230668 - ACSA - Advanced Control of Sensors and Actuators

Coordinating unit: 230 - ETSETB - Barcelona School of Telecommunications Engineering
Teaching unit: 710 - EEL - Department of Electronic Engineering
Academic year: 2015
Degree: DEGREE IN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING (Syllabus 1992). (Teaching unit Optional)
MASTER'S DEGREE IN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2013). (Teaching unit Optional)
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ECTS credits: 5
Teaching languages: English

Teaching staff
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Degree competences to which the subject contributes

Transversal:
1. EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES: Managing the acquisition, structuring, analysis and display of data and information in the chosen area of specialisation and critically assessing the results obtained.
2. FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Achieving a level of spoken and written proficiency in a foreign language, preferably English, that meets the needs of the profession and the labour market.

Teaching methodology
- Lectures
- Application classes
- Laboratory classes
- Exercises
- Oral presentations

Learning objectives of the subject

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The aim of this course is to train students in the design of control strategies of sensors and actuators for system performance optimization. The variables to optimize include sensitivity, reliability, speed, absence of cross-dependence with undesired variables, etc. Application examples will be provided in the field of thermal and inertial sensors.

Learning results of the subject:
- Ability to specify, design and analyze closed loop control strategies for sensors and actuators.
- Ability to design and analyze closed-loop strategies aimed at optimizing sensor speed, sensitivity and/or reliability.
- Ability to design, analyze and implement advanced control techniques for sensor and actuators systems.
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# Content

## 1. Introduction

**Description:**
- Introduction to the design of sensor and actuators
- Closed-loop control of sensor variables

**Learning time:** 8h
- Theory classes: 2h
- Self study: 6h

## 2. Data conversion

**Description:**
- Introduction to data conversion
- ADC and DAC characteristics
- Noise and dithering
- Oversampling
- ADC/DAC Topologies
- Coupled converter-sensing methods

**Learning time:** 30h
- Theory classes: 6h
- Laboratory classes: 4h
- Self study: 20h

## 3. Thermal Feedback Sensors

**Description:**
- Thermal definitions
- Hot wire sensors in open and closed loop
- Sensors based on digital feedback
- Thermal Sigma-Delta Loops

**Learning time:** 29h
- Theory classes: 6h
- Laboratory classes: 3h
- Self study: 20h
4. Application of Sigma-Delta modulation to the control of sensors and actuators

Learning time: 29h
- Theory classes: 6h
- Laboratory classes: 3h
- Self study: 20h

Description:
- Oversampling principles. Noise Transfer function.
- First-order sigma-delta:
  - exact solution for the bitstreams. Analysis of the effects of leaky integration.
  - Existence of limit-cycles of finite number of points in piecewise contrative dynamical systems
  - Application to thermal sensors: closed-loop control of sensors
  - Application to inertial sensors
- Pulsed actuation of MEMS resonators (Pulsed Digital Oscillators).
- Gravimetric sensors.
- Example of application of sigma-delta modulation: control of dielectric charging in electrostatic MEMS (RF switches, etc.).

5. Introduction to compressed sensing

Learning time: 29h
- Theory classes: 6h
- Laboratory classes: 3h
- Self study: 20h

Description:
- Sampling beyond Nyquist: sparse signals
- L1 minimization optimization
- Application to A/D conversion.

Planning of activities

LABORATORY

Description:
Simulation with Matlab or PSPICE of different circuit topologies and control strategies for sensors and actuators

ORAL PRESENTATION

Description:
Presentation of a work group.
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**Qualification system**

Exercises: 66%
Laboratory assessments: 33%

**Bibliography**

**Basic:**


**Complementary:**