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Major : Topological methods In critical point theory,

A Priori Estimates for Elliptic Operators: [Br],[GT]

-Sobolev imbedding

- $W^{k,p}$ Estimates

- $C^{k,\alpha}$ Estimates.

Degree theory,[Ch]

-construction in finite dimension

-infinite dimensional case

-applications

Calculus of variation, [Ch]

-Direct method

-example

Deformation Lemmas [Ch], [Ch2]

-pseudo-gradient

-first deformation lemma,

-second deformation Lemma,

Minmax Principle [Ch], [Ch2]

-Examples

Lusternik-Schnirelman cathegory, [Ch], [Ch2], [Iv]

Multiplicity results [Ch], [Ch2], [Iv]

Index theory [Ch]

-genus

- S^1 -index

Critical groups [Ch], [Ch2]

-Critical groups at a point

-critical groups at infinity

-Morse type results.

-Connection with the degree

-examples

Minor : Morse Theory,

Morse Lemma, [Mi]

Existence of Morse Functions, [Mi]

Gradient Flow, [Mi]

Deformation lemma, [Mi], [Ch]

Morse homology : Attaching cells, [Mi]

Definition of Stable and Unstable And orientation convention, [Ba]

Morse Smale,

- Transversality condition, [Ba],[ju],[Ke]
- Moduli space of trajectories, [ju], [Ke]
- compactification [Ke]
- boundary operator, [ju]
- Construction of the homology [ju]

Infinite dimension extension :

- Geodesics problem and Homology of the path space. [Mi]
- First Variation
- Second variation
- Index and Existence of conjugate points
- Overview on Floer Homology, [Mi]
- Action functional and J-holomorphic curves
- Application on contact geometry, [Bo]
- Reeb vector field,
- Action functional and Periodic orbits

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