

MATH-3111-FA PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS I
MATH-3131-FA METHODS MATH PHYSICS I
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Classes: TTh 5.30-7pm in AT2005.

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DESCRIPTION

- **Textbook:** *Mathematical Methods for Physics and Engineering*, 3rd edition by Riley, Hobson, and Bence. Recommended but not required. Cost is approximately CAD 90. Prices are subject to market fluctuations.

We will cover the following topics:

- Introduction to Differential Equations (DE), types of DEs.
- Fourier transform.
- Using Fourier transform to solve ODEs/PDEs.
- Laplace transform.
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- Banach and Hilbert spaces.
- Differential operators.
- Eigenvalues/Eigenfunctions.
- Sturm-Liouville equations.
- Fundamental solutions and Superposition principle.
- Legendre/Associated Legendre equations.
- Spherical harmonics.
- Chebyshev equation.
- Bessel equation.
- Laguerre/Associated Laguerre equations.
- Hermite equation.

- **Marking scheme:** your overall mark will be made of the following elements.
 - **Assignments:** 3 assignments during the semester, each one counting for 15% of the final grade. You will have 2 week to do each assignment.
 - **Final Exam:** There will be a formal 3 hours final exam which will count for 55% of the final grade.
 - **Presenting solutions:** Presenting solutions can make up to 10% of the final grade, affecting the marks from the assignments portion only.
- **Policies:**
 - Important announcements will be made through D2L to registered students via D2L. You are responsible for reading the info posted on D2L.
 - I attempt to reply to e-mail in a timely fashion, but do not expect immediate responses.
- **Academic Dishonesty:** All cases of academic dishonesty will be dealt with according to the university's Code of Student Behavior and Disciplinary Procedures, copies of which are available from the university's web-site.
- **Accommodations:** Lakehead University is committed to achieving full accessibility for persons with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging academic accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all of their academic activities. If you think you may need accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact

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