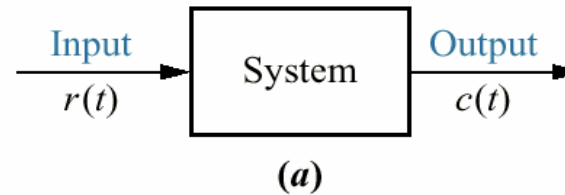
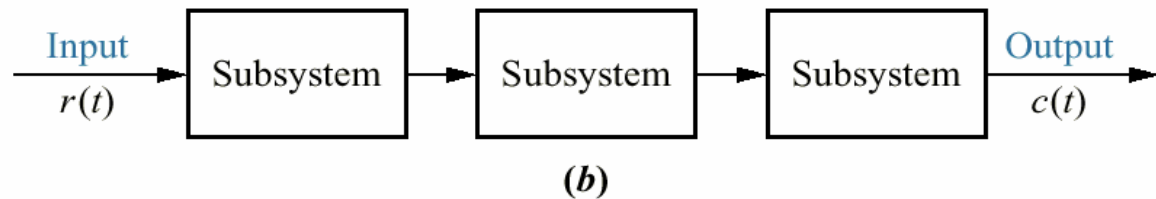


## Figure 2.1

**a.** Block diagram representation of a system;



**b.** block diagram representation of an interconnection of subsystems



Note: The input,  $r(t)$ , stands for *reference input*.  
The output,  $c(t)$ , stands for *controlled variable*.

# REVIEW OF THE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

Item no.	$f(t)$	$F(s)$
1.	$\delta(t)$	1
2.	$u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s}$
3.	$tu(t)$	$\frac{1}{s^2}$
4.	$t^n u(t)$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
5.	$e^{-at}u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s+a}$
6.	$\sin \omega t u(t)$	$\frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$
7.	$\cos \omega t u(t)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$

**Table 2.1**

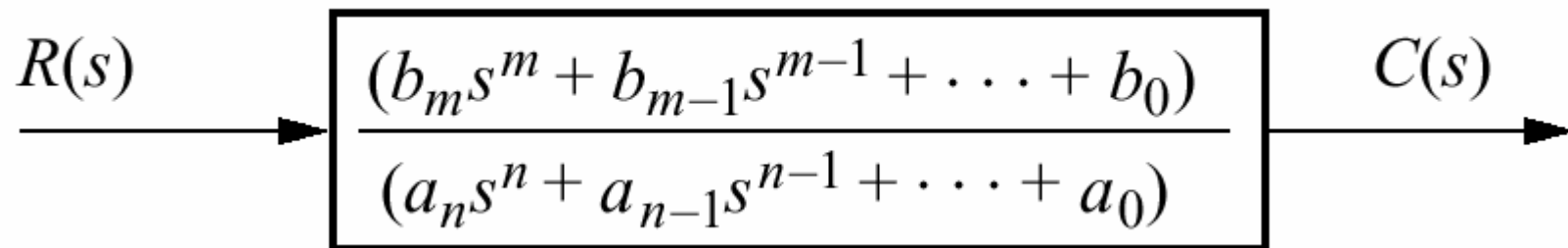
Laplace transform table

**Table 2.2**  
Laplace  
transform theorems

Item no.	Theorem	Name
1.	$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = F(s) = \int_{0-}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt$	Definition
2.	$\mathcal{L}[kf(t)] = kF(s)$	Linearity theorem
3.	$\mathcal{L}[f_1(t) + f_2(t)] = F_1(s) + F_2(s)$	Linearity theorem
4.	$\mathcal{L}[e^{-at}f(t)] = F(s + a)$	Frequency shift theorem
5.	$\mathcal{L}[f(t - T)] = e^{-sT}F(s)$	Time shift theorem
6.	$\mathcal{L}[f(at)] = \frac{1}{a}F\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$	Scaling theorem
7.	$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{df}{dt}\right] = sF(s) - f(0-)$	Differentiation theorem
8.	$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d^2f}{dt^2}\right] = s^2F(s) - sf(0-) - \dot{f}(0-)$	Differentiation theorem
9.	$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d^nf}{dt^n}\right] = s^nF(s) - \sum_{k=1}^n s^{n-k}f^{k-1}(0-)$	Differentiation theorem
10.	$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_{0-}^t f(\tau) d\tau\right] = \frac{F(s)}{s}$	Integration theorem
11.	$f(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$	Final value theorem <sup>1</sup>
12.	$f(0+) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$	Initial value theorem <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For this theorem to yield correct finite results, all roots of the denominator of  $F(s)$  must have negative real parts and no more than one can be at the origin.

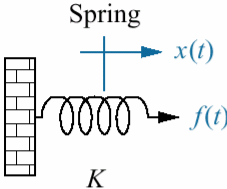
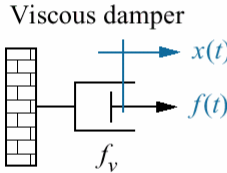
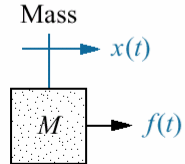
<sup>2</sup> For this theorem to be valid,  $f(t)$  must be continuous or have a step discontinuity at  $t = 0$  (i.e., no impulses or their derivatives at  $t = 0$ ).



**Figure 2.2**  
Block diagram of a transfer function

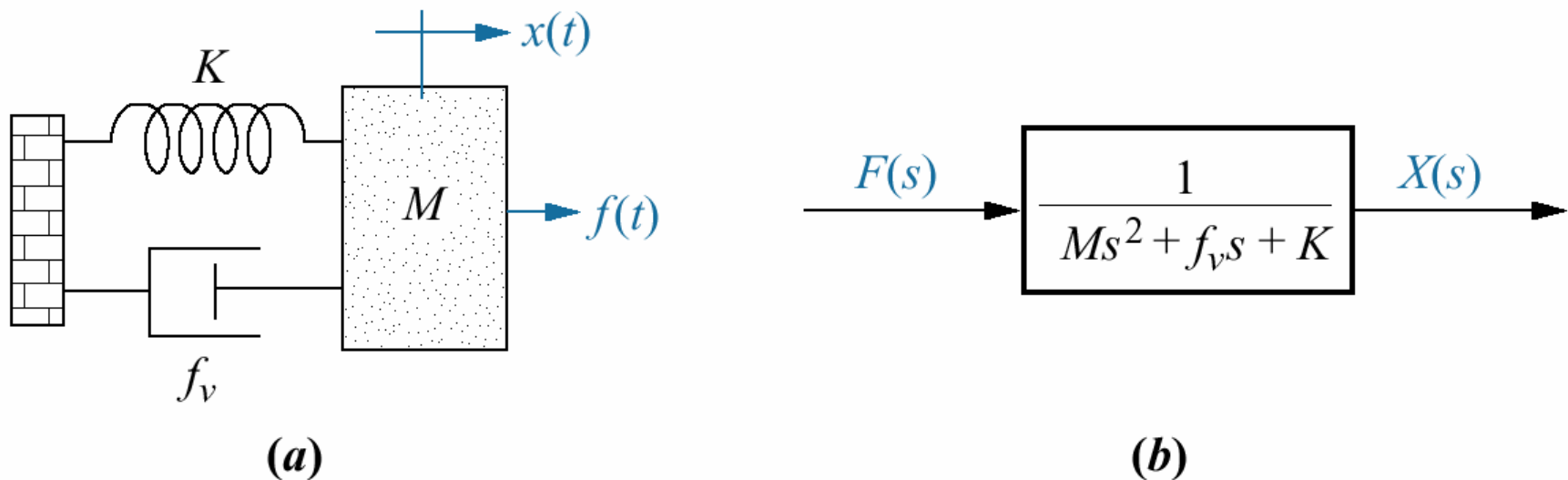
# MECHANICAL SYSTEMS TRANSFER FUNCTIONS

**Table 2.4**  
Force-velocity, force-displacement, and impedance translational relationships for springs, viscous dampers, and mass

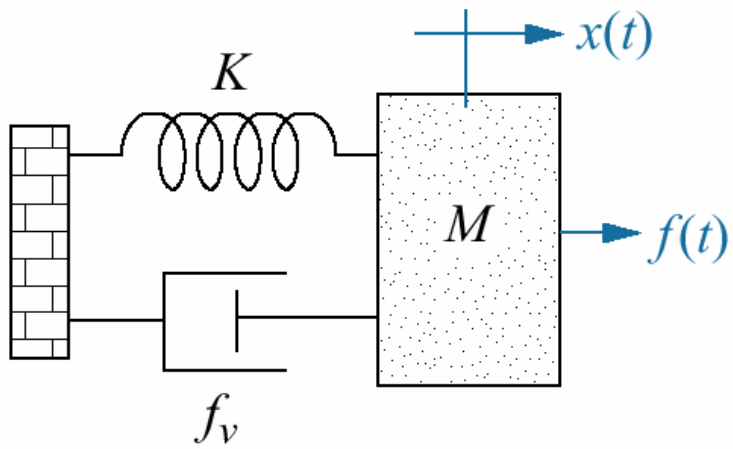
Component	Force-velocity	Force-displacement	Impedance $Z_M(s) = F(s)/X(s)$
 <p>Spring</p>	$f(t) = K \int_0^t v(\tau) d\tau$	$f(t) = Kx(t)$	$K$
 <p>Viscous damper</p>	$f(t) = f_v v(t)$	$f(t) = f_v \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$	$f_v s$
 <p>Mass</p>	$f(t) = M \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$	$f(t) = M \frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2}$	$M s^2$

Note: The following set of symbols and units is used throughout this book:  $f(t)$  = N (newtons),  $x(t)$  = m (meters),  $v(t)$  = m/s (meters/second),  $K$  = N/m (newtons/meter),  $f_v$  = N-s/m (newton-seconds/meter),  $M$  = kg (kilograms = newton-seconds<sup>2</sup>/meter).

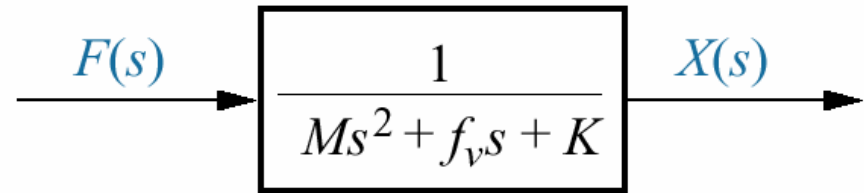
**Example:** Find the transfer function  $X(s) / F(s)$  for the system given below



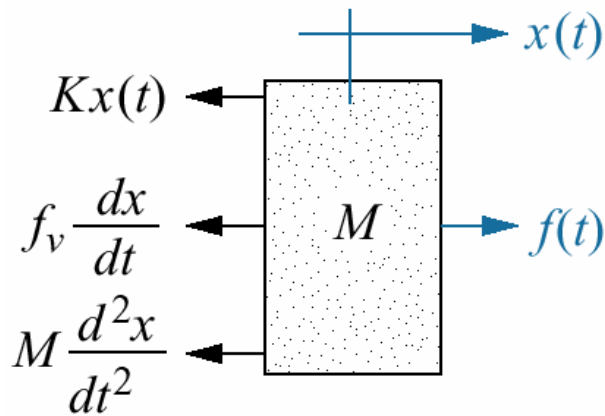
**Figure 2.15**  
**a.** Mass, spring, and damper system;  
**b.** block diagram



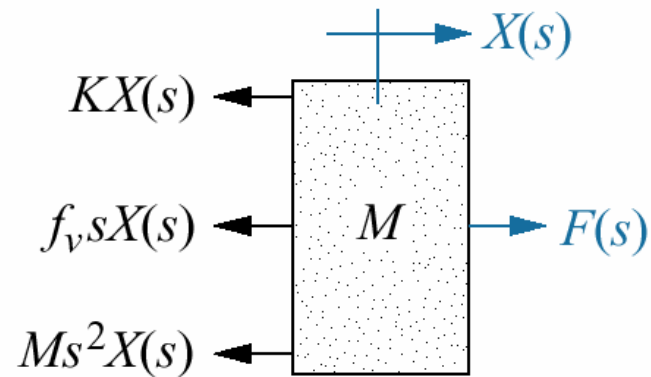
(a)



(b)



(a)

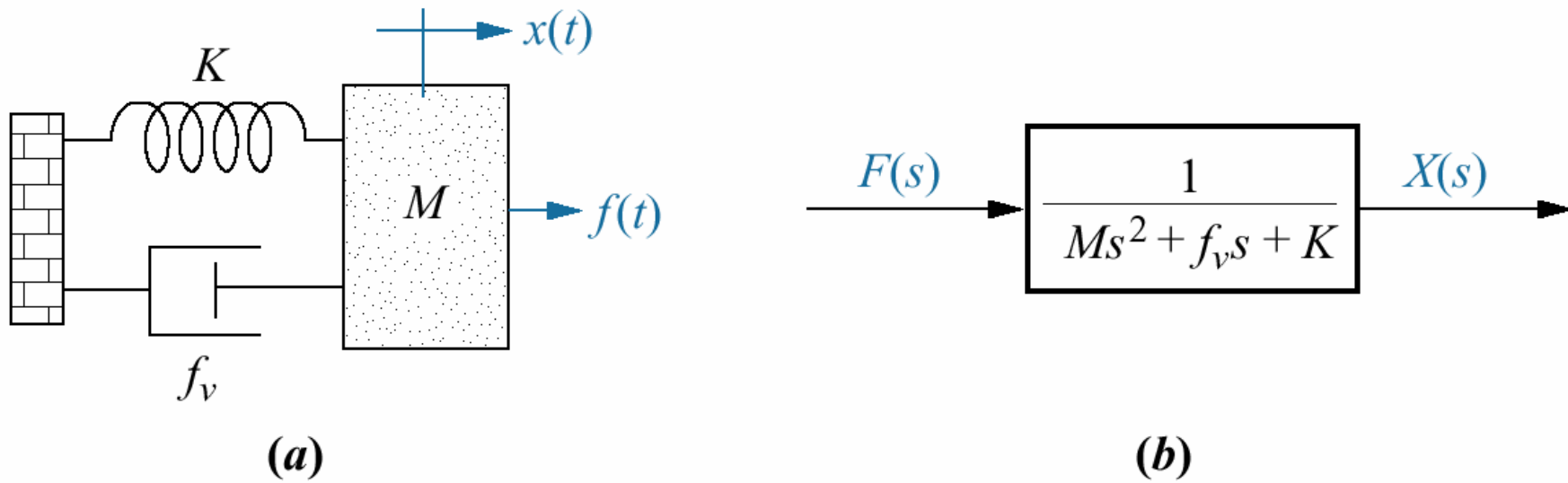


(b)

**Figure 2.16**

**a.** Free-body diagram of mass, spring, and damper system;

**b.** transformed free-body diagram



*We now write the differential equation of motion using Newton's law*

$$M \frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} + f_v \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + Kx(t) = f(t)$$

*Taking the Laplace transform, assuming zero initial conditions*

$$Ms^2 X(s) + f_v sX(s) + KX(s) = F(s)$$

$$(Ms^2 + f_v s + K)X(s) = F(s)$$



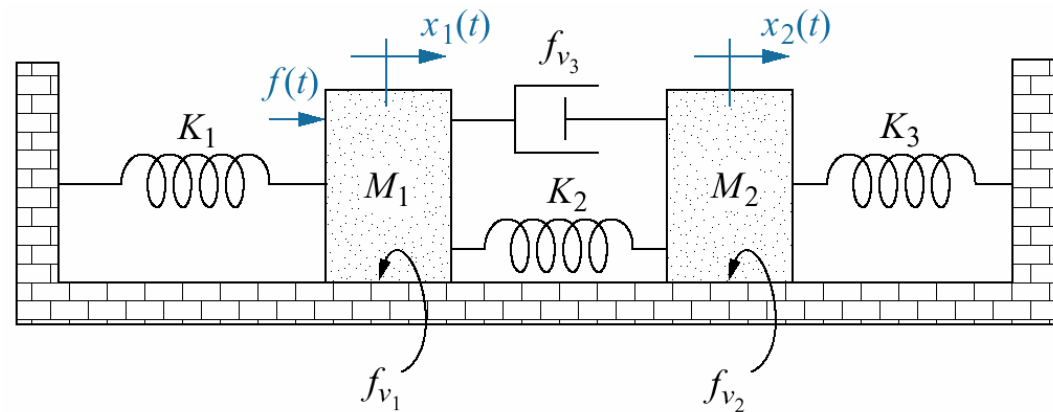
Solving for transfer function yields

$$G(s) = \frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{1}{Ms^2 + sf_v + K}$$

$$[\text{Sum of impedance}]X(s) = [\text{Sum of applied forces}]$$

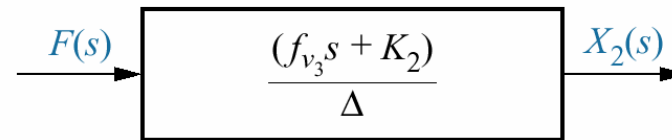
Note that the number of equation of motion required is equal to number of *linearly independent* motion. Linear independence implies that a point of motion in a system can still move if all other points of motion are held still. Another name of the number of linearly independent motion is the number of *degrees of freedom*.

**Example : Find the transfer function  $X_2(s)/F(s)$**

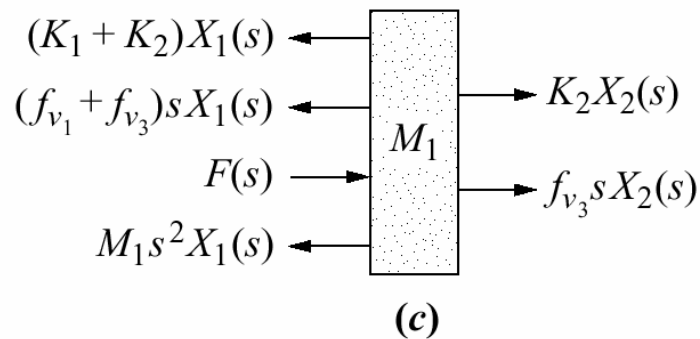
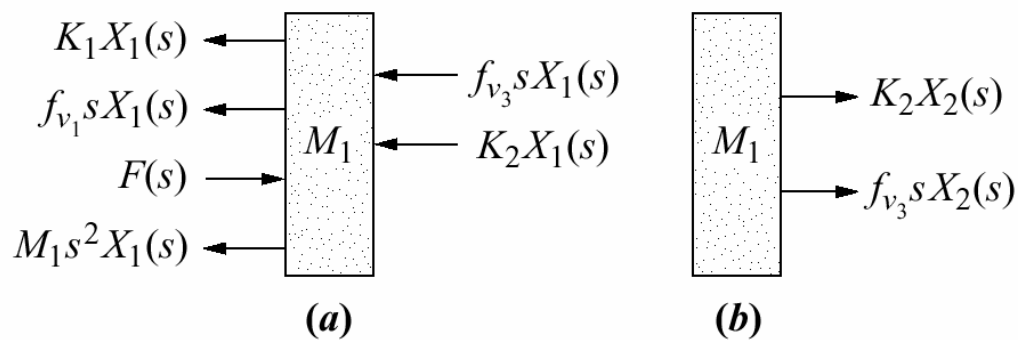
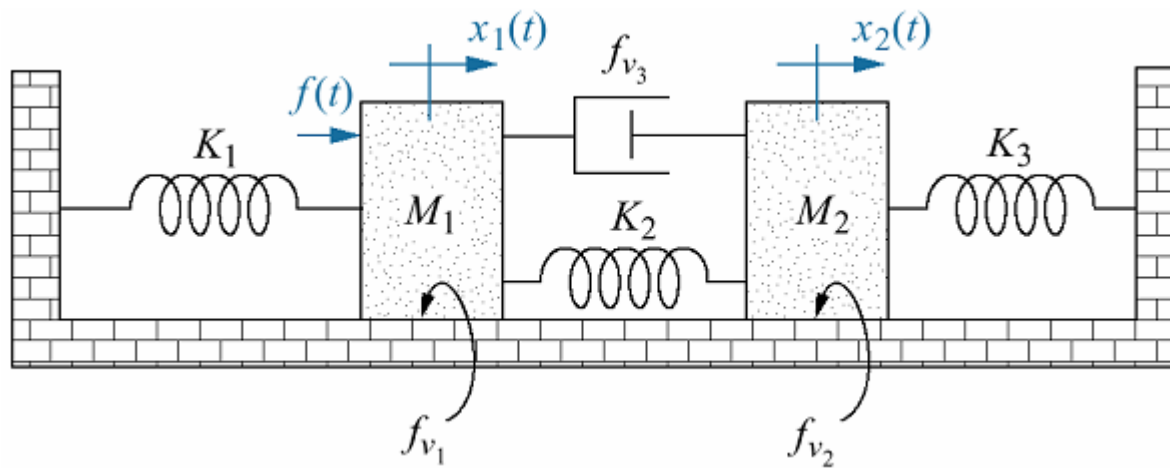


(a)

**Figure 2.17**  
a. Two-degrees-of-freedom translational mechanical system<sup>8</sup>;  
b. block diagram



(b)

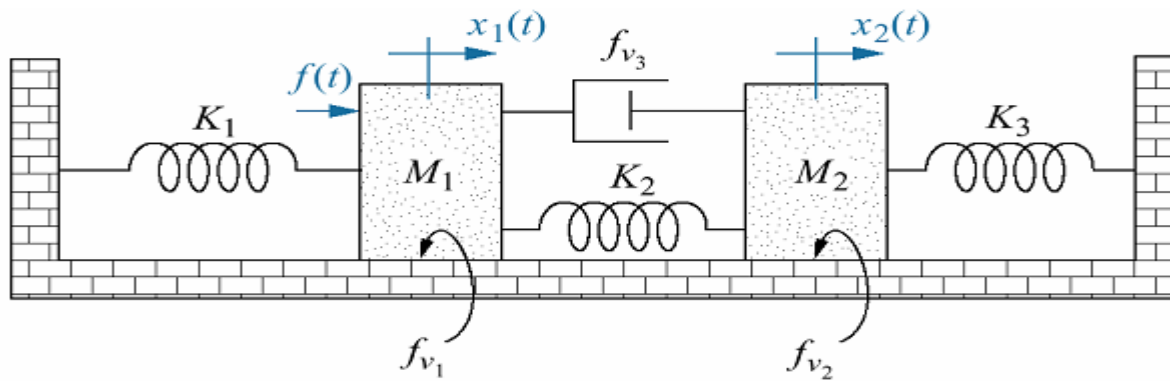


**Figure 2.18**

**a.** Forces on  $M_1$  due only to motion of  $M_1$

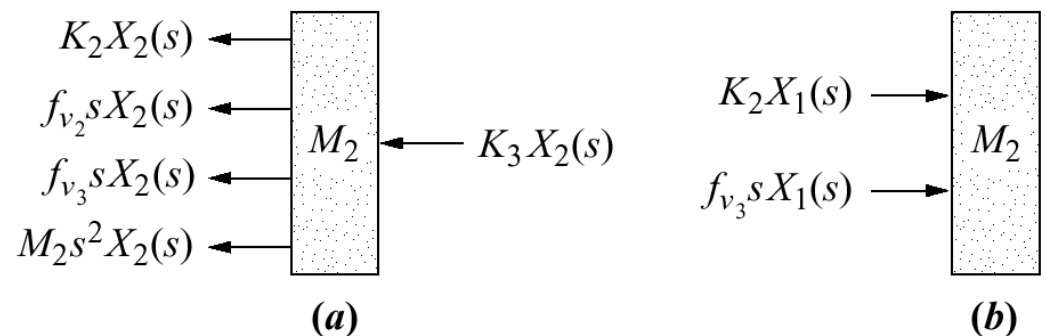
**b.** forces on  $M_1$  due only to motion of  $M_2$

**c.** all forces on  $M_1$



$$[M_1 s^2 + (f_{v1} + f_{v3})s + (K_1 + K_2)] X_1(s) - (f_{v3}s + K_2) X_2(s) = F(s)$$

$$-(f_{v3}s + K_2) X_1(s) + [M_2 s^2 + (f_{v2} + f_{v3})s + (K_2 + K_3)] X_2(s) = 0$$

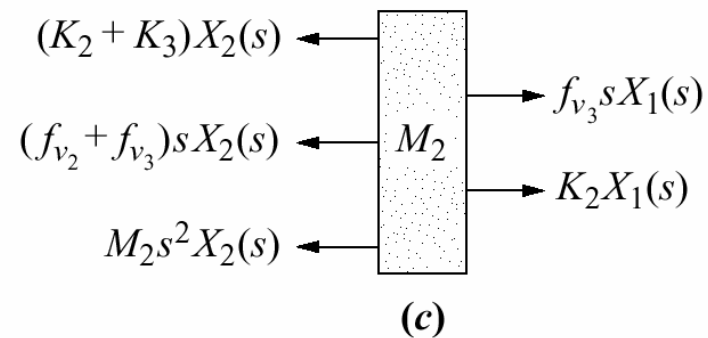


**Figure 2.19**

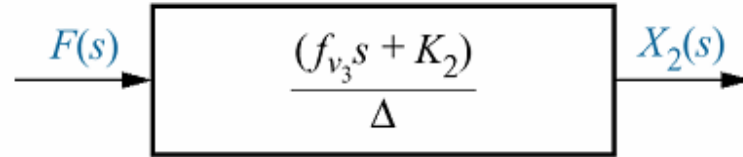
**a.** Forces on  $M_2$  due only to motion of  $M_2$ ;

**b.** forces on  $M_2$  due only to motion of  $M_1$ ;

**c.** all forces on  $M_2$



The transfer function  $X_2(s)/F(s)$  is



$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} [M_1s^2 + (f_{v1} + f_{v3})s + (K_1 + K_2)] & - (f_{v3}s + K_2) \\ - (f_{v3}s + K_2) & [M_2s^2 + (f_{v2} + f_{v3})s + (K_2 + K_3)] \end{vmatrix}$$

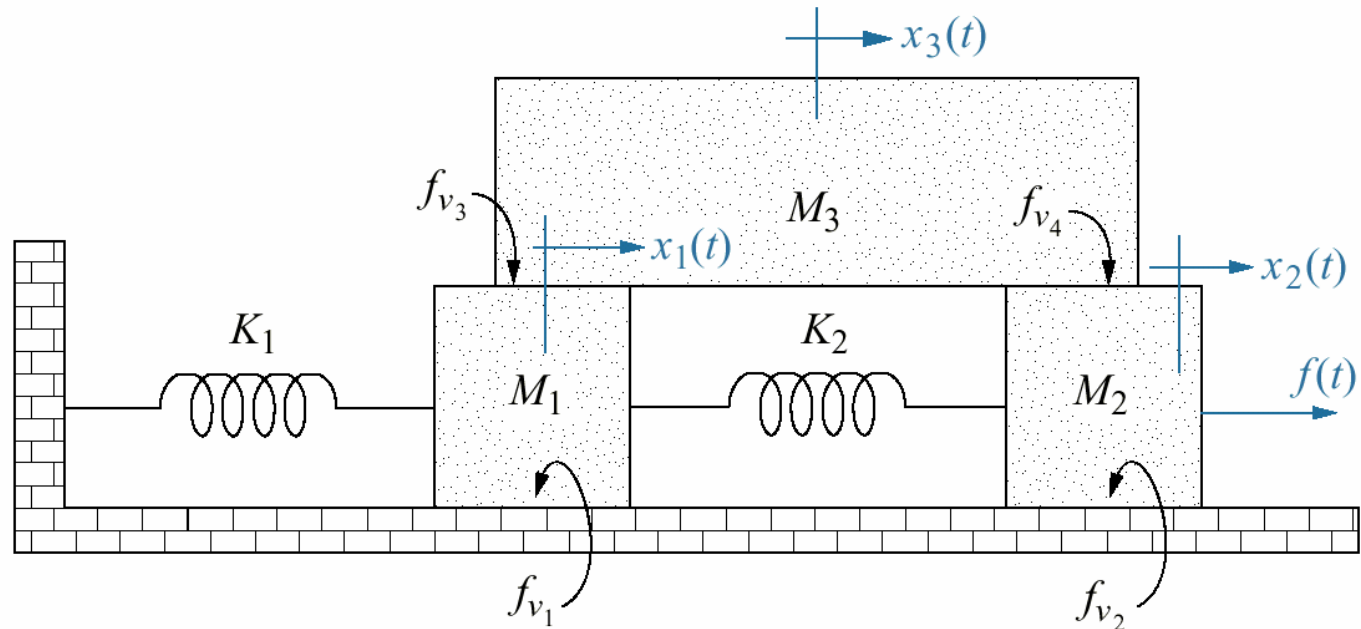
Note that

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \textit{Sum of} \\ \textit{impedance} \\ \textit{connected} \\ \textit{to the} \\ \textit{motion at} \\ X_1 \end{array} \right) X_1(s) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \textit{Sum of} \\ \textit{impedance} \\ \textit{between} \\ X_1 \textit{ and } X_2 \end{array} \right) X_2(s) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \textit{Sum of applied} \\ \textit{forces at} \\ X_1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \textit{Sum of} \\ \textit{impedance} \\ \textit{connected} \\ \textit{to the} \\ \textit{motion at} \\ X_2 \end{array} \right) X_2(s) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \textit{Sum of} \\ \textit{impedance} \\ \textit{between} \\ X_1 \textit{ and } X_2 \end{array} \right) X_1(s) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \textit{Sum of applied} \\ \textit{forces at} \\ X_2 \end{array} \right)$$

## Equations of Motion by Inspection

**Problem** : Write, but not solve, the equation of motion for the mechanical system given below.



**Figure 2.20**

Three-degrees-of-freedom  
translational  
mechanical system

**Using same logic, for  $M_1$**

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{connected} \\ \text{to the} \\ \text{motion at} \\ X_1 \end{array} \right) X_1(s) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{between} \\ X_1 \text{ and } X_2 \end{array} \right) X_2(s) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{between} \\ X_1 \text{ and } X_3 \end{array} \right) X_3(s) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{applied} \\ \text{forces at} \\ X_1 \end{array} \right)$$

**and for  $M_2$**

$$- \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{between} \\ X_1 \text{ and } X_2 \end{array} \right) X_1(s) + \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{connected to} \\ \text{the motion at} \\ X_2 \end{array} \right) X_2(s) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{between} \\ X_2 \text{ and } X_3 \end{array} \right) X_3(s) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{applied} \\ \text{forces at} \\ X_2 \end{array} \right)$$

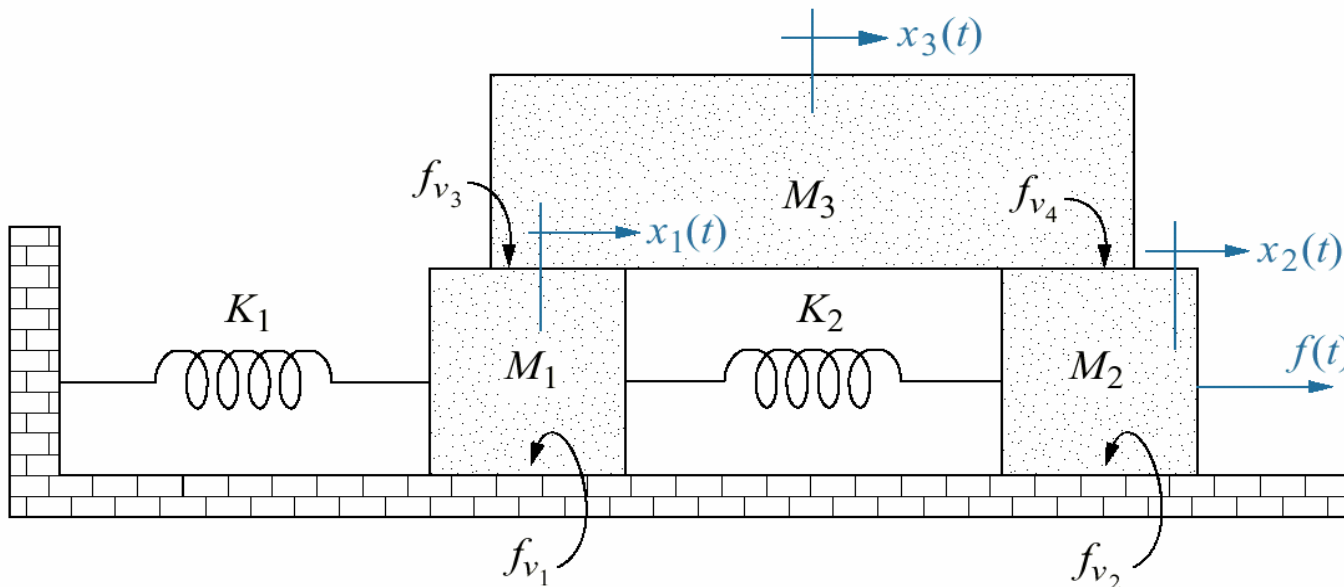


Similarly, for  $M_3$

$$- \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{between} \\ X_1 \text{ and } X_3 \end{array} \right] X_1(s) - \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{between} \\ X_2 \text{ and } X_3 \end{array} \right] X_2(s) + \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{connected to} \\ \text{the motion at} \\ X_3 \end{array} \right] X_3(s) = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{applied} \\ \text{forces at} \\ X_3 \end{array} \right]$$

Any more we can write the equations for  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$  and  $M_3$

Note that  $M_1$  has two springs, two viscous damper and mass associated with its motion. There is one spring between  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  and one viscous damper between  $M_1$  and  $M_3$ .



*Equation for  $M_1$*

$$[M_1 s^2 + (f_{v1} + f_{v3})s + (K_1 + K_2)]X_1(s) - K_2 X_2(s) - f_{v3} s X_3(s) = 0$$

*for  $M_2$*

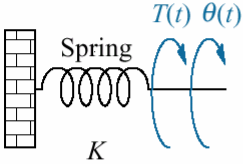
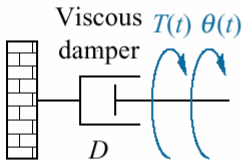
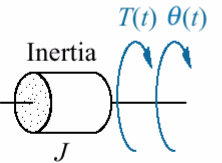
$$-K_2 X_1(s) + [M_2 s^2 + (f_{v2} + f_{v4})s + K_2]X_2(s) - f_{v4} s X_3(s) = F(s)$$

*and for  $M_3$*

$$-f_{v3} s X_1(s) - f_{v4} s X_2(s) + [M_3 s^2 + (f_{v3} + f_{v4})s]X_3(s) = 0$$

These equations are the equations of motion. We can solve them for any displacement  $X_1(s)$ ,  $X_2(s)$  or  $X_3(s)$ , or transfer function.

# ROTATIONAL MECHANICAL SYSTEM TRANSFER FUNCTIONS

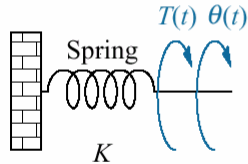
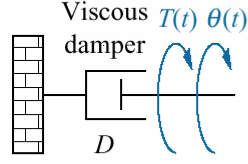
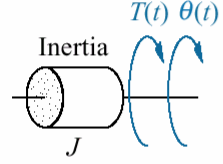
Component	Torque-angular velocity	Torque-angular displacement	Impedance $Z_M(s) = T(s)/\theta(s)$
	$T(t) = K \int_0^t \omega(\tau) d\tau$	$T(t) = K\theta(t)$	$K$
	$T(t) = D\omega(t)$	$T(t) = D \frac{d\theta(t)}{dt}$	$Ds$
	$T(t) = J \frac{d\omega(t)}{dt}$	$T(t) = J \frac{d^2\theta(t)}{dt^2}$	$Js^2$

Note: The following set of symbols and units is used throughout this book:  $T(t)$  = N-m (newton-meters),  $\theta(t)$  = rad (radians),  $\omega(t)$  = rad/s (radians/second),  $K$  = N-m/rad (newton-meters/radian),  $D$  = N-m-s/rad (newton-meters-seconds/radian),  $J$  = kg-m<sup>2</sup> (kilogram-meters<sup>2</sup> = newton-meters-seconds<sup>2</sup>/radian).

**Table 2.5**  
Torque-angular velocity, torque-angular displacement, and impedance rotational relationships for springs, viscous dampers, and inertia

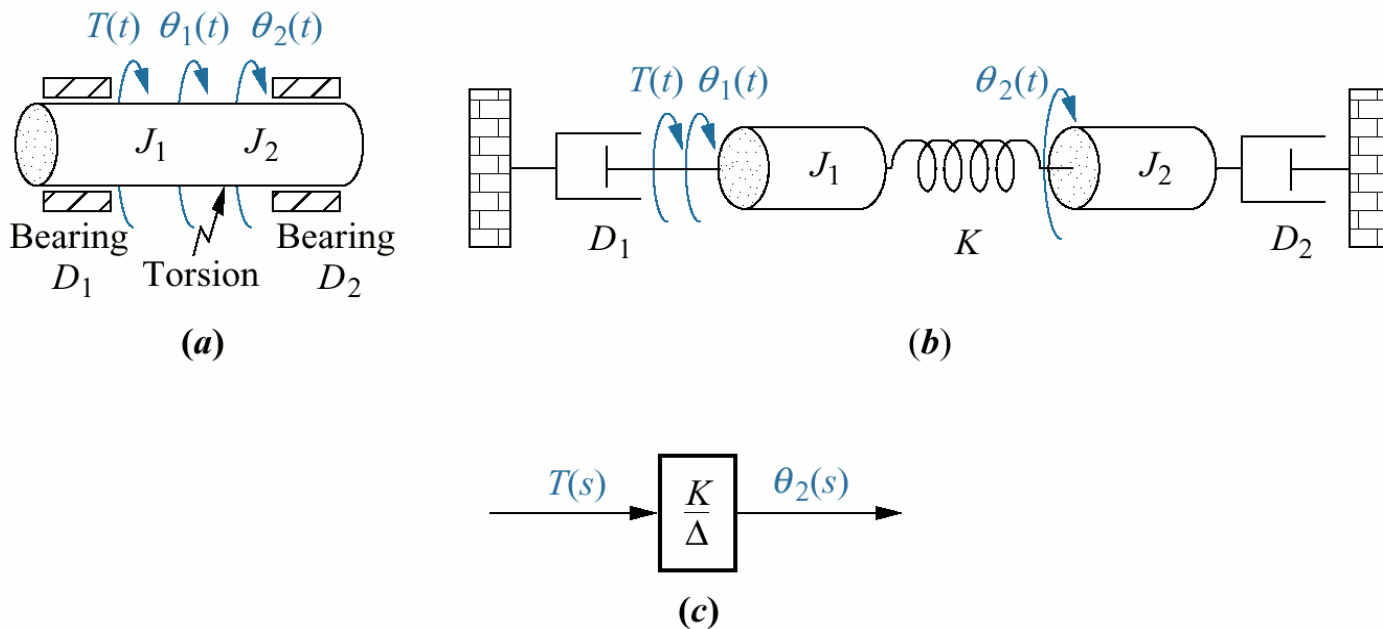
Rotational mechanical systems are handled the same way as translational mechanical systems, except that *torque* replaces *force* and angular displacement replaces translational displacement. Also notice that the term associated with the *mass* is replaced by *inertia*. The values of  $K$ ,  $D$  and  $J$  are called *spring constant*, *coefficient of viscous friction* and *moment of inertia*, respectively.

Writing the equations of motion for rotational systems is similar to writing them for translational system; the only difference is that the free body diagram consist of *torques* rather than *forces*.

Component	Torque-angular velocity	Torque-angular displacement	Impedance $Z_M(s) = T(s)/\theta(s)$
	$T(t) = K \int_0^t \omega(\tau) d\tau$	$T(t) = K\theta(t)$	$K$
	$T(t) = D\omega(t)$	$T(t) = D \frac{d\theta(t)}{dt}$	$Ds$
	$T(t) = J \frac{d\omega(t)}{dt}$	$T(t) = J \frac{d^2\theta(t)}{dt^2}$	$Js^2$

Note: The following set of symbols and units is used throughout this book:  $T(t)$  = N-m (newton-meters),  $\theta(t)$  = rad (radians),  $\omega(t)$  = rad/s (radians/second),  $K$  = N-m/rad (newton-meters/radian),  $D$  = N-m-s/rad (newton-meters-seconds/radian),  $J$  = kg-m<sup>2</sup> (kilogram-meters<sup>2</sup> = newton-meters-seconds<sup>2</sup>/radian).

**Example** : Find the transfer function  $\theta_2(s) / T(s)$  for the rotational system given below.



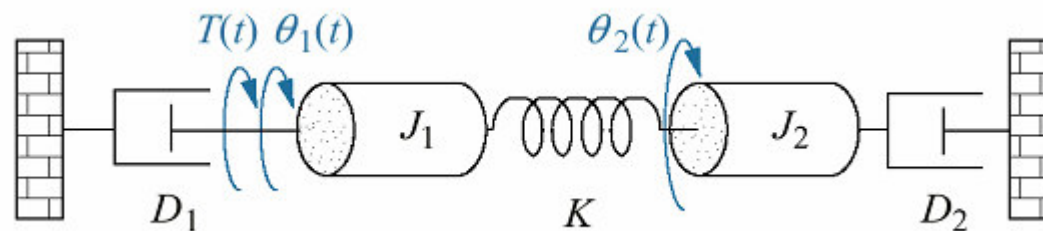
**Figure 2.22**

- a. Physical system;
- b. schematic;
- c. block diagram

First, obtain the schematic from the physical system.

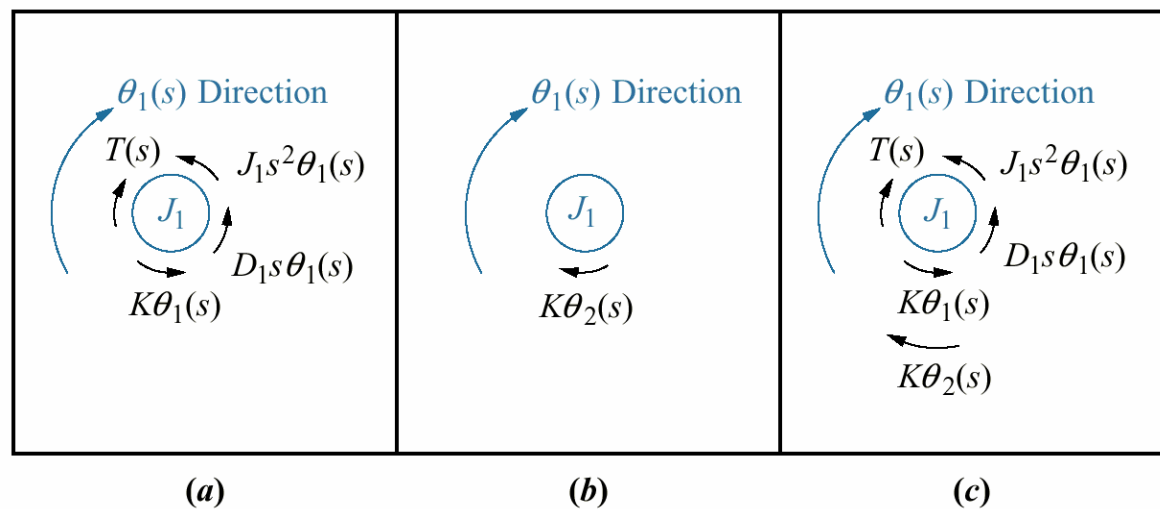
Draw free-body diagram for  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  using superposition.

Let's start with  $J_1$  :

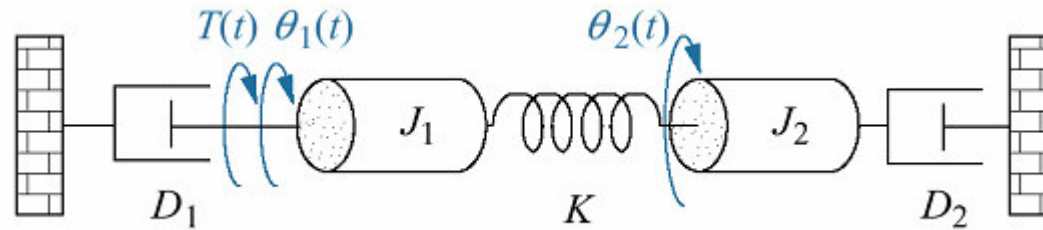


**Figure 2.23**

- a. Torques on  $J_1$  due only to the motion of  $J_1$
- b. torques on  $J_1$  due only to the motion of  $J_2$
- c. final free-body diagram for  $J_1$

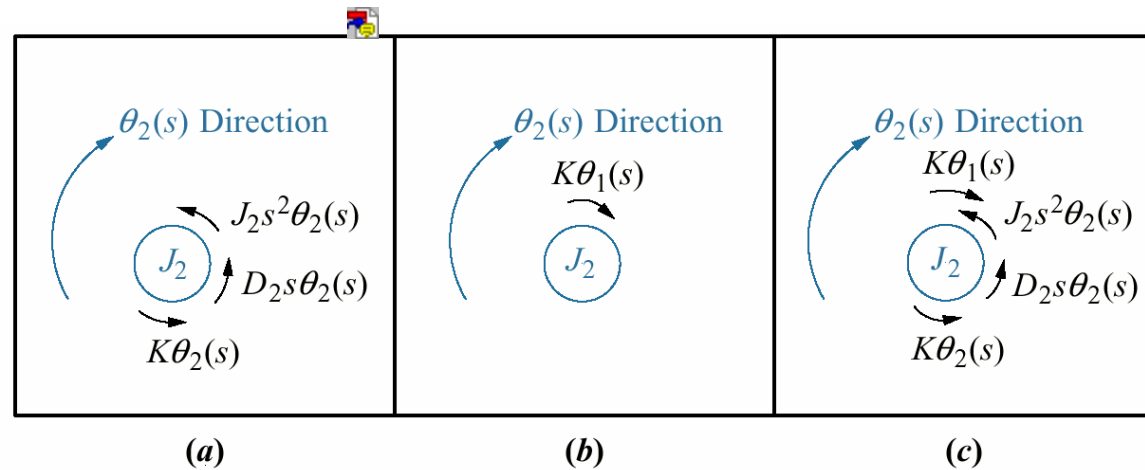


For  $J_2$  :

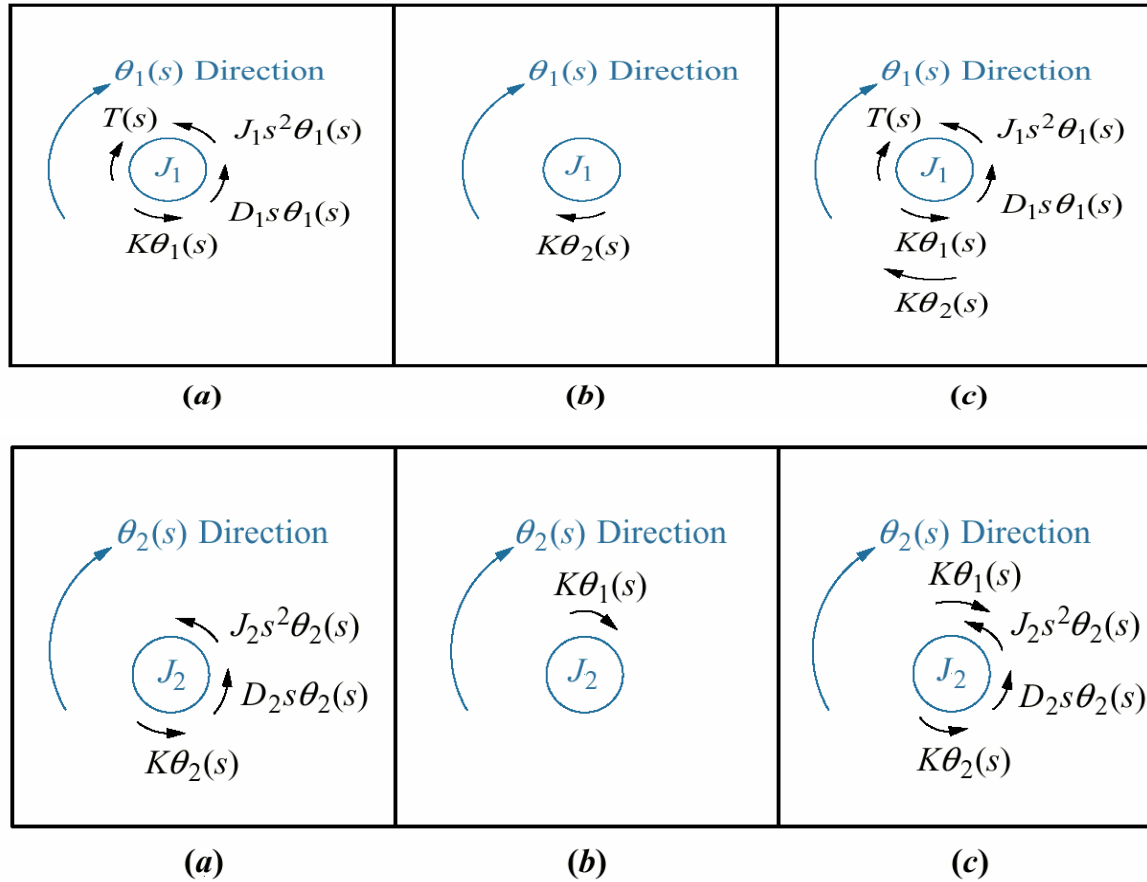


**Figure 2.24**

- a.** Torques on  $J_2$  due only to the motion of  $J_2$ ;
- b.** torques on  $J_2$  due only to the motion of  $J_1$
- c.** final free-body diagram for  $J_2$



Now, write the equations of motion by summing the torques on  $J_1$  and  $J_2$



$$\begin{aligned}
 (J_1 s^2 + D_1 s + K) \theta_1(s) - K \theta_2(s) &= T(s) \\
 -K \theta_1(s) + (J_2 s^2 + D_2 s + K) \theta_2(s) &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}(J_1 s^2 + D_1 s + K) \theta_1(s) - K \theta_2(s) &= T(s) \\ -K \theta_1(s) + (J_2 s^2 + D_2 s + K) \theta_2(s) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

The required transfer function is found to be

$$\frac{\theta_2(s)}{T(s)} = \frac{K}{\Delta}$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} (J_1 s^2 + D_1 s + K) & -K \\ -K & (J_2 s^2 + D_2 s + K) \end{vmatrix}$$

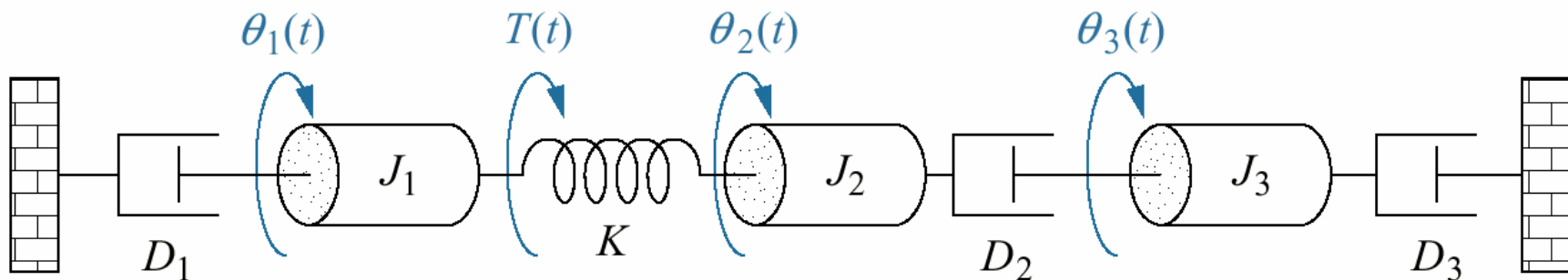
These equations have that now well-known form

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \textit{Sum of} \\ \textit{impedance} \\ \textit{connected} \\ \textit{to the} \\ \textit{motion at} \\ \theta_1 \end{array} \right) \theta_1(s) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \textit{Sum of} \\ \textit{impedance} \\ \textit{between} \\ \theta_1 \textit{ and } \theta_2 \end{array} \right) \theta_2(s) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \textit{Sum of applied} \\ \textit{torques at} \\ \theta_1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \textit{Sum of} \\ \textit{impedance} \\ \textit{connected} \\ \textit{to the} \\ \textit{motion at} \\ \theta_2 \end{array} \right) \theta_2(s) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \textit{Sum of} \\ \textit{impedance} \\ \textit{between} \\ \theta_1 \textit{ and } \theta_2 \end{array} \right) \theta_1(s) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \textit{Sum of applied} \\ \textit{torques at} \\ \theta_2 \end{array} \right)$$

## Equations of Motion by Inspection

**Problem** : Write, but not solve, the equation of motion for the mechanical system given below.



**Figure 2.25**

Three-degrees-of-freedom rotational system

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{connected} \\ \text{to the} \\ \text{motion at} \\ \theta_1 \end{array} \right) \theta_1(s) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{between} \\ \theta_1 \text{ and } \theta_2 \end{array} \right) \theta_2(s) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{between} \\ \theta_1 \text{ and } \theta_3 \end{array} \right) \theta_3(s) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{applied} \\ \text{torques at} \\ \theta_1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$- \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{between} \\ \theta_1 \text{ and } \theta_2 \end{array} \right) \theta_1(s) + \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{connected to} \\ \text{the motion at} \\ \theta_2 \end{array} \right) \theta_2(s) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{between} \\ \theta_2 \text{ and } \theta_3 \end{array} \right) \theta_3(s) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{applied} \\ \text{torques at} \\ \theta_2 \end{array} \right)$$

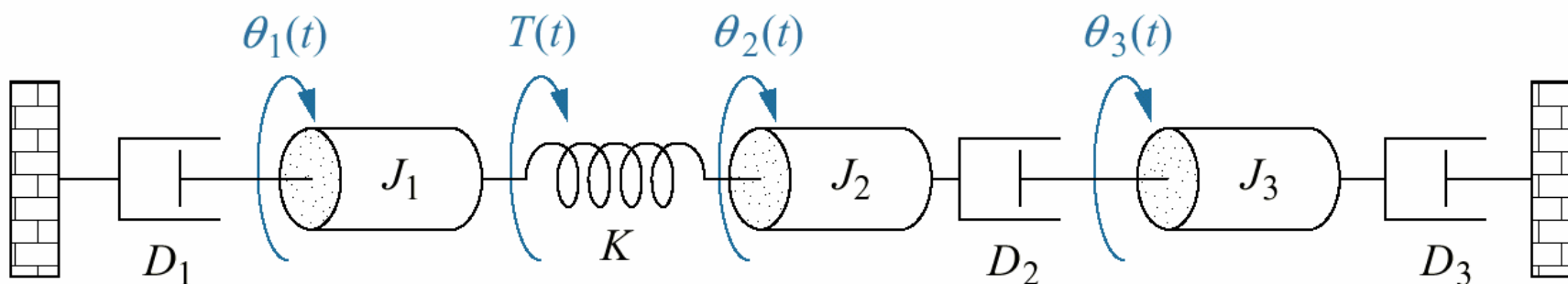
$$- \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{between} \\ \theta_1 \text{ and } \theta_3 \end{array} \right) \theta_1(s) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{between} \\ \theta_2 \text{ and } \theta_3 \end{array} \right) \theta_2(s) + \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{impedance} \\ \text{connected to} \\ \text{the motion at} \\ \theta_3 \end{array} \right) \theta_3(s) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Sum of} \\ \text{applied} \\ \text{toques at} \\ \theta_3 \end{array} \right)$$

Hence,

$$(J_1 s^2 + D_1 s + K)\theta_1(s) - K\theta_2(s) = T(s)$$

$$-K\theta_1(s) + (J_2 s^2 + D_2 s + K)\theta_2(s) - D_2 s\theta_3(s) = 0$$

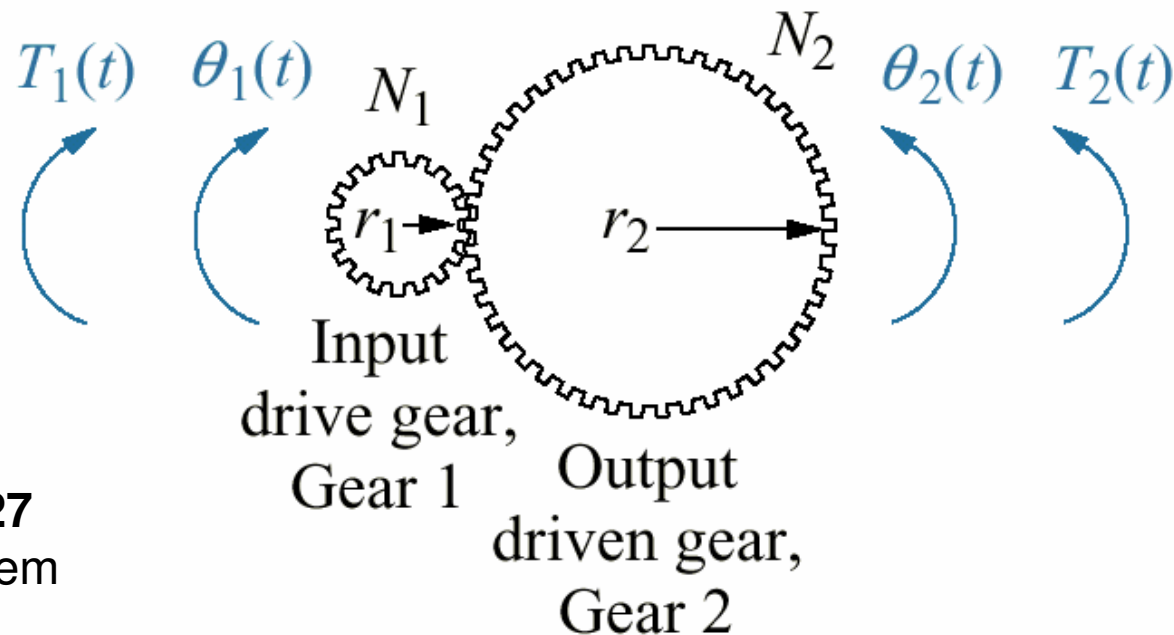
$$-D_2 s\theta_2(s) + (J_3 s^2 + D_3 s + D_2 s)\theta_3(s) = 0$$



# Transfer Functions for Systems with Gears

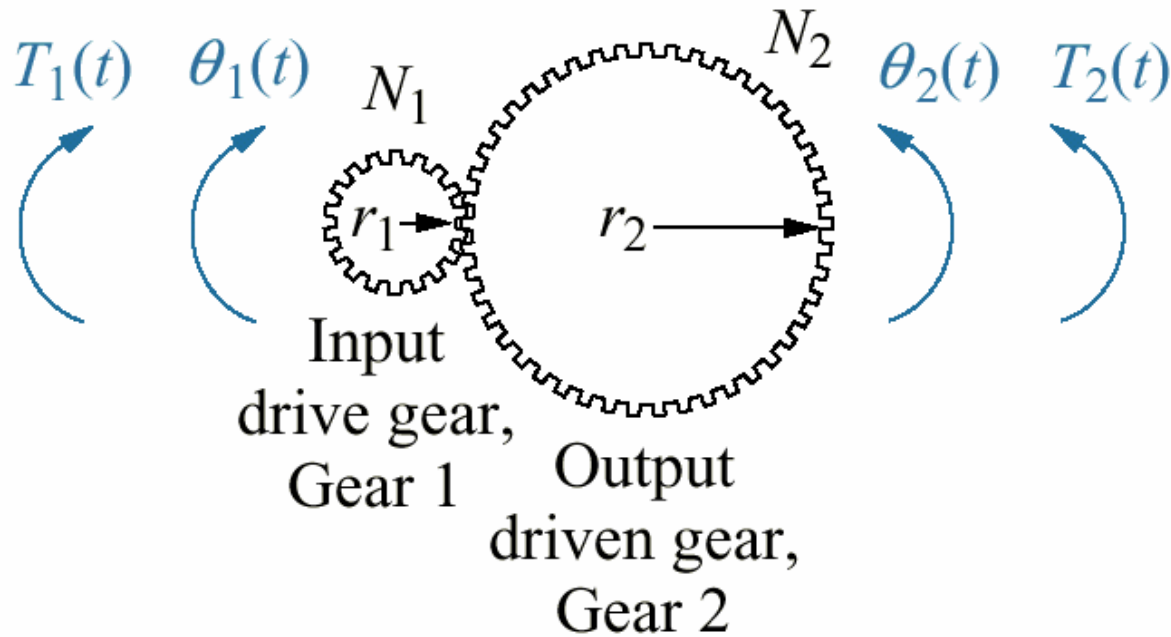
In industrial applications, generally gears associate to a motor which drives the load. Gears are used to obtain more speed and less torque or less speed and more torque. The interaction between two gears is depicted in the figure below.

An input gear with radius  $r_1$  and  $N_1$  teeth is rotated through angle  $\theta_1(t)$  due to a torque,  $T_1(t)$ . An output gear with radius  $r_2$  and  $N_2$  teeth responds by rotating through angle  $\theta_2(t)$  and delivering a torque,  $T_2(t)$ .



**Figure 2.27**  
A gear system

Let us find the relationship between the rotation of Gear 1,  $\theta_1(t)$  and Gear 2,  $\theta_2(t)$ .



As the gears turn, the distance traveled along each gear's circumference is the same. Thus,

$$r_1\theta_1 = r_2\theta_2 \quad \text{or}$$

$$\frac{\theta_2}{\theta_1} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2}$$

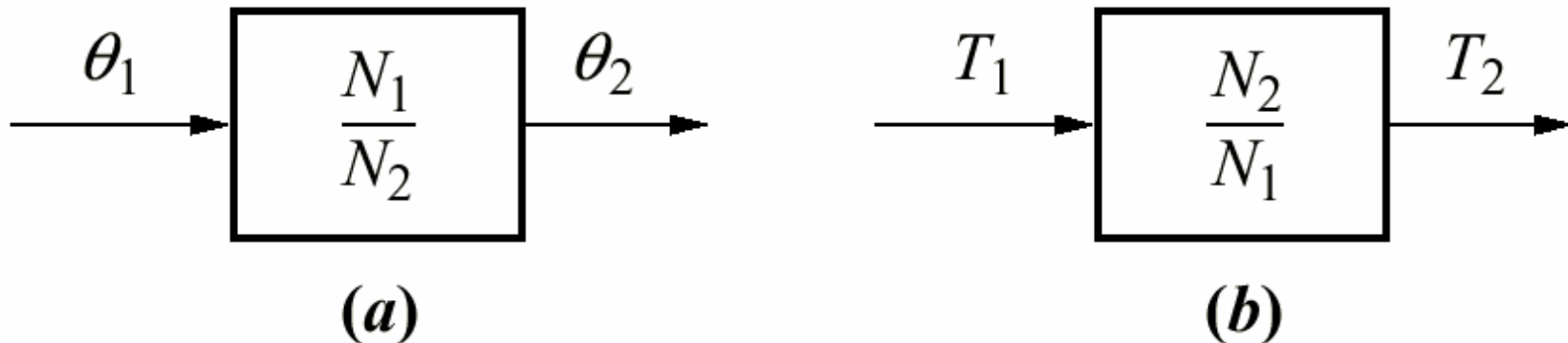
## What is the relationship between the input torque, $T_1$ and the delivered torque, $T_2$ ?

If we assume the gears do not absorb or store energy into Gear 1 equals the energy out of Gear 2.

$$T_1\theta_1 = T_2\theta_2 \quad \text{and we get}$$

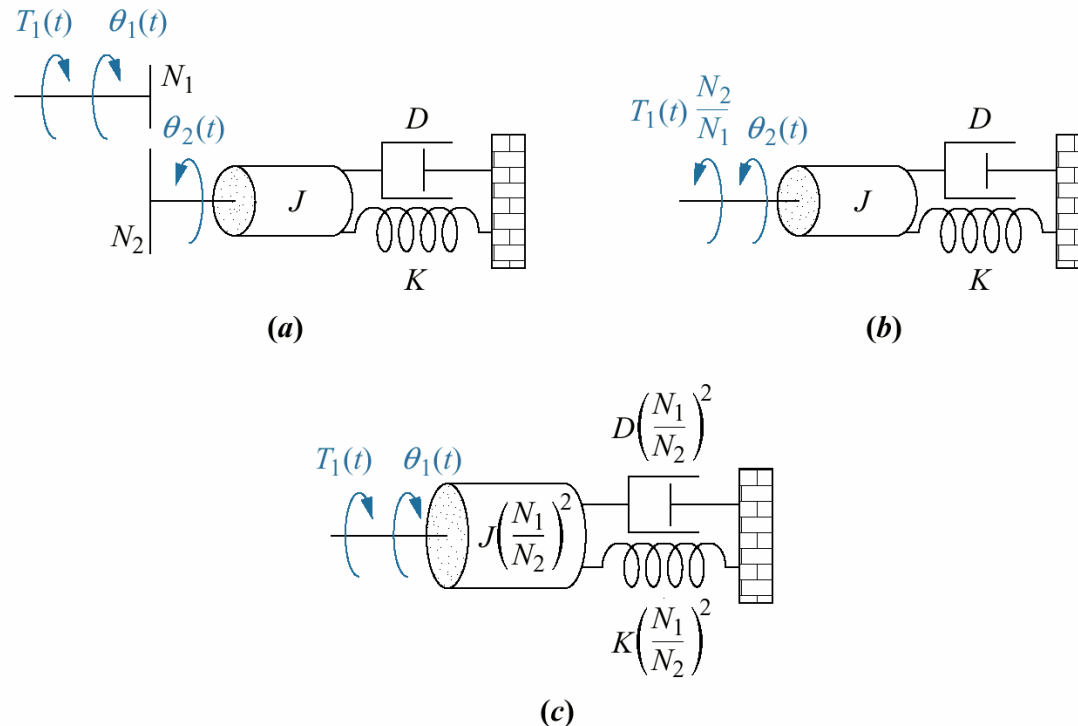
$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{\theta_1}{\theta_2} = \frac{N_2}{N_1}$$

All results are summarized in the figure below





Let us see what happens to mechanical impedance that are driven by gears. The figure above shows gears driving a rotational inertia, spring and viscous damper. For clarity, the gears are shown by an end-on view. We want to represent Figure 2.29(a) as an equivalent system at  $\theta_1$  without the gears. In other words, can the mechanical impedances be reflected from the output to the input, thereby eliminating the gears?



We know  $T_1$  can be reflected to the output by multiplying by  $N_2/N_1$ . the result is shown in Figure 2.29(b). We write the equation of motion as

$$(Js^2 + Ds + K)\theta_2(s) = T_1(s) \frac{N_2}{N_1}$$

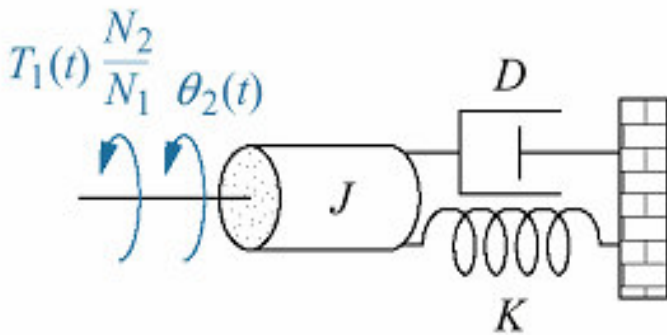
Now convert  $\theta_2(s)$  into an equivalent  $\theta_1(s)$ ,

$$(Js^2 + Ds + K) \frac{N_1}{N_2} \theta_1(s) = T_1(s) \frac{N_2}{N_1}$$

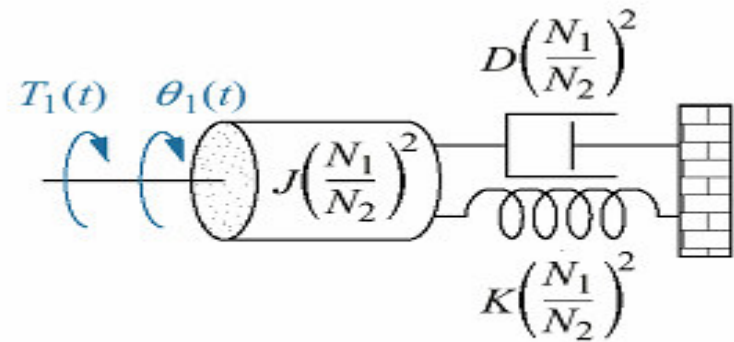
After simplification,

$$\left[ J \left( \frac{N_2}{N_1} \right)^2 s^2 + D \left( \frac{N_1}{N_2} \right)^2 s + K \left( \frac{N_1}{N_2} \right)^2 \right] \theta_1(s) = T_1(s)$$

we get the equivalent system shown in Figure 2.29(c)



(b)



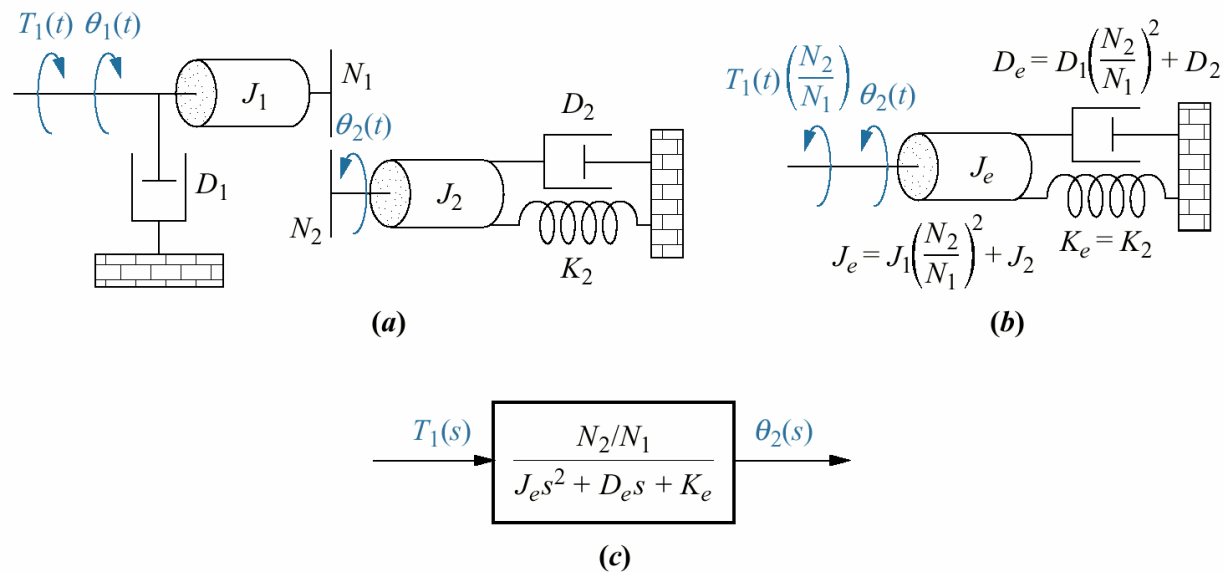
(c)

Generalizing the results, we can make the following statement : Rotational mechanical impedances can be reflected through gear trains by multiplying the mechanical impedances by the ratio

$$\left( \frac{\text{Number of teeth of gear on } \mathbf{destination} \text{ shaft}}{\text{Number of teeth of gear on } \mathbf{source} \text{ shaft}} \right)^2$$

*The next example demonstrates the application of the concept of a rotational mechanical system with gears.*

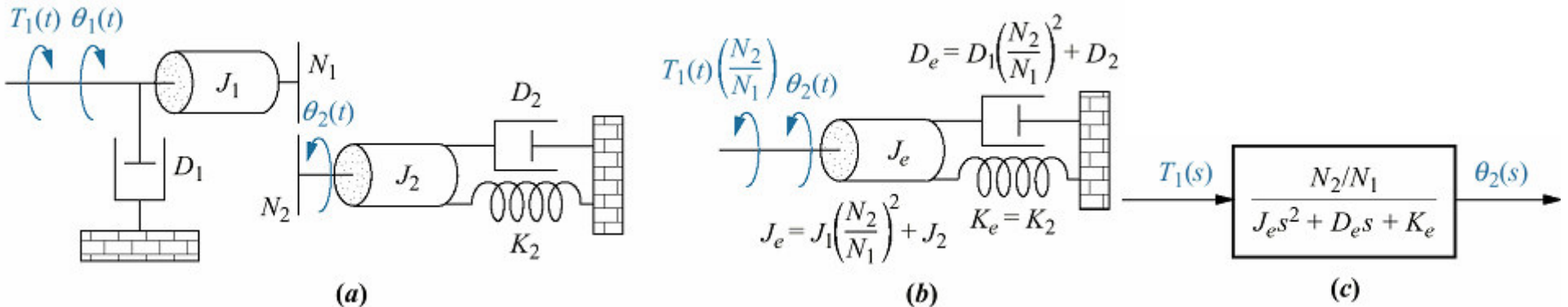
**Example** : Find the transfer function  $\theta_2(s) / T_1(s)$  for the system of Figure 2.30(a)



**Figure 2.30**

- a. Rotational mechanical system with gears;
- b. system after reflection of torques and impedances to the output shaft;
- c. block diagram

Let us first reflect the impedances ( $J_1$  and  $D_1$ ) and the torque ( $T_1$ ) on the input shaft to the output as shown in Figure 2.30(b), where the impedances are reflected by  $(N_2/N_1)^2$  and the torque is reflected by  $(N_2/N_1)$ .



The equation of motion can now be written as

$$(J_e s^2 + D_e s + K_e) \theta_2(s) = T_1(s) \frac{N_2}{N_1} \quad \text{where}$$

$$J_e = J_1 \left(\frac{N_2}{N_1}\right)^2 + J_2 \quad D_e = D_1 \left(\frac{N_2}{N_1}\right)^2 + D_2 \quad \text{and} \quad K_e = K_2$$

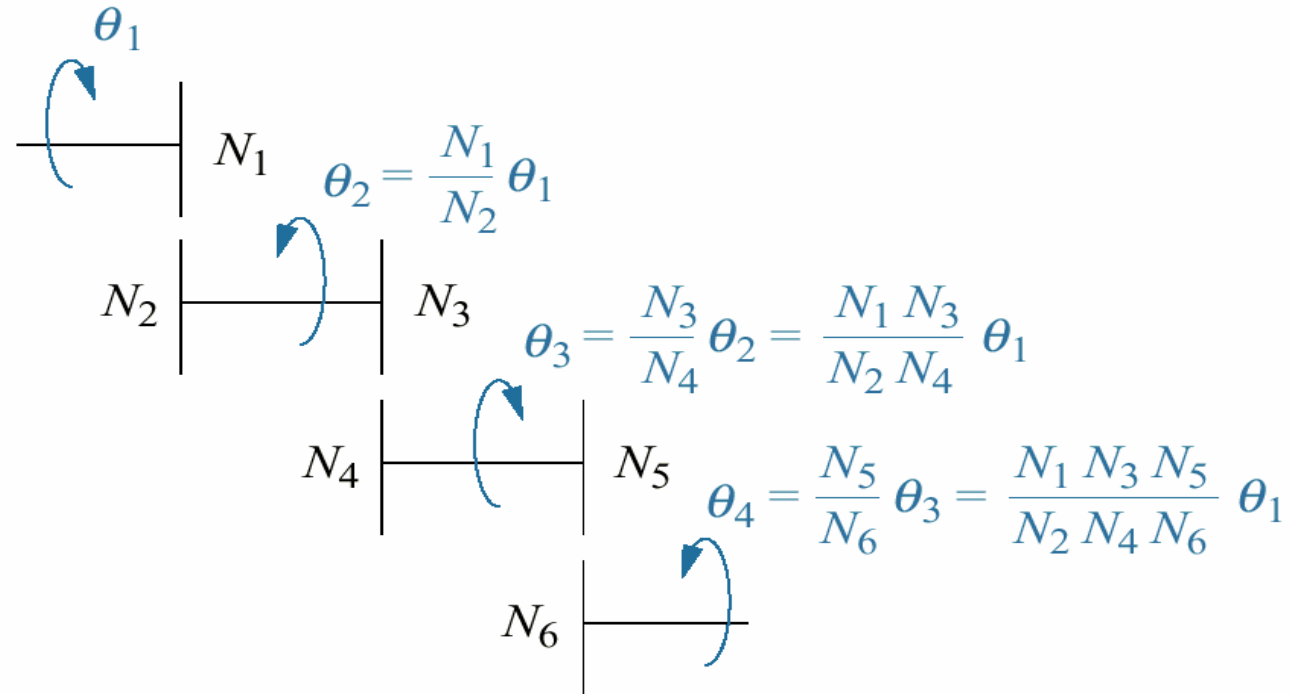
Solving for  $\theta_2(s) / T_1(s)$ , the transfer function is found to be

$$G(s) = \frac{\theta_2(s)}{T_1(s)} = \frac{N_2 / N_1}{J_e s^2 + D_e s + K_e}$$

as shown in Figure 2.30(c)

In order to eliminate gears with the large radii, a **gear train** is used to implement large gear ratios by cascading smaller gear ratios. A schematic diagram of a **gear train** is shown in Figure 2.31.

**Figure 2.31**  
Gear train

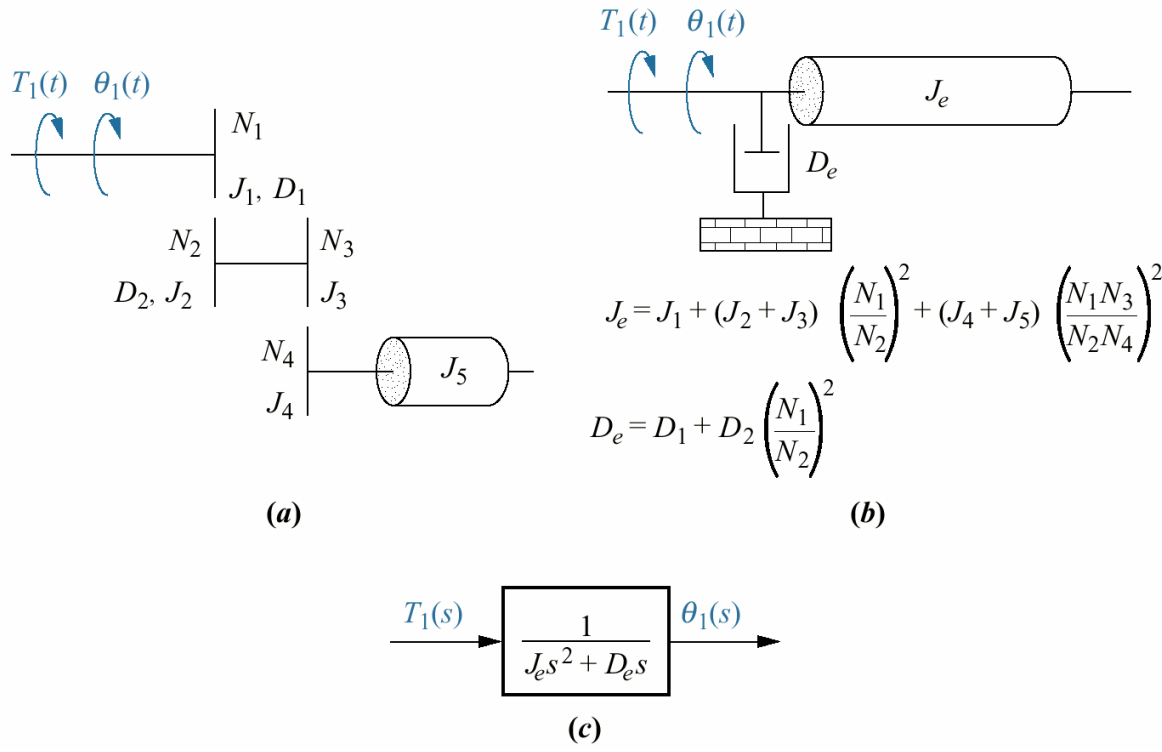


Next to each rotation, the angular displacement relative to  $\theta_1$  has been calculated as

$$\theta_4 = \frac{N_1 N_3 N_5}{N_2 N_4 N_6} \theta_1$$

For gear trains, we conclude that the equivalent gear ratio is the product of individual gear ratio. We now apply this result to solve for the transfer function of a system that does not have lossless gears.

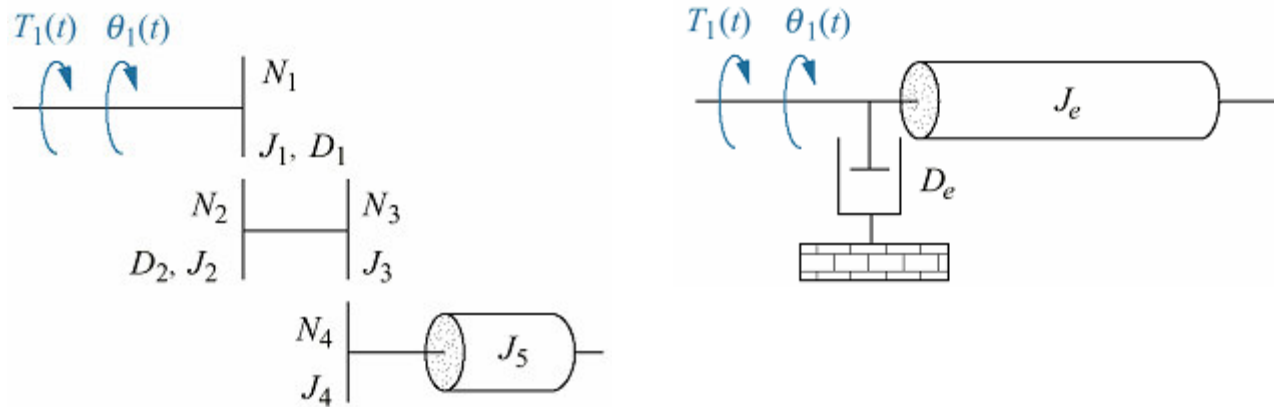
**Example : Find the transfer function  $\theta_1(s) / T_1(s)$  for the system of Figure 2.32(a)**



**Figure 2.32**

- a. System using a gear train;
- b. equivalent system at the input;
- c. block diagram

This system, which uses a gear train, does not have lossless gears. All of the gears have inertia and for some shafts there is viscous friction. To solve the problem, we want to reflect all of the impedances to the input shaft,  $\theta_1$ . The gear ratio is not same for all impedances. For example,  $D_2$  is reflected only through one gear ratio as  $D_2(N_1/N_2)^2$ , whereas  $J_4$  plus  $J_5$  is reflected through two gear ratio as  $(J_4+J_5)[(N_3/N_4)(N_1/N_2)]^2$ . The results of reflected all impedances to  $\theta_1$  is shown in Figure 2.32(b)



The equation of motion is

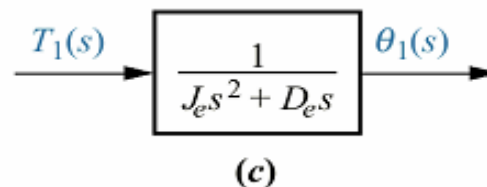
$$(J_e s^2 + D_e s) \theta_1(s) = T_1(s)$$

$$J_e = J_1 + (J_2 + J_3) \left(\frac{N_1}{N_2}\right)^2 + (J_4 + J_5) \left(\frac{N_1 N_3}{N_2 N_4}\right)^2$$

$$D_e = D_1 + D_2 \left(\frac{N_1}{N_2}\right)^2$$

The transfer function is  $G(s) = \frac{\theta_1(s)}{T_1(s)} = \frac{1}{J_e s^2 + D_e s}$

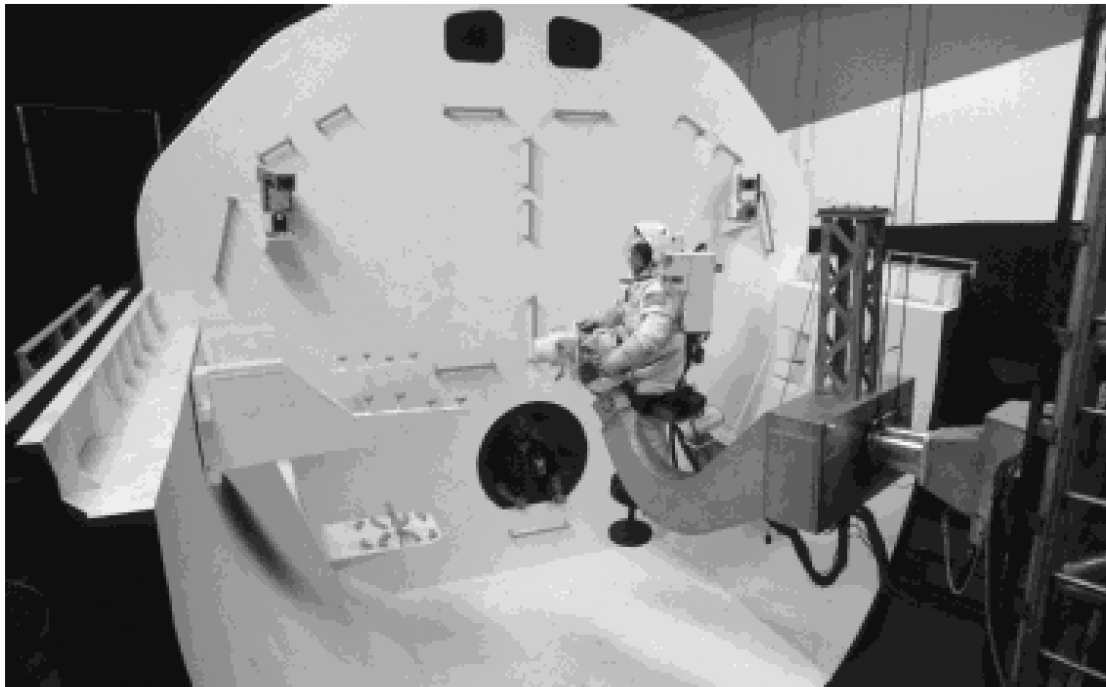
as shown in Figure 2.32(c)





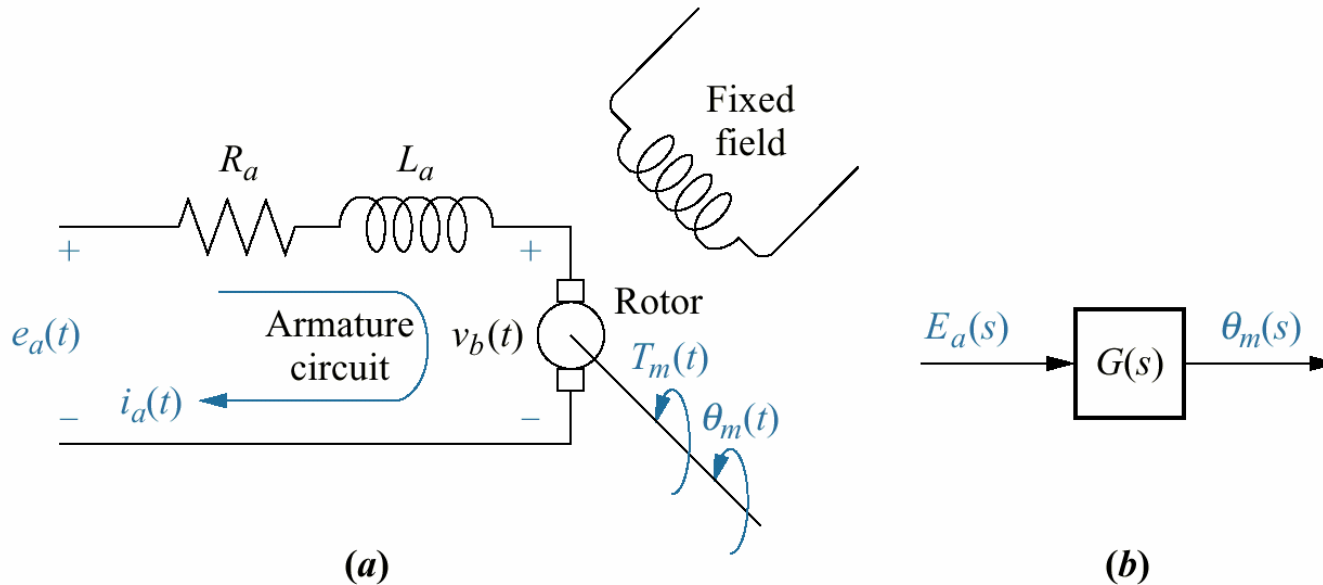
# ELECTROMECHANICAL SYSTEM TRANSFER FUNCTIONS

We talked about mechanical system by now. You have already known the electrical systems. Now, we move to systems that are hybrids of electrical and mechanical variables, the *electromechanical systems*. An application of electromechanical systems is robot controls. A robot have both electrical and mechanical parameters. A robot arm as an example of control system that uses electromechanical components is shown in Figure below.



**Figure 2.34**  
NASA flight  
simulator  
robot arm with  
electromechanical  
control system  
components

A motor is an electromechanical component that yields a displacement output for a voltage input, that is, a mechanical output generated by an electrical input. We will derive the transfer function for one particular kind of electromechanical system, the armature-controlled dc servomotor. Schematic of motor is shown in Figure below.



In this figure, a magnetic field developed by stationary permanent magnet or a stationary electromagnet called the *fixed field*. A rotating circuit called the *armature*, through which current  $i_a(t)$  flows, passes through this magnetic field at right angles and feels a force,  $F = B l i_a(t)$ , where  $B$  is the magnetic field strength and  $l$  is the length of the conductor. The resulting torque turns the *rotor*, the rotating member of the motor.

## Modeling of the Permanent Magnet Dc Motor

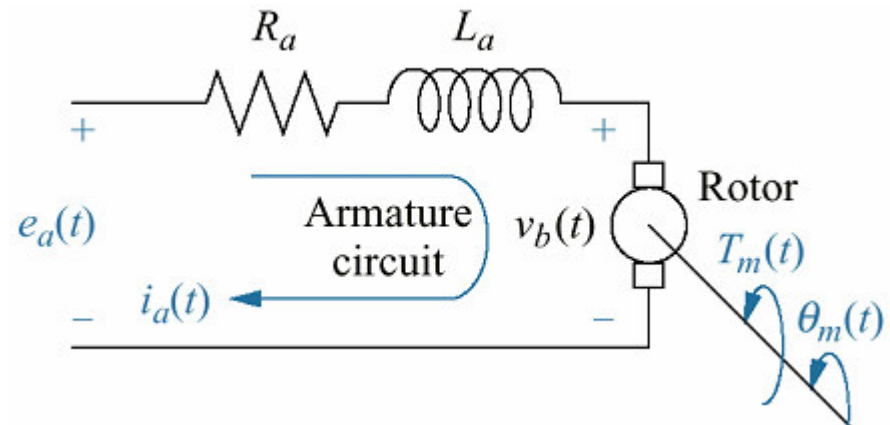
$$V_b(t) = K_b \frac{d\theta_m(t)}{dt}$$

We call  $V_b(t)$  the *back electromotive force* (back emf);  $K_b$  is a constant of proportionality called the back emf constant ; and  $d\theta_m(t)/dt = \omega_m(t)$  is the angular velocity of the motor. Taking the Laplace transform, we get

$$V_b(s) = K_b s \theta_m(s)$$

The relationship between the armature current  $i_a(t)$ , the applied armature voltage  $e_a(t)$  and the back emf  $V_b(t)$  is found by writing a loop equation around the Laplace transformed armature circuit

$$R_a I_a(s) + L_a s I_a(s) + V_b(s) = E_a(s)$$



The torque developed by the motor is proportional to the armature current; thus,

$$T_m(s) = K_t I_a(s)$$

where  $T_m$  is the torque developed by the motor, and  $K_t$  is a constant of proportionality, called the motor torque constant, which depends on the motor and magnetic field characteristics.

To find the transfer function of the motor, we use the equation

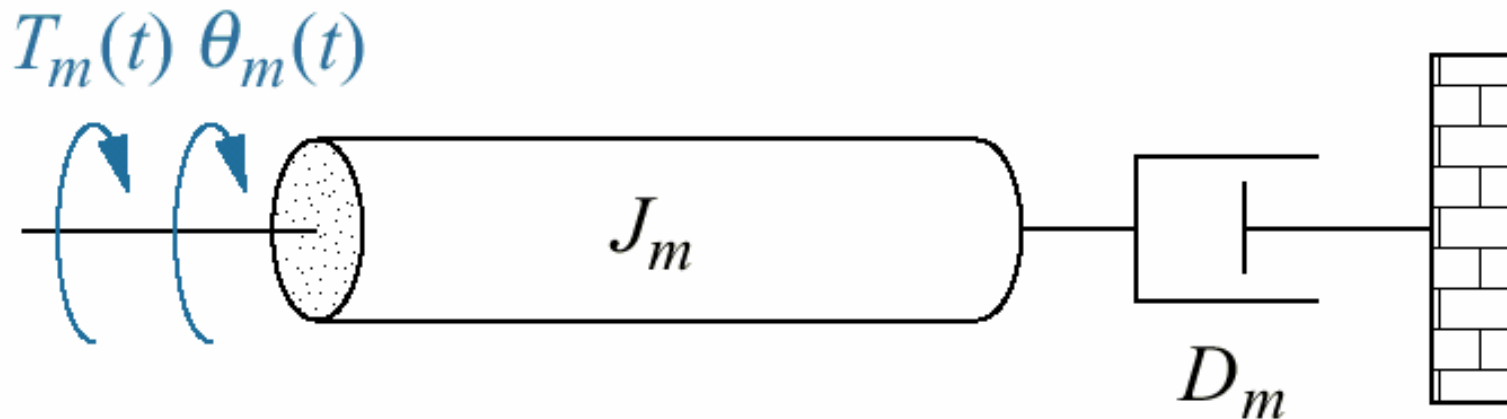
$$R_a I_a(s) + L_a s I_a(s) + V_b(s) = E_a(s)$$

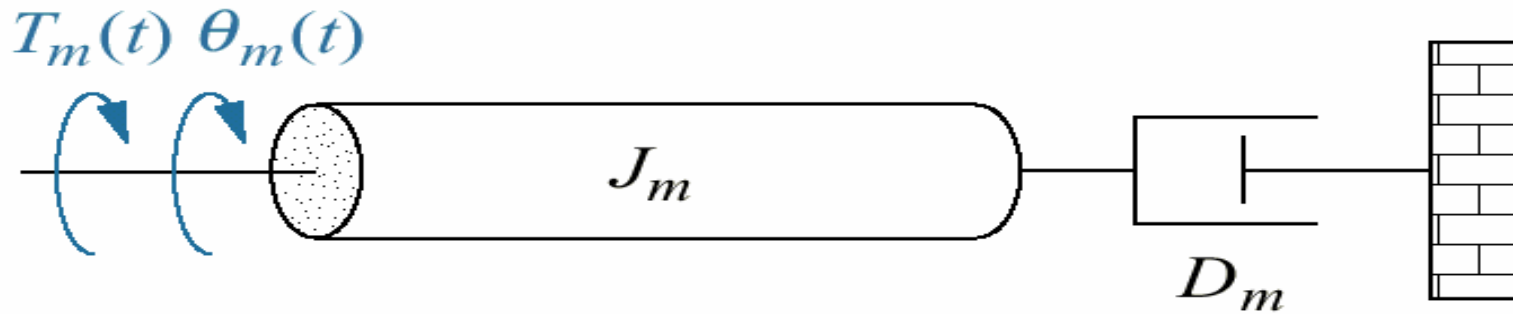
Rearranging this equation yields

$$\frac{(R_a + L_a s) T_m(s)}{K_t} + K_b s \theta_m(s) = E_a(s)$$

Now we must find  $T_m(s)$  in terms of  $\theta_m(s)$  if we are to separate the input and output variables and obtain the transfer function  $\theta_m(s) / E_a(s)$ .

Following figure shows typical equivalent mechanical loading on a motor.  $J_m$  is the equivalent inertia at the armature and includes both the armature inertia and, as we will see later, the load inertia reflected to the armature.  $D_m$  is the equivalent viscous damping at the armature and includes armature viscous damping and, as we will see later, the load viscous damping reflected to the armature.





$$\frac{(R_a + L_a s)T_m(s)}{K_t} + K_b s \theta_m(s) = E_a(s)$$

$$T_m(s) = (J_m s^2 + D_m s) \theta_m(s)$$

Substituting the second Eq. into the first one yields

$$\frac{(R_a + L_a s)(J_m s^2 + D_m s) \theta_m(s)}{K_t} + K_b s \theta_m(s) = E_a(s)$$

If we assume that the armature inductance,  $L_a$ , is small compared to the armature resistance,  $R_a$ , which is usual for a dc motor, the last equation becomes

$$\left[ \frac{R_a}{K_t} (J_m s + D_m) + K_b \right] s \theta_m(s) = E_a(s)$$

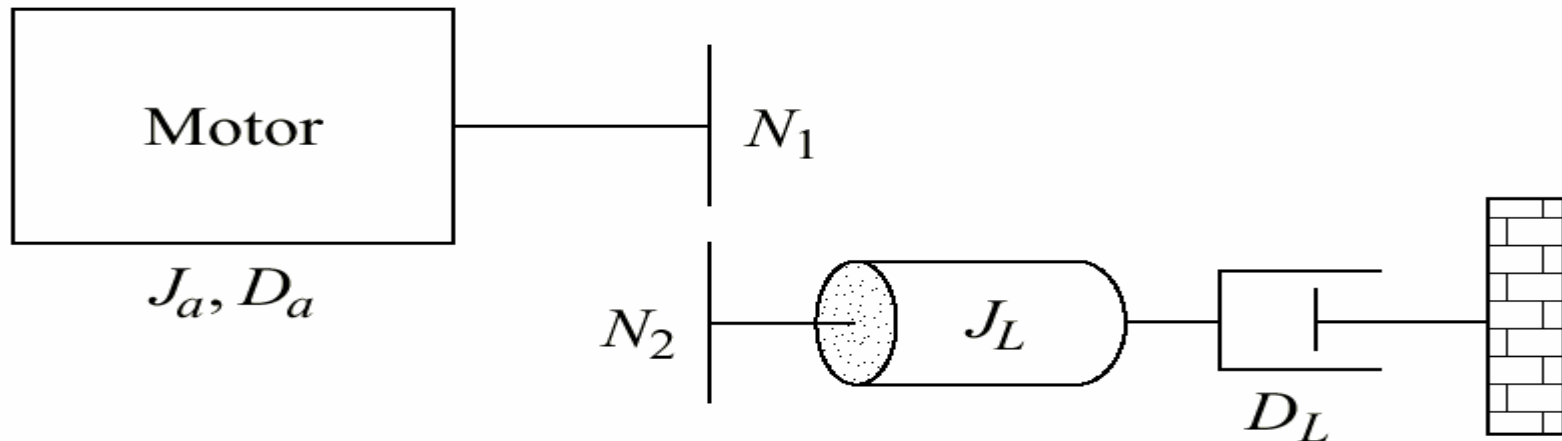
After simplification, the desired transfer function,  $\theta_m(s) / E_a(s)$ , is found to be

$$\frac{\theta_m(s)}{E_a(s)} = \frac{K_t / (R_a J_m)}{s \left[ s + \frac{1}{J_m} \left( D_m + \frac{K_t K_b}{R_a} \right) \right]}$$

This form is relatively simple;

$$\frac{\theta_m(s)}{E_a(s)} = \frac{K}{s(s + \alpha)}$$

Let us first discuss the mechanical constants,  $J_m$  and  $D_m$ . Consider the Figure 2.37, which shows a motor which inertia  $J_a$  and damping  $D_a$  at the armature driving a load consisting of inertia  $J_L$  and damping  $D_L$ .



Assuming that all inertia and damping values shown are known.  $J_L$  and  $D_L$  can be reflected back to the armature as some equivalent inertia and damping to be added to  $J_a$  and  $D_a$  respectively. Thus the equivalent inertia  $J_m$  and equivalent damping  $D_m$  at the armature are

$$J_m = J_a + J_L \left( \frac{N_1}{N_2} \right)^2 \qquad D_m = D_a + D_L \left( \frac{N_1}{N_2} \right)^2$$

Now that how we evaluated the mechanical constant,  $J_m$  and  $D_m$ , what about the electrical constant in the transfer function? We will show that these constants can be obtained through a dynamometer test of the motor, where a dynamometer measures the torque and speed of a motor under condition of a constant applied voltage.

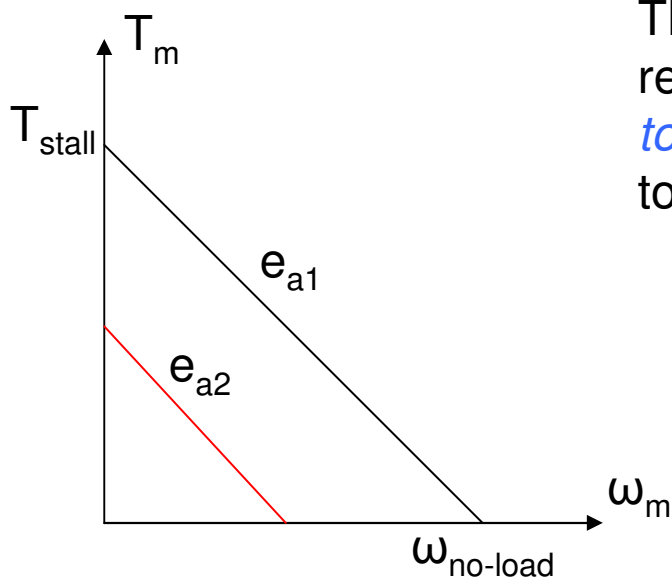
Let us first develop the relationship that dictate the use of a dynamometer. Taking  $L_a=0$ ,

$$\frac{R_a}{K_t} T_m(s) + K_b s \theta_m(s) = E_a(s) \xrightarrow{\text{inverse Laplace tr.}} \frac{R_a}{K_t} T_m(t) + K_b \omega_m(t) = e_a(t)$$

If dc voltage  $e_a$  is applied, the motor will turn at a constant angular velocity  $\omega_m$  with a constant torque  $T_m$ . Hence, dropping the functional relationship based on the time, the following relationship exists when the motor is operating at steady-state with a dc voltage input:

$$\frac{R_a}{K_t} T_m + K_b \omega_m = e_a \quad , \quad \text{Solving for } T_m \text{ yields;} \quad T_m = -\frac{K_b K_t}{R_a} \omega_m + \frac{K_t}{R_a} e_a$$

From this equation, we get the torque-speed curve,  $T_m$  versus  $\omega_m$  which is shown below.



The torque axis intercept occurs when the angular velocity reaches the zero. That value of torque is called the *stall torque,  $T_{stall}$* . The angular velocity occurring when the torque is zero is called the *no-load speed,  $\omega_{no-load}$* . Thus,

$$T_{stall} = \frac{K_t}{R_a} e_a \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_{no-load} = \frac{e_a}{K_b}$$

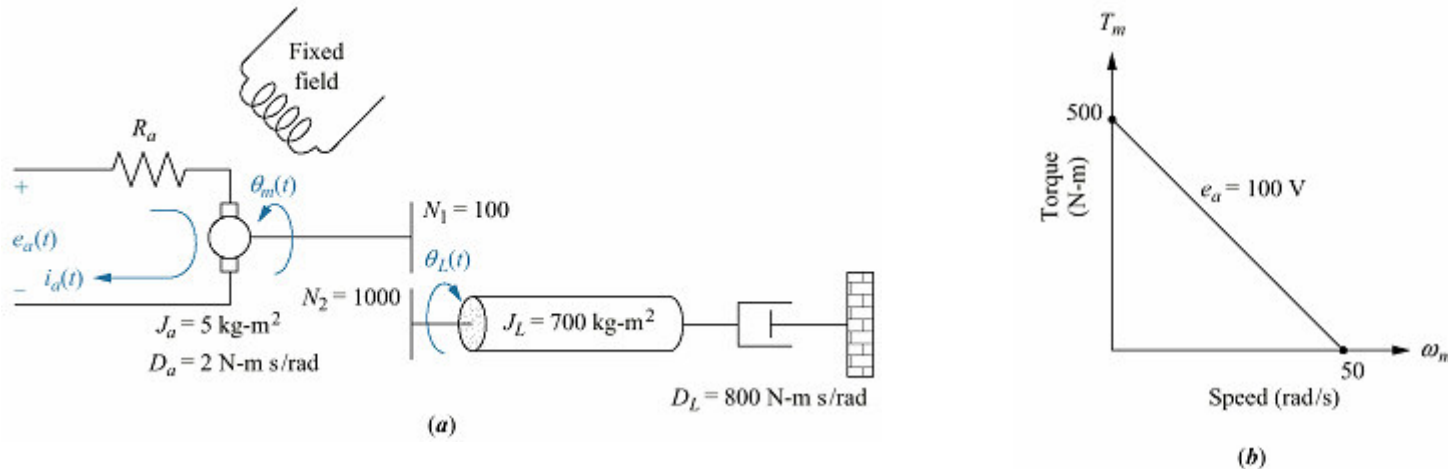
The electrical constants of the motor can now be found from the equations of

$$\frac{K_t}{R_a} = \frac{T_{stall}}{e_a} \quad \text{and} \quad K_b = \frac{e_a}{\omega_{no-load}}$$

The electrical constants,  $K_t/R_a$  and  $K_b$ , can be found from a dynamometer test of the motor, which would yield  $T_{stall}$  and  $\omega_{no-load}$  for a given  $e_a$ .



**Example :** Given the system and torque-speed curve of the following figure, find the transfer function  $\theta_L(s) / E_a(s)$ .



**Solution :** Begin by finding the mechanical constant  $J_m$  and  $D_m$ . The total inertia and the total damping at the armature of the motor is

$$J_m = J_a + J_L \left( \frac{N_1}{N_2} \right)^2 = 5 + 700 \left( \frac{1}{10} \right)^2 = 12 \quad D_m = D_a + D_L \left( \frac{N_1}{N_2} \right)^2 = 2 + 800 \left( \frac{1}{10} \right)^2 = 10$$

Now we will find the electrical constants  $K_t / R_a$  and  $K_b$  using torque-speed curve.  $T_{stall} = 500 \text{ Nm}$ ,  $\omega_{no-load} = 50 \text{ rad/sn}$ ,  $e_a = 100 \text{ V}$ . Hence the electrical constants are

$$\frac{K_t}{R_a} = \frac{T_{stall}}{e_a} = \frac{500}{100} = 5 \quad K_b = \frac{e_a}{\omega_{no-load}} = \frac{100}{50} = 2$$

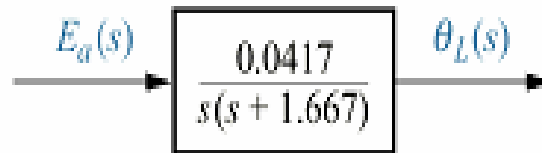
We know the transfer function formulation for  $\theta_m(s) / E_a(s)$

$$\frac{\theta_m(s)}{E_a(s)} = \frac{K_t / (R_a J_m)}{s \left[ s + \frac{1}{J_m} \left( D_m + \frac{K_t K_b}{R_a} \right) \right]} \quad \frac{\theta_m(s)}{E_a(s)} = \frac{5/12}{s \left[ s + \frac{1}{12} (10 + 5 \times 2) \right]} = \frac{0.417}{s(s+1.667)}$$

In order to find  $\theta_L(s) / E_a(s)$ , we use the gear ratio,  $N_1 / N_2 = 1 / 10$ , and find

$$\frac{\theta_L(s)}{E_a(s)} = \frac{0.0417}{s(s + 1.667)}$$

as shown in figure below.



# ELECTRIC CIRCUIT ANALOGS

In this section, we show the commonality of systems from the various disciplines by demonstrating that the mechanical system with which we worked can be represented by equivalent electric circuits.

An electric circuit that is analogous to a system from the another discipline is called an electric circuit *analog*.

**Series Analog** : Consider the translational mechanical system shown in Figure(a) whose the equation of motion  $(Ms^2 + f_v + K) X(s) = F(s)$ . Kirchof's mesh equation for the simple RLC network shown in Figure(b) is

$$\left( Ls + R + \frac{1}{Cs} \right) I(s) = E(s)$$

**Figure 2.41**

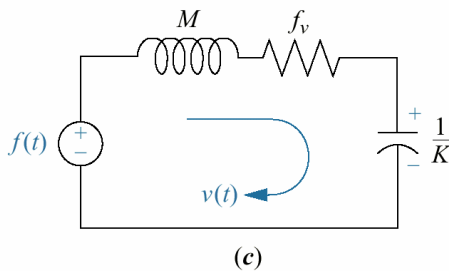
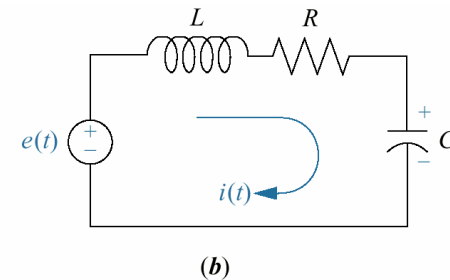
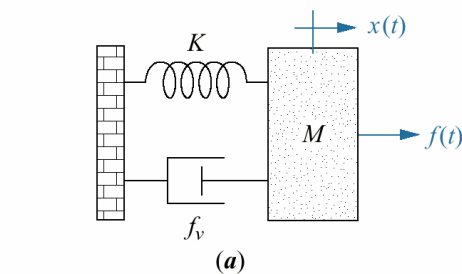
Development of series analog:

**a.** mechanical system;

**b.** desired electrical representation;

**c.** series analog;

**d.** parameters for series analog



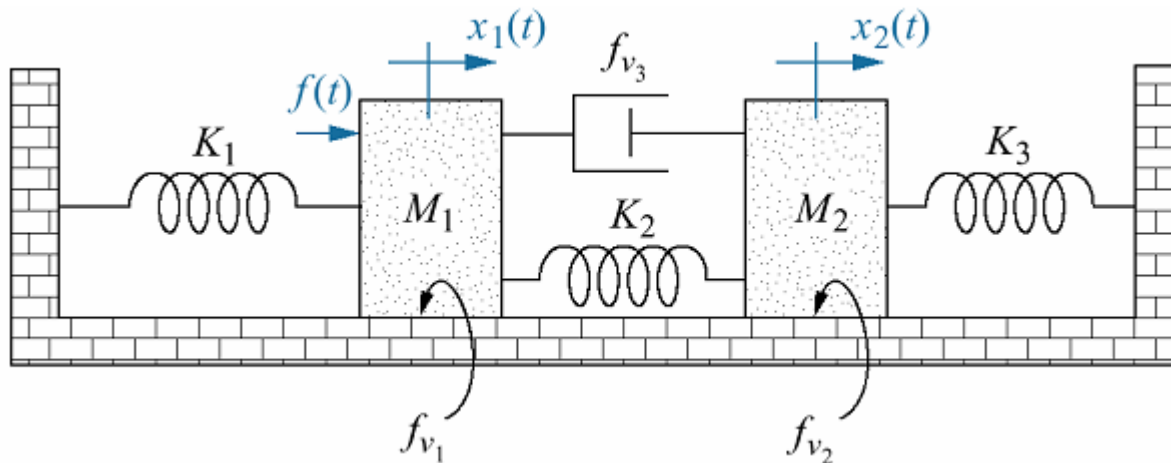
- mass =  $M$   $\longrightarrow$  inductor =  $M$  henries
- viscous damper =  $f_v$   $\longrightarrow$  resistor =  $f_v$  ohms
- spring =  $K$   $\longrightarrow$  capacitor =  $\frac{1}{K}$  farads
- applied force =  $f(t)$   $\longrightarrow$  voltage source =  $f(t)$
- velocity =  $v(t)$   $\longrightarrow$  mesh current =  $v(t)$

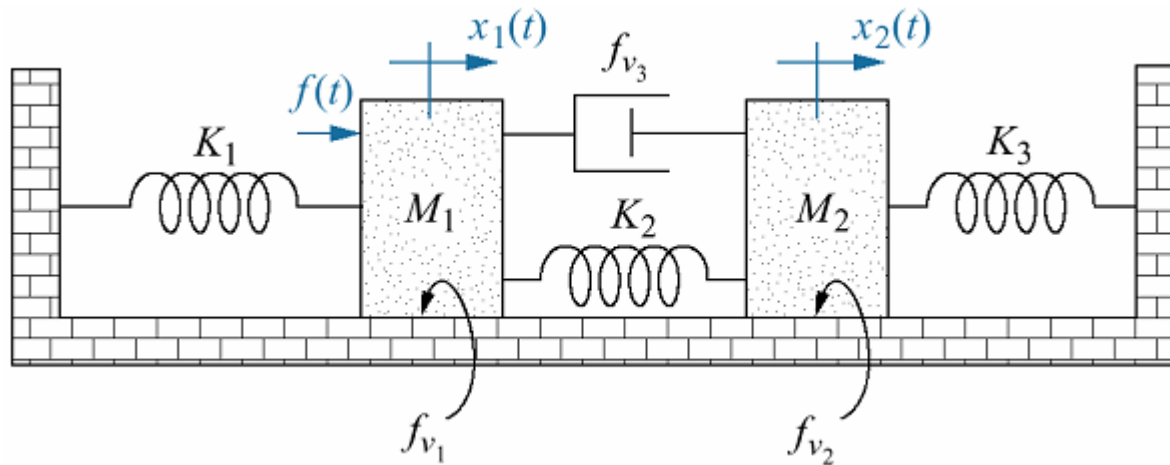
As we previously pointed out, these two mechanical and electrical equations is not directly analogous because displacement and current are not analogous. We can create a direct analogy by operating on the mechanical equation to convert displacement to velocity by dividing and multiplying the left-hand side by  $s$ , yielding

$$\frac{Ms^2 + f_v s + K}{s} sX(s) = \left( Ms + f_v + \frac{K}{s} \right) V(s) = F(s)$$

When we have more than one degree of freedom, the impedance associated with the motion appear as the serial electrical elements in a mesh, but the impedances between adjacent motions are drawn as a series electrical impedances between the corresponding meshes. We demonstrate with an example.

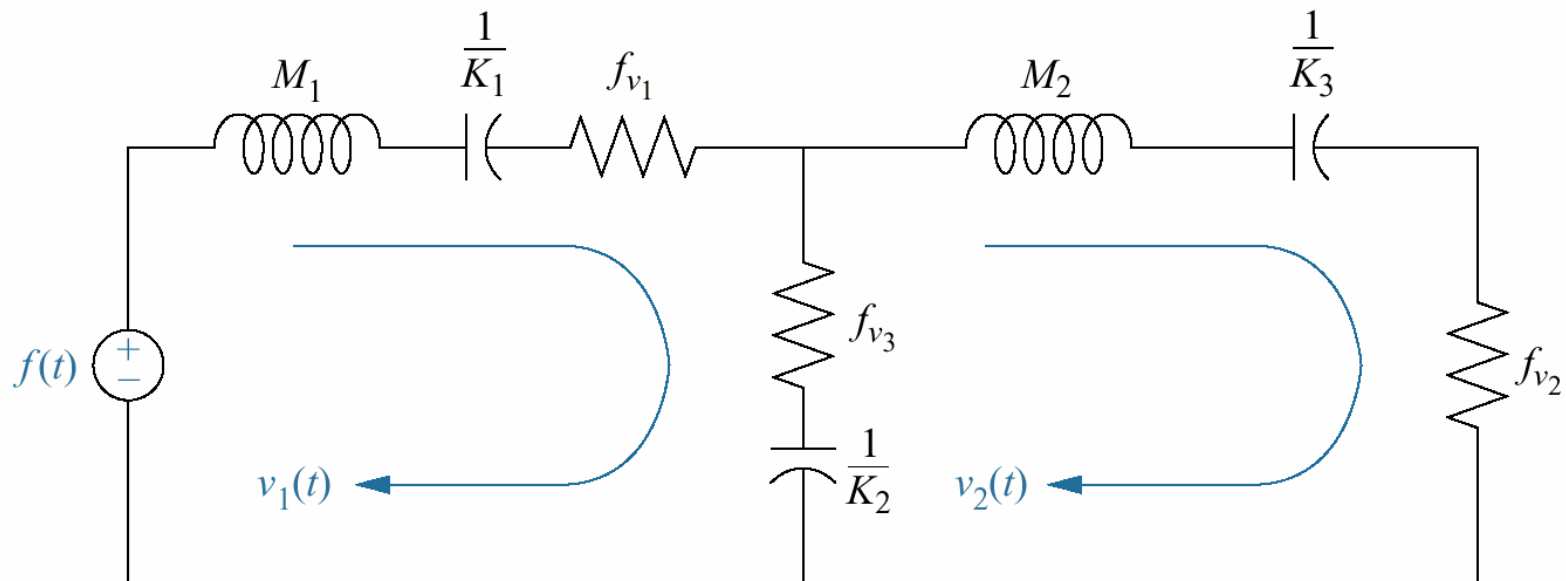
**Example** : Draw a series analog for the mechanical system of figure below.





$$\left( M_1 s + (f_{v1} + f_{v3}) + \frac{(K_1 + K_2)}{s} \right) V_1(s) - \left( f_{v3} + \frac{K_2}{s} \right) V_2(s) = F(s)$$

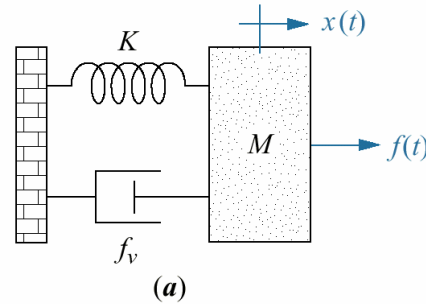
$$- \left( f_{v3} + \frac{K_2}{s} \right) V_1(s) + \left[ M_2 s + (f_{v2} + f_{v3}) + \frac{(K_2 + K_3)}{s} \right] V_2(s) = 0$$



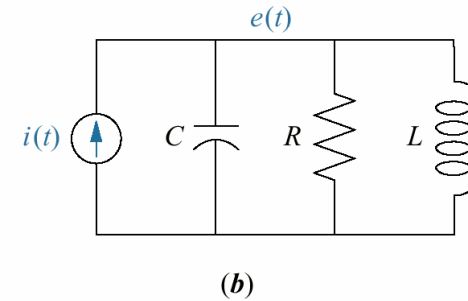
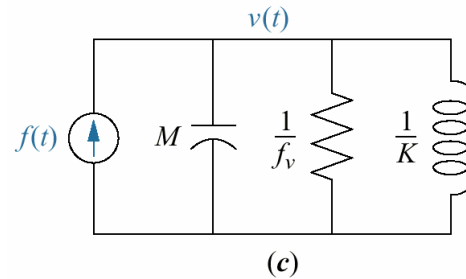
**Paralel Analog** : A system can be converted an equivalent paralel analog. Consider the translational mechanical system in the Figure (a), whose the equation of motion is given by

$$\frac{Ms^2 + f_v s + K}{s} sX(s) = \left( Ms + f_v + \frac{K}{s} \right) V(s) = F(s)$$

**Figure 2.43**  
Development of parallel analog:  
**a.** mechanical system;



**b.** desired electrical representation;  
**c.** parallel analog;  
**d.** parameters for parallel analog



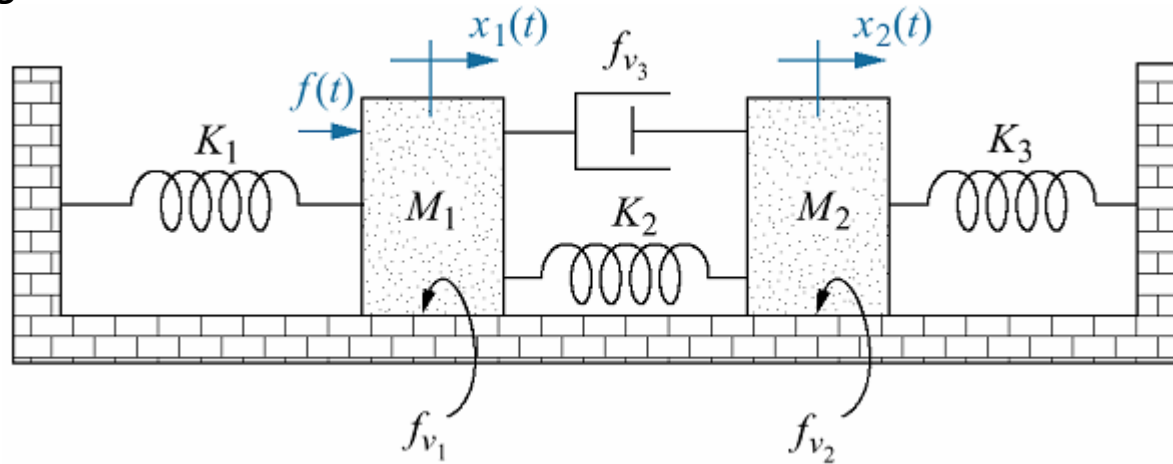
- mass =  $M$  → capacitor =  $M$  farads
- viscous damper =  $f_v$  → resistor =  $\frac{1}{f_v}$  ohms
- spring =  $K$  → inductor =  $\frac{1}{K}$  henries
- applied force =  $f(t)$  → current source =  $f(t)$
- velocity =  $v(t)$  → node voltage =  $v(t)$

Kirchhoff's nodal equation for the simple paralel RLC network shown in Figure(b) is

$$\left( Cs + \frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{Ls} \right) E(s) = I(s)$$

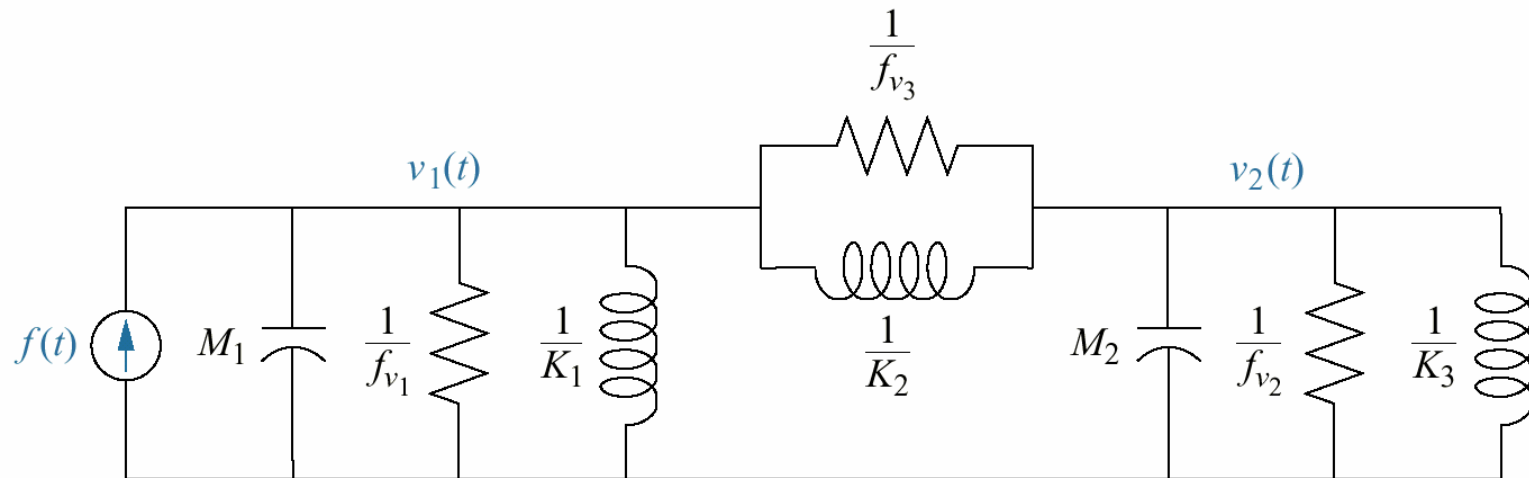
Clearly, Figure(c) is equivalent to Figure(a) in the sense of analogy.

**Example :** Draw a parallel analog for the same mechanical system with previous example which is



$$\left( M_1 s + (f_{v1} + f_{v3}) + \frac{(K_1 + K_2)}{s} \right) V_1(s) - \left( f_{v3} + \frac{K_2}{s} \right) V_2(s) = F(s)$$

$$- \left( f_{v3} + \frac{K_2}{s} \right) V_1(s) + \left[ M_2 s + (f_{v2} + f_{v3}) + \frac{(K_2 + K_3)}{s} \right] V_2(s) = 0$$



# NONLINEARITIES

In this section, we formally define the terms *linear* and *nonlinear* and how to distinguish between the two. We will show how to approximate a nonlinear system as a linear system.

A linear system possesses two properties : *Superposition* and *Homogeneity*. The property of *superposition* means that the output response of a system to the sum of inputs is the sum of responses to the individual inputs. Thus, if a input of  $r_1(t)$  yield an output of  $c_1(t)$  and an input of  $r_2(t)$  yields an output of  $c_2(t)$ , then an input of  $r_1(t)+r_2(t)$  yields an output of  $c_1(t)+c_2(t)$ . The property of *homogeneity* describes the response of the system to multiplication of the system by a scalar. Specifically, in a linear system, the property of homogeneity is demanstrated if for an input of  $r_1(t)$  that yields an output of  $c_1(t)$ , an input  $Ar_1(t)$  yields an output of  $Ac_1(t)$ ; that is, multiplication of an input by a scalar yields a response that is multiplied by the same scalar. We can visualize the linearity as shown in Figure 2.45.

Figure 2.45  
a. Linear system;  
b. Nonlinear system

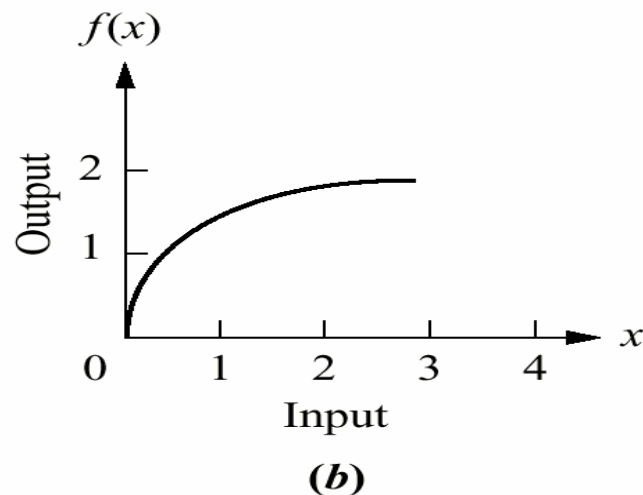
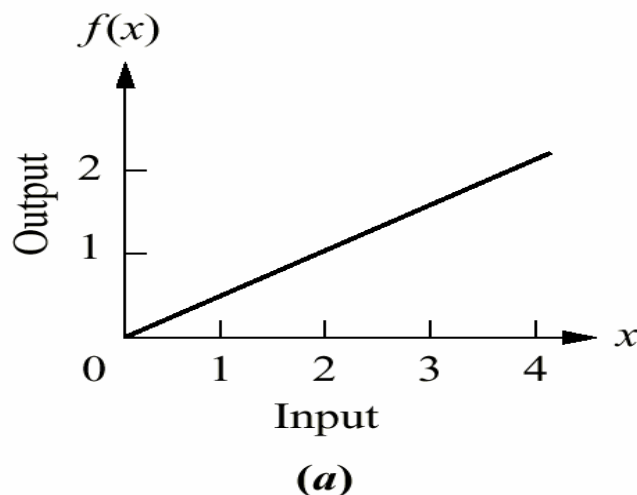
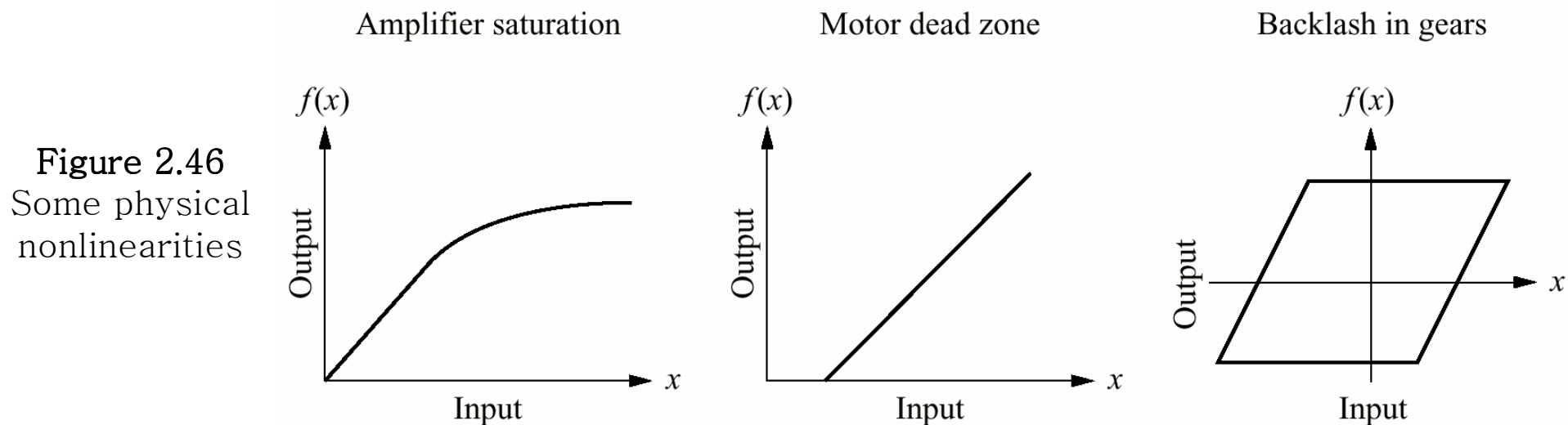




Figure 2.46 shows some example of physical nonlinearities.



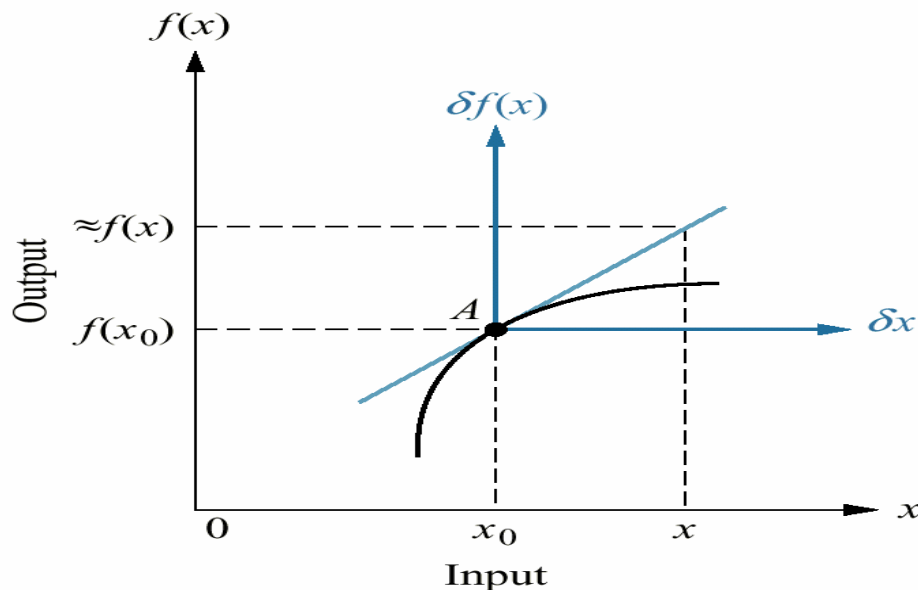
A designer can often make a linear approximation to a nonlinear system. Linear approximation simplify the analysis and design of a system and are used as long as the results yield a good approximation to reality. For example, a linear relationship can be established as a point on the nonlinear curve if the range of input values about that point is small and the origin is translated to that point. Electronic amplifiers are an example of physical devices that perform linear amplification with small excursion about a point.

# LINEARIZATION

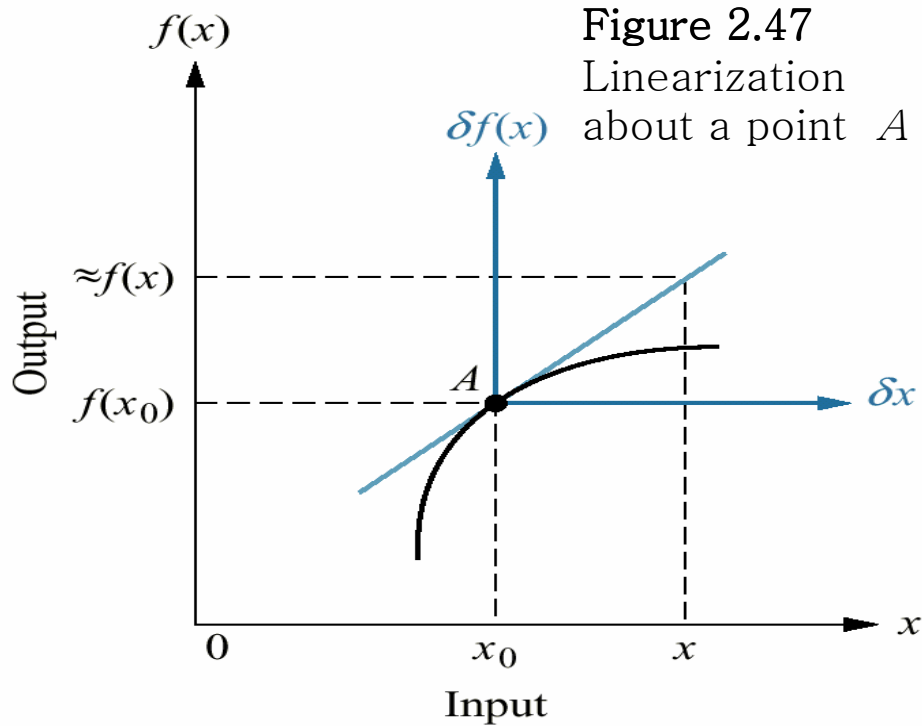
In this section, we show how to obtain linear approximations to nonlinear systems in order to obtain transfer function.

The first step is to recognize the nonlinear component and write the nonlinear differential equation, we linearize it for small-signal inputs about the steady-state solution when the small-signal input is equal to zero. This steady-state solution is called *equilibrium* and is selected as the second step in the linearization process. Next we linearize the nonlinear differential equation, and then we take the Laplace transform of the linearized differential equation, assuming all zero initial condition. Finally we separate input and output variables and form the transfer function. Let us first see how to linearize a function; later, we will apply the method to the linearization of differential equation.

If we assume a nonlinear system operating at point **A**,  $[x_0, f(x_0)]$  in Figure 2.47.



Small changes in the input can be related to changes in the output about the point by way of the slope of the curve at a point **A**. Thus, if the slope of the curve at point **A** is  $m_a$ , then small excursion of the input about point **A**,  $\delta x$ , yields small changes in the output,  $\delta f(x)$ , related by the slope at point **A**.



Thus,

$$[f(x) - f(x_0)] \approx m_a(x - x_0)$$

from which

$$\delta f(x) \approx m_a \delta x$$

and

$$f(x) \approx f(x_0) + m_a(x - x_0) \approx f(x_0) + m_a \delta x$$

This relationship is shown graphically in Figure 2.47, where a new set of axes,  $\delta x$  and  $\delta f(x)$ , is created at the point **A**, and  $f(x)$  is approximately equal to  $f(x_0)$ , the ordinate of the new origin, plus small excursion,  $m_a \delta x$ , away from point **A**. Let us look an example.

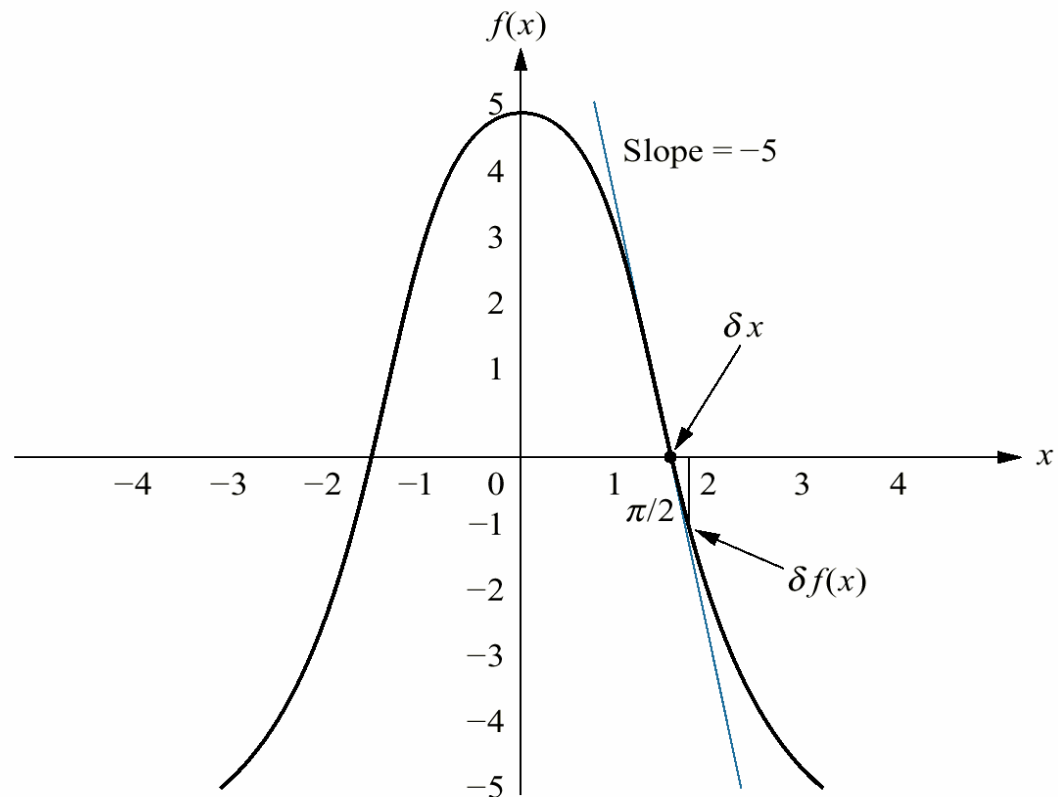
**Example** : Linearize  $f(x) = 5\cos x$  about  $x = \pi/2$

**Solution** : We first find that the derivative of  $f(x)$  is  $df/dx = (-5\sin x)$ . At  $x = \pi/2$ , the derivative is  $-5$ . Also  $f(x_0) = f(\pi/2) = 5\cos(\pi/2) = 0$ . Thus, from the equation

$$f(x) \approx f(x_0) + m_a(x - x_0) \approx f(x_0) + m_a \delta x$$

The system can be represented as  $f(x) = -5\delta x$  for small excursions of  $x$  about  $x = \pi/2$ . The process is shown graphically in the figure, where the cosine curve does not indeed look like a straight line of slope  $-5$  near  $\pi/2$ .

**Figure 2.48**  
Linearization  
of  $5 \cos x$  about  
 $x = \pi/2$



**Taylor Series Expansion** : Another approach to linearization is Taylor series. The previous discussion can be formalized using the Taylor series expansion, which expresses the value of a function in terms of value of this function at a particular point. The Taylor series of  $f(x)$  is

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + \left(\frac{df}{dx}\right)_{x=x_0} (x - x_0) + \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{d^2f}{dx^2}\right)_{x=x_0} (x - x_0)^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{d^k f}{dx^k}\right)_{x=x_0} (x - x_0)^k + \dots$$

For small excursion of  $x$  from  $x_0$ , we can neglect high order terms. The resulting approximation yields a straight-line relationship between the change in  $f(x)$  and the excursion away from  $x_0$ . Neglecting the high order terms in the equation above, we get

$$f(x) - f(x_0) = \left.\frac{df}{dx}\right|_{x=x_0} (x - x_0) \quad \text{or} \quad \delta f(x) \approx m_a \delta x$$

Which is a linear relationship between  $\delta f(x)$  and  $\delta x$  for small excursion away from  $x_0$ . The following examples demonstrates linearization. The first example demonstrates linearization of a differential equation and the second example applies linearization to finding a transfer function.

**Example :** Linearize the following differential equation for small excursion about  $x=\pi/4$

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + 2 \frac{dx}{dt} + \cos x = 0$$

**Solution :** The presence of the term  $\cos x$  makes this equation nonlinear. Since we want to linearize the equation about  $x=\pi/4$ , we let  $x=\delta x + \pi/4$ , where  $\delta x$  is the small excursion about  $\pi/4$ , and substitute  $x$  into given equation,

$$\frac{d^2\left(\delta x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{dt^2} + 2 \frac{d\left(\delta x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{dt} + \cos\left(\delta x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 0$$

But  $\frac{d^2\left(\delta x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2 \delta x}{dt^2}$  and  $\frac{d\left(\delta x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{dt} = \frac{d \delta x}{dt}$

Finally, the term  $\cos(\delta x + (\pi/4))$  can be linearized with the truncated Taylor series. Substituting  $f(x)=\cos(\delta x + (\pi/4))$ ,  $f(x_0)=f(\pi/4)=\cos(\pi/4)$ , and  $(x-x_0)=\delta x$  into the equation

$$f(x) - f(x_0) = \left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x=x_0} (x - x_0) \quad \text{yields}$$

$$\cos\left(\delta x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \left. \frac{d \cos x}{dx} \right|_{x=\frac{\pi}{4}} \delta x = -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \delta x \quad \text{Solving this equation for } \cos(\delta x + (\pi/4)) \text{ yields}$$

$$\cos\left(\delta x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\delta x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\delta x$$

Note that we have obtained by now three equations which are

$$\frac{d^2\left(\delta x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2\delta x}{dt^2} \quad \frac{d\left(\delta x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{dt} = \frac{d\delta x}{dt} \quad \cos\left(\delta x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\delta x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\delta x$$

Substituting these three equations into the first equation we wrote which is

$$\frac{d^2\left(\delta x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{dt^2} + 2\frac{d\left(\delta x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{dt} + \cos\left(\delta x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 0$$

yields the following **linearized differential equation**

$$\frac{d^2\delta x}{dt^2} + 2\frac{d\delta x}{dt} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\delta x = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

## Example : Nonlinear Electrical Network

Find the transfer function  $V_L(s)/V(s)$  for electrical network shown in the figure which contains a nonlinear resistor whose voltage-current relationship is defined by

$$i_r = 0.1e^{0.1V_r}$$

Where  $i_r$  and  $V_r$  are the resistor current and voltage, respectively. Also  $v(t)$  in the figure is small-signal source.

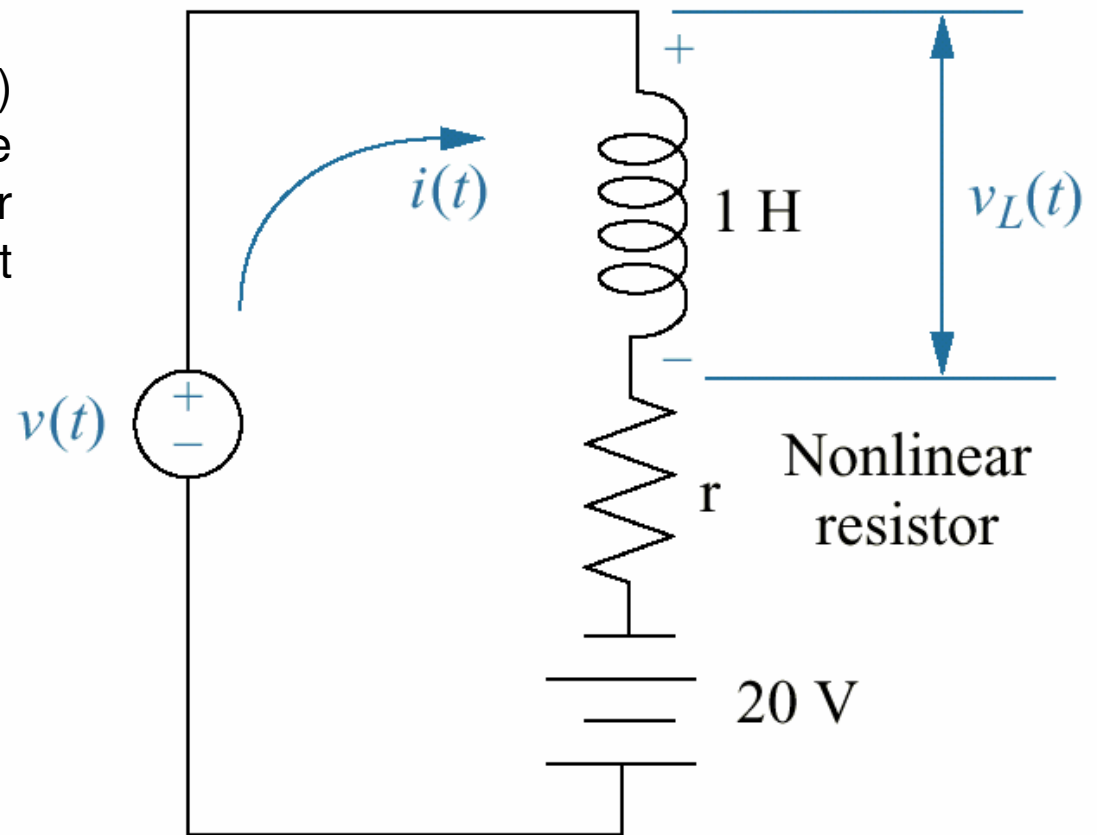
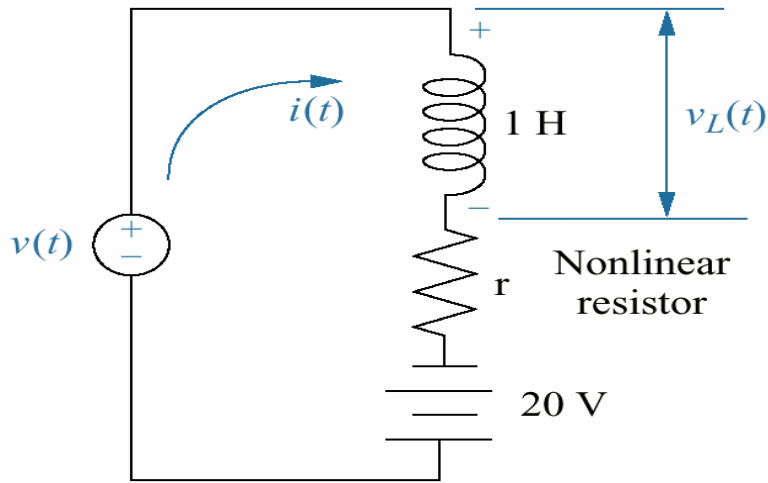


Figure 2.49  
Nonlinear  
electrical  
network





We will use the Kirchhoff's voltage law to sum the voltages in the loop to obtain the nonlinear differential equation, but first we must solve for the voltage across the nonlinear resistor. Taking the natural log of resistor's current-voltage relationship, we get

$$V_r = 10 \ln \frac{1}{2} i_r$$

Applying the Kirchhoff's voltage law around the loop, where  $i_r = i$ , yields

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + 10 \ln \frac{1}{2} i - 20 = v(t) \quad (*)$$

Next, let us evaluate the equilibrium solution. First, set the small-signal source,  $v(t)$ , equal to zero. Now evaluate the steady-state current. With  $v(t)=0$ , the circuit consist of 20 V battery in series with the inductor will be zero, since  $v_L = L(di/dt)$  and  $(di/dt)$  is zero in the steady,state, given a constant battery source. Hence the resistor voltage  $v_r$  is 20 V. Using the characteristics of the resistor,

$$i_r = 2 e^{0.1 V_r}$$

we find that  $i_r = i = 14.78$  amps. This current,  $i_0$ , is the equilibrium value of the network current. Hence  $i = i_0 + \delta i$ . Substituting this current into (\*) equation yields

$$L \frac{d(i_0 + \delta i)}{dt} + 10 \frac{1}{2} (i_0 + \delta i) - 20 = v(t) \quad (**)$$

Using the linearizing equation

$$f(x) - f(x_0) = \left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x=x_0} (x - x_0)$$

to linearize  $\ln \frac{1}{2} (i_0 + \delta i)$ , we get

$$\ln \frac{1}{2} (i_0 + \delta i) - \ln \frac{1}{2} i_0 = \left. \frac{d \left( \ln \frac{1}{2} i \right)}{di} \right|_{i=i_0} \delta i = \left. \frac{1}{i} \right|_{i=i_0} \delta i = \frac{1}{i_0} \delta i \quad \text{or} \quad \ln \frac{1}{2} (i_0 + \delta i) = \ln \frac{i_0}{2} + \frac{1}{i_0} \delta i$$

Substituting this equation into (\*\*), the linearized equation becomes

$$L \frac{d\delta i}{dt} + 10 \left( \ln \frac{i_0}{2} + \frac{1}{i_0} \delta i \right) - 20 = v(t)$$

Letting  $L=1$  and  $i_0=14.78$ , the final linearized differential equation is  $\frac{d \delta i}{dt} + 0.6778 i = v(t)$

Taking the Laplace transform with zero initial conditions and solving for  $\delta i(s)$  yields

$$\delta i(s) = \frac{V(s)}{s + 0.677} \quad (***)$$

But the voltage across the inductor about the equilibrium point is  $V_L(t) = L \frac{d}{dt}(i_0 + \delta i) = L \frac{d \delta i}{dt}$

Taking the Laplace transform  $V_L(s) = L s \delta i(s) = s \delta i(s)$

Substituting the (\*\*\*) equation into the last equation yields

$$V_L(s) = s \frac{V(s)}{s + 0.677}$$

from which the final transfer function is

$$\frac{V_L(s)}{V(s)} = \frac{s}{s + 0.677}$$

for small excursions about  $i=14.78$  or, equivalently, about  $v(t)=0$