Electric Circuit Analysis (Phys 332) Spring 2024

What am I doing here? At the end of this course, you will be able to analyze the properties and behavior of linear electronic systems. You will understand the difference between DC and AC circuits, as well as the differences between steady-state and transient behaviors. You will be able to develop both analytic solutions and simulations to characterize circuits. You will be exposed to analysis in both time and frequency domains.

The textbook for this class is Principles and Applications of Electrical Engineering, by G. Rizzoni & J. Mark Kearns (6th edition, Wiley; ISBN 978-0-07-352959-2). You may also use other editions, since assignments will use CAPA.



Do I have to get anything besides the textbook? You will be required to use a free software package called "CircuitMod" to complete some of your assignments. This software lets you draw virtual electric circuits and examine their behavior. You should download it from the maker here:

https://sourceforge.net/projects/circuitmod/

How will I be graded? Your grade will be determined by:

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Assignments:	25%
Quizzes:	10%
Midterm Exams:	40% (20% each for 2 exams)
Final Exam:	25%
	100%

When are the tests? Here is a tentative schedule of exams. Exams #1 and #2 are currently scheduled as "in class" exams. If the entire class (including Dr. Pogo) agrees, then any exam time, date, or length can be changed (to a two hour evening exam, for example). Such changes will not affect the exam questions itself. In any case, the time limit for these exams will not exceed two hours.

Exam #1: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 Exam #2: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 Exam #3: Friday, May 10, 2024 (final exam, noon)

What if I have trouble with the homework? Visit me during office hours on Discord (see times listed above, using the server https://discord.gg/GjkWREU) and I'll try to point you in the right direction. Also, I know that most of you will work in groups, and I won't attempt to stop it. However, the learning is in the doing. Nobody on this planet learns from copying somebody else's work, no matter how clear or correct it is. Every part of every problem that you let somebody else do for you is something that you are deciding that you just don't want to learn. You will not have their help on exams!

ECA: Tentative Schedule

Tuesday, January 23, 2024	Thursday, January 25, 2024
Class 1: Circuit Elements & Terminology	Class 2: Kirkhoff's Laws; Ohm's Law
Tuesday, January 30, 2024	Thursday, February 1, 2024
Class 3: Series, Parallel, Delta, "Y"	Class 4: Matrix Methods
Assign #1 Due	
Tuesday, February 6, 2024	Thursday, February 8, 2024
Class 5: Simplification & Linear Algebra	Class 6: LEDs; Wheatstone Bridge
Assign #2 Due	
Tuesday, February 13, 2024	Thursday, February 15, 2024
Class 7: Switches, Relays, Diodes	Class 8: Intro to Transistors
	Assign #3 Due
Tuesday, February 20, 2024	Thursday, February 22, 2024
Class 9: NPN Transistors	Class 10: Ideal Op-Amps
Tuesday, February 27, 2024	Thursday, March 29, 2024
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Tuesday, March 5, 2024	Thursday, March 7, 2024
Class 12: Exam #1	Class 13: Photodiodes
Tuesday, March 12, 2024	Thursday, March 14, 2024
Spring Break	Spring Break
Tuesday, March 19, 2024	Thursday, March 21, 2024
Class 14: Thevenin & Norton Equivalences	Class 15: Capacitors & Inductors
Assign #5 Due	L
Tuesday, March 26, 2024	Thursday, March 28, 2024
Class 16: 1 st Order Transient Behavior	Class 17: 2 nd Order Transient Behavior
Assign #6 Due	
Tuesday, April 2, 2024	Thusday, April 4, 2024
Class 18: Transients, part III	Class 19: AC Circuits & Phasors
Assign #7 Due	
Tuesday, April 9, 2024	Thursday, April 11, 2024
Class 20: Exam #2	Class 21: Phasors & Complex Analysis
Tuesday, April 16, 2024	Thursday, April 18, 2024
Class 22: RLC Filters	Class 23: Frequency Response
Assign #8 Due	
Tuesday, April 23, 2024	Thursday, April 25, 2024
Class 24: AC Rectifiers	Class 25: Gyrators
Assign #9 Due	
Tuesday, April 30, 2024	Thursday, May 2, 2024
Class 26: Transformers	Class 27: Transformers, part II
Assign #10 Due	
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	
Class 28: Review	
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	Friday, May 10, 2024
Assign #11 Due	Final Exam (noon)

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course, students will:

- be able to analyze the properties and behavior of linear electronic systems
- understand the principles of common non-linear electronic elements (relays, diodes, transistors)
- understand the difference between DC and AC circuits
- understand the differences between steady-state and transient behaviors
- be able to develop simulations to characterize electronic circuits.
- be exposed to analysis in both time and frequency domains.