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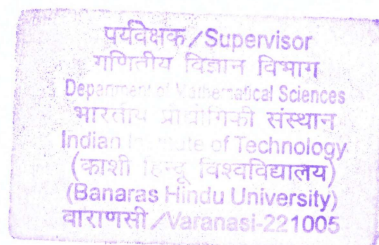
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# Symbols

$u$	solute concentration
$V$	average fluid velocity
$K$	diffusion coefficient
$x$	independent variable in x-direction
$y$	independent variable in y-direction
$t$	independent variable in time-direction
$\mathcal{O}$	big O
$\alpha$	fractional order (non integer)
$E_{\alpha,\beta}$	two parameter Mittag-Leffler function
$E_{\alpha,\beta}^{\gamma}$	three parameter Mittag-Leffler function
$h$	spatial step-size
$\tau$	temporal step-size
$M, N, M_1, M_2$	number of subintervals
$F$	source function or unknown function
$f$	reaction function
$I_{a^+}^{\alpha}$	Riemann-Liouville fractional integral of order $\alpha$
${}^RL_a D_t^{\alpha}$	Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative of order $\alpha$
${}^C_a D_t^{\alpha}$	Caputo fractional derivative of order $\alpha$
$I_{\rho,\alpha,\omega,a}^{\gamma}$	Prabhakar integral of order $\alpha$
${}^{RLP}_a D_{\rho,\alpha,\omega}^{\gamma}$	Riemann-Liouville Prabhakar derivative of order $\alpha$
${}^{CP}_a D_{\rho,\alpha,\omega}^{\gamma} f(t)$	Caputo Prabhakar derivative of order $\alpha$
MAE	maximum absolute error
MAE <sub>2</sub>	error in $L_2$ norm
CO	convergence order



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