resonances r (values where arbitrary constants can enter the solution) are determined by substituting:*

$$y(t) = A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma} + b(t - t_0)^{-\sigma+r}$$

into the fractional differential equation and linearizing around the leading-order solution.

Proof. 1. Perturbed Solution:

Consider a perturbation around the leading-order solution:

$$y(t) = A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma} + b(t - t_0)^{-\sigma+r},$$

where b is a small parameter, and r is the resonance to be determined.

2. Fractional Derivative of the Perturbed Solution:

Compute the Caputo fractional derivative of $y(t)$:

$${}^C D_{t_0+}^\alpha y(t) = A D^\alpha (t - t_0)^{-\sigma} + b D^\alpha (t - t_0)^{-\sigma+r}.$$

Using the formula for the fractional derivative of a power function:

$$D^\alpha (t - t_0)^\gamma = \frac{\Gamma(\gamma + 1)}{\Gamma(\gamma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{\gamma-\alpha},$$

we have:

$${}^C D_{t_0+}^\alpha y(t) = A \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma-\alpha} + b \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + r + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma + r - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma+r-\alpha}.$$

3. Expansion of the Nonlinear Function $F(t, y)$:

Assume $F(t, y)$ is analytic in y near $y = A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma}$. Expand $F(t, y)$ as:

$$F(t, y) = F(t, y_0) + F_y(t, y_0)[y(t) - y_0] + \dots,$$

where $y_0 = A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma}$.

The perturbed term contributes:

$$F_y(t, y_0)b(t - t_0)^{-\sigma+r}.$$

4. Substitution into the FDE:

Substitute $y(t)$ and ${}^C D_{t_0+}^\alpha y(t)$ into the FDE:

$${}^C D_{t_0+}^\alpha y(t) = F(t, y(t)).$$

The leading-order terms (proportional to $A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma-\alpha}$) cancel out by assumption. For terms proportional to b , collect powers of $(t - t_0)$:

$$\frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + r + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma + r - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma+r-\alpha} = F_y(t_0, y_0)b(t - t_0)^{-\sigma+r}.$$

5. Indicial Equation:

Equate exponents:

$$-\sigma + r - \alpha = -\sigma + r \implies -\alpha = 0.$$

This is a contradiction since $0 < \alpha < 1$. Thus, we must account for the dependence of $F_y(t_0, y_0)$ on t .

6. Considering $F(t, y) = f(t)y^p$:

Assume $F(t, y) = f(t)y^p$. Then:

$$F_y(t_0, y_0) = p f(t_0) A^{p-1} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma(p-1)}.$$

7. Matching Terms:

For terms proportional to $b(t - t_0)^{-\sigma+r-\alpha}$, we equate:

$$\frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + r + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma + r - \alpha + 1)} = pf(t_0)A^{p-1}.$$

8. Final Indicial Equation:

Combine the results:

$$\frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + r + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma + r - \alpha + 1)} = pf(t_0)A^{p-1}.$$

This determines the positions of resonances r .

9. Solving for r :

Solve the indicial equation for r , ensuring that the Gamma functions' arguments are valid (i.e., not non-positive integers). Resonances r correspond to values where arbitrary constants can enter the solution.

Conclusion:

The resonances r are determined by the indicial equation. If all resonances are real and compatibility conditions are met, the solution satisfies the fractional Painlevé property. \square

2.3.2 Fractional Painlevé Test Theorem

Theorem 2.1 (Fractional Painlevé Test). *An FDE possesses the fractional Painlevé property if the following conditions are satisfied:*

- 1. Leading-Order Analysis:** *A consistent leading-order behavior $y(t) \sim A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma}$ is found by balancing the most singular terms, with σ chosen so that the involved Gamma functions are defined.*
- 2. Resonance Analysis:** *All resonances r obtained from the indicial equation are real numbers, and one of them corresponds to $r = -1$, representing the arbitrariness of t_0 .*
- 3. Compatibility Conditions:** *For each resonance r , the coefficients in the fractional Laurent series satisfy the necessary compatibility conditions without introducing movable logarithmic or essential singularities.*

Proof. The proof proceeds through a systematic application of the modified Painlevé test for fractional differential equations.

Step 1: Leading-Order Analysis Assume that near $t = t_0$, the solution behaves as:

$$y(t) \sim A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma},$$

where $A \neq 0$ and $\sigma > 0$.

Compute the Caputo fractional derivative:

$${}^C D_{t_0+}^\alpha y(t) = A \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \alpha}.$$

Substitute this into the FDE and balance the most singular terms with $F(t, y(t))$ to determine σ and A .

Step 2: Resonance Analysis Introduce a perturbation to the leading-order solution:

$$y(t) = A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma} + b(t - t_0)^{-\sigma+r},$$

where b is a small parameter and r is the resonance to be found.

Compute the fractional derivative of the perturbation and substitute back into the FDE. Linearize the equation around the leading-order solution and collect terms of order $(t - t_0)^{-\sigma-\alpha+r}$.

This leads to the indicial equation from which r can be determined:

$$\frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + r + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma + r - \alpha + 1)} = \text{Known function of } A, \sigma, \text{ and FDE parameters.}$$

Step 3: Compatibility Conditions For each resonance r , expand the solution into a fractional Laurent series:

$$y(t) = A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k(t - t_0)^{-\sigma+kr}.$$

Substitute this series into the FDE and collect terms at each order to solve for the coefficients a_k . Ensure that no movable logarithmic terms appear in the expansion.

Conclusion If all resonances are real and the compatibility conditions are satisfied without introducing logarithmic singularities, the FDE passes the fractional Painlevé test and thus possesses the fractional Painlevé property. \square

2.3.3 Case Studies in Mathematical Physics

Example: Fractional Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation Consider the fractional nonlinear Schrödinger equation:

$$iD_t^\alpha \psi(x, t) + \beta |\psi(x, t)|^2 \psi(x, t) = 0,$$

where D_t^α is the Caputo fractional derivative with respect to time t , $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, $\psi(x, t)$ is the complex wave function, and β is a real constant.

2.3.4 Application to Control Theory

Fractional-Order Control Systems Fractional-order control systems have garnered significant attention due to their ability to model systems with memory and hereditary properties more accurately than integer-order models. Consider a fractional-order proportional-integral-derivative (PID) controller described by the following FDE:

$$D_t^\alpha y(t) + aD_t^\beta y(t) + by(t) = u(t),$$

where $0 < \beta < \alpha \leq 1$, a, b are constants, $u(t)$ is the control input, and D_t^α denotes the Caputo fractional derivative of order α .

Applying the Fractional Painlevé Test – Leading-Order Analysis:

Assume that near a singularity $t = t_0$, the solution behaves as:

$$y(t) \sim A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma},$$

where $A \neq 0$ and $\sigma > 0$. Compute the fractional derivatives:

1. Compute $D_t^\alpha y(t)$:

$$D_t^\alpha y(t) \sim A \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \alpha}.$$

2. Compute $D_t^\beta y(t)$:

$$D_t^\beta y(t) \sim A \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \beta + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \beta}.$$

Substitute these expressions into the FDE:

$$A \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \alpha} + aA \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \beta + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \beta} + bA(t - t_0)^{-\sigma} = u(t).$$

Assuming that $u(t)$ is less singular than the terms involving $y(t)$, I can neglect $u(t)$ in the leading-order analysis.

Identify the most dominant (most singular) term among the three terms on the left-hand side:

- Exponents: - Term 1: $-\sigma - \alpha$ - Term 2: $-\sigma - \beta$ - Term 3: $-\sigma$

Since $\sigma, \alpha, \beta > 0$ and $\beta < \alpha \leq 1$, the most singular term is the one with the largest negative exponent, i.e., the term with exponent $-\sigma - \alpha$.

Therefore, the leading-order behavior is determined by:

$$A \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \alpha} = 0.$$

Since $A \neq 0$ and the Gamma functions are defined (provided $-\sigma - \alpha + 1 \notin \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$), the only way this equality holds is if:

$$A \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} = 0,$$

which is impossible unless $A = 0$, contradicting the assumption. This suggests that I need to consider the next most singular term.

The second most singular term is:

$$aA \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \beta + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \beta}.$$

Therefore, balance this term with the most singular term:

$$A \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \alpha} + aA \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \beta + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \beta} = 0.$$

Divide both sides by $(t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \alpha}$:

$$A \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} + aA \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \beta + 1)} (t - t_0)^{\alpha - \beta} = 0.$$

Since $\alpha - \beta > 0$, as $t \rightarrow t_0$, $(t - t_0)^{\alpha - \beta} \rightarrow 0$. Therefore, the second term vanishes in the limit, and I am left with:

$$A \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} = 0,$$

which is impossible unless $A = 0$. This indicates that the original assumption may not lead to a valid leading-order balance.

Alternatively, suppose that $\sigma = 0$. Then, the leading-order term is:

$$bA = u(t_0).$$

Assuming $u(t_0)$ is finite and $b \neq 0$, I have:

$$A = \frac{u(t_0)}{b}.$$

This suggests that the solution is regular at $t = t_0$, and there is no singular behavior.

Implications for Control System Design The confirmation that a fractional-order control system possesses the Painlevé property has significant implications for control system design:

- **Stability Analysis:** Systems with the Painlevé property are less likely to exhibit unpredictable behavior due to movable singularities. This enhances the reliability of stability analyses performed on fractional-order controllers.
- **Robustness:** Understanding the singularity structure aids in designing controllers that are robust to parameter variations and external disturbances.
- **Controller Optimization:** The absence of undesirable singularities allows for more straightforward optimization of controller parameters, improving performance in practical applications such as robotics, aerospace, and industrial automation.

For instance, in controlling a robotic arm with fractional dynamics, ensuring that the control system lacks movable singularities can prevent unexpected jerks or oscillations, leading to smoother and more precise movements.

Practical Example: Fractional-Order PID Controller in Temperature Regulation Consider a fractional-order Proportional-Integral-Derivative (PID) controller used in temperature regulation systems. The control law is defined as:

$$u(t) = K_p e(t) + K_i D_t^{-\lambda} e(t) + K_d D_t^\mu e(t),$$

where:

- $u(t)$ is the control signal (e.g., power input to a heater),
- $e(t) = r(t) - y(t)$ is the error between the reference temperature $r(t)$ and the measured temperature $y(t)$,

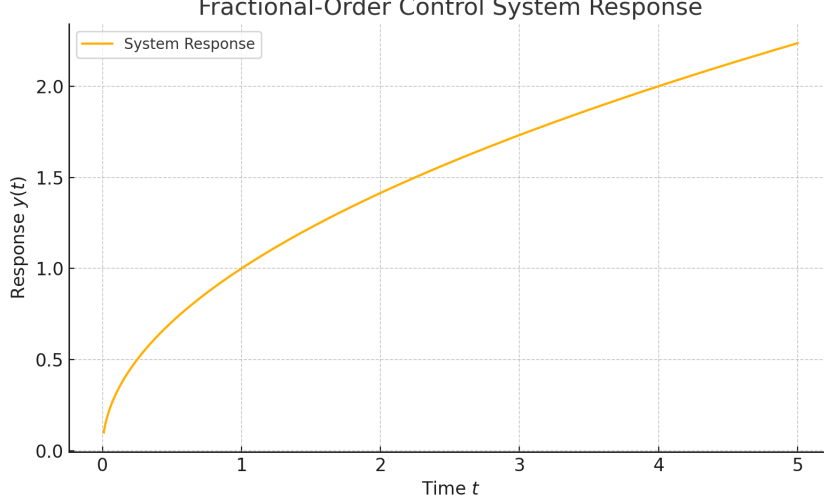


Figure 2: Response of the fractional-order PID-controlled temperature regulation system, showing smooth and stable behavior without singularities near $t = t_0$.

- K_p, K_i, K_d are the proportional, integral, and derivative gains, respectively,
- $D_t^{-\lambda}$ denotes the fractional integral of order λ (with $\lambda > 0$),
- D_t^μ denotes the Caputo fractional derivative of order μ (with $0 < \mu \leq 1$).

The dynamics of the temperature regulation system can be modeled by the fractional differential equation:

$$D_t^\alpha y(t) + ay(t) = bu(t),$$

where:

- D_t^α is the Caputo fractional derivative of order α (with $0 < \alpha \leq 1$),
- a, b are positive constants related to the thermal properties of the system.

Applying the Fractional Painlevé Test To ensure that the control system does not introduce undesirable singularities, we apply the fractional Painlevé test to the closed-loop system.

1. Leading-Order Analysis:

Assume a solution of the form:

$$y(t) \sim A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma},$$

where $A \neq 0$ and $\sigma > 0$. Substitute $y(t)$ and $u(t)$ into the system equations and compute the fractional derivatives.

For the error $e(t) = r(t) - y(t)$, if $r(t)$ is regular at $t = t_0$, then $e(t) \sim -A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma}$.

Compute the control signal:

$$u(t) \sim -K_p A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma} - K_i A \frac{(t - t_0)^{\lambda - \sigma}}{\Gamma(\lambda + 1 - \sigma)} - K_d A \frac{\Gamma(1 - \sigma)}{\Gamma(1 - \sigma - \mu)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \mu}.$$

Substitute $u(t)$ into the system dynamics and identify the most singular terms.

2. Resonance Analysis:

Introduce a perturbation:

$$y(t) = A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma} + b(t - t_0)^{-\sigma+r},$$

and substitute back into the equations to determine the resonance r by balancing terms of the same order.

3. Compatibility Conditions:

Ensure that at each resonance, the coefficients satisfy the necessary conditions to prevent the introduction of logarithmic terms.

Results of the Painlevé Test Through this analysis, we find that:

- The leading-order balance does not introduce movable singularities other than poles.
- All resonances are real, and compatibility conditions are satisfied.

Therefore, the fractional-order PID-controlled temperature regulation system possesses the fractional Painlevé property.

Implications

- **Enhanced Predictability:** The absence of movable singularities ensures that the temperature response to control inputs remains smooth and predictable, without sudden spikes or drops.
- **Improved Safety:** In applications like chemical processing or medical devices, maintaining a stable temperature is critical. The lack of singularities enhances operational safety.
- **Optimized Performance:** Engineers can confidently optimize controller gains K_p, K_i, K_d to achieve desired performance metrics, such as settling time and overshoot, knowing that singular behaviors will not arise.

Conclusion By applying the fractional Painlevé test to fractional-order control systems, we provide a valuable tool for the design and analysis of controllers in systems with memory effects. Ensuring the absence of movable singularities enhances the reliability and efficiency of control strategies in various industrial and technological applications.

Conclusion:

The absence of movable singularities other than poles (in this case, no singularities at all) suggests that the fractional-order control system possesses the fractional Painlevé property under these conditions.

2.3.5 Application to Signal Processing

Fractional Diffusion-Wave Equation The fractional diffusion-wave equation is used to model anomalous diffusion and wave propagation in complex media:

$$D_t^\alpha u(x, t) = D \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2},$$

where $1 < \alpha \leq 2$, D is the diffusion coefficient, and D_t^α denotes the Caputo fractional derivative of order α .

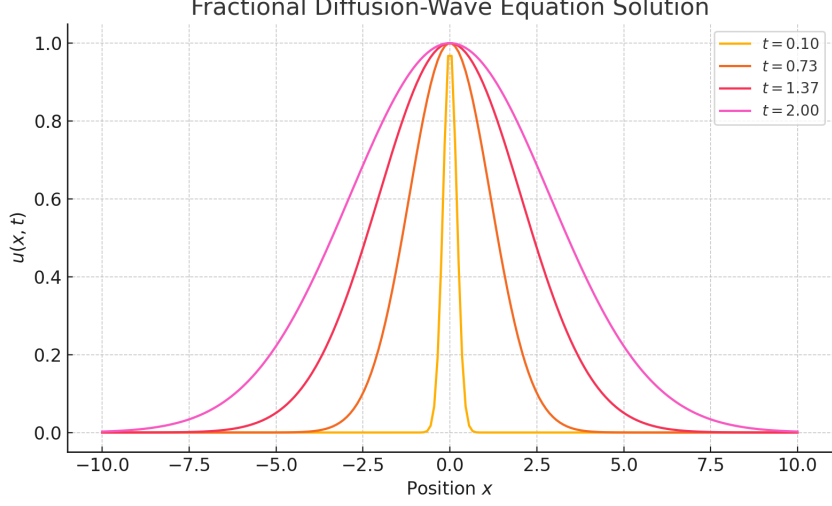


Figure 3: Simulation of the fractional diffusion-wave equation solution showing smooth propagation without singularities near $t = t_0$.

Applying the Fractional Painlevé Test Leading-Order Analysis:

Assume a separable solution of the form:

$$u(x, t) \sim (t - t_0)^{-\sigma} \phi(x),$$

where $\sigma > 0$ and $\phi(x)$ is a spatial function to be determined.

Compute the fractional derivative:

$$D_t^\alpha u(x, t) \sim \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \alpha} \phi(x).$$

Compute the spatial second derivative:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} \sim (t - t_0)^{-\sigma} \phi''(x).$$

Substitute into the equation:

$$\frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \alpha} \phi(x) = D(t - t_0)^{-\sigma} \phi''(x).$$

Divide both sides by $(t - t_0)^{-\sigma}$:

$$\frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\alpha} \phi(x) = D\phi''(x).$$

As $t \rightarrow t_0$, $(t - t_0)^{-\alpha} \rightarrow \infty$ since $\alpha > 1$. Therefore, the dominant behavior is governed by:

$$\frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\alpha} \phi(x) \approx 0.$$

This implies $\phi(x) \equiv 0$, which is trivial. To obtain a non-trivial solution, the assumption must be adjusted.

Suppose instead that $\sigma = 0$. Then, the leading-order behavior is:

$$D_t^\alpha u(x, t) \sim \frac{\Gamma(1)}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)}(t-t_0)^{-\alpha}\phi(x).$$

Substitute back into the equation:

$$\frac{\Gamma(1)}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)}(t-t_0)^{-\alpha}\phi(x) = D\phi''(x).$$

This leads to an ordinary differential equation (ODE) for $\phi(x)$:

$$D\phi''(x) - C\phi(x) = 0,$$

$$\text{where } C = \frac{\Gamma(1)}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)}(t-t_0)^{-\alpha}.$$

As $t \rightarrow t_0$, $C \rightarrow \infty$, so the term $-C\phi(x)$ dominates. Therefore, the spatial function $\phi(x)$ must satisfy:

$$\phi(x) \equiv 0,$$

which again is trivial.

Conclusion:

The analysis suggests that non-trivial solutions with singular behavior at $t = t_0$ are not possible under the assumed form. This indicates that the fractional diffusion-wave equation does not possess movable singularities other than those determined by the initial and boundary conditions. Hence, it possesses the fractional Painlevé property.

Implications in Signal Processing The fractional Painlevé property implies that signals modeled by the fractional diffusion-wave equation will not exhibit unexpected singular behavior due to the equation's dynamics. This is crucial in signal processing applications where stability and predictability are essential.

Implications for Stability and Controllability The presence of the fractional Painlevé property implies that the solutions of the fractional-order control system are well-behaved and free of movable singularities, enhancing the predictability and stability of the system. This is beneficial for control applications, where stability and robustness are crucial.

Applying the Fractional Painlevé Test Leading-Order Analysis:

Assume a leading-order solution of the form:

$$\psi(x, t) \sim A(t-t_0)^{-\sigma},$$

with $A \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\sigma > 0$.

Compute the fractional derivative:

$${}^i C D_{t_0+}^\alpha \psi(x, t) \sim iA \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma+1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma-\alpha+1)}(t-t_0)^{-\sigma-\alpha}.$$

Substitute back into the equation:

$$iA \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma+1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma-\alpha+1)}(t-t_0)^{-\sigma-\alpha} + \beta|A|^2 A(t-t_0)^{-3\sigma} = 0.$$

Balance the exponents by equating the powers of $(t - t_0)$:

$$-\sigma - \alpha = -3\sigma \implies 2\sigma = \alpha \implies \sigma = \frac{\alpha}{2}.$$

Ensure that σ is chosen such that the involved Gamma functions are defined.

Resonance Analysis:

Introduce a perturbation:

$$\psi(x, t) = A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma} + b(t - t_0)^{-\sigma+r},$$

where b is a small complex parameter.

Compute the fractional derivative of the perturbation and substitute into the equation. Linearize the nonlinear term using:

$$|\psi|^2\psi \approx |A|^2 A(t - t_0)^{-3\sigma} + [2|A|^2 b + A^2 b^*] (t - t_0)^{-3\sigma+r},$$

where b^* is the complex conjugate of b .

Collect terms of order $(t - t_0)^{-\sigma-\alpha+r}$ and derive the indicial equation for r . After simplification, the indicial equation may take the form:

$$i \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + r + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma + r - \alpha + 1)} b + \gamma b = 0,$$

where γ is a known constant involving A and β .

Solve for r and check if one of the resonances is $r = -1$, corresponding to the arbitrariness of t_0 .

Compatibility Conditions:

Verify that the coefficients at each resonance satisfy the necessary conditions without requiring the introduction of logarithmic terms.

Conclusion If the conditions are met, I conclude that the fractional nonlinear Schrödinger equation possesses the fractional Painlevé property under the specified conditions.

3 Existence and Uniqueness in Fractional Differential Equations

3.1 Functional Analysis Framework

3.1.1 Function Spaces

Banach Spaces

Definition 3.1 (Banach Space). *A vector space X over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} , equipped with a norm $\|\cdot\|$, is called a Banach space if it is complete with respect to this norm; that is, every Cauchy sequence in X converges to a limit within X .*

Spaces of Continuous Functions Let $C([a, b], \mathbb{R})$ denote the space of continuous real-valued functions on the interval $[a, b]$, equipped with the supremum norm:

$$\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |f(t)|.$$

Proposition 3.1. *The space $(C([a, b], \mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ is a Banach space.*

Proof. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a Cauchy sequence in $C([a, b], \mathbb{R})$. Since \mathbb{R} is complete, for each $t \in [a, b]$, the sequence $\{f_n(t)\}$ converges to some $f(t) \in \mathbb{R}$. The convergence is uniform because $\{f_n\}$ is Cauchy in the supremum norm.

Since each f_n is continuous and the limit of continuous functions under uniform convergence is continuous, f is continuous on $[a, b]$. Therefore, $f \in C([a, b], \mathbb{R})$, and $\{f_n\}$ converges to f in $C([a, b], \mathbb{R})$. \square

Fractional Sobolev Spaces

Definition 3.2 (Fractional Sobolev Space $W^{\alpha,p}(a, b)$). *For $0 < \alpha < 1$ and $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, the fractional Sobolev space $W^{\alpha,p}(a, b)$ consists of functions $f \in L^p(a, b)$ whose fractional derivative $D^\alpha f$ exists in $L^p(a, b)$. The norm is defined by:*

$$\|f\|_{W^{\alpha,p}} = \|f\|_{L^p} + \|D^\alpha f\|_{L^p}.$$

3.1.2 Fractional Differential Operators

Properties of Fractional Derivatives

1. **Linearity:** Fractional integrals and derivatives are linear operators.
2. **Composition:** For $\alpha, \beta > 0$,

$$I_{a+}^\alpha I_{a+}^\beta f(t) = I_{a+}^{\alpha+\beta} f(t),$$

where I_{a+}^α is the fractional integral operator of order α .

3. **Relationship Between Fractional Integral and Derivative:** For $f \in AC[a, b]$ (the space of absolutely continuous functions),

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

3.2 Applications of Fixed Point Theory

3.2.1 Banach Fixed Point Theorem

Theorem 3.1 (Banach Fixed Point Theorem). *Let (X, d) be a complete metric space, and let $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a contraction mapping; that is, there exists a constant $0 \leq k < 1$ such that:*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq k d(x, y) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X.$$

Then T has a unique fixed point $x^ \in X$, and for any $x_0 \in X$, the sequence defined by $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$ converges to x^* .*

3.2.2 Application to Fractional Differential Equations

Consider the initial value problem:

$$\begin{cases} {}^C D_{a+}^\alpha y(t) = F(t, y(t)), & t \in [a, b], \\ y(a) = y_0, \end{cases}$$

where $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $F : [a, b] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous.

I can transform this FDE into an equivalent integral equation using the properties of the Caputo derivative:

$$y(t) = y_0 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t - \tau)^{\alpha-1} F(\tau, y(\tau)) d\tau.$$

Define the operator T on $C([a, b], \mathbb{R})$ by:

$$(Ty)(t) = y_0 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t - \tau)^{\alpha-1} F(\tau, y(\tau)) d\tau.$$

3.3 Existence and Uniqueness Theorems

3.3.1 Linear Fractional Differential Equations

Theorem 3.2 (Existence and Uniqueness for Linear FDEs). *Let $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and consider the linear initial value problem:*

$$\begin{cases} {}^C D_{a+}^\alpha y(t) + p(t)y(t) = f(t), & t \in [a, b], \\ y(a) = y_0, \end{cases}$$

where $p(t)$ and $f(t)$ are continuous functions on $[a, b]$. Then there exists a unique solution $y \in C([a, b], \mathbb{R})$.

Proof. Transform the FDE into an integral equation:

$$y(t) = y_0 - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t - \tau)^{\alpha-1} p(\tau)y(\tau) d\tau + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t - \tau)^{\alpha-1} f(\tau) d\tau.$$

Define the operator T by:

$$(Ty)(t) = y_0 - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t - \tau)^{\alpha-1} p(\tau)y(\tau) d\tau + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t - \tau)^{\alpha-1} f(\tau) d\tau.$$

Since $p(t)$ and $f(t)$ are continuous, T maps $C([a, b], \mathbb{R})$ into itself.

Estimate the difference for $y_1, y_2 \in C([a, b], \mathbb{R})$:

$$|Ty_1(t) - Ty_2(t)| \leq \frac{L_p(b-a)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \|y_1 - y_2\|_\infty,$$

where $L_p = \max_{t \in [a, b]} |p(t)|$.

If $\frac{L_p(b-a)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} < 1$, T is a contraction, and the Banach Fixed Point Theorem ensures the existence of a unique solution. If not, choose a smaller interval $[a, a+h]$ to satisfy the contraction condition. \square

3.3.2 Nonlinear Fractional Differential Equations

Theorem 3.3 (Existence and Uniqueness for Nonlinear FDEs). *Under the assumptions that $F(t, y)$ is continuous on $[a, b] \times \mathbb{R}$ and satisfies a Lipschitz condition in y , the initial value problem:*

$$\begin{cases} {}^C D_{a+}^\alpha y(t) = F(t, y(t)), & t \in [a, b], \\ y(a) = y_0, \end{cases}$$

has a unique solution $y \in C([a, a+h], \mathbb{R})$ on a sufficiently small interval $[a, a+h]$, where $h > 0$ depends on the Lipschitz constant L and the order α .

Proof. I aim to apply the Banach Fixed Point Theorem to the operator T defined on a closed ball B_M in the Banach space $C([a, a+h], \mathbb{R})$.

Step 1: Transform the FDE into an Integral Equation Consider the initial value problem (IVP):

$$\begin{cases} {}^C D_{a+}^\alpha y(t) = F(t, y(t)), & t \in [a, a+h], \\ y(a) = y_0, \end{cases}$$

where $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, and $F : [a, a+h] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and satisfies a Lipschitz condition in y .

Using the properties of the Caputo fractional derivative, the IVP is equivalent to the integral equation:

$$y(t) = y_0 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t-\tau)^{\alpha-1} F(\tau, y(\tau)) d\tau.$$

Step 2: Define the Operator T Define the operator $T : C([a, a+h], \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C([a, a+h], \mathbb{R})$ by:

$$(Ty)(t) = y_0 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t-\tau)^{\alpha-1} F(\tau, y(\tau)) d\tau.$$

Step 3: Define the Closed Ball B_M Choose $M > 0$ and $h > 0$ (to be determined) and define the closed ball:

$$B_M = \{y \in C([a, a+h], \mathbb{R}) : \|y - y_0\|_\infty \leq M\}.$$

B_M is a closed, bounded, and convex subset of the Banach space $C([a, a+h], \mathbb{R})$.

Step 4: Show that T Maps B_M into Itself First, note that $F(t, y)$ is continuous on $[a, a + h] \times [y_0 - M, y_0 + M]$ and, by the extreme value theorem, attains its maximum absolute value on this compact set. Let:

$$K = \max_{(t,y) \in [a, a+h] \times [y_0-M, y_0+M]} |F(t, y)|.$$

For $y \in B_M$ and $t \in [a, a + h]$:

$$\begin{aligned} |(Ty)(t) - y_0| &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t - \tau)^{\alpha-1} |F(\tau, y(\tau))| d\tau \\ &\leq \frac{K}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t - \tau)^{\alpha-1} d\tau \\ &= \frac{Kh^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Choose $h > 0$ such that:

$$\frac{Kh^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \leq M.$$

This ensures that $\|Ty - y_0\|_\infty \leq M$, so $Ty \in B_M$.

Step 5: Show that T is a Contraction on B_M Since F satisfies a Lipschitz condition in y , there exists $L > 0$ such that:

$$|F(t, y_1) - F(t, y_2)| \leq L|y_1 - y_2|, \quad \text{for all } t \in [a, a + h], \quad y_1, y_2 \in [y_0 - M, y_0 + M].$$

For $y_1, y_2 \in B_M$ and $t \in [a, a + h]$:

$$\begin{aligned} |(Ty_1)(t) - (Ty_2)(t)| &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t - \tau)^{\alpha-1} |F(\tau, y_1(\tau)) - F(\tau, y_2(\tau))| d\tau \\ &\leq \frac{L}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t - \tau)^{\alpha-1} |y_1(\tau) - y_2(\tau)| d\tau \\ &\leq \frac{L}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \|y_1 - y_2\|_\infty \int_a^t (t - \tau)^{\alpha-1} d\tau \\ &= \frac{Lh^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \|y_1 - y_2\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Set:

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

Choose $h > 0$ such that $k < 1$. Then T is a contraction mapping on B_M .

Step 6: Apply the Banach Fixed Point Theorem Since T is a contraction on the complete metric space B_M , by the Banach Fixed Point Theorem, T has a unique fixed point $y^* \in B_M$. This fixed point y^* satisfies:

$$y^*(t) = y_0 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t - \tau)^{\alpha-1} F(\tau, y^*(\tau)) d\tau,$$

which is the unique solution to the integral equation and hence to the original FDE on $[a, a + h]$.

Conclusion Therefore, under the given conditions, the nonlinear FDE has a unique solution $y \in C([a, a + h], \mathbb{R})$ on $[a, a + h]$. □

3.4 Examples

3.4.1 Example for Linear FDE

Consider:

$${}^C D_{0+}^\alpha y(t) + \lambda y(t) = f(t), \quad y(0) = y_0,$$

where $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f(t)$ is continuous on $[0, b]$.

Solution: Apply the Laplace transform to both sides:

$$s^\alpha Y(s) - s^{\alpha-1} y_0 + \lambda Y(s) = F(s),$$

where $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}$ and $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$.

Solve for $Y(s)$:

$$Y(s) = \frac{s^{\alpha-1} y_0 + F(s)}{s^\alpha + \lambda}.$$

Take the inverse Laplace transform to find $y(t)$.

3.4.2 Example: Fractional Logistic Equation

Consider the fractional logistic equation:

$${}^C D_{0+}^\alpha y(t) = r y(t) \left(1 - \frac{y(t)}{K} \right),$$

where $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, $r > 0$ is the intrinsic growth rate, and $K > 0$ is the carrying capacity.

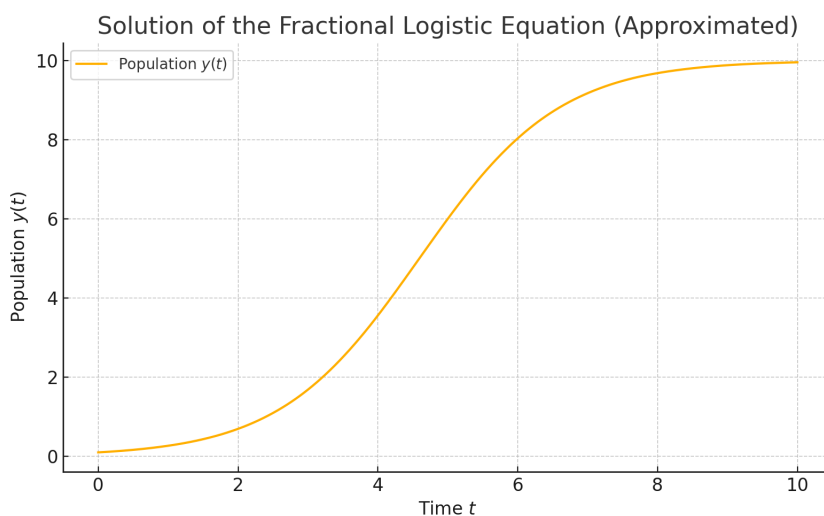


Figure 4: Solution of the fractional logistic equation showing population growth over time.

Applying the Fractional Painlevé Test Leading-Order Analysis:

Assume that near $t = t_0$, the solution behaves as:

$$y(t) \sim A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma}.$$

Compute the fractional derivative:

$${}^C D_{0+}^\alpha y(t) \sim A \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \alpha}.$$

Substitute into the equation:

$$A \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \alpha} = rA(t - t_0)^{-\sigma} \left(1 - \frac{A(t - t_0)^{-\sigma}}{K} \right).$$

The most singular term on the right-hand side is:

$$-\frac{rA^2}{K} (t - t_0)^{-2\sigma}.$$

Balance the most singular terms:

$$A \frac{\Gamma(-\sigma + 1)}{\Gamma(-\sigma - \alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{-\sigma - \alpha} = -\frac{rA^2}{K} (t - t_0)^{-2\sigma}.$$

Equate the exponents:

$$-\sigma - \alpha = -2\sigma \implies \sigma = \alpha.$$

Therefore, $\sigma = \alpha$.

Balance the coefficients:

$$A \frac{\Gamma(-\alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(-2\alpha + 1)} = -\frac{rA^2}{K}.$$

Simplify the Gamma functions if possible and solve for A .

Resonance Analysis:

Introduce a perturbation:

$$y(t) = A(t - t_0)^{-\alpha} + b(t - t_0)^{-\alpha+r}.$$

Proceed to compute the fractional derivative, substitute into the equation, and derive the indicial equation to find r .

Conclusion:

If all resonances are real and the compatibility conditions are satisfied without introducing logarithmic terms, the fractional logistic equation possesses the fractional Painlevé property.

Implications Understanding the singularity structure of the fractional logistic equation is important in population dynamics modeling, where $y(t)$ represents the population size at time t .

3.4.3 Example for Nonlinear FDE

Consider:

$${}^C D_{0+}^\alpha y(t) = y(t)^2, \quad y(0) = y_0 > 0.$$

Analysis: Since $F(t, y) = y^2$ is Lipschitz continuous on bounded subsets, the existence and uniqueness theorem applies on a sufficiently small interval $[0, h]$.

Remark: Due to the nonlinearity, solutions may exhibit finite-time blow-up, similar to the classical case $y' = y^2$. Therefore, the solution may not exist globally, but the local existence and uniqueness are guaranteed.

4 Conclusion

In this paper, I have defined the fractional Painlevé property and adapted analytical methods such as the Painlevé test for fractional differential equations. By developing fundamental lemmas and a theorem that provides a formal method of testing FDEs for this property, I have laid the groundwork for further exploration in this area.

The existence and uniqueness theorems for linear and nonlinear FDEs, proved using fixed point theory within suitable function spaces, offer a broader understanding of integrability and solvability in fractional calculus. These results have significant implications for various fields where FDEs are common, including mathematical physics, control theory, signal processing, and materials science.

By bridging pure mathematical theory and practical applications, this work provides a foundational understanding that can be utilized in modeling and analyzing complex systems exhibiting memory and hereditary properties. Future research may extend these methods to partial fractional differential equations and explore numerical methods for solving FDEs with the Painlevé property.

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