



Laboratory

General Robotics & Autonomous Systems and Processes

Mechatronic Modeling and Design with Applications in Robotics

Course Outline and Introduction

Course Website:

<http://grasplab.ca/modeling.html>

Instructor: Dr. Haoxiang Lang, Ph.D., P.Eng.

Associate Professor of Automotive and Mechatronics Engineering
Ontario Tech University, Oshawa, ON Canada
Email: haoxiang.lang@ontariotechu.ca

Director of the GRASP Lab @ OntarioTech

Design, development and application of advanced technologies for autonomous systems and processes

- Mechatronics
- Robotics
- Machine vision
- Advanced Control
- Artificial intelligence

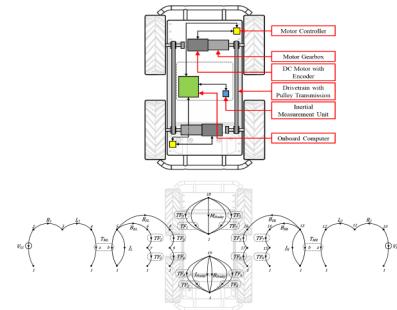
Mechatronic Modeling and Design with Applications in Robotics

Course Description

This course will introduce a unified multi-domain modeling tool, named Linear Graph and its applications. It provides students with the tools required to design, model, analyze and control mechatronic systems; i.e. smart systems comprising electronic, mechanical, fluid and thermal components. The techniques for modelling various system components will be studied in a unified approach developing tools for the simulation of the performance of these systems. A comprehensive example of the modeling and design of a mobile robotic system will be included and discussed.

Students who successfully complete the course should have reliably demonstrated the ability to:

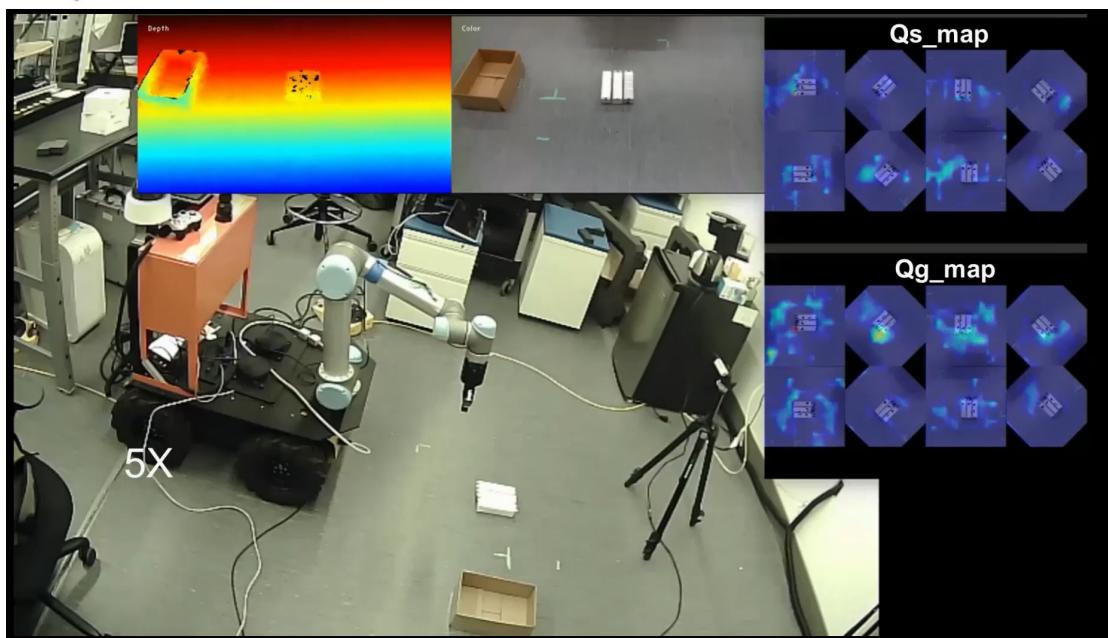
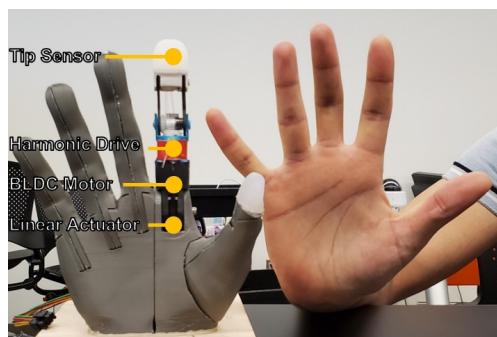
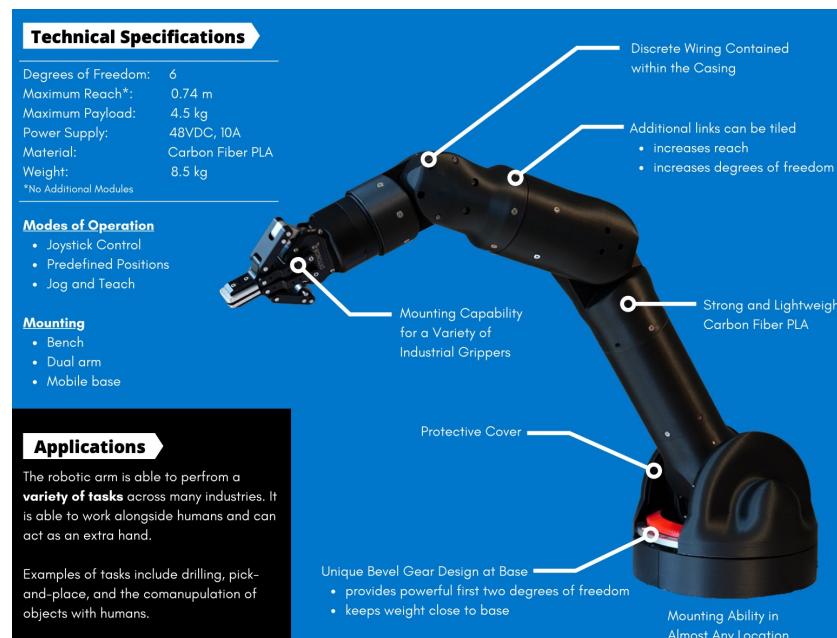
- Use the basic tools required to design, model, analyze and control mechatronic systems
- Work with smart systems comprising electronic, mechanical, fluid and thermal components
- Model a wide variety of system components in a unified way
- Analyze various components needed to design and control mechatronic systems
- Apply AI and Machine Learning in advanced design and optimization



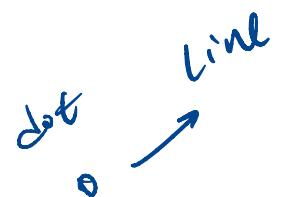
A snapshot of the course website

Selected Projects in GRASP Lab

Page 3 of 21



- Course Overview and Introduction
- Introduction to Modeling
- Basic Model Elements
- Analytical Modeling
- Graphical Models
- Linear Graph
- Linear Graph Examples
- Frequency Domain Models
- Transfer-Function Linear Graph
- Examples in Applications



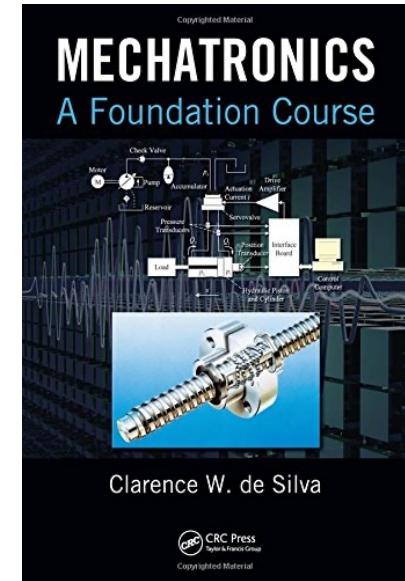
- Understand the formal meanings of a dynamic system of multi-physics systems (e.g., mechatronic systems).
- Recognize different types of models (e.g., physical, analytical, computer, experimental) and their importance, usage, comparative advantages and disadvantages.
- Under analytical models, recognize the general and specific pairs of model categories.
 - (1)
 - (2)
- Understand the concepts of through-variables and across-variables and their physical significance, and relationship to state variables.
2 categories
- Recognize similarities or analogies among the four physical domains: mechanical, electrical, fluid, and thermal
(this is the basis of the “unified” approach to modeling).
- In each physical domain, recognize the lumped elements that store energy and that dissipate energy, based on the analogy among different physical domains.
- Model a wide variety of system components in a unified way
- Apply AI and Machine Learning in system modeling and design optimization

Clarence W. de Silva, *Mechatronics: A Foundation Course*, CRC Press, 2010.

Haoxiang Lang, Eric McCormick and Clarence W. de Silva, Appendix B of *Modeling of Dynamic Systems with Engineering Applications*

Matlab Toolbox: GitHub Link

https://github.com/GRASP-ONTechU/Linear_Graph



Three Reference Articles: (downloadable on the course website)

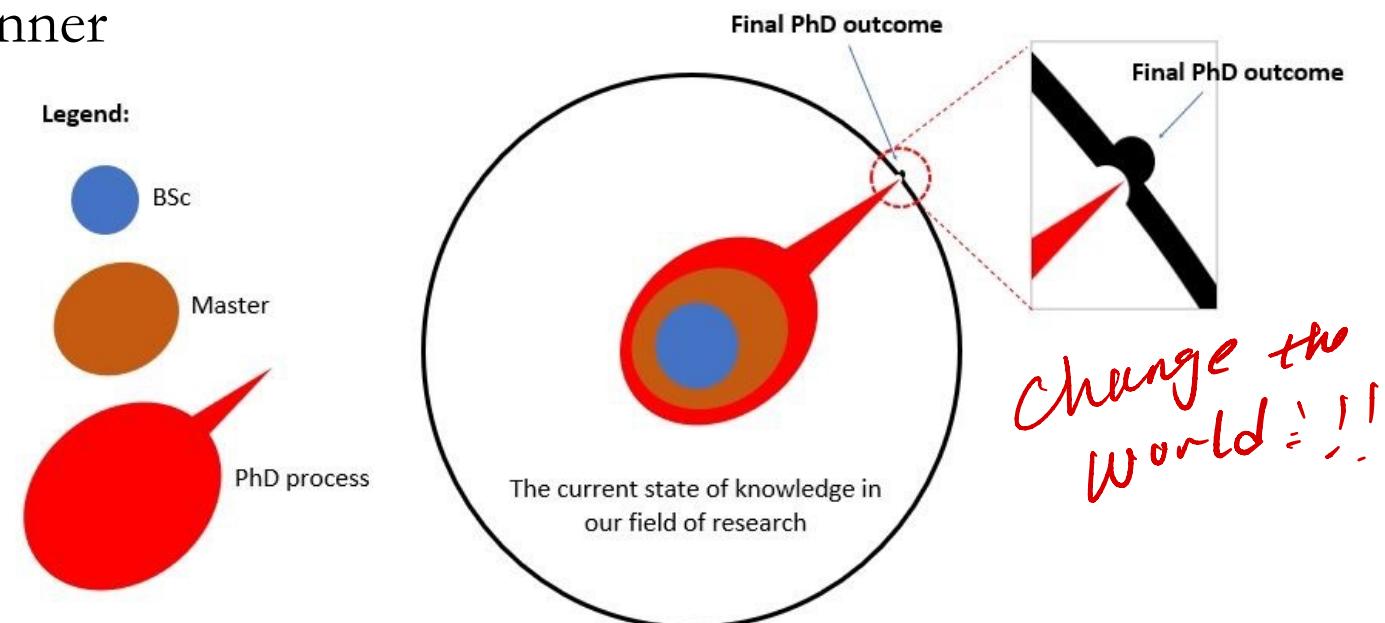
- Research and Development of a Linear Graph-based Matlab Toolbox.
- Automated Multi-domain Engineering Design through Linear Graphs and Genetic Programming.
- Dynamic Modeling and Simulation of a Four-wheel Skid-Steer Mobile Robot using Linear Graphs.

Goals:

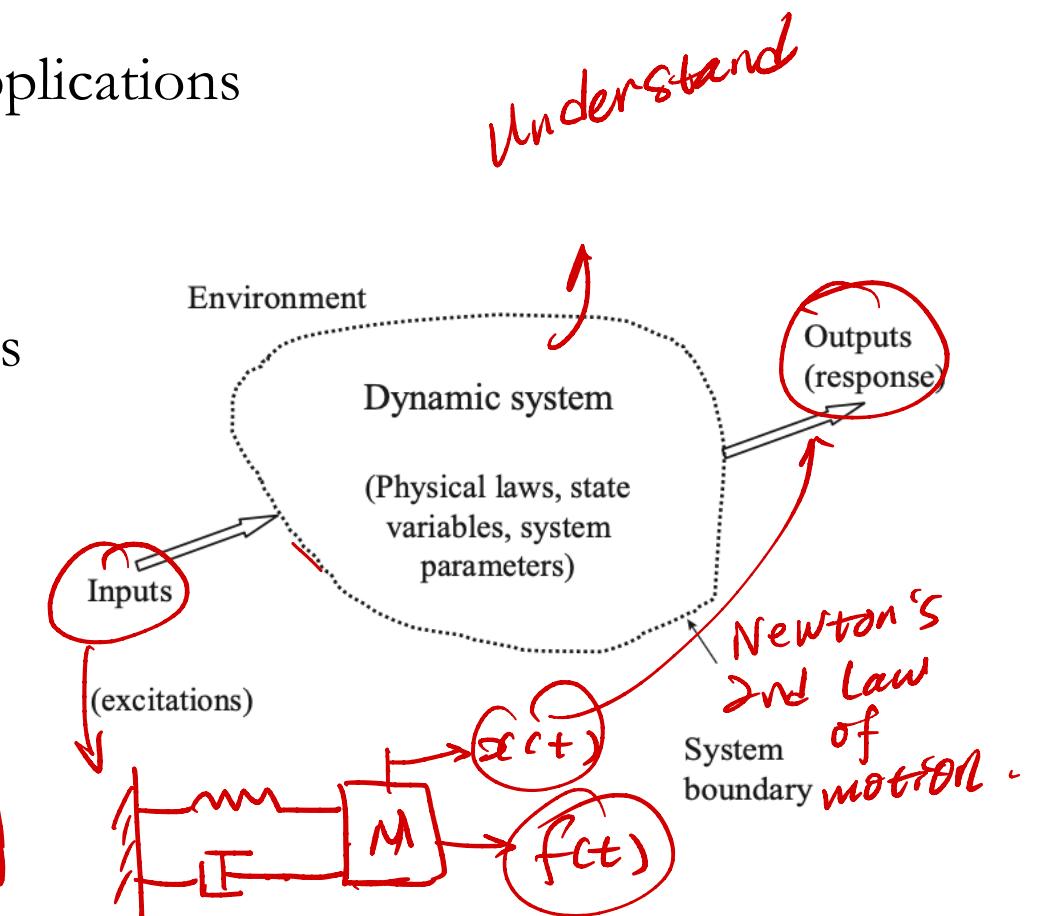
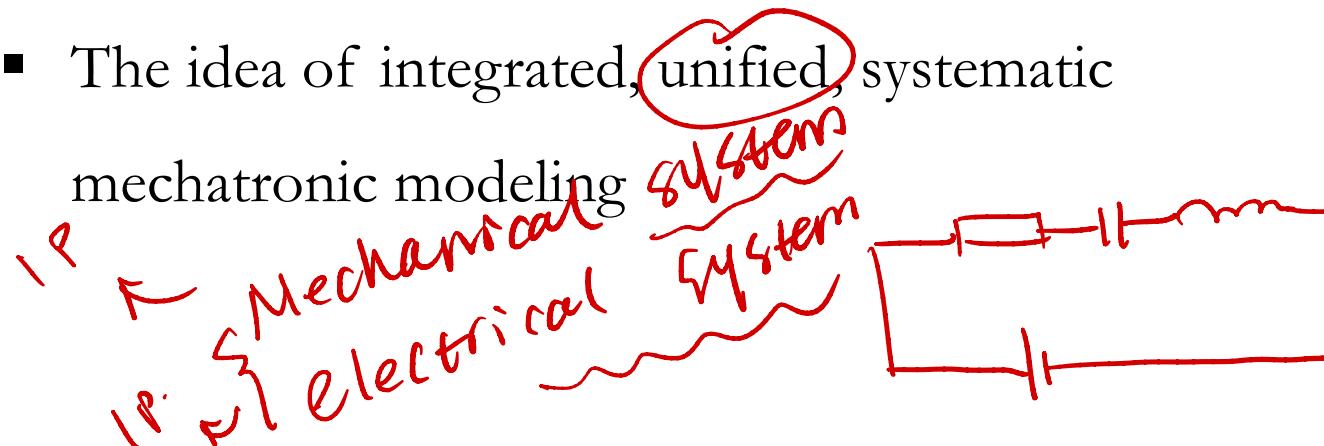
*Take-home
exam / assignment.*

- To understand basic modeling of dynamic systems and its procedure
- To formulate realistic modeling/design and possible control problems
- To do analysis and design for the problem using the course material
- To design and analyze of the multi-physics systems in Matlab, and implementation if possible

- Cutting-edge insight into system dynamics
- Foundation to develop expertise in design prototyping, control, instrumentation, experimentation and performance analysis
- Discussion of system dynamics
- Systematic, unified and integrated manner
- Introduce tools of modeling



- Introduce the subject of modeling, with focus on multi-physics engineering dynamic systems.
- The importance of dynamic modeling in various applications
- The use of models in the design and control
- Common types of models and modeling techniques and their advantages and disadvantages
- The idea of integrated, unified, systematic mechatronic modeling



- Re-visit basic elements in mechanical, electrical, fluid and thermal domain
- Introduce two new concepts: across-variables and through-variables
- Discuss similarities across domains
- Re-define basic elements with new categories for energy storage elements, energy dissipation elements and sources.
- Identification of proper and physically meaningful state variable across multiple physics domains.

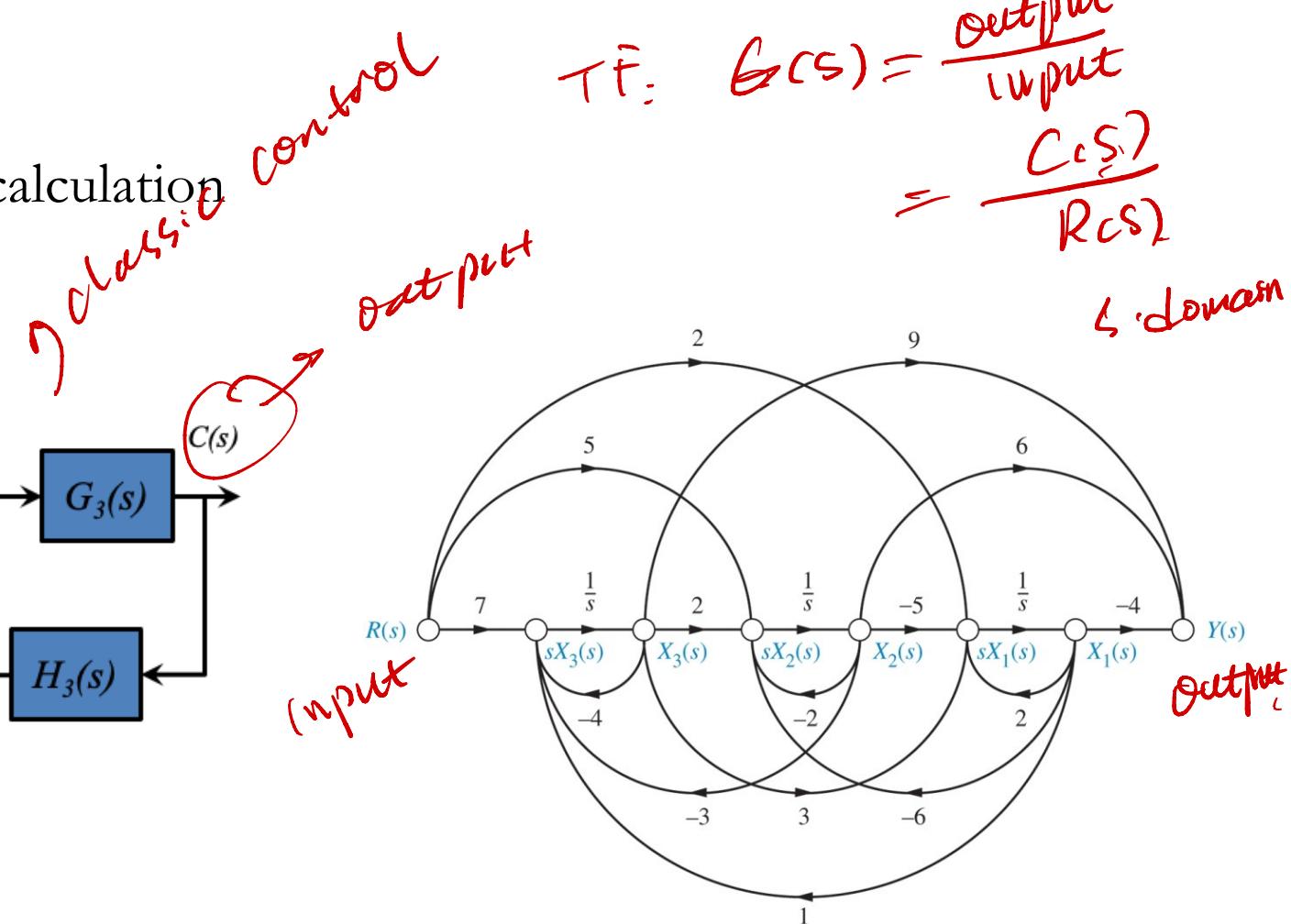
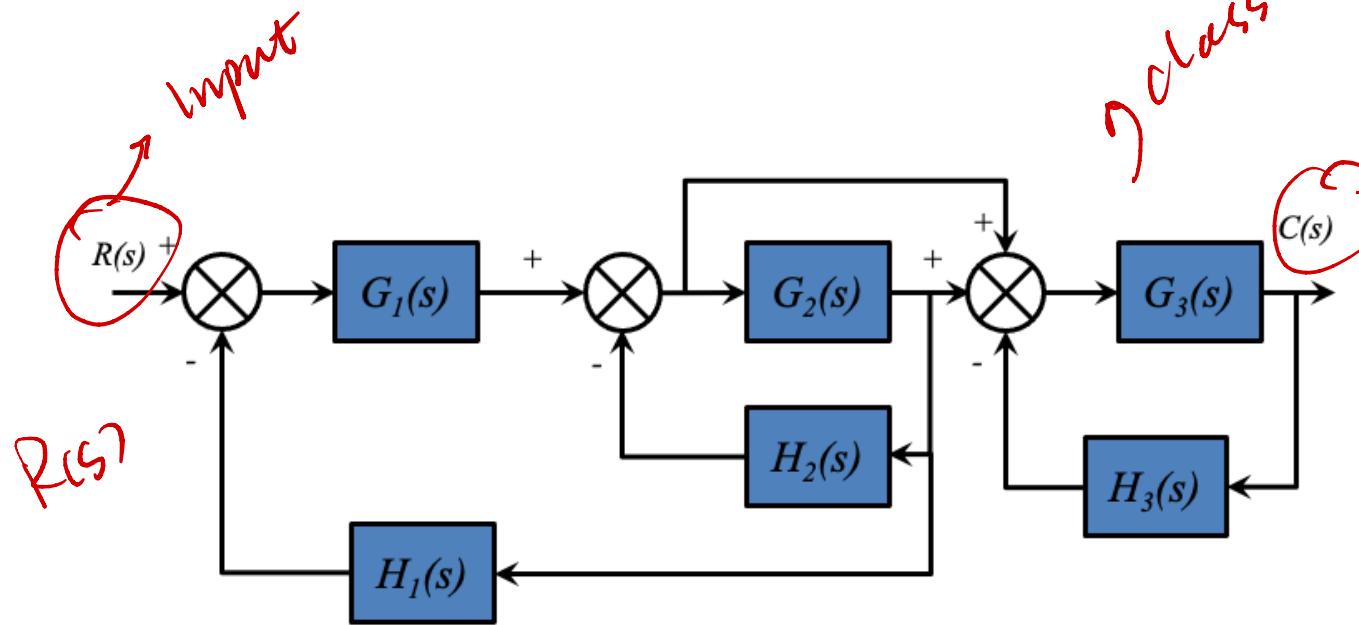
state-space model (time domain)
TF Transfer function
(TF) Frequency domain model.

- state-space model

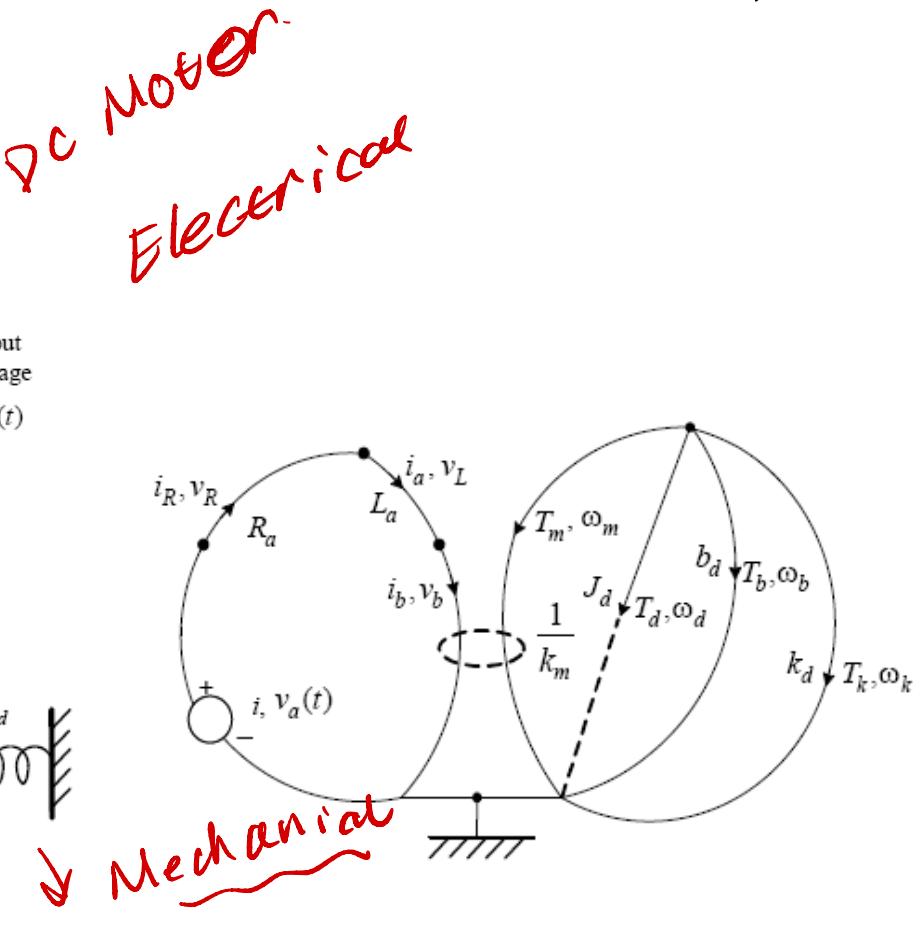
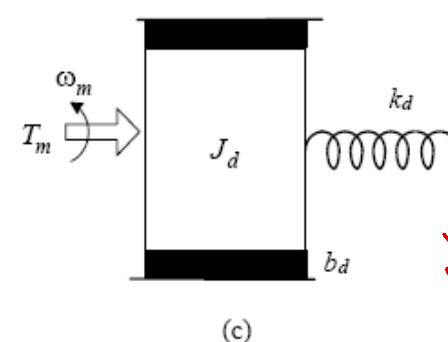
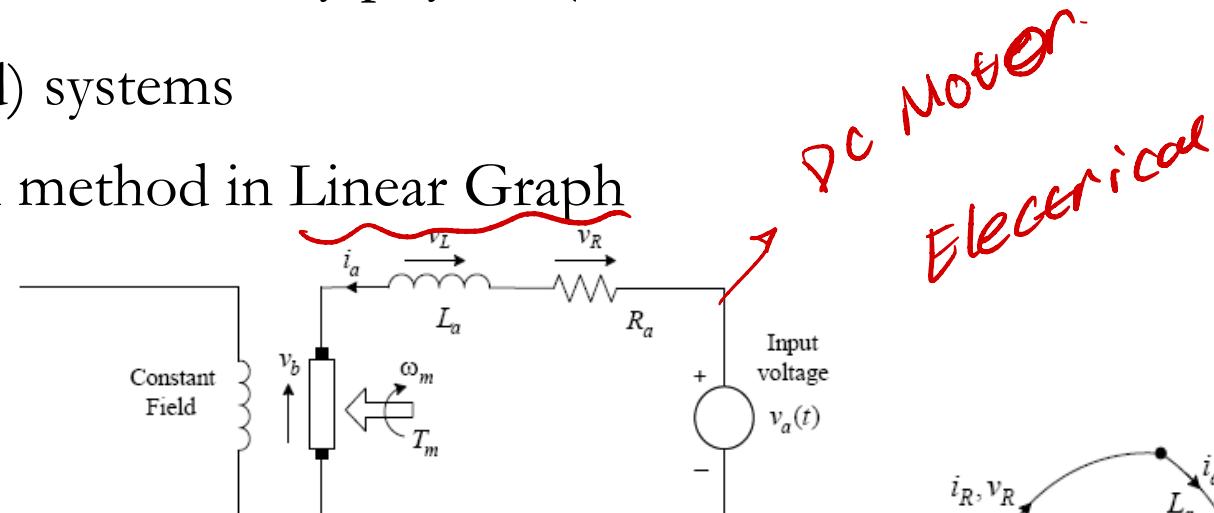
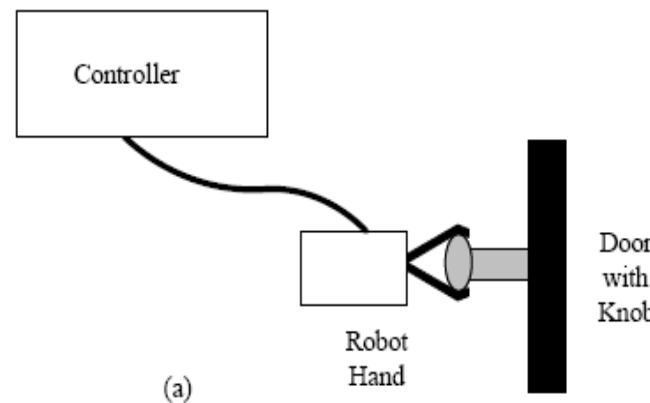
- Formally introduces analytical modeling of dynamic systems - TF (input-output)
- Systematic development of state-space models of engineering systems in four physical domains (2 physical domain: Mechanical electrical)
- Frequency domain models: Transfer Function (TF)
$$\frac{\text{Output}}{\text{Input}} \rightarrow s \text{ domain}$$
- A general methods of converting a state-space model into an input-output model
- Indicate the advantages and limitations
- Examples will be discussed

state space model $\xrightarrow{\text{of system}}$ TF
 \Leftarrow

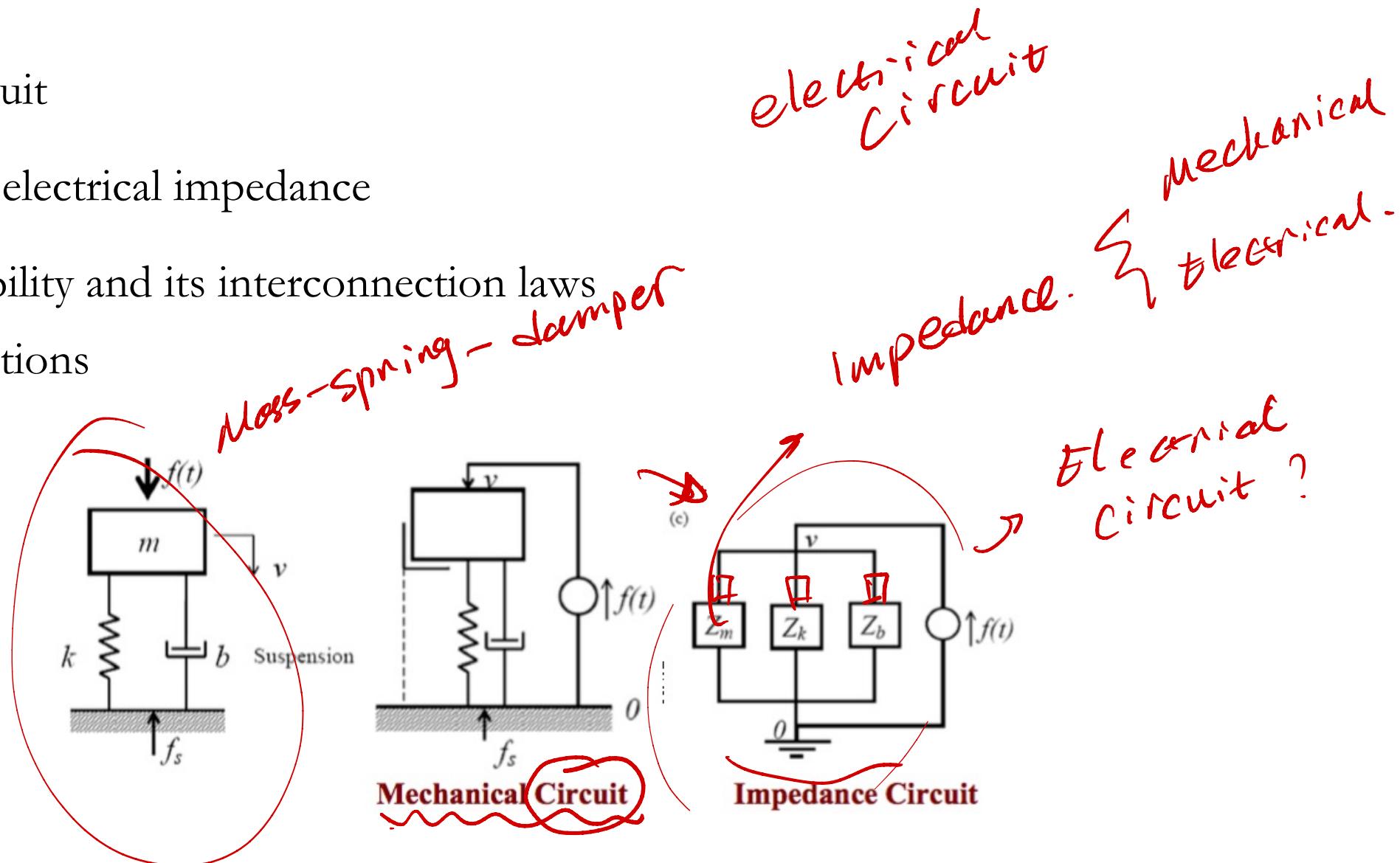
- System block diagram: formulation, simplification and generation of input-output model.
- Signal Flow Graph: formulation and calculation



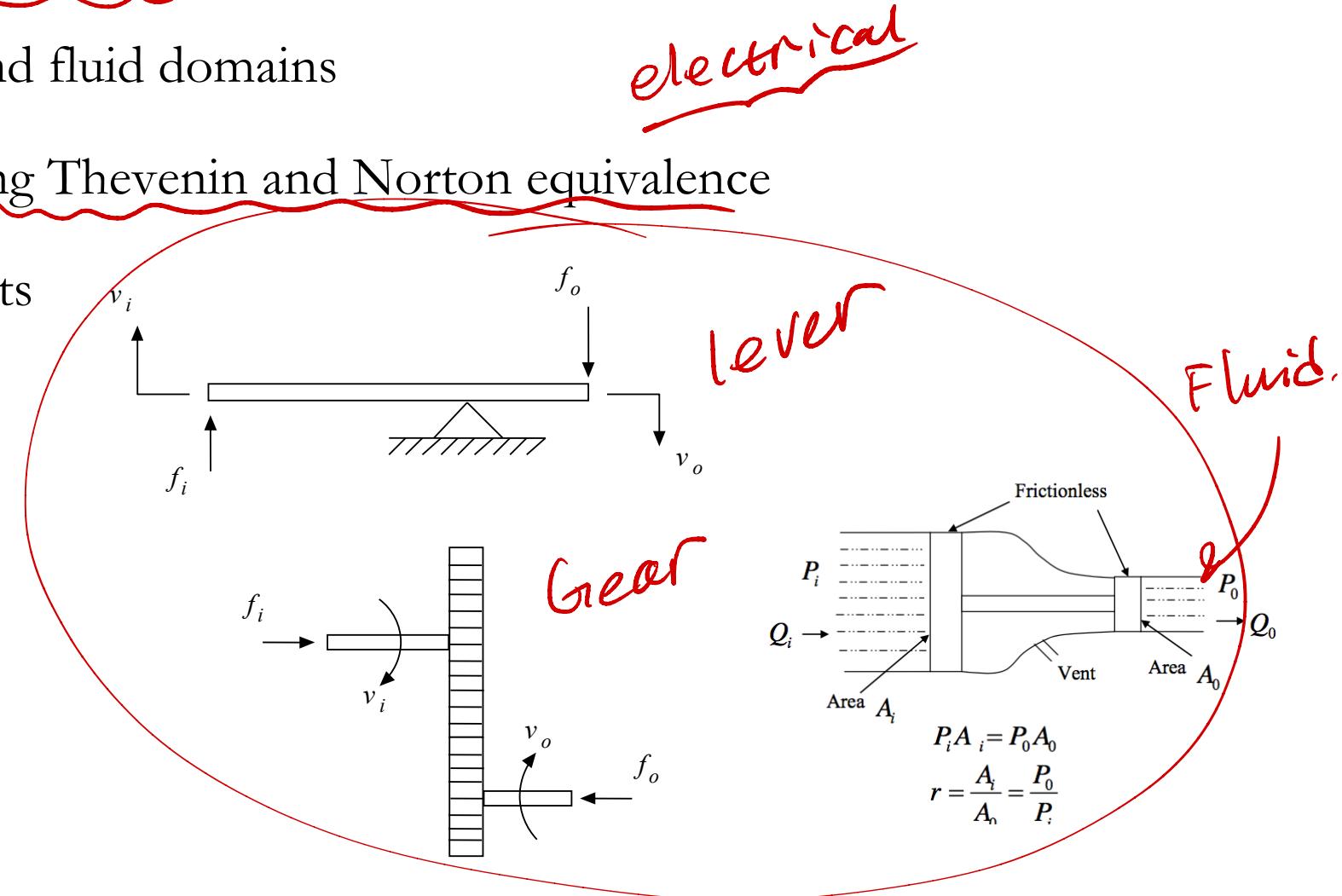
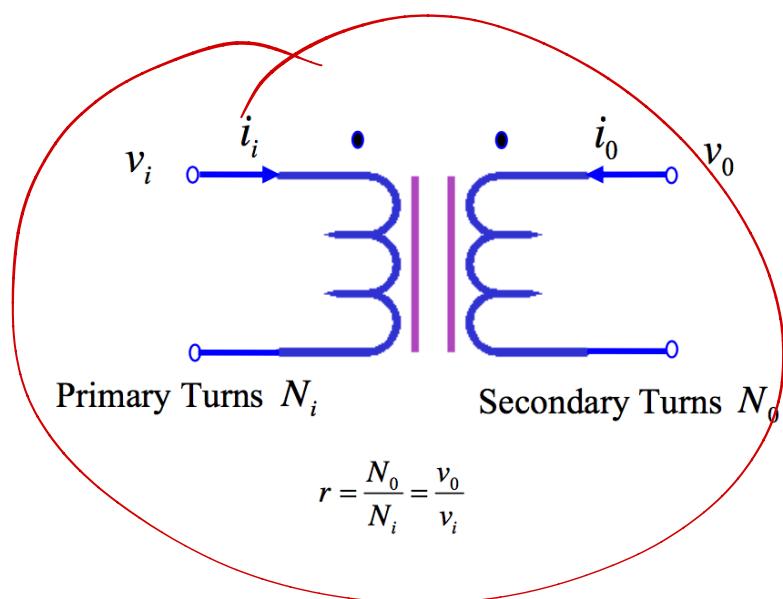
- Introduce the graphical tool for developing models of dynamic systems
- State-space model formulation of any physics (mechanical, electrical, fluid and thermal) or multi-domain (mixed) systems
- Discuss more advanced method in Linear Graph



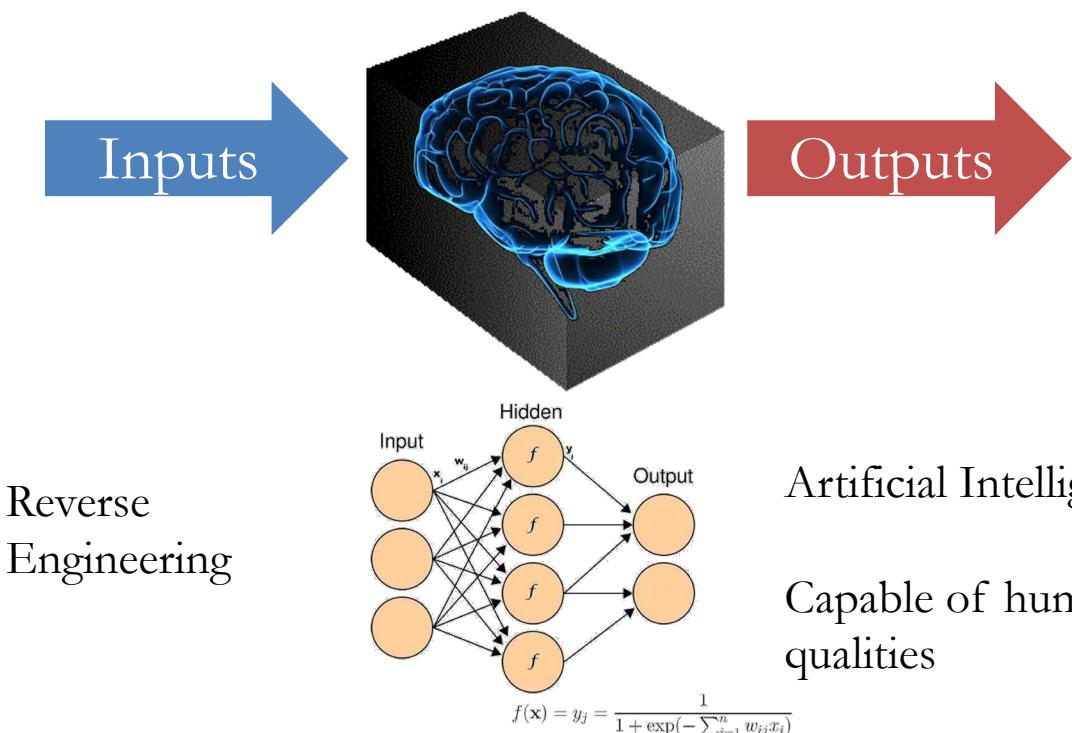
- Mechanical Circuit
- Mechanical and electrical impedance
- Mechanical mobility and its interconnection laws
- Practical applications



- Extension of the equivalent circuits (commonly in electrical domain) to other physical domain such as mechanical and fluid domains
- Reduction of linear graph using Thevenin and Norton equivalence
- Two port linear graph elements

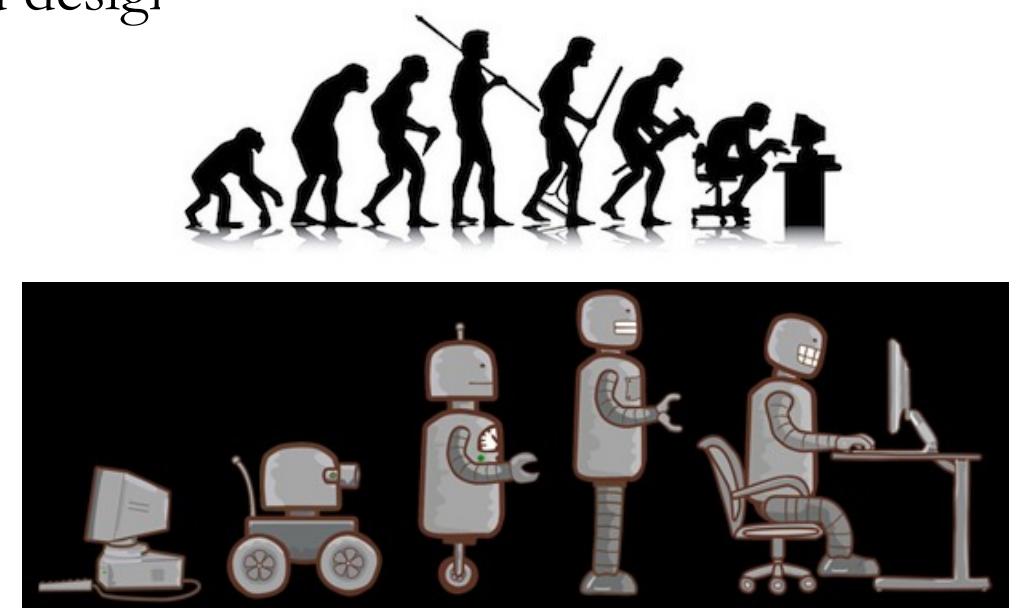


- Introduce general AI algorithms including NNs, GA and Machine Learning
- Discuss possible integration of AI in modeling and design
- Introduce examples



Reverse
Engineering

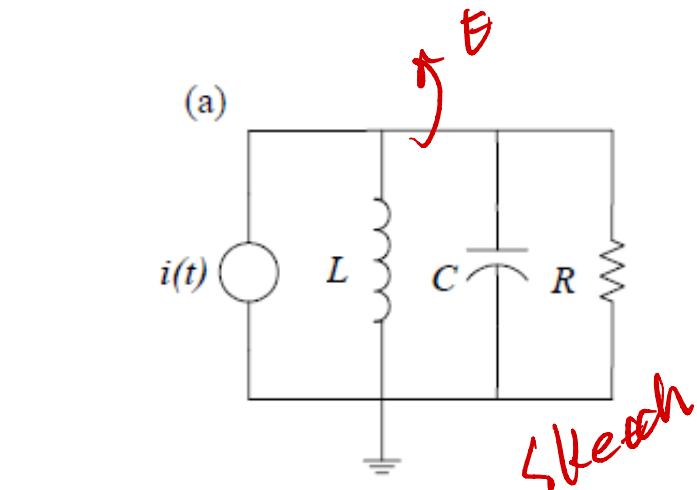
Artificial Intelligence:
Capable of human-like
qualities



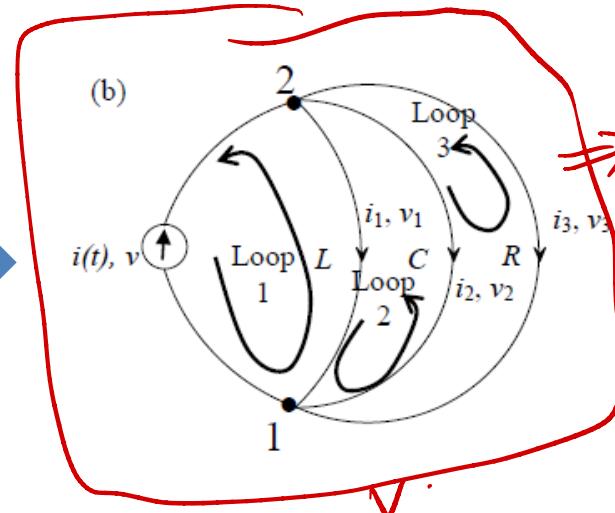
Understanding the system (e.g., human brain)
! The driving force behind the creation/evolution

Modeling and Design Example 1

Page 18 of 21



Linear Graph Model

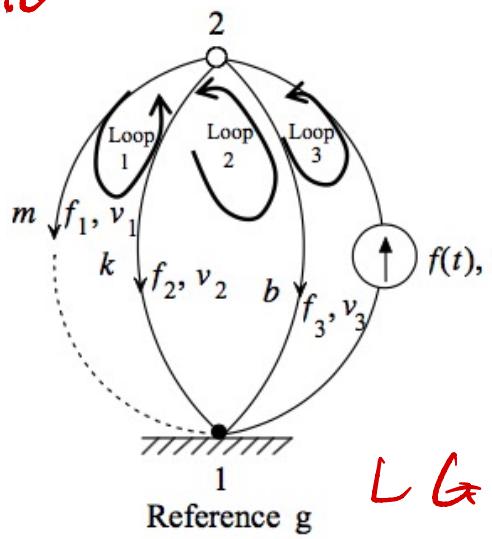
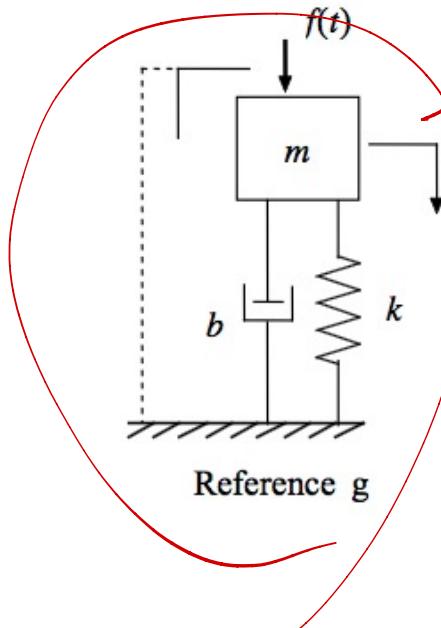


State Space model

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

$$y = Cx + Du$$

*u: inputs
y: outputs
x: states*



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -b/m & -1/m \\ k & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

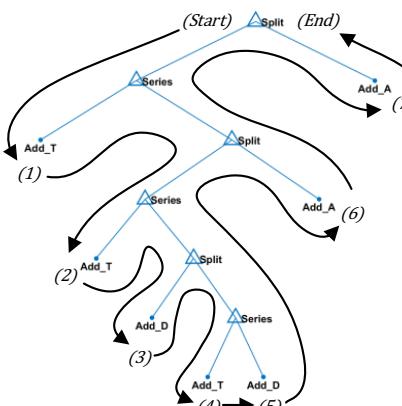
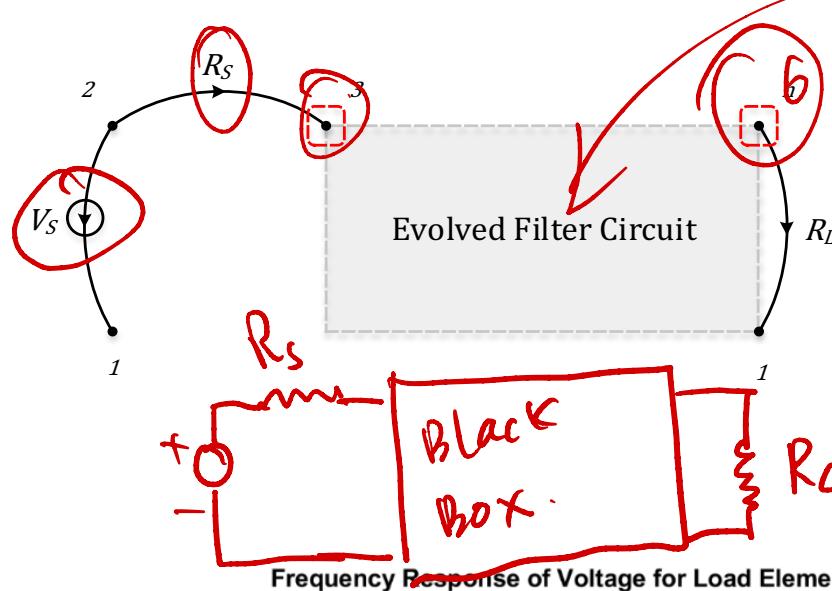
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1/m \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u = f(t)$$

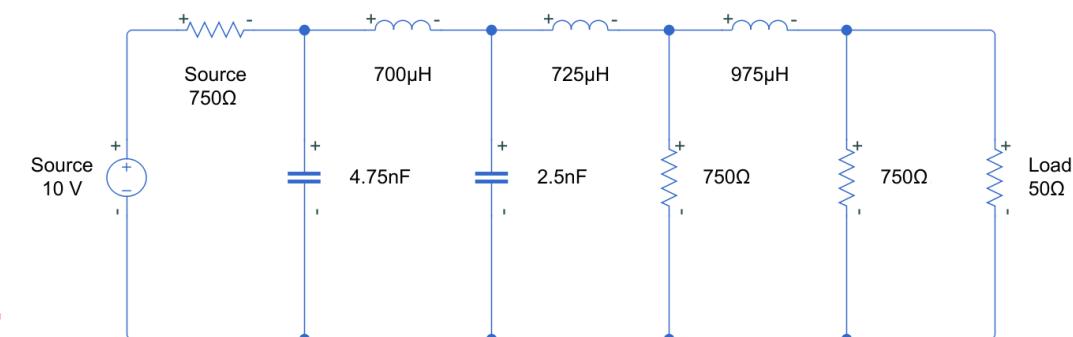
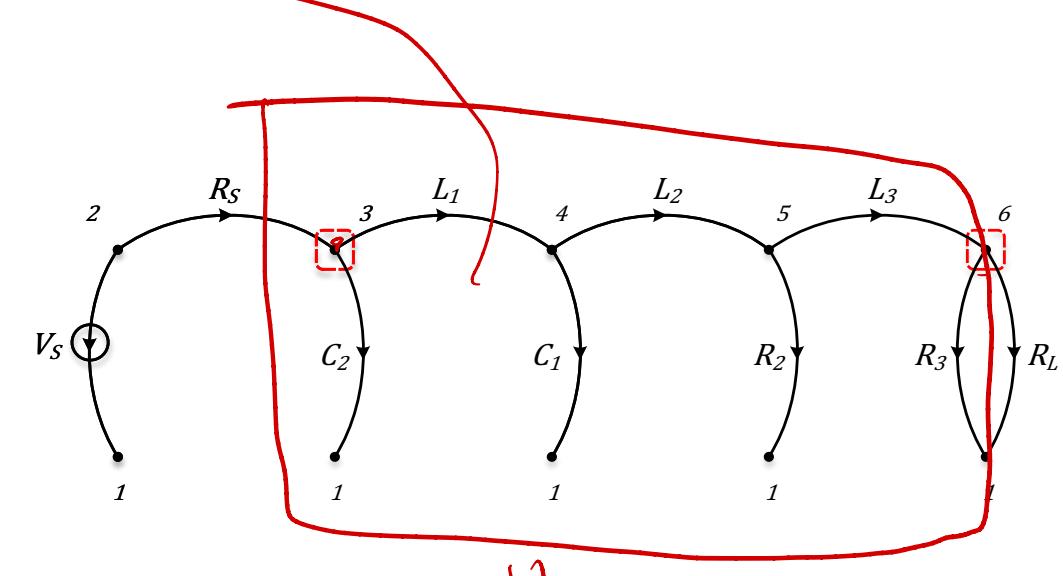
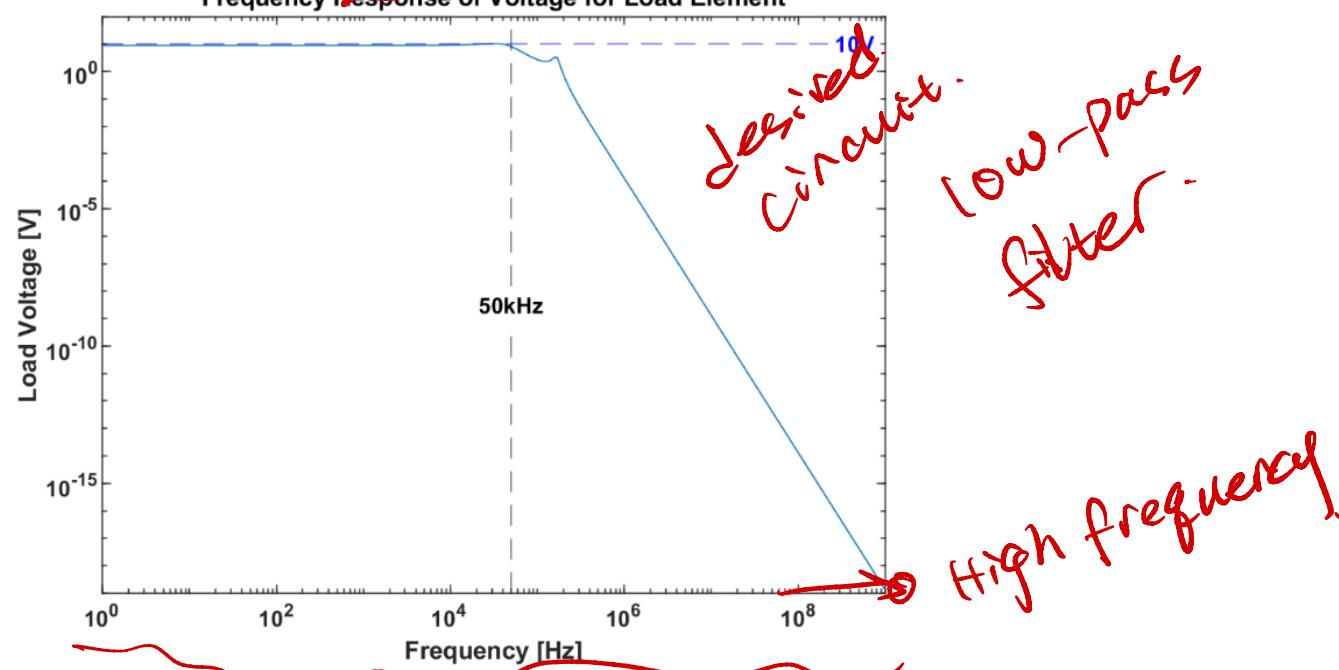
$$x = [x_1 \ x_2]^T = [v_1 \ f_2]^T$$

Modeling and Design Example 2

Automated Design Page 19 of 21



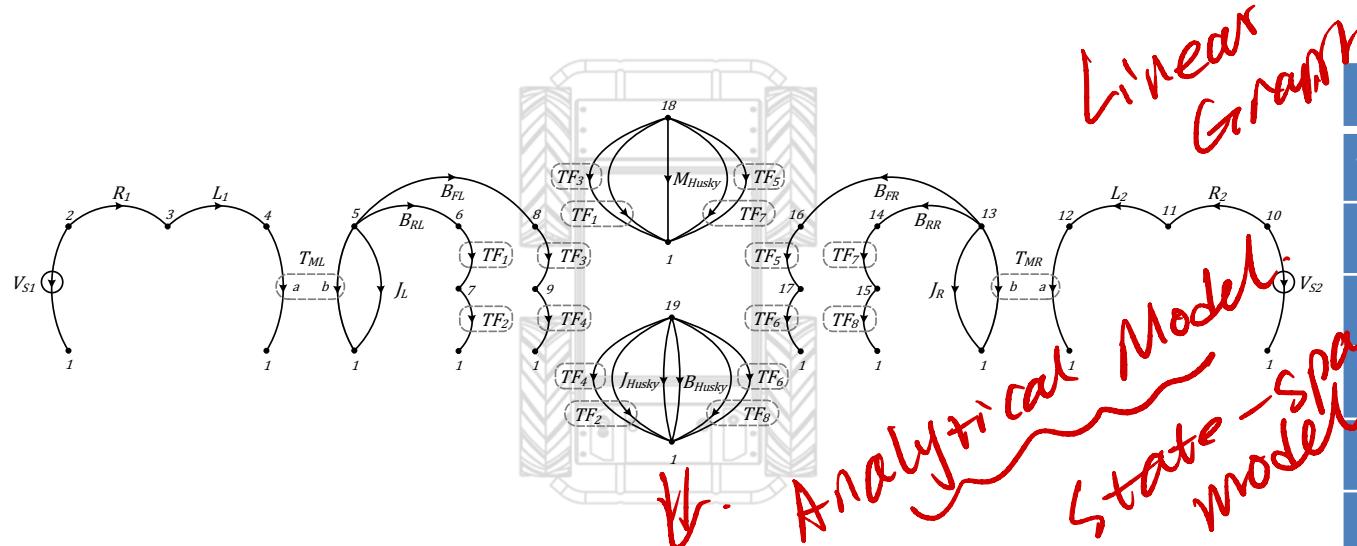
Genetic Programming



Remove high frequency signal
conserving low frequency signal

Modeling and Design Example 3

Page 20 of 21



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-B_{FL} - B_{RL}}{J_L} & 0 & \frac{B_{FL}TF_3 + B_{RL}TF_1}{J_L} & \frac{B_{FL}TF_4 + B_{RL}TF_2}{J_L} & \frac{T_{ML}}{J_L} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-B_{FR} - B_{RR}}{J_R} & \frac{B_{FR}TF_5 + B_{RR}TF_7}{J_R} & \frac{B_{FR}TF_6 + B_{RR}TF_8}{J_R} & 0 & \frac{T_{MR}}{J_R} \\ \frac{B_{FL}TF_3 + B_{RL}TF_1}{M_H} & \frac{B_{FR}TF_5 + B_{RR}TF_7}{M_H} & \frac{-B_{RL}TF_1^2 - B_{FL}TF_3^2 - B_{FR}TF_5^2 - B_{RR}TF_7^2}{M_H} & \frac{-B_{FL}TF_3TF_4 - B_{FR}TF_5TF_6 - B_{RL}TF_1TF_2 - B_{RR}TF_7TF_8}{M_H} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{B_{FL}TF_4 + B_{RL}TF_2}{M_H} & \frac{B_{FR}TF_6 + B_{RR}TF_8}{M_H} & \frac{-B_{FL}TF_3TF_4 - B_{FR}TF_5TF_6 - B_{RL}TF_1TF_2 - B_{RR}TF_7TF_8}{M_H} & \frac{-B_{RL}TF_2^2 - B_{FL}TF_4^2 - B_{FR}TF_6^2 - B_{RR}TF_8^2 - B_H}{J_H} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{J_H}{T_{ML}} & 0 & J_H & J_H & 0 & -\frac{R_1}{L_1} \\ 0 & -\frac{T_{MR}}{L_2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{R_2}{L_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{L_1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{L_2} \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad D = [0]_{4 \times 2}$$



Description	Parameter	Value	Units
Voltage Inputs	V_{S1}, V_{S2}	± 24	V
Internal Motor Resistance	R_1, R_2	0.46	Ω
Internal Motor Inductance	L_1, L_2	0.22	mH
Motor Torque Constant	k_t	0.044488	N · m/A
Gear Ratio	GR	78.71 : 1	Gear Ratio
Motor Transformer Ratio	T_{ML}, T_{MR}	$k_t \times GR$	N · m/A
Drivetrain Inertia	J_{LW}, J_{RW}	0.08	kg · m ²
Drivetrain Damping	$B_{RL, FL, FR, RR}$	Unknown	rad/(N · m · s)
Power Conversion Transformer Ratios	TF_{odd}	Equation (7)	
	TF_{even}	Equation (8)	
Husky Mass	M_{Husky}	48.39	kg
Husky Rotational Damping	B_{Husky}	Unknown	rad/(N · m · s)
Husky Inertia	J_{Husky}	3.0556	kg · m ²

