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**Sönmez Şahutoğlu\*** ([sonmez@umich.edu](mailto:sonmez@umich.edu)), University of Michigan, Department of Mathematics, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. *Boundary smoothness and irregularity of the  $\bar{\partial}$ -Neumann problem.*

It is an observation due to J.J. Kohn that for a smooth bounded pseudoconvex domain  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  there exists  $s > 0$  such that the  $\bar{\partial}$ -Neumann operator on  $\Omega$  maps  $W_{(0,1)}^s(\Omega)$  (the space of  $(0,1)$ -forms with coefficient functions in  $L^2$ -Sobolev space of order  $s$ ) into itself continuously. We show that this conclusion does not hold without the smoothness assumption by constructing a bounded pseudoconvex domain  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{C}^2$ , smooth except at one point, whose  $\bar{\partial}$ -Neumann operator is not bounded on  $W_{(0,1)}^s(\Omega)$  for any  $s > 0$ . (Received July 28, 2007)