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This book shows clearly how the study of concrete control systems has motivated the development of the mathematical tools needed for solving such problems. In many cases, by using this apparatus, far-reaching generalizations have been made, and its further development will have an important effect on many fields of mathematics. In the book a way is demonstrated in which the study of the Watt flyball governor has given rise to the theory of stability of motion. The criteria of controllability, observability, and stabilization are stated. Analysis is made of dynamical systems, which describe a

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