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Electrical & Electronics Engineering

Control Systems, Guidance and Navigational Control

01EE6102 Optimal Control Theory

Answer any two full questions from each part

Limit answers to the required points.

Max. Marks: 60

Duration: 3 hours

PART A

1. a. Explain the steps involved in the mathematical formulation of an optimal control problem with a proper example. 5
b. State and prove the fundamental theorem of calculus of variation 4
2. a. Determine the extremal for the functional $J(x) = \int_0^2 (\dot{x}^2 + 2x\dot{x} + 4x^2)dt$ given that $x(0) = 1$, and $x(2)$ is free 5
b. Derive the necessary condition for a function to be an extremal for the functional $J(x) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(x, \dot{x}, t)dt$. In the (t, x) plane, the initial point $(t_0, x(t_0))$ is specified, final value of $x(t_f)$ is specified and the final time is free 4
3. a. Derive the necessary condition for a function to be an extremal for the functional $J(x) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(x, \dot{x}, t)dt$. In the (t, x) plane, the initial point $(t_0, x(t_0))$ is specified, final value of x may be constrained to lie on a specified moving point or curve $\theta(t)$ such that $x(t_f) = \theta(t_f)$ 4
b. Determine the extremal for the functional $J(x) = \int_0^{t_f} \sqrt{1 + \dot{x}^2(t)}dt$ which has $x(0) = 2$ and terminates on the curve $\theta(t) = -4t + 5$ 5

PART B

4. a. From the fundamentals, discuss, derive and comment on the statement, "An Optimal control must minimize the Hamiltonian" 4

- b. Determine whether the problem of transferring the system 5

$$\dot{x}_1(t) = x_2(t)$$

$$\dot{x}_2(t) = u(t)$$

from any arbitrary initial state x_0 to a specified target set $S(t)$ with perform

$$J = \int_0^{t_f} [\lambda + |u(t)|] dt$$

has any singular interval. Final time is free

5. a. Distinguish between bang-bang control and bang-off-bang control 3

- b. The system is $\dot{x}(t) = u(t)$ is to be transferred from an arbitrary initial state x_0 to the origin by 6

minimizing the performance measure $J(u) = \int_0^{t_f} |u(t)| dt$ where t_f is free and the admissible

controls satisfy $|u(t)| \leq 1.0$. Determine the optimal control law

6. a. Explain singular intervals and derive the conditions for singular interval to happen in a time 5
optimal problem

- b. Find the set of reachable states for the system $\dot{x}(t) = u(t)$ where the admissible control must 4
satisfy $-1 \leq u(t) \leq 1$

PART C

7. a. Derive Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman equation 5

- b. The first order linear system $\dot{x}(t) = -10x(t) + u(t)$ is to be controlled to minimize the 7

performance measure $J = \frac{1}{2} x^2(0.04) + \int_0^{0.04} \left[\frac{1}{4} x^2(t) + \frac{1}{2} u_2(t) \right] dt$. The admissible state and
control values are not constrained by any boundaries. Find the optimal control law by using the
Hamiltonian- Jacobi- Bellman equation

8. a. Explain the principle of optimality 2

- b. A discrete system described by the difference equation $x(k+1) = x(k) + u(k)$ is to be 10

controlled to minimize the performance measure $J = \sum_{k=1}^2 [2|x(k) - 0.1k^2| + |u(k)|]$. The state

and control values must satisfy the constraints
 $0 \leq x(k) \leq 0.4, k = 0, 1, 2$
 $-0.2 \leq u(k) \leq 0.2, k = 0, 1$

- i. Use the dynamic programming algorithm to determine the optimal control law $u^*(x(k), k)$.

Quantize the state into the values $x(k)=0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4$, $k=0, 1, 2$ and the control into the
values $u(k)=-0.2, -0.1, 0, 0.1, 0.2$, ($k=0, 1$).

- ii. Determine the optimal control sequence $\{u^*(0), u^*(1)\}$ if the initial state value is $x(0)=0.2$

9. a. Derive the optimal control law for discrete linear regulator problem 6

- b. Explain the imbedding principle 6