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# **System Modeling and State-Space**

**NDSU ECE 463/663**

**Lecture #3**

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# System Modeling

Transfer Function:  $Y = \left( \frac{10}{s^2 + 2s + 10} \right) X$

- Used in Circuits, Electronics, Signals and Systems, Controls System
- Leads to Classic Control methods (root locus, Bode plots, etc.)

## State Space

$$sX = AX + BU$$

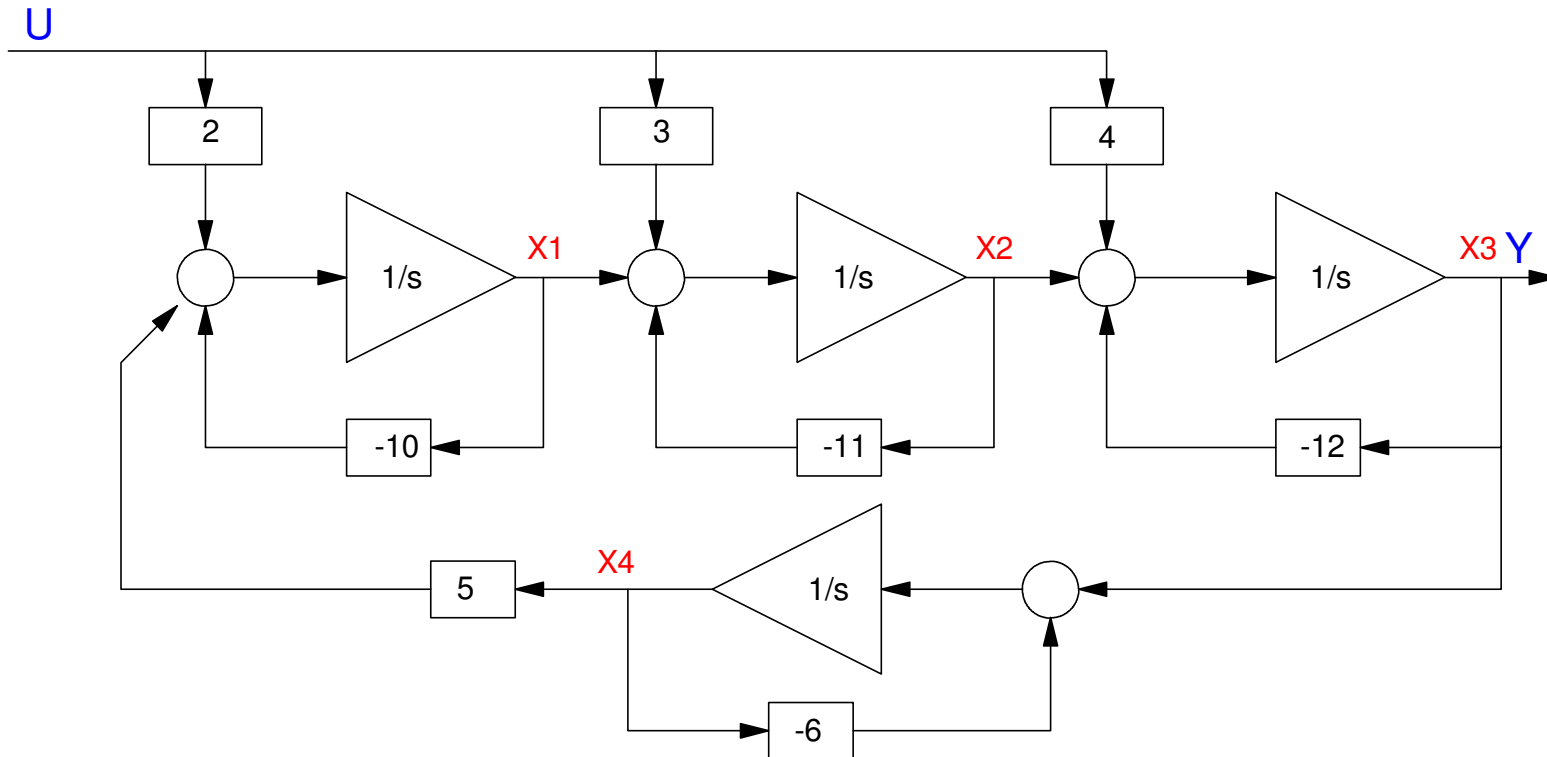
$$Y = CX + DU$$

- Matrix representation
  - Foundation of Modern Control
  - $X$  defines the energy in the system
  - $sX$  defines how the energy moves around in the system
  - $Y$  is what you measure
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## Example 1: Block Diagram to State Space

Give the state-space model for the following system

Find the transfer function from  $U$  to  $Y$



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Solution: Write the differential equations

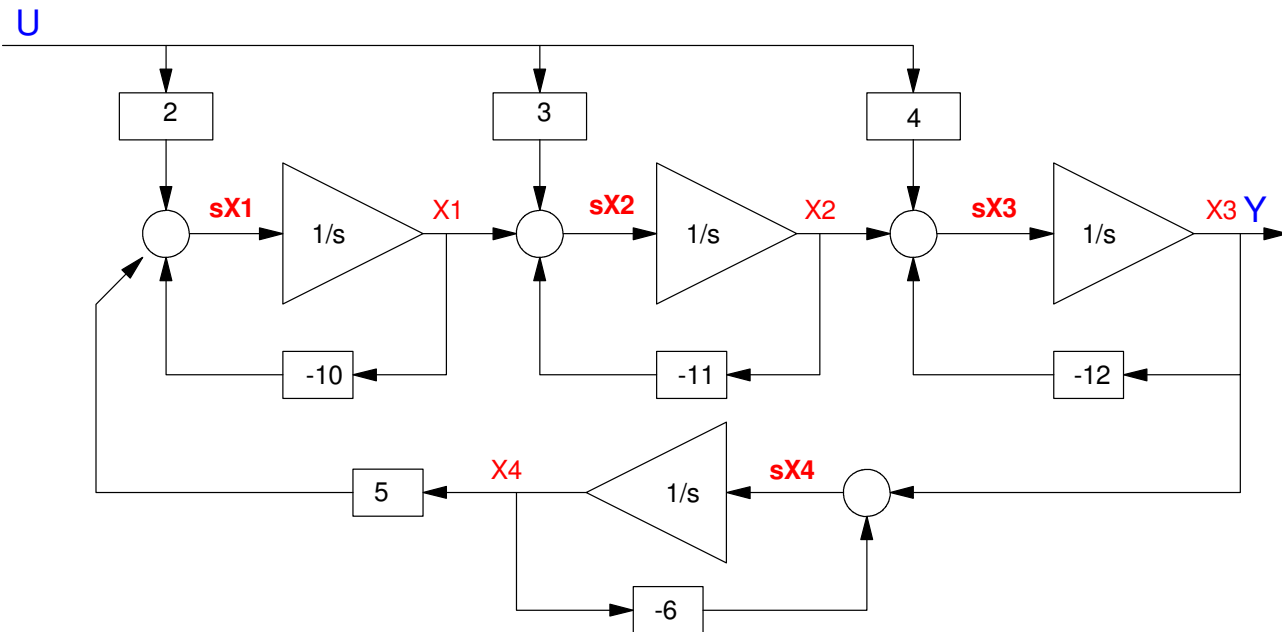
$$sX_1 = 2U - 10X_1 + 5X_4$$

$$sX_2 = 3U + X_1 - 11X_2$$

$$sX_3 = 4U + X_2 - 12X_3$$

$$sX_4 = X_3 - 6X_4$$

$$Y = X_3$$

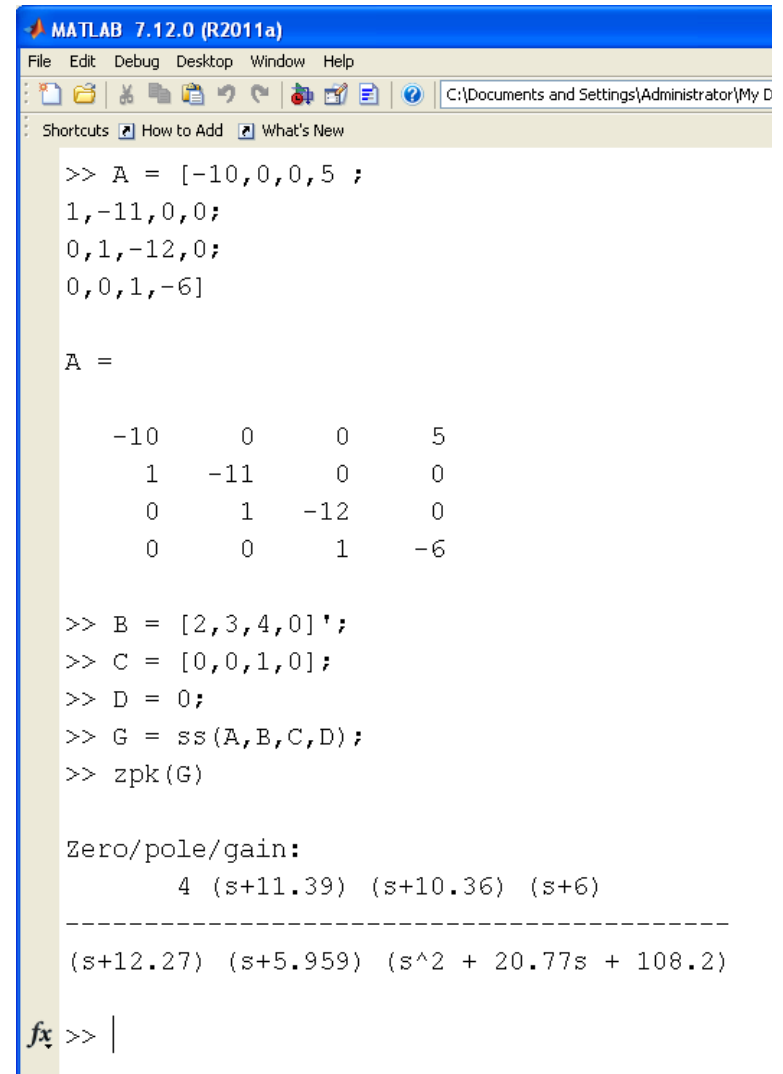


Place in matrix form

$$s \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \\ X_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -10 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & -11 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -12 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \\ X_4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} U$$

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \\ X_4 \end{bmatrix} + [0]U$$

Use Matlab to find the transfer function



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>> A = [-10,0,0,5 ;
1,-11,0,0;
0,1,-12,0;
0,0,1,-6]

A =

    -10     0     0     5
     1   -11     0     0
     0     1   -12     0
     0     0     1    -6

>> B = [2,3,4,0]';
>> C = [0,0,1,0];
>> D = 0;
>> G = ss(A,B,C,D);
>> zpk(G)

Zero/pole/gain:
      4 (s+11.39) (s+10.36) (s+6)
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(s+12.27) (s+5.959) (s^2 + 20.77s + 108.2)

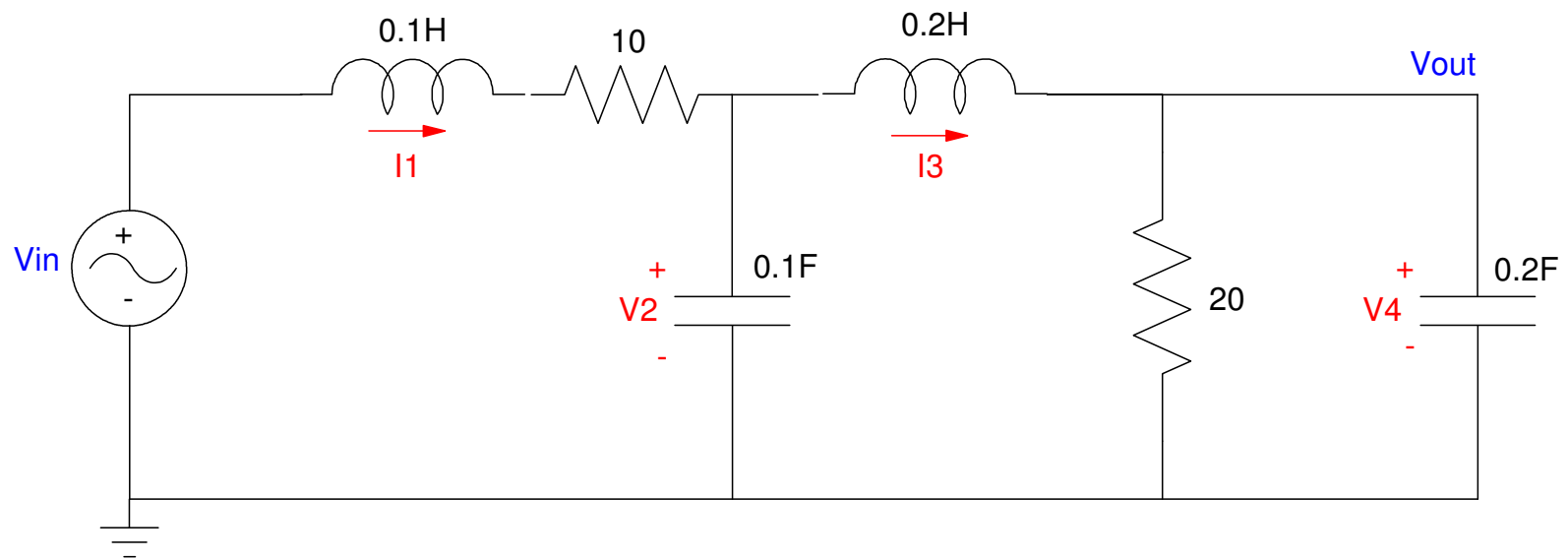
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## Example 2: RLC Circuit

For the following RLC circuit,

- Find the transfer function for the following circuit from  $V_{in}$  to  $V_{out}$
- Find the dominant pole of this system
- Determine a 1st or 2nd-order approximation for this system:

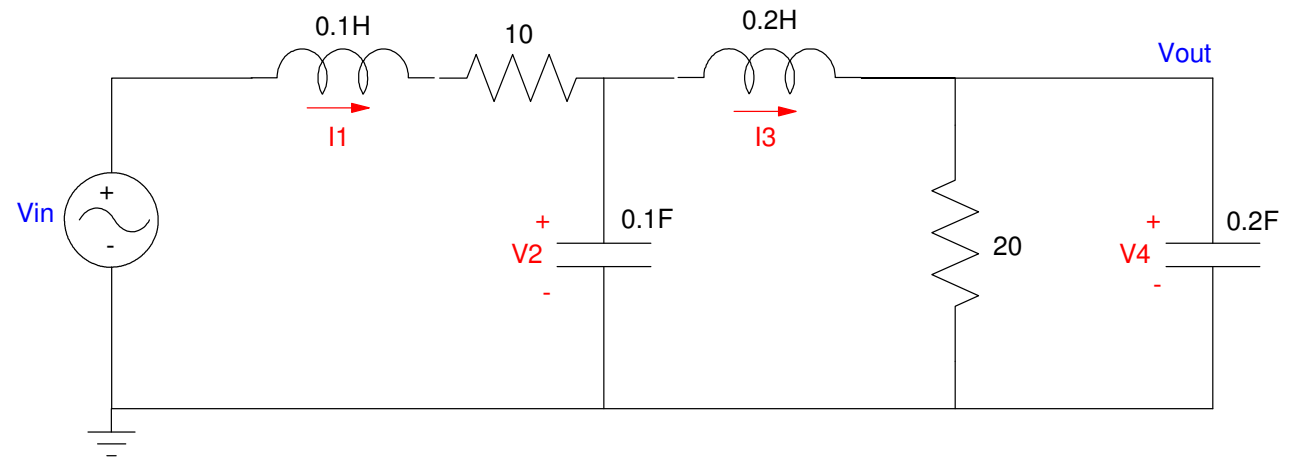


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## Step 1: Define the states ( $X$ )

- Defines the energy in the system
- One option is

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ V_2 \\ I_3 \\ V_4 \end{bmatrix}$$



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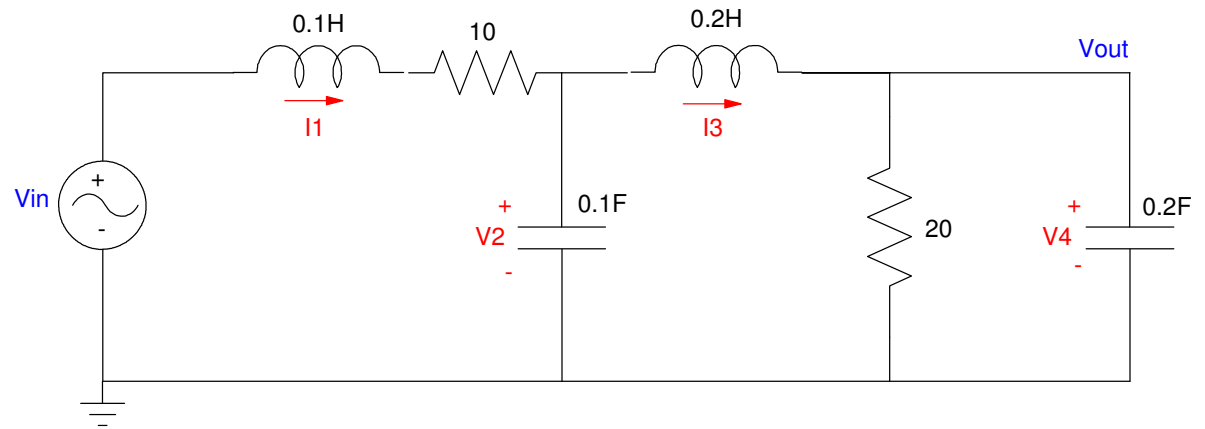
## Step 2: Define how the energy moves around

- Determine the dynamics

Trick for circuits:

$$V = L \frac{dI}{dt}$$

$$I = C \frac{dV}{dt}$$



For each inductor and capacitor:

$$V_{L1} = 0.1sI_1 = V_{in} - (V_2 + 10I_1)$$

$$I_{C2} = 0.1sV_2 = I_1 - I_3$$

$$V_{L3} = 0.2sI_3 = V_2 - V_4$$

$$I_{C4} = 0.2sV_4 = I_3 - \frac{V_4}{20}$$



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### Step 3: Group terms

$$sI_1 = 10V_{in} - 10V_2 - 100I_1$$

$$sV_2 = 10I_1 - 10I_3$$

$$sI_3 = 5V_2 - 5V_4$$

$$sV_4 = 5I_3 - 0.25V_4$$

Place in matrix form (i.e. state-space)

$$\begin{bmatrix} sI_1 \\ sV_2 \\ sI_3 \\ sV_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -100 & -10 & 0 & 0 \\ 10 & 0 & -10 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -0.25 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ V_2 \\ I_3 \\ V_4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} V_{in}$$

$$V_{out} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ V_2 \\ I_3 \\ V_4 \end{bmatrix} + [0]V_{in}$$

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Now, in Matlab, you can find the transfer function:

```
A = [-100, -10, 0, 0; 10, 0, -10, 0; 0, 5, 0, -5; 0, 0, 5, -0.25]
```

```
B = [10; 0; 0; 0]
```

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C = [0, 0, 0, 1]
```

```
D = 0
```

```
G4 = ss(A, B, C, D);
```

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zpk(G4)
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**(s+98.99) (s+0.5025) (s^2 + 0.7525s + 75.38)**

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Its first-order approximation is:

- A 1st-order system
- With a DC gain of 0.6667, and
- $T_s = 8$  seconds (  $4 / 0.5025$ ).

```
DC = evalfr(G4,0)
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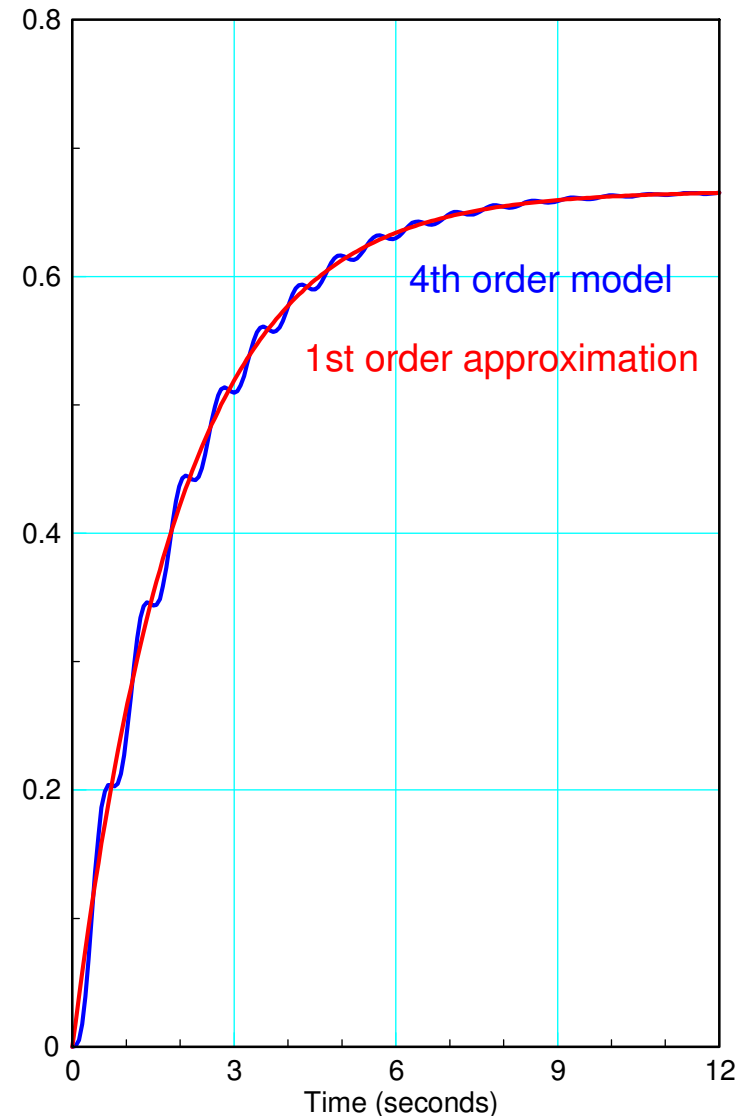
```
0.6667
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```
G1 = tf(0.6667*0.5025, [1, 0.5025])
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0.335
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s + 0.5025
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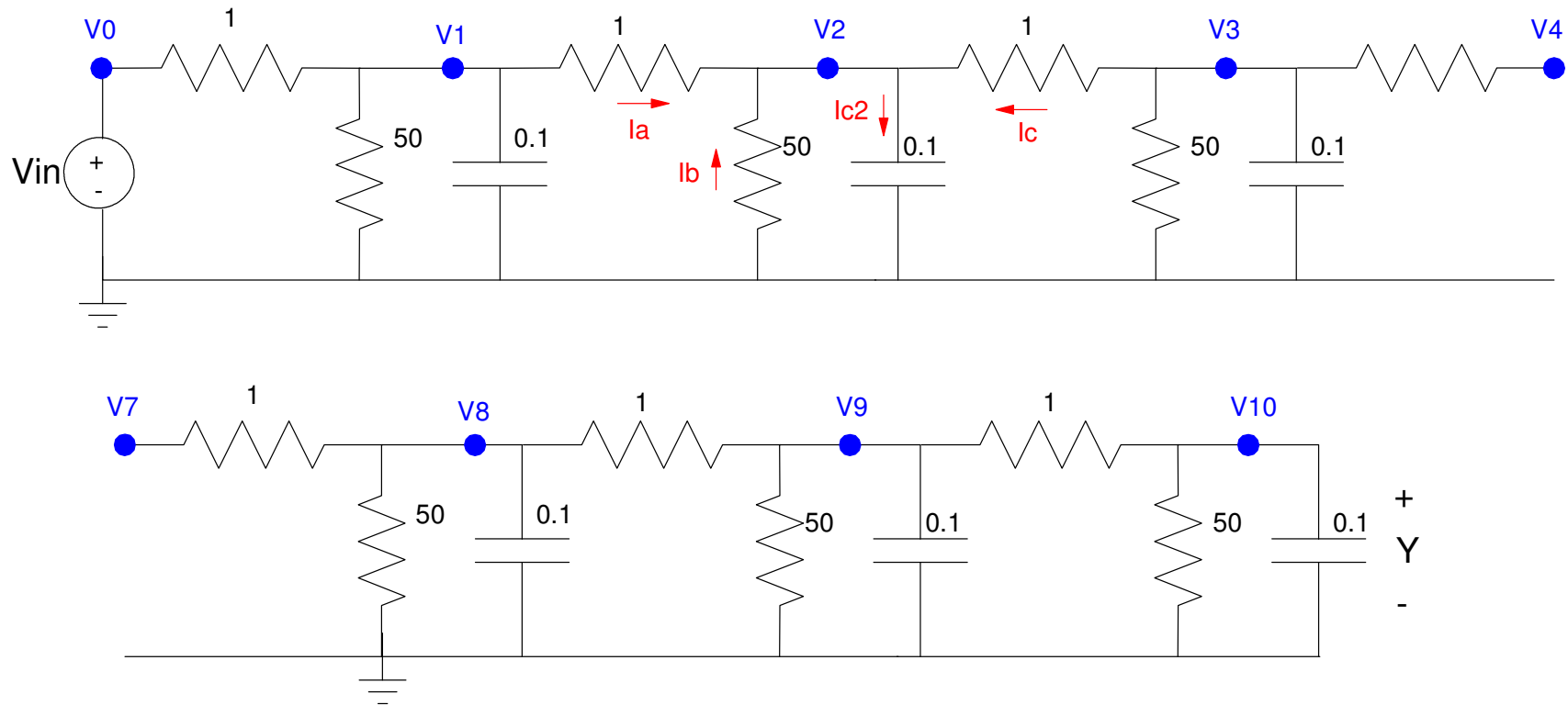
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y4 = step(G4,t);  
y1 = step(G1,t);  
plot(t,y4,'b',t,y1,'r');
```



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## Example 3: RC Filter (Heat Equation)

Consider next the following 10-stage RC filter



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## Voltage Node Equation at V2

Current In = Current Out

$$I_c = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$$

$$CsV_2 = \left( \frac{V_1 - V_2}{1} \right) + \left( \frac{0 - V_2}{50} \right) + \left( \frac{V_3 - V_2}{1} \right)$$

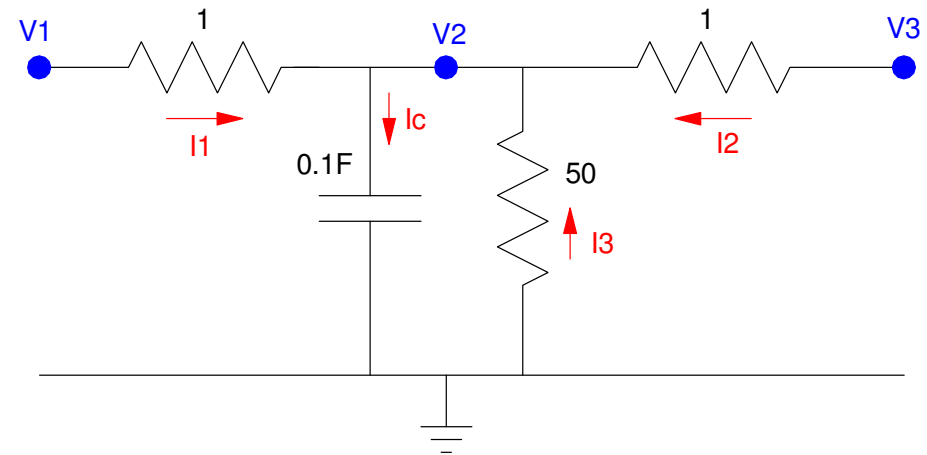
$$sV_2 = 10V_1 - 20.2V_2 + 10V_3$$

This repeats for nodes 1..9.

Node #10 is slightly different

$$I_{c10} = CsV_{10} = \left( \frac{V_9 - V_{10}}{1} \right) + \left( \frac{0 - V_{10}}{50} \right)$$

$$sV_{10} = 10V_9 - 10.2V_{10}$$



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## In Matlab:

```
A = zeros(10,10);  
for i=1:9  
    A(i,i) = -20.2;  
    A(i,i+1) = 10;  
    A(i+1,i) = 10;  
end  
A(10,10) = -10.2;
```

```
-20.2000  10.0000  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  
10.0000 -20.2000  10.0000  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  
0  10.0000 -20.2000  10.0000  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  
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0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  10.0000 -10.2000
```

```
B = [10;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0;0]  
C = [0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1];  
D = [0];
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```
>> G = ss(A,B,C,D);  
>> evalfr(G,0)
```

```
0.4325
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>> zpk(G)
```

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10000000000
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(s+39.31) (s+36.72) (s+32.67) (s+27.51) (s+21.69) (s+15.75) (s+10.2) (s+5.539) (s+2.181) (s+0.4234)
```

This is the transfer function for this RC filter. Its response should

- Have a DC gain of 0.4325, and
- A 2% settling time of 9.44 seconds (  $4 / 0.4234$  )

$$G(s) \approx \left( \frac{0.1793}{s+0.4234} \right)$$

## The actual step-response from Matlab is

```
G1 = zpk([], [-0.4234], 0.1793)
```

```
0.1793
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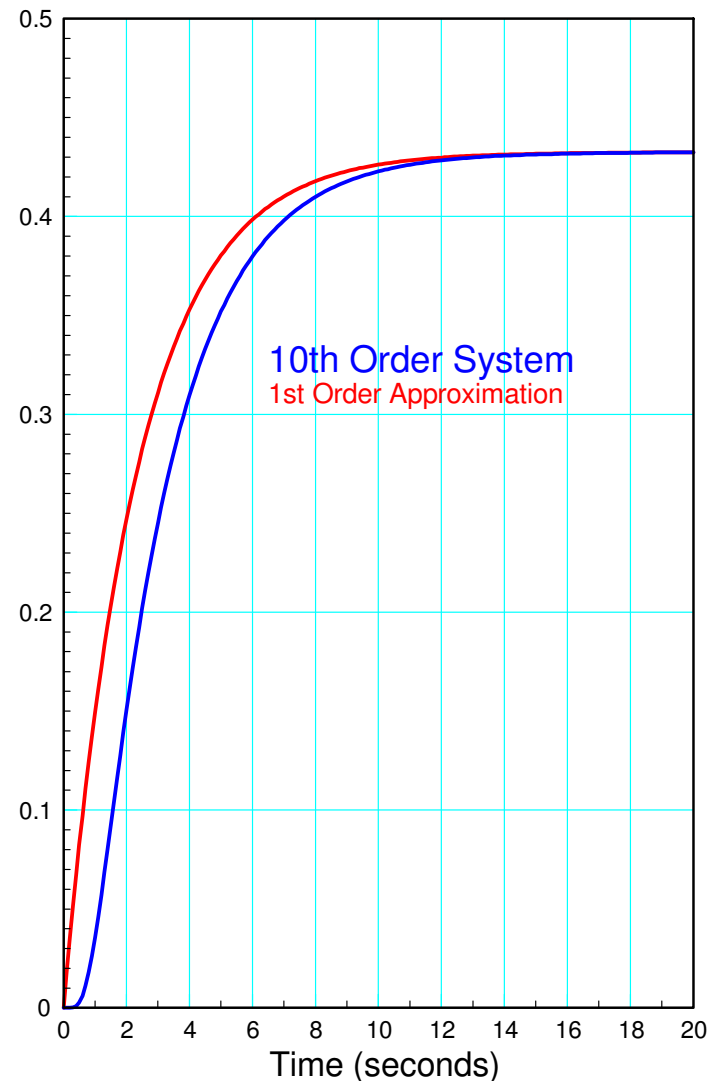
```
(s+0.4234)
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```
t = [0:0.001:10]';
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```
y1 = step(G1,t);
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```
y10 = step(G,t);
```

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plot(t,y10,'b',t,y1,'r');
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## Example 4: Mass-Spring System

Use an electrical dual

$$I = \frac{1}{R} \cdot V$$

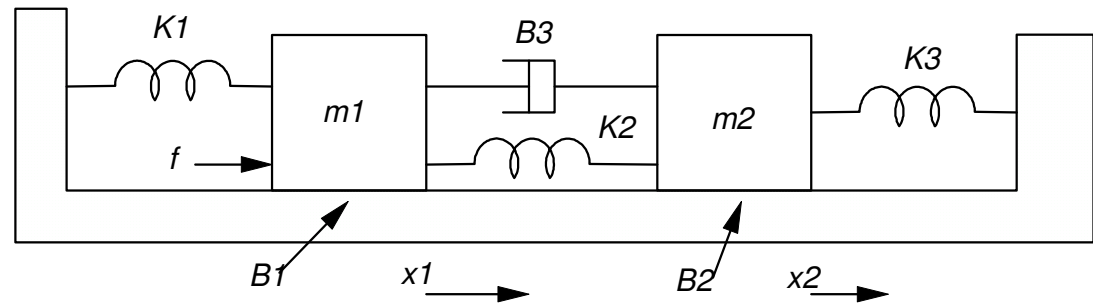
$$F = Ms^2 \cdot X$$

Current  $\leftrightarrow$  Force

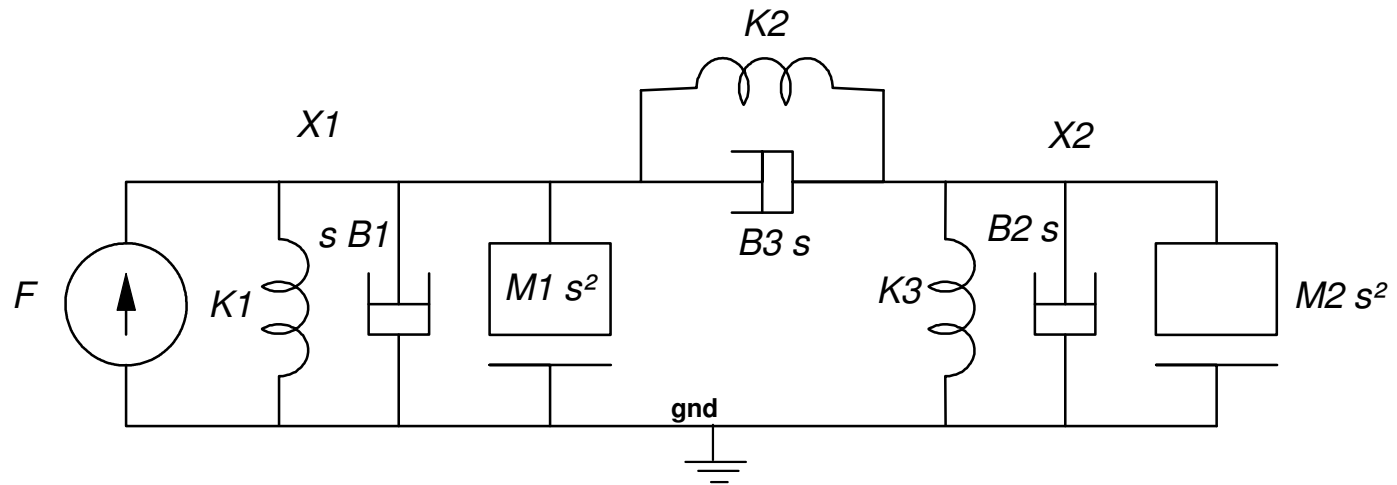
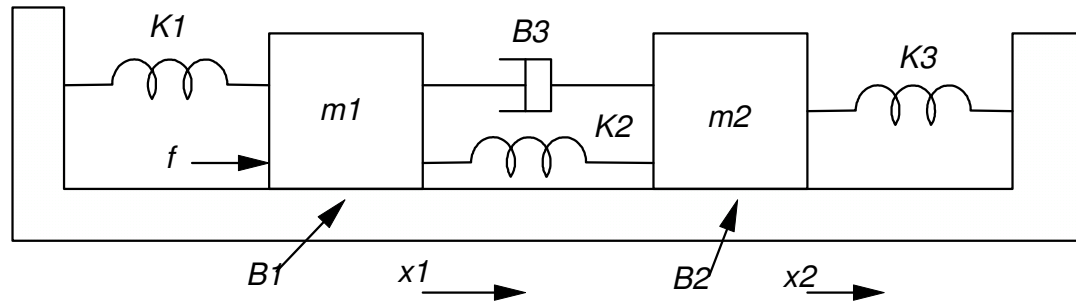
Voltage  $\leftrightarrow$  Position

Admittance

- $Ms^2$  (for a mass)
- $Bs$  (for friction)
- $K$  (for a spring)



# Circuit Equivalent



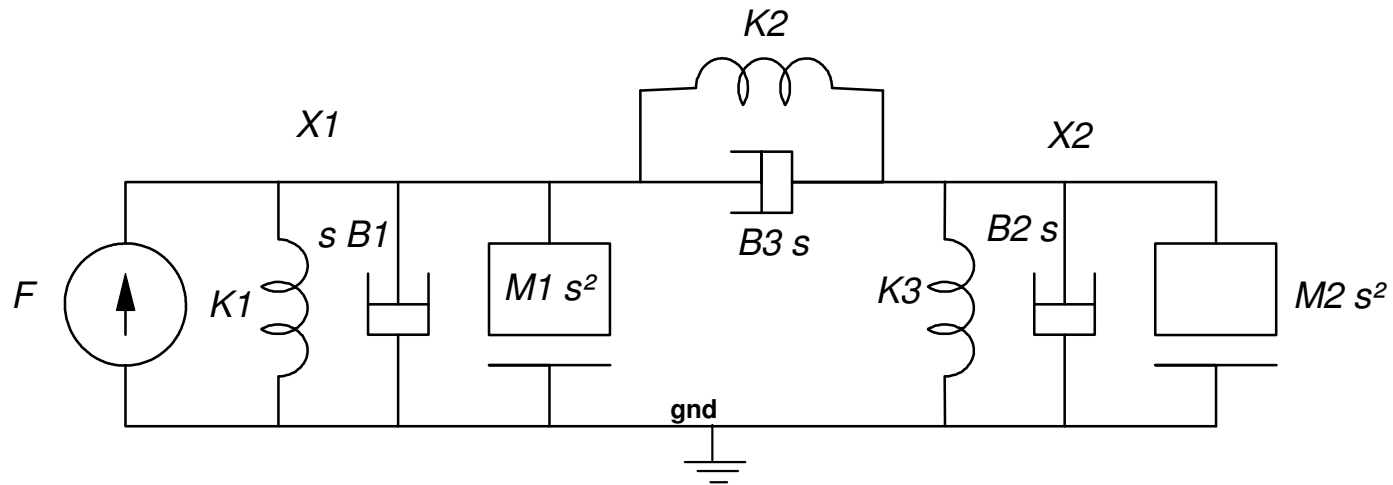
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# Dynamics

- Voltage Node Equations

$$(K_1 + B_1s + M_1s^2 + K_2 + B_3s)X_1 - (K_2 + B_3s)X_2 = F$$

$$(M_2s^2 + B_2s + K_3 + K_2 + B_3s)X_2 - (K_2 + B_3s)X_1 = 0$$



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Solving for the highest derivative:

$$M_1 s^2 X_1 = -(K_1 + K_2 + B_1 s + B_3 s) X_1 + (K_2 + B_3 s) X_2 + F$$

$$M_2 s^2 X_2 = -(B_2 s + K_3 + K_2 + B_3 s) X_2 + (K_2 + B_3 s) X_1$$

Place in matrix (state-space) form

- Note: 2N states ( N position states, N velocity states)
- Potential Energy & Kinetic Energy

$$s \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ \dots \\ sX_1 \\ sX_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \vdots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \vdots & 0 & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \vdots & \dots & \dots \\ \left(\frac{-(K_1+K_2)}{M_1}\right) & \left(\frac{K_2}{M_1}\right) & \vdots & \left(\frac{-(B_1+B_3)}{M_1}\right) & \left(\frac{B_3}{M_1}\right) \\ \left(\frac{K_2}{M_2}\right) & \left(\frac{-(K_2+K_3)}{M_2}\right) & \vdots & \left(\frac{B_3}{M_2}\right) & \left(\frac{-(B_2+B_3)}{M_2}\right) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ \dots \\ sX_1 \\ sX_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dots \\ \left(\frac{1}{M_1}\right) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} F$$

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## Finding the Transfer Function:

- $M = 1\text{kg}$ ,  $B = 2\text{Ns/m}$ ,  $K = 10\text{N/m}$
- $Y = X_2$

$$s \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ sX_1 \\ sX_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -20 & 10 & -4 & 2 \\ 10 & -20 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ sX_1 \\ sX_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} F$$

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ sX_1 \\ sX_2 \end{bmatrix} + [0]F$$



## MATLAB Code:

The mass spring system has

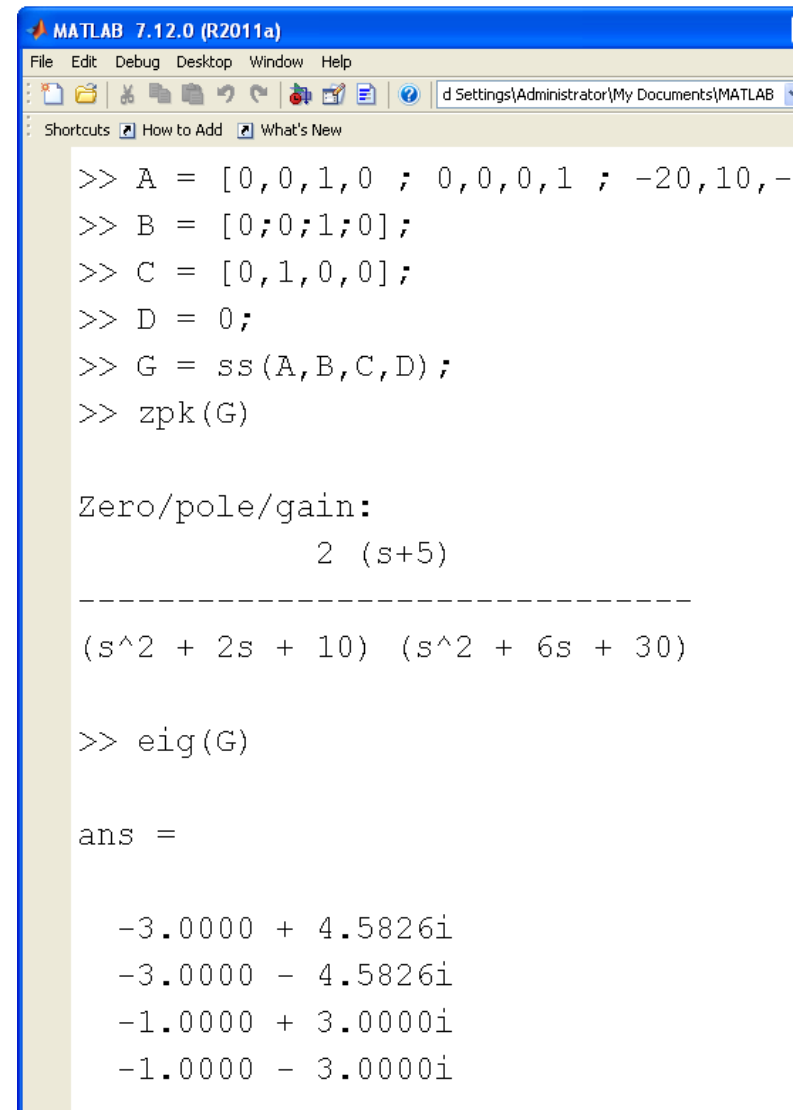
- Four poles
- One set is at  $\{-1 \pm j3\}$
- The other set is at  $\{-3 \pm j4.58\}$

The 2% settling time is 4 seconds

- Slowest pole is at  $s = -1 + jX$

The slow pole oscillates at 3 rad/sec

- approx 1/2 Hz



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>> A = [0,0,1,0 ; 0,0,0,1 ; -20,10,-
>> B = [0;0;1;0];
>> C = [0,1,0,0];
>> D = 0;
>> G = ss(A,B,C,D);
>> zpk(G)

Zero/pole/gain:
                2 (s+5)
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(s^2 + 2s + 10) (s^2 + 6s + 30)

>> eig(G)

ans =

-3.0000 + 4.5826i
-3.0000 - 4.5826i
-1.0000 + 3.0000i
-1.0000 - 3.0000i
```

## Transfer Function

$$Y = \left( \frac{2(s+5)}{(s+1 \pm j3)(s+3 \pm j4.58)} \right) F$$

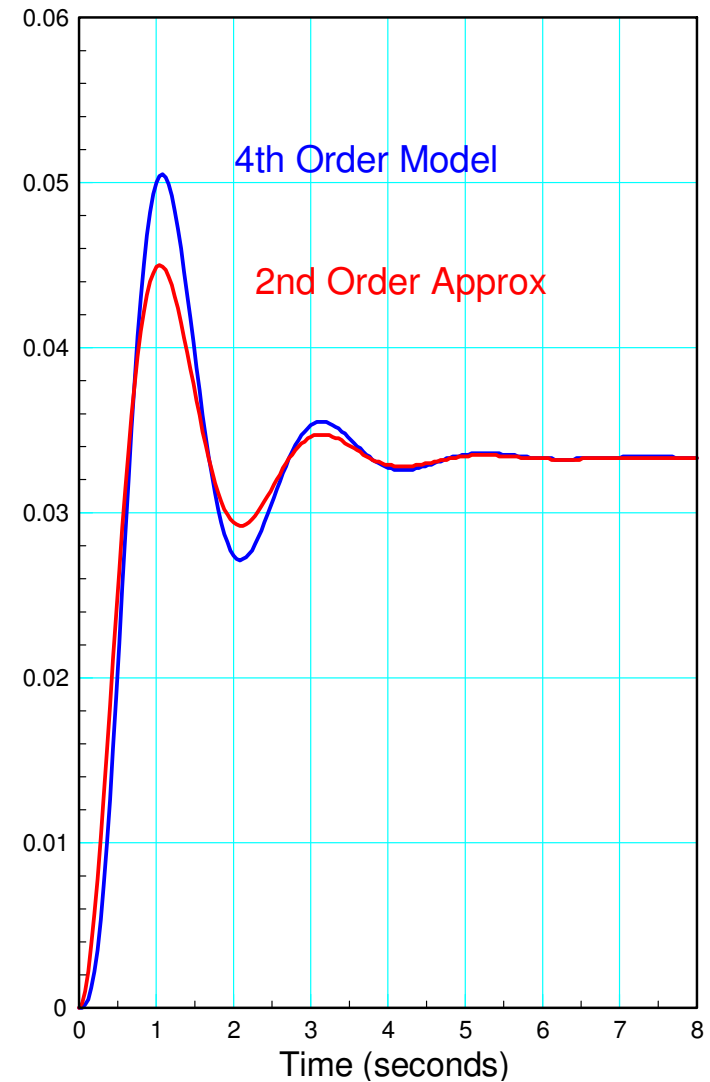
## Second Order Approximation

- Keep the dominant pole (  $s = -1 + j3$  )
- Match the DC gain

$$Y \approx \left( \frac{0.333}{(s+1 \pm j3)} \right) F$$

## Plot the step response

```
t = [0:0.1:100]';  
G2 = zpk([], [-1+j*3, -1-j*3], 0.333);  
y = step(G, t);  
y2 = step(G2, t);  
plot(t, y, t, y2, 'r')  
xlabel('Time (seconds)');  
ylabel('X2 (meters)');
```



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## Summary

State-Space makes modeling RLC circuits much easier

- States = Energy
- Current in Inductors
- Voltage Across Capacitors

State-Space makes modeling mass-spring systems fairly easy

- Convert to the circuit equivalent
- Write the voltage node equations

With Matlab, finding the dynamics of 10th order systems is fairly easy

- What's most important is get the equations right
  - Matlab will then find the resulting transfer function and step response
-