

MATH-325

**Dynamics and bifurcation**

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Mathematics	BA6	Opt.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	5
Session	Summer
Semester	Spring
Exam	Written
Workload	150h
Weeks	14
<b>Hours</b>	<b>4 weekly</b>
Courses	2 weekly
Exercises	2 weekly
<b>Number of positions</b>	

**Summary**

Introduction to local and global behavior of nonlinear dynamical systems arising from maps and ordinary differential equations. Theoretical and computational aspects studied.

**Content**

One dimensional flows  
Elementary bifurcations  
One dimensional maps

Systems of ordinary differential equations: planar systems and phase portraits, non linear systems, Lyapunov stability, mechanical systems, La-Salle invariance principle, index in two dimensional vector fields, periodic orbits and limit cycles, Poincaré-Andronov-Hopf bifurcation, structural stability.

**Keywords**

Systèmes dynamiques à temps discrets et à temps continu, discrete and continuous dynamical systems, elementary bifurcations: saddle-node, transcritical, hysteresis, pitchfork; Lyapunov stability, Poincaré maps, mechanical systems.

**Learning Prerequisites****Required courses**

Analyse I, Analyse II, Algebre linéaire

**Recommended courses**

Equations différentielles ordinaires

**Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the course, the student must be able to:

- Analyze dynamical systems in continue and discrete time
- Describe local and global behavior of differential equations and maps
- Work out / Determine stability properties as a function of one or more parameters

**Transversal skills**

- Communicate effectively, being understood, including across different languages and cultures.
- Communicate effectively with professionals from other disciplines.

- Use a work methodology appropriate to the task.

### Teaching methods

Lectures 2 hours a week and exercise sessions 2 hours a week.

### Expected student activities

Attendance to lectures, attendance to exercise sessions, solution of homework problems that may involve theoretical or numerical solutions, give a final exam.

### Assessment methods

Final exam.

Dans le cas de l'art. 3 al. 5 du Règlement de section, l'enseignant décide de la forme de l'examen qu'il communique aux étudiants concernés

### Supervision

Office hours	No
Assistants	Yes
Forum	Yes

### Resources

#### Bibliography

Introduction to Dynamical Systems: continuous and discrete, by Clark Robinson, 2012.  
Dynamics and bifurcations, by J. Hale and H. Kocak, 1991.

#### Ressources en bibliothèque

- [Introduction to Dynamical Systems: continuous and discrete / Robinson](#)
- [Dynamics and bifurcations / Hale & Kocak](#)
- [\(electronic version\)](#)

#### Notes/Handbook

Lecture notes will be given, to be completed by the students.

#### Websites

- <http://moodle.epfl.ch>