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Preface

This year the 8th WSEAS International Conference on Applied Computer and Applied Computational Science (ACACOS '09) was held in Hangzhou, China. The Conference remains faithful to its original idea of providing a platform to discuss theoretical and applicative aspects of programming languages, software design and development, project management, software for parallel and distributed systems, communication software, distributed knowledge-base systems, computer networks etc. with participants from all over the world, both from academia and from industry.

Its success is reflected in the papers received, with participants coming from several countries, allowing a real multinational multicultural exchange of experiences and ideas.

The accepted papers of this conference are published in this Book that will be indexed by ISI. Please, check it: www.worldses.org/indexes as well as in the CD-ROM Proceedings. They will be also available in the E-Library of the WSEAS. The best papers will be also promoted in many Journals for further evaluation.

A Conference such as this can only succeed as a team effort, so the Editors want to thank the International Scientific Committee and the Reviewers for their excellent work in reviewing the papers as well as their invaluable input and advice.

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Addressing Challenges in Engineering Education via Computer-related Teaching and Research Activities



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Abstract: Around the world, engineering education faces a multitude of challenges in the 21st century. With the ever increasing globalization of industry, it is particularly important for new engineering education practices to be adopted in developed countries to produce quality engineers and to maintain a competitive edge in the global economy. In this talk, we focus on the trends and challenges in the US engineering educational system and present some computer-related teaching and research activities implemented at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU).

Some of the major concerns in the US engineering education include:

1. Student motivation and retention, especially during the first year of college;
2. Cultivation of oral and written communication skills;
3. Math skills essential for the engineering profession;
4. Knowledge of systems engineering and business process;
5. Attracting women and minority students traditionally underrepresented in engineering disciplines;
6. Diversity of cultural environment and world markets;
7. Increasing interdependence between engineering and other disciplines, such as social science, medicine, economics, etc.

The new computer-related teaching and research activities we have been implementing at ERAU include:

1. Integrating the use of computer software (such as Matlab) in engineering instruction;
2. Introducing graphical user interface (GUI) design projects in freshman engineering courses to promote the awareness of usability and systems engineering knowledge among low level engineering students;
3. Implementing web-based automated student learning assessment tools in engineering courses to facilitate timely and effective assessment;
4. A project-based freshman engineering course in Matlab and C;
5. Student research projects in unmanned autonomous rescue vehicles for computer and software engineering majors.

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Dr. Yang has extensive experience in undergraduate engineering education, and has taught numerous engineering courses for freshman through senior students. He has been involved in proposing and implementing several new teaching initiatives, including: integration of MATLAB usage in an electric circuit course, introduction of GUI design in two freshman engineering courses, and design of a web-based automated learning assessment tool. He also contributed to the writing of two chapters on communication skills and essential math knowledge for a new textbook of the Introduction to Engineering course at ERAU. He also serves as a faculty mentor in ERAU's McNair Scholar's Program, a program funded by the US Department of Education seeking to increase the attainment of Ph.D. degrees by students from underrepresented segments of society.

Dr. Yang's research interests include adaptive and statistical signal processing and wireless communications with applications in aviation. He published more than 30 papers in refereed journals and conference proceedings, and has served as PI or Co-PI in two research projects funded by the US federal government.

Plenary Lecture 2

Network Traffic Models



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Abstract: Traffic models are crucial to network management and performance evaluation of communication networks. The modeling theory from a view of applied mathematics and the applications of traffic models from the point of view of networking gain wide interests of applied mathematicians, applied statisticians, physicists, and the scientists in electrical engineering and computer science.

There are two main categories in traffic modeling. One is statistical modeling based on random processes, in particular, fractal time series. The other is deterministic modeling by using bounded models. On the one hand, statistical models are useful to reveal the statistical properties of aggregated traffic, such as self-similarity, long-range dependence, and heavy-tailed distributions. On the other hand, deterministic models, instead of a statistical description, can be used to well characterize traffic at connection level with a set of bounds on the packet generation process for the purpose of guaranteed quality of service, such as guaranteed end-to-end delay for a specific connection. The theory and practice of both types of traffic models are desired.

Owing to the large impact upon the performance of communication network systems, two concepts are particularly discussed. One is the local irregularity of traffic, which may be characterized by the fractal dimension with the model of fractal time series or represented by the traffic burstiness with a bounded model. The other is the global persistence of traffic, which may be explained from the point of view of the long-range dependence if the model of fractal time series is used or interpreted as an average rate when one makes use of a bounded model.

This plenary lecture will give a talk with respect to the statistical modeling of traffic based on fractal time series and the deterministically bounded models. Applications of two types of models will also be mentioned. This speech was supported in part by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) under the project grant numbers 60573125 and 60873264.

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Dr. Ming Li is an editorial member of Journal of Universal Computer Science, the guest editor (with Pierre Borgnat) of Telecommunication Systems by Springer for the Special Issue on Traffic Modeling, Its Computations and Applications in 2008, and the guest co-editor (with Carlo Cattani and Cristian Toma) of Mathematical Problems in Engineering by Hindawi Publishing Corporation for the Special Issue on Short Range Phenomena: Modeling, Computational Aspects and Applications in 2008. Ming Li is also the editor-in-chief of two international journals, International Journal of Electronics and Computers, and International Journal of Engineering and Interdisciplinary Mathematics.

Plenary Lecture 3

The Visualization of Gas-Assisted Injection Long Bubble in a Tube



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Abstract: A long bubble-driven fluid flow in a circular tube is visualized by an optical method. A pressurized airflow was injected into an 8 mm I.D. and 1,500 mm long horizontally placed glass tube filled with silicon oil to produce a long bubble in the tube. The images were analyzed by two-value calculation and a thinning process to extract the contour of the bubble front. Data points on the contour were then deduced to undergo a regression curve fitting. The results show a good verification of the theoretically derived non-dimensional contour equation. The deduced penetration speed indicates that the speed is increasing downstream due to the decreasing fluid slug in the tube. The experimental results shows the theoretical bubble profile can be introduced to the simulation study to reduce the calculating time. The theoretical bubble profile is more precise in a lower λ value than in a higher one.

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Plenary Lecture 4

Application of GM(1,1) Model to Speech Enhancement and Voice Activity Detection



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Abstract: This talk is about the application of GM(1,1) model to speech enhancement and voice activity detection. It consists of four parts: First, GM(1,1) model is briefly reviewed. Second, a noise estimation scheme based on GM(1,1) model is introduced which is called grey noise estimation (GNE). Third, with GNE a magnitude spectral subtraction approach is given to improve the quality of noisy speech. The approach is called the grey magnitude spectral subtraction (GMSS). Finally, the GMSS is used as a preprocessing scheme for voice activity detection (VAD). By an energy-based VAD (EVAD), the enhanced speech by GMSS is segmented and determined as a speech or non-speech segment. The approach presented here is called the GMSS/EVAD.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Cheng-Hsiung Hsieh received his B.S. degree in Electronic Engineering from National Taiwan Institute of Technology, Taiwan, in 1989. In 1995, he earned the M.S. degree from Department of Electrical Engineering of Tennessee Technological University, USA. He obtained his Ph.D. degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington, USA, in 1997. Since 1998, he has developed several grey models and schemes which have been applied to signal processing and noise estimation. Those studies have been published in journals and conferences. Currently, he is an associate professor at Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering in Chaoyang University of Technology, Taiwan. His researches of interest include grey systems, artificial neural networks, digital video/image processing, and speech signal processing.

Plenary Lecture 5

The Ethics of Computer Science Applications



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Abstract: Computer science applications touch all aspects of life. The people involved in computer science development and applications and the users of these applications have tremendous responsibilities to honour the ethical values as specified in many codes of conducts and in their belief for their own benefit and for the benefit of humanity in general. We study the applications of ethics for computer professionals and users alike in terms of a number of realistic potential scenarios which are difficult to encircle or categorize in terms of their ethical boundaries. In a world where the reward for ethical conduct and the penalty for unethical acts tend to go unnoticed, we attempt make a case for a better ethical conduct by making the effect of unethical conduct more apparent through carefully chosen and applied scenarios. We have achieved this by using popular codes of conducts linking them to realistic scenarios and then surveying a sample of computer professionals, users and selected members of society and then challenge their belief and their standing. We expect that our work will have effect on the application of computer technology on all concerned.

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Plenary Lecture 6

A Modeling Framework for Quality Safety Traceability based on Petri Net Case by Meat Food



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Abstract: The quality safety traceability of agricultural products has play important role in governmental law, food industry management strategies, and consumers. Literature reviews show that the research goal of quality safety traceability has transferred from the theoretical reference to the decision support, research methods from simple analysis to system integrated modeling. But there is few works done by the researchers in China. The paper describe to develop a set of efficient and practical system modeling methods for the quality safety traceability integrated Petri nets, FMECA, with fuzzy probability, theory of evidence. The framework supposes to make a breakthrough progress at the system integrated modeling methods for the quality safety traceability to improve reusability and sharing from the theory perspective, to enhance the practical problems solution, and improve the efficiency and decision-making quality for fast orientation and forward warning in quality safety traceability.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Dr. ZHANG Xiaoshuan: is an associate Professor in China Agricultural University, Deputy Director of CITA(center of information technology and management in agriculture). He received his PhD degree in Information Management & information system. He is an expert in agriculture/food/Aquaculture supply chain management & quality safety traceability system, e-business and IS/IT application in agribusiness. He has good scientific backgrounds and research experience in UK. He has fulfilled successfully 6 research projects in fishery supply chain & information management. Now as the coordinator, he is running an EU FP6 project, a NSFC project and Sino-Romanian S&T Cooperation relevant to the aquaculture quality safety & traceability.

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