



Figure 1: A two mass system used to introduce the transfer matrix method (TMM).

1 TMM Analysis

The transfer matrix for a mass is

$$U_m = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ m s^2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

and for a spring

$$U_s = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{k} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

where the state vector is

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ F \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

The two mass system shown in Figure 1 can be model as

$$\mathbf{z}_{\text{end}} = \mathbf{U}_{m2} \mathbf{U}_s \mathbf{U}_F \mathbf{U}_{m1} \mathbf{z}_{\text{start}} \quad (4)$$

where

$$U_f = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -F \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ m_1 s^2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ m_2 s^2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

and the system boundary conditions give that

$$z_{end} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

and

$$z_{start} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

The system transfer matrix can be defined as

$$\mathbf{U}_{sys} = \mathbf{U}_{m2} \mathbf{U}_s \mathbf{U}_F \mathbf{U}_{m1} \quad (10)$$

or

$$U_{sys} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{m_1 s^2}{k} + 1 & \frac{1}{k} & -\frac{F}{k} \\ m_2 s^2 \left(\frac{m_1 s^2}{k} + 1 \right) + m_1 s^2 & \frac{m_2 s^2}{k} + 1 & -\frac{m_2 s^2 F}{k} - F \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

and equation (4) can be rewritten as

$$\mathbf{z}_{end} = \mathbf{U}_{sys} \mathbf{z}_{start} \quad (12)$$

or

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = U_{sys} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

The second row of this equations gives

$$0 = -\frac{m_2 s^2 F}{k} - F + \left(m_2 s^2 \left(\frac{m_1 s^2}{k} + 1 \right) + m_1 s^2 \right) x_1 \quad (14)$$

which can be solved for the open-loop transfer function

$$tf1_{TMM} = \frac{x_1}{F} = \frac{m_2 s^2 + k}{m_1 m_2 s^4 + (k m_2 + k m_1) s^2} \quad (15)$$

Solving equation (15) for x_1 and substituting the result into equation (13), allows the transfer function x_2/F to be found:

$$tf2_{TMM} = \frac{k}{m_1 m_2 s^4 + (k m_2 + k m_1) s^2} \quad (16)$$

1.1 Closed-Loop Analysis

1.1.1 Collocated Feedback

Proportional, collocated feedback control would take the form

$$F = g (u - x_1) \quad (17)$$

A transfer matrix model of the collocated feedback control would require the transfer matrix

$$U_{cl1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ g & 1 & -g u \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (18)$$

and the system model would become

$$\mathbf{z}_{end} = \mathbf{U}_{m2} \mathbf{U}_s \mathbf{U}_{cl1} \mathbf{U}_{m1} \mathbf{z}_{start} \quad (19)$$

$$U_{syscl} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{m_1 s^2 + g}{k} + 1 & \frac{1}{k_2} & -\frac{g u}{k} \\ m_2 s^2 \left(\frac{m_1 s^2 + g}{k} + 1 \right) + m_1 s^2 + g & \frac{m_2 s^2}{k} + 1 & -\frac{g m_2 s^2 u}{k} - g u \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (20)$$

The second row of this equations gives

$$0 = \left(m_2 s^2 \left(\frac{m_1 s^2 + g}{k} + 1 \right) + m_1 s^2 + g \right) x_1 - \frac{g m_2 s^2 u}{k} - g u \quad (21)$$

which can be solved for the closed-loop transfer function

$$tf1_{clTMM} = \frac{x_1}{u} = \frac{g m_2 s^2 + g k}{m_1 m_2 s^4 + ((k + g) m_2 + k m_1) s^2 + g k} \quad (22)$$

2 Classical Analysis

The equation of motion for mass 1 is

$$m_1 s^2 x_1 = F - k (x_1 - x_2) \quad (23)$$

and for mass 2

$$m_2 s^2 x_2 = k (x_1 - x_2) \quad (24)$$

Equations (23) and (24) can be solved for the transfer functions

$$tf1 = \frac{m_2 s^2 + k}{m_1 m_2 s^4 + (k m_2 + k m_1) s^2} \quad (25)$$

and

$$tf2 = \frac{k}{m_1 m_2 s^4 + (k m_2 + k m_1) s^2} \quad (26)$$

2.1 Collocated Feedback

For collocated feedback

$$tf_{1cl} = \frac{x_1}{u} = \frac{g m_2 s^2 + g k}{m_1 m_2 s^4 + ((k + g) m_2 + k m_1) s^2 + g k} \quad (27)$$