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Título/Title: Fractional Calculus as a modeling tool

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Horas totales/Number of hours: 10 (five sessions of two hours each)

Lugar/Location: mixed online and ETSI Telecomunicación, UPM

Fechas/Dates: to be determined but in March-April 2026

Resumen/Summary: Fractional calculus is a generalization of the classical integral and differential operators to non integer orders. There are many definitions of the fractional derivatives. The more widely used are defined through non local, linear operators with specific convolution kernels that may include singularities. These operators can model processes where multiple time or space scales are at play. Some practical applications can be found to diffusion processes where the behaviour of the solutions does not follow the “classical” diffusion, and in models of materials with memory. The use of fractional operators allow a better fidelity of the mathematical model to the underlying process without resorting to nonlinear terms. This course is an introduction to these models, their properties and their numerical simulation. The course will be taught in English.

- 1. Introduction: basic elements of fractional calculus
- 2. Usual derivatives and their properties. Caputo derivative and “first principles”
- 3. Numerical tools
- 4. ODE models and their simulation
- 5. PDE models and their simulation

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