

Lectures on Dynamics



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Nonlinear Dynamics, Chaos and Metamaterials: Advanced Vibration Control

This short course provides an integrated overview of nonlinear vibration phenomena and modern strategies for vibration mitigation in mechanical systems. The lectures introduce the fundamental concepts of nonlinear dynamics, including qualitative and quantitative tools for analyzing complex system behavior, and extend to chaos control techniques and advanced approaches based on mechanical metamaterials. Both discrete and continuous systems are addressed, covering linear and nonlinear regimes, with applications relevant to vibration reduction and dynamic performance enhancement in engineering systems.

Topics: nonlinear dynamics; equilibrium points and stability; Poincaré sections; bifurcation diagrams; chaotic behavior; Lyapunov exponents; basins of attraction; nonlinear normal modes; chaos control methods; vibration mitigation strategies; mechanical metamaterials; linear and nonlinear vibration control.

Lecture Schedule

Lecture #1: Fri, **06 February 2026** – 16:00
Lecture #2: Mon, **09 February 2026** – 16:00
Lecture #3: Wed, **11 February 2026** – 16:00

Lecture #4: Fri, **13 February 2026** – 16:00
Lecture #5: Mon, **16 February 2026** – 16:00



Lecture Location - Multimedia room (classroom 3), ground floor side B, bldg Civil Engineering. University of Rome Tor Vergata - via del Politecnico 1, 00133 Rome.

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