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Title: Recovery of the heat equation from a single boundary measurement

**Abstract:** Consider the one-dimensional heat process in a finite length rod, where the heat source is proportional to the temperature distribution

$$\begin{cases} u_t(x, t) = u_{xx}(x, t) - q(x)u(x, t), & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad t > 0, \\ u(0, t) = 0, \\ u(1, t) = a(t), \\ u(x, 0) = 0. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

We are concerned with the recovery of the heat coefficient  $q(x)$  from the measurement of  $u_x(1, t) = b(t)$ , which is the heat flux at one end of the rod. Let  $u(1, t) = a(t)$  be a nontrivial, nonnegative, and continuously differentiable function with compact support on  $(0, T)$ . We will show that a single measurement of  $u_x(1, t) = b(t)$  either on  $(T, T_1)$  or at  $t = 1, 2, \dots$  determines  $q(x)$  uniquely.

This is a joint work with Dr. Amin Boumenir.

All are welcome.