



**90th Anniversary of the Birth
Vladimir Iosifovich Gurman**

September 26, 2024 marks the 90th anniversary of the birth of Doctor of Technical Sciences, Professor Vladimir Iosifovich Gurman (September 26, 1934–June 8, 2016), a well-known Soviet and Russian scientist, a major specialist in the mathematical theory of optimal control and its applications, author and co-author of a number of articles published in the journal “Avtomatika i Telemekhanika” / “Automation and Remote Control” for many decades. Vladimir Iosifovich was a member of the editorial board of this journal. V.I. Gurman made a large contribution to the mathematical theory of optimal control and its applications, worked in universities and scientific institutions in different cities (Moscow, Irkutsk, Pereslavl-Zalessky, Ulan-Ude), prepared a number of candidates and doctors of sciences. The articles [1–5] are devoted to the research and teaching activities of Vladimir Iosifovich, and the articles [2, 5] list the publications where Vladimir Iosifovich is the author or a co-author.

More than 50 years ago, the books [6, 7] were published, where Vladimir Iosifovich is a co-author. These books give both fundamental results on the theory of optimal control and corresponding results on mathematical models of flight dynamics control (about Vadim Fedorovich Krotov, who is the first author, see [8]). In the subsequent years, the monographs [9] (1977), [10] (1985), [11] (1997) by Vladimir Iosifovich were published, as well as the books [12–17] co-authored. The works by Vladimir Iosifovich and his co-authors harmoniously combine different directions: on the transformation of optimal control problems, optimality conditions, optimization methods, analytical study of problems, mathematical modeling (in particular, ecological-economic problems in [10, § 5.5] in relation to the Baikal region, quantum control problems [10, § 5.4], [18]).

Still recently, Vladimir Iosifovich was an active organizer of the scientific symposia “Generalized Statements and Solutions of Control Problems” [19, 20]. The last articles were [21, 22], devoted to

important issues of the theory of optimal control. Vladimir Iosifovich will remain in the memory of the scientific community as one of the main creators of the theory of degenerate optimal control problems and, in the applied aspect, as one of the leading specialists on mathematical models of control in flight dynamics and on regional socio-ecological-economic systems. The bright memory of the hero of the anniversary will continue to be in the hearts of his students, colleagues, and followers. To young scientists who specialize in the theory of optimal control and its applications and have not yet read the works by V.I. Gurman, V.F. Krotov, we recommend to start with the book [7].

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