

AE 308: Control Theory & AE 775: System Modelling, Dynamics & Control

Course Review

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Objectives of the Course

To provide exposure to techniques/methodologies for creating good models of engineering systems.

To familiarize with methods to characterize the dynamical behaviour using the models.

To provide a good understanding of basic concepts of control theory, along with the various control structures & elements.

To describe a few basic techniques for designing control systems.



Modelling, Response & Stability

Introduction to Modelling: Objective, basic modelling concepts & model types, including mathematical models, their linearization and role of LTI forms.

Response Basics: I/O form, block diagram representation and manipulation, test signals, Laplace transform and transfer function concepts, basic response analyses, frequency response & its representation using bode', Nyquist plots.

Stability: Stability & response connection, asymptotic/BIBO stability, Routh's & Nyquist stability analyses.



Control Analysis & Design

Introduction to Control: Control objectives, open/closed loop control structures, unity negative feedback systems, basic control actions, transient & steady-state responses, tracking/transient specifications.

Typical Control Systems: P control action and concept of root locus, PD, PI, and PID control actions.

Design Procedures: Specifications in Time / frequency domains, design rules & methodologies for P, PI, PD and PID control systems.



What Next?

Topics covered as **part** of this **course** aim to provide only a **basic** foundation in **control** analysis & design.

There are many **aspects** of control e.g. **multi-loop** structure, non-unity feedback, **robustness**, optimality, **nonlinear** plants etc. which need to be examined.

Also, the **specifications** can be made more **accurate** by bringing in the **non-dominant** dynamics.

Lastly, the **design** can be practiced in **time domain** through **vector-matrix** approach i.e. state-space.