

DECAY RATES AND INITIAL VALUES FOR TIME-FRACTIONAL DIFFUSION-WAVE EQUATIONS*

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Abstract

We consider a solution $u(\cdot, t)$ to an initial boundary value problem for time-fractional diffusion-wave equation with the order $\alpha \in (0, 2) \setminus \{1\}$ where t is a time variable. We first prove that a suitable norm of $u(\cdot, t)$ is bounded by the rate $t^{-\alpha}$ for $0 < \alpha < 1$ and $t^{1-\alpha}$ for $1 < \alpha < 2$ for all large $t > 0$. Second, we characterize initial values in the cases where the decay rates are faster than the above critical exponents. Differently from the classical diffusion equation $\alpha = 1$, the decay rate can keep some local characterization of initial values. The proof is based on the eigenfunction expansions of solutions and the asymptotic expansions of the Mittag-Leffler functions for large time.

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