CODE	COURSE NAME	CATEGORY	L	T	P	CREDITS
EET393	DIGITAL SIMULATION	VAC	3	1	0	4

Preamble: Numerical simulation using digital computers is an indispensable tool for electrical engineers. This honours course is designed with the objective of providing a foundation to the theory behind Numerical Simulation of electrical engineering systems and to give an overview of different styles of simulation tools and methodologies. This course would help students to explore and effectively use simulation tools with a clear understanding of their inner engines. This course also prepares students to explore and use the industry-standard tools like MATLAB and SPICE.

Prerequisites : **1. EET201 Circuits and Networks**

2. EET 205: Analog Electronics

3. MAT 204: Probability, Random Processes and Numerical Methods

Course Outcomes: After the successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

CO 1	Formulate circuit analysis matrices for computer solution.
CO 2	Apply numerical methods for transient simulation.
CO 3	Develop circuit files for SPICE simulation of circuits.
CO 4	Develop MATLAB/Simulink programs for simulation of simple dynamic systems.

Mapping of course outcomes with program outcomes

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8	PO 9	PO 10	PO 11	PO 12
CO 1	3	3		2	3							2
CO 2	3	3		2	3							2
CO 3	3	3		2	3							2
CO 4	3	3		2	3							2

Assessment Pattern

Bloom's Category	Continuous Assessment Tests		End Semester Examination
	1	2	
Remember (K1)	15	15	20
Understand (K2)	20	20	50
Apply (K3)	15	15	30

Analyse (K4)	-	-	-
Evaluate (K5)	-	-	-
Create (K6)	-	-	-

End Semester Examination Pattern: There will be two parts; Part A and Part B. Part A contains 10 questions with 2 questions from each module, having 3 marks for each question. Students should answer all questions. Part B contains 2 questions from each module of which student should answer any one. Each question can have maximum 2 sub-divisions and carry 14 marks.

Course Level Assessment Questions

Course Outcome 1 (CO1):

Problems on Circuit Analysis Matrix Formulation for Computer Solution (MNA and Sparse Tableau Approach) - K1 and K2 Level questions to be asked.

Writing code snippets in pseudo codes/Flow - charts for simple circuit formulations - K2, K3 Level.

Course Outcome 2 (CO2):

Explain the features of different numerical algorithms with respect to the requirements of circuit simulation: Questions in K1, K2 and K3 Level.

Compare the features of numerical simulation algorithms. Numerical problems and questions in K1, K2 and K3 levels.

Explain the application-specific features of numerical methods in circuit simulation: Adaptive Step-Size, Artificial Ringing and damping - K1 and K2 level questions.

Course Outcome 3 (CO3):

Write circuit files for simple analogue passive and active circuits using standard SPICE notation. K1, K2 and K3 Level questions.

Course Outcome 4 (CO4):

Develop MATLAB scripts for solution of simple ODEs - K2, K3 level questions.

Develop Simulink signal-flow diagrams for simulation of second order, first-order passive networks. K2, K3 Level question.

Model Question paper

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FIFTH SEMESTER B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATION,

MONTH & YEAR

Course Code: EE393 Course Name: DIGITAL SIMULATION

Max. Marks: 100 Duration: 3 Hours

PART A (3 x 10 = 30 Marks)

Answer all Questions. Each question carries 3 Marks

1. Differentiate between DC simulation and Transient Simulation.
2. What is "convergence issue" in circuit simulation?
3. Differentiate between implicit and explicit numerical methods.
4. Define Local Truncation Error.
5. What is a "stiff system"? Give an example.
6. It is required to simulate a circuit with excessively oscillatory response. Out of Euler method and Trapezoidal method, which is suitable for this system, and why?
7. Write the SPICE circuit file to run the transient simulation of an RC circuit excited by a pulse source of amplitude 5 V and frequency 1 kHz. The RC time constant is 0.1 ms (You may choose any R, C values that satisfy this requirement). Use end time of 1 s. Assume any missing information appropriately.
8. Differentiate between ‘ .lib’ and ‘.inc' SPICE directives?
9. What is the output of the following MATLAB code:?

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b = [3 8 9 4 7 5];
sum1 = 0;
for k = 1:4
    sum1 = sum1+b(k);
    end
sum1
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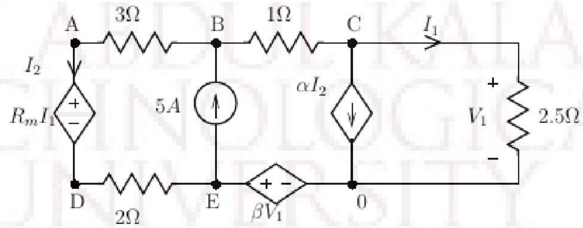
10. Write a MATLAB function to accept the coefficients of a quadratic polynomial and return the evaluated roots.

PART B (14 x 5 = 70 Marks)

Answer any one full question from each module. Each question carries 14 marks.

Module 1

11. (a).Figure 1 shows a network, with α=2, β=0.4 and R_m= 1 Ω. Formulate the Modified Nodal Analysis matrix from fundamental equations. (10)



(b). Explain how 'damping' can be used to improve convergence in nonlinear equation solutions using Newton-Raphson method. (4)

12. (a). For the circuit shown in Fig. 2, formulate the Sparse Tableau Analysis (STA) matrix from the fundamental equations. Take α=0.5. (10)

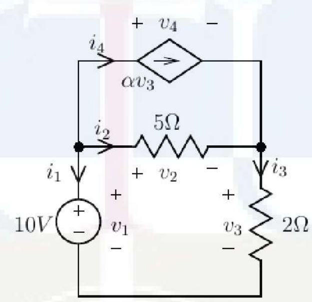


Figure 2: $\alpha = 0.5$

(b). What is Sensitivity Analysis? Explain with an example. (4)

Module 2

13. Solve

$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{1}{2}x - 6te^{-t/2}$, $0 < t < 20$, $x_0=3$, for h = 0.01 and h= 0.05 using Trapezoidal method and forward Euler methods. Compare with the analytical solution $\hat{x}(t) = \left(2 - 3t^2\right)e^{-t/2}$. Find the global error at the final value. (14)

14. (a) What is 'Order' of a numerical method? Explain how order and step-size influence the accuracy and computational efficiency of numerical methods. (8)

(b). What are the sources of error in numerical methods? (6)

Module 3

15. Write the MNA equations for the circuit shown in Fig. 3 below: Apply Trapezoidal method on the resulting equations to obtain the corresponding numerical equations.

(14)

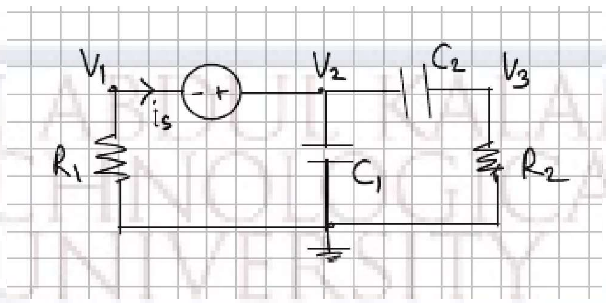


Fig. 3.

16. (a). Explain adaptive step-size in numerical simulation. What methodologies are used for adaptive step-size simulation? (10)

(b). What is 'artificial damping'? Explain with an example.

(4)

Module 4

17. (a). Explain the use of .SUBCKT with an example, where the sub-circuit is an RC integrator circuit to be used in cascade with an RC differentiating circuit. The source is a pulse source of 5 V amplitude and 1 kHz frequency. Assume suitable values for the resistors and capacitors. Use an ideal pulse with no rise time, fall-time, delay time etc. Under what conditions/circumstances do you use a .MODEL instead of a .SUBCKT in a circuit simulation? (8)

(b). Write the circuit file for an RC coupled amplifier with npn transistors. Use suitable values for the circuit parameters. The simulation is to be set up for frequency response analysis. (6).

18. (a). Shown below is a SPICE circuit file/netlist. Inspect the circuit file description and draw the circuit. What kind of simulation is being intended here? Modify this with the source replaced by a single sine wave source of 1kHz and 0.5 mA amplitude, for a transient simulation with end time of 0.1 sec, and a maximum step size of 1 us.

(8)

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L1 OUT 0 1µ
C1 OUT 0 420p
L2 IN 0 1µ
C2 IN 0 420p
C3 OUT IN {C}
R1 OUT 0 300
I1 0 IN 0 AC 5m
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R2 IN 0 300
.ac oct 200 5Meg 10Meg
.step param C 50p 150p 50p
.end
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(b). Demonstrate the use of the SPICE directives: ".OP, .PARAM, and .IC" with suitable examples. (6).

Module 5

19. (a)Write a MATLAB function to solve an initial value problem given by: $\dot{x} = x - t^2 + 1;\ 0 \leqslant t \leqslant 2;\ x(0) = 0.5$, using the Trapezoidal method. The function should get the initial value, final value and the step through arguments. Modify this code to solve any general function described in another file, named fx.m? (8)

(b). Develop the simulation signal-flow diagram for the simulation of a parallel RLC network excited by a current source, from the fundamental equations. Use standard blocks such as gain, sum/difference, integrators etc. (6)

20. Develop a simulation (signal-flow) diagram for a DC series motor fed from a dc voltage source and connected to a mechanical load. Take k_b as the back-emf constant and k_t as the torque constant of the motor, R_a the armature resistance, L_a the armature inductance, R_f, L_f are the field resistance and inductance respectively, J is the combined moment of inertia, and B is the viscous friction constant. The simulation diagram should show how the armature current i_a and the speed ω are derived. Show all the relevant equations from which the diagram is derived. (14)

Syllabus

Module 1 (9 Hrs)

Introduction to Simulation:

Types of simulation problems - DC Simulation - Transient Simulation - AC Simulation - Digital Circuit Simulation - Sensitivity Analysis - Noise Analysis. Examples.

Problem formulation for circuit simulation:

Nodal Analysis - General Rules/Steps to form the admittance matrix. Sample problems on formulation of the matrix.

Modified Nodal Analysis (MNA) - General Rules/Steps to form the admittance matrix. Sample problems on formulation of the matrix. (Assignments/Course projects may be assigned for writing code to formulate the Matrix using any high-level language). Formulation Examples.

Sparse Tableau Approach - Formulation of STA matrix. Features and comparison with MNA approach. Formulation Examples.

Non-linear Circuits: Application of the Newton-Raphson method - General procedure for n-th order system of equations - Formulation of Jacobian - Examples - Resources required for simulation: Computation time.

Convergence issues -

Practical Limits due to finite precision. Damping.

(Assignments/Course projects may be given for writing code to formulate the Matrix using any high-level language/pseudo code).

Module 2 (7 hours)

Fundamental Theory behind Transient Simulation:

Introduction to transient simulation: Discretization of time, idea of time - step. - Review of backward Euler, forward Euler and trapezoidal methods.

Basic ideas of Accuracy and Stability (Qualitative description only) of methods of transient analysis using numerical techniques.

Basic ideas of Explicit and Implicit methods:

Concept of 'order' of a numerical method, Local Error (LE), Local Truncation Error (LTE) and Global Error. (No detailed derivations needed).

Module 3: (9 hours)

Application to Circuit Simulation:

Application to circuit simulation: Using BE and TRZ methods. - Second order Backward Difference Formula (BDF-2/Gear Formula, no derivation required). Equivalent Circuit Approach- Stiff systems - Features - Simple Examples.

Basic ideas behind Adaptive/variable step-size. (Qualitative treatment only).

Practical aspects in choosing numerical methods: Artificial damping and ringing induced by numerical algorithms - Assessment of accuracy -- The issue of Singular Matrix in initial/start-up condition.

Module 4

Introduction to SPICE: (10 Hrs).

Types of simulation tools: Circuit simulation tools: SPICE, equation solvers: MATLAB®/Scilab®/Octave - Features, similarities and differences.

Circuit Simulation using SPICE.

Writing SPICE circuit files: SPICE Syntax - SPICE directives (Dot commands: .END, .FUNC, .NET .OPTIONS)

Performing different kinds of simulation and analysis - DC, DC sweep, AC, Transient and noise analyses. (Use of .OP, .PARAM, .TRAN, .DC, .STEP, .IC .MEASURE, .FOUR, .NOISE, .TEMP, .WAVE)

Developing circuit files for simple circuits like CE amplifiers, passive linear/non-linear circuits (Familiar Circuits with R, L, C, Diodes, Transistors).

Developing component models, subcircuits in SPICE. (Use of .MODEL, .SUBCKT, .LIB, .INC, .ENDS directives) - examples (BJTs/MOSFETs).

Simulation Demonstration with simple circuits. Setting-up simulation , and different types of simulation etc. shall be demonstrated by the course instructor.

[LTspice®, a free SPICE version, is chosen here as reference due to wide availability, however, PSpice®, LTspice®, ngSpice, eSim or any available SPICE variants may be used for assignments/demonstrations, based on availability].

Module 5

Introduction to equation solver tools (10 Hrs)

Introduction to scripting using MATLAB®: Language constructs - Basic Arithmetic Operations - Basic Operators and Special Characters Variables and Arrays - Complex numbers -Basic Handling of Arrays (Vectors and Matrices).

Control Structures (Conditional, looping - for loop, while loop, switch-case-otherwise - break -return) - functions.

Numerical Integration - ODE solvers - ode23, ode23t and ode45 - Examples - User-written functions to solve ODEs to implement the algorithms BE, FE, and TRZ only). Application examples. (Performance comparison of different solvers may be given as assignments).

Visual Modelling: Introduction to Simulink/Similar Causal modelling tools. Developing causal simulation diagrams using fundamental blocks (Gain, sum/difference, integrators, etc) for simple circuit models - first-order/second-order circuits, Separately excited DC Motor, from the ODE descriptions. Non-linear examples: DC Series Motor, Simple passive networks with switches.

Simulation Demonstration with different integration algorithms /step-sizes. [Only for practice/assignments].

(Instead of MATLAB/Simulink®, Octave and Scilab®/XCos® may be used for assignments/demonstrations).

Text Books

1. M. B. Patil, V. Ramanarayanan and V. T. Ranganathan, “Simulation of Power Electronic Circuits”, Narosa Publishing House.
2. Steven C. Chapra and Raymond P. Canale, “Numerical Methods for Engineers”, Tata-McGraw Hill, New Delhi, 2000.

3. Rudra Pratap, "Getting Started with MATLAB®: A Quick Introduction for Scientists & Engineers", 2010, Oxford University Press.

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1. LTSpice® [Online] http://www.ltwiki.org
2. MATLAB® [Online] https://in.mathworks.com/help/matlab/
3. Won Y. Yang, Wenwu Cao, Tae-Sang Chung and John Morris, "Applied Numerical Methods Using MATLAB®"

Course Contents and Lecture Schedule:

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1.4	Sparse Tableau Approach - Formulation of STA matrix. Features and comparison with MNA approach. Examples.	1
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	methods.	
2.2	Basic ideas of Accuracy and Stability of methods of transient analysis using numerical techniques.	1
2.3	Basic ideas of Explicit and Implicit methods:	1
2.4	Concept of Order of a numerical method, Local Error (LE), Local Truncation Error (LTE) and Global Error.	4
3.	**Application to Circuit Simulation (9 Hrs)**	
3.1	Application to circuit simulation: Using Backward Euler, Trapezoidal and Second order backward differentiation formula (BDF2 - Gear's formula) methods in circuit simulation: Equivalent Circuit Approach - Equation formulation examples.	4
3.2	Stiff systems - Features - Examples.	1
3.3	Basic ideas behind Adaptive/variable step-size. (Qualitative treatment only).	1
3.4	Practical aspects in choosing numerical methods: Artificial damping and ringing induced by numerical algorithms.	1
3.5	Assessment of accuracy - The issue of Singular Matrix in initial/start-up condition.	2
4	**Introduction to SPICE: (10 Hrs)**	
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4.2	Circuit Simulation using SPICE. Writing SPICE circuit files: SPICE Syntax - SPICE directives (Dot commands: .end, .FUNC, .NET .OPTIONS)	2
4.3	Performing different kinds of simulation - DC, DC sweep, AC, Transient and noise analyses. (.op, .param, .tran, .dc, .STEP, .IC .MEASURE, .FOUR, .NOISE, .TEMP, .WAVE	2
4.4	Developing simple circuit files for sample circuits like CE amplifier, passive linear/non-linear circuits (Familiar Circuits with R, L, C, Diodes).	2
4.5	Developing component models, sub-circuits in SPICE. (.model, .subckt, .lib, .inc, .ends directives) Example problems. Using datasheets to develop component models - examples (BJTs/MOSFETs) - Exercises.	2

4.6	Simulation Demonstration with simple circuits. Setting-up simulation, and different types of simulation etc., shall be demonstrated by the course instructor. Students shall be given SPICE circuit simulation assignments. [LTspice®, a freeware SPICE version, is chosen here as reference due to wide availability, however, PSpice®, LTspice®, ngSpice or any available SPICE variants may be used for assignments/demonstrations].	1
5.	**Introduction to MATLAB®/Simulink® (10 Hrs)**	
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