INSTITUTO POLITÉCNICO DE BRAGANÇA

Course Unit	Circuits I			Field of study	Physics		
Bachelor in	Electrical and Computers Engineering			School	School of Technology and Management		
Academic Year	2022/2023	Year of study	1	Level	1-1	ECTS credits	6.0
Type	Semestral	Semester	1	Code	9112-742-1103-00-22		

Workload (hours)	162	Contact hours	T	TP	PL	TC	S	E	OT	O
			15	15	30	-	-	-	-	-

T - Lectures; TP - Lectures and problem-solving; PL - Problem-solving, project or laboratory; TC - Fieldwork; S - Seminar; E - Placement; OT - Tutorial; O - Other

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Learning outcomes and competences

At the end of the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:
1. Know the main concepts and laws of electrical circuits;
2. Understand theorems for electrical and electronics circuits' analysis;
3. Select methods to analyze complex electrical circuits;
4. Characterize temporal behaviour of circuits based on capacitors and inductors;
5. Analyze AC power circuits.

Prerequisites

Before the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:
1. Know trigonometry and complex numbers.
2. Know how to solve linear equations systems.
3. Know differential and integral calculus.

Course contents

Variables of electrical circuits: Current, voltage, power and energy; Resistance; Conductance; Resistance variation with temperature; Association of resistors; Analysis of resistive circuits; Superposition principle, Thevenin and Norton Theorems. Power and energy; Energy storage elements: capacitors and coils; Series and parallels of coils and capacitors. Laboratory instrumentation: voltimeter, amperimeter, ohmimeter, oscilloscope, function generator, power sources.

Course contents (extended version)

1. Basic methods of Analysis
   - Introduction to the Electric Current conduction phenomenon; Electrical units; Joule's law.
   - Electric Circuits' Laws: Ohm's Law; Voltage and Current Kirchhoff's Laws.
   - Association of Resistances in Series and parallel; Y-D Transformation.
   - Voltage and Current Dividers.
2. Voltage and Current Sources
   - Ideal and real voltage and current sources.
   - Equivalence among real voltage and current sources.
3. General methods of Analysis of electric circuits
   - Method of the Current in Branches; Method of the Independent Mesh; Method of the Analysis of Nodes.
   - Superposition theorem, Thevenin and Norton theorems; Dualities.
4. Analysis of Circuits with Energy Storage Elements
   - Energy Storage Elements: Capacitors and Inductors. Energy stored in capacitors and Inductors.
   - Association of capacitors and Inductors; Real Capacitors and Inductors.
   - Transient analysis of Circuits: 1st Order (RL and RC) and 2nd Order (RLC).

Recommended reading

1. J. W. Nilsson, S. A. Riedel, "Circuitos Eléctricos", 5ª Ed. , LTC, 1999
2. R. L. Boylestad, "Introductory Circuit Analysis", Prentice Hall Internacional Editions, 9th Edition, 2000
3. L. Bessonov, "Electricidade Aplicada para Engenheiros", 2ª Edição, Lopes da Silva Editora, 1977
4. W. H. Hayt, J. Kemmerly, "Engineering Circuit Analysis", McGraw-Hill International Editions, 5th Ed. , 1993
5. V. Meireles, "Circuitos Eléctricos", 3ª Edição Revista, Edições LIDEL, 2005

Teaching and learning methods

Theoretical classes: presentation of the course contents supported on illustrative examples. Practical classes: Problem-solving and execution of laboratorial works.

Assessment methods

1. Alternative 1 - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
   - Final Written Exam - 60%
   - Laboratory Work - 40%
2. Alternative 2 - (Student Worker) (Special)
   - Final Written Exam - 100%

Language of instruction

Portuguese, with additional English support for foreign students.

Electronic validation

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