Control Systems
Assignment - 1

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In this chapter, we derived the transfer function of a dc motor relating the angular displacement output to the armature voltage input. Often we want to control the output torque rather than the displacement. Derive the transfer function of the motor that relates output torque to input armature voltage.

Theory behind the problem

A motor is an electro-mechanical component that yields a displacement output for a voltage input, that is, a mechanical output generated by an electrical input.

Now we shall derive the transfer function for one particular kind of electro-mechanical system, the 'Armature-controlled DC Servomotor'.
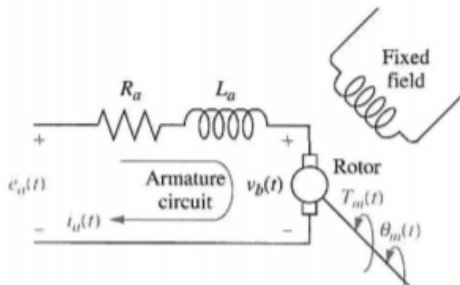

Figure: schematic of motor

In the figure a permanant magnetic field (Fixed Field) is generated by permanant magnets or a stationary magnets. The armature rotates due to torque generated by the fixed field and current $i_a(t)$.

In the motor as the conductor moves in the right angles of magnetic field a back emf gets generated. The back emf is directly proportional to the speed. Here is its expression :

$$v_b(t) = K_b \frac{d\theta_m(t)}{dt} \tag{1}$$

Back emf constant - K_b
we know that

$$\omega_m(t) = \frac{d\theta_m(t)}{dt} \tag{2}$$

By taking Laplace Transform of equation (1) we get

$$V_b(s) = K_b.s\theta_m(s) \tag{3}$$
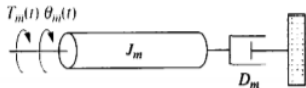
Torque expression

Figure: Typical equivalent mechanical loading on a motor

Equivalent Moment of Inertia - J_m
Equivalent Viscous Damping - D_m
Torque in Laplacian Domain - $T_m(s)$

Torques due to viscous force and mechanical loading are given by :

$$T_{mload}(s) = J_m s^2 \theta_m(s) \quad T_{mviscous}(s) = D_m s \theta_m(s) \tag{4}$$

Expression for net torque is given by :

$$T_m(s) = [J_m s + D_m] s \theta_m(s) \tag{5}$$

Derivation

Resistance - R_a
Inductance - L_a
Motor Torque Constant - K_t
Current in Laplacian Domain - $I_a(s)$
Input Voltage in Laplacian Domain - $E_a(s)$

By applying Kirchoff's Voltage Law we can write

$$R_a I_a(s) + L_a s I_a(s) + V_b(s) = E_a(s) \tag{6}$$

As torque developed is directly proportional to current we have

$$T_m(s) = K_t I_a(s) \tag{7}$$

By substituting equation (3) , (7) in (6) we get

$$\frac{T_m(s)[R_a + L_a s]}{K_t} + K_b.s\theta_m(s) = E_a(s) \qquad (8)$$

Now in order to obtain the transfer function, we must separate the input and output variables. Simply we must write $\theta_m(s)$ *in terms of* $T_m(s)$.

Now substitute equation (5) in equation (8) to get

$$\frac{T_m(s)[R_a + L_a s]}{K_t} + \frac{T_m(s)[K_b]}{J_m s + D_m} = E_a(s) \qquad (9)$$

$$T_m(s)\left[\frac{(R_a + L_a s).(J_m s + D_m) + K_b.K_t}{K_t.(J_m s + D_m)}\right] = E_a(s) \qquad (10)$$

In the above equation now divide both numerator and denominator on the left hand side by $J_m L_a$.

$$T_m(s)\left[\frac{\left(s + \frac{D_m}{J_m}\right)\left(s + \frac{R_a}{L_a}\right) + \frac{K_b.K_t}{J_m.L_a}}{\frac{K_t}{L_a}\left(s + \frac{D_m}{J_m}\right)}\right] = E_a(s) \qquad (11)$$

Finally we can write the transfer function as :

$$G(s) = \frac{T_m(s)}{E_a(s)} = \frac{\frac{K_t}{L_a}\left(s + \frac{D_m}{J_m}\right)}{\left(s + \frac{D_m}{J_m}\right)\left(s + \frac{R_a}{L_a}\right) + \frac{K_b.K_t}{J_m.L_a}} \qquad (12)$$

In simple way it can be written as

$$G(s) = \frac{m(s + n)}{s^2 + as + b} \qquad (13)$$

where m,n,a,b are constants.

Special Case

Now if the value of Inductance is very less compared to the value of Resistance, we can ignore it. In such case equation (9) gets transformed as

$$\frac{T_m(s)[R_a]}{K_t} + \frac{T_m(s)[K_b]}{J_m s + D_m} = E_a(s) \tag{14}$$

Final expression for transfer function is :

$$G(s) = \frac{\frac{K_t}{R_a}\left(s + \frac{D_m}{J_m}\right)}{\left(s + \frac{D_m}{J_m} + \frac{K_b.K_t}{J_m.R_a}\right)} \tag{15}$$

In simple way it is :

$$G(s) = \frac{K(s + \alpha)}{(s + \beta)} \tag{16}$$

where K, α, β *are constants.*