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Week I: Introduction to Nonlinear Dynamics

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Syllabus:

1. Introduction; Dynamics of Maps chs 1 & 10 of [49]
 - a brief tour of nonlinear dynamics [31] (in [17])
 - an extended example: the logistic map
 - how to plot its behavior
 - initial conditions, transients, and fixed points
 - bifurcations and attractors
 - chaos: sensitive dependence on initial conditions, λ , and all that
 - pitchforks, Feigenbaum, and universality [22] (in [17])
 - the connection between chaos and fractals [23], ch 11 of [49]
 - period-3, chaos, and the u-sequence [30, 33] (latter is in [17])
 - *maybe*: unstable periodic orbits [2, 25, 48]

2. Dynamics of Flows [49], sections 2.0-2.3, 2.8, 5, and 6 (except 6.6 and 6.8)
 - maps vs. flows
 - time: discrete vs. continuous
 - axes: state/phase space [9]
 - an example: the simple harmonic oscillator
 - some math & physics review [8]
 - portraying & visualizing the dynamics [9]
 - trajectories, attractors, basins, and boundaries [9]
 - dissipation and attractors [41]
 - bifurcations

- how sensitive dependence and the Lyapunov exponent manifest in flows
 - anatomy of a chaotic attractor: [23]
 - stretching/folding and the un/stable manifolds
 - fractal structure and the fractal dimension ch 11 of [49]
 - unstable periodic orbits [2, 25, 48]
 - shadowing
 - *maybe*: symbol dynamics [26] (*in [13]*); [28]
3. Tools [1, 9, 36, 39]
- ODE solvers and their dynamics [8, 32, 34, 43]
 - PDE solvers [8, 43]
 - Poincaré sections [27]
 - stability, eigenstuff, and un/stable manifolds (plus a bit of control theory)
 - embedology [29, 38, 45, 46, 44, 51] (*[38] is in [36] and [44] is in [52];*)
 - *maybe*: calculating Lyapunov exponents and fractal dimensions [1, 9, 36, 39]
4. Applications [13, 36, 37]
- prediction [3, 4, 5, 14, 15, 52]
 - filtering [20, 21, 24]
 - control [7, 6, 11, 35, 47] (*[35] is in [36]*)
 - communication [16, 40]
 - classical mechanics [10, 42, 50, 53, 54]
 - music, dance, and image [12, 18, 19]

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