



IDENTIFYING DATA

(*)Modelado e simulación sistemas biomédicos

Subject	(*)Modelado e simulación sistemas biomédicos			
Code	V04M192V01103			
Study programme	Máster Universitario en Ingeniería Biomédica			
Descriptors	ECTS Credits	Choose	Year	Quadmester
	4.5	Mandatory	1st	1st
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General description	In this subject the students will gain the knowledge and skills required for building dynamic models of biosystems, with a focus on the processes and systems of interest in biomedical engineering. They will get acquainted with the techniques used in identification, simulation, and analysis of mathematical models, and they will learn to apply them to biomedical engineering problems.			

Training and Learning Results

Code	
A5	Students must possess the learning skills that enable them to continue studying in a way that will be largely self-directed or autonomous.
B3	Knowledge in basic and technological subjects that will enable students to learn new methods and theories, and provide them the versatility to adapt to new situations.
C3	Ability to select and apply advanced modeling methods to the design and simulation of biomedical systems.

Expected results from this subject

Expected results from this subject	Training and Learning Results
To know the usefulness of mathematical modeling and apply it to biosystems of interest in medicine.	B3 C3
To know model simulation methods and computational tools for modeling.	B3 C3
Learn to build models from experimental data and existing biomedical knowledge.	A5 B3 C3
To apply models to analyze the behavior of biosystems	A5 B3 C3

Contents

Topic	
1. Introduction to mathematical modelling in biomedicine	1.1. Motivation and history of biomedical modelling 1.2. Dynamic modelling: components and paradigms 1.3. Types of dynamic models 1.3.1. Graphs 1.3.2. Differential equations 1.4. Combinations of models 1.5. Examples

2. Dynamical biomedical systems. Approaches to their modelling	2.1. Types of biosystems of interest
	2.2. Biochemical reaction kinetics
	2.3. Cellular level
	2.3.1. Metabolism
	2.3.2. Cellular signalling
	2.3.3. Gene expression
	2.4. Organ level
	2.4.1. Electrophysiology
	2.4.2. Glucose regulation
	2.4.3. Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics
3. Numerical simulation methods	2.5. Population level
	2.5.1. Epidemiology
	2.5.2. Microbial communities
	3.1. Integration of linear ordinary differential equations
	3.1.1. Laplace transform
	3.1.2. Transfer function
	3.2. Integration of nonlinear ordinary differential equations
	3.2.1. Fixed step methods
	3.2.2. Variable step methods
	3.3. Integration of stochastic equations
4. Model building and system identification	3.3.1. Gillespie algorithm
	3.4. Simulation software
	3.4.1. General purpose programming environments
	3.4.2. Specialized simulation tools
	3.5. Standards, formats, and repositories
	4.0. STEP 0: obtain the equations of the model
	4.1. STEP 1: analyse observability and structural identifiability
	4.2. STEP 2: define the objective function
	4.3. STEP 3: parameter optimization
	4.3.1. Local methods
5. Dynamic behaviour	4.3.2. Global methods
	4.3.3. Definition of the optimization problem
	4.4. STEP 4: analysis of the goodness of fit
	4.5. STEP 5: Parameter uncertainty quantification
	4.6. STEP 6: Prediction uncertainty quantification
	4.7. Experimental design
	4.8. Model selection
	4.9. Computational resources
	5.1. Equilibrium and stability
	5.1.1. Mathematical characterization of stability
	5.2. Bifurcations
	5.3. Oscillations
	5.4. Robustness
	5.4.1. Redundancy
	5.4.2. Parametric insensitivity
	5.4.3. Feedback
	5.4.4. Feedforward loops
	5.5. Model reduction

Planning

	Class hours	Hours outside the classroom	Total hours
Lecturing	15	16	31
Problem solving	5	7.5	12.5
Practices through ICT	12	24	36
Seminars	2	0	2
Essay questions exam	3	18	21
Essay	2	8	10

*The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.

Methodologies

	Description
Lecturing	Lectures given by the professor about the contents of the subject.
Problem solving	The professor will solve problems and exercises in the classroom. The students will solve similar exercises in order to purchase the necessary abilities.
Practices through ICT	In the practices the students will apply the theoretical knowledge about model building, calibration, simulation, and analysis, using computational tools (MATLAB).

Seminars	Presentation, given by an invited expert (active in biomedical research or practice), of contents related with the subject. Debate.
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Personalized assistance

Methodologies	Description
Lecturing	Answering the students' questions and doubts.
Problem solving	Answering the students' questions and doubts.
Practices through ICT	Answering the students' questions and doubts.
Seminars	Answering the students' questions and doubts.
Tests	Description
Essay questions exam	Answering the students' questions and doubts.
Essay	Answering the students' questions and doubts.

Assessment

	Description	Qualification	Training and Learning Results		
Lecturing	Evaluation criteria: - Attendance to the sessions. - Punctuality. - Previous preparation of the session. - Attitude and participation in the classroom discussions.	5	A5	B3	C3
Practices through ICT	The practicals will be evaluated continuously (session to session), each one with a grade of 0 to 10. Evaluation criteria: - Minimum attendance to 80% of the sessions. - Punctuality. - Previous preparation of the practical session. - Attitude and utilisation of the session. - Achievement of the session goals.	30	A5	B3	C3
Essay questions exam	The final examination will consist in a written test (questions and/or problems), graded between 0 and 10 points. It will be carried out individually and in person, and it will be held at the end of the semester, as scheduled by the direction of the school.	40		B3	C3
Essay	A project (individual or in group) that will be carried out autonomously by the student, about research article(s) suggested by the instructor. Its evaluation will be based on the document written by the student, as well as by its presentation in the classroom.	25	A5	B3	C3

Other comments on the Evaluation

Each of the 3 tests (exam, ICT practices, and essay) will be graded between 0 and 10. It is necessary to obtain a minimum grade of 5 in each and every one of them in order to pass the subject, thus obtaining the total grade according to the percentage indicated above. If any one of the parts is not passed, the partial grades will be scaled so that the overall grade does not exceed 4.5. As for the attendance to the lectures, no minimum is required.

If a student does not pass the practicals in continuous evaluation throughout the semester, she/he will not be able to pass the subject in the first call of the course. In the second call, she/he will be able to take a single laboratory practical exam that would allow, if passed, to achieve a pass in the practices, and thus to have the possibility to pass the subject (as long as the final exam is also passed).

For the purpose of considering the student as "presented" or "not presented", only the participation in the final exam will be taken into account.

In the second call of the same course (i.e. within the same academic year), students must be examined for the parts not passed in the first call.

Ethical commitment: Students are expected to have an appropriate ethical behavior. In the case of detecting unethical behavior (such as copying, plagiarism, use of unauthorized electronic devices, among others) it will be considered that the student does not meet the necessary requirements to pass the subject. In this case, the overall grade in the current academic year will be a fail (0.0).

Sources of information

Basic Bibliography

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https://www.math.uwaterloo.ca/~bingalls/MMSB/MMSB_w_solutions.pdf, The MIT Press, 2018

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Recommendations

Subjects that continue the syllabus

(*)Control e regulación das funcións corporais/V04M192V01202
