PHYS-460 **Nonlinear dynamics, chaos and complex systems**

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Ing.-phys	MA2, MA4	Opt.
Physicien	MA2, MA4	Opt.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	6
Session	Summer
Semester	Spring
Exam	Oral
Workload	180h
Weeks	14
Hours	**5 weekly**
Courses	3 weekly
Exercises	2 weekly
Number of positions	

Summary

The course provides students with the tools to approach the study of nonlinear systems and chaotic dynamics. Emphasis is given to concrete examples and numerical applications are carried out during the exercise sessions.

Content

The course consists of three parts.
Part 1: Nonlinear dynamics
- One-dimensional systems and elementary bifurcations
- Two-dimensional systems, phase-plane analysis, limit cycles, and Hopf bifurcations

Part 2: Chaos
- Lorenz system and chaotic dynamics
- Iterated maps, period-doubling, chaos, universality, and renormalization
- Fractals
- Strange attractors

Part 3: Introduction to complex systems
- The science of complexity
- Examples of complex systems, networks, turbulence, etc.

Keywords

Chaos, Nonlinear systems, Complex system, Fractals, Differential equations, Bifurcations.

Learning Prerequisites

Required courses

Introductory Physics and Math courses.

Learning Outcomes

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

- Manipulate the fundamental elements of nonlinear systems and chaotic dynamics

Teaching methods

Ex cathedra and exercises in class.

Assessment methods

Oral Exam

Resources

Bibliography

- S.H. Strogatz, Nonlinear dynamics and chaos, with application to Physics, Biology, Chmistry, and Engineering, Second Edition, Westwiew Press.
- P.G. Drazin, Nonlinear systems, Cambridge University Press.
- M.W. Hirsch, S. Smale, and R.L. Devaney, Differential equations, dynamical systems, and an introduction to chaos, Elsevier.
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- Strogatz / Nonlinear dynamics and chaos

Moodle Link

- https://moodle.epfl.ch/course/view.php?id=15697