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Pointing a satellite in the right direction requires an extremely complex system - one that describes the satellite's orientation and at the same time predicts and either uses or neutralizes external influences. From its roots in classical mechanics and reliance on stability theory to the evolution of practical stabilization ideas, Spacecraft Attitude Dynamics offers comprehensive coverage of environmental torques encountered in space; energy dissipation and its effects on the attitude stability of spinning bodies; motion equation for four archetypical systems derived and used repeatedly throu