

# **MECH370: Modelling, Simulation and Analysis of Physical Systems**

## **Chapter 2**

### **Modeling of Translational Mechanical System**

- Elements and element laws of translational mechanical systems
- Free body diagram (FBD)
- Interconnection laws
- Obtaining the system model

# Course Outline

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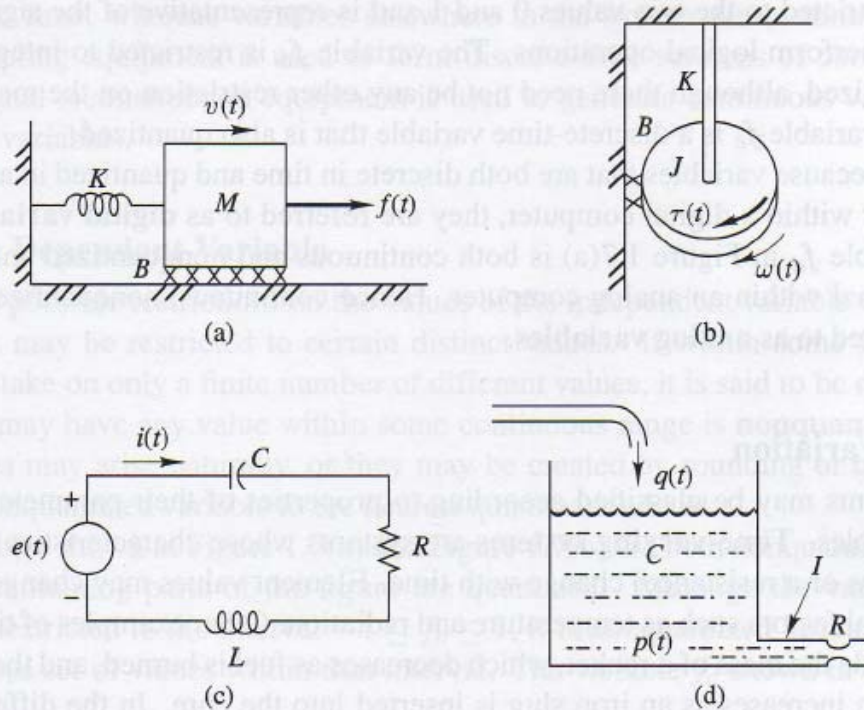
1. Definition and classification of dynamic systems (chapter 1)
2. *Translational mechanical systems (chapter 2)*
3. Standard forms for system models (chapter 3)
4. Block diagrams and computer simulation with Matlab/Simulink (chapter 4)
5. Rotational mechanical systems (chapter 5)
6. Electrical systems (chapter 6)
7. Analysis and solution techniques for linear systems (chapters 7 and 8)
8. Developing a linear model (chapter 9)
9. Electromechanical systems (chapter 10)
10. Thermal and fluid systems (chapters 11, 12)

# Why Mathematical Models are Needed?

## Review

- Analogous Systems

- Can have the same mathematical model for different types of physical systems
- Common analysis methods and tools can be used



$$M \frac{dv}{dt} + Bv(t) + K \int_0^t v(\lambda) d\lambda = f(t)$$

$$J \frac{d\omega}{dt} + B\omega(t) + K \int_0^t \omega(\lambda) d\lambda = \tau(t)$$

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri(t) + \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i(\lambda) d\lambda = e(t)$$

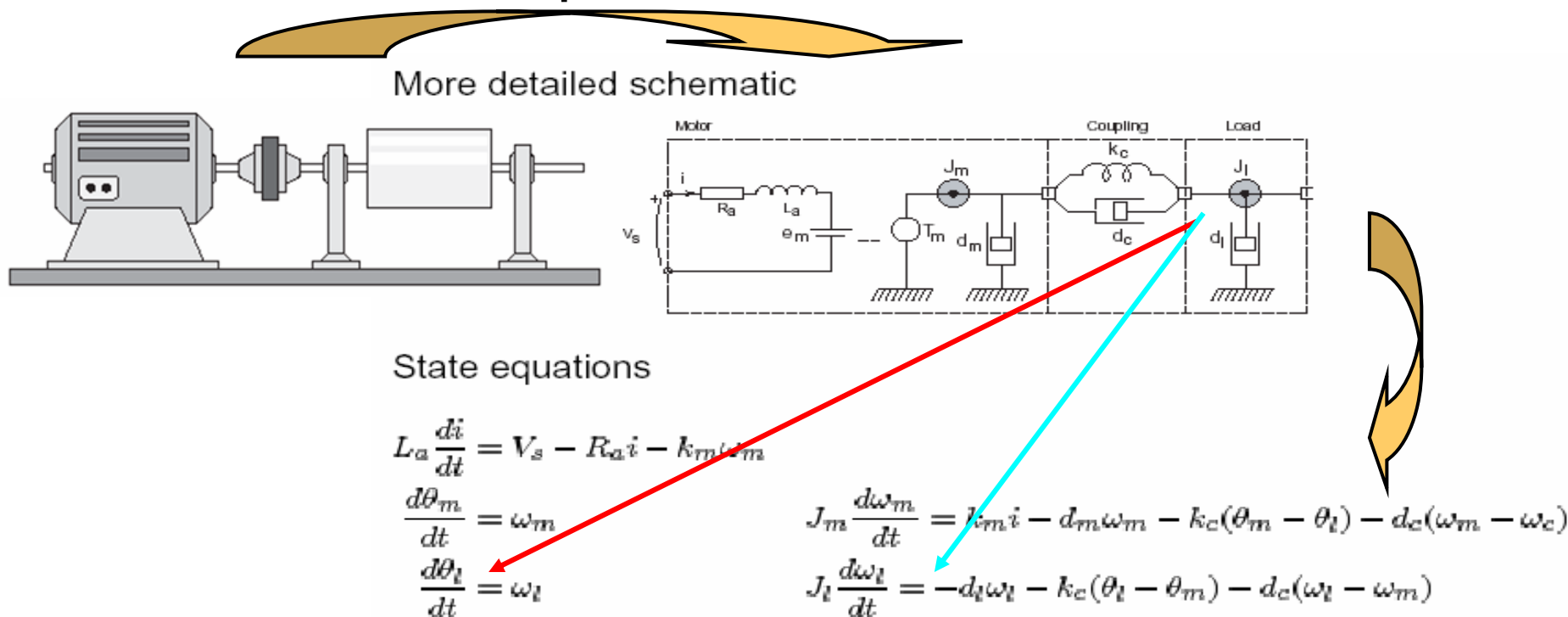
$$C \frac{dp}{dt} + \frac{1}{R} p(t) + \frac{1}{I} \int_0^t p(\lambda) d\lambda = q(t)$$

**Figure 1.8** Analogous systems. (a) Translational mechanical. (b) Rotational mechanical. (c) Electrical. (d) Hydraulic.

# Procedure of System Modeling

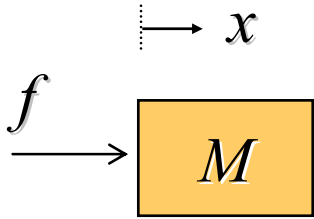
## Review

- Divide the system into idealized components
- Apply physical laws to the elements
- Apply interconnection laws between elements
- Combine the equations to obtain the model



# Overview of Element Models in Physical Systems

## Mechanical Translational Models



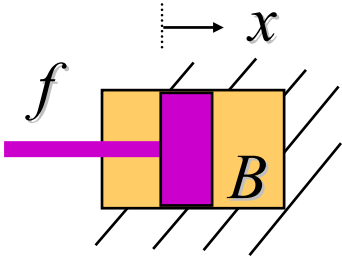
Mass

force/velocity

force/position

$$f = M \, dv/dt$$

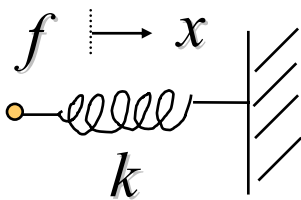
$$f = M \, dx^2/dt^2$$



Damper  
(Viscous friction)

$$f = B \, v$$

$$f = B \, dx/dt$$



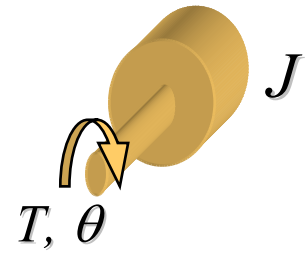
Spring  
(Stiffness)

$$f = k \int v \, dt$$

$$f = k \, x$$

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## Mechanical Rotational Models



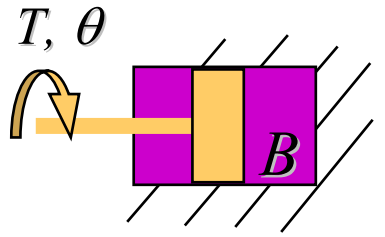
torque/velocity

torque/position

Inertia

$$T = J d\omega/dt$$

$$T = J d\theta^2/dt^2$$



Viscous friction

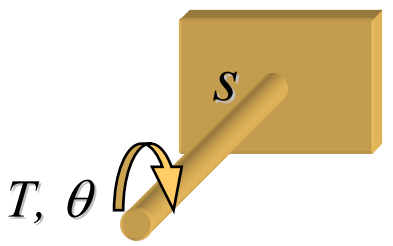
$$T = B \omega$$

$$T = B d\theta/dt$$

Stiffness

$$T = s \int \omega dt$$

$$T = s \theta$$



# Overview of Element Models in Physical Systems

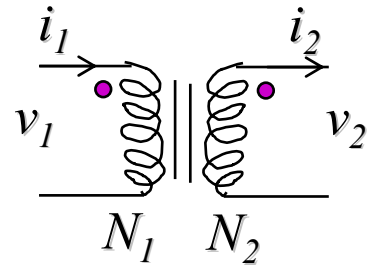
## Electrical Component Models

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	Inductance	voltage/current	voltage/charge
	Resistance	$v = L di/dt$	$v = L dq^2/dt^2$
	Capacitance	$v = R i$	$v = R dq/dt$
		$v = 1/C \int i dt$	$v = 1/C q$

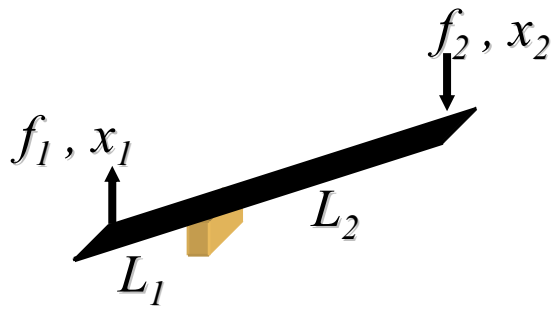
# Overview of Element Models in Physical Systems

## Transformation Models



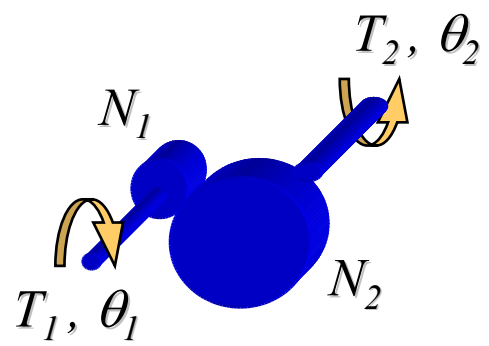
Transformer

$$\frac{v_1}{v_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2} \qquad \frac{i_1}{i_2} = \frac{N_2}{N_1}$$



Lever

$$\frac{f_1}{f_2} = \frac{L_2}{L_1} \qquad \frac{x_1}{x_2} = \frac{L_1}{L_2}$$



Gears

$$\frac{T_1}{T_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2} \qquad \frac{\theta_1}{\theta_2} = \frac{N_2}{N_1}$$



# Mathematical Modelling of Mechanical Systems

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## Elementary parts

- A means for storing kinetic energy (mass or inertia)
- A means for storing potential energy (spring or elasticity)
- A means by which energy is gradually dissipated (damper)

# Mathematical Modelling of Mechanical Systems

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Motion in mechanical systems can be

- Translational
- Rotational, or
- Combination of above

Mechanical systems can be of two types

- Translational systems
- Rotational systems

Variables that describe motion

- Displacement,  $x$
- Velocity,  $v$
- Acceleration,  $a$

# Modeling of translational mechanical systems

## Variables

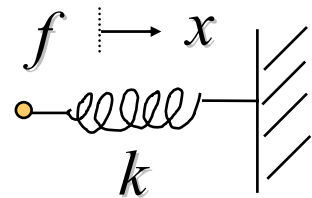
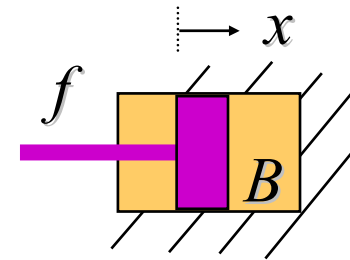
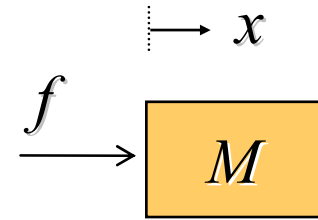
- $x$ : displacement (m)
- $v$ : velocity (m/sec)
- $a$ : acceleration (m/sec<sup>2</sup>)
- $f$ : force (N)
- $P$ : power (Nm/sec, Watt)
- $W$ : work (energy) (Nm, J)

$$v = \dot{x} = \frac{d}{dt} x$$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{d}{dt} x \right) = \ddot{x}$$

$$P = f \cdot v = f \cdot \dot{x} = \frac{dW}{dt}$$

$$W(t_1) = W(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} P(t) dt$$



All these variables are functions of time,  $t$ .

Power is defined to be the rate at which energy is supplied or dissipated.

# Modeling of translational mechanical systems

## Variables (cont'd)

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The energy supplied between time  $t_0$  and  $t_1$  is

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} P(t) dt$$

The total energy supplied from time  $t_0$  up to any later time is

$$W(t_1) = W(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} P(t) dt$$

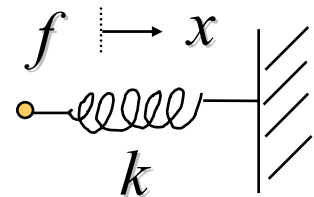
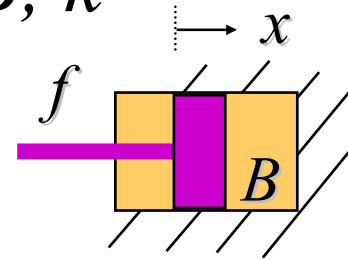
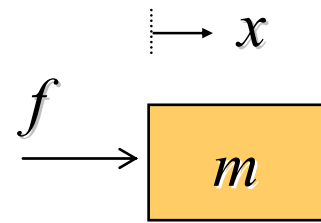
1 Nm (Newton-Meter) = 1 J (Joule)

1 Watt = 1 Joule per Second

# Modeling of translational mechanical systems

## Elements

- **Three primary elements of interest**
  - Mass (inertia)  $m$  (or  $M$ )
  - Stiffness (spring)  $k$
  - Friction - Dissipation (damper)  $B$
  - Usually we deal with “equivalent”  $m$ ,  $B$ ,  $k$ 
    - Distributed mass  $\rightarrow$  lumped mass
- **Lumped parameters**
  - Mass maintains motion
  - Stiffness restores motion
  - Damping eliminates motion



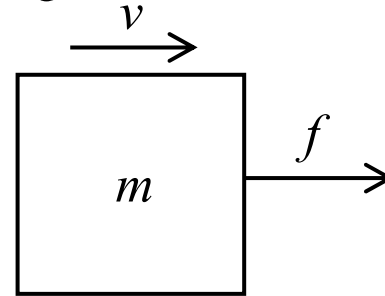
# Elements

## Mass

Newton's second law:

sum of forces acting on a body = time rate of change of momentum

$$f = \frac{d}{dt}(mv), \quad \text{if } \frac{dm}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow f = m \frac{dv}{dt} = ma$$



Assumptions:

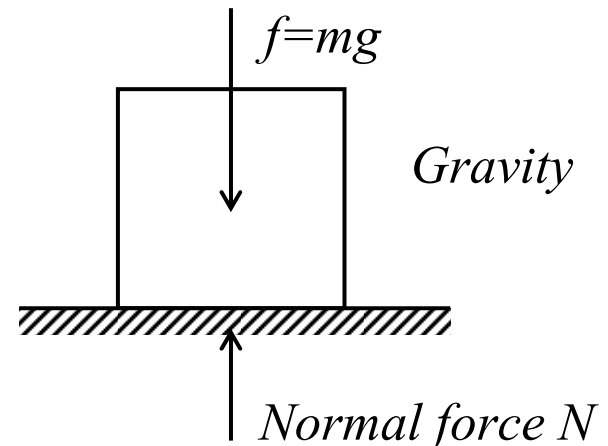
1. motions defined with respect to inertial reference frame
2. scalar quantities (1 degree of freedom)

## Energy

Kinetic  $E_K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

Potential  $E_P = \frac{1}{2}mgh$

Initial conditions  $v_0, h_0$

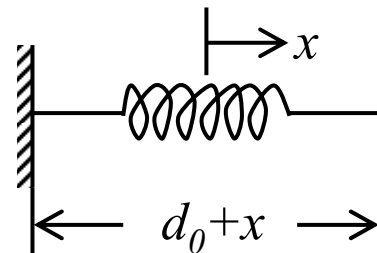


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## Stiffness (N/m)

**Stiffness** is the **resistance** of an elastic body to deflection or deformation by an applied force

Most common: ideal spring



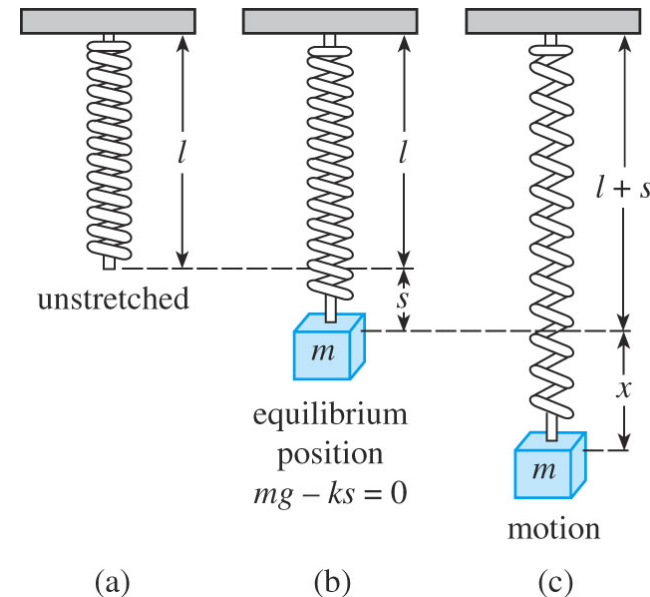
$d_0$  = length of spring when no force is applied

$x$  = elongation caused by  $f$

$$d(t) = d_0 + x(t) \Rightarrow x(t) = d(t) - d_0$$

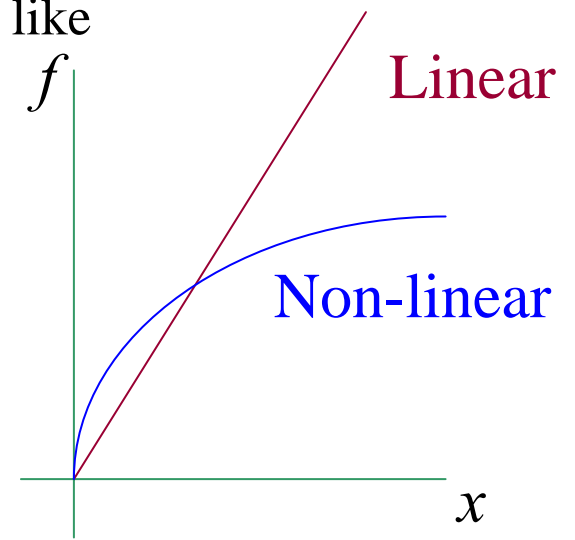
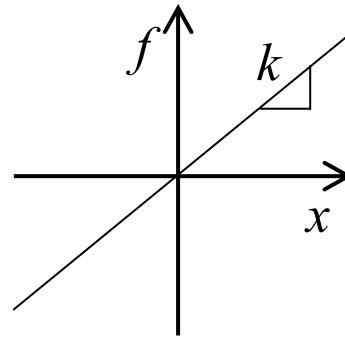
$$f = kx$$

**$k$ : stiffness constant**

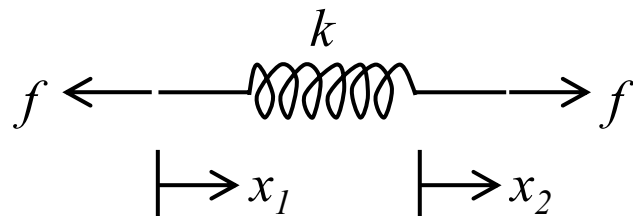


# Elements (cont'd)

The linear spring is an approximation of something like



Multiple applied forces:  $f = k(x_2 - x_1) = k\Delta x$



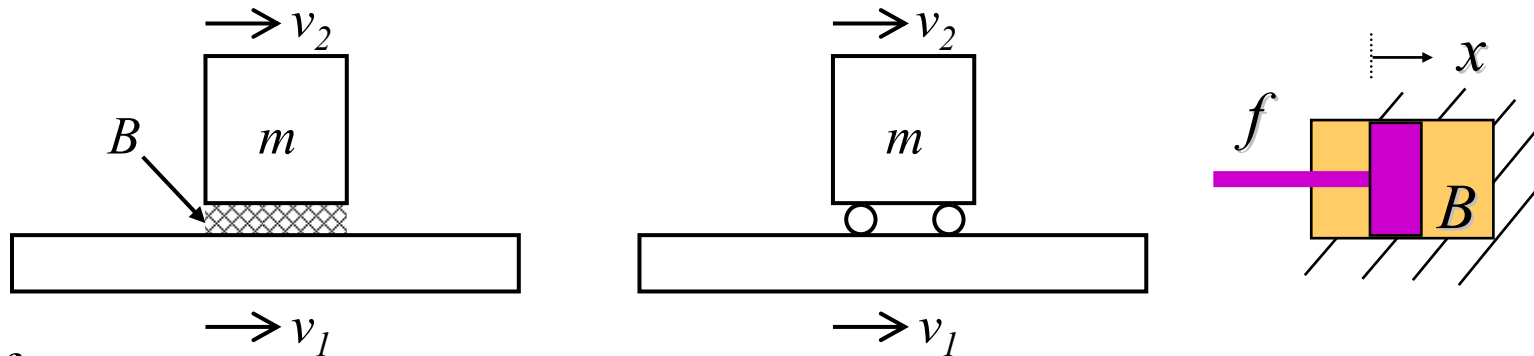


# Elements (cont'd)

## Damping (N-s/m)

Also known as viscous friction or linear friction. Friction is the force that opposes the relative motion or tendency of such motion of two surfaces in contact

$$f = B\Delta v, \text{ where } \Delta v = v_2 - v_1 \text{ and } B = \text{viscosity constant/coefficient}$$

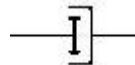


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- $B$  is proportional to contact area and viscosity of oil.
- $B$  is inversely proportional to the thickness of film.

Above right:

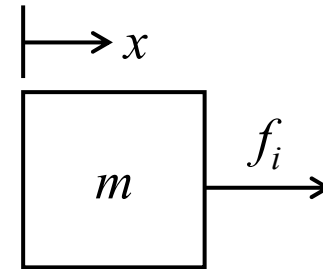
- $B$  is small enough to be neglected (this is always an approximation.)
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# Element Laws

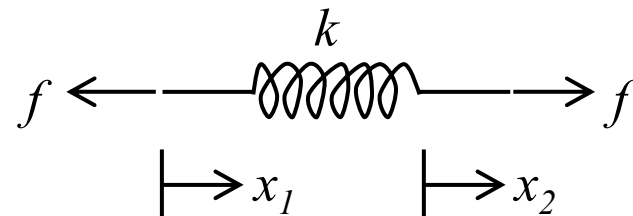
**Mass:** Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law

$$ma = m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = m \frac{dv}{dt} = \sum f_i$$



**Stiffness  
(Spring):**

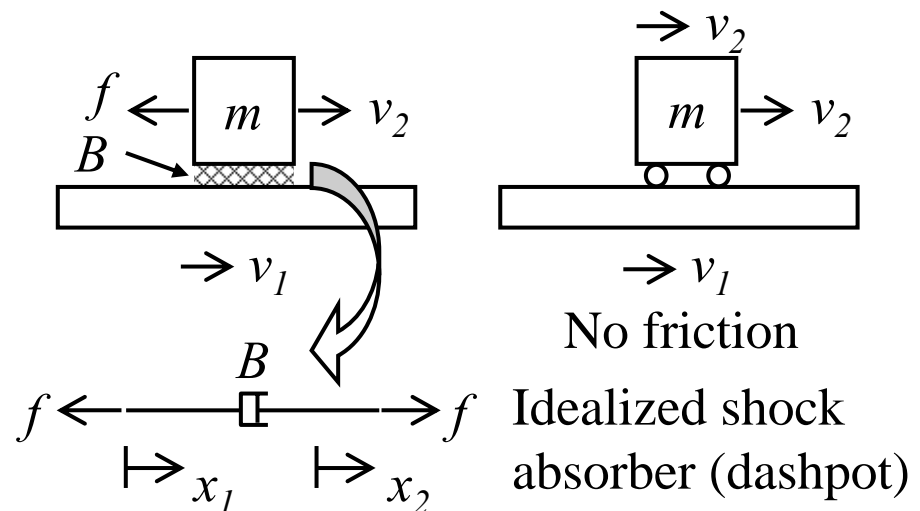
$$f = k(x_2 - x_1)$$



**Friction  
(Damping):**

$$f = B(v_2 - v_1) = B\Delta v$$

$B$ : viscosity constant,  
unit: N-s/m

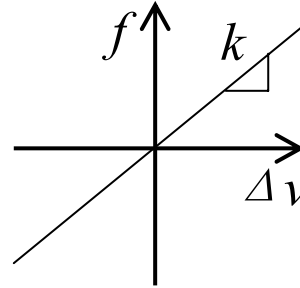


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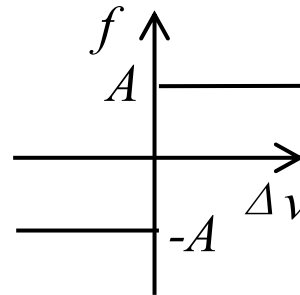
Viscous friction:

$$f = B\Delta v$$



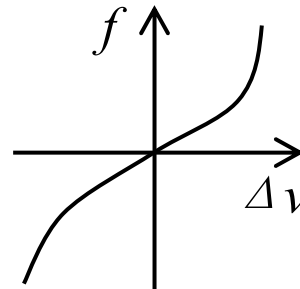
Coulomb (dry) friction:

$$f = A \text{sign}(\Delta v)$$



Drag:

$$f = C\Delta v^a$$



# Interconnection Laws

## Determine how to connect elements

– D'Alembert's law

- Just a re-statement of Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law, summing externally applied forces to a mass

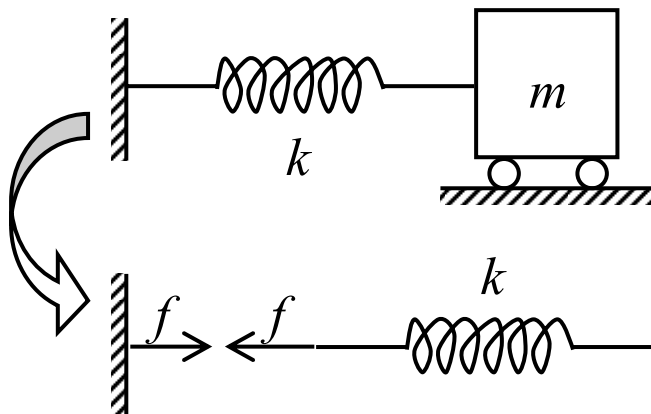
$$\sum_i (f_{ext})_i = ma \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_i (f_{ext})_i - ma = 0$$

- If you think of  $-ma$  as an additional force  $f_I$  (the inertial force, or D'Alembert's force), you can then consider it along with all other forces and write

$$\sum f_i = 0$$

– Law of reaction forces (Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> law)

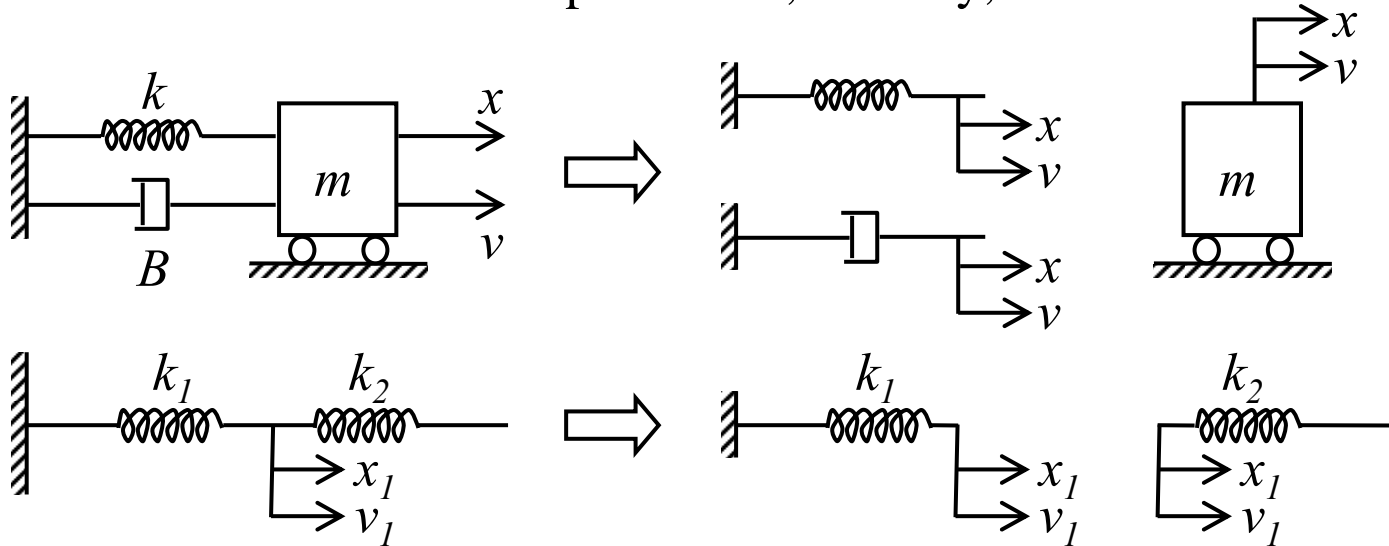
All forces occur in equal and opposite pairs (action/reaction)



- Force exerted by an element is equal and opposite to the force on the element.

# Law of Displacements

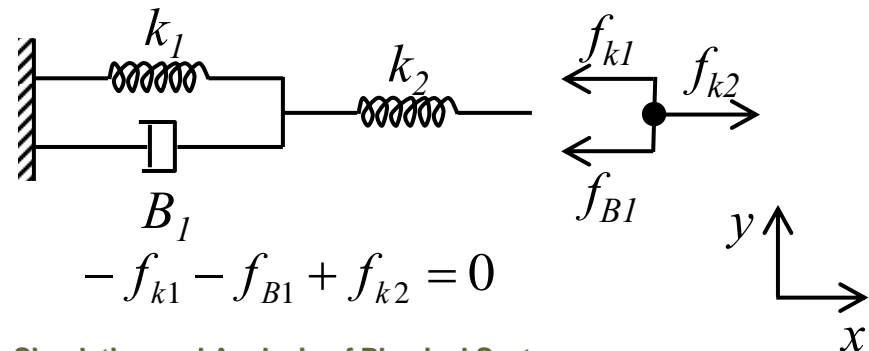
- If the ends of two elements are connected, these ends are forced to move with the *same* displacement, velocity, and acceleration.



- Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law at a point:

The sum of the forces at a connection between elements equals zero.

$$\begin{array}{c}
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 \xrightarrow{f_1} \bullet \xrightarrow{f_2} \\
 \vdots \\
 \xrightarrow{f_n}
 \end{array} \\
 \uparrow \\
 m_P^0 \\
 \text{no mass}
 \end{array}
 \frac{dv_P}{dt} = \sum f_i \Rightarrow \sum f_i = 0$$



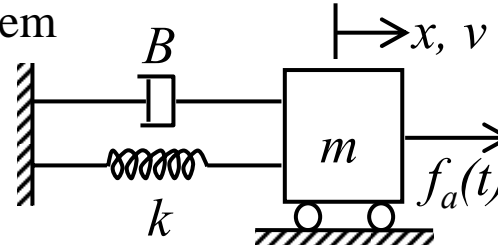
# Modeling Steps

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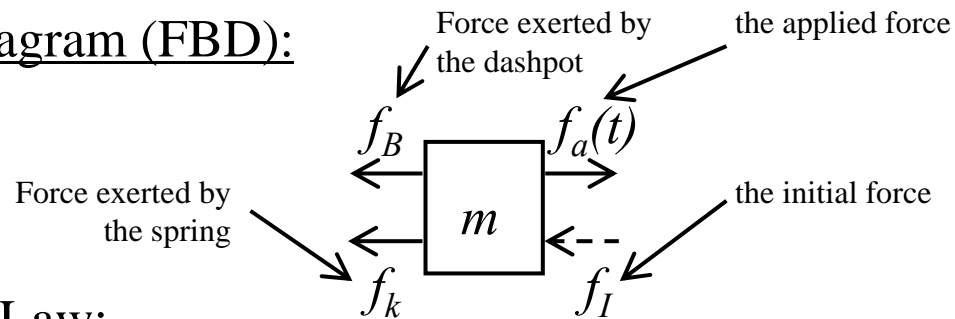
- Understand system function, define problem, and identify input/output variables.
- Draw simplified schematics using basic (idealized) elements.
- Develop mathematical model (differential equations)
  - Identify reference point and positive direction
  - Write elemental equations as well as interconnecting equations by applying physical laws.
  - Draw Free-Body-Diagram (FBD) for each basic element.
  - Combine equations by eliminating intermediate variables.
- Validate model by comparing simulation results with physical measurements.

# Obtaining the System Model

**Example:** a mass-spring-damper system



Free Body Diagram (FBD):



Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law:

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = f_a(t) - f_B - f_k = f_a(t) - Bv - kx$$

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} + Bv + kx = f_a(t), \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = v$$

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + B \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = f_a(t)$$

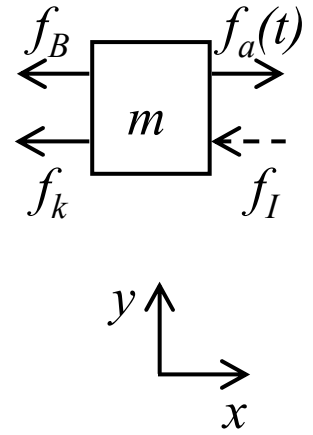
$$m\ddot{x} + B\dot{x} + kx = f_a(t)$$

# Obtaining the System Model (cont'd)

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D'Alembert's Law (use the idea of an inertial force,  $f_I$ )

$$\begin{aligned}\sum f_i = 0 &= f_a(t) - f_I - f_B - f_k \\ &= f_a(t) - m\ddot{x} - B\dot{x} - kx = 0 \\ \Rightarrow m\ddot{x} + B\dot{x} + kx &= f_a(t)\end{aligned}$$





# Obtaining the System Model (cont'd)

## Energy distribution:

- EOM of the above simple mass-spring-damper system

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 m\ddot{x} & + & B\dot{x} & + & kx & = & f_a(t) \\
 \text{Contributin} & & \text{Contribitin} & & \text{Contribution} & & \text{Total Applied} \\
 \text{of Inertia} & & \text{of the Damper} & & \text{of the Spring} & & \text{Force}
 \end{array}$$

We now want to look at the energy distribution of the system. How should we do it?

- Multiply the above equation by the velocity  $v$ : (since  $P$  is defined as  $P=fv$ )

$$m\ddot{x} \cdot \dot{x} + B\dot{x} \cdot \dot{x} + kx \cdot \dot{x} = \underbrace{f_a(t) \cdot \dot{x}}_{\text{Power}}$$

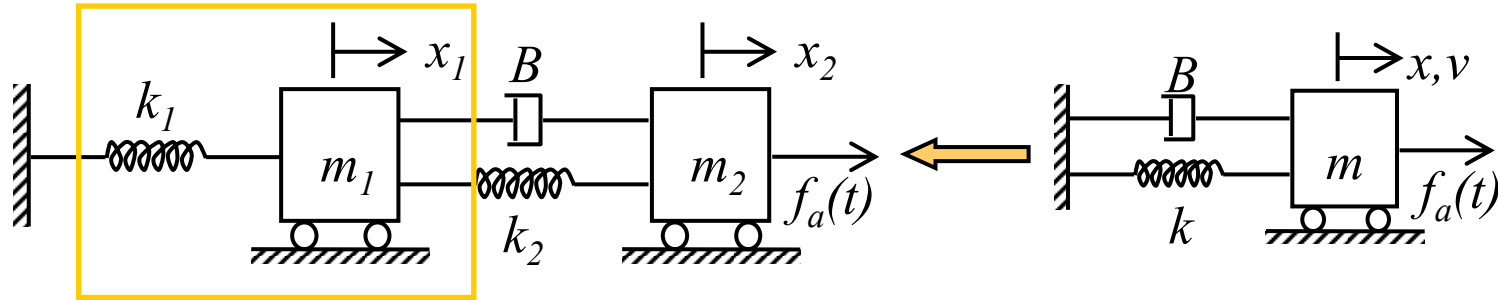
- Integrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> equation w.r.t. (with respect to) time:

$$\underbrace{\int_{t_0}^{t_1} m\ddot{x} \cdot \dot{x} dt}_{\substack{\Delta E_k \\ \text{change of kinetic} \\ \text{energy}}} + \underbrace{\int_{t_0}^{t_1} B\dot{x} \cdot \dot{x} dt}_{\substack{\int_{t_0}^{t_1} B\dot{x}^2 dt \geq 0 \\ \text{Energy dissipated} \\ \text{by damper}}} + \underbrace{\int_{t_0}^{t_1} kx \cdot \dot{x} dt}_{\substack{\Delta E_P \\ \text{Change of} \\ \text{potential energy}}} = \underbrace{\int_{t_0}^{t_1} f_a(t) \cdot \dot{x} dt}_W$$

Total work done by the applied force  $f_a(t)$  from time  $t_0$  to  $t_1$

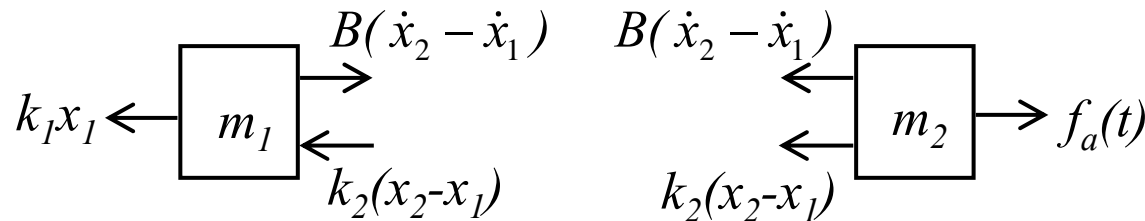
# Obtaining the System Model (cont'd)

Example:



Draw the FBDs and write the equations of the system in terms of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .

Free body diagram (FBD):



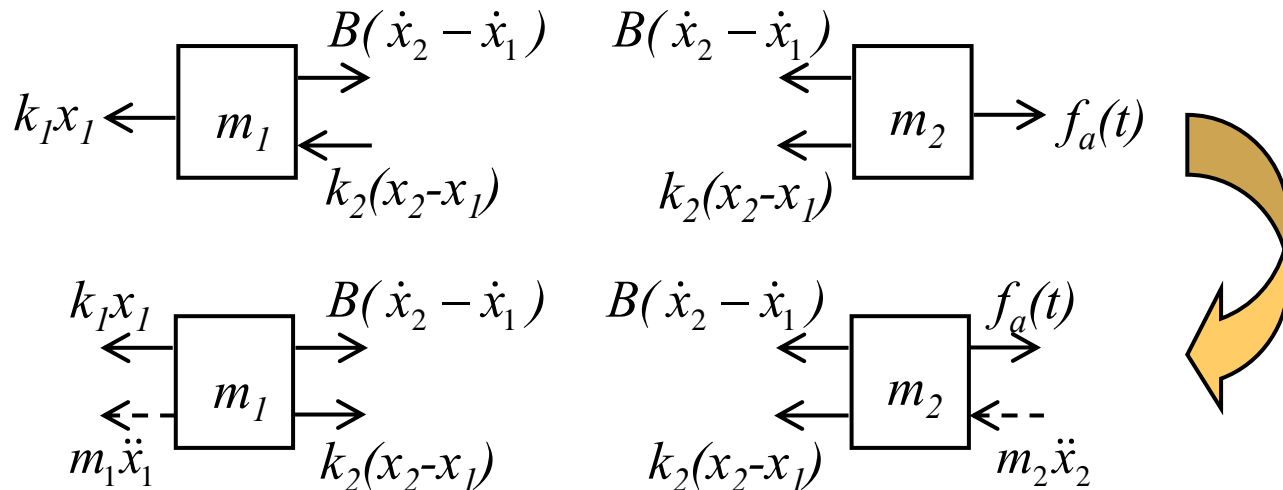
Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_1 \ddot{x}_1 &= B(\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1) + k_2(x_2 - x_1) - k_1 x_1 & m_1 \ddot{x}_1 - B(\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1) - k_2(x_2 - x_1) - k_1 x_1 &= 0 \\
 m_2 \ddot{x}_2 &= f_a(t) - B(\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1) - k_2(x_2 - x_1) & \text{or} & \\
 & & m_2 \ddot{x}_2 + B(\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1) + k_2(x_2 - x_1) &= f_a(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Obtaining the System Model (cont'd)

How about deriving the equations using D'Alembert's Law?

Free body diagram (FBD):



$$B(\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1) + k_2(x_2 - x_1) - k_1x_1 - m_1\ddot{x}_1 = 0$$

$$f_a(t) - B(\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1) - k_2(x_2 - x_1) - m_2\ddot{x}_2 = 0$$

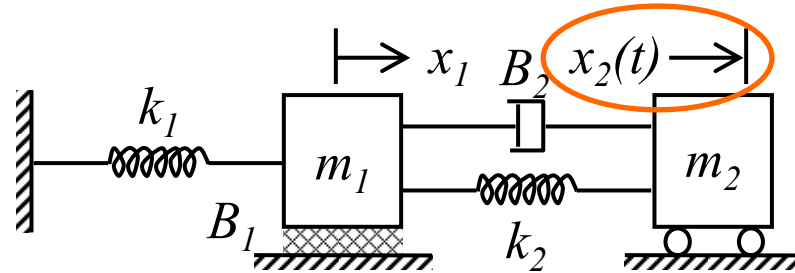
or

$$m_1\ddot{x}_1 - B(\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1) - k_2(x_2 - x_1) - k_1x_1 = 0$$

$$m_2\ddot{x}_2 + B(\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1) + k_2(x_2 - x_1) = f_a(t)$$

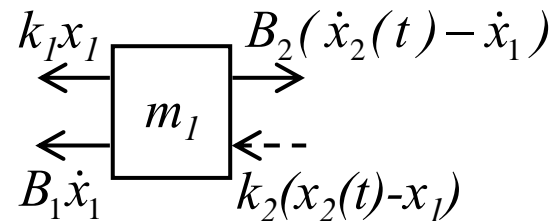
# Obtaining the System Model (cont'd)

**Example:**  
Displacement  
excitation



Draw the FBD and write the equation of the system.

Free body diagram (FBD):



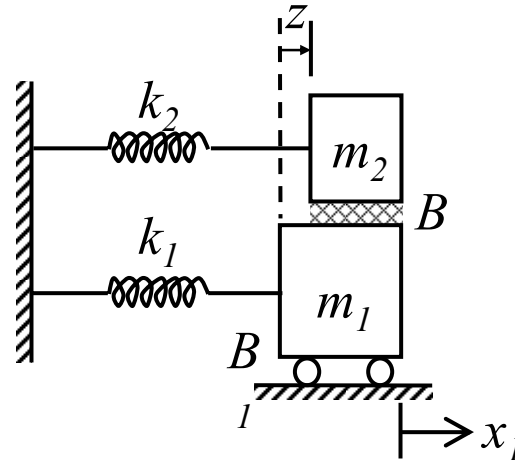
Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law gives:

$$m_1 \ddot{x}_1 = B_2(\dot{x}_2(t) - \dot{x}_1) + k_2(x_2(t) - x_1) - B_1 \dot{x}_1 - k_1 x_1$$

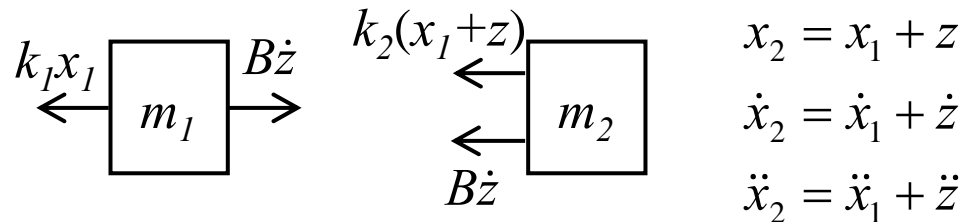
- Do not need an equation for  $x_2$  since it is a defined function  $x_2(t)$ !

# Obtaining the System Model (cont'd)

**Example:**  
Relative displacement



Free body diagram (FBD):



Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law gives:

$$m_1 \ddot{x}_1 = B \dot{z} - k_1 x_1$$

$$m_2 \ddot{x}_2 = m_2 (\ddot{x}_1 + \ddot{z}) = -k_2 (x_1 + z) - B \dot{z}$$

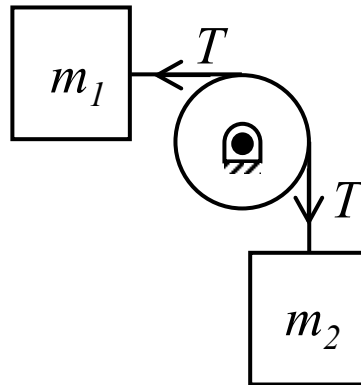
↑  
Use absolute acceleration

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 &= x_1 + z \\ \dot{x}_2 &= \dot{x}_1 + \dot{z} \\ \ddot{x}_2 &= \ddot{x}_1 + \ddot{z} \end{aligned}$$

# Ideal Pulley Element

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**Assumption for ideal pulley:**



- No mass, no friction, no slippage between cable and cylinder.
- Cable is always in tension.
- Cable cannot stretch.

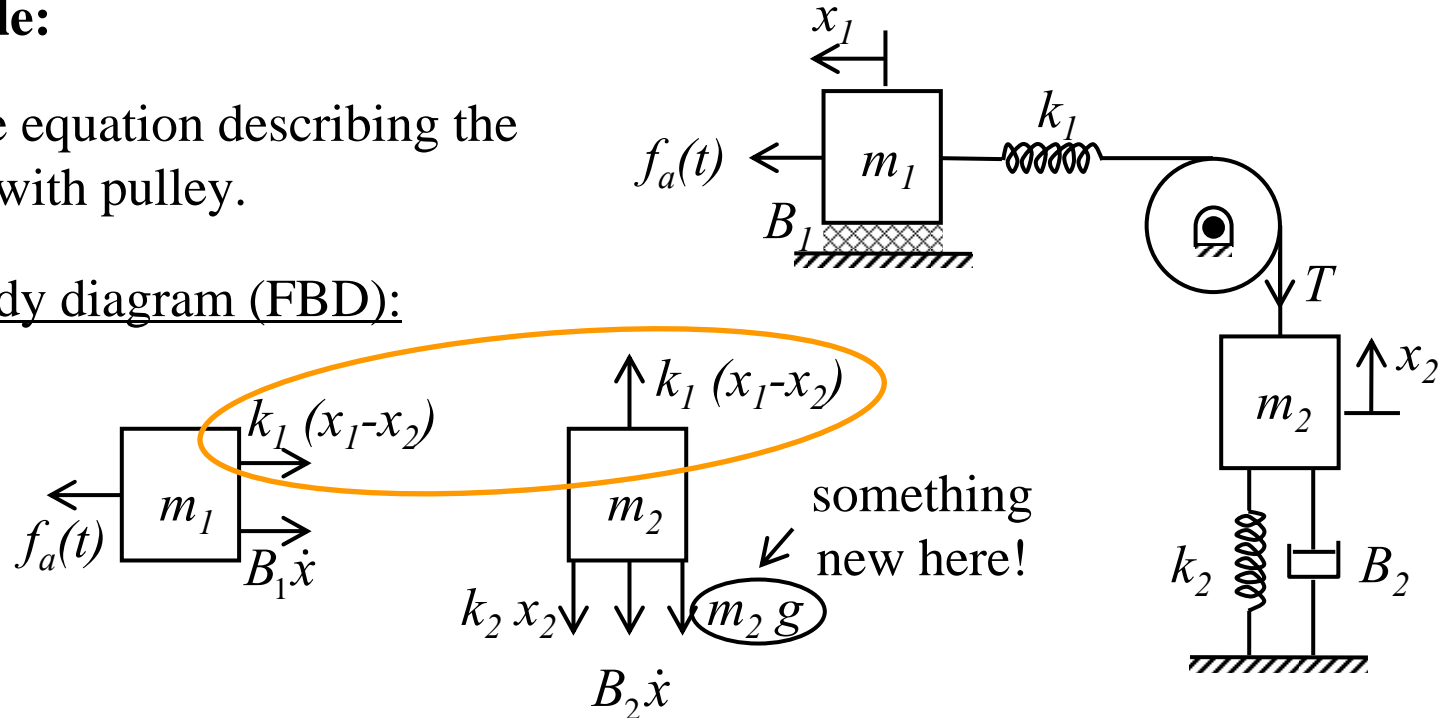
If the pulley is not ideal, its mass and any frictional effects must be considered.

# Ideal Pulley Element (cont'd)

## Example:

Find the equation describing the system with pulley.

Free body diagram (FBD):



Equations:

$$M1: \quad -m_1 \ddot{x}_1 = -f_a(t) + k_1(x_1 - x_2) + B_1 \dot{x}_1$$

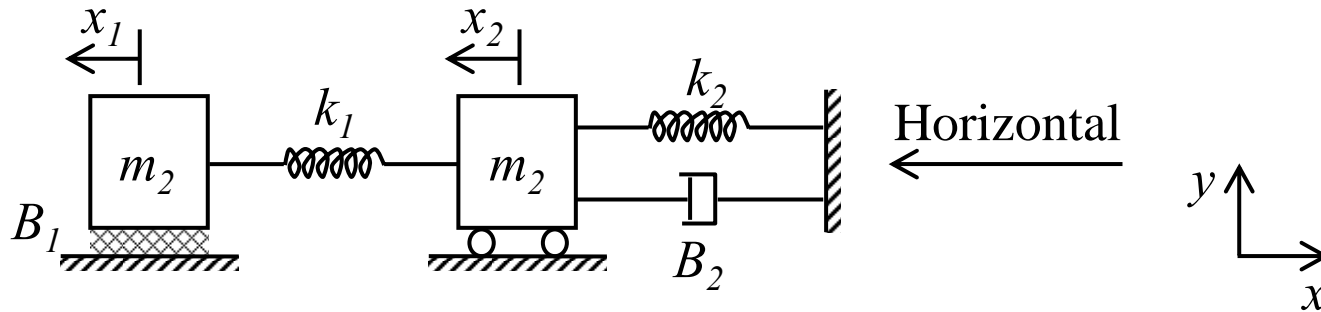
$$\therefore m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + B_1 \dot{x}_1 + k_1(x_1 - x_2) = f_a(t)$$

$$M2: \quad m_2 \ddot{x}_2 = k_1(x_1 - x_2) - k_2 x_2 - B_2 \dot{x}_2 - m_2 g$$

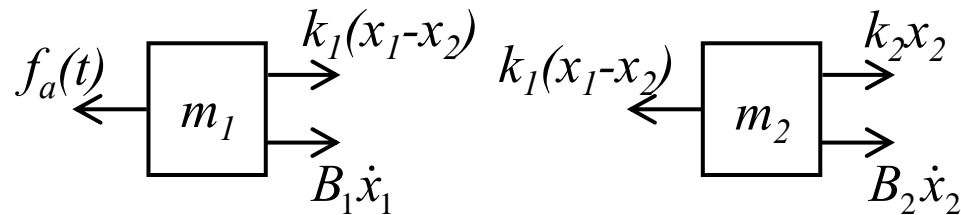
$$\therefore m_2 \ddot{x}_2 + B_2 \dot{x}_2 + k_2 x_2 + m_2 g = k_1(x_1 - x_2)$$

# Ideal Pulley Element (cont'd)

Compare the above system including an ideal pulley with following system:



Free body diagram (FBD):





# Ideal Pulley Element (cont'd)

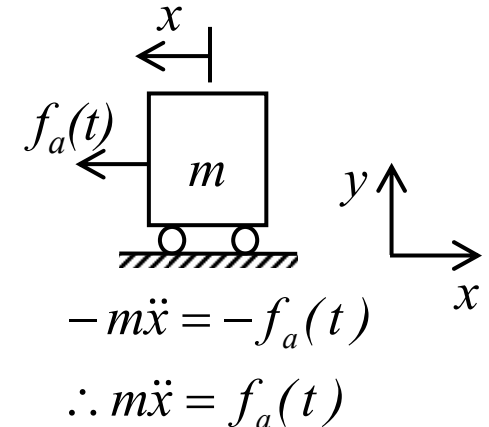
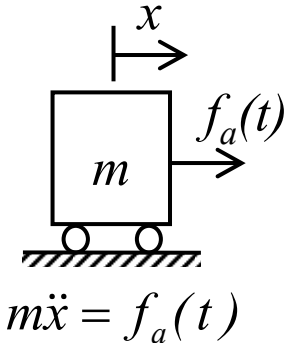
Equations for the system:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{M1: } & -m_1\ddot{x}_1 = -f_a(t) + k_1(x_1 - x_2) + B_1\dot{x}_1 \\ & \therefore m_1\ddot{x}_1 + B_1\dot{x}_1 + k_1(x_1 - x_2) = f_a(t) \\ \text{or } & m_1\dot{v}_1 + B_1v_1 + k_1(x_1 - x_2) = f_a(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{M2: } & m_2\ddot{x}_2 = k_1(x_1 - x_2) - k_2x_2 - B_2\dot{x}_2 \\ & \therefore m_2\ddot{x}_2 + B_2\dot{x}_2 + k_2x_2 = k_1(x_1 - x_2) \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} m_1\dot{v}_1 + B_1v_1 + k_1(x_1 - x_2) &= f_a(t) \\ m_2\underset{\uparrow \dot{v}_2}{\ddot{x}_2} + B_2\underset{\uparrow v_2}{\dot{x}_2} + k_2x_2 &= k_1(x_1 - x_2) \end{aligned} \right\} (28), \text{ p.32}$$

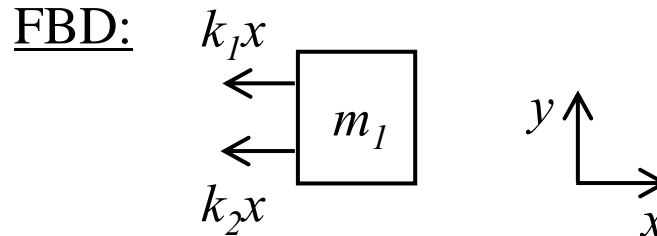
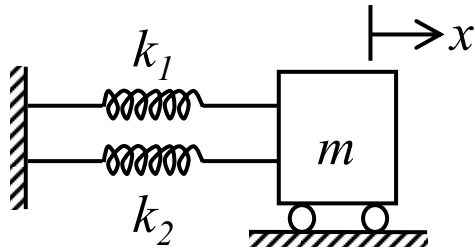


$$\text{M1: } m_1\ddot{x}_1 + B_1\dot{x}_1 + k_1(x_1 - x_2) = f_a(t)$$

$$\text{M2: } m_2\ddot{x}_2 + B_2\dot{x}_2 + k_2x_2 + m_2g = k_1(x_1 - x_2)$$

# Parallel Combinations

## Parallel Combinations:

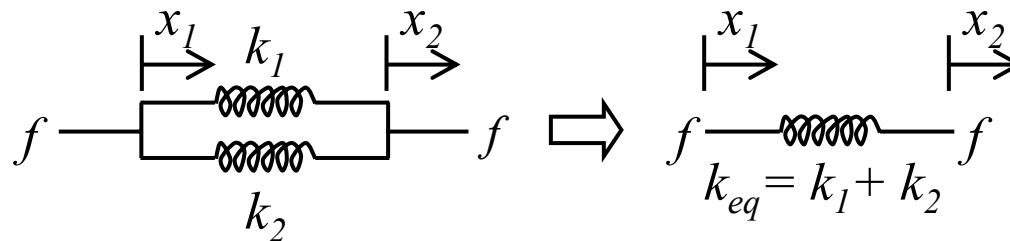


## Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law:

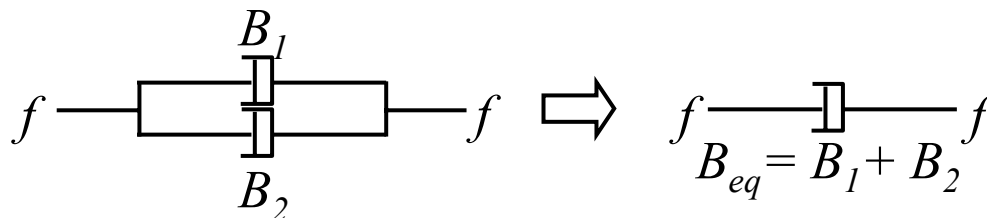
$$m\ddot{x} = -k_1x - k_2x \quad \text{or} \quad m\ddot{x} = -(k_1 + k_2)x = -k_{eq}x$$

where,  $k_{eq} = k_1 + k_2$ ,  $K_{eq}$  = equivalent spring stiffness

## General case:



Similarly,

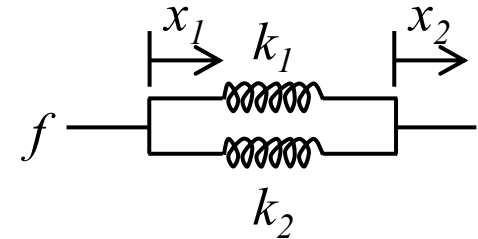


# Parallel Combinations (cont'd)

For spring in parallel,

$$f = k_1(x_2 - x_1) + k_2(x_2 - x_1)$$

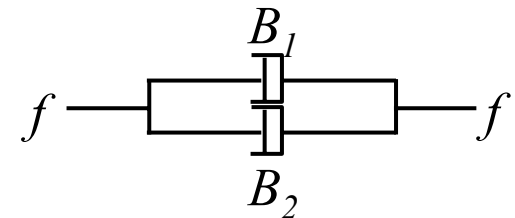
or  $f = \underbrace{(k_1 + k_2)}_{K_{eq}}(x_2 - x_1)$



For dampers in parallel,

$$f = B_1(\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1) + B_2(\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1)$$

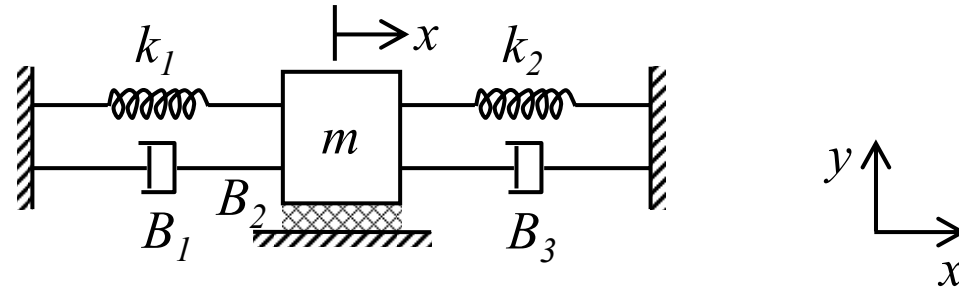
or  $f = \underbrace{(B_1 + B_2)}_{B_{eq}}(\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1)$



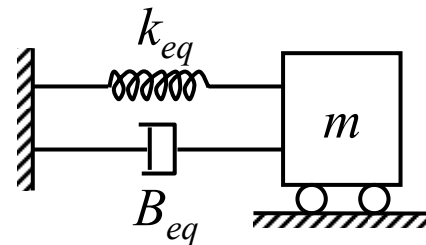
- Elements are in parallel if the first end of each is connected to the same body and the remaining ends are connected to a common body.

# Parallel Combinations (cont'd)

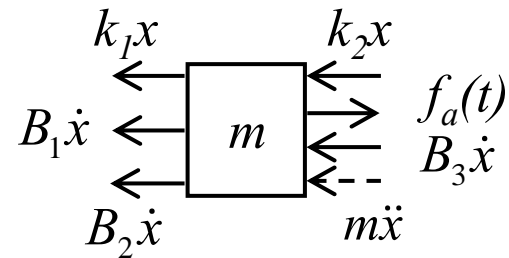
Example:



Equivalent system:



FBD:



Equations:

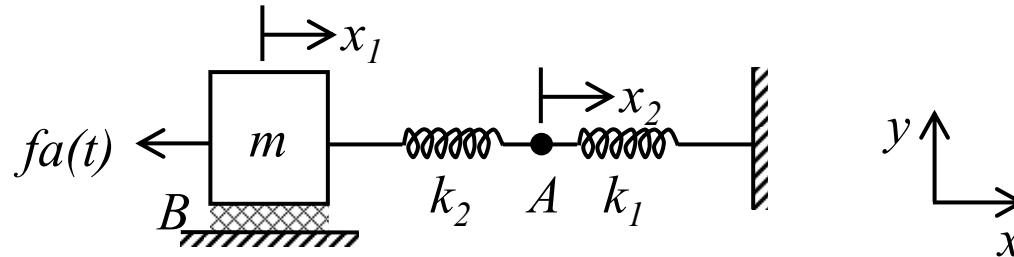
$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{x} &= f_a(t) - B_1\dot{x} - B_2\dot{x} - B_3\dot{x} - k_1x - k_2x \\ &= f_a(t) - \underbrace{(B_1 + B_2 + B_3)}_{B_{eq}}\dot{x} - \underbrace{(k_1 + k_2)}_{k_{eq}}x \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{then, } m\ddot{x} + B_{eq}\dot{x} + k_{eq}x = f_a(t)$$

$$\text{where, } B_{eq} = B_1 + B_2 + B_3, k_{eq} = k_1 + k_2$$

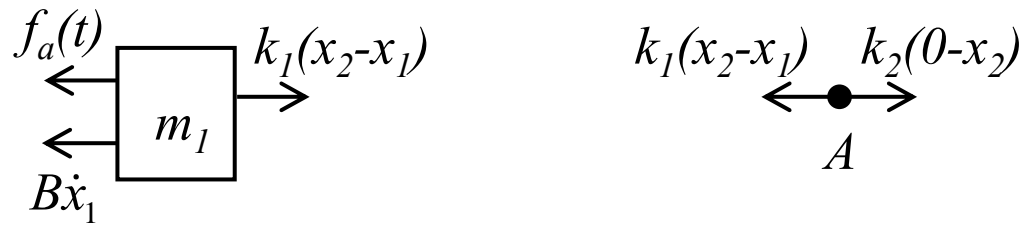
# Series Combinations

**Example:**



Draw the FBDs and write an equation only in terms of  $x_1$ .

FBD:



$$\text{Newton's 2nd law for } m : m\ddot{x} = k_1(x_2 - x_1) - B\dot{x}_1 - f_a(t) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Newton's 2nd law for } A : -k_1(x_2 - x_1) - k_2x_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore x_2 = \frac{k_1x_1}{k_1 + k_2} \quad (2)$$

# Series Combinations (cont'd)

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Substitute (2) into (1) to get:

$$m\ddot{x} = k_1 \left( \frac{k_1 x_1}{k_1 + k_2} - \frac{(k_1 + k_2)x_1}{k_1 + k_2} \right) - B\dot{x}_1 - f_a(t)$$

$$m\ddot{x} = - \underbrace{\frac{k_1 k_2}{k_1 + k_2}}_{k_{eq}} x_1 - B\dot{x}_1 - f_a(t)$$

$$\text{where, } k_{eq} = \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_1 + k_2} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2}}$$

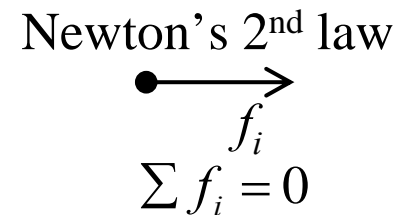
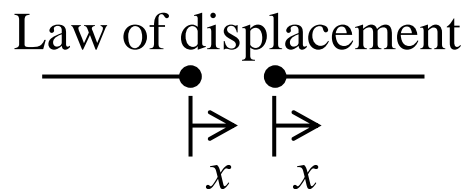
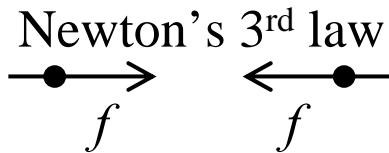
# Summary

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- Understand the system and identify the elements and variables.
- Divide system into idealized elements: mass, stiffness, friction, pulley.
- Find the element laws:

$$m\ddot{x} = \sum f_i, f = k\Delta x, f = B\Delta v$$

- Use the interconnection laws:



- Apply Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law to masses, nodes with unknown  $v$  and use element, interconnection laws to determine forces in terms of  $x, v$ .

# Reading and Exercise

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- **Reading**

- Chapter 2

- **Assignment #1**

- Ex: 2.1, 2.2, 2.16, 2.22, 3.13, 3.28 (to be handed in for marking)

**Due:** Fri., 6/7/07 at lecture

- Ex: 2.10, 2.27, 3.1, 3.15, 3.18 (for your practice, no need to hand in)