

Wavenumber-explicit bounds in scattering by trapping obstacles

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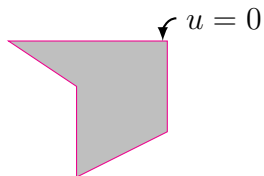
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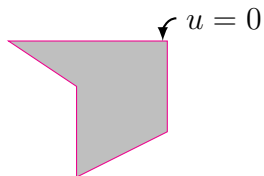
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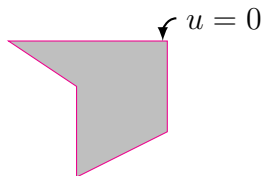


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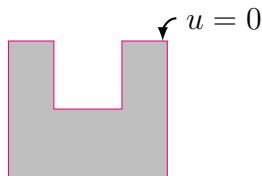
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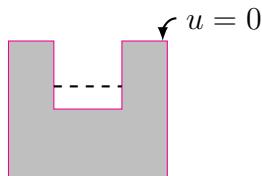
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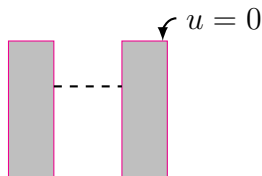
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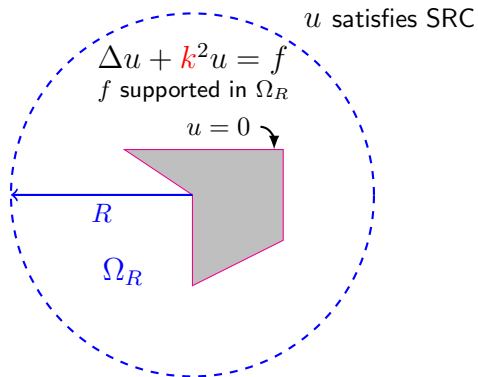
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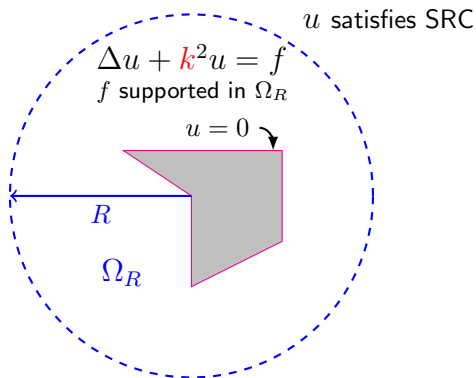
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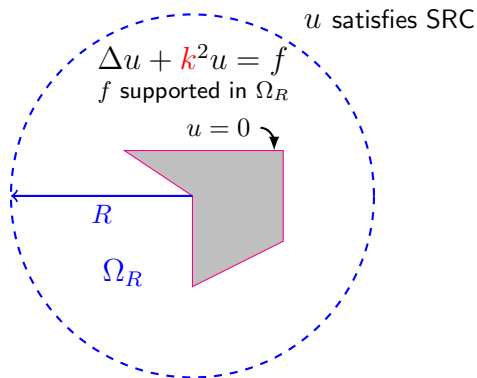
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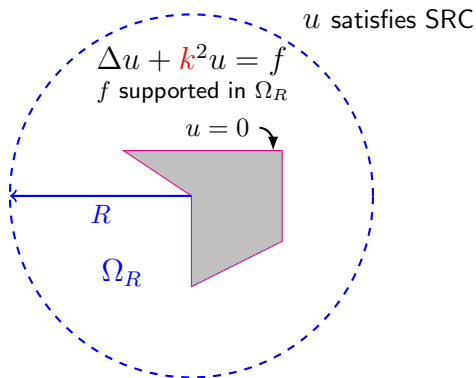


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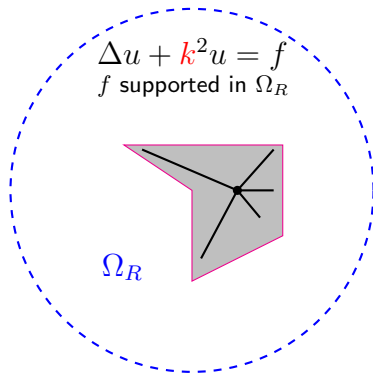
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We will see that resolvent estimates give us: bounds on **DtN maps**, on inverses of **boundary integral operators**, on errors in **FEM**, **BEM**, ...

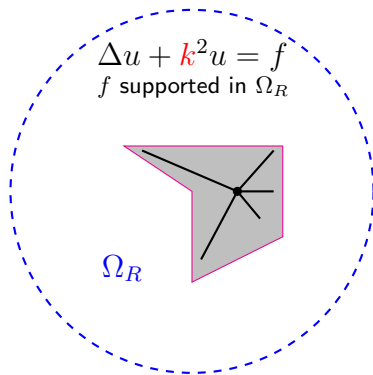
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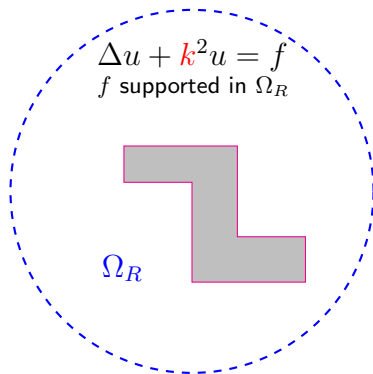


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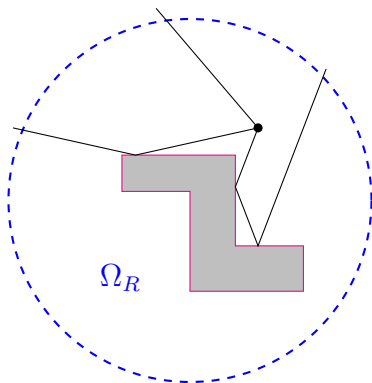


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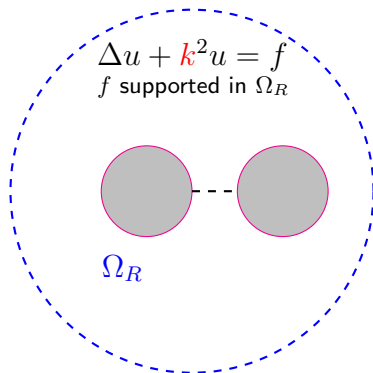


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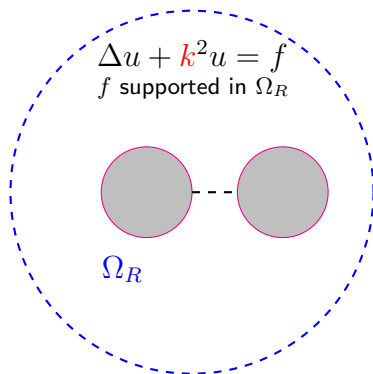
Nontrapping: there exists $T > 0$ such that all the billiard trajectories starting in Ω_R at time zero leave Ω_R by time T .

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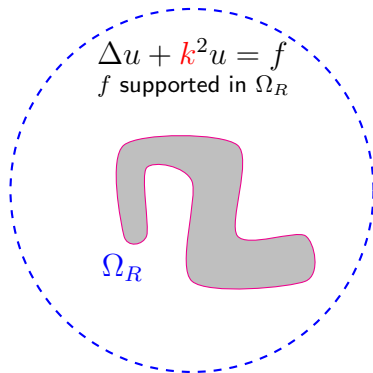


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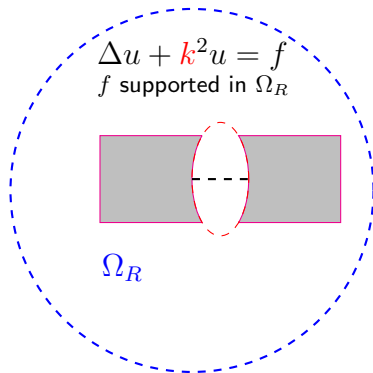
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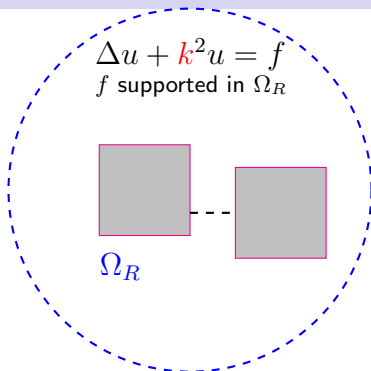
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This achieved for some $k_m \rightarrow \infty$ when there is **elliptic, stable trapping** (Cardoso, Popov 2002; Betcke, C-W, Graham, Langdon, Lindner 2011) with a **quasimode localised around the trapped ray**.

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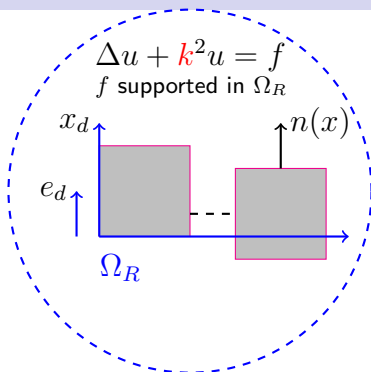
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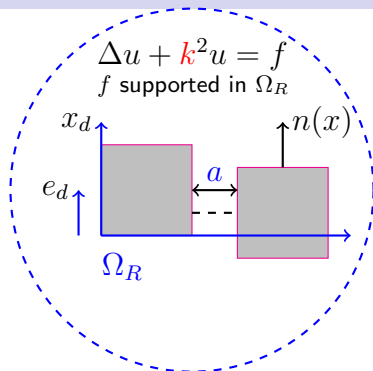
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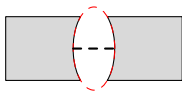
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Recap of resolvent estimates for trapping obstacles

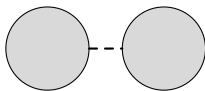
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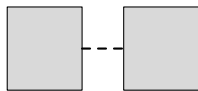
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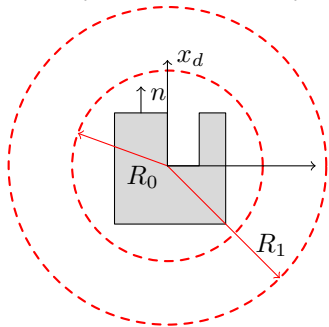
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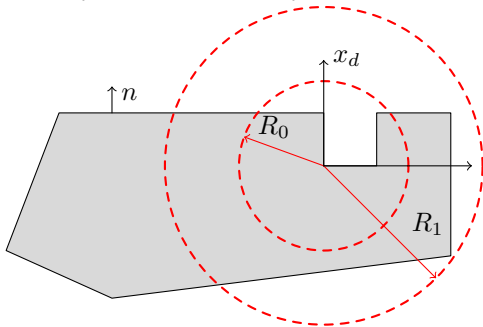
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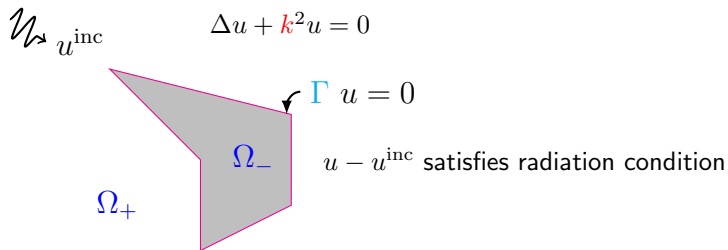
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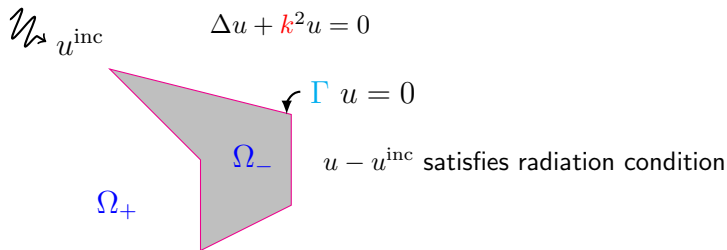
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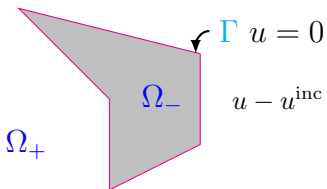
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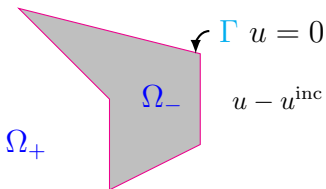


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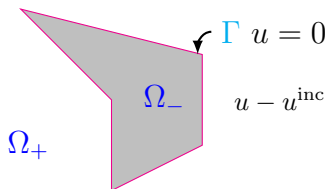
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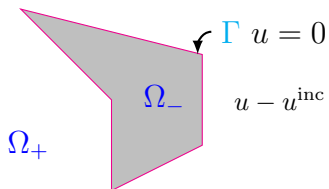
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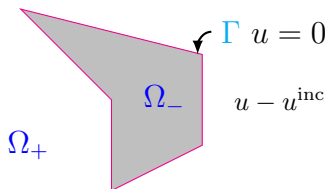
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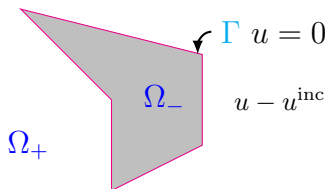
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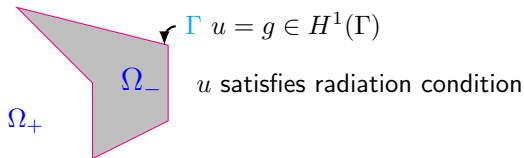
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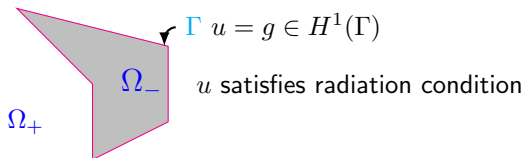
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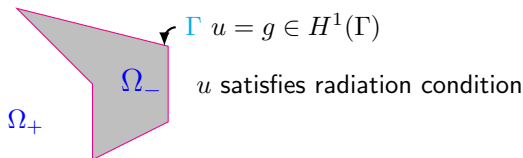
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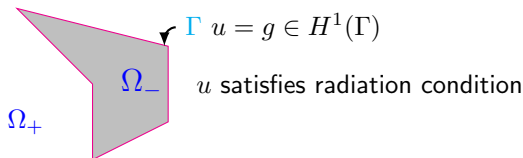
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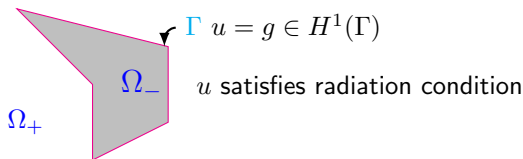
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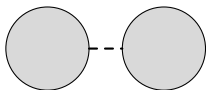
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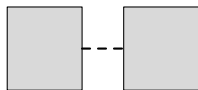
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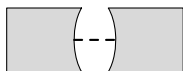


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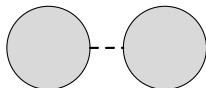
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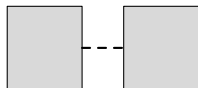
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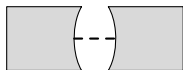
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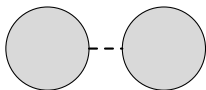
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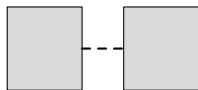
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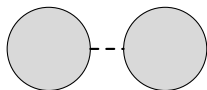
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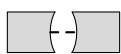
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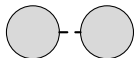
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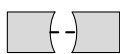


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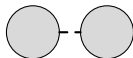
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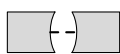
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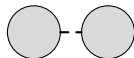
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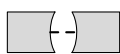
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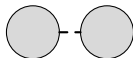
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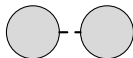
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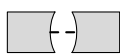
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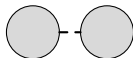
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