

# Linearization of nonlinear systems

Smooth nonlinearity

Let a nonlinear system be given as

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u), \quad y = h(x).$$

The operating point is  $x_0, y_0$  corresponding to input  $u_0$ . Expanding the nonlinear state equations into Taylor series

$$\dot{x} = f(x_0, u_0) + \frac{\partial f(x, u)}{\partial x} \bigg|_{x_0, u_0} (x - x_0) + \frac{\partial f(x, u)}{\partial u} \bigg|_{x_0, u_0} (u - u_0) + \text{higher order terms}$$

$$y = h(x_0) + \frac{\partial h(x)}{\partial x} \bigg|_{x=x_0} (x - x_0) + \text{higher order terms}$$

Let  $\Delta x = x - x_0$ ,  $\Delta u = u - u_0$  and  $\Delta y = y - y_0$ .  
Since  $\dot{x}_0 = f(x_0, u_0)$ , we have

$$\Delta \dot{x} \approx \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \bigg|_{x_0, u_0} \Delta x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \bigg|_{x_0, u_0} \Delta u$$

$$\Delta y \approx \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \bigg|_{x_0} \Delta x$$

[neglecting the higher order terms]

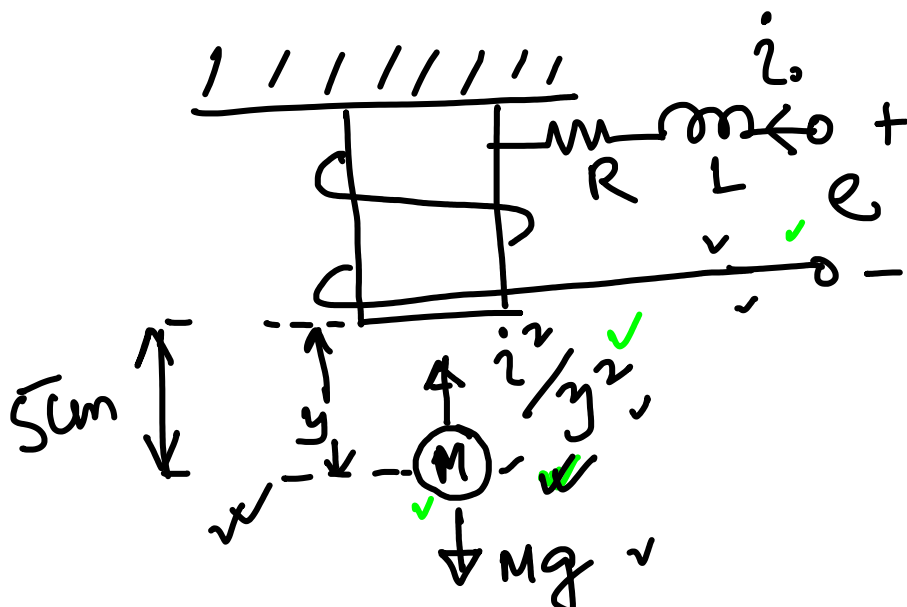
If  $\dot{x}_i = f_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m)$ , the linearized model is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_1 \\ \Delta x_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta x_n \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{System matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_1 \\ \Delta x_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta x_n \end{bmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u_m} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial u_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial u_m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial u_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial u_m} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Input matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta u_1 \\ \Delta u_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta u_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Jacobian matrix

$$\Delta y = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Output matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_1 \\ \Delta x_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

## Modelling of attractive-type magnetic levitation system



$$M \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = Mg - \frac{i^2(t)}{y^2}$$

$$e(t) = Ri(t) + L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$$

Let  $x_1(t) = y(t)$ ,  $x_2(t) = \dot{x}_1(t) = \dot{y}$  and  $x_3(t) = \dot{i}(t)$ .

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_2 = g - \frac{1}{M} \frac{x_3^2}{x_1^2} = f_2 \\ \dot{x}_1 = x_2 = f_1 \\ \dot{x}_3 = -\frac{R}{L} x_3 + \frac{1}{L} e(t) = f_3 \end{cases}$$

nonlinear state equations

Equilibrium point:  $\dot{x}_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_{20} = 0$  Let  $x_{10} = y_{eq}$  be the equilibrium distance.

$$\dot{x}_2 = 0 \Rightarrow g - \frac{1}{M} \frac{x_{30}^2}{x_{10}^2} = 0$$

$$\dot{x}_3 = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{R}{L} x_{30} + \frac{1}{L} e_0 = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{L} e_0 = \frac{R}{L} x_{30}$$

$$e_0 = R x_{30}$$

$$x_{30} = \sqrt{x_{10}^2 g M}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_3} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial e} = 0$$

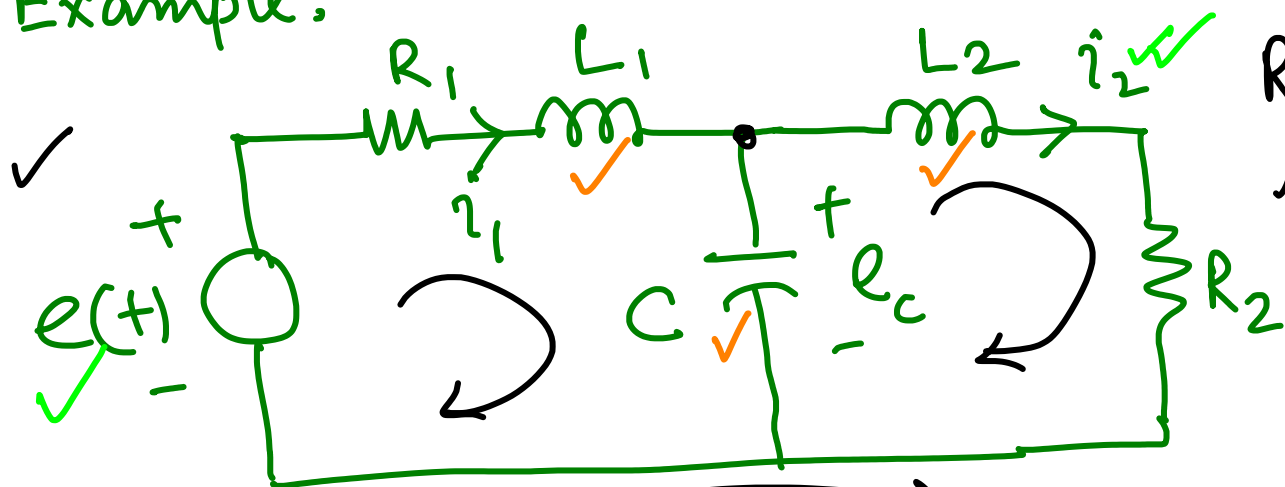
$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} = \frac{2}{M} \frac{x_3^2}{x_1^3} \bigg|_{x_{10}, x_{30}} = \frac{2}{M} \frac{x_{30}^2}{x_{10}^3} = \frac{2 x_{10}^2 g M}{M x_{10}^3} = \frac{2g}{x_{10}}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_3} = -\frac{2}{M} \frac{x_3}{x_1^2} \bigg|_{x_{30}, x_{10}} = -\frac{2}{M} \frac{x_{30}}{x_{10}^2} = -\frac{2}{M} \frac{\sqrt{Mg x_{10}^2}}{x_{10}^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_1} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_2} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_3} = -\frac{R}{L}, \quad \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial e} = \frac{1}{L}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_1 \\ \Delta x_2 \\ \Delta x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{2g}{x_{10}} & 0 & -\frac{2}{M} \frac{\sqrt{Mg x_{10}^2}}{x_{10}^2} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{R}{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_1 \\ \Delta x_2 \\ \Delta x_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{L} \end{bmatrix} \Delta e$$

Example:



Represent the ckt. in state-space form. Also draw the SFG and find TF from  $E(s)$  to  $I_2(s)$ .

$$\begin{cases} L_1 \frac{di_1}{dt} + R_1 i_1 + e_c(t) = e(t) \\ L_2 \frac{di_2}{dt} + R_2 i_2 = e_c(t) \\ C \frac{de_c}{dt} + i_2 = i_1 \end{cases}$$

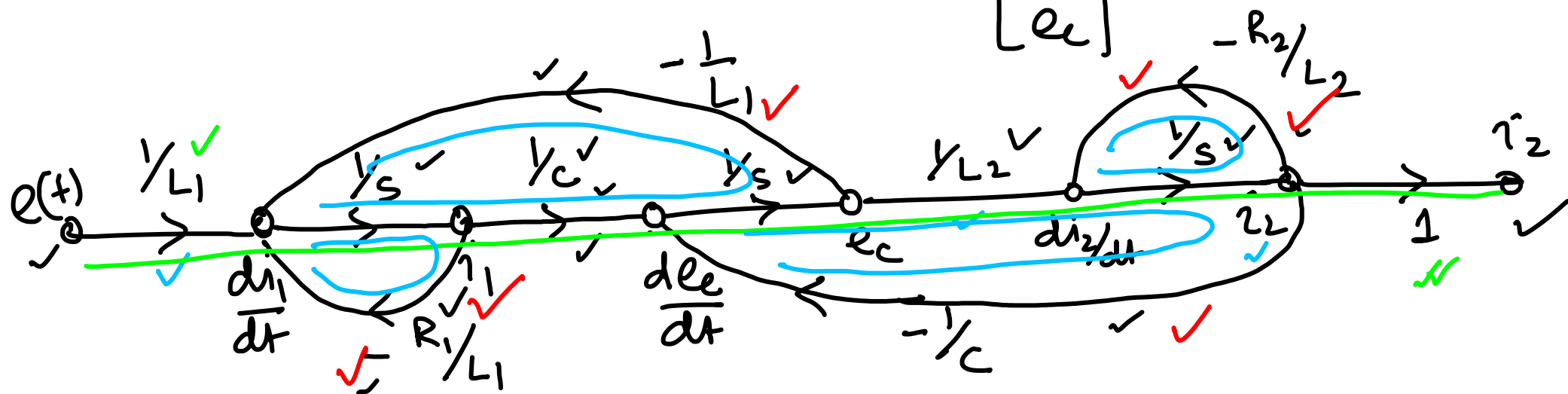
$$\frac{de_c}{dt} = \frac{1}{C} (i_1 - i_2) = \frac{1}{C} i_1 - \frac{1}{C} i_2$$

$$\frac{di_1}{dt} = -\frac{R_1}{L_1} i_1 - \frac{1}{L_1} e_c(t)$$

$$\frac{di_2}{dt} = -\frac{R_2}{L_2} i_2 + \frac{1}{L_2} e_c(t)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{di_1}{dt} \\ \frac{di_2}{dt} \\ \frac{de_c}{dt} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -R_1/L_1 & 0 & -1/L_1 \\ 0 & -R_2/L_2 & 1/L_2 \\ 1/C & -1/C & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_1 \\ i_2 \\ e_c \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1/L_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e(t)$$

$$\dot{i}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_1 \\ i_2 \\ e_c \end{bmatrix}$$

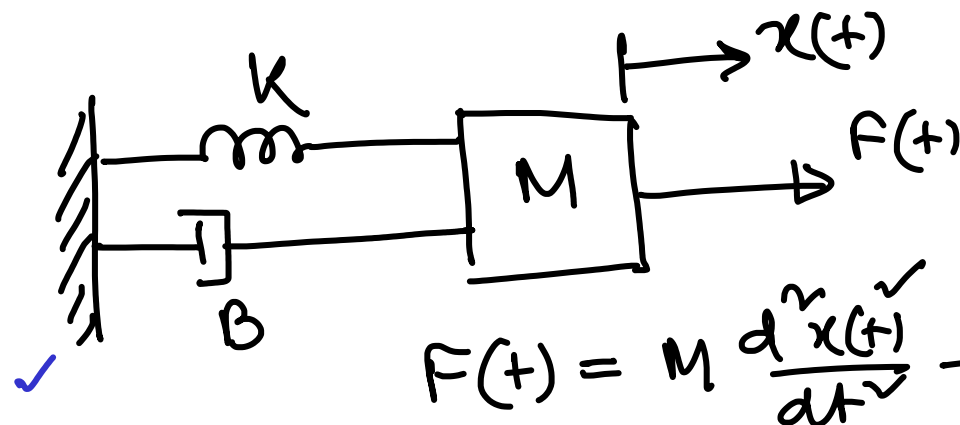


Apply Mason's gain formula:

$$\frac{I_2(s)}{E(s)} = \frac{\frac{1}{L_1} \times \frac{1}{s} \times \frac{1}{C} \times \frac{1}{s} \times \frac{1}{L_2} \times \frac{1}{s}}{1 - \left( -\frac{R_1}{L_1 s} - \frac{1}{L_1 C s^2} - \frac{1}{L_2 C s^2} - \frac{R_2}{L_2 s} \right) + \left( \frac{R_1 R_2}{L_1 L_2 s^2} + \frac{R_1}{L_1 L_2 C s^3} + \frac{R_2}{L_1 L_2 C s^3} \right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{L_1 L_2 C s^3 + (R_1 L_2 + R_2 L_1) C s^2 + (L_1 + L_2 + R_1 R_2 C) s + R_1 + R_2}$$

# Example



$$F(t) = M \frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} + kx + B \frac{dx}{dt} \checkmark$$

Let  $x_1 = x(t) = x$  (Position) and  $\frac{dx_1}{dt} = x_2$  (velocity)   
  $= v$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = -\frac{B}{M} x_2 - \frac{k}{M} x_1 + \frac{1}{M} F(t)$$

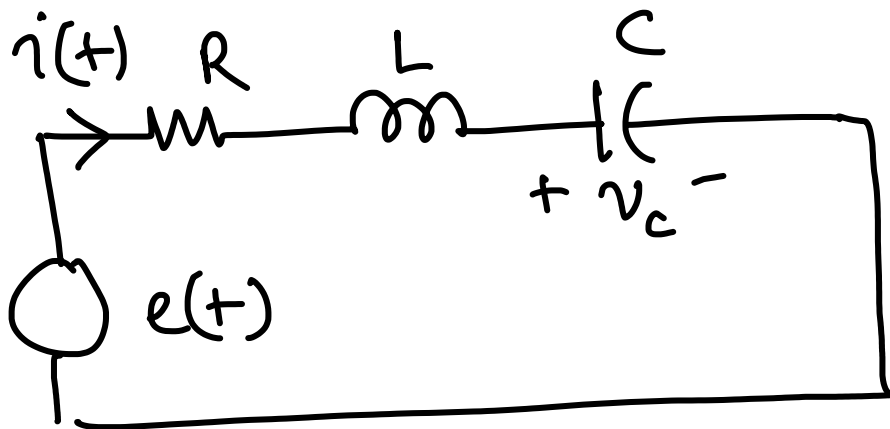
$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -\frac{B}{M} v - \frac{kx}{M} + \frac{1}{M} F(t) \checkmark$$

Let  $f_s$  be the force acting on the spring.

$$f_s = kx \checkmark$$

$$\frac{df_s}{dt} = k \frac{dx}{dt} = kv$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{k} \frac{df_s}{dt} = v \right) \checkmark$$



$$e(t) = i(t)R + L \frac{di(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} \int i(t) dt$$

$$v_c(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i(t) dt \Rightarrow i(t) = C \frac{dv_c}{dt} \checkmark$$

$$\frac{di(t)}{dt} = -\frac{R}{L} i(t) - \frac{1}{L} v_c(t) + \frac{1}{L} e(t) \checkmark$$

## Analogy

Force ( $F(t)$ )  $\rightarrow$  e.m.f. ( $e(t)$ ) ✓

Mass ( $M$ )  $\rightarrow$  Inductance ( $L$ ) ✓

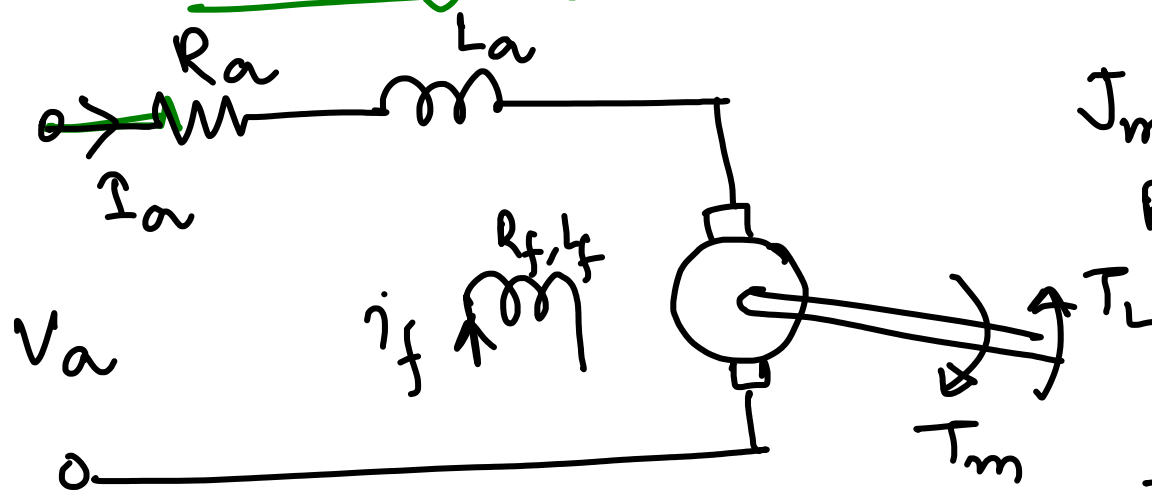
Damper ( $B$ )  $\rightarrow$  Resistor ( $R$ ) ✓

Spring ( $k$ )  $\rightarrow$  Inverse of capacitance ( $\frac{1}{C}$ ) ✓

Force acting on spring ( $f_s$ )  $\rightarrow$  Voltage across C ( $V_C$ )

Velocity ( $v$ )  $\rightarrow$  Current through inductor ( $i$ )

## Example: Modeling of DC Motor



$J_m$  = Motor inertia ✓

$B$  = Viscous-friction coefficient

$T_m$  = Motor torque

$T_L$  = Load torque

$\theta$  = rotor displacement

$\omega_m$  = rotor angular speed ✓

$$V_a = I_a R_a + L_a \frac{di_a}{dt} + e_b \quad (\text{Back e.m.f.})$$

$$e_b = k_b \omega_m$$

$$\checkmark T_m = J_m \frac{d\omega_m}{dt} + B \omega_m + \checkmark T_L, \quad T_m = k_T I_a$$

$$\checkmark \omega_m = \frac{d\theta}{dt} \checkmark$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{dI_a}{dt} \\ \frac{d\omega_m}{dt} \\ \frac{d\theta}{dt} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -R_a/L_a & -k_b/L_a & 0 \\ k_T/J_m & -B/J_m & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_a \\ \omega_m \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1/L_a \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} V_a + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1/J_m \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} T_L$$

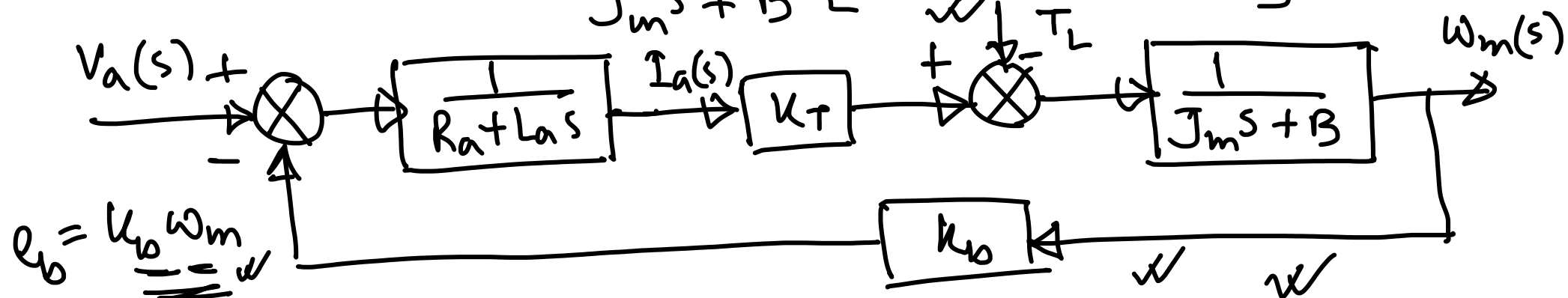
$$\omega_m = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_a \\ \omega_m \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V_a(s) = I_a(s) R_a + L_a s I_a(s) + k_b \omega_m(s)$$

$$\checkmark I_a(s) = \frac{1}{R_a + L_a s} [V_a(s) - \checkmark k_b \omega_m(s)]$$

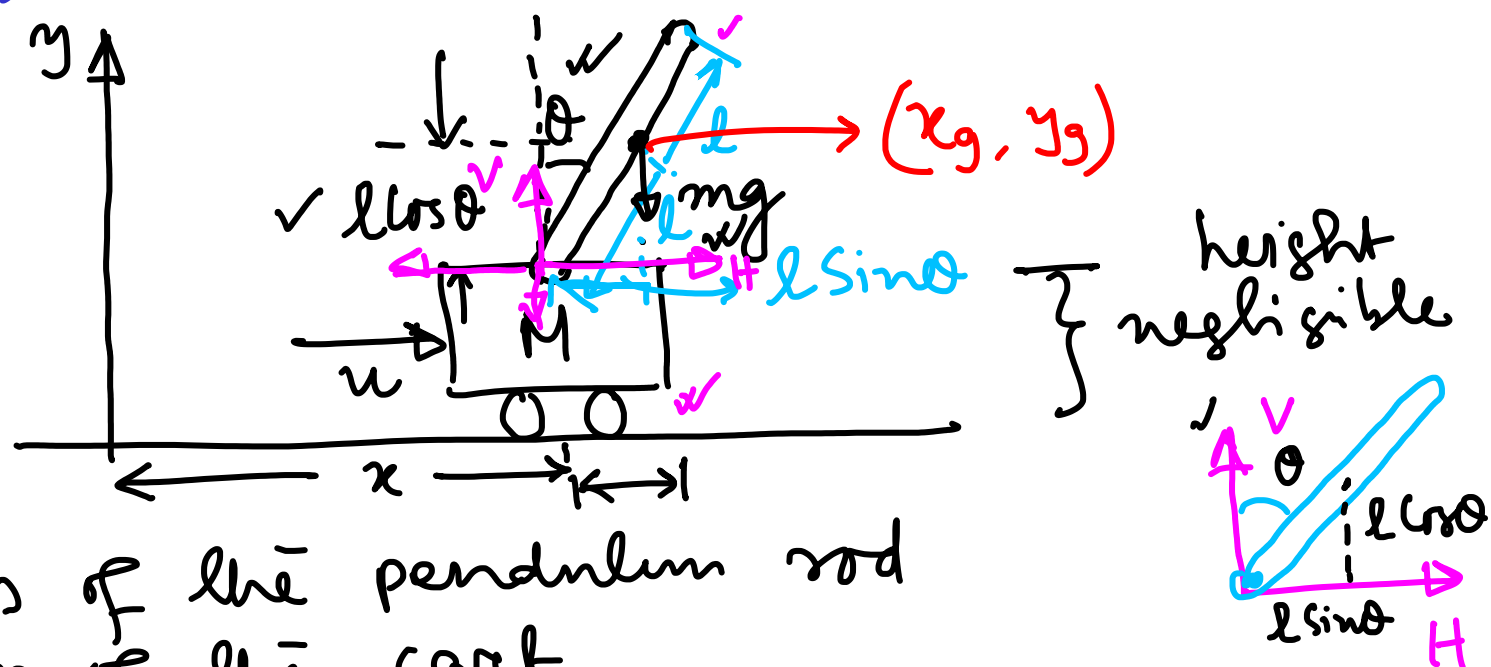
$$k_T I_a(s) = J_m s \omega_m(s) + B \omega_m(s) + T_L(s)$$

$$\checkmark \omega_m(s) = \frac{1}{J_m s + B} [k_T I_a(s) - \checkmark T_L(s)]$$





Example: Inverted Pendulum mounted on a motor-driven cart



$m$  - mass of the pendulum rod

$M$  - mass of the cart

the length of the pendulum rod =  $2l$

$$x_g = x + l \sin \theta, \quad y_g = l \cos \theta$$

If  $I$  is the moment of inertia of the rod about its CG,

$$I \ddot{\theta} = v l \sin \theta - H l \cos \theta \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

Along horizontal dir<sup>n</sup>:

$$m \frac{d^2}{dt^2} (x + l \sin \theta) = H \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

Along vertical dir<sup>n</sup>:

$$m \frac{d^2}{dt^2} (l \cos \theta) = v - mg \quad \checkmark$$

The horizontal motion of the cart is described by

$$M \frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = u - H \quad \checkmark$$

Let  $\theta$  be small, then  $\sin \theta = \theta$  and  $\cos \theta = 1$ .

$$\left. \begin{aligned} I \ddot{\theta} &= vl\theta - Hl \\ m(\ddot{x} + l\ddot{\theta}) &= H \\ v &= mg \\ M\ddot{x} &= u - H \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Hence we obtain,

$$\Rightarrow M\ddot{x} + m\ddot{x} + ml\ddot{\theta} = u \quad \checkmark$$

$$I\ddot{\theta} = mgl\theta - ml(\ddot{x} + l\ddot{\theta})$$

$$\Rightarrow (I + ml^2)\ddot{\theta} + ml\ddot{x} = mgl\theta \quad \checkmark$$