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# **Rotational Systems & Gears**

**ECE 461/661 Controls Systems**

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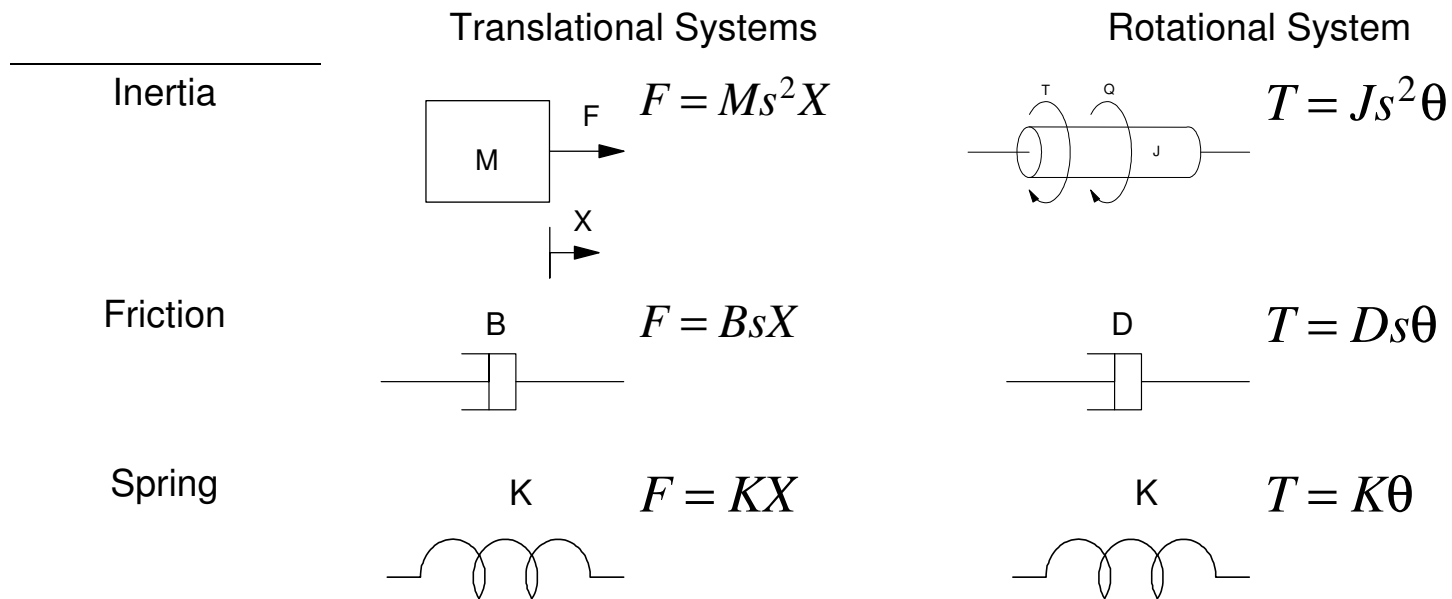
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# Rotational Systems

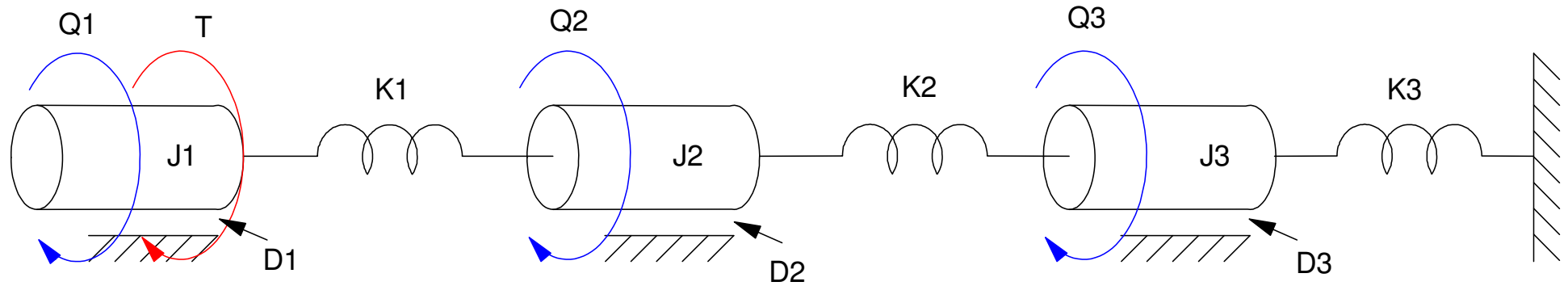
Rotational systems behave exactly like translational systems, except that

- Force becomes Torque
- Position becomes Angle



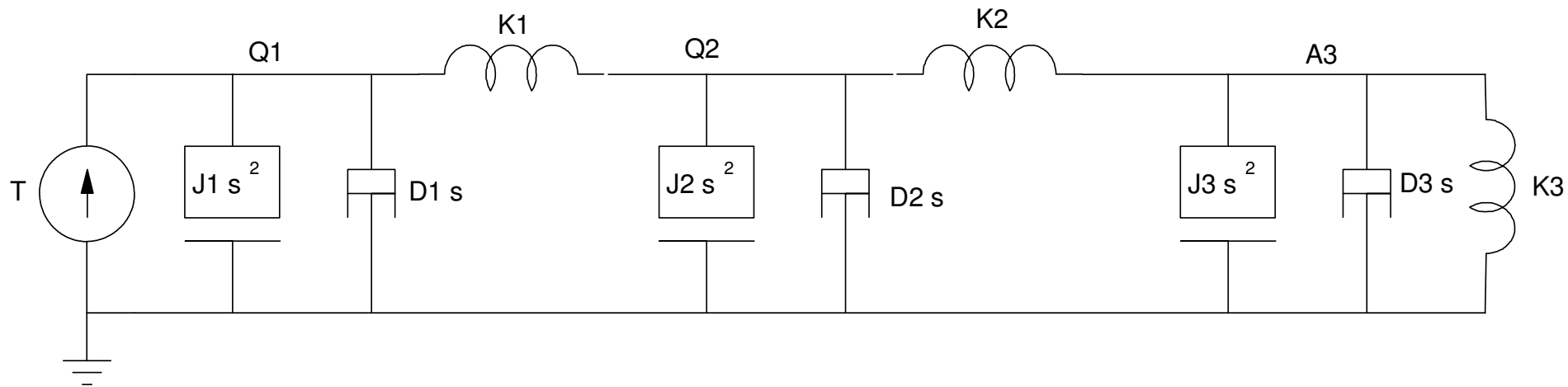
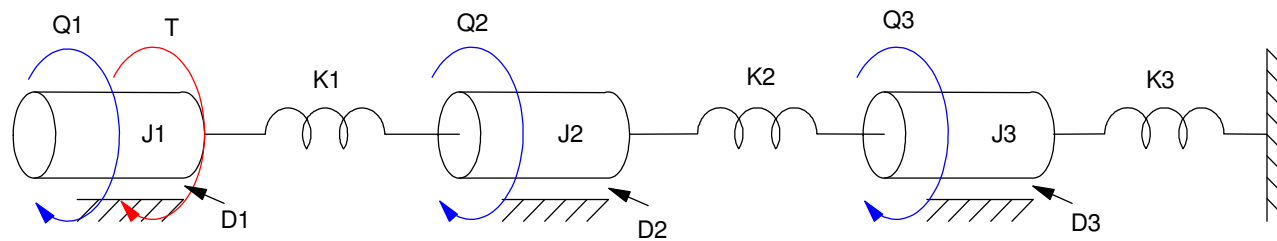
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Example: Draw the circuit equivalent



Inertia - Spring Rotational System

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Circuit Equivalent

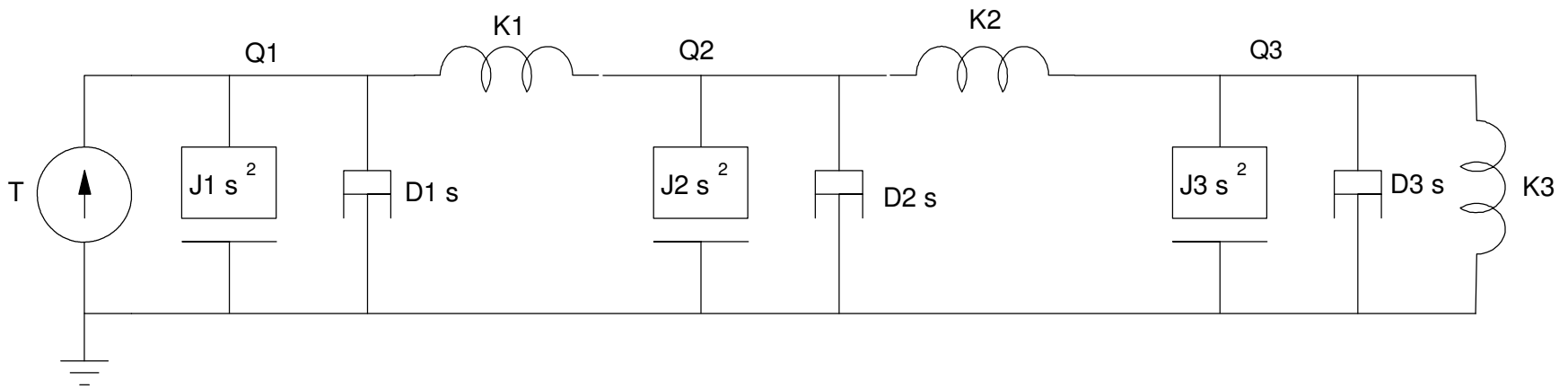
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## Node Equations:

$$(J_1 s^2 + D_1 s + K_1)\theta_1 - (K_1)\theta_2 = T$$

$$(J_2 s^2 + D_2 s + K_1 + K_2)\theta_2 - (K_1)\theta_1 - (K_2)\theta_3 = 0$$

$$(J_3 s^2 + D_3 s + K_2 + K_3)\theta_3 - (K_2)\theta_2 = 0$$



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Solve for the highest derivative:

$$s^2\theta_1 = -\left(\frac{D_1s}{J_1} + \frac{K_1}{J_1}\right)\theta_1 + \left(\frac{K_1}{J_1}\right)\theta_2 + \left(\frac{1}{J_1}\right)T$$

$$s^2\theta_2 = -\left(\frac{D_2s}{J_2} + \frac{K_1+K_2}{J_2}\right)\theta_2 + \left(\frac{K_1}{J_2}\right)\theta_1 + \left(\frac{K_2}{J_2}\right)\theta_3$$

$$s^2\theta_3 = -\left(\frac{D_3s}{J_3} + \frac{K_2+K_3}{J_3}\right)\theta_3 + \left(\frac{K_2}{J_3}\right)\theta_2$$

Place in matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} s\theta_1 \\ s\theta_2 \\ s\theta_3 \\ \dots \\ s^2\theta_1 \\ s^2\theta_2 \\ s^2\theta_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ -\left(\frac{K_1}{J_1}\right) & \left(\frac{K_1}{J_1}\right) & 0 & \vdots & -\left(\frac{D_1}{J_1}\right) & 0 & 0 \\ \left(\frac{K_1}{J_2}\right) & -\left(\frac{K_1+K_2}{J_2}\right) & \left(\frac{K_2}{J_2}\right) & \vdots & 0 & -\left(\frac{D_2}{J_2}\right) & 0 \\ 0 & \left(\frac{K_2}{J_3}\right) & -\left(\frac{K_2+K_3}{J_3}\right) & \vdots & 0 & 0 & -\left(\frac{D_3}{J_3}\right) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \theta_3 \\ \dots \\ s\theta_1 \\ s\theta_2 \\ s\theta_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \dots \\ \left(\frac{1}{J_1}\right) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} T$$


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# Gears

Gears are like transformers:

- They convert one speed to another as the gear ratio,
- They convert one impedance to another as the gear ratio squared.

Requirements

- Distance traveled at the interface must match
- $\text{Power In} = \text{Power Out}$



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## Distance Traveled at the Interface must Match

$$\text{distance} = r\theta$$

$$d_1 = r_1\theta_1$$

$$d_2 = r_2\theta_2$$

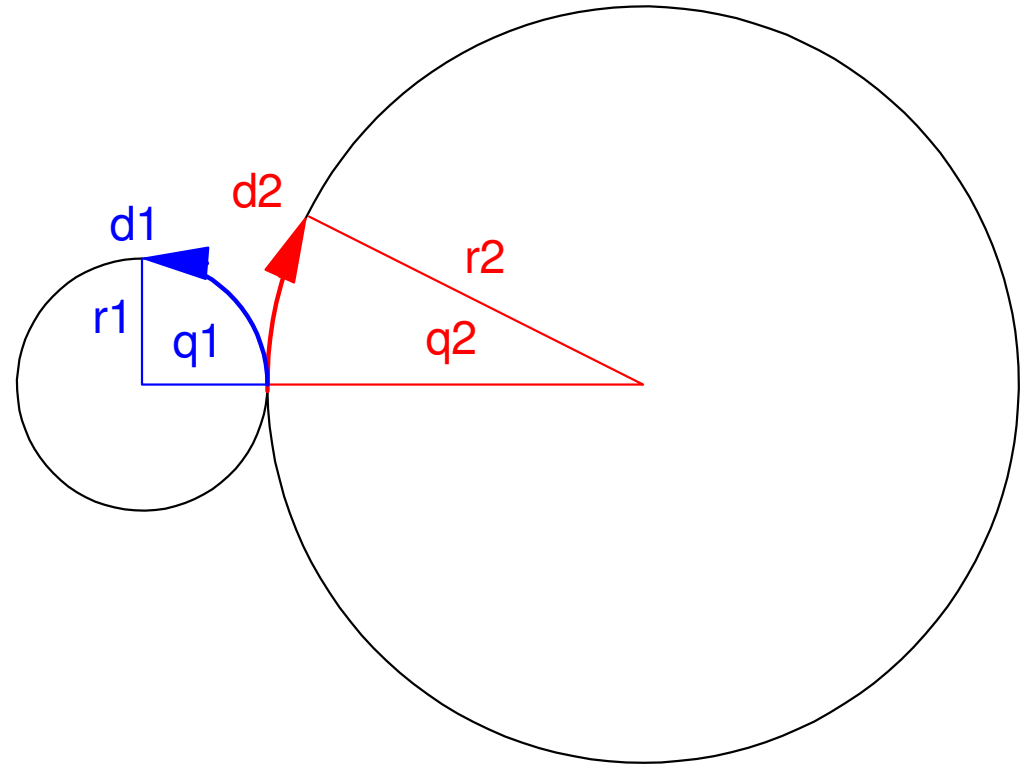
$$d_1 = d_2$$

$$r_1\theta_1 = r_2\theta_2$$

or

$$\theta_1 = \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)\theta_2$$

$$\dot{\theta}_1 = \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)\dot{\theta}_2$$





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The forces at the interface must match

$$T_1 = F_1 r_1$$

$$T_2 = F_2 r_2$$

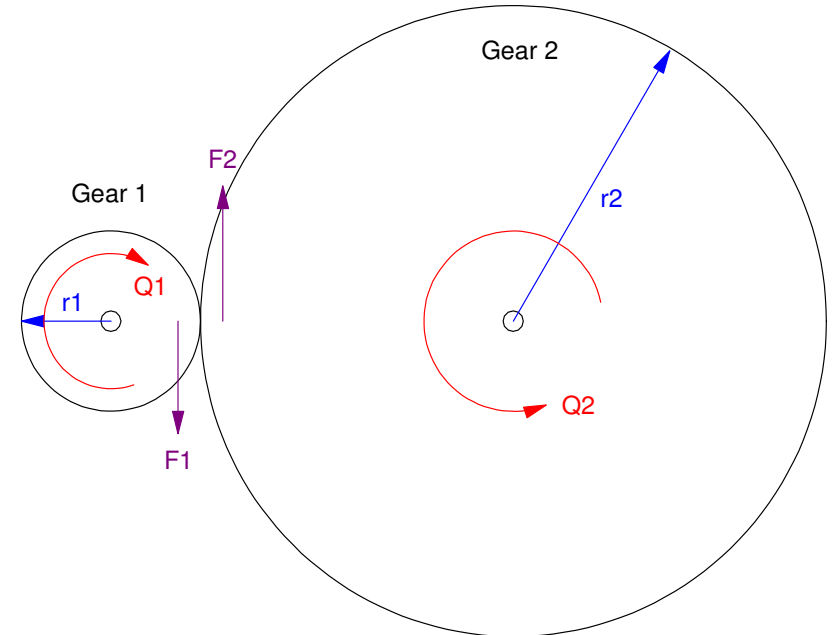
$$F_1 = F_2$$

$$\frac{T_1}{r_1} = \frac{T_2}{r_2}$$

$$T_1 = \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right) T_2$$

Energy must balance

$$T_1 \dot{\theta}_1 = T_2 \dot{\theta}_2$$



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## Impedance & Gears

Assume Gear #1 has inertia  $J_1$ . What does gear #2 see?

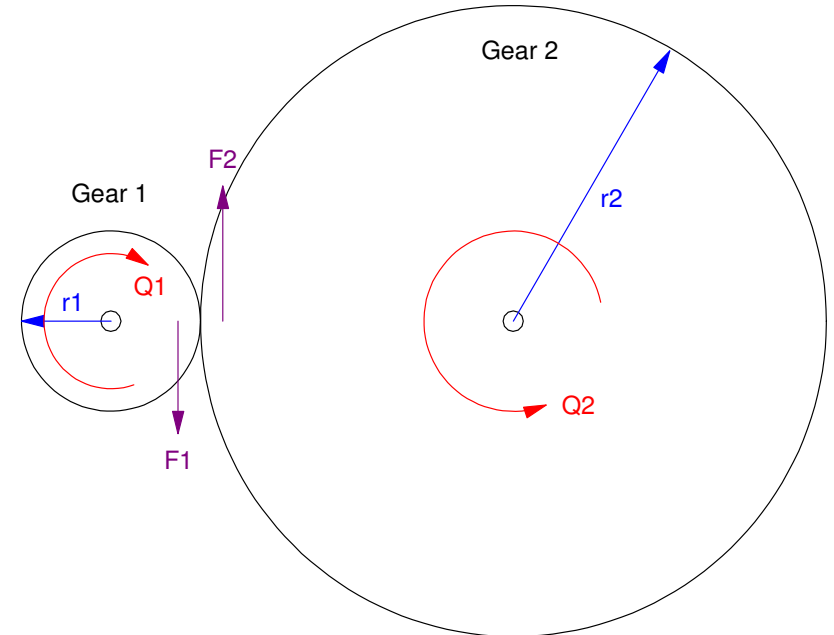
$$T_1 = J_1 s^2 \theta_1$$

$$\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right) T_2 = (J_1 s^2) \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right) \theta_2$$

$$T_2 = \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)^2 (J_1 s^2) \theta_2$$

Relative to gear #2, inertial  $J_1$  looks like an inertia of

$$J = \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)^2 J_1$$

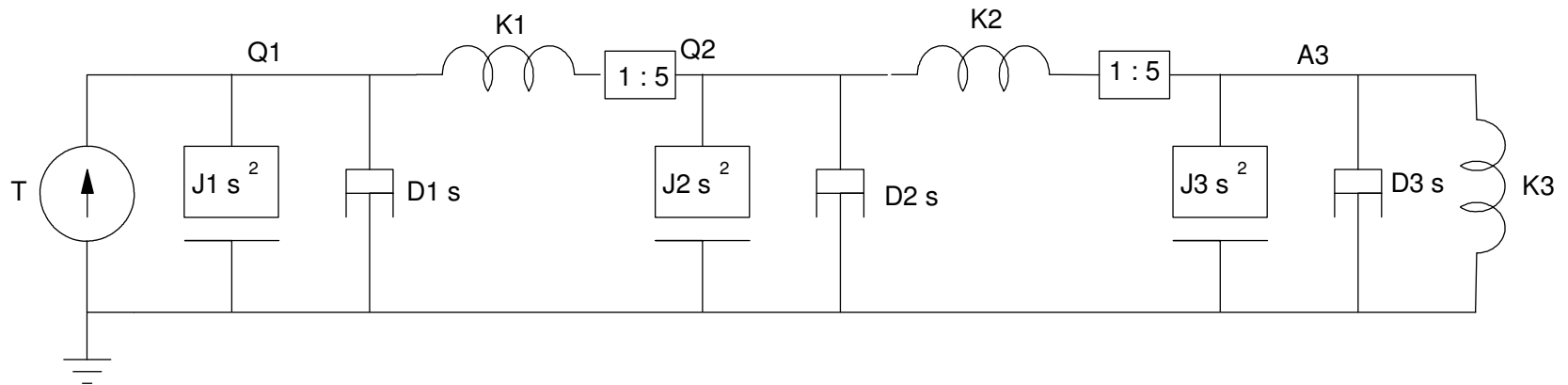
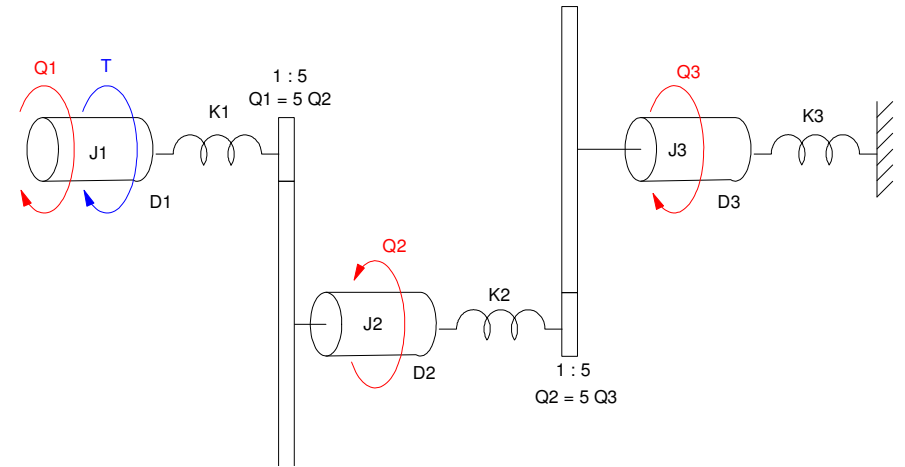


**Impedances go through a gear as the turn ratio squared**

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# Rotational System with Gears

i) Draw the circuit equivalent with the gears

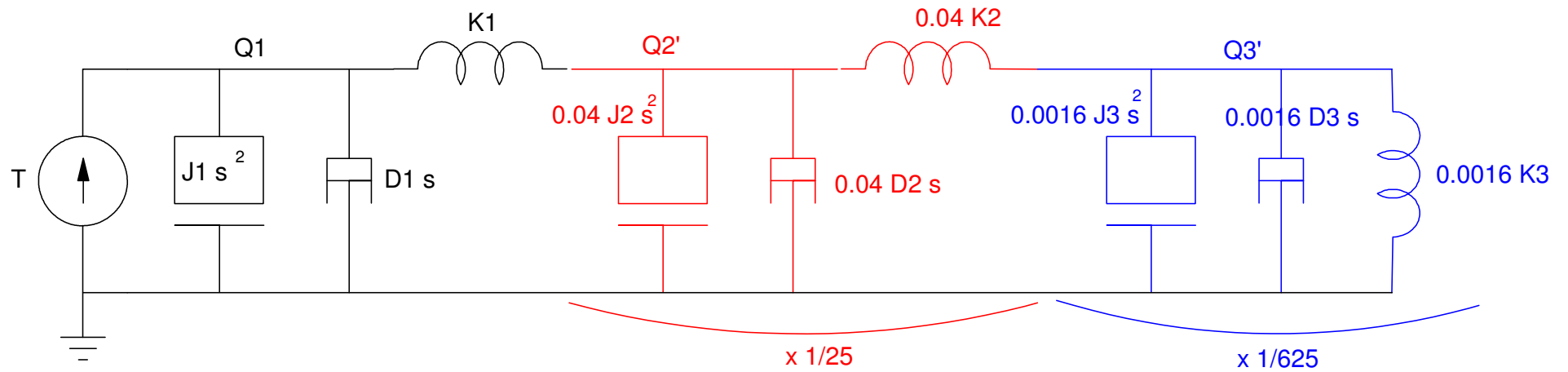


# Remove the gears

$$Y_{new} \Rightarrow \left( \frac{\text{where going to}}{\text{where coming from}} \right)^2 Y_{old}$$

1 : 5

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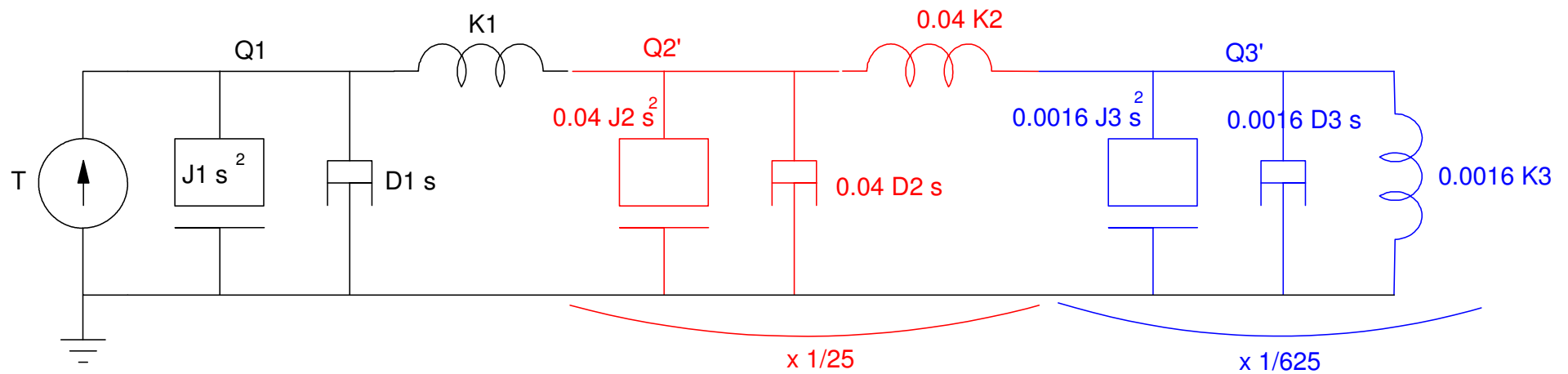
Now write the node equations

- note: angles are now different: scalar multiples of  $q_1, q_2, q_3$
- from here on, it's the same as before

$$(J_1 s^2 + D_1 s + K_1) \phi_1 - (K_1) \phi_2 = T$$

$$\left( \frac{J_2}{5^2} s^2 + \frac{D_2}{5^2} s + K_1 + \frac{K_2}{5^2} \right) \phi_2 - (K_1) \phi_1 - \left( \frac{K_2}{5^2} \right) \phi_3 = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{J_3}{25^2} s^2 + \frac{D_3}{25^2} s + \frac{K_3}{25^2} + \frac{K_2}{5^2} \right) \phi_3 - \left( \frac{K_2}{5^2} \right) \phi_2 = 0$$



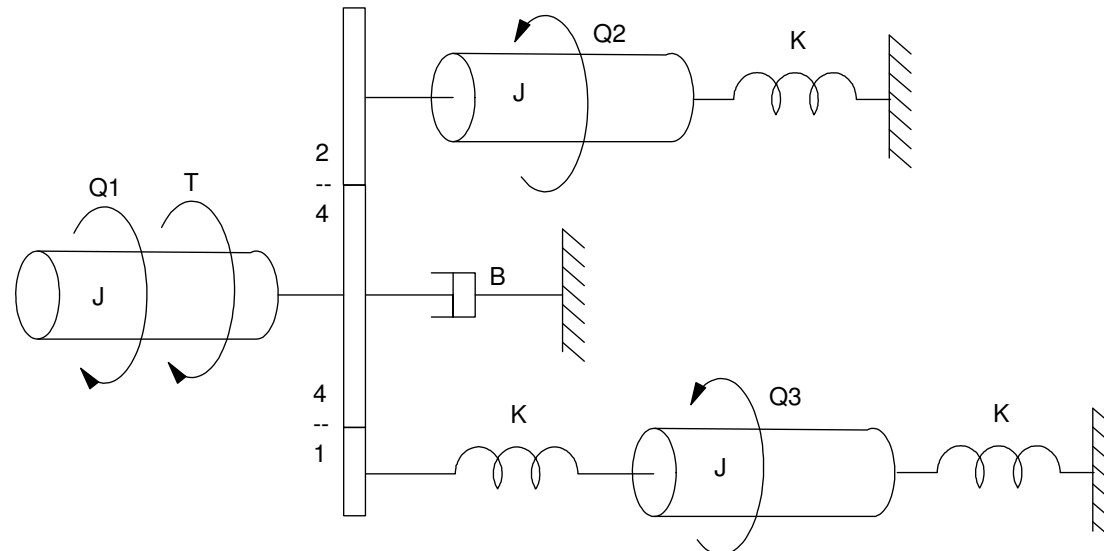
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## Handout:

Draw the circuit equivalent for the following mass-spring system. Assume

- $J = 1\text{kg}$ ,  $B = 0.2\text{ Nms/rad}$ ,  $K = 10\text{N/rad}$

Write the equations of motion (i.e. write the voltage node equations)



# DC Servo Motors

- Type of motor
- Used to control rotational systems

## Advantages:

- Current is Torque
- Voltage is speed (sort of)
- Easy to model
- Easy to power (DC signal)

## Disadvantages

- Larger than AC motors
- More expensive than AC motors
- Less efficient than AC motors



**DC Servo Motor**

43 pounds, 27" x 4.5" dia  
\$2400 new, \$1500 used  
1400 Watts



**AC Motor**

9 oz, 2" x 1.3" dia  
\$26 new (\$43 including driver)  
900 Watts

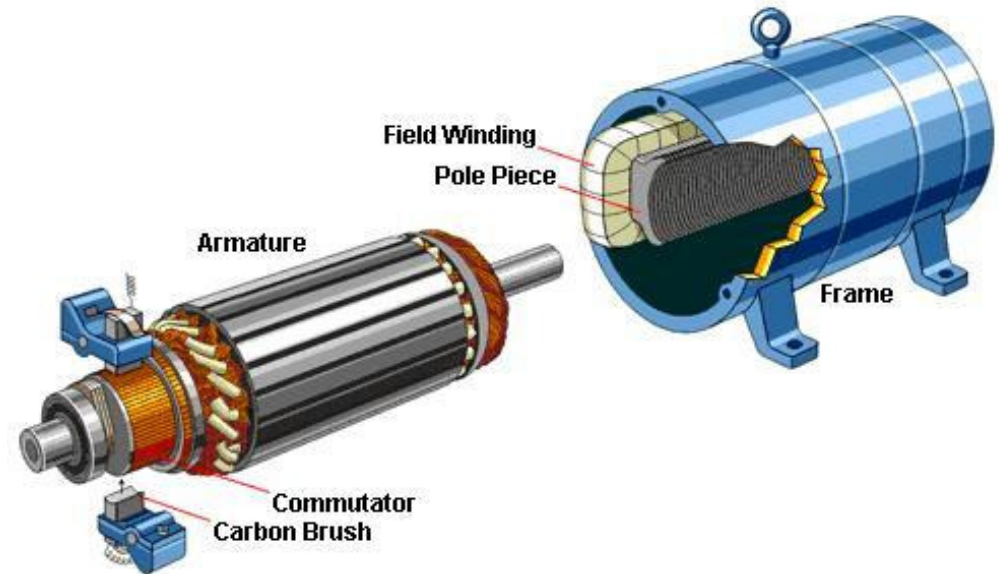
1980 vs. 2020 Technology

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# DC Servo Motor Internal Workings

Internally, a DC motor has

- A permanent magnet (field winding) on the outside,
- An electromagnet on the inside (armature), and
- A commutator which switches the polarity of the current (voltage) so that the torque remains in the same direction as the motor spins.



A DC servo motor is essentially an electromagnet

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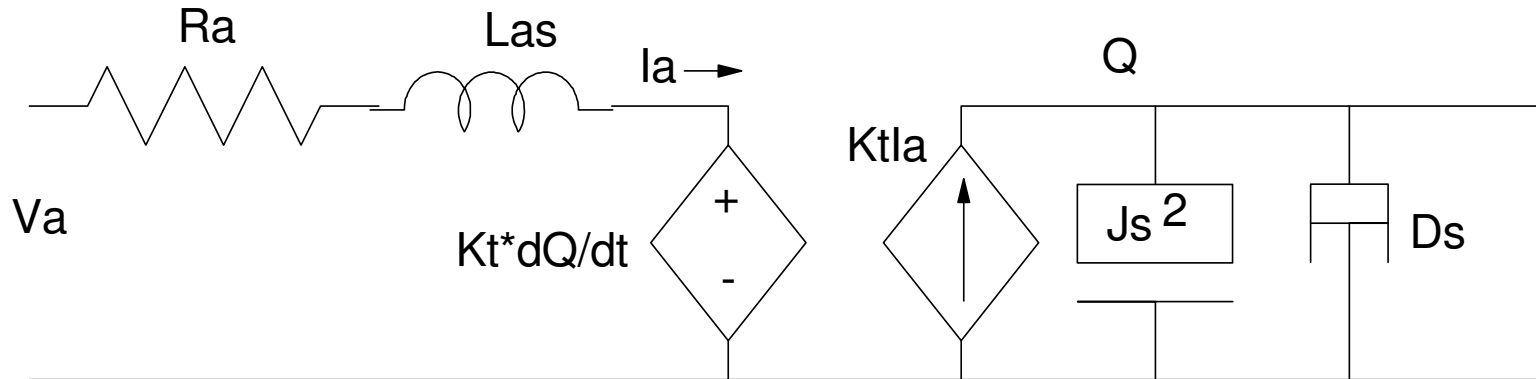
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# Circuit Equivalent

$K_t$  is the

- The torque constant ( Nm / Amp )
- The back EMF (Volts / rad/sec )

MKS: The units are the same (  $K_t$  is the same )



Circuit equivalent for a DC servo motor

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# Motor Dynamics

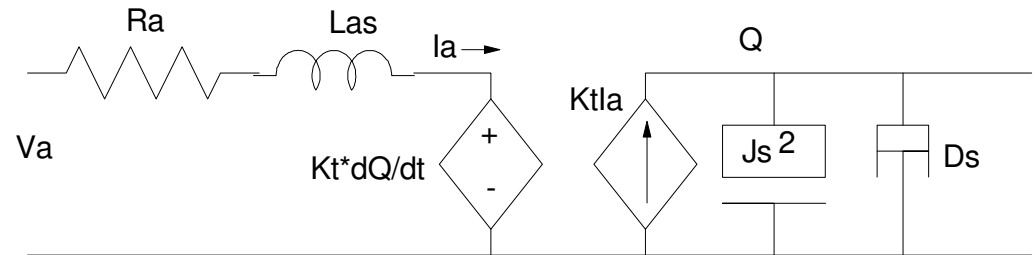
$$V_a = K_t(s\theta) + (R_a + L_a s)I_a$$

$$K_t I_a = (Js^2 + Ds)\theta$$

Solving gives

$$\theta = \left(\frac{1}{s}\right) \left(\frac{K_t}{(Js+D)(L_a s+R_a)+K_t^2}\right) V_a$$

$$\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \left(\frac{K_t}{(Js+D)(L_a s+R_a)+K_t^2}\right) V_a$$



# Motor Example:

## Electrocraft RDM103

- $K_t = 0.03 Nm/A$
- Terminal resistance = 1.6 (Ra)
- Armature inductance = 4.1mH (La)
- Rotor Inertia = 0.008 oz-in/sec/sec
- Damping Constant = 0.25 oz-in/krpm
- Torque Constant = 13.7 oz-in/amp
- Peak current = 34 amps
- Max operating speed = 6000 rpm



$$K_t: 13.7 \frac{\text{oz-in}}{\text{amp}} \left( \frac{1\text{m}}{39.4\text{in}} \right) \left( \frac{1\text{lb}}{16\text{oz}} \right) \left( \frac{0.454\text{kg}}{\text{lb}} \right) \left( \frac{9.8\text{N}}{\text{kg}} \right) = 0.0967 \left( \frac{\text{N}\cdot\text{m}}{\text{A}} \right)$$

$$D: 0.25 \left( \frac{\text{oz}\cdot\text{in}\cdot\text{min}}{\text{kre}} \right) \left( \frac{1\text{Nm}}{141.7\text{oz}\cdot\text{in}} \right) \left( \frac{60\text{sec}}{\text{min}} \right) \left( \frac{\text{kre}}{1000\text{rev}} \right) \left( \frac{\text{rev}}{2\pi\text{rad}} \right) = 1.68 \cdot 10^{-5} \left( \frac{\text{Nm}}{\text{rad}\cdot\text{sec}} \right)$$

$$J: 0.008 \left( \frac{\text{oz}\cdot\text{in}}{\text{sec}^2} \right) \left( \frac{\text{Nm}}{141.7\text{oz}\cdot\text{in}} \right) \left( \frac{\text{kg}}{9.8\text{N}} \right) = 5.76 \cdot 10^{-6} \left( \frac{\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \right)$$

Plugging in numbers:

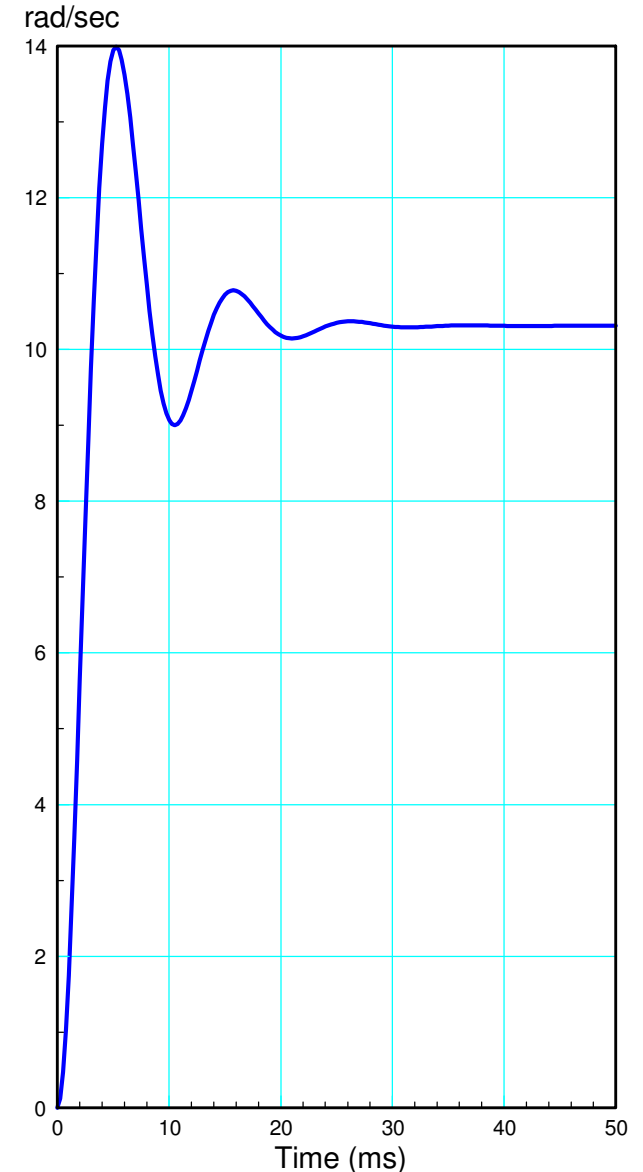
$$\theta = \left( \frac{10.31 \cdot 630^2}{s(s^2 + 393s + 630^2)} \right) V = \left( \frac{10.31(630)^2}{s(s+196.5+j598)(s+196.5-j598)} \right) V$$

This means....

- DC gain = 10.31
  - +12V input makes it spin 123.72 rad/sec
- It takes about 20ms for the motor to get up to speed ( $T_s = 4/196$ )

35% overshoot for the step response

- damping ratio = 0.3119
- Note: overshoot goes away if you connect the motor to something
- Inertia increases



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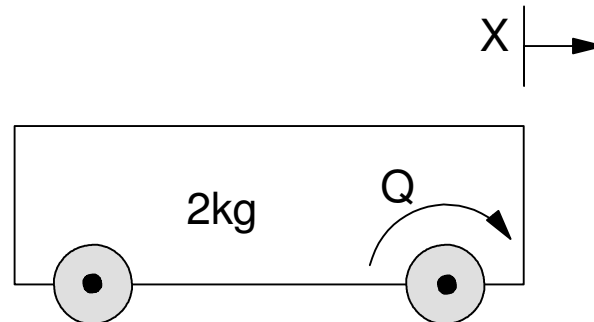
## Gears and Wheels:

Wheels are gears

- Convert translation to angle
- $x = r\theta$

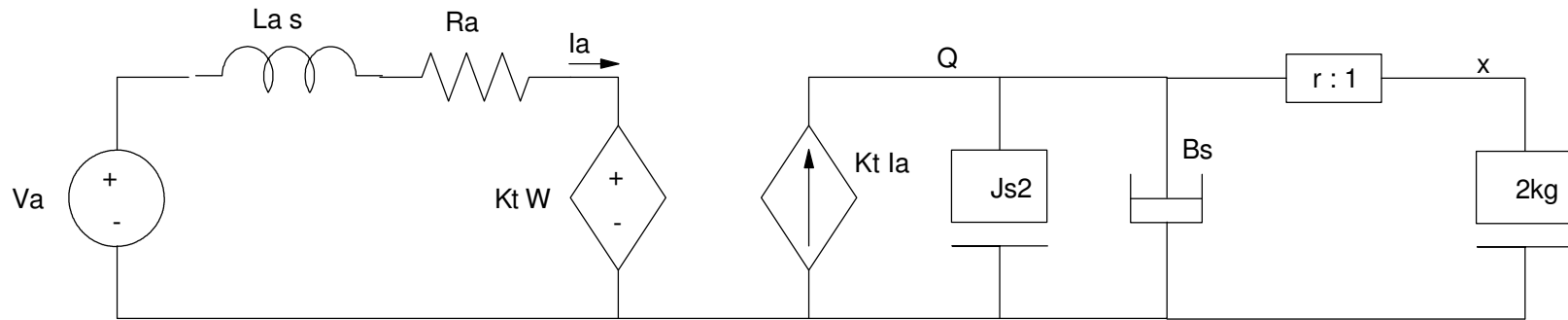
Example: Battle Bots

- Find the dynamics of the previous motor if it is driving a cart
- Cart mass = 2kg
- Wheel radius = 1.5cm



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First, draw the circuit equivalent



Remove the gear by translating the 2kg mass to the motor angle

$$x = r\theta$$

$$2\text{kg} \cdot \left(\frac{r}{1}\right)^2 = 0.0018 \text{ kg m}^2$$

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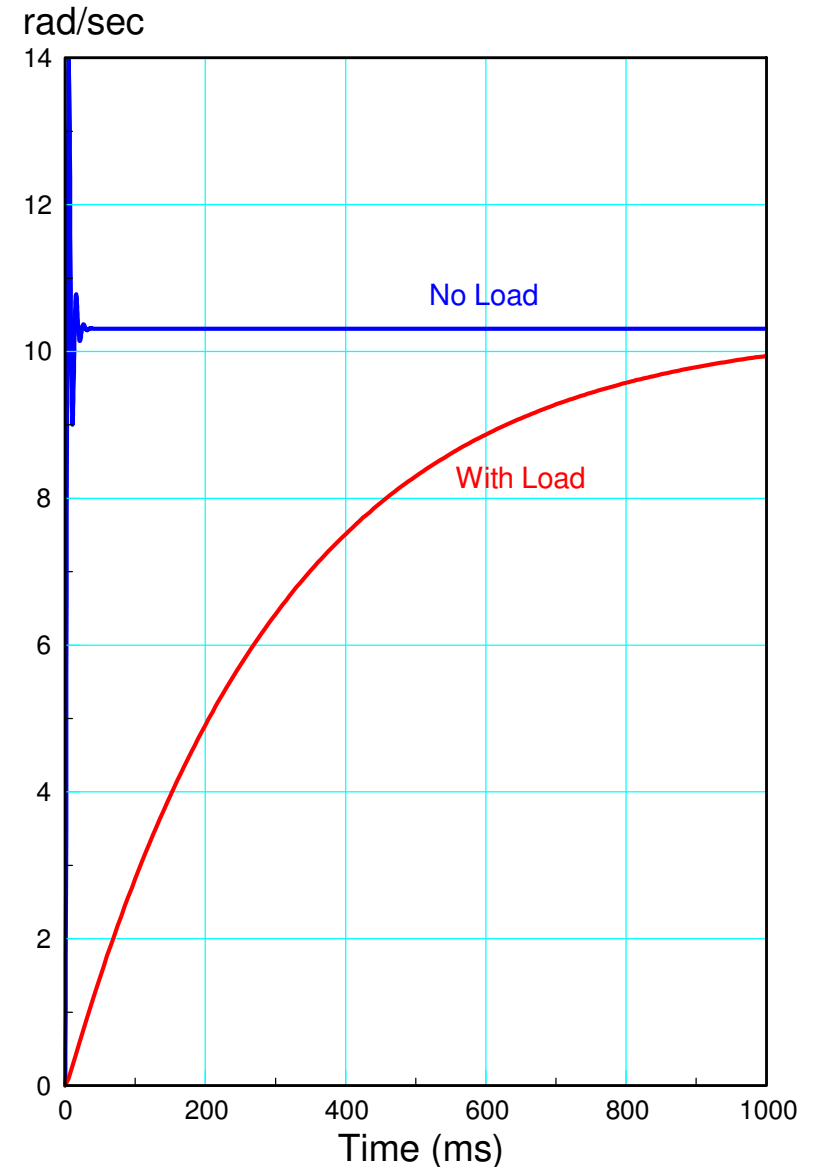
The net inertia is then

$$\begin{aligned} J_{total} &= J_{motor} + J_{mass} \\ &= 5.76 \cdot 10^{-6} + 0.0018 = 0.00180576 \end{aligned}$$

The motor dynamics are then

$$\theta = \left( \frac{13061}{s(s+3.273)(s+387)} \right) V_a$$

The added inertia shifted the complex poles



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## Summary

Rotational systems are similar to translational systems

- $J s^2$  vs.  $M s^2$
- $D s$  vs.  $B s$
- $K$  vs.  $K$

Drawing the circuit equivalent helps in writing the dynamic equations

Gears act like transformers

- Speed goes through gears as the turns-ratio
  - Admittances go through gears as the turn-ratio squared
-