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Plenary Lecture I

Fuzzy Control of Electrical Drives



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Abstract: The paper presents a short survey of some topics related to speed control of electrical drives based on fuzzy PI controllers. In the beginning the conventional control systems of the main three motors mostly used in practice: DC motors, induction motors and permanent magnet synchronous motors are taken in discussion, emphasizing the way of their PI liner controller design. The paper presents how the fuzzy PI speed controllers may be developed for all three motors. A stability analysis of the fuzzy control of DC control system, based on circle criterion is presented. Modeling and simulation Simulink diagrams with transient characteristics for different functioning regimes are presented. A comparison of the quality criteria for fuzzy control systems and linear control systems is discussed. Some ways of implementation of the fuzzy speed controllers based on interpolation and neural networks is presented.

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Plenary Lecture II

Artificial Social Systems for Workflow Chart



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Abstract: We focus on the control of the performance characteristics of workflows modelled with stochastic Petri nets (SPN's). This goal is achieved using a new model for Artificial Social Systems (ASS's) behaviours, and by introducing equivalent transfer functions for SPN's.

ASS's exist in practically every multi-agent system, and play a major role in the performance and effectiveness chart of the agents. This is the reason why we introduce a suggestive model for ASS's. To model complex systems, such as flexible manufacturing ones, a class of Petri nets is adopted, and briefly introduced.

This class allows representing the flow of physical resources and control information data of the ASS's components. In the analysis of SPN we use simulations in respect to timing parameters in a generalized semi-Markov process (GSMP). By using existing results on perturbation analysis (e.g., delays in supply with raw materials, equipment failure, etc.), and by extending them to new physical interpretations we address unbiased sensitivity estimators correlated with practical solutions in order to attenuate the perturbations.

The novelty of the approach is that the construction of large Markov chains is not required. Using a structural decomposition, the construction system is divided into cells. We can simplify the structure of the SPN using the presented approach, which is useful when we deal with complex Petri nets, and we need to simplify these structures (e.g. graphs) in order to analyze them properly. For each cell a Markov model was derived and the probability was determined of at least N_i working machines in cell i , for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and j , where $j=1, \dots, m$, working material handling system (MHS) at time t , where N_i and j satisfy the system production capacity requirements. An example illustrates this approach. The results reported here form the basis of several enhancements, such as conducting performance studies of complex systems with multiple part types.

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Plenary Lecture III

Opposition-Based Computation



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Abstract: Footprints of the opposition concept can be observed in many areas around us. But it has sometimes been known by different names. Opposite particles in physics, complement of an event in probability, absolute or relative complement in set theory, and theses and antitheses in dialectic just are some examples to mention. But for the first time, recently, Opposition-Based Learning (OBL) was proposed and then the opposition-based approaches have been introduced in different artificial intelligence areas. All of them have tried to enhance searching or learning process by utilizing the opposition concept. Opposition-based evolutionary algorithms, opposition-based neural networks, and also opposition-based reinforcement learning are some efforts in this direction. The main idea behind OBL is the simultaneous consideration of a candidate and its corresponding opposite candidate in order to achieve a better approximation for the current solution. This lecture will introduce Opposition-Based Computation (OBC) in general and also its possible variant applications in soft computing techniques.

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Plenary Lecture IV

Classification Methods for Bibliomining



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Abstract: Advances in information technology are having an important impact on library systems. Large collections of heterogeneous data, from ancient manuscripts to sounds, videos and spatial data are now available in electronic format. Digital libraries are capturing human knowledge and distributing it over the web. The increasing volume of data in today digital repositories and library data warehouses has determined a wide use of computer-based sophisticated analysis techniques. Special operation of data mining can be performed in order to answer questions of librarians and researchers in information science. In 2003, S. Nicholson and J. Stanton introduced a new term – bibliomining - for data mining library systems. Therefore bibliomining is a large umbrella incorporating all data mining methods based on mathematics, statistics, operational research, machine learning, evolutionary computing, visualization techniques, and including traditional methods of analysing groups of bibliographic references as authorship, publications, and literature, specific to bibliometrics. Librarians and researchers in information science are mining library data warehouses and other library data collections in order to discover patterns and to understand library users' behaviour, their information and services needs, but also in order to evaluate and predict the effectiveness of library services, to discover trends in queries and to identify hot topics. Classification of items based on their characteristics (features, attributes, properties) in pre-defined categories is one of the most important bibliomining tasks. Classification is defined as the ordering of items in pre-defined groups (categories) or classes, based on their similarity. The classification process consists in assigning one of k labels (or classes) to each of n items derived from a specific problem. Classification predicts categorical labels. Analysis goal is to find a classification, a model or profile for each class that optimizes a combinatorial function consisting of assignment costs, based on the individual choice of label made for each item, and separation costs - based on the pair of choices made for two related items. In machine learning classification is defined as supervised learning. Classification, as a bibliomining technique, can be used for finding hidden patterns in data by deciding to what pre-defined class to assign a record of the data set, and also in prediction, to predict group membership for data instances. This lecture describes the most important classification methods (traditional approaches as classification trees, discriminant analysis, generalized linear models, modern statistical machine learning algorithms, support vector machine, belief networks, Gaussian processes, neural network, evolutionary algorithms, swarm intelligence, boosting and ensemble) and their use in mining library data collections. Research questions regarding pre-processing operations, attribute relevance and classifiers' performance will also be discussed with emphasis on the specificity of the library items to be classified.

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Plenary Lecture V

Modeling Pedestrian Dynamics in Evacuation Processes



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Abstract: In the paper the mathematical model of the evacuation processes from a chosen types of rooms in buildings, based on the Langevin equations, is presented. This process is an example of a collective dynamics of a set of self driven particles. In the equations additional term - social force - describing the interactions of the pedestrian with obstacles and other pedestrians, is included. As a result of numerical simulations the trajectories of each pedestrian in the room are found and the time of evacuation is calculated as a function of the desired velocity of pedestrians, which can be treated as the measure of the level of panic. Evacuation process can have laminar or turbulent character, depending on the geometry of the room and the number of persons present in it..

Brief Biography of the Speaker:

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Plenary Lecture VI

Change Point in Time Series Data



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Abstract: In building a statistical model for time series data the primary concern is to know whether all the observations can be represented by one particular model or whether the parameters in the model change at some known or unknown time point, called the change point. Subsequently, change points are defined as the points in data where two adjacent segments of the time series are connected. However, there are real-world applications in which only the position of the change is required and not the fitting functions. A change point can occur as a change in mean; change in variance or covariance or both; change in parameter; change in the structural model; or change in the trend in the model at certain known or unknown time point. Time series change point can be classified into two main categories; those which infer in a change when the statistics exceed a control limit; and those which directly estimate the time of change. In each category, the time point is a main factor, where the construction of the statistics and estimation are based on whether the time of occurrence is not known or not. Practically in most cases the time of change is unknown. From the simulation, it can be conclude that the larger the difference of the parameter estimates before and after the given change point, the higher will be the probability of the detection of the change point, the models that do not include a regular differencing operator, tends to be slightly higher in the probability of detection than the others, similar results occur for seasonal and non-seasonal models but the detection for the change point will be slightly lower for the seasonal models, and the procedure does not perform well when the point of change is at the beginning or at the end of the series.

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Plenary Lecture VII

System Dynamics Models for Business Process Optimization: An Application to Supply Chain Management



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Abstract: In today's global market, managing the entire supply chain becomes a key factor for the successful business. World-class organizations now realize that non-integrated manufacturing processes, non-integrated distribution processes and poor relationships with suppliers and customers are inadequate for their success. They realize the impact of an organization's plan on the other areas of the supply chain. The impact of an organization's plan on the whole supply chain is unpredictable before its execution. That's why system dynamics models are constructed in order to prognosticate and visualize the behavior of the system and to improve its performance.

The use of System Dynamics Modelling in Supply Chain Management has only recently re-emerged after a lengthy slack period. Current research on System Dynamics Modelling in supply chain management focuses on inventory decision and policy development, time compression, demand amplification, supply chain design, and international supply chain management.

Computer simulations are widely used to analyse supply chain dynamics. It is too complex to manage an entire inventory by mathematical analysis because more than two echelons are involved and the inventory management is usually carried out with the aid of computer simulation (Ballou, 1992).

Computer simulations can be divided into the static and dynamics models. The primary difference between them is the way in which they treat time-related events. Static simulations do not pay enough attention to time-period interplay but the dynamic simulation evaluates system performance across time (Bowersox, Closs, & Helferich, 1986).

Simulation permits the evaluation of operating performance prior to the execution of a plan. In the practical application of this concept, the development of the simulation model for the supply chain management has become a necessity.

There are different types of computer software for simulations like Dynamo, iThink/Stella, PowerSim, Vensim, AnyLogic, Berkely Madonna, etc. It is possible to perform good system dynamics work with all the above mentioned programs, however in our case we use Berkely MADonna, developed by Robert Macey and George Oster of the University of California at Berkely under the sponsorship of NSF and NIH.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: He earned his degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Genoa and he completed his master thesis in Genoa Mass Transportation Company developing an automatic system integrating ANN (Artificial Neural Networks) and simulation with the ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) for supporting purchasing activities. He had consulting experience in modeling applied to environmental management for the new Bosch plant facility TDI Common Rail Technology in construction near Bari. During his service in the Navy as officer, he was involved in the development of WSS&S (Weapon System Simulation & Service) Project. He

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