In this paper, the fractional heat equation in a sphere with hybrid fractional derivative operator is investigated. The heat conduction is considered in the case of central symmetry with heat absorption. The closed form solution in the form of three parameter Mittag-Leffler function is obtained for two Dirichlet boundary value problems. The joint finite sine Fourier-Laplace transform is used for solving these two problems. The dynamics of the heat transfer in the sphere is illustrated through some numerical examples and figures.

**Keywords:** Heat conduction with absorption; Hybrid fractional derivative operator; Three parameter Mittag-Leffler function; Finite Fourier transform; Laplace transform

1. **Introduction**

Recently, fractional calculus is used to study many real world problems formulated in the form of fractional partial differential equations [1-6]. Many definitions for the fractional derivative are proposed in the literature [7-12]. Some examples of these definitions are Caputo, Riemann-Liouville, He’s fractional derivative, generalized fractional derivatives and Reisz definitions [1-20].

Fractal calculus is very useful in modeling phenomena in hierarchical or porous media and it can reveal hidden structures that continuum mechanics would never be able to find [16]. In order to deal with problems in porous media, He [15, 20] developed a new generalized fractional derivative which is given by
where $f_0$ is the solution of the continuous problem with the same conditions of the fractal problem.

Very recently, the hybrid fractional derivative is proposed in [21]. The definition of this new derivative is given by

$$\int_0^t \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x (f_0(\tau) - f(t))(\tau - t)^{-\alpha} d\tau,$$

which is a linear combination of Caputo derivative and Riemann-Liouville integral. This new definition is widely used in modeling many phenomena in science and engineering (see for example [22-24]).

In this paper, we consider the following time-fractional heat conduction equation with heat absorption term in spherical coordinates in the case of central symmetry [6]

$$^{CPD}D_t^\alpha T(r, t) = \alpha \left( T_{rr} + \frac{2}{r} T_r \right) - b T , \ 0 \leq r < R,$$

with the following two cases of Dirichlet conditions:

$$T(r, 0) = 0 , \quad T(R, t) = p_0 \delta(t), \quad \text{(2a)}$$

$$T(r, 0) = 0 , \quad T(R, t) = T_0 t^p, \quad \text{(2b)}$$

where $p_0$, $T_0$ are arbitrary constants and $\delta(t)$ is the Dirac delta function.

In the next section, we use the joint finite sin Fourier-Laplace transform to solve Eq. (1) with conditions (2a) and (2b).

### 2. Exact solution of Eq. (1) with condition (2a)

Applying finite sin Fourier transform (see Eq. (A1) in the Appendix) to Eq. (1), we obtain

$$\mathcal{F}\{^{CPD}D_t^\alpha T(r, t)\} = \mathcal{F}\{a \left( T_{rr} + \frac{2}{r} T_r \right) - b T\}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (3)

Using Eq. (A3) in Appendix, we obtain

$$^{CPD}D_t^\alpha T(\xi_k, t) = a \left( -\xi_k^2 T(\xi_k, t) + (-1)^{k+1} R T(R, t) \right) - b T(\xi_k, t).$$  \hspace{1cm} (4)

Using the condition $T(R, t) = p_0 \delta(t)$, we obtain

$$^{CPD}D_t^\alpha T(\xi_k, t) = a \left( -\xi_k^2 T(\xi_k, t) + (-1)^{k+1} R p_0 \delta(t) \right) - b T(\xi_k, t).$$  \hspace{1cm} (5)

Or equivalently
Applying the Laplace transform to Eq. (6), we obtain

\[ \mathcal{L}\{c \delta_0 T(\xi_k, t)\} = a(-1)^{k+1} R p_0 \delta(t) - (a \xi_k^2 + b) T(\xi_k, t). \]  

Using Eq. (A5) in the Appendix, Eq. (7) becomes

\[ \left[ \frac{k_1(\alpha)}{s} + k_0(\alpha) \right] s^\alpha T(\xi_k, s) - k_0(\alpha) s^{\alpha-1} T(\xi_k, 0) = a(-1)^{k+1} R p_0 - (a \xi_k^2 + b) T(\xi_k, s). \]  

Using the condition \( T(r, 0) = 0 \), we obtain

\[ \left[ \frac{k_1(\alpha)}{s} + k_0(\alpha) \right] s^\alpha T(\xi_k, s) = a(-1)^{k+1} R p_0 - (a \xi_k^2 + b) T(\xi_k, s). \]  

Solving Eq. (9) with respect to \( T(\xi_k, s) \), we obtain

\[ T(\xi_k, s) = \frac{a(-1)^{k+1} R p_0}{k_0(\alpha) s^\alpha + k_1(\alpha) s^{\alpha-1} + a \xi_k^2 + b}. \]  

Equation (10) can be rewritten in the form

\[ T(\xi_k, s) = \frac{a(-1)^{k+1} R p_0}{a \xi_k^2 + b} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{k_0(\alpha)}{a \xi_k^2 + b} s^\alpha + \frac{k_1(\alpha)}{a \xi_k^2 + b} s^{\alpha-1} + 1}. \]  

Taking the inverse Laplace transform of both sides of Eq. (11), we obtain

\[ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{T(\xi_k, s)\} = T(\xi_k, t) = \frac{a(-1)^{k+1} R p_0}{a \xi_k^2 + b} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{k_0(\alpha)}{a \xi_k^2 + b} s^\alpha + \frac{k_1(\alpha)}{a \xi_k^2 + b} s^{\alpha-1} + 1}. \]

Using Eq. (A7) in Appendix, we obtain

\[ T(\xi_k, t) = \frac{a(-1)^{k+1} R p_0}{a \xi_k^2 + b} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( b + a \xi_k^2 \right) \left( \frac{k_1(\alpha)}{k_0(\alpha)} \right)^n t^{-1+n+\alpha} E_{\alpha,n+\alpha}^1 \left[ -\frac{b + a \xi_k^2}{k_0(\alpha)} t^{\alpha} \right]. \]

Applying the inverse finite sine Fourier (see Eq. (A4) in the Appendix) to (12), we obtain

\[ \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{T(\xi_k, t)\} = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left\{ \frac{a(-1)^{k+1} R p_0}{k_0(\alpha)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{-k_1(\alpha)}{k_0(\alpha)} \right)^n t^{-1+n+\alpha} E_{\alpha,n+\alpha}^1 \left[ \frac{b + a \xi_k^2}{k_0(\alpha)} t^{\alpha} \right] \right\}. \]
\[
T(r, t) = \frac{2a p_0}{k_0(\alpha)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \xi_k (-1)^{k+1} \left( -\frac{k_1(\alpha)}{k_0(\alpha)} \right)^n t^{-1+n+\alpha} E_{\alpha,n+\alpha}^{1+n+\alpha} \left[ \frac{b + a \xi_k^2}{k_0(\alpha)} t^{\alpha} \right] \frac{\sin(\xi_k r)}{r}.
\] (13)

Figure 1 shows the distribution of the temperature through the sphere at different values of the order of the fractional derivative $\alpha$ and the time $t$ when the boundary condition is taken in the form of Dirac delta function. Figure 2 shows the effect of the parameter $k_0$ on the distribution of the temperature through the sphere at different values of the order of the fractional derivative $\alpha$ when the boundary condition is taken in the form of Dirac delta function. From figure 2, we can realize that the temperature increases with increasing $\alpha$. The temperature profile changes with changing the parameter $k_0$. At large radius the temperature profile increases with increasing $k_0$.

Fig.1 Plot of the solution (13) when $a = b = k_0(\alpha) = 1, p_0 = 10, R = 2, k_1(\alpha) = 0$ for different values of $t$. 

a) $t = 0.5$

b) $t = 1$

c) $t = 2$

d) $t = 4$
3. Exact solution of Eq. (1) with condition (2b)

Applying the finite sin Fourier transform to Eq. (1) and using the condition \( T(R, t) = T_0 t^p \), we obtain

\[
\mathcal{C} \mathcal{P} \mathcal{G} D_t^\alpha T(\xi_k, t) = a(-1)^k R T_0 t^p - (a \xi_k^2 + b) T(\xi_k, t). \tag{14}
\]

Applying the Laplace transform to Eq. (14), we obtain

\[
\mathcal{L} \{ \mathcal{C} \mathcal{P} \mathcal{G} D_t^\alpha T(\xi_k, t) \} = \mathcal{L} \{ a(-1)^k R T_0 t^p - (a \xi_k^2 + b) T(\xi_k, t) \}. \tag{15}
\]

Using Eq. (A5) in the Appendix, we get

\[
\left[ \frac{k_1(\alpha)}{s} + k_0(\alpha) \right] s^\alpha T(\xi_k, s) - k_0(\alpha) s^{\alpha-1} T(\xi_k, 0) \]
\[
= a(-1)^k R T_0 \frac{\Gamma[p + 1]}{s^{p+1}} - (a \xi_k^2 + b) T(\xi_k, s). \tag{16}
\]

Using the condition \( T(r, 0) = 0 \), Eq. (16) becomes

\[
\left[ \frac{k_1(\alpha)}{s} + k_0(\alpha) \right] s^\alpha T(\xi_k, s) = a(-1)^k R T_0 \frac{\Gamma[p + 1]}{s^{p+1}} - (a \xi_k^2 + b) T(\xi_k, s). \tag{17}
\]

Solving Eq. (17) with respect to \( T(\xi_k, s) \), we obtain

\[
T(\xi_k, s) = \frac{a(-1)^k R T_0 \frac{\Gamma[p + 1]}{s^{p+1}}}{k_0(\alpha) s^\alpha + k_1(\alpha) s^{\alpha-1} + a \xi_k^2 + b}. \tag{18}
\]

Equation (18) can be rewritten in the form
\[ T(\xi_k, s) = \frac{a(-1)^{k+1}RT_0\Gamma[p + 1]}{a\xi_k^2 + b} \frac{s^{-p-1}}{k_0(\alpha) + \frac{k_1(\alpha)}{a\xi_k^2 + b} s^a + \frac{s^{a-1}}{s^a + \frac{k_1(\alpha)}{a\xi_k^2 + b} s^{a-1} + 1}}. \] (19)

Taking the inverse Laplace transform of both sides of Eq. (19), we obtain

\[ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{T(\xi_k, s)\} = T(\xi_k, t) = a(-1)^{k+1}RT_0\Gamma[p + 1] \frac{s^{-p-1}}{a\xi_k^2 + b} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{s^{-p-1}}{k_0(\alpha) + \frac{k_1(\alpha)}{a\xi_k^2 + b} s^a + \frac{s^{a-1}}{s^a + \frac{k_1(\alpha)}{a\xi_k^2 + b} s^{a-1} + 1}} \right\}. \] (20)

Using Eq. (A7) in the Appendix, we get

\[ T(\xi_k, t) = a(-1)^{k+1}RT_0\Gamma[p + 1] \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b + a\xi_k^2 \frac{k_1(\alpha)}{k_0(\alpha)} \frac{s^{n+p+a}E_{a,1+n+p}}{k_0(\alpha)^{n+p+a}} \left[ -b + a\xi_k^2 \frac{k_1(\alpha)}{k_0(\alpha)} \right] t^a \] (21)

Using the inverse finite sin Fourier, Eq. (21) becomes

\[ \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{T(\xi_k, t)\} = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{a(-1)^{k+1}RT_0\Gamma[p + 1]}{a\xi_k^2 + b} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b + a\xi_k^2}{k_0(\alpha)} \left( -\frac{k_1(\alpha)}{k_0(\alpha)} \right)^n t^{n+p+a}E_{a,1+n+p+a} \left[ -b + a\xi_k^2 \frac{k_1(\alpha)}{k_0(\alpha)} \right] \right\}, \]

\[ T(r, t) = \frac{2aR\Gamma[p + 1]}{k_0(\alpha)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \xi_k (-1)^{k+1} \left( -\frac{k_1(\alpha)}{k_0(\alpha)} \right)^n t^{n+p+a}E_{a,1+n+p+a} \left[ -b + a\xi_k^2 \frac{k_1(\alpha)}{k_0(\alpha)} t^a \right] \frac{\sin(\xi_k r)}{r}. \] (22)
Figure 3 shows the distribution of the temperature through the sphere at different values of the order of the fractional derivative $\alpha$ and the parameters $a$ and $b$ in the case of constant boundary condition. Figure 4 shows the effect of the parameter $k_0$ on the distribution of the temperature through the sphere at different values of the order of the fractional derivative $\alpha$. Figure 4 shows that the temperature $T$ increases when the parameter $k_0$ decreases. Also Figure 3 and Figure 4 show that the temperature through the sphere $T$ increases with increasing the radius $r$.

**Conclusions**

We have successfully used joint finite sine Fourier-Laplace transform to get the closed form solution of the fractional heat conduction problem in a sphere with heat absorption and central symmetry. The new hybrid fractional derivative operator is used to investigate the heat distribution inside the sphere.
Two Dirichlet boundary value problems are investigated. The obtained solutions are in the form of three parameter Mittag-Leffler function. The results obtained in [6] can be considered as a special solutions of our results. Particularly, when we put $k_0(\alpha) = 1$ and $k_1(\alpha) = 0$ in Eqs. (13) and (22) we retrieve the results obtained in [6].

References


**Appendix**

**Definition 1** [22]. The finite sin-Fourier transform of the function $f(r)$ is defined as

$$\mathcal{F}\{f(r)\} = \int_{0}^{R} r f(r) \frac{\sin(\xi_k r)}{\xi_k} dr, \quad \xi_k = \frac{k\pi}{R}. \quad (A1)$$
Theorem 1. The finite sin-Fourier transform of the hybrid fractional derivative operator \( ^\alpha D_0^T(t) \) is defined as

\[
\mathcal{F}\{ ^\alpha D_0^T(r, t) \} = ^\alpha D_0^T(\xi_k, t).
\] (A2)

Proof

\[
\mathcal{F}\{ ^\alpha D_0^T(r, t) \} = \int_0^R r \, ^\alpha D_0^T(r, t) \frac{\sin(\xi_k r)}{\xi_k} \, dr
\]

\[
= \int_0^R r \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^t \left( k_1(\alpha)T(r, \tau) + k_0(\alpha) \frac{\partial T(r, \tau)}{\partial \tau} \right) (t-\tau)^{-\alpha} \frac{\sin(\xi_k \tau)}{\xi_k} \, d\tau \, dr
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^t \left[ \int_0^R r \left( k_1(\alpha)T(r, \tau) + k_0(\alpha) \frac{\partial T(r, \tau)}{\partial \tau} \right) \frac{\sin(\xi_k \tau)}{\xi_k} \, dr \right] (t-\tau)^{-\alpha} \, d\tau
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^t \left[ k_1(\alpha)T(\xi_k, \tau) + k_0(\alpha) \frac{\partial T(\xi_k, \tau)}{\partial \tau} \right] (t-\tau)^{-\alpha} \, d\tau = ^\alpha D_0^T(\xi_k, t).
\]

Theorem 2 [25]

\[
\mathcal{F}\{ T_{rr} + \frac{2}{r} T_r \} = -\xi_k^2 T(\xi, t) + (-1)^{k+1}R \, T(R, t).
\] (A3)

Definition 2 [25]. The Finite sin-Fourier transform of the function \( f(r) \) is defined as

\[
\mathcal{F}^{-1}\{ f(\xi_k) \} = f(r) = \frac{2}{R} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \xi_k f(\xi_k) \frac{\sin(\xi_k r)}{r}.
\] (A4)

Theorem 3 [21] The Laplace transform of the hybrid fractional derivative operator is given by

\[
\mathcal{L}\{ ^\alpha D_0^T f(t) \} = \left[ \frac{k_1(\alpha)}{s} + k_0(\alpha) \right] s^\alpha F(s) - k_0(\alpha) s^{\alpha-1} f(0).
\] (A5)

Lemma 1 [26] The Inverse Laplace of \( \frac{s^\alpha_1 \gamma - \beta}{(s^\alpha_1 + \lambda)^\gamma} \) is defined as

\[
\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{ \frac{s^\alpha_1 \gamma - \beta}{(s^\alpha_1 + \lambda)^\gamma} \right\} = t^{\beta-1} E_{\alpha_1,\beta}[\lambda, t^\alpha_1]
\] (A6)

Lemma 2 [27] The Inverse Laplace of \( \frac{s^\alpha_3}{1 + A s^\alpha_1 + B s^\alpha_2} \) is given by
\[
\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s^\alpha_3}{1 + A s^\alpha_1 + B s^\alpha_2}\right\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s^\alpha_3}{1 + A s^\alpha_1 + B s^\alpha_2}\right\} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-B)^k}{A^{k+1}} t^{(1+k)\alpha_1 - k\alpha_2 - \alpha_3 - 1} P_{\alpha_1 (1+k)\alpha_1 - k\alpha_2 - \alpha_3} \left[ -\frac{1}{A} t^{\alpha_1} \right].
\]

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