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## COMPARISON OF HARMONIC KERNELS ASSOCIATED WITH A CLASS OF SEMILINEAR ELLIPTIC EQUATIONS

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Abstract: Let D be a smooth domain in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $N \ge 3$ , and let f be a positive continuous function on  $\partial D$ . Under some assumptions on  $\varphi$ , it is shown that the problem  $\Delta u = 2\varphi(u)$  in D and u = f on  $\partial D$  admits a unique solution which will be denoted by  $H_D^{\varphi} f$ . Given two functions  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$ , our main goal in this paper is to investigate the existence of a constant c > 0 such that

$$\frac{1}{c}H_D^{\varphi}f \le H_D^{\psi}f \le cH_D^{\varphi}f.$$

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