Mathematical Methods of Quantum Mechanics

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Quantum mechanics: central theory in physics, describing elementary particles, superconductors, quantum computers,

Challenging mathematical problems in functional analysis, partial differential equations and operator theory. Very active current research topic.

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 $\ensuremath{\textbf{Course Description:}}$ Introduction to the rigorous mathematical framework of quantum mechanics

- Operator theory, self-adjointness
- Time-dependent Schrödinger equation, Schrödinger operators
- Symmetries and conservations laws
- Existence of stationary states

The course will conclude with an introduction to current problems in many-body systems (nonlinear Schrödinger equation, stability of matter, phase transitions, universality)



Prerequisites: Basic notions of analysis.

Course Period: Last week of February until the last week of May (30 hours). **Exam**: Oral examination.

The course is directed to Master's students and PhD students.

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