

Let $\Omega = \mathbb{R}_+^n = \{x_n > 0\}$, so $\partial\Omega = \mathbb{R}^{n-1} = \{x_n = 0\}$.

Want to compute DN map for Laplace equation in Ω . Consider

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}_+^n \\ u|_{x_n=0} = f \end{cases}$$

Writing $x = (x', x_n)$ and taking Fourier transforms in x' gives

$$\begin{cases} (\partial_{x_n}^2 - |\xi'|^2) \hat{u}(\xi', x_n) = 0 \\ \hat{u}(\xi', 0) = \hat{f}(\xi') \end{cases}$$

Solving this ODE for fixed ξ' and choosing the solution that decays in ξ' (for $n > 0$) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u}(\xi', x_n) &= e^{-x_n|\xi'|} \hat{f}(\xi') \\ \Rightarrow u(x', x_n) &= \mathcal{F}_{\xi'}^{-1} \left\{ e^{-x_n|\xi'|} \hat{f}(\xi') \right\} \end{aligned}$$

We may now compute the DN map:

$$\Delta_0 f = -\partial_{x_n} u|_{x_n=0} = \mathcal{F}_{\xi'}^{-1} \left\{ |\xi'| \hat{f}(\xi') \right\}$$

Thus the DN map on the boundary \mathbb{R}^{n-1} of \mathbb{R}_+^n is just the Fourier multiplier $|\xi'|$. This is an elliptic PDO of order 1 (if $\psi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n-1})$ satisfies $\psi = 1$ near 0, one can write

$$|\xi'| = \underbrace{(1 - \psi(\xi'))}_{\text{smooth Kohn-Nirenberg symbol}} |\xi'| + \underbrace{\psi(\xi') |\xi'|}_{\text{smoothing symbol (compactly supported in } \xi' \text{)}}.$$