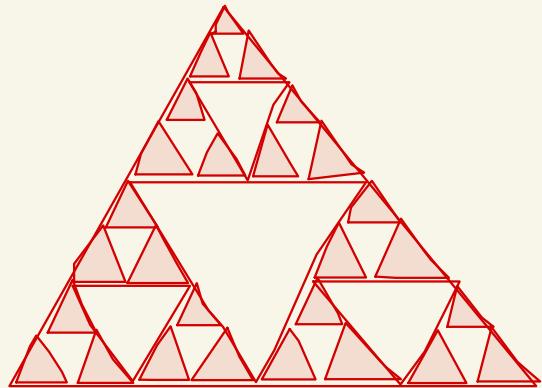


# Sobolev Spaces, Integral Equations, and Scattering on non-Lipschitz and Fractal Sets

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Qs, more open  
problems, refs

Given  $g \in L^2(D)$ ,  $\text{supp}(g) \subset D$  & compact, find

$u \in \tilde{H}'(D)$  s.t.

$$\Delta u + k^2 u = g \quad \text{in } D$$

$= \overline{C_0^\infty(D)} H^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$   $\mathcal{D}_2$

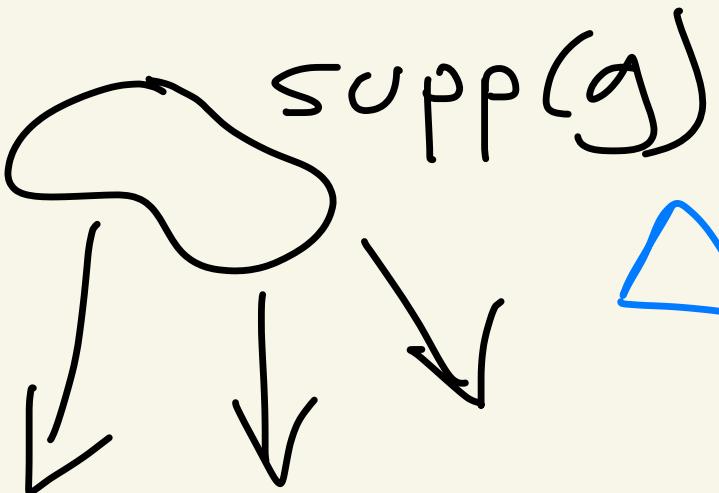
$$H^1(\mathbb{R}^2) = \{v \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) : \|v\| < \infty\}$$

$$\|v\|^2 = \int_D (|v|^2 + |\nabla v|^2)$$

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$$D := \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \Gamma$$

$\Gamma$ , closed  $\mathcal{D}_1$



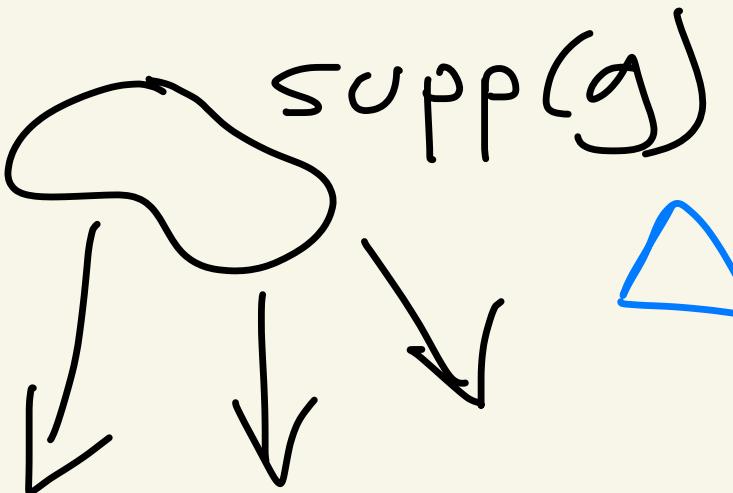
$$\Delta u_0 + k^2 u_0 = g$$

$$j=0$$

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 $\Gamma_0$ 

$$D_0 := \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \Gamma_0$$

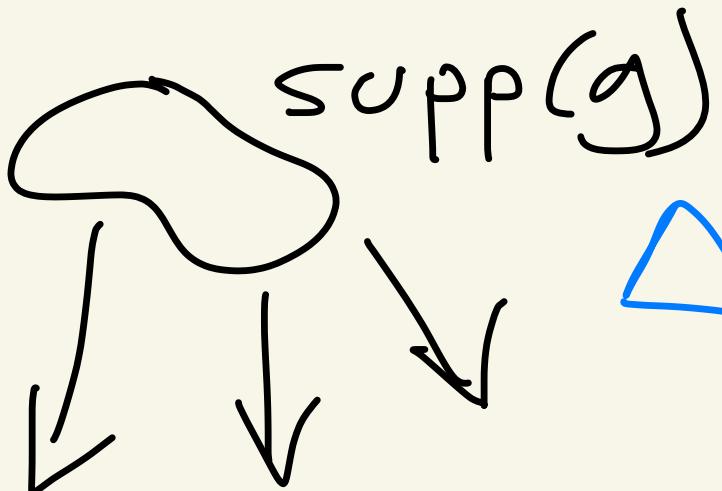


$$\Delta u_i + k^2 u_i = g$$

$$j = 1$$

$$\overline{r_i}$$

$$D_i$$



$$\Delta u_2 + k^2 u_2 = g$$

$D_2$

$I_2$

$j=2$

What is the Cantor set limit,

$$U := \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} U_j ?$$

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$$\tilde{H}'(D) \neq H'(R^2) \Leftrightarrow H_{\Gamma}^{-1} \neq \{0\} \Leftrightarrow \dim_H \Gamma > 0$$

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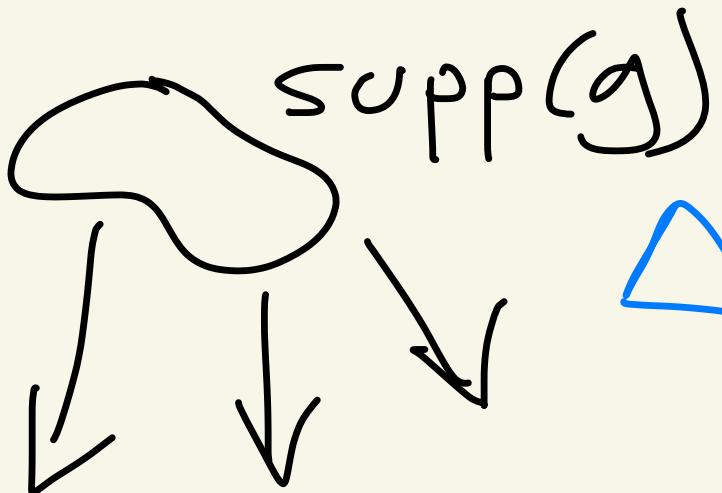
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Thm (C-W, Hewett, SIMA, 2018) If  $g \in L^2(D)$ ,

$\text{Supp}(g) \subset D$ , and  $Gg(\omega) \neq 0$  on  $\Gamma$ , then  
 $\phi \neq 0$  and  $G\phi \neq 0$

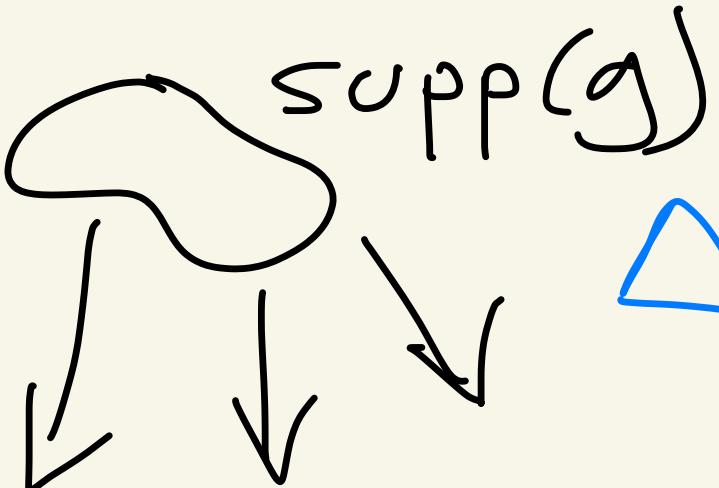


$$\Delta u + k^2 u = g$$

$$D_o \quad \square_o$$

aperture

$D_5$



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$r_5$

$r_2 \quad r_4 \quad r_1 \quad r_5 \quad r_3$

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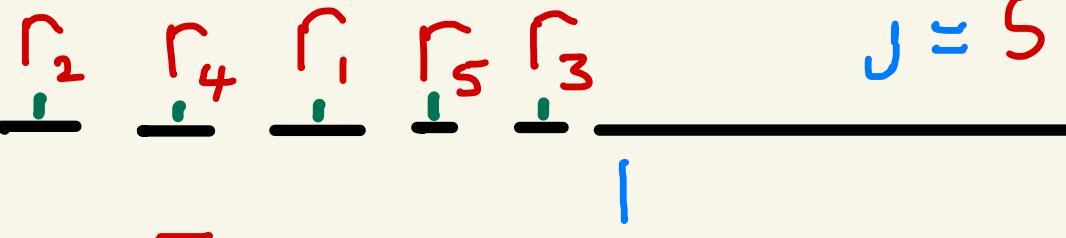
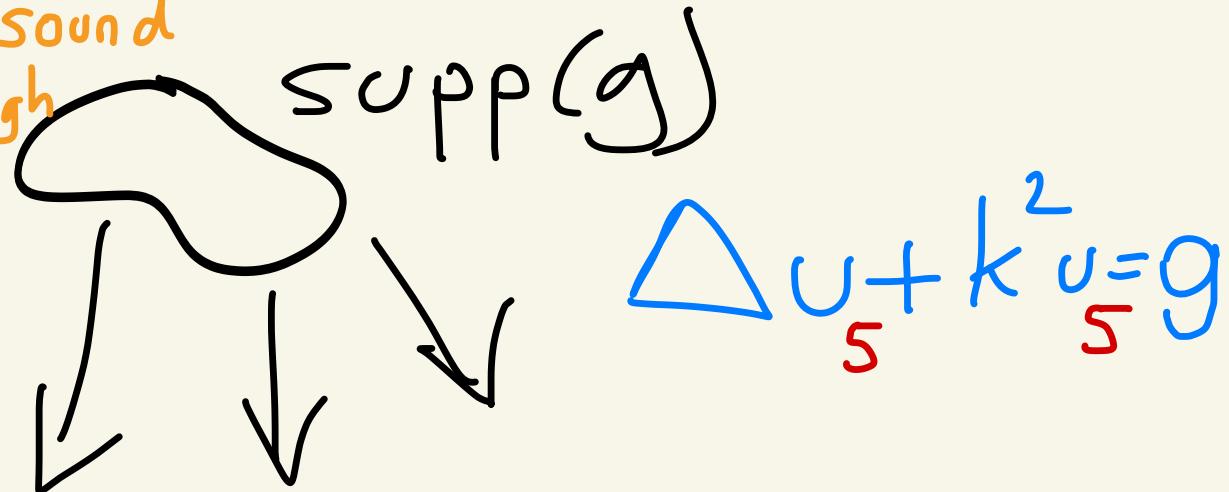
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At step  $j$  add  $[r_j - \epsilon_j, r_j + \epsilon_j]$ ,

centred on  $j$ th rational  $r_j \in (0, 1)$

Does any sound  
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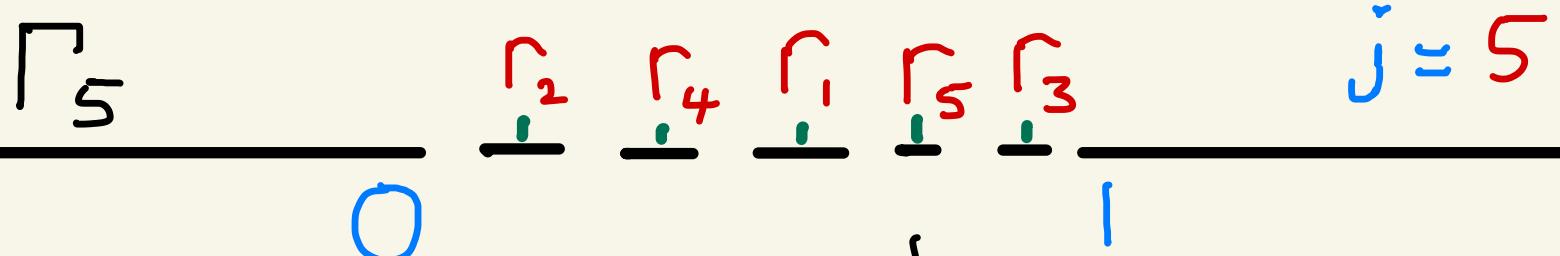
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$$r = (-\infty, 0] \cup [1, \infty) \cup \bigcup_{m=1}^j [r_m - \epsilon_m, r_m + \epsilon_m]$$

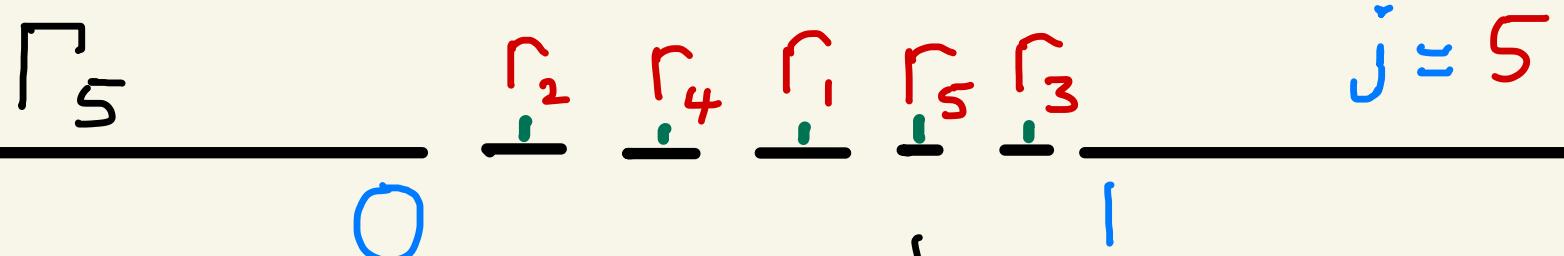


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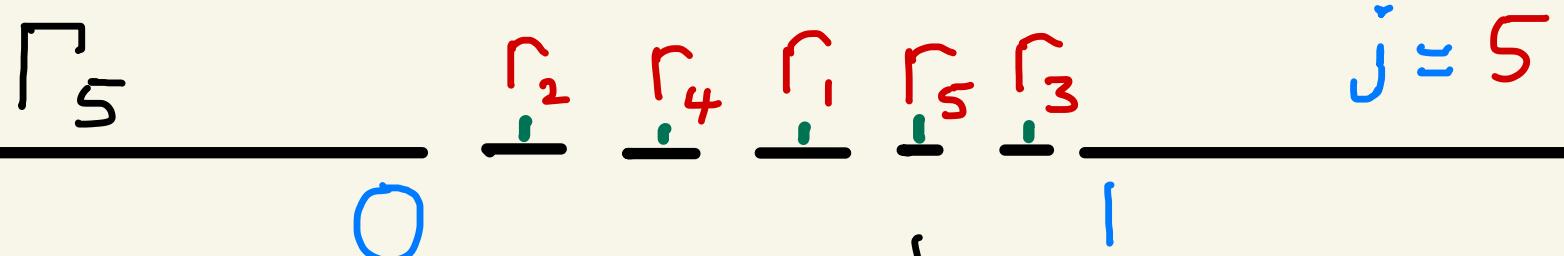


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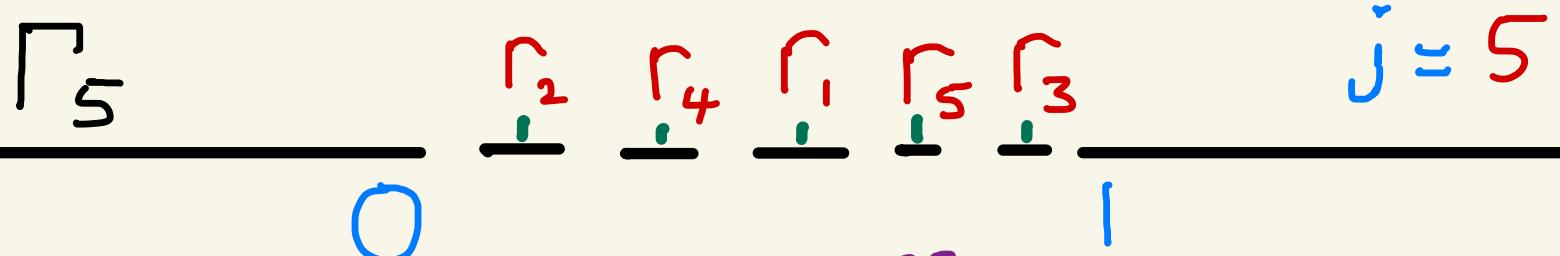
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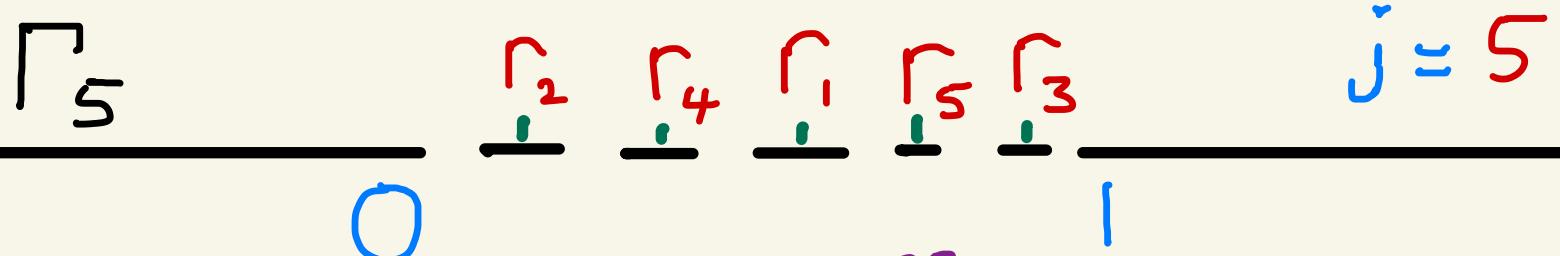
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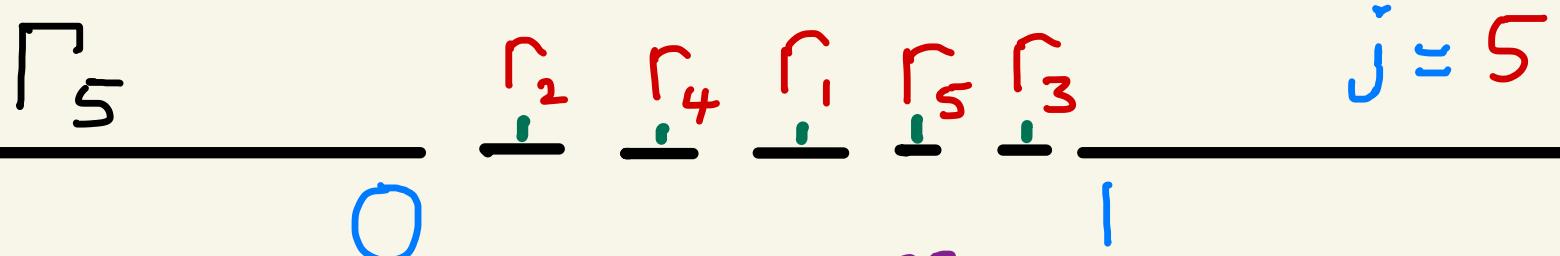
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(If not  $U$  is soln for infinite solid screen: no sound gets through )

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$$H_F^{1/2} \neq \{0\} \Rightarrow H_F^\circ \neq \{0\}$$

$$\iff m(F) > 0$$

$$\iff 1 - 2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_m > 0$$

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For  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$H_F^{k_2 + \epsilon} \subset \{\phi \in C(\mathbb{R}) : \text{supp}(\phi) \subset F\} = \{0\}$$

Sobolev embedding thm

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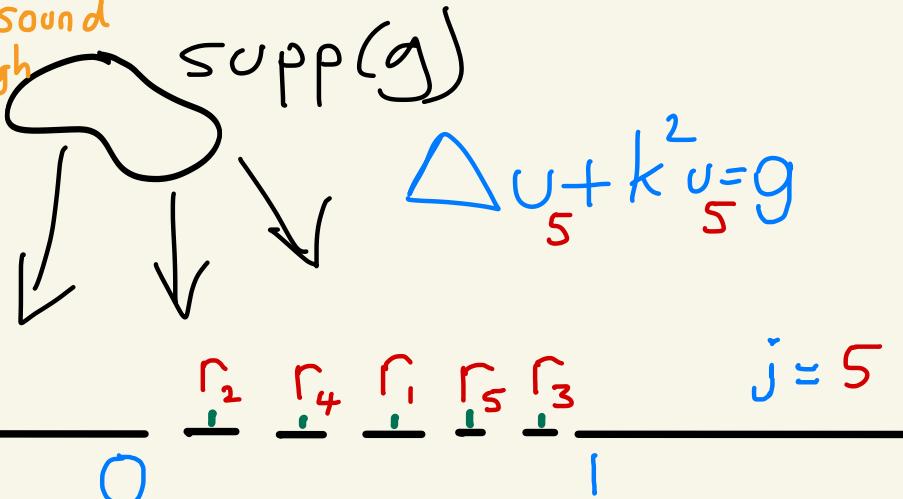
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**Cor** As  $j \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $u_j \rightarrow u$  and  $u$  is  
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**OP** Rate of  
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 $\|u - u_j\| \rightarrow 0$ ?

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