

Oral Exam Syllabus  
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## I. Functional Analysis

### A. Hilbert Spaces

- i. Riesz Representation
- ii. Orthonormal Bases
- iii. Spectral Theory for Compact and Self-Adjoint operators

### B. Banach Spaces

- i. Baire-Category
- ii. Open Mapping, Closed Graph, Uniform Boundedness

### C. Weak Topologies, Weak\* Topologies

- i. Banach-Alaoglu Theorem

## II. Partial Differential Equations

### A. Standard Equations (Laplace, Wave, Heat)

- i. Maximum Principles, Mean Value
- ii. Harnack's Inequality
- iii. Gradient Estimates

### B. Sobolev Spaces

- i. Definitions,  $H^s$ ,  $W^{k,p}$
- ii. Density of smooth functions in  $W^{k,p}$
- iii. Sobolev Inequalities
- iv. Trace Theorems/Embedding Theorems

### C. General 2nd Order Elliptical Equations

- i. Maximum principle, Hopf Lemma
- ii. Weak solutions (definition, existence, Fredholm Alternative)
- iii. Solution regularity, Schauder estimates ( $L^p$  based spaces)

## III. Numerical Analysis

### A. Finite Difference Methods

- i. Laplace's Equation (different boundary conditions)
- ii. Discrete Maximum Principle
- iii. Error Analysis

### B. Finite Element Methods

- i. Variational Formulations
- ii. Error estimates for Laplace's Equation (different boundary conditions)

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