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Keynote Lecture 1

On the Distinguished Role of the Mittag-Leffler and Wright Functions in Fractional Calculus



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Abstract: Fractional calculus, in allowing integrals and derivatives of any positive real order (the term "fractional" is kept only for historical reasons), can be considered a branch of mathematical analysis which deals with integro-di erential equations where the integrals are of convolution type and exhibit (weakly singular) kernels of power-law type. As a matter of fact fractional calculus can be considered a laboratory for special functions and integral transforms. Indeed many problems dealt with fractional calculus can be solved by using Laplace and Fourier transforms and lead to analytical solutions expressed in terms of transcendental functions of Mittag-Leffler and Wright type. In this plenary lecture we discuss some interesting problems in order to single out the role of these functions. The problems include anomalous relaxation and diffusion and also intermediate phenomena.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: For a full biography, list of references on author's papers and books see:

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Keynote Lecture 2



Latest Advances in Neuroinformatics and Fuzzy Systems

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Abstract: Investigations into the neurophysiological foundations of neural networks in neuroinformatics [Wang, 2013] have led to a set of rigorous mathematical models of neurons and neural networks in the brain using contemporary denotational mathematics [Wang, 2008, 2012]. A theory of neuroinformatics is recently developed for explaining the roles of neurons in internal information representation, transmission, and manipulation [Wang & Fariello, 2012]. The formal neural models reveal the differences of structures and functions of the association, sensory and motor neurons. The pulse frequency modulation (PFM) theory of neural networks [Wang & Fariello, 2012] is established for rigorously analyzing the neurosignal systems in complex neural networks. It is noteworthy that the Hopfield model of artificial neural networks [Hopfield, 1982] is merely a prototype closer to the sensory neurons, though the majority of human neurons are association neurons that function significantly different as the sensory neurons. It is found that neural networks can be formally modeled and manipulated by the neural circuit theory [Wang, 2013]. Based on it, the basic structures of neural networks such as the serial, convergence, divergence, parallel, feedback circuits can be rigorously analyzed. Complex neural clusters for memory and internal knowledge representation can be deduced by compositions of the basic structures.

Fuzzy inferences and fuzzy semantics for human and machine reasoning in fuzzy systems [Zadeh, 1965, 2008], cognitive computers [Wang, 2009, 2012], and cognitive robots [Wang, 2010] are a frontier of cognitive informatics and computational intelligence. Fuzzy inference is rigorously modeled in inference algebra [Wang, 2011], which recognizes that humans and fuzzy cognitive systems are not reasoning on the basis of probability of causations rather than formal algebraic rules. Therefore, a set of fundamental fuzzy operators, such as those of fuzzy causality as well as fuzzy deductive, inductive, abductive, and analogy rules, is formally elicited. Fuzzy semantics is quantitatively modeled in semantic algebra [Wang, 2013], which formalizes the qualitative semantics of natural languages in the categories of nouns, verbs, and modifiers (adjectives and adverbs). Fuzzy semantics formalizes nouns by concept algebra [Wang, 2010],

verbs by behavioral process algebra [Wang, 2002, 2007], and modifiers by fuzzy semantic algebra [Wang, 2013]. A wide range of applications of fuzzy inference, fuzzy semantics, neuroinformatics, and denotational mathematics have been implemented in cognitive computing, computational intelligence, fuzzy systems, cognitive robotics, neural networks, neurocomputing, cognitive learning systems, and artificial intelligence.

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Keynote Lecture 3

Recent Advances and Future Trends on Atomic Engineering of III-V Semiconductor for Quantum Devices from Deep UV (200nm) up to THZ (300 microns)



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Abstract: Nature offers us different kinds of atoms, but it takes human intelligence to put them together in an elegant way in order to realize functional structures not found in nature. The socalled III-V semiconductors are made of atoms from columns III (B, Al, Ga, In. TI) and columns V(N, As, P, Sb,Bi) of the periodic table, and constitute a particularly rich variety of compounds with many useful optical and electronic properties. Guided by highly accurate simulations of the electronic structure, modern semiconductor optoelectronic devices are literally made atom by atom using advanced growth technology such as Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE) and Metal Organic Chemical Vapor Deposition (MOCVD). Recent breakthroughs have brought quantum engineering to an unprecedented level, creating light detectors and emitters over an extremely wide spectral range from 0.2 mm to 300 mm. Nitrogen serves as the best column V element for the short wavelength side of the electromagnetic spectrum, where we have demonstrated IIInitride light emitting diodes and photo detectors in the deep ultraviolet to visible wavelengths. In the infrared, III-V compounds using phosphorus , arsenic and antimony from column V , and indium, gallium, aluminum, ,and thallium from column III elements can create interband and intrsuband lasers and detectors based on quantum-dot (QD) or type-II superlattice (T2SL). These are fast becoming the choice of technology in crucial applications such as environmental monitoring and space exploration. Last but not the least, on the far-infrared end of the electromagnetic spectrum, also known as the terahertz (THz) region, III-V semiconductors offer a unique solution of generating THz waves in a compact device at room temperature. Continued effort is being devoted to all of the above mentioned areas with the intention to develop smart technologies that meet the current challenges in environment, health, security, and energy. This talk will highlight my contributions to the world of III-V semiconductor Nano scale optoelectronics. Devices from deep UV-to THz.

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