

# AME 451: Linear Control Systems I

**Lecture:** MW 5-6:20  
**Discussion** F 11-11:50  
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**Homework:** Will be assigned *every* Wednesday and will be due *the following* Wednesday

**Grading:** The final grade will be according to the following formula:

Homework:	15%
Midterm (October 4):	25%
Project	15%
Final (December 6):	45%

**Textbook:** R. Dorf and R. H. Bishop, *Modern Control Systems*, 13th Edition, Prentice-Hall, 2017.

## Course Outline

### 1. Introduction (Chapter 1)

- (a) Input-output relations
- (b) Dynamic systems, actuators, sensors, and controllers
- (c) Flow of information and functional diagrams
- (d) Open-loop and closed-loop (feedback) control systems

### 2. Review: Modeling of Dynamic Systems (Chapter 2)

- (a) Modeling of dynamic systems in time domain
    - i. Mechanical systems
    - ii. Fluid- and heat- flow systems
    - iii. Electrical circuits
    - iv. Electromechanical systems
  - (b) Modeling in Laplace Domain
    - i. Laplace transforms of elementary functions
    - ii. Inverse Laplace transform
  - (c) Transfer function representation of dynamical systems
  - (d) Block diagram manipulations
  - (e) Simulation of control systems using *MATLAB*
3. *Performance of Control Systems (Chapters 4 and 5)*
- (a) Characteristics of feedback systems
    - i. Error signal analysis
    - ii. Sensitivity to parameter variations
  - (b) Transient response specifications
  - (c) First-order systems
  - (d) Second-order systems
  - (e) Root location and transient response
  - (f) Steady-state errors and system type
  - (g) Simplification of linear systems
  - (h) Control system characteristics using *MATLAB*
4. *Stability of Linear Systems (Chapter 6)*
- (a) Definition of stability
  - (b) Routh-Hurwitz stability criterion
  - (c) Application of Routh-Hurwitz criterion to system synthesis
  - (d) System stability using *MATLAB*
5. *Root-Locus Analysis (Chapter 7)*
- (a) The root-locus concept
  - (b) Rules for the construction root-locus plots
  - (c) Root-locus analysis using *MATLAB*

- (d) Control actions
- (e) Tuning of commercial controllers
- (f) Control design

6. *Frequency Domain Analysis (Chapters 8)*

- (a) Frequency response of linear systems
- (b) Log Magnitude and phase (Bode) diagrams
- (c) Polar (Nyquist) plots (notes)
- (d) Nichols plots
- (e) Frequency response using *MATLAB*

7. *Stability in Frequency Domain (Chapter 9)*

- (a) Nyquist stability criterion
- (b) Relative stability measures
- (c) Stability in frequency domain using *MATLAB*
- (d) Performance measures in frequency domain
- (e) Stability of systems with time delays

8. *Design and Compensation Techniques (Chapter 10, Notes)*

- (a) Tuning of commercial controllers
- (b) Lead compensation
- (c) Lag compensation
- (d) Lead-lag compensation
- (e) System design using the *MATLAB* program *SISOTOOL*.