



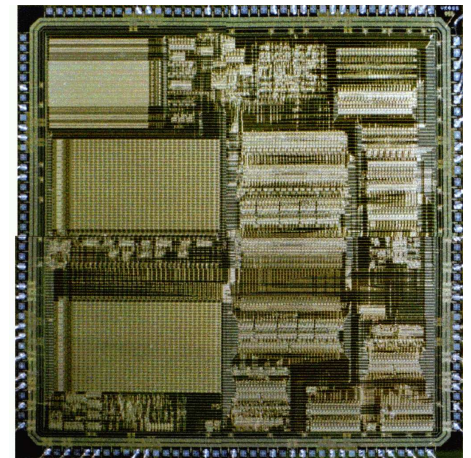
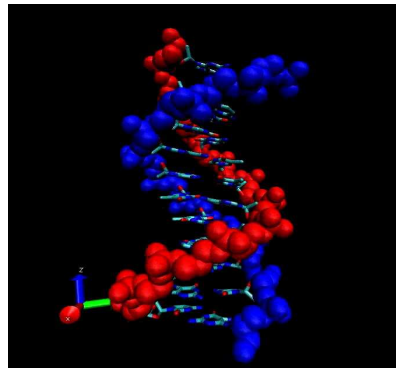
INTERCONNECTED SYSTEMS

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Outline

- ▶ **Open, connected, and modular**
- ▶ **[Classical dynamical systems]**
- ▶ **[Input/output systems]**
- ▶ **Modeling by tearing, zooming, and linking**
- ▶ **[On canceling poles and zeros]**
- ▶ **[DAEs]**
- ▶ **Signal flow graphs**
- ▶ **Bond graphs**
- ▶ **Circuit diagrams**
- ▶ **[Control as interconnection]**

Systems



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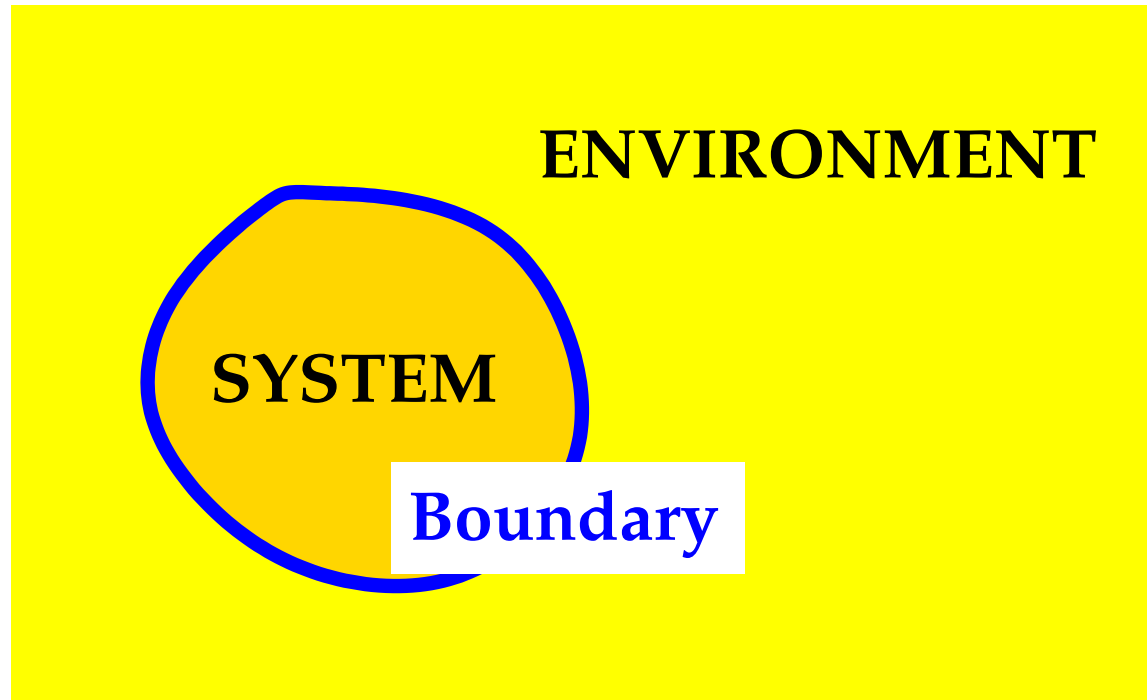
develop a suitable mathematical language

aimed at computer-assisted modeling.

Modeling* \Leftrightarrow *Describing reality accurately

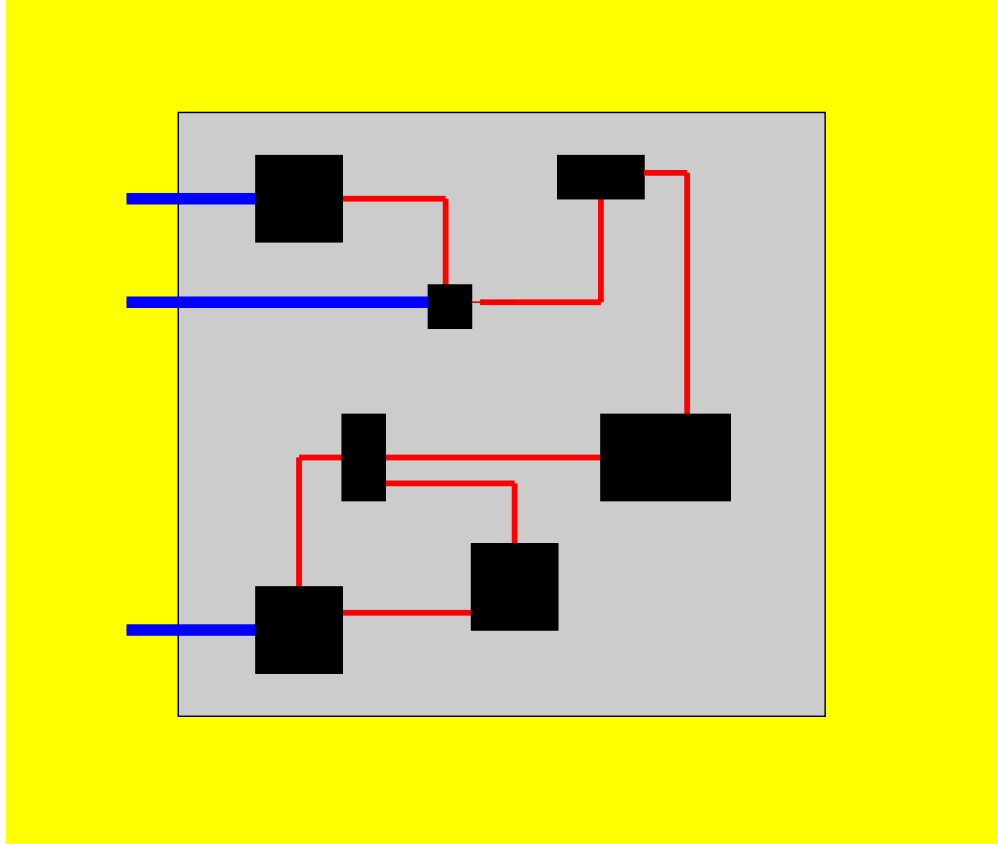
Open, connected, modular

Open



Systems interact with their environment

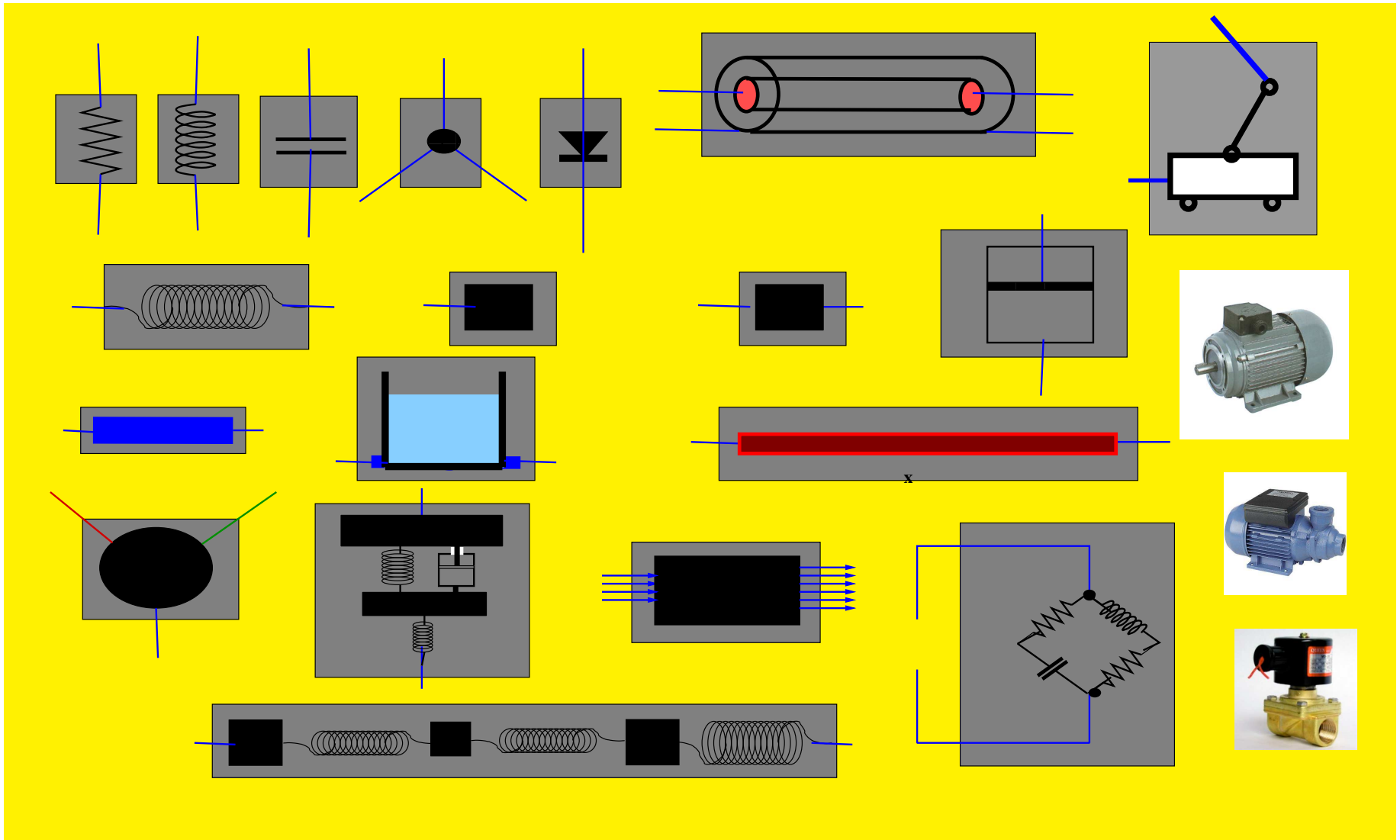
Connected



Systems consist of an architecture of interconnected subsystems

Modular

Systems are modular: composed of **'building blocks'**



**The development of the notion
of a dynamical system**

Theme

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The missing link

- ▶ **Get the physics right**
- ▶ ***Translate the physics into mathematics***
- ▶ **The rest is mathematics**

What are the ‘right’ concepts?

What is the ‘natural’ generalization?

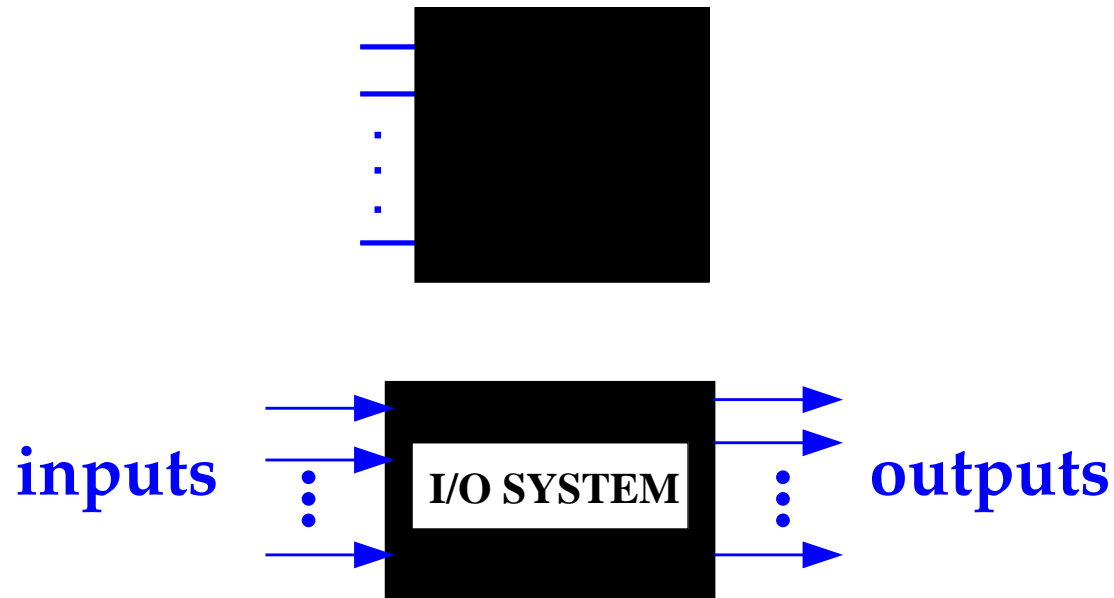
What are the ‘relevant’ questions?

Closed dynamical systems

Inputs and outputs

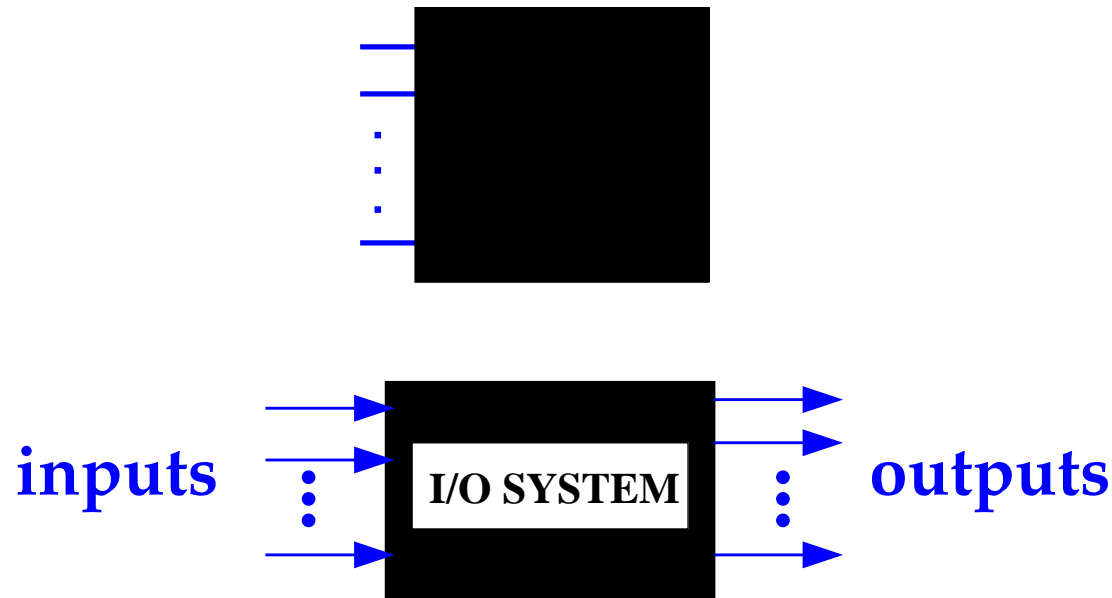
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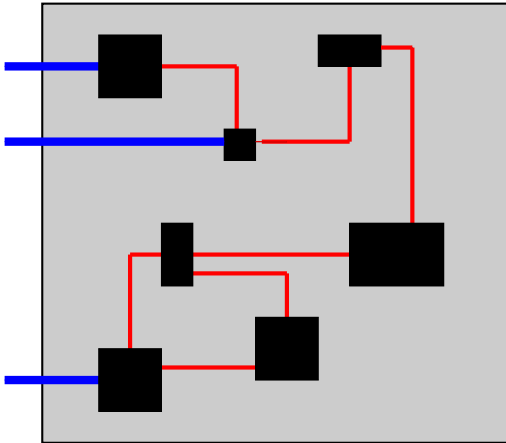
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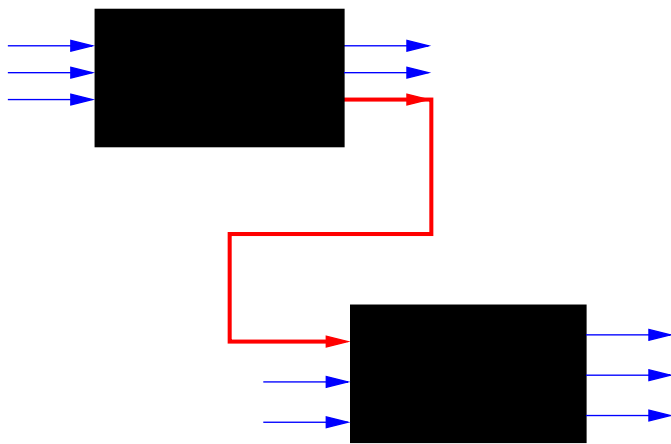
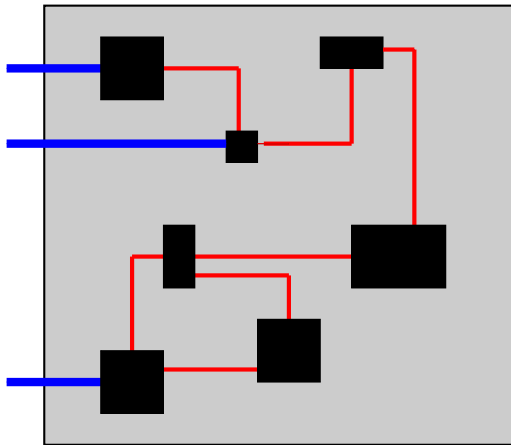
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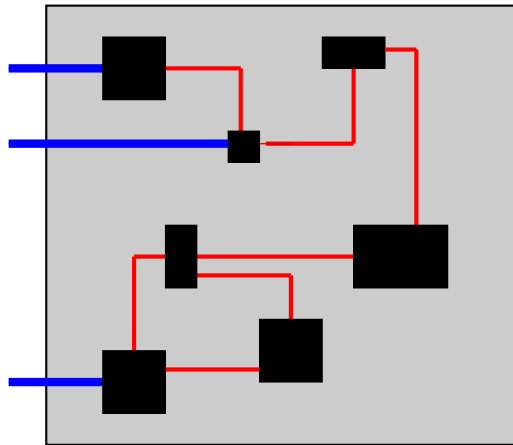
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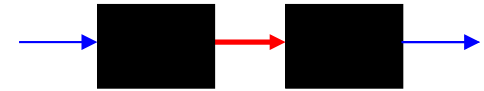


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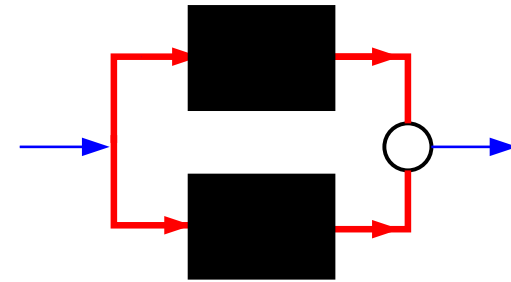
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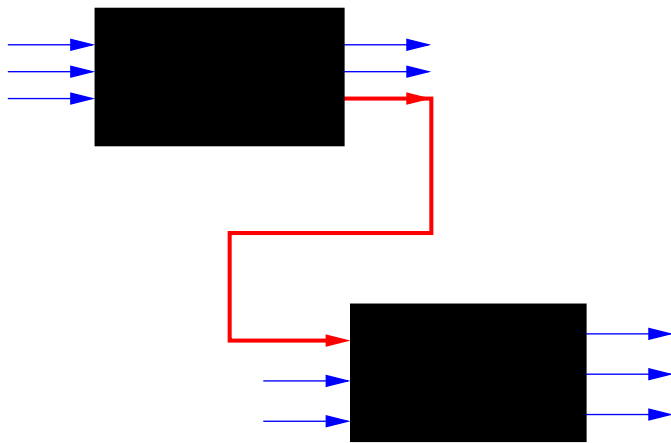
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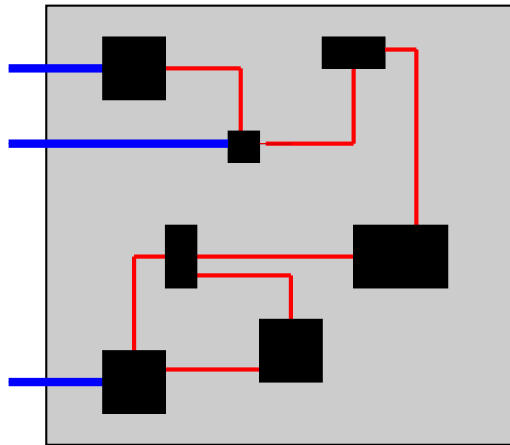


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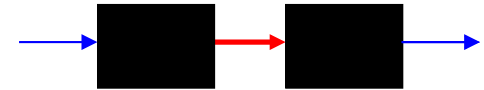


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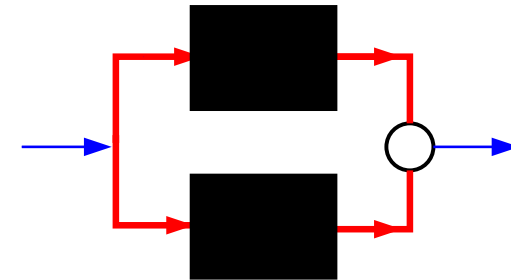
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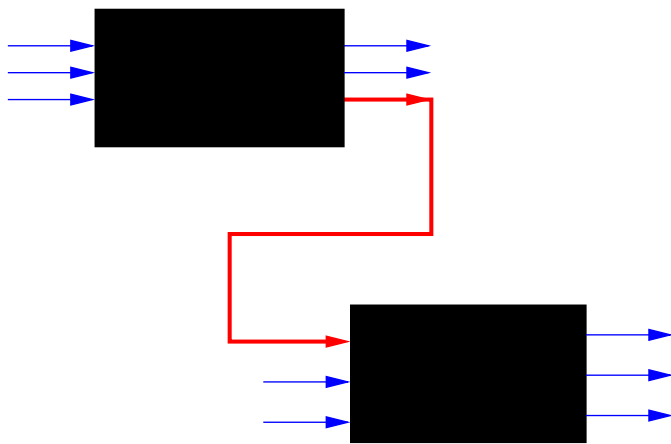
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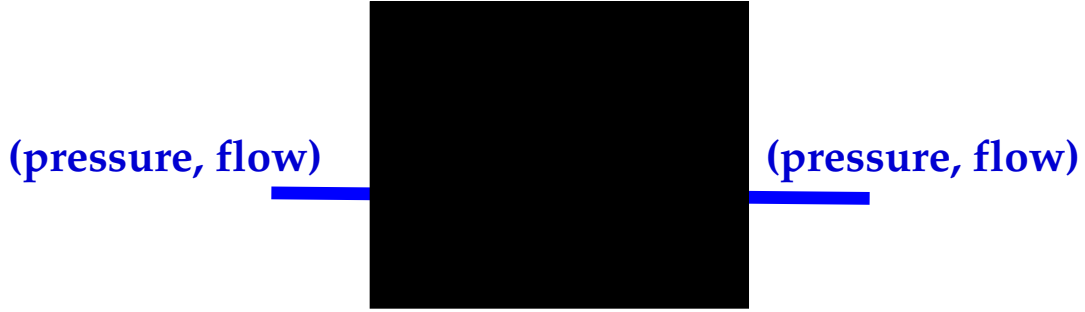
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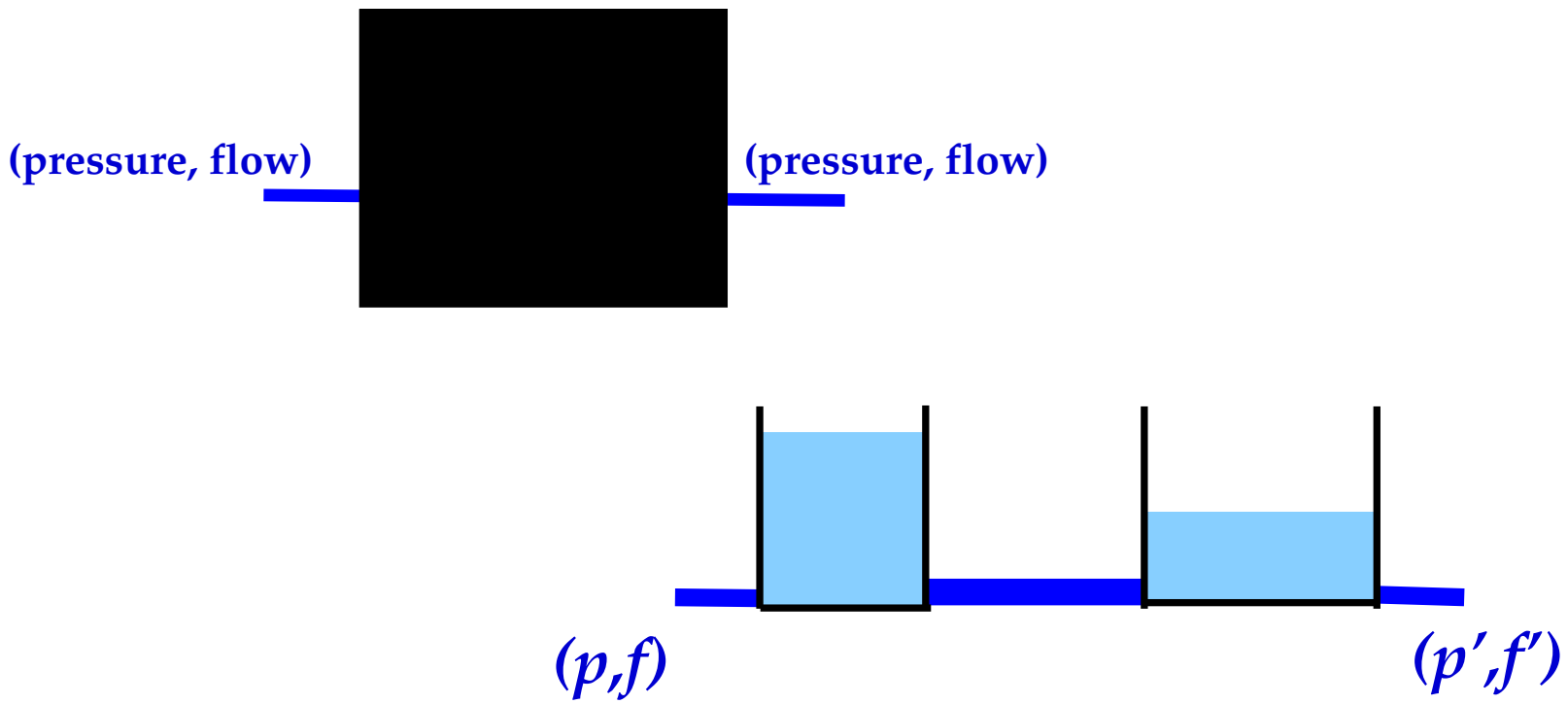
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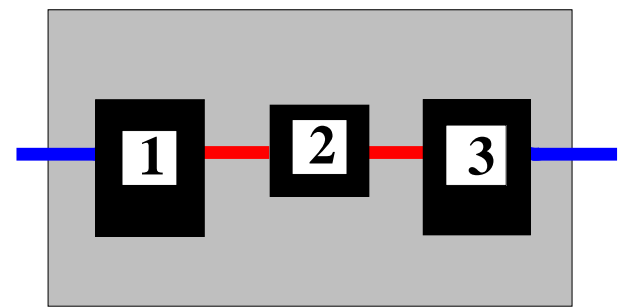
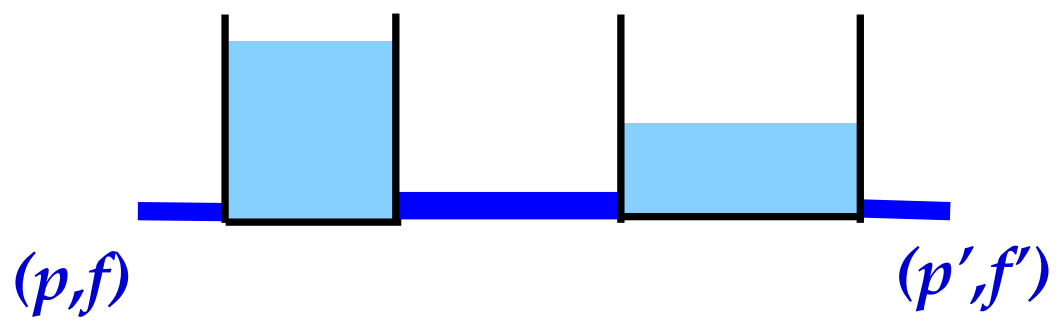
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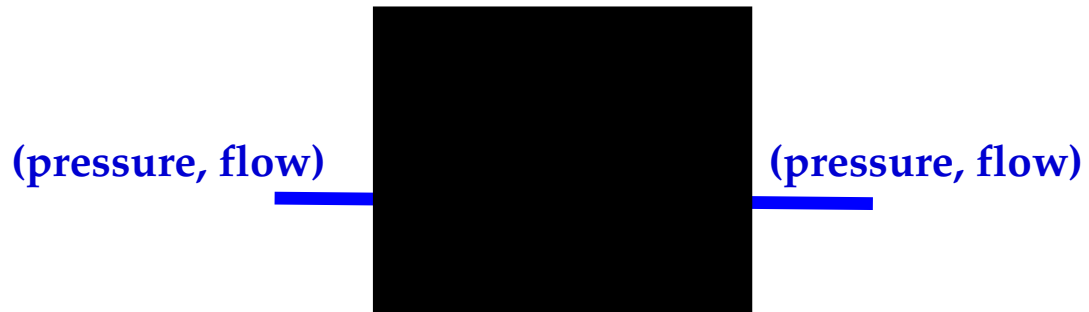


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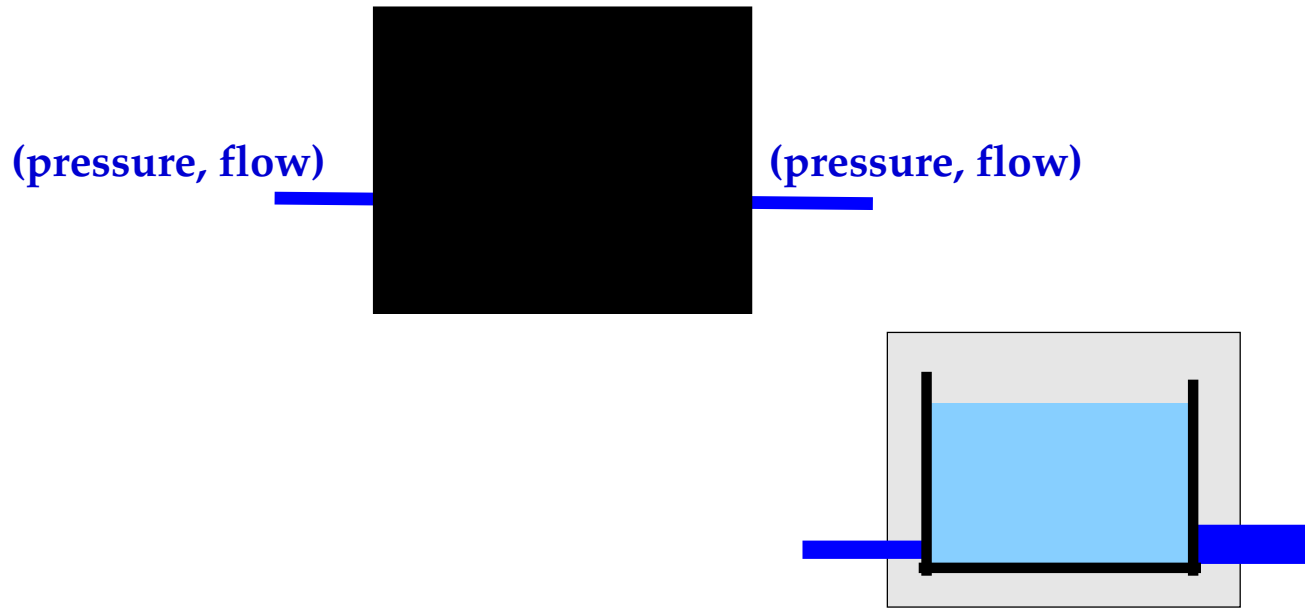
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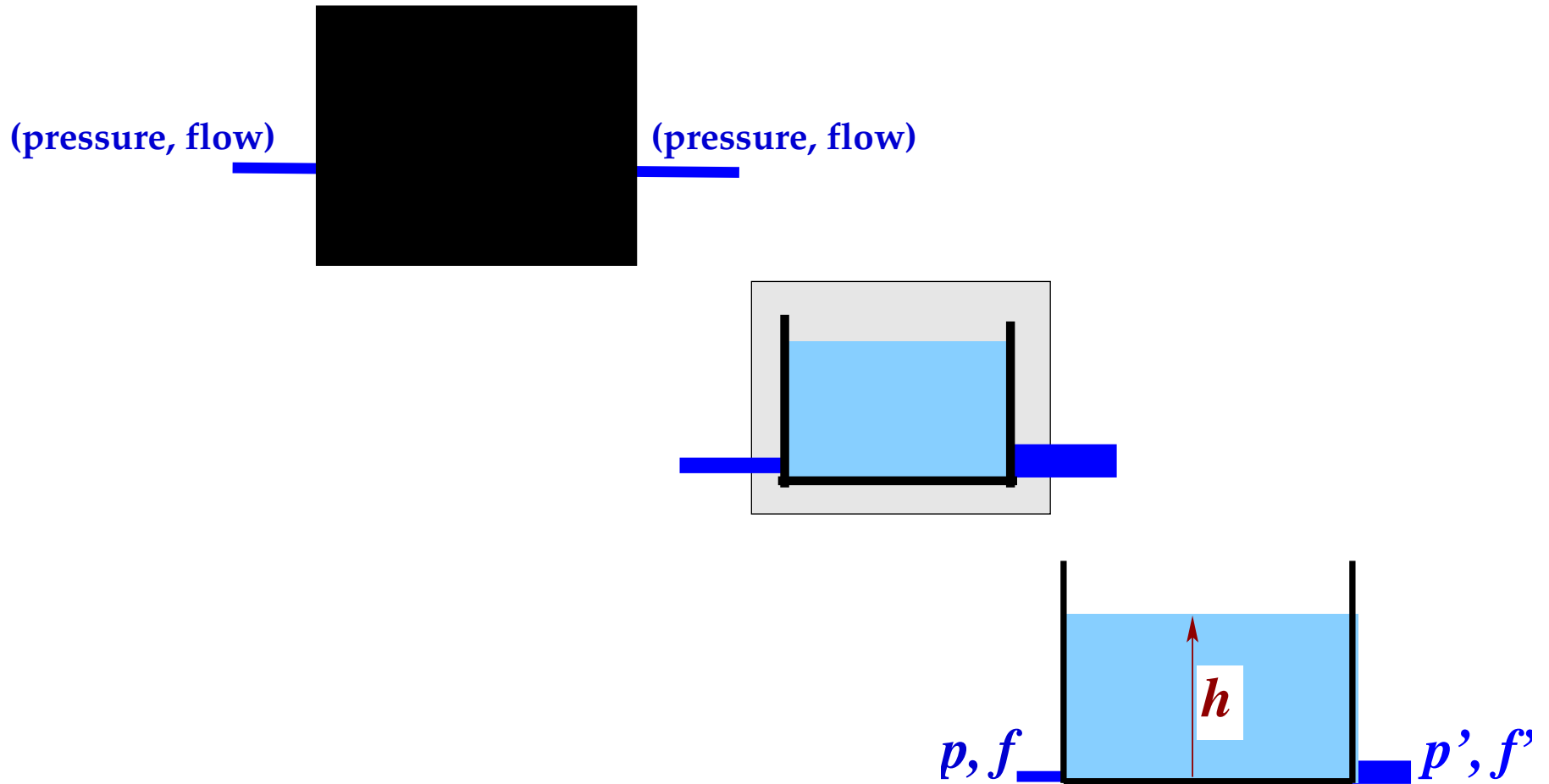
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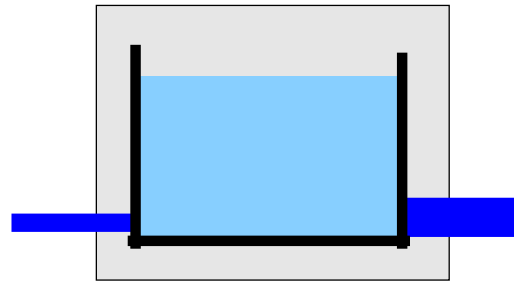
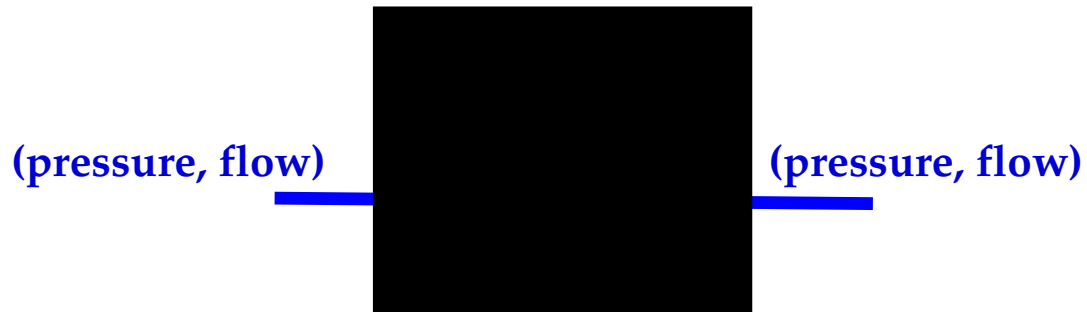
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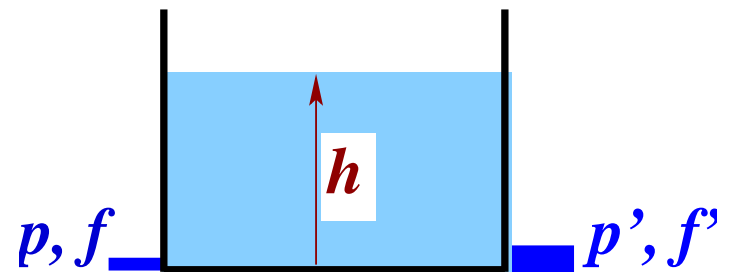
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Subsystem 2 (pipe):

p, f  p', f'

Zooming

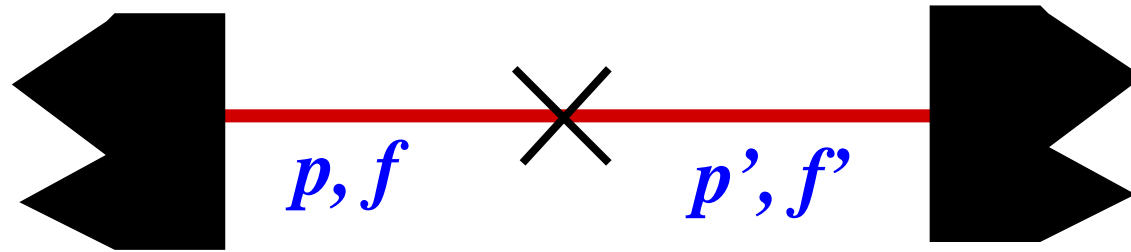
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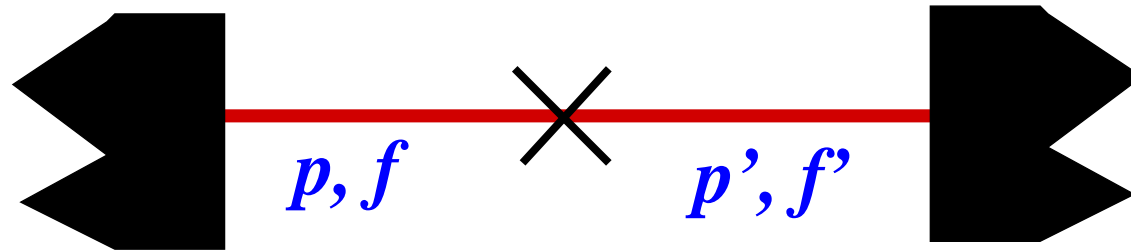
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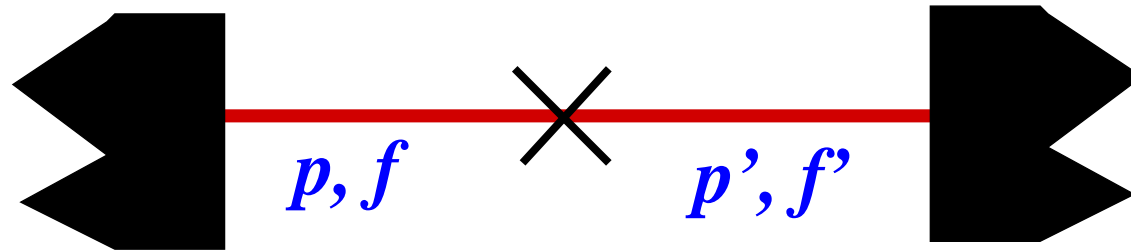
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Leads to the complete model:

$$A_1 \frac{d}{dt} h_1 = f_1 + f'_1,$$

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$$f_2 = -f'_2, \quad p_2 - p'_2 = \alpha f_2, \quad \text{(blackbox 2)}$$

$$A_3 \frac{d}{dt} h_3 = f_3 + f'_3,$$

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$$p'_1 = p_2, \quad f'_1 + f_2 = 0, \quad p'_2 = p_3, \quad f'_2 + f_3 = 0. \quad \text{(interconnection)}$$

$$p_{\text{left}} = p_1, \quad f_{\text{left}} = f_1, \quad p_{\text{right}} = p'_3, \quad f_{\text{right}} = f'_3. \quad \text{(manifest variable assignment)}$$

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**These remarks pertain to every physical interconnection.
And, ultimately, every interconnection is physical.**

Behavioral systems

Behavioral approach

A dynamical system

: \Leftrightarrow a family of time trajectories, *'the behavior'*

Interconnection \Leftrightarrow *'variable sharing'*

Control \Leftrightarrow *interconnection*

Modeling of interconnected physical systems is the strongest case for 'behaviors'.

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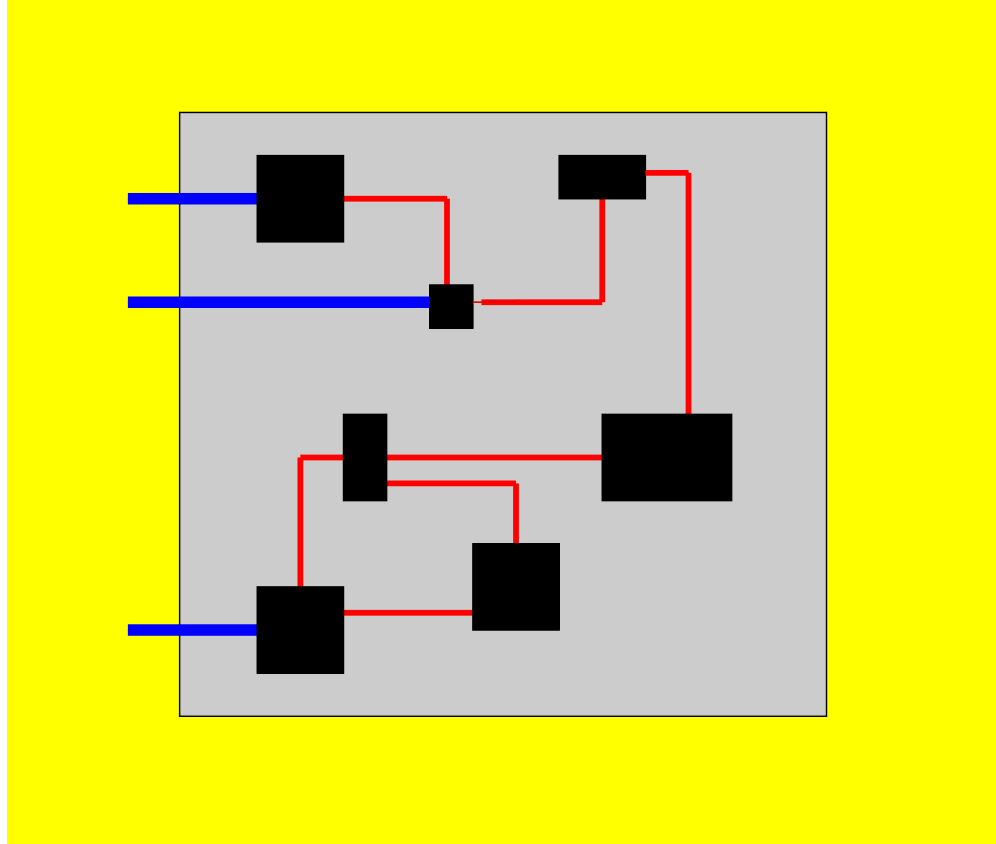
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The clearest example is an **electrical** connection.
A terminal = a single wire.

Interconnection architecture

Objective

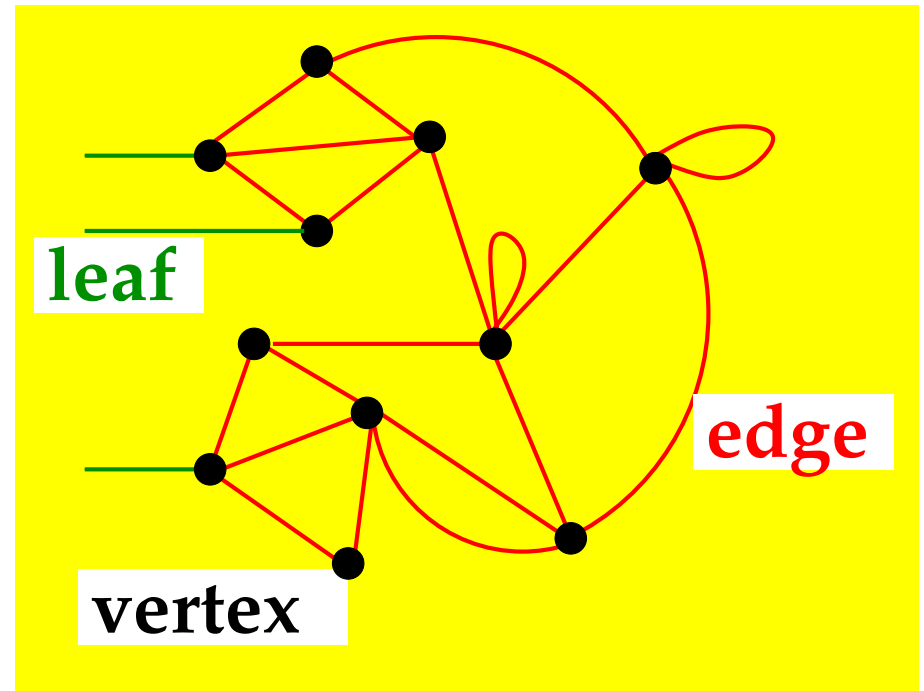


Formalize mathematically **interconnection** of systems.

Graph with leaves

Architecture:

graph with leaves



vertices \rightsquigarrow systems with terminals

edges \rightsquigarrow connected terminals

leaves \rightsquigarrow interaction with environment

terminals \rightsquigarrow system variables

Behavioral equations

1. **Module equations** for each vertex.
Relation among the variables on the terminals.
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Equating the variables on the terminals associated with the same edge.
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Interconnection laws stored in a data-base.

**Laws depend on terminal type:
electrical / mechanical / hydraulic / etc.**

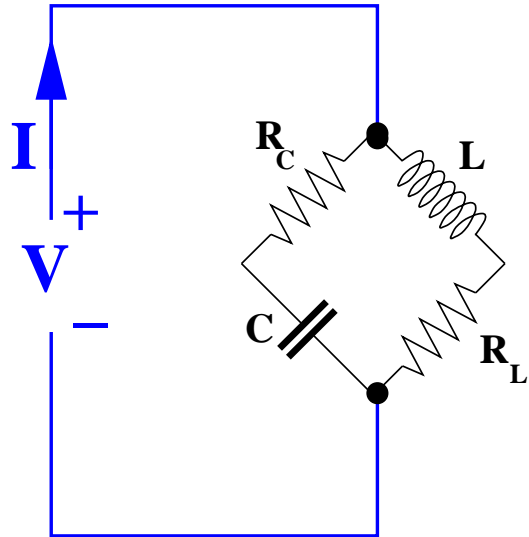
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An example

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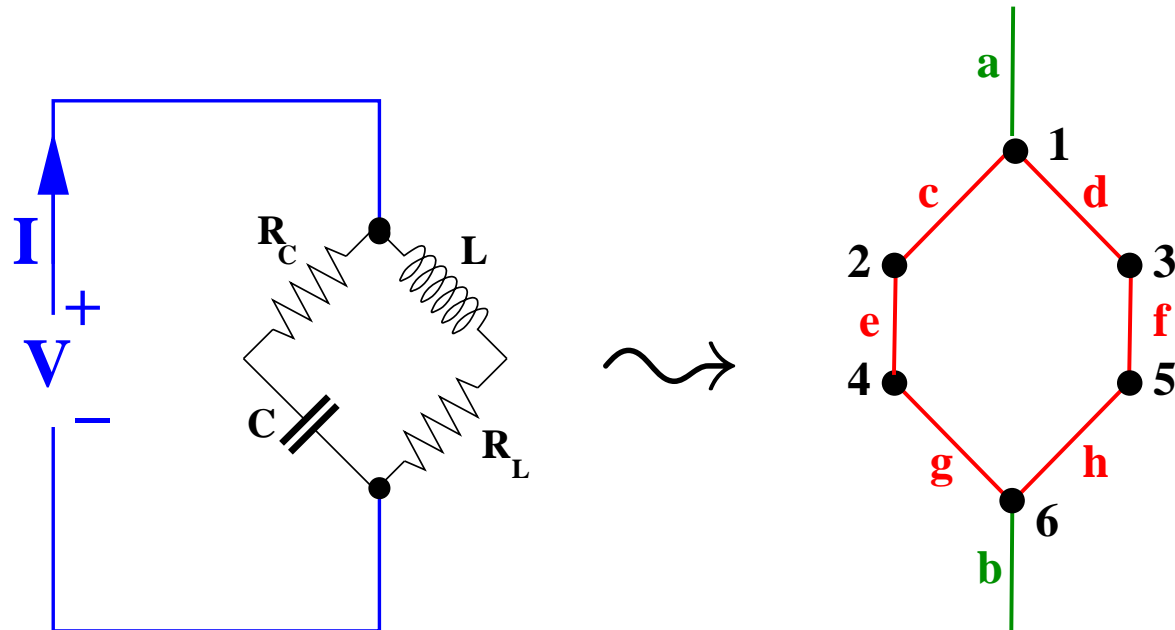
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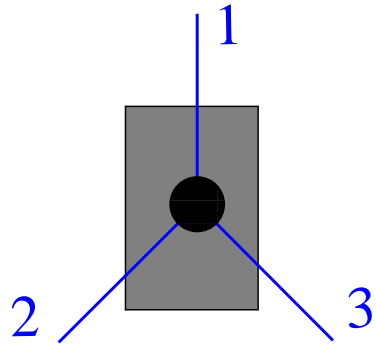
In each vertex there is a module \rightsquigarrow **module equations**

each terminal involves 2 variables (potential, current)

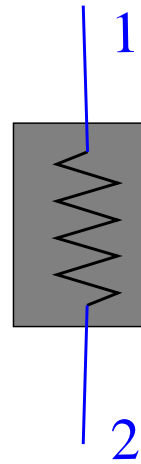
in each edge there is an electrical interconnection \rightsquigarrow

interconnection equations

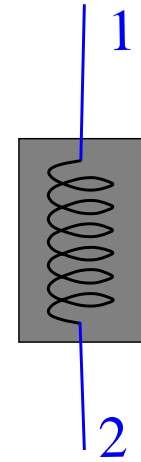
Modules



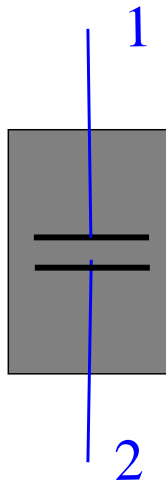
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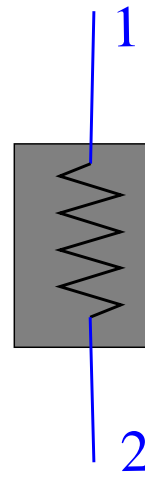
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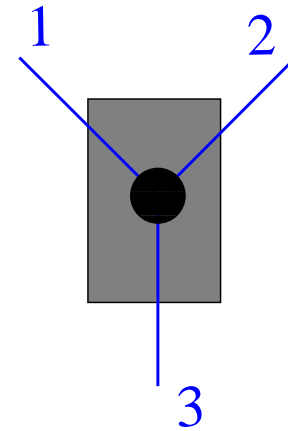
inductor



capacitor

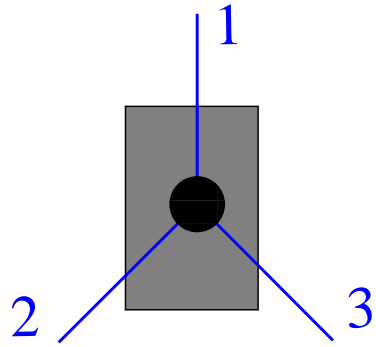


resistor2

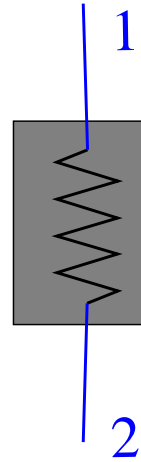


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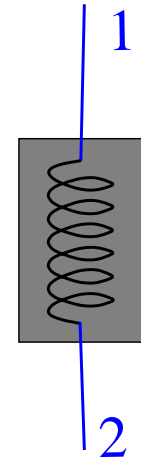
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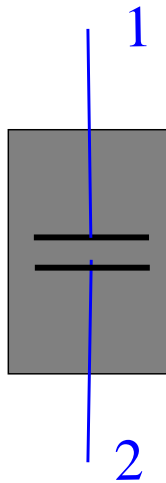
connector1 $n = 3$



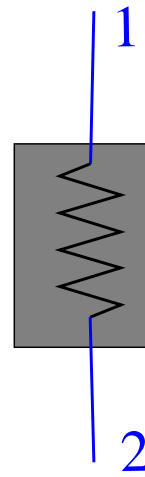
resistor1 R_C



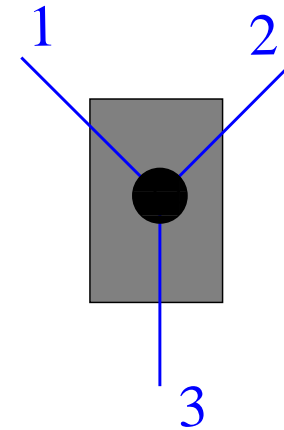
inductor L



capacitor C



resistor2 R_L



connector2 $n = 3$

Module equations

- vertex 1 :** $V_{\text{connector}1,1} = V_{\text{connector}1,2} = V_{\text{connector}1,3}$
 $I_{\text{connector}1,1} + I_{\text{connector}1,2} + I_{\text{connector}1,3} = 0$
- vertex 2 :** $V_{R_C,1} - V_{R_C,2} = R_C I_{R_C,1}, I_{R_C,1} + I_{R_C,2} = 0$
- vertex 3 :** $L \frac{d}{dt} I_{L,1} = V_{L,1} - V_{L,2}, I_{L,1} + I_{L,2} = 0$
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 $I_{R_L,1} + I_{R_L,2} = 0$
- vertex 6 :** $V_{\text{connector}2,1} = V_{\text{connector}2,2} = V_{\text{connector}2,3}$
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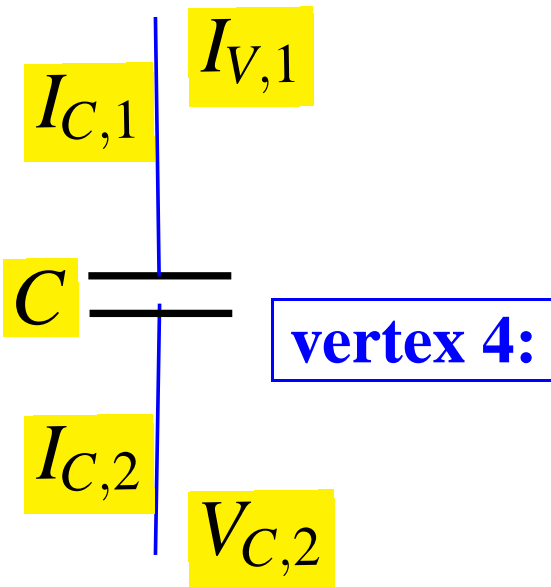
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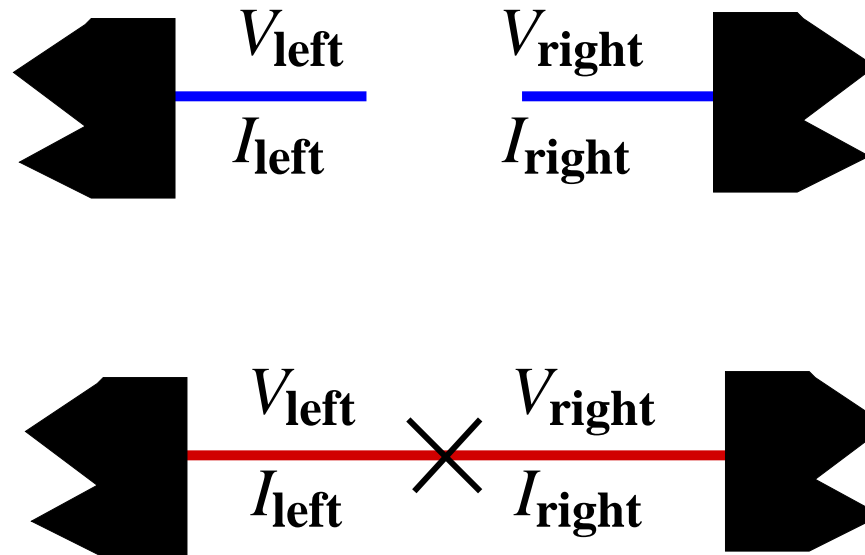
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Interconnection

All interconnections are of electrical type



Interconnection equations:

potential left = potential right

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$$V_{\text{left}} = V_{\text{right}}$$

current left + current right = 0

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$$I_{\text{left}} + I_{\text{right}} = 0$$

Interconnection equations

$$\text{edge c : } V_{R_{C,1}} = V_{\text{connector1,2}} \quad I_{R_{C,1}} + I_{\text{connector1,2}} = 0$$

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$$\text{edge h : } V_{R_{L,2}} = V_{\text{connector2,2}} \quad I_{R_{L,2}} + I_{\text{connector2,2}} = 0$$

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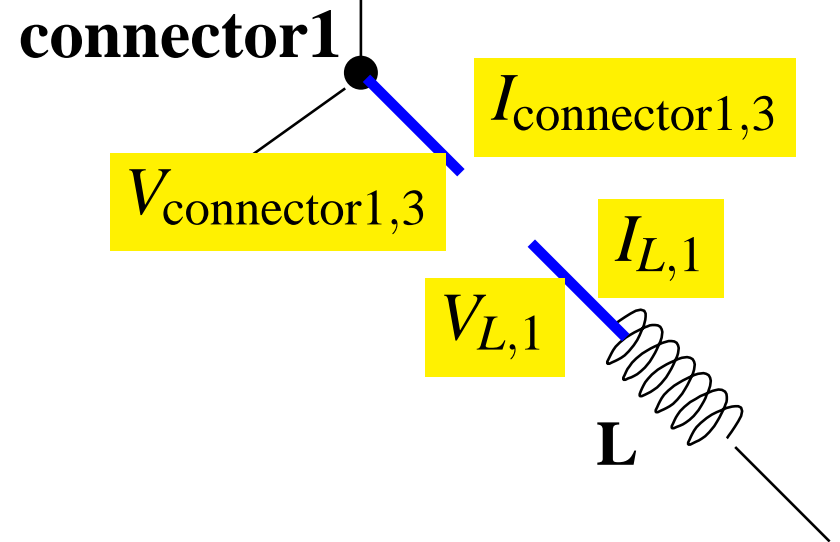
$$V_{RC,1} = V_{\text{connector}1,2}$$

$$I_{RC,1} + I_{\text{connector}1,2} = 0$$

edge d:

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$$V_{RC,2} = V_{C,1}$$

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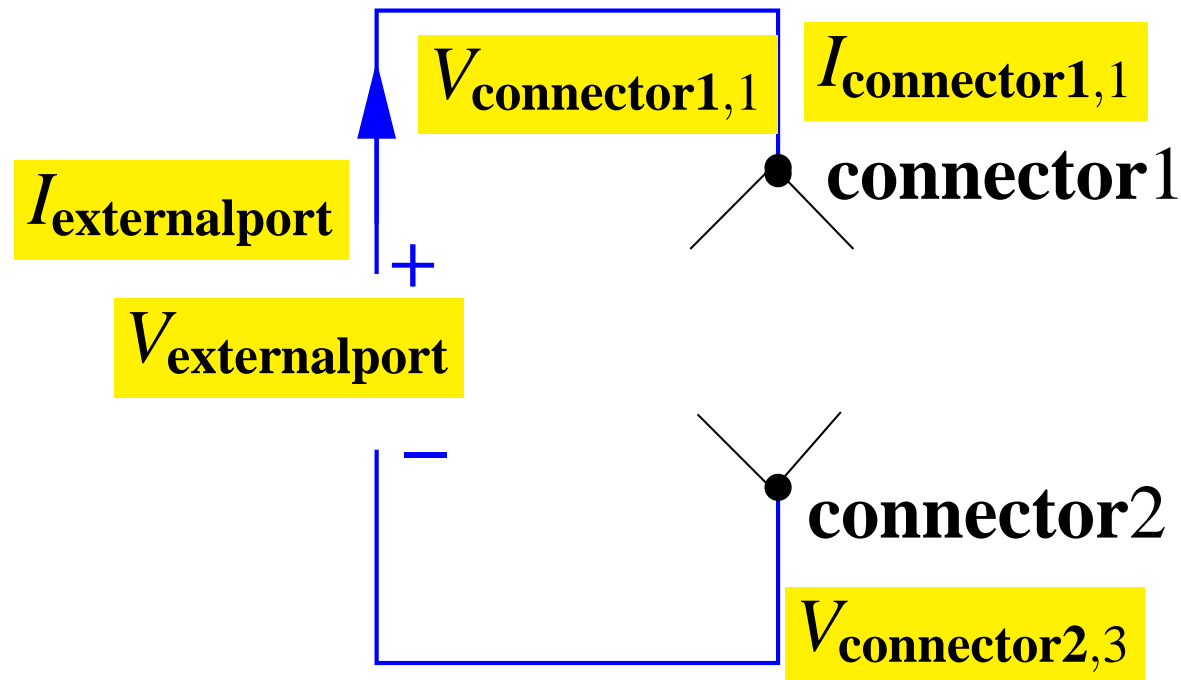
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Canceling poles and zeros

Other methodologies

Differential-algebraic equations (DAEs)

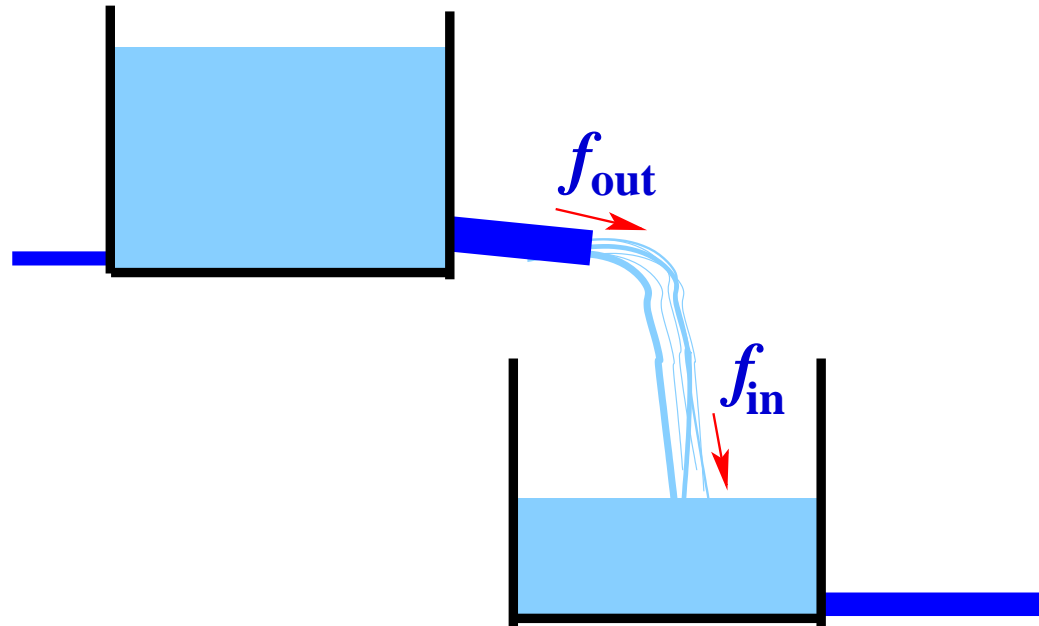
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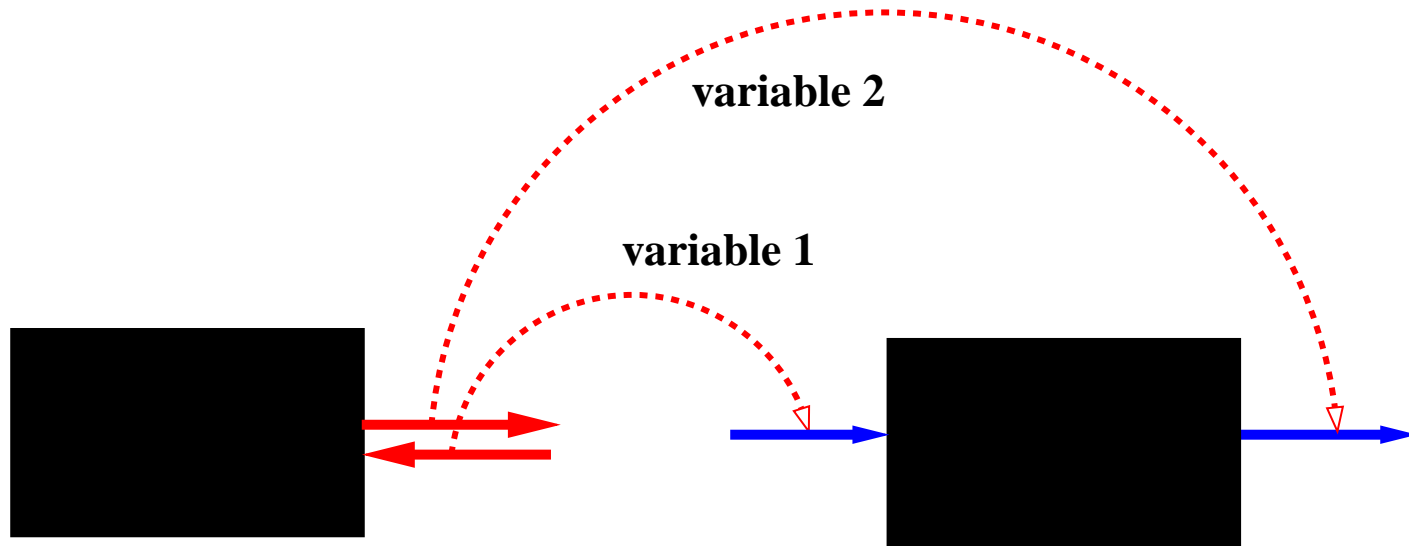
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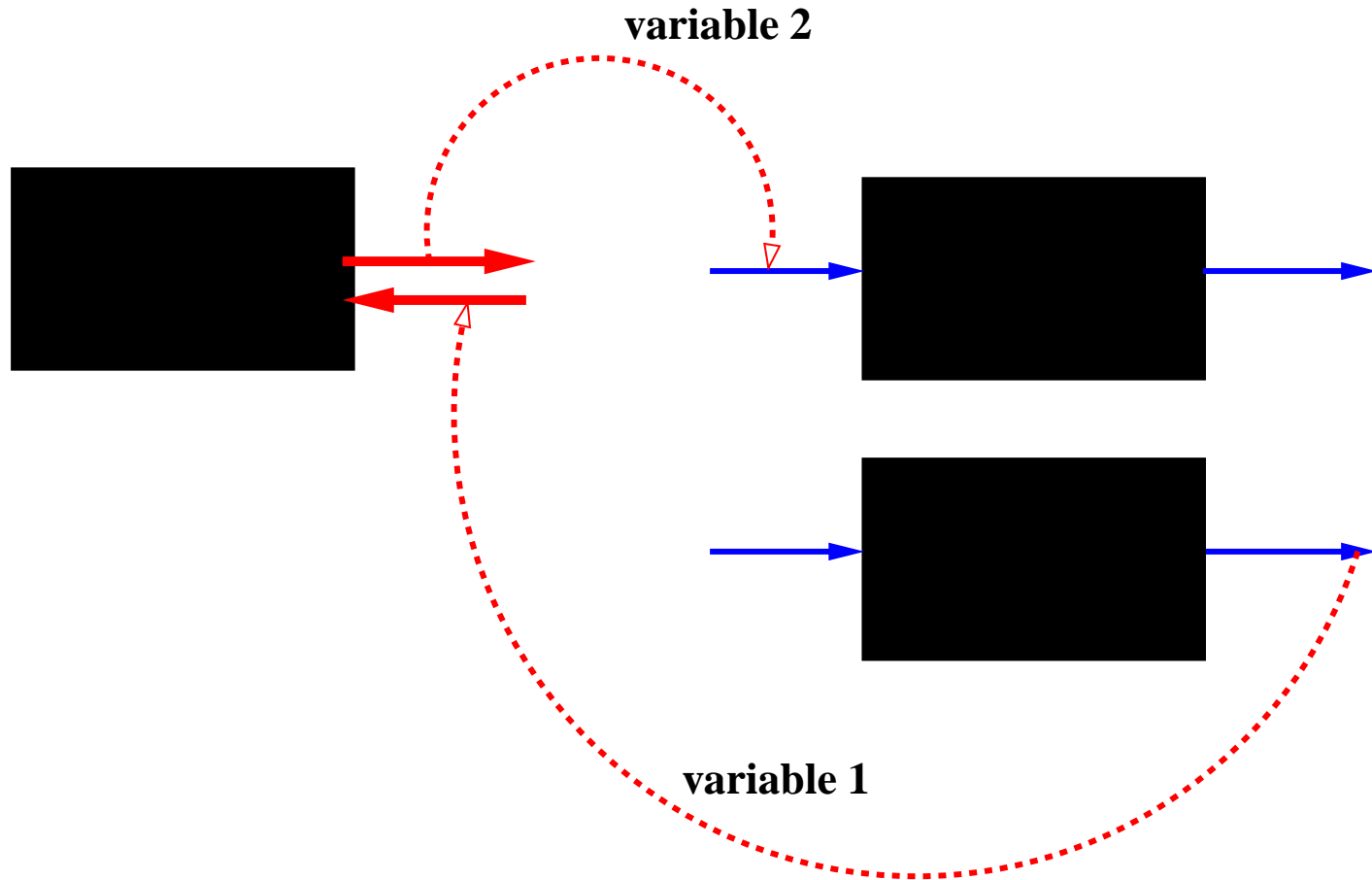
Block diagram



- ▶ shows terminal variables separate
- ▶ suggests that inputs and outputs occur at different physical points

Pedagogically awkward, confusing.

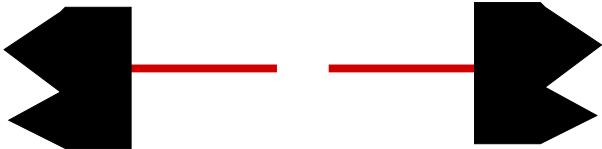
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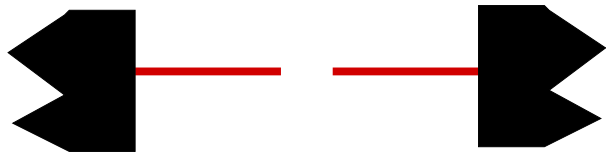
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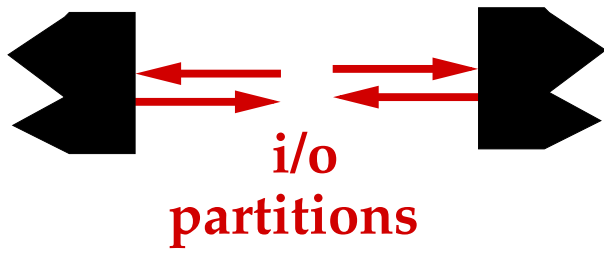
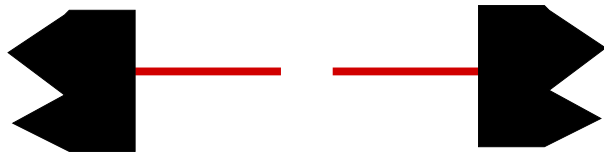
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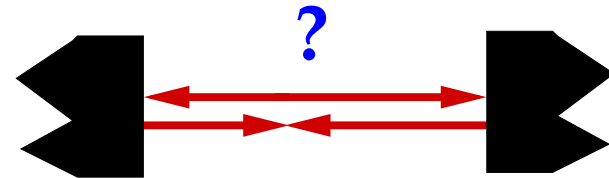
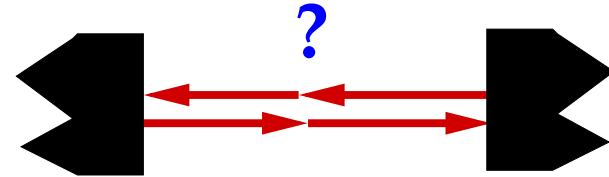
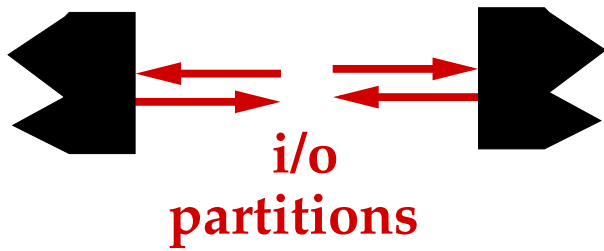
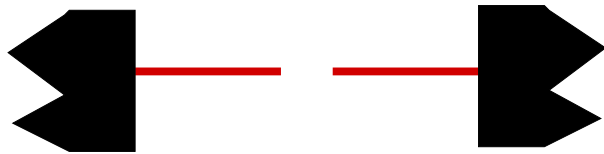
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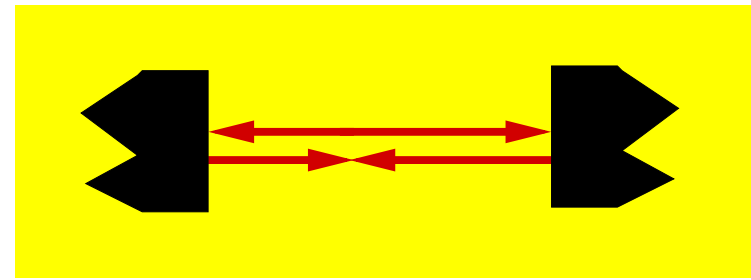
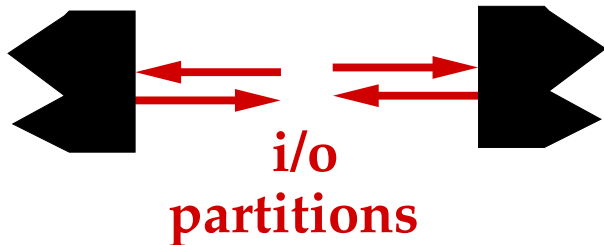
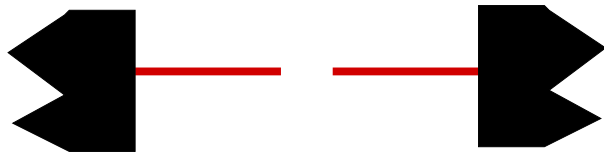
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For physical systems

input-to-input & **output-to-output**

assignment very prevalent:

force to force; pressure to pressure; heat flow to heat flow;
temperature to temperature; mass flow to mass flow; ...

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“Block diagrams unsuitable for serious physical modeling

- the control/physics barrier”

“Behavior based (declarative) modeling is a good alternative”



Karl Åström

from K.J. Åström, *Present Developments in Control Applications*



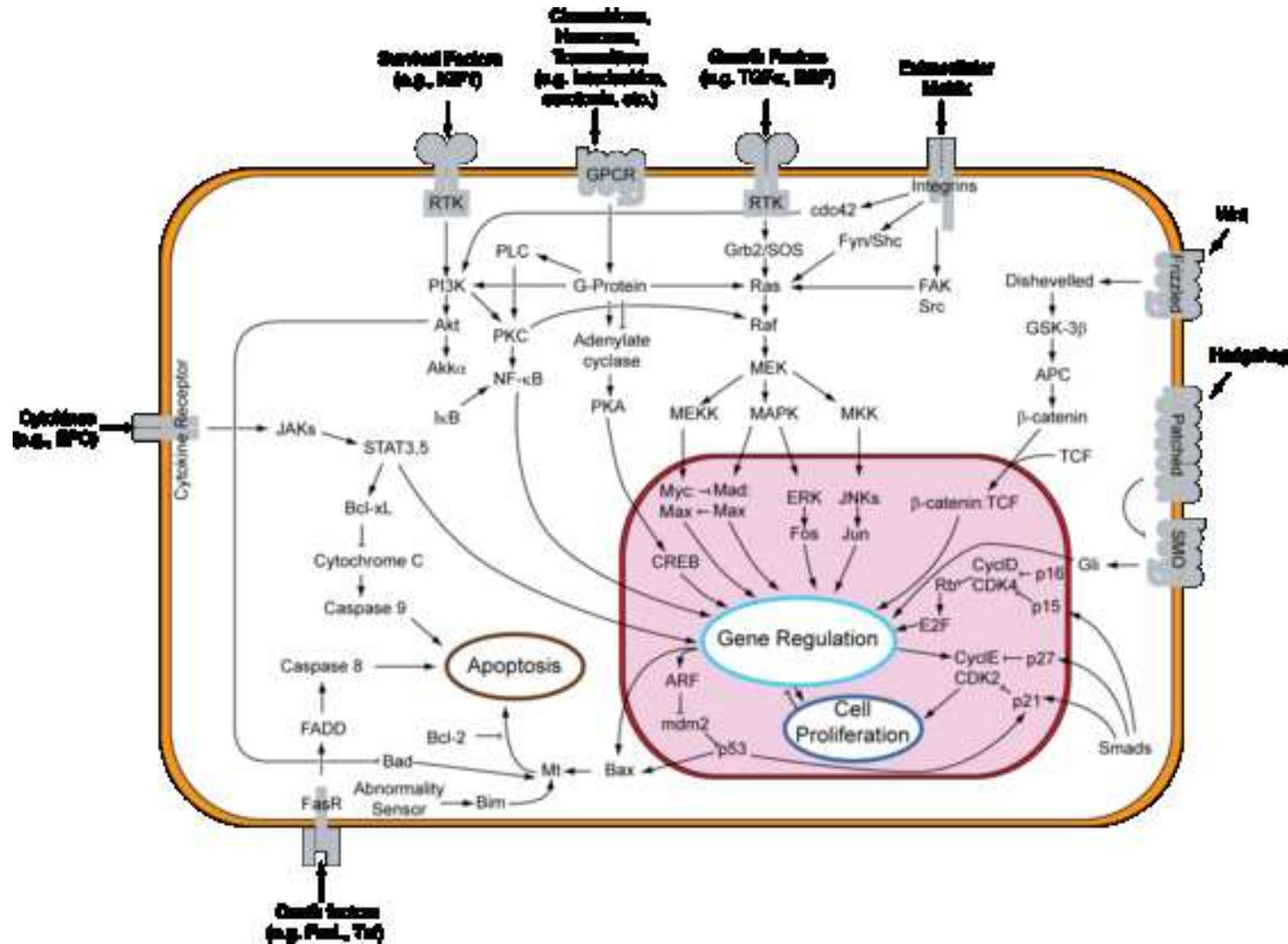
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Notes & arrows



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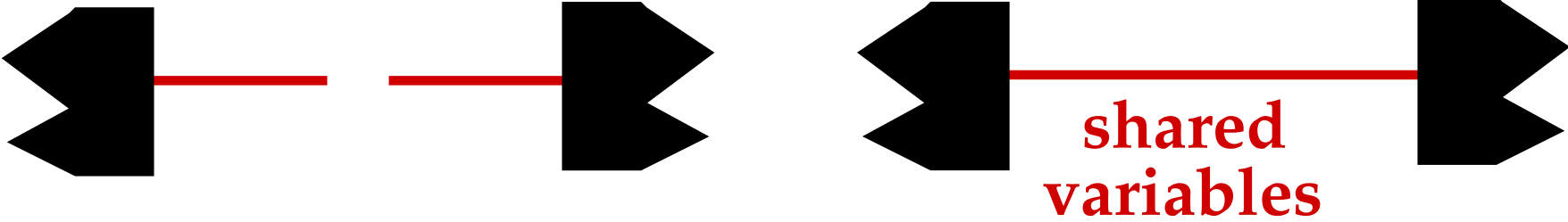


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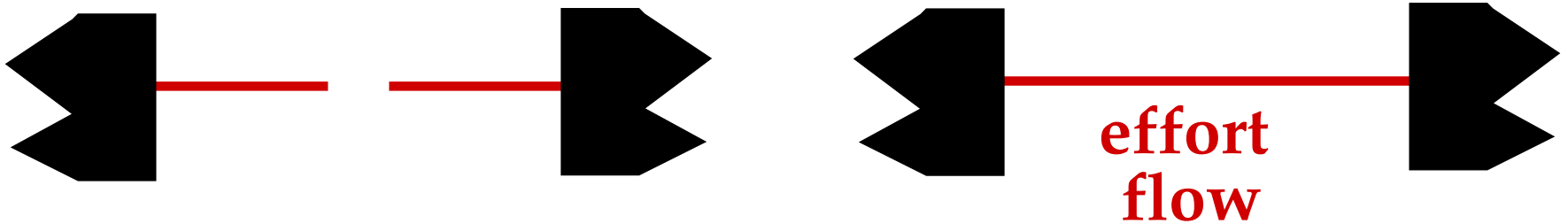
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Interconnection variables consist of

an **effort** and a **flow**

effort \times **flow** = **power**

Interconnection \Leftrightarrow

[efforts equal] & [flows sum to 0]

\Rightarrow **power equal**

'Power is the universal currency of physical systems'

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- ▶ **voltage & current**
- ▶ **force & velocity**
- ▶ **pressure & mass flow**
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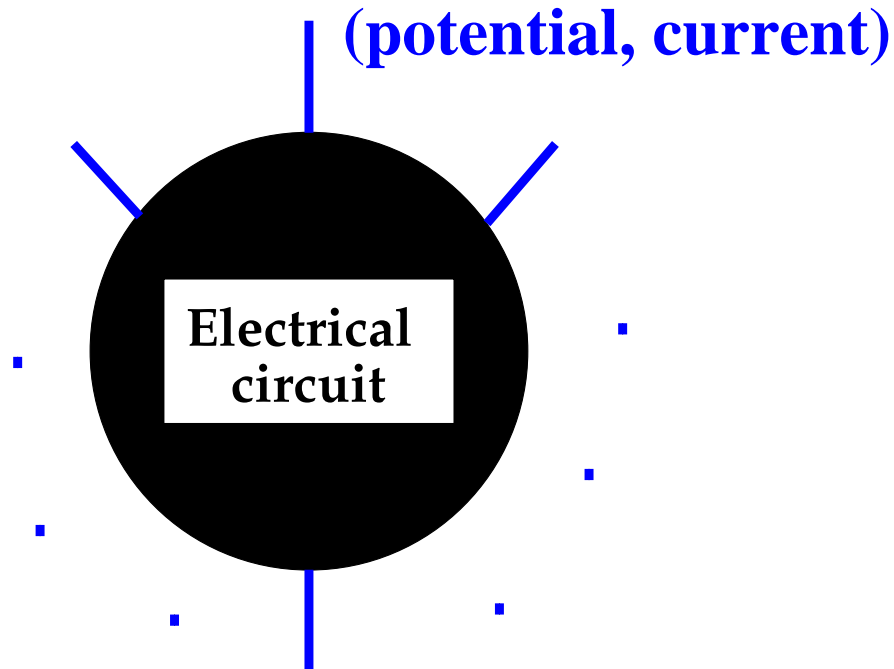
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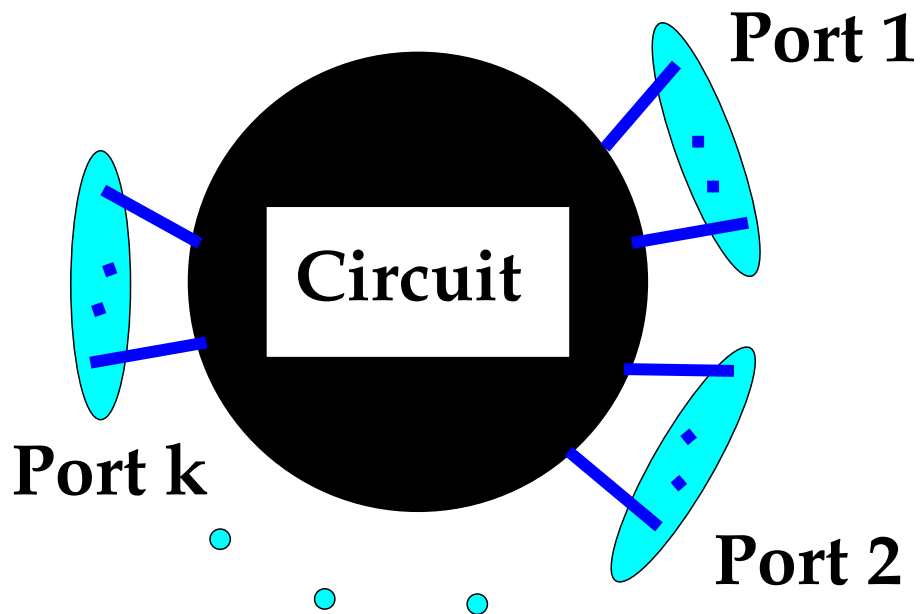
Terminals versus ports



Terminal variables and behavior:

$$(V_1, I_1, V_2, I_2, \dots, V_n, I_n) \rightsquigarrow \text{behavior } \mathcal{B} \subseteq (\mathbb{R}^{2n})^{\mathbb{R}}$$

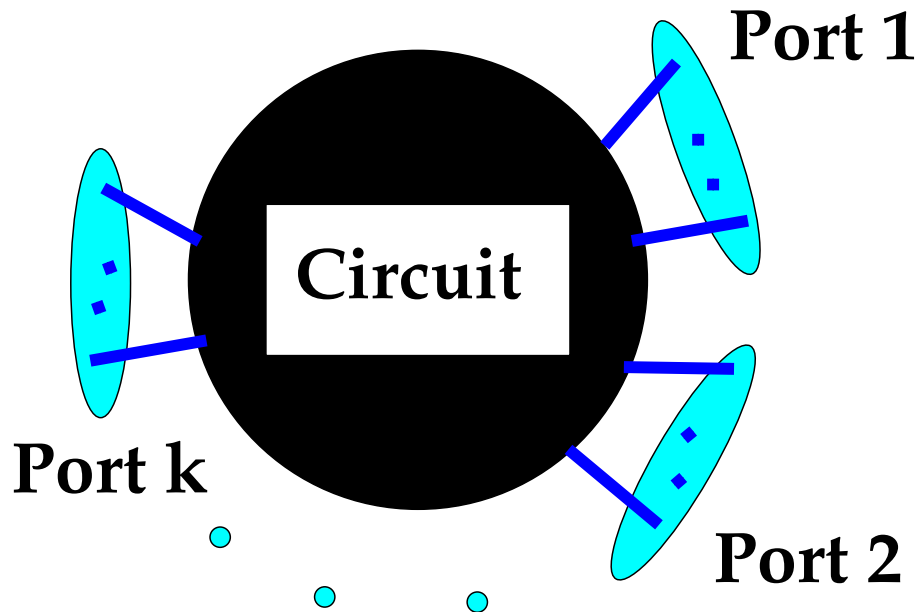
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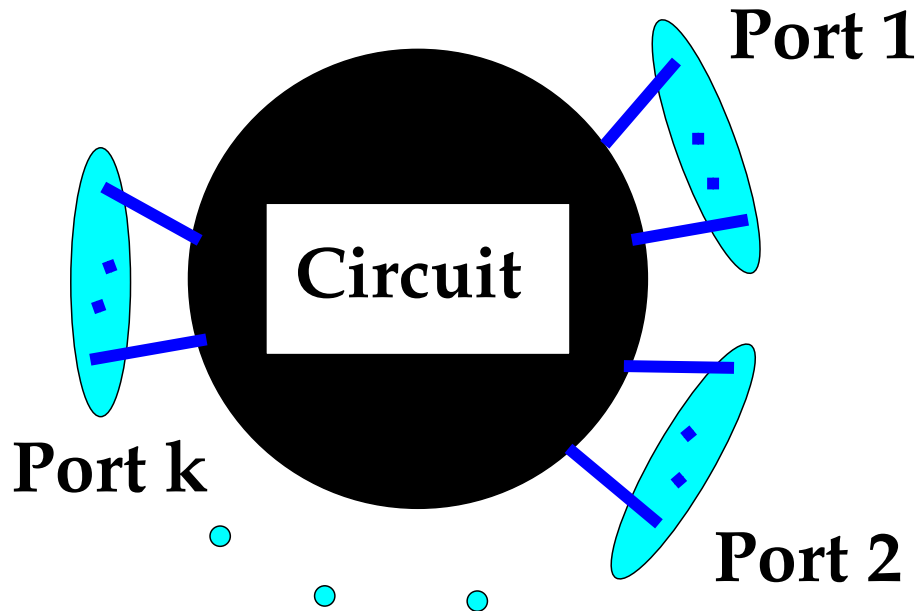
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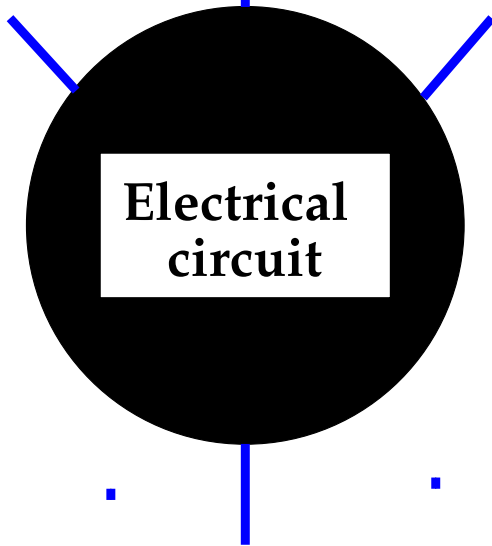
$$V_i - V_j \quad \text{for } i, j = 1, \dots, p$$

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(potential, current)



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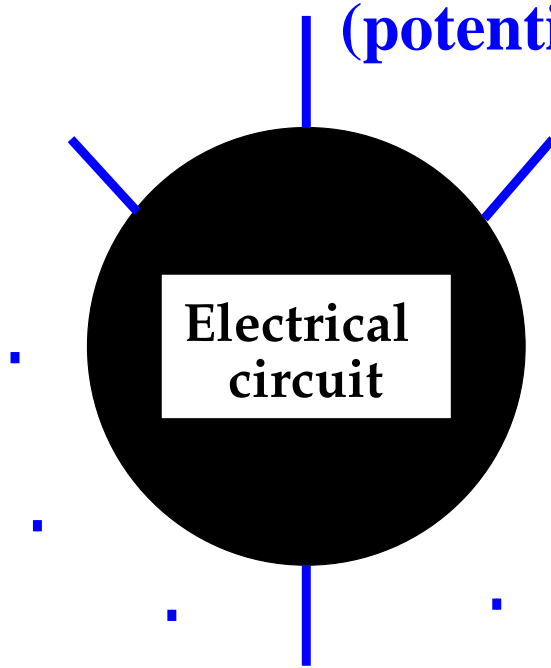
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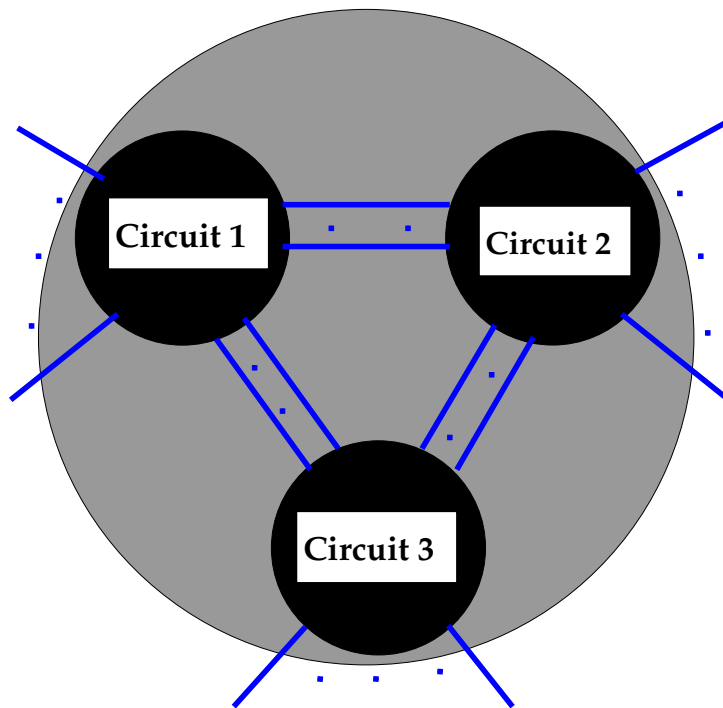
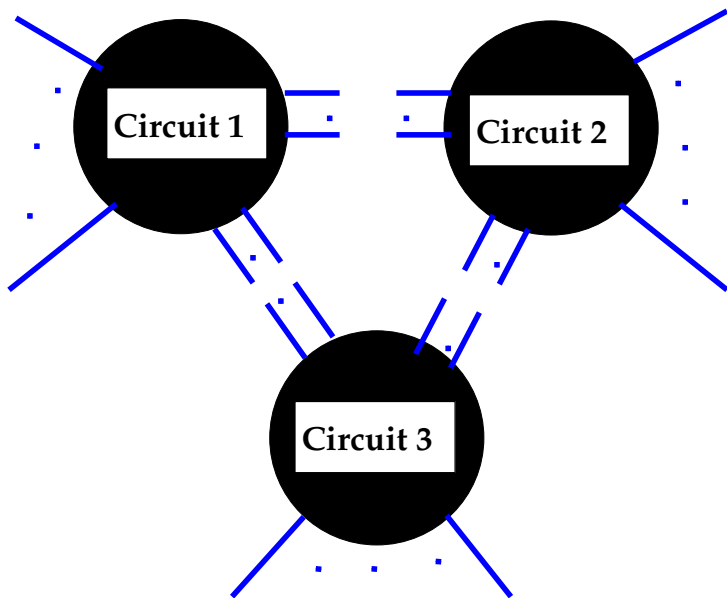
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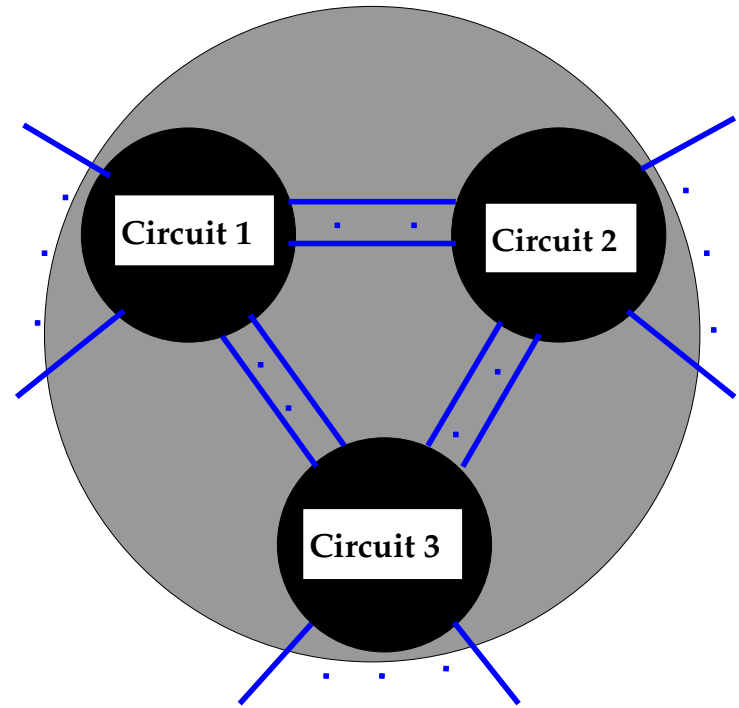
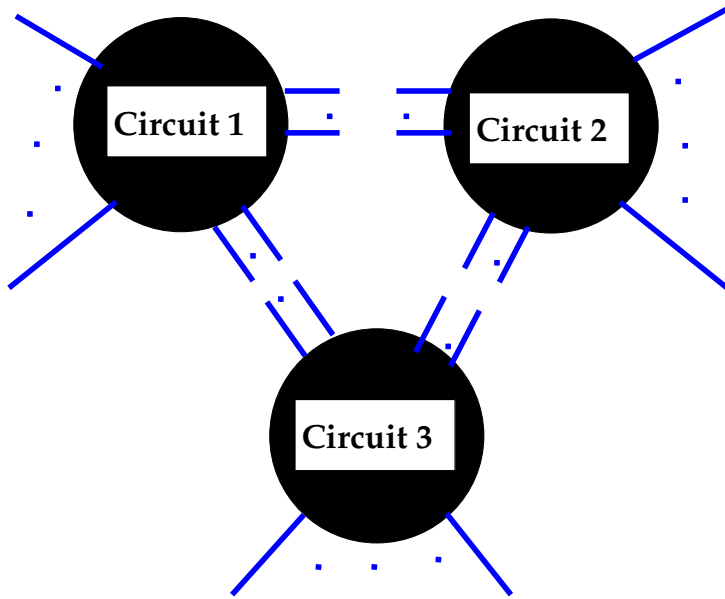
Viewed as ‘laws’ governing electrical circuits, these may be thought of as the **Kirchhoff laws, KVL & KCL**,

This property is closed under interconnection.

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**Interconnection via terminals, energy transfer via ports.
One cannot speak about**

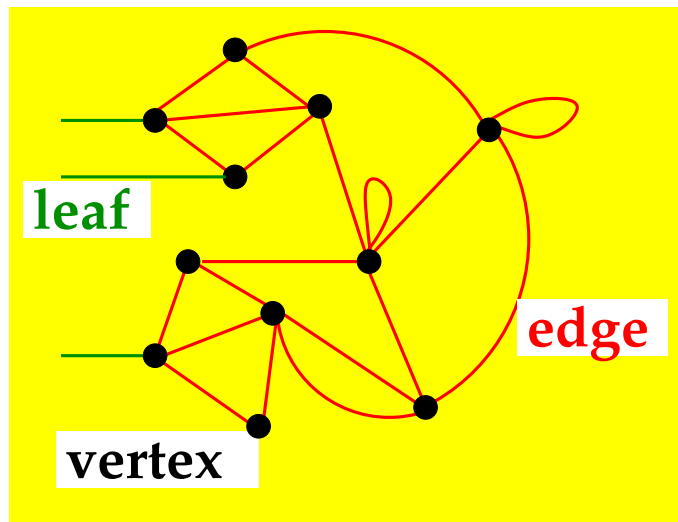
“the energy transferred from circuit 1 to circuit 2”

unless their interconnected terminals form a port.

Hierarchy

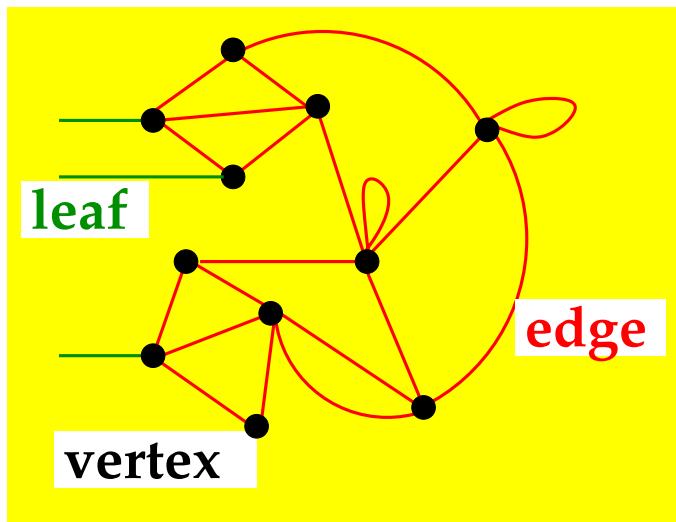
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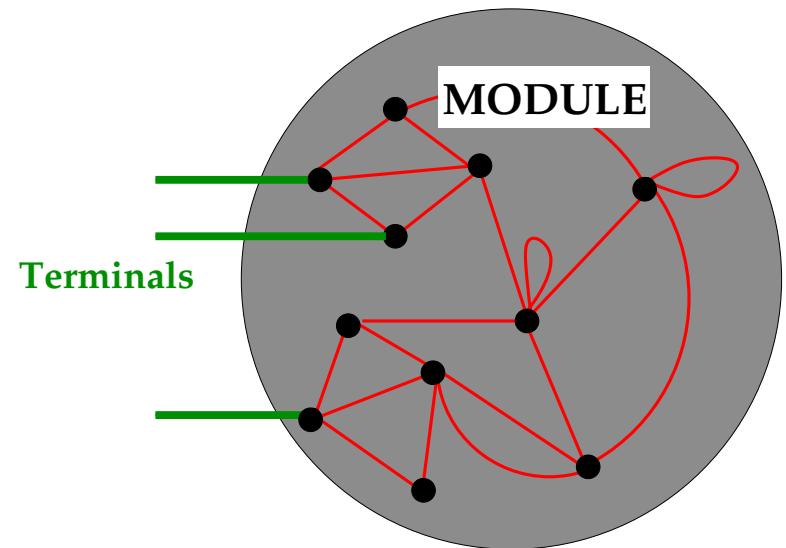
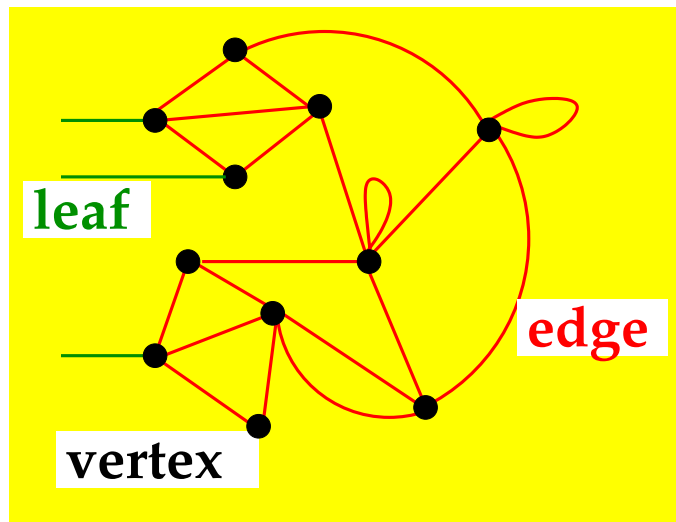
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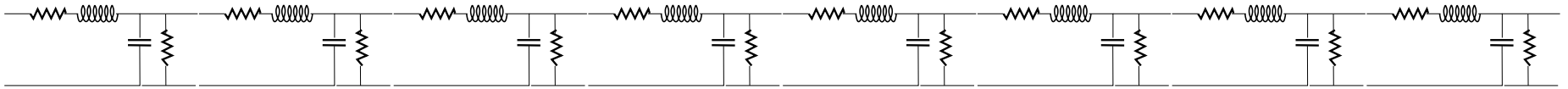
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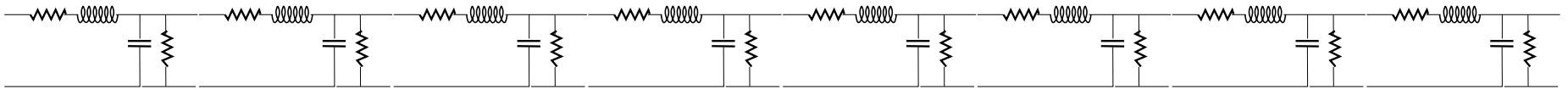
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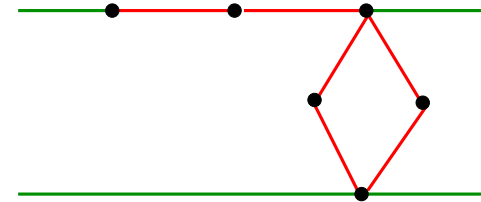
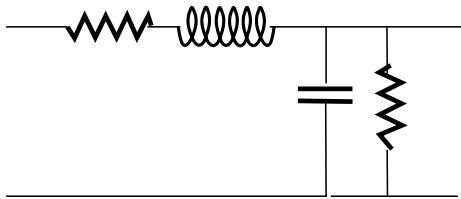


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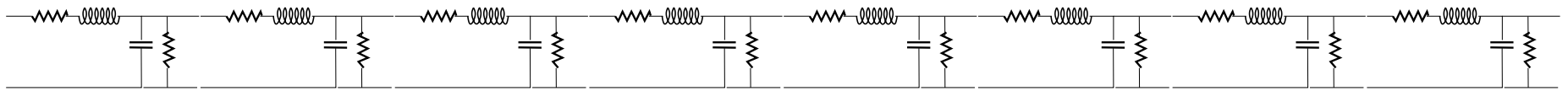


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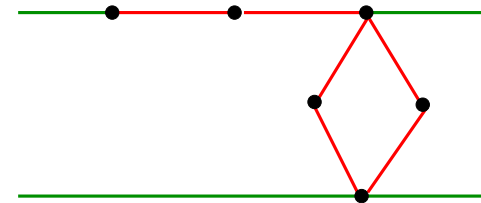
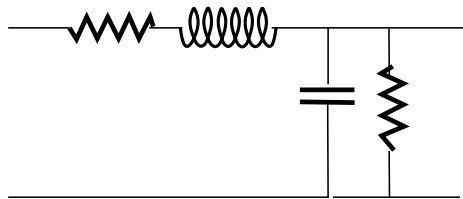


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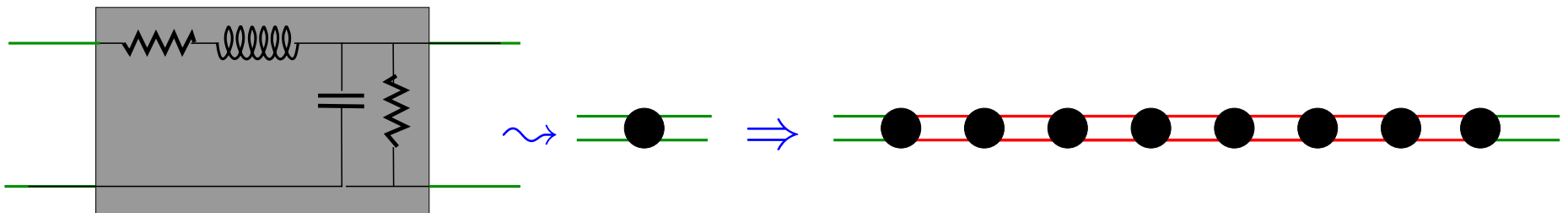
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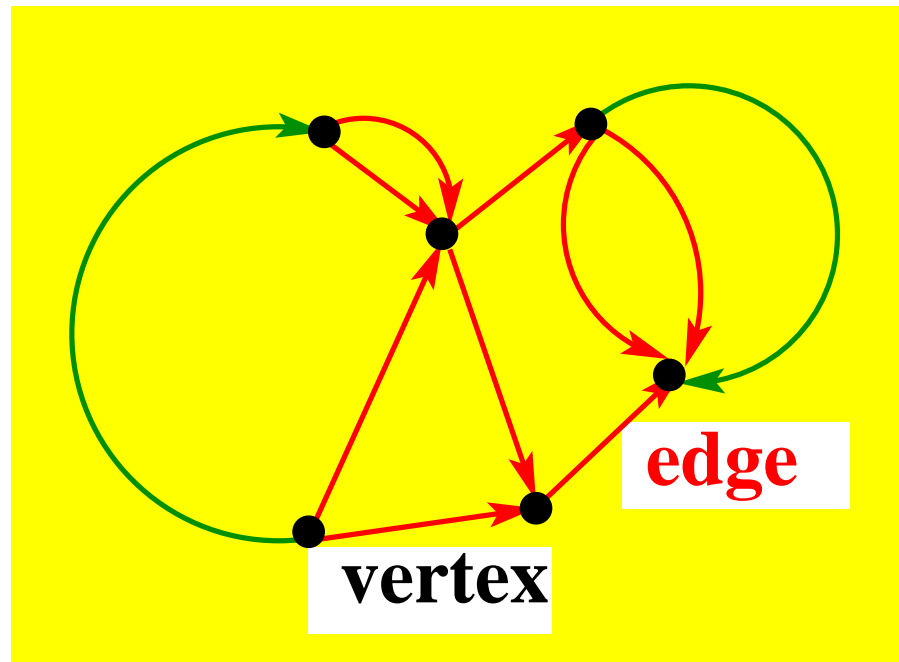
Hierarchical combination:



Circuit diagrams

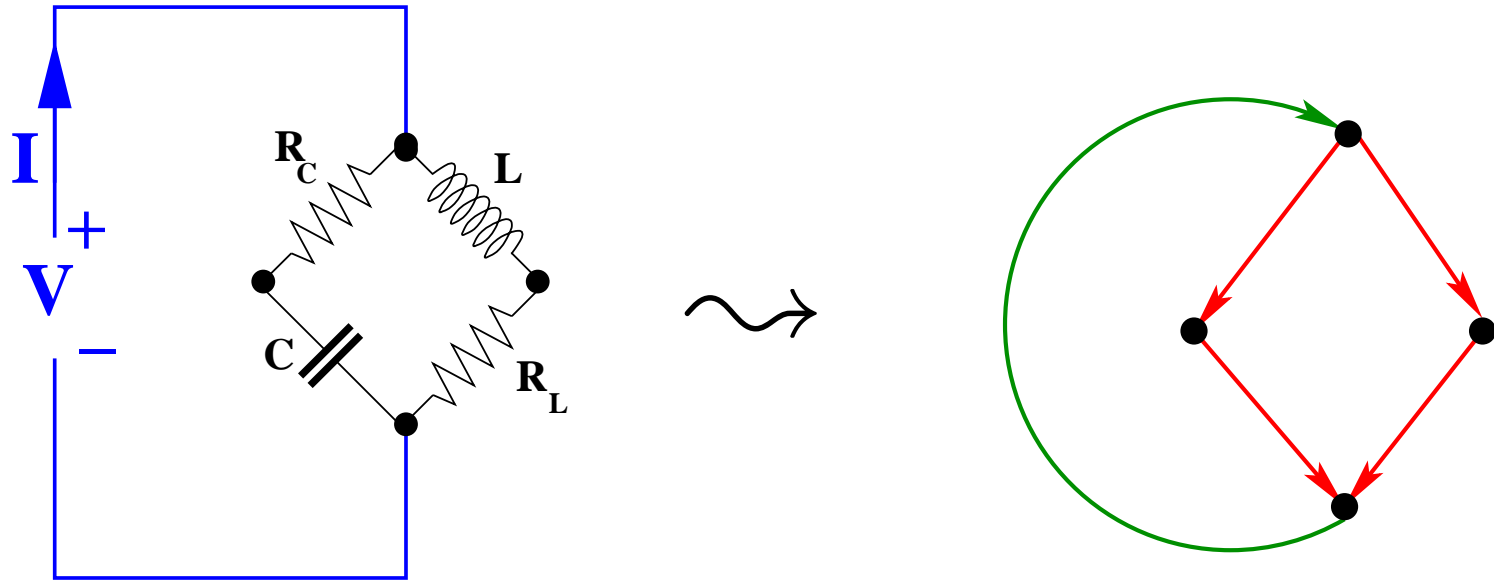
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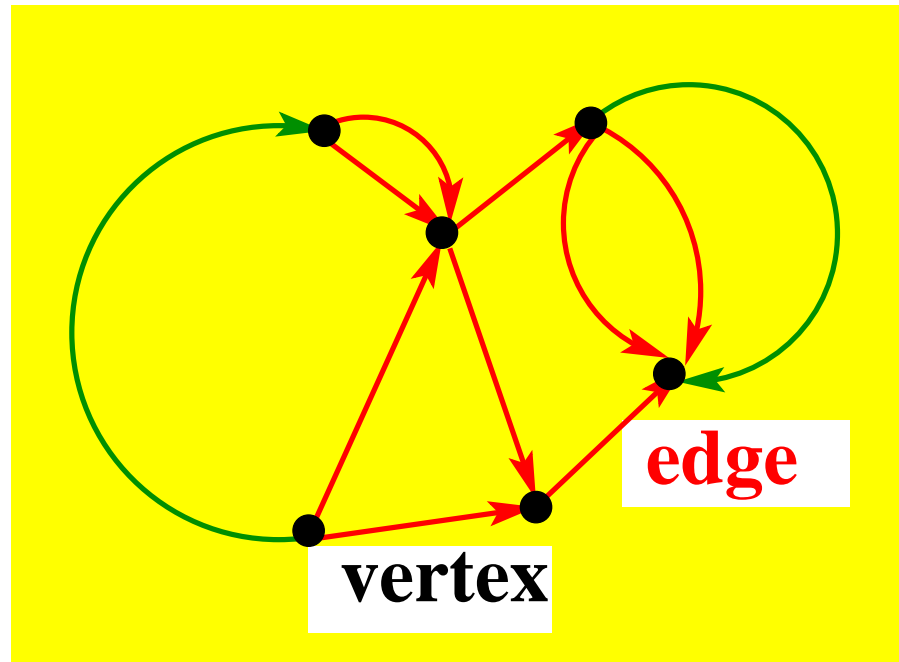
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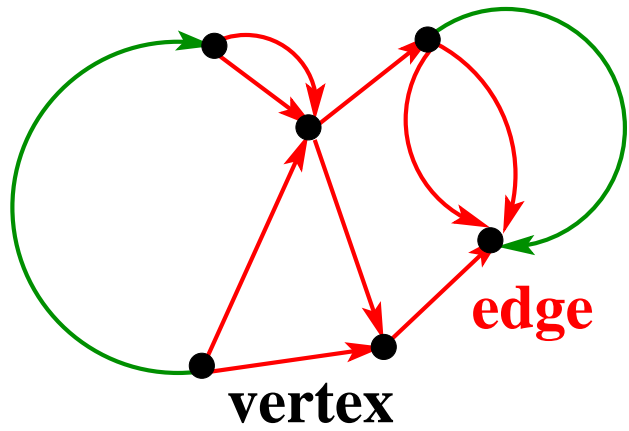
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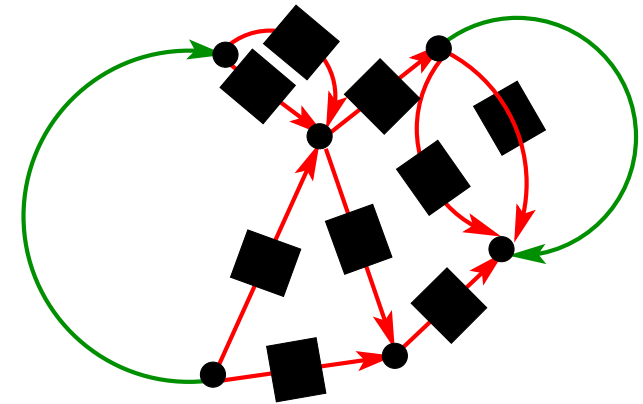
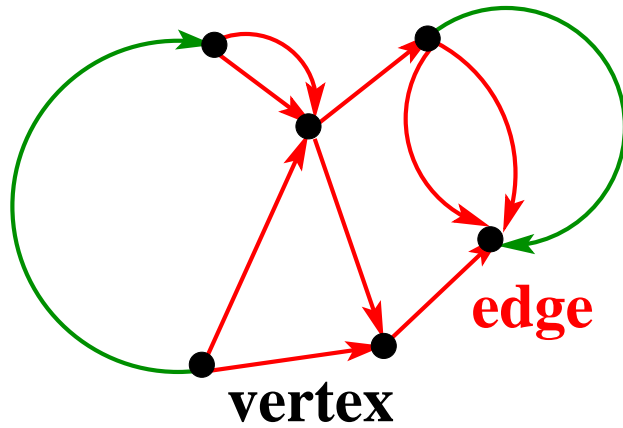
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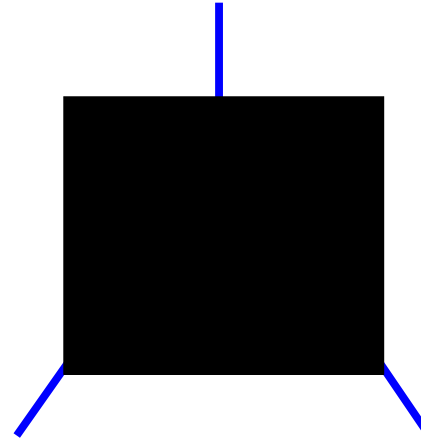
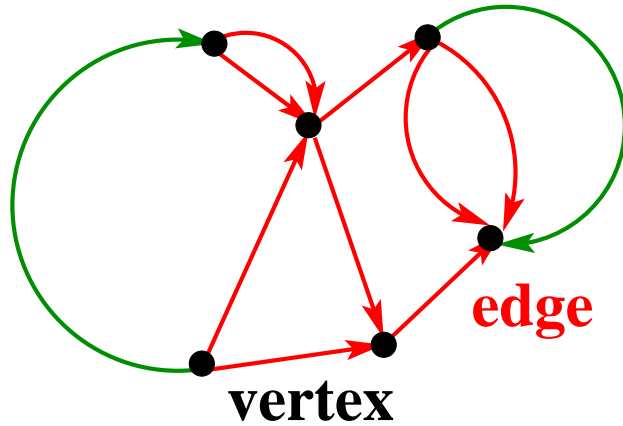


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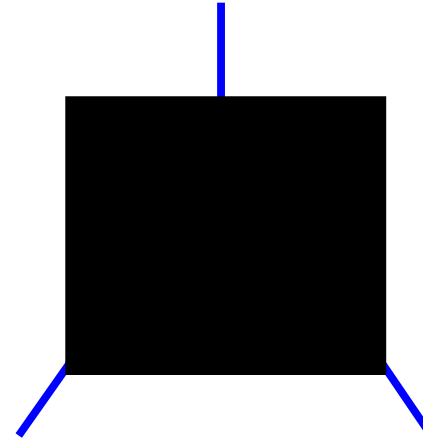
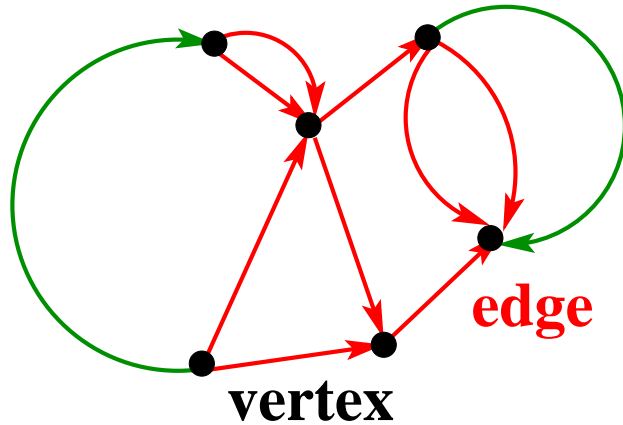
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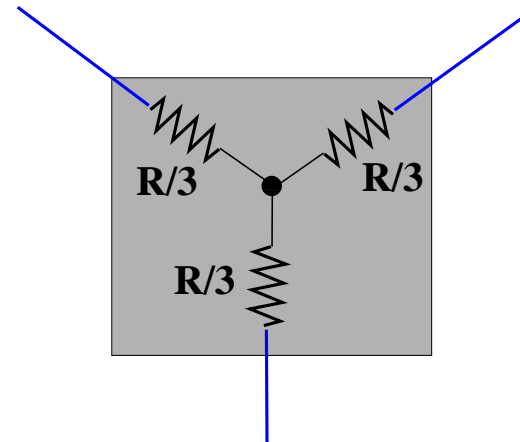
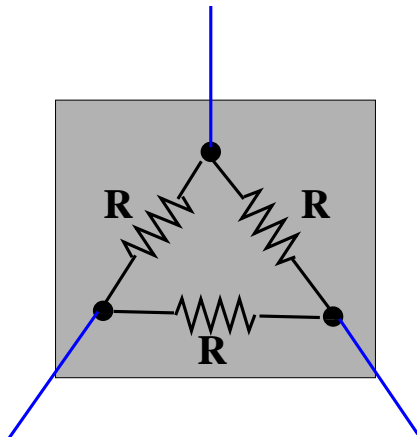


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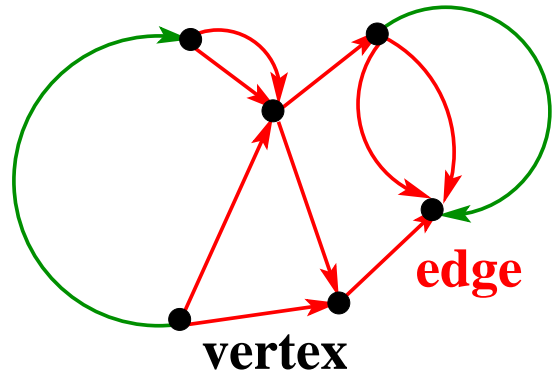
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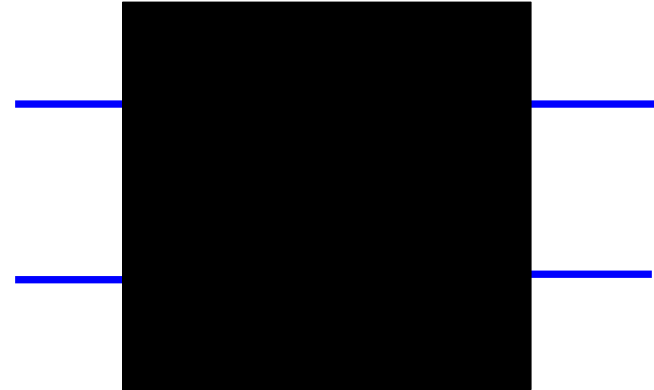
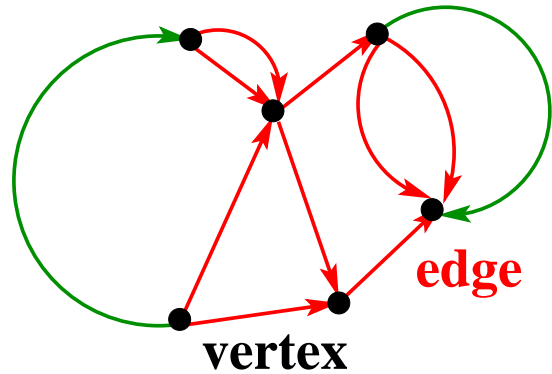


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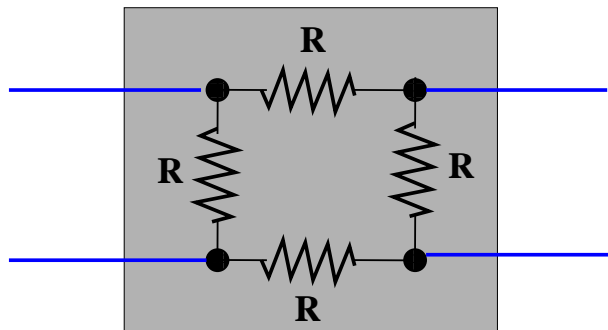


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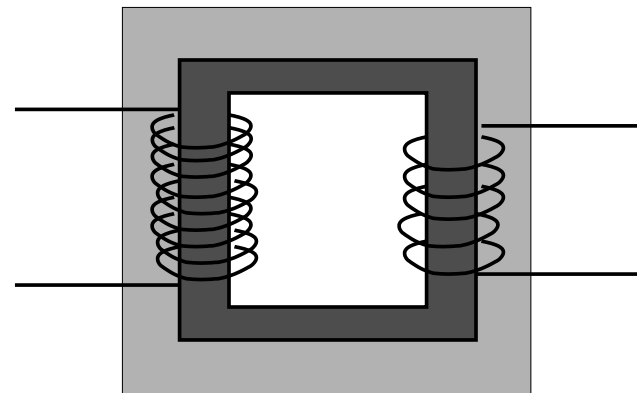
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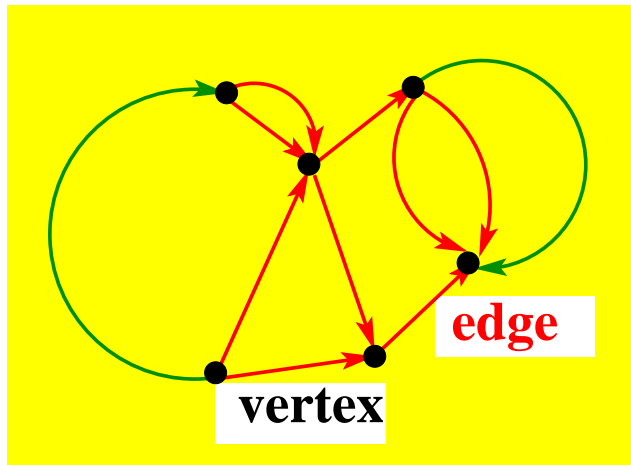


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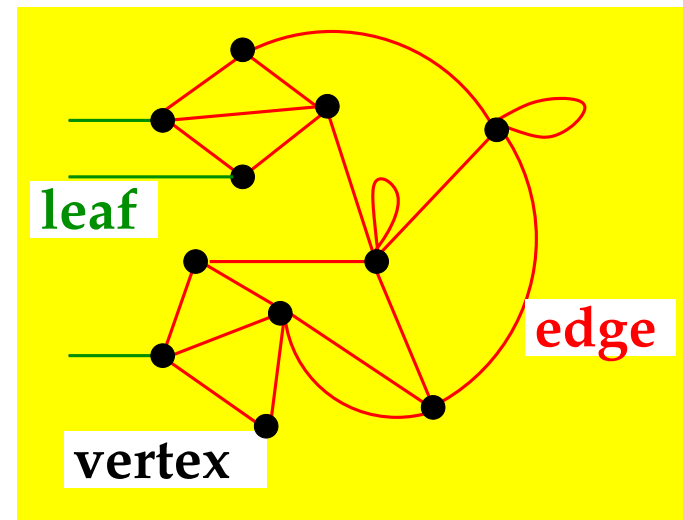
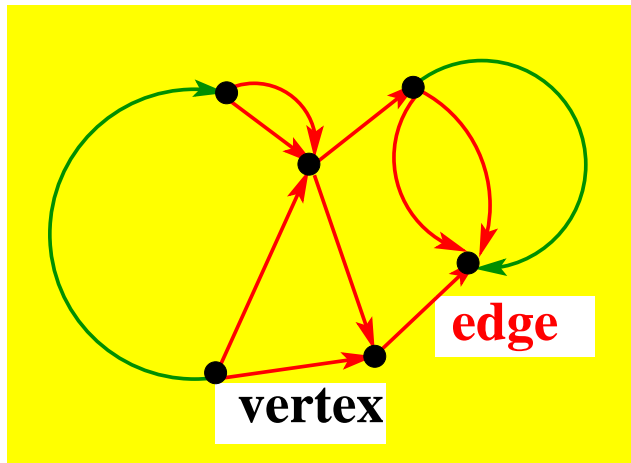


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