

Eigenvalues: The eigenvectors simplifying even more

$$[\mathbf{E}^\pm] = \left[\frac{2C}{1} (A - D) \pm \sqrt{(A - D)^2 + 4BC} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} \pm \sqrt{\frac{C}{B}} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigen-matrix:

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{\frac{1}{B}} & 1 \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{C}} & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{B}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{\frac{C}{B}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{E}^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{\frac{1}{C}} & 1 \\ +\sqrt{\frac{1}{C}} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

There are two important invariants for the transmission lines, the wave number $k = \sqrt{BC}$ and the characteristic resistance $r_o = \sqrt{B/C}$.

Transfer functions of the transmission line: The velocity transfer function $H_{N1} = \frac{V_1}{V_N}$ is given by **Solution:**

$$[\mathbf{F}_1] = \mathbf{T}_{N1} [\mathbf{F}_N(\omega)]$$

along with the eigenvalue expansion

$$\mathbf{T}_{N1} = \mathbf{E} \mathbf{V}_N \mathbf{E}^{-1} = \mathbf{E} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{C}} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}^{-1}$$

Topic of this homework: Experimental measurements of a 2-port network. The first objective is become familiar with the computer measurement system. This is a lab study where you will use the computer and Network analyzer (MUT box) to measure the 2-port properties of two simple electrical networks.

Deliverable: Measure the circuits shown in the Fig. below. Using Matlab or Octave, show the four $\mathbf{T}(s)$ matrix elements, magnitude and phase. Explain how you measured and computed these functions. Also compute the four $\mathbf{Z}(s)$ matrix parameters. Explain how you measured them.

Make sure the plots look professional, have log-log scales, and restrict the results between 50 to 10^4 [Hz], (i.e., the audio, audible, frequency range). Write a report (i.e., a few pages long) that outlines what you found and how you did the analysis.

I request a paper copy, with your name on it, **stapled**, **No** files.doc, no emailed homework.

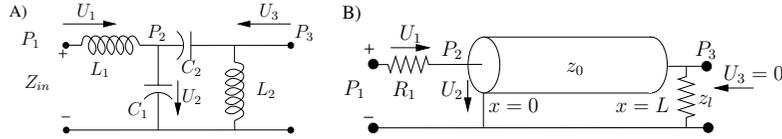
Notes:

- This homework will be discussed in class on Disc: Feb 14, so you may want to be there.
- You should work as a team to collect the raw data. But then each person is to do their own analysis and write-up. Obviously you can, and should, discuss how to do the analysis, as much as you wish, with your team (or others). However, you should not share computer files, including the final graphs. In other words, you need to process all the words you write through your eyes and your fingers. When ever you use material from someone else, give a citation.

1 ABCD Matrix method

We seek to demonstrate that the traditional methods of circuit analysis can require much more algebra than using the transmission matrix method, which is based on 2x2 matrix algebra.

Two circuits are shown in the figure below: Left: A) and Right: B).



1. Analyze circuit A, as follows:

- (a) Use a “traditional” analysis (define the impedances, and use formulas for series $z = z_1 + z_2$ and parallel $z = z_1 || z_2 = \frac{z_1 z_2}{z_1 + z_2}$ combinations), to obtain the input impedance $Z_{in}(s)$, where s is the complex frequency ($s = \sigma + j\omega$), as defined for the *Laplace Transform*. For example, the input impedance is

$$Z_{in} = sL_1 + Z_p$$

where

$$Z_p = \frac{1}{sC_1} || \left(\frac{1}{sC_2} + sL_2 \right)$$

Write out the formula for $Z_{in}(s)$ in terms of the component values L_1, C_1 , etc. **Solution:**

$$Z_{in} = sL_1 + \frac{1}{sC_1} || \left(\frac{1}{sC_2} + sL_2 \right) = \frac{sL_1 + (1 + s^2 L_2 C_2 / C_1)}{s(C_1 + C_2 + s^2 L_2 C_1 C_2)}$$

I hope you agree that the algebra is error-prone.

- (b) Next find the formula for $H_{32} = P_3/P_2$ (the pressure transfer function)? **Solution:** Using the traditional approach requires the use of the “voltage divider rule,” which in this case is the “pressure rule”

$$H_{32} = \frac{P_3}{P_2} = \frac{1/sC_2}{sL_2 + sC_2}$$

- (c) Note that the related formula for $H_{31} = P_3/P_1$ is more complicated. Comment on, or if you can, write out the formula. **Solution:**

$$H_{31} = \frac{P_3}{P_1} = \frac{sL_1}{sL_1 + Z_p}$$

with

$$Z_p = (1/sC_1) || (sL_2 + 1/sC_2).$$

There is a much better way.

- (d) Use the ABCD (Transmission) matrix approach to find the transmission (ABCD) matrix for circuit A.

Solution: Circuit A

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ U_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & sL_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ sC_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/sC_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1/sL_2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_3 \\ -U_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

To find the input impedance, do the matrix algebra, set $U_2 = 0$ and then take the ratio of the two equations. In this case all the algebra is confined, even easily implemented via Matlab/Octave complex matrix 2x2 matrix algebra manipulations.

Solution: From the lower equation we see that $V_1 = sCF_2 - (s^2MC/2 + 1)V_2$. Recall that $F_2 = 0$, thus

$$\frac{V_2}{V_1} = \frac{-1}{s^2MC/2 + 1} = \left(\frac{c_+}{s - s_+} + \frac{c_-}{s - s_-} \right).$$

with $s_{\pm} = \pm j\sqrt{\frac{2}{MC}}$ and $c_{\pm} = \pm j/\sqrt{2MC}$.

3. Find $h_{21}(t)$, the inverse Laplace transform of $H_{21}(s)$. **Solution:**

$$h(t) = \oint_{\sigma_0 - j\infty}^{\sigma_0 + j\infty} \frac{e^{st}}{s^2MC/2 + 1} \frac{ds}{2\pi j} = c_+ e^{-s_+ t} u(t) + c_- e^{-s_- t} u(t).$$

The integral follows from the CRT. The poles are at $s_{\pm} = \pm j\sqrt{\frac{2}{MC}}$ and the residues are $c_{\pm} = \pm j/\sqrt{2MC}$.

4. What is the input impedance $Z_2 = F_2/V_2$ if $F_3 = -r_0V_3$? **Solution:**

Starting from T calculated above, find Z_2

$$Z_2(s) = \frac{F_2}{V_2} = T \begin{bmatrix} F_3 \\ -V_3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{-(1 + s^2CM/2)r_0V_3 - (sM/2)(2 + s^2CM/2)V_3}{-sCr_0V_3 - (1 + s^2CM/2)V_3}$$

5. Simplify the expression for Z_2 with $N \rightarrow \infty$ by assuming that:

- 1) $F_3 = -r_0V_3$ (i.e., V_3 cancels), 2) $s^2MC \ll 1$; 3) $r_0 = \sqrt{M/C}$ **Solution:**

$$Z_2(s) = \frac{(1 + s^2CM/2)r_0 + (sM/2)(2 + s^2CM/2)}{sCr_0 + (1 + s^2CM/2)} \approx \frac{r_0 + sM}{sCr_0 + 1}$$

Assumption 3 gives

$$Z_2 = \frac{sM + \sqrt{\frac{M}{C}}}{sC\sqrt{\frac{M}{C}} + 1} = r_0 \frac{1 + s\sqrt{MC}}{1 + s\sqrt{MC}}$$

The constant r_0 is called the *characteristic impedance*. This shows that below the cutoff frequency (approximation 2), the system approximates a transmission line.

6. State the ABCD matrix relationship between the first and Nth node, in terms of the cell matrix. **Solution:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ V_1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{T}^N \begin{bmatrix} F_N(\omega) \\ -V_N(\omega) \end{bmatrix}$$

7. Given a \mathbf{T} (ABCD) transmission matrix, the eigenvalues are and vectors are given in Appendix C of the Notes (p. 143), repeated here.

Eigenvalues:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_+ \\ \lambda_- \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} (A + D) - \sqrt{(A - D)^2 + 4BC} \\ (A + D) + \sqrt{(A - D)^2 + 4BC} \end{bmatrix}$$

Due to symmetry, $A = D$, this simplifies to $\lambda_{\pm} = A \mp \sqrt{BC}$ so that the eigen matrix is

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} A - \sqrt{BC} & 0 \\ 0 & A + \sqrt{BC} \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Assuming that $N = 2$ and that $F_2 = 0$ (two mass problem), find the transfer function $H(s) \equiv V_2/V_1$. From the results of the \mathbf{T} matrix you determined above, find

$$H_{z_{11}}(s) = \frac{V_1}{V_2} \Big|_{F_2=0}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & sM/2 \\ 1 & sM/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} sC & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + s^2MC/2 & sC \\ 1 + s^2MC/2 & 1 + s^2MC/2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

Solution:

Note that here the mechanical force F is analogous to electrical voltage, and the mechanical velocity V is analogous to electrical current.

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ F_1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{T} \begin{bmatrix} V_2 \\ F_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Write the ABCD matrix \mathbf{T} for a single cell, composed of series mass $M/2$, shunt compliance C and series mass $M/2$, that relates the input node 1 to node 2 where

At each node define the force $f_n(t) \leftrightarrow F_n(\omega)$ and the velocity $v_n(t) \leftrightarrow V_n(\omega)$ at junction n .

To do: Use the ABCD method to find the matrix representation of Fig. 4. Consistent with the figure, break the model into cells each consisting of three elements: a series inductor representing half the mass ($L = M/2$), a shunt capacitor representing the spring ($C = 1/K$), and another series inductor representing half the mass ($L = M/2$). Each cell is symmetric, making the model a cascade of identical cells.

is the frequency domain ratio of the last car having velocity V_N to V_1 , the velocity of the engine, at the left most spring (i.e., coupler).

$$H(s) = \frac{V_N(s)}{V_1(s)}$$

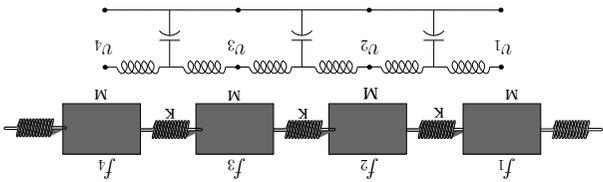
with a velocity of V_n . Then

The velocity transfer function for this system is defined as the ratio of the output to the input velocity. Consider the engine on the left pulling the train at velocity V_1 and each car responding with masses connected by springs.

In this problem, we will look at the transfer function of a two-port network, shown in Fig. 4. We wish to model the dynamics of a freight-train having N such cars. The model of the train consists

3.2 Transfer functions of a transmission line

Figure 4: Depiction of a train consisting of cars, treated as a mass M and linkages, treated as springs of stiffness K or compliance $C = 1/K$. Below it is the electrical equivalent circuit, for comparison. The mass is modeled as an inductor and the springs as capacitors to ground. The velocity is analogous to a current and the force $f_n(t)$ to the voltage $v_n(t)$.



When $R_1 = 0$ it is clear that the poles and zero must alternate along the $j\omega$ axis. When $R_1 = z_0$, there are not reflections at the input. For $R_1 \neq 0$ the situation is more complex, due to reflections at $x = 0$.

Thus the zeros are approximately (assuming $R_1 = 0$) given by $e^{-s_1 2L/c} = 1$, and the poles by $e^{-s_2 2L/c} = -1$.

$$\frac{1 - e^{-s_1 2L/c}}{1 + e^{-s_1 2L/c}}$$

with $R_1 = 0$, namely

The zeros and poles are approximately given by the poles and zeros of the input impedance incident wave at the input to the transmission line (on the left of the figure).

since $z_l = 0$. Γ_L is called the *propagated reflectance*, defined as the ratio of reflected to

$$\Gamma_L = \frac{z_l - z_0}{z_l + z_0} e^{-s_1 2L/c} \leftrightarrow -\delta(t - 2L/c),$$

where

$$Z_{in}(s_z) = R_1 + z_0 \frac{1 - \Gamma_L}{1 + \Gamma_L} = 0,$$

while the zeros are

$$Z_{in}(s_p) = R_1 + z_0 \frac{1 - \Gamma_L}{1 + \Gamma_L} = \infty$$

The poles of the input impedance are given by

quantities s_k in the complex s plane.

One must solve this transcendental equation for the poles and zeros of $Z_{in}(s_k)$, at fre-

$$Z_{in}(s) = R_1 + z_0 \frac{1 - \Gamma_L}{1 + \Gamma_L}$$

poles by the denominator. **Solution:** The input impedance is given by

to the round-trip delay. Use Eq. 1. The zeros are determined by the numerator, and the input impedance of the transmission line. Hint: It is described by standing waves, due

(b) If the load impedance $z_l = 0$, describe transfer function, i.e., the poles and zeros of the equations to find the impedance. The pressure F_3 cancels in this ratio.

where the *characteristic admittance* is $y_0 = 1/z_0$. As before, take the ratio of the two

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ U_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & R_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cosh(\omega L/c) & z_0 \sinh(\omega L/c) \\ z_0 \sinh(\omega L/c) & \cosh(\omega L/c) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ F_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

(a) Assuming $U_3 = 0$ (open-circuit at output), find the input impedance. **Solution:**

When the TL is terminated with its characteristic impedance, namely when $z_l = z_0$, $\Gamma = 0$, thus removing the reflections, and therefore standing waves. The way to achieve this is to let $L = \infty$, which assures that the load impedance is equal to z_0 .

Besides the TL characteristic impedance z_0 , every acoustic TL has a wave speed $c = 345$ m/s, a length L , and a cross-sectional area A_0 . When sound enters at $x = 0$, it arrives with

$$\Gamma = \frac{z_0 - z_l}{z_0 + z_l}, \quad (1)$$

At $x = L$ the wave is reflected with a reflection coefficient

a delay T that depends on the length L . Since $c = L/T$, $T = L/c$.

2. Analyze circuit B, with a transmission line terminated at each end with a impedance $z_l(s)$. Bestes the TL characteristic impedance z_0 , every acoustic TL has a wave speed $c = 345$ [m/s], a length L , and a cross-sectional area A_0 . When sound enters at $x = 0$, it arrives with

2 2-port Network Measurements and Analysis (Lab 3)

This assignment will require making measurements on several different electrical 2-port networks, and then doing some simple analysis on them. You will need to learn how to measure the response using the computer system, and analyze the resulting files using simple Matlab tools.

Your results must be clearly explained in a short report, with figures and equations that shows your analysis and explains your conclusions.

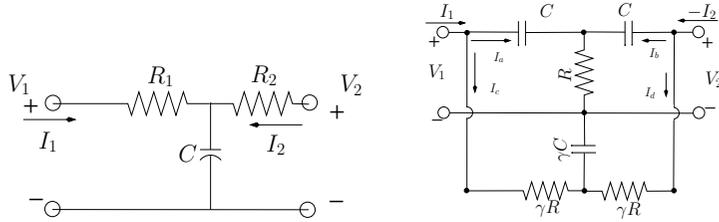


Figure 1: **Left:** This RC-lowpass circuit is meant to be trivial to analyze. The resistors are in kilo-ohms. Let $Z_1 = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$ and $C = 0.1 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$. **Right:** This 3-element (R and C) circuit is called a Twin-T. It is far more interesting than the first circuit. Try to figure out how it works. You can look it up on Google, or wikipedia for help. The values of C and R will be pick by the TA, and the circuit will be pre-configured for you. Do the analysis in terms of C and R . First analyze each of the parallel circuits, and then add the currents together (e.g., $I_1 = I_a + I_c$) to get the total current, and thus the final matrix representation. Factor γ is normally 2. The wires are only connected if a solid dot is indicated at their intersection point.

For the circuit on the right, the following method is used:

1. Find the T matrix for the upper and lower circuits. Then convert them into an admittance matrix using the transformation given in the Vanvalkenberg handout

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{B} \begin{bmatrix} D & -\Delta_T \\ -1 & A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Cal this matrix Y_1 .

2. Do the same for the lower circuit, and call this admittance matrix Y_2

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_a \\ I_c \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{B} \begin{bmatrix} D & -\Delta_T \\ -1 & A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

3. The adding the two matrix equations together, adds the currents, giving the desired result.

To Do:

1. Evaluate the impedance matrix and the ABCD matrix for the two circuits of Fig. 1. A Matlab/Octave script has been provide below to plot the solution, so you may check your answer.¹ **Solution:** First use the method I taught you to find the ABCD matrix. Then convert this into an impedance matrix.

Solution Analysis: One may also write the system in chain (ABCD) matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ I_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & Z_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ Y_2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & Z_3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_2 \\ -I_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

5. Find the roots of $D(s)$ **Solution:** There is a simple pole at $s = 0$, thus the residue form is simply

$$Z(s) = \frac{K}{s} + R + Ms$$

thus $c_0 = R$ and $c_1 = K$ and $c_{-1} = M$ (there is a pole at $s = \infty$).

6. Assuming that $M = R = K = 1$, find the residue form of the admittance $Y(s) = 1/Z(s)$ (e.g. Eq. 14) in terms of the roots s_{\pm} . You may check your answer with the Matlab's `residue` command. **Solution:** First find the roots of the numerator of $Z(s)$ (the denominator of $Y(s)$):

$$s_{\pm}^2 + s_{\pm} + 1 = (s_{\pm} + 1/2)^2 + 3/4 = 0,$$

which is

$$s_{\pm} = \frac{-1 \pm j\sqrt{3}}{2}.$$

7. Second form a *partial fraction expansion* (PFA)

$$\frac{s}{1+s+s^2} = c_0 + \frac{c_+}{s-s_+} + \frac{c_-}{s-s_-} = \frac{s(c_+ + c_-) - (c_+s_- + c_-s_+)}{1+s+s^2}. \quad (15)$$

For this to apply, the degree of polynomial $N(s)$ must be less than the degree of polynomial $D(s)$. If this is not the case, then one must reduce it by dividing $D(s)$ into $N(s)$.

To verify that you understand how this expansion works, do some examples using the Matlab/Octave command `[R,P,K]=residue(N,D)`, where vector R contains the residues, P the poles, and K the *direct terms* (the polynomial that results from dividing A into B , so that $\text{Deg}(N) < \text{Deg}(D)$). Then do these examples by hand. Start with simple cases where you are sure you know the answer. You can start with the residues and poles and find $N(s), D(s)$ with the command `[N,D]=residue(R,P,K)` command, i.e., with three arguments. Use the Matlab/Octave `help residue` or `doc residue`, for a detailed explanation of how this works.

Comparing the two sides shows that $c_0 = 0$. We also have two equations for the residues $c_+ + c_- = 1$ and $c_+s_- + c_-s_+ = 0$. The best way to solve this is to set up a matrix relation and take the inverse

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ s_- & s_+ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_+ \\ c_- \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{thus:} \quad \begin{bmatrix} c_+ \\ c_- \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{s_+ - s_-} \begin{bmatrix} s_+ & -1 \\ -s_- & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

which gives $c_{\pm} = \pm \frac{s_{\pm}}{s_+ - s_-}$. The denominator is $s_+ - s_- = j\sqrt{3}$ and the numerator is $\pm 1 + j\sqrt{3}$. Thus

$$c_{\pm} = \pm \frac{s_{\pm}}{s_+ - s_-} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 \pm \frac{j}{\sqrt{3}} \right).$$

As always, finding the coefficients is always the most difficult part. Using 2x2 matrix algebra can really simplify up the process, and will be more likely to get the right answer.

8. Use the residue form method (Eq. ??) of the expression that you derived in the previous exercise. **Solution:**

$$z(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C Z(s)e^{st} ds.$$

were C is the Laplace contour which encloses the entire left-half s plane. Applying the CRT

$$z(t) = c_+ e^{s_+ t} + c_- e^{s_- t}.$$

where $s_{\pm} = -1/2 \pm j\sqrt{3}/2$ and $c_{\pm} = 1/2 \pm j/(2\sqrt{3})$.

¹<https://web.engr.illinois.edu/~jontalle/uploads/403/EvalResp.m>

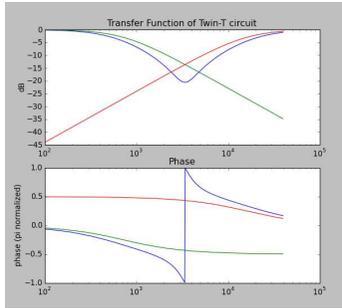


Figure 2: Twin-T frequency response. The red curve is the high-pass response while the blue curve is the lowpass response. The composite curve shows the null around 3.5 [kHz]. The lower curve shows the corresponding unwrapped phase response.

Note that there is no need to add these two matrices together, as that is just busy work that makes the answer much more complex.

We turn to Matlab for the final analysis.

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% Matlab code to evaluate the RC lowpass filter response of the first 2-port problem
% HWb, Feb 7, Section 2 Fig 1, left.
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NFT=1024; NF=1+NFT/2;%number of non-negative frequencies
Fmax=1e4; Fs=2*Fmax; Fmin=Fs/NFT;
f=0:Fmin:Fmax; %sweep frequency from 0 to Fmax [Hz] in steps of Fmin [Hz]
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R1=1e4; R2=1e4; %in [Ohms]
C=0.1e-6; %[Farads]
T=zeros(NF,2,2); %Init output array
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for k=1:NF;
s=2*pi*f(k)*1j; %Define complex frequency
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%Define three matrices for the three elements in the network
T1=[1 R1;0 1];
T2=[1 0; s*C 1];
T3=[1 R2;0 1];
T(k,.,:)=T1*T2*T3; %avoid all the messy algebra
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end %end for freq loop
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%Save T matrix elements
kf=2:(NF-1); %freq limits; avoid ends
A=T(kf,1,1); B=T(kf,1,2);
C=T(kf,2,1); D=T(kf,2,2);
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%compute Z matrix Z1, Z2, Z12
Z1=D./C; Z12=1./C;
Z2=A./C; Z21=12; % Assumes reciprocity
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3 Laplace transforms

Given a Laplace transform (\mathcal{L}) pair $f(t) \leftrightarrow F(s)$, the frequency domain will always be written in an upper-case font [e.g. $F(s)$], while the time domain is written in lower case font [$f(t)$]. The definition of the forward transform ($f(t) \rightarrow F(s)$) is

$$F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt,$$

where $s = \sigma + j\omega$ is the complex Laplace frequency in [radians] and t is time in [seconds]. Note that the Laplace transform the time function must be causal (i.e., $f(t < 0) = 0$).

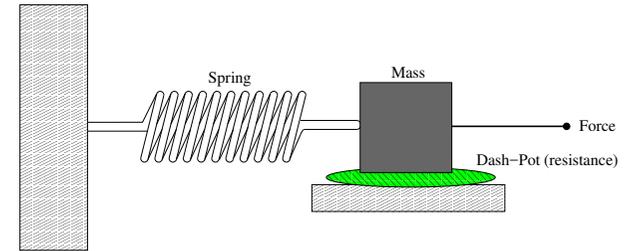


Figure 3: This three element mechanical resonant circuit consisting of a spring, mass and dash-pot (e.g., viscous fluid).

An example: Hooke's Law for a spring states that the force $f(t)$ is proportional to the displacement $x(t)$, i.e., $f(t) = Kx(t)$. The formula for a dash-pot is $f(t) = Rv(t)$, and Newton's famous formula for mass is $f(t) = d[Mv(t)]/dt$, which for constant M is $f(t) = Mdv/dt$ (Newton's second Law of motion).

The equation of motion for the mechanical oscillator in Fig. 3 is given by Newton's third law (the sum of the forces must balance to zero)²

$$M \frac{d^2}{dt^2}x(t) + R \frac{d}{dt}x(t) + Kx(t) = f(t). \quad (13)$$

These three constants, the mass M , resistance R and stiffness K are all real and positive.. The dynamical variables are the driving force $f(t) \leftrightarrow F(s)$, the position of the mass $x(t) \leftrightarrow X(s)$ and its velocity $v(t) \leftrightarrow V(s)$, with $v(t) = dx(t)/dt \leftrightarrow V(s) = sX(s)$.

Newton's second law (1687) is the mechanical equivalent of Kirchhoff's (1845) voltage law (KCL), which states that the sum of the voltages around a loop must be zero. The gradient of the voltage results in a force on a charge (i.e., $F = qE$).

Equation 13 may be re-expressed in terms of impedances, the ratio of the force to velocity, once it is transformed into the Laplace frequency domain.

3.1 Impedance

For each of the three mechanical items, the Mass, the dash-pot and the spring, define their impedance, defined as the ratio of the force over the velocity.

²It may be helpful to point out that Newton's laws of motion (c1687) have much in common with Kirchhoff's (1845) current and voltage laws of electricity.