

# Mechanical System/ Modelling of Mechanical Systems- MEC100x – Lectures 3\_1

Energy, Power and Intelligent Control

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# Aims

1. Newton's laws of motion, Conservation of energy and momentum
2. Kinetic Analysis of simple mechanisms, Forces in Mechanisms, Torque
3. Mathematical models
4. Mechanical system building blocks (Mass/Spring/Damper,...)
5. Modelling dynamic systems
6. First-order systems - Second-order systems

# What is System Dynamics?



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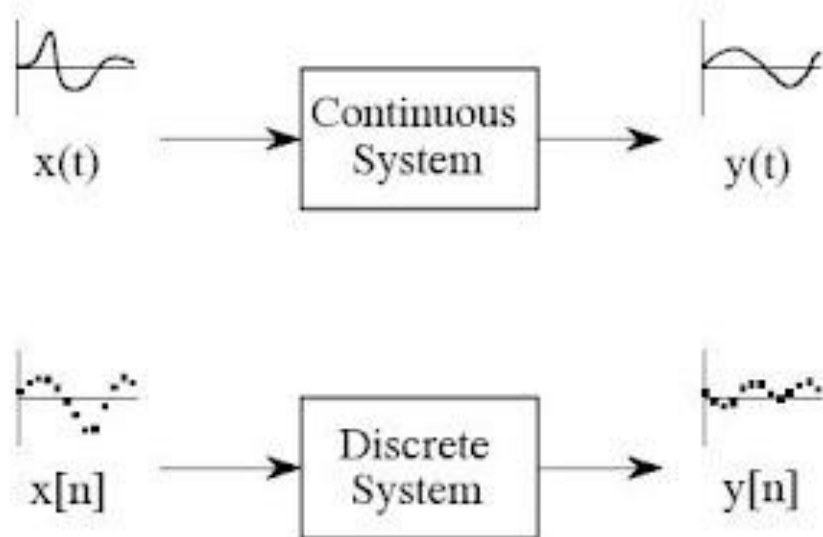
**The synthesis of mathematical models to represent dynamic responses of physical systems for the purpose of analysis, design, and/or control.**



**System Dynamics draws on a variety of engineering specialties to form a unified approach to study dynamic systems.**

# Continuous-Time Systems

- ❑ Variables and functions defined for all time
- ❑ Similar to variables in the “analog” domain
- ❑ Described by differential equations



## Discrete-Time Systems

- ❑ Variables defined only at discrete time points
- ❑ Similar to variable in the “digital” domain
- ❑ Described by difference equations

<http://signalsworld.blogspot.com/2009/11/continuoustime-and-discrete-time.html>

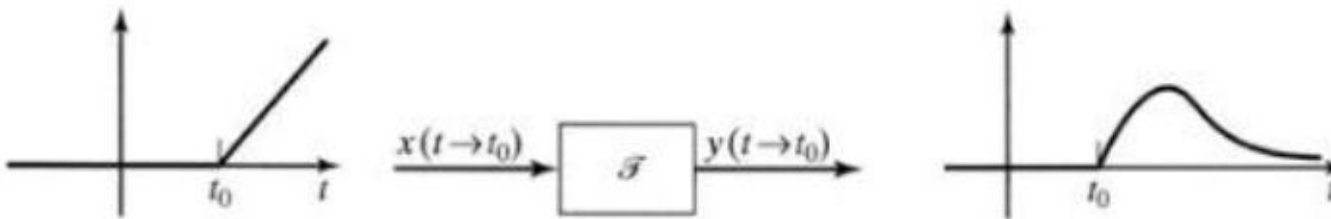
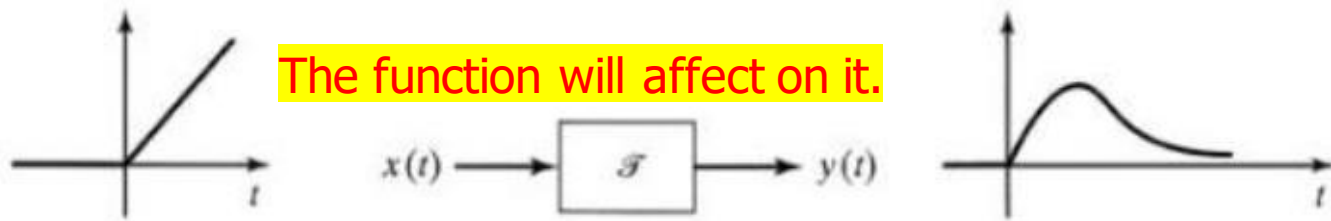
# Classification of Dynamic Systems

## Time-Varying Systems

- ❑ System parameters vary with time

## Time-Invariant Systems

- ❑ System parameters remain constant with time.



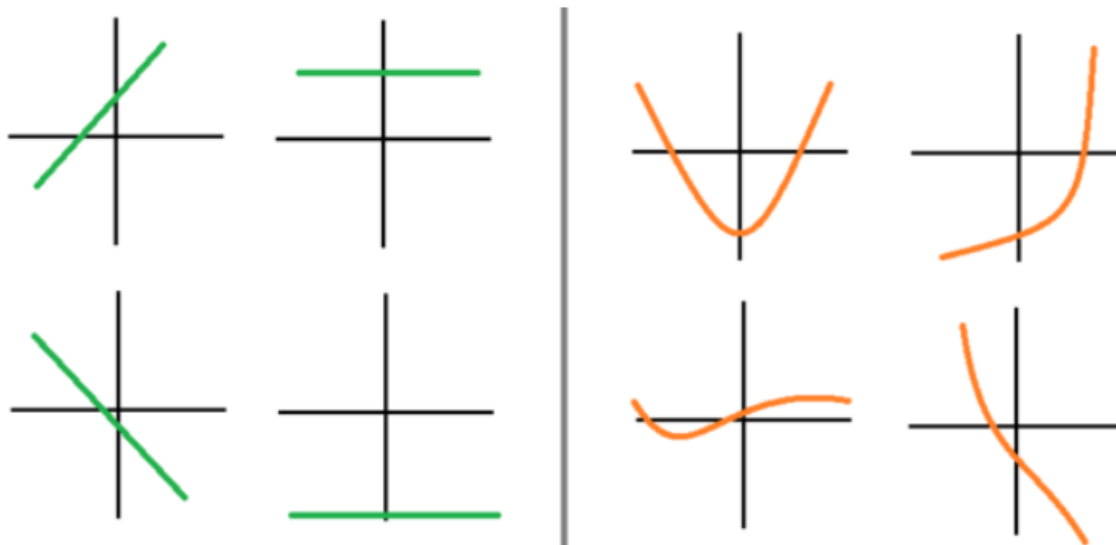
# Classification of Dynamic Systems

## Linear Systems

- ❑ Obeys superposition
- ❑ Has homogeneity

## Non-Linear Systems

- ❑ Does not obey superposition
- ❑ Does not have homogeneity



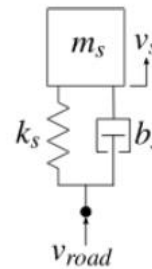
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# A Quarter-Car Suspension Model

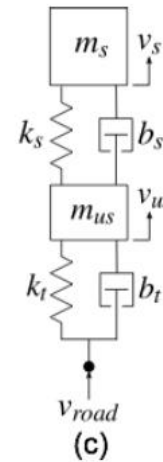
- ❑ To formulate a model we must identify the pertinent components and formulate mathematical representations for each.
- ❑ The complexity of the model depends on its intended use.



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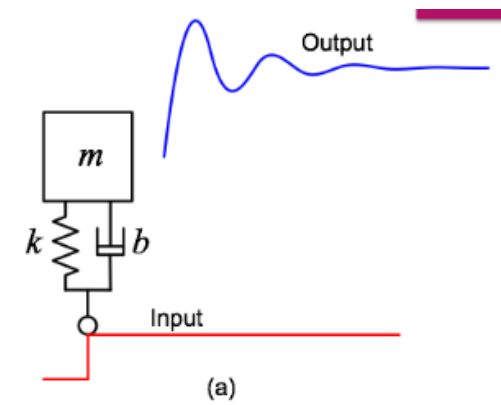
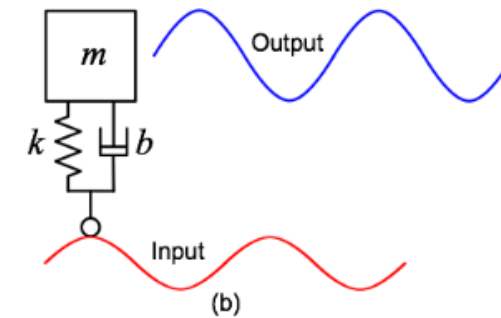


(b)



(c)

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- Energy is defined as the capacity for doing work.
- Power is defined as the rate of doing work or the amount of energy consumed per unit time.
- Power (P) is also defined as the multiplication of an effort and a flow
- Effort (e): force-like variable
- Flow, (f): velocity-like variable

# Momentum, Effort, Displacement, and Flow

Power

$$P(t) = e(t) f(t)$$

Generalized Momentum

$$p(t) = \int e(t) d(t)$$

Effort

$$e(t) = \frac{dp}{dt}$$

Generalized Displacement

$$q(t) = \int f(t) d(t)$$

Flow

$$f(t) = \frac{dq}{dt}$$

# Potential and Kinetic Energy

**Energy**

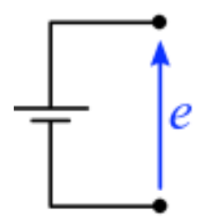
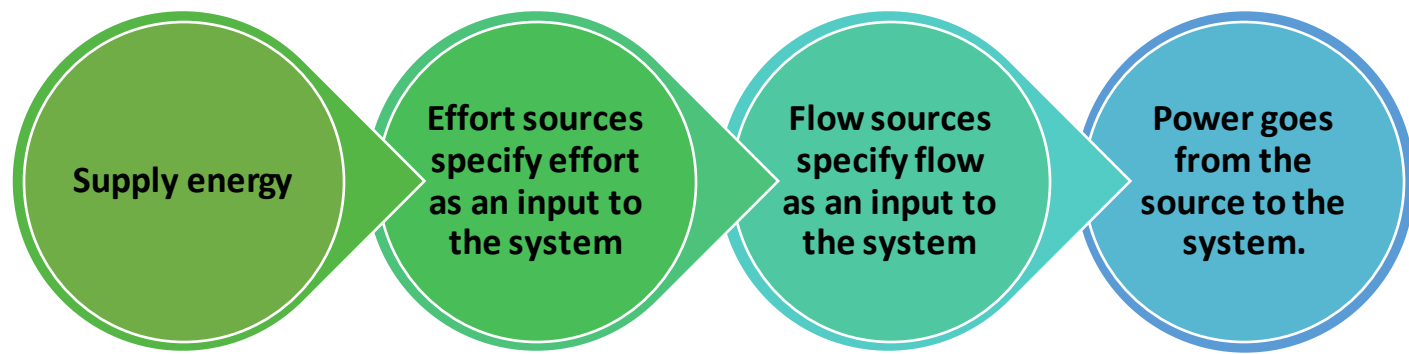
$$E(t) = \int p(t) d(t) = \int e(t) f(t) dt$$

**Potential Energy**

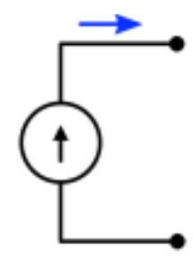
$$E(t) = \int e(t) \frac{dq}{dt} d(t) = \int e(q) dq$$

**Kinetic Energy**

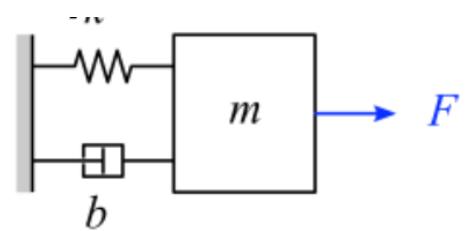
$$E(t) = \int \frac{dp}{dt} f(t) d(t) = \int f(p) dp$$



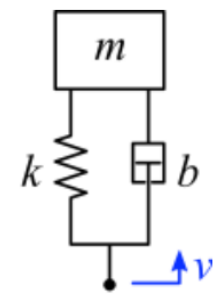
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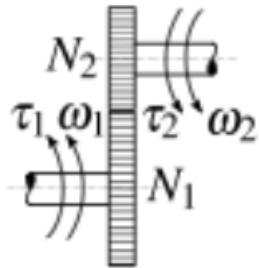


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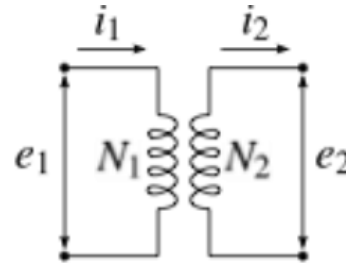


(d)

- Converts energy
- Energy-conserving
- Efforts are algebraically related
- Flows are algebraically related
- Power through convention



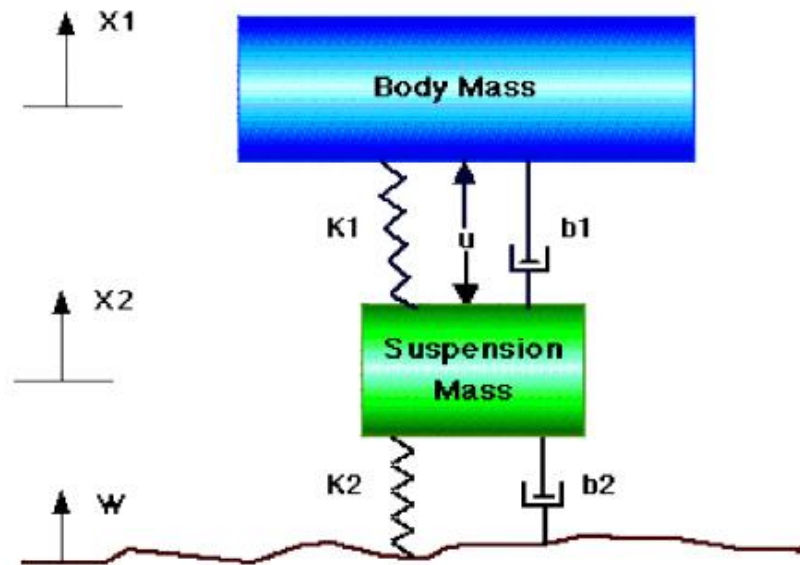
$$n = \frac{\tau_1}{\tau_2} = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1}$$

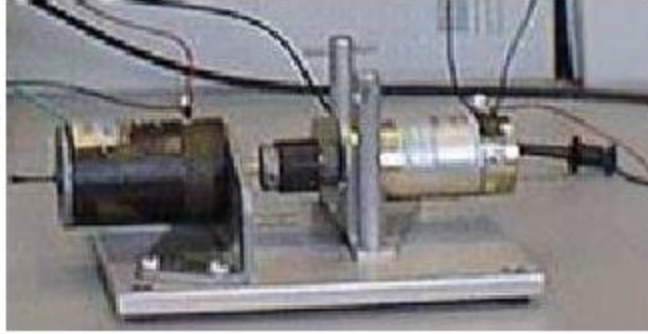


$$\frac{e_1}{e_2} = \frac{i_2}{i_1} = \frac{N_1}{N_2}$$

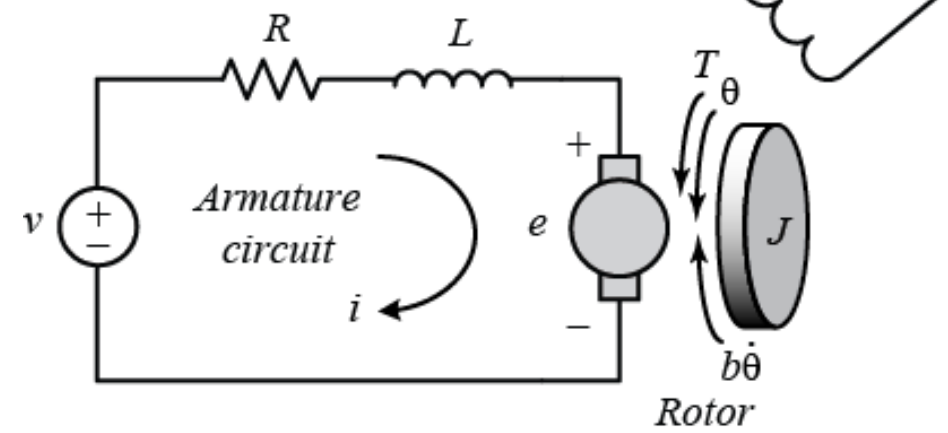


Model of Bus Suspension System  
(1/4 Bus)





$$\frac{\theta}{V} = \frac{K}{(Js + b)(Ls + R) + K^2}$$

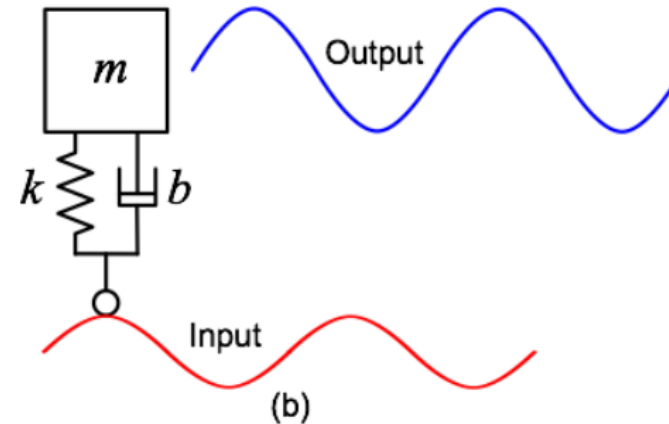
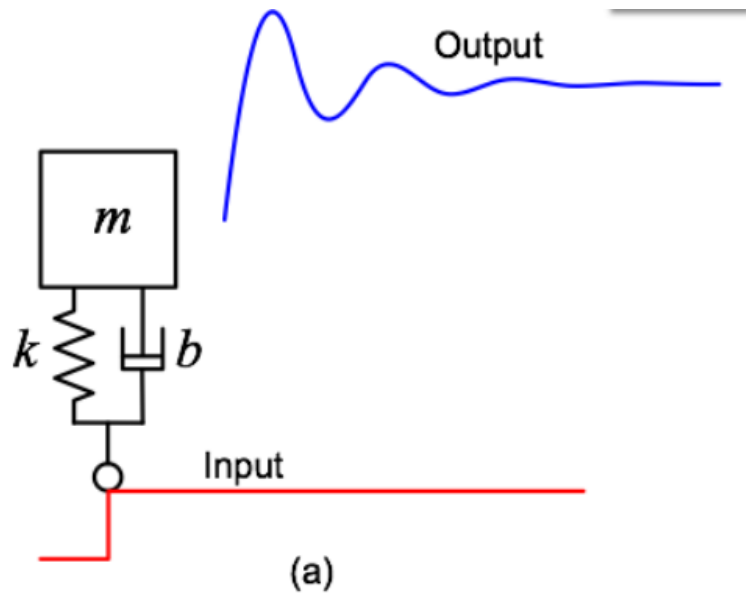


$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \\ i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{b}{J} & \frac{K}{J} \\ 0 & -\frac{K}{L} & -\frac{R}{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \\ i \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{L} \end{bmatrix} V$$

$$y = [1 \ 0 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \\ i \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Mechanical system

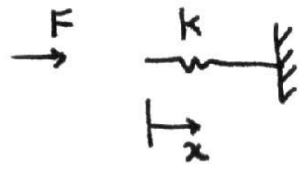
Transitional movement

$$F = ma$$

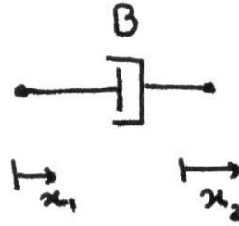
**Rotational movement**

$$\tau = I \cdot \dot{\omega}$$

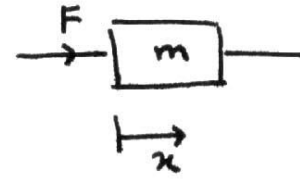
# Mechanical components



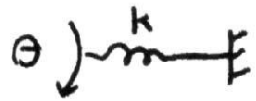
$$F = kx$$



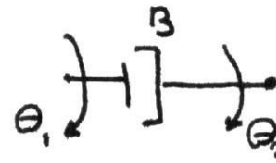
$$F = B(\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2)$$



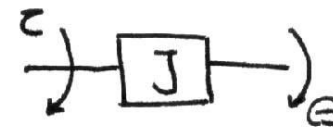
$$F = m\ddot{x}$$



$$\tau = k\theta$$



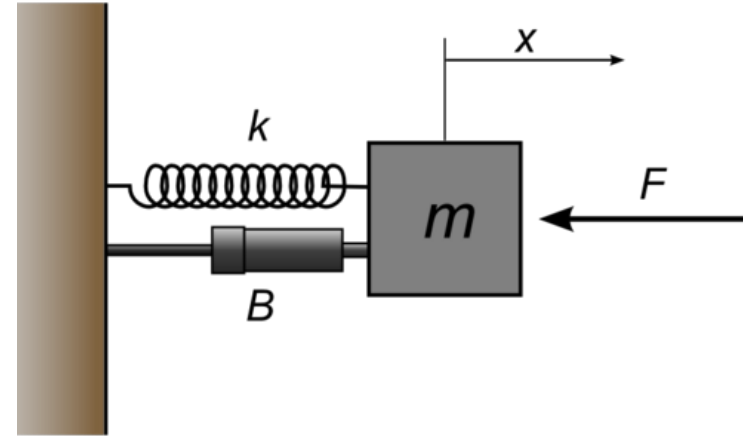
$$\tau = B(\dot{\theta}_1 - \dot{\theta}_2)$$



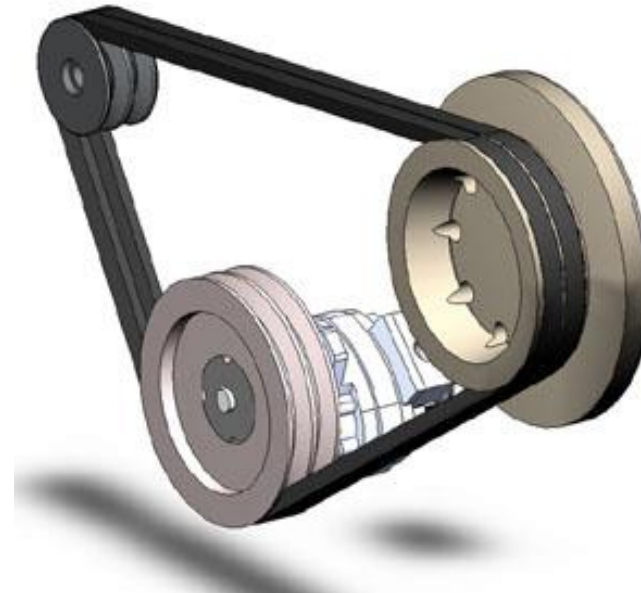
$$\tau = J\ddot{\theta}$$

# Basic Types of Mechanical Systems

- Translational
  - Linear Motion



- Rotational
  - Rotational Motion



# Basic Elements of Translational Mechanical Systems

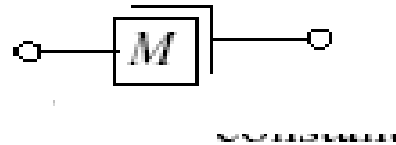
## Translational Spring

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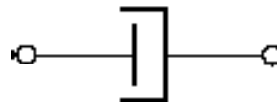
## Translational Mass

ii)

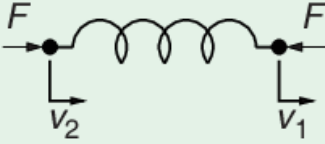

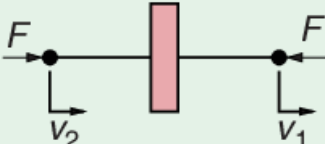
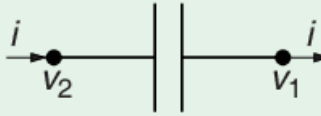
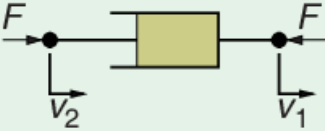
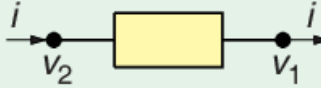


## Translational Damper

iii)



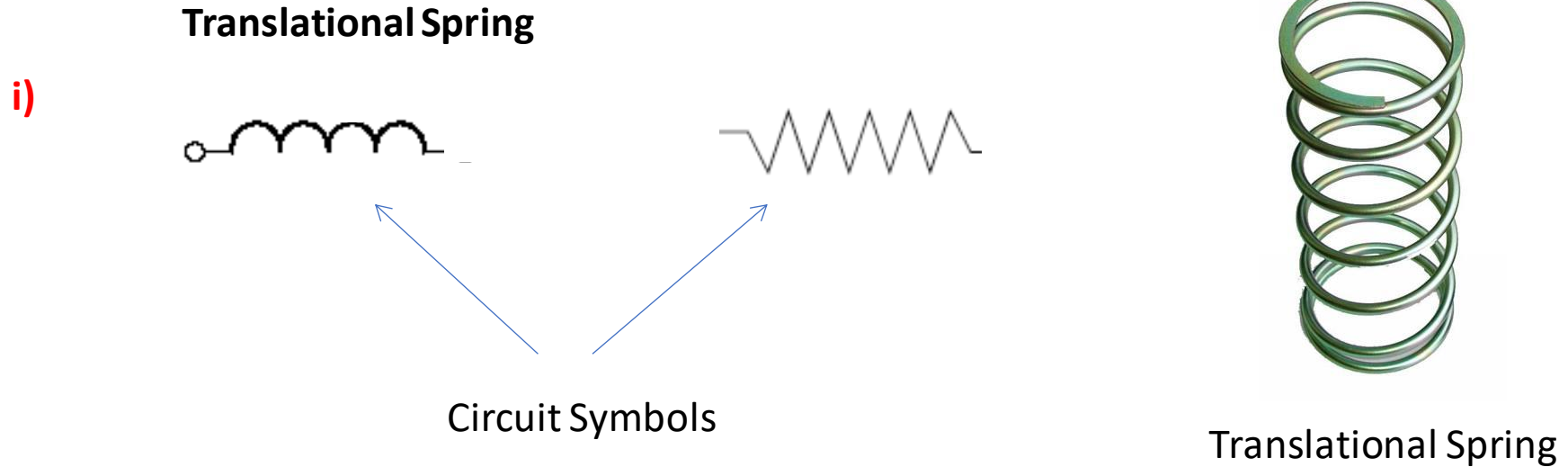
## Analogy between the electrical and mechanical elements

Mechanical		Electrical	
 $Y(s) = \frac{k}{s}$ <p style="text-align: center;">Spring</p> $\frac{dF}{dt} = k(v_2 - v_1)$		 $Y(s) = \frac{1}{Ls}$ <p style="text-align: center;">Inductor</p> $\frac{di}{dt} = \frac{1}{L}(v_2 - v_1)$	
 $Y(s) = bs$ <p style="text-align: center;">Inerter</p> $F = b \frac{d(v_2 - v_1)}{dt}$		 $Y(s) = Cs$ <p style="text-align: center;">Capacitor</p> $i = C \frac{d(v_2 - v_1)}{dt}$	
 $Y(s) = c$ <p style="text-align: center;">Damper</p> $F = c(v_2 - v_1)$		 $Y(s) = \frac{1}{R}$ <p style="text-align: center;">Resistor</p> $i = \frac{1}{R}(v_2 - v_1)$	

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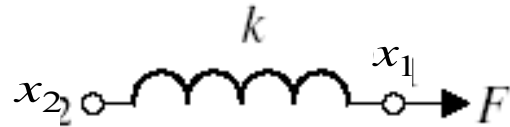
# Translational Spring

- A translational spring is a mechanical element that can be deformed by an external force such that the deformation is directly proportional to the force applied to it.

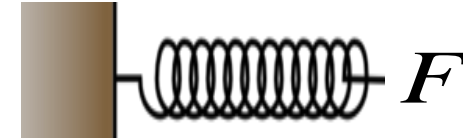


# Translational Spring

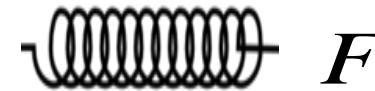
- If  $F$  is the applied force



- Then  $x_1$  is the deformation if  $x_2 = 0$



- Or  $(x_1 - x_2)$  is the deformation.



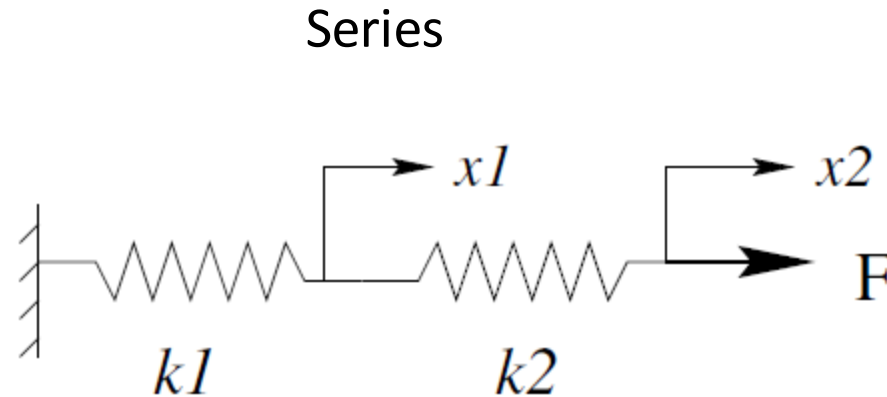
- The equation of motion is given as

$$F = k (x_1 - x_2)$$

- Where  $k$  is stiffness of spring expressed in N/m

# Translational Spring

- Given two springs with spring constant  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ , obtain the equivalent spring constant  $k_{eq}$  for the two springs connected in:



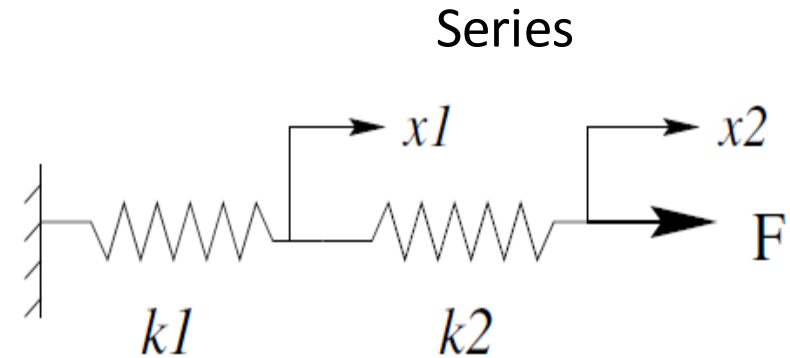


# Translational Spring

- The forces on two springs are same,  $F$ , however displacements are different therefore:

$$k_1 x_1 = k_2 x_2 = F$$

$$x_1 = \frac{F}{k_1} \quad x_2 = \frac{F}{k_2}$$



- Since the total displacement is  $x = x_1 + x_2$ , and we have  $F = k_{eq} x$

$$x = x_1 + x_2 \Rightarrow \frac{F}{k_{eq}} = \frac{F}{k_1} + \frac{F}{k_2}$$

# Translational Spring

$$\frac{F}{k_{eq}} = \frac{F}{k_1} + \frac{F}{k_2}$$

- Then we can obtain

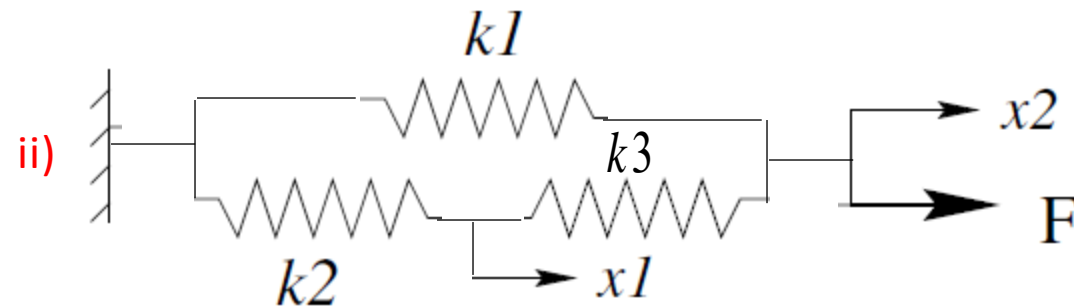
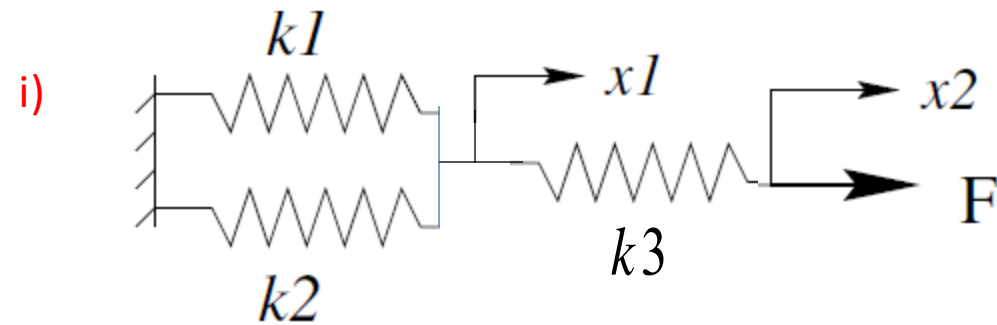
$$k_{eq} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2}} = \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_1 + k_2}$$

- If  $n$  springs are connected in series then:

$$k_{eq} = \frac{k_1 k_2 \cdots k_n}{k_1 + k_2 + \cdots + k_n}$$

# Homework: Translational Spring

- Obtain the equivalent stiffness for the following spring networks.

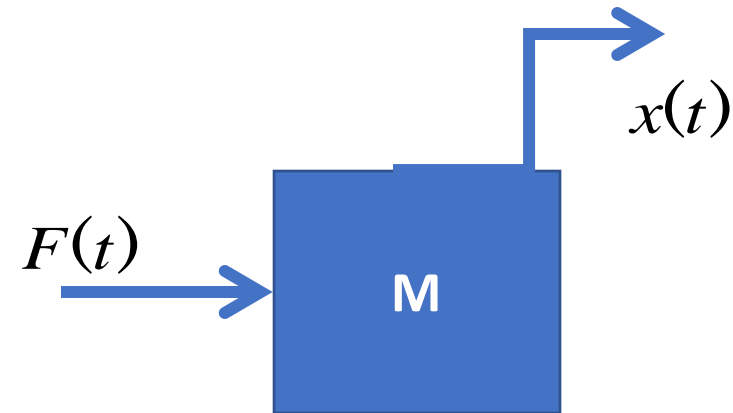


# Translational Mass

- Translational Mass is an inertia element.
- A mechanical system without mass does not exist.
- If a force  $F$  is applied to a mass and it is displaced to  $x$  meters then the relation b/w force and displacements is given by Newton's law.

ii)

Translational Mass

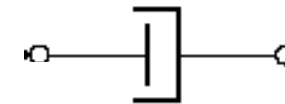


$$F = M \ddot{x}$$

# Translational Damper

- When the viscosity or drag is not negligible in a system, we often model them with the damping force.
- If damping in the system is not enough then extra elements (e.g. Dashpot) are added to increase damping. iii)

Translational Damper



# Common Uses of Dashpots

Door Stoppers



Vehicle Suspension



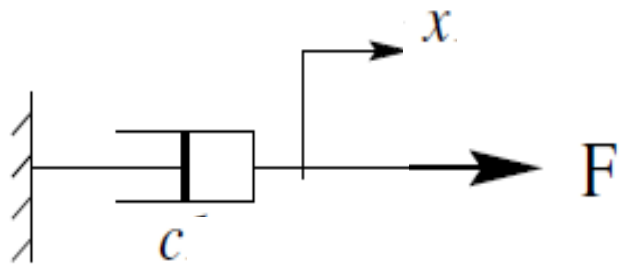
Bridge Suspension



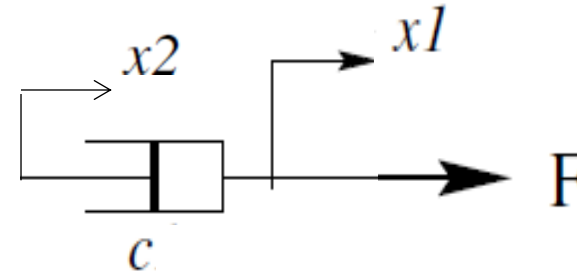
Flyover Suspension



# Translational Damper



$$F = C \dot{x}$$

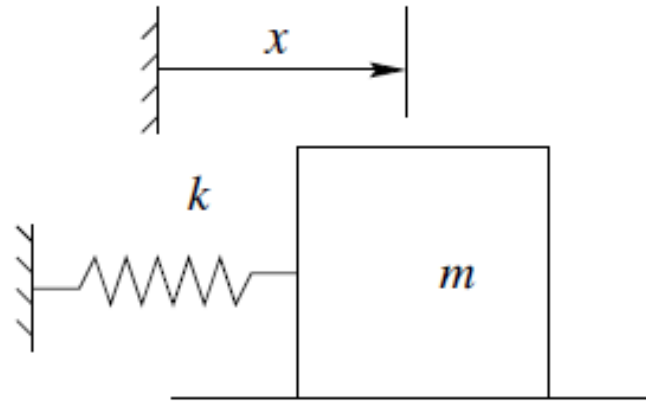


$$F = C (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2)$$

- Where  $C$  is damping coefficient ( $N/m \cdot s^{-1}$ ).

# Modeling a simple Translational System

- **Example1 without force:** Consider a simple horizontal spring-mass system on a frictionless surface, as shown in figure below.



$$m \ddot{x} = -kx$$

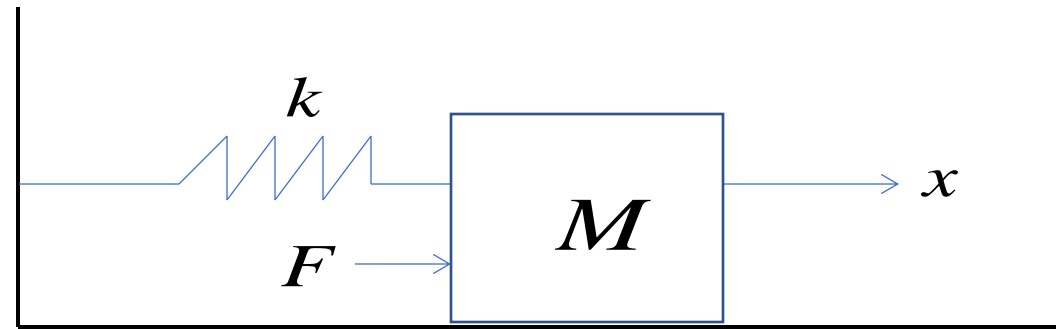
or

$$m \ddot{x} + kx = 0$$



## Example 2 with external force:

- Consider the following system (friction is negligible)

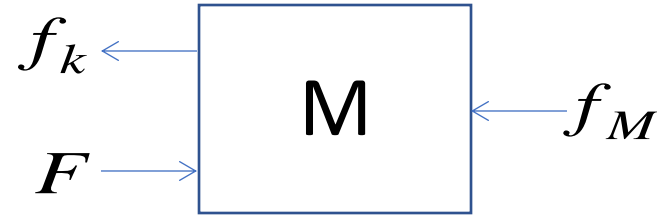


- Free Body Diagram



- Where  $f_k$  and  $f_M$  are force applied by the spring and inertial force respectively.

## Example 2 with external force:



$$F = f_k + f_M$$

- Then the differential equation of the system is:

$$F = M\ddot{x} + kx$$

- Taking the Laplace Transform of both sides and ignoring initial conditions we get

$$F(s) = Ms^2X(s) + kX(s)$$

## Example 2 with external force:

$$F(s) = Ms^2X(s) + kX(s)$$

- The transfer function of the system is

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

- if

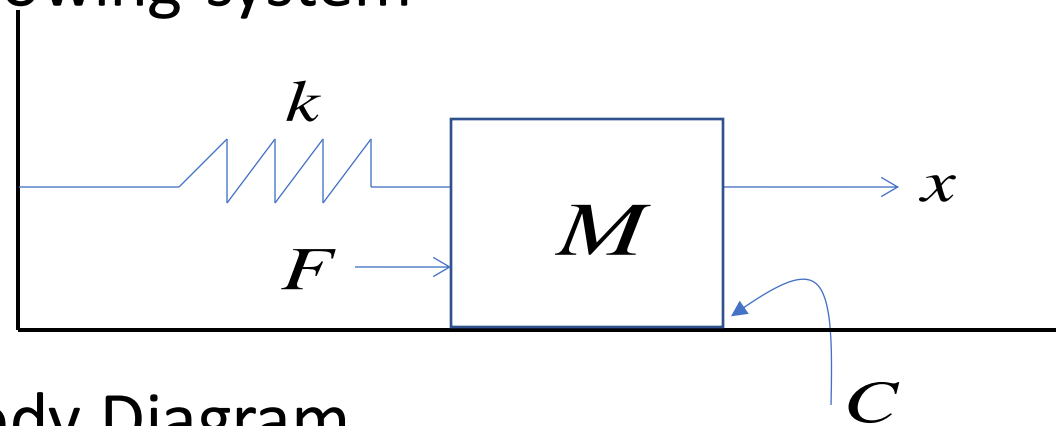
$$M = 1000kg$$

$$k = 2000Nm^{-1}$$

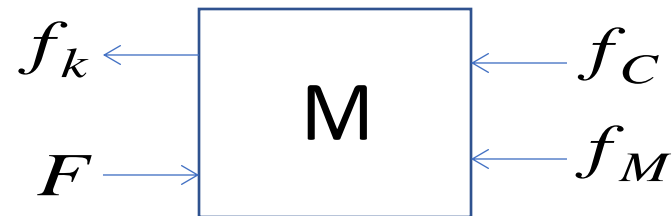
$$\frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{0.001}{s^2 + 2}$$

## Example 3

- Consider the following system



- Free Body Diagram



$$F = f_k + f_M + f_C$$

## Example 3

Differential equation of the system is:

$$F = f_M + f_c + f_k$$
$$F = M\ddot{x} + C\dot{x} + kx$$

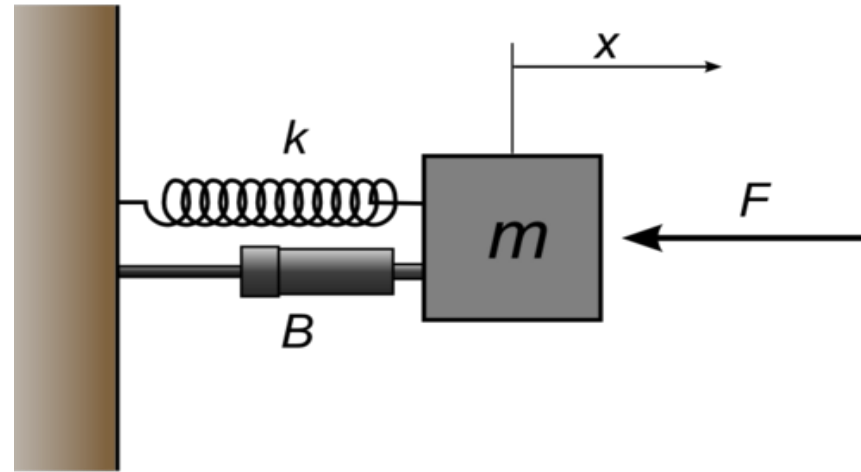
Taking the Laplace Transform of both sides and ignoring Initial conditions we get

$$F(s) = M s^2 X(s) + CsX(s) + kX(s)$$

$$\frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{1}{Ms^2 + Cs + k}$$

## Example 4

- Consider the following system



- Free Body Diagram (same as example-3)

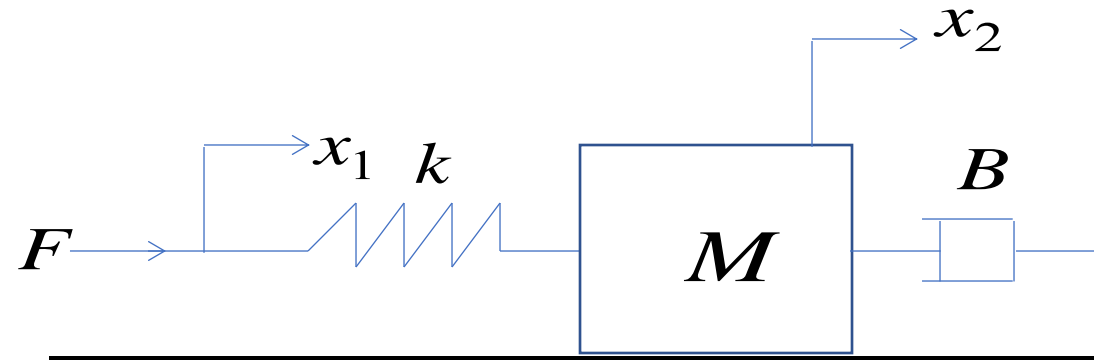


$$\frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{1}{Ms^2 + Bs + k}$$

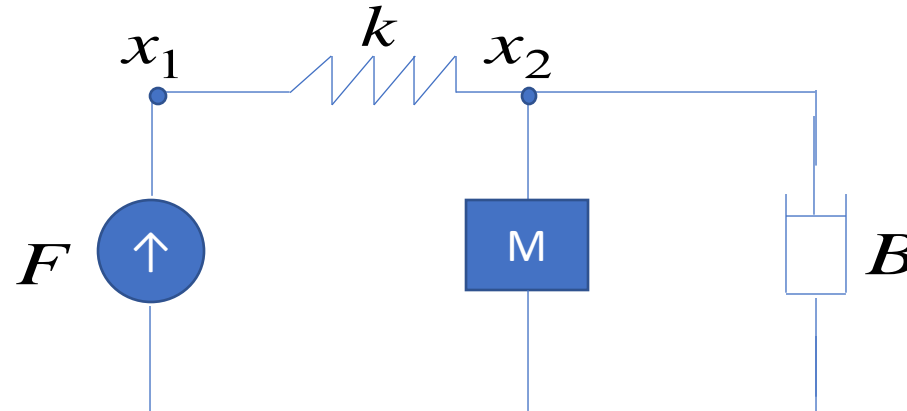
$$F = f_k + f_M + f_B$$

## Example 5

- Consider the following system

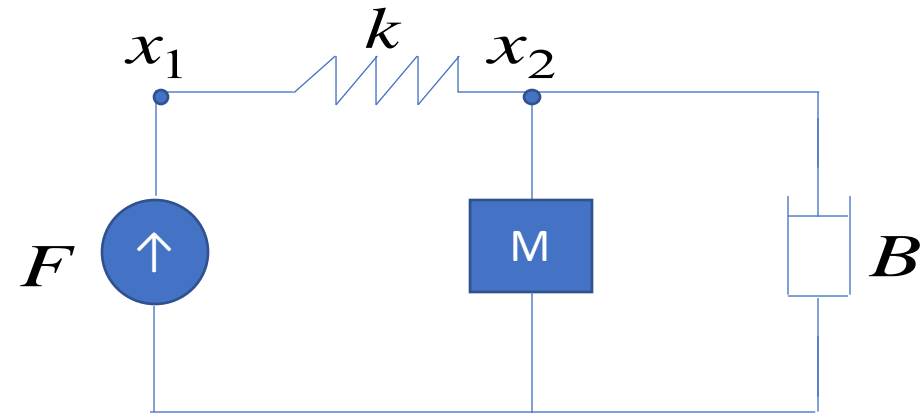


- Mechanical Network



## Example 5

- Mechanical Network



At node  $x_1$

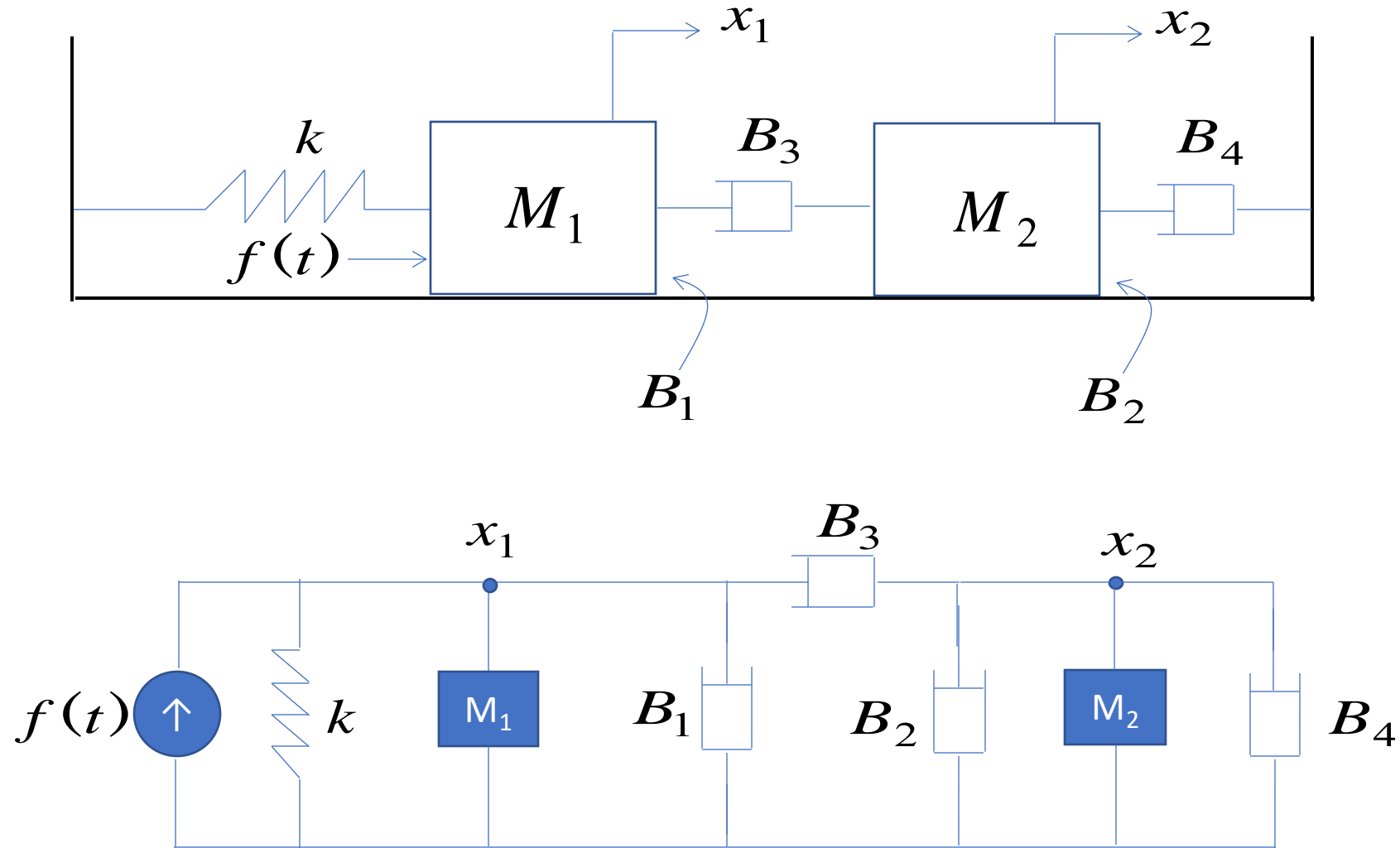
$$F = k(x_1 - x_2)$$

At node  $x_2$

$$0 = k(x_2 - x_1) + M\ddot{x}_2 + B\dot{x}_2$$

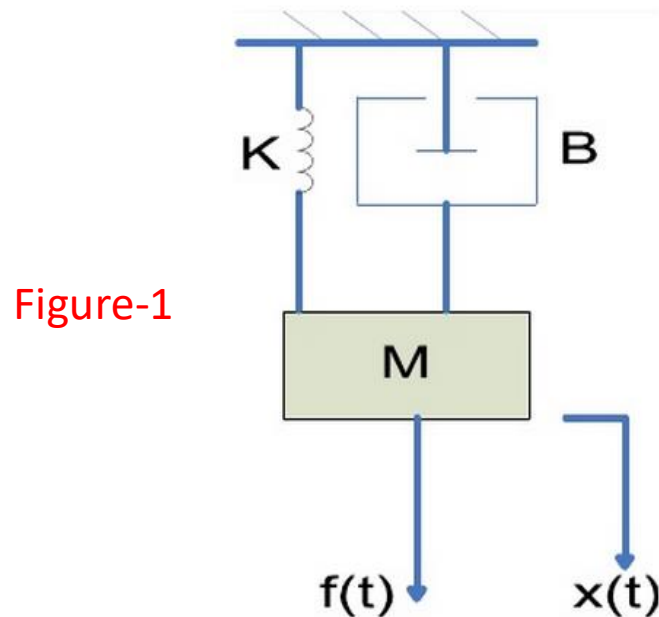


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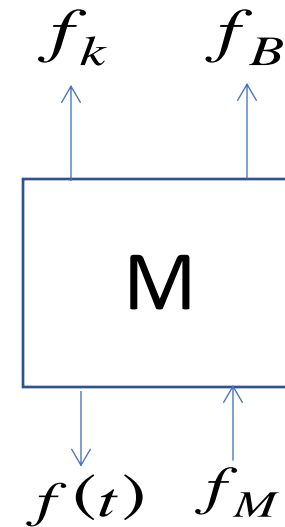


## Example 7

- Find the transfer function of the mechanical translational system given in Figure-1.



Free Body Diagram

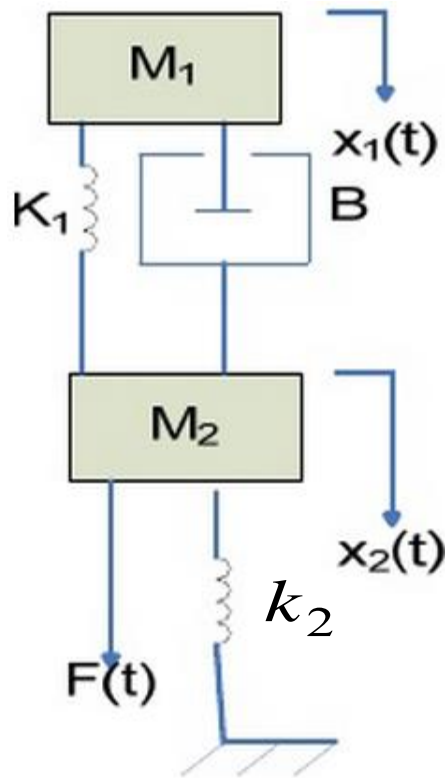


$$f(t) = f_k + f_M + f_B$$

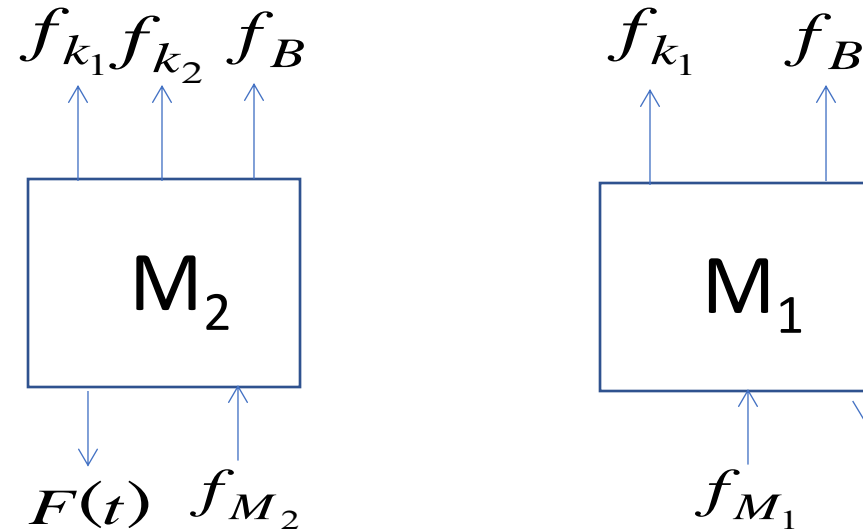
$$\frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{1}{Ms^2 + Bs + k}$$

# Example 8

- Find the transfer function  $X_2(s)/F(s)$  of the following system.



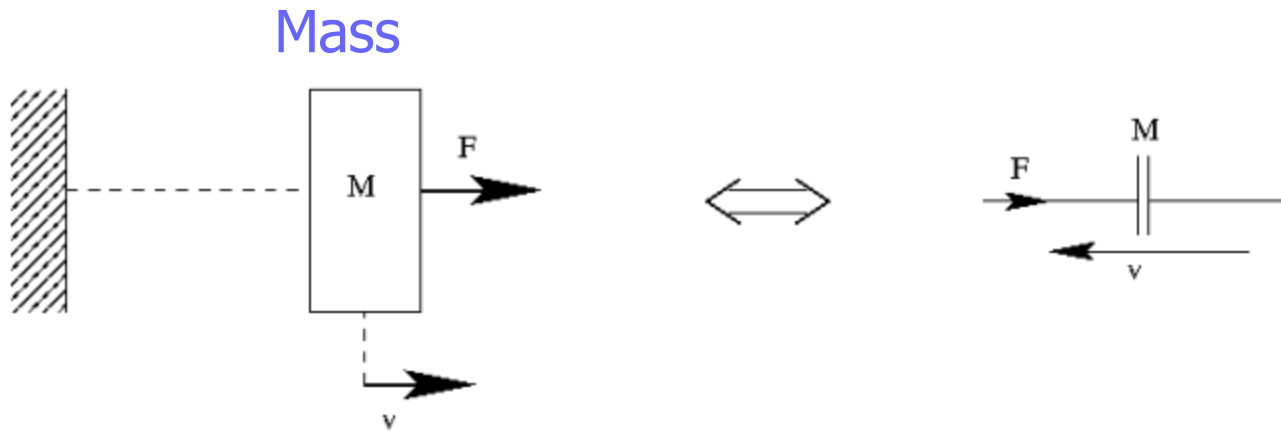
Free Body Diagram



$$F(t) = f_{k_1} + f_{k_2} + f_{M_2} + f_B$$

$$0 = f_{k_1} + f_{M_1} + f_B$$

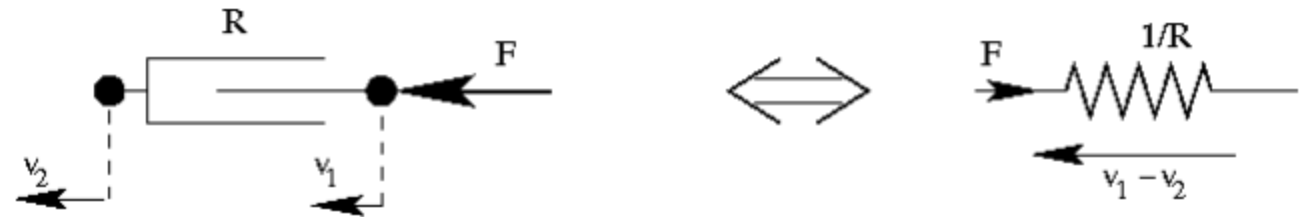
# Analogous Electrical and Mechanical Systems



Spring

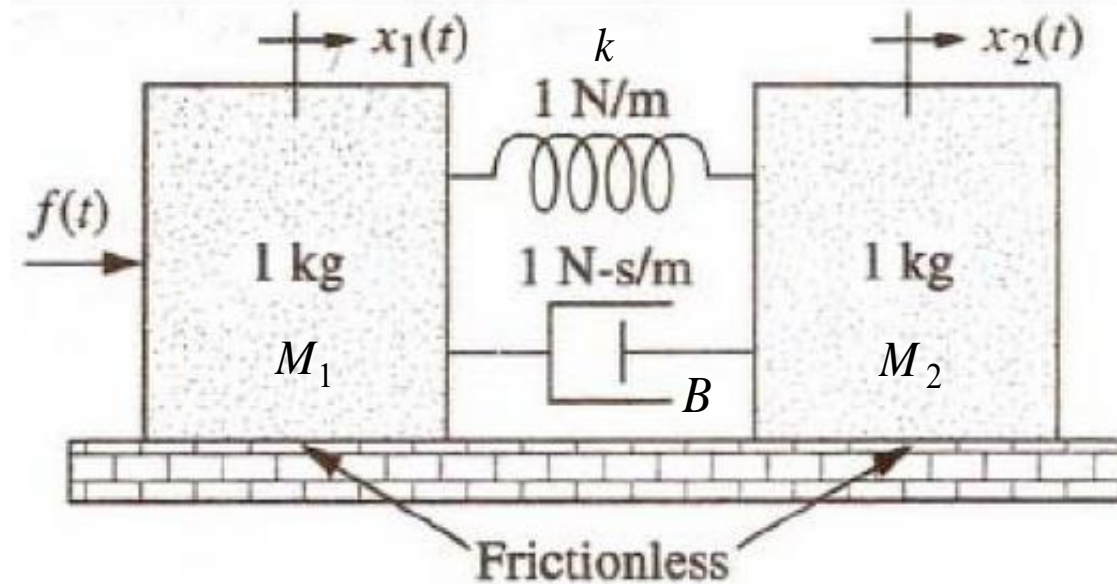


Damper



# Homework

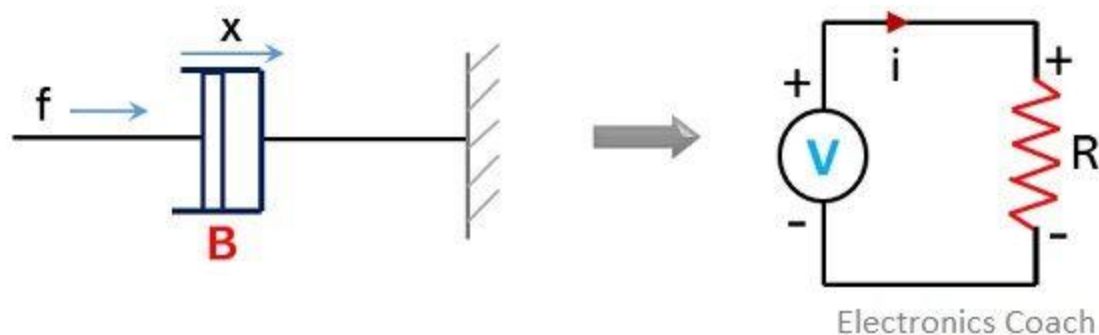
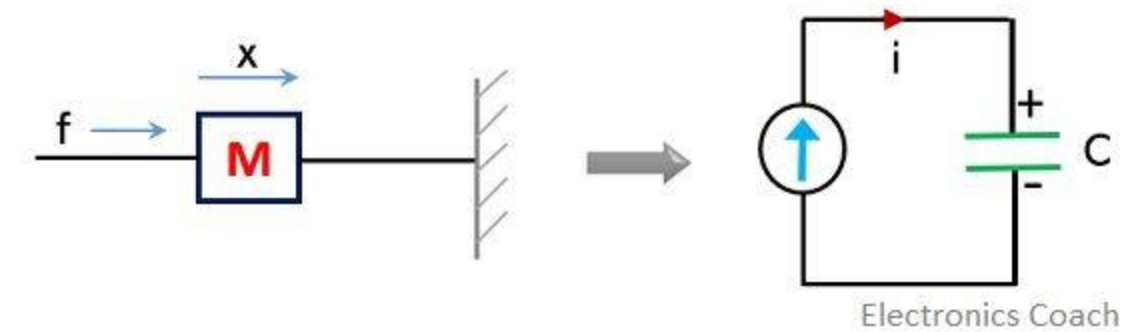
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# Analogous Electrical and Mechanical Systems

## Background

It is possible to make electrical and mechanical systems using analogs. An analogous electrical and mechanical system will have differential equations of the same form. There are two analogs that are used to go between electrical and mechanical systems. The analogous quantities are given below.



# Analogous Electrical and Mechanical Systems

Force – Current Analogy

$F = M \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + B \frac{dx}{dt} + Kx$

Applying KCL

$$i = \frac{v}{R} + \frac{1}{L} \int v dt + C \frac{dv}{dt}$$

But,  $v = \frac{d\phi}{dt}$

$$i = \frac{1}{R} \frac{d\phi}{dt} + \frac{1}{L} \phi + C \frac{d^2\phi}{dt^2}$$

$$i = C \frac{d^2\phi}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{R} \frac{d\phi}{dt} + \frac{1}{L} \phi$$

Mechanical System	Electrical System
Force	Current
Mass (M)	Capacitor (C)
Dashpot (B)	Reciprocal of Resistor (1/R)
Spring (K)	Reciprocal of Inductor (1/L)
Displacement (x)	Flux ( $\Phi$ )

## Example:



- 1- Choose displacements as nodes to draw mechanical Network.
- 2- **Connect all masse between ground and corresponding nodes.**
- 3- Fit the mechanical elements interconnecting node in the network.

# Analogous Electrical and Mechanical Systems

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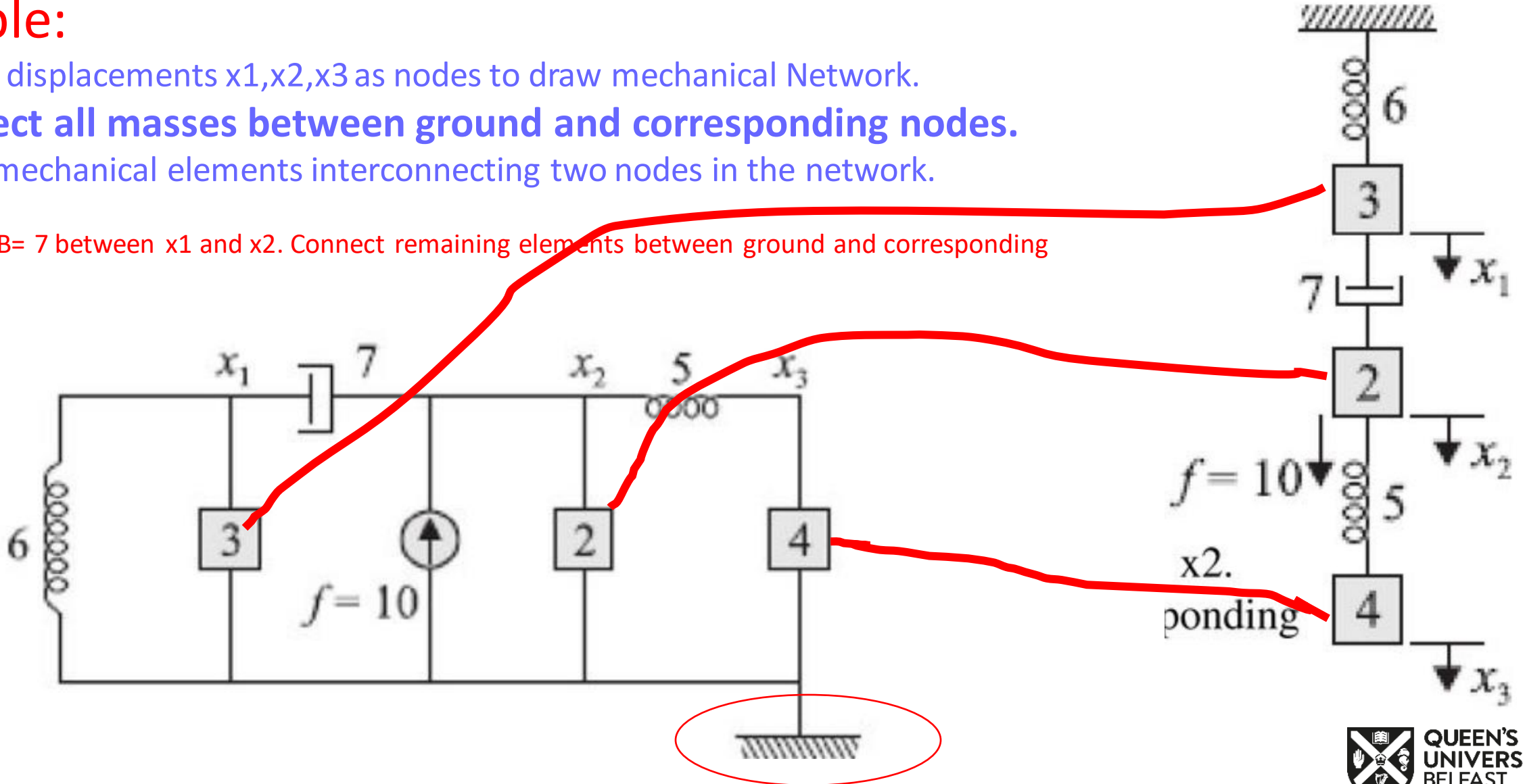
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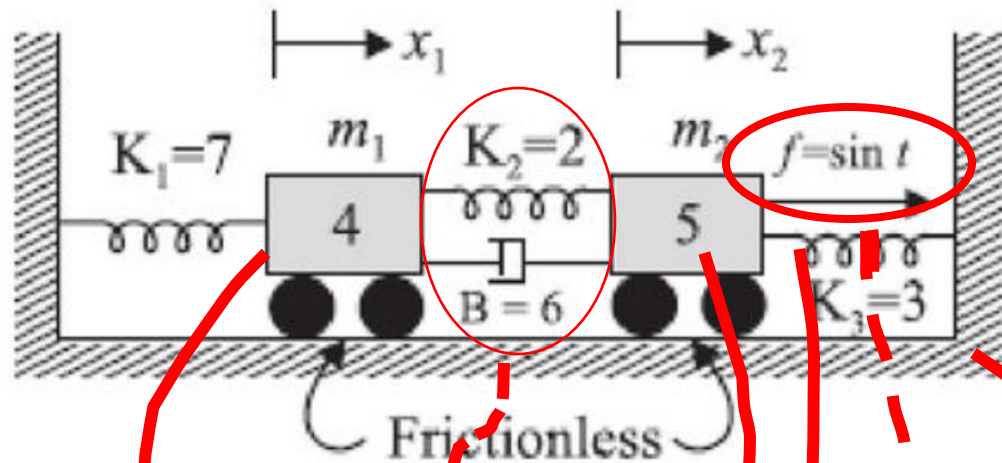
3- Fit the mechanical elements interconnecting two nodes in the network.

Ex: damper  $B=7$  between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . Connect remaining elements between ground and corresponding





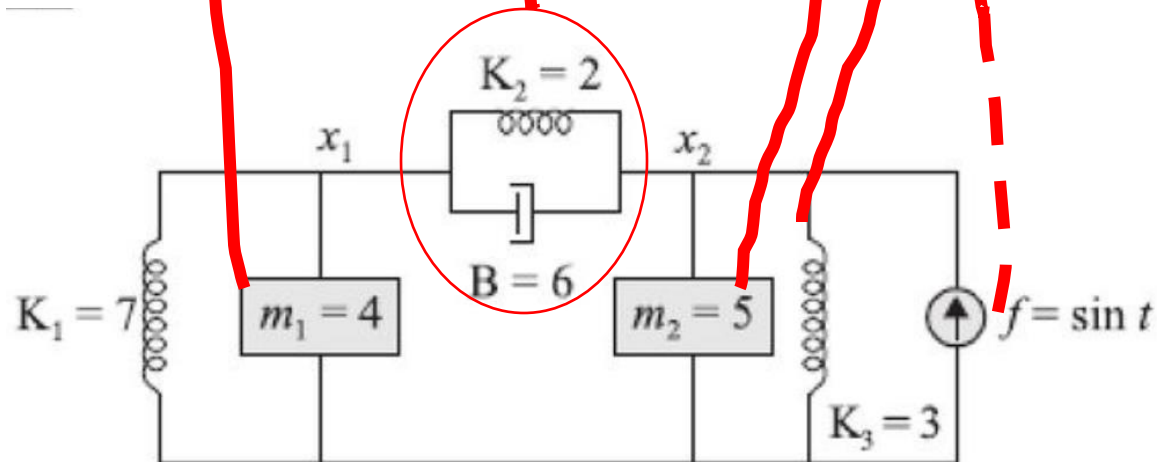
# Example: Develop differential equation model for mechanical system



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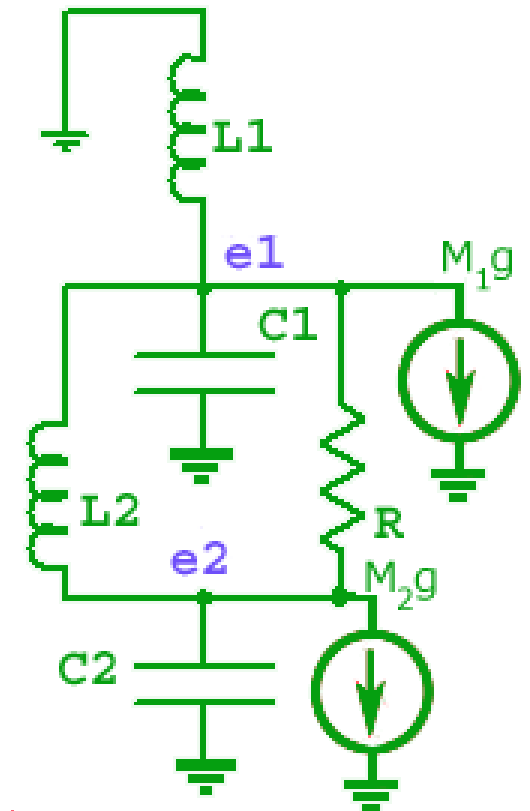
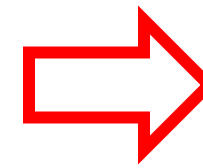
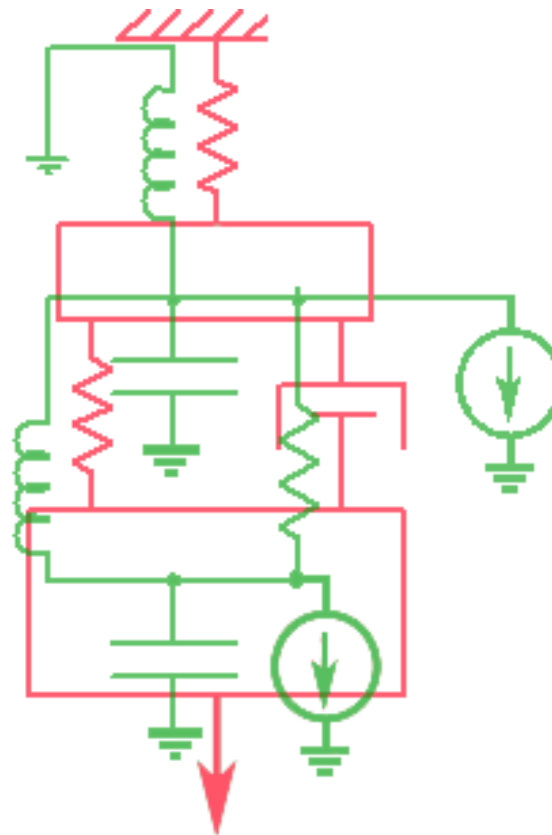
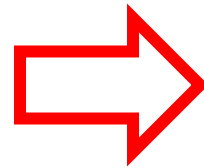
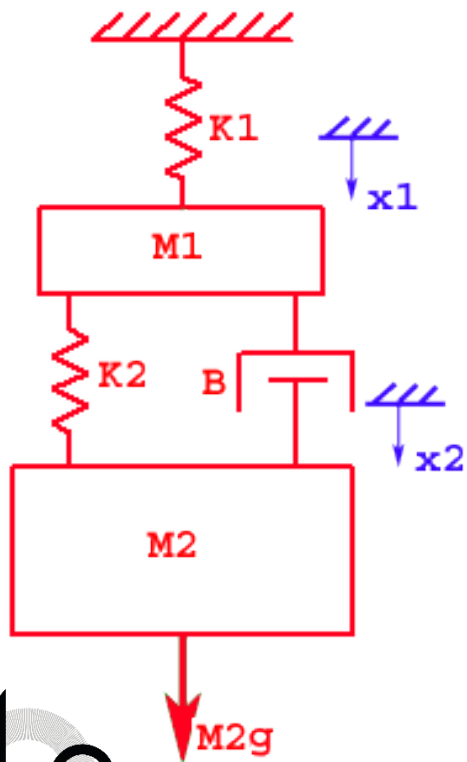
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# Example1: Conversion from Mechanical 1 to Electrical -- Visual Method

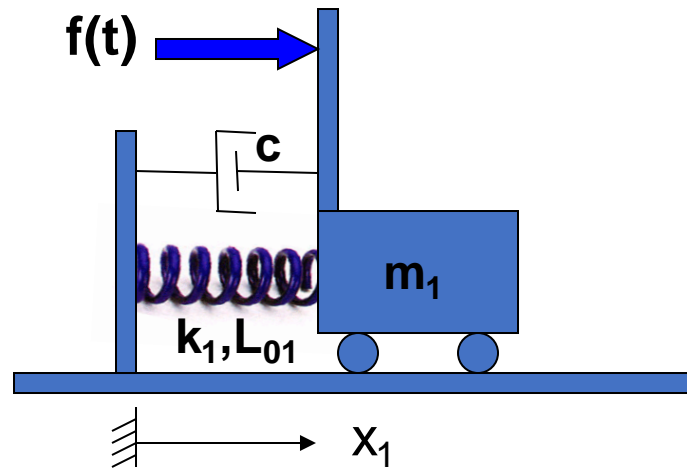
**Draw over circuit, replacing mechanical elements with their analogs;**

- force generators by current sources, input velocities by voltage sources,
- friction elements by resistors,
- springs by inductors,
- and masses by capacitors (which are grounded).
- Each position becomes a node.



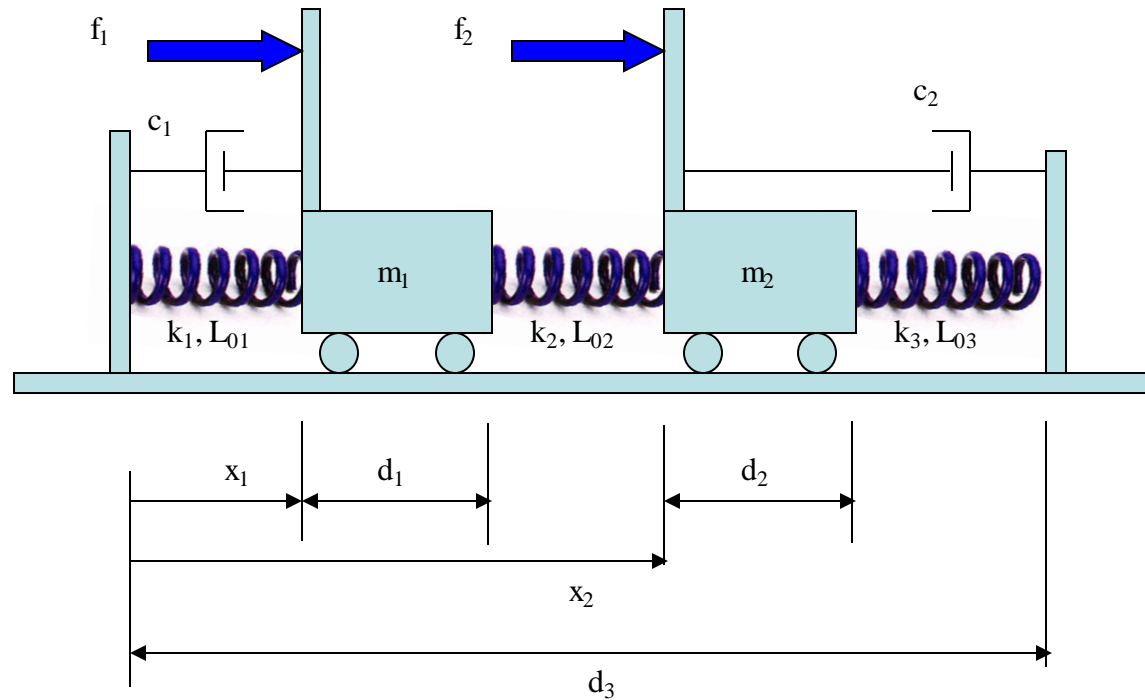
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$$d1 = d2 = 15 \text{ cm}$$

$$d3 = 80 \text{ cm}$$

$$m1 = 2.5 \text{ kg}$$

$$m2 = 5.5 \text{ kg}$$

$$c1 = 8 \text{ N sec/m}$$

$$c2 = 10 \text{ N sec/m}$$

$$k1 = 3 \text{ N/cm} ; L01 = 6 \text{ cm}$$

$$k2 = 5 \text{ N/cm} ; L02 = 8 \text{ cm}$$

$$k3 = 4 \text{ N/cm} ; L03 = 10 \text{ cm}$$

Cars 1 and 2 start at rest at their static equilibrium position.

A constant force  $f_1 = 20\text{N}$  and  $f_2 = -5 \text{ N}$ .

Obtain the motion response of the two cars, i.e. obtain  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$ .

**Thank You For Your Attention!**

**Any Question?**

