

Role of Mittag-Leffler Function in Susceptible InfectiousRecovered (SIR) Model

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Abstract: The purpose of this paper is to illuminate the distinguished role of the Mittag-Leffler function and its generalizations in fractional analysis and fractional Stochastic models. The content of the paper is history, properties and applications of Mittag-Leffler function connected to the SIR model.

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Introduction:

In the paper, we would like to highlight the distinguished role of the Mittag-Leffler function and its numerous generalizations in fractional calculus and fractional modeling. Partly, the material of the paper is based on the results from the recent monograph

$$E_{\alpha}(Z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{\Gamma(\alpha n + 1)} , \quad \text{Re}(\alpha) > 0 \quad (1)$$

The Mittag-Leffler function has been introduced to give an answer to a classical question of complex analysis, namely to describe the procedure of the analytic continuation of power series outside the disc of their convergence. Much later, theoretical applications to the study of integral equations, as well as more practical applications to the modeling of 'non-standard' processes have been found. The importance of the Mittag-Leffler function was re-discovered when its connection to fractional calculus was fully understood. Different aspects of the distinguished role of this function in fractional theory and its applications have been described in several monographs and surveys on fractional calculus and Fractional Modeling.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we briefly describe the history of the Mittag-Leffler function, paying attention mostly to the first period of the development of its theory. Section 3 is devoted to the presentation of the properties of the Mittag-Leffler



function and its direct generalizations. Theoretical applications of the Mittag-Leffler function are briefly described in Section 4. Mostly, we deal here with applications to the study of integral and differential equations of fractional order. Lastly, Section 5 is devoted to the description of a number of Stochastic models in physics, mechanics, chemistry and biology in which the Mittag-Leffler function plays a crucial role. We also mention there the applications of the Mittag-Leffler function in probability theory. We have to point out that it is practically impossible to touch on all of the aspects of the theory of the Mittag-Leffler function and its generalizations, as well as their applications. The list of references is also incomplete. The interested reader can find more information in the monographs and surveys mentioned above (see also thereferences therein). The most extended source for such information is the recent monograph

1. History of the Mittag-Leffler Function:

At the end of the 19th century, Gösta Magnus Mittag-Leffler started to work on the problem of the analytic continuation of monogenic functions of one complex variable. This classical question attracted the attention of the great mathematicians of that time. In particular, to solve the above problem, the construction related to the so-called Laplace–Abel integral was proposed:

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-\omega} F(\omega z) d\omega \quad (2)$$

$$\text{where } F(z) = \sum_{\theta=0}^{\infty} \frac{n_{\theta}}{\theta!} z^{\theta}, \quad \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \infty} \text{Sup} \sqrt[\theta]{|n_{\theta}|} = \frac{1}{r}$$

On the basis of his first results in the area, Mittag-Leffler made three reports in 1898 at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm. In particular, he proposed using the following generalization of the Laplace–Abel integral:

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-\omega} E_{\alpha}(\omega^{\alpha} z) d\omega \quad (3)$$

with E_{α} defined by Equation (1). The properties of the latter were studied by him in a series of five notes published in 1901–1905. Nowadays, the function E_{α} is known as the Mittag-Leffler function.

Practically at the same time, several other functions related to the problem studied by Mittag-Leffler were introduced.

Among them are the functions introduced by Le Roy:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{(k!)^p}, \quad p > 0 \quad (4)$$

by Lindelöf:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{n^{\alpha k}}, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1 \quad (5)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{\log(k+\frac{1}{\alpha})}\right)^k, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1 \tag{6}$$

and by Malmquist:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{k-2}}{\Gamma(1+\frac{k}{(\log n)^\alpha})}, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1 \tag{7}$$

The direct generalization of the Mittag-Leffler function into two parameters was proposed by Wiman in his work on zeros of function Equation (1):

$$E_{\alpha, \beta}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + \beta)}, \quad \text{Re}(\alpha) > 0, \beta \in \mathbb{C} \tag{8}$$

Later, this function was rediscovered and intensively studied by Agarwal and Humbert. With $\beta = 1$, this function coincides with the classical Mittag-Leffler function, $E_{\alpha,1}(z) = E_{\alpha}(z)$. The most popular and widely-applicable functions from the above-mentioned collection are the Mittag-Leffler function of one parameter Equation and the Mittag-Leffler function of two parameter Equation. The two-parameter function of the Mittag-Leffler type, which plays very important role in the fractional calculus, was first introduced by Agarwal. A number of relationships for this function were obtained by Humbert and Agarwal using Laplace transform technique. In the year 1930, Hille and Tamarkin have obtain a solution of the Abel-Volterra type equation in terms of Mittag-Leffler function. Furthermore, the various properties, generalization and applications of Mittag-Leffler function are studied by many researchers and Mathematician such as M.M. Dzhrbashyan, Blair (1974), Bagley and Torvik (1984), Kilbas and Saigo (1995), Gorenflo et al. (1997), Gorenflo, Luchko and Rogosin (1997), Kilbas, Saigo and Saxena (2004), Saxena and Kalla (2008) etc. and contributed. In this connection, we prove some relations of Mittag-Leffler functions of one and two parameters.

2. Properties of Mittag-Leffler Functions to other Functions:

- 1) $E_0(z) = \frac{1}{1-z}, |z| < 1.$
- 2) $E_1(z) = e^z$
- 3) $E_2(z) = \cosh(\sqrt{z}) \quad z \in \mathbb{C}$
- 4) $E_{1,1}(z) = e^z$
- 5) $E_{1,2}(z) = \frac{e^z - 1}{z}$
- 6) $E_{2,1}(z) = \cosh(\sqrt{z}) \quad z \in \mathbb{C}$
- 7) $E_{2,2}(z) = \frac{\text{sinh}(\sqrt{z})}{(\sqrt{z})}$
- 8) $E_{\frac{1}{2},1}(z) = e^{-z^2}$ where, $\text{erfc}(-z)$ is the complimentary error function

The next period in the development of the theory of the Mittag-Leffler function is connected with increasing the number of parameters. Thus, the three-parametric Mittag-Leffler-type function was introduced by Prabhakar.

$$E_{\alpha, \beta}^{\gamma}(z) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma)_k z^k}{k! \Gamma(\alpha k + \beta)}, \quad \text{Re}(\alpha) > 0, \text{Re}(\beta) > 0, \gamma > 0 \tag{9}$$



where $(\gamma)_n = \gamma(\gamma + 1) \dots (\gamma + n - 1)$. For $\gamma = 1$, this function coincides with two-parametric Mittag-Leffler function Equation (8), and with $\beta = \gamma = 1$, it coincides with the classical Mittag-Leffler function Equation (1), i.e., $E_{\alpha,\beta,1} = E_{\alpha,\beta}$, $E_{\alpha,1,1} = E_{\alpha}$.

Later, in relation to the solution of a certain type of fractional differential equations, Kilbas and Saigo introduced another kind of three-parametric Mittag-Leffler-type function:

$$E_{\alpha,m,l}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z^k, \quad \text{Re}(\alpha) > 0, m > 0, l \in \mathbb{C} \quad (10)$$

With α, m, l are Parameters, for $m=1$ this function is reduced to two parametric function. Equations (9) and (10) are essentially used as an explicit representation of solutions to integral and differential equations of the fractional order.

The properties that we discuss here are the following:

The order ρ of an entire function $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n$,

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Sup} \frac{n \log n}{\log \frac{1}{|c_n|}}$$

The order σ of an entire function $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n$ of the order ρ ;

$$(\rho e \sigma)^{\frac{1}{\rho}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Sup} (n^{\frac{1}{\rho}} \sqrt[n]{|c_n|})$$

The Laplace transform of a function $f(t) = L\{f(t)\} = \Phi(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$

The Fractional Integral of a function $f(x) = J_0^{\alpha} f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^x \frac{f(t)}{(x-t)^{1-\alpha}} dt, x > 0$

The Fractional Derivative of a function $f(x) = D_0^{\alpha} f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-\alpha)} \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \int_0^x \frac{f(t)}{(x-t)^{1-m+\alpha}} dt, x > 0$

$$m - 1 < \alpha < m$$

Properties of the functions $E_{\alpha}(Z), E_{\alpha,\beta}(z), E_{\alpha,\beta}^{\gamma}(z)$ and $E_{\alpha,m,l}(z)$ are also discussed.

Several other analytic properties are discussed, in particular different types of recurrence relations, integral and differential properties. The study of zeros' distribution is presented there, too. These results are helpful for the investigation of certain inverse scattering problems, as well as other problems from the operator theory. For calculation of the Mittag-Leffler function, one can use. Asymptotic properties of the Mittag-Leffler-type functions show their place in the whole theory of special functions. Complete monotonicity of the Mittag-Leffler function is applied to the study of the Lévy stable



distributions; relations to different kinds integral transforms are used as the solution to integral and differential equations.

3. Applications to Fractional Order Equations:

We obtained the solutions of various fractional order differential equations and these are represented graphically by using Mathematica. The Abel integral equations occur in many situations where physical measurements are to be evaluated. In many of these cases, the independent variable is the radius of a circle or a sphere, and only after a change of variables, the integral operator has the form I^α , usually with $\alpha=1/2$, and the equation is of the first kind. For instance, there are applications in the evaluation of spectroscopic measurements of cylindrical gas discharges, the study of the solar or a planetary atmosphere, the investigation of star densities in a globular cluster, the inversion of travel times of seismic waves for the determination of terrestrial subsurface structure and in the solution of problems in spherical stereology. Descriptions and analysis of several problems of this kind can be found in the books by Gorenflo and Vessella.

Examples of initial value problem are easily solved by using Laplace transform and Inverse Laplace transform. One of the first investigations of differential equations of fractional order was made by Barrett. He considered differential equations with the fractional derivative of the Riemann–Liouville-type of arbitrary order α , $\text{Re } \alpha > 0$, where n boundary conditions ($n = \text{Re } \alpha + 1$) in the form of the values at the initial point of the fractional derivatives of order $\alpha - k$, $k=1,2,\dots,n$ are posed. It was shown that in a suitable class of functions, the solution is unique and is represented using the Mittag-Leffler function.

One of the leading methods for linear fractional ordinary differential equations is their (equivalent) reduction to certain Volterra integral equations in proper functional spaces. An extended technique based on this method in the application to different kinds of fractional differential equations is presented. Other methods proposed for explicitly solving ordinary fractional differential equations and discussed are the compositional method, the operational method and the integral transforms method.

It was noted, in particular, that different types of fractional derivatives involved in the equations lead to different kinds of initial conditions, e.g., if a differential equation contains the Riemann–Liouville fractional derivative, then the natural initial conditions are so-called Cauchy-type conditions, *i.e.*, conditions of the type, but in the case of the Caputo derivatives, it is natural to pose the standard Cauchy conditions.

$$D_{a+}^{\beta_n}(a+) = b_n$$

It was probably Dzherbashian who first considered the Dirichlet-type problems for the integro-differential equations of fractional order. Classification of linear and non-linear partial differential equations of fractional order is still far from being completed. Several results for partial differential equations are described. Among these results, we mention the pioneering work by Gerasimov and recent books. Anyway, this area is rapidly growing, since most of the results are related to different types

of applications. It is impossible to describe all existing results. Partly, they are presented in. We also note that many authors have applied methods of fractional integro-differentiation to construct solutions to ordinary and partial differential equations, to investigate integro-differential equations and to obtain a unified theory of special functions.

5. Mittag-Leffler Functions in Stochastic models:

Stochastic modeling, which uses the fractional calculus approach, as well as the machinery of the Mittag-Leffler functions, is connected mainly with the concept of the continuous time random walk (CTRW). CTRW was introduced by Montroll and Weiss as a generalization of physical diffusion process to effectively describe anomalous diffusion, i.e., the super- and sub-diffusive cases. An equivalent formulation of the CTRW is given by generalized master equations. A connection between CTRWs and diffusion equations with fractional time derivatives has been established. Similarly, time-space fractional diffusion equations can be considered as CTRWs with continuously distributed jumps or continuum approximations of CTRWs on lattices.

A fractional generalization of the Poisson probability distribution was presented by Pillai in his pioneering work. He introduced the probability distribution (which he called the Mittag-Leffler distribution) using the complete monotonicity of the Mittag-Leffler function. The concept of a geometrically infinitely-divisible distribution was introduced by Klebanov, Maniya and Melamed. Later, Pillai introduced a discrete analogue of such a distribution (i.e., the discrete Mittag-Leffler distribution). Another possible variant of the generalizations of the Poisson distribution is that introduced by Lamperti

The use of the CTRW as a stochastic process from which one could derive physically consistent fractional-order ODEs and fractional-order PDEs was reliant on the introduction of power-law tailed waiting time densities such as the Mittag-Leffler density. The use of exponential waiting time densities results in integer order derivatives. The key difference between the exponential and Mittag-Leffler distributions is that the former is memoryless. For the exponential distribution the 'waiting time' until the next jump is not dependent on how much time has already elapsed. In the case of the Mittag-Leffler distribution the longer that one has waited, the longer one expects to wait. This memory property, the memory of how much time one has already waited, becomes manifest through a fractional derivative in the governing evolution equation. The fractional derivative, like an integral, requires the knowledge of the full history of the solution, but unlike an integral it expresses the time rate of change of this full history, and it applies different weighting to different parts of the history. we derive the governing master equations of an SIR model from a stochastic process with general history-dependent infectivity and recovery.

We incorporate fractional derivatives into both the infective and recovery terms by choosing



$\varphi(t)$ to be power-law distributed and $\rho(t)$ related to our choice of $\varphi(t)$. In particular, we take $\varphi(t)$ to be Mittag–Leffler distributed

$$\varphi(t) = \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{\tau^\alpha} E_{\alpha,\alpha}(-\{ \frac{t}{\tau} \}^\alpha)$$

for $0 < \alpha < 1$, where τ is a scaling parameter. This distribution has a power-law tail, such that

$\varphi(t) \sim t^{-\alpha-1}$ for large values of t . Here, $E_{\alpha,\beta}(z)$ is the two-parameter Mittag–Leffler function, given by

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + \beta)}, \quad \text{Re}(\alpha) > 0, \quad \beta \in \mathbb{C}$$

The corresponding function $\mathcal{O}(t)$ is

$$\mathcal{O}(t) = E_{\alpha,1}(-\{ \frac{t}{\tau} \}^\alpha)$$

Using the relation between the Riemann–Liouville fractional derivative and its inverse Laplace transform, we are able to express the first integral which yields the fractional-order

infectivity and recovery SIR model.

we have derived a fractional-order infectivity and recovery model using a stochastic process. The fractional derivatives arise as a consequence of taking an age of infection-dependent infectivity and recovery to be power-law-distributed. In doing so, we have shown how to incorporate fractional derivatives into the model without violating the physicality of the parameters of the model. Under appropriate limits, we are able to simplify this generalised fractional model to the fractional recovery and classic SIR models.

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