



# **THE BEHAVIORAL APPROACH**

to

# **SYSTEMS and CONTROL**

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## Problematique:

**Develop a suitable *mathematical* framework to discuss  
(dynamical) systems that interact with their environment,  
  
aimed at modeling, analysis, and synthesis.**

**~> control, signal processing, system identification, . . .**

# OUTLINE

## Part I

- 1. Motivational examples**
- 2. Historical remarks**
- 3. Basic concepts**
- 4. Latent variables**
- 5. Linearity, Time-invariance**
- 6. Controllability and observability**
- 7. Modeling by tearing and zooming**

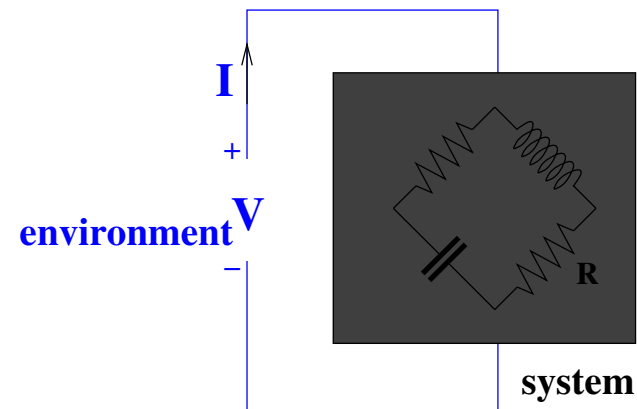
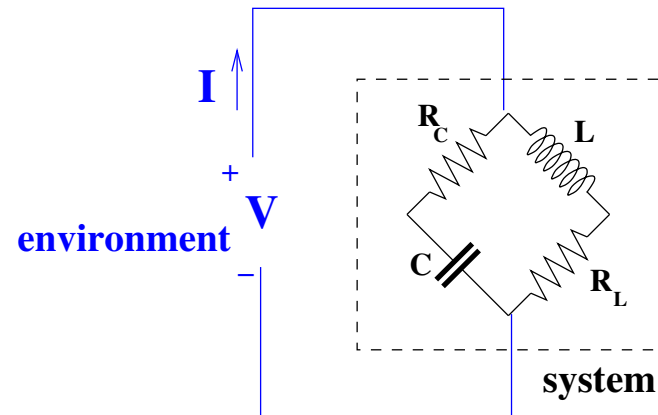
# OUTLINE

## Part II

- 1. Linear differential systems**
- 2. Algebraization**
- 3. Elimination of latent variables**
- 4. Controllability**
- 5. Observability**
- 6. Other issues: Distributed systems**
- 7. Control in a behavioral setting**

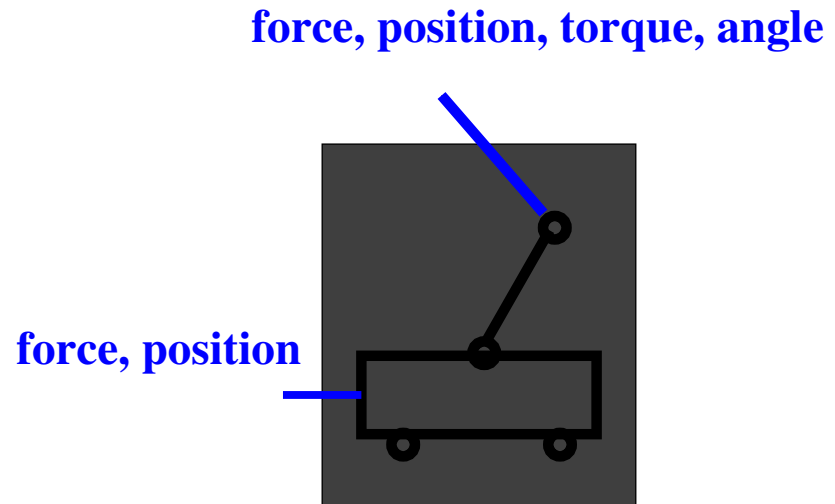
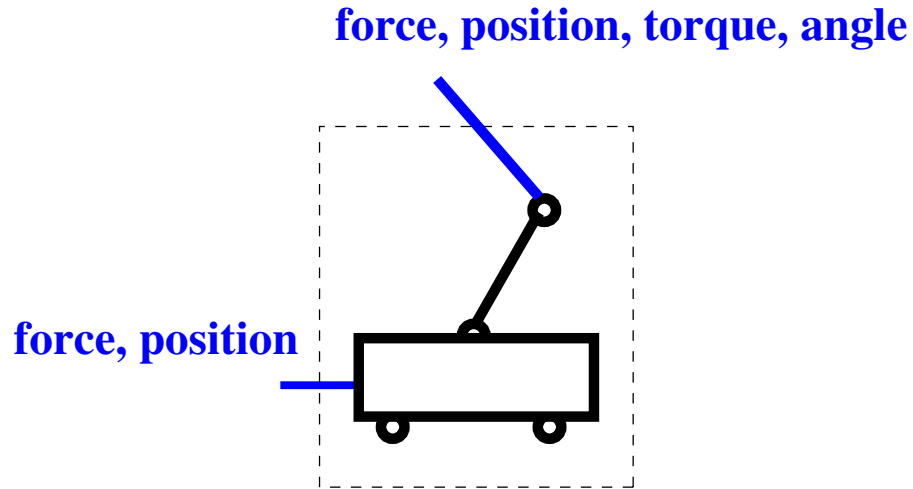
# **MOTIVATIONAL EXAMPLES**

Consider the electrical circuit



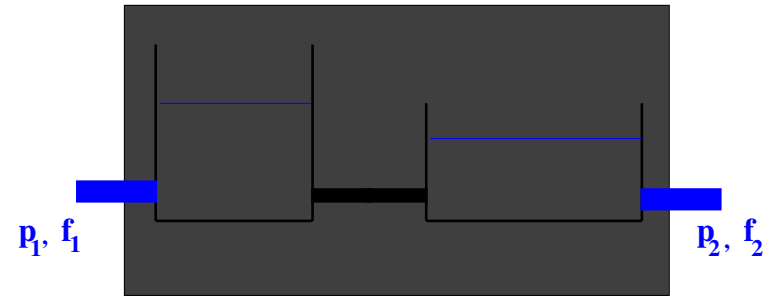
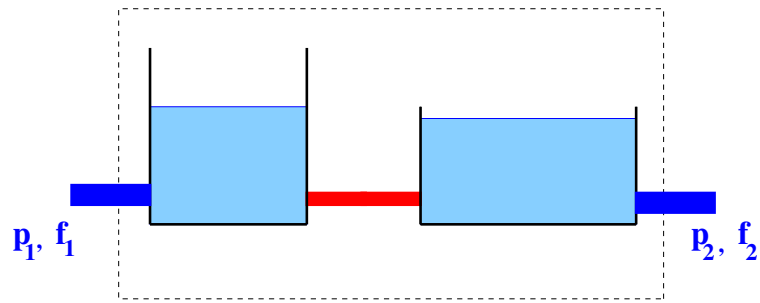
**!! Model the relation between the voltage  $V$  and the current  $I$**

Consider the mechanical system



**!! Model the relation between the positions, forces, torque, angle**

Consider the fluidic system



**!! Model the relation between the flows and the pressures**



**HISTORICAL REMARKS**

Early 20-th century: emergence of the notion of a **transfer function**  
(Rayleigh, Heaviside).

Since the 1920's: routinely used in circuit theory  
(Foster, Brune, Cederbaum, . . . )

~> impedances, admittances, scattering matrices, etc.

Since the 1930's: control theory embraces transfer functions  
(Nyquist, Bode, . . . ) ~> plots and diagrams, classical control.

Around 1950: Wiener sanctifies the notion of a **blackbox**,  
attempts nonlinear generalization (via **Volterra series**).



**1960's: Kalman's *state space* ideas come in vogue**

~> **input/state/output systems**, and the ubiquitous

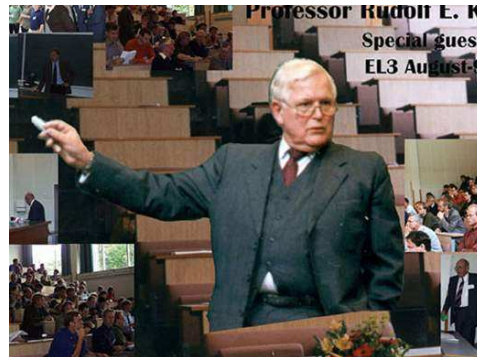
$$\frac{d}{dt}x = Ax + Bu, \quad y = Cx + Du,$$

**or its nonlinear counterpart**

$$\frac{d}{dt}x = f(x, u), \quad y = h(x, u).$$

**Axiomatization** in the book Kalman, Falb and Arbib:

**A system = a state transition function followed by a read-out map.**



All these theories: input/output; cause  $\Rightarrow$  effect.

**On the sidelines: sputtering**

**in system theory: Rosenbrock's system matrices**

**in circuit theory (Newcomb, Belevitch)**

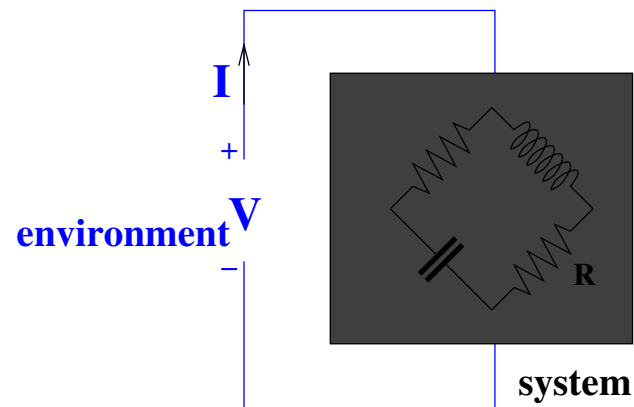
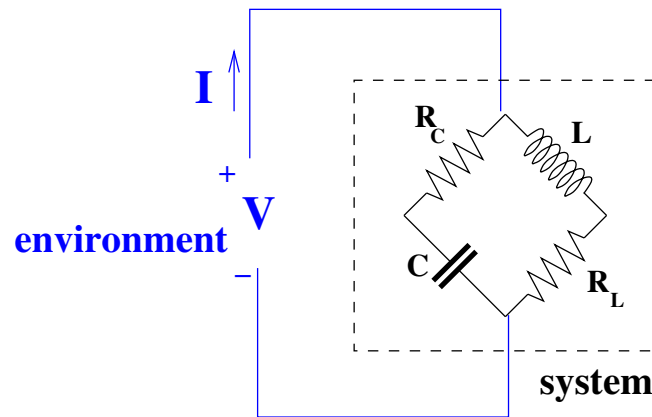
**in CS with formal languages, automata, grammars**

**in DES.**

## What's wrong with input/output thinking?

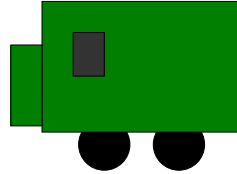
Let's look at examples:

**Our electrical circuit.**



**Is  $V$  the input? Or  $I$ ? Or both, or are they both outputs?**

Consider an automobile:



External terminals:

wind, tires, steering wheel, gas/brake pedal.

What are the inputs?

at the wind terminal: **the force**,

at the tire terminals: **the forces, or, more likely, the positions?**

at the steering wheel: **the torque or the angle?**

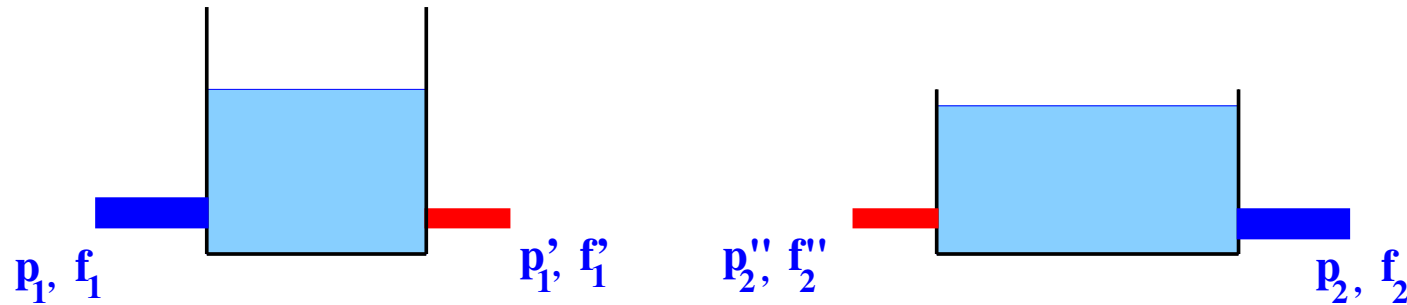
at the gas-pedal, or the brake-pedal: **the force or the position?**

**Difficulty:** at each terminal there are **many** (typically paired)  
interconnection variables

Input/output is awkward in modeling interconnections.

Consider the two-tank example.

Assume that we model the tank as an interconnection of two tanks.



Reasonable input choices: **the pressures**, output choices: **the flows**.

Now interconnect:

$$\text{Interconnection: } p_1' = p_2'', \quad f_1' + f_2'' = 0$$

**input=input; output=output!**

$\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$  SIMULINK<sup>©</sup>

very many such examples (e.g. in mechanics, heat transfer, etc.)



## Conclusions

- External variables are basic, but what 'drives' what, is not.
  - It is impossible to make an **a priori, fixed**, input/output selection for off-the-shelf modeling.
  - What can be the input, and what can be the output should be **deduced** from a dynamical model. Therefore, **we need a more general notion of 'model'**.
  - Interconnection, rather than **input selection**, is the basic mechanism by which a system interacts with its environment.
- ⇒ We need a better framework for discussing **'open'** systems!

## Is it worth worrying about these 'axiomatizations'?

They have a deep and lasting influence! Especially in teaching.

### Examples:

- **Probability** and the theory of stochastic processes as an axiomatization of **uncertainty**.
- The development of **input/output ideas** in system theory and control - often these axiomatizations are implicit, but nevertheless much very present.
- **QM.**

# **THE BASIC CONCEPTS**

## BEHAVIORAL SYSTEMS

A dynamical system =  $\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathcal{B})$

$\mathbb{T} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , the time-axis (= the relevant time instances),

$\mathbb{W}$ , the signal space (= where the variables take on their values),

$\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathbb{W}^{\mathbb{T}}$  : the behavior (= the admissible trajectories).

$$\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathfrak{B})$$

For a trajectory  $w : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}$ , we thus have:

$w \in \mathfrak{B}$  : the model **allows** the trajectory  $w$ ,

$w \notin \mathfrak{B}$  : the model **forbids** the trajectory  $w$ .

Usually,  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$ , or  $[0, \infty)$  (in continuous-time systems),  
or  $\mathbb{Z}$ , or  $\mathbb{N}$  (in discrete-time systems).

Usually,  $\mathbb{W} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^w$  (in lumped systems),  
a function space

(in distributed systems, with time a distinguished variable),  
or a finite set (in DES).

Emphasis later today:  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{R}^w$ ,

$\mathfrak{B}$  = solutions of system of linear constant coefficient ODE's.

## EXAMPLES

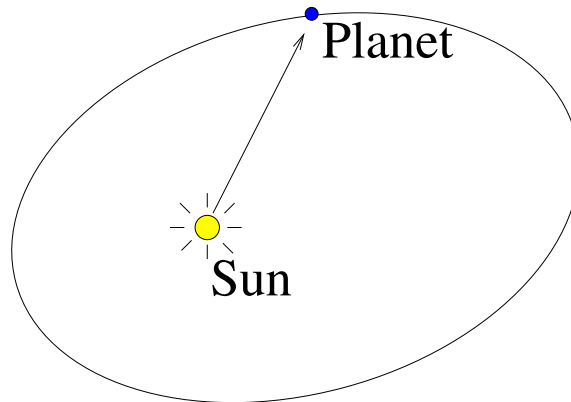
### 1. Planetary orbits

$T = \mathbb{R}$  (time),

$W = \mathbb{R}^3$  (position),

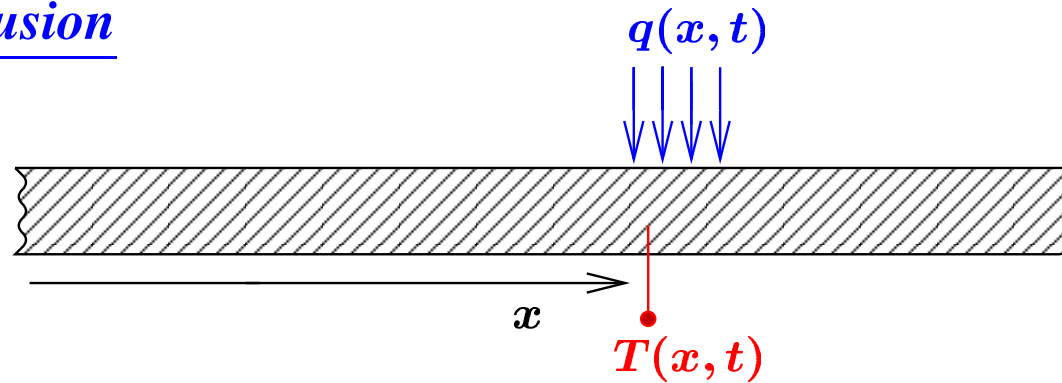
$\mathcal{B} =$  **planetary orbits**  $\cong$  **Kepler's laws:**

ellipses, = areas in = time,  $\frac{(\text{period})^2}{(\text{axis})^3} = \text{constant}$ .



Planetary orbits

## 2. Heat diffusion



### A heated bar

**Diffusion** describes the evolution of the **temperature**  $T(x, t)$  ( $x \in \mathbb{R}$  position,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  time) along a uniform bar (infinitely long), and the **heat**  $q(x, T)$  supplied to the bar.  $\leadsto$  the PDE

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} T = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} T + q$$

$\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$  (time),

$\mathbb{W} = \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^2)$  all (temperature, heat) distributions along a line ,

$\mathfrak{B} =$  all  $T(\cdot, t), q(\cdot, t)$ -pairs that satisfy the PDE.

**Note:** We view  $t$  as a distinguished variable.

### 3. Input / output systems

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(y(t), \frac{d}{dt}y(t), \frac{d^2}{dt^2}y(t), \dots, t) \\ = f_2(u(t), \frac{d}{dt}u(t), \frac{d^2}{dt^2}u(t), \dots, t) \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$  (time),

$\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{Y}$  (input  $\times$  output signal spaces),

$\mathfrak{B} =$  **all input / output pairs.**



#### 4'. Flows

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = f(x(t)),$$

$\mathfrak{B}$  = all state trajectories.

#### 4''. Observed flows

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = f(x(t)); \quad y(t) = h(x(t)),$$

$\mathfrak{B}$  = all possible output trajectories.

Note: It may be impossible to express  $\mathfrak{B}$  as the solutions of a differential equation involving only  $y$ .

## 5. Codes

$\mathbb{A}$  = the code alphabet, say,  $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{F}^w$ ,  $\mathbb{F}$  a finite field,

$\mathbb{I}$  = an index set, say,

$\mathbb{I} = (1, \dots, n)$  in block codes,

$\mathbb{I} = \mathbb{N}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}$  in convolutional codes,

$\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathbb{A}^{\mathbb{I}}$  = **the code**; yields the system  $\Sigma = (\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{A}, \mathcal{C})$ .

Redundancy structure, error correction possibilities, etc., are visible in the code behavior  $\mathcal{C}$ . **It is the central object of study.** The encoder and decoder can be put (temporarily) into the background.

**Example:** The following error detecting code:

$\mathbb{I} = \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{A} = \mathbb{F} = \{0, 1\}$ ,

$\mathcal{B}$  = all compact support sequences  $w : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  such that

$$w(t) = p_0 \ell(t) + p_1 \ell(t-1) + \dots + p_n \ell(t-n)$$

for some  $\ell : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ , with  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n \in \mathbb{F}$  design parameters.

## 6. Formal languages

$\mathbb{A}$  = a (finite) alphabet,

$\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathbb{A}^*$  = **the language** = all 'legal' 'words'  $a_1 a_2 \cdots a_k \cdots$

yields the system  $\Sigma = (\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{A}, \mathcal{L})$ .

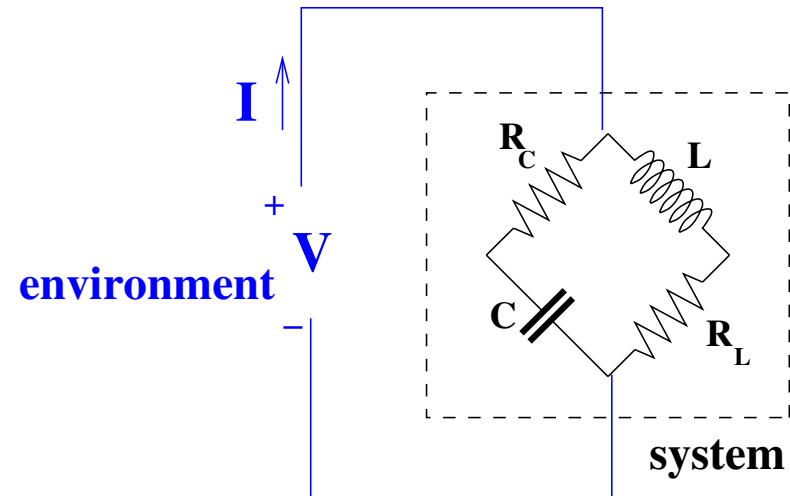
$\mathbb{A}^*$  = all finite strings with symbols from  $\mathbb{A}$ .

Examples: All words appearing in the *van Dale*

All  $\text{\LaTeX}$  documents

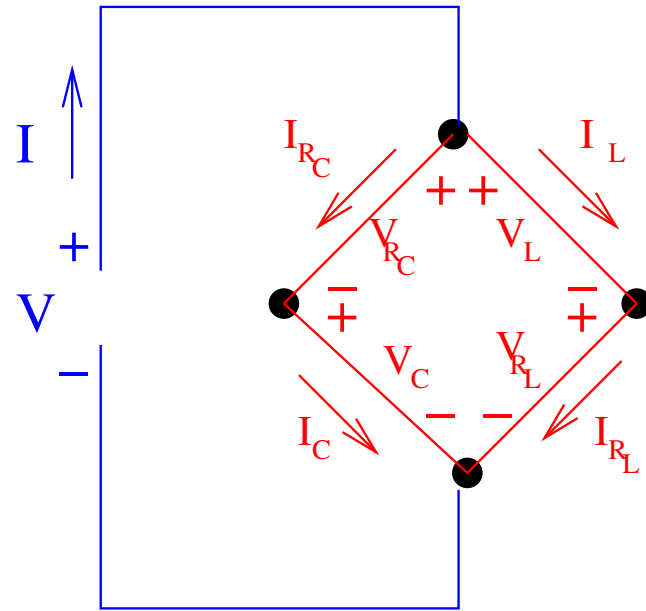
# **LATENT VARIABLE SYSTEMS**

Consider our electrical RLC - circuit:



**!! Model the relation between  $V$  and  $I$  !!**

How does this modeling proceed?



The circuit graph

## SYSTEM EQUATIONS

Introduce the following additional variables:

the **voltage across** and the **current in** each branch:

$$V_{R_C}, I_{R_C}, V_C, I_C, V_{R_L}, I_{R_L}, V_L, I_L.$$

Constitutive equations (CE):

$$V_{R_C} = R_C I_{R_C}, \quad V_{R_L} = R_L I_{R_L}, \quad C \frac{d}{dt} V_C = I_C, \quad L \frac{d}{dt} I_L = V_L$$

Kirchhoff's voltage laws (KVL):

$$V = V_{R_C} + V_C, \quad V = V_L + V_{R_L}, \quad V_{R_C} + V_C = V_L + V_{R_L}$$

Kirchhoff's current laws (KCL):

$$I = I_{R_C} + I_L, \quad I_{R_C} = I_C, \quad I_L = I_{R_L}, \quad I_C + I_{R_L} = I$$

## RELATION BETWEEN $V$ and $I$

After some calculations, we obtain the port equations:

Case 1:  $CR_C \neq \frac{L}{R_L}$ .

$$\left(\frac{R_C}{R_L} + \left(1 + \frac{R_C}{R_L}\right)CR_C \frac{d}{dt} + CR_C \frac{L}{R_L} \frac{d^2}{dt^2}\right)V = \left(1 + CR_C \frac{d}{dt}\right)\left(1 + \frac{L}{R_L} \frac{d}{dt}\right)R_C I.$$

Case 2:  $CR_C = \frac{L}{R_L}$ .

$$\left(\frac{R_C}{R_L} + CR_C \frac{d}{dt}\right)V = \left(1 + CR_C \frac{d}{dt}\right)R_C I$$

These are the **exact** relations between  $V$  and  $I$  !



**All models of interconnected systems** will have such interconnection variables.

**First principles models** invariably contain auxiliary variables, in addition to the variables the model aims at.

↪ **Manifest** and **latent** variables.

**We want to capture this is definitions.**

A dynamical system with latent variables =  $\Sigma_L = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathbb{L}, \mathcal{B}_{\text{full}})$

$\mathbb{T} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , the *time-axis* (= the set of relevant time instances).

$\mathbb{W}$ , the *signal space* (= the variables that the model aims at).

$\mathbb{L}$ , the *latent variable space* (= the **auxiliary** modeling variables).

$\mathcal{B}_{\text{full}} \subseteq (\mathbb{W} \times \mathbb{L})^{\mathbb{T}}$  : the full behavior

(= the pairs  $(w, \ell) : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{W} \times \mathbb{L}$  that the model declares possible).

## THE MANIFEST BEHAVIOR

Call the elements of  $\mathbb{W}$  *'manifest' variables*,  
those of  $\mathbb{L}$  *'latent' variables*.

The latent variable system  $\Sigma_L = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathbb{L}, \mathcal{B}_{\text{full}})$  induces  
the *manifest system*  $\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathcal{B})$ , with *manifest behavior*

$$\mathcal{B} = \{w : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{W} \mid \exists \ell : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{L} \text{ such that } (w, \ell) \in \mathcal{B}_{\text{full}}\}$$

In convenient equations for  $\mathcal{B}$ , the latent variables are *'eliminated'*.

## EXAMPLES

### 1. The RLC - circuit

$$\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R},$$

$\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{R}^2$  - manifest variables: the **port voltage and current**,

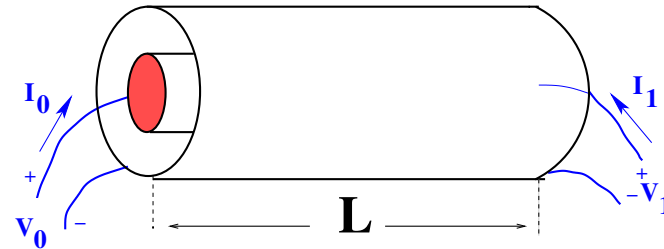
$\mathbb{L} = \mathbb{R}^8$  - latent variables: the **branch voltages and currents**,

$\mathfrak{B}_{\text{full}} =$  all functions  $(V, I, V_{RC}, I_{RC}, V_C, I_C, V_{RL}, I_{RL}, V_L, I_L)$   
that satisfy the CE's, KCL, and KVL,

$\mathfrak{B} =$  the functions  $(V, I)$  that satisfy the 'eliminated' port  
equations.

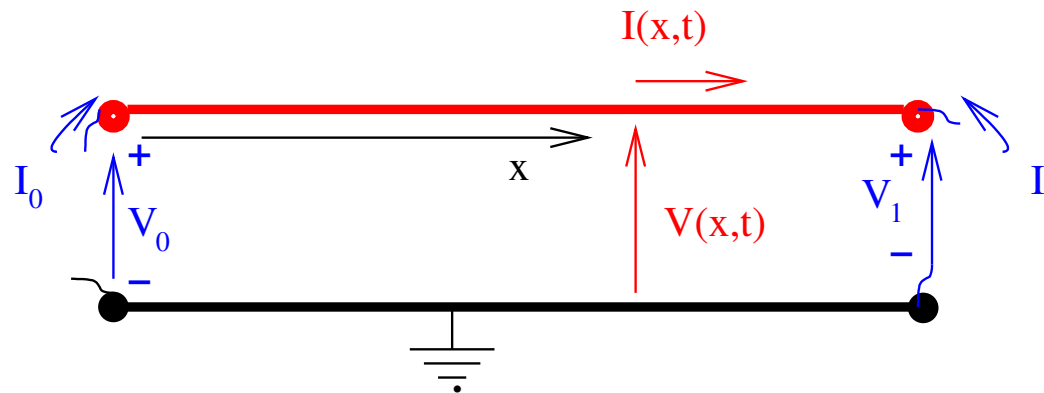
## 2. Coaxial cable

!! Model the relation between the voltages  $V_0, V_1$  and the currents  $I_0, I_1$  at the ends of a uniform coaxial cable of length  $L$ .



Introduce the voltage  $V(x, t)$  and the current flow  $I(x, t)$

$0 \leq x \leq L$  in the cable.



Leads to the equations:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{V} = -L_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{I},$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{I} = -C_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{V},$$

$$V_0(t) = \mathbf{V}(0, t), \quad V_1(t) = \mathbf{V}(1, t),$$

$$I_0(t) = \mathbf{I}(0, t), \quad I_1(t) = -\mathbf{I}(1, t).$$

with  $L_0$  the inductance, and  $C_0$  the capacitance per unit length.

**This is a latent variable model with**

$\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$  (time),

$\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{R}^4$  manifest variables: (voltage, current) at both ends,

$\mathbb{L} = \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^2)$  voltage and current distribution along the bar,

$\mathfrak{B}_{\text{full}}$  = the solutions of the above PDE's and boundary conditions,

$\mathfrak{B}$  = the  $(V_0, I_0, V_1, I_1)$ -trajectories declared possible:

$$\mathfrak{B} = \{(V_0, I_0, V_1, I_1) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \exists (V, I) : [0, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 : \\ \text{the above PDE's and boundary conditions are satisfied} \}$$

**Note: we still view  $t$  as a distinguished variable.**

### 3. Input /state / output systems

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{x}(t) = f(\mathbf{x}(t), u(t)); \quad y(t) = h(\mathbf{x}(t), u(t)),$$

$$\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{W} = \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{Y}, \mathbb{L} = \mathbb{X},$$

$\mathfrak{B}_{\text{full}} = \text{all } (u, y, \mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{Y} \times \mathbb{X} \text{ that satisfy these equations,}$

$\mathfrak{B} = \text{all (input / output)-pairs.}$

Also,

$$f\left(\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{x}(t), w(t)\right) = 0$$

called **'implicit' systems.**



4. Trellis diagrams

5. Automata

Latent variables = nodes

6. Grammars

Another way to specify a formal language whose essence is captured by **latent** variables.

**GENERAL PROPERTIES**

of

**DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS**

## LINEARITY

The dynamical system  $\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathfrak{B})$  is said to be

*linear*

if  $\mathbb{W}$  is a vector space (over a field  $\mathbb{F}$ ),

and  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a **linear subspace** of  $\mathbb{W}^{\mathbb{T}}$

(viewed as a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  with respect to pointwise addition and pointwise multiplication).

Hence linearity  $:\Leftrightarrow$  the *superposition principle* holds:

$$((w_1, w_2 \in \mathfrak{B}) \wedge (\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F})) \Rightarrow (\alpha w_1 + \beta w_2 \in \mathfrak{B}).$$

## TIME-INVARIANCE

The dynamical system  $\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathfrak{B})$  (assume  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}$ )  
is said to be

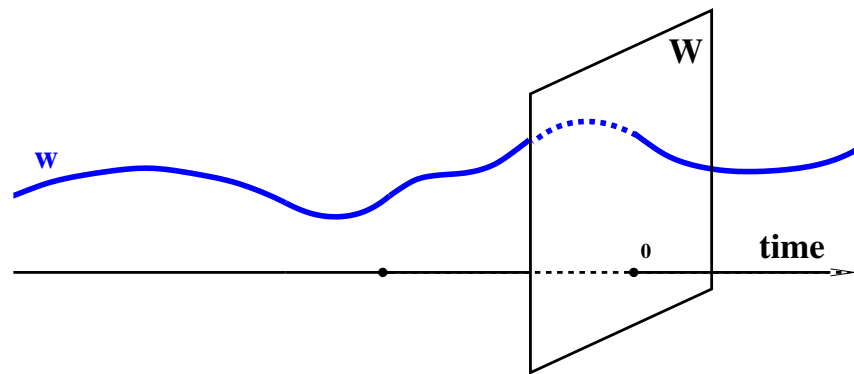
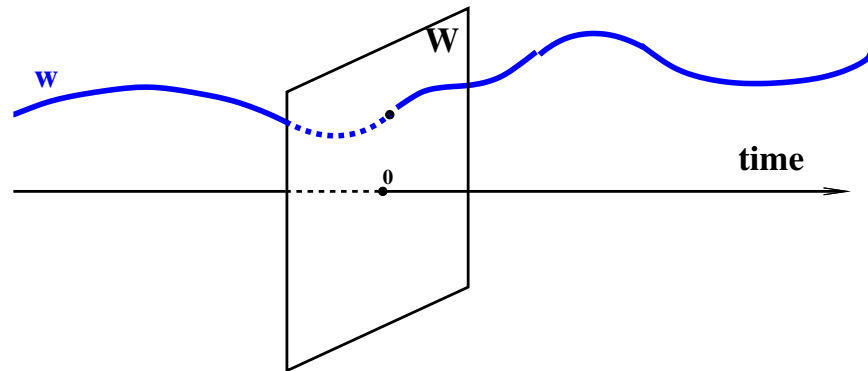
*time-invariant*

if

$$((w \in \mathfrak{B}) \wedge (t \in \mathbb{T})) \Rightarrow (\sigma^t w \in \mathfrak{B}),$$

where  $\sigma^t$  denotes the *backwards  $t$ -shift*, defined by

$$\sigma^t w(t') := w(t + t').$$



**Time-invariance**

## DIFFERENTIAL SYSTEMS

The dynamical system  $\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathfrak{B})$  (assume  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{W}$  a differentiable manifold) is said to be a

*differential system*

if its behavior  $\mathfrak{B}$  consists of the solutions of a system of differential equations,

$$f\left(w(t), \frac{d}{dt}w(t), \frac{d^2}{dt^2}w(t), \dots, \frac{d^n}{dt^n}w(t), t\right) = 0.$$

These properties extend in an obvious way to latent variable systems.

# **CONTROLLABILITY and OBSERVABILITY**

## CONTROLLABILITY

The time-invariant system  $\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathfrak{B})$  is said to be

**controllable**

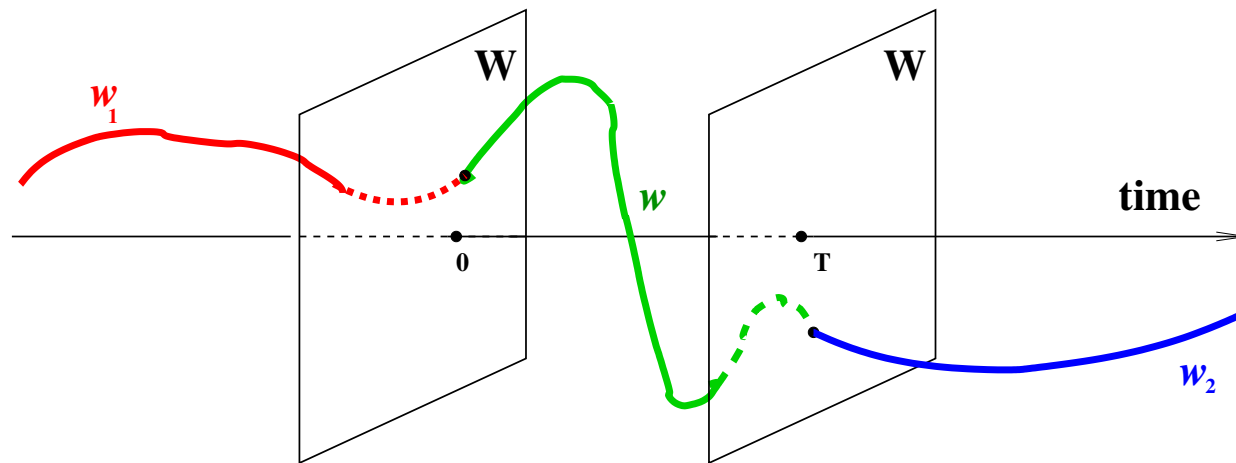
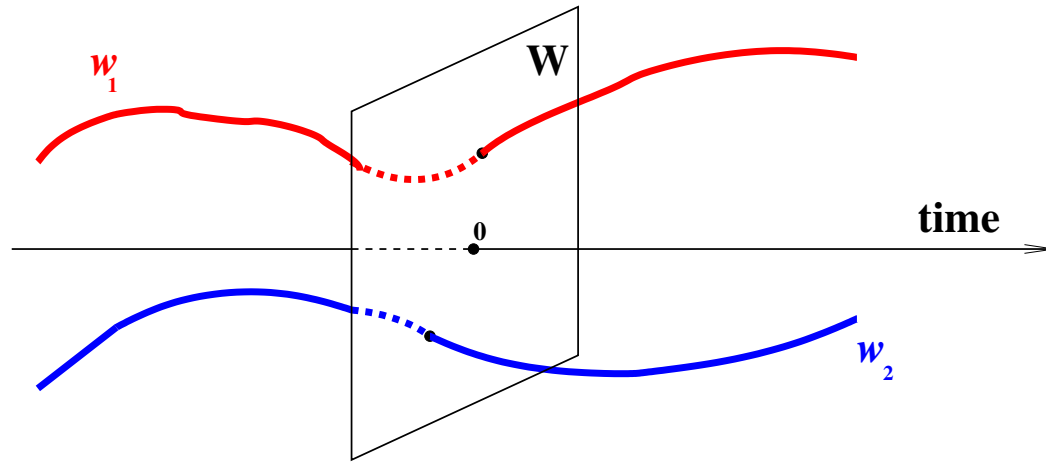
if for all  $w_1, w_2 \in \mathfrak{B}$  there exists  $w \in \mathfrak{B}$  and  $T \geq 0$  such that

$$w(t) = \begin{cases} w_1(t) & t < 0 \\ w_2(t - T) & t \geq T \end{cases}$$

Controllability  $\Leftrightarrow$

legal trajectories must be **'patch-able', 'concatenable'**.





Controllability

## OBSERVABILITY

Consider the system  $\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}_1 \times \mathbb{W}_2, \mathfrak{B})$ .

Each element of the behavior  $\mathfrak{B}$  hence consists of a pair of trajectories  $(w_1, w_2)$ .

$w_1$  : observed;  $w_2$  : to-be-deduced.

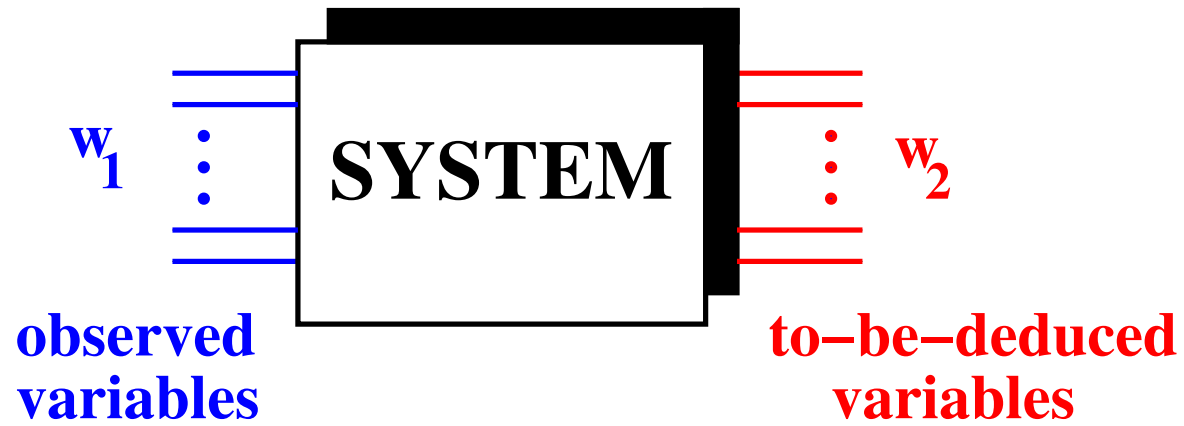
Definition:  $w_2$  is said to be

*observable from  $w_1$*

if  $((w_1, w'_2) \in \mathfrak{B}, \text{ and } (w_1, w''_2) \in \mathfrak{B}) \Rightarrow (w'_2 = w''_2)$ ,  
i.e., if on  $\mathfrak{B}$ , there exists a map  $w_1 \mapsto w_2$ .

Very often **manifest = observed**, **latent = to-be-deduced**.

We then speak of an **observable latent variable system**.



Observability

Special case: Kalman definitions:

**controllability: variables = (input, state)**

**If a system is not (state) controllable, why is it?**

**Insufficient influence of control?**

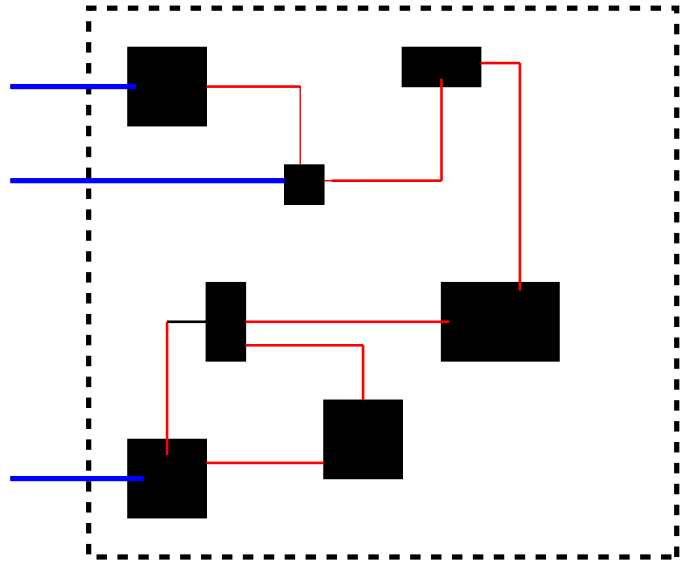
**Or bad choice of state?**

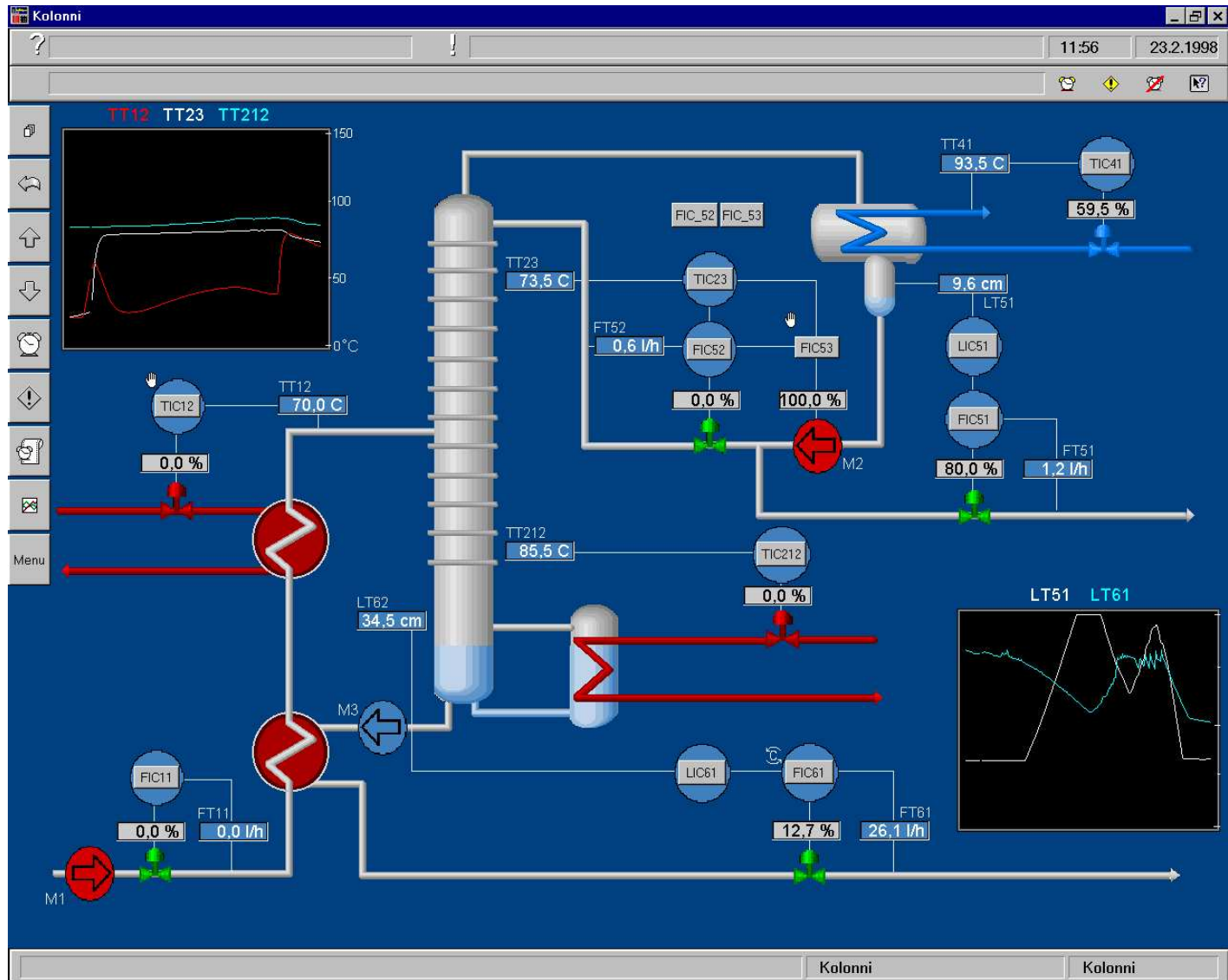
**observed = (input, output), to-be-deduced = state.**

**Kalman definitions address rather special situations.**

# **MODELING by TEARING and ZOOMING**

# Interconnected System





**?? How do we model such an interconnected system ??**

It is not feasible to recognize the **signal flow graph** before we have a model (Ex.: electrical circuit).

The signal flow graph should be **deduced** from a model ...

Input-to-output connections, combining series, parallel, and feedback  
(  $\Rightarrow$  **SIMULINK<sup>©</sup>** ) of little use.



More suitable approach  $\rightsquigarrow$  Bondgraphs:

- Recognize flow and effort variables, **energy ‘bonds’**
- Obtain model for components

Excellent physical motivation, much more suitable than input/output.

But

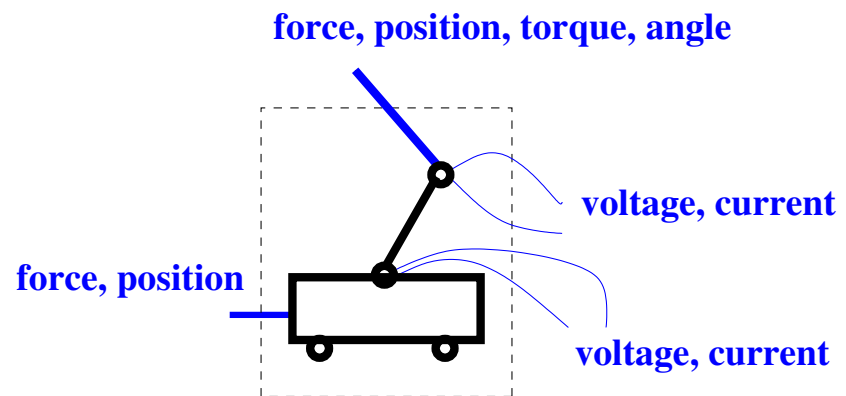
- Does not provide a language for modeling the **‘atoms’**
- There is much more to interconnections than **energy exchange** via **ports**
- Does not incorporate **synthesis** (control, etc.) algorithms

## Behavioral ideas in modeling interconnected systems

The ingredients of the language and methodology that we propose:

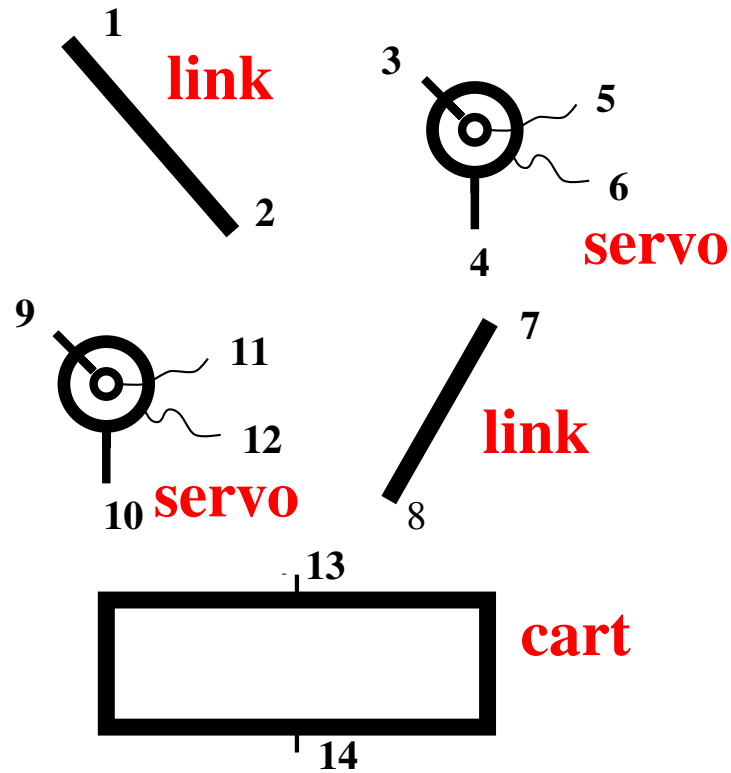
1. **Modules** : the subsystems
2. **Terminals** : the physical links between subsystems
3. The **interconnection architecture** :  
the layout of the modules and their interconnection
4. The **manifest variable assignment** :  
which variables does the model aim at?

Let us look at an example...



**!! Model the relation between the positions, forces, torque, angle**

# Tearing

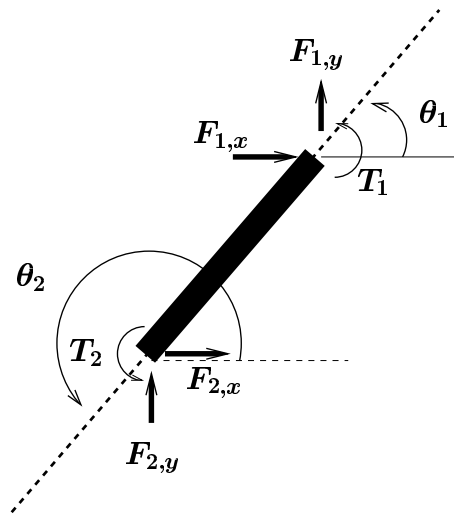


## Zooming

**Obtain models of the subsystems**

**Required modules in our example: Solid bars, servo's.**

## Solid bar



Terminals: 2 mechanical 2-D terminals.

Variables:  $x_1, y_1, \theta_1, x_2, y_2, \theta_2, F_{x_1}, F_{y_1}, T_1, F_{x_2}, F_{y_2}, T_2$ .

Parameters:  $L \in \mathbb{R}_+$  (length),  
 $m \in \mathbb{R}_+$  (mass per unit length).

## Behavioral equations:

$$mL \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \mathbf{x}_c = F_{x_1} + F_{x_2},$$

$$mL \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \mathbf{y}_c = F_{y_1} + F_{y_2} - mLg,$$

$$m \frac{L^3}{12} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \theta_c = T_1 + T_2 - \frac{L}{2} F_{x_1} \sin(\theta_1) \\ + \frac{L}{2} F_{y_1} \cos(\theta_1) - \frac{L}{2} F_{x_2} \sin(\theta_2) + \frac{L}{2} F_{y_2} \cos(\theta_2),$$

$$\theta_1 = \theta_c,$$

$$\theta_2 = \theta_1 + \pi,$$

$$x_1 = x_c + \frac{L}{2} \cos(\theta_c),$$

$$x_2 = x_c - \frac{L}{2} \cos(\theta_c),$$

$$y_1 = y_c + \frac{L}{2} \sin(\theta_c),$$

$$y_2 = y_c - \frac{L}{2} \sin(\theta_c).$$

Note: Contains latent variables  $x_c, y_c, \theta_c$ .

**This defines a system with**

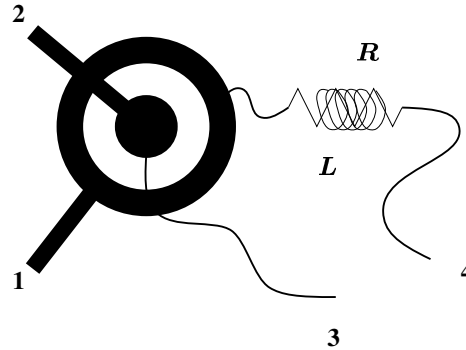
$$\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathbb{W} = (\mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \times T^*S^1) \times (\mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \times T^*S^1)$$

**$\mathfrak{B}$  = solutions  $(x_1, y_1, \theta_1, x_2, y_2, \theta_2, F_{x_1}, F_{y_1}, T_1, F_{x_2}, F_{y_2}, T_2)$   
of the ODE's, suitably interpreted.**



## Hinge with servo



Terminals: 2 mechanical 2-D terminals, 2 electrical.

Variables:  $(x_1, y_1, \theta_1, F_{x_1}, F_{y_1}, T_1,$   
 $x_2, y_2, \theta_2, F_{x_2}, F_{y_2}, T_2, V_3, I_3, V_4, I_4).$

Parameters: the rotor mass  $m_r$ , the stator mass  $m_s$ ,  
the rotor inertia  $J_r$ , the stator inertia  $J_s$ ,  
the inductance  $L$ , the resistance  $R$  of the motor circuit,  
the motor torque constant  $K$ .

## Behavioral equations:

$$(m_r + m_s) \frac{d^2}{dt^2} x_1 = F_{x_1} + F_{x_2}$$

$$(m_r + m_s) \frac{d^2}{dt^2} y_1 = F_{x_1} + F_{x_2}$$

$$J_r \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \theta_1 = T_1 + T_m$$

$$J_s \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \theta_2 = T_2 - T_m$$

$$V_3 - V_4 = L \frac{d}{dt} I_3 + R I_3 + K \frac{d}{dt} (\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

$$K I_3 = T_m$$

$$x_1 = x_2$$

$$y_1 = y_2$$

$$I_3 = -I_4$$

Note: The motor torque  $T_m$  is a latent variable.

**This defines a system with**

$$\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathbb{W} = (\mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \times T^*S^1)^2 \times (\mathbb{R}^2)^2$$

**$\mathfrak{B}$  = solutions**

$$(x_1, y_1, \theta_1, F_{x_1}, F_{y_1}, T_1, x_2, y_2, \theta_2, F_{x_2}, F_{y_2}, T_2, V_3, I_3, V_4, I_4)$$

**of the ODE's, suitably interpreted.**

The list of the modules and the associated terminals:

<b>Module</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Terminals</b>	<b>Parameters</b>
<b>Link 1</b>	<b>bar</b>	<b>(7,8)</b>	$L_1, m_1$
<b>Link 2</b>	<b>bar</b>	<b>(1,2)</b>	$L_2, m_2$
<b>Cart</b>	<b>bar</b>	<b>(13,14)</b>	$L_3, m_3$
<b>Servo 1</b>	<b>servo</b>	<b>(9,10,11,12)</b>	$m_{r_1}, m_{s_1}, J_{r_1}, J_{r_1}, L_1, R_1, K_1$
<b>Servo 2</b>	<b>servo</b>	<b>(3,4,5,6 )</b>	$m_{r_2}, m_{s_2}, J_{r_2}, J_{r_2}, L_2, R_2, K_2$

The interconnection architecture:

Pairing
{2, 3}
{4, 7}
{8, 9}
{10, 13}

Manifest variable assignment:

the variables on the external terminals {1, 5, 6, 11, 12, 14}.

Equations for the full behavior:

### Equations of the modules:

$$m_1 L_1 \frac{d^2}{dt^2} x_{c1} = F_{x1} + F_{x2},$$

$$m_1 L_1 \frac{d^2}{dt^2} y_{c1} = F_{y1} + F_{y2} - m_1 L_1 g,$$

$$m_1 \frac{L_1^3}{12} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \theta_{c1} = T_1 + T_2$$

$$- \frac{L_1}{2} F_{x1} \sin(\theta_1) + \frac{L_1}{2} F_{y1} \cos(\theta_1) - \frac{L_1}{2} F_{x2} \sin(\theta_2) + \frac{L_1}{2} F_{y2} \cos(\theta_2),$$

$$\theta_1 = \theta_{c1}, \theta_2 = \theta_1 + \pi,$$

$$x_1 = x_{c1} + \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\theta_{c1}), x_2 = x_{c1} - \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\theta_{c1}),$$

$$y_1 = y_{c1} + \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\theta_{c1}), y_2 = y_{c1} - \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\theta_{c1}),$$

$$m_2 L_2 \frac{d^2}{dt^2} x_{c2} = F_{x7} + F_{x8},$$

$$m_2 L_2 \frac{d^2}{dt^2} y_{c2} = F_{y7} + F_{y8} - m_2 L_2 g,$$

$$m_2 \frac{L_2^3}{12} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \theta_{c2} = T_7 + T_8$$

$$- \frac{L_2}{2} F_{x7} \sin(\theta_7) + \frac{L_2}{2} F_{y7} \cos(\theta_7) - \frac{L_2}{2} F_{x8} \sin(\theta_8) + \frac{L_2}{2} F_{y8} \cos(\theta_8),$$

$$\theta_7 = \theta_{c2}, \theta_8 = \theta_7 + \pi,$$

$$x_7 = x_{c2} + \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\theta_{c2}), x_8 = x_{c2} - \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\theta_{c2}),$$

$$y_7 = y_{c2} + \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\theta_{c2}), y_8 = y_{c2} - \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\theta_{c2}),$$

$$m_3 L_3 \frac{d^2}{dt^2} x_{c3} = F_{x13} + F_{x14},$$

$$m_3 L_3 \frac{d^2}{dt^2} y_{c3} = F_{y13} + F_{y14} - m_3 L_3 g,$$

$$m_3 \frac{L_3}{12} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \theta_{c3} = T_{13} + T_{14}$$

$$- \frac{L_3}{2} F_{x13} \sin(\theta_{13}) + \frac{L_3}{2} F_{y13} \cos(\theta_{13}) - \frac{L_3}{2} F_{x14} \sin(\theta_{14}) + \frac{L_3}{2} F_{y14} \cos(\theta_{14}),$$

$$\theta_{13} = \theta_{c3}, \theta_{14} = \theta_{c3} + \pi,$$

$$x_{13} = x_{c3} + \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\theta_{c3}),$$

$$x_{14} = x_{c3} - \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\theta_{c3}), y_{13} = y_{c3} + \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\theta_{c3}),$$

$$y_{14} = y_{c3} - \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\theta_{c3}),$$

$$(m_{r1} + m_{s1}) \frac{d^2}{dt^2} x_3 = F_{x3} + F_{x4},$$

$$(m_{r1} + m_{s1}) \frac{d^2}{dt^2} y_3 = F_{y3} + F_{y4},$$

$$J_{r1} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \theta_3 = T_3 + T_m,$$

$$J_{s1} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \theta_4 = T_4 - T_m,$$

$$V_5 - V_6 = L_1 \frac{d}{dt} I_5 + R_1 I_5 + K \frac{d}{dt} (\theta_3 - \theta_4),$$

$$K_1 I_5 = T_{m1}, x_3 = x_4, y_3 = y_4, I_5 = -I_6,$$

$$(m_{r_2} + m_{s_2}) \frac{d^2}{dt^2} x_9 = F_{x_9} + F_{x_{10}},$$

$$(m_{r_2} + m_{s_2}) \frac{d^2}{dt^2} y_9 = F_{y_9} + F_{y_{10}},$$

$$J_{r_2} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \theta_9 = T_9 + T_m,$$

$$J_{s_2} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \theta_{10} = T_{10} - T_m,$$

$$V_{11} - V_{12} = L_2 \frac{d}{dt} I_{11} + R_2 I_{11} + K \frac{d}{dt} (\theta_9 - \theta_{10}),$$

$$K_2 I_{11} = T_{m_2}, x_{10} = x_{11}, y_{10} = y_{11}, I_{11} = -I_{12},$$

Interconnection equations:

$$F_{x_2} + F_{x_3} = 0, F_{y_2} + F_{y_3} = 0, x_2 = x_3, y_2 = y_3, \theta_2 = \theta_3 + \pi, T_2 + T_3 = 0,$$

$$F_{x_4} + F_{x_7} = 0, F_{y_4} + F_{y_7} = 0, x_4 = x_7, y_4 = y_7, \theta_4 = \theta_7 + \pi, T_4 + T_7 = 0,$$

$$F_{x_8} + F_{x_9} = 0, F_{y_8} + F_{y_9} = 0, x_8 = x_9, y_8 = y_9, \theta_8 = \theta_9 + \pi, T_8 + T_9 = 0,$$

$$F_{x_{10}} + F_{x_{13}} = 0, F_{x_{10}} + F_{x_{13}} = 0, x_{10} = x_{13}, y_{10} = y_{13},$$

$$\theta_{10} = \theta_{13} + \pi, T_{10} + T_{13} = 0.$$



## Features:

- **Reality** — ‘physics’ — **based**
- Mathematically precise; **uses behavioral systems concepts**
- Recognizes prevalence of **latent variables**
- More akin to **bond-graphs** and across/through variables, than to input/output thinking and feedback connections
- Not restricted to **energy bonds, or ports**
- **Modular:** starts from ‘standard’ building blocks
- **Hierarchical:** allows new systems to be build from old
- Models are **reusable, generalizable & extend-able**
- Assumes that **accurate** and **detailed** modeling is the aim

## RECAP

- **A behavioral system = a family of trajectories**
- **First principle models contain latent variables**
- **Allows properties, as controllability, to be introduced at the system level**
- **Well adapted to modeling interconnected systems**
- **Input/output: OK for signal processing, but not for modeling physical systems**

# OUTLINE

## Part II

- 1. Linear differential systems**
- 2. Algebraization**
- 3. Elimination of latent variables**
- 4. Controllability**
- 5. Observability**
- 6. Other issues: Distributed systems**
- 7. Control in a behavioral setting**

# **LINEAR DIFFERENTIAL SYSTEMS**

We now discuss the fundamentals of the theory of systems

$$\Sigma = (\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^w, \mathfrak{B})$$

that are

1. **linear**, meaning  
 $((w_1, w_2 \in \mathfrak{B}) \wedge (\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R})) \Rightarrow (\alpha w_1 + \beta w_2 \in \mathfrak{B});$
2. **time-invariant**, meaning  
 $((w \in \mathfrak{B}) \wedge (t \in \mathbb{R})) \Rightarrow (\sigma^t w \in \mathfrak{B}),$   
where  $\sigma^t$  denotes the backwards  $t$ -shift;
3. **differential**, meaning  
 $\mathfrak{B}$  consists of the solutions of a system of differential equations.

## LINEAR CONSTANT COEFFICIENT DIFFERENTIAL EQ'NS.

Variables:  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_w$ , up to n-times differentiated, g equations.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^w R_{1,j}^0 w_j + \sum_{j=1}^w R_{1,j}^1 \frac{d}{dt} w_j + \dots + \sum_{j=1}^w R_{1,j}^n \frac{d^n}{dt^n} w_j &= 0 \\ \sum_{j=1}^w R_{2,j}^0 w_j + \sum_{j=1}^w R_{2,j}^1 \frac{d}{dt} w_j + \dots + \sum_{j=1}^w R_{2,j}^n \frac{d^n}{dt^n} w_j &= 0 \\ \vdots & \\ \sum_{j=1}^w R_{g,j}^0 w_j + \sum_{j=1}^w R_{g,j}^1 \frac{d}{dt} w_j + \dots + \sum_{j=1}^w R_{g,j}^n \frac{d^n}{dt^n} w_j &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Coefficients  $R_{i,j}^k$ : 3 indices!

$i = 1, \dots, g$  : for the  $i$ -th differential equation,

$j = 1, \dots, w$  : for the variable  $w_j$  involved,

$k = 1, \dots, n$  : for the order  $\frac{d^k}{dt^k}$  of differentiation.

**In vector/matrix notation:**

$$w = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_w \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_k = \begin{bmatrix} R_{1,1}^k & R_{1,2}^k & \cdots & R_{1,w}^k \\ R_{2,1}^k & R_{2,2}^k & \cdots & R_{2,w}^k \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ R_{g,1}^k & R_{g,2}^k & \cdots & R_{g,w}^k \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Yields**

$$R_0 w + R_1 \frac{d}{dt} w + \cdots + R_n \frac{d^n}{dt^n} w = 0,$$

with  $R_0, R_1, \dots, R_n \in \mathbb{R}^{g \times w}$ .

Combined with the polynomial matrix

$$R(\xi) = R_0 + R_1\xi + \cdots + R_n\xi^n,$$

we obtain the mercifully short notation

$$R\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Including latent variables  $\rightsquigarrow$

$$R\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\mathbf{w} = M\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\mathbf{l}$$

with  $R, M \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times \bullet}[\xi]$ .



## Examples:

1. RLC-circuit: Case 1:  $CR_C \neq \frac{L}{R_L}$ .

Then the relation between  $V$  and  $I$  is

$$\left(\frac{R_C}{R_L} + \left(1 + \frac{R_C}{R_L}\right)CR_C \frac{d}{dt} + CR_C \frac{L}{R_L} \frac{d^2}{dt^2}\right)V$$
$$(1 + CR_C \frac{d}{dt})\left(1 + \frac{L}{R_L} \frac{d}{dt}\right)R_C I.$$

We have  $w = 2$ ;  $g = 1$ ;  $w = \begin{bmatrix} V \\ I \end{bmatrix}$ ;

$R(\xi) =$

$$\left[ \frac{R_C}{R_L} \mid -1 \right] + \left[ 1 + \frac{R_C}{R_L} \mid -CR_C - \frac{L}{R_L} \right] \xi + \left[ CR_C \frac{L}{R_L} \mid -CR_C \frac{L}{R_L} \right] \xi^2$$

## 2. Linear systems:

- The ubiquitous

$$P\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)y = Q\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)u, \quad w = (u, y)$$

with  $P, Q \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times \bullet}[\xi]$ ,  $\det(P) \neq 0$  and, perhaps,  $P^{-1}Q$  proper.

- The ubiquitous

$$\frac{d}{dt}x = Ax + Bu; \quad y = Cx + Du, \quad w = (u, y).$$

- The descriptor systems (also called DAE's, or implicit systems)

$$\frac{d}{dt}Ex + Fx + Gw = 0.$$

representations later.

**3. Linearization:** Consider the system described by the systems of nonlinear differential equations

$$f\left(\mathbf{w}(t), \frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{w}(t), \dots, \frac{d^n}{dt^n}\mathbf{w}(t)\right) = 0$$

with  $f : (w_0, w_1, \dots, w_n) \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{\bullet}$ . Assume that  $\mathbf{w}^* \in \mathbb{R}^w$  is an equilibrium:

$$f(\mathbf{w}^*, 0, \dots, 0) = 0.$$

Define  $R_k = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} f(\mathbf{w}^*, 0, \dots, 0)$ . The system

$$R_0 \mathbf{w} + R_1 \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{w} + \dots + R_n \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \mathbf{w} = 0,$$

is called the *linearized system around*  $\mathbf{w}^*$ . Under reasonable conditions it describes the behavior in the neighborhood of  $\mathbf{w}^*$ .

When shall we define  $w : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^w$  to be a solution of  $R(\frac{d}{dt})w = 0$ ?

We will be ‘pragmatic’, and take the easy way out:  $\leadsto$   $\mathcal{E}^\infty$  soln’s!

Transmits main ideas, easier to handle, easy theory,  
sometimes (too) restrictive (step-response, etc.).

Whence,  $R(\frac{d}{dt})w = 0$  defines the system  $\Sigma = (\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^w, \mathfrak{B})$  with

$$\mathfrak{B} = \{w \in \mathcal{E}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^w) \mid R(\frac{d}{dt})w = 0\}.$$

Proposition: This system is linear and time-invariant.

## NOTATION

$\mathcal{L}^\bullet$  : all such systems (with any - finite - number of variables)

$\mathcal{L}^w$  : with  $w$  variables

$\mathfrak{B} = \ker(R(\frac{d}{dt}))$

$\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}^w$  (no ambiguity regarding  $\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}$ )

## NOMENCLATURE

Elements of  $\mathcal{L}^\bullet$  : *linear differential systems*

$R(\frac{d}{dt})w = 0$  : a *kernel representation* of the corresponding

$\Sigma \in \mathcal{L}^\bullet$  or  $\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}^\bullet$

$R(\frac{d}{dt})w = 0$  'has' behavior  $\mathfrak{B}$

$\Sigma$  or  $\mathfrak{B}$ : the system *induced* by  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times \bullet}[\xi]$

# ALGEBRAIZATION of $\mathcal{L}^\bullet$

**Note that**

$$R\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w = 0$$

**and**

$$U\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)R\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w = 0$$

**have the same behavior if the polynomial matrix  $U$  is **uni-modular** (i.e., when  $\det(U)$  is a non-zero constant).**

**$\Rightarrow R$  defines  $\mathfrak{B} = \ker\left(R\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\right)$ , but not vice-versa!**

∴ ∃ ‘intrinsic’ characterization of  $\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}^w$  ??

Define the **annihilators** of  $\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}^w$  by

$$\mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{B}} := \{n \in \mathbb{R}^w[\xi] \mid n^\top \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\mathfrak{B} = 0\}.$$

$\mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{B}}$  is clearly an  $\mathbb{R}[\xi]$  sub-module of  $\mathbb{R}^w[\xi]$ .

Let  $\langle R \rangle$  denote the sub-module of  $\mathbb{R}^w[\xi]$  spanned by the transposes of the rows of  $R$ . Obviously  $\langle R \rangle \subseteq \mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{B}}$ . But, indeed:

$$\mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{B}} = \langle R \rangle!$$

**Note:** Depends on  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$ ; ( $\Leftarrow$ ) false for compact support soln’s.

Conclusion:

$$\mathcal{L}^w \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \text{sub-modules of } \mathbb{R}^w[\xi]$$



**ELIMINATION**

## LATENT VARIABLE SYSTEMS

**First principle models**  $\rightsquigarrow$  **latent variables.** In the case of systems described by linear constant coefficient differential equations:

$$R_0 w + \cdots + R_n \frac{d^n}{dt^n} w = M_0 \ell + \cdots + M_n \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \ell.$$

In polynomial matrix notation  $\rightsquigarrow$

$$R\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w = M\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\ell.$$

This is the natural model class to start a study of finite dimensional linear time-invariant systems! Much more so than

$$\frac{d}{dt}x = Ax + Bu, \quad y = Cx + Du.$$

**But is it(s manifest behavior) really a differential system ??**

The full behavior of  $R(\frac{d}{dt})w = M(\frac{d}{dt})\ell$ , i.e.,

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{full}} = \{(w, \ell) \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^{w+\ell}) \mid R(\frac{d}{dt})w = M(\frac{d}{dt})\ell.\}$$

belongs to  $\mathcal{L}^{w+\ell}$ , by definition. Its manifest behavior equals

$$\mathcal{B} = \{w \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^w) \mid \exists \ell \text{ such that } R(\frac{d}{dt})w = M(\frac{d}{dt})\ell\}.$$

**Does  $\mathcal{B}$  belong to  $\mathcal{L}^w$  ?**

**Theorem: It does!**

**Proof: The ‘fundamental principle’.**

**Example:** Consider the RLC circuit.

**First principles modeling ( $\cong$  CE's, KVL, & KCL)**

$\rightsquigarrow$  **15 behavioral equations.**

**These include both the **port** and the **branch** voltages and currents.**

**Why can the port behavior be described by a system of linear constant coefficient differential equations?**

**Because:**

- 1. The CE's, KVL, & KCL are all linear constant coefficient differential equations.**
- 2. The elimination theorem.**

**Why is there *exactly one* equation? Passivity!**

## Remarks:

- **Number of equations (for constant coefficient linear ODE's)**  
 $\leq$  **number of variables.**

**Elimination  $\Rightarrow$  fewer, higher order equations.**

- **Implications for DAE's**
- **There exist effective computer algebra/Gröbner bases algorithms for elimination**

$$(R, M) \mapsto R'$$

- **Completely generalizable to constant coefficient linear PDE's**  
**(using the **fundamental principle**)**
- **Not generalizable to smooth nonlinear systems.**  
**Why are differential equations so prevalent?**

It follows from all this that  $\mathcal{L}^\bullet$  has very nice properties. It is **closed** under:

- Intersection:  $(\mathfrak{B}_1, \mathfrak{B}_2 \in \mathcal{L}^w) \Rightarrow (\mathfrak{B}_1 \cap \mathfrak{B}_2 \in \mathcal{L}^w)$ .

- Addition:  $(\mathfrak{B}_1, \mathfrak{B}_2 \in \mathcal{L}^w) \Rightarrow (\mathfrak{B}_1 + \mathfrak{B}_2 \in \mathcal{L}^w)$ .

- Projection:  $(\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}^{w_1+w_2}) \Rightarrow (\Pi_{w_1} \mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}^{w_1})$ .

- Action of a linear differential operator:

$$(\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}^{w_1}, P \in \mathbb{R}^{w_2 \times w_1}[\xi]) \Rightarrow (P(\frac{d}{dt})\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}^{w_2}).$$

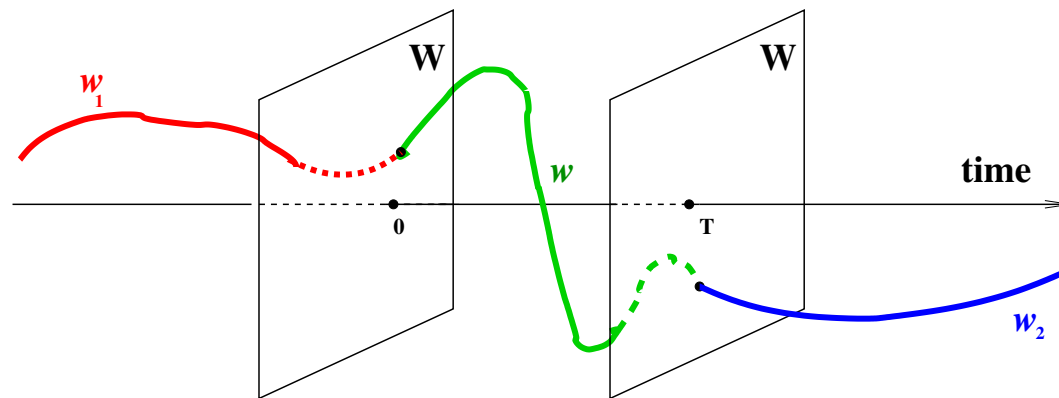
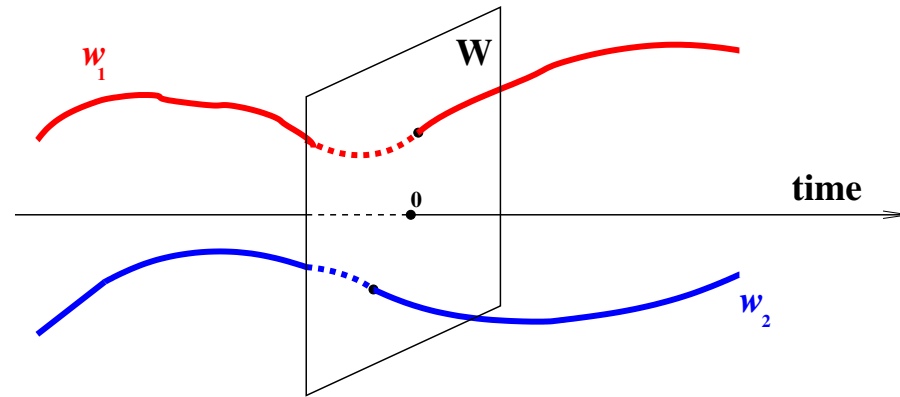
- Inverse image of a linear differential operator:

$$(\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}^{w_2}, P \in \mathbb{R}^{w_2 \times w_1}[\xi]) \Rightarrow (P(\frac{d}{dt}))^{-1}\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}^{w_1}).$$

**CONTROLLABILITY**

Controllability  $\Leftrightarrow$

system trajectories must be **‘patch-able’, ‘concatenable’**.





Is the system defined by

$$R_0 w + R_1 \frac{d}{dt} w + \cdots + R_n \frac{d^n}{dt^n} w = 0,$$

with  $w = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_w)$  and  $R_0, R_1, \dots, R_n \in \mathbb{R}^{g \times w}$ ,

i.e.,  $R(\frac{d}{dt})w = 0$ , **controllable?**

We are looking for conditions on the polynomial matrix  $R$   
and algorithms in the coefficient matrices  $R_0, R_1, \dots, R_n$ .

$R\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w = 0$  defines a **controllable** system if and only if

**rank( $R(\lambda)$ ) is independent of  $\lambda$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .**

Example:  $r_1\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w_1 = r_2\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w_2$  ( $w_1, w_2$  scalar)

is controllable if and only if  **$r_1$  and  $r_2$  have no common factor.**

Example: The electrical circuit is controllable unless

$$CR_C = \frac{L}{R_L} \text{ and } R_C = R_L$$

## Image representations

Representations of  $\mathcal{L}_n^w$ :

$$R\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w = 0 \quad (*)$$

called a *'kernel' representation* of  $\mathfrak{B} = \ker\left(R\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\right)$ ;

$$R\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w = M\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\ell \quad (**)$$

called a *'latent variable' representation* of the manifest behavior

$$\mathfrak{B} = \left(R\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\right)^{-1} M\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^\ell).$$

Missing link:

$$w = M\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\ell \quad (***)$$

called an *'image' representation* of  $\mathfrak{B} = \text{im}\left(M\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\right)$ .

Elimination theorem  $\Rightarrow$  every image is also a kernel.

∴ Which kernels are also images ??

**Theorem:** The following are equivalent for  $\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}^\bullet$  :

1.  $\mathfrak{B}$  is **controllable**,

2.  $\mathfrak{B}$  admits an **image representation**,

3. for any  $a \in \mathbb{R}^w[\xi]$ ,

$a^\top \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \right] \mathfrak{B}$  equals 0 or all of  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ ,

4.  $\mathbb{R}^w[\xi]/\mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{B}}$  is **torsion free**,

## Remarks:

- **Algorithm:**  $R$  + syzygies + Gröbner basis  
     $\Rightarrow$  numerical test for on coefficients of  $R$ .
- $\exists$  complete generalization to PDE's
- $\exists$  partial results for nonlinear systems
- Kalman controllability is a straightforward special case

**OBSERVABILITY**

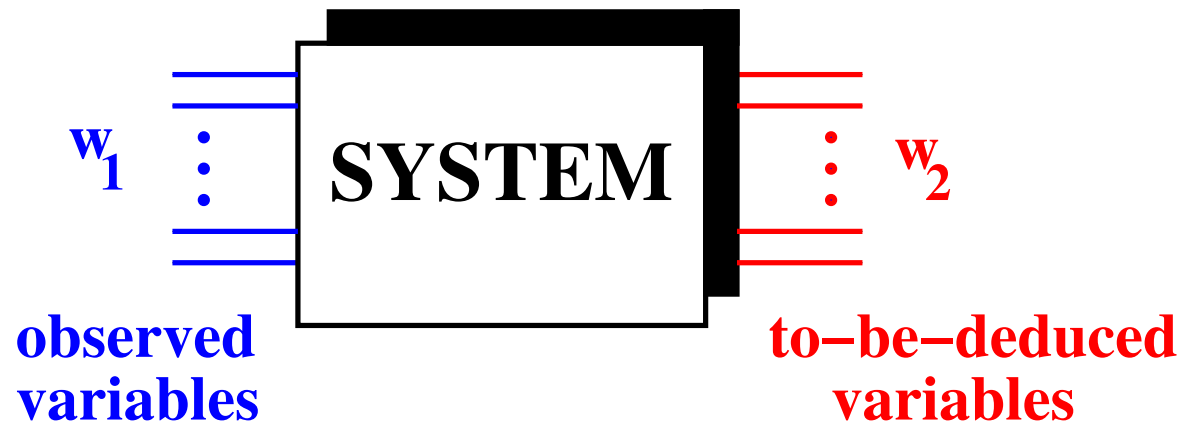
Consider the system  $\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}_1 \times \mathbb{W}_2, \mathfrak{B})$ .

Each element of the behavior  $\mathfrak{B}$  hence consists of  
a pair of trajectories  $(w_1, w_2)$ .

$w_1$  : observed;  $w_2$  : to-be-deduced.

**Recall:**  $w_2$  is said to be *observable* from  $w_1$

if  $((w_1, w'_2) \in \mathfrak{B}, \text{ and } (w_1, w''_2) \in \mathfrak{B}) \Rightarrow (w'_2 = w''_2)$ ,  
i.e., if on  $\mathfrak{B}$ , there exists a map  $w_1 \mapsto w_2$ .





When is in

$$R_1\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w_1 = R_2\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w_2$$

$w_2$  observable from  $w_1$ ?

If and only if  $\text{rank}(R_2(\lambda)) = \text{codim}(R_2)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

i.e., if and only if there exists ‘consequences’ (i.e. elements of  $\mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{B}}$ ) of the form  $w_2 = F\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w_1$ .

The RLC circuit is **observable** (**branch variables** observable from **external port variables**) iff  $CR_C \neq \frac{L}{R_L}$ .

$\exists$  a complete theory (for constant coefficient ODE’s and PDE’s), including algorithms, observer design, etc.

Observability is **analogous** (but not ‘**dual**’) to controllability.

## **FURTHER RESULTS**

**Many additional problem areas have been studied from the behavioral point of view.**

- **System representations:** input/output representations, state representations, model reduction, symmetries
- **System identification**  $\Rightarrow$  the most powerful unfalsified model **(MPUM)**, approximate system ID
- **Observers**
- **Control**
- **Quadratic differential forms, dissipative systems,  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ -control**
- **Distributed parameter systems**

## **Linear differential systems (PDE's)**

## n-D systems)

$T = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n$  independent variables,

$W = \mathbb{R}^w$ ,  $w$  dependent variables,

$\mathfrak{B} =$  **the solutions of a linear constant coefficient system of PDE's.**

Let  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times w}[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n]$ , and consider

$$R\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)w = 0 \quad (*)$$

Define its behavior

$$\mathfrak{B} = \left\{ w \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w) \mid (*) \text{ holds} \right\} = \ker\left(R\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)\right)$$

$\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w)$  **mainly** for convenience, but important for some results.

Example: *Maxwell's equations*



$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \vec{E} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho, \\ \nabla \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{B}, \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0, \\ c^2 \nabla \times \vec{B} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{E}.\end{aligned}$$

$T = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3$  (time and space),

$w = (\vec{E}, \vec{B}, \vec{j}, \rho)$

(electric field, magnetic field, current density, charge density),

$W = \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}$ ,

$\mathfrak{B} =$  set of solutions to these PDE's.

Note: 10 variables, 8 equations!  $\Rightarrow \exists$  free variables.

## Results:

1.  $\mathfrak{N}_g = \langle R \rangle$

2. Elimination theorem: The manifest behavior of

$$R\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)w = M\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)l$$

belongs to  $\mathfrak{L}_n^w$ .

Proof uses **'fundamental principle'**.

**Which PDE's describe  $(\vec{E}, \vec{j})$  in Maxwell's equations ?**

**Eliminate  $\vec{B}, \rho$  from Maxwell's equations. Straightforward computation of the relevant left syzygy yields**

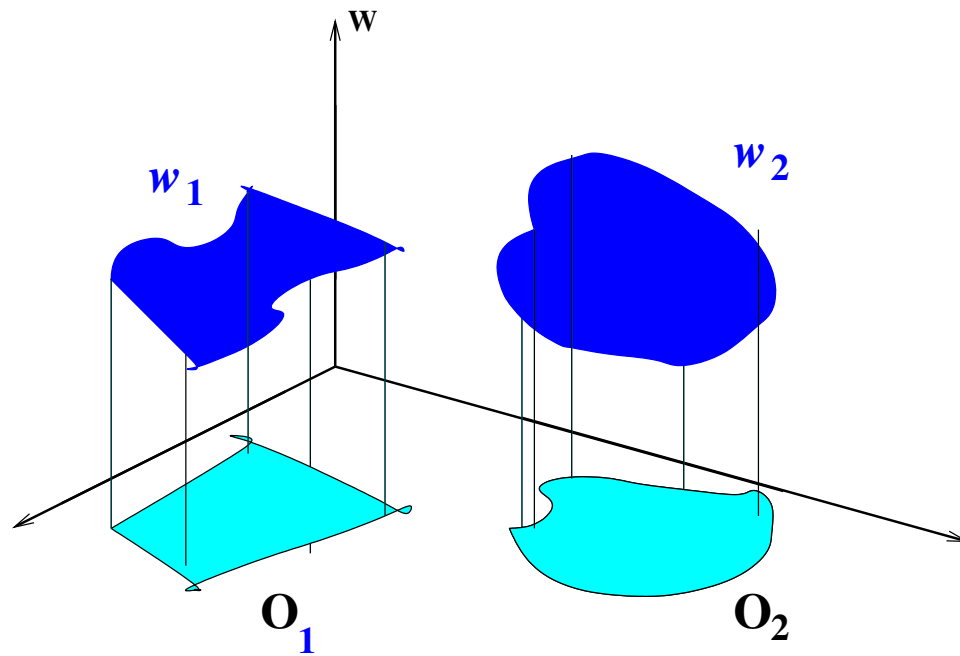
$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \vec{E} + \nabla \cdot \vec{j} &= 0, \\ \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{E} + \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{j} &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

**Elimination theorem  $\Rightarrow$  this exercise would be exact & successful.**

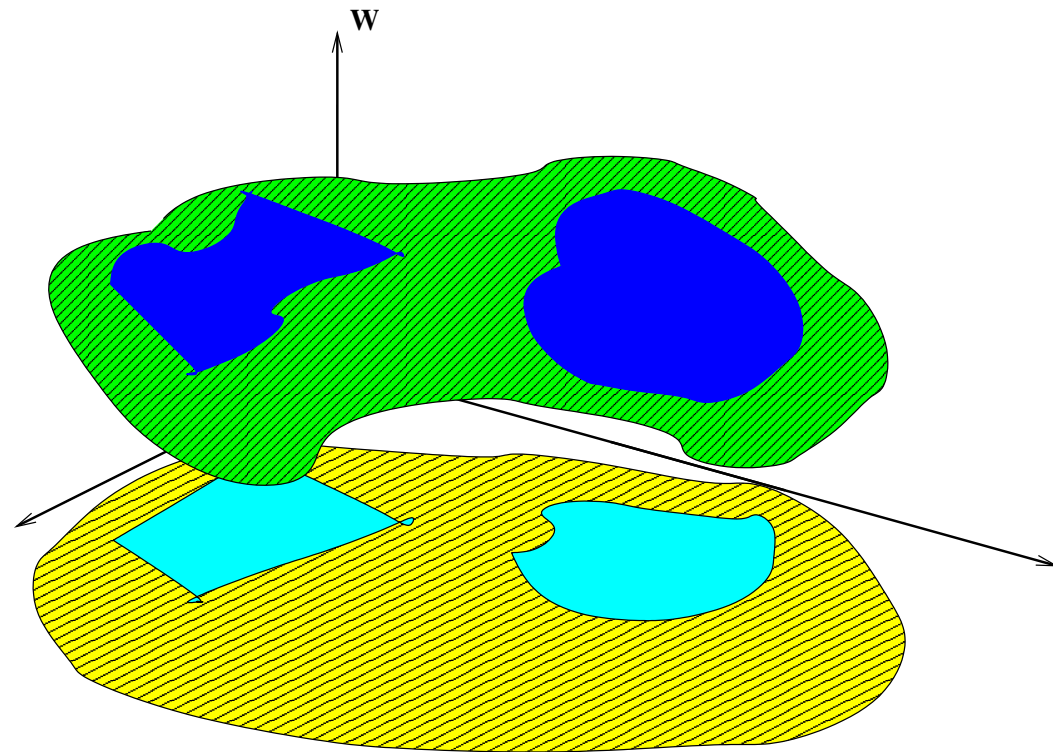


Controllability:

Consider two solutions:



**Controllability = patchability:**



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etc.

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numerical test on coefficients of  $R$ .

## Are Maxwell's equations controllable ?

The following equations in the *scalar potential*  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and the *vector potential*  $\vec{A} : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , generate exactly the solutions to Maxwell's equations:

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{A} - \nabla \phi,$$

$$\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A},$$

$$\vec{j} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{A} - \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla^2 \vec{A} + \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \phi,$$

$$\rho = -\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \vec{A} - \epsilon_0 \nabla^2 \phi.$$

Proves controllability. Illustrates the interesting connection

**controllability  $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  potential!**

# **CONTROL AS INTERCONNECTION**

In the case of control, our point of view leads to

PLANT:



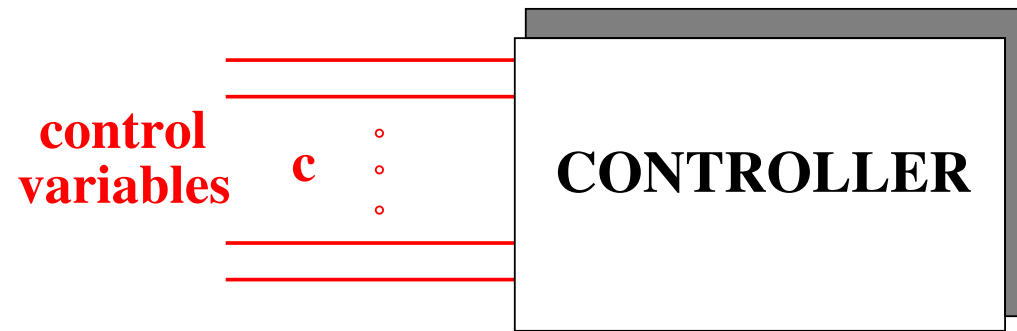
**The plant has two kinds of variables**

**(or, often more appropriately, **terminals**):**

- **variables to be controlled:  $w$ ,**
- **control variables:  $c$ .**

**The control variables are those variables through which we interconnect the controller to the plant.**

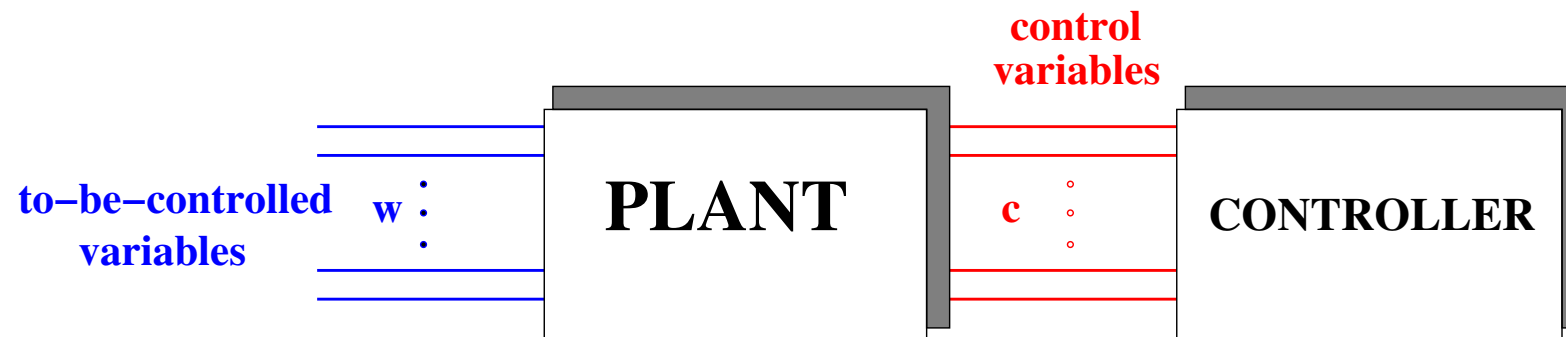
CONTROLLER:



**The controller restricts the behavior of the control variables  
and, through these, that of the to-be-controlled variables.**



CONTROLLED SYSTEM:

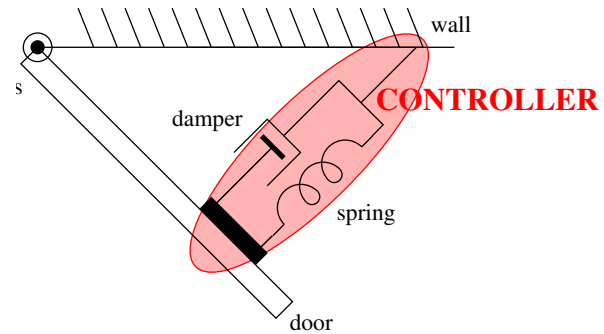
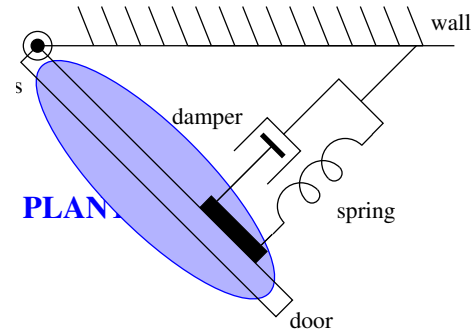
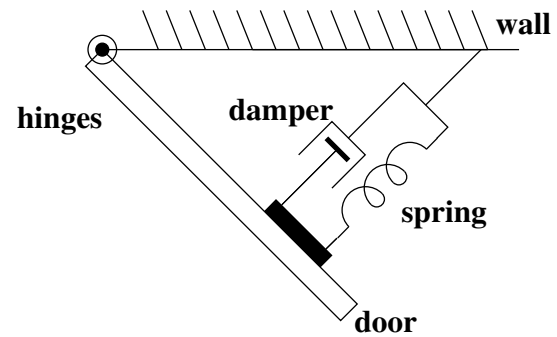


Control variables = **shared variables**.

**I want to discuss two items in this context:**

- 1. A (very low-tech) example**
- 2. One general result**

Example of such a control mechanism:



Similar idea: A **damper** of a car, etc.

'Linearized' eq'ns  $\rightsquigarrow$

Equation of motion of the door (**the plant**):

$$M' \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} = F_c + F_e$$

$\theta$ : opening angle,

$F_c$  force exerted by the door closing device,  $F_e$  exogenous force.

Door closing mechanism modeled as mass-spring-damper combination (**the controller**):

$$M'' \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} + D \frac{d\theta}{dt} + K\theta = -F_c.$$

To be controlled variables:  $w = (\theta, F_e)$ ,

Control variables:  $c = (\theta, F_c)$ .

Controlled behavior:

$$(M' + M'') \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + D \frac{d\theta}{dt} + K\theta = F_e$$

Specifications on the controlled system:

small overshoot, fast settling, not-to-high gain from  $F_e \mapsto \theta$ .

Finding a suitable controller  $\leadsto$  suitable values for  $M'$ ,  $K$  and  $D$ .

Note: Plant: **second** order;

Controller: **second** order;

Controlled plant: **second (not fourth)** order.

## A general implementability result

Let  $\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}^{w+c}$  be the behavior of the plant  
(with  $w$  **to-be-controlled** and  $c$  **control variables**.)

Let  $\mathfrak{C} \in \mathcal{L}^c$  be the behavior of the controller  
(with  $c$  **control variables**.)

This yields the **controlled behavior**

$$\mathfrak{K} := \{w \mid \exists c \in \mathfrak{C} \text{ such that } (w, c) \in \mathfrak{B}\}.$$

By the elimination theorem  $\mathfrak{K} \in \mathcal{L}^w$ .

Implementability question:

**Which controlled behaviors can be obtained this way?**

The answer to this question is a surprisingly simple and explicit:

Theorem:  $\mathcal{K} \in \mathcal{L}^w$  is **implementable** if and only if

$$\mathfrak{N} \subset \mathcal{K} \subset \mathfrak{P}$$

where

$$\mathfrak{N} := \{w \mid (w, 0) \in \mathfrak{B}\},$$

is the **'hidden'** behavior, and

$$\mathfrak{P} := \{w \mid \exists c \text{ such that } (w, c) \in \mathfrak{B}\},$$

is the **'manifest plant'** behavior.

Note: pole assignment follows, many refinements,...

## Remarks:

- Many control mechanism in practice **do not** function as **sensor output to actuator input** drivers
- Control = Interconnection  $\Rightarrow$  controlled behavior is any behavior that is wedged in between **hidden behavior** and **plant behavior**
- Control = integrated system design; finding a suitable subsystem behavior
- $\exists$  a complete theory of **controller synthesis** (stabilization,  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ , ...) of interconnecting controllers for linear systems
- Functionals in optimization criteria: **Quadratic Differential Forms**
- Via **(regular) implementability** results, the usual feedback structures are recovered
- **Controllability and observability:** central ideas also here



## Main points

- A system = a **behavior**
- Importance of **latent** variables
- Relevance in **modular modeling**
- There is a complete theory for **linear time-invariant differential systems**
- Nice theory of **controllability**
- Limitation of input/output thinking
- Relevance of behaviors, **even in control**

Main open area:

**Stochastic behaviors**

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