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ABOUT THE BOOK

The book is divided into ten chapters with the first chapter being a very brief introduction to classical control theory. The second chapter gives the classical design techniques using Bode plots and root locus technique. Analysis of discrete time systems is presented in Chapter 3 using z-transforms. Chapters 4, 5 and 6 deal with state space modelling, solution of state equation and design of control systems using state space model with a glimpse on the design of observers, and state feed back controllers. Chapters 7 and 8 deal with nonlinear systems, the former on phase plane analysis and the latter on describing function method. Even though both these methods were developed long time back, these methods are still useful to get some insight into the behaviour of nonlinear systems. Chapter 9 discusses in depth the Lyapunov's method for stability analysis of systems and Chapter 10 is a brief introduction to concepts and methods of optimal control. Several worked examples and a summary-'points to remember' have been added in each chapter. A set of multiple choice questions has been added at the end of the book which is useful for students in the preparation for objective type tests and Answers to additional numerical problems have been provided. An introduction to the MATLAB software package is given in Appendix.

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