



# A numerical scheme for two-dimensional optimal control problems with Grünwald-Letnikov for Riesz Fractional Derivatives

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## Abstract

In this paper, we study control systems containing a Riesz fractional derivative and solve this problem by a numerical method which is so called Grünwald-Letnikov approximation scheme . A two-dimensional fractional optimal control problem is studied as an example to demonstrate the performance of this method.

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## 1 Introduction

Fractional calculus (FC) generalizes integrals and derivatives to non-integer orders. During the last decade, FC was found to play a fundamental role in the modeling of a considerable number of phenomena, in particular, the modeling of memory dependent phenomena and complex media such as porous media. first we define a fractional derivative, and then formulate a fractional optimal control problem (FOCPs) and find the necessary conditions for optimality. The left and right Riemann-Liouville fractional derivatives of order  $\alpha$  are defined respectively:

$${}_a D_t^\alpha y(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) \int_a^t (t-\tau)^{-\alpha} y(\tau) d\tau,$$

$${}_t D_b^\alpha y(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) \int_t^b (\tau-t)^{-\alpha} y(\tau) d\tau,$$

where  $n-1 < \alpha < n$ . The usual definitions of the derivatives are obtained when  $\alpha$  is an integer. Note that for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , the fractional operators are non-local. One space needed Riesz fractional derivative  ${}_a^R D_b^\alpha y(t)$  is given by

$${}_a^R D_b^\alpha y(t) = \frac{1}{2} ({}_a D_t^\alpha y(t) - {}_t D_b^\alpha y(t)),$$

$${}_b^R D_t^\alpha y(t) = \frac{1}{2} ({}_t D_b^\alpha y(t) - {}_a D_t^\alpha y(t)). \tag{1}$$

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