

**Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur  
Proposal for a New Course**

1. Course No: CHE6XX (proposed) **666**
2. Course Title: **Stability Theory for Chemical Engineers**
3. Per Week Lectures: **3** (L), Tutorial: **0** (T), Laboratory: **0** (P), Additional Hours[0-2]: **0** (A),  
Credits (3-0-0-0): **9** Duration of Course: **One Semester**
4. Proposing Department: **Department of Chemical Engineering**  
Other Departments/IDPs which may be interested in the proposed course: **NA**  
Other faculty members interested in teaching the proposed course: **Dr. Naveen Tiwari, Dr. V. Shankar**
5. Proposing Instructor(s): **Dr. Dipin S. Pillai**
6. Course Description:
  - A. Objectives:  
The objective of this course is to familiarize students with the applications of non-linear dynamics and stability theory in various aspects of core chemical engineering.
  - B. Contents (preferably in the form of 5 to 10 broad titles):  
Lecture-wise break-up (considering the duration of each lecture is 50 minutes)

S. No.	Broad Title	Topics	No. of Lectures
1.	Introduction	Introduction to nonlinear dynamics and stability theory	1
2.	1D Systems	Lumped Parameter Systems: ODEs, Flows on a line, Bifurcations: Saddle-node, transcritical, pitchfork	4
3.	2D Systems	Fixed points, phase plane, eigenvalues, eigenvectors, conservative systems, Lotka-Volterra type models, conservative systems	5
4.	Limit Cycles	Hopf bifurcation, index theory, existence of closed orbits, Poincaré-Bendixson theorem, van der Pol oscillator, method of multiple time scales	6
8.	Non-isothermal reactors	Multiplicity, stability, steady states and limit cycles in non-isothermal CSTRs with and without Frank-Kamenetskii approximation	4
5.	Homotopy Continuation, MATCONT 7.4	Bifurcation diagrams using the method of homotopy continuation, Brief introduction session to MATCONT 7.4	3
6.	Multi-component Distillation	Residue curve maps, stationary points: stability of pure component and azeotropic compositions, distillation boundary, bifurcations under finite reflux	5

7.	Oscillating Reactions	Beluosov-Zhabotinsky reaction, Oregonator model and its limit cycles	3
9.	Distributed Parameter Systems	PDEs as governing equations, introduction to modal analysis, dispersion relations, classification of linear instability of a spatially uniform state: Type I-III, multiplicity and stability of PFRs	5
9.	Reaction-Diffusion Systems	Turing patterns, Spatiotemporal oscillations of chemical oscillators	4
Total			40

C. Recommended pre-requisites, if any: **CHE212, CHE213, CHE331**

D. Short summary for including in the Courses of Study Booklet:

**Introduction to stability theory, lumped parameter systems with ODEs, saddle-node, transcritical, pitchfork bifurcations, 2D Systems - fixed points, phase plane, eigenvalues, eigenvectors, conservative systems, Lotka-Volterra, limit cycles, non-isothermal CSTR, multi-component distillation, residue curve maps, distillation boundary, oscillating reactions, distributed parameter systems with PDEs, modal analysis, dispersion relations, Turing patterns, stability of PFR, spatiotemporal chemical oscillations**

7. Recommended text/reference books:

- Strogatz SH. **Nonlinear dynamics and chaos: with applications to physics, biology, chemistry, and engineering.** CRC press; 2018.
- Perlmutter DD. **Stability of Chemical Reactors.** Prentice-Hall; 1972.
- Doherty MF, and Malone MF. **Conceptual Design of Distillation Systems.** McGraw-Hill, 2001.
- Cross M, Greenside H. **Pattern formation and dynamics in nonequilibrium systems.** Cambridge University Press; 2009.
- Epstein IR, Pojman JA. **An introduction to nonlinear chemical dynamics: oscillations, waves, patterns, and chaos.** Oxford university press; 1998.

8. Any other remarks:

- **Computational take-home assignments will be provided to supplement the theoretical aspects.**

Dated: 09/03/24

Proposer: Dr. Dipin S. Pillai

Dated:

DPGC Convener:

The course is  approved /  not approved

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