

# AME552: Nonlinear Control Systems

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

<i>Homework+Projects:</i>	<i>20%</i>
<i>Midterm Examination (February 26 ):</i>	<i>30%</i>
<i>Final Examination: (May 2, 4:30-6:30)</i>	<i>50%</i>

Homework will be assigned every week on Thursday and **must** be submitted the following Thursday with **no** exceptions !

**Textbook:** H. K. Khalil *Nonlinear Systems*, Third Edition, Prentice-Hall, 2002

## Reference Books:

1. H. J. Marquez, *Nonlinear Control Systems: Analysis and Design*, John Wiley Interscience, 2003.
2. J. J. Slotine and W. Li *Applied Nonlinear Control*, Prentice-Hall, 1991.
3. M. Vidyasagar, *Nonlinear Systems Analysis*, SIAM, 2002
4. J. E. Gibson *Nonlinear Automatic Control*, McGraw-Hill, 1963.
5. D. Graham and D. McRuer *Analysis Of Nonlinear Control Systems*, John Wiley 1961 (also Dover edition 1971).
6. C. A. Desoer and M. Vidyasagar *Feedback Systems: Input- Output Properties*, Academic Press, 1975.

## Course Outline

### 1. Introduction

- (a) State-space representation of nonlinear systems
- (b) Basic characteristics of nonlinear systems.

### 2. Second Order Systems (Phase plane analysis)

- (a) Classification of equilibrium points.
- (b) Systems with multiple equilibria
- (c) Analysis of piecewise linear control systems
  - i. Feedback systems in standard form
  - ii. Classification of nonlinearities
- (d) Applications
  - i. Servomechanism with variable gain
  - ii. Servomechanism with Coulomb friction
  - iii. Servomechanism with deadzone and with delay
  - iv. Pulse control of spacecraft
  - v. Digital autopilot control of the Shuttle.

### 3. Describing function analysis

- (a) The principle of harmonic balance.
  - i. Describing functions for various nonlinearities.
- (b) Stability of limit cycles by describing function method.
- (c) Limit cycle analysis of control systems.

### 4. Lyapunov Stability Theory

- (a) Mathematical preliminaries
  - i. Linear vector spaces
    - A. Norms and inner products
    - B. Normed and inner product spaces
  - ii. Nonlinear differential equations
    - A. Existence and uniqueness
- (b) Lyapunov's direct method
  - i. Definite functions
  - ii. Stability and instability theorems
- (c) La Salle theorems
- (d) Stability of linear systems

- i. Lyapunov equation for time-invariant systems.
  - ii. Stability conditions for time varying systems.
- (e) Lyapunov's linearization (indirect) method
- (f) Region of attraction
- (g) Adaptive control
- (h) Frequency Domain Analysis of Feedback Systems
  - i. Absolute stability (Lure) problem
  - ii. Kalman-Yakubovitch lemma.
  - iii. Circle criterion.
  - iv. Popov's theorem.

## 5. **Nonlinear Control Design Methods**

- (a) Sliding Mode Control
- (b) Robust Control of Nonlinear Systems
- (c) Backstepping

## 6. **Feedback Linearization**

- (a) Lie derivatives and Lie brackets
- (b) Input-state linearization of SISO systems
- (c) Input-output linearization of SISO systems

## 7. **Input-Output Stability**

- (a) Function spaces
- (b) Input-output stability definitions.
- (c) Small-gain theorem
- (d) Circle criterion

## 8. **Passivity**

- (a) Power and passive systems
- (b) Definitions of passivity
  - i. Passivity of linear systems
- (c) Stability of feedback systems
- (d) Popov Criterion