

Upcoming Lecture Features

- Main things we will be looking at.
 - block diagrams
 - signal flow graphs
 - Mason gain rule
 - general control system
- For today's lecture, we have
 - diagrams
 - interpreting a function

What is a Transfer Function?

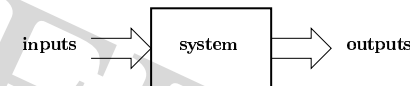
- Dynamic systems are represented by equations.
- Laplace transformation simplifies solutions to differential equations.
- In control systems, variables are manipulated to achieve a specific or desired behavior.

What is a Transfer Function?

- Relationship between controlling variable(s) and controlled variable(s) are needed.
- Systems are usually represented by a transfer function.
- Controlling variable - input
Controlled variable - state, output
Transfer function - of input to output of a dynamic system.

Block Diagrams

- Input-output systems are usually depicted by blocks.
- Signal flow is directed from input to output.
- Simple systems can be represented by a single block.



Block Diagrams

- Complex systems are represented by multiple and interconnected blocks.

Room heating example.

Hard to model the system as one complex system.
Break it down into multiple subsystems.

- Block diagrams may be reduced by block diagram transformations.

- series connected
- single feedback
- parallel connected

Block Diagrams

- Electrical equations.

$$e_a = R_a i_a + L_a \dot{i}_a + e_b \quad (\text{KVL})$$

$$e_b = k_b \dot{\theta} \quad (\text{back-EMF})$$

- Mechanical equations.

$$T = k_t i_a \quad (\text{motor torque})$$

$$T = J \ddot{\theta} + B \dot{\theta} \quad (\text{sum torques})$$

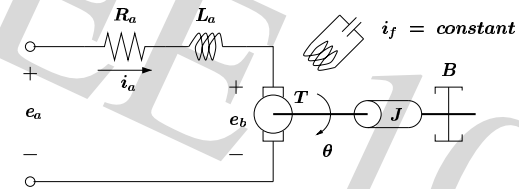
- Variables.

input (e_a) \Rightarrow state ($\dot{\theta}$ and i_a) \Rightarrow output (θ)

Block Diagrams

- Example. DC motor.

- small rotor inertia
- high torque-to-inertia ratio



- Focus on armature-current.

Block Diagrams

- From KVL equation,

$$e_a = R_a i_a + L_a \dot{i}_a + e_b$$

$$\Rightarrow R_a i_a + L_a \dot{i}_a = e_a - e_b$$

$$\mathcal{L} \Rightarrow R_a I_a + L_a s I_a = E_a - E_b \quad (\text{ignore I.C.})$$

$$\Rightarrow I_a = \frac{1}{R_a + s L_a} (E_a - E_b)$$

- From back-EMF equation,

$$e_b = k_b \dot{\theta}$$

$$\mathcal{L} \Rightarrow E_b = k_b \Omega$$

Block Diagrams

- From motor equation,

$$T_m = k_i i_a$$

$$\mathcal{L} \Rightarrow T_m = k_i I_a$$

- From of torques equation,

$$T_m = J\ddot{\theta} + B\dot{\theta} + T_L$$

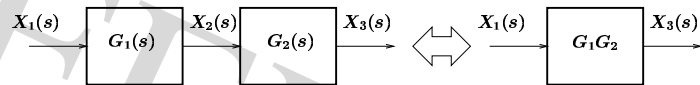
$$\Rightarrow T_m - T_L = J\ddot{\theta} + B\dot{\theta} = J\dot{\omega} + B\omega$$

$$\mathcal{L} \Rightarrow T_m - T_L = Js\Omega + B\Omega$$

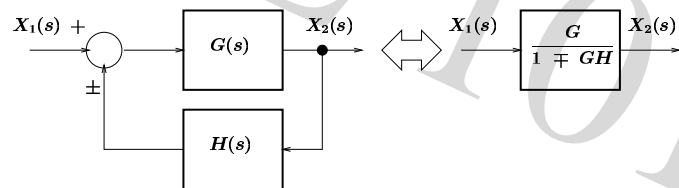
$$\Rightarrow \Omega = \frac{1}{sJ + B}(T_m - T_L)$$

Block Diagram Transformations

- Series blocks

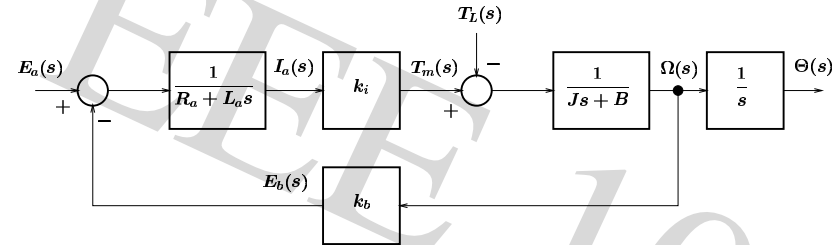


- Feedback loop



Block Diagrams

- Block diagram of a system



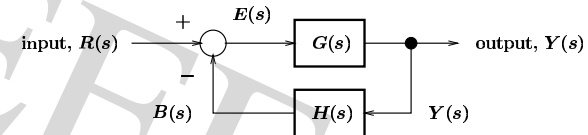
where

$$\Omega(s) = \mathcal{L}[\dot{\theta}(t)]$$

$$\Theta(s) = \mathcal{L}[\theta(t)]$$

Block Diagram Transformations

- Closed-loop function



error equation : $E(s) = R(s) - B(s)$

$$\Rightarrow E(s) = R(s) - H(s)Y(s)$$

$$: Y(s) = G(s)E(s)$$

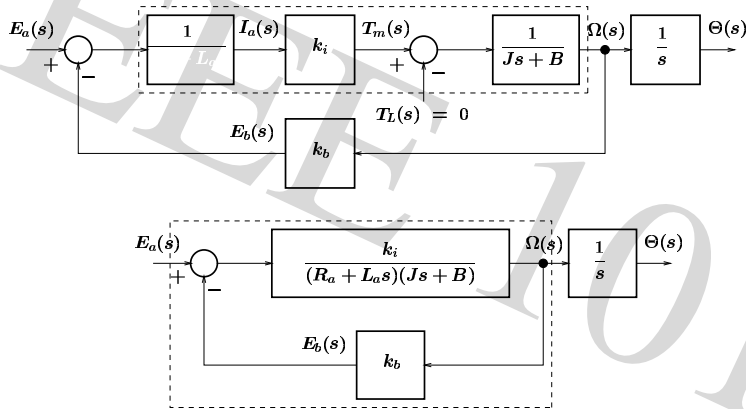
$$\Rightarrow Y(s) = G(s)[R(s) - H(s)Y(s)]$$

solving for $Y(s)$: $Y(s)[1 + G(s)H(s)] = G(s)R(s)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{G(s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)}$$

Block Diagram Transformations

- Example. DC servomotor with no load (i.e., $T_L = 0$).

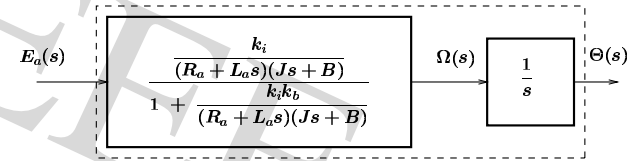


Summary

- There is more than one way to represent a system.
The choice depends on what you want to do.
- Transfer function representation.
One block diagram, one transfer function representation. Very useful in control system feedback design.
- Block diagrams are also used to represent systems.
You usually come up with a block diagram first, then simplify to a transfer function.

Block Diagram Transformations

- Block diagram reduction ...



- Transfer function of a DC servomotor

