Introduction to the Mathematical Theory of Control

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This book provides an introduction to the mathematical theory of nonlinear control systems. It contains many topics that are usually scattered among different texts, such as:

- Basic properties of control systems
- Controllability of linear and nonlinear systems
- Lie brackets and reachability
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- Optimal feedback synthesis

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