

## Position Tracking for a Series of Mass-Spring-Damper System via Decentralized Control Design

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**Introduction:** In this paper we present a decentralized stabilization control technique for linear time-varying interconnected systems. By the optimal control technique with respect to a performance index, we have developed the subsystem based time-varying feedback law decentrally. Since the considered system is time-varying, the time-varying Riccati differential equations need to be solved. The backward Euler's method is used to obtain solutions from a sufficient large time to the initial time with a guessed terminal values. When the initial conditions are obtained, these Riccati equations will be introduced into the overall system for the implementation.

### Model description: A series of masses

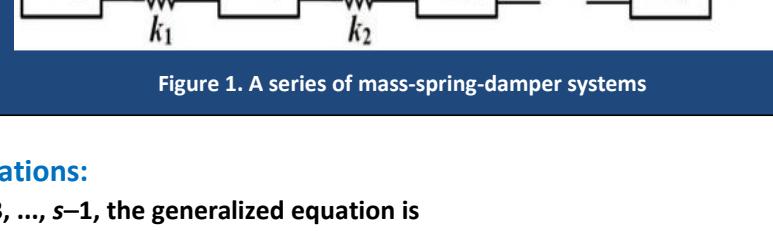


Figure 1. A series of mass-spring-damper systems

### Model equations:

When  $i = 2, 3, \dots, s-1$ , the generalized equation is

$$M_i \ddot{y}_i + (d_{i-1} + d_i) \dot{y}_i + (k_{i-1} + k_i) y_i = d_{i-1} \ddot{y}_{i-1} + k_{i-1} y_{i-1} + d_i \ddot{y}_{i+1} + k_i y_{i+1} + u_i$$

The last mass, the equation is

$$M_s \ddot{y}_s + d_{s-1} \dot{y}_s + k_{s-1} y_s = d_{s-1} \ddot{y}_{s-1} + k_{s-1} y_{s-1} + u_s$$

### The matrix form:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\tilde{x}}_i &= \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\tilde{x}}_{i1} \\ \dot{\tilde{x}}_{i2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k_{i-1} + k_i}{M_i} & -\frac{d_{i-1} + d_i}{M_i} \end{bmatrix} \tilde{x}_i + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{M_i} \end{bmatrix} \left( u_i + \begin{bmatrix} k_{i-1} & d_{i-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{(i-1)1} \\ \dot{x}_{(i-1)2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_i & d_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{(i+1)1} \\ \dot{x}_{(i+1)2} \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= A_i \tilde{x}_i + B_i \left( u_i + \begin{bmatrix} k_{i-1} & d_{i-1} \end{bmatrix} x_{i-1} + \begin{bmatrix} k_i & d_i \end{bmatrix} x_{i+1} \right), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, s \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{\tilde{x}}_i = A_i \tilde{x}_i + B_i \left( u_i + \sum_{j=1}^s q_{ij} x_j \right)$$

### The Decentralized Control Design:

$$\dot{x}_d = Ax_d + Bu_d + BQx_d = 0$$

$$u_d = -(B^T B)^{-1} B^T (A + BQ)x_d$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\tilde{x}} &= \dot{\tilde{x}} + \dot{x}_d = (A + BQ)(\tilde{x} + x_d) + B(\tilde{u} + u_d) \\ &= (A + BQ)\tilde{x} + B\tilde{u} + (A + BQ)x_d + Bu_d \end{aligned}$$

### Computer simulations:

A 4-mass interconnected mass-spring-damper system is considered and the parameters are as follows.

$$M_1 = M_2 = M_3 = M_4 = 1; \quad d_1 = 0.1, \quad d_2 = 0.2, \quad d_3 = 0.3;$$

$$k_1 = 1, \quad k_2 = 1.2, \quad k_3 = 1.3; \quad \lambda = 1$$

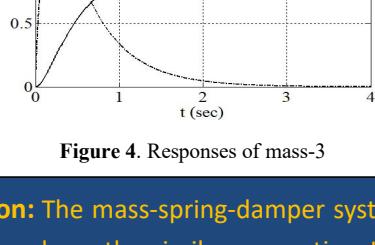


Figure 2. Responses of mass-1

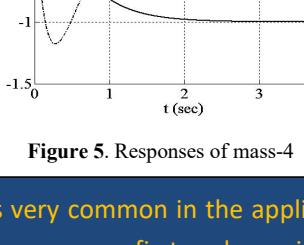


Figure 3. Responses of mass-2

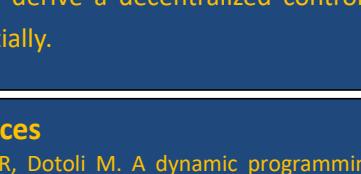


Figure 4. Responses of mass-3

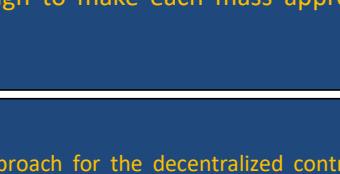


Figure 5. Responses of mass-4

**Conclusion:** The mass-spring-damper system is very common in the application field and many systems can have the similar properties. In this paper we first make an interconnection model and then derive a decentralized control design to make each mass approaches its reference exponentially.

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