

ECE 732
Nonlinear Control Systems

COURSE OUTLINE

Please refer to course website for updated information.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

To provide an exposition of methods and tools for modeling, analysis and synthesis of nonlinear dynamical control systems. The course is primarily intended for graduate students with an interest in advanced applications of nonlinear control theory in engineering. Topics range from phase-plane analysis, Lyapunov and input-output stability, to feedback linearization and backstepping control.

SCHEDULE And MODE OF DELIVERY

This course will be offered in person.

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COURSE WEBSITE/S

<http://avenue.mcmaster.ca>

ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE

Basic knowledge of feedback control systems typically acquired through an undergraduate course such as ELECENG 3CL4, 4CL4 or MECHENG 4R03; a solid background in mathematical analysis.

COURSE MATERIALS

Recommended Text:

- Instructor's lecture notes.
- J.-J. E. Slotine and W. Li, *Applied Nonlinear Control*, Prentice Hall, 1991.

Additional Recommended Reading:

- M. Vidyasagar, *Nonlinear Systems Analysis*, SIAM, 2002.
- S. Sastry, *Nonlinear Systems, Analysis, Stability, and Control*, Springer, 1999.
- M. Krstic, et al., *Nonlinear and Adaptive Control Design*, John Wiley, 1995.
- A. van der Schaft, *L2-Gain and Passivity Techniques in Nonlinear Control*, 2nd edition, Springer, 2000.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Week	Topic
1	Linear vs. Nonlinear Control, an introduction
1	Phase Plane Analysis
2	Describing Functions
	Stability Analysis
3	Stability of Linear Systems
3	Linearization and Local Stability
4	Lyapunov's Direct Method
4	LaSalle's Invariance Principle
4	Instability Theorems
	Feedback Linearization
5	Vector fields, Lie Brackets, and Lie Algebra
5-6	Input-State Linearization
7	Input-Output Linearization
7	Zero Dynamics
8	Backstepping Control
8	Feedback Linearization for MIMO Systems
	Robust & Adaptive Nonlinear Control
9	Sliding Mode Control
10	Linear Parameterization Model
10	Prediction-Error-Based Estimation Methods
11	The Least-Squares Estimator
11	Composite Adaptation
12	Adaptive Backstepping Control
13	Application Examples

The instructor may modify elements of the course and/or the timeline, and will notify students accordingly (in class, on the course website).

ASSESSMENT

Component	Weight
Assignments	20%
Course Project	40%
Final Exam	40%
Total	100%

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