

MECH366 : Modeling of Mechatronic Systems

L5 : Illustrative examples for linearization

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Review and today's topic

- Last lecture was about linearization of nonlinear systems.

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x, u) \\ y = h(x, u) \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{green arrow}} \begin{cases} \delta \dot{x} = \underbrace{\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(x_0, u_0)}}_A \delta x + \underbrace{\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right|_{(x_0, u_0)}}_B \delta u \\ \delta y = \underbrace{\left. \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right|_{(x_0, u_0)}}_C \delta x + \underbrace{\left. \frac{\partial h}{\partial u} \right|_{(x_0, u_0)}}_D \delta u \end{cases}$$

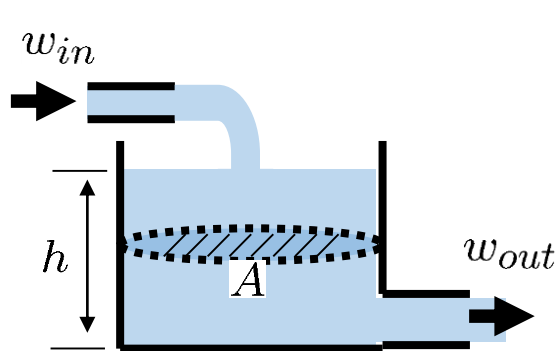
- A pendulum
 - Water level in a tank
- Today, we will give **other illustrative examples** of linearization. But before that, some **remarks** are presented.

Remark 1: Deviation variables (perturbation)

- Linearized models are linear w.r.t. **deviation variables**

$$\begin{aligned} \delta x &:= x - x_0 \\ \delta u &:= u - u_0 \\ \delta y &:= y - y_0 \end{aligned} \quad \left(\Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} x &= x_0 + \delta x \\ u &= u_0 + \delta u \\ y &= y_0 + \delta y \end{aligned} \right)$$

- Example

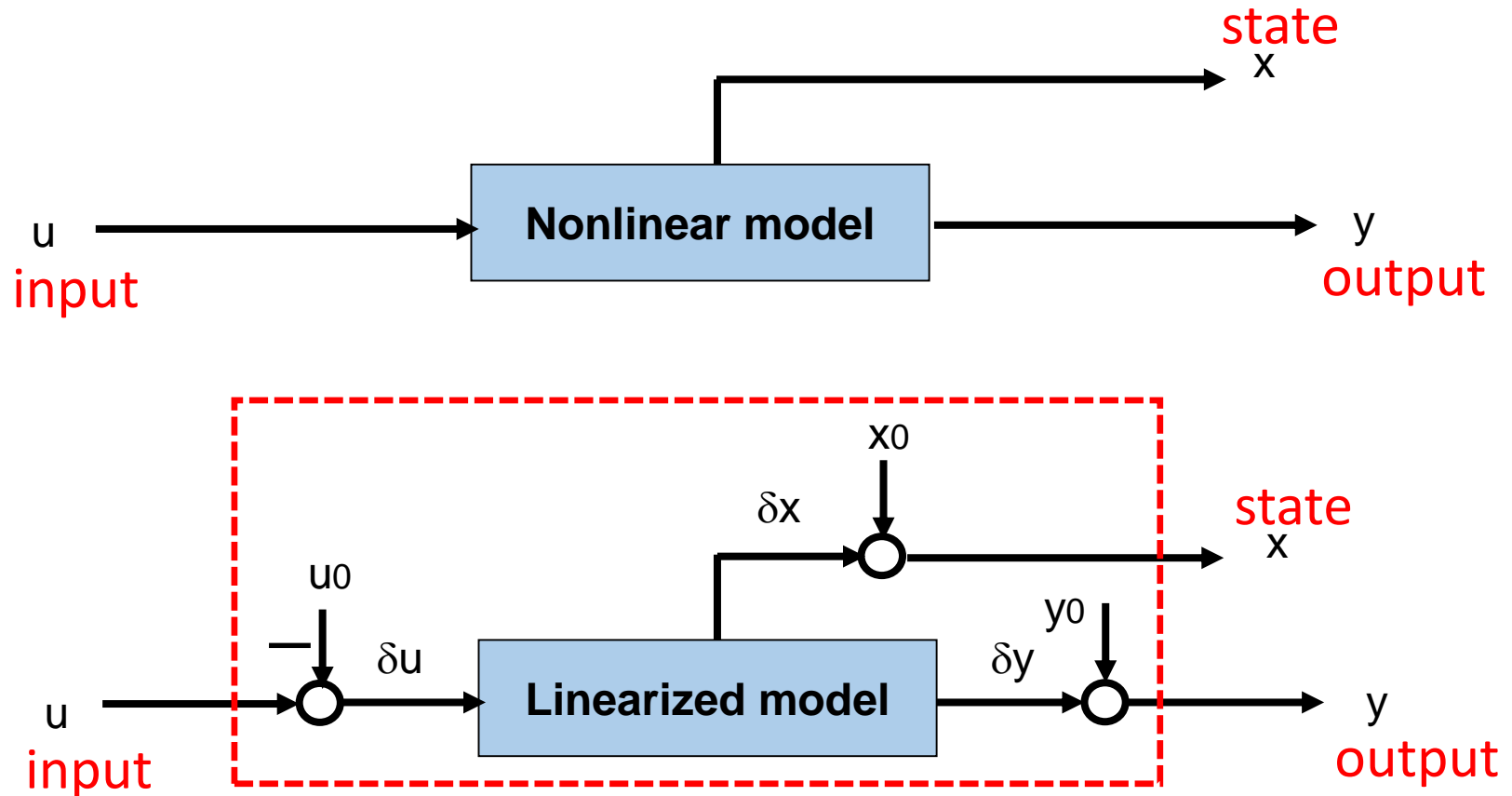


$$h_0 = 10 \text{ [m]}$$

$$\delta h = 1 \text{ [m]} \text{ means } h = 11 \text{ [m]}$$

$$\delta h = -1 \text{ [m]} \text{ means } h = 9 \text{ [m]}$$

Remark 2: Comparison between nonlinear and its linearized models

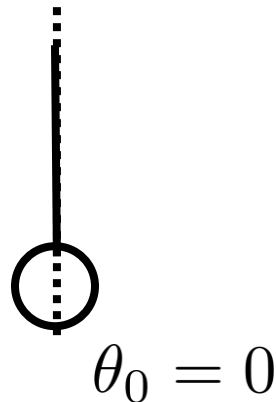


Remark 3:

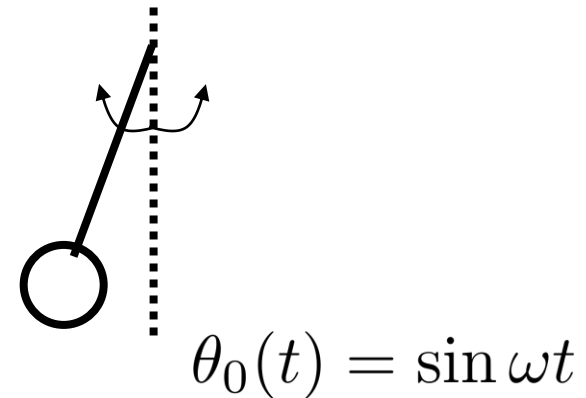
Equilibrium point selection

- Select an equilibrium point (or trajectory) around which:
 - you want to analyze the system, and
 - you want to design a feedback controller.
- To consider a regulation problem at:

Ex. $\theta = 0$



Ex. $\theta(t) = \sin \omega t$





Remark 4:

Validity of linearized models

- A linearized model is considered to be valid around the operating (linearization) point.
- How far from the operating point can the deviation variables deviate?
 - It depends on required accuracy, nonlinearity.
- What if the operating condition changes a lot during the operation?
 - Gain scheduling control: Design local controllers and switch/interpolate them based on operating points.



Two examples

Taken from de Silva's book (optional book in this course)

Example 3.3: Elevator

Example 3.4: Rocket-propelled spacecraft

- Setting
- Modeling
- Operating point/trajectory
- Linearization

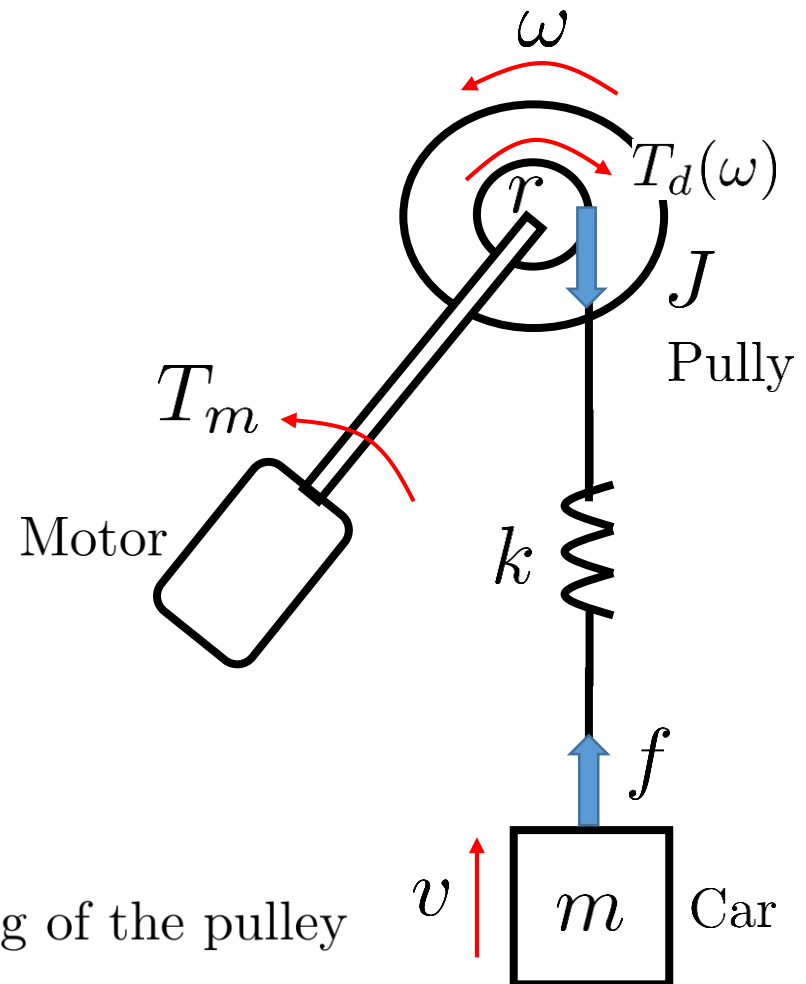
Simplified model of an elevator Setting

• Parameters

- J moment of inertia of the pulley
- r radius of the pulley
- k stiffness of the cable
- m mass of the car and occupants

• Signals

- T_m torque (input)
- v velocity of the car (output)
- ω angular velocity of the pulley
- f tension force in the cable
- $T_d(\omega)$ damping torque at the bearing of the pulley



Simplified model of an elevator

Modeling

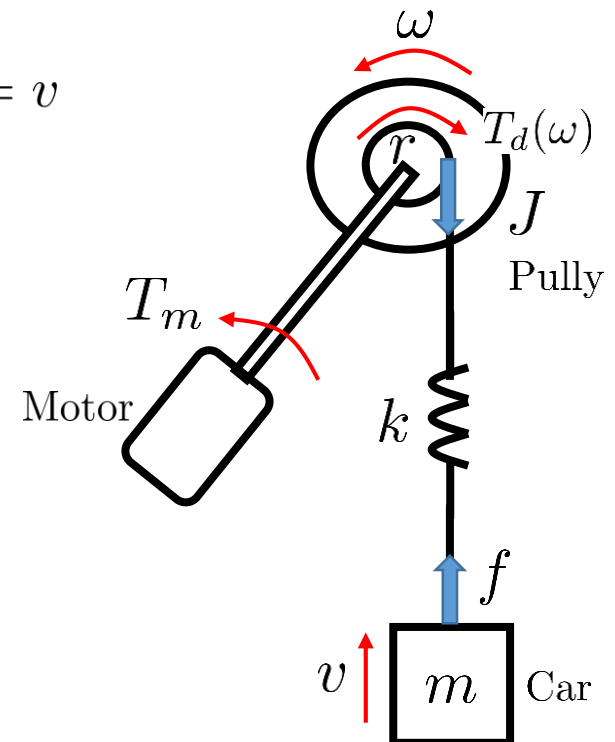
- Equations of motion
$$\begin{cases} J\dot{\omega} &= T_m - rf - T_d(\omega) \\ \dot{f} &= k(r\omega - v) \\ m\dot{v} &= f - mg \end{cases}$$

- Notation $x := [\omega, f, v]^T$, $u := T_m$, $y := v$

- Nonlinear state-space model

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{J}(u - rx_2 - T_d(x_1)) \\ k(rx_1 - x_3) \\ \frac{1}{m}x_2 - g \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = x_3$$



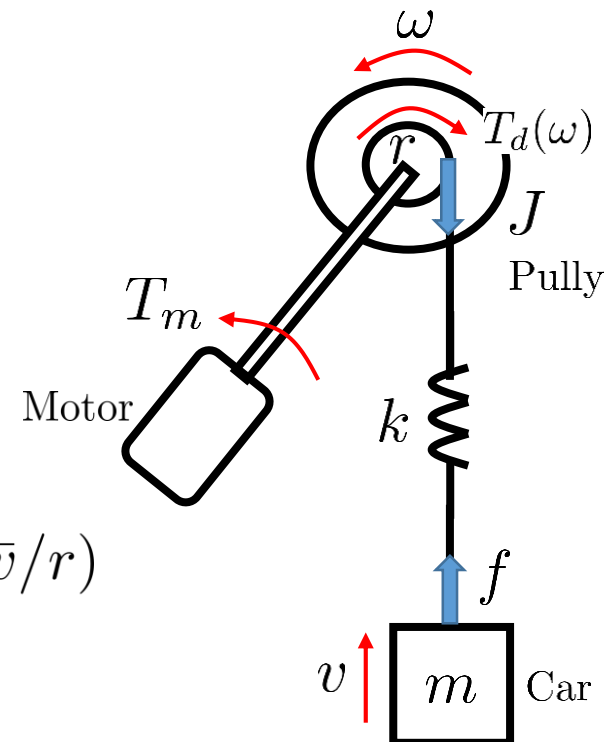
Simplified model of an elevator

Operating point

- Operating point for constant car velocity $x_3 = \bar{v}$

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{J}(u - rx_2 - T_d(x_1)) \\ k(rx_1 - x_3) \\ \frac{1}{m}x_2 - g \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{v}/r \\ mg \\ \bar{v} \end{bmatrix}, \quad u_0 = rmg + T_d(\bar{v}/r)$$



Simplified model of an elevator

Linearization

- Linearization around operating point (x_0, u_0)

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\delta x} &= A\delta x + B\delta u \\ \delta y &= C\delta x \end{cases}$$

where

$$A := \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(x_0, u_0)} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{J} \frac{\partial T_d}{\partial x_1}(\bar{v}/r) & -\frac{r}{J} & 0 \\ kr & 0 & -k \\ 0 & \frac{1}{m} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B := \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right|_{(x_0, u_0)} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{J} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C := [0 \ 0 \ 1]$$

Rocket-propelled spacecraft Setting

- Parameters

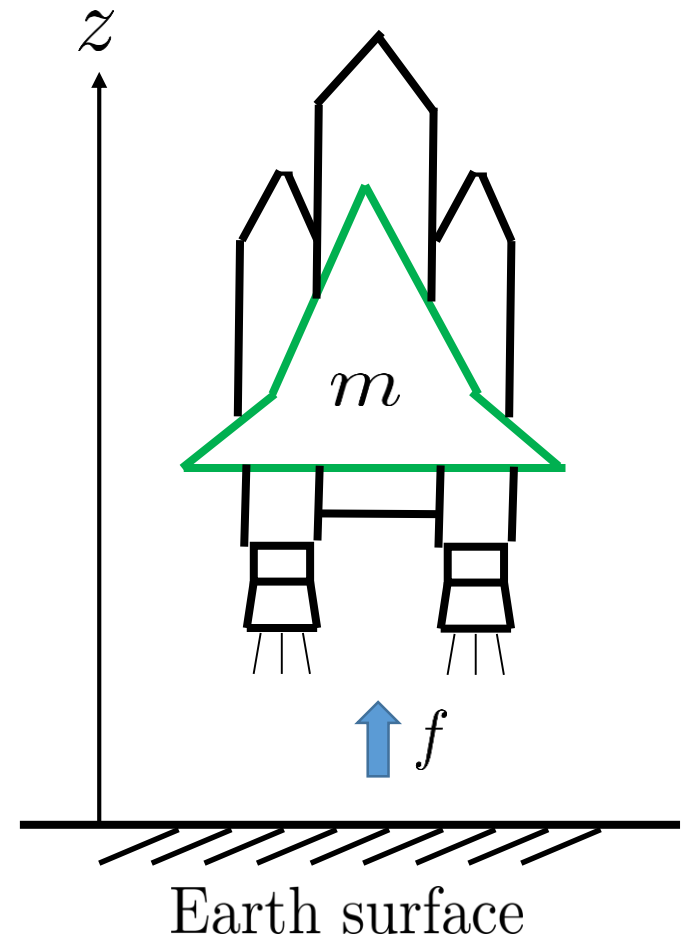
m mass of the spacecraft

R average radius of the earth
($\approx 6370km$)

- Signals

f upward thrust force (input)

z vertical distance of the centroid
of the spacecraft
from the earth's surface (output)



Rocket-propelled spacecraft Modeling

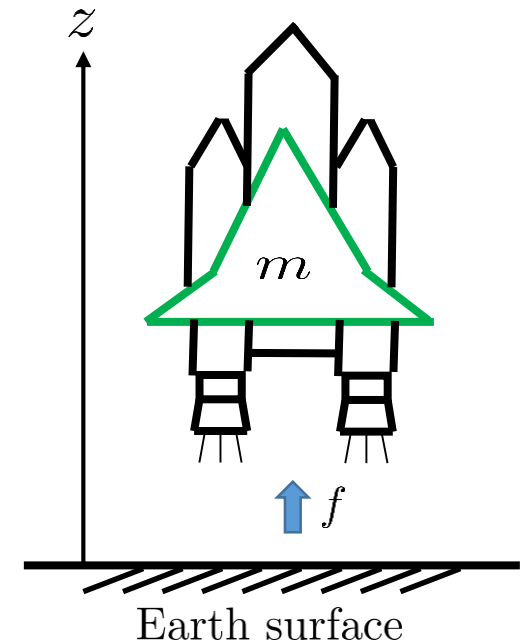
- Equations of motion $m\ddot{z} = f - mg \frac{R^2}{(R+z)^2} - k\dot{z}^2 e^{-z/r}$

Aerodynamic drag

Gravitational force $k > 0, r > 0$
- Notation $x := [z, \dot{z}]^T, u := f, y := z$
- Nonlinear state-space model

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ \frac{1}{m} \left(u - mg \frac{R^2}{(R+x_1)^2} - kx_2^2 e^{-x_1/r} \right) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = x_1$$



Rocket-propelled spacecraft

Operating trajectory

- Operating **trajectory** for constant spacecraft velocity v_0 starting at $t=0$ and height z_0

$$x_0(t) = \begin{bmatrix} v_0 t + z_0 \\ v_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- By plugging this into nonlinear state equation:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ \frac{1}{m} \left(u - mg \frac{R^2}{(R+x_1)^2} - kx_2^2 e^{-x_1/r} \right) \end{bmatrix}$$

we can obtain

$$u_0(t) = \frac{mgR^2}{(R + v_0 t + z_0)^2} + kv_0^2 e^{-(v_0 t + z_0)/r}$$

$$(u_0(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty)$$



Rocket-propelled spacecraft

Linearization

- Linearization around operating trajectory $(x_0(t), u_0(t))$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\delta x} &= A(t)\delta x + B\delta u \\ \delta y &= C\delta x \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \delta x(t) &:= x(t) - x_0(t) \\ \delta u(t) &:= u(t) - u_0(t) \\ \delta y(t) &:= y(t) - y_0(t) \end{cases}$$

where $A(t) := \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(x_0(t), u_0(t))} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ (*) & -\frac{2k}{m}v_0 e^{-(v_0 t + z_0)/r} \end{bmatrix}$

$$(*) = 2g \frac{R^2}{(R + v_0 t + z_0)^3} + \frac{k}{mr} v_0^2 e^{-(v_0 t + z_0)/r}$$

$$B := \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right|_{(x_0(t), u_0(t))} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{m} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad C := [1 \ 0]$$



Summary

- Remarks on linearization
- Illustrative examples for linearization
 - Elevator
 - Rocket-propelled spacecraft
- Next, linear graph
- **Homework 1:** Due Sep 23 (Monday), 3pm