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COURSE OUTLINE

Course Title: INSTRUMENTATION & PROCESS CONTROL

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

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PHILOSOPHY/GOALS:

To provide a good understanding of the measurement, electrical, electronic, pneumatic and hydraulic features inherent in process control loops. In addition, to develop a sound theoretical understanding of stability, mode characteristics, and general process control loop dynamic characteristics.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT (GRADING METHOD):

100 - 76	"A"
75 - 66	"B"
55 - 65	"C"
50 - 54	"X"
Less than 50%	"R"

There will be a test approximately every three weeks, with at least one week's notice, however, quizzes may be given without notice. The distribution of marks is 70% to theory, 30% to laboratory.

TEXTBOOK(S):

Process Control Instrument Technology
by Curtis D. Johnson

The student shall be capable of:

1. Introduction to Process Control

- a) Representing a process control loop by means of a block diagram.
- b) Defining the term dynamic variable and listing examples.
- c) Defining and explaining the following process control loop evaluation criteria:
 - i) system error
 - ii) setpoint
 - iii) dynamic response
 - iv) transient response
 - v) settling time
 - vi) peak error
 - vii) residual error
 - viii) cycling
 - ix) minimum area
- d) Defining and explaining analog and digital signal processing techniques.
- e) Defining the SI units of measure for length, time, mass, current, temperature, luminance, plane angle and solid angle.
- f) Explain the standard signals used in process control.
- g) Define the following terms:
 - i) error
 - ii) accuracy
 - iii) transfer function
 - iv) system accuracy
 - v) sensitivity
 - vi) hysteresis
 - vii) reproducibility
 - viii) resolution
 - ix) linearity
- h) Producing process control drawings utilizing standard symbols.
- i) Define the types of measurement time response.

2. Analog Signal Conditioning

- a) Recalling the principles of analog signal conditioning and explain the following types of signal conditioning:
 - i) signal level changes
 - ii) linearization
 - iii) conversions
 - iv) filtering and impedance matching
- b) Recalling and apply the Wheatstone bridge circuit in ac and dc applications.
- c) Recalling the characteristics, and the important specifications of operational amplifiers (op-amp).
- d) Recalling the following applications of op-amps:
 - i) voltage follower
 - ii) inverter
 - iii) non-inverting amplifier
 - iv) differential amplifier
 - v) voltage to current converter
 - vi) current to voltage converter
 - vii) sample and hold
 - viii) integrator
 - ix) differentiator
 - x) summer
 - xi) linearization
- e) Recalling principle of operation, VI characteristics and application of the SCR and TRIAC.

3. Digital Signal Conditioning

- a) Recalling and applying the conversion of decimal numbers to binary, octal and hexadecimal.
- b) Recalling and applying Boolean-algebra postulates and theorems to simple process control applications.
- c) Drawing the block diagram of a DAC and describing its characteristics.
- d) Determining the conversion resolution of a DAC.
- e) Describing the principle of a successive approximation ADC.
- f) Drawing and explaining the block diagram of a data acquisition system (DAS).

4. Thermal Transducers

- a) Defining thermal energy, the relation of temperature scales to thermal energy, and temperature scale calibrations.
- b) Converting between Kelvin, Rankine, Celsius and Fahrenheit temperature scales.
- c) Recalling the construction, characteristics and application of resistance temperature detectors (RTD's), thermistors, thermocouples, bimetallic sensors, gas thermometers, vapor pressure thermometers and liquid expansion thermometers.

5. Mechanical Transducers

- a) Describing the principle of operation, characteristics and application of the following types of linear motion sensors:
 - i) potentiometric
 - ii) capacitive
 - iii) inductive
 - iv) linear variable differential transformer (LVDT)
 - v) strain gauges
 - vi) incremental and absolute encoders
- b) Describing the principle of operation, characteristics and application of the following types of angular motion sensors:
 - i) potentiometric
 - ii) rotary variable differential transformer (RVDT)
 - iii) synchros
 - iv) resolvers
 - v) synchro converters
 - vi) shaft angle encoders
- c) Describing the principle of operation, characteristics and application of acceleration and vibration sensors.
- d) Describing the principle of operation, characteristics and application of the following types of pressure transducers:
 - i) bourdon tube
 - ii) bellows; diaphragm
 - iii) pirani
 - iv) thermocouple
 - v) ionization

e) Describing the principle of operation, characteristics and application of the following types of fluid flow sensors:

- i) restriction flow
- ii) obstruction flow
- iii) magnetic flow
- iv) turbine

6. Optical Transducers

a) Defining electromagnetic radiation in terms of frequency, wavelength, speed of propagation, and the spectrum.

b) Defining the energy of electromagnetic radiation in terms of:

- i) the intensity in watts per unit area
- ii) divergence
- iii) chromacity
- iv) coherence

c) Defining luminous energy in terms of:

- i) standard source
- ii) luminous intensity
- iii) luminous flux
- iv) illumination
- v) efficacy

d) Describing photodetectors in terms of:

- i) spectral response
- ii) time constant
- iii) detectivity

e) Describing the principle of operation, characteristics and application of the following types of photodetectors:

- i) photoconductive
- ii) photovoltaic
- iii) photoemissive

f) Describing the principle of operation, characteristics and application of the following types of pyrometers:

- i) broadband
- ii) narrow band
- iii) optical

g) Describing the principle of operation, characteristics and applications of the following types of optical sources:

- i) incandescent
- ii) atomic
- iii) fluorescence
- iv) laser

7. Final Control

a) Recalling that final control operation requires:

- i) signal conversion
- ii) an actuator
- iii) a control element

b) Recalling that signal conditioning involves changing a control signal into the form and power level necessary to energize an actuator, and be able to describe typical signal conversion methods.

c) Recalling that an actuator is the intermediate step between the converted control signal and the final control element, and be able to describe the operation and characteristics of solenoids, stepper motors, ac and dc motors, as well as pneumatic and hydraulic actuators.

d) Recalling examples of mechanical, electrical and fluid types of control elements.

8. Controller Principles

a) Defining process load, process lag and self-regulation.

b) Defining the following control system parameters:

- i) error
- ii) variable range
- iii) control parameter range
- iv) control lag
- v) dead time
- vi) cycling
- vii) controller modes

c) Explaining the following discontinuous controller modes:

- i) two-position
- ii) multiposition
- iii) floating control

d) Explaining the following continuous controller modes:

- i) proportional
- ii) integral
- iii) derivative
- iv) proportion-integral
- v) proportional-derivative
- vi) proportional-integral-derivative (three mode)

9. Analog Controllers

- a) Explaining with the aid of schematics the implementation of two position, proportional and integral control using op-amps.
- b) Explaining with the aid of schematics the implementation of proportional-integral, proportional-derivative, and three-mode control using op-amps.
- c) Describing the operation of a three-mode pneumatic controller.
- d) Designing simple process control loops.

10. Digital Control Principles

- a) Applying digital techniques to simple and multivariable alarms to process control systems.
- b) Recalling the principles of a data logging system as applied to process control.
- c) Explaining the principle of computer supervisory control as applied to process control loops.
- d) Explaining the principles of direct digital control as applied to process control loops.
- e) Discussing the relative merits of applying and networking micro-computers, minicomputers and large scale computers to process control loops.
- f) Explaining the implementation of control modes by direct digital control.

11. Control Loop Characteristics

- a) Explaining the characteristics of single variable, compound, cascade and multivariable.

- b) Defining the quality of a control system in terms of stability, minimum deviation and minimum disturbance.
- c) Defining control loop stability criteria and using a BODE plot to analyze a system.
- d) Explaining the principle of process loop tuning and specifically being able to apply:
 - i) open loop transient response method
 - ii) Ziegler-Nichols method
 - iii) frequency response methods