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Topics: Algebraic Topology and Dynamical Systems

Algebraic Topology:

Fundamental Group:

- Van Kampen Theorem
- Covering Spaces

Homology:

- Simplicial, Singular, and Cellular Homology
- Exact Sequences and excision
- Axioms for homology
- Homology and Fundamental Group
- Simplicial Approximation

Cohomology

- Simplicial, Singular, Cellular Cohomology
- Exact sequences and excision
- Cup, Cap products
- Kunnet formula
- Orientation and Duality

De Rham Cohomology

- Mayer Vietoris Sequence
- Poincare Duality
- de Rham Theorem

Hodge Theory [3, 4]

- Hodge Decomposition, Hodge theorem
- Combinatorial Hodge Theorem [4]

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Dynamical Systems Theory:

Discrete Dynamics:

- Fixed Points, Periodic Points, Limit Sets
- Stability of fixed points and periodic points

Chaos:

- Lyapunov Exponents
- Topological Entropy

Ordinary Differential Equations:

- Existence, Uniqueness
- Liapunov Functions
- Linear Theory, Hyperbolicity
- Fixed Points, Periodic Orbits
- Stability of fixed points and period orbits
- Poincare-Bendixson Theorem

Bifurcation Theory [2,3]

- Saddle-Node, Transcritical, Pitchfork, Hysteresis, Hopf Bifurcations

Conley Index Theory [3]

- Chain Recurrence, Conley's Fundamental Theorem
- Morse Decompositions, Index pairs, Conley index
- Fundamental theorem of dynamical systems
- Connecting homomorphism, Connection matrix theory

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