

Science Distinguished Lecture Series

On Fourth Order PDEs in Affine Differential Geometry and Complex Differential Geometry



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Abstract

Consider the following equation

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n U^{ij} w_{ij} = -L, \quad w = \left[\det \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi_i \partial \xi_j} \right) \right]^a,$$

where L is some given C^∞ function, $u(\xi)$ is a smooth and strictly convex function defined in a convex domain in \mathbb{R}^n , (U^{ij}) denotes the cofactor matrix of the Hessian matrix $\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi_i \partial \xi_j} \right)$ and $a \neq 0$ is a constant. When $a = -\frac{n+1}{n+2}$ and $L = 0$, the above equation is the equation for affine maximal hyper-surfaces. When $a = -1$ it is called the Abreu equation, which appears in the study of the differential geometry of toric varieties, where L is the scalar curvature of the Kahler metric. In this talk, we will discuss some recent development on the study of the relevant differential equations in the differential geometry.

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