

Mathematics

ON THE SOLUTIONS OF SOME DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS  
OF FRACTIONAL ORDER IN COMPLEX DOMAIN

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The paper studies differential equations of fractional order of the form  $D^{\nu\rho}y(z) + \lambda y(z) = f(z)$  in the complex domain, where  $\rho \geq 1$ ,  $\lambda$  is an arbitrary parameter,  $D^{\nu\rho}$  is the Riemann–Liouville differential operator. For functions of some classes Cauchy type problems are considered.

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**§ 1. Preliminaries.** Let  $f(x)$  be an arbitrary function from the class  $L(0, l)$ ,  $0 < l < +\infty$ . The function  $D^{-\alpha}f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt$  is called the Riemann–Liouville integral of order  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, +\infty)$ , of function  $f(x)$ , and for  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  the function  $D^\alpha f(x) \equiv \frac{d}{dx} D^{-(1-\alpha)} f(x)$  is called the Riemann–Liouville derivative of order  $\alpha$  of function  $f(x)$ .

It is known that in all Lebesgue points of  $f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow +0} D^{-\alpha} f(x) = f(x)$  (and hence, almost everywhere) and, therefore,  $[D^{-\alpha} f(x)]_{\alpha=0} = f(x)$  and  $D^1 f(x) = f'(x)$ .

Let  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ ,  $\frac{1}{\rho} = 1 - \alpha$  ( $\rho \geq 1$ ),  $x \in (0, l)$ . The operators  $D^0 f(x) \equiv f(x)$ ,  $D^{1/\rho} f(x) \equiv \frac{d}{dx} D^{-\alpha} f(x), \dots, D^{n/\rho} f(x) = D^{1/\rho} D^{(n-1)/\rho} f(x)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , are called Riemann–Liouville operators of successive differentiation of order  $n/\rho$  of function  $f(x)$ . For more information on Riemann–Liouville operators see [1] (ch. IX) and [2] (§ 2).

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We introduce some notations. Following M.M. Djrbashian we denote  $\Delta_\rho = \left\{ z; |\operatorname{Arg} z| < \frac{\pi}{2\rho}, 0 < |z| < \infty \right\}$ , this domain is evidently many-sheeted for  $0 < \rho < 1/2$  and is arranged on the Riemann surface  $G_\infty$  of the function  $\operatorname{Ln} z$ .  $H(\rho)$  is the class of functions  $f(z)$  that are analytic in the domain  $\Delta_\rho$ . Let us agree to denote  $(0; l(\varphi)) = \{z; \arg z = \varphi, 0 < |z| < l < +\infty\}$ ,  $-\pi \leq \varphi < \pi$ .

Let  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ ,  $\frac{1}{\rho} = 1 - \alpha$  ( $\rho \geq 1$ ),  $f(z)$  be an arbitrary function of a complex variable and  $|f(re^{i\varphi})| \in L(0; l(\varphi))$ ,  $|\varphi| \leq \pi$ ,  $0 < r < \infty$ . The function  $D^{-\alpha} f(z) \equiv \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)_0} \int_0^z (z - \xi)^{\alpha-1} f(\xi) d\xi$ , where integration is taken along the intercept connecting points 0 and  $z$ ,  $\arg(z - \xi)^{\alpha-1} = (\alpha-1)\arg z$ , is called the Riemann–Liouville integral of order  $\alpha$  of function  $f(z)$ , and the function  $D^{1/\rho} f(z) \equiv \frac{d}{dz} D^{-\alpha} f(z)$  is called the Riemann–Liouville derivative of order  $1/\rho$  of function  $f(z)$ .

The operators  $D^{0/\rho} f(z) \equiv f(z)$ ,  $D^{1/\rho} f(z) \equiv \frac{d}{dz} D^{-\alpha} f(z), \dots, D^{n/\rho} f(z) = D^{1/\rho} D^{(n-1)/\rho} f(z)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , are called Riemann–Liouville operators of successive differentiation of order  $n/\rho$  of the function  $f(z)$ .

Function of Mittag–Leffler type is an entire function of the form  $E_\rho(z; \mu) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{\Gamma(\mu + n\rho^{-1})}$  ( $\rho > 0$ ) of order  $\rho$  with arbitrary value of parameter  $\mu$  ([1], chap. VI, § 1).

For any  $\mu > 0, \alpha > 0$  the following formula holds (see [1], ch. III (1.16)):

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)_0} \int_0^z (z - \xi)^{\alpha-1} E_\rho(\lambda \xi^{1/\rho}; \mu) \xi^{\mu-1} d\xi = z^{\mu+\alpha-1} E_\rho(\lambda z^{1/\rho}; \mu + \alpha), \quad z = re^{i\varphi}, \quad (1.1)$$

$$\xi = \tau e^{i\varphi}, \quad 0 < \tau < r < l < +\infty, \quad -\pi \leq \varphi < \pi,$$

$\lambda$  is an arbitrary parameter.

## § 2. Main Results.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ ,  $1/\rho = 1 - \alpha$  ( $\rho \geq 1$ ),  $\lambda$  is an arbitrary parameter. Then in the class of functions  $|y(re^{i\varphi})| \in L(0; l(\varphi))$ ,  $|D^{-\alpha} y(re^{i\varphi})| \in L(0; l(\varphi))$  the following problem of Cauchy type

$$D^{1/\rho} y(z) + \lambda y(z) = 0, \quad (2.1)$$

$$D^{-\alpha} y(z)|_{z=0} = 0 \quad (2.2)$$

has a unique solution

$$y(z) \equiv 0. \quad (2.3)$$

*Proof.* We note that for  $z = x \in (0; +\infty)$  the similar problem is considered in the work [3] (see (3.4')–(3.5')). It is obvious that  $y(z) \equiv 0$  is a solution of problem (2.1)–(2.2). We show that the solution (2.3) is unique. We note that  $D^{1/\rho} y(z) \equiv \frac{d}{dz} D^{-\alpha} y(z) = -\lambda y(z)$ , since  $D^{-\alpha} y(z)|_{z=0} = 0$ , then

$$D^{-\alpha} y(z) = -\lambda \int_0^z y(\xi) d\xi = -\lambda D^{-1} y(z), \quad \xi = \tau e^{i\varphi}, \quad z = r e^{i\varphi}. \quad (2.4)$$

Using the properties of fractional integrals and derivatives, from (2.4) we get that

$$y(z) = -\lambda D^{\alpha} D^{-1} y(z) = -\lambda D^{\frac{1}{\rho}} y(z) \quad (\text{almost everywhere}). \quad (2.5)$$

Using properties of fractional integrals from (2.5) we conclude that for any  $P \geq 1$  the following identities also hold:

$$\begin{aligned} y(z) &= (-\lambda)^P D^{-\frac{P}{\rho}} y(z) = \frac{(-\lambda)^P}{\Gamma(P/\rho)} \int_0^z (z-\xi)^{\frac{P}{\rho}-1} y(\xi) d\xi = \\ &= \frac{(-\lambda)^P}{\Gamma(P/\rho)} \int_0^r (r e^{i\varphi} - \tau e^{i\varphi})^{\frac{P}{\rho}-1} y(\tau e^{i\varphi}) e^{i\varphi} d\tau = \frac{(-\lambda)^P}{\Gamma(P/\rho)} e^{i\varphi P} \int_0^r (r-\tau)^{\frac{P}{\rho}-1} y(\tau e^{i\varphi}) d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

From (2.6) for  $P \geq \rho$  we get

$$\max_{0 \leq r \leq l} |y(r e^{i\varphi})| \leq \frac{l^{-1} (l^{1/\rho} |\lambda|)^P}{\Gamma(P/\rho)} \int_0^l |y(\tau e^{i\varphi})| d\tau. \quad (2.7)$$

But since  $|y(r e^{i\varphi})| \in L(0; l(\varphi))$  as  $P \rightarrow \infty$ , then from (2.7) follows the statement of Theorem, i.e.  $y(z) \equiv 0$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ ,  $\frac{1}{\rho} = 1 - \alpha$  ( $\rho \geq 1$ ),  $\lambda$  is an arbitrary parameter. Then the function

$$y(z; \lambda) = e_{\rho}(z; \lambda) \equiv E_{\rho}(-\lambda z^{1/\rho}; 1/\rho) z^{\frac{1}{\rho}-1}, \quad (2.8)$$

is the solution of the following Cauchy type problem:

$$D^{1/\rho} y(z) + \lambda y(z) = 0, \quad (2.9)$$

$$D^{-\alpha} y(z)|_{z=0} = 1. \quad (2.10)$$

*Proof.* We note that for  $z = x \in (0; +\infty)$  the Theorem 2.2 is true (see [2, 3]).

By the definition of operator  $D^{1/\rho}$  we have  $D^{1/\rho} y(z; \lambda) \equiv \frac{d}{dz} D^{-\alpha} y(z; \lambda)$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} D^{-\alpha} y(z; \lambda) &\equiv \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^z (z-\xi)^{\alpha-1} y(\xi; \lambda) d\xi = \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^z (z-\xi)^{\alpha-1} E_{\rho}(-\lambda \xi^{1/\rho}; 1/\rho) \xi^{\frac{1}{\rho}-1} d\xi \quad (z = r e^{i\varphi}, \xi = \tau e^{i\varphi}). \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Using the formula (1.1), from (2.11) we get

$$D^{-\alpha}y(z; \lambda) = E_{\rho}(-\lambda z^{1/\rho}; 1). \quad (2.12)$$

But it can be easily proved that  $\frac{d}{dz}\{E_{\rho}(-\lambda z^{1/\rho}; 1)\} = -\lambda E_{\rho}(-\lambda z^{1/\rho}; 1/\rho)z^{\frac{1}{\rho}-1}$ , and hence

$$D^{1/\rho}y(z; \lambda) \equiv \frac{d}{dz}D^{-\alpha}y(z; \lambda) = -\lambda E_{\rho}(-\lambda z^{1/\rho}; 1/\rho)z^{\frac{1}{\rho}-1} = -\lambda y(z; \lambda),$$

i.e.  $D^{1/\rho}y(z; \lambda) + \lambda y(z; \lambda) \equiv 0$  and  $D^{-\alpha}y(z; \lambda)|_{z=0} = 1$ .

Now we show that the solution (2.8) is unique. We suppose that the problem (2.9)–(2.10) has another solution  $\tilde{y}(z; \lambda)$ . We put  $y^*(z; \lambda) \equiv y(z; \lambda) - \tilde{y}(z; \lambda)$ . Then it can be easily seen that the function  $y^*(z; \lambda)$  is a solution of the problem (2.1)–(2.2), consequently  $y^*(z; \lambda) \equiv 0$ , i.e.  $y(z; \lambda) \equiv \tilde{y}(z; \lambda)$ .

Theorem 2.2 is proved.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ ,  $1/\rho = 1 - \alpha$  ( $\rho \geq 1$ ),  $\lambda$  is an arbitrary parameter,  $f(z) \in H(\rho)$ ,  $f(re^{i\varphi}) \in L(0; l(\varphi))$ .

Then the function

$$y(z; \lambda) = \int_0^z e_{\rho}(z - \xi; \lambda) f(\xi) d\xi, \quad z = re^{i\varphi}, \quad \xi = \tau e^{i\varphi}, \quad (2.13)$$

where  $e_{\rho}(z; \lambda) \equiv E_{\rho}(-\lambda z^{1/\rho}; 1/\rho)z^{\frac{1}{\rho}-1}$  is the solution of the following Cauchy type problem:

$$D^{1/\rho}y(z) + \lambda y(z) = f(z), \quad (2.14)$$

$$D^{-\alpha}y(z)|_{z=0} = 0. \quad (2.15)$$

*Proof.* Let  $z = re^{i\varphi}$ ,  $\xi = \tau e^{i\varphi}$ ,  $\xi_1 = \tau_1 e^{i\varphi}$ ,  $0 < \tau_1 < \tau < r < l < +\infty$ . By the definition of operator  $D^{-\alpha}$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} D^{-\alpha}y(z; \lambda) &\equiv \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^z (z - \xi)^{\alpha-1} d\xi \int_0^{\xi} e_{\rho}(\xi - \xi_1; \lambda) f(\xi_1) d\xi_1 = \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^r (re^{i\varphi} - \tau e^{i\varphi})^{\alpha-1} e^{i\varphi} d\tau \int_0^{\tau} e_{\rho}(e^{i\varphi}(\tau - \tau_1); \lambda) f(\tau_1 e^{i\varphi}) e^{i\varphi} d\tau_1 = \\ &= \frac{e^{i\varphi(\alpha+1)}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^r (r - \tau)^{\alpha-1} d\tau \int_0^{\tau} e_{\rho}(e^{i\varphi}(\tau - \tau_1); \lambda) f(\tau_1 e^{i\varphi}) d\tau_1 = \\ &= \frac{e^{i\varphi(\alpha+1)}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} e^{i\left(\frac{1}{\rho}-1\right)\varphi} \int_0^r (r - \tau)^{\alpha-1} d\tau \int_0^{\tau} e_{\rho}(\tau - \tau_1; \lambda^*) f(\tau_1 e^{i\varphi}) d\tau_1 = \\ &= \frac{e^{i\varphi}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^r (r - \tau)^{\alpha-1} d\tau \int_0^{\tau} e_{\rho}(\tau - \tau_1; \lambda^*) f(\tau_1 e^{i\varphi}) d\tau_1, \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

where  $\lambda^* = \lambda e^{i(\varphi/\rho)}$ ,  $e_{\rho}(e^{i\varphi}(\tau - \tau_1); \lambda) = e^{i\left(\frac{1}{\rho}-1\right)\varphi} e_{\rho}(\tau - \tau_1; \lambda^*)$ .

We put  $f(\tau_1 e^{i\varphi}) = U_\varphi(\tau_1) + iV_\varphi(\tau_1)$ ,

$$I_1 \equiv \frac{e^{i\varphi}}{\Gamma(\alpha)_0^r} \int_0^r (r-\tau)^{\alpha-1} d\tau \int_0^\tau e_\rho(\tau-\tau_1; \lambda^*) U_\varphi(\tau_1) d\tau_1, \quad (2.17)$$

$$I_2 \equiv \frac{ie^{i\varphi}}{\Gamma(\alpha)_0^r} \int_0^r (r-\tau)^{\alpha-1} d\tau \int_0^\tau e_\rho(\tau-\tau_1; \lambda^*) V_\varphi(\tau_1) d\tau_1. \quad (2.18)$$

In the formulas (2.17), (2.18), by changing the order of integration and using the formula (1.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\equiv \frac{e^{i\varphi}}{\Gamma(\alpha)_0^r} \int_0^r (r-\tau)^{\alpha-1} d\tau \int_0^\tau e_\rho(\tau-\tau_1; \lambda^*) U_\varphi(\tau_1) d\tau_1 = \frac{e^{i\varphi}}{\Gamma(\alpha)_0^r} \int_0^r U_\varphi(\tau_1) d\tau_1 \int_{\tau_1}^r (r-\tau)^{\alpha-1} e_\rho(\tau-\tau_1; \lambda^*) d\tau = \\ &= \frac{e^{i\varphi}}{\Gamma(\alpha)_0^r} \int_0^r U_\varphi(\tau_1) d\tau_1 \int_0^{r-\tau_1} ((r-\tau_1)-\nu)^{\alpha-1} e_\rho(\nu; \lambda^*) d\nu = e^{i\varphi} \int_0^r U_\varphi(\tau_1) E_\rho(-\lambda^*(r-\tau_1)^{1/\rho}; 1) d\tau_1 \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

and

$$I_2 = ie^{i\varphi} \int_0^r V_\varphi(\tau_1) E_\rho(-\lambda^*(r-\tau_1)^{1/\rho}; 1) d\tau_1. \quad (2.20)$$

Moreover, according to (2.19), (2.20), from (2.16) we obtain

$$D^{-\alpha} y(z; \lambda) \equiv I_1 + I_2 = e^{i\varphi} \int_0^r E_\rho(-\lambda^*(r-\tau_1)^{1/\rho}; 1) f(\tau_1 e^{i\varphi}) d\tau_1. \quad (2.21)$$

Now using the formula (2.21), we will have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dz} D^{-\alpha} y(z; \lambda) &= \frac{d}{dr} \left( e^{i\varphi} \int_0^r E_\rho(-\lambda^*(r-\tau_1)^{1/\rho}; 1) f(\tau_1 e^{i\varphi}) d\tau_1 \right) \frac{dr}{dz} = \\ &= f(re^{i\varphi}) - \lambda^* \int_0^r E_\rho(-\lambda^*(r-\tau_1)^{1/\rho}; 1/\rho) (r-\tau_1)^{\frac{1}{\rho}-1} f(\tau_1 e^{i\varphi}) d\tau_1 = \\ &= f(z) - \lambda e^{i(\varphi/\rho)} \int_0^r E_\rho(-\lambda e^{i(\varphi/\rho)} (r-\tau_1)^{1/\rho}; 1/\rho) (r-\tau_1)^{\frac{1}{\rho}-1} f(\tau_1 e^{i\varphi}) d(\tau_1 e^{i\varphi}) = \\ &= f(z) - \lambda \int_0^r E_\rho(-\lambda (re^{i\varphi} - \tau_1 e^{i\varphi})^{1/\rho}; 1/\rho) (re^{i\varphi} - \tau_1 e^{i\varphi})^{\frac{1}{\rho}-1} f(\tau_1 e^{i\varphi}) d(\tau_1 e^{i\varphi}) = \\ &= f(z) - \lambda \int_0^z E_\rho(-\lambda (z - \xi_1)^{1/\rho}; 1/\rho) (z - \xi_1)^{\frac{1}{\rho}-1} f(\xi_1) d\xi_1 = \\ &= f(z) - \lambda \int_0^z e_\rho(z - \xi_1; \lambda) f(\xi_1) dt_1 = f(z) - \lambda y(z; \lambda), \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $D^{1/\rho} y(z; \lambda) + \lambda y(z; \lambda) \equiv f(z)$  and  $D^{-\alpha} y(z; \lambda)|_{z=0} = 0$ .

Now we show, that the solution is unique. We suppose that the problem (2.14)–(2.15) has another solution  $\tilde{y}(z; \lambda)$ . We put  $y^*(z; \lambda) \equiv y(z; \lambda) - \tilde{y}(z; \lambda)$ .

It can be easily proved that  $y^*(z; \lambda)$  is the solution of the problem (2.1)–(2.2). But, according to Theorem 2.1, we have  $y^*(z; \lambda) \equiv 0$ , i.e.  $y(z; \lambda) \equiv \tilde{y}(z; \lambda)$ .

Theorem 2.3 is proved.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ ,  $\frac{1}{\rho} = 1 - \alpha$  ( $\rho \geq 1$ ),  $\lambda$  is an arbitrary parameter,  $f(z) \in H(\rho)$ ,  $f(re^{i\varphi}) \in L(0; l(\varphi))$ .

Then the function

$$y(z; \lambda) = a_0 e_\rho(z; \lambda) + \int_0^z e_\rho(z - \xi; \lambda) f(\xi) d\xi, \quad z = re^{i\varphi}, \quad \xi = \tau e^{i\varphi}, \quad (2.22)$$

is the solution of the following Cauchy type problem:

$$D^{1/\rho} y(z) + \lambda y(z) = f(z), \quad (2.23)$$

$$D^{-\alpha} y(z)|_{z=0} = a_0. \quad (2.24)$$

*Proof.* We note that from of the Theorems (2.2)–(2.3) we have

$$\left( D^{1/\rho} + \lambda \right) e_\rho(z; \lambda) \equiv 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \left( D^{1/\rho} + \lambda \right) \left( \int_0^z e_\rho(z - \xi; \lambda) f(\xi) d\xi \right) \equiv f(z).$$

It is easy to see, that  $D^{-\alpha} y(z; \lambda)|_{z=0} = a_0$ .

Consequently, the function (2.22) is a solution of the problem (2.23)–(2.24). Now we show that the solution is unique.

Let the function  $\tilde{y}(z; \lambda)$  is a solution of the problem (2.23)–(2.24).

We put  $y^*(z; \lambda) \equiv y(z; \lambda) - \tilde{y}(z; \lambda)$ . It is easy to see that the function  $y^*(z; \lambda)$  is the solution of the problem (2.1)–(2.2). Consequently,  $y^*(z; \lambda) \equiv 0$ , i.e.  $y(z; \lambda) \equiv \tilde{y}(z; \lambda)$ .

Theorem (2.4) is proved.

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Բ. Ն. Մահակյան

Կոմպլեքս տիրույթում կոտորակային կարգի որոշ դիֆերենցիալ  
հավասարումների լուծումների մասին

Այս աշխատանքում դիտարկվում են կոմպլեքս տիրույթում  
 $D^{1/\rho}y(z) + \lambda y(z) = f(z)$ , տեսքի կոտորակային կարգի դիֆերենցիալ  
հավասարումներ, որտեղ  $\rho \geq 1$ ,  $\lambda$  -ն կամայական պարամետր է,  $D^{1/\rho}$  -ն Ռիման-  
Լիուվիլի դիֆերենցիալ օպերատորն է: Որոշ դասի ֆունկցիաների համար  
դիտարկվում և լուծվում են Կոշիի տիպի խնդիրներ:

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**О решениях некоторых дифференциальных уравнений дробного порядка в  
комплексной области**

В работе в комплексной области рассматриваются уравнения дробного  
порядка вида  $D^{1/\rho}y(z) + \lambda y(z) = f(z)$ , где  $\rho \geq 1$ ,  $\lambda$  – произвольный пара-  
метр,  $D^{1/\rho}$  – дифференциальный оператор Римана–Лиувилля. Для функций  
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