



**APJ ABDUL KALAM TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**  
**SECOND SEMESTER M.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL/MAY 2018**

**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 7  
the

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