

# Robust and Nonlinear Control Design

## EEN050 - Online Course Program

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# Welcome!

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**Course is decomposed into a series of lectures, problem solving, tutoring, and lab sessions. In 2020/21 LP1 all sessions will be given online via ZOOM following the previously published timetable. However, names for room/lecture hall numbers published at TimeEdit are not valid!**

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- **Online web platform CANVAS** Get registered via Student admin! Teacher and TA can not do it!
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# What do you get here? Intended Learning Outcomes(ILO)

Advanced course on control system design.

- ➊ Understand signals and systems "sizes" and explain the limitations of nominal Linear Time Invariant (LTI) control methods.
- ➋ Identify and describe the most important uncertainty phenomena for SISO and MIMO LTI dynamical systems;
- ➌ Formulate robust control objectives and understand methods for calculating them
- ➍ Apply the theory of gain scheduled control to reach robust objectives.
- ➎ Understand the limitations of uncertain linear or parameter scheduled control systems.
- ➏ Analyse the stability properties of nonlinear systems;
- ➐ Apply a few methods for nonlinear control system design and to assess the performance of the resulting design;
- ➑ Use software tools for analysis and synthesis of nonlinear control systems, and to present and motivate their solutions;

# ILOs connected to technical goals (M-A-D)

- 1 **M**odeling. Goals with **ROBUST** control design, examples. Linear Time Invariant zeros-poles. Vector and system norms. SGT, internal stability, SISO vs MIMO (ILO 1).
- 2 **A**nalysis. Uncertainty in SISO/MIMO system models. Nominal/robust stability/performance, Linear Fractional Transform. Design trade-offs (ILO 2).
- 3 **D**esign. Robust controller design;  $\mathcal{H}_2$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ . From full information to central  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ . Lyapunov stability, Linear Matrix Inequality. Linear Parametrically Varying Control System design (ILO 3-4-5).
- 4 **M**odeling. From LPV to **NONLINEAR CONTROL DESIGN**, examples (ILO 5-6)
- 5 **A**nalysis. Common nonlinearities, stationary points and limit cycles, stability, Lyapunov's method, input/output stability, passivity; phase plane analysis. (ILO 6-7).
- 6 **D**esign. Relative degree, zero dynamics. Exact (Feedback) linearization. Back-stepping, passivation (ILO 7-8).

# How do I get it? Course materials

- s,v Lecture materials (slides, videos, solution manuals, assignments, labs)
- R S Skogestad, I Postlethwaite: Multivariable Feedback Control: Analysis and Design (Cremona, chapters covered 3,4,7,8,9 recommended 5,6)
- NL HK Khalil: Nonlinear Systems, ISBN: 013228024-8, second edition (Cremona, chapters covered 1,3,4,10,12,13 recommended 2,5)

# Lectures over ZOOM

Lecture topics (Mondays, Thursdays).

L #	Topics	slides+chapter
1	PM, Intro, Linear systems	s+(1[R]), 4.1-4.8[R]
2	Signals and system norms	s+4.9-4.11[R]
3	Uncertainty modeling I (interconnection, weights)	s+3.8[R], 7.1-7.4[R], 8.1-8.3[R]
4	Q1, Uncertainty modeling, analysis II (layouts)	s+3.8[R], 7.1-7.4[R], 8.1-8.3[R]
5	Robust synthesis I ( $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ state-feedback, $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ filter)	s
6	Q2, Robust synthesis II ( $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ output feedback design)	s+8.4[R]+9.1-9.3[R]
7	Robust synthesis III ( $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ , $\mathcal{H}_2$ controllers)	s+8.4[R]+9.1-9.3[R]
8	Q3, LPV design I (LPV models, forms)	s+v
9	LPV design II (obs, reach, stability, LMI)	s+v
10	Q4, LPV III (LMI, state feedback LPV design)	s+v
11	NL modeling (phase-plane, stationary, limit cycles)	1, 7.1[NL]
12	Q5, NL analysis I (Lyapunov, input/output stability)	3.1,3.2,3.3[NL]
13	NL analysis II (passivity)	4.5 [NL]
14	Q6, NL synthesis I (Relative degree, zero dynamics. Exact (Feedback) linearization)	12.1-12.3[NL]
15	NL synthesis II (Tracking)	12.1-12.3[NL]
16	NL synthesis III (Back stepping), Q7, overview	13.2[NL]
17	Exam preparation: Q, Course overview	

Table: Scheduled lectures

Lectures are slide based using online streaming with ZOOM. All lectures will be recorded and uploaded to Canvas. "Q1-7" means optional/interactive/anonymous recap quizzes, "s"-slides, "[R]/[NL]" - robust/nonlinear book (see course material), "v"-video lecture **Responsible:**

Balazs

# Exercises over ZOOM

Exercise sessions: virtual blackboard over ZOOM assisted by computers (session 1,2,3). A computer with Matlab/Robust Control Toolbox installed is needed.

E #	Topics	task
1	Linear systems, norms	B: trace, vector norms, singular value plots, $\mathcal{H}_2$ , $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ norm, C: $\mathcal{H}_2$ , $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ norm
2	System IC	B: $P, N \Leftrightarrow$ block, LFT, C: LFT, parametric uncertainty regions
3	$\mathcal{H}_\infty$ state-feedback, observers	B: MCARE, block diagram, C: MFARE
4	Output feedback $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ design	weighted interconnection, 1DoF $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ , $\mathcal{H}_2$ design
5	LPV modeling and analysis	Modeling and stability analysis
6	NL models	phase portrait, limit cycle, stability, C: phase portrait
7	NL analysis	zero dynamics, feedback linearization
8	NL synthesis	feedback linearization, backstepping

Table: Scheduled lectures, B-blackboard over ZOOM, C-computer

**Responsible:** Angelos, Angel

# Tutorials over ZOOM

- Come with prepared questions and examples to get the most out of your limited time slot.
- Every Thursday 8-10 am (from study week 2) a tutorial session is given (topics: assignment, lab, exercise questions).
- Each group is assigned to a **tutoring slot each week**.
- Tutorial time alone is insufficient to carry out complete solutions to the assignments!

**Responsible:** Angel, Angelos,



# Assignments

- Group up at [www.canvas.chalmers.se](http://www.canvas.chalmers.se)
- Each group consists of 3 students
- Take-home assignments are distributed to be solved by a group.
- Difficulty to group up? Contact *course assistant* on week 1. Deadline to group up Friday 6 pm, study week 1.
- Each group will be assigned to a **tutoring slot each week**

# Assignments

- Distribution through course homepage
- **Pre-approval of solution is mandatory before submission (ask and obtain it from TAs at tutorial session)**
- Electronic submission via CANVAS, upload 1 solution per group
- Use the filename: Group#-Assignment#.pdf after getting a **preliminary oral approval**
- Notification on acceptance/rejection and feedback no later than 1 week after submission deadline.
- If the solution is rejected, there is one occasion for correction. 1 extra week is given (from notification) for resubmission. Only one extra chance per assignment.

# Assignments

Week	Distribution	Submission	Thursdays 8-10
1	A1		
2	A2		A, Ex,Lab
3	A3		A, Ex,Lab
4		A1(Friday 6pm)	A, Ex,Lab
5			A, Ex,Lab
6		A2(Friday 6pm)	A, Ex,Lab
7			A, Ex,Lab
8		A3(Friday 6pm)	A, Ex,Lab

Table: Schedule for tutoring assignments. "A" - Assignment, "Ex" - Exercise.

**Responsible:** Angelos, Angel

# Lab sessions over ZOOM

- In LP 1 2020/2021, virtual labs. Only the simulation tasks (up to Exercise 6 in the lab manual).
- With the **same groups as the assignments**
- Lab syllabus is available via course homepage. **Preparation** to the lab assessment (week 5) up to exercise 6 in the lab manual.
- Commented m-file has to be shown and run as "project report" during the lab assessment.
- Lab assessments ca. 20 min per group on study week 5. Assessment times are scheduled for groups over CANVAS

Week	Action
1	Lab-time registration closed (Friday 6 pm)
2	
3	
4	Lab preparation
5	Lab preparation
6	Lab assessment on preparation Mon(9-12), Thu(13-16)
7	Relabs Mon (9-12)
8	

Table: Schedule for lab.

**Responsible:** Angel

# Requirements

- ❶ Satisfy course project requirements=(1) submitted and approved assignments (by each groups) AND (2) lab preparation (Grading UG, pass/fail, 3.5c).
- ❷ Pass written examination (4.0c). Exam: (check registration deadline! **Registration is mandatory**) October 27 pm, ZOOM proctored remote exam (Reexams in January and August 2021)
  - Msc students, grade 3 collect 50% of points; grade 4 collect 65% of points; grade 5 collect 85% of points.
  - Lic, PhD students, to pass collect at least 65% of points.
  - Grading TH+, 3, 4, 5 (if points are larger 85% → 🍷)