

Note on Evans' Book

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- Divergence form and energy methods vs non-divergence form and maximum principle techniques. (p312)

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$$L \text{ uniformly elliptic} \iff \exists \theta > 0, \forall x, \xi, \sum_{i,j} a^{ij}(x) \xi_i \xi_j - \theta |\xi|^2 \geq 0$$

$$\iff \exists \theta > 0, \forall x, \xi, \xi^T (A(x) - \theta I) \xi \geq 0$$

$$\iff \exists \theta > 0, \forall x, A(x) - \theta I \text{ non-negative definite}$$

$$\iff \exists \theta > 0, \forall x, A(x) \text{ positive definite with eigenvalues} \geq \theta$$

- Elliptic equations and stochastic processes both offer insights into the physical phenomenon – diffusion process. (p313)

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