

THE NEUTRIX PRODUCT OF THE DISTRIBUTIONS

x_+^{-r} AND $\delta^{(\alpha)}(x)$

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Abstract – In this paper author has obtained the neutrix product of x_+^{-r} and $\delta^{(\alpha)}(x)$, where α is a positive fractional number.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Neutrix N is defined by J.G. vander Corput [2] as a commutative additive group of functions $v(\xi)$ defined on a domain N' with values in additive group N'' , where further if for some v in N , $v(\xi) = \gamma$ for all ξ in N' , then $\gamma = 0$. The functions in N are called negligible functions. Now let N' be a set contained in a topological space with a limit point b which does not belong to N' . If $f(\xi)$ is a function defined on N' with values in N'' and it is possible to find a constant β such that $f(\xi) - \beta$ is negligible in N , then β is called the neutrix limit or N -limit of f as ξ tends to b and we write

$$N - \lim_{\xi \rightarrow b} f(\xi) = \beta,$$

where β must be unique, if it exists.

Introducing the neutrix limit, Fisher [3,4] defined the neutrix product of two distributions as –

Definition (1.1):- Let f and g be arbitrary distributions and let

$$g_n = g * \delta_n = \int_{-1/n}^{1/n} g(x-t)\delta_n(t)dt,$$

for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, where $\{\delta_n\}$ converges to dirac-delta distribution δ , and $\delta_n(x) = n\rho(nx)$, ρ is an infinitely differentiable function having the properties –

- (i) $\rho(x) = 0$ for $|x| \geq 1$,
- (ii) $\rho(x) \geq 0$,
- (iii) $\rho(x) = \rho(-x)$,
- (iv) $\int_{-1}^1 \rho(x)dx = 1$,

We say that the neutrix product $f \circ g$ of f and g exists and equal to a distribution h if

$$N - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle fg_n, \varphi \rangle = N - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle f, g_n \varphi \rangle = \langle h, \varphi \rangle,$$

for all test functions $\varphi \in K$, with support contained in the interval (a, b) , where N is the neutrix having domain $N' = \{1, 2, \dots, n, \dots\}$ and range N'' of the real numbers with negligible functions

$$n^\lambda \ln^{r-1} n, \ln^r n,$$

for $\lambda > 0$, and $r=1, 2, \dots$ and all functions $f(n)$ for which $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) = 0$.

Riemann - Liouville and Wéyl-fractional integral operators are defined in [9, p.47] for $\text{Re } \alpha > 0$ as -

$$(I^\alpha f)(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt,$$

$$\text{and } (K^\alpha f)(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_x^\infty (t-x)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt.$$

In [7, p.658] the fractional differential operator is defined as -

$$I^{-\alpha} f = D^\alpha f, \quad (1.1)$$

$$\text{and } K^{-\alpha} f = (-1)^\alpha D^\alpha f. \quad (1.2)$$

These operators are adjoint, see [1],

i.e.

$$\langle I^{-\alpha} f, \varphi \rangle = \langle f, K^{-\alpha} \varphi \rangle \quad (1.3)$$

$$\text{and } \langle K^{-\alpha} f, \varphi \rangle = \langle f, I^{-\alpha} \varphi \rangle \quad (1.4)$$

In [10] the neutrix product of $F(x)$ and $\delta^{(\alpha)}(x)$ has obtained, where F is an infinitely differentiable function in every neighbourhood of the origin.

In the present paper, we will obtain the neutrix product of x_+^{-r} and $\delta^{(\alpha)}(x)$, where α is a positive fractional number i.e. $\alpha = p + q$, $p = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, and $0 \leq q < 1$. This result obviously generalizes the result obtained by Fisher [5].

2. In this section we will find the neutrix product of x_+^{-r} and $\delta^{(\alpha)}(x)$, First of all we will prove the following theorem :

Theorem (2.1) - Let f be a distribution and $f(-x) = -f(x)$, for all x in an open interval $(-a, a)$. If $f(x)$ and all its derivatives vanish at $x = 0$, then the neutrix product $\delta^{(\alpha)}$ with f exists and $\delta^{(\alpha)} \circ f = 0$

Proof - Since $f(-x) = -f(x)$ for all x in the interval $(-a, a)$, then

$$f_n(x) = f(x) * \delta_n(x) = \int_{-1/n}^{1/n} f(x-t)\delta_n(t)dt$$

It follows that $f_n(-x) = -f_n(x)$, in all open intervals $(-\frac{1}{2}a, \frac{1}{2}a)$, when $n > 2/a$.

Since f_n is continuous, $f_n(0) = 0$, when $n > 2/a$, thus $\delta^{(\alpha)} \circ f = 0$.

Theorem (2.2) - The neutrix product $\{x_+^{-r} \circ \delta^{(\alpha)}(x)\}$ and $\delta^{(\alpha)}(x) \circ x_+^{-r}$ exist and

$$x_+^{-r} \circ \delta^{(\alpha)}(x) = \frac{(-1)^r \Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2\Gamma(\alpha + r + 1)} \delta^{(\alpha+r)}(x) \quad (2.3)$$

$$\delta^{(\alpha)}(x) \circ x_+^{-r} = 0, \quad (2.4)$$

for $r = 1, 2, \dots$

Proof - For $\varphi \in K$, we have

$$\langle x_+^{-1}, \varphi(x) \rangle = \int_0^\infty x^{-1} [\varphi(x) - \varphi(0)H(1-x)] dx,$$

where $H(x)$ denotes the Heavi-side's unit function and so

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x_+^{-1}, \delta_n^{(\alpha)}(x) \varphi(x) \rangle &= \int_0^1 x^{-1} \left[\delta_n^{(\alpha)}(x) \varphi(x) - \delta_n^{(\alpha)}(0) \varphi(0) \right] dx \\ &= \int_0^{1/n} x^{-1} \delta_n^{(\alpha)}(x) [\varphi(x) - \varphi(0)] dx \\ &\quad + \varphi(0) \int_0^{1/n} x^{-1} [\delta_n^{(\alpha)}(x) - \delta_n^{(\alpha)}(0)] dx \\ &\quad - \delta_n^{(\alpha)}(0) \varphi(0) \int_{1/n}^1 x^{-1} dx \\ &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_0^{1/n} \delta_n^{(\alpha)}(x) \left[\sum_{m=0}^{\alpha+1} \frac{x^{m-1}}{\Gamma(m+1)} \varphi^{(m)}(0) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{x^{\alpha+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+3)} \varphi^{(\alpha+2)}(\xi x) \right] dx, \end{aligned}$$

where $0 \leq \xi \leq 1$. (by [8, p.40])

Substituting $nx = t$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \sum_{m=0}^{\alpha} \frac{n^{\alpha+1-m}}{\Gamma(m+1)} \varphi^{(m)}(0) \int_0^1 t^{m-1} \rho^{(\alpha)}(t) dt \\ &\quad + \frac{\varphi^{(\alpha+1)}(0)}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \int_0^1 t^\alpha \rho^{(\alpha)}(t) dt \\ &\quad + \frac{n^{-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+3)} \int_0^1 t^{\alpha+1} \rho^{(\alpha)}(t) \varphi^{(\alpha+2)}\left(\frac{\xi t}{n}\right) dt, \end{aligned}$$

Since $n^{\alpha+1-m} \int_0^1 t^{m-1} \rho^{(\alpha)}(t) dt$ is negligible on neutrix limit

N or zero for $\alpha > m$, and

$$\int_0^1 t^\alpha \rho^{(\alpha)}(t) dt = \frac{1}{2} (-1)^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha + 1),$$

$$\text{and } n^{-1} \int_0^1 t^{\alpha+1} \rho^{(\alpha)}(t) \varphi^{(\alpha+2)}\left(\frac{\xi t}{n}\right) dt = o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} N - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_1 &= (-1)^\alpha \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1) \varphi^{(\alpha+1)}(0)}{2\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \\ &= (-1)^\alpha \frac{1}{2(\alpha+1)} \varphi^{(\alpha+1)}(0) \\ &= \frac{-(-1)^{\alpha+1}}{2(\alpha+1)} \varphi^{(\alpha+1)}(0) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2(\alpha+1)} \langle \delta^{(\alpha+1)}, \varphi \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Again

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \varphi(0) \int_0^{1/n} x^{-1} [\delta_n^{(\alpha)}(x) - \delta_n^{(\alpha)}(0)] dx \\ &= n^{\alpha+1} \varphi(0) \int_0^1 t^{-1} [\rho^{(\alpha)}(t) - \rho^{(\alpha)}(0)] dt \end{aligned}$$

This gives

$$N - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_2 = 0$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &= -\delta_n^{(\alpha)}(0) \varphi(0) \int_{1/n}^1 x^{-1} dx \\ &= -\rho^{(\alpha)}(0) \varphi(0) n^{\alpha+1} \ln n, \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$N - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_3 = 0$$

It follows that

$$N - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_+^{-1}, \delta_n^{(\alpha)}(x) \varphi(x) \rangle = -\frac{1}{2(\alpha+1)} \langle \delta^{(\alpha+1)}(x), \varphi(x) \rangle,$$

for all test function φ .

Thus the neutrix product $x_+^{-1} \circ \delta^{(\alpha)}(x)$ exists and

$$x_+^{-1} \circ \delta^{(\alpha)}(x) = -\frac{1}{(\alpha+1)} \delta^{(\alpha+1)}(x).$$

Equation (2.3) therefore holds for $r = 1$. Now assume that Equation (2.3) holds for some r , then by [5, theorem (2), p.1441] the neutrix product $x_+^{-r-1} \circ \delta^{(\alpha)}(x)$ exists and

$$\begin{aligned} -rx_+^{-r-1} \circ \delta^{(\alpha)}(x) &= \frac{(-1)^r \Gamma(\alpha+1)}{2\Gamma(\alpha+r+1)} \delta^{(\alpha+r+1)}(x) \\ &\quad - x_+^{-r} \circ \delta^{(\alpha+1)}(x) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^r \Gamma(\alpha+1)}{2\Gamma(\alpha+r+2)} \delta^{(\alpha+r+1)}(x) \end{aligned}$$

This gives

$$x_+^{-r-1} \circ \delta^{(\alpha)}(x) = \frac{(-1)^{r+1} \Gamma(\alpha+1)}{2\Gamma(\alpha+r+2)} \delta^{(\alpha+r+1)}(x)$$

Hence equation (2.3) follow by induction.

We now consider the neutrix product $\delta^{(\alpha)}(x) \circ x_+^{-r}$ for $r = 1, 2, \dots$

Since

$$(x_+^{-r})_n = x_+^{-r} * \delta_n$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^{r-1}}{(r-1)!} \int_{-1/n}^x \ln(x-s) \delta_n^{(r)}(s) ds,$$

it follows for arbitrary test function φ

$$\langle \delta(x), (x_+^{-r})_n \varphi(x) \rangle = \frac{(-1)^{r-1} \varphi(0)}{(r-1)!} \int_{-1/n}^0 \ln(-s) \delta_n^{(r)}(s) ds.$$

Making the substitution $ns = -t$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1/n}^0 \ln(-s) \delta_n^{(r)}(s) ds &= (-1)^r n^r \int_0^1 \ln\left(\frac{t}{n}\right) \rho^{(r)}(t) dt \\ &= (-1)^r n^r \int_0^1 \ln t \rho^{(r)}(t) dt \\ &\quad - (-1)^r n^r \ln n \int_0^1 \rho^{(r)}(t) dt, \end{aligned}$$

which is either negligible on neutrix limits or zero for $r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. It follows that

$$N - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle \delta(x), (x_+^{-r})_n \varphi(x) \rangle = 0$$

for all test function φ .

Thus the neutrix product $\delta(x) \circ x_+^{-r}$ exists and

$$\delta(x) \circ x_+^{-r} = 0.$$

Thus equation (2.4) holds when $\alpha = 0$.

Now we consider the neutrix product $\delta^{(\alpha)}(x) \circ x_+^{-r}$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \delta^{(\alpha)}(x), (x_+^{-r})_n \varphi(x) \rangle &= \langle I^{-\alpha} \delta(x), (x_+^{-r})_n \varphi(x) \rangle \\ &= \langle \delta(x), K^{-\alpha} \{ (x_+^{-r})_n \varphi(x) \} \rangle \\ &\quad [\text{By equation (1.3)}] \\ &= \left\langle \delta(x), \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \alpha C_r K^{-(\alpha-r)} (x_+^{-r})_n \varphi^{(r)}(x) \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \alpha C_r \varphi^{(r)}(0) \{ K^{-(\alpha-r)} (x_+^{-r})_n \}_{x=0}, \end{aligned}$$

which is again zero or negligible in N . Hence

$$N - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta^{(\alpha)}(x) \circ x_+^{-r} = 0$$

i.e. equation (2.4) holds for every positive fractional number α

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