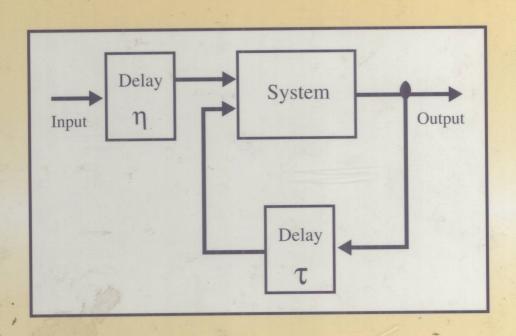
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0.1 Preface

In many physical, industrial and engineering systems, delays occur due to the finite capabilities of information processing and data transmission among various parts of the system. Delays could arise as well from inherent physical phenomena like mass transport flow or recycling. Also, they could be by-products of computational delays or could intentionally be introduced for some design consideration. Such delays could be constant or time-varying, known or unknown, deterministic or stochastic depending on the system under consideration. In all of these cases, the time-delay factors have, by and large, counteracting effects on the system behavior and most of the time lead to poor performance. Therefore, the subject of Time-Delay Systems (TDS) has been investigated as functional differential equations over the past three decades. This has occupied a separate discipline in mathematical sciences falling between differential and difference equations. For example, the books by Hale [1], Kolmanovskii and Myshkis [2], Gorecki et al [3] and Hale and Lunel [4] provide modest coverage on the fundamental mathematical notions and concepts related to TDS; the book by Malek-Zavarei and Jamshidi [5] presents different topics of modeling and control related to TDS with constant delay and the book by Stepan [6] gives a good account of classical stability methods of TDS.

Due to the fact that almost all existing systems are subject to uncertainties, due to component aging, parameter variations or modeling errors, the concepts of robustness, robust performance and robust design have recently become common phrases in engineering literature and constitute integral part of control systems research. In turn, this has naturally brought into focus an important class of systems: Uncertain Time-Delay Systems (UTDS). During the last decade, we have witnessed increasingly growing interest on the subject of UTDS and numerous results have appeared in conferences and/or published in technical journals. Apart from these scattered results and the volume edited very recently by Dugard and Verriest [7] however, there is no single book written exclusively on the analysis, design, filtering and control of uncertain time-delay systems. It is therefore believed that a book that aims at bridging this gap is certainly needed.

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This book is about UTDS. It is directed towards providing a pool of methods and approaches that deal with uncertain time-delay systems. In so doing, it is intended to familiarize the reader with various aspects of the control and filtering of different uncertain time-delay systems. This will range from linear to some classes of nonlinear, from continuous-time to discrete-time and from time-invariant to time-varying systems. Throughout the book, I have endeavored to stress mathematical formality in a way to spring intuitive understanding and to explain how things work. I hope that this approach will attract the attention of a wide spectrum of readership.

The book consists of ten chapters and is organized as follows. Chapter 1 is an introduction to UTDS. It gives an overview of the related issues in addition to some systems examples. The remaining nine chapters are divided into two major parts. Part I deals with **robust control** and consists of Chapters 2 through 7. Part II treats **robust filtering** and is divided into Chapters 8 to 10. The book is supplemented by appendices containing some standard lemmas and mathematical results that are repeatedly used throughout the different chapters.

The material included makes it adequate for use as a text for one-year (two-semesters) courses at the graduate level in Engineering. The prerequisites are linear system theory, modern control theory and elementary matrix theory. As a textbook, it does not purport to be a compendium of all known results on the subject. Rather, it puts more emphasis on the recent robust results of control and filtering of time-delay systems.

Outstanding features of the book are:

- (1) It brings together the recent ideas and methodologies of dealing with uncertain time-delay systems.
- (2) It adopts a state-space approach in the system representation and analysis throughout.
- (3) It provides a unification of results on control design and filtering.
- (4) It presents the material systematically all the way from stability analysis, stabilization, control synthesis and filtering.
- (5) It includes the treatment of continuous-time and discrete-time systems side-by-side.

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0.2 Acknowledgments

In writing this book on time-delay systems that aims at providing a unified view of a large number of results obtained over two decades or more, I faced the difficult problem of acknowledging the contributions of the individual researchers. After several unsuccessful attempts and barring the question of priority, I settled on the approach of referring to papers and/or books which I believed taught me a particular approach and then adding some notes at the end of each chapter to shed some light on the various papers. I apologize, in advance, in case I committed some injustices and assure the researchers that the mistake was unintentional. Although the book is an outgrowth of my academic activities for more than twelve years, most of the material has been compiled while I was on sabbatical leave from Kuwait University (KU), KUWAIT and working as a visiting professor at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), SINGAPORE. I am immensely pleased for such an opportunity which generated the proper environment for producing this volume. In particular, I am gratefully indebted to the excellent library services provided by KU and NTU.

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