

Fractional Solutions of a k -hypergeometric Differential Equation

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Abstract: In the present work, we study the second order homogeneous k -hypergeometric differential equation by utilizing the discrete fractional Nabla calculus operator. As a result, we obtained a novel exact fractional solution to the given equation.

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1 Introduction

Fractional calculus deal with derivatives and integrals of arbitrary orders, their applications seem in different areas of science such as physics, applied mathematics, chemistry, engineering [1–4]. Mathematical models have significant applications in physical and technical processing phenomena [5–9]. The solutions of the differential equations relevant to many interesting special functions in mathematics, physics, and engineering, such as the hypergeometric series [10], the zeta function [11], the continued fraction [12], the power series [13], the Fourier analysis [14]. The discrete fractional Nabla calculus operator have been applied to various singular ordinary equations such as the second-order linear ordinary differential equation of hypergeometric type [15], the modified Bessel differential equation [16], the radial equation of the fractional Schrödinger equation [17, 18], the Gauss equation [19], the non-Fuchsian differential equation [20], the Chebyshev’s equation [21]. The aim of this study is to apply the Nabla calculus operator to a well-known ordinary differential equation k -hypergeometric equation [22], which is expressed by

$$kr(1 - kr) \frac{d^2w}{dr^2} + [\alpha - (k + \rho + \sigma)kr] \frac{dw}{dr} - \rho\sigma w = v(r), \quad (1)$$

where $k \in \mathbb{R}^+$, $\alpha, \rho, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and $v(r)$ is holomorphic in an interval $D \subseteq \mathbb{C}$. If $k = 1$ and the function $v(r)$ be vanishes identically, then Eq. (1) reduce to a linear homogenous hypergeometric ordinary differential equation (ODE) as follows

$$r(1 - r) \frac{d^2w}{dr^2} + [\alpha - (1 + \rho + \sigma)r] \frac{dw}{dr} - \rho\sigma w = 0. \quad (2)$$

Many researchers have been studied the hypergeometric differential equation by different schemes, such as Kummer, presented the concurrent of hypergeometric equation in physical models [23]. Campos, finalize that this kind of equation contains complex calculations, and also the singularities of the differential equation are orderly. [24].

2 Preliminaries

Here, we have some imperative knowledge about the discrete fractional calculus theory and also some necessary notes, \mathbb{N} is the set of natural numbers including zero, and \mathbb{Z} is the set of integers. The $\mathbb{N}_b = \{b, b + 1, b + 2, \dots\}$ for $b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ are the real valued functions defined on \mathbb{N}_0^+ . For more details see [15–21].

Definition 1. The rising factorial power is defined by

$$z^{\bar{n}} = t(z + 1)(z + 2) \dots (z + n - 1), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad z^{\bar{0}} = 1.$$

Given α be a real number, then $z^{\bar{\alpha}}$ is expressed by

$$t^{\bar{\alpha}} = \frac{\Gamma(t + \alpha)}{\Gamma(t)}, \quad (3)$$

where $z \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{\dots, -2, -1, 0\}$, and $0^{\bar{\alpha}} = 0$.

Let us symbolize that

$$\nabla(z^{\bar{\alpha}}) = \alpha z^{\bar{\alpha}-1}, \quad (4)$$

here $\nabla u(z) = u(z) - u(z-1)$. For $n = 2, 3, \dots$ describe ∇^n by $\nabla^n = \nabla \nabla^{n-1}$.

Definition 2. The α^{th} order fractional sum of f is defined by

$$\nabla_b^{-\alpha} f(z) = \sum_{s=b}^z \frac{[s - \delta(z)]^{\overline{\alpha-1}}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s), \quad (5)$$

where $z \in \mathbb{N}_b$, $\delta(z) = z - 1$ is backward jump operator.

Theorem 1. Let $f(z)$ and $g(z) : \mathbb{N}_0^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha, \beta > 0$, and h, v are constants, then

$$\nabla^{-\alpha} \nabla^{-\beta} f(z) = \nabla^{-(\alpha+\beta)} f(z) = \nabla^{-\beta} \nabla^{-\alpha} f(z) \quad (6)$$

$$\nabla^\alpha [hf(z) + vg(z)] = h\nabla^\alpha f(z) + v\nabla^\alpha g(z) \quad (7)$$

$$\nabla \nabla^{-\alpha} f(z) = \nabla^{-(\alpha-1)} f(z) \quad (8)$$

$$\nabla^{-\alpha} \nabla f(z) = \nabla^{(1-\alpha)} f(z) - \binom{z + \alpha - 2}{z - 1} f(0) \quad (9)$$

Lemma 1. For all $\alpha > 0$, α^{th} order fractional difference of the product fg is expressed by

$$\nabla_0^\alpha (fg)(z) = \sum_{n=0}^z \binom{\alpha}{n} [\nabla_0^{\alpha-n} f(z-n)] [\nabla^n g(z)]. \quad (10)$$

Lemma 2. If the function $f(t)$ is single valued and analytic, then

$$[f_\alpha(z)]_\beta = f_{\alpha+\beta}(z) = [f_\beta(z)]_\alpha, \quad [f_\alpha(z) \neq 0, f_\beta(z) \neq 0, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, z \in \mathbb{N}]. \quad (11)$$

3 Main results

Theorem 2. Let $w \in \{w : 0 \neq |w_\vartheta| < \infty, \vartheta \in \mathbb{R}\}$, and then the homogeneous k -hypergeometric equation is given by

$$w_2 k r (1 - k r) + w_1 [\alpha - (k + \rho + \sigma) k r] - w \rho \sigma = 0, \quad (12)$$

has a particular solution of the form

$$w = h \left\{ (r)^{-\left(\frac{1}{k}(\vartheta \theta k + \alpha)\right)} (1 - k r)^{-\left(\frac{1}{k}(\vartheta \theta k + \rho + \sigma - \alpha + k)\right)} \right\}_{-(\vartheta+1)}, \quad r \neq \left\{ 0, \frac{1}{k} \right\}. \quad (13)$$

where $w_m(r) = \frac{d^m w}{dr^m}$, ($m = 0, 1, 2$), $w_0 = w(r)$, and α, ρ, σ are given constants as well as h is a constant of integration.

Proof. When we applied the discrete fractional calculus operator to both sides of Eq. (12), we have

$$\nabla^\vartheta w_2 k r (1 - k r) + \nabla^\vartheta w_1 [\alpha - (k + \rho + \sigma) k r] - \nabla^\vartheta (w \rho \sigma) = 0, \quad (14)$$

using Eq. (8), and Eq. (9) together with Eq. (14), one may obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & w_{\vartheta+2} k r (1 - k r) + w_{\vartheta+1} [\vartheta \theta k (1 - 2k r) + \alpha - (k + \rho + \sigma) k r] \\ & + w_\vartheta [-\vartheta(\vartheta - 1) \theta^2 k^2 + \vartheta \theta (-(k + \rho + \sigma) k) - \rho \sigma] = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where θ is a shift operator.

We choose ϑ such that

$$\vartheta(\vartheta - 1) \theta^2 k^2 + \vartheta \theta (k^2 + k\rho + k\sigma) + \rho\sigma = 0,$$

$$\vartheta = \frac{\left[\theta k - (k + \rho + \sigma) \pm \sqrt{((k + \rho + \sigma) - \theta k)^2 - 4\rho\sigma} \right]}{2\theta k}, \quad (16)$$

and let $(k + \rho + \sigma - \theta k)^2 \geq 4\rho\sigma$, then we have

$$w_{\vartheta+2}kr(1 - kr) + w_{\vartheta+1}[\vartheta\theta k(1 - 2kr) + \alpha - (k + \rho + \sigma)kr] = 0, \quad (17)$$

and set

$$w_{\vartheta+1} = W = W(r), \quad (w = W_{-(\vartheta+1)}). \quad (18)$$

Therefore

$$W_1 + W \left[\frac{\vartheta\theta k(1 - 2kr) + \alpha - (k + \rho + \sigma)kr}{kr(1 - kr)} \right] = 0, \quad (19)$$

by using Eq. (17), and Eq. (18), then the solution of the ODE Eq. (19) has the form

$$W = h(r)^{-\left(\frac{1}{k}(\vartheta\theta k + \alpha)\right)} (1 - kr)^{-\left(\frac{1}{k}(\vartheta\theta k + \rho + \sigma - \alpha + k)\right)}. \quad (20)$$

4 Conclusion

In the present study, we applied the discrete fractional Nabla calculus operator to the homogeneous k -hypergeometric differential equation. As a result, we obtained a new exact discrete fractional solution.

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