

You should know the techniques and basic results associated with the following topics:

Analytic solutions to first order linear and separable differential equations

Linear systems

Interpreting coefficients.

Identify and classify equilibrium points

Solutions for two distinct real eigenvalues, one real eigenvalue and two complex eigenvalues.

Phase planes for different regions of the trace determinant plane

Special cases: one or both eigenvalues are zero

Harmonic Oscillator

Meaning of coefficients

Solution of homogeneous equation using the characteristic polynomial (Free gift from the math department), for the three cases: two real values, one real value and two complex values

Solution of the inhomogeneous equation using the method of undetermined coefficients.

Find amplitude and phase of forced response

Resonance in damped and undamped harmonic oscillator – recognize graphs.