

Math 235, Dynamical Systems, Winter 2022

- Lectures: TTh 1:30 3:05 PM, McHenry Clrm 1279 (the first two weeks remotely)
- **Instructor:** Viktor Ginzburg; office: McHenry 4124 email: ginzburg(at)ucsc.edu
- Office Hours: TBA or by appointment
- **Text:** There will be no "official" textbook in this course. Some suggested reading and references:
- → Introduction to the Modern Theory of Dynamical Systems by A. Katok and B. Hasselblatt;
- → Geometrical Methods in the Theory of Ordinary Differential Equations by V.I. Arnold;
- → Lectures on Dynamical Systems by E. Zehnder;
- Measure and Category by J.C. Oxtoby; more analysis & top dynamics o Ergodic Theory by I.P. Cornfeld, S.V. Fomin and Y.G. Sinai;
- → Lecture Notes on Ergodic Theory by C. Walkden;
 - Dynamical Systems by C. Robinson.
- Tentative Syllabus: This course will be a potpourri of dynamical systems, focusing on examples and main concepts and notions rather than technical proofs of general theorems. I plan to discuss or at least briefly touch upon some of the following topics and concepts:
 - elements of ergodic theory,
 - topological entropy,
 - structural stability,
 - maps of the circle and the Denjoy example,
 - local analysis and local normal forms,
 - hyperbolic dynamical systems.

This will not be a comprehensive course in dynamical systems, but rather a non-technical overview of central notions and ideas. Examples are particularly important in dynamics and I will devote a lot of attention to them.

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• Lecture notes (pdf files) The entire set (nearly 100MB). Weekly:

- Week 1: Basic concepts; Examples: gradient flows, rotations of the circle, translations and linear flows on tori, the Kronecker theorem, geodesic flows P.3
- Week 2: Examples continued: geodesic flows on surfaces of negative curvature, the shift transformation. Elements of Ergodic Theory: invariant measures, some examples, the p.27 Poincare recurrence theorem.
- Week 3: Elements of Ergodic Theory continued: the Birkhoff Ergodic Theorem; ergodicity and unique ergodicity; Examples: rotations of the circle (equidistribution), translations and linear flows on tori; toral automorphismns. P. 51
- Week 4: Elements of Ergodic Theory continued: mixing; Bernoulli shifts; existence of invariant measures (the Krylov-Bogolubov theorem); the Oxtoby-Ulam theorem.

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- <u>Week 5: Homeomorphisms of the circle: general discussion (equivalence, structurale stability,</u> etc); the rotation number. \mathcal{P} 109
- <u>Week 6: Homeomorphisms of the circle continued: properties of the rotation number;</u> <u>structurally stable diffeomorphisms of the circle; the Denjoy theorem; Digression: continious</u> <u>vs differentiable functions.</u> <u>b</u>, 12-6
- <u>Weeks 7-8: Homeomorphisms of the circle continued: the Denjoy example; Diophantine vs.</u> <u>Liouville numbers; Herman's Theorem and small denominators (examples). Local analysis:</u> <u>setting; Lyapunov and asymptotic stability; Lypunov functions.</u> P. 139
- <u>Week 9: Local analysis continued: asymptotic stability via linearization; non-degenerate and hyperbolic fixed points and equilibria; the Hartman-Grobman theorem (without proof); the linearization problem; resonances and the Poincare theorem on formal linearization).</u> *P. 163*
- <u>Week 10: Introduction to hyperbolic systems: horseshoes; hyperbolic maps and sets;</u> structural stability (Anosov theorem's on structural stability of hyperbolic toral endomorphisms). *P. 178*































































































































































































































































































































































