

High Frequency Solution Behaviour in Wave Scattering Problems

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Motivation. Want to factor unknown oscillatory functions into sums of products of **known oscillatory functions** and **unknown non-oscillatory functions**.

Overview

1. **Wave Equation and Helmholtz Equation**
2. **Basic Concept** of high frequency asymptotic approximations of **GO** and **GTD**
3. **Reflection** - canonical problems and high frequency GO approximations
4. **Diffraction** - canonical problems and high frequency GTD approximations
5. **The HF Kirchhoff Approximation**
6. **Preparing for NA: Quantifying Non-Oscillatorariness!**

1. WAVE EQUATION AND HELMHOLTZ EQUATION

The Wave Equation and Helmholtz Equation

$$\Delta U = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial t^2} \quad \left(\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_3^2} \right).$$

If time-dependence is **time harmonic**, i.e., where $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$,

$$U(x, t) = A(x) \cos(\phi(x) - \omega t),$$

for some $\omega = 2\pi f > 0$, with $f = \mathbf{frequency}$, then

$$U(x, t) = \Re (u(x)e^{-i\omega t})$$

where $u(x) = A(x) \exp(i\phi(x))$ satisfies the **Helmholtz equation**

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$$u(x) = e^{ikx \cdot d},$$

for some **unit vector** d , then

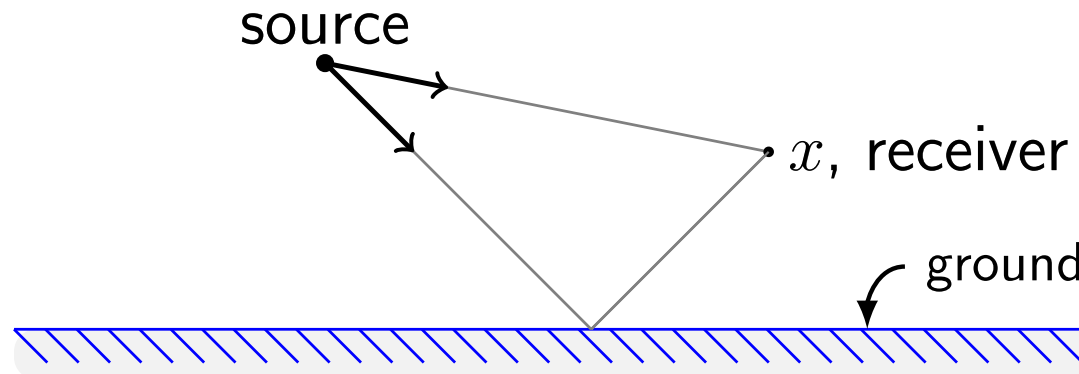
$$U(x, t) = \Re (u(x)e^{-i\omega t}) = \cos(kx \cdot d - \omega t)$$

is a **plane wave** travelling in direction d with **wavelength**

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k} = \frac{c}{f}.$$

2. GO AND GTD: THE BASIC CONCEPT

Geometrical Optics/Geometrical Theory of Diffraction (GTD)



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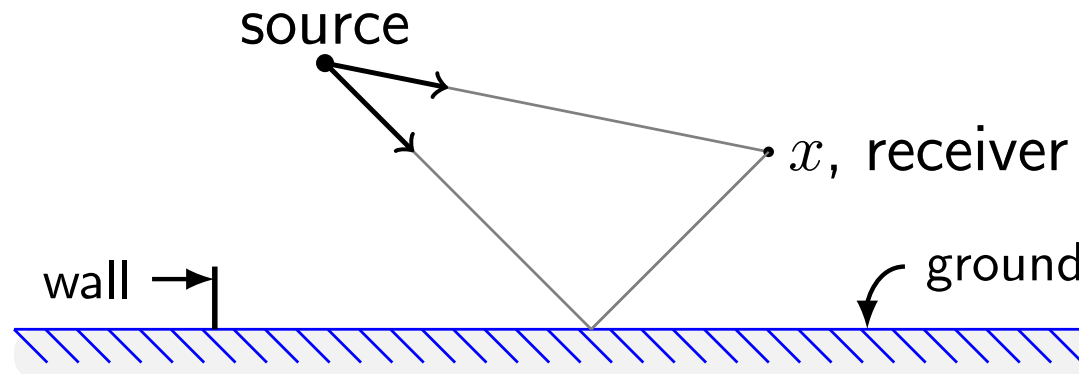
where sum is over **rays** passing through x , with

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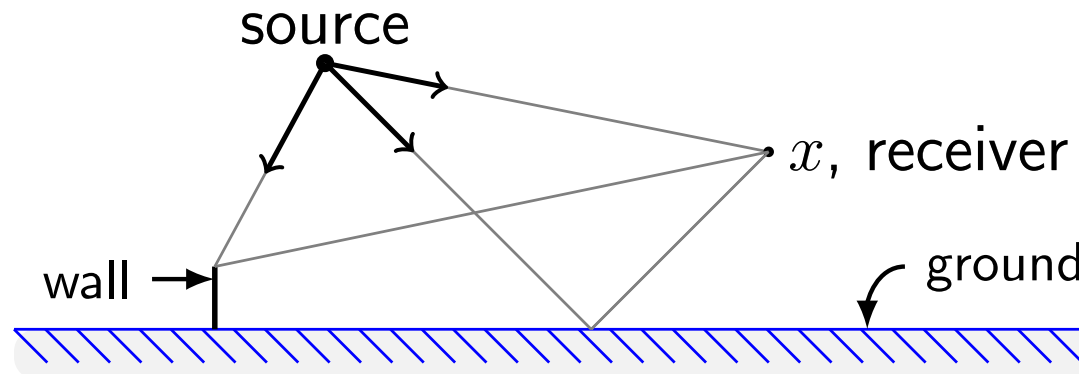
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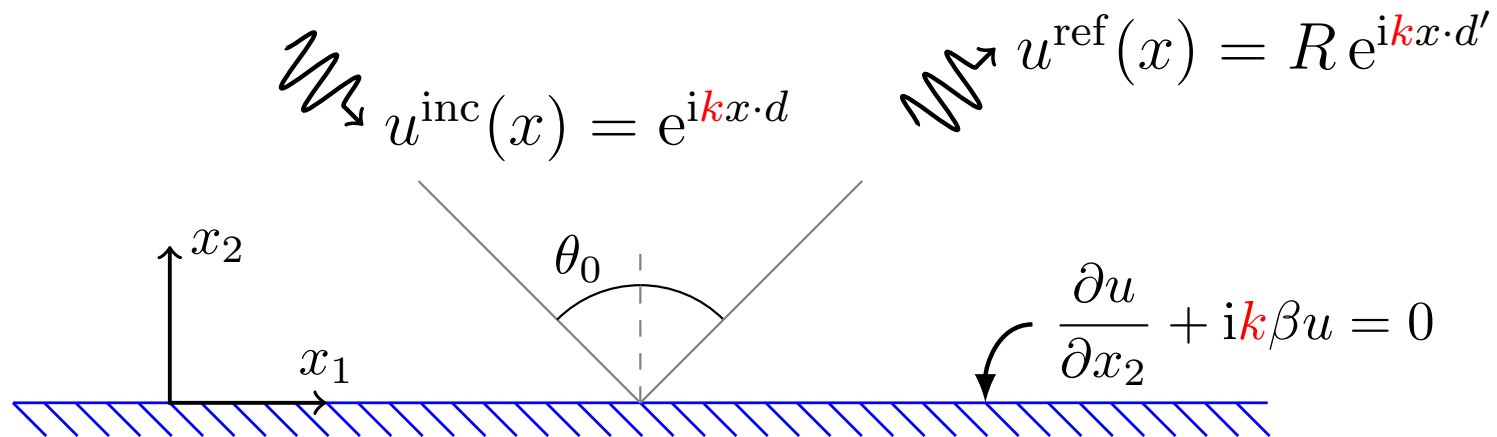
The concept/theory/idea of GO/GTD is that at **high frequency** these interaction events are **local** and so these coefficients can be computed by solving **canonical problems**, with simple geometries and incident fields.

3. REFLECTION: CANONICAL PROBLEMS AND HIGH FREQUENCY GO APPROXIMATIONS^a

^a“Über die Ausbreitung der Wellen in der drahtlosen Telegraphie”, A. Sommerfeld, *Ann. Phys.* (1909)

A Canonical Reflection Problem

$$\Delta u + k^2 u = 0$$



$d = (d_1, d_2)$ is direction of **incident** plane wave,

$d' = (d_1, -d_2)$ is direction of **reflected** plane wave,

β is the **admittance** in the **impedance boundary condition**,

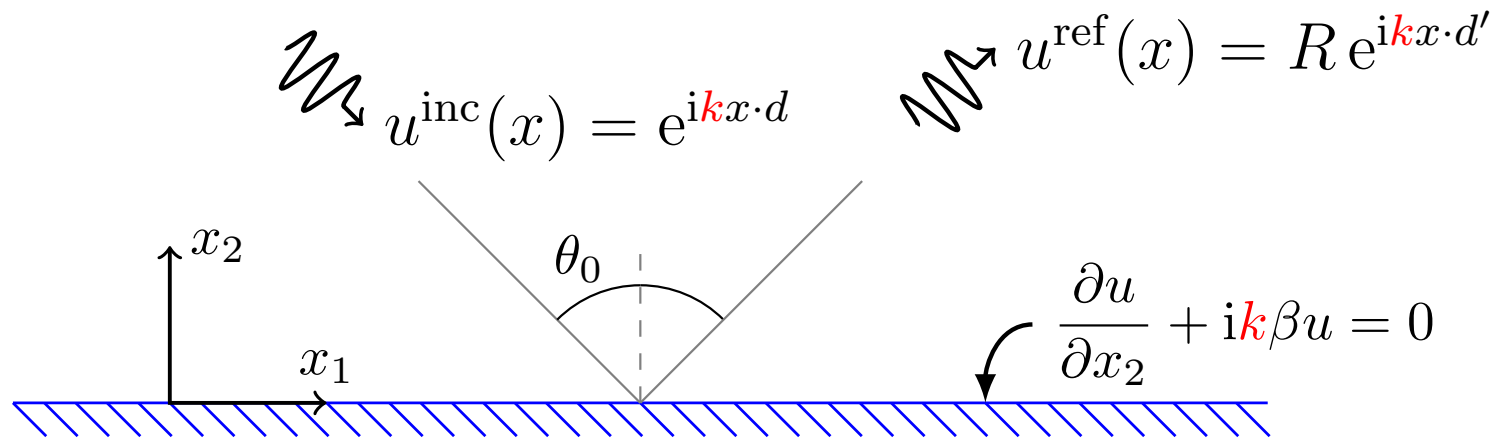
θ_0 is the **angle of incidence**,

R is the **reflection coefficient**.

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The **total field** is

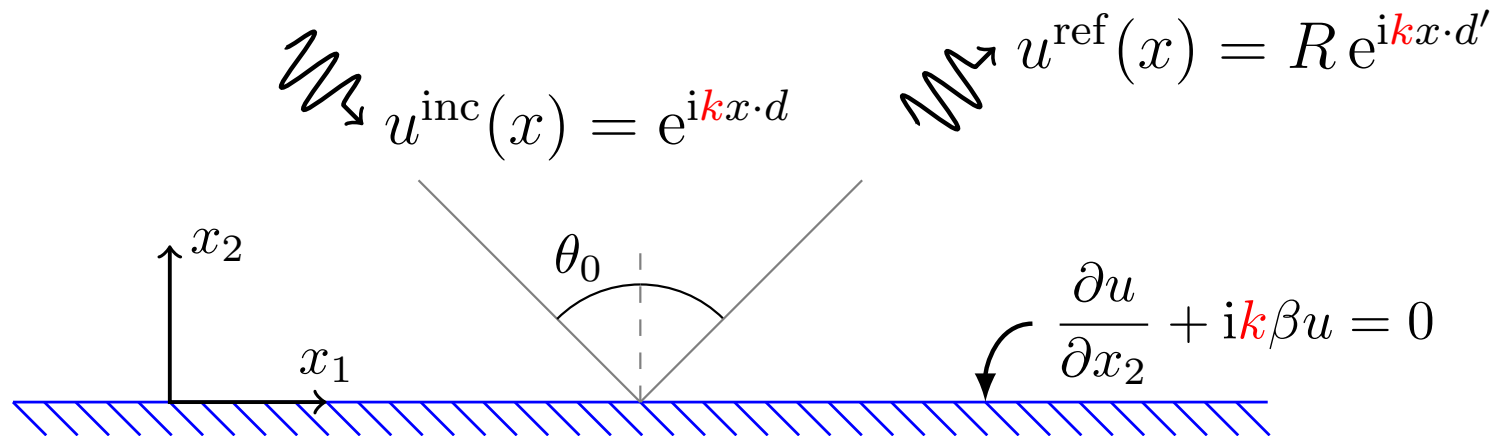
$$u(x) = u^{\text{inc}}(x) + u^{\text{ref}}(x) = e^{i\mathbf{k}x \cdot \mathbf{d}} + R e^{i\mathbf{k}x \cdot \mathbf{d}'}$$

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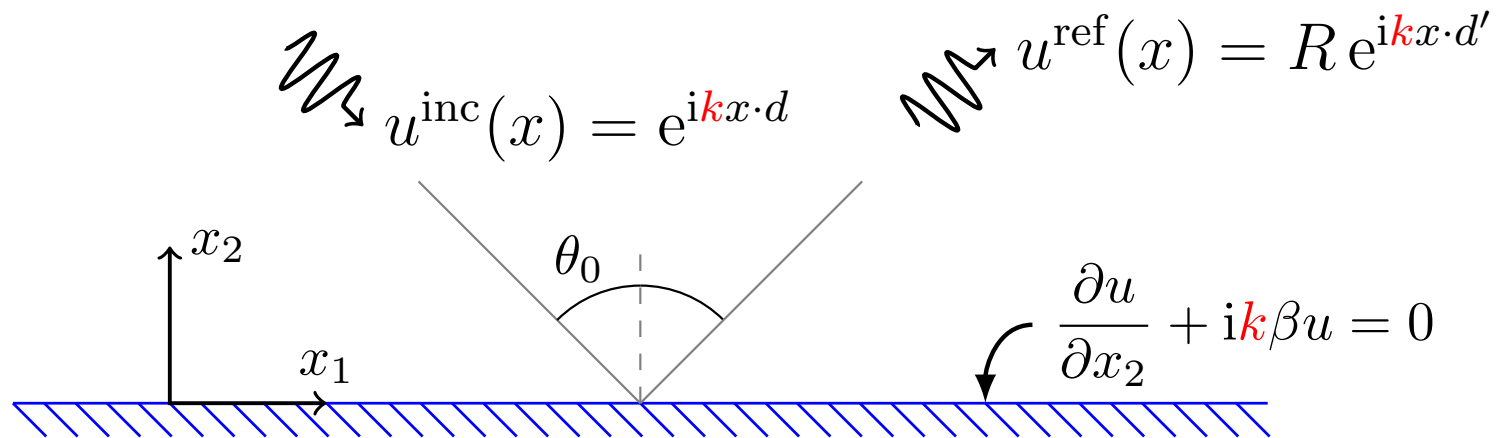
in particular

$R = 1$ if $\beta = 0$ (**sound hard/Neumann**),

$R = -1$ if $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ (**sound soft/Dirichlet**).

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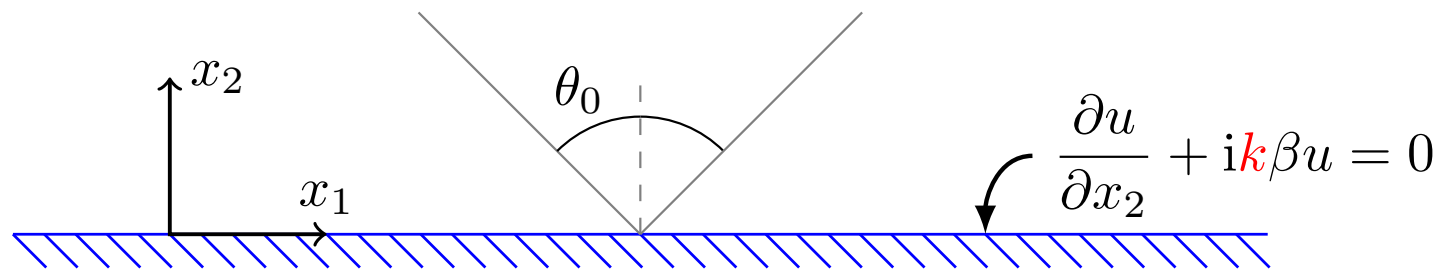
and note that

$$|R| \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow \Re \beta \geq 0.$$

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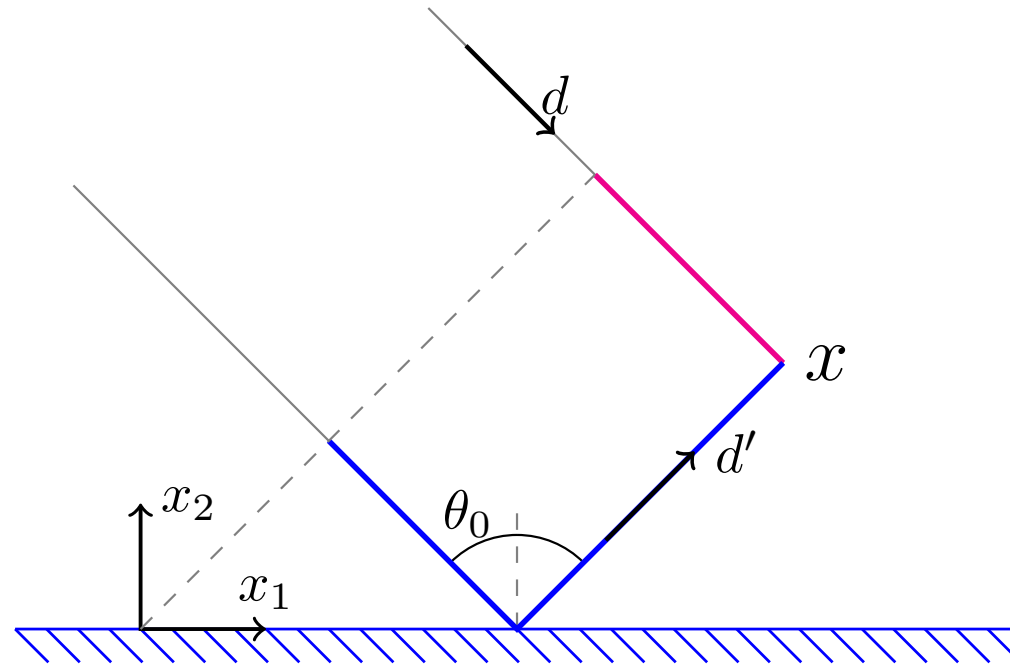


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and

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} = (1 - R) \frac{\partial u^{\text{inc}}}{\partial x_2} = 2 \frac{\partial u^{\text{inc}}}{\partial x_2} \text{ if } \beta \rightarrow \infty \text{ (sound soft/Dirichlet).}$$

The Ray Perspective

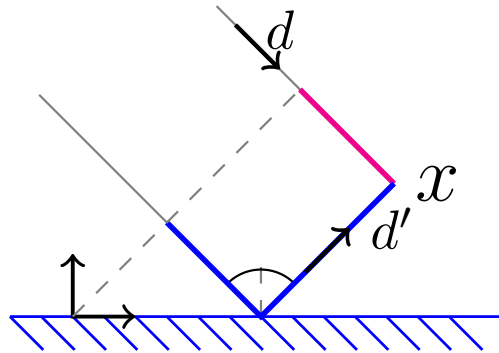


$$u(x) = e^{ikx \cdot d} + R e^{ikx \cdot d'} = \exp(ik s) + R \exp(ik s'),$$

s = distance along direct **magenta** ray,

s' = distance along reflected **blue** ray.

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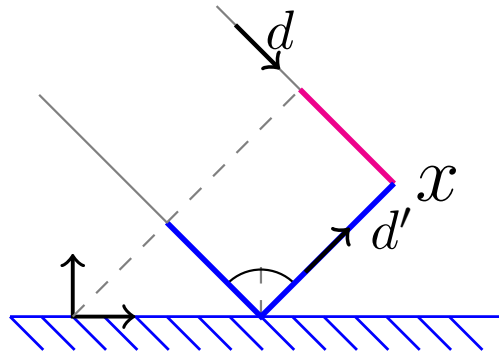
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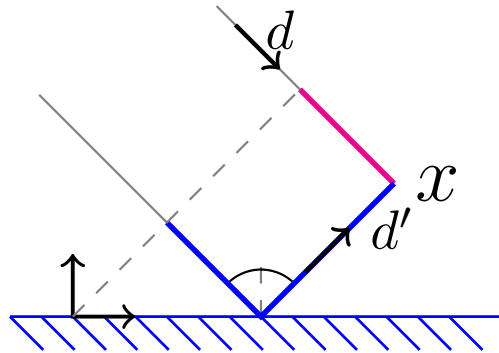
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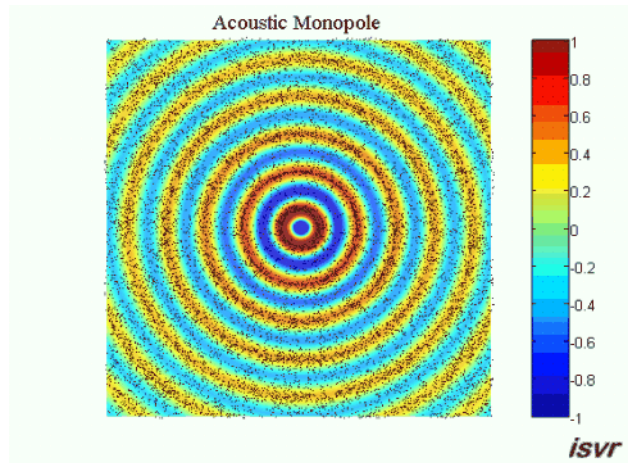
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A First High Frequency (HF) Geometrical Optics Approximation



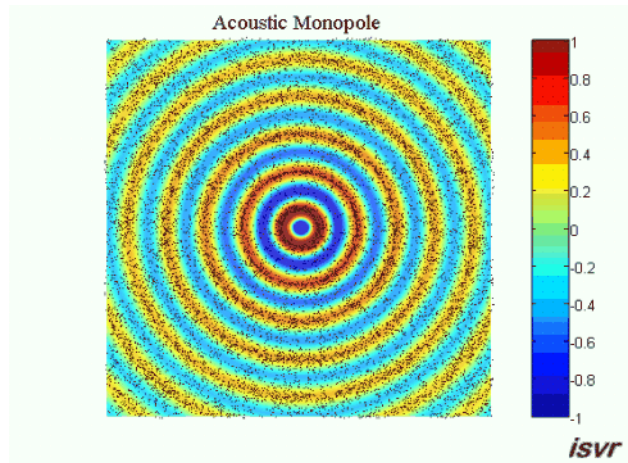
In this example the (2D) incident field is a cylindrical wave generated by a **monopole point source** at $y = (y_1, y_2)$,

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$$u^{\text{inc}}(x) = \Phi(x, y) := \frac{i}{4} H_0^{(1)}(k\mathcal{R})$$

where $\mathcal{R} = |x - y|$ and $H_0^{(1)}$ is **Hankel function** of 1st kind of order 0.

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$H_0^{(1)}(z)$ is **analytic** except for **log singularity** at 0 and

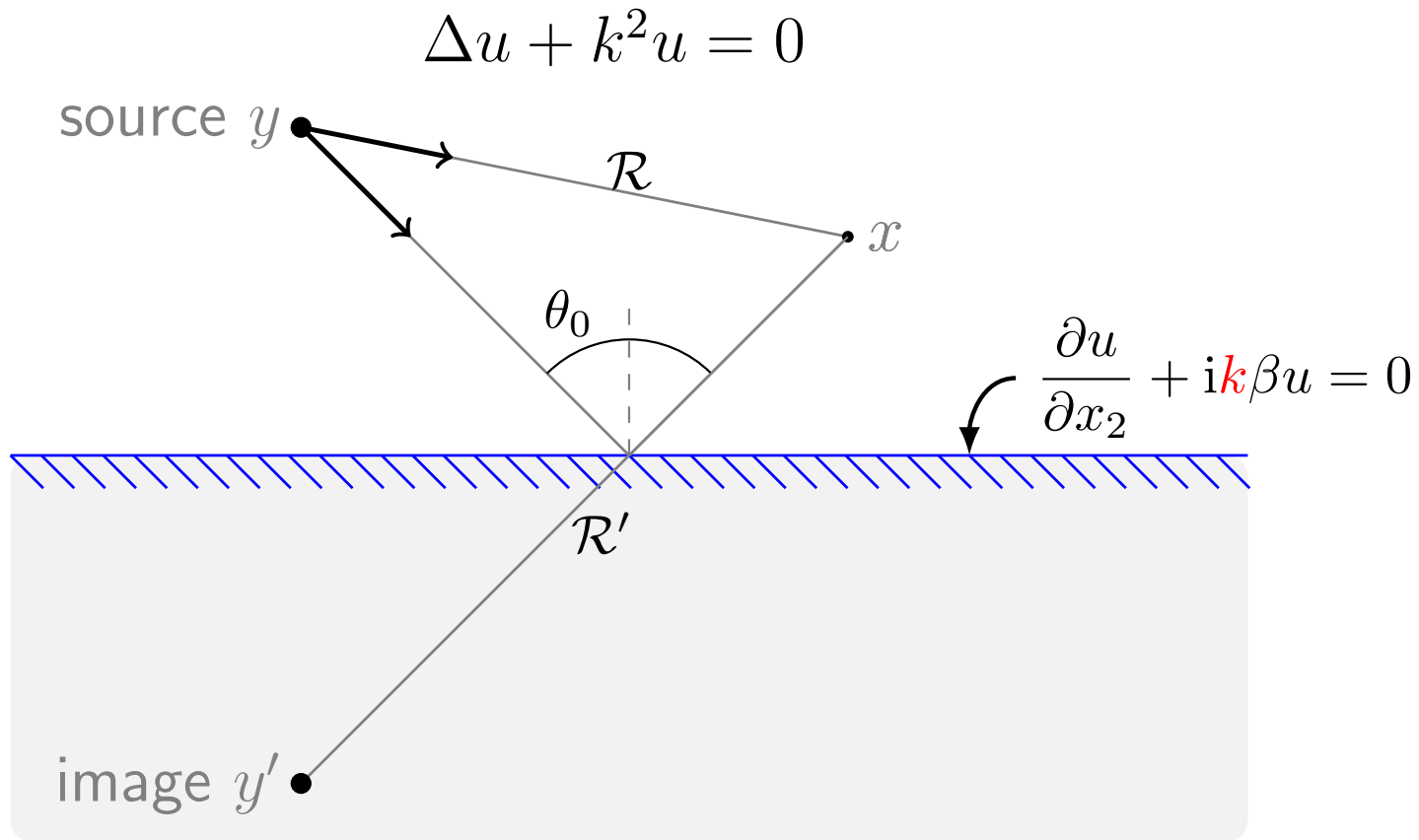
$$H_0^{(1)}(z) \sim \text{const } e^{iz} z^{-1/2} \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow \infty,$$

so

$$u^{\text{inc}}(x) \sim \text{const } \frac{e^{ik\mathcal{R}}}{\sqrt{k\mathcal{R}}} \quad \text{as } |x| \rightarrow \infty$$

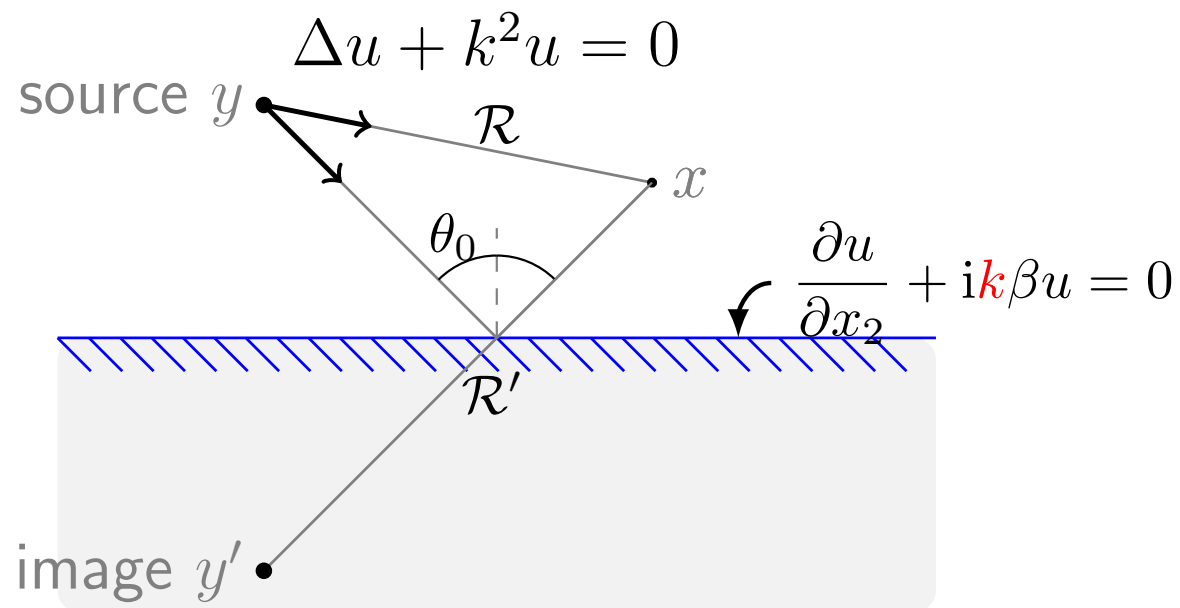
is **locally like a plane wave** – key to **GTD working**.

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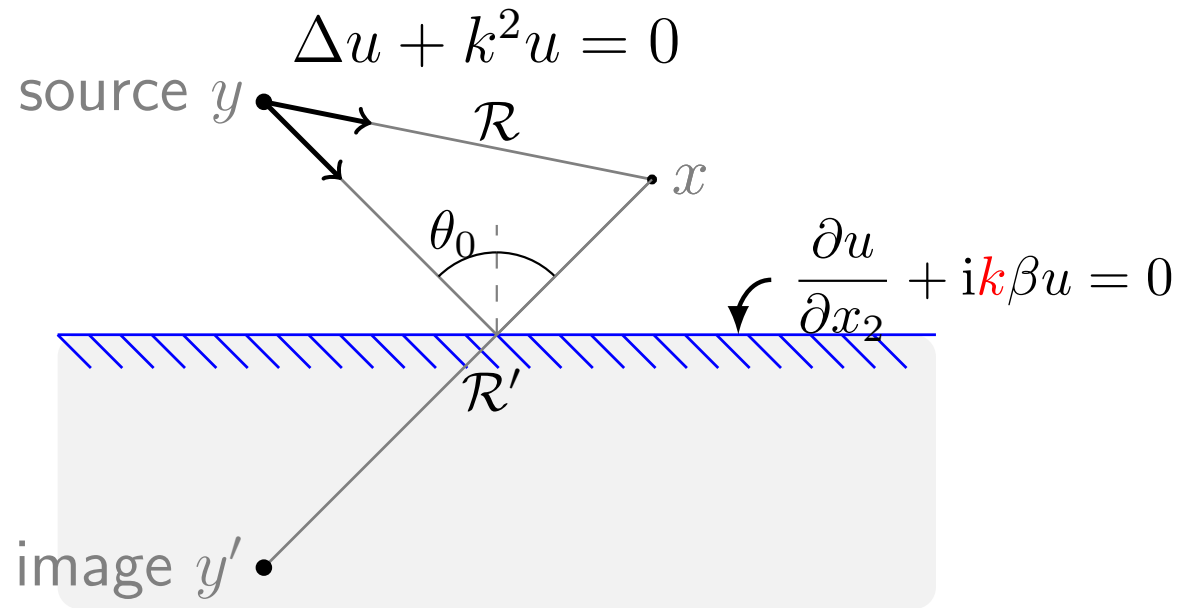
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where

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This is accurate provided $k\mathcal{R}' \gg 1$ and $k\mathcal{R}' |\beta + \cos \theta_0|^2 \gg 1$.

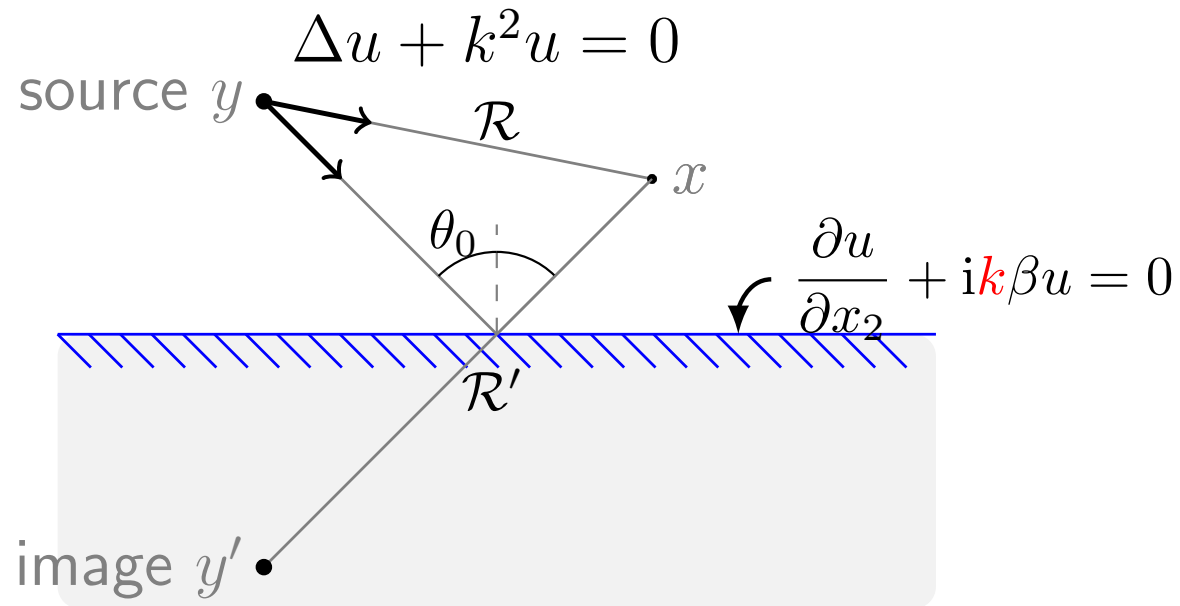
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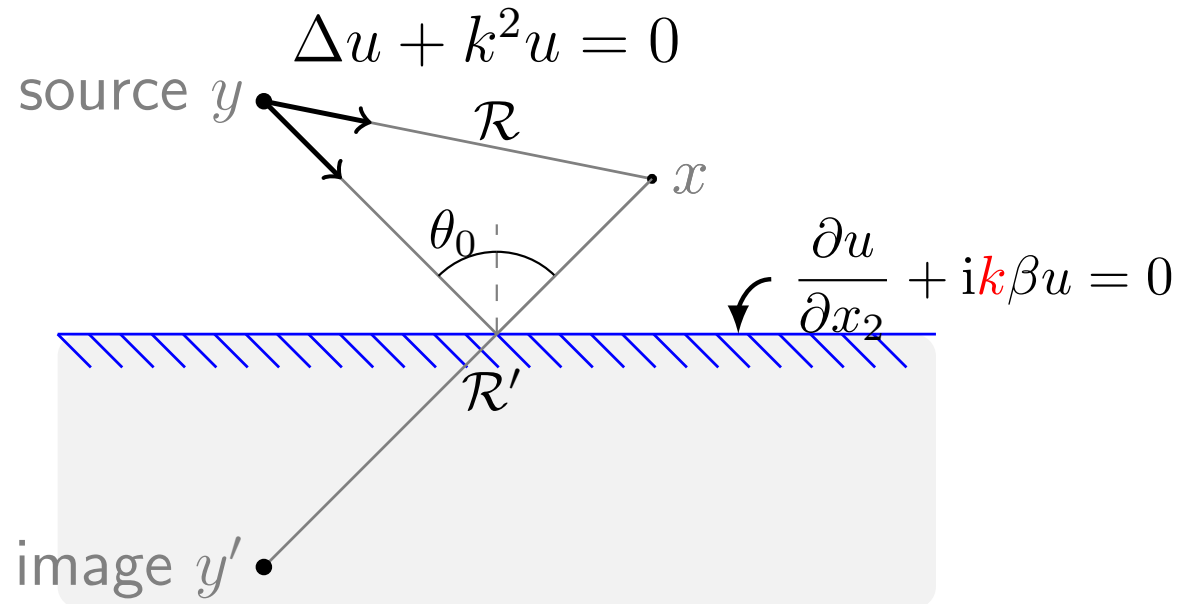
Unfortunately in outdoor sound propagation often $|\beta| \ll 1$ and $\cos_0 \theta \ll 1$ so this approximation poor.

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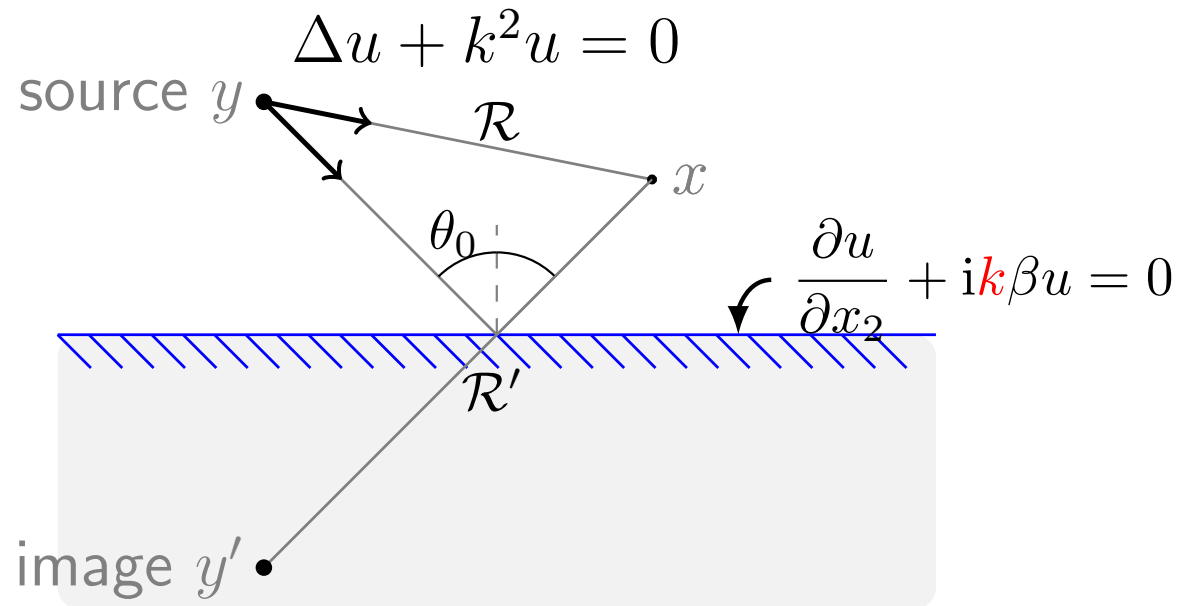
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^aExtending “Die Sattelpunktmethode in der Umgebung eines Pols. Mit Anwendungen auf die Wellenoptik und Akustik”, H. Ott, *Annalen Physik*, (1943)!

A First High Frequency (HF) Geometrical Optics Approximation



Efficient and accurate numerical method, a **numerical steepest descent path method**, given in C-W and Hothersall (1995b).

These are **case studies** relevant to Daan's first lecture yesterday!

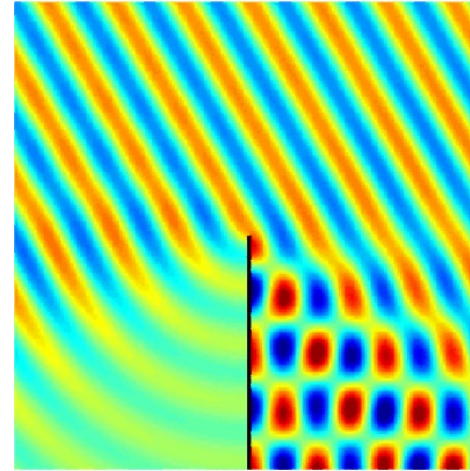
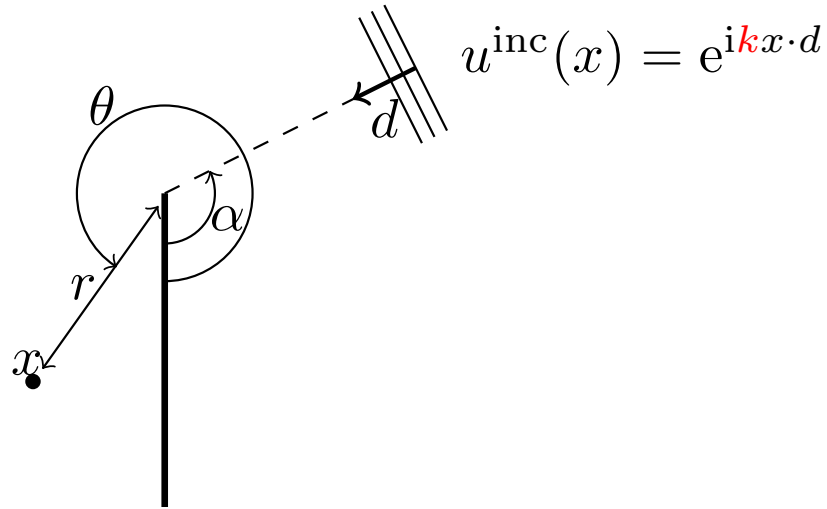
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4. DIFFRACTION: CANONICAL PROBLEMS AND HIGH FREQUENCY GTD APPROXIMATIONS^a

^a“Goemetrical theory of diffraction”, J.B. Keller, *JOSA* (1962), “Mathematische Theorie der Diffraction”, A. Sommerfeld, *Math. Ann.*, (1896), “The Computation of Conical Diffraction Coefficients in High-Frequency Acoustic Wave Scattering”, B.D. Bonner, I.G. Graham, and V.P. Smyshlyaev, *SINUM* (2005)

A Canonical Diffraction Problem



$\Re u(x)$

$$u(x) = E(r, \theta - \alpha) + E(r, \theta + \alpha)$$

where $E(r, \psi) = \exp(-ikr \cos \psi) F(-\sqrt{2kr} \cos(\psi/2))$ and the **Fresnel integral**

$$F(t) = c_1 \int_t^\infty e^{is^2} ds = c_2 e^{it^2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{e^{-t^2 u^2}}{1 + iu^2} du, \quad t > 0.$$

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where $s_k = (k - 1/2) h_N$ and $h_N = \sqrt{\pi / (N + 1/2)}$, and show

$$\frac{|F(t) - F_N(t)|}{|F(t)|} < 11 e^{-\pi N}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

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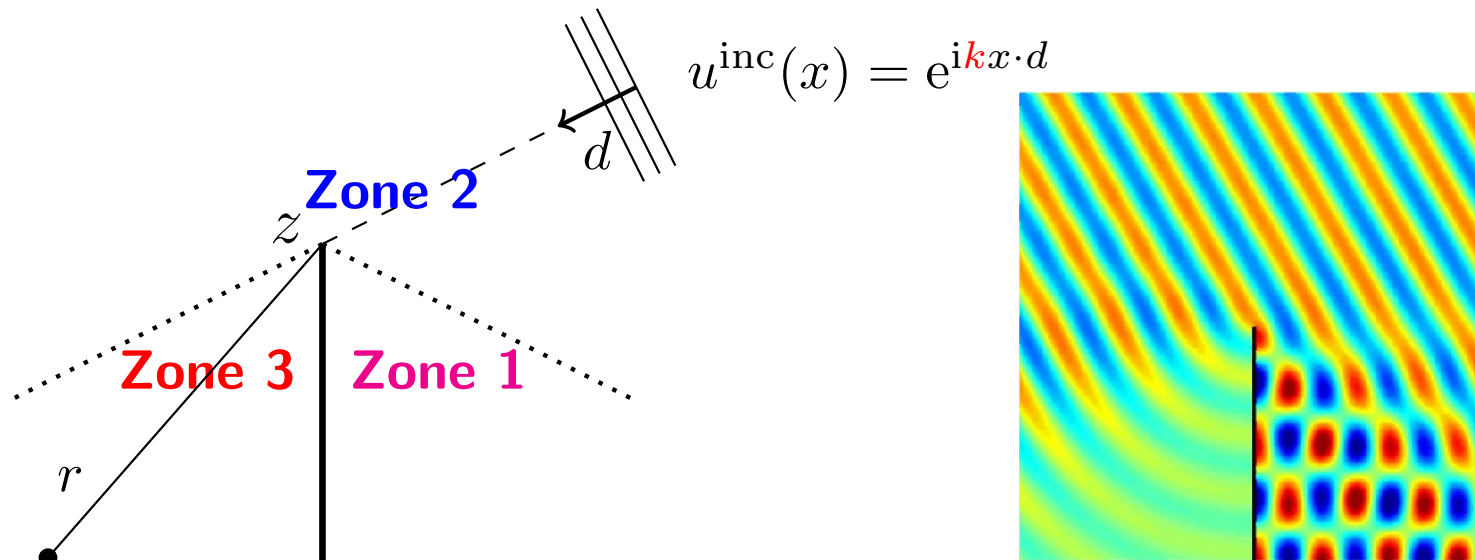
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^a "A method for the calculation of the zeta-function", A.M. Turing, *Proc. London Math. Soc.* (1945), and cf. Trefethen and Weideman, *SIAM Rev.* (2014)

The GTD Approach to this Knife-Edge Problem



$$u^{\text{inc}}(x) = e^{ikx \cdot d}$$

$$u(x) \approx \begin{cases} u^{\text{inc}}(x) + u^{\text{ref}}(x) + u^{\text{d}}(x), & x \text{ in Zone 1} \\ u^{\text{inc}}(x) + u^{\text{d}}(x), & x \text{ in Zone 2} \\ u^{\text{d}}(x), & x \text{ in Zone 3} \end{cases} \quad \Re u(x)$$

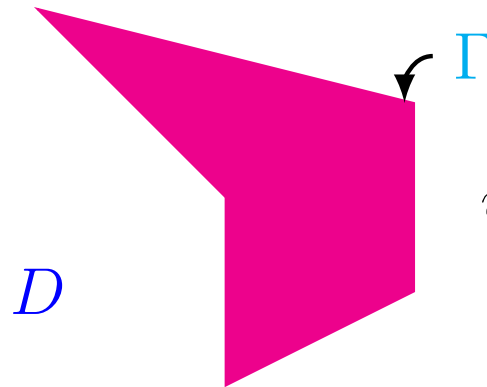
where $u^{\text{d}}(x) = u^{\text{inc}}(z) \mathcal{D} \frac{e^{ikr}}{\sqrt{kr}}$ and \mathcal{D} is a **diffraction coefficient**.

5. THE HF KIRCHHOFF APPROXIMATION

Green's Representation Theorem and the Kirchhoff Approximation

$\mathcal{N} \rightarrow u^{\text{inc}}$

$$\Delta u + k^2 u = 0$$



$u - u^{\text{inc}}$ satisfies S.R.C.

Theorem

$$u(x) = u^{\text{inc}}(x) + \int_{\Gamma} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial n}(y) \Phi(x, y) - u(y) \frac{\partial \Phi(x, y)}{\partial n(y)} \right) ds(y), \quad x \in D.$$

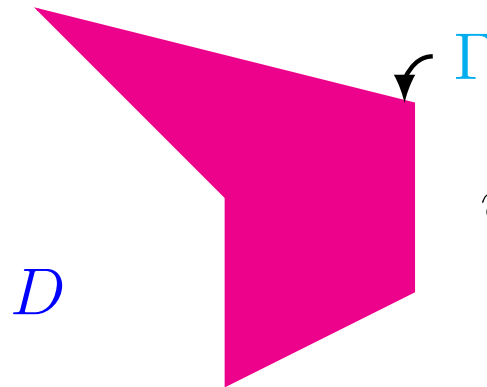
Proof. Green's theorem – see Ivan's talk.

N.B. We only need the **Cauchy data** $u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}$ on Γ to compute u in D .

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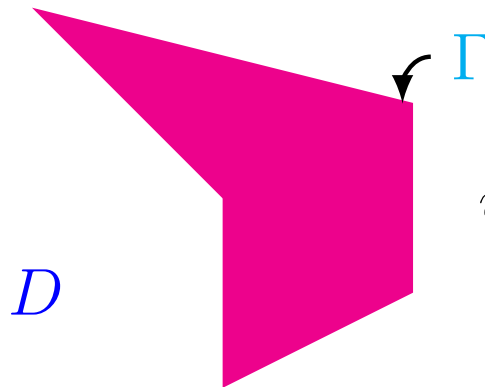
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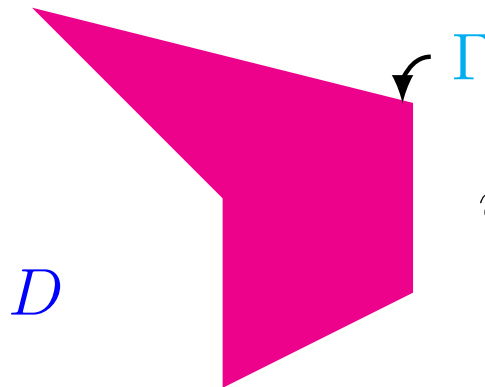
N.B. If Γ is **convex** then **GO** can be used, e.g. if $u = 0$ on Γ then

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \approx \begin{cases} 2 \frac{\partial u^{\text{inc}}}{\partial n}, & \text{on illuminated part} \\ 0, & \text{on part of } \Gamma \text{ in shadow} \end{cases}$$

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$$u(x) \approx u^{\text{K.O.}}(x) := u^{\text{inc}}(x) + \underbrace{2 \int_{\Gamma_{\text{illum}}} \frac{\partial u^{\text{inc}}}{\partial n}(y) \Phi(x, y) ds(y)}_{\text{oscillatory integral - call Daan!}}, \quad x \in D.$$

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Matlab demo ...

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Recap

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5. **The HF Kirchhoff Approximation**
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Tomorrow: use this knowledge to design Galerkin methods for boundary integral equations that combine *hp*-approximation with new oscillatory basis functions to solve (at least some classes of) HF scattering problems with $O(1)$ cost as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

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