On parabolic inverse problems with overdetermination data on spatial manifolds

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Abstract: We examine the question on finding a solution to a parabolic system together with a right-hand side and coefficients in parabolic systems of equations. Let G be a domain in \mathbb{R}^n with a boundary Γ of class C^{2m} and $Q = (0, T) \times G$. The parabolic system is of the form

$$u_t + A(t, x, D)u = g = \sum_{i=1}^r b_i(t, x)q_i(t, x') + f, \quad (t, x) \in Q,$$
(1)

where $x' = (x_1, x_2, ..., x_k)$, $x'' = (x_{k+1}, x_{k+2}, ..., x_n)$ and A is a matrix elliptic operator of order 2m with matrix coefficients of dimension $h \times h$, representable as

$$A(t, x, D) = \sum_{i=r+1}^{sh} q_i(t, x') A_i(t, x, D_x) + A_{hs+1}(t, x, D_x), A_i = \sum_{|\alpha| \le 2m} a_{i\alpha}(t, x) D^{\alpha}, u|_{t=0} = u_0, \quad B_j u|_S = \sum_{|\beta| \le m_j} b_{j\beta}(t, x) D^{\beta} u|_S = g_j(t, x),$$
(2)

where $m_j < 2m$, j = 1, 2, ..., m, and $S = (0, T) \times \Gamma$. The unknowns are a solution u and functions $q_i(t, x')$ (i = 1, 2, ..., sh) occurring into the right-hand side of (1) and in the operator A. The overdetermination conditions are of the form

$$u|_{S_i} = \psi_i(t, x'), \ S_i = (0, T) \times \Gamma_i, \ i = 1, \dots, s$$
 (3)

where $\{\Gamma_i\}$ (i = 1, 2, ..., s) is a set of smooth n - 1-dimensional surfaces lying in G. Under certain conditions on the data, we establish the existence and uniqueness theorems for solutions to these inverse problems.

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