

This section is something of a Fast-and-Dirty Introduction to Differential Equations.			
We look briefly at Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs)			
and even more briefly at Partial Differential Equations (PDEs)			
Week	Date	Material	Reference
1	25-Feb-13	1. Ordinary Differential Equations. What is an ODE? Linear and Non-linear ODEs. Where do they come from? Guessing an exponential solution to a homogeneous linear ODE.	K 2.2
2	4-Mar-13	Damped Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM). Spring-mass. Circuit. Guessing solutions with exponentials. Complex exponentials. Over-damped, Under-damped and Critically damped situations	K 2.2, K 2.4
4	18-Mar-13	Inhomogeneous ODEs. Solution is complementary function + particular integral Guessing particular integrals in simple cases. Forced SHM.	K 2.7, K 2.8
5	25-Mar-13	2. Laplace Transform. Definition. LT of some simple functions. LT of derivatives. (EASTER BREAK)	K 6.1, K 6.2
6	8-Apr-13	Solving ODEs using Laplace Transforms. Solving an ODE. Partial fractions. General method for applying LTs to linear ODEs	K 6.2
7	15-Apr-13	The first shifting theorem for LTs - exponentials in the solution. The Heaviside unit step function. Switching functions. The second shifting theorem. ODEs with switching forcing functions.	K 6.3
8	22-Apr-13	3. Partial Differential Equations. Three types of second-order PDE; parabolic, elliptic, hyperbolic. Solving the Heat Equation - parabolic PDE. Separation of variables.	K 12.5
9	29-Apr-13	Elliptic PDEs. Laplace's equation for potential. Solving Laplace's equation by separation of variables.	K 12.5
10	6-May-13	Hyperbolic PDEs. Wave equations. Solving the wave equation by separation of variables.	K 12.3