# Lab Report

# Lab #1: Analog Simulation

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## 1 Prelab Exercises

#### Ex a.

From Newton's 3rd law, I derive the following equation:

$$f = ma_{tot} + bv + kx$$
$$a_{tot} = \frac{d^2}{dt^2}x$$
$$v = \frac{d}{dt}x$$

thus the ODE should look like this:

$$f(t) = m\ddot{x}(t) + b\dot{x}(t) + kx(t)$$

Substituting the values for m, b, k, and f I obtain

$$f(t) = 2\ddot{x}(t) + 0.7\dot{x}(t) + x(t). \tag{1}$$

## Ex b.

Laplace Transform of 2nd-order ODE (with zero initial condition) in Equation 1:

$$f(t) = 2\ddot{x}(t) + 0.7\dot{x}(t) + x(t) \leftrightarrow F(s) = 2s^2X(s) + 0.7sX(s) + X(s)$$

and move  $s^2X$  to LHS and F to RHS:

$$s^2X = \frac{0.7}{2}sX + \frac{1}{2}X - \frac{1}{2}F\tag{2}$$

which gives the diagram in Figure 1.

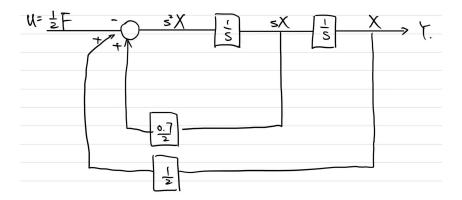


Figure 1: Block diagram for Equation 2

## Ex c.

For Figure 2(b) in the manual I can derive a group of equations based on KVL,

$$q_C = Ce_o(t) (3)$$

$$e_i(t) - e_o(t) = i(t)R$$

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which gives

$$\begin{aligned} e_i(t) - \frac{q_C}{C} &= i(t)R \\ \Rightarrow e_i(t) - \frac{1}{C} \int i(t) dt - i(t)R &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

## 2 Lab Exercises

### Ex 1: Solving Differential Equations using Analog Computer

#### Damp Coefficient b = 0.7

Prelab exercise provides a 2nd-order ODE

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = F$$

which, using Laplace Transform, can be represented as

$$s^{2}X(s) + \frac{b}{m}sX(s) + \frac{k}{m}X(s) = \frac{F}{m}.$$

For step 2, I found the I/O relationship at adder1 can be represented as

$$Y = -\frac{R_f}{F_1} x_1 - \frac{R_f}{F_2} x_2$$

and substituting  $x_1, x_2$  with its corresponding signals  $-\dot{x}, F(t) = 0.5$  I obtain

$$\frac{F(t) - b\dot{x}}{m} = \frac{0.5 - 0.7\dot{x}}{2} = -\dot{x}\frac{10\mathrm{k}}{28.6\mathrm{k}} + 0.5\frac{10\mathrm{k}}{20\mathrm{k}}$$

which matches the original parameter in the SIMUNLINK model.

This step produces a plot of x(t) and x'(t) over time, which is shown in Figure 2 and 3.

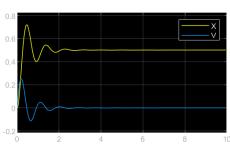


Figure 2: Function x(t) and v(t) with the change of t; generated by SIMULINK model

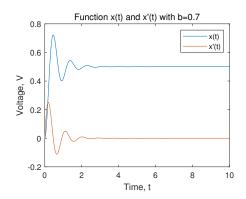


Figure 3: Function x(t) and v(t) with the change of t; plotted by MATLAB

#### **Damp Coefficient** b = 1

Let's focus on  $R_1$  in Figure 4.

As is discussed above, the I/O relationship of adder1 is

$$\frac{F(t) - b\dot{x}}{m} = \frac{0.5 - \dot{x}}{2} = -\dot{x}\frac{10k}{R_1} + 0.5\frac{10k}{20k}$$

which yields

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{10k}{R_1}.$$

Thus here I take  $R_1 = 20 \text{k}\Omega$ . The plots for function  $x_{b=1}(t)$  and  $x'_{b=1}(t)$  is shown in Figure 5 and 6.

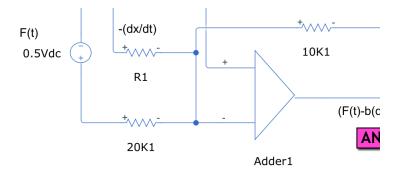


Figure 4: Block diagram near adder1

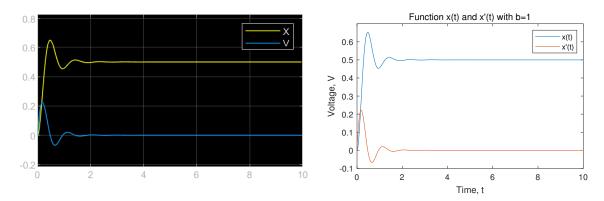


Figure 5: Function  $x_{b=1}(t)$  and  $x'_{b=1}(t)$  with the Figure 6: Function x(t) and v(t) with the change change of t; generated by SIMULINK model of t; plotted by MATLAB

#### Discussion about the Changes in Response

For the changes with b, I derived an expression for  $R_1$  in Figure 4:

$$R_1 = 10k \frac{m}{b}$$

which indicates that I can explore the change of functions with different  $R_1$ . It is concluded that with an increasing  $R_1$ , i.e. decreasing b,

- 1. the system will reach its steady state with longer time.
- 2. there will be a higher maximum value of system response.
- 3. frequency remains unchanged.

I plotted function x(t) for different  $R_1$ , which is shown in Figure 7.

For the changes with F(t), the steady state response is exactly the value of F(t). As F(t) changes, the response changes accordingly.

For the changes with k, similar as before I derived an expression for  $R_2$ , which is

$$R_2 = 10k \frac{m}{k}.$$

I plotted x(t) with different value of  $R_2$  as below in Figure 9.

With increasing value of  $R_2$ , i.e. decreasing k,

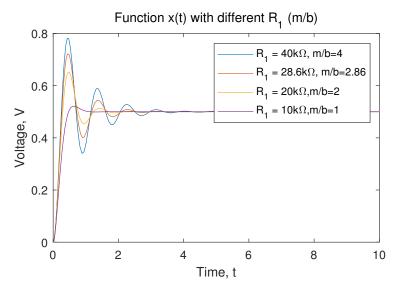


Figure 7: Function x(t) with different values of  $\frac{m}{b}$ 

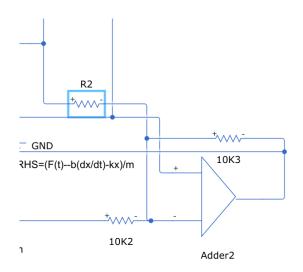


Figure 8: Block diagram near adder2

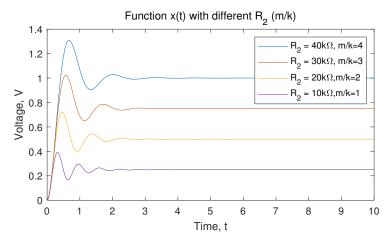


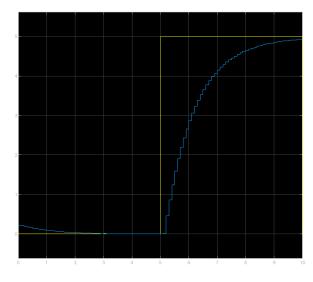
Figure 9: Function x(t) with different values of  $\frac{m}{k}$ 

- $1. \ \,$  The system will reach its steady state with longer time.
- $2. \ \,$  The frequency will decrease.
- 3. The steady state value will increase, as k changes the conditions at equilibrium.

## Ex 2: System Identification Experiment

### Hardware & Software Setup

After setting up both hardware and software I ran the simulation and obtained the two plots (shown as Figure 10 and 11), following the instructions on lab manual.



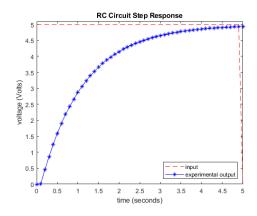


Figure 11: Voltage change within 5 seconds, generated by MATLAB

Figure 10: Voltage output of Arduino

#### Parameter Identification

To get the value of  $\tau$ , we have to find the time when the response reaches 63.2% of its total changes, i.e. around 3.16V.

From data gathered we find the response at 1.1s is 3.07V, and at 1.2s is 3.19V. Using linear approximation we have

$$V(t) = V(1.1) + \frac{V(1.2) - V(1.1)}{1.2 - 1.1}t = 3.07 + 1.2(t - 1.1), 1.1 \le t \le 1.2$$

Solving  $V(\tau)=3.16$  we have  $\tau\approx 1.175\mathrm{s}.$