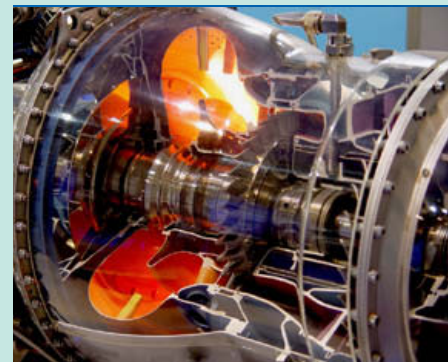
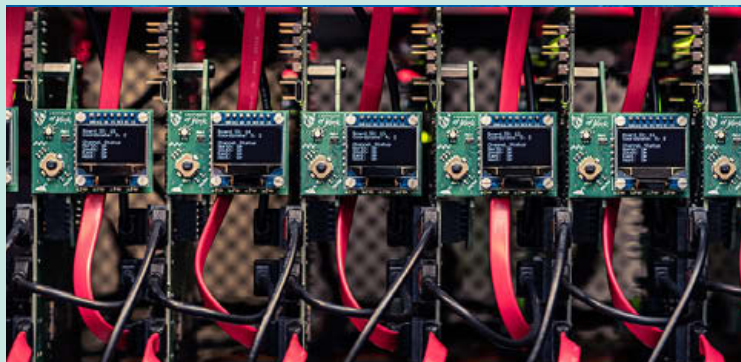




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Happy New Year to all. I hope it was a healthy and somewhat joyful one, given the pandemic. My son's friend had this to say about New Year's Eve, "Hindsight is 2020!" Let's all bid good riddance to a year we will remember as one of life's worst. However, 2021 does bring with it new plans for the Section and a return to the old ways, although somewhat later than usual.

It bears repeating that the **Microwave** and **Power Electronics** Symposia will be on the calendar again and the **Awards Banquet** will host the recipients of awards for 2019 and 2020, so it should be a memorable evening. There are new plans afoot as well. As usual, increasing membership in the section is the primary goal of the Executive Committee and to that end, under James Colotti's leadership, the Circuits and Systems Chapter will be kicking off a student design competition. Winners will receive a plaque at the Awards Banquet. In addition to this effort, Bill Wilkes has organized sessions of Raspberry Pi programming. We look forward to more of these and a greater outreach among the membership to take part.

With many of us telecommuting, the line between working at home and indulging in extracurricular projects becomes blurry. I would like to initiate an effort to involve teams of members in some design challenges that can be both rewarding and challenging. An example of such might be any challenge put forth on [Kaggle](https://www.kaggle.com/). Many problems in machine learning are tractable on [google's collaboration site](https://www.google.com/collaboration/). I suggest that if members have a problem that needs solving or an idea that needs implementing, they form a team and tackle it as a group. I will be making a more formal call for teams and tasks in the near future.

There is also in this issue a technical article that I have submitted. To make the **Pulse** more than just a monthly letter from the chair and a mass of advertising, it is necessary to make it more utilitarian. I am asking members to submit articles on topics that are useful to working engineers, be they hints or techniques you find useful or any similar subjects. I have started with the first submission, as editor, I have accepted it ;). I have at least one or two more in stages of completion. We do need more, however.

Lastly, the **Pulse** is still in need of an editor. I have been editing pro tem, but I would like someone else to take over. Please contact me if you are interested. Stay safe and healthy everyone,

Regards,

Arnold Stillman

IEEE Long Island Section Chair, 2020

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INTRODUCTION

A few years ago, I had the opportunity to settle a disagreement over the nature of mechanical analogs of circuit elements. I did not volunteer to settle the question, but the situation reminded me of the importance of correctly applying these analogs. Since the two systems represent measurable behaviors, they both should obey the same differential equations. Physical laws constrain the measurable variables in the systems, but there are two types of variables that, when mixed, lead to non-physical implications and thus, disagreements. Clearly, Kirchhoff's voltage and current laws must simultaneously be true, but a misapplication of mechanical analogies can hide some nonphysical behavior. This leads to a mechanical model that disagrees with the behavior of its electrical analog. Choosing your analogies with care eliminates the confusion.

ACROSS AND THROUGH, OR THE DUAL NATURE OF CIRCUITS

Without a loss of generality, consider two circuits, a parallel RLC circuit with a voltage source and a series RLC circuit with a current source, as in **Figure 1**. The defining equations for the two circuits are, respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} i_R(t) &= \frac{1}{R}v(t) & v_R(t) &= Ri(t) \\ i_C(t) &= C\frac{dv(t)}{dt} & v_C(t) &= \frac{1}{C}\int i(t)dt \\ i_L(t) &= \frac{1}{L}\int v(t)dt & v_L(t) &= L\frac{di(t)}{dt}. \end{aligned}$$

We can instantly notice that the proportional circuit equation in both systems is simple Ohm's Law, $v(t) = Ri(t)$. However, the integral and derivative equations switch roles; the voltage across the series capacitor, for instance, is the integral equation in the series system, whereas the current through the inductor is the integral equation in the parallel system. **Table 1** indicates the two

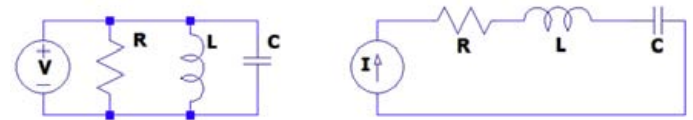


Figure 1: Dual RLC Circuits

Independent Variable	Proportional	Integral	Derivative
Current	$1/R$	$1/L$	C
Voltage	R	$1/C$	L

TABLE 1: Proportional Integral Derivative Assignments

PPID assignments. Instantly, we see that there is not a simple translation from series to parallel topologies with regard to the physical circuit elements. The inductance and capacitance seem to change roles when we go from one topology to the other. This is an indication that something deeper is at work in the relationship between these circuit elements. More on this later, but suffice it to say that ideal capacitances and inductances are not dissipative elements, they store energy in electric fields and magnetic fields, respectively. Resistors are dissipative and do not store energy

Although the two circuit topologies have similar defining equations, their independent variables have quite different mathematical properties. In the parallel configuration, we consider the voltage **across** the circuit elements. In the series configuration, we consider the current **through** the circuit elements. Across variables and through variable are mathematical duals and carry with them a precise relationship; every current has a dual voltage and vice versa. In engineering, that relationship is one of impedance. An across variable measures some difference created between two ends of an impedance by the flow of a through variable. Conversely, the through variable measures the flow caused by an across value. Some common dual pairs are voltage and current, force and velocity, and torque and angular velocity.

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Since impedance is a property of the physical circuit elements, be they electrical or mechanical, it exists whether the currents, voltages, velocities or forces are in effect. However, impedance is often the very cause of the confusion between mechanical and electrical analogs. Let's look at two mechanical systems to see how the choice of electrical analogies affects the physical predictions. The first system is from a set of *Dartmouth College notes*.¹ Take the mechanical configuration of **Figure 2** for instance.

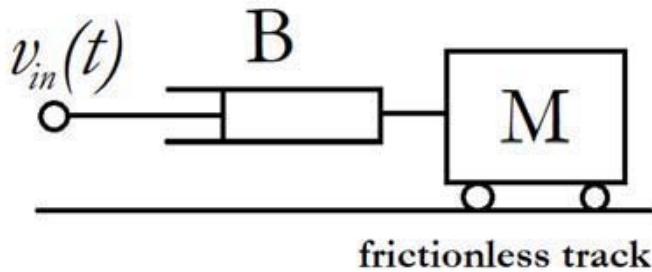


FIGURE 2: A Coupled Cart and Engine

An engine pushes the car via an intervening dashpot. Ignoring dashpot dissipation, the force pushing the car is the force applied by the dashpot. In the frame of reference of the car, the connection between car and dashpot is not moving, so the forces are equal and opposite. Thus,

$$v(t)B + M\dot{v}(t),$$

or,

$$\dot{v}(t) = -\frac{B}{M}v(t) \implies v(t) = V_0 e^{-\frac{B}{M}t}.$$

If we were to model this system in the same topology, i.e. as a series collection of circuit elements, we would choose a current source in series with a resistor and inductor, relying on the association of inductance with the mass and resistance with the dashpot. As the notes point out, however, this model is nonphysical. For a step function current source, the model predicts an infinite voltage on the inductor. Since voltage corresponds to force and current to velocity, the model does not allow for a start from a standing stop. This behavior is also apparent in a parallel circuit with a voltage source, although with an infinite current. What these models lack is the limiting dissipative element that all real systems contain. For the example, it is a resistor in series with the current source. In the parallel (dual) case, the resistor is in parallel with the voltage source. From **Table 1**, we see that the dissipative elements are all first order, i.e. proportional. There are system analogs that do not require dissipative elements, however. An interesting aside is that they

contain only second order terms, implying ideal solutions that do not decay in time.

Let's consider a vertical spring with a weight at the bottom and fixed at the top, as in **Figure 3**. In equilibrium, the weight is motionless and the spring stretches to a length given by Hooke's Law, $kL = Mg$. Pulling the mass sets the system in motion and the forces are;

$$k(x - L) + Mg = kx = M \frac{d^2x}{dt^2},$$

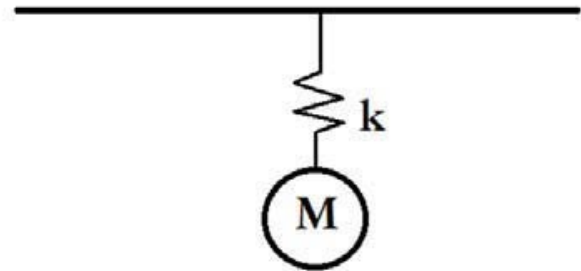


FIGURE 3: A Vertical Pendulum

since $Mg = kL$. This is a simple harmonic oscillator equation where the frequency of oscillation is $\omega = k/M$. Were it an electrical circuit, would correspond to L and M to C in a series arrangement, mimicking the mechanical arrangement. So now, for the two different mechanical models, we have the electrical analogs:

Car	B	M
Electrical Analogy	R	L
Spring	k	M
Electrical Analogy	L	C

TABLE 2: Car and Spring Electrical Analogs

In general, for circuits consisting of sources and lumped passive elements, the principle of superposition allows modeling, respectively, any mixture of parallel and series topologies. A handy table listing the associations and analogies for various mechanical properties is in the Dartmouth notes. Below is a simplified version of that table. The entry for thermal stored energy is not analogous to mechanical systems, but is in the table for completeness. Most of the variables have their usual meaning; B represents the coefficient of friction for translations or rotation, J is a moment of inertia (strictly a tensor, but here a scalar) and K is a mechanical spring constant.

	Electrical	Translational	Rotational	Thermal	Fluidic
Through variable	i (current)	v (velocity)	ω (angular velocity)	ϕ (heat flux)	q (flow)
Across variable	v (voltage)	f (force)	τ (torque)	T (temperature)	p (pressure)
Dissipative Relation	$v = iR$	$f = vB$	$\tau = \omega B$	$\theta = \phi R$	$p = qR$
Dissipation	$i^2 R = v^2 / R$	$v^2 B = f^2 / B$	$\omega^2 B = \tau^2 / B$	N/A	$q^2 R = p^2 / R$
Through Definitions					
Energy Storage Element Definition	$v = L \frac{di}{dt}$	$f = m \frac{dv}{dt}$	$\tau = J \frac{d\omega}{dt}$	N/A	$p = I \frac{dq}{dt}$
Reactive Impedance	$V(s) = sLI(s)$	$F(s) = sMV(s)$	$T(s) = sJ\Omega(s)$		$P(s) = sIQ(s)$
Stored Energy	$E = 1/2 LI^2$	$E = 1/2 Mv^2$	$E = 1/2 J\omega^2$		$E = 1/2 Iq^2$
Across Definitions					
Energy Storage Element Definition	$i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$	$v = \frac{1}{K} \frac{df}{dt}$	$\omega = \frac{1}{K} \frac{d\tau}{dt}$	$\phi = C \frac{dT}{dt}$	$q = C \frac{dp}{dt}$
Reactive Impedance	$V(s) = \frac{1}{sC} I(s)$	$F(s) = \frac{1}{sK} V(s)$	$T(s) = \frac{1}{sK} \Omega(s)$	$\Theta(s) = \frac{1}{sC} \Phi(s)$	$P(s) = \frac{1}{sC} Q(s)$
Stored Energy	$E = 1/2 CV^2$	$E = 1/2 \frac{1}{K} f^2$	$E = 1/2 \frac{1}{K} \tau^2$	$E = CT$	$E = 1/2 Cp^2$

TABLE 3: Across/Through Analogs

¹Class notes by Charles Sullivan



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FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE

SECURITY SYSTEMS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (2 Positions)

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Security Systems and Law Enforcement Technology at Farmingdale State College (SUNY) invites applications for two tenure-track positions at the rank of Assistant Professor beginning in the Fall of 2020. The successful candidate will teach a variety of undergraduate courses in Computer Security and Software Technology, including information security, cryptography, cyber security, computer forensics, database security, physical security, artificial intelligence, software development, and machine learning. Other responsibilities include student advisement and curriculum development. Candidates must engage in grant development work and research leading to publications in refereed academic journals. All faculty members at Farmingdale State College have three workload components: teaching, research and scholarly activity, and service. The successful candidate will demonstrate an interest and high level of competence in teaching. Candidates should have a research agenda that complements their area of academic specialty resulting in peer-reviewed publications and presentation, both of which are necessary for promotion and tenure at Farmingdale State College. The service component of the workload includes student advisement as well as active participation on departmental, school and college-wide committees. The faculty member may be expected to teach in multiple formats including hybrid, online and traditional face-to-face classes. The college particularly welcomes candidates with knowledge, skills and abilities that include: Commitment to diversity and university initiatives supportive of diversity and inclusion. Interest in participating in student-centered service activities. Desire to apply expertise in promoting civic engagement with the College's many community partners.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

An earned doctorate in Computer Science, Computer Security, Cybersecurity, Computer Engineering, or a closely related field. Highly qualified ABD's may be considered if completion of the Ph.D. will occur by the Spring 2021 semester. A proven track of records programming with C, C++, Java, Python, and/or other programming languages beyond school level, and familiarity with Windows, Linux and Mac OS. The candidate must be a permanent resident or a US citizen because Farmingdale State College does not offer any kind of visa sponsorship.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

The candidate should have earned a Bachelor's degree in Computer Security, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, or a closely related field. He/she should possess expertise or interest in the areas of Computer security, cyber security, homeland security, physical security, artificial intelligence and/or machine learning. Applicant should possess excellent communication, interpersonal skills and have previous college level teaching experience. Evidence of prior teaching experience, scholarly publications and any industry experience is preferred.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This is a full-time, 10 month faculty position. For the first 10 working days, beginning Friday, October 25, 2019 and ending Thursday November 7, 2019, applications will be limited to UUP Farmingdale. CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: Sunday, December 8, 2019. Salary: \$70,000/year, may increase commensurate with experience. ANTICIPATED START DATE: Tuesday, September 1, 2020. SUNY offers excellent fringe benefits including health insurance options and retirement plans. VISA SPONSORSHIP IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THIS POSITION.

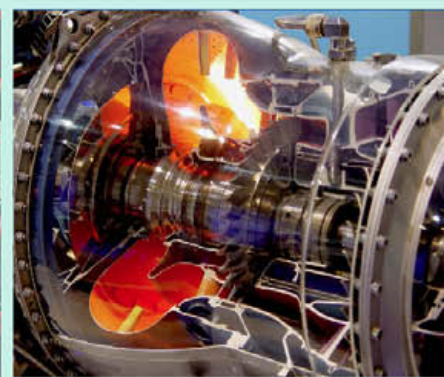
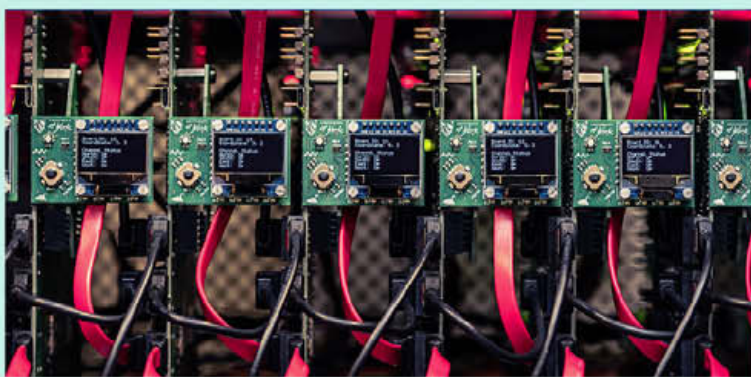
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

To apply, submit a letter of application (that includes a statement on teaching philosophy and methodology), c.v., copies of teaching evaluations, unofficial copy of graduate transcripts (showing highest degree awarded/or currently in process), names and contact information of three references. Only applications made through Farmingdale's electronic application system will be accepted. Candidates invited for interviews will be asked to make a presentation on their research/creative activities as well as a separate teaching demonstration.

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