230474 - TS - Signal Theory

Coordinating unit: 230 - ETSETB - Barcelona School of Telecommunications Engineering
Teaching unit: 739 - TSC - Department of Signal Theory and Communications
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Degree: BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENGINEERING PHYSICS (Syllabus 2011). (Teaching unit Compulsory)
ECTS credits: 6
Teaching languages: Catalan, Spanish, English

Teaching staff
Coordinator: Pascual Iserte, Antonio
Others: Rey Micolau, Francesc

Opening hours
Timetable: To be agreed with the lecturer

Degree competences to which the subject contributes

Specific:
1. Understanding and mastering the basic concepts of linear systems, and functions and their transforms in the continuous and discrete domains. Ability to analyze signals with noise, applying the Wiener-Khinchin theorem and calculate the averaged power spectrum. Ability to sample and filter signals.

Generical:
9. ABILITY TO IDENTIFY, FORMULATE, AND SOLVE PHYSICAL ENGINEERING PROBLEMS. Planning and solving physical engineering problems with initiative, making decisions and with creativity. Developing methods of analysis and problem solving in a systematic and creative way.

Transversal:
2. ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION - Level 1. Showing enterprise, acquiring basic knowledge about organizations and becoming familiar with the tools and techniques for generating ideas and managing organizations that make it possible to solve known problems and create opportunities.
3. SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT - Level 3. Taking social, economic and environmental factors into account in the application of solutions. Undertaking projects that tie in with human development and sustainability.
4. THIRD LANGUAGE. Learning a third language, preferably English, to a degree of oral and written fluency that fits in with the future needs of the graduates of each course.
5. EFFICIENT ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION - Level 2. Using strategies for preparing and giving oral presentations. Writing texts and documents whose content is coherent, well structured and free of spelling and grammatical errors.
6. TEAMWORK - Level 2. Contributing to the consolidation of a team by planning targets and working efficiently to favor communication, task assignment and cohesion.
7. EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES - Level 3. Planning and using the information necessary for an academic assignment (a final thesis, for example) based on a critical appraisal of the information resources used.
8. SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING - Level 3. Applying the knowledge gained in completing a task according to its relevance and importance. Deciding how to carry out a task, the amount of time to be devoted to it and the most suitable information sources.
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Teaching methodology

There will be approximately three theoretical hours, one hour for exercises and one hour in the lab in mean per week. The theoretical lectures are devoted to a careful presentation of the basic concepts and the main results which will be illustrated with some examples. The practical hour is devoted to the solution of a variety of exercises and problems. In the hour in the lab some exercises and simulations to be carried out with a computer are proposed.

Learning objectives of the subject

- To understand the basic concepts related with signals and systems in the time domain both for the case of continuous time and discrete time.
- To understand and be able to use the main transformations for the case of continuous time (Laplace, Fourier) and discrete time (Z, Fourier, DFT) and their application to signals and frequency response of systems.
- To be able to characterize the A/D and D/A conversion processes.
- To be able to characterize stochastic processes.
- To understand the fundamentals of estimation theory in terms of the characterization of estimators for the two main families: classical and Bayesian estimation.
- To understand the fundamentals of non-parametric and parametric spectral estimation.
- To understand the fundamentals and the main applications of Wiener filtering.

Study load

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<th>Total learning time: 150h</th>
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<td>Hours small group:</td>
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## 1.- SIGNALS AND SYSTEMS IN THE TIME DOMAIN

**Learning time:** 18h  
- Theory classes: 5h  
- Practical classes: 1h  
- Laboratory classes: 2h  
- Self study: 10h

### Description:
- Analog and discrete-time signals. Basic signals. Energy and power.  
- Analog and discrete-time systems. Examples (including transformations over the time variable) and properties/classification.  
- Linear time invariant systems:  
  - Impulse response and convolution: properties  
  - Differential equations for analog systems  
  - Finite differences equations for discrete-time systems (FIR/IIR systems)

### Related activities:
- Theoretical lectures and exercises at class.  
- One session of 2 hours in the lab.

### Specific objectives:
To understand the basic concepts related with signals and systems in the time domain both for the case of continuous time and discrete time.

## 2.- SIGNALS AND SYSTEMS IN TRANSFORM DOMAINS

**Learning time:** 31h  
- Theory classes: 9h  
- Practical classes: 2h  
- Laboratory classes: 2h  
- Guided activities: 1h  
- Self study: 17h

### Description:
- Analog signals and systems:  
  - Laplace transform and transfer function  
  - Fourier transform/series and frequency response (analog filters)  
  - Examples and properties  
- Discrete-time signals and systems:  
  - Z transform and transfer function  
  - Fourier transform and frequency response (digital filters)  
  - DFT and FFT  
  - Examples and properties

### Related activities:
- Theoretical lectures and exercises at class.  
- One session of 2 hours in the lab.

### Specific objectives:
To understand and be able to use the main transformations for the case of continuous time (Laplace, Fourier) and discrete time (Z, Fourier, DFT) and their application to signals and frequency response of systems.
### 3. A/D AND D/A CONVERSION

**Learning time:** 18h
- Theory classes: 4h
- Practical classes: 1h
- Laboratory classes: 2h
- Self study: 10h

**Description:**
- 3.2. Quantization noise.
- 3.3. Change of the sampling frequency: decimation and interpolation.
- 3.4. Signal reconstruction: ideal and zero-order hold (ZOH) interpolators

**Related activities:**
- Theoretical lectures and exercises at class.
- One session of 2 hours in the lab.

**Specific objectives:**
- To be able to characterize the A/D and D/A conversion processes.

### 4. STOCHASTIC PROCESSES - RANDOM SIGNALS

**Learning time:** 11h
- Theory classes: 4h
- Practical classes: 1h
- Self study: 6h

**Description:**
- 4.3. Ergodicity in mean and correlation.
- 4.5. Filtering of random signals.
- 4.6. Gaussian processes.

**Related activities:**
- Theoretical lectures and exercises at class.

**Specific objectives:**
- To be able to characterize stochastic processes.
5.- FUNDAMENTALS OF ESTIMATION THEORY

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Description:

5.1.- Introduction to estimation theory:
  5.1.1.- definition of estimator
  5.1.2.- quality criteria: bias, variance, mean square error (MSE), consistency
  5.1.3.- example: estimation of the mean of a process

5.2.- Classical estimation theory:
  5.2.1.- minimum variance unbiased estimator (MVUE)
  5.2.2.- efficient estimators: Cramer-Rao bound
  5.2.3.- maximum likelihood (ML) estimation

5.3.- Bayesian estimation theory:
  5.3.1.- parameter characterization: prior distribution
  5.3.2.- Bayesian risk: maximum-a-posteriori (MAP), posterior mean, posterior median estimators

Related activities:
Theoretical lectures and exercises at class.
One session of 2 hours in the lab.

Specific objectives:
To understand the fundamentals of estimation theory in terms of the characterization of estimators for the two main families: classical and Bayesian estimation.
6.- SPECTRAL ESTIMATION

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<td>6.1.- Non-parametric spectral estimation:</td>
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<td>6.1.1.- periodogram: bias (leakage), variance, and consistency</td>
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<td>6.2.- Parametric spectral estimation:</td>
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Learning time: 24h
- Theory classes: 6h
- Practical classes: 2h
- Laboratory classes: 2h
- Self study: 14h

7.- OPTIMAL WIENER FILTERING

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<td>7.1.- Linear Bayesian estimator of minimum MSE.</td>
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<td>7.2.- Wiener filter and Wiener-Hopf equations.</td>
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Learning time: 23h
- Theory classes: 5h
- Practical classes: 2h
- Laboratory classes: 2h
- Guided activities: 1h
- Self study: 13h
The evaluation will be based on the following three items:

- PE: partial exam
- FE: final exam (including all the contents of the course)
- LS: lab sessions

The final score will follow from

$$\text{Final mark} = \max \{ 0.60 \times \text{FE} + 0.25 \times \text{PE} + 0.15 \times \text{LS} , \ 0.85 \times \text{FE} + 0.15 \times \text{LS} \}$$

**Bibliography**

**Basic:**


**Complementary:**


