

Tutorial 1 : Modelling

- 1) Consider a series resistor capacitor circuit(RC circuit $R = 1\Omega$, $C = 1F$). Plot the capacitor voltage response when the input voltage is a unit step function. Note the capacitor voltage at times $t = 1,2,3,4,5$ and 6. How are the voltage values related to the half life of the system.
- 2) Consider the function $y(t)$ shown in Figure 1. Find the expression for this function.

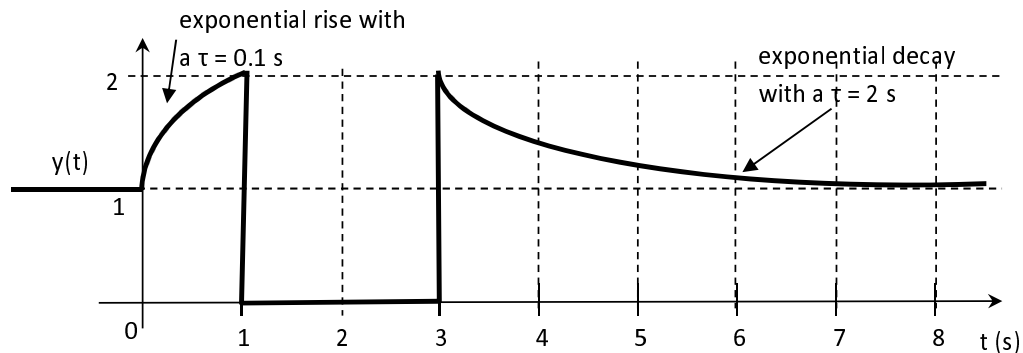


Fig. 1: question 2

- 3) Consider the circuit shown in Figure 2. The input to the circuit is the voltage $V_{in} = 12V$. The output of this circuit is the current inductor $i_L(t)$ and the switch is closed when $t > 0$. Determine the current in the inductor, $i_L(t)$ for $t > 0$.
- 4) Consider the mechanical system shown in Figure 3 consisting of two masses M_1 and M_2 . Mass M_1 is in frictionless contact with the ground while the friction between the ground and mass M_2 is described by the damping coefficient B_2 . The dashpot that attaches mass M_1 to the wall has damping coefficient of B_1 . A time varying force $f(t)$ acts on mass M_1 . Find the differential equations that relates x_1 and x_2 to the input force $f(t)$.
- 5) Figure 4 shows a system consisting of a mass-spring-damper system mounted on a massless cart. $u(t)$ is the displacement of the cart and is the input to the system. The displacement $y(t)$ of the mass is the output. The displacements u and y are both measured relative to the ground.
 - a) Find the differential equation that relates $u(t)$ to $y(t)$
 - b) If now the cart has a mass M and a force $f(t)$ acts on the cart, find the differential equations that relate the input force $f(t)$ to the displacements $u(t)$ and $y(t)$
- 6) A DC motor drives an output shaft(inertia I_0 and damping coefficient B_0) via a gearbox with a reduction ratio of N as shown in Figure 5. The motor shaft has inertia I_m and damping coefficient B_m . The motor is excited by voltage $E_i(t)$ (R_m = DC motor armature resistance, L_m = DC motor armature inductance, E_m = back emf, i_m = armature current) Find the differential equation that relates the input voltage $E_i(t)$ to the output shaft angle θ_o . Note θ_m is the angular displacement of the motor shaft.
- 7) Consider the quarter car model shown in Figure 6.
 - Develop a model for the active suspension system

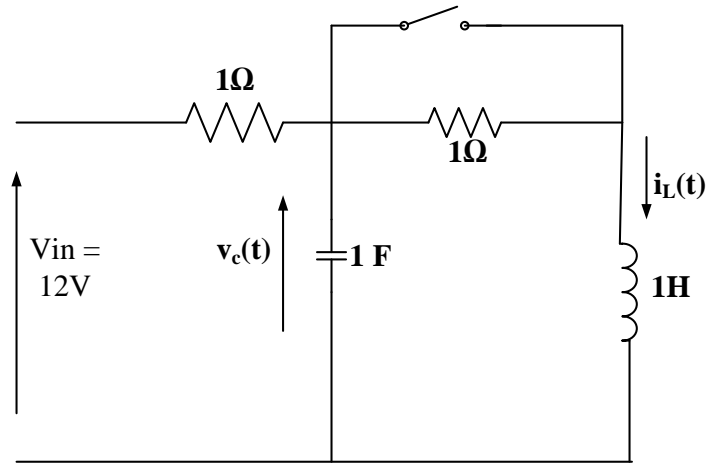


Fig. 2: question 3

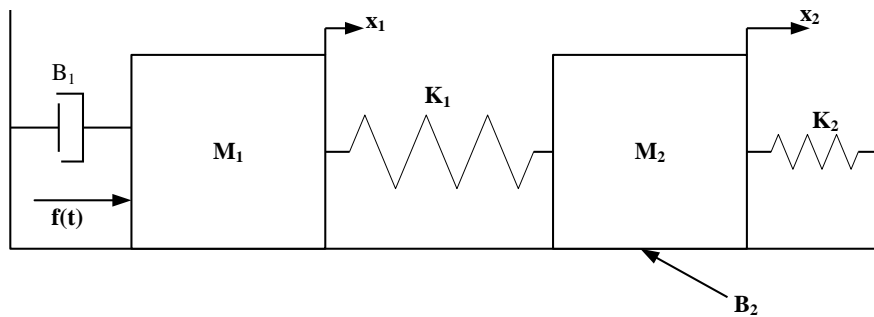


Fig. 3: question 4

- Develop a combined suspension and braking model

NOTE spring and damper are assumed to be linear. A slip based braking model is assumed (see class notes)

- Figure 7 shows an electrical drilling machine. Taking the voltage $e_a(t)$ as the input, develop a mathematical model of the drilling operation.
- A thermometer is used to measure temperature. At time $t = 0$ the thermometer is suddenly dipped from air at 20°C to boiling water. 1 minute later the thermometer is suddenly transferred back to air. Find the thermometer temperature at the following time instants 10s, 20s, 50s, 120s, and 300s.
 - Mass = $5 \times 10^{-2} \text{kg}$
 - Surface area = 10^{-3}m^2
 - Specific heat = $0.2 \text{Jkg}^{-1} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$
 - Heat transfer coefficient for air = $0.2 \text{Wm}^{-2} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$
 - Heat transfer coefficient for water = $1.0 \text{Wm}^{-2} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$

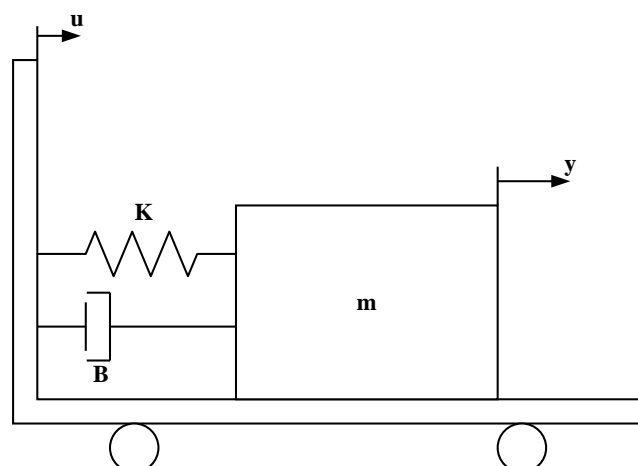


Fig. 4: question 5

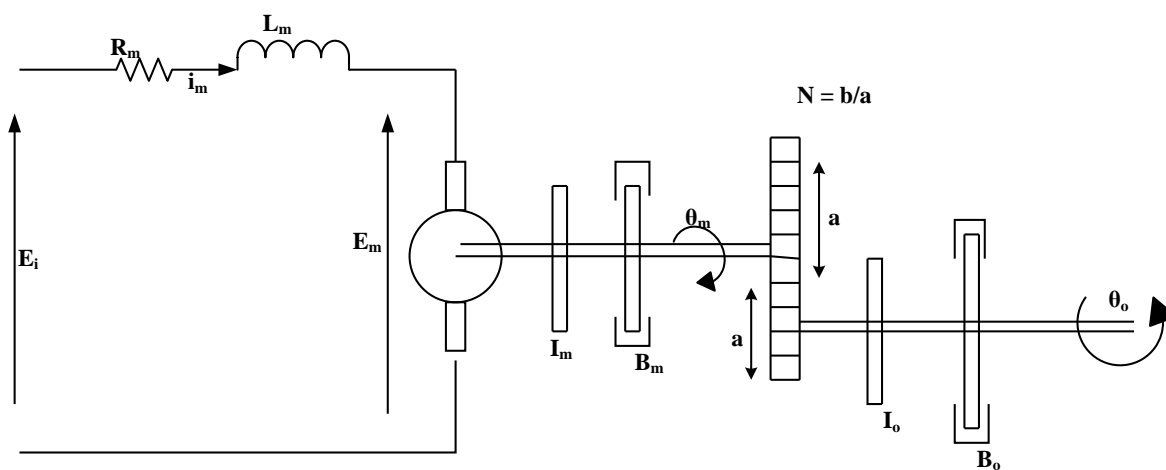


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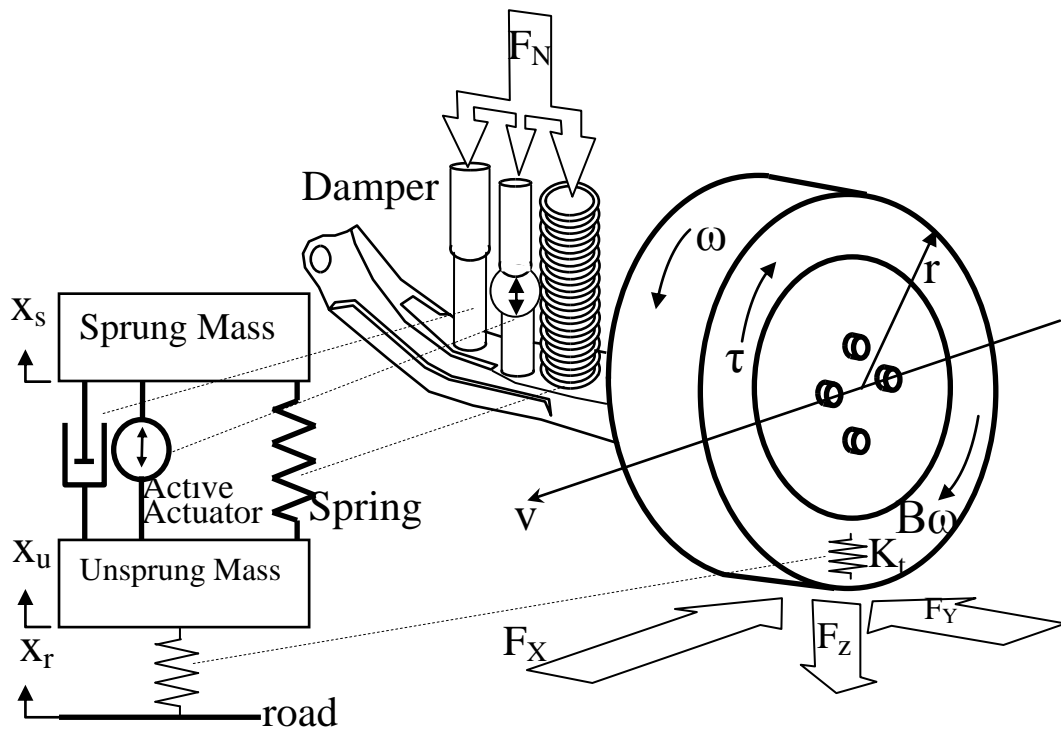


Fig. 6: question 7

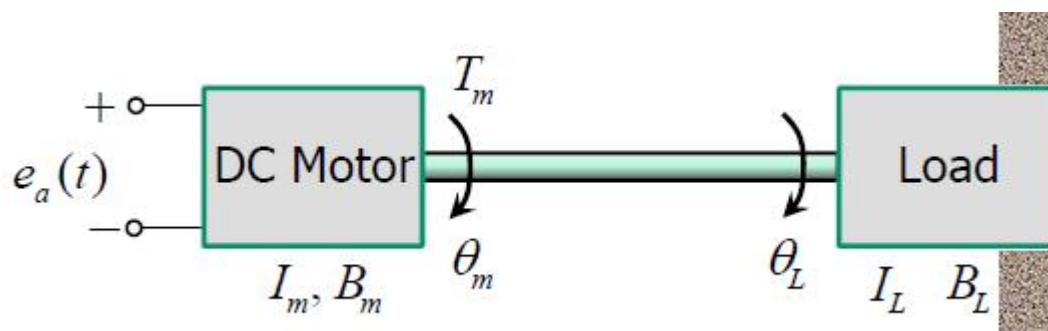


Fig. 7: question 8