

Numerical Optimal Control with DAEs

Lecture 10: DAE Models

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Objectives of the Lecture

- What is a Differential-Algebraic Equation (DAE), why they are used
- DAEs in mechanical applications: why and how to build them
- Introduction to Lagrange mechanics, and DAEs from Lagrange
- Some first remarks on solving DAEs

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- 1 Introduction
- 2 Lagrange Mechanics in a Nutshell
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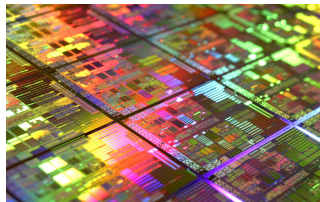
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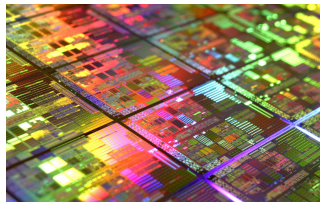


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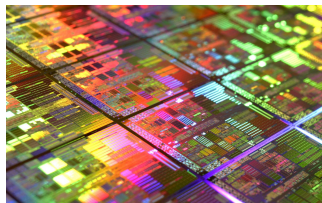
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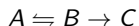
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Isothermal CSTR:



has the model equation:

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$$0 = C_A - \frac{C_B}{K_{eq}}$$

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Variables:

- F_a : feed rate of A
- C_{A_0} : feed concentration of A
- $R_{1,2}$: rates of the reactions
- F : product withdrawal rate
- $C_{A,B,C}$: concentration of species

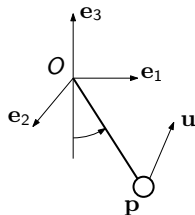
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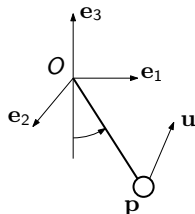
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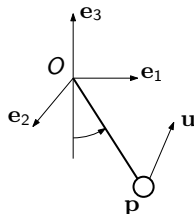


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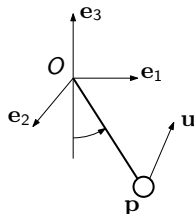
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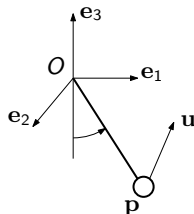
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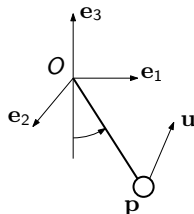
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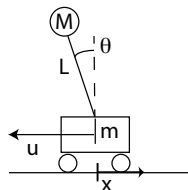
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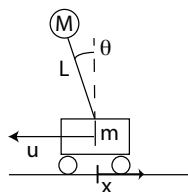
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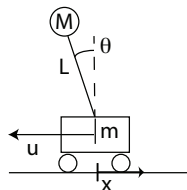
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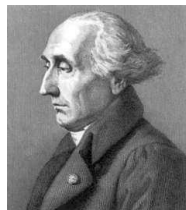
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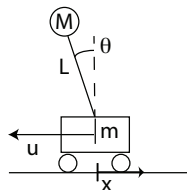
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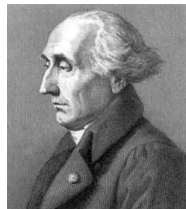
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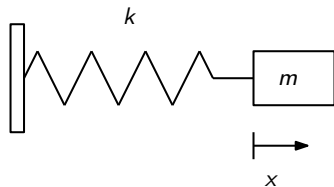
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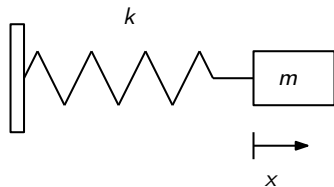


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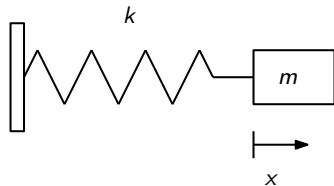


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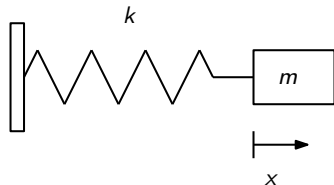


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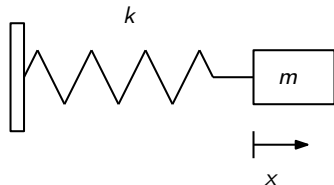
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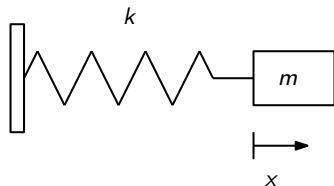
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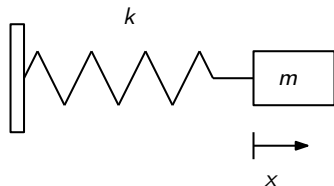
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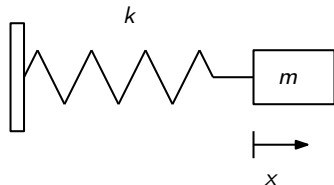
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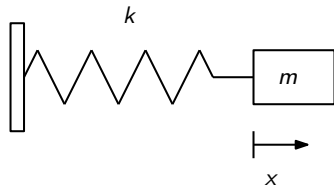
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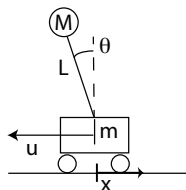
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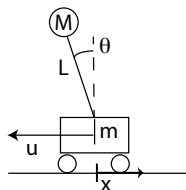
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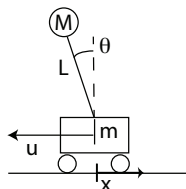
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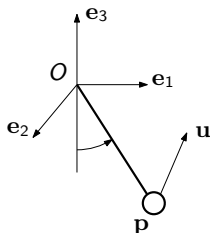
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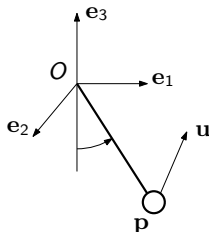
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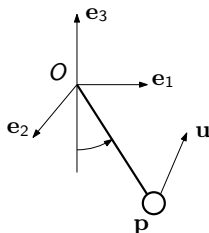
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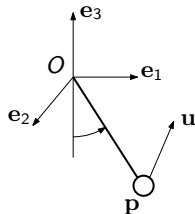
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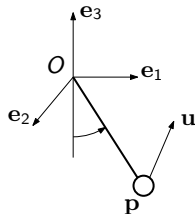
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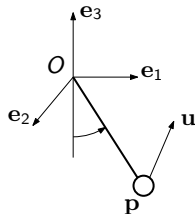
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