Oral Qualifying Exam Syllabus

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Elliptic Curves and Algebraic Geometry

- 1. Elliptic Curves
 - (a) Elliptic Curves over C
 - (b) Elliptic Curves over finite fields, The Hasse Bound
 - (c) Elliptic Curves over local fields
 - (d) Elliptic Curves over global fields, The Mordell-Weil Theorem
- 2. Algebraic Geometry
 - (a) Sheaves, Schemes, First Properties, Sheaves of Modules
 - (b) Divisors, Riemann-Roch for Curves
 - (c) Differentials, Genus
 - (d) Derived Functors, Cohomology of Sheaves, Cohomology of Noetherian Affine Schemes and Projective Space, Serre Duality

Algebraic Number Theory and Modular Forms

- 1. Algebraic Number Theory
 - (a) Number Fields: Integral Bases, Different, Discriminant
 - (b) Ramification, Splitting of primes
 - (c) Ideal Class Group, Minkowski's Bound, Finiteness of class number
 - (d) Dirichlet's Unit Theorem
- 2. Modular Forms
 - (a) Modular Forms for the full modular group and its congruence subgroups
 - (b) Eisenstein Series
 - (c) Structure of the ring of modular forms
 - (d) Hecke Operators