

Editorial

Recent Developments in Integral Transforms, Special Functions, and Their Extensions to Distributions Theory

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The distributions are also known as generalized functions which generalize the idea of classical functions and allow us to extend the concept of derivative not only to all continuous functions but also to the discontinuous functions in the classical sense. The theory of distributions has applications in various fields especially in science and engineering where there are many noncontinuous phenomena which might naturally lead to differential equations whose solutions are distributions. For example, such as the delta distribution is not mathematical function in classical sense. However it is very useful in several applications, therefore the distributions can help us to develop an operational calculus in order to investigate linear ordinary differential equations as well as partial differential equations with constant and variable coefficients through their fundamental solutions.

By considering some regular operations which are valid for ordinary functions such as addition, multiplication by scalar scan is extended into distributions. Other operations can only be defined for certain restricted subclasses; these are also known as irregular operations. However, generalized functions are useful tools to extend the concept of derivatives and further to use them to formulate the generalized solutions of partial differential equations. They are also very important in physics and engineering where many noncontinuous problems naturally might lead to differential equations whose solutions are distributions, such as the Dirac delta distribution. This special issue is focused on some integrals transform, special functions, and their applications

with fractional orders. In some papers, further relationship between linear and nonlinear partial differential equations and generalized functions was also considered.

We are pleased to announce the completion of this special issue on Recent Developments in Integral Transforms, Special Functions, and Their Extensions to Distributions Theory. This special issue was opened in late August of 2012 and closed in late May of 2013.

In this special issue, a total of 33 articles were published and they cover a wide range of special functions changes from theoretical sides of special functions to their applications in solutions of certain differential equations by mostly focusing on some special functions in several areas. There were also some submissions on the different types of integral transforms and their applications including some works on generalized functions. For example, the modeling of thermal distributions around a barrier at the interface of coating and substrate was studied by A. Sahin; A. Secer studied the numerical solution and simulation of second-order parabolic PDEs with Sinc-Galerkin method which covers to solve second-order PDEs by numerical method. Similarly, some integrals involving q -Laguerre polynomials and applications were studied by J. Cao.

An efficient pseudospectral method was reported to solve a class of nonlinear optimal control problems, which were presented by E. Tohidi et al. By M. Inc et al., numerical solutions of the second-order one-dimensional telegraph equation were studied which was based on the reproducing kernel