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DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

Mid-Semester Examination
Course No.: EEE 4535
Course Title: Renewable Energy System

Winter Semester, A. Y. 2022-2023
Time: 90 Minutes
Full Marks: 75

There are 3 (three) questions. Answer all 3 (three) questions. The symbols have their usual meanings. Programmable calculators are not allowed. Marks of each question and corresponding COs and POs are written in the brackets.

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- 1 a) Define altitude angle, declination angle, and latitude angle with proper (3D) illustration. Establish the relationship between altitude angle, declination angle, and latitude angle. 8
(CO1, PO1)
- b) Given the geographical coordinates of IUT's mini solar plant (latitude: 23.99 degrees, longitude: 90.422 degrees) and a GMT time difference of +6 hours, along with the weather forecast designating April 13th as the warmest day of 2023, analyze the following aspects: 17
(CO2, PO2)
- I. Calculate the **declination angle** based on the provided data.
 - II. Find the **altitude angle** and **azimuth angle** for the sun at 3:00 P.M. **solar time** at IUT. Explain the significance of these angles in the context of solar energy capture.
 - III. Calculate the **clock time for solar noon** at IUT. Discuss why knowing solar noon is crucial for solar energy systems.
 - IV. Find the method to calculate the **direct beam solar radiation** that is normal to the sun's rays at **noon** on a clear day at IUT on **April 13th**. Explain how this information can be used in optimizing solar energy generation.
- Please provide detailed calculations and explanations for each of the above tasks.
- 2 a) Deduce the simple equivalent circuit of a solar PV cell. Then, modify this simple circuit to assemble a more accurate representation, highlighting the reasons for these modifications. Analyze how the accurate equivalent circuit influences the PV cell's current-voltage (I-V) characteristics and efficiency under varying conditions. Lastly, briefly discuss the practical significance of using this refined model in PV system design and optimization. 12
(CO1, PO1)
- b) A PV module comprises of 36 identical cells, 12 wired in series, then three parallel lines. With 1-sun insolation (1 kW/m^2), each cell has short-circuit current $I_{SC} = 3.4 \text{ A}$, and at 25°C its reverse saturation current is $I_0 = 6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ A}$. Parallel resistance $R_P = 6.6 \Omega$ and series resistance $R_S = 0.005 \Omega$. Find the voltage, current, and power delivered when the junction voltage of each cell is 0.50 V . Draw the I-V characteristics of the module. 13
(CO2, PO2)
- 3 a) Explain the purpose of Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) in PV modules and why it's crucial for optimizing power output. Analyze how DC-DC converters facilitate MPPT in PV systems by adjusting voltage and current. 10
(CO1, PO1)
- b) Deduce input impedance characteristics for different DC-DC converters when PV modules serve as the voltage source and explain how these input impedance values influence current-voltage (I-V) and power-voltage (P-V) curves of PV modules when DC-DC converters are used for MPPT. 15
(CO2, PO2)

Necessary Equations:

Declination angle:

$$\delta = 23.45 \sin \left[\frac{360}{365} (n - 81) \right]$$

Altitude angle:

$$\beta_N = 90^\circ - L + \delta$$

Solar position at any time of the day:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \beta &= \cos L \cos \delta \cos H + \sin L \sin \delta \\ \sin \phi_S &= \frac{\cos \delta \sin H}{\cos \beta} \end{aligned}$$

Hour angle:

$$H = \left(\frac{15}{\text{hour}} \right) \cdot (\text{hours before solar noon})$$

if $\cos H \geq \frac{\tan \phi}{\tan L}$, then $|\phi_S| \leq 90^\circ$; otherwise $|\phi_S| > 90^\circ$

Equation of time :

$$\begin{aligned} E &= 9.87 \sin 2B - 7.53 \cos B - 1.5 \sin B \quad (\text{minutes}) \\ B &= \frac{360}{364} (n - 81) \quad (\text{degrees}) \end{aligned}$$

Solar Time (ST) = Clock Time (CT) + $\frac{1 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ degree}}$ (Local Time - Meridian Local longitude) + E(min)

Clear sky radiation:

Attenuated solar flux:

$$\begin{aligned} I_D &= A e^{-k m} \\ A &= 1160 + 75 \sin \left[\frac{360}{365} (n - 275) \right] \quad (\text{W/m}^2) \\ k &= 0.174 + 0.035 \sin \left[\frac{360}{365} (n - 100) \right] \end{aligned}$$