

# NOC: Introduction to Non Linear Dynamics - Video course

## COURSE OUTLINE

This course is an introduction to nonlinear dynamics. We will employ a combination of analytical methods, examples, and geometric motivation. We will start with first order differential equations, and their bifurcations, and then move onto two dimensional flows.

## COURSE DETAIL

**A brief introduction to modelling:**

**Introduction to the course:**

**One dimensional flows:**

### *Flows on the line*

- Geometrical intuition
- Fixed points, and stability
- Local stability analysis
- Existence and Uniqueness
- Impossibility of Oscillations
- Potentials
- Numerical methods

### *Bifurcations*

- Saddle node
- Normal forms
- Transcritical
- Pitch fork
- Imperfect bifurcations
- Example
- Numerics (XPP-Auto)

### *Flows on the circle*

- Uniform oscillator
- Non-uniform oscillator

**Two dimensional flows:**

### *Linear systems*

- Definitions and examples
- Classification of linear systems
- Dynamics of love affairs



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**Pre-requisites:**

Calculus and basic linear algebra

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## ***Phase plane***

- Phase portraits
- Existence, uniqueness and topological consequences
- Fixed points and linearisation
- Examples: population dynamics

## ***Limit cycles***

- Ruling out closed orbits
- Poincare-Bendixson theorem
- Lienard systems
- Weakly nonlinear oscillators

## ***Bifurcations***

- Saddle-node, Transcritical and Pitchfork
- Choice of bifurcation parameter
- Hopf
- Poincare Maps

## **Final comments:**

- Higher-order systems, and the existence of Chaos
- Importance of time delays and noise

## **References:**

1. Nonlinear dynamics and Chaos, by Steven Strogatz
2. Simulating, Analyzing and Animating Dynamical Systems, by Bard Ermentrout