

Syllabus for Oral Examination

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1 Major Topic: Partial Differential Equation

• Classical solution of laplace equation

- (1) Fundamental solution
- (2) Mean value property
- (3) Maximum principle
- (4) Green's representation formula
- (5) Harnack's inequality
- (6) Liouville theorem
- (7) Perron's method
- (8) Hopf lemma
- (9) Schauder estimate
- (10) Existence results by the method of continuity and Fredholm alternative

• Classical solution of heat equation

- (1) Fundamental Solution
- (2) Maximum Principles on bounded $\bar{\Omega}_T$ and $R^n \times [0, T]$
- (3) Backward uniqueness by energy methods.

• Wave equation

- (1) d'Alembert's formula, Kirchoff's formula.
- (2) Uniqueness and domain of dependence by energy methods.

• Sobolev space

- (1) Definition
- (2) Density
- (3) Extensions and Traces
- (4) Rellich-Kondrachov compact imbedding theorem
- (5) Poincaré's inequality and Morrey's inequality
- (6) $W_0^{1,n}$ case

- **Weak solution of second order Elliptic equation**

- (1) Lax-Milgram theorem and Fredholm alternative
- (2) Maximum principle
- (3) Moser Iteration method and Hanack's inequality
- (4) L^p estimate and Interpolation theorem

- **Weak solution of second order Parabolic equation**

- (1) Definition of weak solution
- (2) Energy estimates, Galerkin approximation
- (3) Existence and uniqueness.
- (4) Maximum principle.

2 Minor Topic: Riemannian Geometry

- Riemannian metric
- Levi-civita connection
- Curvature tensor, sectional curvature, ricci curvature, scalar curvature
- Geodesics and exponential map
- Jacobi fields, conjugate points
- First variation and second variation of arc length
- Bonnet-Myers Thm, Hopf-Rinow Thm, Cartan-Hadamard Thm
- Space form
- Hypersurface, second fundamental form
- Differential operator: grad, div and Hess.

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