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2nd ECE Lunch Series on Teaching Methods

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About me:

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1979: BS EECS, UIC
1980: MS EECS, Northwestern
1983: PhD EECS, Northwestern

1983-1988: Assistant Professor, EECS Dept., UIC
1988-1989: Staff Engineer, Martin Marietta, MD
1989-2012: Lecturer, EECS/ECE Dept., UIC
2012-present: (Retired) Part-time Lecturer, ECE Dept.
• Director of Undergraduate Studies  2010 – 2012
• Director of Graduate Admissions  1989 – 1993

• UIC College of Engineering Faculty Teaching Award: 2006, 2008
• First recipient of the UIC COE Harold Simon Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1985
Courses Taught:

- Advanced Analog Filter Synthesis
- Advanced Network Analysis
- Analog Communication Circuits
- Circuit Analysis
- Communications Engineering
- Communication Theory
- Computer Organization I
- Digital Communications
- Digital Logic
- Digital Image Processing
- Digital Integrated Circuits
- Digital Signal Processing I
- Digital Speech Processing
- Discrete and Continuous Signals and Systems
- Electronics I & II
- Introduction to Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Introduction to Filter Synthesis
- Introduction to Radio Frequency Circuits
- Microprocessor-Based Design
- Network Analysis
- Probability and Random Processes for Engineers
- Semiconductor Devices and Circuits
- Senior Design I & II
- Statistical Digital Signal Processing
Why I, as a teacher, constantly need to improve:

• ECE knowledge is growing rapidly
• Teaching technology is improving
• Students, how they learn, are changing
• I am a curious fellow
A philosophical question:

Will live teaching be used in the future?
Teaching Effectively:

Return on investment

\[ \text{Return on investment} \]

\[ \text{time} \]
Goncharoff’s 10 Basic Rules for Effective Teaching:

1. Grab the students’ attention
2. Command the audience
3. Be easily heard and understood
4. Show interest in the topic
5. Stay positive, don’t criticize
Goncharoff’s 10 Basic Rules for Effective Teaching:

6. Encourage interaction
7. Keep it interesting, even if off topic
8. Quickly deal with common disruptions
9. React to the class
10. Respect students
Teaching Methods and Tools:

• Whiteboard
Teaching Methods and Tools:

• Document Camera
Teaching Methods and Tools:

• Echo 360

Video recording of everything that was projected onto the screen during lecture, plus instructor’s voice recording, for later playback by students.
Teaching Methods and Tools:

- PowerPoint slide presentation
Teaching Methods and Tools:

• Video Lectures
  - UIC COE recording studio
  - Self-made videos
  - Narrated PowerPoint
  - Lightboard
Teaching Methods and Tools:

- Published Lecture Notes
Teaching Methods and Tools:

• Self-Published Textbook
Other Teaching Methods and Tools:

- Blackboard Quizzes
- MATLAB
- Circuit Drawing and Simulation
Lab Experiments

Right ear amplitude scaling factor

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Incident sound direction, in degrees (relative to positive x-axis)

International Morse Code

1. The length of a dot is one unit.
2. A dash is three units.
3. The space between parts of the same letter is one unit.
4. The space between letters is three units.
5. The space between words is seven units.

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Suggestion:

Have peer reviews of teaching
Conclusion