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# On an almost free damping vibration equation using N-fractional calculus

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#### Abstract

In this paper, an almost free damping vibration equation is discussed by means of N-fractional calculus. Let  $\varphi \in \wp^{\circ} = \{\varphi, 0 \neq |\varphi_{\nu}| < \infty, \nu \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . We focus on the following type of equation:

 $\varphi_{m+\varepsilon} + \varphi_{1+(\varepsilon/m)} \cdot a + \varphi \cdot b = 0,$ 

where *m* is an integer and  $ab \neq 0$ ,  $a^2 < 4b$ , a > 0,  $\varphi = \varphi(t)$ ,  $|\varepsilon| < 1$ ,  $\varepsilon, t \in \mathbb{R}$ . In the case of m = 2 and  $|\varepsilon| \ll 1$ , we call this equation as an almost free damping vibration equation. So the solutions are investigated to be given using N-fractional calculus in the case of m = 2. Furthermore, we illustrate the shapes of the solution according to the vibration of  $\varepsilon$ . © 2001 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved

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## 1. Definition of N-fractional calculus

Nishimoto defines the fractional calculus as follows [1]:

Let  $C = \{C_-, C_+\}$ ,  $D = \{D_-, D_+\}$ , where  $C_-$  is a curve along the cut joining two points z and  $-\infty + i \operatorname{Im}(z)$ ,  $C_+$  is a curve along the cut joining two points z and  $\infty + i \operatorname{Im}(z)$  and  $D_-$  is a domain surrounded by  $C_-$ , and  $D_+$  is a domain surrounded by  $C_+$ . Let us define the fractional calculus operator (N-fractional operator)  $N^{\nu}$  as follows:

$$N^{\nu} = \frac{\Gamma(\nu+1)}{2\pi \mathrm{i}} \int_{C} \frac{(\cdot) \,\mathrm{d}\zeta}{(\zeta-z)^{\nu+1}} \quad (\nu \notin \mathbb{Z}^{-})$$
(1)

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with

$$N^{-m} = \lim_{\nu \to -m} N^{\nu} \quad (m \in \mathbb{Z}^+).$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

And let f = f(z) be a regular function in D, then the fractional differintegration of an arbitrary order v for f(z) is defined as follows:

$$f_{\nu}(z) = \frac{\Gamma(\nu+1)}{2\pi i} \int_{C} \frac{f(\zeta)}{(\zeta-z)^{\nu+1}} \, d\zeta,$$
(3)

$$(f)_{-m} = \lim_{\nu \to -m} (f)_{\nu} \quad (m \in \mathbb{Z}^+),$$
 (4)

where

 $-\pi \leq \arg(\zeta - z) \leq \pi \quad \text{for } C_{-},$  $0 \leq \arg(\zeta - z) \leq 2\pi \quad \text{for } C_{+},$  $\zeta \neq z, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}, \quad v \in \mathbb{R},$ 

 $\Gamma$ , Gamma function.

 $(f)_{\nu}$  is called the fractional derivatives of order  $\nu$  with respect to z when  $\nu > 0$  or the fractional integrals of order  $-\nu$  when  $\nu < 0$  if  $|(f)_{\nu}| < \infty$ .

The binary operation  $\circ$  is defined as

$$N^{\beta} \circ N^{\alpha} f = N^{\beta} N^{\alpha} f = N^{\beta} (N^{\alpha} f) \quad (\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R})$$
(5)

and it was proved that

$$N^{\beta}(N^{\alpha}f) = N^{\beta+\alpha}f \quad (\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}).$$
(6)

Then the set

$$\{N^{\nu}\} = \{N^{\nu} | \nu \in \mathbb{R}\}$$
<sup>(7)</sup>

is an Abelian product group which has the inverse transform operator  $(N^{\nu})^{-1} = N^{-\nu}$  to the fractional operator  $N^{\nu}$ , for the function f such that  $f \in \mathbf{F} = \{f; 0 \neq |f_{\nu}| < \infty, \nu \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

The following results (principal value) for the exponential functions [1,2] are useful in the latter. (1)  $(e^{ax})_v = a^v e^{ax}$ ,

(2)  $(e^{-ax})_v = e^{-i\pi v} a^v e^{-ax}$  for  $a \neq 0$ .

## 2. An almost free damping vibration equation

From the point of view of fractional calculus, we have an interest in the vibration of the oscillation differential equation having a damping term. The natural generation of equation is done by replacing the ordinary derivatives with fractional ones which include a slight vibration of  $\varepsilon$ .

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Let us consider the following equation:

$$\varphi_{2+\varepsilon} + \varphi_{1+(\varepsilon/2)} \cdot a + \varphi \cdot b = 0, \tag{8}$$

where  $\varphi \in \{\varphi, 0 \neq |\varphi_v| < \infty, v \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Furthermore, if we set

 $ab \neq 0, \quad a^2 < 4b, \ a > 0,$ 

 $\varphi = \varphi(t), \quad |\varepsilon| < 2, \quad \varepsilon, t \in \mathbb{R},$ 

then the above equation becomes similar to the oscillation model's equation in the case with the damping term  $\varphi_1 \cdot a$ , with no forcing term. So we call this equation an almost free damping vibration equation when  $0 \neq \varepsilon \ll 1$  [4].

In order to consider the particular solution, we put

$$\varphi = \mathrm{e}^{\lambda t}.\tag{9}$$

Operating  $N^{2+\varepsilon}$  on both sides of (9), we have

$$\varphi_{2+\varepsilon} = \lambda^{2+\varepsilon} e^{\lambda t} \tag{10}$$

and operating  $N^{1+(\epsilon/2)}$  on both sides of (9), we have

$$\varphi_{1+(\varepsilon/2)} = \lambda^{1+(\varepsilon/2)} e^{\lambda t}.$$
(11)

We substitute relations (9) and (10) into Eq. (8), and obtain

$$\lambda^{2+\varepsilon} + \lambda^{1+(\varepsilon/2)}a + b = 0.$$
(12)

Furthermore, putting

$$\lambda^{1+(\varepsilon/2)} = \delta,\tag{13}$$

we have the following quadratic equation

$$\delta^2 + \delta a + b = 0. \tag{14}$$

By solving this equation, we get the following results from (14).

$$\delta = -(a/2) + i\omega = r e^{i\theta}, \tag{15}$$

$$\delta = -(a/2) - i\omega = r e^{-i\theta}, \tag{16}$$

where

$$r\cos\theta = -a/2, \quad r\sin\theta = \omega,$$
 (17)

$$(4b - a^2)/4 = \omega^2. (18)$$

By choosing the principal value for the calculations we find the value of  $\lambda$  for  $|\varepsilon| < 2$  as follows:

$$\lambda = \delta^{2/(2+\varepsilon)} = (r \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\theta})^{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-\varepsilon/2)^k},\tag{19}$$

$$\lambda = \delta^{2/(2+\varepsilon)} = (re^{-i\theta})^{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}(-\varepsilon/2)^k}.$$
(20)

Then, we have the solution:

$$\varphi = e^{(re^{i\theta})\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}(-\varepsilon/2)^{k}t},$$
(21)

$$\varphi = \mathrm{e}^{(r\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\theta})\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}(-k/2)^{k}}t.$$
(22)

We can easily rewrite the solutions as

$$\varphi = \mathbf{e}^{Gt} [\cos Ht + \mathbf{i} \sin Ht] \equiv \varphi_{(1)}^{(\varepsilon)}, \tag{23}$$

$$\varphi = e^{Gt} [\cos Ht - i \sin Ht] \equiv \varphi_{(2)}^{(\varepsilon)}, \tag{24}$$

where

$$G = G(r, \theta, \varepsilon) = r^{S(\varepsilon)} \cos \theta S(\varepsilon), \tag{25}$$

$$H = H(r, \theta, \varepsilon) = r^{S(\varepsilon)} \sin \theta S(\varepsilon), \tag{26}$$

$$S(\varepsilon) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)^k.$$

When  $|\varepsilon| \ll 1$ , we can write

$$S(\varepsilon) \approx 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Also, we can further rewrite the solutions as follows:

$$\varphi \simeq e^{Pt} [\cos Qt + i \sin Qt] \equiv \varphi_{(1)}, \tag{27}$$

$$\varphi \simeq e^{P_t} [\cos Qt - i \sin Qt] \equiv \varphi_{(2)}, \tag{28}$$

where

$$P = P(r, \theta, \varepsilon) = r^{1 - (\varepsilon/2)} \cos \theta \{1 - (\varepsilon/2)\},$$
(29)

$$Q = Q(r, \theta, \varepsilon) = r^{1 - (\varepsilon/2)} \sin \theta \{ 1 - (\varepsilon/2) \}.$$
(30)

## 3. The general solutions of almost free damping vibration equations

Similar to the case of the particular solution, setting

$$\varphi = \mathrm{e}^{\lambda t},$$

we have

$$\lambda = \delta^{2/(2+\varepsilon)} = \begin{cases} (r e^{i\theta})^{2/(2+\varepsilon)}, \\ (r e^{-i\theta})^{2/(2+\varepsilon)}. \end{cases}$$

Here,  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lambda^{1+(\varepsilon/2)} = \delta$ , and r and  $\theta$  are the same as (17) and (18).

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Now this  $\lambda$  can be written by

$$(re^{i\theta})^{2/(2+\varepsilon)} = r^{2/(2+\varepsilon)} (e^{i\theta} e^{i2n\pi})^{2/(2+\varepsilon)} \quad (n \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+)$$
  
=  $r^{2/(2+\varepsilon)} \{\cos P(n) + i\sin P(n)\},$  (31)

where

$$P(n) = P(n, \theta, \varepsilon) = \frac{2(\theta + 2n\pi)}{2 + \varepsilon}.$$
(32)

Therefore, as one solution, we have

$$\varphi = e^{(re^{i\theta})^{2/(2+\varepsilon)}t}$$
$$= \exp\{r^{2/(2+\varepsilon)}(\cos P(n) + i\sin P(n))t\} \equiv \varphi_{(1)}|_{(n)}.$$
(33)

In the same way, for another solution, we have

$$(re^{-i\theta})^{2/(2+\varepsilon)} = r^{2/(2+\varepsilon)} \{\cos Q(n) + i\sin Q(n)\},$$
(34)

$$Q(n) = Q(n, \theta, \varepsilon) = \frac{2(-\theta + 2n\pi)}{2 + \varepsilon}.$$
(35)

Therefore, we can get

$$\varphi = e^{(re^{-i\theta})^{2/(2+\varepsilon)}t} = \exp\{r^{2/(2+\varepsilon)}(\cos Q(n) + i\sin Q(n))t\} \equiv \varphi_{(2)}|_{(n)}.$$
(36)

Then putting

$$\varphi_{(1)} = \sum_{n=0}^{s} a_n \cdot \varphi_{(1)}|_{(n)},\tag{37}$$

$$\varphi_{(2)} = \sum_{n=0}^{s} b_n \cdot \varphi_{(2)}|_{(n)},\tag{38}$$

we can get the general solution for  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$  as follows:

$$\varphi = \varphi_{(1)} + \varphi_{(2)} = \sum_{n=0}^{s} \{ a_n \cdot \varphi_{(1)} |_{(n)} + b_n \cdot \varphi_{(2)} |_{(n)} \},$$
(39)

where  $a_n, b_n$  is an arbitrary constant and s is finite [infinite] when  $\varepsilon$  is the rational [irrational] number. When we put

$$P(n) = P(n, \theta, \varepsilon) = (\theta + 2n\pi)S(\varepsilon), \tag{40}$$

$$Q(n) = Q(n, \theta, \varepsilon) = (-\theta + 2n\pi)S(\varepsilon), \tag{41}$$

$$S(\varepsilon) = \frac{2}{2+\varepsilon},\tag{42}$$

we can get the general solution according to the case of  $\varepsilon$  by rewriting  $s(\varepsilon)$  as follows [4]: (i) For  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$ 

$$S(\varepsilon) = \frac{2}{(2+\varepsilon)}.$$
(ii) For  $|\varepsilon| < 2$ 

$$S(\varepsilon) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)^{k}.$$

(iii) For 
$$|a| \ll 1$$

(iii) For  $|\varepsilon| \ll 1$ 

$$S(\varepsilon) \approx 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2},$$

we have the "almost general solution" in this case.

# 4. Behavior of solutions for $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$

(I) For  $\varepsilon = 0$  we have the following two particular solutions

$$\varphi_{(1)}|_{(0)} = e^{-(a/2)t} \{\cos \omega t + i \sin \omega t\}$$

$$= e^{-(a/2)t} \left\{ \cos \frac{\sqrt{4b - a^2}}{2}t + i \sin \frac{\sqrt{4b - a^2}}{2}t \right\},$$
(43)

$$\varphi_{(2)}|_{(0)} = e^{-(a/2)t} \{\cos \omega t - i \sin \omega t\}$$

$$= e^{-(a/2)t} \left\{ \cos \frac{\sqrt{4b-a^2}}{2}t - i \sin \frac{\sqrt{4b-a^2}}{2}t \right\}.$$
 (44)

The equation for a = b = 1, which is

 $\varphi_{2+\varepsilon} + \varphi_{1+(\varepsilon/2)} + \varphi = 0, \tag{45}$ 

has particular solutions written by

 $\varphi|_{(1)}^{\varepsilon} = \mathrm{e}^{Gt} \{ \cos Ht + \mathrm{i} \sin Ht \}, \tag{46}$ 

$$\varphi|_{(2)}^{\varepsilon} = \mathrm{e}^{Gt} \{ \cos Ht - \mathrm{i} \sin Ht \}, \tag{47}$$

where

$$G = G(r, \theta, \varepsilon) = r^{S(\varepsilon)} \cos \theta \, S(\varepsilon), \tag{48}$$

$$H = H(r, \theta, \varepsilon) = r^{S(\varepsilon)} \sin \theta S(\varepsilon), \tag{49}$$

$$S(\varepsilon) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right)^k,\tag{50}$$

$$r\cos\theta = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad r\sin\theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}.$$
(51)

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And then under the same condition, the ordinary differential equation for  $\varepsilon = 0$  is written by

$$\varphi'' + \varphi' + \varphi = 0 \tag{52}$$

which has the following solutions:

$$\varphi_{(1)} = e^{-(1/2)t} \left\{ \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} t + i \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} t \right\},\tag{53}$$

$$\varphi_{(2)} = e^{-(1/2)t} \left\{ \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} t - i \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} t \right\}.$$
(54)

(II) For  $\varepsilon \ll 1$ ,  $S(\varepsilon)$  becomes

$$S(\varepsilon) \approx 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$
 (55)

Then (46) and (47) can be written as

$$\varphi|_{(1)}^{\varepsilon} \approx \exp\left\{r^{(1-\varepsilon/2)}\left\{\cos\theta\left(1-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)\right\}t\right\} \times \cos\left\{r^{(1-\varepsilon/2)}\sin\theta\left(1-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)\right\}t + i\sin\left\{r^{(1-\varepsilon/2)}\sin\theta\left(1-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)\right\}t,$$
(56)

$$\varphi|_{(2)}^{\varepsilon} \approx \exp\left\{r^{(1-\varepsilon/2)}\left\{\cos\theta\left(1-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)\right\}t\right\} \times \left\{\cos\left\{r^{(1-\varepsilon/2)}\left\{\sin\theta\left(1-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)\right\}t\right\} - i\sin\left\{r^{(1-\varepsilon/2)}\left\{\sin\theta\left(1-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)\right\}t\right\}\right\}.$$
(57)

From these equations, we can get the relation

$$\operatorname{Re}(\varphi|_{(1)}^{\varepsilon}) = \operatorname{Re}(\varphi|_{(2)}^{\varepsilon})$$
$$= \exp\left\{r^{(1-\varepsilon/2)}\left\{\cos\theta\left(1-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)\right\}t\right\}\cos\left\{r^{(1-\varepsilon/2)}\sin\theta\left(1-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)\right\}t,$$
(58)

where Re(C) denotes the real part of complex number C.

On the other hand, from (53) and (54) we can observe the relation

$$\operatorname{Re}(\varphi|_{(1)}) = \operatorname{Re}(\varphi|_{(2)}) = e^{-(1/2)t} \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t.$$
(59)

According to these relations, we can easily find that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \operatorname{Re}(\varphi|_{(1)}^{\varepsilon}) = \operatorname{Re}(\varphi|_{(1)}).$$
(60)

The graph of Eq. (59) illustrates a damping vibration which is a simple harmonic oscillation  $\cos \sqrt{3}/2t$  with an amplitude  $e^{-(1/2)t}$ . Therefore, the graph of Eq. (58) should be similar to the graph of (59) as  $|\varepsilon| \to 0$ .

We illustrate the graphs of real part of equations for (59) and the same for (58) with  $\varepsilon = 0.1, 0.2, 0.5$ . Fig. 1 is for (59) and Fig. 2 is for (58).

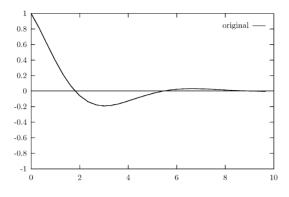


Fig. 1. Real part of  $\varphi|_{(1)}$  and  $\varphi|_{(2)}$ .

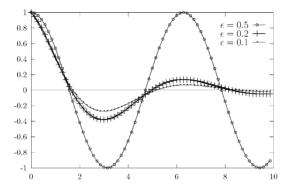


Fig. 2. Real part of  $\varphi|_{(1)}^{\varepsilon}$  and  $\varphi|_{(2)}^{\varepsilon}$  for  $\varepsilon = 0.1, 0.2, 0.5$ .

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