

**Syllabus. Math 145. Introduction to Chaos, aka Intro to (Nonlinear) Dynamics.**

class meets: Tu Th 10-11:40. Eng. Bldg 2. room 192 (outside patio entrance)

Prof.: Richard Montgomery. off:4120 McHenry.

office hours: (tentative) Tu 8-10 AM, Th 5-6 PM

class web site: <http://people.ucsc.edu/~rmont/classes/chao/2013/index.html>

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**EVALUATIONS:**

20 percent: homework [HW], quizzes, class participation

30 percent: midterm . (week 5) on 1 and 2D mappings; maybe a bit on Mandelbrot's set

50 percent: final . on flows (ODEs), and some on mappings

**TEXTS:**

[1] An Introduction to Chaotic Dynamical Systems, 2nd Ed. , R. Devaney and son, (2003)

[2] Nonlinear Dynamics And Chaos: With Applications ... , S. Strogatz

[3] not required. 'Chaos and Fractals'. Proc. of Symp. in Applied Math. v. 39, AMS pub.

**MATHEMATICAL PREREQUISITES.**

*Beginning Calculus.* By looking at a graph, can you see where the derivative is zero? Greater than 1? *Some linear algebra:* Do you know what a two-by-two matrix is? Can you diagonalize one? Do you know how matrices define maps? *Some differential equations:* Can you solve  $dy/dt = -y$ ?  $d^2y/dt^2 = -y$ ? *Some understanding of the Complex number field:* What point of the xy plane does the complex number  $1 + 2i$  represent? How do you write it in polar coordinates? Can you draw  $(1 + i), (1 + i)^2, (1 + i)^3, (1 + i)^4, \dots$ ?

Tentative schedule. *Note: Montgomery does class 1. Yusuf Goren does classes 2, 3, and 4. Montgomery does the remainder.*

week 1. 1D map families, focusing on the quadratic family

week 2. 1D maps ct'd.

week 3. May's paper (\*). Wrap up 1D maps. Begin 2D maps.

week 4. 2D maps ct'd. Mandelbrot's paper (\*).

week 5. review. midterm: Thurs. Feb 7.

week 6. ODEs =flows. Fixed points. Linearization. Classifying 1D flows.

week 7. 2D flows. Limit cycles. Homoclinic and heteroclicing saddle points. Poincare return map.

Poincare-Bendixson statement. Dictionary between flows and invertible maps

week 8. A 3D flow. Lorenz's paper (\*).

week 9. Stable-Unstable manifold theorem. Homoclinic tangle. Forced pendulum.

week 10. Synthesis. Review. Last day of class: Mar 14.

Final: Thursday, March 21 12:00:00 p.m.

(\*) Notes on reading and discussion. At the first class everyone get a number  $j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ . Each paper will be divided into 5 parts. During the discussion part of class groups will convene to discuss with each group having at least one person with each of the 5 numbers  $j$ .