ECE 431, Introduction to Feedback Control Systems
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> I'm usually available for quick discussions right before and after each lecture in the classroom.

Course description: An introduction to feedback control of dynamic systems, with a focus on the
theories of Classical Control. Transfer functions are studied as a fundamental tool for modeling,
with graphic tools such as Nyquist/Bode plots and root locus as stability and performance analysis
tools. The theories are related to important applications such as the embedded real-time control of
servo systems.

Prerequisite: ECE 333 (or ECE 232) and MATH 337

Reference Books: (no need to buy – will be explained in the first lecture)
> Control Systems Engineering, Norman Nise, **6th edition**
> Modern Control Engineering, Katsuhiko Ogata, **5th edition**

Software: MATLAB, http://ist.njit.edu/software/download.php

Lecture Mode: face-to-face

Homework:
Please submit to "Assignments" on Canvas. Either typed documents or scanned / photographed
versions are fine. If you choose to scan or take photos, please make sure that the writings can be
seen clearly and the file size is not over large (preferably under 5M).

Exams:
Midterm + Final, both in-person.

Tentative Grading Weights (subject to minor adjustment):
Homework - 32%
Midterm - 32%
Final Exam - 36%

Tentative Schedule:

Week	Date	Contents
1	Sep 3	(Sep 1 is Labor day) Introduction to dynamic systems, controls, and feedback
2	Sep 8, 10	Modeling with physics and differential equations Linear and non-linear systems
3	Sep 15, 17	Integral transformations and Laplace transforms
4	Sep 22, 24	Transfer functions and their frequency responses
5	Sep 29, Oct 1	Frequency responses Time response of basic systems
6	Oct 6, 8	Correlation between time domain and frequency domain
7	Oct 13, 15	Block diagrams Graphic tools – Nyquist plots
8	Oct 20, 22	Graphic tools – Bode plots
9	Oct 27, 28	Stability
10	Nov 3, 5	Stability
11	Nov 10, 12	Midterm exam Design of control laws
12	Nov 17, 19	PID control Performance analysis and compensation for PID control
13	Nov 24	Performance analysis and compensation for PID control (no lecture on Nov 26, Friday classes meet)
14	Dec 1, 3	Performance analysis and compensation for PID control Root locus
15	Dec 8, 10	State space methods Review
16	To be determined	Final exam

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