

Oral Qualifying Exam Syllabus

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1. Automorphic Forms

- (a) The Modular Group
 - i. $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ and Congruence Subgroups
 - ii. Fundamental Domains for $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ and congruence subgroups
 - iii. Cusps and Elliptic Points
 - iv. The invariant measure of $\mathcal{H}$ under $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$
- (b) Modular Forms
 - i. Modular and cusp forms
 - ii. Fourier expansions
 - iii. The dimensions of $M_k(\Gamma(1))$ and $S_k(\Gamma(1))$
 - iv. Eisenstein Series, the Dedekind η function, Δ , and the Jacobi triple product formula
 - v. The Petersson inner product on $S_k(\Gamma(1))$
 - vi. The L-functions for modular forms and functional equations
- (c) Hecke Operators
 - i. The slash and Hecke operators on holomorphic functions
 - ii. Coset representatives for $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \backslash M_n(\mathbb{Z})$
 - iii. Commutativity and self-adjointness of the Hecke operators
 - iv. Hecke eigenforms and Fourier coefficients
 - v. Euler products for Hecke eigenforms
- (d) The Rankin-Selberg Method
 - i. The nonholomorphic Eisenstein series
 - ii. Analytic continuations and Euler products for the convolution of two modular forms

2. Analytic Number Theory

- (a) Poisson Summation
- (b) The Mellin transform and the Γ function
- (c) The Riemann ζ function and Dirichlet L -functions
 - i. Euler Products
 - ii. θ functions
 - iii. Analytic continuation and functional equations
- (d) The Prime Number Theorem

3. Homogenous Dynamics in the Hyperbolic Plane

- (a) Geodesic Flow
- (b) Horocycle Flow
- (c) Continued Fractions
- (d) Gauss Maps / Measure