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Hyperbolic systems of partial differential equations 866 (WTW 866)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	Partial differential equations at 3rd-year and hons level; Advanced calculus and Linear algebra
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Mathematics and Applied Maths
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

*Consult with the Head of the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics about the availability of this master's module in a particular year.

Systems of first order partial differential equations and their relationship to wave phenomena. The course will show that the traditional wave equation is over-rated as study material. More detailed contents: Hyperbolicity of first order systems (linear and nonlinear); characteristic curves and surfaces; domains of influence and dependence; well-posedness of initial and boundary value problems; shock phenomena; numerical calculation of solutions; application to the equations of compressible gas dynamics and Maxwell's equations for electromagnetism.

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