Systems Dynamics

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Course Administration

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Course home page

- slides, exercises and computer code examples
- old exams

https://moodle2.units.it

Course credits

• 9 CFU



Examination

- Final exam: a preliminary written examination followed by oral questions.
- The **final grade** depends on both the written part and the outcome of the oral discussion.
- Written examination and oral discussion usually usually take during the same exam session.

Examination (cont.)

Written examination

The exam paper consists of 3 – 4 essay questions:

- typical numerical application problems
- specific questions about theoretical aspects (theorems, properties, definitions) could be included

Oral questions

Oral questions deal with any possible topic, discussed and analysed in the lectures.

 A short discussion about the written examination results generally also takes place

Examination (cont.)

Homework (not compulsory)

- Advanced engineering specific projects are offered during the course, characterised by challenges more difficult to address than the usual ones.
- The aim is to stimulate learning advanced concepts during the course also to help the learning exercise
- These projects are then evaluated upon request by the students.
- It's allowed to solve the projects in groups, up to 3 persons.
- Working on homework problems is not compulsory

Examination (cont.)

Homework & final grade

- Homework contributes to the final grade, with an increment of the score up to 2 points.
- The grading of the homework is independent from the grading of the examination

Exam Sessions

Examination timetable

- 3 sessions in January–February
- 3 sessions in June–July
- 1 session in September

How to sign up for examinations

- In order to participate to the exam session you must sign up/register for the exam (compulsory)
- To sign up, use the students university career management system Esse3 to access to the on-line University Services.
- Please, pay attention to the dates of the registration periods and the examination periods!

Course Information

Prerequisites

- Linear algebra, calculus and complex analysis
- Course 034IN "Fundamentals of automatic control" (or equivalent for students enrolled from other universities/programs)
- Basic knowledge of probability and statistics is not mandatory, but highly helpful

Course organization

- Lectures
- · Exercise sessions

Desiderata

Students who pass the course should be able to:

- carry out a complete and comprehensive analysis of the main properties of deterministic and stochastic discrete-time dynamic systems;
- design and implement parametric estimation and identification, and state estimation algorithms that use available data or data collected in real-time with reference to engineering application scenarios;

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Desiderata (cont.)

Students who pass the course should be able to

- evaluate, among several options, what's the best choice of parametric estimation and identification, and state estimation algorithms starting from requirements and considering technological constraints;
- describe in a clear and plain way the functionalities of a parametric estimation and identification, and state estimation algorithm in the context of discrete-time dynamic systems and with the correct use of technical terminology

Lectures Plan

Lect. Content

- 1 Course overview. Generalities: systems and models (defs, props, problems). Sampling and discrete-time representation of linear continuous-time dynamic systems.
- 2 Time-evolution of state and output of linear dynamic systems.
- 3 Stability of discrete-time dynamic systems.
- 4 Model identification from data.
- 5 A glimpse on prob. theory, random vars and discrete-time stochastic processes.
- 6 Definitions and properties of the estimation and prediction problems.

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Lectures Plan (cont.)

Lect. Content Dynamic models of stationary discrete-time stochastic processes. Least-squares estimation. Bayes estimation. 10 Solution of the prediction problem. Identification Based on Prediction Error Minimization 11 (PEM). Batch PEM Identification Algorithms. State estimation from observed data. 13

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