**300217 - SL - Linear Systems**

**Coordinating unit:** 300 - EETAC - Castelldefels School of Telecommunications and Aerospace Engineering  
**Teaching unit:** 739 - TSC - Department of Signal Theory and Communications  
**Academic year:** 2017  
**Degree:**  
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN AEROSPACE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2015). (Teaching unit Compulsory)  
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN AIRPORT ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2010). (Teaching unit Compulsory)  
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN AIR NAVIGATION ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2010). (Teaching unit Compulsory)  
**ECTS credits:** 4.5  
**Teaching languages:** Catalan, Spanish

### Prior skills
- To have a fluent operation with Fourier Series and Transforms.  
- To have a fluent operation with Laplace transforms  
- Basic knowledge on the rigid body mechanics (translation and rotation)  
- Basic Analysis of resistive circuits  
- Knowledge on the properties of electric parameters, such as the resistance, the capacitor and the coil  
- Practice in using the basic measurement instrumental in an electronics laboratory: scope, function generator, power supply and multimeter. Knowledge of the basic electronic components and devices: protoboard, resistors, capacitors, and inductors.

### Requirements
To have profitably attended the previous courses of:  
- Àlgebra (Algebra)  
- Fonaments de Física (Physics Fundamentals)  
- Ampliació de Matemàtiques (Broadening on Maths)  
- Càlcul (Calculus)

### Degree competences to which the subject contributes

#### Specific:
1. CE 15 AERO. Conocimiento adecuado y aplicado a la Ingeniería de: Los principios de la mecánica del medio continuo y las técnicas de cálculo de su respuesta. (CIN/308/2009, BOE 18.2.2009)  
2. CE 17 AERO. Conocimiento adecuado y aplicado a la ingeniería de: Los elementos fundamentales de los diversos tipos de aeronaves; los elementos funcionales del sistema de navegación aérea y las instalaciones eléctricas y electrónicas asociadas; los fundamentos del diseño y construcción de aeropuertos y sus diversos elementos. (CIN/308/2009, BOE 18.2.2009)  
3. CE 18 AERO. Conocimiento adecuado y aplicado a la Ingeniería de: Los fundamentos de la mecánica de fluidos; los principios básicos del control y la automatización del vuelo; las principales características y propiedades físicas y mecánicas de los materiales. (CIN/308/2009, BOE 18.2.2009)

#### Generical:
8. EFFICIENT USE OF EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS - Level 1: Using instruments, equipment and software from the laboratories of general or basic use. Realising experiments and proposed practices and analyzing obtained results.

#### Transversal:
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4. SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING - Level 1. Completing set tasks within established deadlines. Working with recommended information sources according to the guidelines set by lecturers.

5. SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING - Level 2: Completing set tasks based on the guidelines set by lecturers. Devoting the time needed to complete each task, including personal contributions and expanding on the recommended information sources.

6. 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.

7. 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.

9. EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES - Level 1. Identifying information needs. Using collections, premises and services that are available for designing and executing simple searches that are suited to the topic.

Teaching methodology

In the theoretical lectures (groups of 40 students), based on the professor exposition, the formal explanations are combined with a kind of continuous asking to the students in order to make easier the understanding of the course fundamentals. A good motivation for the study of new concepts and techniques is fundamental. So, they will be introduced from their need, avoiding as possible the study of subjects without a clear knowledge on their usefulness, which has to be rather perceived (a perception induced by the professor) than directly exposed.

In the lectures guided to get practice in exercises and problems (groups of 20 students), students can work, depending on each particular lecture, individually or in groups of up to 3 members. The objective is to solve problems already advanced in the theoretical lectures. The professor will solve (or will give guidelines to do that) together with the students the problems; and additional problems to be solved at home will be proposed. It is important that the professor will not destroy the start-up of the problems, which is the most educational part of the solution. Once started (or at least after elapsing a prudential time after the problem proposal), the professor will give the abovementioned guidelines. The capability to solve problems based on the pure retention (memory) is not an aspect to be boost.

In the Laboratory sessions (groups of 20 students), the students will work on couples. Each member of the couple has to make individually the previous study. The report is one for the couple, where the work made has to be presented and the interpreted results has to be related with the theoretical fundamentals previously seen in the theoretical lectures. Main conclusions are presented at the end of the delivered report.

In the Conducted Activities (groups of 20 students) some workshops will be arranged, where the student has to face the solution of selected problems, with little interference from the professor. The asking for help to the professor has to be preferably made over already started problems. Any help on the problem start-up is understood as a bee-line which may produce an honest and false feeling, from the student, to have learned the subject.

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Learning objectives of the subject

To describe and classify signals and systems, to find descriptive parameters (form and energy criteria), to operate with elemental signals and their combinations, and to operate with interconnected systems, simplifying structures and finding transfer functions.

- Regarding different technologies systems, to use the Laplace transform as a tool for obtaining models of linear circuitos
and systems in the transformed domain, as well as their input-output relations.
· To obtain transient responses of systems and to classify them in function of their type and form, by using correctly the main descriptive parameters.
· To assess transient dynamics (kinds of responses, velocity and stability) from the p-z (pole-zero) diagram.
· To know the main characteristics of feedback systems, as well as their most usual characteristics.
· To assess the steady state response of linear systems. To draw the amplification and phase curves and to find the main parameters.
· To use the Fourier transform to find signal's spectra, which have to be correctly read and filtered.
· To know the types of linear filters, to assess them asymptotically from the p-z diagram, and to know basic applications.

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## Signals and Systems

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**Description:**
- Course and faculty presentation. Revision of fundamental 'preliminary- aspects.
- Signals and classification.
- Basic types of signals and their properties.

**Related activities:**
- Activity 1: Workshop of activities on signals and systems computations and representation.

## Analysis of Linear Systems with Laplace transform

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**Description:**
- Review of the Laplace Transform
- Simple Laplace-based analysis of linear circuits
- Feedback systems
- Block algebra. Introduction to SS
- Systems modeling (rotation, torsion, DC-engine).

**Related activities:**
- Activity 2: Workshop on transient responses computations and representation.
- Activity 3: Short examination on system's dynamics.
- Activity 4: Low-frequency lab: Experimentation on a 2nd order circuit.
- Activity 5: Computer laboratory: SIMULINK. Simulation of a dc. Motor
- Activity 6: Mid-term Exam
### Applications of Series and Fourier Transform

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### Description:

- Review of the SS response. Amplification and phase curves, dB.
- Signals and Systems: spectrum. Filters.
- Asymptotic analysis
- First and second order filters. Parameters. Main approximations (Butterworth, Tchebyshev, ...).
- Introductory filtering examples.

### Related activities:

- Activity 7: Workshop on frequency response and filtering computations
- Activity 8: Short examination on frequency response and filtering
- Activity 9: Low-frequency lab. Experimentation of the frequency response of an active filter.
- Activity 10: FINAL EXAMINATION
# Planning of activities

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<th>WORKSHOP OF ACTIVITIES ON SIGNALS AND SYSTEMS COMPUTATIONS AND REPRESENTATION</th>
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<td>This activity is steered to make additional works or to assess students about the exercises and problems related with the classification and parameterization of signals. The student may have a personalized guide to overcome the doubts and stoppers he has possibly found when trying to solve autonomously the proposed homework. In this way he can better prepare the short examination of activity 2. Support materials:</td>
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<td><strong>Specific objectives:</strong></td>
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<td>This activity is devoted to make additional works or to assess students about the exercises and problems related with the use of the Laplace transform to obtain transient responses. The student may have a personalized guide to overcome the doubts and stoppers he has possibly found when trying to solve autonomously the proposed homework. In this way he can better prepare the next examination. Support materials:</td>
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### Specific objectives:
At this point of the course, the student should be capable of:

- To classify Signals and Systems
- To compute and assess some characteristic values of a signal.
- To describe and operate with basic signals and their combinations
- To describe and assess the transient response, as well as the stability, by using the Laplace domain.

### LOW-FREQUENCY LAB: EXPERIMENTATION ON A 2ND ORDER CIRCUIT

**Description:**
Organized as a 2h session. Students will work in couples.
The laboratory work is the study of different transient responses of a Sallen-Key filter. The Operational Amplifier will be roughly introduced, just for the practice needs.

**Support materials:**
Laboratory stuff

**Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment:**
It is mandatory the attendance of this practice. The qualification will be set according to:
- Practice realization
- Previous studies of the practice
- Reports

It has a weight of 6% in the final qualification

### COMPUTER LABORATORY: SIMULINK
SIMULATION OF A D.C. MOTOR

**Hours**: 6h
Laboratory classes: 2h
Self study: 4h

**Description:**
Arranged as a 2h session. Students will labor in couples.
The laboratory work will be the identification (parametric) of a d.c motor from the step response, its modeling and the qualitative assessment of some feedback effects on the transient response.

**Support materials:**
Matlab/Simulink

**Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment:**
It is mandatory the attendance of this practice. The qualification will be set according to:
- Practice realization
- Previous studies of the practice
- Reports

It has a weight of 8% in the final qualification
### Specific objectives:
- After the practice, the student has to be able to:
  - Make element identification of first and second order systems
  - Model (basically) a dc motor
  - Describe the effects of some basic feedback strategies.
  - Use the Matlab/Simulink software

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<td>This activity is devoted to make additional works or to assess students about the exercises and problems related with the signals spectra (Fourier) and the filtering process. The student may have a personalized guide to overcome the doubts and stoppers he has possibly found when trying to solve autonomously the proposed homework. In this way he can better prepare the next examination.</td>
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<th>SHORT EXAMINATION ON MODELLING AND CONTROL/ SHORT EXAMINATION ON FREQUENCY RESPONSE AND FILTERING</th>
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Specific objectives:
This SHORT EXAMINATION will be focused on the part of CONTROL + MODELLING or on the part of FREQUENCY RESPONSE + FILTERING. Never both parts simultaneously.

At this point of the course, the student should be capable of:

A) OPTION CONTROL * MODELLING:
- To obtain and to simplify block diagrams of mechanical systems (translation, rotation or torsion)
- To obtain and to operate with transfer functions.
- To know application examples.

B) OPTION FREQUENCY RESPONSE + FILTERING:
- To obtain signals spectra and to establish relationships between spectra and filter responses
- To classify filters and to compute basic describing parameters.
- To asymptotically assess the filter response from the transfer function and from the p-z diagram.
- To know filter application examples.

LOW-FREQUENCY LAB. EXPERIMENTATION OF THE FREQUENCY RESPONSE OF AN ACTIVE FILTER

Description:
Set up as a 2h session. Students will work in couples.
The laboratory work is the study of the frequency response of a pass-band filter. Besides the relationship between transient and frequency responses is also studied.

Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment:
It is mandatory the attendance of this practice. The qualification will be set according to:
Practice realization
Previous studies of the practice
Reports
It has a weight of 6 % in the final qualification

Specific objectives:
After the practice, the student has to be able to:
- Measure and characterize a filter
- Explain the filter effects on the incoming signals.

FINAL EXAM

Description:
Final Exam (30 % of the final grade) about the whole matter of the course
Qualification system

- 50% Examinations. One at half-quarter (25%) and a final examination at the end of the quarter (35%).
- 30% short-examinations: Two, 15% each.
- 20% among memories and Laboratory reports, as well as deliverables from Conducted Activities.

Regulations for carrying out activities

In Laboratory activities the attendance is mandatory. It is also mandatory the realization of the previous studies and the deliverance of the practice memories, reports or articles. What is most valuable in the memories is the good unrestanding of results, rather than the bare description. Use of English in the deliverables will be positively valued.

Bibliography

Basic:


Complementary:


Others resources: