
Lumped-Element System Dynamics

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Outline

- > Our progress so far
- > Formulating state equations
- > Quasistatic analysis
- > Large-signal analysis
- > Small-signal analysis
- > Addendum: Review of 2nd-order system dynamics

Our progress so far...

- > Our goal has been to model multi-domain systems
- > We first learned to create lumped models for each domain
- > Then we figured out how to move energy between domains
- > Now we want to see how the multi-domain system behaves over time (or frequency)

Our progress so far...

> The Northeastern/ADI RF Switch

> We first lumped the mechanical domain

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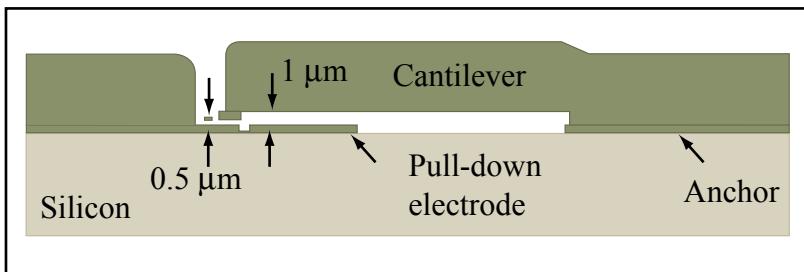


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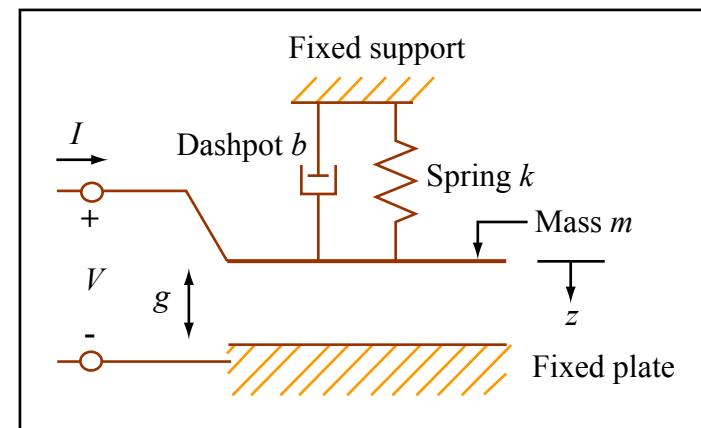


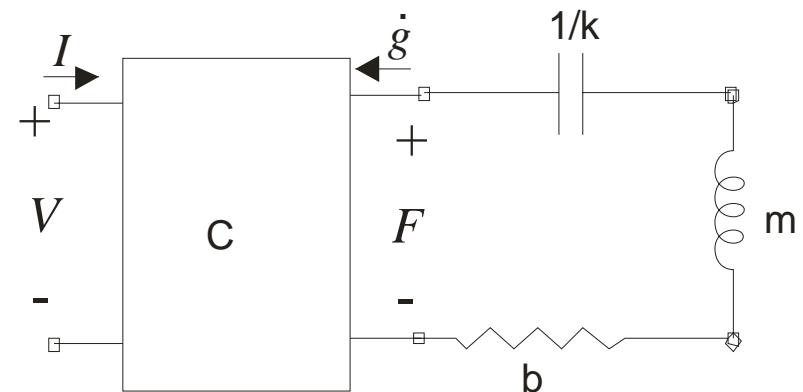
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Our progress so far...

> Then we introduced a two-port capacitor to convert energy between domains

- Capacitor because it stores potential energy
- Two ports because there are two ways to store energy
 - » Mechanical: Move plates (with charge on plates)
 - » Electrical: Add charge (with plates apart)
- The system is conservative: system energy only depends on state variables

$$W(Q, g) = \frac{Q^2 g}{2 \epsilon A}$$



Our progress so far...

- > We first analyzed system quasistatically
- > Saw that there is VERY different behavior depending on whether
 - Charge is controlled
→ stable behavior at all gaps
 - Voltage is controlled
→ pull-in at $g=2/3g_0$
- > Use of energy or co-energy depends on what is controlled
 - Simplifies math

$$F = \frac{\partial W(Q, g)}{\partial g} \Big|_Q = \frac{Q^2}{2\varepsilon A}$$
$$V = \frac{\partial W(Q, g)}{\partial Q} \Big|_g = \frac{Qg}{\varepsilon A}$$
$$dW = VdQ + Fdg$$

$$dW^* = QdV - Fdg$$
$$Q = \frac{\partial W^*}{\partial V} \Big|_g = \frac{\varepsilon A}{g} V_{in}$$
$$F = \frac{\partial W^*}{\partial g} \Big|_V = \frac{\varepsilon A V_{in}^2}{2g^2}$$

Today's goal

- > How to move from quasi-static to dynamic analysis
- > Specific questions:
 - How fast will RF switch close?
- > General questions:
 - How do we model the dynamics of non-linear systems?
 - How are mechanical dynamics affected by electrical domain?
- > What are the different ways to get from model to answer?

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Adding dynamics

- > Add components to complete the system:
 - Source resistor for the voltage source
 - Inertial mass, dashpot
- > This is now our RF switch!
- > System is nonlinear, so we can't use Laplace to get transfer functions
- > Instead, model with state equations

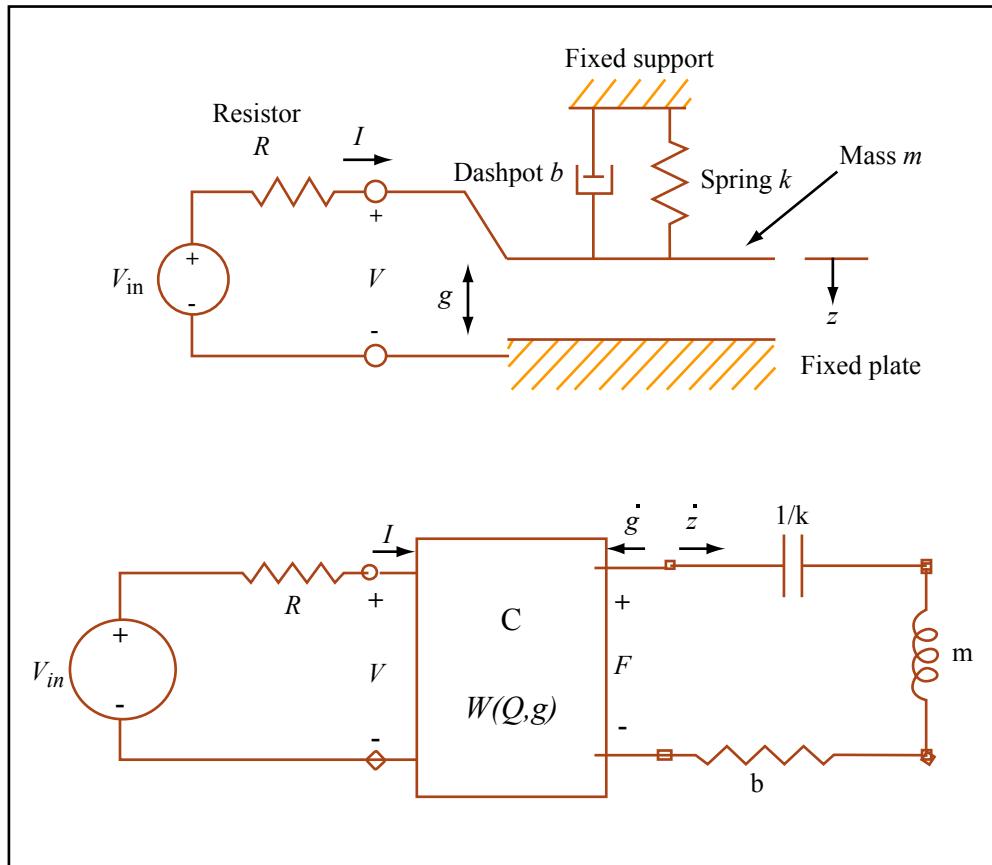


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Electrical domain

Mechanical domain

State Equations

- > Dynamic equations for general system (linear or nonlinear) can be formulated by solving equivalent circuit
- > In general, there is one state variable for each independent energy-storage element (port)
- > Good choices for state variables: the charge on a capacitor (displacement) and the current in an inductor (momentum)
- > For electrostatic transducer, need three state variables
 - Two for transducer (Q, g)
 - One for mass (dg/dt)

Goal:

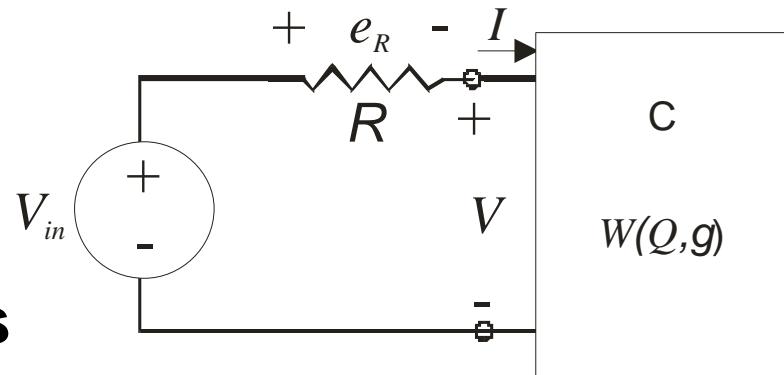
$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} Q \\ g \\ \dot{g} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{functions of} \\ Q, g, \dot{g} \text{ or constants} \end{pmatrix}$$

Formulating state equations

> Start with Q

> We know that $dQ/dt = I$

> Find relation between I and state variables and constants



$$\text{KVL: } V_{in} - e_R - V = 0$$



$$e_R = IR$$

$$V_{in} - IR - V = 0$$



$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = I = \frac{1}{R}(V_{in} - V)$$



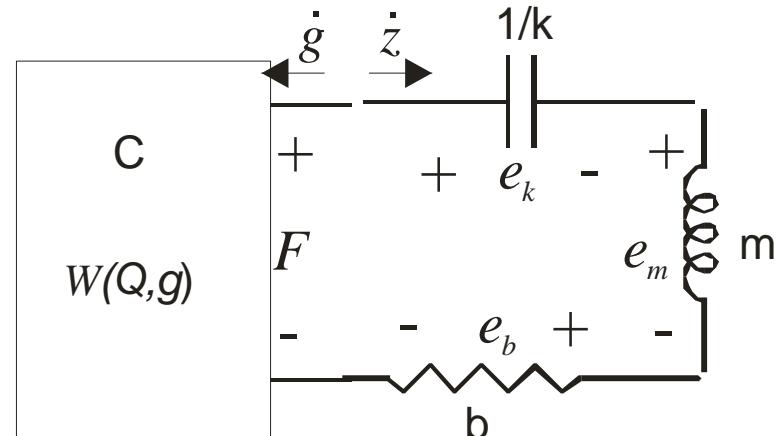
$$V = \frac{Qg}{\varepsilon A}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{1}{R} \left(V_{in} - \frac{Qg}{\varepsilon A} \right)}$$

Formulating state equations

> Now we'll do

> We know that $\frac{d\dot{g}}{dt} = \ddot{g}$



KVL:

$$F - e_k - e_m - e_b = 0$$

$$F - k\dot{z} - m\ddot{z} - b\dot{z} = 0$$

$$z = g_0 - g \Rightarrow \dot{z} = -\dot{g}, \ddot{z} = -\ddot{g}$$

$$e_k = k\dot{z}$$

$$e_m = m\ddot{z}$$

$$e_b = b\dot{z}$$

$$F - k(g_0 - g) + m\ddot{g} + b\dot{g} = 0$$

$$\ddot{g} = -\frac{1}{m}[F - k(g_0 - g) + b\dot{g}]$$

$$\frac{d\dot{g}}{dt} = -\frac{1}{m}\left[\frac{Q^2}{2\varepsilon A} - k(g_0 - g) + b\dot{g}\right]$$

Formulating state equations

> State equation for g is easy: $\frac{dg}{dt} = \dot{g}$

> Collect all three nonlinear state equations

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} Q \\ g \\ \dot{g} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{R} \left(V_{in} - \frac{Qg}{\varepsilon A} \right) \\ \dot{g} \\ -\frac{1}{m} \left[\frac{Q^2}{2\varepsilon A} - k(g_0 - g) + b\dot{g} \right] \end{bmatrix}$$

> Now we are ready to simulate dynamics

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Quasistatic analysis

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} Q \\ g \\ \dot{g} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{R} \left(V_{in} - \frac{Qg}{\varepsilon A} \right) \\ \dot{g} \\ -\frac{1}{m} \left[\frac{Q^2}{2\varepsilon A} - k(g_0 - g) + b\dot{g} \right] \end{bmatrix}$$

State eqns

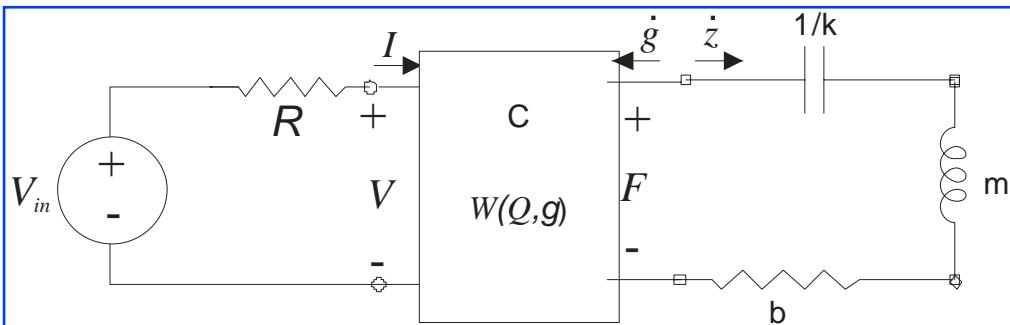
Fixed-point
analysis

Given static V_{in} , etc.

What is deflection,
charge, etc.?

(Just now)

Follow
causal path
(Wed)



Equivalent circuit

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State equations

State variables

Inputs

$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})$

$\mathbf{y} = g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})$

Outputs

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graph TD; Inputs --> Eq1["\u0307x = f(x, u)"]; Inputs --> Eq2["y = g(x, u)"]; Eq2 --> Outputs
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For transverse electrostatic actuator:

State variables: $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} Q \\ g \\ \dot{g} \end{bmatrix}$

Inputs: $\mathbf{u} = [V_{in}]$

$$f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{R} \left(V_{in} - \frac{Qg}{\varepsilon A} \right) \\ \dot{g} \\ -\frac{1}{m} \left[\frac{Q^2}{2\varepsilon A} - k(g_0 - g) + b\dot{g} \right] \end{bmatrix}$$

Outputs: $\mathbf{y} = [\dot{g}] = g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})$

Fixed points

> Definition of a **fixed point**

- Solution of $f(x,u) = 0$
- time derivatives $\rightarrow 0$

> Global fixed point

- A fixed point when $u = 0$
- Systems can have multiple global fixed points
- Some might be stable, others unstable (consider a pendulum)

> Operating point

- Fixed point when u is a non-zero constant

Fixed points of the electrostatic actuator

> This analysis is analogous to what we did last time...

$$0 = \frac{1}{R} \left(V_{in} - \frac{Qg}{\epsilon A} \right)$$

$$0 = \dot{g}$$

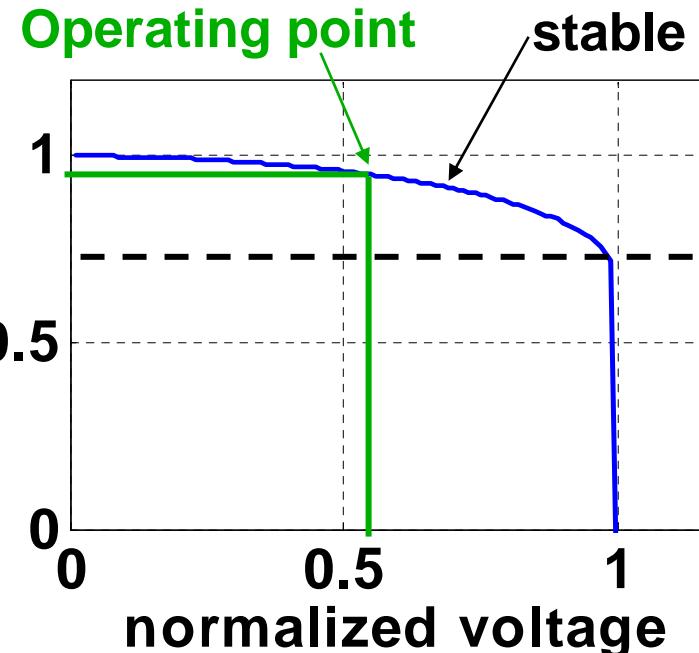
$$0 = -\frac{1}{m} \left[\frac{Q^2}{2\epsilon A} - k(g_0 - g) + b\dot{g} \right]$$



$$V_{in} = \frac{Qg}{\epsilon A}$$

$$\frac{Q^2}{2\epsilon A} = \boxed{\frac{V_{in}^2 \epsilon A}{2g^2}} = k(g_0 - g)$$

normalized gap



Last time...

$$\boxed{g = g_0 - \frac{\epsilon A V_{in}^2}{2kg^2}}$$



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Large-signal analysis

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} Q \\ g \\ \dot{g} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{R} \left(V_{in} - \frac{Qg}{\varepsilon A} \right) \\ \dot{g} \\ -\frac{1}{m} \left[\frac{Q^2}{2\varepsilon A} - k(g_0 - g) + b\dot{g} \right] \end{bmatrix}$$

State eqns

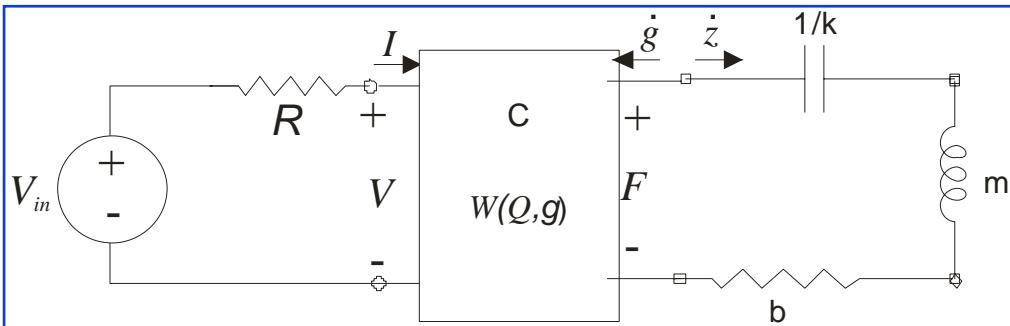
Integrate
state eqns

Given a step input
 $V_{in}(t)u(t)$

What is $g(t)$, $Q(t)$, etc.?

(Earlier)

SPICE



Equivalent circuit

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Direct Integration

- > This is a brute force approach: integrate the state equations
 - Via MATLAB® (ODExx)
 - Via Simulink®
- > We show the SIMULINK® version here
 - Matlab® version later

Electrostatic actuator in Simulink®

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} Q \\ g \\ \dot{g} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u} = [V_{in}]$$

$$\mathbf{f(x,u)} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{R} \left(V_{in} - \frac{Qg}{\epsilon A} \right) \\ \dot{g} \\ -\frac{1}{m} \left[\frac{Q^2}{2\epsilon A} - k(g_0 - g) + b\dot{g} \right] \end{bmatrix}$$

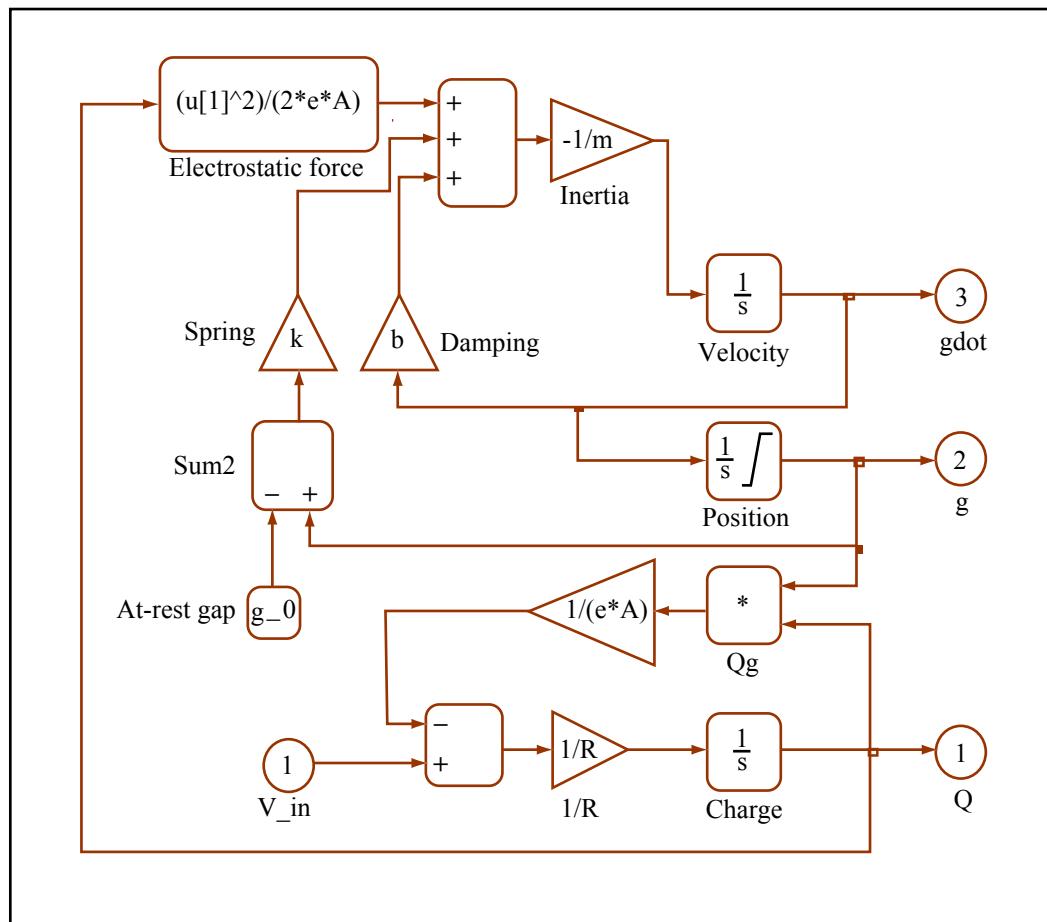


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Electrostatic actuator with contact

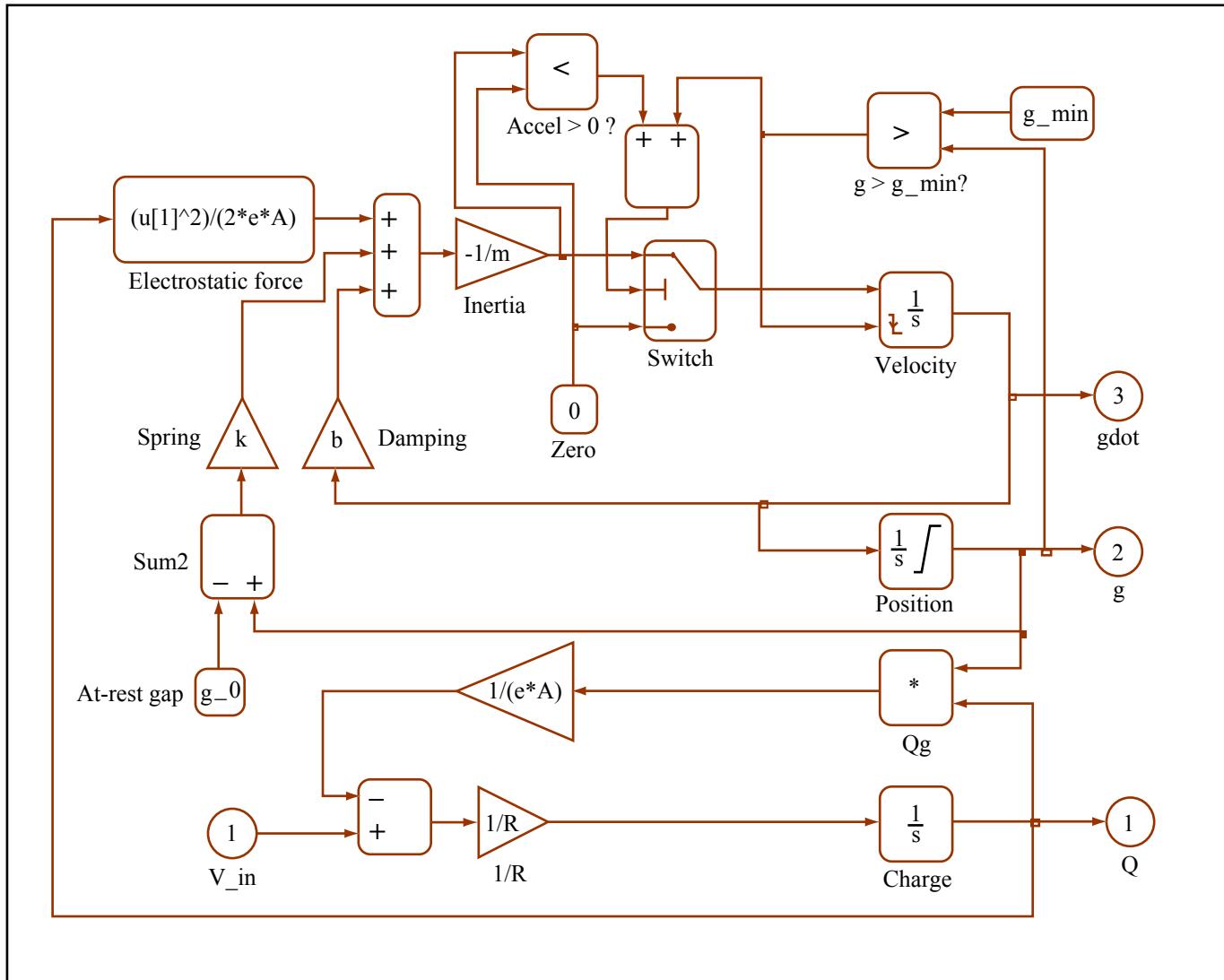


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Behavior through pull-in

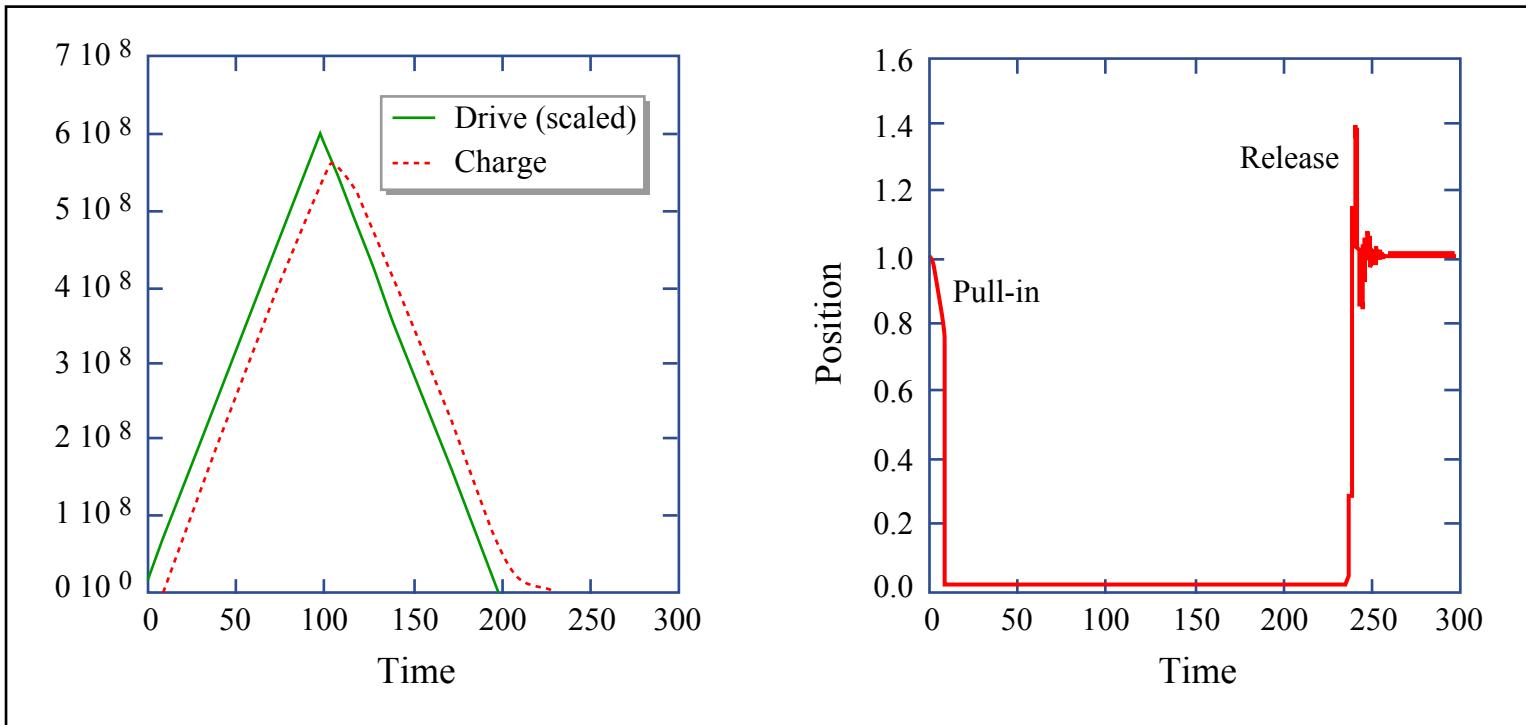


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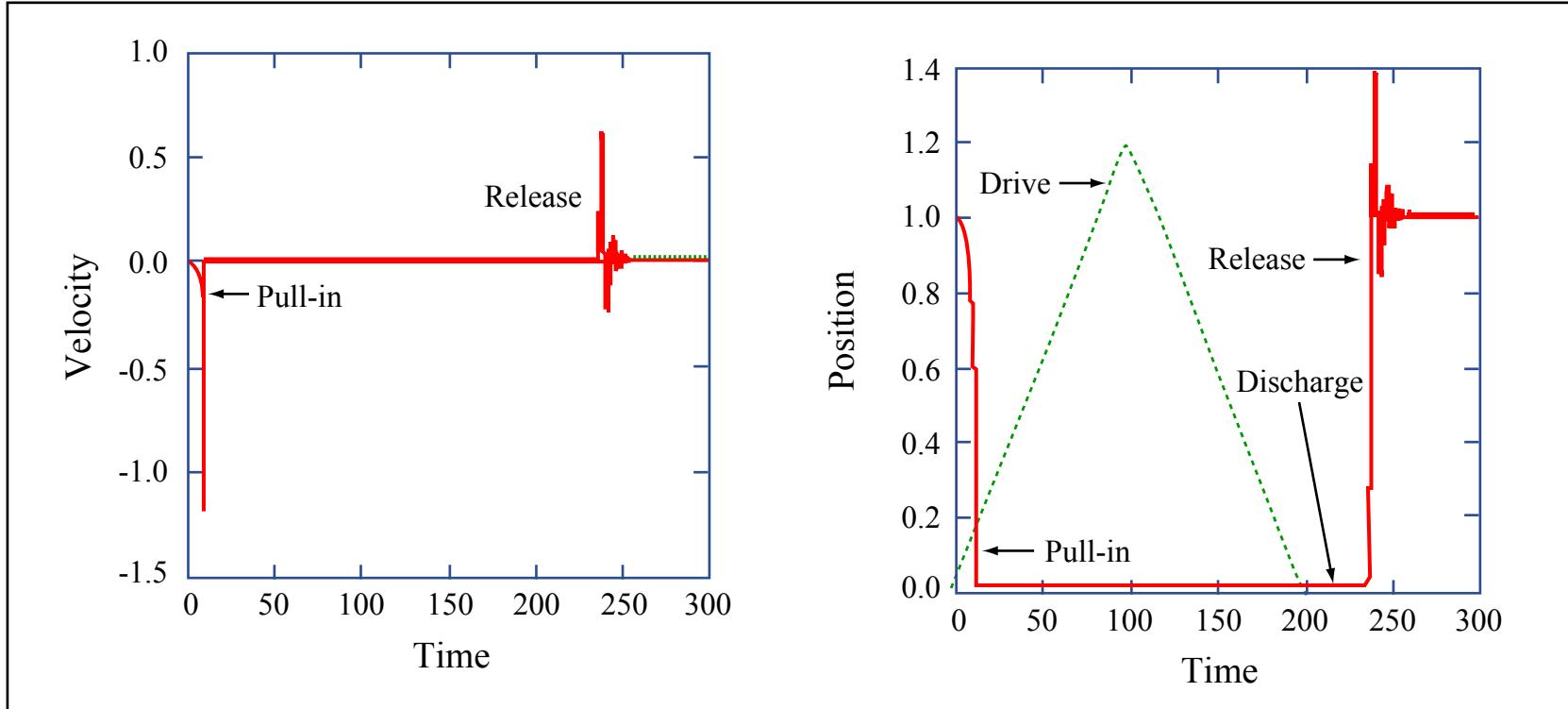


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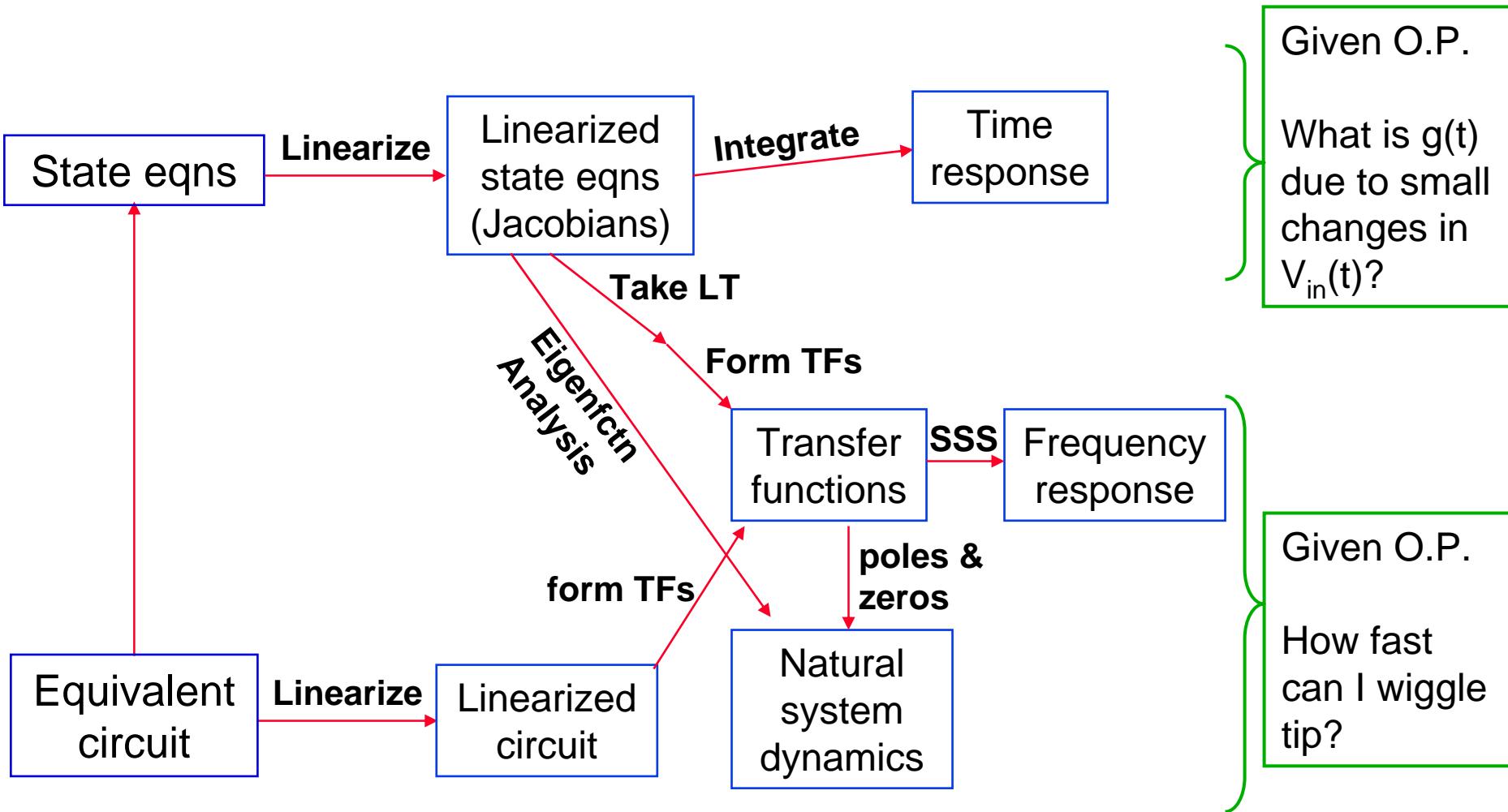
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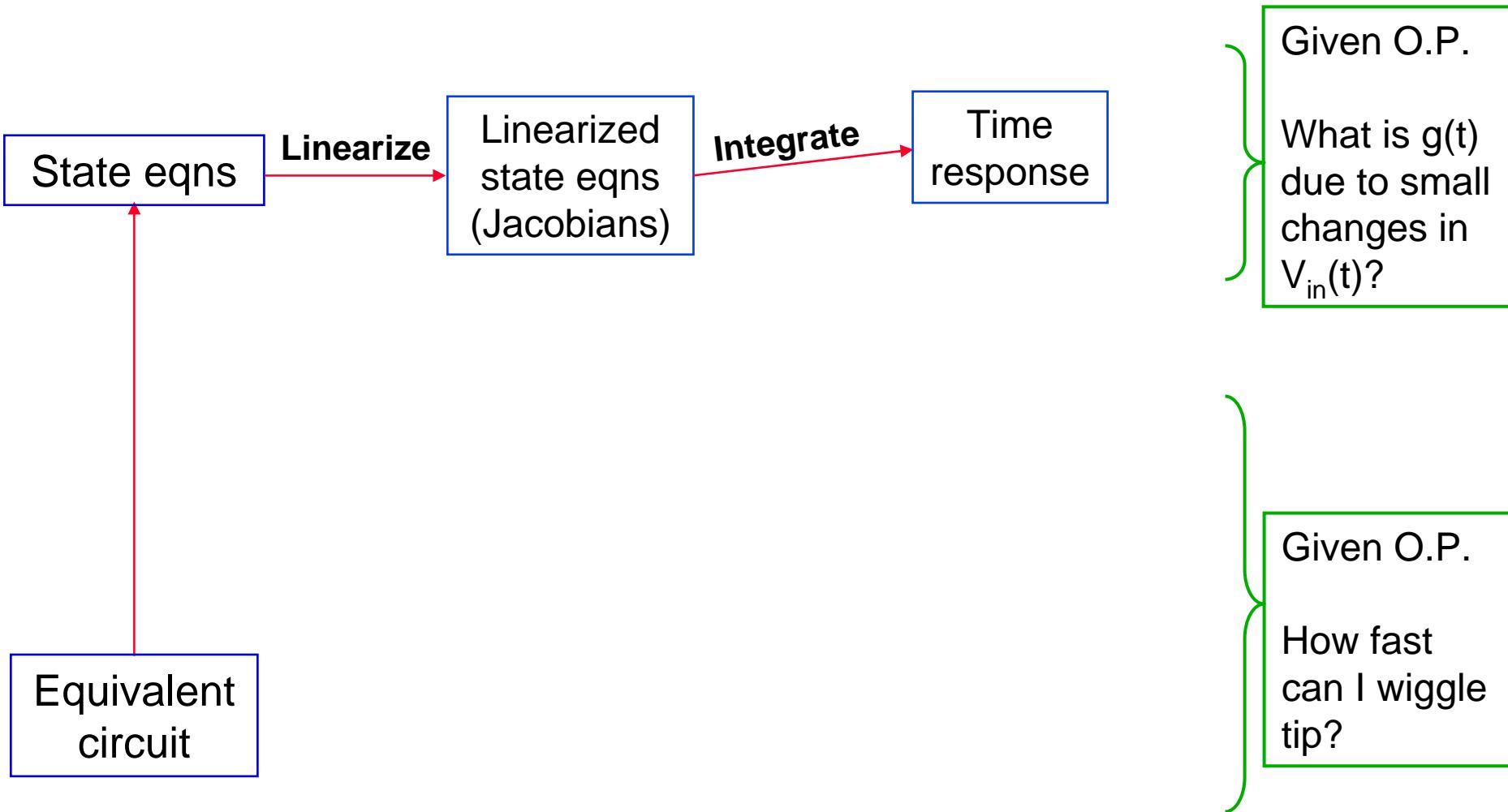
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Linearization about a fixed point

- > This is EXTREMELY common in MEMS literature
- > This is also done in many other fields, with different names
 - Small-signal analysis
 - Incremental analysis
 - Etc.

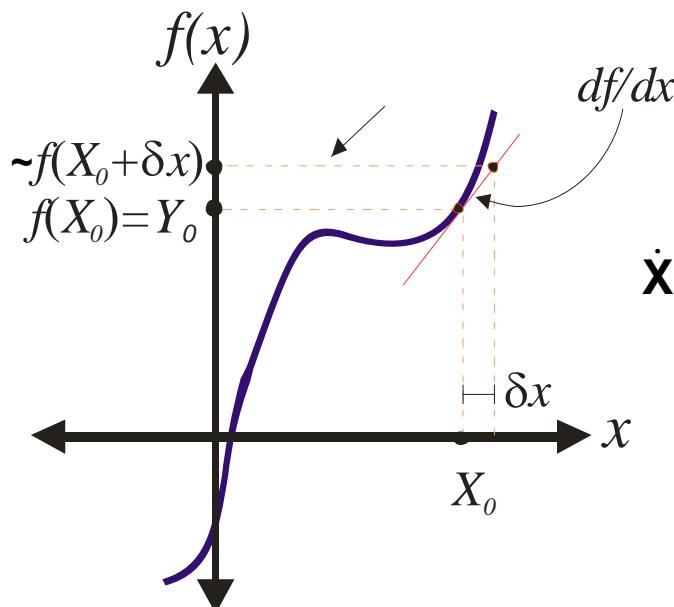
Linearization About an Operating Point

> Using Taylor's theorem, a system can

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})$$

be linearized about any fixed point

> We can do this in one dimension or many



$$f(X_0 + \delta x) \approx f(X_0) + \left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{X_0} \delta x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}(t) &= \mathbf{X}_0 + \delta\mathbf{x}(t) \\ \mathbf{u}(t) &= \mathbf{U}_0 + \delta\mathbf{u}(t) \end{aligned}$$

Operating point

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_0 + \frac{d(\delta\mathbf{x})}{dt} = f(\mathbf{X}_0 + \delta\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{U}_0 + \delta\mathbf{u})$$

Multi-dimensional Taylor

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_0 + \frac{d(\delta\mathbf{x})}{dt} = f(\mathbf{X}_0, \mathbf{U}_0) + \left(\left. \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \right|_{X_0, U_0} \right) \delta\mathbf{x}(t) + \left(\left. \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial u_j} \right|_{X_0, U_0} \right) \delta\mathbf{u}(t)$$

Cancel

$$\frac{d(\delta x_i(t))}{dt} = \left(\left. \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \right|_{X_0, U_0} \right) \delta x_i(t) + \left(\left. \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial u_j} \right|_{X_0, U_0} \right) \delta u_i(t)$$

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Linearization About an Operating Point

> The resulting set of equations are linear, and have dynamics described by the **Jacobians** of $f(x,u)$ evaluated at the fixed point.

> These describe how much a small change in one state variable affects itself or another state variable

> The O.P. must be evaluated to use the Jacobian

> Example – linearization of the voltage-controlled electrostatic actuator

$$\delta\dot{x}(t) = J_1 \delta x + J_2 \delta u(t)$$

$$J_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial Q} \Big|_{O.P.} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial g} \Big|_{O.P.} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \dot{g}} \Big|_{O.P.} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial Q} \Big|_{O.P.} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial g} \Big|_{O.P.} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \dot{g}} \Big|_{O.P.} \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial Q} \Big|_{O.P.} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial g} \Big|_{O.P.} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \dot{g}} \Big|_{O.P.} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \delta Q \\ \delta g \\ \delta \dot{g} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\hat{g}_0}{R\varepsilon A} & -\frac{Q_0}{R\varepsilon A} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{Q_0}{m\varepsilon A} & -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{b}{m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta Q \\ \delta g \\ \delta \dot{g} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{R} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (\delta V_{in})$$

$J_1 \quad J_2$

State Equations for Linear Systems

> Normally expressed with:

- x : a vector of state variables
- u : a vector of inputs
- y : a vector of outputs
- Four matrices, A, B, C, D

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

$$y = Cx + Du$$

> For us, Jacobian matrices take the place of A and B

> C and D depend on what outputs are desired

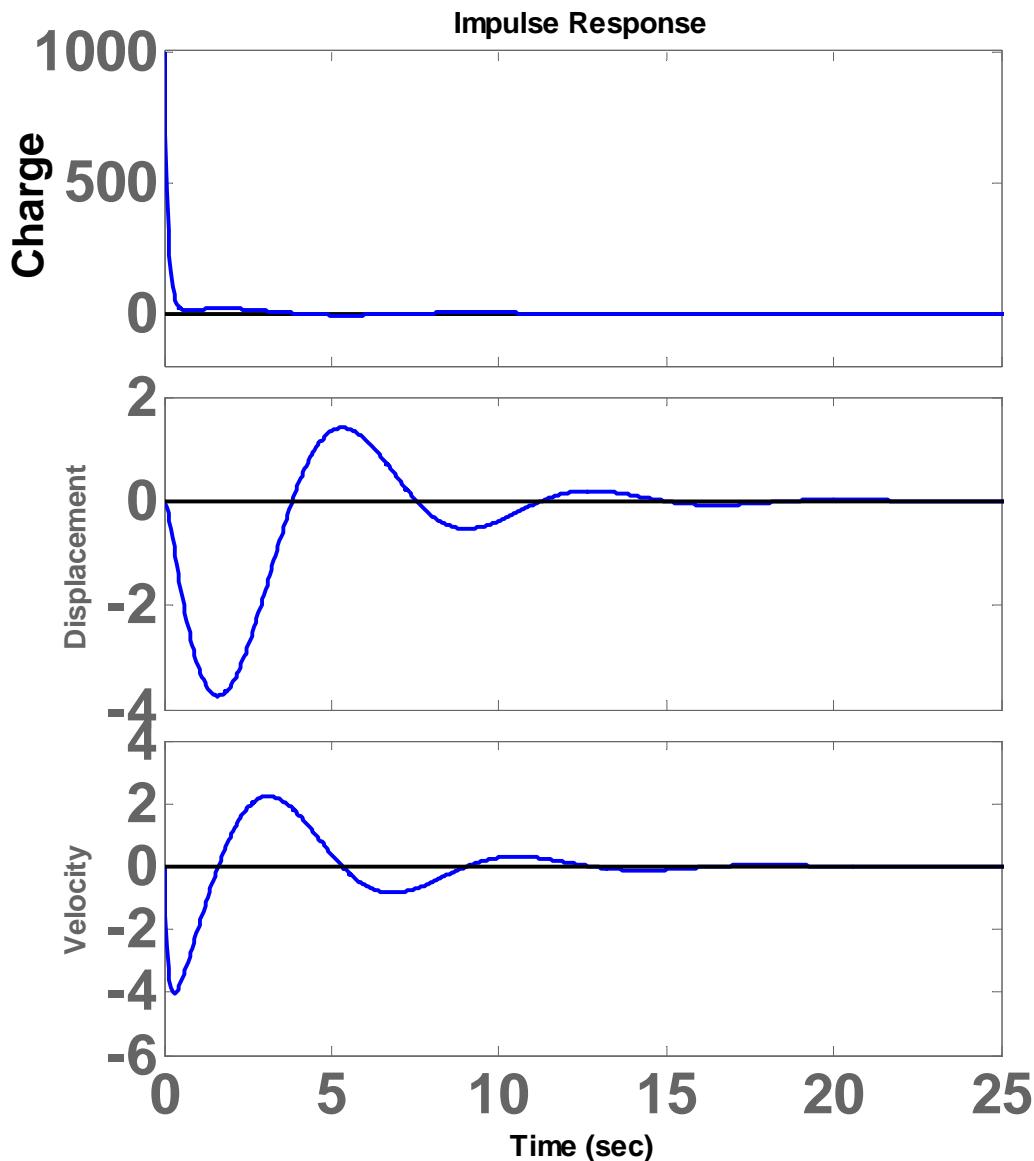
- Often C is identity and D is zero

> Can use to simulate time responses to arbitrary
SMALL inputs

- Remember, this is only valid for small deviations from O.P.

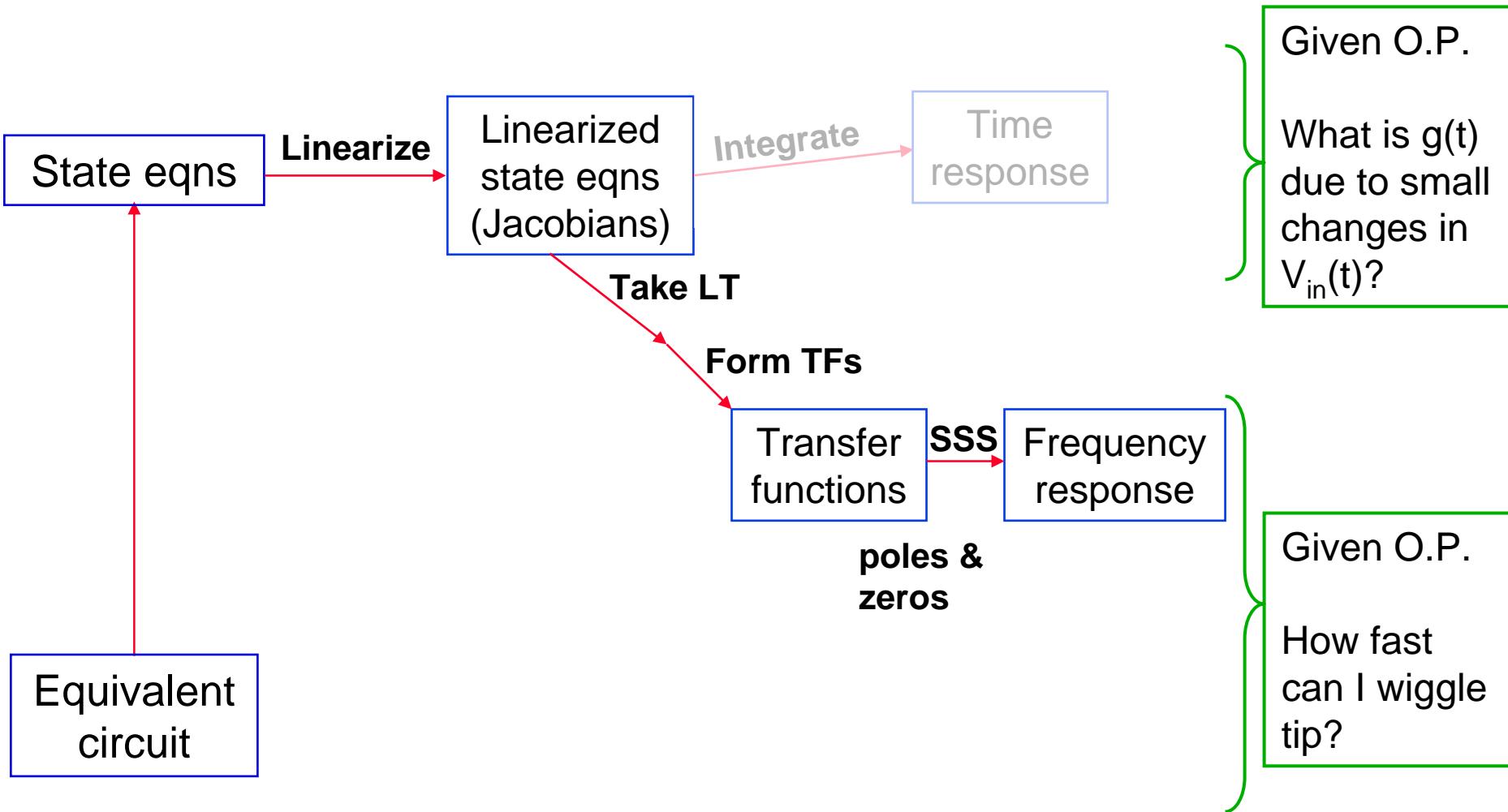
Direct Integration in Time

- > Can integrate via Simulink® model (as before) or MATLAB®
- > First define system in MATLAB®
 - using `ss(J1,J2,C,D)` or alternate method
- > Can use MATLAB® commands `step`, `initial`, `impulse` etc.
- > Response of electrostatic actuator to impulse of voltage
 - Parameters from text (pg 167)



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Solve via Laplace transform

> Use Laplace Transforms to solve in frequency domain

- Transform DE to algebraic equations
- Use unilateral Laplace to allow for non-zero IC's

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{Bu}$$

\Downarrow Unilateral Laplace

$$s\mathbf{X}(s) - \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{AX}(s) + \mathbf{BU}(s)$$

$$s\mathbf{IX}(s) - \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{AX}(s) + \mathbf{BU}(s)$$

$$(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{X}(s) = \mathbf{x}(0) + \mathbf{BU}(s)$$

Transfer Functions

- > Transfer functions $H(s)$ are useful for obtaining compact expression of input-output relation
 - What is the tip displacement as a function of voltage
- > Most easily obtained from equivalent circuit
- > But can also be obtained from linearized state eqns
 - Depends on A, B, C (or J_1, J_2, C) matrices
 - Can do this for fun analytically (see attachment at end)
 - Matlab can automatically convert from s.s to t.f. formulations
- > For our actuator, we would get three transfer functions

$$H(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{Q(s)}{V_{in}(s)} \\ \frac{g(s)}{V_{in}(s)} \\ \frac{\dot{g}(s)}{V_{in}(s)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Sinusoidal Steady State

- > When a LTI system is driven with a sinusoid, the steady-state response is a sinusoid at the same frequency
- > The amplitude of the response is $|H(j\omega)|$
- > The phase of the response relative to the drive is the angle of $H(j\omega)$
- > A plot of log magnitude vs log frequency and angle vs log frequency is called a Bode plot

$$u(t) = U_0 \cos(\omega t)$$



$$Y(j\omega) = H(j\omega)U(j\omega)$$

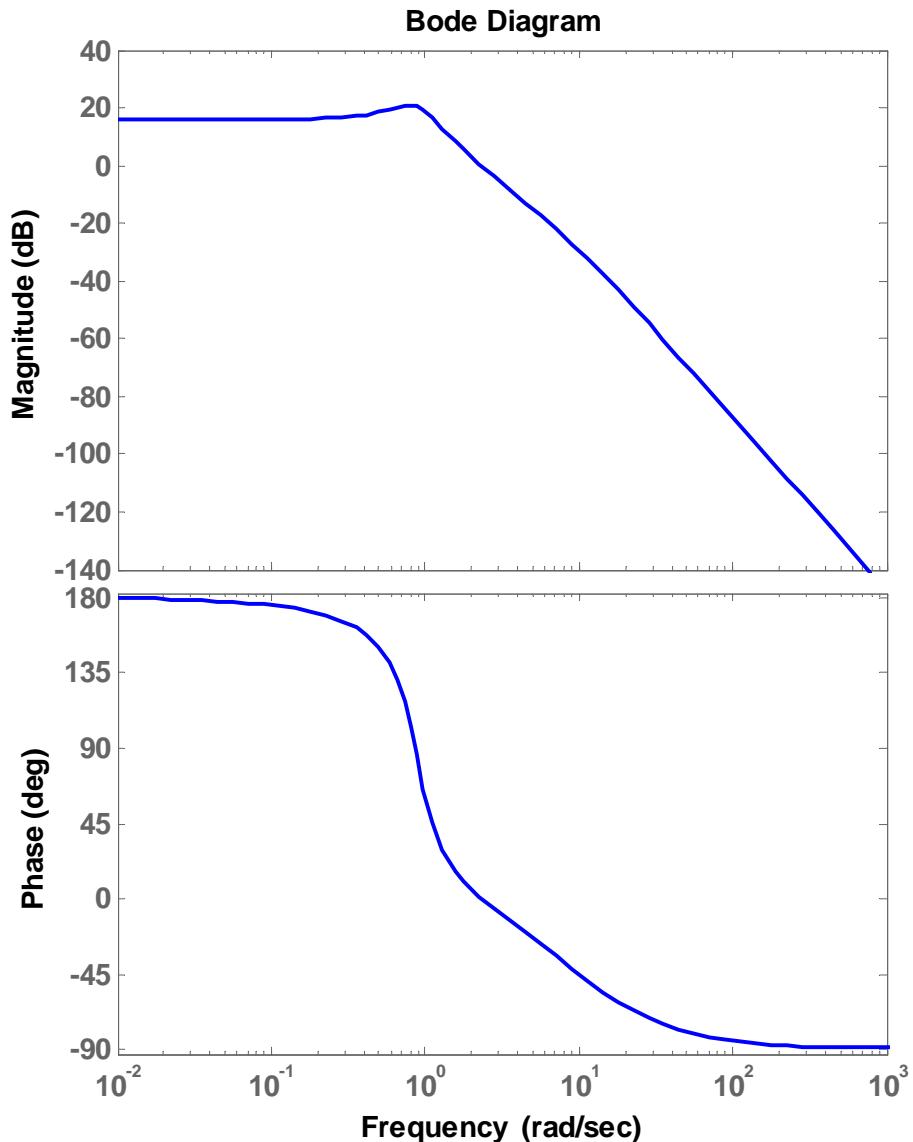
$$y_{sss}(t) = Y_0 \cos(\omega t + \theta)$$

$$Y_0 = |H(j\omega)|U_0$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{Im}\{H(j\omega)\}}{\text{Re}\{H(j\omega)\}}$$

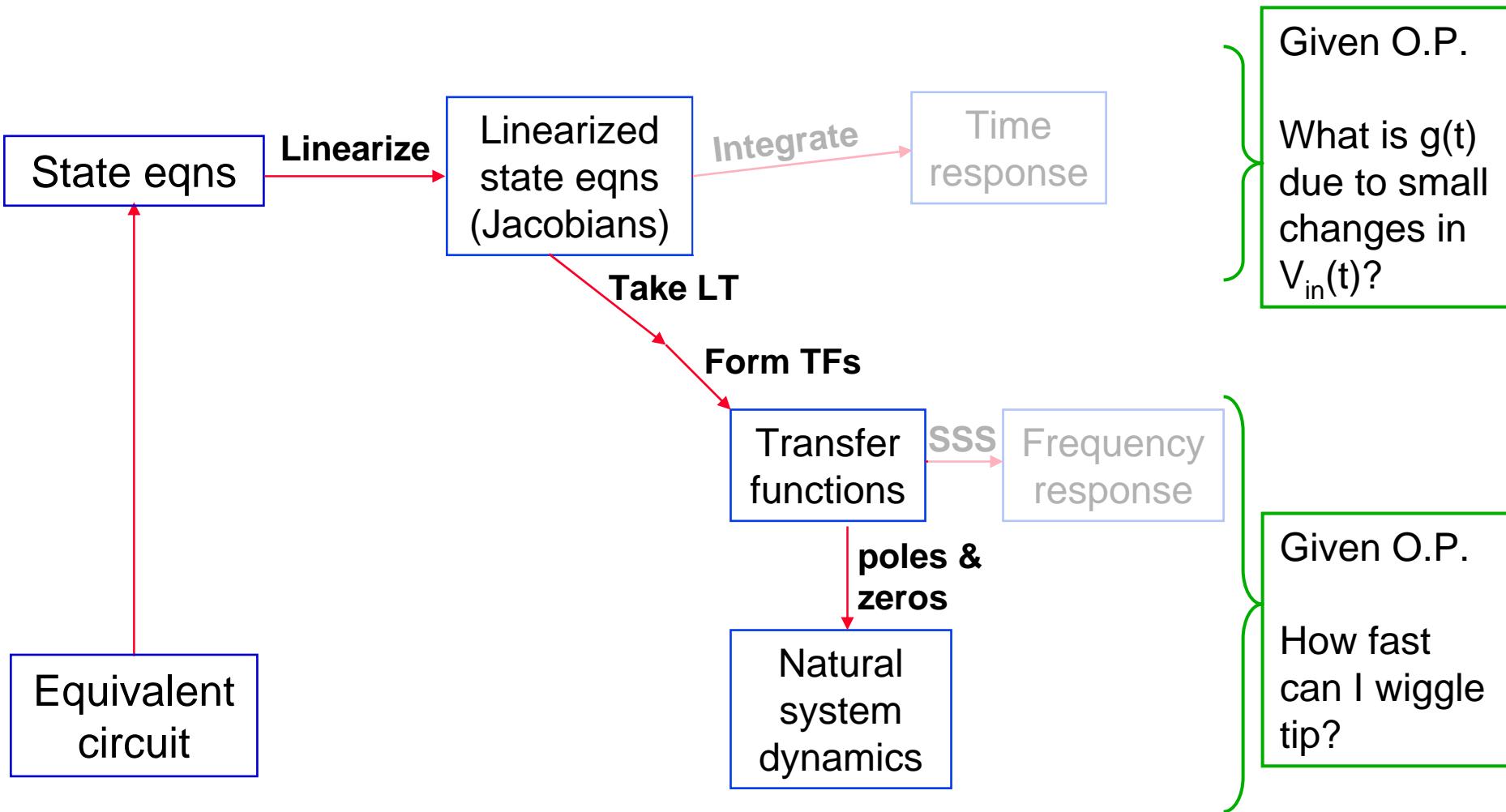
Bode plot of electrostatic actuator

- > Use Matlab® command `bode` with previously defined system `sys`
 - > Evaluate only one of TFs
- $$H(s) = \frac{g(s)}{V_{in}(s)}$$
- > This tells us how quickly we can wiggle tip!
 - At a certain OP!



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Poles and Zeros

- > For our models, system function is a ratio of polynomials in s
- > Roots of denominator are called poles
 - They describe the natural (unforced) response of the system
- > Roots of the numerator are called zeros
 - They describe particular frequencies that fail to excite any output
- > System functions with the same poles and zeros have the same dynamics

$$\mathbf{H}(s) = \frac{\mathbf{g}(s)}{\mathbf{V}_{\text{in}}(s)} = \frac{\frac{-Q_0}{\varepsilon A R m}}{s^3 + \left(\frac{1}{RC_0} + \frac{b}{m} \right) s^2 + \left(\frac{1}{RC_0} \frac{b}{m} + \frac{k}{m} \right) s + \left(\frac{1}{RC_0} \frac{k}{m} - \frac{Q_0^2}{\varepsilon^2 A^2} \frac{1}{R m} \right)}$$

where $C_0 = \frac{\varepsilon A}{\hat{g}_0}$

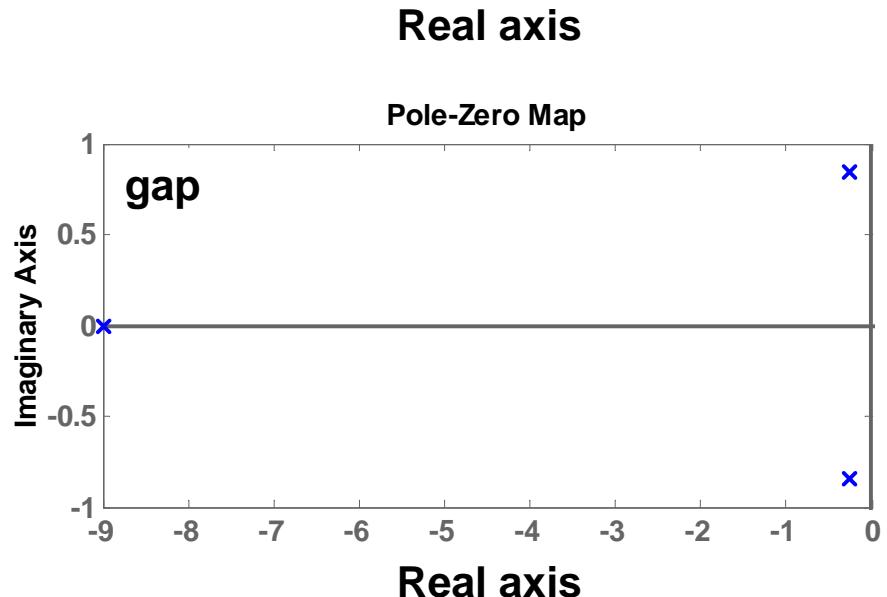
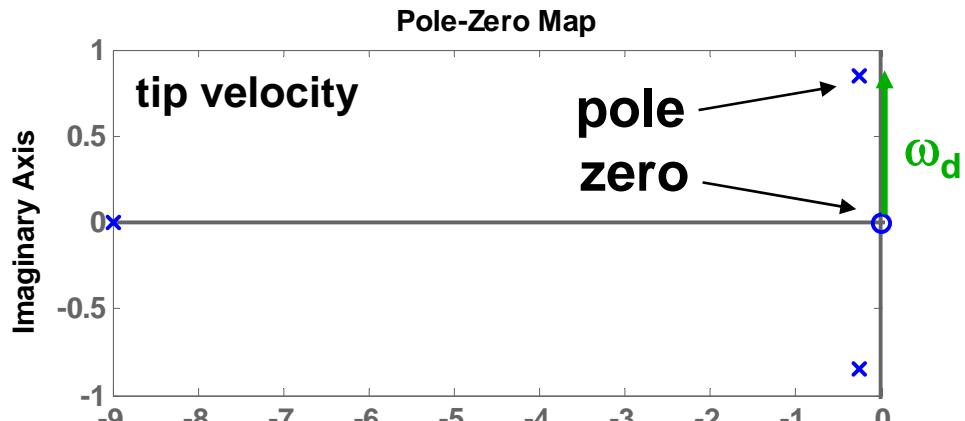
- > MATLAB solution for poles is VERY long

Pole-zero diagram

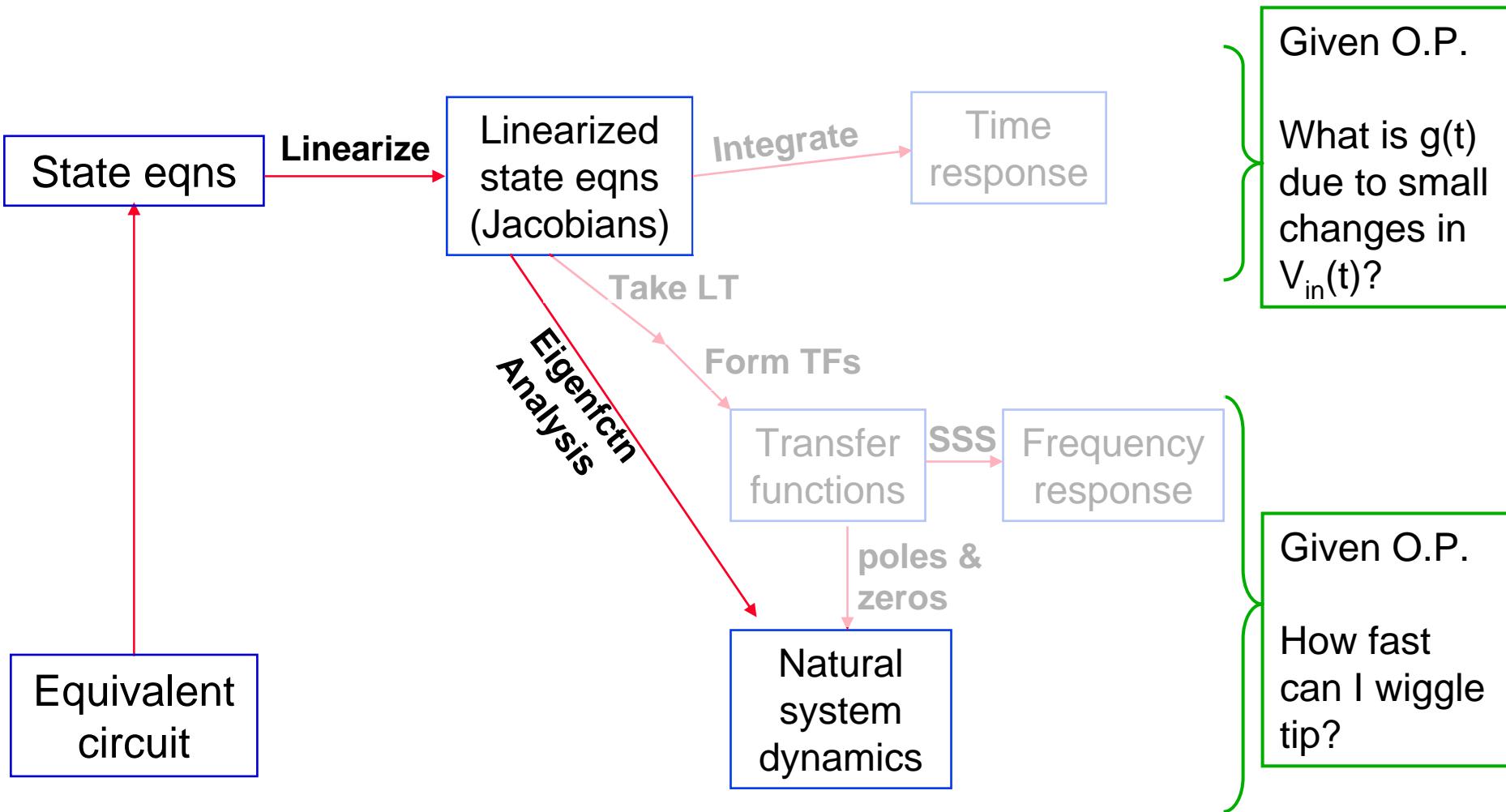
> Displays information about dynamics of system function

- Matlab command `pzmap`

> Useful for examining dynamics, stability, etc.



Small-signal analysis



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Eigenfunction Analysis

- > For an LTI system, we can find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the \mathbf{J}_1 (or \mathbf{A}) matrix describing the internal dynamics

For scalar 1st-order system:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \lambda x \Rightarrow x(t) = K_0 e^{\lambda t} + K_1$$

Our linear (or linearized)
homogeneous systems look like:

$$\delta\dot{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{J}_1\delta\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{J}_2\delta\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{t})$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \quad \frac{d(\delta\mathbf{x})}{dt} = \mathbf{J}_1\delta\mathbf{x}$$

If we try solution:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{K}e^{\lambda t}$$

Plug into DE:

$$\lambda\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Ax}$$

- This is an eigenvalue equation
- If we find λ we can find natural frequencies of system

Eigenfunction Analysis

- > These λ are the same as the poles s_i of the system
- > Can solve analytically
 - Find λ from $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$
- > Or numerically `eig(sys)`

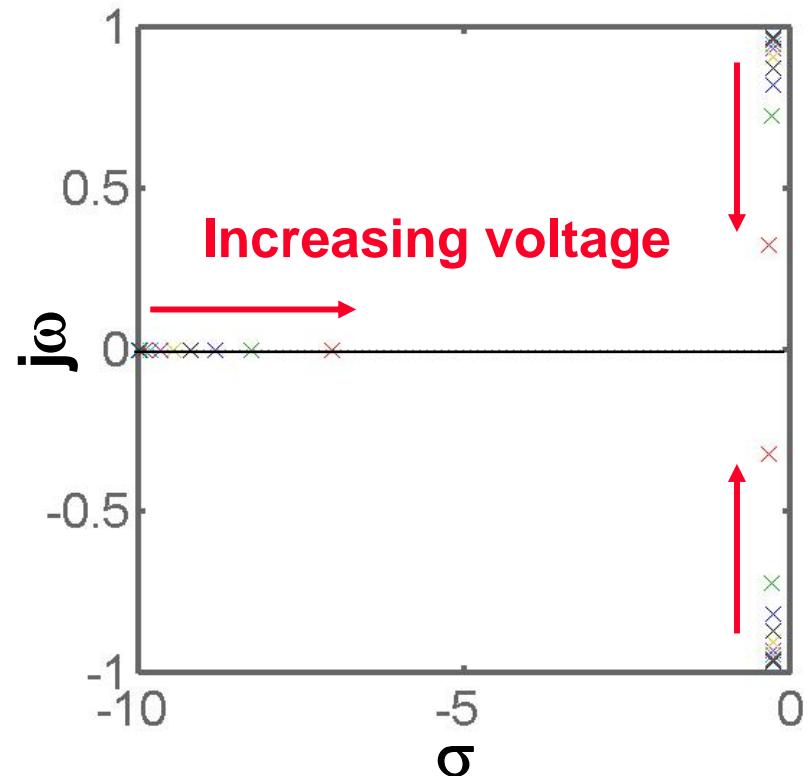
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-0.2627 + 0.8455i

-0.2627 - 0.8455i

Linearized system poles

- > We can use either λ_i or s_i to determine natural frequencies of system
- > As we increase applied voltage
 - Stable damped resonant frequency decreases
- > Plotting poles as system changes is a root-locus plot



Spring softening

- > Plot damped resonant frequency versus applied voltage
- > Resonant frequency is changing because net spring constant k changes with frequency
- > This is an electrically tuned mechanical resonator

$$k' = k - \frac{\varepsilon A V^2}{g^3}$$

This is called
spring softening

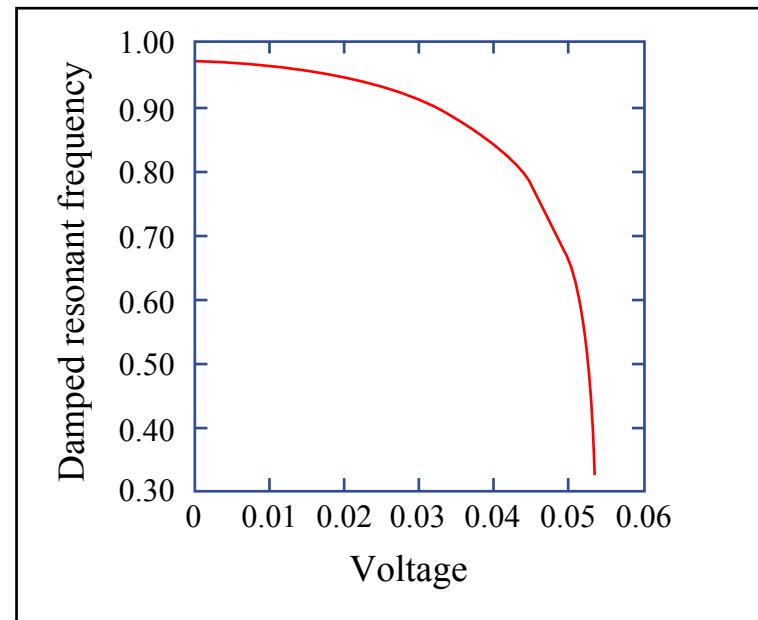
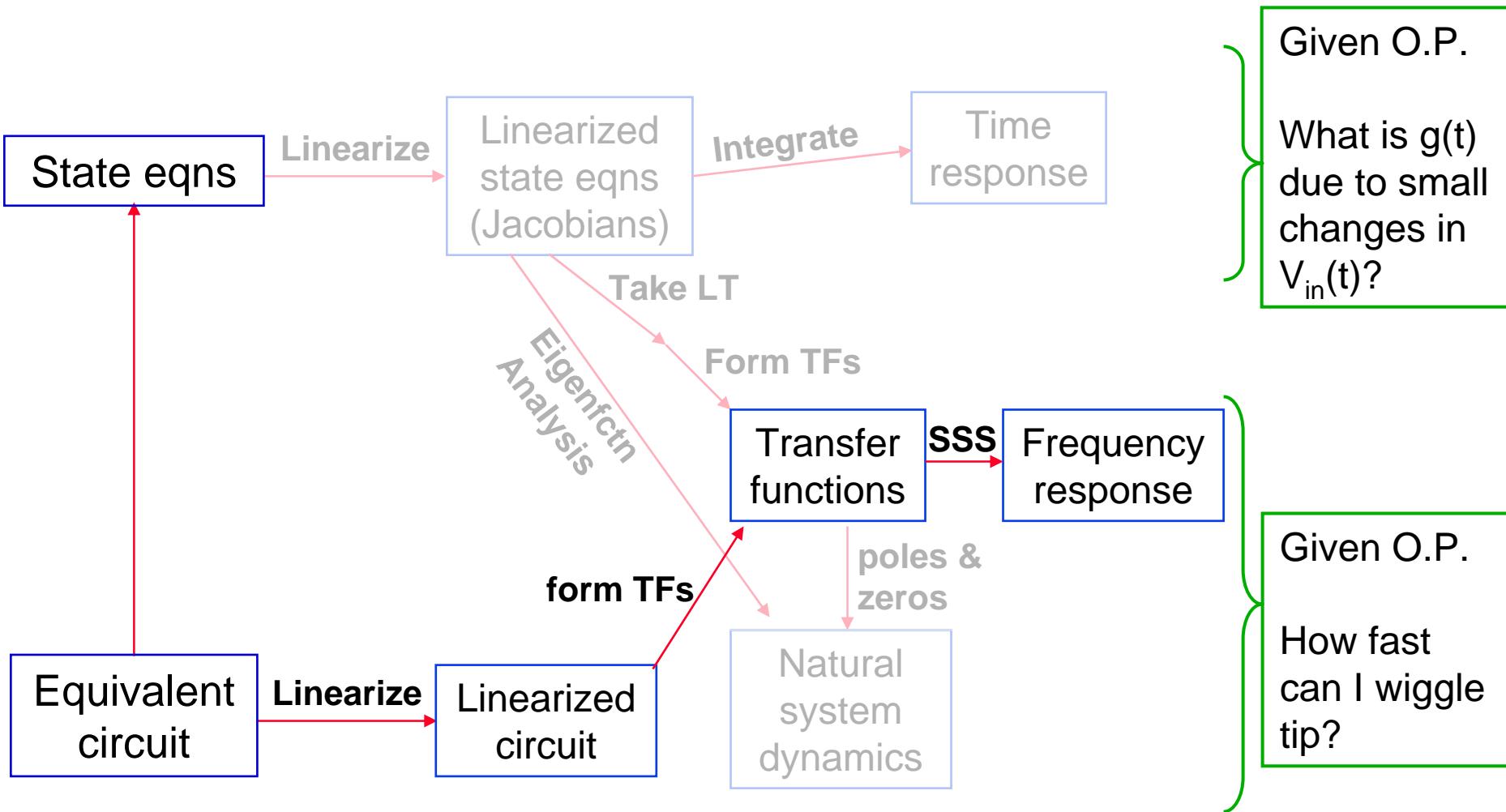


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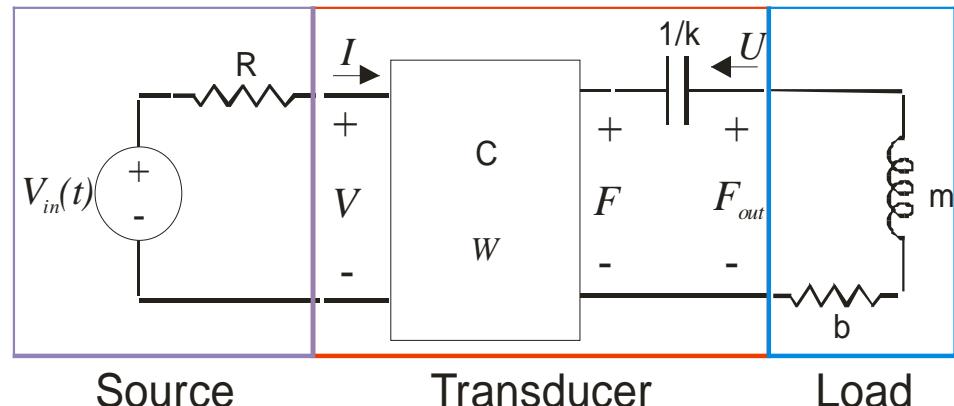
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Linearized Transducers

- > Can we directly linearize our equivalent circuit?
YES!

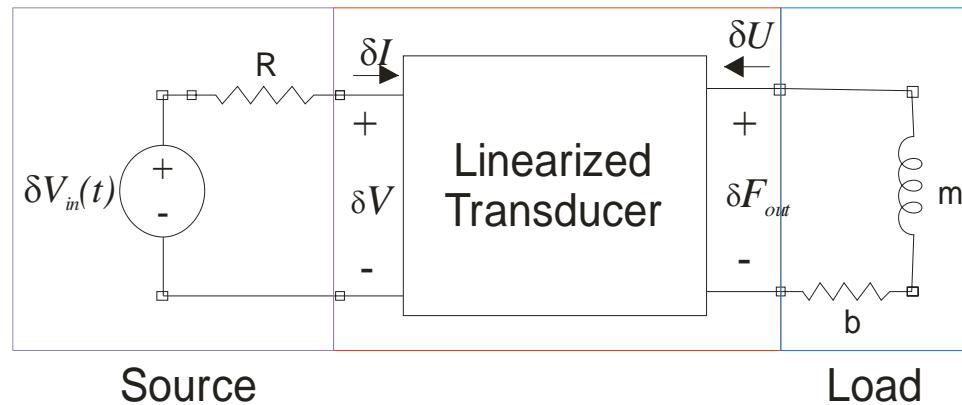
- > This is perhaps the most common analysis in the literature

- > First, choose what is load and what is transducer
 - Here we include spring with transducer



Source Transducer Load

Find OP
Linearize



Source Load

Linearized Transducer Model

> First, find O.P.

$$V_0, \hat{g}_0, Q_0$$

> Next, generate matrix to relate *incremental* port variables to each other

- Start from energy and force relations

$$V = \frac{Qg}{\varepsilon A}$$

$$F_{out} = \frac{Q^2}{2\varepsilon A} - k(g_0 - g)$$

- Linearize (take partials...)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta V \\ \delta F_{out} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\hat{g}_0}{\varepsilon A} & \frac{Q_0}{\varepsilon A} \\ \frac{Q_0}{\varepsilon A} & k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta Q \\ \delta g \end{bmatrix}$$

> Recast in terms of port variables

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta Q \\ \delta g \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta I / s \\ \delta U / s \end{bmatrix}$$

> Define intermediate variables

$$C_0 = \frac{\varepsilon A}{\hat{g}_0}, \quad V_0 = \frac{Q_0}{C_0}$$

> Final expression

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta V \\ \delta F_{out} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{sC_0} & \frac{V_0}{s\hat{g}_0} \\ \frac{V_0}{s\hat{g}_0} & \frac{k}{s} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta I \\ \delta U \end{bmatrix}$$

Linearized Transducers

- > Now we want to convert this relation into a circuit
- > Many circuit topologies are consistent with this matrix relation
- > THIS IS NOT UNIQUE!

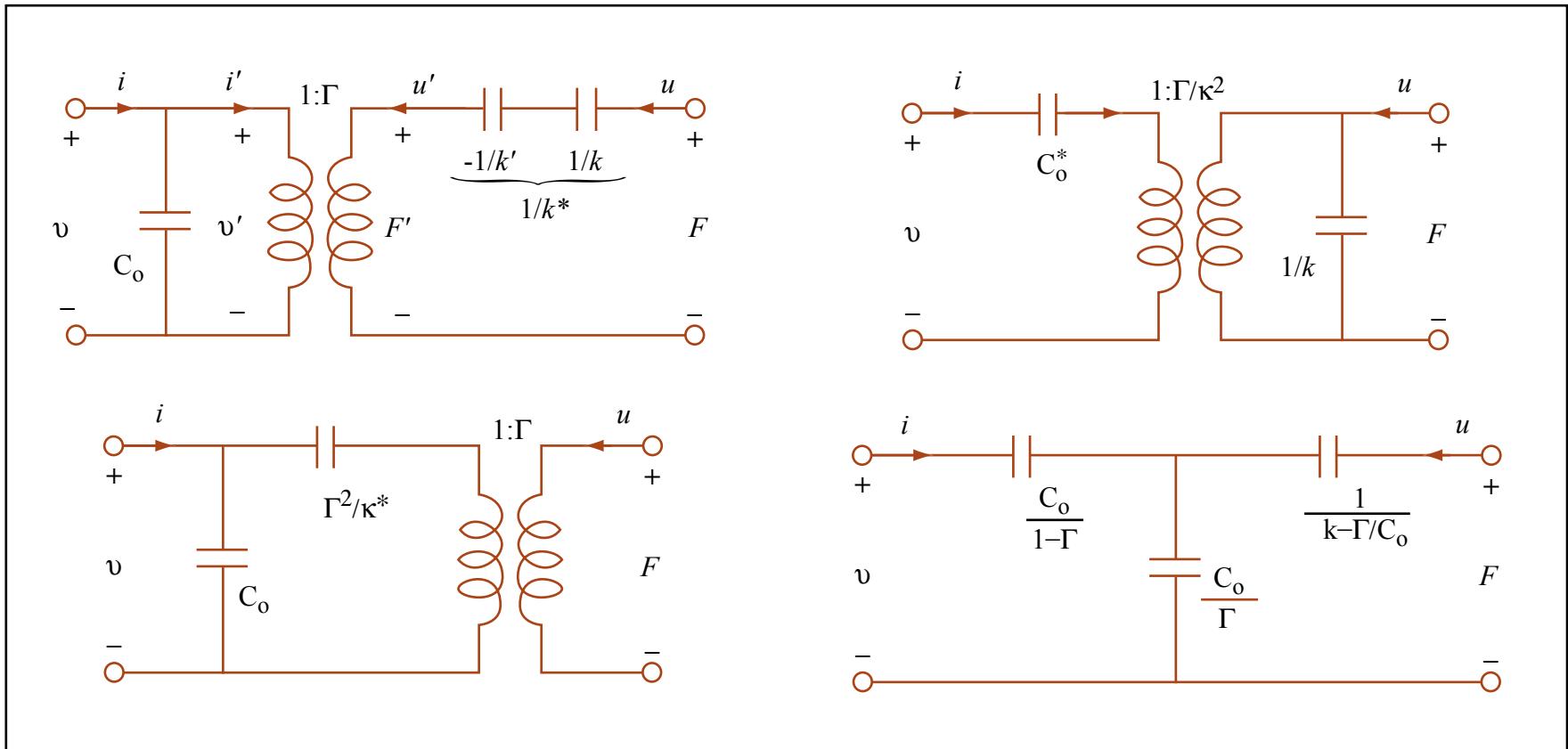


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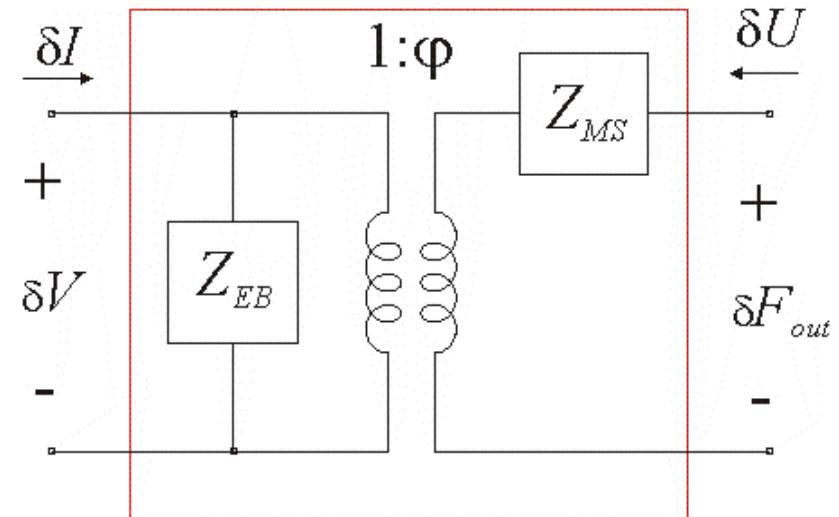
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Linearized Transducers

- > This is the one used in the text

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta V \\ \delta F_{out} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Z_{EB} & \varphi Z_{EB} \\ \varphi Z_{EB} & Z_{MO} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta I \\ \delta U \end{bmatrix}$$

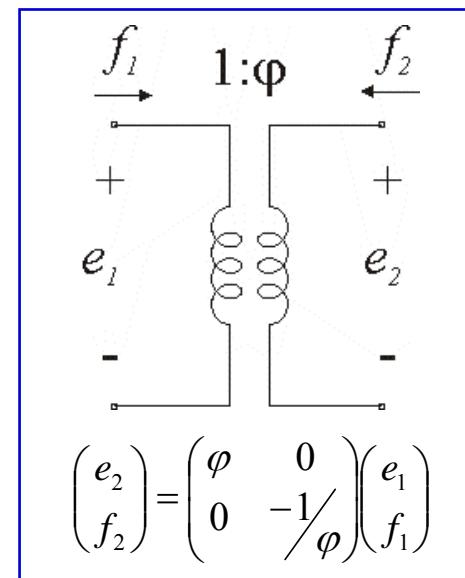
$$Z_{MS} = Z_{MO} \left(1 - \frac{\varphi^2 Z_{EB}}{Z_{MO}} \right)$$



- > Uses a transformer

- Transforms port variables
- Doesn't store energy

- > What we want to do now is identify Z_{EB} , Z_{MS} and φ , and figure out what they mean...



Linearized Transducers

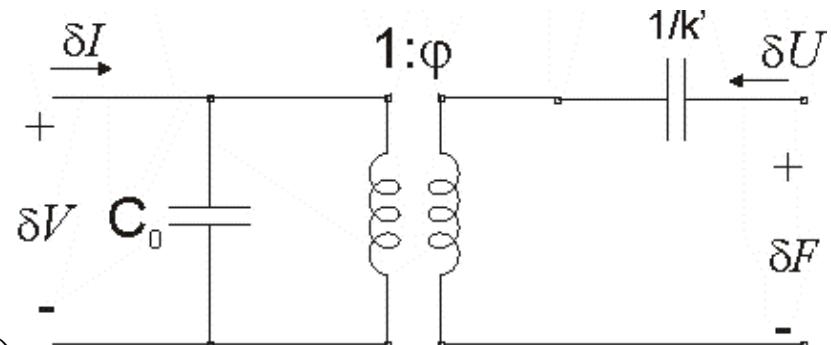
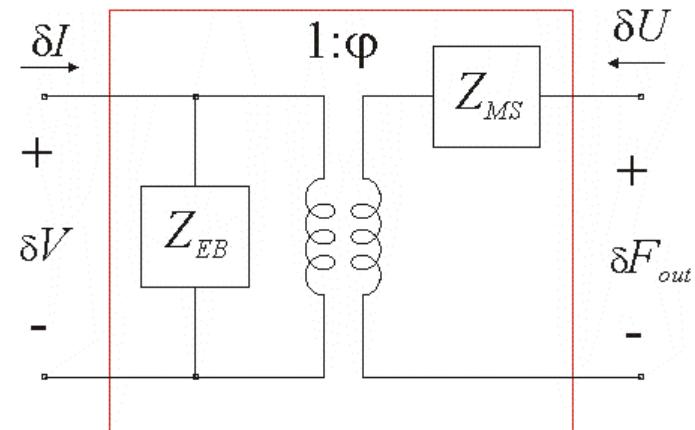
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$$Z_{MS} = Z_{MO} \left(1 - \frac{\varphi^2 Z_{EB}}{Z_{MO}} \right)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta V \\ \delta F \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{sC_0} & \frac{V_0}{s\hat{g}_0} \\ \frac{V_0}{s\hat{g}_0} & \frac{k}{s} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta I \\ \delta U \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Z_{MS} = \frac{k}{s} \left(1 - \left(\frac{Q_0}{\hat{g}_0} \right)^2 \frac{1/sC_0}{k/s} \right) = \frac{k}{s} \left(1 - \left(\frac{Q_0}{\hat{g}_0} \right)^2 \frac{1}{C_0 k} \right)$$

$$= \frac{k}{s} \left(1 - \frac{Q_0^2}{\epsilon A k \hat{g}_0} \right) \quad \rightarrow \quad k' = k - \frac{Q_0^2}{\epsilon A \hat{g}_0}$$

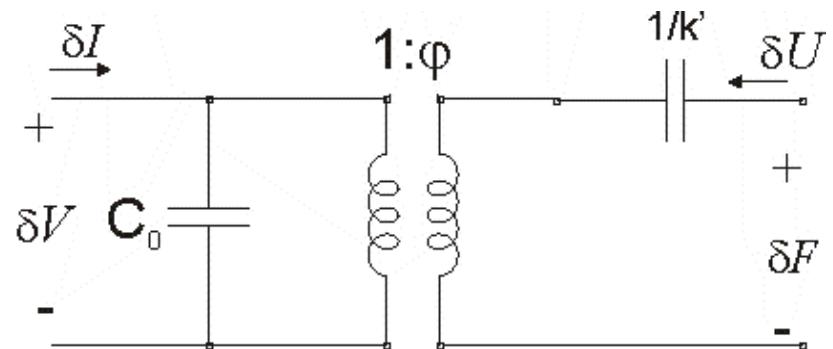


$$\varphi = \frac{C_0 V_0}{\hat{g}_0}$$

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Linearized Transducers

- > **C_0 represents the capacitance of the structure seen from the electrical port**
 - > **It is simply the capacitance at the gap given by the operating point**
 - > **As V_{in} increases, C_0 will increase until the structure pulls in**
 - > **This is a tunable capacitor**
-



$$C_0 = \frac{\epsilon A}{\hat{g}_0}$$

Linearized Transducers

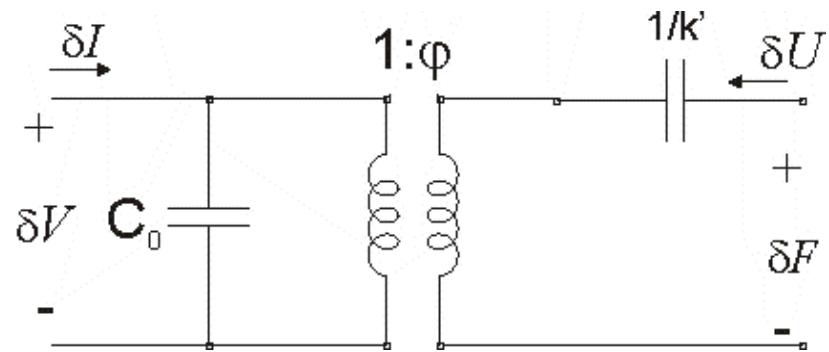
> k' represents the **effective spring**

> A combination of the mechanical spring k and the electrical spring

> This is an electrically tunable spring!

- Spring softening shows up in k'

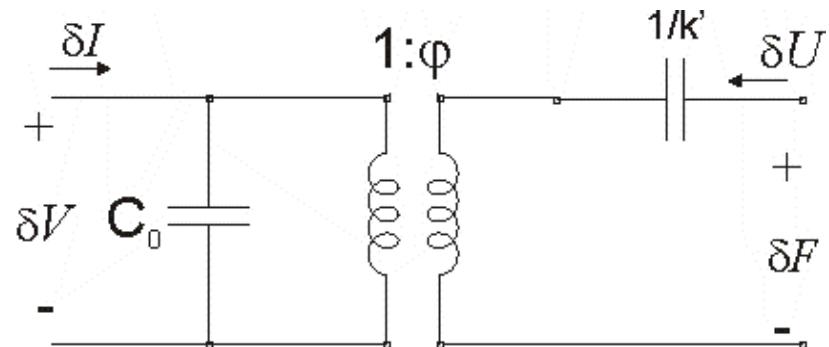
> As V_{in} increases, k' will decrease from k (at $V_{in}=0$) to 0 (at $V_{in}=V_{pi}$)



$$k' = k - \frac{Q_0^2}{\varepsilon A \hat{g}_0}$$

Linearized Transducers

- > φ represents the electromechanical coupling
- > Represents how much the capacitance changes with gap
- > A measure of sensitivity



$$\varphi = \frac{C_0 V_0}{\hat{g}_0} = \frac{Q_0}{\hat{g}_0}$$

$$\boxed{\varphi = -V_0 \frac{\partial C}{\partial g} \Big|_{O.P.}} = -V_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial g} \frac{\varepsilon A}{g} \Big|_{O.P.}$$

$$= V_0 \frac{\varepsilon A}{\hat{g}_0^2}$$

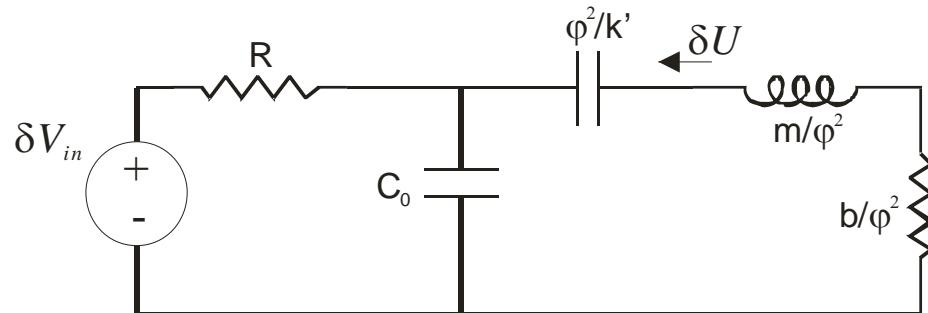
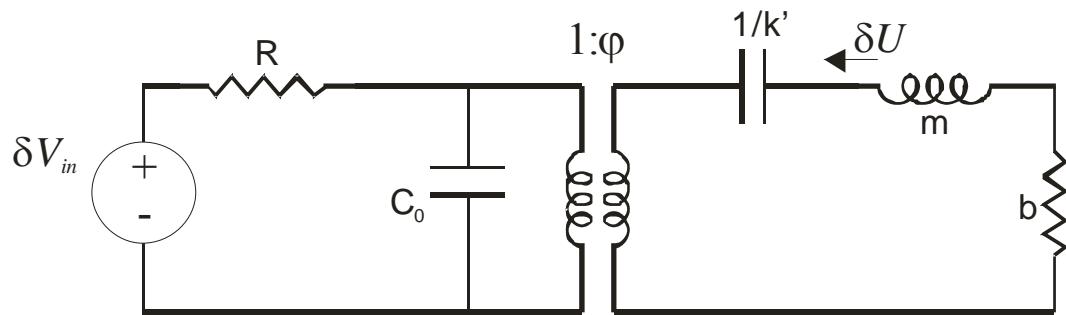
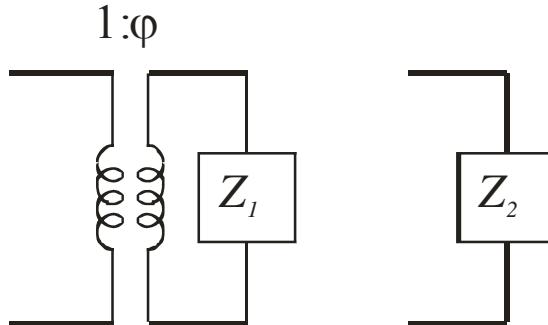
$$= \frac{C_0 V_0}{\hat{g}_0}$$

Transfer Functions

- > Can use linearized circuit to construct $H(s)$ using complex impedances
- > Usually helpful to “eliminate” transformer

- > Transformer changes impedances

$$Z_2 = \frac{Z_1}{\phi^2}$$



Can now get any transfer function using standard circuit analysis

Linearized Transducer Models

> Now we can understand Nguyen's filter!

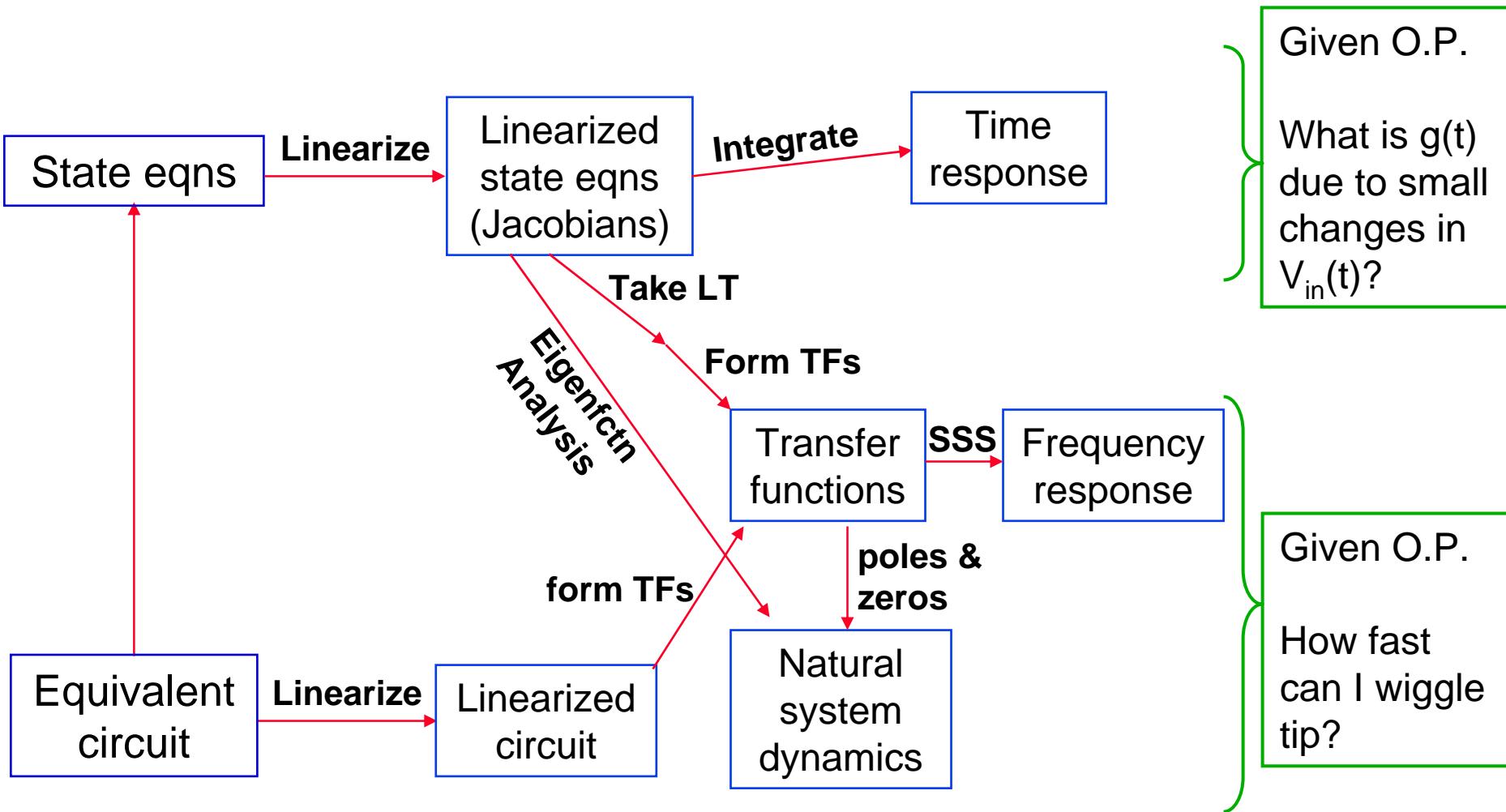
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Small-signal analysis summary



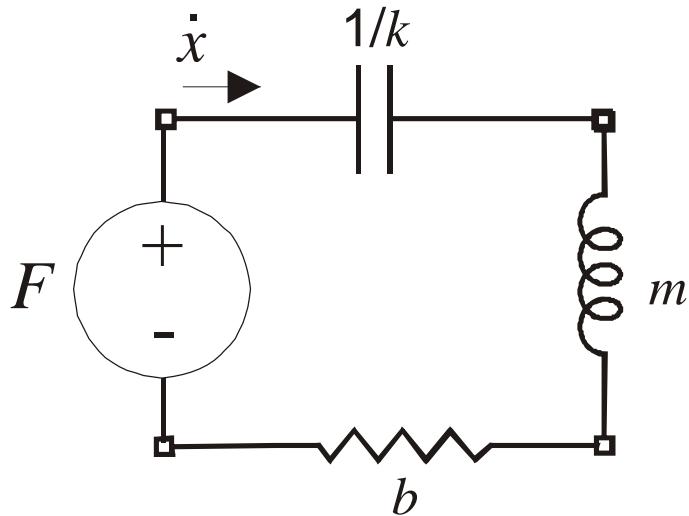
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Conclusions

- > We can now analyze and design both quasistatic and dynamic behavior of our multi-domain MEMS
- > We have much more powerful tools to analyze linear systems than nonlinear systems
- > But most systems we encounter are nonlinear
- > Linearization permits the study of small-signal inputs
- > Next up: special topics in structures, heat transfer, fluids

Review: analysis of a 2nd-order linear system

> Spring-mass-dashpot



$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \dot{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \frac{1}{m}(F - kx - b\dot{x}) \end{bmatrix}$$

State
eqns



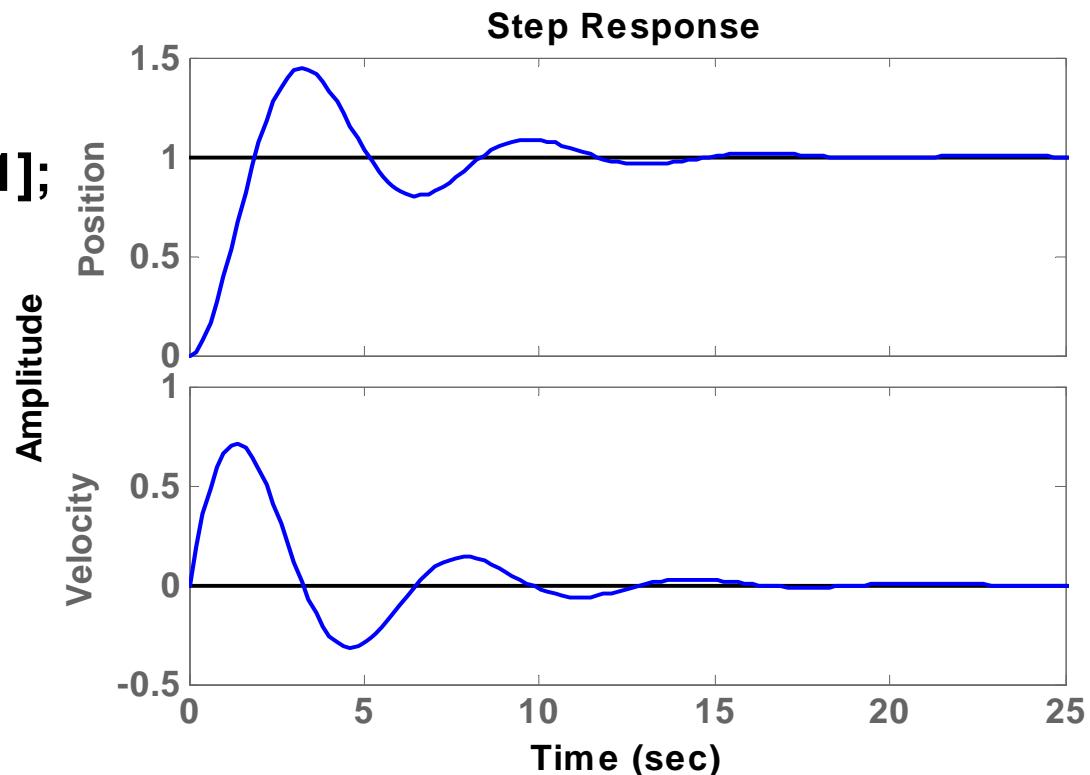
$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}\end{aligned}$$

Direct Integration in Time

> Example: Spring-mass-dashpot step response

- $k=m=1; b=0.5;$

```
>> A=[0 1;-1 -0.5]; B=[0;1];
>> C=[1 0;0 1]; D=[0;0];
>> sys=ss(A,B,C,D);
>> step(sys)
```



Transfer Functions

- > Can get TFs from A,B,C matrices

$$\mathbf{Y}(s) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{X}(s) + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{U}(s)$$

$$\mathbf{Y}(s) = \mathbf{C}[(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{x}(0) + (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}(s)] + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{U}(s)$$

↓
**Assume transient has died out ($\mathbf{X}_{ZIR}=0$)
No feed-through ($D=0$)**

$$\mathbf{Y}(s) = [\mathbf{C}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{B}] \mathbf{U}(s)$$

$$\mathbf{Y}(s) = \mathbf{H}(s)\mathbf{U}(s)$$

$$\mathbf{H}(s) = [\mathbf{C}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{B}]$$

Transfer Functions

> Let's do analytically & via MATLAB

$$s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} s & 0 \\ 0 & s \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -k/m & -b/m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} s & -1 \\ k/m & s + b/m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} = \frac{1}{\Delta} \begin{bmatrix} s + b/m & 1 \\ -k/m & s \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = s(s + b/m) + k/m = s^2 + sb/m + k/m$$

$$\mathbf{C}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\Delta} \begin{bmatrix} s + b/m & 1 \\ -k/m & s \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Delta} \begin{bmatrix} 1/m \\ s/m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{H}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}(s) \\ \mathbf{F}(s) \\ \dot{\mathbf{X}}(s) \\ \mathbf{F}(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ ms^2 + sb + k \\ s \\ ms^2 + sb + k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{H}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ s^2 + 0.5s + 1 \\ s \\ s^2 + 0.5s + 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

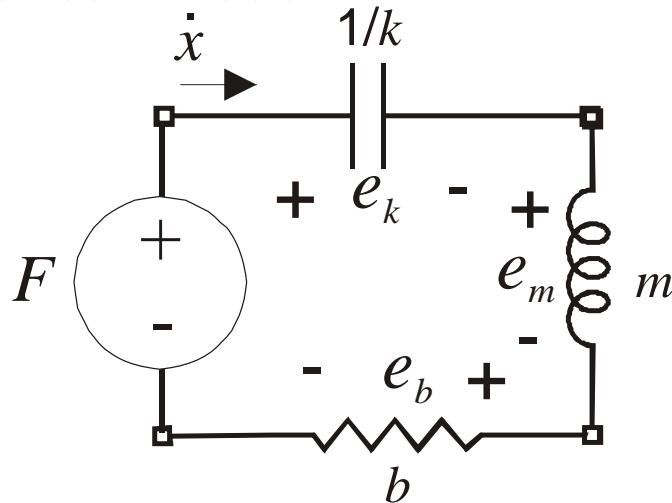
>> [n,d]=ss2tf(A,B,C,D)

n = $\begin{matrix} \mathbf{s^2} & \mathbf{s^1} & \mathbf{s^0} \\ 0 & -0.0000 & 1.0000 \\ 0 & 1.0000 & -0.0000 \end{matrix}$

d = $\begin{matrix} 1.0000 & 0.5000 & 1.0000 \end{matrix}$

Transfer Functions

- > Can also construct $H(s)$ directly using complex impedances and circuit model



$$F - e_k - e_m - e_b = 0$$

$$e_k = kx = \frac{k}{s} \dot{x}$$

$$e_b = bx$$

$$e_m = mx = ms\dot{x}$$

$$\frac{\dot{X}(s)}{F(s)} = H_2(s) = \frac{1}{Z(s)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{b + ms + k/s}$$

$$= \frac{s}{ms^2 + bs + k}$$

$$\frac{\dot{X}(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{sX(s)}{F(s)}$$

$$\frac{X(s)}{F(s)} = H_1(s) = \frac{1}{ms^2 + bs + k}$$

Poles and Zeros

- > For 2nd-order system, easy to get poles and zeros from TFs

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{m} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{s^2 + sb/m + k/m} \\ s \\ \frac{s}{s^2 + sb/m + k/m} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{m} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{(s - s_1)(s - s_2)} \\ s \\ \frac{s}{(s - s_1)(s - s_2)} \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$s_{1,2} = -\frac{b}{2m} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)^2 - \frac{k}{m}}$$

these are the poles

Spring-mass-dashpot system

- > It is a second order system, with two poles

$$s^2 + \frac{b}{m}s + \frac{k}{m} = s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2$$

- > We conventionally define

- Undamped resonant frequency
- Damping constant
- Damped resonant frequency
- Quality factor

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{b}{2m}$$

$$s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

For underdamped systems ($\alpha < \omega_0$)

$$s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm j\omega_d$$

where

$$\omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2}$$

Quality factor :

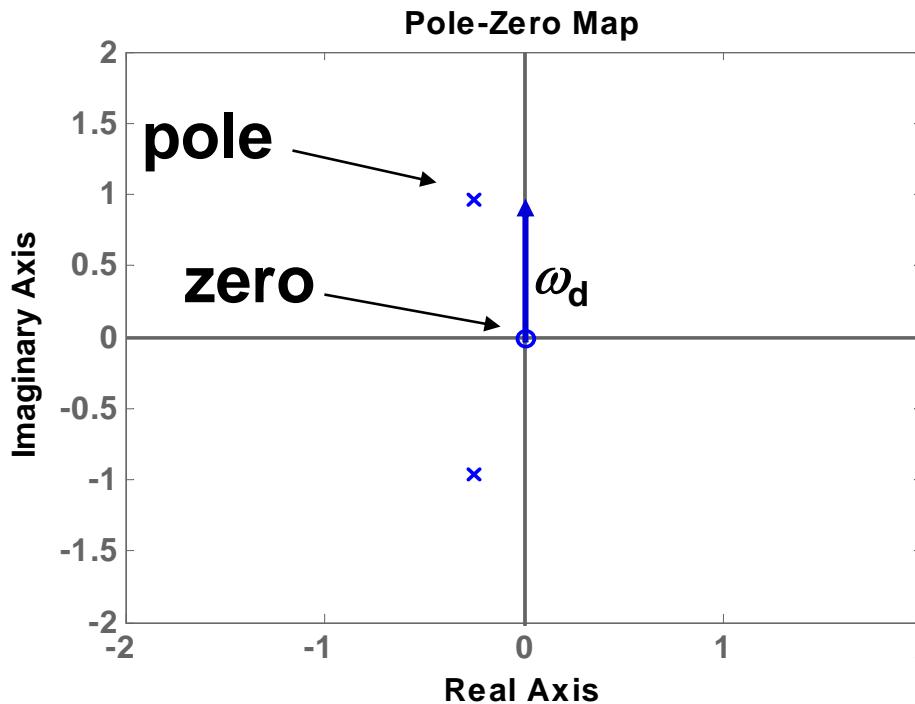
$$Q = \frac{\omega_0}{2\alpha} = \frac{m\omega_0}{b}$$

Pole-zero diagram

> Displays information about dynamics of system function

$$H_2(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 0.5s + 1}$$

$$s_{1,2} = -0.25 \pm j\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{16}} = -0.25 \pm j0.97$$

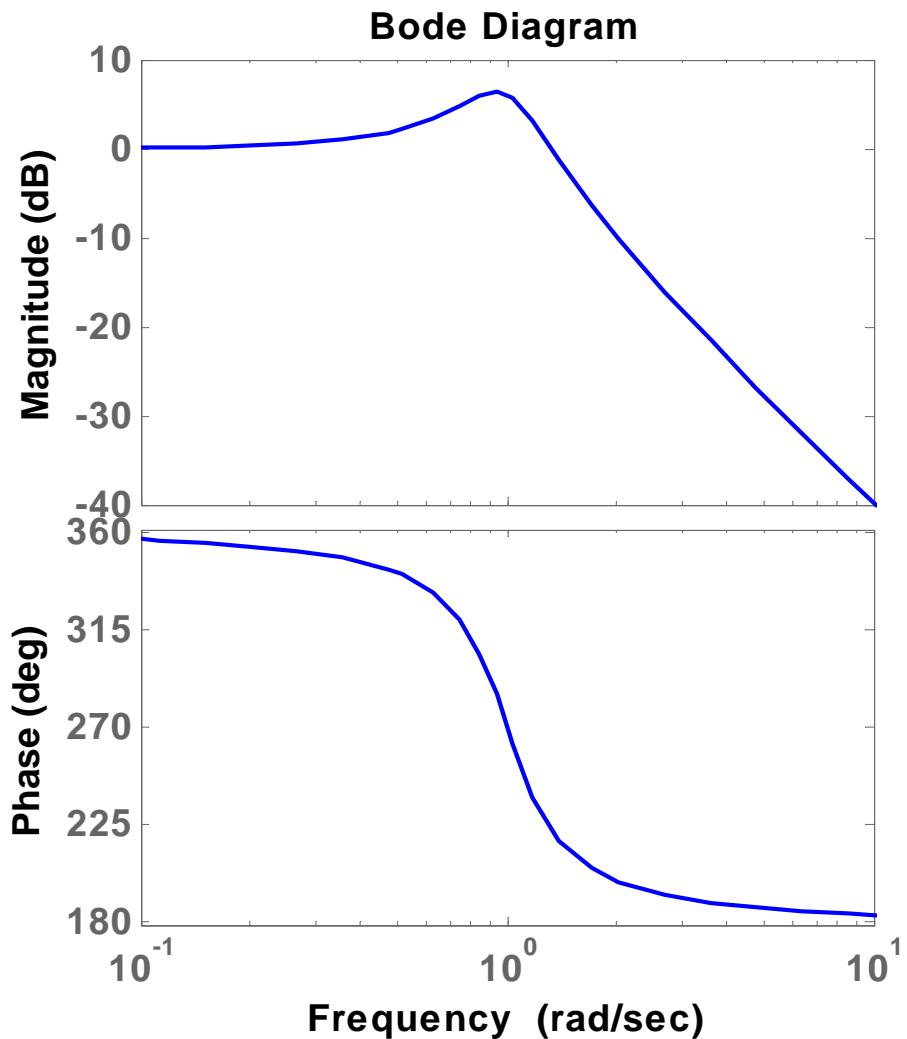


SMD-position frequency response

$$\mathbf{H}(j\omega) = \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{-\omega^2 + 2\alpha j\omega + \omega_0^2}$$

$$|\mathbf{H}(j\omega)| = \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\alpha^2\omega^2}}$$

$$\angle \mathbf{H}(j\omega) = -\text{atan}\left(\frac{2\alpha\omega}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}\right)$$



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Eigenfunction Analysis

> Find eigenvalues numerically using MATLAB and A matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\mathbf{V}, \Lambda] = \text{eig}(\mathbf{A})$$

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.25 + 0.97j & 0 \\ 0 & -0.25 - 0.97j \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{V} = [v_1 \quad v_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.707 & 0.707 \\ -0.18 - 0.68j & -0.18 - 0.68j \end{bmatrix}$$