

$$u(\mathbf{x}^-) = u(\mathbf{x}^+), \quad (2.9)$$

$$k_w \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}(\mathbf{x}^-) = k_D(\omega) \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}(\mathbf{x}^-). \quad (2.10)$$

The notation  $\mathbf{x}^\pm$  means the inner/outer limit at the boundary of  $\partial D$ . More precisely, for a function  $w$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , one has

$$w(\mathbf{x}^\pm) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} w(\mathbf{x} \pm h\boldsymbol{\nu}), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \partial D, \quad (2.11)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\nu}$  is the outward normal unit vector of  $\partial D$ .

2) The boundary conditions over the skin are a bit more complicated (see Figure 2). This is due to the fact that, compared to the water which has a conduc-

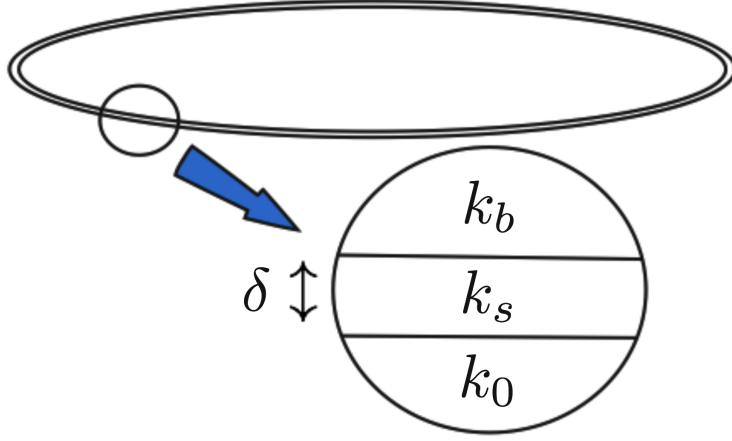


Figure 2: Boundary conditions over the skin.

tivity of the order of  $0.01\text{S} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$  [35], the skin is very resistive ( $10^{-4}\text{S} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$  [20]) and the body is very conductive ( $1\text{S} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$ ) [42]. In other words, one has

$$k_s \ll k_w \ll k_b. \quad (2.12)$$

Futhermore, the skin is very thin: if we denote its thickness by  $\delta$ , we have [49]

$$\delta \approx 100\mu\text{m} \ll L,$$

where  $L$  was defined as the body length in Section . In [1] we have shown in the case  $d = 2$  that, when  $\delta/L \ll 1$  and  $k_s/k_w \ll 1$ , but  $\delta k_w/(L k_s)$  is of order one (or smaller), we have the following effective relation for  $\mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega$ :

$$u(\mathbf{x}^+) - u(\mathbf{x}^-) = \xi \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}(\mathbf{x}^+), \quad (2.13)$$