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# INTRODUCTION ON DYNAMICS OF MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

$\hookrightarrow$  Dynamics = relation between FORCES (inputs) and movements of a mech. system .

There are 2 types of mech. systems:

- LUMPED PARAMETER SYSTEMS → they have  $N$  d.o.f.

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They're described by  $n$  ordinary diff. equations (ODEs)

(ex. car on a bumping road can be considered as a rigid body, because we can define each point of the car just by knowing 3 parameters, such as vertical and horiz. displacement and pitch rotation). ↑ VERT. disp.

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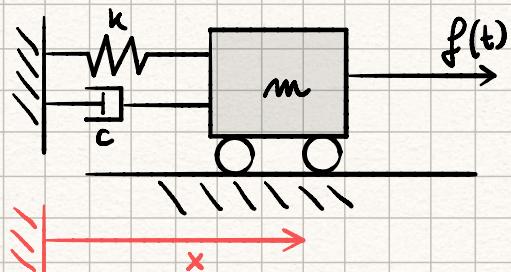
- DISTRIBUTED PARAMETER SYSTEMS  $\rightarrow$  FLEXIBLE SYSTEMS  $\rightarrow \infty$  d.o.f.  
 They're described by partial derivative diff. equations (PDEs)

But there are no solutions for PDEs so we'll use approximate solutions  $\Rightarrow$  DISCRETIZATION

# FINITE ELEMENT METHOD

Very general method to reduce a set of PDEs to ODEs

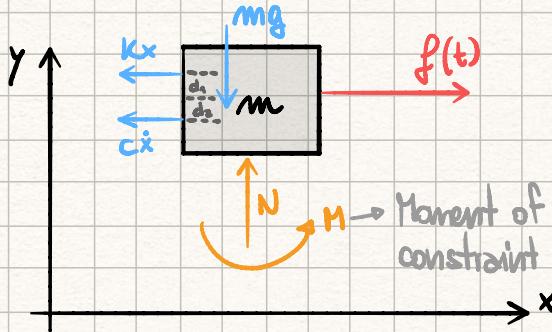
## RECAP ON METHODS FOR A 1 DOF SYSTEM



Since this is a rigid body in translatory motion  $\Rightarrow$  every point of m has the same velocity.

## METHOD 1) NEWTON's II LAW :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum \vec{F} = m \vec{a} \\ \sum \vec{H}_o = J_o \vec{\omega} \end{array} \right.$$



(We move  $x$  and  $\dot{x}$  to the positive direction and w.r.t that we have the direction of the damping and elastic forces)