Qualifying Exam Syllabus

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1 Major topic: Algebraic Number Theory (Algebra)

References: Neukirch, Algebraic Number Theory, Ch I.1-10, II.1-8, Cassels & Frohlich, Algebraic Number Theory, Ch VI, VII

- Number Fields: integrality, norm and trace, Dedekind domains, ideal factorization and class group, lattices and Minkowski bound, Dirichlet's unit theorem
- Local Theory: *p*-adic numbers, completions, valuations and absolute values, extensions of valuations, Hensel's lemma, local and global fields, ramification of extensions
- Class Field Theory: adeles and ideles, statements of local and global class field theory, statement of Artin reciprocity, statement of Chebotarev density

2 Major topic: Probability Theory (Probability)

References: Durrett, Probability: Theory and Examples 5th Ed., Chapters 1-5

- Preliminaries: σ -algebras, Dynkin's π - λ theorem, independence, Borel–Cantelli lemmas, Kolmogorov's 0-1 law, Kolmogorov's maximal inequality, strong and weak laws of large numbers
- **Central limit theorems:** weak convergence, characteristic functions, tightness, I.I.D. central limit theorem, Lindeberg–Feller central limit theorem
- Conditioning: conditional probability and expectation, regular conditional probabilities
- Martinagles: stopping times, upcrossing inequality, uniform integrability, A.S. convergence, Doob's decomposition, Doob's inequality, L^p convergence, L^1 convergence, reverse martingale convergence, optional stopping theorem, Wald's identity
- Markov chains: countable state space, stationary measures, convergence theorems, recurrence and transience, asymptotic behavior

3 Minor topic: Complex Analysis (Analysis)

References: Stein and Shakarchi, Complex Analysis, Chapters 1-3

- **Complex functions:** holomorphic, meromorphic, Cauchy-Riemann equations, Liouville's theorem, Taylor and Laurent series
- **Complex integration:** Cauchy's theorem, Cauchy's integral formula, residue theorem, argument principle, Rouché's theorem, Morera's Theorem, maximum modulus principle
- Fundamental Theorem of Algebra: Statement and proof