

EE-715

**Optimal control**

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Advanced Manufacturing		Opt.
Electrical Engineering		Opt.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	4
Session	
Exam	Project report
Workload	120h
<b>Hours</b>	<b>46</b>
Courses	33
Exercises	13
<b>Number of positions</b>	

**Frequency**

Every 2 years

**Remark**

Next time : Spring 2022

**Summary**

This doctoral course provides an introduction to optimal control covering fundamental theory, numerical implementation and problem formulation for applications.

**Content**

Optimization and optimal control play pivotal roles in many engineering applications – ranging from autonomous vehicles, robotics and chemical reactors to smart grids and aeronautics. The course will cover the following topics:

**Basics of optimal control theory**

- Optimality conditions for static problems
- Formulation of optimal control problems
- Gateaux derivative
- Pontryagin Maximum Principle

**Numerical optimal control**

- Indirect methods
- Direct solution methods
- Efficient derivative computation

**Advanced aspects of optimal control**

- Existence of optimal solutions
- Dual variables
- Singular problems
- Dissipativity and turnpike properties

**Receding-horizon control of sampled-data systems**

- Sufficient stability conditions with and without terminal constraints
- Economic cost functions
- Differences of continuous time and discrete time formulations

**Outlook**

- Robust optimal control
- Modeling and implementation aspects

## Note

## Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, the student must be able to:

- Solve control problems arising in their research projects by means of optimal control approaches.

## Assessment methods

Project Report.