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FELIKS LEONIDOVICH CHERNOUS'KO (On his 70th birthday)*



Academician Feliks Leonidovich Chernous'ko, a prominent scientist in the fields of mechanics, control theory and applied mathematics and Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics*, will celebrate his 70th birthday on May 16, 2008.

The range of his scientific interests and achievements is extremely broad; it covers the dynamics of rigid bodies with cavities filled with a fluid, optimal control theory, the theory of differential games, the theory of oscillations, asymptotic methods of non-linear mechanics, the theory of estimation of the phase state for dynamical systems, numerical methods of the variational calculus and optimal control, and robotics. In these fields he obtained fundamental results that have been internationally recognized. He is the author of more than 350 scientific publications, including 10 monographs.

His talent as a scientist had already been recognized when he was a student. In 1961, he graduated with honors from Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology. By that time he had already published 4 papers on gas dynamics and soil mechanics in the Journal of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics. One of these studies, "Convergent Shock Waves in a Gas of Variable Density", was awarded First Prize at the All-Union Competition of Student Scientific Papers. In 1963, he graduated ahead of schedule from postgraduate courses at the same Institute and received his Ph.D. degree for a dissertation on the dynamics of the rotation of satellites about the centre of mass.

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After his graduation from the postgraduate courses, from 1964 to 1968, he worked at the Computing Center of the USSR Academy of Sciences, where he performed fundamental research on the dynamics of rigid bodies with cavities containing a fluid. He studied the nature of the angular motions of the body, depending on the shape of the cavity, the degree of filling, and the viscosity of the fluid. His fundamental results in this field were of great importance in the design and development of spacecraft. For these investigations he received his Doctor of Science degree (1969) and was awarded the Lenin Komsomol Prize (1971).

At the same time, Chernous'ko was demonstrating an active interest in optimal control theory, to the development of which he has made a considerable contribution. His first studies in that area were related to the application of small parameter techniques, developed previously in non-linear mechanics, for solving control problems. Based on this concept, he developed an efficient method that enabled optimal controls for non-linear systems to be constructed in analytical form. This method was used to calculate stabilization and control modes for spacecraft. He proposed a method of successive approximations for the numerical solution of optimal control problems. This method was the first computational algorithm based on Pontryagin's maximum principle. He developed the local variation method for the numerical solution of variational problems of mechanics and control. Constructive in concepts, these methods appeared to be efficient in practical applications.

His further scientific activity has been associated with the Institute for Problems in Mechanics of the USSR Academy of Sciences (since 1992, the Institute for Problems in Mechanics of the Russian Academy of Sciences). He continues his studies in optimal control. He proposed and developed (jointly with L.D. Akulenko) an effective method for the approximate solution of optimal control problems for non-linear dynamical systems with a rapidly rotating phase. It was the first method in which Pontryagin's maximum principle was combined with Krylov–Bogolyubov's method of averaging. Using this method, a number of important optimal control problems for oscillatory and rotary processes, as well as for spacecraft orbital and attitude motions, were solved.

A number of fundamental results in the theory of control and observation with incomplete information or in conflict situations are due to him. He solved a series of typical problems of the control of motion under conditions of uncertainty that did not fall under the available generic differential game methods and demonstrated essential aspects of this new branch of control theory. He was the first to state and solve the pursuit differential game with delayed information, which is essential for a number of situations occurring in practice. Together with A.A. Melikyan, he studied an important class of differential games with alternating data acquisition, in particular, discrete-time data acquisition. It was shown that for a certain sequence of discrete-time observations, the pursuer can catch the evader in the same time as would have been the case for continuous observation. He proposed a solution of the problem of evasion of one object from a group of pursuers. He constructed the evasion strategy and gave a lower estimate for the minimum distance between the evader and the pursuers. He stated and solved a problem of the search for a moving object by another object in the case of restricted visibility, when either the observation range is restricted or the object to be detected is obstructed by an obstacle. Search strategies were proposed and sufficient conditions were indicated for the successful completion of the search. He stated and solved an optimization problem for the observation process with constrained total duration of the observations, as well as a self-similar problem of optimal correction of the motion subject to random perturbations. These pioneering papers initiated numerous studies of control processes in stochastic systems.

He developed an efficient approach to the construction of feedback controls for non-linear mechanical systems governed by Lagrange's equations. This approach involves the decomposition of a coupled multi-degree-of-freedom system into simple single-degree-of-freedom subsystems, each of which can be controlled independently. It enables the mechanical system subject to uncontrolled disturbances to be steered to a prescribed state in a finite time by means of constrained controls. This approach was utilized to calculate control modes for multi-link robotic systems.

Beginning in the 1980s, he investigated a new class of problems of optimal estimation of attainable sets for controlled systems. He developed a theory and techniques for the optimal estimation of attainable sets for linear systems by means of ellipsoids. He extended his theory to non-linear systems and to the case of several approximating ellipsoids. The construction of external and internal ellipsoidal approximations of the attainable sets is reduced to the solution of appropriate initial-value (Cauchy) problems for special non-linear systems of differential equations. He also investigated the properties of these systems and constructed explicit solutions of the Cauchy problems in a number of cases. The proposed ellipsoidal estimates of the attainable sets enable a number of important problems of control and estimation to be solved and reliable bilateral estimates to be obtained. Among these problems are those of controllability, optimal control, estimation of the influence of perturbations on the motion of mechanical systems, differential games, and guaranteed filtering of observation results. His studies on the ellipsoid method have been widely recognized in Russia and abroad and have been utilized in theoretical and applied investigations.

He has made a considerable contribution to the development of the scientific foundation of robotics. Combining asymptotic and numerical methods of non-linear mechanics, he developed an efficient approach to the simulation of the dynamics of multi-link manipulators with elastically compliant links and joints. This approach was utilized when investigating the influence of the elastic compliance on the positioning accuracy for universal industrial robots and a number of special robotic systems.

He introduced the fundamental concept of the guaranteed equilibrium for a rigid body in contact with a rigid surface in the presence of dry friction and obtained the conditions for such an equilibrium in terms of the parameters that characterize the contact area, the external forces and friction. These results were used to calculate the design parameters of wall climbing robots that are kept on a vertical surface by means of vacuum holders (suckers), as well as the operating modes of vacuum pumps to provide reliable contact of the robot with the surface for design loads.

He calculated the optimal parameters for the gaits of a unique tube-crawling robot built at Munich Technical University. Together with his colleagues, he solved a number of basic optimal control problems for the electric drives of manipulation robots.

He proposed a new concept of motion of mobile robots in a resistive medium without special propellers, due to the change in the robot's configuration or the motion of internal masses. This concept can be utilized for hermetic mini- and micro-robots that do not have protruding components and are suitable for engineering and medical diagnostics.

He was the initiator of the organization of the Robotics and Mechatronics Laboratory at the Institute for Problems in Mechanics of the USSR Academy of Sciences for experimental studies in the field of the mechanics and control of robotic systems. This laboratory was set up in 1981.

He fruitfully combines his research and pedagogical activities. For more than 40 years he has taught at the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, supervised the research work of undergraduate and graduate students, and headed the Chair of Mechanics and Control Processes. He has built up a leading scientific school in Russia in the field of control theory. Since 1996, this school has had a grant from the State Programme for Support of Leading Scientific Schools in Russia. Fourteen of his former students have received a Doctor of Sciences degree and more than 30 have received a Ph.D. degree.

He carries out considerable work for organization in science. For 39 years he was the Head of the Laboratory of Control of Mechanical Systems at the Institute for Problems in Mechanics of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and since 2004 he has been the Director of this Institute. For more than 40 years he has headed the scientific Seminar on System Dynamics and Control Theory at the Institute that has a considerable reputation through ant Russia. Quite often, foreign scientists present their results at this seminar.

He is a member of the Bureau of the Department of Power Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mechanics, and Control Processes of the Russian Academy of Sciences, a Deputy Chairman of the Russian National Committee on Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, a member of the Russian National Committee on Automatic Control, and a member of editorial boards of a number of journals of the Russian Academy of Sciences and international journals. He is the Principal Manager of the Programme of the Russian Academy of Sciences "Control Processes", aimed at developing basic research in this field. Twenty-two projects have been set up within the framework of this program at 16 institutes of the Russian Academy of Sciences in 12 cities from the Central Region of Russia, Siberia, and the Far East.

His outstanding achievements in science have been recognized in Russia and abroad. He was elected a Corresponding Member of the USSR Academy of Sciences in 1987 and a Full Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences in 1992. He is a Laureate of the State Prize of the USSR and the State Prize of the Russian Federation for Science and Technology. He is a member of the European Academy of Sciences, the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, the International Astronautical Academy, the Academy of Sciences of Serbia and Montenegro, and an honorary member of the International Physics and Control Society. He has been awarded the Koerber Prize for European Science (Germany, 1993), the Humboldt Prize (Germany, 1998), and the Chaplygin Golden Medal of the Russian Academy of Sciences (2005).

The Editorial Board, editors, and readers of the *Journal of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics* cordially congratulate Feliks Leonidovich Chernous'ko on his 70th birthday and wish him good health, fruitful creative work in science, and happiness.

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Appendix A. LIST OF THE MAIN SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS OF F.L. CHERNOUS'KO

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On motion of an ideal fluid with a pressure discontinuity along the boundaries. J Appl Math Mech 1962;26 (2):543-8.

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1967

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