# Control Theory Intro: Home Assignment #3

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#### Introduction

The purpose of this home assignment is to base your understanding in system modeling with state-space.

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## 1 System modeling

Fig. 1 shows a mass M suspended from another mass in by means of a light rod of length L. Obtain the state variable differential matrix equation using a linear model assuming a small angle for  $\theta$ .

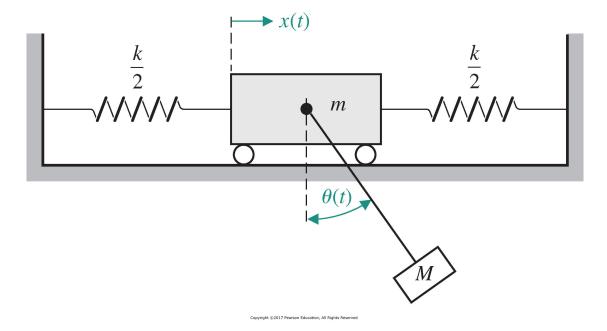


Figure 1: Mass suspended from cart.

# 2 System modeling 2

Consider the electromagnetic suspension system shown in Fig. 2. An electromagnet is located at the upper part of the experimental system. Using the electromagnetic force f, we want to suspend the iron ball. Note that this simple electromagnetic suspension system is essentially unworkable. Hence feedback control is

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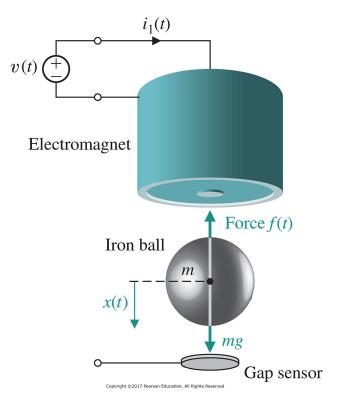


Figure 2: Electromagnetic suspension system.

indispensable. As a gap sensor, a standard induction probe of the type of eddy current is placed below the ball.

Assume that the state variables are  $x_1 = x$ ,  $x_2 = \frac{dx}{dt}$ , and  $x_3 = i$ . The electromagnet has an inductance L  $\approx$  0.508 H and a resistance  $R \approx 23.2\Omega$ . Use a **Taylor series approximation** for the electromagnetic force. The current is  $i_1 = I_0 + i$ , where  $I_0 = 1.06A$  is the operating point and i is the variable. The mass m is equal to 1.75 kg. The gap is  $x_g = X_0 + x$ , where  $X_0 = 4.36mm$  is the operating point and x is the variable. The electromagnetic force is  $f = k(i_1/x_g)^2$ , where  $k = 2.9X10^{-4}Nm^2/A^2$ . Determine the matrix differential equation and the equivalent transfer function X(s)/V(s).

Assistance -  $L\frac{di}{dt} = v - Ri$ 

# 3 Comparing two systems

Consider the two systems

$$\dot{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -4 & -5 & -8 \end{bmatrix} x_1 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} u 
y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x_1$$
(1)

and,

$$\dot{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix}
0.5 & 0.5 & 0.7071 \\
-0.5 & -0.5 & 0.7071 \\
-6.364 & -0.7071 & -8.000
\end{bmatrix} x_2 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} u 
y = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7071 & -0.7071 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x_2$$
(2)

- 1. Using the tf function, determine the transfer function Y(s)/U(s) for system (1).
- 2. Using the tf function, determine the transfer function Y(s)/U(s) for system (2).
- 3. Compare the results in parts 1 and 2.

### 4 State-system response

Consider the following system:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x$$

with,

$$x(0) = \left(\begin{array}{c} 1\\0 \end{array}\right)$$

Using the lsim function obtain and plot the system response (for  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$ ) when u(t) = 0.

# 5 State-system response 2

Consider the system

$$\dot{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & -2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} x_1 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$
$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x_1$$

- 1. Using the tf function, determine the transfer function Y(s)/U(s).
- 2. Plot the response of the system to the initial condition  $x(0) = [0 \quad -1 \quad 1]^T$  for  $0 \le t \le 10$ .
- 3. Compute the state transition matrix, and determine x(t) at t = 10 for the initial condition given in part 2. Compare the result with the system response obtained in part 2.