

# ME242 – MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SYSTEMS

## LECTURE 1

### Class Guidelines

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**Time/Place:** Room 208, Packard Lab

Session 1: M/W/F 10:10-11:00

Session 2: M/W/F 11:10-12:00

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**Webpage:** <http://www.lehigh.edu/~eus204/Teaching/ME242/ME242.html>

**E-mail list:** Make sure to be in the mailing list!!!

**Book:** "Engineering System Dynamics-A Unified Graph-Centered Approach"  
by Forbes T. Brown, Marcel Dekker, 2001 (ISBN: 0-8247-0616-1).  
Available at the Bookstore. We will cover partially Chapters 1 to 7.

**Grader:** Bryce VanArsdalen

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**Prerequisites:** MECH102, MAT205, and previously or concurrently, ME231

## **MATH 205. Linear Methods**

Linear differential equations and applications; matrices and systems of linear equations; vector spaces; eigenvalues and application to linear systems of differential equations.

## **MECH 102. Dynamics**

Particle dynamics, work-energy, impulse-momentum, impact, systems of particles; kinematics of rigid bodies, kinetics of rigid bodies in plane motion, energy, momentum, eccentric impact.

## **ME 231. Fluid Mechanics**

Kinematics of fluid flow and similarity concepts. Equations of incompressible fluid flow with inviscid and viscous applications. Turbulence. One-dimensional compressible flow, shock waves. Boundary layers, separation, wakes and drag.

I will help you as we go by doing examples  
which should refresh your memory

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## **Grading:**

Homework/Projects	20%
In-class Test 1	20%
In-class Test 2	20%
Final	40%

Score	Letter Grade
92-100	A
90-91	A-
87-89	B+
82-86	B
80-81	B-
77-79	C+
72-76	C
70-71	C-
67-69	D+
62-66	D
60-61	D-
0-59	F

- A total of 100 points will be awarded as Numerical Grade
- A 100 Score corresponds to the top Numerical Grade of the class
- The students will be able to know their letter grades during the course computing their Scores based on their Numerical Grade as follows:

$$\text{Score} = \text{Scale Factor} \times \text{Numerical Grade}$$

- The Scale Factor will be computed by the instructor and posted in the web-page.

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## Policies:

- There are **NO** make-up tests or assignments
- Procedures for the conduct of exams will be explicitly stated before the exams
- Assignments and exams must be your **own work!**
- Homework is due at the **beginning** of class on the due date
- **NOT ALL** the problems will be graded
- Grading problems → Grader → Instructor
- Solutions of **ALL** the problems on the web site
- Solutions have to be comprehensible to be marked highly
- Follow the [Homework Guidelines](#) posted in the web page

## Engineering Design Process

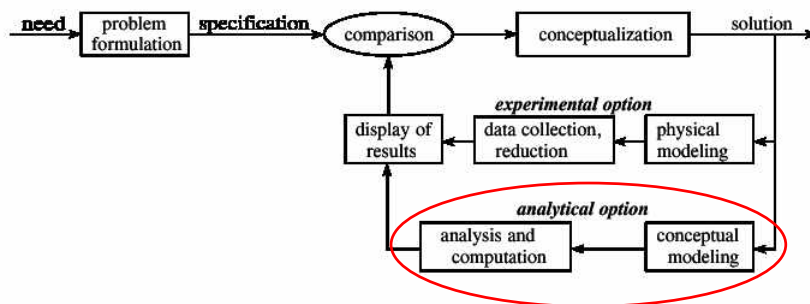
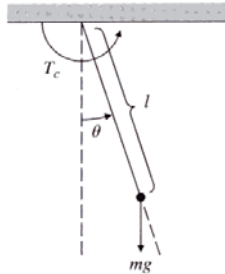


Figure 1.1: The engineering design process

## Problem Formulation

Stabilization of  
Inverted Pendulum



MECHANICAL SYSTEMS



MODELING

MATHEMATICAL REPRESENTATION  
OF THE MECHANICAL SYSTEM

DYNAMIC MODEL  
(first step in this design process)

MODELING: Modeling of mechanical / vibrational / electrical / thermal / fluid systems using lumped-parameter models via unified approach

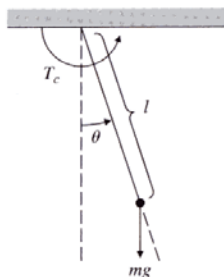


Bond-Graphs

## Dynamic Model

MECHANICAL SYSTEM:

$M = I\alpha$  Newton's law



damping coefficient

$$I\alpha = -lmg \sin \theta - b\omega + T_c$$

$$\omega = \dot{\theta}$$

angular velocity

$$\alpha = \dot{\omega} = \ddot{\theta}$$

angular acceleration

$$I = ml^2$$

moment of inertia

$$\ddot{\theta} = -\frac{b}{ml^2} \dot{\theta} - \frac{g}{l} \sin \theta + \frac{T_c}{ml^2}$$

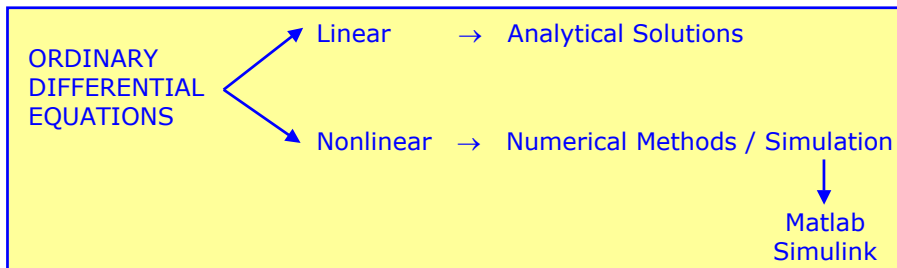
## Dynamic Model

DYNAMIC MODEL



DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

$$\ddot{\theta} = -\frac{b}{ml^2}\dot{\theta} - \frac{g}{l}\sin\theta + \frac{T_c}{ml^2}$$



Open loop simulations: pend\_par.m, pendol01.mdl

## Equilibrium and Linearization

Which are the equilibrium points when  $T_c=0$ ?

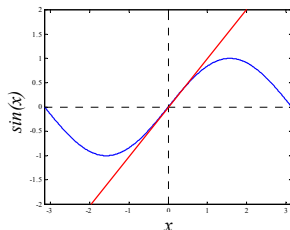
At equilibrium:  $\ddot{\theta} = \dot{\theta} = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = -\frac{g}{l}\sin\theta \Rightarrow \theta = 0, \pi$

Stable

Unstable

What happens around  $\theta=\pi$ ?

$$\theta = \pi + x \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = -\frac{b}{ml^2}\dot{x} - \frac{g}{l}\sin(\pi + x) + \frac{T_c}{ml^2} \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = -\frac{b}{ml^2}\dot{x} + \frac{g}{l}\sin(x) + \frac{T_c}{ml^2}$$



By Taylor Expansion:

$$\sin(x) = x + h.o.t. \Rightarrow \sin(x) \approx x$$

Linearized Equation:

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{b}{ml^2}\dot{x} + \frac{g}{l}x + \frac{T_c}{ml^2}$$

Equilibrium Definition and Linearization → Analysis Simplification!!!

## Analysis

$$T_c = 0 \Rightarrow \ddot{x} + \frac{b}{ml^2} \dot{x} - \frac{g}{l} x = 0 \quad \text{What is the solution } x(t)?$$

Characteristic Equation 

$$\lambda^2 + \frac{b}{ml^2} \lambda - \frac{g}{l} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \frac{-\frac{b}{ml^2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{b}{ml^2}\right)^2 + 4\frac{g}{l}}}{2}$$

$$x(t) = Ae^{\lambda_1 t} + Be^{\lambda_2 t}$$

The dynamics of the system is given by  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$

$\text{real}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) > 0 \Rightarrow$  **INSTABILITY**

Stability Analysis

## Model Representation

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{b}{ml^2} \dot{x} + \frac{g}{l} x + \frac{T_c}{ml^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Reduce to first order equations:}$$

State Variable  
Representation

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= x \\ x_2 &= \dot{x} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -\frac{b}{ml^2} x_2 + \frac{g}{l} x_1 + \frac{T_c}{ml^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$x \equiv \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, u \equiv T_c \Rightarrow \dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{g}{l} & -\frac{b}{ml^2} \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{ml^2} \end{bmatrix} u = Ax + Bu$$

Model Representation  $\rightarrow$  State Variables / Transfer Function

$$\text{eig}(A) = \{\lambda : |\lambda I - A| = 0\} = \left\{ \lambda : \lambda^2 + \frac{b}{ml^2} \lambda - \frac{g}{l} = 0 \right\} \quad \text{Characteristic Equation}$$

The dynamics of the system is given by the eigenvalues of the system matrix

## Solution to the problem

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{g}{l} & -\frac{b}{ml^2} \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{ml^2} \end{bmatrix} u = Ax + Bu$$

$$u = -Kx = -[K_1 \quad K_2]x \quad \text{Feedback Control}$$

$$\dot{x} = (A - BK)x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{g}{l} - \frac{1}{ml^2}K_1 & -\frac{b}{ml^2} - \frac{1}{ml^2}K_2 \end{bmatrix} x$$

We choose  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  to make  $\text{real}(\text{eig}(A-BK)) < 0$

Closed loop simulations: `pend_par.m`, `statevar_control_lin.m`  
`pendcllin01.mdl`

## ME242 – MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SYSTEMS

### Topics covered:

- Modeling of mechanical/vibrational/electrical/thermal/fluid systems using lumped-parameter models via bondgraphs
- Analytical solution of linear ordinary differential equations (ODE)
- Laplace Transform/Transfer Function representation
- Analytical solution of linear ODE via Laplace Transform
- State Variable representation
- Analytical solution of linear ODE via Matrix Exponential
- Nonlinear ordinary differential equations (ODE)
- Equilibrium/Linearization/Linearity
- Stability assessment based on eigenvalue analysis
- Phase plane analysis for second order systems
- Numerical methods for ordinary differential equations
- Simulation of dynamic systems: Matlab & Simulink
- Mode analysis for vibrational systems
- Frequency response
- Fourier Analysis