

Math 110.417
Partial Differential Equations

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Course Introduction

1. Syllabus [Course Webpage](#)

- Office hours
- HWs (11), Quizzes (11), Exams (2): GradeScope
- DRP, Youtube videos, AI tools (ChatGPT)

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Methods:

- ▶ separation of variables and expansions of solutions
- ▶ Fourier series (bounded domain)
- ▶ Fourier transform (infinite domain)
- ▶ Green's function / Method of characteristics
- ▶ Laplace transform (optional)

Philosophy: formulation, solution, and interpretation

PDEs: equations containing partial derivatives.

Notations:

Variables x space, t time

Derivatives $\partial_t u := \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$, $\partial_x u := \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$

Review: solving ODEs