

# Oral Exam

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## Part 1: Analysis

1. Sobolev spaces
  - a) Definition of weak derivative and Sobolev spaces
  - b) Approximation by smooth functions
  - c) Extensions
  - d) Traces
  - e) Sobolev inequalities
    - Gagliardo-Nirenberg-Sobolev inequality
    - Morrey's inequality
    - General Sobolev inequalities
  - f) Compactness
  - g) Poincare's inequalities
  - h) Difference quotients
  - i) The space  $H^{-1}$
2. Second-Order Elliptic Equations
  - a) Definitions
    - Elliptic equations
    - Weak solutions
  - b) Existence of weak solutions
    - Lax-Milgram Theorem
    - Energy estimates
    - Fredholm alternative
  - c) Regularity
3. Optimal Mass Transportation
  - a) Kantorovich Duality
    - Fenchel-Rockafellar duality
    - Kantorovich Duality
  - b) Optimal transportation theorem for quadratic cost
    - Knott-Smith optimality criterion
    - Brenier's theorem
  - c) Sobolev inequality

## **Part 2: Riemannian Geometry**

### 1. Connections

- a) Affine connections
- b) Riemannian connections
- c) Covariant derivative along a curve

### 2. Geodesics

- a) Geodesic equation
- b) Geodesic flow
- c) Exponential map
- d) Gauss lemma
- e) Minimizing properties

### 3. Curvature

- a) Curvature
- b) Bianchi identities
- c) Sectional curvature
- d) Ricci curvature
- e) Scalar curvature

### 4. Jacobi fields

- a) Jacobi equation
- b) Conjugate points

### 5. Completeness

- a) Hopf-Rinow theorem
- b) Hadamard theorem

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