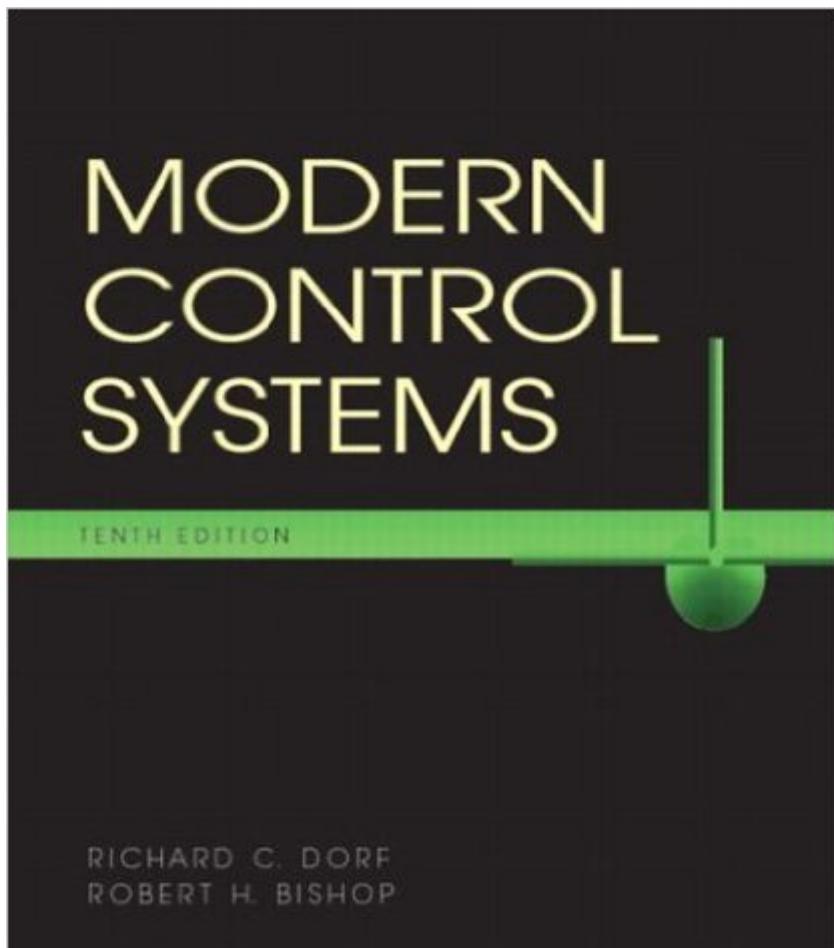


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Written to be equally useful for all engineering disciplines, this book is organized around the concept of control systems theory as it has been developed in the frequency and time domains. It provides coverage of classical control employing root locus design, frequency and response design using Bode and Nyquist plots. It also covers modern control methods based on state variable models including pole placement design techniques with full-state feedback controllers and full-state observers. The book covers several important topics including robust control systems and system sensitivity, state variable models, controllability and observability, computer control systems, internal model control, robust PID controllers, and computer-aided design and analysis. For all types of engineers who are interested in a solid introduction to control systems.

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I had to buy this book for the controls class I'm taking right now and I must say this is easily one of the worst textbooks I've ever used. The chapters are way too dense. You're literally asked to learn 130 pages worth of material in Chapters 1&2 combined. For an introductory chapter, that's a lot of to ask of anyone who is new to a subject. The book would benefit immensely from asking problems (with solutions) throughout each chapter so you can slowly digest the concepts in a systemic manner. The examples are pretty terrible in my opinion as they are not very straight forward and presented with tons of equations but little context. Also, very rarely do they mirror the end-of-chapter questions, so you can't even use them to see if you are doing the problems correctly. It's clear that this series needs a serious trimming to cut out a lot of text and just display things in a clear concise manner. Instead of exposes of text, just get to the meat of the chapters with straight-forward examples that ramp up in difficulty. Overall, my experience with the book is like taking a Dragon kick from Bruce Lee, a Haymaker from Chuck Liddell and getting electrocuted simultaneously.

Edit:
4/13/2013 We have been using this textbook all semester and my original review still holds. The examples continually prove to be awful in ways that make you wonder if there was even an editor to this textbook. I doubt they ever really asked a student honestly to give them feedback because anyone who isn't a lobotomized eggplant or sycophant would tell the writers this book is garbage. The explanations are lacking to the nth degree and the author clearly thinks himself "a clever person" by asking problems that cover corner cases WITHOUT COVERING THEM IN THE TEXT.

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