CMP4102 Instrumentation and Control Engineering

Period per Week			Contact Hour per Semester	Weighted Total Mark	Weighted Exam Mark	Weighted Continuous Assessment Mark	Credit Units
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45	30	00	60	100	60	40	4

Rationale

The computer is an electronic device whose design and manufacture utilizes a great deal of instrumentation and control engineering concepts. A student of computer engineering has to be exposed to the relevance of these fundamental concepts in the design of computer circuitry.

Objectives

This course aims at:

- Enabling student understand that control systems are a daily phenomena, that virtually everything needs feedback, that electronic or electromechanical systems most times include a feedback loop, either explicitly or implicitly.

- Giving the student knowledge of analog and digital control engineering concepts. This course aims to help the student with:
- Knowledge of procedures for measuring and improving the reliability of digital components within measuring systems.
- Knowledge of the formal standards governing instrument calibration procedures and measurement system performance.
- An introduction on the topic of sensors and their use within instrumentation systems.
- Knowledge of the principles and theory of measurement

Course Content

1. ***Review of Measurement Specification***
   - Standards, units- instrument types
   - performance characteristics: static and dynamic characteristic
2. ***Measuring system***
3. ***Analogue Instruments***
   - Moving coil,
   - iron instruments
4. ***Digital Instruments***
   - Multimeters
   - data analysers
   - signal synthesisers.
5. ***Counters and timers***
6. ***Measuring Errors***
   - Random errors
   - Systematic errors
7. ***Transducers***
   - Measurement of displacement
   - velocity and acceleration
   - time and frequency
   - light,
   - temperature, volume, pressure, flow and force
8. ***Analogue Data Processing***
   - The operational amplifier
   - Characteristics
   - Configurations
9. ***Simulation of differential equations and transfer function***
10. ***Data Acquisition and Conversion***
    - Sampling theorem
    - Quantisation
    - Multiplexing
    - filtering sample and hold
    - Bridge Circuits
11. ***Introduction to design of feedback systems***
    - Properties and advantages of feedback systems
12. ***Time-Domain And Frequency-Domain Performance Measures***
13. ***Stability And Degree Of Stability***
14. ***Complex Plane Analysis***
    - Algebra
    - Applications to Control Engineering
15. ***Stability Criteria***

- Routh's Criterion
- Root locus method
- Nyquist criterion

16. Bode Plots

- Introduction
- Frequency response analysis

17. Unit Circle

- PID Compensator
- time response

18. State Space Analysis

- Observability
- Controllability and the corresponding vectors

19. Digital Control System

- z transforms
- Jury Test

Learning Outcomes

The student will:

- Be able to comfortably check for stability of any system using any criteria.
- Understand the concept of control system engineering, why it is carried out and will appreciate its application in digital control.
- Acquire knowledge of the type of measuring instruments and be able to appreciate why certain instruments are m ore favourable in a particular environment and requirement (accuracy or precision among others);
- Understand the types of errors that occur during measurement and how best they can be minimised during experimental setup.
- Acquire concepts on sensors and their use in design of automated systems.

Recommended Books and References

[1] William L. Brogan, *Modern Control Theory,* 2nd ed., Prentice-Hall, 1985

[2] Nise, N. S, *Control Systems Engineering,* 3rd ed., New York, NY: Wiley, 2000.

[3] Allan S. Morris, *Measurement and Instrumentation Principles,* 3rd ed., Butterworth Heinemann, 2001

[4] K. Ogata, *Discrete- Time Control Systems*