



# **CONTROL I**

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# Overview

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- Why Control?
- Prerequisites
- Textbook & Notes
- Lectures, Tutorials & Labs
- Introduction to Control (Terminology etc.)
- Everyday Examples
- Brief History of Classical Control
- Q&A

# Why Control?

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- Can we do without Control?
  - Filter design is about the analysis and design of linear systems for specific spectral/time responses.
  - Can you adapt a given linear system to obtain a specific spectral/time response?
  - ... Control includes this and much much more!!

# Prerequisites

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- Past Courses

- Signals & Systems I

Continuous-Time Linear Systems Theory; Laplace transforms; LTI ODEs and solutions; Zero-input response; Zero-state response; System stability; MATLAB simulation.

- Signals & Systems IIA

Fourier series & transforms; Continuous-time filter design; Bode plots; State space techniques in time/frequency domains; System stability.

# Textbook & Notes

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- Textbook

Roland S. Burns, *Advanced Control Engineering*,  
Butterworth Heinemann, 2001.

- Notes

Supplementary notes may be supplied at the discretion  
of the lecturer. (Refer to the CB&O.)

# Lectures, Tutorials & Labs

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- Lectures

Mathematical subjects can be taught in one and only one way: **Talk & Chalk**

- Tutorials

To assimilate the work it is important to solve problems.

- Labs

Labs provide practical experience.

# Labs

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- Lectures → Tutorials → Labs  
Labs should follow after lectures and tutorials on the related matter.
- Computer-based Labs vs. Experimental Labs
  - Computer-based labs are more versatile
  - Experimental labs provide practical experience
- Computer / Experimental Labs??
  - Inverted pendulum?

# Terminology

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- **System**  
Group of interrelated, interdependent or interacting elements forming a collective entity
- **System Inputs**  
Stimuli to the system
- **System Outputs**  
Responses from the system
- **Examples**  
Electric motor, aircraft, water tank, ...



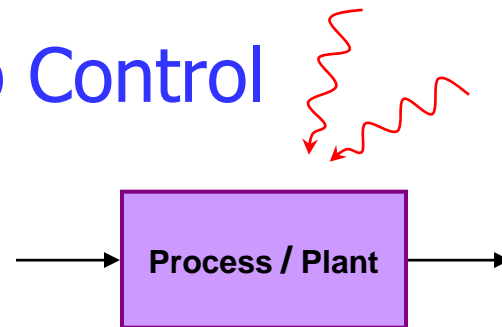
# What is Control?

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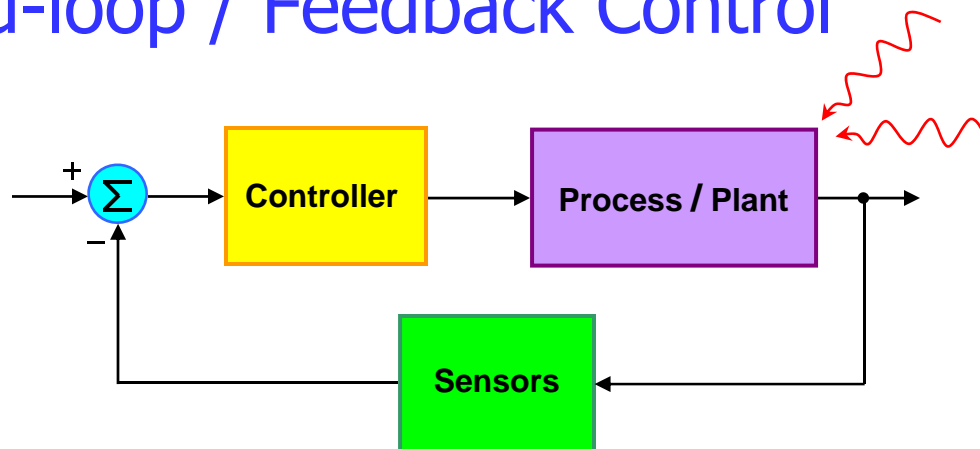
- **Control**  
Act of commanding, directing or regulating a "system"
- **Controller**  
Another system/human that controls the "system"
- **Manual vs Automatic Control**  
Manual control → Human controller
- **Open-loop vs Closed-loop Control**

# Open- vs Closed-loop Control

- Open-loop Control

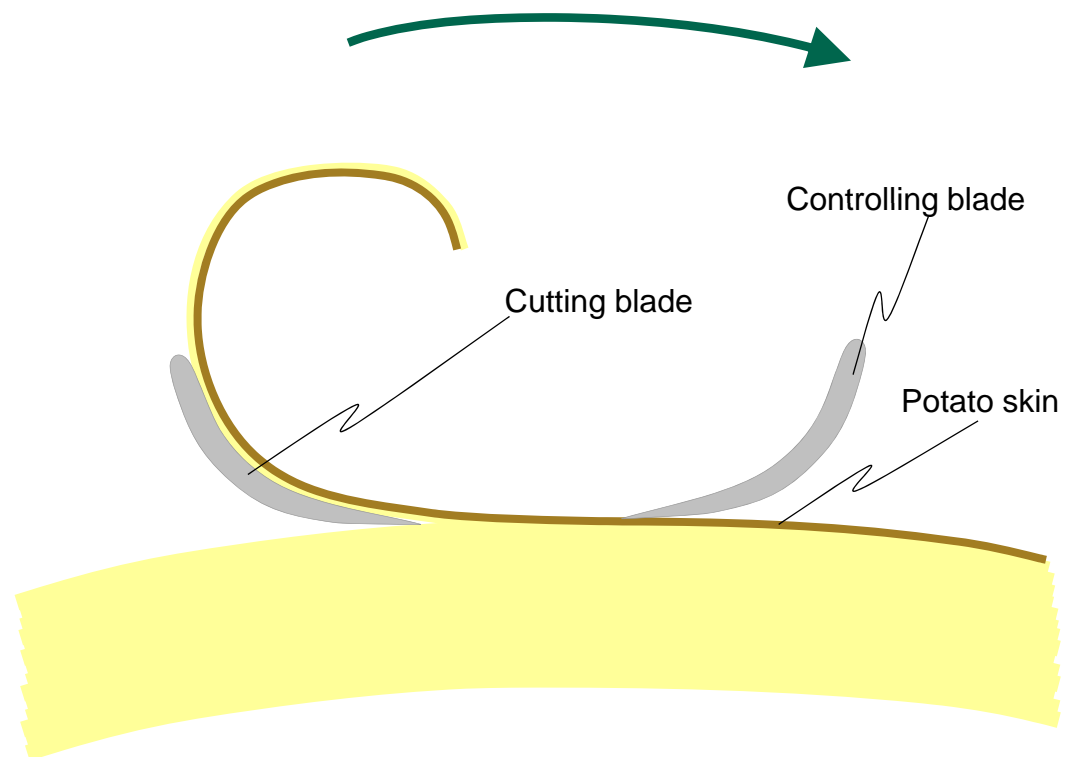


- Closed-loop / Feedback Control



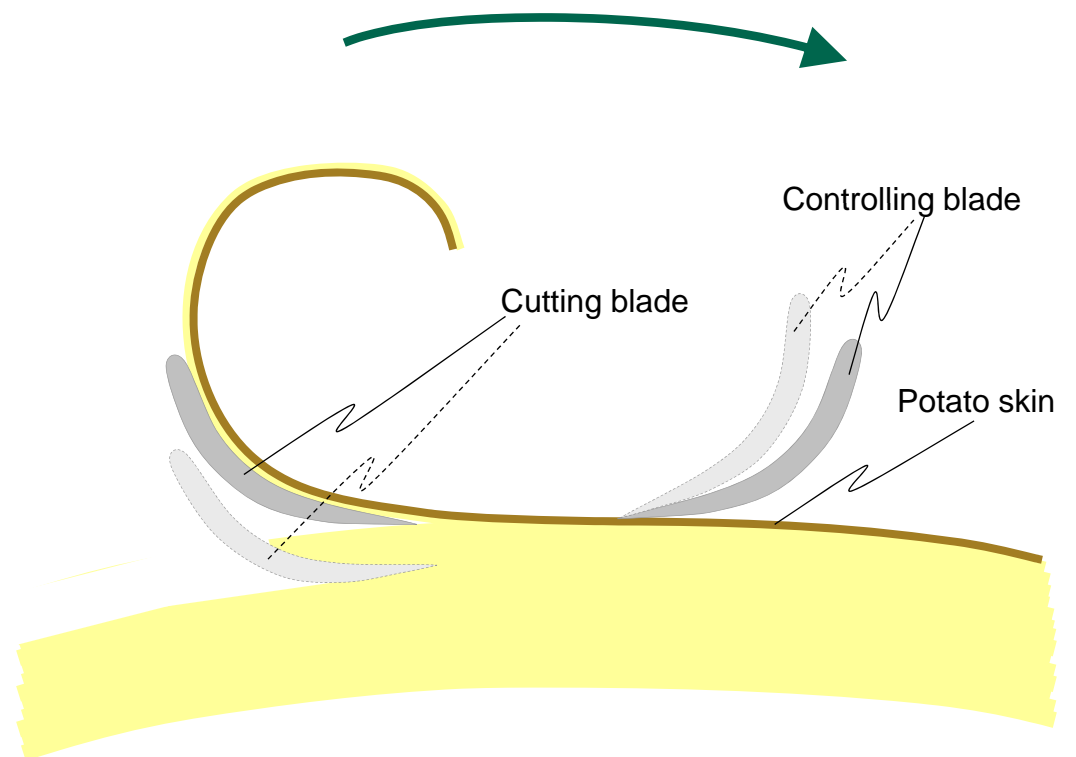
# Everyday Examples

- Potato Peeler

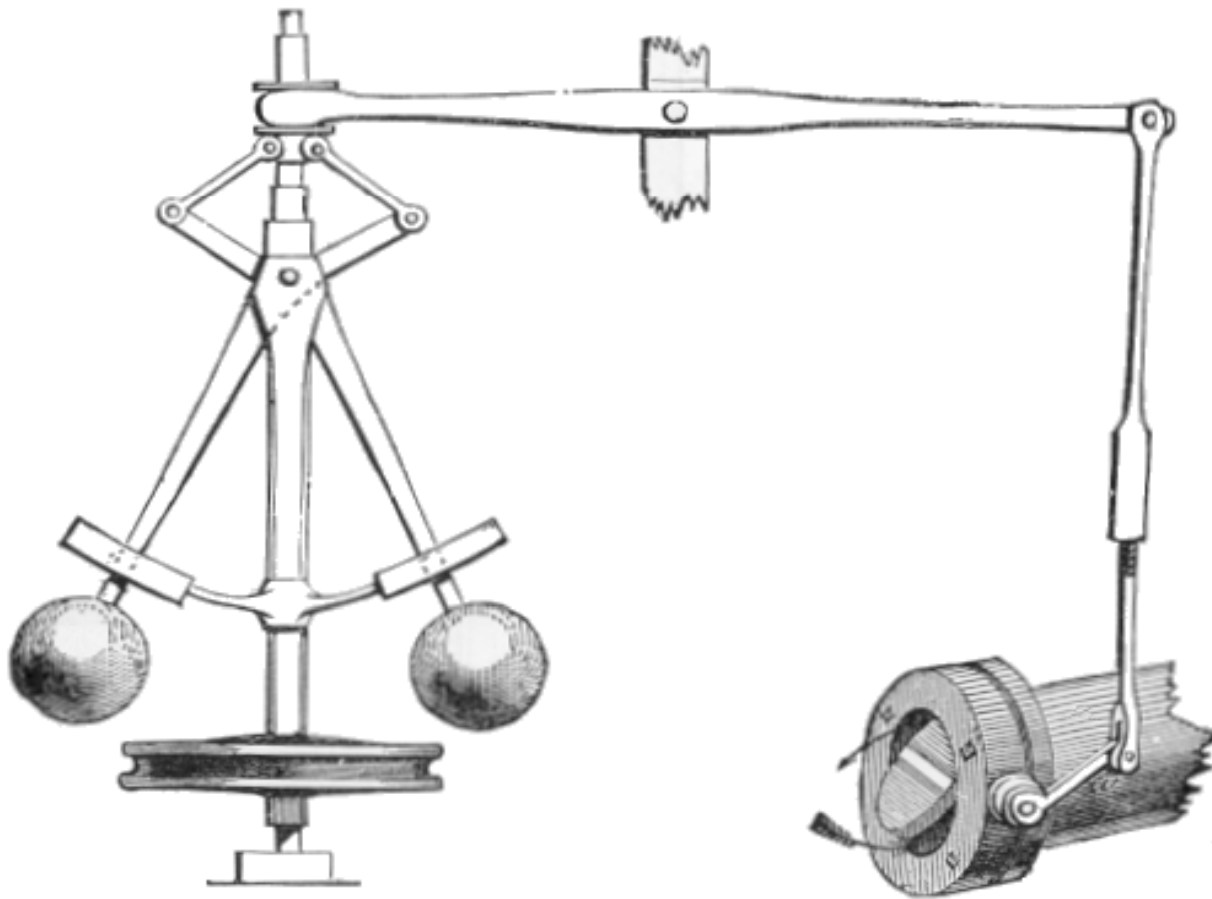


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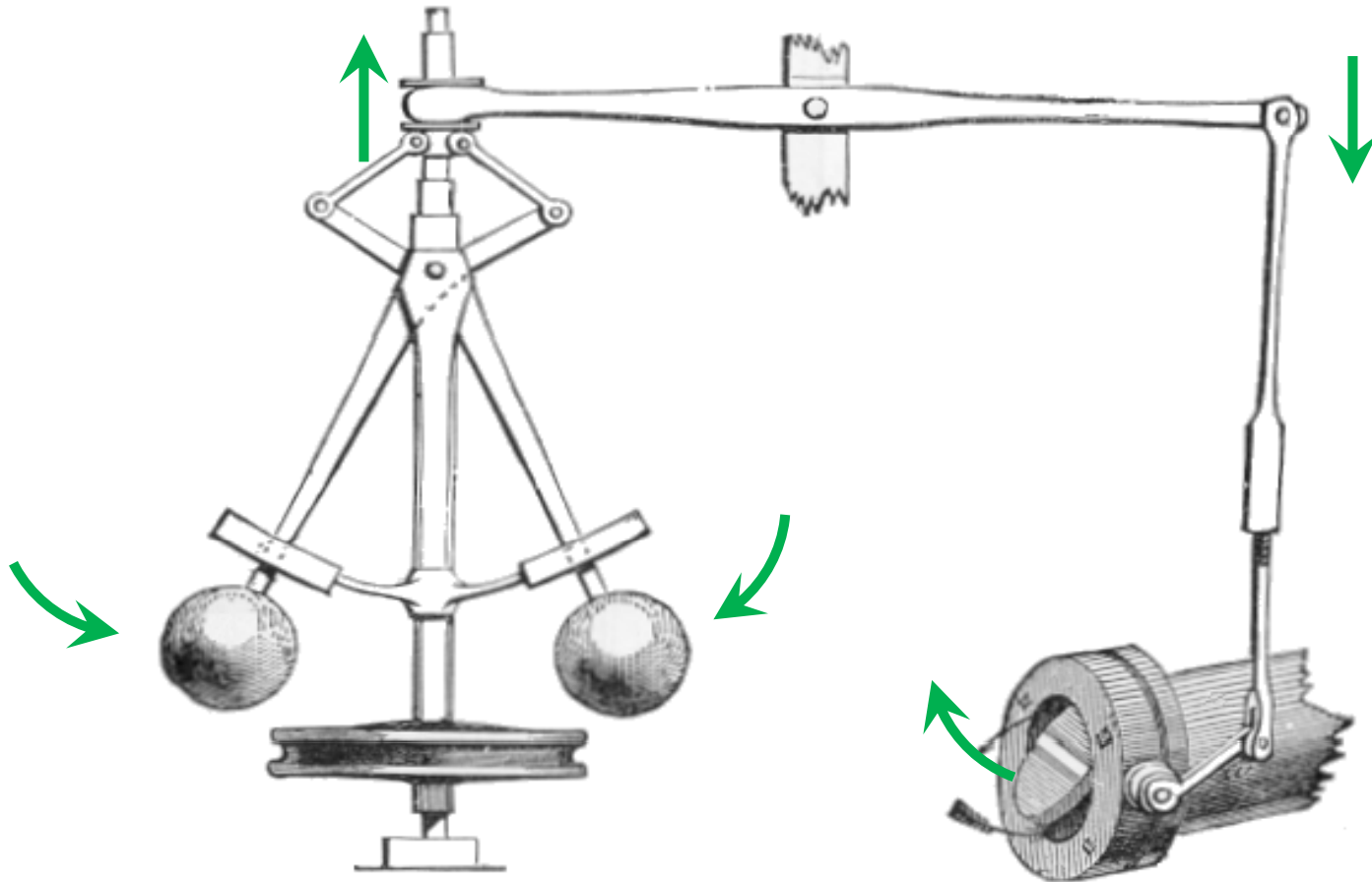
# Examples – Flyball Governor



**James Watt**

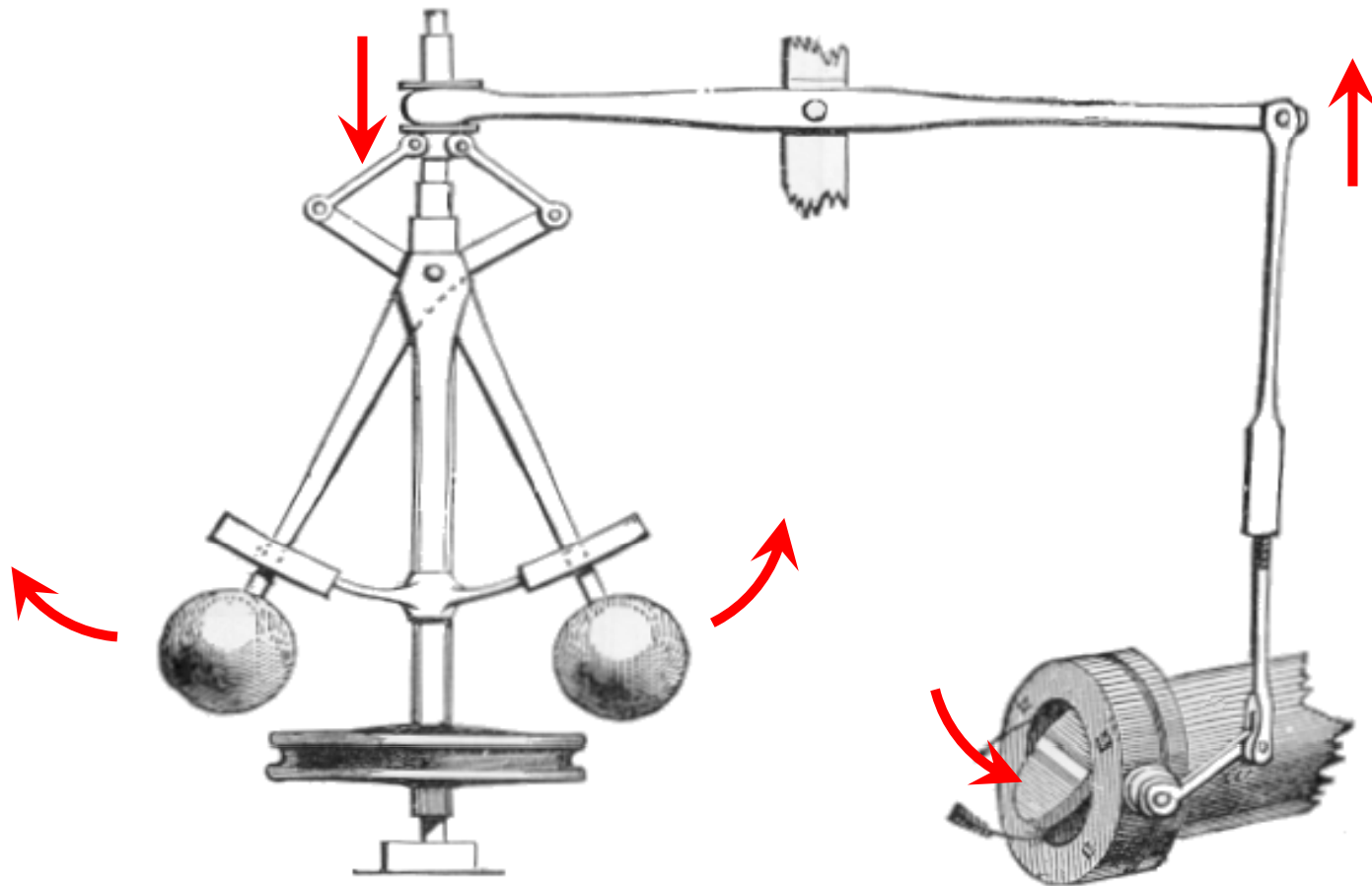
# Examples – Flyball Governor

If shaft speed is dropping ... valve opens proportionally!



# Examples – Flyball Governor

If shaft speed is rising ... **valve closes proportionally!**



# Everyday Examples

	Manual control	Automatic control (Inherent)
Open-loop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cutting paper without visual feedback</li><li>• Gas stove temperature control</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cooling fan</li><li>• Drilling machine</li></ul>
Closed-loop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cutting paper with visual feedback</li><li>• Task scheduling</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Potato peeler</li><li>• Water level controller</li><li>• Thermostat</li><li>• Flyball governor</li></ul>



# What is Control Engineering?

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- Body of knowledge focusing on designing an appropriate controller for a system such that the closed-loop response complies with set criteria or specifications.
- Example: Shock absorbers for cars are designed to damp out bouncing.

# History of Control

- **Primitive Control Methods (1868-1900)**
  - First rigorous mathematical analysis of a feedback control system by J.C. Maxwell in 1868
  - Ad hoc analysis of individual problems with no general methodology
- **Classical Control Methods (1900-1960)**
  - Performed in the frequency domain and the  $s$ -plane
  - Limited to linear time-invariant systems with some extensions to non-linear systems
  - Methods: PID, Lead, Lag and Lead-Lag control

# History of Control

- Modern Control Methods (1960-present)

- Fundamentally time-domain techniques
- Applies to non-linear and time-varying systems
- Methods:

State variable control

Model reference control

Sliding mode control

Intelligent control

Optimal control


Adaptive control

Non-linear control

$H_2$  &  $H_\infty$  control

# Brief History of Classical Control

- Drebbel (1624) – Incubator
- Watt (1728/1769) – Flyball governor
- Maxwell (1868) – Flyball stability analysis
- Routh (1877/1905) – LTI system stability
- Lyapunov (1890/1893) – Nonlinear stability
- Nyquist (1932) – Frequency domain stability
- Bode (1938) – Frequency response methods
- Evans (1948) – Root locus method



**Thank you!**  
**Any Questions?**