

# **Transfer Functions of Multivariable ODEs**

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# Transfer functions of multivariable ODEs show linearity

**Seborg Ex. 4.4a** Given constant liquid density  $\rho$ , volume  $V$ , mass flow rates  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$ , and  $w$ , the governing equation for a continuous blending process is

original ODE  $\rho V \frac{dx}{dt} = w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 - w x$

Annotations:   
 $w_1$ :  $\downarrow$    
 $w_2$ :  $\downarrow$    
 $w$ :  $\downarrow$  total   
 $\rho$ :  $\downarrow$  const   
 $x$ :  $\downarrow$  out   
 $x_1$ :  $\downarrow$  in   
 $x_2$ :  $\downarrow$  const

where  $x$  are compositions. Determine the transfer function for output  $x$  and varying input  $x_1$  while  $x_2$  is held constant.

steady state ODE  $0 = w_1 \bar{x}_1 + w_2 \bar{x}_2 - w \bar{x}$

$$y' = y - \bar{y}$$

deviation ODE

$$\rho V \frac{dx}{dt} = w_1 (x_1 - \bar{x}_1) + w_2 (\cancel{x_2 - \bar{x}_2}) - w (x - \bar{x})$$

Annotation:  $\nearrow 0$  (pointing to the crossed-out term)

$$\boxed{\rho V \frac{dx'}{dt} = w_1 x_1' - w x'}$$

$$\frac{dx'}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(x - \bar{x}) = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

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## Seborg Ex. 4.4a (cont.)

$$\mathcal{L} \left[ PV \frac{dx'}{dt} = w_1 x'_1 - w x' \right]$$

$$PV \left[ sX'(s) - \overset{0}{x'(0)} \right] = w_1 X'_1(s) - w X'(s)$$

$$PV s X'(s) + w X'(s) = w_1 X'_1(s)$$

$$G(s) = \frac{\text{out}}{\text{in}} = \frac{X'(s)}{X'_1(s)} = \frac{\boxed{\frac{w_1}{PVs + w}}}{\frac{w_1/w}{\frac{PV}{w}s + 1}} = \frac{K}{\tau s + 1}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{K}{\tau s + 1}} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} K \equiv \frac{w_1}{w} \\ \tau \equiv \frac{PV}{w} \end{array} \right. \quad \checkmark$$

init cond  
 $x'(0) = 0$   
s.s deviation is 0

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**Seborg Ex. 4.4a (cont.)**

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**Seborg Ex. 4.4b** Given constant liquid density  $\rho$ , volume  $V$ , mass flow rates  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$ , and  $w$ , the governing equation for a continuous blending process is

original  $\rho V \frac{dx}{dt} = w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 - w x$  ↓ out input ↓ ↓

where  $x$  are compositions. Determine the transfer function for output  $x$  and varying inputs  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .

s.s.  $0 = w_1 \bar{x}_1 + w_2 \bar{x}_2 - w \bar{x}$

dev.  $\rho V \frac{dx}{dt} = w_1 (x_1 - \bar{x}_1) + w_2 (x_2 - \bar{x}_2) - w (x - \bar{x})$

$\rho V \frac{dx'}{dt} = w_1 x'_1 + w_2 x'_2 - w x'$

$$\frac{dx'}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (x(t) - \bar{x}) = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

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## Seborg Ex. 4.4b (cont.)

init cond of dev  
is 0 at s.s  
 $x'(0) = 0$

$$\mathcal{L} \left[ eV \frac{dx'}{dt} = w_1 x_1' + w_2 x_2' - w x' \right]$$

$$eV [sX'(s) - \cancel{x'(0)}] = w_1 X_1' + w_2 X_2' - w X'$$

$$eV s X'(s) + w X'(s) = w_1 X_1' + w_2 X_2'$$

$$X'(s) = \frac{w_1 X_1' + w_2 X_2'}{eV s + w} \cdot \frac{1/w}{1/w} = \frac{\frac{w_1}{w} X_1' + \frac{w_2}{w} X_2'}{\frac{eV}{w} s + 1}$$

$$\begin{cases} K_1 \equiv \frac{w_1}{w} \\ K_2 \equiv \frac{w_2}{w} \\ \tau_1 = \tau_2 = \frac{eV}{w} \end{cases}$$

$$X'(s) = \frac{\frac{w_1}{w} X_1'}{\frac{eV}{w} s + 1} + \frac{\frac{w_2}{w} X_2'}{\frac{eV}{w} s + 1} = \frac{K_1 X_1'}{\tau_1 s + 1} + \frac{K_2 X_2'}{\tau_2 s + 1}$$

$$X'(s) = \frac{K_1 X_1'}{\tau_1 s + 1} + \frac{K_2 X_2'}{\tau_2 s + 1}$$

out:  $X'$   $\leftarrow$   
in:  $X_1', X_2'$

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## Seborg Ex. 4.4b (cont.)

$$X'(s) = \frac{K_1 X_1'}{\tau_1 s + 1} + \frac{K_2 X_2'}{\tau_2 s + 1} = G_1(s) X_1'(s) + G_2(s) X_2'(s)$$

$$\text{If } x_2(t)=0, X_2'(s)=0 \\ x_1(t) \neq 0, X_1'(s) \neq 0 : X'(s) = \frac{K_1 X_1'}{\tau_1 s + 1}$$

$$G_1(s) = \frac{X'(s)}{X_1'(s)} = \boxed{\frac{K_1}{\tau_1 s + 1}}$$

$$\text{If } x_1(t)=0, X_1'(s)=0 \\ x_2(t) \neq 0, X_2'(s) \neq 0 : X'(s) = \frac{K_2 X_2'}{\tau_2 s + 1}$$

$$G_2(s) = \frac{X'(s)}{X_2'(s)} = \boxed{\frac{K_2}{\tau_2 s + 1}}$$

# Linearity and input-output relationship

Linear

$$X'(s) = G_1(s)X_1'(s) + G_2(s)X_2'(s) + G_3(s)X_3'(s)$$

effect of  
 $x_1(t)$  on  $x(t)$

effect of  
 $x_2(t)$  on  $x(t)$

linear!

$$X'(s) = G_1(s)X_1'(s)$$

out      transfer      in

in-out relationship  
in  $\mathcal{L}$  space  
(s)