

Lecture 13: Circuit and Block Diagrams using Laplace

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— Recall from 2714 that we can analyze electrical circuits that form LTI systems by.

1. Deriving a governing equation (LCDE)
2. Finding the impulse response $h(t)$
3. Using convolution to determine the output $y(t)$ given an input $x(t)$

Or alternatively using Fourier analysis

2. Determine stability and derive frequency response $H(j\omega)$
3. Use convolution theorem to find output $Y(j\omega)$ and use inverse Fourier transform to find $y(t)$

— Now that we have Laplace as a tool we can simplify this process further. The idea is to go back to circuits and take Laplace transform of each element's voltage-current model

• Capacitor



$$i_c(t) = C \frac{dV_c(t)}{dt}$$

$$I_c(s) = C [sV_c(s) - V_c(0^-)]$$

$$= CsV_c(s) - CV_c(0^-)$$

OR rearranging

$$V_c(s) = \frac{1}{Cs} I_c(s) + \frac{V_c(0^-)}{s}$$

• Inductor



$$V_L(t) = L \frac{di_L(t)}{dt}$$

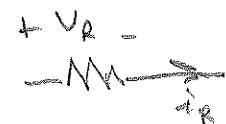
$$V_L(s) = L (sI_L(s) - i_L(0^-))$$

$$= LsI_L(s) - Li_L(0^-)$$

OR

$$I_L(s) = \frac{1}{Ls} V_L(s) + \frac{1}{s} i_L(0^-)$$

• Resistor

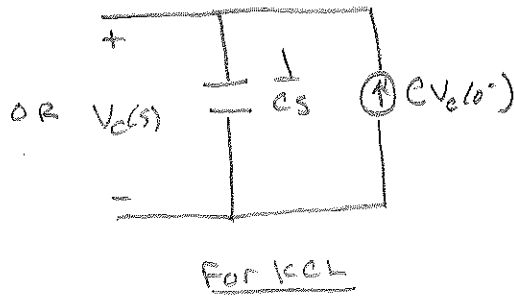
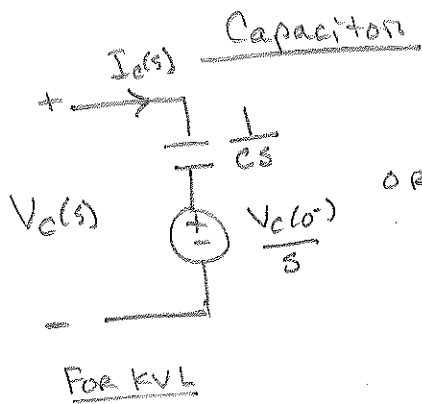


$$V_R(t) = R i_R(t)$$

$$V_R(s) = R I_R(s)$$

- This gives us new models in Laplace domain

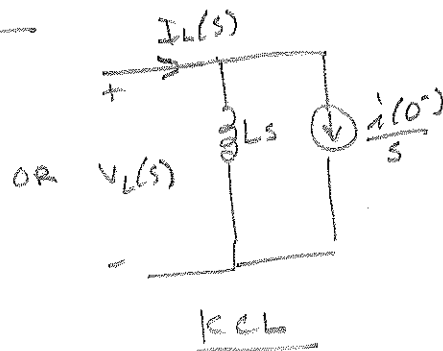
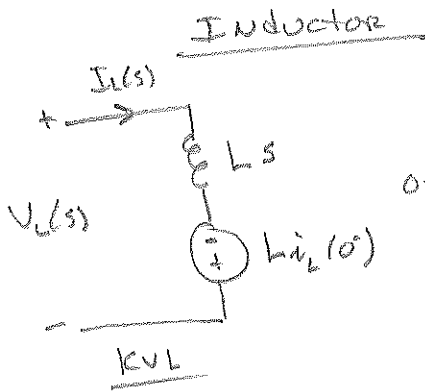
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When no IC on capacitor,

$$V_c(s) = \frac{1}{Cs} I_c(s)$$

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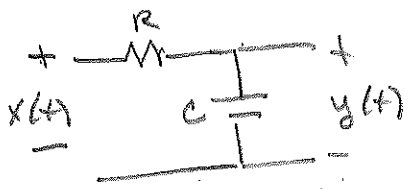
When no IC on Inductor

$$V_L(s) = Ls I_L(s)$$

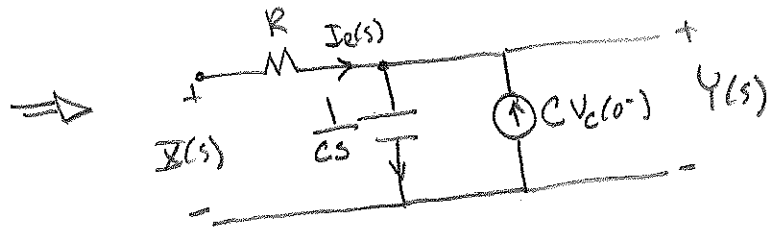
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- Using KVL + KCL with these models gives us a convenient way to go from circuit to transfer function directly.

• Example : RC with IC.



where $V_c(0^-) = V_0$



Using KCL :

$$\frac{X(s) - Y(s)}{R} + C V_c(0^-) = \frac{Y(s)}{1/Cs} = Cs Y(s)$$

Rearranging and substituting for $V_c(0^-)$ we get

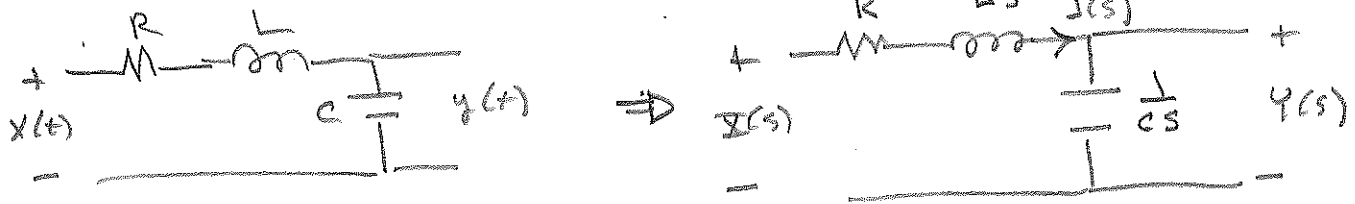
$$(1 + RCs) Y(s) = X(s) + RC V_0$$

AND $Y(s) = \frac{1}{1 + RCs} X(s) + \frac{RC V_0}{1 + RCs}$

If $V_0 = 0$ $Y(s) = \frac{1}{1 + RCs} X(s) \Rightarrow H(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{1}{1 + RCs}$

— Example: RLC with no I.C.

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Using KVL $X(s) = RI(s) + LsI(s) + \frac{1}{Cs}I(s)$

$$CsX(s) = RCsI(s) + CLs^2I(s) + I(s)$$

$$CsX(s) = (RCs + CLs^2 + 1)I(s)$$

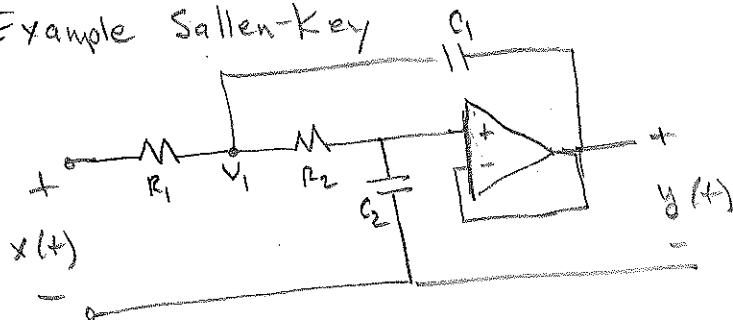
$$I(s) = \frac{Cs}{CLs^2 + RCs + 1} X(s)$$

Output is $Y(s) = \frac{1}{Cs} I(s) = \frac{1}{CLs^2 + RCs + 1} X(s)$

and transfer Function $H(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{1}{CLs^2 + RCs + 1}$

— This works with active (op-amp) circuits as well.

Example Sallen-Key



Doing KCL at node 1

$$\frac{X(s) - V_1(s)}{R_1} + \frac{Y(s) - V_1(s)}{\frac{1}{C_1 s}} = \frac{V_1(s) - Y(s)}{R_2}$$

Doing KCL at op-amp +

$$\frac{V_1(s) - Y(s)}{R_2} = \frac{Y(s)}{\frac{1}{C_2 s}}$$

The rest is just Algebra.

— Most upper level circuit courses will use these techniques.
e.g. AC-circuits,

— Recall from 2714 that block diagrams can be used to model systems and implement/realize systems,

$$x(t) \rightarrow \boxed{h(t)} \rightarrow y(t) = h(t) * x(t) \Rightarrow \bar{X}(s) \rightarrow \boxed{H(s)} \rightarrow Y(s) = H(s) \bar{X}(s)$$

• Series connection

$$\bar{X}(s) \rightarrow \boxed{H_1(s)} \rightarrow \boxed{H_2(s)} \rightarrow Y(s) = H_1(s) H_2(s) \bar{X}(s)$$

$$H(s) = H_1(s) H_2(s)$$

• parallel connection

$$\bar{X}(s) \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \boxed{H_1(s)} \\ \boxed{H_2(s)} \end{array} \rightarrow \oplus \rightarrow Y(s) = (H_1(s) + H_2(s)) \bar{X}(s)$$

$$H(s) = H_1(s) + H_2(s)$$

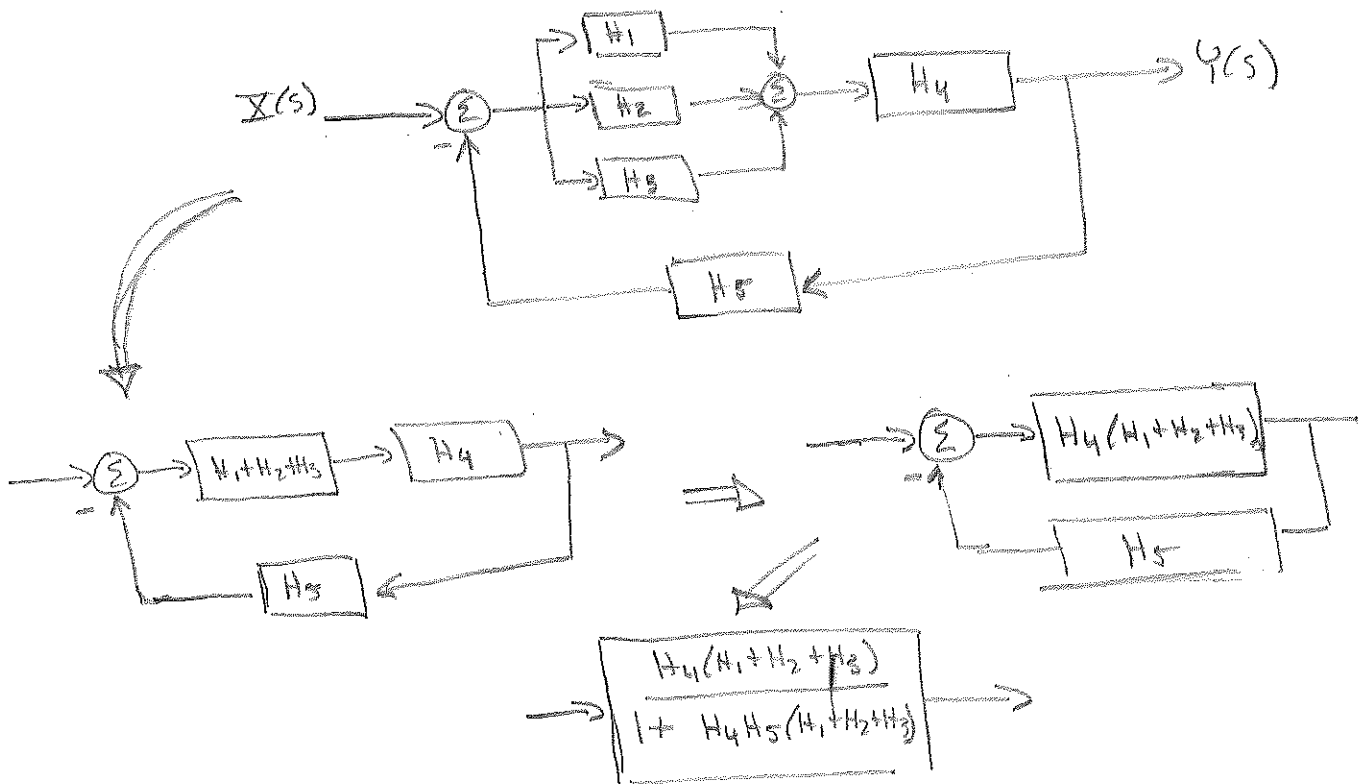
• feedback connection

Note: much easier than in 2714 time domain.

$$\bar{X}(s) \rightarrow \oplus \rightarrow \boxed{H_1(s)} \rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{H_1(s)}{1 + H_1(s) H_2(s)} \bar{X}(s)$$

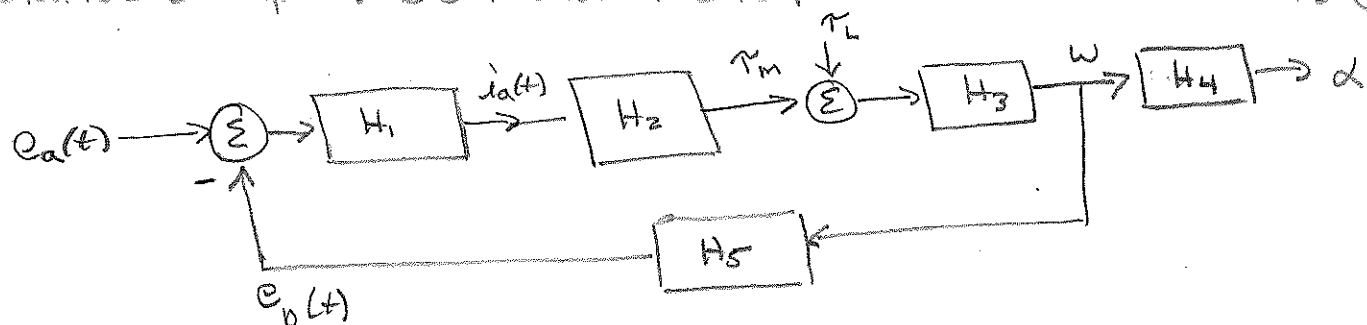
$$H(s) = \frac{H_1(s)}{1 + H_1(s) H_2(s)}$$

— We can use Block diagrams to derive an overall transfer function from models of subcomponents. Example PID controller.



Detailed Example : DC Motor model

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$e_a(t)$ = armature voltage applied

$i_a(t)$ = armature current

$\tau_m(t)$ = motor torque

$\tau_L(t)$ = load torque

$\omega(t)$ = rotational velocity

$\alpha(t)$ = rotational position

$e_b(t)$ = back voltage (EMF)

H_1 = model of armature

H_2 = model of current to torque

H_3 = model of motor inertia and friction of bearings

H_4 = model of velocity to position

H_5 = back EMF model

$$H_1(s) = \frac{1}{R_a + L_a s}$$

R_a = armature resistance

L_a = armature inductance

$$H_2(s) = K_m$$

K_m = torque gain

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$$H_3(s) = \frac{1}{B_m + J_m s}$$

B_m = rotor viscous friction

J_m = rotor inertia.

$$H_4(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$

angle is integral of rotational velocity

$$H_5(s) = K_b$$

back EMF gain K_b .

The overall transfer function from input voltage to output position (disregarding τ_L) is then

$$H(s) = H_4(s) \cdot \left[\frac{H_1(s) H_2(s) H_3(s)}{1 + H_1(s) H_2(s) H_3(s) H_5(s)} \right]$$

- We can also use block diagrams to implement / realize systems. Using building blocks, the gain and integrator 13 ⑥

$$x(t) \rightarrow \boxed{S} \rightarrow y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau \Rightarrow X(s) \rightarrow \boxed{1/s} \rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} X(s)$$

- We can convert a given transfer function (say from Filter Design) to a block diagram, one of several ways.

- Example: $H(s) = \frac{s+a}{s^2+bs+c} \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$Y(s)(s^2+bs+c) = (s+a)X(s)$$

Defn TF

$$s^2 Y(s) + bs Y(s) + c Y(s) = s X(s) + a X(s)$$

Distribution

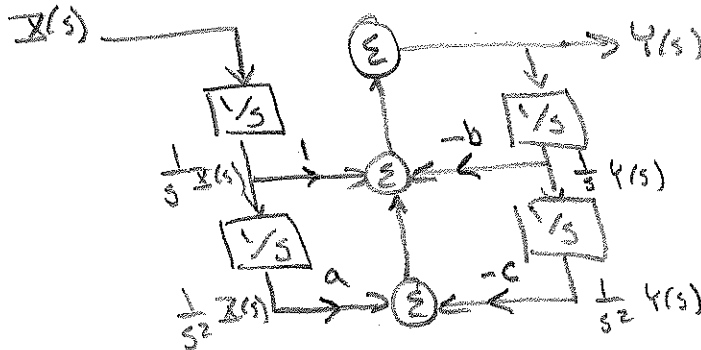
$$Y(s) + \frac{b}{s} Y(s) + \frac{c}{s^2} Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} X(s) + \frac{a}{s^2} X(s)$$

Divide through by s^2

$$Y(s) = -\frac{b}{s} Y(s) - \frac{c}{s^2} Y(s) + \frac{1}{s} X(s) + \frac{a}{s^2} X(s)$$

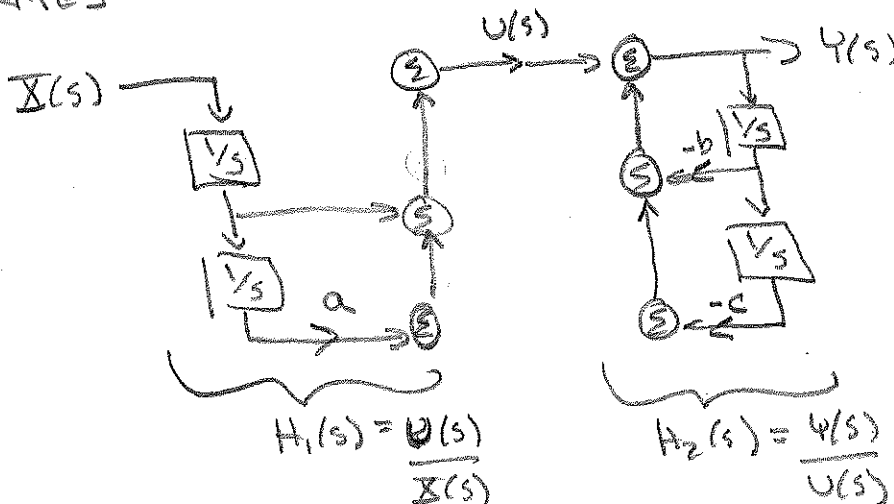
Solve for $Y(s)$

Direct translation to Block Diagram



This is called the Direct Form I implementation / realization.

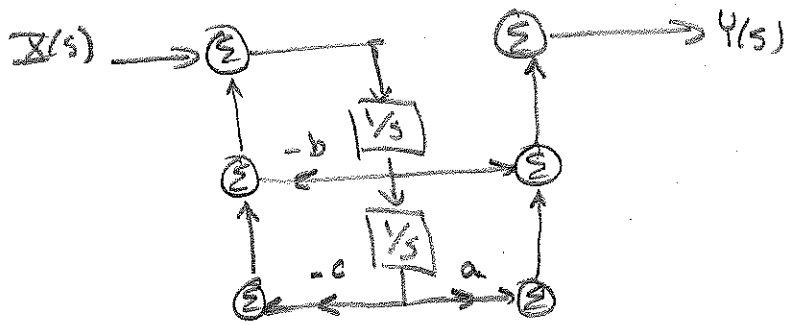
- Note in the previous example we can consider this two TF's in series



"Split" summations up.

$$H(s) = H_1(s) H_2(s) = H_2(s) H_1(s)$$

- reassembling in opposite order and combining integrators 13 (7)

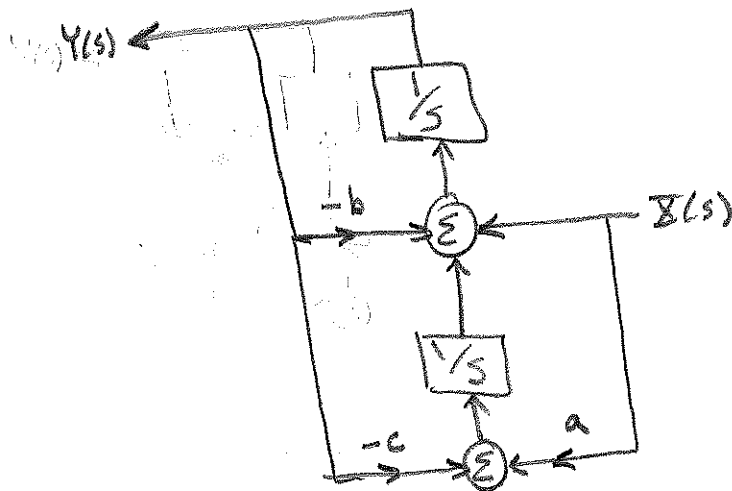


Recall each integrator and summation is an op-amp, so this saves 2 op-amps.

This is called Direct Form II.

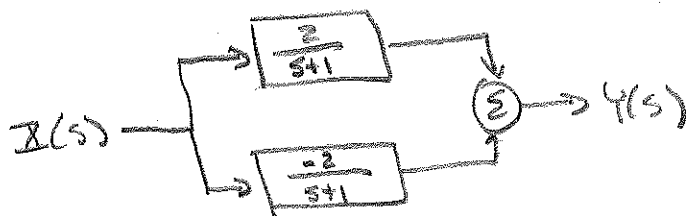
- A result from graph theory tells us we can reverse the direction of signal flow and interchange input output to get the "transposed" Direct Form II

For our example:



- There are additional forms as well depending on how we factor the transfer function. For example to get a parallel implementation factor using PFE.

$$\text{Example: } H(s) = \frac{2}{s^2 + 3s + 2} = \frac{2}{(s+1)(s+2)} = \frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{s+2} = \frac{2}{s+1} + \frac{-2}{s+2}$$



- The reason for so many forms is a reduction in components and reduced sensitivity to component variation.