

## INVERSE PROBLEMS AND "LOADED" COMPOSITE TYPE EQUATIONS

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In the present article we state a new approach to study nonlinear inverse problems for partial differential equations. Our approach bases on transition to "loaded" composite type equations [16]. As an example we consider the inverse problem for a parabolic equation with two unknown coefficients. Parabolic inverse problems were studied by many authors (see, for instance, [1-15] and the bibliography therein) but the problem we address below is new.

Let  $D$  be a bounded domain in the space  $R^n$ ,  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in D$ ,  $t \in (0, T)$ ,  $0 < T < +\infty$ , and  $Q$  be the cylindrical domain  $D \times (0, T)$ . For simplicity, we assume that the boundary  $\Gamma$  of the domain  $D$  is infinitely differentiable.

Consider the equation

$$Lu \equiv \rho(x)u_t - \Delta u + \lambda u + q(x)c(x, t)u = f(x, t), \quad (1)$$

where  $\lambda$  is a given positive constant,  $f(x, t)$  and  $c(x, t)$  are given functions, and  $c(x, t)$  is infinitely differentiable for  $(x, t) \in \bar{Q}$ .

**INVERSE PROBLEM I.** Find the functions  $u(x, t)$ ,  $\rho(x)$  and  $q(x)$  satisfying (1) and the following conditions:

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = v_0(x), \quad u_t(x, T) = v_1(x) \quad \text{for } x \in D, \quad (2)$$

$$u(x, t)|_{\Gamma \in (0, T)} = \mu(x, t) \quad (3)$$

(the functions  $u_0(x)$ ,  $v_0(x)$ ,  $v_1(x)$ , and  $\mu(x, t)$  are given).

We describe the method for studying Inverse Problem I.

Put  $t = 0$  in the equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} Lu = f_t. \quad (*)$$

Under (1) and (2) we may find  $\rho(x)$  and  $q(x)$  by means of  $u_{tt}(x, 0)$ . Further, put  $t = T$ . Considering (\*) and (2), we derive the nonlocal boundary conditions for  $u_{tt}(x, 0)$  and  $u_{tt}(x, T)$ . Look at the equation

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} Lu = f_{tt}. \quad (**)$$

"Forgetting" the condition  $u_t(x, 0) = v_0(x)$ , we may obtain the nonlocal boundary problem for "loaded" composite type equation (\*\*). To prove the existence theorem for this problem, under integrating we come to the existence theorem for Inverse Problem I.

Suppose that the following condition is satisfied: there is a function  $U(x, t)$  in the space  $C^4(\bar{Q})$  provided that

$$U(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad U_t(x, 0) = v_0(x), \quad U_t(x, T) = v_1(x) \quad \text{for } x \in D, \quad (4)$$

$$U(x, t)|_{\Gamma \times (0, T)} = \mu(x, t).$$

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Define the set  $V_3$ :

$$\begin{aligned} V_3 &= \{v(x, t) : v \in L_2(0, T; W_2^2(D)) \cap L_\infty(Q), \\ &\quad v_t \in L_2(0, T; W_2^2(D)) \cap L_\infty(Q), \\ &\quad v_{tt} \in L_2(0, T; W_2^2(D)) \cap L_\infty(Q), \quad v_{ttt} \in L_2(Q)\} \end{aligned}$$

It is obvious that  $V_3$  is a Banach space under the norm

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\|_V &= \text{vrai max}_{\bar{Q}} |v| + \text{vrai max}_{\bar{Q}} |v_t| + \text{vrai max}_{\bar{Q}} |v_{tt}| \\ &\quad + \left( \int_Q [v_{ttt}^2 + (\Delta v)^2 + (\Delta v_t)^2 + (\Delta v_{tt})^2] dx dt \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Define the functions

$$\begin{aligned} A(x) &= v_0(x)[c(x, 0)v_0(x) + c_t(x, 0)u_0(x)], \quad B(x) = -c(x, 0)u_0(x), \\ A_1(x) &= [f(x, 0) + \Delta u_0(x) - \lambda u_0(x)][c(x, 0)v_0(x) + c_t(x, 0)u_0(x)] \\ &\quad - [f_t(x, 0) + \Delta v_0(x) - \lambda v_0(x)]c(x, 0)u_0(x), \\ C_1(x) &= [f_t(x, 0) + \Delta v_0(x) - \lambda v_0(x)]v_0(x), \\ D_1(x) &= -[f(x, 0) + \Delta u_0(x) - \lambda u_0(x)], \\ A_0(x) &= c(x, T)v_1(x)D_1(x) - [f_t(x, T) + \Delta v_1(x) - \lambda v_1(x)]B(x), \\ F_0(x) &= [f_t(x, T) + \Delta v_1(x) - \lambda v_1(x)]A(x) - c(x, T)v_1(x)C_1(x); \end{aligned}$$

and the numbers

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \max_{\bar{D}} u_0(x), \quad b_1 = \min_{\bar{D}} v_1(x), \\ \lambda_0 &= \max_{\bar{D}} \left| \frac{A_1(x)}{A_0(x)} \right|, \quad k_0 = \max_{\bar{D}} \left| \frac{F_0(x)}{A_0(x)} \right|, \\ k_1 &= \max_{\bar{Q}} |f_{tt}(x, t)| + 2|b_1| \max_{\bar{Q}} |c_t(x, t)| \cdot \max_{\bar{D}} \left| \frac{C_1(x)}{A(x)} \right| \\ &\quad + a_0 \max_{\bar{Q}} |c_{tt}(x, t)| \max_{\bar{D}} \left| \frac{C_1(x)}{A(x)} \right|, \\ k_2 &= 2|b_1| \max_{\bar{Q}} |c_t(x, t)| \cdot \max_{\bar{D}} \left| \frac{D_1(x)}{A(x)} \right| + a_0 \max_{\bar{Q}} |c_{tt}(x, t)| \cdot \max_{\bar{D}} \left| \frac{D_1(x)}{A(x)} \right|, \\ \mu &= \max_{\Gamma \in [0, T]} |\mu_{tt}(x, t)|, \quad k = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda(1 - \lambda_0) - k_2} \max \left\{ \frac{k_1}{\lambda}, k_0, \mu \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

**THE MAIN THEOREM.** Assume that (4) holds and the functions  $f(x, t)$ ,  $f_t(x, t)$ , and  $f_{tt}(x)$  are bounded and measurable on  $\bar{Q}$ . Moreover, the following conditions are satisfied:

$$f_{tt}(x, t) \leq 0, \quad c(x, t) \geq 0, \quad c_t(x, t) \leq 0, \quad c_{tt}(x, t) \geq 0 \quad \text{for } (x, t) \in \bar{Q}; \quad (5)$$

$$c_t(x, T) = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} A(x) &\geq A^0 > 0, \quad A_1(x) \geq A_1^0 > 0, \\ C_1(x) &\geq C_1^0 > 0, \quad B(x) \leq 0, \quad D_1(x) \leq 0 \\ &\text{for } x \in \bar{D} \text{ (} A^0, A_1^0, \text{ and } C_1^0 \text{ are constants);} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{F_0(x)}{A_0(x)} \in W_2^1(D), \quad \frac{A_1(x)}{A_0(x)} \in W_\infty^1(D),$$

$$F_0(x) \geq 0, \quad A_1(x) + A_0(x) \leq 0 \quad \text{for } x \in \bar{D}, \quad (7)$$

$$\mu_{tt}(x, t) \leq 0, \quad \mu_t(x, t) \leq 0, \quad \mu(x, t) \geq 0 \text{ for } x \in \Gamma, \quad t \in [0, T]; \quad (8)$$

$$\lambda_0 < 1, \quad k_2 < \lambda(1 - \lambda_0); \quad (9)$$

$$v_1(x) + kT \leq v_0(x) \leq 0, \quad u_0(x) + b_1T \geq 0 \text{ for } x \in \bar{D}; \quad (10)$$

$$A_1(x)\mu_{tt}(x, T) + A_0(x)\mu_{tt}(x, 0) = F_0(x) \text{ for } x \in \Gamma. \quad (11)$$

Then Inverse Problem I has the solution  $\{u(x, t), \rho(x), q(x)\}$  such that  $u(x, t) \in V_3$ ,  $\rho(x)$  and  $q(x)$  are positive functions bounded almost everywhere on  $\bar{D}$ .

*Proof.* Define the functions

$$\rho_v(x) = \frac{A_1(x)}{A(x) - B(x)|v_{tt}(x, 0)|}, \quad q_v(x) = \frac{C_1(x) - D_1(x)|v_{tt}(x, 0)|}{A(x) - B(x)|v_{tt}(x, 0)|}$$

where  $v(x, t) \in V_3$ . Show that under (6) the functions  $\rho_v$  and  $q_v$  are positive on  $\bar{D}$  and under the condition  $v(x, t) \in V_3$  these functions are bounded almost everywhere on  $\bar{D}$ . Define the functions  $G_0(\xi)$  and  $G_1(\xi)$ :

$$G_0(\xi) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \xi < 0, \\ \xi & \text{if } \xi \in [0, a_0], \\ a_0 & \text{if } \xi > a_0, \end{cases}$$

$$G_1(\xi) = \begin{cases} b_1, & \text{if } \xi < b_1, \\ \xi, & \text{if } \xi \in [b_1, 0], \\ 0, & \text{if } \xi > 0. \end{cases}$$

Finally, define the function:

$$f_v(x, t) = f_{tt}(x, t) - 2q_v(x)c_t(x, t)G_1(v_t(x, t)) - q_v(x)c_{tt}(x, t)G_0(v(x, t))$$

with  $v(x, t) \in V_3$ .

Consider the boundary value problem: Find a solution to the equation

$$\rho_v(x)u_{ttt} - \Delta u_{tt} + \lambda u_{tt} + q_v(x)c(x, t)u_{tt} = f_v(x, t) \quad (1')$$

satisfying the following conditions:

$$A_1(x)u_{tt}(x, T) + A_0(x)u_{tt}(x, 0) = F_0(x), \quad (12)$$

$$u_t(x, T) = v_1(x), \quad u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \text{ for } x \in D, \quad (13)$$

$$u_{tt}(x, t)|_{\Gamma \times (0, T)} = \mu_{tt}(x, t). \quad (14)$$

Under conditions (4), (6), (7), and (11) of the theorem, there is a solution  $u_{tt}(x, t)$  of the problem (1'), (12), (14) (see V. V. Shelukhin's work [17]) belonging to the space  $W_2^{2,1}(Q) \cap L_\infty(Q)$ . After finding the function  $u_{tt}(x, t)$  it is easy to get the functions  $u_t(x, t)$  and  $u(x, t)$ . Moreover, this solution is as follows:

$$u_{tt}(x, t) \in W_2^{2,1}(Q) \cap L_\infty(Q).$$

This defines the operator  $\Phi$ :  $\Phi(v) = u$  that  $\Phi$  transforms the space  $V_3$  into  $V_3$ . We show that  $\Phi$  has fixed points.

Let  $M_0, M_1, M_2$ , and  $R_0$  be some positive numbers and let  $W$  be the set of functions  $v(x, t)$  in  $V_3$  satisfying (12)–(14) and the conditions

$$\operatorname{vrai} \max_Q |u(x, t)| \leq M_0, \quad \operatorname{vrai} \max_Q |u_t(x, t)| \leq M_1,$$

$$\operatorname{vrai} \max_Q |u_{tt}(x, t)| \leq M_2,$$

$$\int_Q [u_{ttt}^2 + (\Delta u)^2 + (\Delta u_t)^2 + (\Delta u_{tt})^2] dx dt \leq R_0.$$

It is evident that  $W$  is convex, closed, and bounded. Show that there are numbers  $M_0$ ,  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ , and  $R_0$  for which the operator  $\Phi$  transforms the set  $W$  into  $W$ . The estimate of the maximum principle for (1') implies the inequality

$$\operatorname{vrai\,max}_{\bar{Q}} |u_{tt}(x, t)| \leq \max \left\{ \frac{1}{\lambda} \sup_{\bar{Q}} |f_v(x, t)|, \mu, \operatorname{vrai\,max}_{\bar{D}} |u_{tt}(x, 0)| \right\}.$$

This inequality and (12) yield

$$\operatorname{vrai\,max}_{\bar{Q}} |u_{tt}(x, t)| \leq \max \left\{ \frac{1}{\lambda} \sup_{\bar{Q}} |f_v(x, t)|, \mu, k_0 \right\} + \lambda_0 \operatorname{vrai\,max}_{\bar{Q}} |u_{tt}(x, t)|.$$

Furthermore, we have

$$\operatorname{vrai\,max}_{\bar{Q}} |u_{tt}(x, t)| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \lambda_0} \max \left\{ \frac{1}{\lambda} \sup_{\bar{Q}} |f_v(x, t)|, \mu, k_0 \right\}. \quad (15)$$

The function  $f_v(x, t)$  can be estimated

$$\sup_{\bar{Q}} |f_v(x, t)| \leq k_1 + k_2 M_2.$$

Together with (15) we have

$$\operatorname{vrai\,max}_{\bar{Q}} |u_{tt}(x, t)| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \lambda_0} \max \left\{ \frac{k_1}{\lambda}, k_0, \mu \right\} + \frac{k_2}{\lambda(1 - \lambda_0)} M_2. \quad (16)$$

Let the number  $M_2$  satisfy the condition

$$M_2 \geq \frac{\lambda}{\lambda(1 - \lambda_0) - k_2} \max \left\{ \frac{k_1}{\lambda}, k_0, \mu \right\}.$$

Then (16) and (9) imply the estimate

$$\operatorname{vrai\,max}_{\bar{Q}} |u_{tt}(x, t)| \leq M_2. \quad (17)$$

In turn, (17) and (13) imply the estimate

$$\operatorname{vrai\,max}_{\bar{Q}} |u_t(x, t)| \leq \max_{\bar{D}} v_1(x) + T M_2.$$

Let  $M_1$  satisfy the condition

$$M_1 \geq \max_{\bar{D}} v_1(x) + T M_2.$$

Then we have

$$\operatorname{vrai\,max}_{\bar{Q}} |u_t(x, t)| \leq M_1.$$

Analogously,  $M_0$  satisfies the condition

$$M_0 \geq \max_{\bar{Q}} u_0(x) + T M_1.$$

Then

$$\operatorname{vrai\,max}_{\bar{Q}} |u_t(x, t)| \leq M_0.$$

Rewrite (1') as follows:

$$u_{ttt} - \Delta u_{tt} = \varphi(x, t), \quad (18)$$

where  $\varphi(x, t)$  satisfies the estimate

$$\text{vrai max}_{\bar{Q}} |\varphi(x, t)| \leq R_1 \quad (19)$$

and  $R_1$  depends only on the numbers  $M_0, M_1$ , and  $M_2$ , and the functions  $c(x, t), f(x, t), u_0(x), u_1(x), v_0(x), v_1(x)$ , and  $\mu(x, t)$ . The routine calculations (see, for example, [15]) together with (19) allow us to prove the integral estimate

$$\int_Q [u_{ttt}^2 + (\Delta u)^2 + (\Delta u_t)^2 + (\Delta u_{tt})^2] dx dt \leq R_2,$$

where  $R_2$  depends only on the numbers  $M_0, M_1$ , and  $M_2$  and the functions  $c(x, t), f(x, t), u_0(x), u_1(x), v_0(x), v_1(x)$ , and  $\mu(x, t)$ . Assume that  $R_0$  satisfies  $R_0 \geq R_2$ .

We have

$$\int_Q [u_m^2 + (\Delta u)^2 + (\Delta u_t)^2 + (\Delta u_{tt})^2] dx dt \leq R_2.$$

So, if the numbers  $M_0, M_1, M_2$ , and  $R_2$  satisfy the above conditions, then the operator  $\Phi$  transforms the set  $W$  into  $W$ .

Show now that  $\Phi$  is a compact operator.

Let the sequence  $\{v_m(x, t)\}_{m=1}^\infty$  be bounded on the space  $V_3$ . Then  $\{u_m(x, t)\}_{m=1}^\infty, u_m = \Phi(v_m)$  is also bounded on  $V_3$ . So, there exist subsequences  $\{v_{m_k}(x, t)\}_{k=1}^\infty$  and  $\{u_{m_k}(x, t)\}_{k=1}^\infty$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} v_{m_k}(x, t) &\rightarrow v(x, t), \quad u_{m_k}(x, t) \rightarrow u(x, t) \text{ almost everywhere on } \bar{Q}, \\ v_{m_k t}(x, t) &\rightarrow v_t(x, t), \quad u_{m_k t}(x, t) \rightarrow u_t(x, t) \text{ almost everywhere on } \bar{Q}, \\ v_{m_k tt}(x, t) &\rightarrow v_{tt}(x, t), \quad u_{m_k tt}(x, t) \rightarrow u_{tt}(x, t) \text{ almost everywhere on } \bar{Q}, \\ v_{m_k tt}(x, 0) &\rightarrow v_{tt}(x, 0), \quad u_{m_k tt}(x, 0) \rightarrow u_{tt}(x, 0) \text{ almost everywhere on } \bar{D}, \\ v_{m_k ttt}(x, t) &\rightarrow v_{ttt}(x, t), \quad u_{m_k ttt}(x, t) \rightarrow u_{ttt}(x, t) \text{ weakly in } L_2(Q), \\ \Delta v_{m_k tt}(x, t) &\rightarrow \Delta v_{tt}(x, t), \quad \Delta u_{m_k tt}(x, t) \rightarrow \Delta u_{tt}(x, t) \text{ weakly in } L_2(Q). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Assume that  $\rho_k(x), q_k(x), f_k(x, t), \rho(x), q(x)$ , and  $f(x, t)$  are functions determined by the functions  $v_{m_k}(x, t), v(x, t)$ , respectively. It follows from (20) that  $u = \Phi(v)$ . Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\rho(u_{m_k ttt} - u_{ttt}) - \Delta(u_{m_k tt} - u_{tt}) + \lambda(u_{m_k tt} - u_{tt}) \\ &+ cq(u_{m_k tt} - u_{tt}) = f_k - f + (\rho - \rho_k)u_{m_k ttt} + c(q - q_k)u_{m_k tt}. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Repeating for (21) the calculations which give the integral estimate for (1'), (12)–(14) and again using (20) for the sequences  $\{u_{m_k}(x, t)\}_{k=1}^\infty$  and  $\{v_{m_k}(x, t)\}_{k=1}^\infty$ , we easily infer the convergence

$$\int_Q [(u_{m_k ttt} - u_{ttt})^2 + (\Delta u_{m_k} - \Delta u)^2 + (\Delta u_{m_k t} - \Delta u_t)^2 + (\Delta u_{m_k tt} - \Delta u_{tt})^2] dx dt \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0. \quad (22)$$

Convergences (20)–(22) mean that the sequence  $\{u_{m_k}(x, t)\}_{k=1}^\infty$  converges weakly in  $V_3$ . In other words, for every sequence  $\{v_m(x, t)\}_{m=1}^\infty$  bounded in  $V_3$  we may construct the sequence  $\{v_{m_k}(x, t)\}_{k=1}^\infty$  such that  $\{\Phi(v_{m_k})\}_{k=1}^\infty$  converges weakly in  $V_3$ . This means that  $\Phi$  is a compact operator.

So, we prove that for  $\Phi$  and the constructed set  $W$  all conditions of the Schauder Theorem are satisfied. By this theorem there is a function  $u(x, t)$  in  $W$  satisfying the boundary value conditions (12)–(14) and solving the equation

$$\rho_u u_{ttt} - \Delta u_{tt} + \lambda u_{tt} + c q_u u_{tt} = f_u(x, t). \quad (23)$$

Note that by (5), (8) and the maximum principle the inequality  $u_{tt}(x, t) \leq 0$  holds at almost every point  $(x, t)$  of the cylinder  $\bar{Q}$  for the function  $u(x, t)$ . Then the functions  $\rho_u(x)$  and  $q_u(x)$  have the form

$$\rho_u(x) = \frac{A_1(x)}{A(x) + B(x)u_{tt}(x, 0)}, \quad q_u(x) = \frac{C_1(x) + D_1(x)u_{tt}(x, 0)}{A(x) + B(x)u_{tt}(x, 0)}.$$

Further, repeating the proof of (17), we easily establish the estimate

$$\text{vrai max}_{\bar{Q}} |u_{tt}| \leq \frac{\lambda}{\lambda(1 - \lambda_0) - k_2} \max \left\{ \frac{k_1}{\lambda}, \mu, k_0 \right\}.$$

Together with nonnegativeness of the function  $u_{tt}(x, t)$ , this means that we infer the inequalities

$$-k \leq u_{tt}(x, t) \leq 0 \quad (24)$$

at almost all  $(x, t)$  of  $\bar{Q}$ .

Integrating (24) from  $t$  to  $T$  and using (10), we obtain that for the function  $u_t(x, t)$  the following inequalities hold

$$b_1 \leq u_t(x, t) \leq 0 \quad (25)$$

for almost all  $(x, t)$  of  $\bar{Q}$ . In turn, integrating (25) from 0 to  $t$  and once more using (10), we derive that for  $u(x, t)$  the inequalities

$$0 \leq u(x, t) \leq a_0 \quad (26)$$

also hold at all points  $(x, t)$  of  $\bar{Q}$ .

Inequalities (25) and (26) imply  $G_0(u) = u$  and  $G_1(u_k) = u_t$ . Then (23) turns into the equation

$$\rho_u u_{ttt} - \Delta u_{tt} + \lambda u_{tt} + c q_u u_{tt} + 2c_t q_u u_t + c_{tt} q_u u = f_{tt}. \quad (27)$$

Integrating (27) in the variable  $t$  from 0 to  $T$ , after routine but simple calculations we obtain

$$\Delta[u_t(x, 0) - v_0(x)] - \lambda[u_t(x, 0) - v_0(x)] - c(x, 0)q_u[u_t(x, 0) - v_0(x)] = 0. \quad (28)$$

The functions  $u_t(x, 0)$  and  $v_0(x)$  agree for  $x \in \Gamma$ . Equation (28) yields that this functions agree for  $x \in D$  as well. In other words, (27) meeting (12)–(14) also satisfies (2).

We then integrate (27) with respect to  $t$  from 0 to the varying point  $t^*$ . Using (2), (13), and (14) and renaming the variable  $t^*$ , once again after simple but routine calculations we arrive at the equality

$$\rho_u u_{tt} - \Delta u_t + \lambda u_t + c q_u u_t + c_t q_u u = f_t. \quad (29)$$

Integrating (29) in the variable  $t$  from 0 to  $t^*$ , using (2), (14), and (13), and renaming  $t^*$ , we obtain that a solution to equation (27) is a solution to the equation

$$\rho_u u_t - \Delta u + \lambda u + c q_u u = f,$$

i.e., (1).

The proof of the theorem is complete.

Using the above theorem and extra conditions on the initial data, we may study

**INVERSE PROBLEM II.** Find the functions  $u(x, t)$ ,  $\rho(x)$ , and  $q(x)$  satisfying (1), the conditions

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = v_0(x), \quad u(x, T) = u_1(x) \quad \text{for } x \in D, \quad (2')$$

and condition (3).

Let  $v_1(x)$  be the function

$$v_1(x) = -\frac{c(x, T)u_1(x)C_1(x)}{A_1(x)}.$$



Instead of Inverse Problem II we consider Inverse Problem I with given functions  $u_0(x)$ ,  $v_0(x)$ , and  $\mu(x, t)$  and the above-introduced function  $v_1(x)$ . Under all conditions of the Main Theorem, this problem has a solution  $\{u(x, t), \rho(x), q(x)\}$  of the class determined in the theorem. Now, assume that the conditions

$$\Delta u_0(x) - \lambda u_0(x) = -f(x, 0) \quad \text{for } x \in D; \quad (30)$$

$$\Delta u_1(x) - \lambda u_1(x) = -f(x, T) \quad \text{for } x \in D \quad (31)$$

hold. Integrating (29) in the variable  $t$  from 0 to  $T$ , we then lead to

$$\Delta[u(x, T) - u_1(x)] - \lambda[u(x, T) - u_1(x)] - c(x, T)q(x)[u(x, T) - u_1(x)] = 0.$$

The last equation implies that the functions  $u(x, T)$  and  $u_1(x)$  coincide for  $x \in D$ . In other words, under the conditions of the Main Theorem and conditions (30) and (31), a solution of Inverse Problem I with a special function  $v_1(x)$  is a sought solution of Inverse Problem II.

In conclusion, we make a few remarks.

Firstly, instead of (1) we may consider more general equations. For instance, the number  $\lambda$  may be changed by the function  $\lambda(x, t)$ ; the coefficient for  $u_t(x, t)$  may be as  $\rho(x)a(x, t)$  with  $\rho(x)$  unknown coefficient and  $a(x, t)$  the given function as before.

Secondly, existence of solutions to Inverse Problems I and II was proven in the spaces constructed by means of the  $L_2$  and  $L_\infty$  spaces. The method, exposed in the present article, makes it possible to prove existence of solutions to Inverse Problems I and II in the spaces constructed by means of Hölder spaces.

Thirdly, the algebraic conditions of the Main Theorem are mostly sufficient but not minimal. They may be improved in many cases. Moreover, these conditions clearly describe a nonempty class of input data for Inverse Problems I and II.

Finally, the method of the present article is applicable to other inverse problems.

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