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## 序

由 ERNEST O. DOEBELIN 著作的 "MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS APPLICATION AND DESIGN" 初版于1996年,如今影印出版的为其2004年推出的经过修改并增订的第5版。本书是作者多年教学及科研工作的结晶。

一般说来,凡是有生产或生活的地方都会遇到测量问题;凡是有过程的地方都会遇到控制问题,当然也离不开测量系统问题。在如今信息社会及计算机技术迅猛发展的时代,测量系统及其应用与设计就有了更加重要的作用。

本书共分三个部分:

- 一.基本概念:包括测量仪器应用的类型,测量仪器的一般构成和功能描述,以及测量仪器的一般工作特点。
- 二.测量器具:包括运动及尺寸测量,力、力矩及轴功率测量,压力及声测量,流量测量,温度及热流测量,以及其它类型测量(时间、频率、相角测量,液位、湿度、化学成分测量,电流及功率测量,传感器融合等)。在每一部分中均系统地阐述其基本测量原理、传感器构成、测量线路、测量标准及标定等方面的内容。
- 三. 数据的加工、传输及记录:包括数据加工、运算及补偿器件、数据传输及仪器连接、电压显示及记录仪器、采用 PC(个人计算机)的数据采集系统。

这里,第一及第三部分是基础,是所有学习测量技术或从事测量工作的人士均应学习或掌握的。第二部分覆盖面很广,基本上包括了目前在工程及科研领域中所应用到的有关测量技术中的各个方面,读者可以各取所需。该部分以测量目的或对象为分类,介绍了各种传感器,而国内的传感器原理教材,多以测量原理为分类介绍各种传感器,这是明显的不同之处。

测量的基本概念介绍得非常详细,每章都列举了大量例题,配备了大量习题和参考书。

软硬件结合是近代测量系统的突出特点。作者在其第 5 版序言中特别推荐了其第 13 章(用于个人计算机的数据采集系统)的内容。在本章中作者特别推荐了 DASYLAB 数据采集及处理软件,并用 3 个实例说明了它的应用。本书附带一个学习软件<sup>⊕</sup>,它具有 DASYLAB 的模拟功能。学员可以容易而快速地构造一个数据采集系统中完整的软件部分,它可以应用于(任何想象得到的)被仿真的传感器信号的连接。它可以在实际的外部传感器及放大器连接之前即开发其应用软件并对其纠错(DEBUG),因而它提供了一个良好的对于软硬件结合的测量系统进行设计的学习工具。

值得推荐的是本书最后所附的索引(INDEX),这是作者花了许多精力所完成的。读者可以

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总之,本书涉及测量系统及其应用与设计等方方面面,内容十分丰富。它是既有基本理论、基本方法,又能提供许多参考资料及应用实例的一本好书,可供从事测量技术、机械工程、电子工程、过程控制、计算机技术等方面的本科生、研究生、教师或工程技术人员参考。

哈尔滨工业大学 自动测试与控制系 **赵新民**  Ernest O. Doebelin has received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in Mechanical Engineering from Case Institute of Technology and Ohio State University, respectively. While working on his Ph.D. at Ohio State University, he started teaching as a full-time instructor, continuing this activity for four years. Upon completion of his Ph.D., he continued teaching as Assistant Professor. At this time (1958), required courses in control were essentially unheard of in mechanical engineering, but the department chair encouraged Dr. Doebelin to pursue this development. Over the years, he initiated, taught, and wrote texts for eight courses in system dynamics, measurement, and control, ranging from sophomore level to Ph.D. level courses, Of these courses, seven had laboratories, which Dr. Doebelin designed, supervised the construction of, and taught. Throughout his career, he continued to actually teach in all the laboratories in addition to training graduate-student assistants. In an era when one could opt for an emphasis on teaching, rather than contract research, and with a love of writing, he published 11 textbooks: Dynamic Analysis and Feedback Control (1962); Measurement Systems (1966); System Dynamics: Modeling and Response (1972); Measurement Systems, Revised Edition (1975); System Modeling and Response: Theoretical and Experimental Approaches (1980); Measurement Systems, 3rd edition (1983); Control System Principles and Design (1985); Measurement Systems, 4th edition (1990); Engineering Experimentation (1995); System Dynamics: Modeling Analysis, Simulation, Design (1998); and Measurement Systems, 5th edition (2004). Student manuals for all the laboratories, plus condensed, user-friendly software manuals were also produced.

The use of computer technology for system analysis and design, and as embedded hardware/software in operating control and measurement systems, has been a feature of all his texts, beginning with the first analog computers in the 1950s and continuing to today's ubiquitous PC. Particularly emphasized was the use of dynamic system simulation software as a powerful teaching/learning tool in addition to its obvious number-crunching power in practical design work. This started with the use of IBM's CSMP, and gradually transitioned into the PC versions of MATLAB/SIMULINK. All the texts tried to strike the best balance between theoretical concepts and practical implementation, using myriad examples to familiarize readers with the "building blocks" of actual systems, vitally important in an era when many engineering students are "computer savvy" but often unaware of the available control and measurement hardware.

In a career which emphasized teaching, Dr. Doebelin was fortunate to win many awards. These included several departmental, college, and alumni recognitions, and the university-wide distinguished teaching award (five selectees yearly from the entire university faculty). The ASEE also presented him with the Excellence in Laboratory Instruction Award. After his retirement in 1990, he continued to

maintain a full-time teaching schedule of lectures and laboratories, but only for one quarter each year. He also worked on a volunteer basis at Otterbein College, a local liberal arts school, developing and teaching a course on Understanding Technology. This was an effort to address the nationwide problem of technology illiteracy within the general population. As a further "hobby" of retirement, he has become a politics/economics junkie, focusing particularly on alternative views of globalization.

#### PREFACE TO THE FIFTH EDITION

This book first came out in 1966; it might be useful to quickly review how it has changed (and in some ways stayed the same) over the span of some 38 years. Its original premise was that measurement science and technology was a significant field of engineering interest in its own right, rather than an adjunct to various specialty areas such as fluid mechanics or vibration. Thus, it warranted its own courses and labs that emphasized this general viewpoint. This does not mean that specialty courses in, say, vibration measurement or heat transfer measurement are not appropriate in a curriculum, but that preceding such courses (or at least at *some* point), students should encounter measurement as a basic method for studying and solving engineering problems of all types. The background needed to appreciate this generalist view has two major components: the hardware and software of measurement systems, and the methodology of experimental analysis. *Measurement Systems* has focused on the first of these, and in 1995, I addressed the second in a new text. This viewpoint continues in this fifth edition.

In 1966 personal computers were still far in the future, but mainframe machines used in a "batch mode" were already having major impacts on engineering and engineering education. As computer technology became more and more pervasive, the text recognized this trend and gradually added those computer-related topics that were relevant to the measurement process. These included computer simulation of measurement-system dynamic response, convenient statistical software, and the vital role played by sensors in computer-aided machines and processes. This latter application area is today a major justification for the general view of measurement espoused above. Almost every machine and process being designed today by engineers uses some form of feedback control implemented by digital hardware and software. Every such system includes one or more sensors that are absolutely vital to proper system functioning. A designer who has not been exposed to the "generalist" view of measurement and thus made aware of the devices and analysis methods available is at a distinct disadvantage in "inventing" a new process or machine. Since the needed computer technology is so powerful and cost/effective, the major roadblocks to implementing a new design concept are often not there but rather in the sensors and actuators. While this text is certainly not a controls book, the use of simple control concepts was always included because feedback-control systems use sensors and many sensors use feedback principles (hot-wire anemometers, servo accelerometers, chilled-mirror hygrometers, etc.). Since the book does not presume a previous course on control, these applications are presented so they

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>E. O. Doebelin, "Engineering Experimentation: Planning, Execution, Reporting," McGraw-Hill, New York, 1995.

are understandable to such readers. It is perhaps surprising to some that a good understanding of such dynamic systems can be achieved by simple descriptions augmented by powerful and easy-to-use simulation software. In the current edition, major use of MATLAB/SIMULINK simulation provides this effective learning tool.

From the 1966 beginnings, the text devoted considerable space to the systemdynamics viewpoint of measurement-system dynamic response. This was originally influenced by the author's teaching of system-dynamics courses at various levels and the writing of several texts focused on this area.<sup>2</sup> (The 1972 text was revised and expanded in 1998.3) When a system-dynamics course is included early in the curriculum, this general background can then be applied and reinforced in later application courses such as control, vibration, measurement systems, vehicle dynamics, acoustics, etc. This curricular design is efficient and effective since the basic system dynamics need be presented only once, while the later application courses can penetrate more deeply into their specialty focus, while at the same time reinforcing student understanding of earlier material. While I believe that required system-dynamics courses serve this valuable function, some readers of Measurement Systems will certainly not have this preparation. Thus, this and earlier editions provide the needed background material in condensed, but effective, form, The current edition continues the heavy emphasis on frequency-spectrum methods, utilizing MATLAB (e.g., FFT) software wherever applicable.

The original organization into three major parts is retained in this new edition:

- 1. General concepts
- 2. Measuring devices
- 3. Manipulation, transmission, and recording of data

Within this framework, the Table of Contents gives a more detailed breakdown, which is useful in selecting the parts of the text that might be appropriate for a particular course and instructor. While the length of the text may at first seem daunting to a prospective user (instructor or student), it is not difficult to browse the content and pick out a coherent set of topics that suits the needs of a specific course. We face a similar situation at Ohio State where this text is used in three courses, two required and one elective. The first required course has a 4-hour lab and 3 hours of separate lecture for a total of 5 credit hours for one quarter. The lecture component is perhaps stronger than in a typical measurement course because we have chosen to include a "minicourse" in applied statistics and considerable material on technical communication (written and oral). These two topics are taught from my Engineering Experimentation text, which has a detailed coverage. The statistics material is intended for general applicability, not just for measurement situations, since statistics is not taught elsewhere in the curriculum. Requiring two textbooks

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>E. O. Doebelin, "System Dynamics: Modeling and Response," Merrill, Columbus, OH, 1972; "System Modeling and Response: Theoretical and Experimental Approaches," Wiley, New York, 1980.
 <sup>3</sup>E. O. Doebelin, "System Dynamics: Modeling, Analysis, Simulation, Design," Marcel Dekker, New York, 1998.

(Measurement Systems and Engineering Experimentation) for a single course seems prohibitively expensive, but the same two texts are also used in a required "project lab" course that follows on the heels of this course so the total expense is not unreasonable. The third course, which uses only Measurement Systems, is an elective for seniors and graduate students, and extends in breadth and depth from the first required course. If Measurement Systems seems to be too lengthy for a single course, consider that most students after graduation will likely encounter the need for this kind of information either for the design of computer-aided systems, which always require sensors and associated signal processing, or for experimental design/development projects. If they have become familiar with the text by using parts of it in a course, it will become a valuable resource for their engineering practice, a feature not shared by texts that are less comprehensive.

An important part of many measurement systems is the data-acquisition and -processing software, usually implemented in a personal computer (desktop or laptop). When the previous edition was being written (late 1980s), personal computers were just arriving on the scene, and data-acquisition software for them was not widely available. Chapter 14 of that fourth edition was a brief presentation of a personal computer/software system (MACSYM) that had been designed, built, and marketed by Analog Devices specifically for data-acquisition and control applications, an unserved niche market that the company hoped to capitalize on. We acquired several of these systems for student and research use, and at that time, they met this need very well. Unfortunately for Analog Devices (which was highly successful, and continues to be with other product lines), personal computers shortly became a mass market with plummeting prices, making the MACSYM system, while technically excellent, economically unviable. Since then, many software products for personal computer data acquisition and control have appeared and today compete in this important field. Certainly the best known and most widely used is LABVIEW from National Instruments, and many engineering educators use this product for teaching/research, especially since the company offers very good educational discounts. It is not possible for a single individual to comprehensively exercise and then evaluate all the software of this class that is available, so judgments as to suitability for undergraduate teaching purposes are likely to be colored by personal experience and preferences. Based on my own surveys and hands-on experience with students in our labs, I have concluded that the DASYLAB software offers significant advantages for both teaching and many industrial applications. Perhaps National Instruments also recognized this potential since they recently bought the German software company that produces DASYLAB.

Chapter 13 of this edition is devoted to an introduction to DASYLAB, and a version of the software is provided with each copy of the book. This version does, of course, not allow its use with actual sensors, but one of the useful features of all DASYLAB versions is a simulation mode of operation, where one can easily and quickly build the entire software portion of the data-acquisition system and try it out with simulated sensor signals of any desired kind. Thus, we can develop and "debug" the software before connecting the external sensors, amplifiers, etc. This feature also makes DASYLAB an unsurpassed teaching tool since each student can

quickly try out any ideas for a particular application before committing to specific measurement hardware for the system. I have found the learning process for DASYLAB to be *much* quicker than for LABVIEW so you do not have to commit an entire course to learning the system; it can be easily integrated into any existing measurement lab. Also, while LABVIEW is sometimes used in a "black box" mode (where the instructor or graduate students do the programming and undergraduate students just use the resulting system to gather data), with DASYLAB, even sophisticated systems can be put together by undergraduate students themselves with just a few hours of exposure. In Chapter 13, I have tried to make this initial experience even quicker, easier, and more illuminating for the reader. I have heard from industry contacts that many companies are also finding DASYLAB to be very cost/ effective, even for rather complex applications. I believe that LABVIEW is often used by applications programmers who do nothing else, that is, they spend all their time developing sophisticated software for some complex measurement/control system or for automating some commercial instrument (like a rheometer). Each rheometer sold then includes this same software; thus, the programming cost (time and money) is amortized over many instruments. When one is using the same (LABVIEW) software over and over, one can justify a long learning curve, and since it is used daily, we do not forget how to use it. Also, LABVIEW's versatility allows it to deal with situations that might frustrate a less comprehensive software package. Of course, as is usual with any class of software, this versatility comes at the price of complexity. Most mechanical engineers, however, are not programming specialists, but rather they need to develop a data-acquisition system occasionally, on a "one-shot" basis, which means that the learning curve has to be short and the recall after having not used the software for a few months must be quick. I believe DASYLAB meets this sort of need in an optimum way. I hope you will at least try it to reach your own judgment.

Details of the text's topical coverage can be quickly surveyed from the Table of Contents. Also, I have taken pains to develop a very comprehensive *index*, so try that when looking for a specific item. For users of previous editions, it might be useful to here mention some of the more significant changes (such as Chapter 13 just discussed) found in the new edition. Chapter 14 also is new; there, I decided to focus on a particular industry and show how measurement systems apply. Of the many possibilities, I chose integrated circuit and MEMS manufacturing. These depend heavily on micro- and nanotechnology, which use:

Scanning probe microscopes
Partial-pressure analyzers for vacuum systems
Micromotion measurement and control
Contaminant particle measurement systems and clean rooms
Magnetic-levitation conveyers

to manufacture microcircuits and microscale sensors and actuators. Each of these listed topic areas is examined in some detail, and the contributions of measurement technology identified. [MEMS-type sensors (pressure transducers, accelerometers,

infrared imagers, mass flow sensors, etc.) are also discussed elsewhere in the text where appropriate.]

In addition to Chapters 13 and 14, there are a number of significant changes and additions in the fifth edition, plus many minor ones too numerous to list here. The more significant changes include:

- 1. The material on *calibration* and *uncertainty calculations* has been thoroughly updated to reflect the latest positions of ISO and NIST.
- 2. Simulation examples have been updated to replace the obsolete CSMP with MATLAB/SIMULINK, and the use of *apparatus simulation* as an aid to sensor selection has been added.
- 3. Sensor fusion ("complementary filtering") with examples from aircraft altitude and attitude sensing is covered, as is the use of observers for the measurement of inaccessible variables.
- **4.** Footnotes on reference material and hardware manufacturers have been augmented with *Internet* addresses.
- **5.** The relation between *calibration accuracy* and *installed accuracy* is explained.
- 6. The use of *overlap graphs* to decide whether an experiment verifies or contradicts a theory is explained.
- The effect of measurement-system errors on quality-control decisions is covered.
- 8. MINITAB statistics software is used wherever it is applicable and illuminating.
- **9.** Multiple regression in computer-aided calibration and measurement is covered.
- 10. The concept of a *noise floor* caused by intrinsic random fluctuations in all physical variables is discussed.
- 11. Classical frequency response graphs of amplitude ratio and phase angle are augmented with *time-delay graphs*, which makes judgment of accurate frequency range much easier.
- 12. Magnetoresistance and Hall effect motion sensors are discussed.
- 13. The treatment of capacitance motion sensors has been expanded.
- 14. The use of *motion-control systems* for positioning sensors or other components has been added.
- 15. The use of high-speed film and video cameras for motion study has been expanded.
- **16.** Velocity sensing using *tachometer encoders*, *lasers*, and *microwave* ("radar") methods has been added.
- 17. The treatment of "nonclassical" gyros such as the *GyroChip* and *fiber-optic* types, has been expanded.
- 18. The use of the Global Positioning System in measurement applications has been added.

- 19. Detailed *strength-of-materials* analysis of a load cell, augmented with a *finite-element* study and experimental verification, is included.
- **20.** Methods for measuring *pressure distribution*, using Fuji pressure film, photoluminescent paint, and "crossbar" type electrical piezoresistance sensor arrays are covered.
- **21.** Addition of *particle-image-velocimetry* (PIV) for fluid flow analysis is covered.
- 22. The treatment of orifice flowmetering for compressible flow has been revised.
- 23. Flow measurement with turbine flowmeters has been updated and revised.
- 24. A conceptual error in the basic thermocouple principle has been corrected.
- 25. Thermal radiation detectors are covered in more detail, and uncooled microbolometer imaging systems have been added.
- 26. The material on heat flux sensors has been updated.
- 27. The design example on analog electrical differentiation has been thoroughly revised.
- 28. Digital offline dynamic compensation using MATLAB FFT methods has been added.
- 29. Galvanometers used in *optical oscillographs* has been eliminated, but the use of galvanometers in motion-control systems, such as *laser scanners*, has been added.
- A discussion of the popular sigma-delta analog/digital converters has been added.
- 31. The radio telemetry section has been thoroughly revised, and more current wireless technologies, such as *Bluetooth*, have been added.
- 32. A new section on instrument connectivity has been added.
- 33. The section on strip-chart, x/y, and galvanometer recorders has been revised.
- 34. The concept of virtual instruments is now included.
- 35. A section on electrical current and power measurement has been added.

A final comment on changes must be made on the subject of solutions manuals. This is my eleventh engineering textbook, and for the first ten, I consistently declined to produce a solutions manual. This peculiarity is not due to laziness on my part but relates rather to some "philosophical" positions that I, rightly or wrongly, hold dear. (I will not here burden you with these but have always been happy to discuss them with anyone who would listen.) My various publishers have always explained, and I agreed, that the lack of a solutions manual will surely lose some adoptions. For the present book, the publisher made clear that this time there would be a solutions manual, whether I, or someone else, did it. Faced with this situation, I decided that if there was to be a solutions manual, I wanted it to be a good one and thus determined to do it myself. No graduate or other students were used, and I personally produced "camera ready" copy, including all equations and illustrations. I hope it will be found useful, but since it is my first endeavor along these lines, I will welcome any comments or criticisms.

By judicious selection of topics, the two texts, Measurement Systems and Engineering Experimentation, can be used effectively, singly or together, in a wide variety of contexts. For a freshman course that introduces students to engineering and uses a hands-on lab, perhaps including "reverse engineering" of some device, to demonstrate the two major solution paths (theory and experimentation) for engineering problems. Engineering Experimentation could supply many useful reading assignments. These include an easily understandable and practically useful introduction to statistical viewpoints and methods, the role of experimentation in design and development, and guidance for written and oral communication. Later in the curriculum, we often find labs tied to some theory course or stand-alone labs that come after certain theory courses have been completed. When a lab is focused on a specific area such as, say, vibration, Measurement Systems can supply the needed background on the pertinent sensors, signal conditioning, and dataacquisition and -processing software. Such use, of course, only employs a fraction of the material available in the text, so the expense becomes an issue. There may or may not exist a suitable measurement text devoted only to vibration, but this book will likely be just as expensive. If a curriculum has a number of such specialty labs, Measurement Systems will likely have the material needed in all of them. In such a case, one would hope that textbook requirements would be coordinated so that students would purchase only one text for use in all these labs. If statistical methods, experiment design, and technical communication are included in some or all of these labs, the cost of Engineering Experimentation might be "amortized" over the several courses. If, as at Ohio State, you find it difficult to "squeeze in" a statistics course taught in your mathematics or statistics department, the "minicourse" provided by Engineering Experimentation can be embedded in one or more labs and may provide a practical viewpoint often lacking in mathematics department presentations.

Many curricula now include one or more "capstone" courses that emphasize design and give students practice in applying the specialty courses encountered earlier in their studies. At Ohio State, we have traditionally had two such required senior courses, one focused on design and another devoted to experimental methods. At present, we are trying out another approach, which uses a sequence of courses/labs that allow students to design, build, and experimentally test a machine or process. These projects are often suggested by industrial sponsors who interact with the students and instructors to provide an experience more typical of actual engineering practice. These sponsors provide some equipment or apparatus, and lend some financial support. For courses devoted specifically to experimentation or for sequences that include it as an important component, Engineering Experimentation, possibly augmented by Measurement Systems, can provide useful content.

As mentioned earlier, I believe the optimum organization is to provide, somewhere in the curriculum, a *general* measurement lab/course where the science and technology of measurement is presented as an important engineering field in its own right. For such a course, *Measurement Systems* could be a good choice, perhaps augmented by *Engineering Experimentation*, depending on the course's intended focus and coverage. Even for such a course, it will be necessary, due to the breadth

and depth of the book, to carefully select the student assignments, but this is actually made easier because there is so much to choose from that most needs can be satisfied. If, as at Ohio State, there is a more advanced measurement-systems course (probably elective, for seniors and/or graduate students), then Measurement Systems will again provide the needed material for a wide variety of needs. For this advanced course, I have over the years developed some homework problems and projects that, due to their length, were not included in any of my books but rather were provided in a locally printed manual. In teaching this course, in addition to weekly homework assignments (some from Measurement Systems, some from the manual), I assign a "project" that runs for most of the quarter. The manual provides extensive background notes in addition to the requested student homework. Three such projects currently are in the manual:

- 1. Preliminary design of a viscosimeter
- 2. Vibration isolation methods for sensitive instruments and machines
- 3. Design of a vibrating-cylinder ultra-precision pressure transducer

Some of the "weekly" homework problems in the manual are in the following areas:

- 1. Theory and simulation study of a carrier-amplifier system
- 2. Accelerometer selection for a drop-test shock machine
- 3. Dynamic compensation for a thermocouple
- 4. Use of the correlation function in pipeline leak detection
- 5. Sensor fusion ("complementary filtering")
- 6. Frequency-modulated (FM) sensors and digital integration
- 7. FFT methods for sensor dynamic compensation
- 8. Use of FFT analysis to document pressure transducer dynamics based on shock tube testing

If any instructor wants a copy of this manual or a "Xeroxable" master for printing copies for students, please contact me at 614-882-2670 to make arrangements to get the material, "at cost." I do not have an electronic copy.