

ECE 8740 Advanced Nonlinear Control

Section 1 (3 credit hrs)

Spring 2021

General Information:

Instructor: Dr. Yongqiang Wang (yongqiw@clemsun.edu),
Meeting time: 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm Mondays and Wednesdays (Jan. 6 - April, 30, 2021)
Office hours: Online or by appointment
Lecture: **Online synchronous** (students are required to have a computer and Internet access)
Zoom meeting URL: <https://clemsun.zoom.us/j/9209214331>

Course webpage: <https://www.clemsun.edu/canvas/>

Text: Our main reference will be: Nonlinear Systems (3th edition) Hassan K. Khalil

Course Description & Objectives:

This course is developed as an introduction to nonlinear control. The purpose of the course is to introduce the nature of nonlinearities found in control systems both in the forward path and in the feedback path. Sometimes nonlinearities may be used to adjust the performance of the system. Students are expected to learn why standard methods of analysis and design in linear systems are not applicable in nonlinear systems. Methods suitable for nonlinear systems are introduced and their applications are explored. Prerequisite: ECE 801.

Optional Reference Texts (From which you will find great insight):

- 1) *Applied Nonlinear Control*, Jean-Jacques Slotine, Weiping Li, Pearson Education, 1990.
- 2) *Nonlinear Control Systems*, Horacio J. Marguez, Wiley, 2003.
- 3) *Nonlinear Systems: Analysis, Stability, and Control*, S. Sastry, Springer-Verlag, 1999.
- 4) *Nonlinear Control Systems*, A. Isidori, Springer-Verlag, 1989.

Course Topics (Subject to change, may not cover all items below):

- 1) General overview
- 2) Basic Lyapunov theory
- 3) Limit cycles
- 4) Invariant Sets
- 5) Time-varying systems
- 6) Adaptive control
- 7) Optimization
- 8) Machine learning

Grading:

1. Homework: 3×10%
2. Mid-term: 10%

3. Final: 10%
4. Project: 50% (20% presentation + 20% report + 10% weekly progress reports)

Requirements on Project and Presentation:

Projects must be research projects contributing new theory and/or applications to the nonlinear systems community. The results should be a research publication suitable for a high-quality conference or workshop.

- 1) Project topic one: nonlinear dynamics in machine learning (reference will be provided)
- 2) Project topic one: nonlinear dynamics in distributed optimization (reference will be provided)
- 3) Project topic two: nonlinear dynamics in game theory (reference will be provided)
- 4) Project topic three: student proposed topic with instructor's approval

For all projects, the requirements are:

- 1) A meeting with the instructor to discuss and approve your project proposal by Jan. 27, 2021 (preferably sooner);
- 2) Weekly progress reports are required to be sent to the instructor by the end of every week;
- 3) A project presentation (25 minutes) in class between April 14-21, 2021;
- 4) A project report in IEEE conference paper style. Due April 21, 2021 at 11:59 pm, via email (confirmations will be given if successfully submitted).

With the approval of the instructor, if the report is submitted for publication in a high-quality journal, grade "A" will be given.

Policies:

Students may leave after 10 minutes if the instructor or guest lecturer does not arrive in that time. Attendance while not required is highly recommended. Students who regularly attend class and participate will receive special consideration if course average is borderline. Students are responsible for getting lecture notes, and handouts for missed classes from fellow students or from the class website when applicable. Any exam that was scheduled at the time of a class cancellation due to inclement weather will be given at the next class meeting unless contacted by the instructor.

Any assignments due at the time of a class cancellation due to inclement weather will be due at the next class meeting unless contacted by the instructor. Any extension or postponement of assignments or exams must be granted by the instructor via email or Canvas within 24 hours of the weather related cancellation.

It is recommended that students check their email daily for important announcements, assignments, and other class related information. It is preferred that you use your clemson.edu account and not forward to another account (e.g. hotmail, yahoo, etc.) as there is the potential for lost information with these systems.

Scantron is available through the department but will not be used in the class.

Academic Integrity:

If someone else's work (code, slides, research publications, etc.) is used to produce any work you do for this course, you must (1) indicate how this work was used, and (2) acknowledge this work in a bibliography section. For presentations, you must create your own slides.

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<http://gradspace.editme.com/AcademicGrievancePolicyandProcedures#intergritypolicy>

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