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**Lecture 14**<sup>1</sup>

**Reading:**

- Class Handout: *Modeling Part 1: Energy and Power Flow in Linear Systems* Sec. 3.
- Class Handout: *Modeling Part 2: Summary of One-Port Primitive Elements*

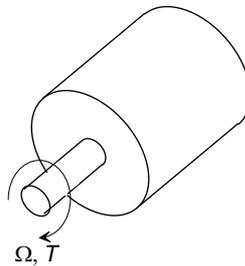
**1 The Modeling of Rotational Systems.**

With the the modeling framework as we defined it in Lecture 13, we have seen that in each energy domain we need to define

- (a) Two power variables, an *across variable*, and a *through variable*. the product of these variables is power.
- (b) Two ideal sources, and *across variable source*, and a *through variable source*.
- (c) Three ideal modeling elements, two energy storage elements (a T-type element, and a A-Type element), and a dissipative (D-Type) element.)
- (d) A pair of interconnection laws.

We now address modeling of rotational mechanical systems.

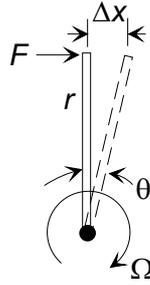
- (a) **Definition of Power variables:** In a rotational system we consider the motion of a system around an *axis of rotation*:



Consider the rotary motion resulting from a force  $F$  applied at a radius  $r$  from the rotational axis

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The work done by the force  $F$  in moving an infinitesimal distance  $\Delta x$  is

$$\Delta W = F \Delta x = Fr\theta$$

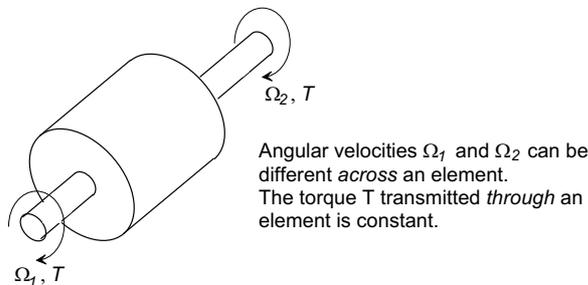
and the power  $P$  is

$$P = \frac{d\Delta W}{dt} = Fr \frac{d\theta}{dt} = T\Omega$$

where  $T = Fr$  is the applied torque (N.m), and  $\Omega = d\theta/dt$  is the angular velocity (rad/s).

We note that if  $T$  and  $\Omega$  have the same sign, then  $P > 0$  and power is flowing into the system or element that is being rotated. Similarly, if  $T$  and  $\Omega$  have the opposite signs, then  $P < 0$  and power is flowing from the system or element, in other words the system is doing work on the source.

Note that the angular velocity  $\Omega$  can be different across an element, but that torque  $T$  is transmitted through an element:



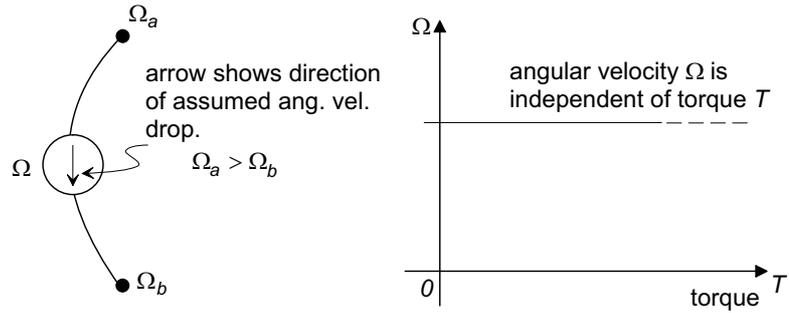
We therefore define our power variables as torque  $T$  and angular velocity  $\Omega$ , where

- $T$  is chosen as the *through* variable
- $\Omega$  is chosen as the *across* variable.

(b) **Ideal Sources:** With the choice of modeling variables we can define our pair of ideal sources

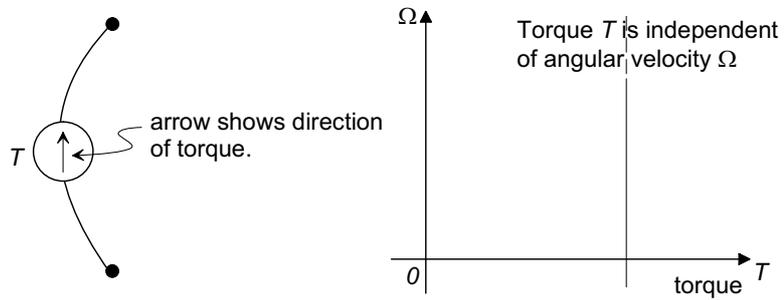
**The Angular Velocity Source:**  $\Omega_s(t)$

By definition the angular velocity source is an *across variable source*. The ideal angular velocity source will maintain the rotational speed regardless of the torque it must generate to do so:



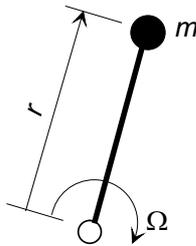
**The Torque Source:  $T_s(t)$**

By definition the torque source is a *through variable source*. The ideal torque source will maintain the applied torque regardless of the angular velocity it must generate to do so:



**(c) Ideal Modeling Elements:**

**1 The Moment of Inertia:** Consider a mass element  $m$  rotating at a fixed radius  $R$  about the axis of rotation.



The stored energy is

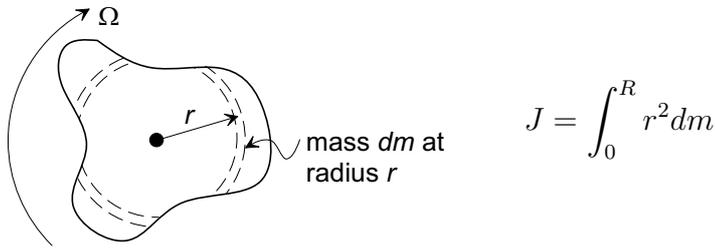
$$E = \frac{1}{2}m(r\Omega)^2 = \frac{1}{2}J\Omega^2$$

where  $J = mr^2$  is defined to be the moment of inertia of the particle.

For a collection of  $n$  mass particles  $m_i$  at radii  $r_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , the moment of inertia is

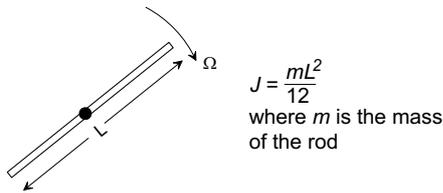
$$J = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i r_i^2.$$

For a continuous distribution of mass about the axis of rotation, the moment of inertia is

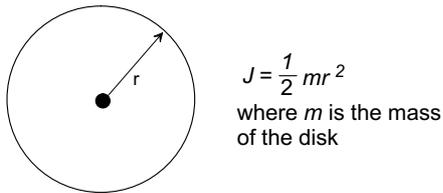


**Examples:**

A uniform rod of length  $L$  rotating about its center.



A uniform disc with radius  $r$  rotating about its center.



The elemental equation for the moment of inertia  $J$  is

$$T_J = J \frac{d\Omega_J}{dt}$$

We note that the energy stored in a rotating mass is  $E = J\Omega^2/2$ , that is it is a function of the across variable, defining the moment of inertia as an *A-type element*.

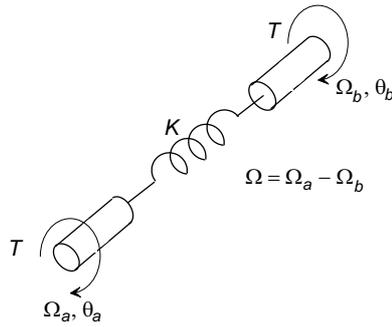
As in the case of a translational mass element, the angular velocity drop associated with a rotary inertia  $J$  is *always measured with respect to a non-accelerating reference frame*.

**Elemental Impedance:** By definition

$$Z_J = \frac{\Omega_J(s)}{T_J(s)} = \frac{1}{Js}$$

from the elemental equation.

(2) The Torsional Spring:



Let  $\theta_a$  and  $\theta_b$  be the angular displacements of the two ends from their rest positions. Hooke's law for a torsional spring is

$$T = K(\theta_a - \theta_b).$$

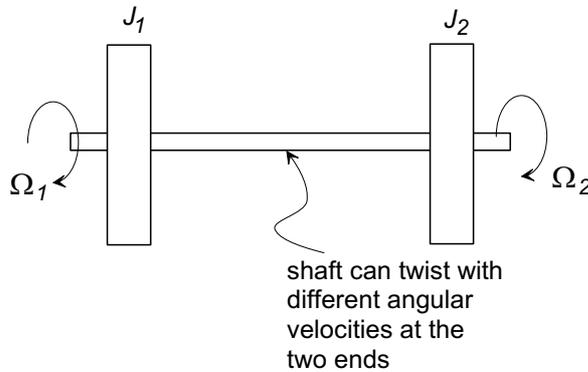
where  $K$  is defined to be the *torsional stiffness*. Differentiation gives

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = K \frac{d(\theta_a - \theta_b)}{dt}$$

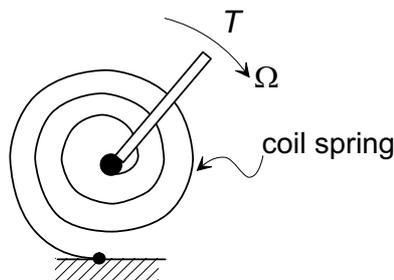
$$\boxed{\frac{dT}{dt} = K\Omega}$$

where  $\Omega = (\dot{\theta}_a - \dot{\theta}_b)$  is the *angular velocity drop* across the spring.

Torsional stiffness may result from the material properties of a "long" shaft



or may be intentional, for example in a coil ("hair") spring in a mechanical watch.



The energy stored in a torsional spring is

$$E = \int_{-\infty}^t T\Omega dt = \frac{1}{2K}T^2$$

which is a function of the through variable, defining the spring as a *T-type element*.

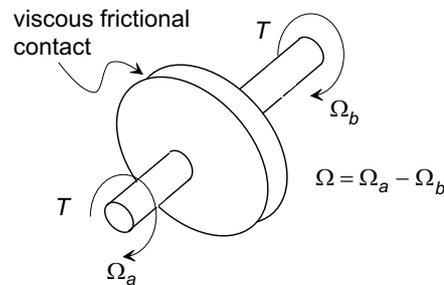
**Elemental Impedance:** By definition

$$Z_K = \frac{\Omega_K(s)}{T_K(s)} = \frac{s}{K}$$

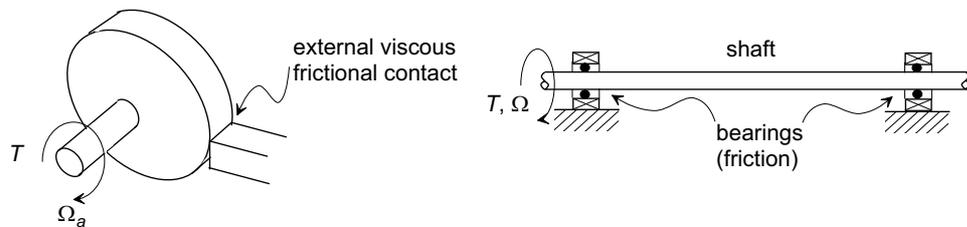
from the elemental equation.

**(3) The Rotational Damper:** We look for an algebraic relationship between  $T$  and  $\Omega$  of the form

$$T = B\Omega$$



which is approximated as viscous rotational friction:



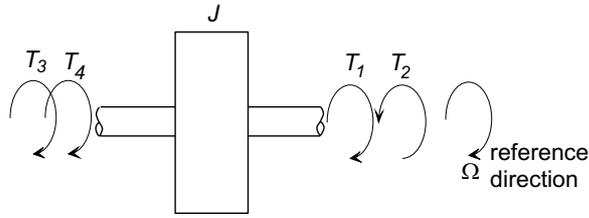
Notice that  $P = T\Omega = B\Omega^2 > 0$ , which defines the damper as a D-type element.

**Elemental Impedance:** By definition

$$Z_B = \frac{\Omega_B(s)}{T_B(s)} = \frac{1}{B}$$

from the elemental equation.

**(d) Interconnection Laws:** Consider an inertial element  $J$  subject to  $n$  external torques  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n$ , for example



then

$$J \frac{d\Omega}{dt} = T_1 - T_2 + T_3 + T_4$$

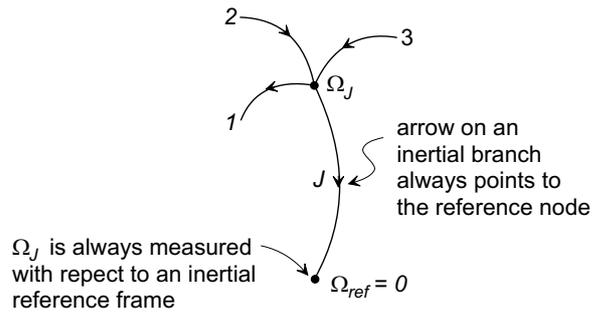
and in general

$$\sum_{i=1}^n T_i = J \frac{d\Omega}{dt}$$

As in the translational case, we consider a “fictitious” d’Alembert torque  $T_J$  and write

$$\sum_{i=1}^n T_i - T_J = 0$$

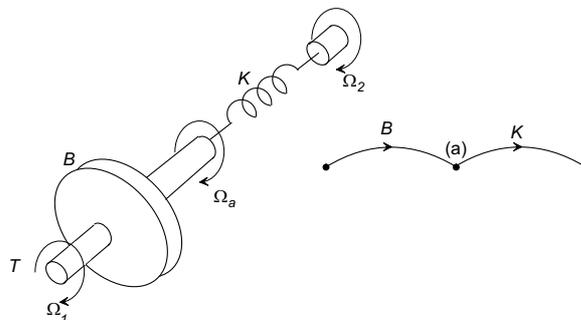
as the torque balance (*continuity condition*) at a node.



For an “inertia-less” node ( $J = 0$ ),

$$\sum_{i=1}^n T_i = 0$$

which states that the external torques sum to zero, for example at node (a) below,  $T_B - T_K = 0$ .

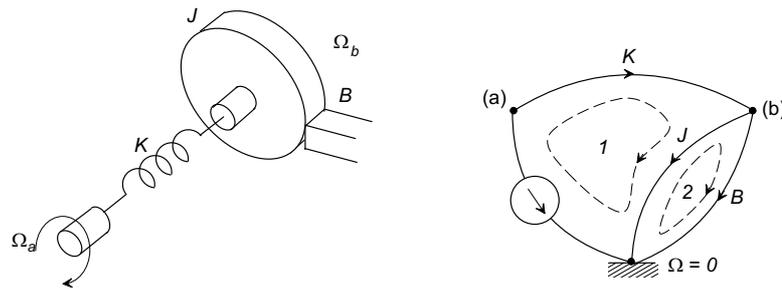


**Continuity Condition:** The sum of torques (including a d'Alembert torque associated with an inertia element) at any node on a system graph is zero.

Nodes represent points of distinct angular velocity in a rotational system, and by analogy with translational systems, the compatibility condition is

**Compatibility Condition:** The sum of angular velocity drops around any closed loop on a system graph is zero.

For example, on the graph:



two compatibility equations are:

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_K + \Omega_J - \Omega_s &= 0 & (\text{Loop 1}), \\ \Omega_B - \Omega_J &= 0 & (\text{Loop 2}).\end{aligned}$$

## 2 Updated Tables of Generalized Elements to Include Rotational Elements:

The tables presented in Lecture 13 are now updated to include rotational systems.

### A-Type Elements:

Element	Elemental equation	Energy
Generalized A-type	$f = C \frac{dv}{dt}$	$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} C v^2$
Translational mass	$F = m \frac{dv}{dt}$	$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$
Rotational inertia	$T = J \frac{d\Omega}{dt}$	$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} J \Omega^2$
Electrical capacitance	$i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$	$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} C v^2$

**T-Type Elements :**

Element	Elemental equation	Energy
Generalized T-type	$v = Ldf/dt$	$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2}Lf^2$
Translational spring	$v = \frac{1}{K} \frac{dF}{dt}$	$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2K}F^2$
Torsional spring	$\Omega = \frac{1}{K} \frac{dT}{dt}$	$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2K}T^2$
Electrical inductance	$v = L \frac{di}{dt}$	$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2}Li^2$

**D-Type Elements:**

Element	Elemental equations		Power dissipated
Generalized D-type	$f = \frac{1}{R}v$	$v = Rf$	$\mathcal{P} = \frac{1}{R}v^2 = Rf^2$
Translational damper	$F = Bv$	$v = \frac{1}{B}F$	$\mathcal{P} = Bv^2 = \frac{1}{B}F^2$
Rotational damper	$T = B\Omega$	$\omega = \frac{1}{B}T$	$\mathcal{P} = B\Omega^2 = \frac{1}{B}T^2$
Electrical resistance	$i = \frac{1}{R}v$	$v = Ri$	$\mathcal{P} = \frac{1}{R}v^2 = Ri^2$

**Generalized Impedances:**

	A-Type	T-Type	D-Type
Generalized	$\frac{1}{Cs}$	$sL$	$R$
Translational	$\frac{1}{sm}$	$\frac{1}{K}s$	$\frac{1}{B}$
Rotational	$\frac{1}{sJ}$	$\frac{1}{K}s$	$\frac{1}{B}$
Electrical	$\frac{1}{Cs}$	$sL$	$R$