Feedback Control System

Transfer function of physical systems

Consider a nth-order, linear, time-invariant continuous time system describe by the differential equation

$$a_n \frac{d^n c(t)}{dt^n} + a_{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} c(t)}{dt^{n-1}} + \dots + a_0 c(t) = b_m \frac{d^m r(t)}{dt^m} + b_{m-1} \frac{d^{m-1} r(t)}{dt^{m-1}} + \dots + b_0 r(t)$$

where c(t) is the output, r(t) is the input, and the a_n , a_{n-1} ,..., a_0 and b_m , b_{m-1} , ..., b_0 are the coefficients. Taking the Laplace transform of both sides,

$$a_n s^n C(s) + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} C(s) + \dots + a_0 C(s) + \text{initial condition terms involving } c(t) = b_m s^m R(s) + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} R(s) + \dots + b_0 R(s) + \text{initial condition terms involving } r(t)$$

If we assume that all initial conditions are zero, then

$$(a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_0) C(s) = (b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_0) R(s)$$

The ratio of the output transform, C(s), divided by the input transform, R(s) is:

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = G(s) = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_0}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_0}$$

The transfer function G(s) is defined as the ratio of Laplace Transform of output C(s) to the Laplace Transform of input R(s) with zero initial conditions.

The **transfer function** can be represented **as** a **block diagram**, as shown in Figure, with the **input** on the **left**, the **output** on the **right**, and the **system transfer** function inside the block. Also, we can find the output, C(s) by using C(s) = R(s)G(s)

$$\frac{R(s)}{(a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_0)} \frac{C(s)}{(a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_0)}$$

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Now we know C(s) = R(s) G(s)

r(t) = u(t) therefore R(s) = 1/s

$$C(s) = \frac{1}{s} \frac{1}{s+2}$$

Using partial fraction

$$C(s) = \frac{1/2}{s} - \frac{1/2}{s+2}$$

Finally, taking the inverse Laplace transform of each term yields

$$c(t) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t}$$

Electrical Network Transfer Functions

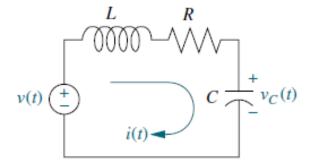
- the mathematical modeling of electric circuits
- three passive linear components: resistors, capacitors, inductors, and OPAMP.
- combine electrical components into circuits, decide on the input and output, and find the transfer function.
- Our guiding principles are Kirchhoff's laws.
- Sum voltages around loops or sum currents at nodes, depending on which technique involves the least effort in algebraic manipulation, and then equate the result to zero.
- From these relationships write the differential equations for the circuit.
- Then **find** the **Laplace transforms** of the **differential equations** and finally solve for the transfer function

Electrical Network Transfer Functions

Component	Voltage-current	Current-voltage	Voltage-charge	Impedance Z(s)=V(s)/I(s)	Admittance Y(s)=I(s)/V(s)
Capacitor	$v(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_0^1 i(\tau) d\tau$	$i(t) = C \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$	$v(t) = \frac{1}{C}q(t)$	$\frac{1}{Cs}$	Cs
Resistor	v(t) = Ri(t)	$i(t) = \frac{1}{R}v(t)$	$v(t) = R \frac{dq(t)}{dt}$	R	$\frac{1}{R} = G$
Inductor	$v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$	$i(t) = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^1 v(\tau) d\tau$	$v(t) = L \frac{d^2q(t)}{dt^2}$	<i>L</i> s	$\frac{1}{Ls}$

Transfer functions can be obtained using Kirchhoff's voltage law and summing voltages around loops or meshes

Find the transfer function relating the capacitor voltage VC(s) to the input voltage V(s).



In any problem, the designer must first decide what the input and output should be.

In this network, several variables could have been chosen to be the output—for example, the inductor voltage, the capacitor voltage, the resistor voltage, or the current.

In this problem it is stated as statement the capacitor voltage is the output the applied voltage as the input.

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Summing the voltages around the loop, assuming zero initial conditions, we get

$$L\frac{di(t)}{dt} + Ri(t) + \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i(\tau)d\tau = v(t) \dots 1$$

Changing variables from current to charge using i(t) = dq(t)/dt

$$\therefore L \frac{d^2q(t)}{dt^2} + R \frac{dq(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{C}q(t) = v(t) \dots 2$$

From the voltage-charge relationship for a capacitor from the Table $q(t) = Cv_C(t)$

$$\therefore LC \frac{d^2v_C(t)}{dt^2} + RC \frac{dv_C(t)}{dt} + v_C(t) = v(t) \dots 3$$

Taking the Laplace transform assuming zero initial conditions, rearranging terms, and simplifying

$$(LCs^2 + RCs + 1)V_C(s) = V(s) \dots 4$$

Hence the transfer function is

$$\frac{V_C(s)}{V(s)} = \frac{1}{LCs^2 + RCs + 1} = \frac{1/LC}{s^2 + \frac{R}{L}s + \frac{1}{LC}} \dots 5$$

Alternative:

First, take the Laplace transform of the equations in the voltage-current assuming zero initial conditions.

Component	Voltage current	LT of voltage current
Capacitor	$v_c(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_0^1 i(\tau) d\tau$	$V_C(s) = \frac{1}{Cs}I(s)$
Resistor	$v_R(t) = Ri(t)$	$V_R(s) = RI(s)$
Inductor	$v_L(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$	$V_L(s) = LsI(s)$

Now define the transfer function $\frac{V(s)}{I(s)} = Z(s)$

Alternative:

Notice that this function is similar to the definition of resistance, that is, the ratio of voltage to current.

But this function is applicable to capacitors and inductors and carries information on the dynamic behavior of the component, since it represents an equivalent differential equation. We call this particular transfer function impedance. The impedance for each of the electrical elements is

Component	Impedance Z(s)=V(s)/I(s)
Capacitor	1
	\overline{Cs}
Resistor	R
Inductor	Ls

Let us use the concept of impedance for simplified solution

for the transfer function. The Laplace transform of

$$L\frac{di(t)}{dt} + Ri(t) + \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i(\tau) d\tau = v(t)$$

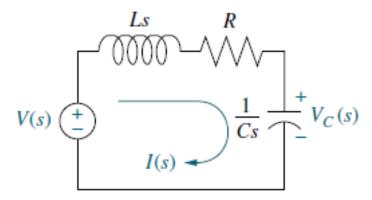
assuming zero initial conditions, is

$$\left(Ls + R + \frac{1}{Cs}\right)I(s) = V(s) \dots 6$$

This equation is in the form

(Sum of impedances) I(s) = (Sum of applied voltages)

From equation 6 we can have the series circuit as shown. This circuit could have been obtained immediately from the original RLC circuit simply by replacing each element with its impedance. Let us call this altered circuit the transformed circuit.



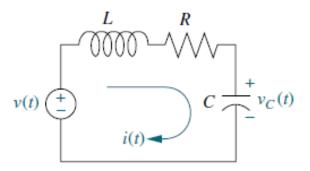
From the transformed circuit we can write Eq. (6) immediately, if we add impedances in series as we add resistors in series.

So instead of writing the differential equation first and then taking the Laplace transform, we can draw the transformed circuit and obtain the Laplace transform of the differential equation simply by applying Kirchhoff's voltage law to the transformed circuit.

We conclude this discussion as follows

- 1. Redraw the original network showing all time variables, such as v(t), i(t), and $v_C(t)$, as Laplace transforms V(s), I(s), and $V_C(s)$, respectively.
- 2. Replace the component values with their impedance values. This replacement is similar to the case of dc circuits, where we represent resistors with their resistance values.

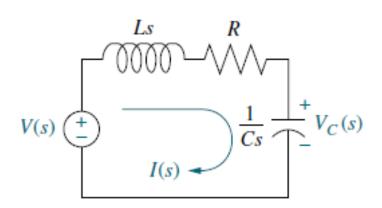
Find the transfer function relating the capacitor voltage VC(s) to the input voltage V(s)



by transform method.

Steps

1. Draw the transform network



2. Write the equation

$$\left(Ls + R + \frac{1}{cs}\right)I(s) = V(s)$$
 solving for I(s)/V(s)

$$\frac{I(s)}{V(s)} = \frac{1}{\left(Ls + R + \frac{1}{Cs}\right)}$$

But the voltage across the capacitor, $V_C(s)$, is the product of the current and the impedance of the capacitor.

$$V_{C(S)} = I(s)\frac{1}{Cs} = \frac{1}{Cs}\frac{V(s)}{\left(Ls + R + \frac{1}{Cs}\right)} = \frac{V(s)}{(LCs^2 + RCs + 1)} = \frac{(1/LC)V(s)}{\left(s^2 + \left(\frac{R}{L}\right)Cs + (1/LC)\right)_{20}}$$

$$\frac{V_{C(S)}}{V(s)} = \frac{(1/LC)}{\left(s^2 + \left(\frac{R}{L}\right)Cs + (1/LC)\right)}$$

Same as equation 5.

Transfer functions also can be obtained using **Kirchhoff's current law** and summing currents flowing from nodes. This is nodal analysis method.

Find the transfer function relating the capacitor voltage VC(s) to the input voltage V(s) by nodal analysis method and without writing a differential equation i.e. using transform method



The transfer function is obtained by summing currents flowing out of the node whose voltage is $V_C(s)$ transformed figure with assumption that currents leaving the node are positive and currents entering the node are negative.

The currents consist of the current through the capacitor and the current flowing through the series resistor and inductor. Therefore for each I(s) = V(s)/Z(s). Hence,

$$\frac{V_c(s)}{1/Cs} + \frac{V_c(s) - V(s)}{R + Ls} = 0 \dots 1$$

where $V_c(s)$ /(1/Cs) is the current flowing out of the node through the capacitor, and $[V_c(s) - V(s)]/(R + Ls)$ is the current flowing out of the node through the series resistor and inductor. Solve eq. (1) for the transfer function, $V_c(s)$ /V(s)

$$\frac{V_C(s)}{1/Cs} + \frac{V_C(s) - V(s)}{R + Ls} = \frac{V_C(s)}{1/Cs} + \frac{V_C(s)}{R + Ls} - \frac{V(s)}{R + Ls} = 0$$

$$\frac{V_{\mathcal{C}}(s)}{1/\mathcal{C}s} + \frac{V_{\mathcal{C}}(s)}{R + Ls} = \frac{V(s)}{R + Ls}; \rightarrow \frac{(R + Ls)V_{\mathcal{C}}(s)}{1/\mathcal{C}s} + V\mathcal{C}(s) = V(s);$$

$$V_{\mathcal{C}}(s)\left(1+\frac{(R+Ls)}{1/Cs}\right)=V(s); \rightarrow V_{\mathcal{C}}(s)\left(1+\frac{(R+Ls)}{1/Cs}\right)=V(s)$$

$$V_{\mathcal{C}}(s)\left(\frac{\frac{1}{Cs} + R + Ls}{1/Cs}\right) = V(s); \rightarrow \frac{V_{\mathcal{C}}(s)}{V(s)} = \frac{1/Cs}{\frac{1}{Cs} + R + Ls}$$

$$V_{c}(s)\left(\frac{\frac{1}{Cs} + R + Ls}{1/Cs}\right) = V(s); \to \frac{V_{c}(s)}{V(s)} = \frac{1/Cs}{\frac{1}{Cs} + R + Ls} = \frac{1}{LCs^{2} + RCs + 1}$$

$$=\frac{1/LC}{s^2 + \frac{R}{L}s + \frac{1}{LC}}$$

Electrical Network : RLC Circuit (Voltage Division)

Find the transfer function relating the capacitor voltage VC(s) to the input voltage V(s) by voltage division method



The voltage across the capacitor is proportional to the input voltage, namely the impedance of the capacitor divided by the sum of the impedances. Thus

$$V_{\mathcal{C}}(s) = \frac{\frac{1}{Cs}}{Ls + R + \frac{1}{Cs}}V(s)$$

Solve this equation for the transfer function, $V_c(s)/V(s)$

To solve complex electrical networks—those with multiple loops and nodes—using mesh analysis, we can perform the following steps:

- 1. Replace passive element values with their impedances.
- 2. Replace all sources and time variables with their Laplace transform.
- 3. Assume a transform current and a current direction in each mesh
- 4. Write Kirchhoff's voltage law around each mesh.
- 5. Solve the simultaneous equations for the output.
- **6. Form** the **transfer function**.

Let us consider two linear equations in two variables.

$$a_1x + b_1y = c_1$$

$$a_2x + b_2y = c_2$$

Let us write these two equations in the form of AX = B.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Where,
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 Coefficient matrix, $X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ Variable matrix and

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 Constant matrix

Now find the determinants D, D_x and D_y .

$$D = |A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} = a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1$$
 determinant using A

$$D_{x} = \begin{vmatrix} c_{1} & b_{1} \\ c_{2} & b_{2} \end{vmatrix} = c_{1}b_{2} - c_{2}b_{1} \text{ replacing first column by constants in } |A|$$

$$D_{y} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{1} & c_{1} \\ a_{2} & c_{2} \end{vmatrix} = a_{1}c_{2} - a_{2}c_{1} \text{ replacing second column by constants in } |A|$$

From this we can find x and y

$$x = D_x / D$$
 and

$$y = D_y / D$$

Let us consider three linear equations in three variables.

$$a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = d_1$$

 $a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = d_2$
 $a_3x + b_3y + c_3z = d_3$

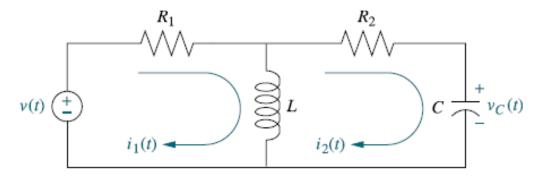
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$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

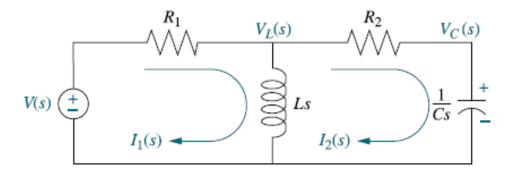
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 determinant using A
$$D_x = \begin{vmatrix} d_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ d_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ d_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$
 replacing first column by constants in |A|
$$D_y = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & d_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & d_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & d_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$
 replacing second column by constants in |A|
$$D_z = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & d_1 & d_1 \\ a_2 & d_2 & d_2 \\ a_3 & d_3 & d_3 \end{vmatrix}$$
 replacing third column by constants in |A|
$$x = D_x / D, y = D_y / D \text{ and } z = D_z / D.$$

Find the **transfer function** $I_2(s)/V(s)$ for the circuit given below.



The first step in the solution is to **convert** the network into **Laplace transforms** for **impedances** and **circuit variables**, **assuming zero initial conditions**.



Find the two simultaneous equations for the transfer function by summing voltages around each mesh.

For mesh 1

$$R_1I_1(s) + LsI_1(s) - LsI_2(s) = V(s) \dots 1$$

For mesh 2

$$LsI_2(s) + R_2I_2(s) + \frac{1}{Cs}I_2(s) - LsI_1(s) = 0 \dots 2$$

Combining terms, equation 1 & 2 become simultaneous equations in $I_1(s)$ & $I_2(s)$:

$$-LsI_1(s) + \left(Ls + R_2 + \frac{1}{Cs}\right)I_2(s) = 0 \dots 4$$

We can use **Cramer's rule** (or **any other method** for solving simultaneous equations) to solve equation (3 & 4) for $I_2(s)$. Hence,

$$I_2(s) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} (R_1 + Ls) & V(s) \\ -Ls & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{\Delta} = \frac{LsV(s)}{\Delta}$$

Where

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} (R_1 + Ls) & -Ls \\ -Ls & \left(Ls + R_2 + \frac{1}{Cs} \right) \end{vmatrix}$$

Therefore, the transfer function $I_2(s)/V(s)$ is

$$G(s) = \frac{Ls}{\Delta} = \frac{LCs^2}{(R_1 + R_2)LCs^2 + (R_1R_2C + L)s + R_1}$$

Translational Mechanical System: Transfer Function

Mechanical systems are analogous to electrical networks. They mechanical systems also have passive components, energy storage components etc.

The symbols and units are:

f(t): force, N (newtons),

x(t): displacement, m (meters), v(t): velacity m/s (meters/second),

K: spring constant, N/m (newtons/meter),

f_v: coefficient of viscous friction, N-s/m (newton-seconds/meter),

M: Mass, kg (kilograms = newton-seconds²/meter).

Component	Force-velocity	Force-displacement	Impedance Z _M (s) =F(s)/X(s)
Spring	$f(t) = K \int_0^t v(\tau) d\tau$	f(t) = Kx(t)	K
Viscous damper	f(t) = fv v(t)	$f(t) = fv \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$	$f_v s$
Mass	$f(t) = M \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$	$f(t) = M \frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2}$	<i>Ms</i> ²

Force-Voltage Analogy

Component	Voltage Current	Component	Force velocity
Capacitor	$v(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i(\tau) d\tau$	Spring	$f(t) = K \int_0^t v(\tau) d\tau$
Resistor	v(t) = Ri(t)	Viscous Damper	f(t) = fv v(t)
Inductor	$v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$	Mass	$f(t) = M \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$

The mechanical **force** is analogous to electrical **voltage** and mechanical **velocity** is analogous to electrical **current**.

The **spring** is analogous to the **capacitor**, the **viscous damper** is analogous to the **resistor**, and the **mass** is analogous to the **inductor**.

Force-Voltage Analogy

Thus, summing forces written in terms of velocity is analogous to summing voltages written in terms of current, and the resulting mechanical differential equations are analogous to mesh equations.

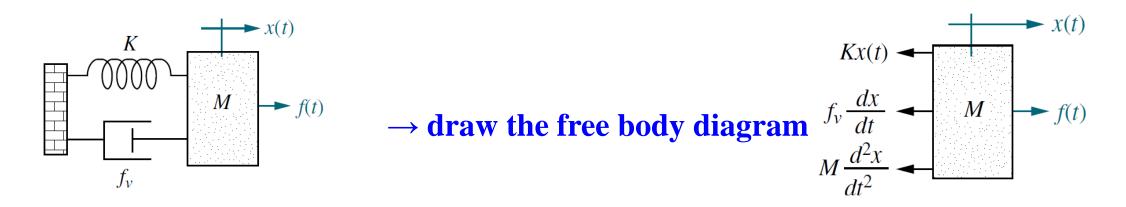
If the forces are written in terms of displacement, the resulting mechanical equations resemble, but are not analogous to, the mesh equations.

Force-Current Analogy

Component	Current voltage	Component	Force velocity
Capacitor	$i(t) = C \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$	Mass	$f(t) = M \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$
Resistor	$i(t) = \frac{1}{R}v(t)$	Viscous Damper	f(t) = fv v(t)
Inductor	$i(t) = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^t v(\tau) d\tau$	Spring	$f(t) = K \int_0^t v(\tau) d\tau$

Here the **analogy** is between **force** and **current** and between **velocity** and **voltage**. The **spring** is analogous to the **inductor**, the **viscous damper** is analogous to the **resistor**, and the **mass** is analogous to the **capacitor**. Thus, summing forces written in terms of velocity is analogous to summing currents written in terms of voltage and the resulting mechanical **differential equations** are analogous to **nodal** equations.

Find the transfer function, X(s)/F(s) for the system as shown



Place all forces felt by the mass. We **assume** the **mass** is **traveling toward** the **right**. Thus, only the **applied force points** to the **right**; **all other forces** are in **opposite direction**. Hence, the **spring**, **viscous damper**, and the **force** due to **acceleration point** to the **left**. Write the **differential equation** of **motion** using **Newton's law** to **sum** of all the **forces** on the **mass** is **zero**.

$$M\frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2} + fv\frac{dx(t)}{dt} + Kx(t) = f(t)$$

Taking the Laplace transform, assuming zero initial conditions,

$$Ms^{2}X(s) + fv sX(s) + KX(s) = F(s)$$
$$(Ms^{2} + fv s + K)X(s) = F(s)$$

Hence the transfer function is

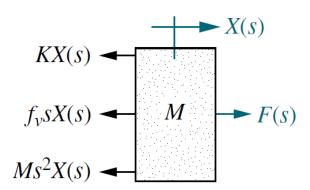
$$G(s) = \frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{1}{(Ms^2 + fvs + K)}$$

Component	Force-displacement	LT of Force- displacement	Impedance $Z_M(s) = F(s)/X(s)$
Spring	f(t) = Kx(t)	F(s) = KX(s)	K
Viscous Damper	$f(t) = fv \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$	F(s) = fv sX(s)	$f_v s$
Mass	$f(t) = M \frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2}$	$F(s) = Ms^2X(s)$	Ms^2

Last column is for the impedance of mechanical components.

Replacing each force in free body diagram by its Laplace transform, which is in the format

$$F(s) = Z_M(s)X(s)$$

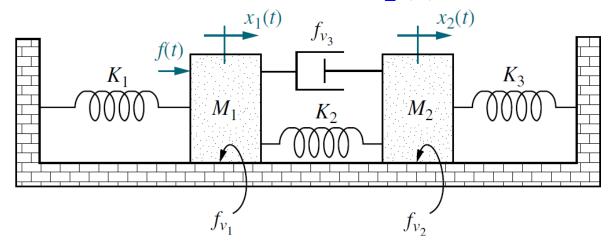


we obtain the figure as shown, from which we could have obtained the equation immediately without writing the differential equation.

$$Ms^2X(s) + fv sX(s) + KX(s) = F(s)$$

And the equation $(Ms^2 + fvs + K)X(s) = F(s)$ is of the form of {Sum of impedances} $X(s) = \{\text{Sum of applied force}\}$

Find the **transfer function**, $X_2(s)/F(s)$, for the system as shown Figure.



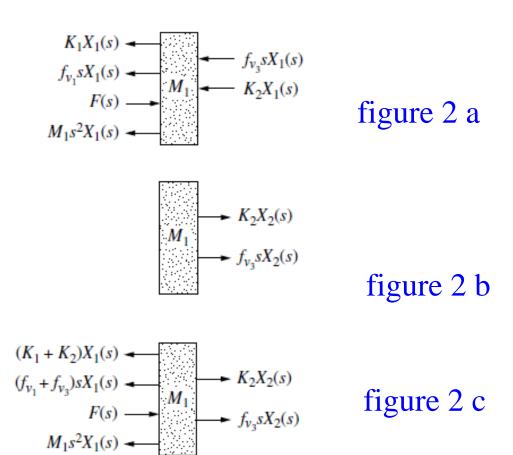
The system has two degrees of freedom, since each mass can be moved in the horizontal direction while the other is held still.

Thus, two simultaneous equations of motion will be required to describe the system. The two equations come from free-body diagrams of each mass.

Forces acting on mass M_1 only due to motion of M_1

Forces acting on mass M_1 only due to motion of M_2

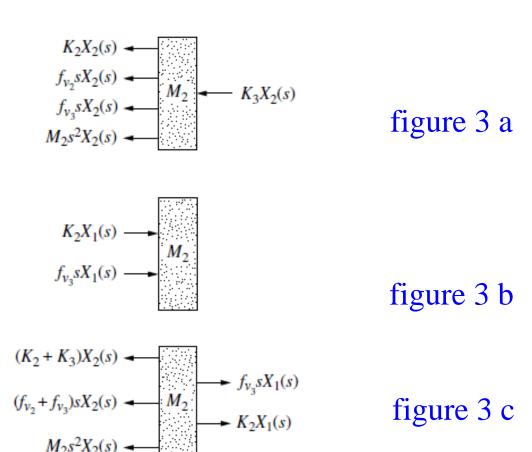
All forces acting on mass M_1



Forces acting on mass M_2 only due to motion of M_2

Forces acting on mass M_2 only due to motion of M_1

All forces acting on mass M_2



The Laplace transform of the equations of motion can now be written from

figures 2 (c) and 3(c)

$$[M_1s^2 + (f_{v1} + f_{v3})s + (K_1 + K_2)]X_1(s) - (f_{v3}s + K_2)X_2(s) = F(s)$$
$$-(f_{v3}s + K_2)X_{1(S)} + [M_2s^2 + (f_{v2} + f_{v3})s + (K_2 + K_3)]X_2(s) = 0$$

From this, $X_2(s)$ is

$$X_{2}(s) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} [M_{1}s^{2} + (f_{v1} + f_{v3})s + (K_{1} + K_{2}) & F(s) \\ -(f_{v3}s + K_{2}) & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{\Delta}$$

and the transfer function, $X_2(s)/F(s)$, is

$$\frac{X_2(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{(f_{v3}s + K_2)}{\Delta}$$

Where,

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} M_1 s^2 + (f_{v1} + f_{v3})s + (K_1 + K_2) & -f_{v3}s + K_2 \\ -f_{v3}s + K_2 & M_2 s^2 + (f_{v2} + f_{v3})s + (K_2 + K_3) \end{vmatrix}$$