

MATH 517

TOPICS on PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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Topic prerequisites: Introduction to PDE or Han-Lin's book or Gilbarg-Trudinger's book (Chapter 1 to Chapter 9)

Topics

- Part I: Qualitative Analysis of Solutions
 - Moser's iteration to linear equation
 - Moser's iteration to nonlinear equation
 - Classification of stable solutions in bounded domains
 - Doubling Lemma
 - Pohozaev's identity
 - Monotonicity formula
 - Modica's estimate
 - De Giorgi's conjecture in low dimensions
 - Classification of biharmonic equation with supercritical exponents
 - Applications of monotonicity formula
- Part II: Finite and infinite dimensional gluing methods
 - Finite-dimensional reduction method: one-dimensional Allen-Cahn
 - Finite-dimensional reduction method: higher dimensional Nonlinear Schrodinger
 - Finite dimensional reduction method: critical exponent problems

- Finite dimensional reduction method: problems without parameters
- Infinite-dimensional reduction method: two-dimensional Allen-Cahn
- Infinite-dimensional reduction method: minimal surfaces and three-dimensional Allen-Cahn
- Infinite-dimensional reduction method: role of Toda system
- Infinite-dimensional reduction method: multiple layers and Jacobi-Toda system

Assessment:

Each student will be asked to present one paper as your final exam.