

OPTIMIZATION OF CHEMICAL PROCESSES

(Professional Elective-VI)

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Course Outcomes :

At the end of the Course, the Student will be able to:

- CO 1** Classify and recognize the optimization problem.
- CO 2** Identify and describe the methods applicable for a particular optimization problem
- CO 3** Relate how unconstrained optimization problem technique can be used to solve a more general constrained optimization problem
- CO 4** Analyze chemical engineering applications such as calculation of optimum reflux ratio and optimum pipe diameter.
- CO 5** Select the best operating variable to optimize any given process

UNIT-I

(10 Lectures)

Gradient of a single variable function, gradient vector of a multi-variable function, second derivative of a single variable function, Hessian of a multi-variable function, Eigen values of a matrix, convex functions, determination of convexity of a function by Eigen values.

Optimality conditions for a single-variable and multi-variable functions, classification of stationary points for single-variable and multi-variable functions.

UNIT-II

(12 Lectures)

Structure of a single-variable and multi-variable optimization problems with and without constraints (qualitative treatment), single-variable optimization methods and problems: interval halving method, golden section method and Fibonacci method.

UNIT-III

(12 Lectures)

Linear programming, Simplex method to solve LP problems, duality principle and converting a LP to dual LP.

UNIT-IV

(9 Lectures)

MULTI-VARIABLE OPTIMIZATION WITHOUT CONSTRAINTS:

Multi-variable optimization methods, such as steepest descent, Newton's method and unidirectional search method. Solving two-variable optimization problems using above methods.

MULTI-VARIABLE OPTIMIZATION WITH CONSTRAINTS:

Lagrangian multiplier method, Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) conditions, penalty function method. Solving two-variable constrained optimization problems using above methods.

UNIT-V

(7 Lectures)

Chemical engineering optimization problems

Part 1: Pipe diameter, multi-stage evaporator, reflux ratio of distillation column.

Chemical engineering optimization problems

Part 2: Thermal cracker, Alkylation reactor.

TEXT BOOKS:

1. Edgar, T.F., Himmelblau, D.M. and Lasdon L.S., "Optimization of Chemical Processes", 2nd Edition, McGraw-Hill International, 2001.
2. Kalyanmoy Deb "Optimization for Engineering Design", Prentice Hall, India, 2005.
3. Rao S.S., "Engineering Optimization-Theory and Practice", 3 Ed, New Age International Publishers, New Delhi, 1996.

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1. Arora. J.S., "Introduction to Optimum Design", 2nd Edition, Elsevier Academic Press, San Diego, USA, 2004.
2. Ravindran. A., and Ragsdell, K.M., Reklaitis, G.V., "Engineering Optimization-Methods and Applications", 2nd Edition, Wiley, New York, 2006.