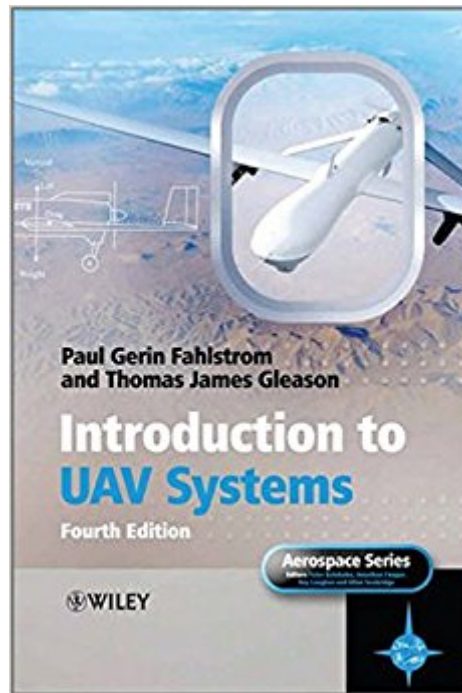




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# Introduction To UAV Systems



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