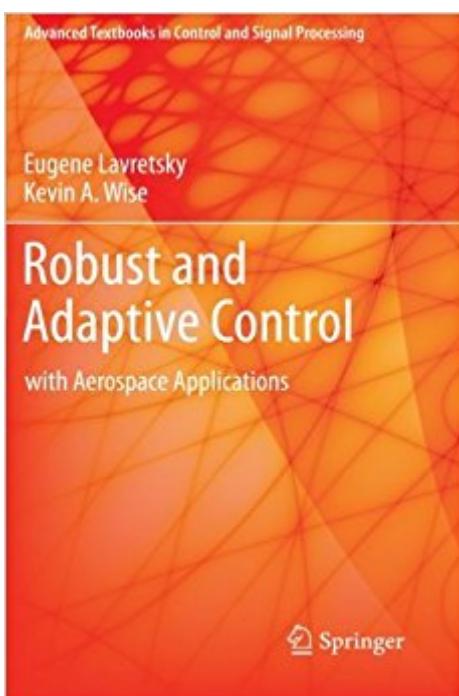


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The authors did a great job with this book. It is easy to read, and, while the details are available, it focusses on the key points important to the application of the control methods and the requirements of the systems necessary to implement them. It also has some unique perspectives on control design compared to other books. Key equations are summarized at the end of the chapter. Too many books on robust control are just full of algebraic manipulation, proofs, and the real meaning of what is going on is lost in math. This book not only describes the derivation at a digestible level, but also describes what you can do with the control itself (such as loop shaping and Bode's sensitivity integral which is not covered in other texts), and is full of good examples as well. A particular section I like is the comparison of various control approaches taken (LQR, LTR, LTR-LM, and H-infinity). I also like how the authors talk about the constraints in the H-infinity formulation. Many other texts just say the problem isn't feasible due to the Riccati equations not having a solution, but here they mention the practical aspects of those particular formulations, having the requirement to be able to separate out the disturbance and the control, and describing how certain programs modify constraints by not requiring that D^*D be identity. There is a lot more meaning in that kind of description than just saying the solution doesn't exist. This book is one I am currently referring to for professional applications of these techniques.

For those with a good grasp of dynamics and control theory, and the associated tools of linear algebra, this is an easily digested text. The presentation style is almost narrative, and therefore this book is well suited as a self study text. The Matlab code for the examples make for efficient study of the material. This book will work well after more specific senior and graduate texts in dynamics, non-linear systems, and adaptive control, like e.g. those by Khalil and Ioannou. Unlike fundamental

texts which demonstrate theoretical concepts with contrived examples, this work is based on real world examples that lead the theoretical development. The authors are perhaps unique in their position as subject matter experts in industry with strong ties to the leading academic figures in robust and adaptive control theory. Therefore, their examples are both insightful and compelling. For those interested in the state of the art in robust adaptive control, this book forms an excellent source for the interplay between robustness and dynamics of adaptive elements in control design. Whereas this text ties together developments of the past 3 decades with more classical notions, it is also a nice segue into the recent L1-adaptive control formulations.

The authors take a lot of time/space to describe intuition of concepts instead of simple diving into math proofs, unlike many other books on control. Additionally, it also doesn't sacrifice mathematical rigor and gives adaptive control a Lyapunov-based mathematical element. However, there are quite a few typos in the book, as it is the first edition. The good thing is, the typos are easy to catch.

Cool

I have the electronic copy of this book, and have spent 20+ years designing control systems using classical techniques augmented with a little modern and optimal control methods. For busy practicing engineers trying to improve through self-study their knowledge of modern control methods such as H infinity, there are not any good books on the subject. With this one exception, all the books I have seen tend to be overly theoretical, have a very steep learning curve, are exceptionally weak in the practical aspects, and are devoid of worthwhile examples. This particular book is less theoretical and is written for engineers in industry, and has some good examples, but has some serious flaws. One is the number of typos - many are listed in the errata at the end of the book, but as I have gone through the book I have found many additional typos. So many typos that I suggest no equation be accepted at face value and every equation should be derived and verified. Another flaw is that even though the book has some good examples, it sometimes glosses over important aspects of the examples. To the authors (who have spent their entire careers deep in this subject) these aspects are probably seen as trivial, but I find myself repeatedly hitting points which mystify me and I end up spending a lot of time working it out and in other books and papers tracking it down. This is good for my understanding, but extremely time consuming. In summary, it's a decent book and has some valuable facts regarding air vehicle flight control.

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