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Optimum design 780 (MOO 780)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Module credits	16.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	BEngHons Mechanical Engineering BScHons (Applied Science) Mechanics
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	21 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Elements of optimisation, optimisation problem identification and classification, optimisation formulations for physics-based models, model identification, data-driven models, optimisation background mathematics, loss functions, regularisation, constrained and unconstrained real-parameter optimisation. Optimisation solution philosophies: minimisation, optimality criteria, non-negative gradient projection points. Optimisation algorithms: gradient-based, derivative-free, gradient-only. Compute using a high-level programming language.

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