

# Astrodynamics Applications of Dynamical Systems Theory

ASEN6519 - Fall 2007  
Tuesday/Thursday 12:30 – 1:45 pm  
ECCR 1B08

## Overview:

The course will focus on applying dynamical systems tools to astrodynamics primarily within the context of the three-body problem. Some of the areas of concentration will include the computation of periodic orbits, differential correction, invariant manifolds, and stability techniques. The homework will emphasize the development of algorithms that incorporate these methods while learning about their mathematical basis. Research projects will be assigned in order to include current topics of interest. Grades will be based primarily on the homework and research projects.

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## Grading:

Homework: 60%

Mid-term Project: 15%

Final Project: 25%

## Outline:

1. Dynamical Systems Overview, Terminology, Sample Applications
  - a. Nonlinearity
  - b. Phase space trajectories
  - c. Autonomous and non-autonomous systems
  - d. Topology (see Marsden)
2. Flows on the line
  - a. Fixed points and stability
  - b. Thinking geometrically or qualitatively (Poincaré)

- c. Stability analysis
  - d. Existence and uniqueness
  - e. Potential
  - f. Lagrangian, Hamiltonian (see Landau and Lifshitz, Arnold)
  - g. Extension of concepts to a Two-body example
3. Bifurcations (1D)
    - a. Bifurcation diagrams
    - b. Saddle-node, transcritical, and pitchfork bifurcations
  4. Linear Systems (2D)
    - a. Phase portraits
    - b. Stable and unstable manifolds
    - c. Classifications of fixed points, applicability to higher order systems
    - d. Lyapunov stability (proof)
    - e. Properties of eigendirections
    - f. Classification of fixed points
  5. Phase Planes (nonlinear, 2D and in the CRTBP)
    - a. Phase portraits in nonlinear systems
    - b. Existence and uniqueness proofs
    - c. Comparison with planar CRTBP
    - d. Fixed points and linearization
    - e. Lagrange points
    - f. Symmetry
    - g. Basic Periodic orbits
  6. Bifurcations (2D and greater)
    - a. Hopf bifurcations
    - b. Applications within the CRTBP
  7. Additional Dynamical Systems Applications in the CRTBP
    - a. Periodic and Quasi-Periodic Orbits
      - i. Lyapunov Orbits
      - ii. Halo Orbits
      - iii. Lissajous Orbits
    - b. Variational Equations
    - c. Single Shooting
    - d. Multiple Shooting
      - i. Level I
      - ii. Level II
      - iii. Constraints
    - e. Stability Techniques
    - f. Invariant Manifolds
    - g. Poincaré Maps
  8. Applications Within Additional Models (if time allows)
    - a. N-Body Problem
    - b. Three-Body Problem
    - c. Circular Restricted Three-Body Problem
    - d. Hill's Problem
    - e. Elliptic Restricted Three-Body Problem

- f. Ephemeris Models
- 9. Other Dynamical Systems Tools in the CRTBP (if time allows)
  - a. Heteroclinic and Homoclinic Connections
  - b. Regularization
  - c. Continuation
- 10. Examples of Possible Mission Design Applications (if time allows)
  - a. Libration Point Missions
  - b. Genesis
  - c. Earth-Moon System
  - d. Comets in the Sun-Jupiter System
  - e. Jovian System

**Suggested Texts (Ordered roughly by how much they will be used in the course):**

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