# EECE 301 Signals \& Systems Prof. Mark Fowler 

## Note Set \#6

- System Modeling and C-T System Models
- Reading Assignment: Sections 2.4 \& 2.5 of Kamen and Heck


## Course Flow Diagram

The arrows here show conceptual flow between ideas. Note the parallel structure between the pink blocks (C-T Freq. Analysis) and the blue blocks (D-T Freq. Analysis).


## System Modeling

To do engineering design, we must be able to accurately predict the quantitative behavior of a circuit or other system.

This requires math models:


## Mechanical



Similar ideas hold for hydraulic, chemical, etc. systems...

## Simple Circuit Example:

Sending info over a wire cable between two computers


Two conductors separated by an insulator $\Rightarrow$ capacitance
Two practical examples of the cable
"Twisted Pair" of Insulated
Wires
Typical values: $100 \Omega / \mathrm{km}$
$50 \mathrm{nF} / \mathrm{km}$


Recall: resistance increases with wire length

Simple Model:

Driver's Thevenin Equivalent Circuit (Computer \#1)

Cable Model Receiver's Thevenin Equivalent Circuit (Computer \#2)

Infinite Input Resistance (Ideal)

## Effective Operation:





## Use Loop Equation \& Device Rules:

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\begin{aligned}
& x(t)=v_{R}(t)+y(t) \\
& v_{R}(t)=R i(t) \\
& i(t)=C \frac{d y(t)}{d t}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\frac{d y(t)}{d t}+\frac{1}{R C} y(t)=\frac{1}{R C} x(t)
$$

This is the Differential Equation to be "Solved":
Given: Input $x(t) \quad$ Find: Solution $y(t)$

Recall: A "Solution" of the D.E. means... The function that when put into the left side causes it to reduce to the right side

Differential Equation \& System ... the solution is the output

Now... because this is a linear system (it only has $R, L, C$ components!) we can analyze it by superposition.

Decompose the input...



## Input Components

## Output Components (Blue)

Standard Exponential Response
Learned in "Circuits":


## Output Components


$+$


> Output is a "smoothed" version of the input... it is harder to distinguish "ones" and "zeros"... it will be even harder if there is noise added onto the signal!


## Progression of Ideas an Engineer Might Use for this Problem

## Physical System:



Schematic System:


Mathematical System:


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\frac{d y(t)}{d t}+\frac{1}{R C} y(t)=\frac{1}{R C} x(t)
$$



Mathematical Solution:

## Automobile Suspension System Example



Results in $4^{\text {th }}$ order differential equation:

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\begin{aligned}
& \qquad \frac{d^{4} y(t)}{d t^{4}}+\frac{a_{3} d^{3} y(t)}{d t^{3}}+\frac{a_{2} d^{2} y(t)}{d t^{2}}+\frac{a_{1} d y(t)}{d t}+a_{0} y(t)=\underbrace{F[x(t)]} \\
& \text { The } a_{i} \text { are functions of system's physical parameters: } \\
& \qquad M_{1}, M_{2}, k_{s}, k_{d}, k_{t}
\end{aligned}
$$

# Again... to find the output for a given input requires solving the differential equation 

Engineers could use this differential equation model to theoretically explore:

1. How the car will respond to some typical theoretical test inputs when different possible values of system physical parameters are used
2. Determine what the best set of system physical parameters are for a desired response
3. Then... maybe build a prototype and use it to fine tune the real-world effects that are not captured by this differential equation model

So... What we are seeing is that for an engineer to analyze or design a circuit (or a general physical system) there is almost always an underlying Differential Equation whose solution for a given input tells how the system output behaves

So... engineers need both a qualitative and quantitative understanding of Differential Equations.

The major goal of this course is to provide tools that help gain that qualitative and quantitative understanding!!!

## Linear Constant-Coefficient Differential Equations

General Form: ( $N^{\text {th }}$ - order)


Output: $y(t) \quad$ Solution of the Differential Equation
Recall: Two parts to the solution
(i) one part due to ICs with zero-input ("zero-input response")
(ii) one part due to input with zero ICs ("zero-state response")

Characteristic Polynomial: $\lambda^{N}+a_{n-1} \lambda^{N-1}+\ldots+a_{1} \lambda+a_{0}$
$N$ roots: $\lambda_{1}, \lambda_{2}, \lambda_{3}, \ldots, \lambda_{N}$
$N$ "modes": Assuming distinct roots... $e^{\lambda_{1} t}, e^{\lambda_{2} t}, \ldots, e^{\lambda_{N} t}$

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\Rightarrow \quad y_{Z I}(t)=C_{1} e^{\lambda_{1} t}+C_{2} e^{\lambda_{2} t}+\cdots+C_{N} e^{\lambda_{N} t}
$$

Then: $y(t)=y_{Z I}(t)+y_{Z S}(t)$
$\left(y_{z s}(t)\right.$ is our focus, so we will often say ICs $\left.=0\right)$

## So how do we find $y_{\mathrm{zs}}(t)$ ?

If you examine the zero-state part for all the example solutions of differential equations we have seen you'll see that they all look like this:

## Input

Output when "in zero state"

## This is called "Convolution"

 (We'll study it in Ch. 2)
## So we need to find out:

1. Given a differential equation, what is $h(t-\lambda)$

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\text { See Ch. 3, 5, 6, } 8
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Really just need to know $h(t) \ldots$ it is called the system's
"Impulse Response"
2. How do we compute \& understand the convolution integral

See Ch. 2
3. Are there other (easier? more insightful?) methods to find $y_{\mathrm{zs}}(t)$ See Ch. 3, 5, 6, 8

