

18 Caputo's Derivative

Definition 336

$${}^c D_a^\alpha f = I_a^{n-\alpha} D^n f, \quad n-1 < \alpha < n.$$

Property 337

$${}^c D_a^\alpha [\text{const}] = 0.$$

Lemma 338

$$f \in C^{n+1}[a, b] \implies \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow n} {}^c D_a^\alpha f = D^n f, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} {}^c D_a^\alpha f &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} I_a^{n-\alpha} D^n f = I_a^{n-\alpha} [I_a D^{n+1} f + D^n f(a)] \\ &= I_a^{n-\alpha+1} D^{n+1} f + \frac{D^n f(a)}{\Gamma(n-\alpha+1)} (t-a)^{n-\alpha} \\ &\longrightarrow I_a D f + f(a) = D^n f. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 339

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f \in L^1(a, b) \\ D^n f \in L^1(a, b) \\ f \stackrel{\text{a.e.}}{=} I_a^n D^n f + T_a^{n-1} \end{array} \right\} \implies \left\{ \begin{array}{l} {}^c D_a^\alpha f \text{ exists a.e. and} \\ {}^c D_a^\alpha f \stackrel{\text{a.e.}}{=} D_a^\alpha [f - T_a^{n-1}]. \end{array} \right.$$

In particular,

$$f \in AC^n[a, b] \implies \left\{ \begin{array}{l} {}^c D_a^\alpha f \text{ exists a.e. and} \\ {}^c D_a^\alpha f \stackrel{\text{a.e.}}{=} D_a^\alpha [f - T_a^{n-1} f]. \end{array} \right.$$

Proof.

$${}^c D_a^\alpha f \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} I_a^{n-\alpha} D^n f \stackrel{\text{a.e.}}{=} D_a^\alpha I_a^n D^n f = D_a^\alpha [f - T_a^{n-1}].$$

Remark 46 Kilbas used the above relation as a definition for Caputo's derivative. i.e.

$${}^c D_a^\alpha f := D_a^\alpha [f - T_a^{n-1} f].$$

Corollary 340

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f \in L^1(a, b) \\ \\ D_a^{n-\alpha} f \in L^1(a, b) \\ \quad \stackrel{a.e.}{=} D^n I_a^\alpha f \\ \\ f \stackrel{a.e.}{=} I_a^{n-\alpha} D_a^{n-\alpha} f + D_a^\alpha T_a^{n-1} \\ \quad \Longleftrightarrow I_a^\alpha f \stackrel{a.e.}{=} I_a^n D^n I_a^\alpha f + T_a^{n-1} \end{array} \right\} \implies \left\{ \begin{array}{l} {}^c D_a^\alpha I_a^\alpha f \text{ exists a.e. and} \\ {}^c D_a^\alpha I_a^\alpha f \stackrel{a.e.}{=} f - D_a^\alpha T_a^{n-1}. \end{array} \right.$$

Proof. Apply Lemma 339 to $I_a^\alpha f$. ■

Lemma 341

$$D_a^{n-\alpha} f \in CL^1(a, b) \implies \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^k I_a^\alpha f \in C(a, b) \text{ and bounded in } (a, b), \\ \text{with } D^k I_a^\alpha f(a^+) \text{ exists, } k = 0, \dots, n-1. \text{ Also} \\ I_a^\alpha f(t) \stackrel{a.e.}{=} I_a^n D^n I_a^\alpha f(t) + T_{a^+}^{n-1} I_a^\alpha f(t), \quad t \in (a, b). \\ \text{equality holds if } f \in CL^1(a, b). \end{array} \right.$$

In particular,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} D_a^{n-\alpha} f \in CL^1(a, b) \\ f \in L^\infty(a, b) \end{array} \right\} \implies \left\{ \begin{array}{l} T_a^{n-1} I_a^\alpha f \equiv 0 \text{ in } (a, b) \\ \text{and thus} \\ I_a^\alpha f(t) = I_a^n D^n I_a^\alpha f(t), \quad t \in (a, b). \end{array} \right.$$

Proof.

Since $D_a^{n-\alpha} f = D^n I_a^\alpha f$, the first part follows from Lemma 98 to $I_a^\alpha f$. For the second part,

$$f \in L^\infty(a, b) \implies D^k I_a^\alpha f(a) = I_a^{\alpha-k} f(a) = 0, \quad k = 0, \dots, n-1 \implies T_a^{n-1} I_a^\alpha f = 0.$$

Lemma 342

$$D_a^{n-\alpha} f \in CL^1(a, b) \implies \begin{cases} {}^c D_a^\alpha I_a^\alpha f \text{ exists a.e. and} \\ {}^c D_a^\alpha I_a^\alpha f \stackrel{\text{a.e.}}{=} f - D_a^\alpha T_{a+}^{n-1} I_a^\alpha f(t). \end{cases}$$

In particular,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} D_a^{n-\alpha} f \in CL^1(a, b) \\ f \in L^\infty(a, b) \end{array} \right\} \implies \begin{cases} {}^c D_a^\alpha I_a^\alpha f \text{ exists a.e. and} \\ {}^c D_a^\alpha I_a^\alpha f \stackrel{\text{a.e.}}{=} f. \end{cases}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} D_a^{n-\alpha} f \in CL^1(a, b) &\stackrel{341}{\implies} I_a^\alpha f(t) \stackrel{\text{a.e.}}{=} I_a^n D^n I_a^\alpha f(t) + T_{a+}^{n-1} I_a^\alpha f(t), \quad t \in (a, b) \quad \stackrel{D_a^\alpha}{\implies} \\ &f \stackrel{\text{a.e.}}{=} I_a^{n-\alpha} D_a^{n-\alpha} f + D_a^\alpha T_{a+}^{n-1} I_a^\alpha f(t) \quad \stackrel{\text{cor 340}}{\implies} \text{ first part.} \\ f \in L^\infty(a, b) &\implies T_{a+}^{n-1} I_a^\alpha f(t) = 0 \implies \text{ second part.} \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 343

$$I_a^\alpha f \in AC^n[a, b] \implies \begin{cases} {}^c D_a^\alpha I_a^\alpha f \text{ exists a.e. and} \\ {}^c D_a^\alpha I_a^\alpha f \stackrel{\text{a.e.}}{=} f - D_a^\alpha T_a^{n-1} I_a^\alpha f(t). \end{cases}$$

In particular

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} I_a^\alpha f \in AC^n[a, b] \\ f \in L^\infty(a, b) \end{array} \right\} \implies \begin{cases} {}^c D_a^\alpha I_a^\alpha f \text{ exists a.e. and} \\ {}^c D_a^\alpha I_a^\alpha f \stackrel{\text{a.e.}}{=} f. \end{cases}$$

Proof.

$$I_a^\alpha f \in AC^n[a, b] \implies D_a^{n-\alpha} f = D^n I_a^\alpha f \in L^1(a, b) \quad \& \quad I_a^\alpha f = I_a^n D^n I_a^\alpha f + T_a^{n-1} I_a^\alpha f.$$

The first part follows from Corollary 340.

Property 344 Let $\alpha > 0$ and $n = -[-\alpha]$. Then

$${}^c D_a^\alpha (t-a)^\beta = \frac{\Gamma(\beta+1)}{\Gamma(\beta-\alpha+1)} (t-a)^{\beta-\alpha}, \quad \beta > n-1.$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ll} {}^c D_a^\alpha (t-a)^k = 0, & k = 0, \dots, n-1 \\ {}^c D_a^\alpha T_a^m \equiv 0, & m = 0, \dots, n-1 \end{array}$$

Note that ${}^c D_a^\alpha (t-a)^\beta = D_a^\alpha (t-a)^\beta$ however it is valid only for $\beta > n-1$ while D_a^α is valid for $\beta > -1$.

Lemma 345

$$\boxed{f \in AC^n[a, b] \implies I_a^\alpha {}^c D_a^\alpha f = I_a^n D^n f = f - T_a^{n-1} f.}$$

Proof.

$$I_a^\alpha {}^c D_a^\alpha f \stackrel{lem 339}{=} I_a^\alpha D_a^\alpha [f - T_a^{n-1} f] = I_a^\alpha D_a^\alpha I_a^n D^n f = I_a^\alpha I_a^{n-\alpha} D^n f = I_a^n D^n f.$$

Lemma 346

$$\boxed{\left. \begin{array}{l} f \in L^1(a, b) \\ {}^c D_a^{\alpha+m} f \text{ exists} \end{array} \right\} \implies {}^c D_a^\alpha D^m f \stackrel{a.e.}{=} {}^c D_a^{\alpha+m} f.}$$

Proof.

$${}^c D_a^\alpha D^m \stackrel{def}{=} I_a^{n-\alpha} D^n D^m = I_a^{n-\alpha} D^{m+n} = I_a^{n+m-(\alpha+m)} D^{m+n} \stackrel{def}{=} {}^c D_a^{\alpha+m}. \quad \blacksquare$$

Lemma 347

$$\boxed{\left. \begin{array}{l} f \in L^1(a, b) \\ {}^c D_a^{\alpha+m} f \text{ exists} \\ f \stackrel{a.e.}{=} I_a^n D^n f + T_a^{n-1} \end{array} \right\} \implies D^m {}^c D_a^\alpha f \stackrel{a.e.}{=} {}^c D_a^{\alpha+m} f + R_a^n}$$

where

$$R_a^n = \sum_{k=n}^{m+n-1} \frac{D^k f(a)}{\Gamma(k - \alpha - m + 1)} (t - a)^{k-\alpha-m+1}.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} D^m {}^c D_a^\alpha f &\stackrel{def}{=} D^m I_a^{n-\alpha} D^n f = D_a^{\alpha+m-n} D^n f \stackrel{lem 327}{=} D_a^{\alpha+m} f - D_a^{\alpha+m} T_a^{n-1} \\ &= D_a^{\alpha+m} f - D_a^{\alpha+m} \left[T_a^{m+n-1} - \sum_{k=n}^{m+n-1} \frac{D^k f(a)}{k!} (t - a)^k \right] \\ &\stackrel{lem 339}{=} {}^c D_a^{\alpha+m} f + D_a^{\alpha+m} \sum_{k=n}^{m+n-1} \frac{D^k f(a)}{k!} (t - a)^k. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$
