

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Dynamical systems 887 (WTW 887)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Module credits	1.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	Functional Analysis, Partial Differential Equations and Finite Element Method on honours level
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mathematics and Applied Mathematics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

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.

Finite dimensional dynamical systems: Autonomous and non-autonomous systems of differential equations, dynamical systems, linear and nonlinear systems, existence and uniqueness of solutions, extension of solutions, maximal solution and maximal interval of existence, phase space and phase portrait. Stability theory for equilibria and periodic orbits using linear approximation, Liapunov's method and other energy methods and discrete dynamical systems (Poincarè map). Introduction to strange attractors. Application to mechanics and population models. Infinite dimensional dynamical systems: Semigroups, first and second order abstract differential equations, Sobolev spaces, finite dimensional approximation. Application to heat conduction and mechanical vibration. Examples of nonlinear systems.

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