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LEARNING GUIDE

SIGNAL ANALYSIS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

TELECOMMUNICATION ENGINEERING (MS)

ACADEMIC YEAR	CODE	COURSE	CREDITS	TYPE	SEMESTER
2026-27	93000792	1	6 ECTS	COMPULSORY	FIRST SEMESTER
LANGUAGE	ASSIGNED CENTER				
SPANISH	E.T.S. DE INGENIEROS DE TELECOMUNICACION				
ASSIGNED DEPARTMENT					
SEÑALES, SISTEMAS Y RADIOCOMUNICACIONES					

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REQUIRED PREREQUISITES

REQUIRED COURSES

RECOMMENDED PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

RECOMMENDED COURSES

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Degree-level knowledge of linear algebra, infinitesimal calculus, linear systems, and random signals.

RESULTS

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Competences

- CG2** Que los estudiantes sepan aplicar los conocimientos adquiridos y su capacidad de resolución de problemas en entornos nuevos o poco conocidos dentro de contextos más amplios (o multidisciplinares) relacionados con su área de estudio.
- CE1** Capacidad para aplicar métodos de la teoría de la información, la modulación adaptativa y codificación de canal, así como técnicas avanzadas de procesamiento digital de señal a los sistemas de comunicaciones y audiovisuales.
- CT5** Capacidad para gestionar la información, identificando las fuentes necesarias, los principales tipos de documentos técnicos y científicos, de una manera adecuada y eficiente.
- CG1** Poseer y comprender conocimientos que aporten una base u oportunidad de ser originales en el desarrollo y/o aplicación de ideas, a menudo en un contexto de investigación.
- CG5** Que los estudiantes posean las habilidades de aprendizaje que les permitan continuar estudiando de un modo que habrá de ser en gran medida autodirigido o autónomo.
- CT4** Capacidad para trabajar de forma efectiva como individuo, organizando y planificando su propio trabajo, de forma independiente o como miembro de un equipo.
- CT3** Capacidad para adoptar soluciones creativas que satisfagan adecuadamente las diferentes necesidades planteadas.

Learning Outcomes

- RA134** Manejar con soltura las bases de álgebra lineal y cálculo infinitesimal necesarias para formular problemas de optimización.
- RA135** Conocer y dominar herramientas para la resolución de problemas fundamentales de optimización.
- RA137** Conocer y dominar herramientas para la resolución de problemas de estimación y detección.
- RA136** Manejar con soltura las bases del modelado matemático de señales aleatorias.

DESCRIPTION

This course provides advanced tools for signal processing, with applications in digital communications systems. Its content is structured in two main parts:

Optimization: In this part, convex optimization techniques, optimization algorithms with and without restrictions and least squares problems.

Statistical Signal Processing: A review of the random processes and sequences is carried out to then expose basic elements of estimation theory and statistical hypothesis tests, with applications in spectral estimation, adaptive filtering and detection of signals in noise.

TOPICS

1. Optimization

1.1. Introduction

1.1.1. Short review of linear algebra

1.1.2. Short review of multivariate calculus

1.1.3. The general optimization problem

1.2. Convex optimization

1.2.1. Convex sets and functions

1.2.2. Some special types of convex optimization problems. Linear programming, quadratic programming

1.2.3. Duality. The Lagrange dual problem

1.3. Algorithms

1.3.1. Unconstrained optimization

1.3.2. Optimization with equality constraints

1.3.3. Optimization with inequality constraints

1.4. Least-squares problems

1.4.1. General problem

1.4.2. Euclidean norm approximation

1.4.3. Non-Euclidean norms approximation

2. Statistical Signal Processing

2.1. Random processes and sequences

2.1.1. Introduction

2.1.2. Statistical properties

2.1.3. Special types of processes

2.1.4. Stationarity

2.1.5. Power spectra

2.1.6. Linear systems

2.2. Parameter estimation

2.2.1. Introduction

2.2.2. Fisher information and Cramér-Rao bound

2.2.3. Maximum likelihood estimation

2.2.4. Linear parameter estimator

2.2.5. Estimation of the statistical properties of a stochastic process

2.3. Bayesian estimation

2.3.1. Introduction

2.3.2. Random variable estimation

2.3.3. LMMSE estimation of a sequence. Wiener Filter

2.3.4. Applications

2.4. Hypothesis testing

2.4.1. Introduction

2.4.2. Classical aproach: Likelihood ratio test



2.4.3. Bayesian decision

2.4.4. Applications

ACTIVITIES

Assessment activity Learning activity

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ASSESSMENT

Retake (Extraordinary)

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MINIMUM GRADE

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TOPICS

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T2

METHODOLOGY

Written exam

ASSESSED OUTCOMES

CG1

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CG5

CT3

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CE1

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ASSESSMENT

Progressive

WEIGHT

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MINIMUM GRADE

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TOPICS

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METHODOLOGY

Written exam

ASSESSED OUTCOMES

CG1

CG2

CG5

CT3

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CT5

CE1

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LOCATION

Other

ASSESSMENT

Global

WEIGHT

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MINIMUM GRADE

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TOPICS

T1

T2

METHODOLOGY

Written exam

ASSESSED OUTCOMES

CG1

CG2

CG5

CT3

CT4

CT5

CE1

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

 Assessment activity
  Learning activity
  Week with activity
  Exam period

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ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

General criteria

The assessment will verify whether students have acquired the competencies for the subject. Therefore, the assessment in the extraordinary session will use the same types of assessment techniques as those used in the assessment of the ordinary session (EX, ET, TG, etc.).

Assessment criteria for the regular exam period. Progressive assessment

Assessment criteria

The continuous evaluation consists of 2 partial examinations. The final score of the subject will be obtained in the following way:

50% from the score of the first partial examination corresponding with the optimization part

50% from the grade of the second partial examination corresponding with the statistical signal processing part.

Requirements to pass the subject:

Obtain at least 3.5 points (out of 10) in each partial examination. If this case does not happen, it will appear the minimum.

Obtain a final grade greater than or equal to 5 points (out of 10).

The first partial test will take place on week 11st.

The second partial test will be done on the subject official date for the final examination.

Activities

- Primer parcial (50%)
- Segundo parcial (50%)

Assessment criteria for the regular exam period. Global assessment

Assessment criteria

The qualification is obtained as follows:
100% of the final examination score.

The final exam will have 2 parts: One for optimization and another for statistical signal processing.

Requirements to pass the subject:

Obtain at least 3.5 points (out of 10) in each of the 2 parts of the exam. If this case does not happen, it will appear the minimum.

Obtain a final grade greater than or equal to 5 points (out of 10).

Activities

- Examen final (100%)

Assessment criteria for the retake (extraordinary) exam period

Assessment criteria

The extraordinary examination will use the same evaluation procedure as the final assesment.

The score of the subject will be obtained in the following way:

100% of the final examination score.

The final exam will have 2 parts: One for optimization and another for statistical signal processing.

Requirements to pass the subject:

Obtain at least 3.5 points (out of 10) in each of the 2 parts of the exam. If this case does not happen, it will appear the minimum.

Obtain a final grade greater than or equal to 5 points (out of 10).

Activities

- Examen extraordinario (100%)

RESOURCES

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Adaptive Filter Theory, 5th ed. S. O. Haykin. Pearson, 2013

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Quality Education



Industry, Innovation and
Infrastructure

OTHER INFORMATION

More generally, applied mathematics is used extensively in engineering and, in particular, will have an impact on everything related to telecommunications infrastructure (SDG 9). The course will also contribute to sub-goals 4.4: Substantially increase the number of people with the professional and technical skills needed for employment and entrepreneurship; and 4.7: Ensure that all students acquire the theoretical and practical knowledge needed to promote sustainable development.