Special Issue

Applications of Intelligent Control in Actuators Systems

Message from the Guest Editors

In the past decade, the necessity of intelligent control of actuators has been widely recognized in various fields, such as robotics, unmanned vehicle, aerospace, industrial production, and others. The limitations of traditional control techniques in dealing with practical problems has prompted people to invent new control schemes to improve control performance. The aim of the present Special Issue is to collect original papers concerned with the theory and application of intelligent control of various actuators, without any limitation on the specific application field. In this Special Issue, theoretical, numerical, and experimental contributions on intelligent control are welcome, particularly the following:

- Model predictive control schemes;
- Variable structure sliding mode control schemes;
- Event-triggered control schemes:
- Observer-based control schemes;
- Neural-network-based control schemes;
- Adaptive control schemes:
- Robust control schemes;
- Fuzzy control schemes;
- Optimal control schemes.

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We are just entering the Next Wave of Technology (NWT) where actuators will play the same role as the computer chip did for computers/social media approximately four decades ago. Just in the U.S., production of \$1 trillion year of electromechanical systems (vehicles, orthotics, manufacturing cells, freight trains, aircraft, etc.) will be impacted by the NWT, all driven by actuators. Five key trends can be found for the future perspectives: "Performance to Reliability", "Hard to Soft", "Macro to Nano", "Homo to Hetero" and "Single to Multi functional". We invite papers that primarily impact these economic sectors; those illustrating basic scientific principles are also welcome.

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