Obtaining the transfer functions:

- 1. Write the set of unsteady-state equations that describes the process. This is called modeling.
- 2. Linearize the model if necessary.
- 3. Write the steady-state equations at the initial conditions.
- 4. Subtract the two sets of equations, and define the deviation variables.
- 5. Obtain the Laplace transform of the linear model in deviation variables.
- 6. Obtain the transfer functions by solving the Laplace transform explicitly for the transformed output variable(s).