An inverse problem of heat conduction in a degenerating domain

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Abstract: This report is devoted to an inverse problem of finding a source parameter $\lambda(t)$ and u(x, t) in following heat equation:

(1)
$$u_t(x,t) = u_{xx}(x,t) - \lambda(t)u(x,t), \quad 0 < x < t, t > 0,$$

with homogeneous initial condition

(2) u(x,0) = 0,

and the boundary condition

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

subject to the overspecification

(4)
$$\int_0^t u(x,t)dx = E(t), \quad E(0) = 0,$$

where the function E(t) is given.

In this paper we found a nontrivial solution of the inverse problem for the heat equation in a degenerate domain that satisfies the integral condition (4) and found the lambda parameter. It was also shown that the found nontrivial solution is a bounded function for $\forall t > 0$.

Throughout this note we mainly use techniques from our works [1], [2].

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