

SUMMARY REPORT

TEACHING OF UNDERGRADUATE  
PROCESS DYNAMICS AND CONTROL

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## INTRODUCTION

In 1971, the Chemical Engineering Education Projects Committee conducted a survey on the teaching of Mass and Energy Balances in the United States and Canada. The purpose was to compile data on texts, laboratories, academic level and course content, and to discover and share innovative teaching techniques. Each year, a different chemical engineering subject area has been surveyed. By 1981, the cycle began its second round with a new survey on Mass and Energy Balances. The 1985 survey deals with the teaching of undergraduate Process Dynamics and Control.

A questionnaire was mailed in March, 1985 to the chairman of the 169 chemical engineering departments in the United States and Canada. A follow-up questionnaire was mailed in September to departments which had not responded by that time. One hundred ten replies were received. This compares to 136 in 1984 (Reactor Design), 123 in 1982 (Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics) and 109 in 1981 (Mass and Energy Balances).

A survey on teaching undergraduate Process Dynamics and Control made in 1975 received 101 replies. Comparisons between the 1975 and 1985 surveys will be made as appropriate.

## TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks were named for 132 of the 136 courses at the 110 universities surveyed. In nine of these courses, the text consisted of the instructor's personal notes, a textbook in press, or privately printed texts or manuals. These sources were used only at one university and are not listed below. One of the three most widely used texts was used in over 75% of the courses. No other text was used in more than four courses. Ten texts were used in only one course. The three most widely used texts are:

<u>Author</u>	<u>Courses</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Stephanopoulos (1984)	64	48
Coughanowr & Koppel (1965)	27	20
Luyben (1972)	14	11
Others (10 texts)	27	20

It is interesting to note the dominance of a single textbook in a given field. Surveys conducted in the past ten years in such uniquely chemical engineering areas as reactor design, ChE thermodynamics, mass and energy balances, plant design, mass transfer and process control show that the most popular text was used in 53% to 75% of the courses.

#### NUMBER OF COURSES

Chemical engineering curricula generally include a single undergraduate course in process dynamics during the senior year. The present survey showed that 75% of the departments offer a single course, 24% offer two courses and 1% offer three courses.

Forty-two percent of the departments on the quarter system offered 2 or more courses. Only 20% of the departments on the semester basis did likewise (Table 1).

These results are comparable to those of the 1975 survey, when 72% of the departments offered one course, 26% offered 2 courses and 2% offered no course.

#### COURSE PLACEMENT

In most curricula, Process Control is one of the last chemical engineering courses taken. At schools on the semester basis, half of the courses reported are offered during the final semester of the curriculum. There is an even distribution among the three senior quarters at departments on the quarter system. Regardless of the basis, 94% of the courses are taken in the senior year (Table 2).

#### CONTACT HOURS

Seventy-eight percent of the courses are offered on the semester schedule while 22% are on the quarter schedule. Courses in departments on the semester basis met for 2.94 hours each week for 14.6 weeks. This gives 43.0 "hours" of instruction in each course. (A 50 minute period is considered to be one "hour".) Courses in departments on the quarter basis met for 3.5 hours each week for 10.2 weeks, resulting in 35.7 hours of instruction. Considering the average number of process

TABLE 1

Number of Courses	<u>NUMBER OF COURSES</u>		<u>1985 PERCENT</u>	<u>(1975) (PERCENT)</u>
	<u>SEMESTER BASIS REPLIES</u>	<u>QUARTER BASIS REPLIES</u>		
One	68	14	75	(72)
Two	17	9	23	(26)
Three	1	1	2	( 2)
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	86	24		

  

Is the course required?	<u>REPLIES</u>	
	Yes	No
	92	18

TABLE 2

	<u>PLACEMENT IN THE CURRICULUM</u>		
	<u>REPLIES</u>	<u>1985 PERCENT</u>	<u>1975 PERCENT</u>
Semester Basis			
Junior, 1st Semester	1	1	(13)
Junior, 2nd Semester	12	14	
Senior, 1st Semester	30	35	(87)
Senior, 2nd Semester	43	50	
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	86		
Quarter Basis			
Junior, 3rd Quarter	3	13	(13)
Senior, 1st Quarter	7	29	
Senior, 2nd Quarter	7	29	(87)
Senior, 3rd Quarter	7	29	
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TABLE 4

CLASS DATA

Sections offered (1984-85)	Replies
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0	2
1	63
2	16
3	3
4	3

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87

## Enrollment per Section

15-	15
16-20	12
21-25	13
26-30	19
31-35	9
36-40	12
41-45	4
46-50	9
51-55	3
56-60	2
61-65	4
66-70	2
71-75	1
76-80	2
81+	3

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110

Average	34.1
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	<u>REPLIES</u>	<u>1985 PERCENT</u>	<u>(1975) (PERCENT)</u>
Course emphasis			
Math modeling-analytical	90	82	(78)
Math modeling-empirical	54	49	(33)
Control	108	98	(88)
Instrumentation	33	30	(27)
Others			
Simulation	4	4	( 8)
Stability	4	4	
"Others"	16	15	

Lectures are reinforced with:

Classroom demonstrations	44	40	(33)
Audio-Visual Aids	45	41	(33)
Lab Experiments	75	68	(75)
None of the Above	13	12	
Others			
Computer simulations	8	7	

## OBJECTIVES

Modeling real processes  
Realize need for control  
Jargon of process control

## EXPERIMENTS

Using the PDP11/04 Computer  
First-order Process Dynamics  
Impulse testing of a mixing tank  
Real-time Program on the PDP 11/04  
Second-order process dynamics  
Electronic Analog controllers  
Pneumatic Analog controllers  
Derivative control  
Dynamics of a heat exchanger

## BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Process Control and Dynamics  
Digital Process Control

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Use of LaPlace Transforms to solve  
differential equations  
Transfer functions  
Root-Locus, Nyquist stability

## OBJECTIVES

Mathematics of control theory  
Feedback control  
Modern control applications

## EXPERIMENTS

Liquid level - Flow-loop

## UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Automatic Control  
Process Dynamics and Control

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Transfer functions  
Interaction  
Phase plane

## OBJECTIVES

Basic understanding of theory  
Testing of theory  
Familiarity with design of systems

## EXPERIMENTS

Liquid level in two tanks  
Measuring dynamics of unknown  
transfer function set up on  
analog computer  
Direct digital control - analog  
computer  
Supervisory control of two reactor  
batterys - Apple IIe and Isaac  
91A interface

## UNIVERSITY OF BUCKNELL

Process Control

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Feedback

## OBJECTIVES

System dynamics  
Closed loop concept  
Effect of controller on dynamics

## EXPERIMENTS

Open and closed loop dynamics  
Frequency response analysis of a  
pneumatic valve  
Use of microprocessor for time  
constant measurement of temp-  
erature sensing elements  
Control of Fluid-Flow network

## UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Process Dynamics and Control

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Feedback

## OBJECTIVES

Understand a loop, feedback, time  
constant, stability, and reponse

## EXPERIMENTS

One/two/three tank liquid level  
dynamics  
Two tank liquid level control  
Heat exchanger control  
Heat exchange dynamics /CSSL  
Valve characteristics

## OBJECTIVES

Model or transfer function  
development  
Feedback control  
Controller tuning methods

## EXPERIMENTS

Transient response/1st and higher  
order systems  
Analog and digital simulation  
Stability  
Controller tuning  
Digital simulation  
Control of 3-tank pressure process

## FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Chemical Engineering Process  
Dynamics  
Process Control

## OBJECTIVES

Transfer functions  
Dynamics  
Control

## UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Process Control Theory and  
Laboratory

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

General Nyquist stability cri-  
terion

## OBJECTIVES

Modeling through response curves  
and first principles  
Methodology for controller design  
Dynamics; stability

## EXPERIMENTS

Linear models obtained via Taylor  
series expansion from the re-  
sponse curves  
P controller is tuned via root  
locus and performance is tested  
PID controller is tuned/IMC per-  
formance tested

## GEORIGIA TECH UNIVERSITY

Process Control  
Special Topics in Digital Control

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Linearization  
Deviation variable analysis  
Block diagram

## OBJECTIVES

Control concepts  
Linear vs nonlinear systems  
Stability  
On-line tuning

## EXPERIMENTS

Liquid level control  
Two tanks in series  
Thermocouple dynamics  
Water heating by injection of live  
steam

## UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

1: Automatic Process Control  
2: Digital Process Control

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Reducing to a mathematical  
description  
Simplifying assumptions

## OBJECTIVES

Modeling  
Controller design  
Comparison of models to real sys-  
tems

## EXPERIMENTS

1: Valve gain  
Resistance Thermometry  
Level control  
3-mode control  
Transducer gain  
Phase lag  
2: Sampling  
Alarm signals  
Proportional control  
Control implementation using dead-  
beat, control Dahlin salgorithm  
PID

## IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Process Control

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Frequency response  
Root-Locus



## EXPERIMENTS

Microprocessor control  
Optimum adjustment of PID controller  
Behavioral system dynamics

## LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Process Dynamics

### DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Block diagrams and instrumentation diagrams  
Relationship of steady-state to problem variables  
Linear/nonlinear differential equations

### OBJECTIVES

Transfer functions, lags, dead-time, gain  
Feedback, feed forward, ratio and cascade control systems design

### EXPERIMENTS

Manual and automatic operation of a process furnace  
Determination of gains and time constants  
Feedback controller modes

## UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Process Control

### OBJECTIVES

Design, modeling, analysis of SISO systems

## UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

Process Control

### DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Unsteady-state modeling: accumulation terms  
Frequency response

### OBJECTIVES

Dynamic models of processes  
Generalized transient behavior of chemical processes  
Types of controllers and hardware  
Controller design and tuning

## EXPERIMENTS

Dynamic behavior of interacting and non-interacting tank systems  
Level controller tuning

## MANHATTAN COLLEGE

Process Control

### DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Unsteady-state mass and energy balances  
Importance of temperature, level, and flow controllers to processes

### OBJECTIVES

Control objectives and instrumentation requirements for typical processes  
Jargon of control and control loops  
Analytical and empirical math solution methods  
Controller tuning

### EXPERIMENTS

Liquid level control  
Computer controlled heat exchangers  
Distillation

## UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

Process Control

### DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Connection between simple models and complex processes

### OBJECTIVES

Basics of system identification and modeling  
Basic limitations of linear system models  
Basics of PID, feed forward, and more advanced controllers  
Controller tuning

## OBJECTIVES

- Simple time constant
- Classic controller functions
- Feedback closed-loop control
- Determination of control constants

## EXPERIMENTS

- Double effect evaporation

## UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

- Automatic Process Control and Laboratory

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

- Relationships among pulse response, step response, transfer function, and the general unsteady-state behavior of a linear system

## OBJECTIVES

- Introduce unsteady state and apply to chemical engineering cases
- Linearization
- Transfer function and block diagrams
- Classical methods for stability analysis

## EXPERIMENTS

- 1st order process-analog computer-pressure process-liquid level
- Experimental dynamics-heat exchange-analog computer
- Control/stability-pressure process-analog computer

## UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

- Industrial Instrumentation
- Control of Process Systems

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

- Steady-state gain
- Small perturbation analysis

## OBJECTIVES

- Instrumentation of process flow diagram
- Achieve physical intuition
- Application of various control strategies

## EXPERIMENTS

- Level control
- Pressure control (single capacity process)
- Use of digital controller in tuning

## UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

- Process Dynamics and Control

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

- Unsteady-state analysis of otherwise well-understood systems
- Relating analytical theory to reality situations
- Picturing the hardware action and its dynamic role in the loop

## OBJECTIVES

- Analyze unsteady-state processes
- Application of previously studied physical principles
- The effect of a valve in a flow system
- Feedback control loop-oscillation and instability

## EXPERIMENTS

- Level control (pneumatic devices)
- Level control simulation (analog computer)

## UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Process Dynamics and Control

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

- Digital/analog and A/D conversion

## OBJECTIVES

- Solutions to design/control problems
- Basic control loop hardware and software
- Real-time data acquisition and process control using microcomputers

## OBJECTIVES

Mathematical modeling of processes  
Experimental analysis of process dynamics  
Stability analysis  
Controller selection and tuning

## EXPERIMENTS

Impulse response of stirred tank  
Sensing means and signal conditioning  
Air-operated controllers  
Frequency response - one and two stage RC filters  
Step response - stirred tank and heat exchanger

## UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Chemical Process Dynamics

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Relationship of equations/models to reality

## OBJECTIVES

Talking knowledge of control terms  
Basis for further self-study  
Control of steps in a process

## NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Chemical Process Control

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Writing equivalent system of algebraic and 1st order differential equations from a block diagram

## OBJECTIVES

Apply conservation laws to unsteady-state operation  
Transfer functions  
Computer simulation of control systems  
Frequency response

## EXPERIMENTS

Transmitter characteristics  
Controller tuning  
Steam-heated exchangers

## UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Process Modeling, Analysis, and Control

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Qualitative understanding of complex variables and their application

## OBJECTIVES

Linear dynamics  
Role of feedback  
Control design strategies

## EXPERIMENTS

Process Simulator

## OHIO UNIVERSITY

Process Control and Laboratory

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Modeling

## OBJECTIVES

Analytical and empirical modeling  
Feedback control  
Stability  
Controller parameter design

## EXPERIMENTS

Controller calibration  
Liquid level systems  
Process simulators  
Jacketed heat exchangers  
Frequency response  
Control - Ziegler Nichols and Cohen Coon

## OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Chemical Process Instrumentation and Control  
Process Control Laboratory

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

LaPlace transform functions  
Frequency response analysis

OBJECTIVES

Linearization  
Feedback control  
Stability  
Frequency response and Nyquist  
stability theorem  
Advanced controllers

EXPERIMENTS

Feedback control  
Frequency response analysis  
Cascade, F.F. control  
Inverse response compensators

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Process Dynamics and Control

OBJECTIVES

Restraint equations for process  
modeling  
Block diagram; digital-computer  
program  
Predict parameters of linear  
responses  
Extract parameters from responses

EXPERIMENTS

Air-operated valve characteristics  
Liquid-level control  
Dynamic response of a pressure  
vessel  
Frequency - response of a U-tube  
manometer

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

Process Dynamics and Control

OBJECTIVES

Modeling  
Techniques to study and analyze  
dynamics of physical systems  
Designing control systems

EXPERIMENTS

CSTR control  
Temperature control of air-box  
heated by light bulb  
Computer simulated system of  
CSTR's control

ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Process Control  
Advanced Process Control

DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Mathematics of stability deter-  
mination  
Process Dynamics  
Relevance to real world

OBJECTIVES

Theory of linear control systems  
Designing control systems  
Hardware

EXPERIMENTS

Tuning a control system  
Liquid level control  
Comparing differential schemes for  
control of overhead product  
from a distillation column

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Process Dynamics  
Process Control

DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Digital control systems  
Design of digital filters  
Dead-time compensation

OBJECTIVES

Modeling  
Process identification techniques  
Design of control schemes

EXPERIMENTS

Analog control and DDC control of  
surge tank level and tempera-  
ture in a shell and tube heat  
exchanger  
Data logging

UNIVERSITY OF SHERBROOKE

Control

DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Relationship of dependent variable  
with time  
Relationship between typical  
forcing functions and the real  
world

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Behavior of 2nd-order systems  
Block diagram algebra  
Frequency response analysis

## OBJECTIVES

Behavior of 1st and 2nd-order systems  
Block diagrams  
System stability  
Frequency response  
Design of feedback control systems  
Modern control systems

## EXPERIMENTS

2nd order differential equations  
Dynamics of RC circuits  
Feedback systems

## UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

Process Systems Dynamics and Control

## OBJECTIVES

Review unsteady-state, steady-state, and differential equations  
Process dynamics and modeling  
Feedback control  
Control modes - P, PI, PID, PD  
Lab experience

## EXPERIMENTS

Process dynamics  
pH control  
Level control of tanks (series)  
Control of stirred tanks (series)  
Double pipe heat exchanger control

## TRI-STATE UNIVERSITY

Chemical Process Controls

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Frequency response

## OBJECTIVES

Basic theory and application of control systems  
Design of control systems  
Importance of real-world nonlinearities of control systems

## EXPERIMENTS

Step response of 1st and 2nd order systems  
Proportional control of a second-order system  
Controller tuning

## TUFIS UNIVERSITY

Process Dynamics and Control  
Real Time Computing

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Application of theory, stability, tuning to practice

## OBJECTIVES

Terminology  
Feedback  
Getting a feel for dynamics  
Need for control  
Complexity of control

## EXPERIMENTS

Computer control of interacting tanks  
Level control

## UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Process Dynamics I  
Process Dynamics II

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Relating theory and analysis to real world

## OBJECTIVES

Physical feeling for dynamic responses  
Feedback control  
Use and application of control systems

## EXPERIMENTS

Liquid level control  
Analog computer simulation  
pH control system  
Digital computer control of continuous process  
Multivariable control  
Frequency response

## EXPERIMENTS

Level control (1st and 2nd order)  
Third order temperature control  
PID controller for temperature control  
Step response transfer function measurement  
Frequency response transfer function measurement  
Speed control system  
Positron control systems  
Third order system simulation and analysis

## WIDENER UNIVERSITY

Introduction to Control Systems

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Modeling

## OBJECTIVES

Derive transfer functions  
Determine response to inputs  
Analysis and design of control systems

## INDSOR UNIVERSITY

Process Dynamics and Control

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

LaPlace Transforms  
Second order systems

## OBJECTIVES

Integrate materials from different courses  
Increase academic maturity  
Build confidence in problem approach and solution  
Modeling

## EXPERIMENTS

Computer simulation of liquid level tanks

## UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

Process Dynamics and Control

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Frequency response

## OBJECTIVES

Math modeling  
Open- and closed-loop transfer functions  
Stability analysis  
Digital simulation and control

## EXPERIMENTS

Liquid level control  
Manual control  
Proportional control  
PI control  
PID control

## UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Process Modeling; Dynamics and Control

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Transformations from time to LaPlace and frequency domain and back again  
Stability criteria  
Controller tuning  
Root-locus analysis

## OBJECTIVES

Math modeling  
Principles of Process dynamics and control  
Terminology and techniques of feedback control  
Feed forward and computer control

## EXPERIMENTS

Liquid level control in 2-tank cascade  
Computer control of hot water heater

## NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Process Dynamics and Control  
Special Topics in Control

## DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Deviation/variables  
Open- and closed-loop frequency response

## EXPERIMENTS

Air pressure regulation  
Pressure sensor calibration  
Temperature sensor response characteristics  
Flow metering and control valves  
Liquid level system dynamics  
Thermal system dynamics  
Pressure system dynamics  
Off-line tuning and experiment  
On-line tuning  
Controller calibration

## RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Process Simulation and Control

### DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Closed-loop transient simulation on a computer

### OBJECTIVES

Closed-loop control and computer simulation

## EXPERIMENTS

3-mode (PID) pH control in a stirred-tank

## SAN HOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

Chemical Process Dynamics and Control

### DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Math modeling  
Block diagram

### OBJECTIVES

Dynamic behavior of process systems  
Analysis and design of control systems

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Automatic Process Control

### DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Analytical math modeling

## OBJECTIVES

Understand need of process control  
Meaning and importance of dead-time, gain, time constant  
Setting a feedback controller and additional control techniques (ratio, cascade, FFC)

## EXPERIMENTS

Empirical math modeling  
Tuning feedback controllers  
Scale computing blocks  
Ratio control and setting cascade control systems

## TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

Process Dynamics and Control

### DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Math

### OBJECTIVES

Introduce control ideas and nomenclature  
Introduce control equipment  
Introduce dynamic systems and modeling

## EXPERIMENTS

Developing an IBM PC controlled level experiment

## TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

Process Control and Instrumentation

### DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Frequency response  
Control systems simulation

### OBJECTIVES

Process control (application and methods)  
Process dynamics  
Design calculations for control equipment

UNIVERSITY OF TULSA  
Process control

DIFFICULT CONCEPTS  
Linearization details

OBJECTIVES  
Understanding of P, PI, AND PID  
control  
Transfer functions (meaning)  
Dynamic behavior system  
Basic control elements  
Valve sizing

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
Process Control

DIFFICULT CONCEPTS  
Frequency domain stability

OBJECTIVES  
Introduction to dynamics of  
systems  
Controller design techniques  
Digital controller testing

ALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY  
POMONA  
Process Control

DIFFICULT CONCEPTS  
Translation of theory to real  
situations

OBJECTIVES  
Introduction to control  
Importance of dynamics  
Process control equipment and  
instrumentation

EXPERIMENTS  
1st order process - open-loop  
response; P control  
Second order process - PI control;  
P control  
Controller tuning  
Control valve characteristics  
Digital control

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF NOVA SCOTIA  
Process Control I, II and III

DIFFICULT CONCEPTS  
Stability concept  
Translation of block diagram to  
actual working system

OBJECTIVES  
Understanding of control  
techniques in industry  
Clear idea of control logic and  
strategy  
Process instrumentation  
(introduction)

EXPERIMENTS  
Liquid level control  
Tanks in series  
Introduction to microcomputers

YALE UNIVERSITY  
Process Control

DIFFICULT CONCEPTS  
Stability, frequency response, z-  
transformer, Nyquist plots

OBJECTIVES  
Develop qualitative and quantita-  
tive skills needed to solve  
control problems

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA  
Process Control

DIFFICULT CONCEPTS  
Frequency domain concepts

OBJECTIVES  
Understand process dynamics and  
control  
Provide tools for analysis and  
control  
Develop ability to synthesize an  
effective control system

EXPERIMENTS  
PID control of shell and tube heat  
exchanger (dynamics also)  
Computer control of direct contact  
heater



DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Frequency response  
Complex number

OBJECTIVES

System concepts  
Dynamics  
Concept or feedback control

EXPERIMENTS

Feedback control of tank heater  
Distillation column

UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO

Process Analysis and Control

DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Making students think in terms of  
dynamics of processes instead  
of dealing with steady-state  
processes

OBJECTIVES

Familiarization with controllers,  
sensors and control elements  
Process dynamics and analysis  
Develop ability to design control  
processes

EXPERIMENTS

Level control in one and two tank  
system  
Temperature control (one and two  
tank system)  
Temperature control in exchanger

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Process Dynamics and Control

DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Most students are poor programmers  
- waste of time developing pro-  
grams

OBJECTIVES

Process modeling  
Computer simulation (use of  
graphics packages)  
Fundamentals of linear process  
dynamics and PID control

EXPERIMENTS

Liquid level control

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Chemical Process Control

DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Frequency response controller  
design  
Nyquist stability

OBJECTIVES

Time dependent response of chemical  
engineering systems  
Math models  
Solving equations and making up  
model  
Control

EXPERIMENTS

Liquid level  
Process simulation - analog  
simulator - Conversion from  
Block diagram of control system  
to simulation diagram

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Introduction to Process Dynamics  
and Control  
Industrial Process Control  
Advanced Process Dynamics and  
Control

DIFFICULT CONCEPTS

Math and techniques of LT  
Stability

OBJECTIVES

Theoretical and empirical modeling  
Applied control applications

EXPERIMENTS

Process Identification - 1st-2nd-  
order and other  
Feedback and feed forward  
Cascade, RGA, etc.