

## Units and IF in Simplex/ Two Modelling Exercises

## Units in Simplex

Simplex is unique in its use of units (dimensions)

All model quantities may be assigned a unit

Examples:

- Volt [V]
- Kilogram [kg]
- Newton [N]
- Metre [m]
- Second [s]

## Units in Simplex

Units are written in square brackets: [m]

If units are being used, then all values must be given a unit

The unit of simulation time T must then also be declared:

### USE OF UNITS

```
TIMEUNIT = [s]
```

Simplex automatically checks all units

- Incompatible units generate a syntax error!

## Units in Simplex

Conversion of units is automatic:

### DEPENDENT VARIABLES

#### CONTINUOUS

```
Velo (REAL [km/h]) := 0.0 [km/h],  
Dist (REAL [m] ) := 1.0 [m],  
Time (REAL [s] ) := 2.0 [s]
```

#### DYNAMIC BEHAVIOUR

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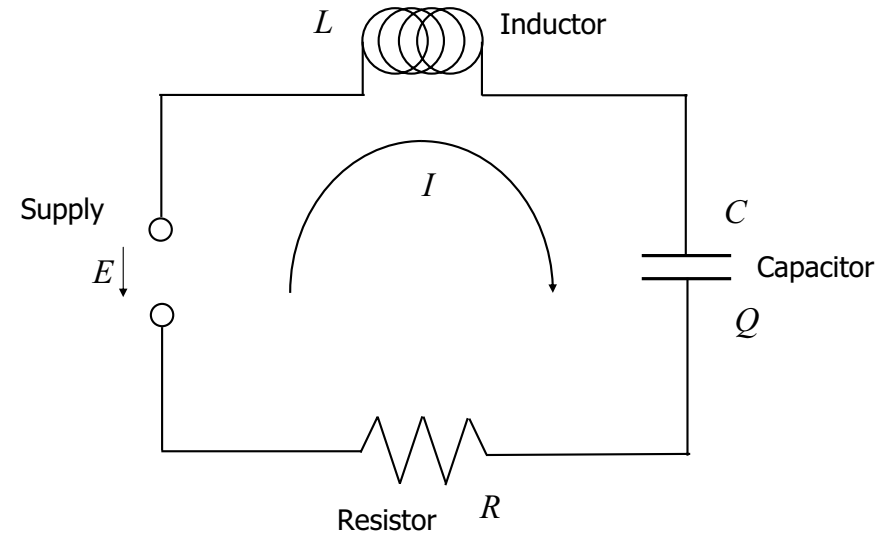
```
Velo := Dist / Time + 1.0 [km/h];
```

Simplex allows IF - ELSIF - ELSE statements:

```

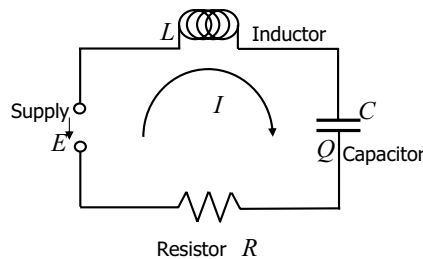
IF (y < 10)
DO
  f := 0.0;
END
ELSIF (y >= 10) AND (y < 20)
DO
  f := 1.0;
END
ELSE
DO
  f := 2.0;
END

```



Electrical circuits are a good example for ODE modelling  
They illustrate the model-building principle well:

- Find out the quantities that are moved / conserved
- Model the behaviour of the individual components
- Build the conservation equation

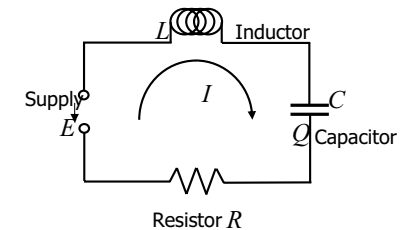


Each component is characterised by

- The voltage  $V$  drop across it
- The current  $I$  flowing through it

Physical principle of the closed loop (Kirchhoff's law):  
The sum of the voltages across all elements is equal to zero

$$E = V_L + V_C + V_R$$

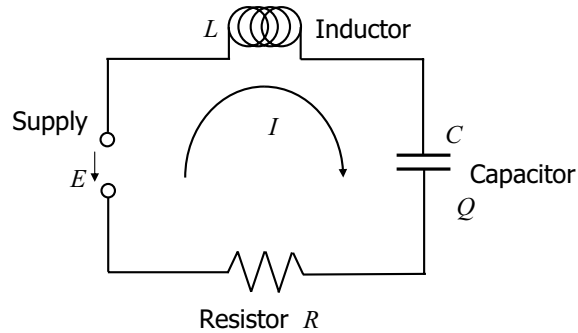


State variables:

Current  $I$  [Ampere]

Charge  $Q$  [Coulomb]

Current = rate of change of Charge

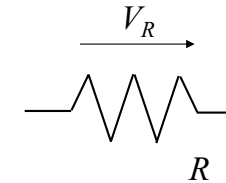


A resistor is made of a material with low conductance

It has a Resistance  $R$  [Ohm]

The resistor's behaviour is described by Ohm's law:

$$V_R = R \cdot I \text{ [Volts]}$$



A capacitor consists of two closely-spaced conducting plates

It stores energy in an electrostatic field between the plates

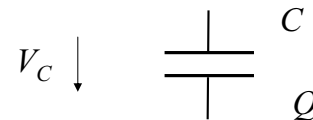
A capacitor has

- a Capacitance  $C$  [Farad]
- a Charge  $Q$  [Coulomb]

The capacitor is described by

$$V_C = Q / C \text{ [Volts]}$$

$$I = dQ / dt \text{ [Ampere]}$$



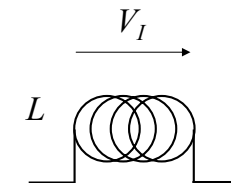
The inductor is built as a wire coil

It stores energy in a magnetic field

It has an Inductance  $L$  [Henry]

The inductor is described by

$$V_L = L \cdot dI / dt \text{ [Volts]}$$



## BASIC COMPONENT Circuit

### USE OF UNITS

TIMEUNIT = [s]

### DECLARATION OF ELEMENTS

#### CONSTANTS

L (REAL [H]) := 1.0E-3 [H], # Inductance  
 C (REAL [F]) := 1.0E-6 [F], # Capacitance  
 R (REAL [Ohm]) := 1.0E+1 [Ohm] # Resistance

#### STATE VARIABLES

##### CONTINUOUS

I (REAL [A]) := 0.0 [A], # Current in circuit  
 Q (REAL [C]) := 0.0 [C] # Charge on capacitor

#### DEPENDENT VARIABLES

##### CONTINUOUS

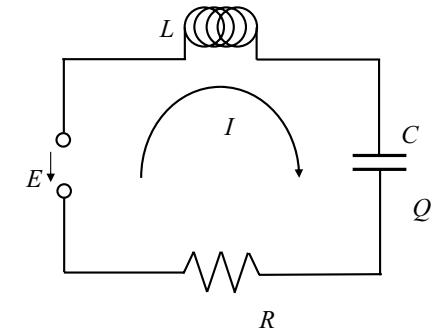
E (REAL [V]) := 0.0 [V] # Voltage applied

We have:

$$I = dQ / dt$$

$$E = V_L + V_C + V_R$$

$$= L \cdot dI / dt + Q / C + R \cdot I$$



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$$I = dQ / dt \quad \longrightarrow \quad Q' = I$$

$$E = V_L + V_C + V_R$$

$$= L \cdot dI / dt + Q / C + R \cdot I \quad \longrightarrow \quad I' = (E - R \cdot I - Q / C) / L$$

## DYNAMIC BEHAVIOUR

### DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

$$Q' := I;$$

$$I' := (E - R \cdot I - Q / C) / L;$$

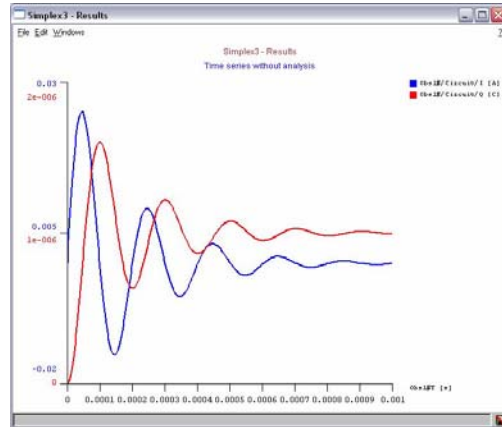
END

$$E := 1.0 [V];$$

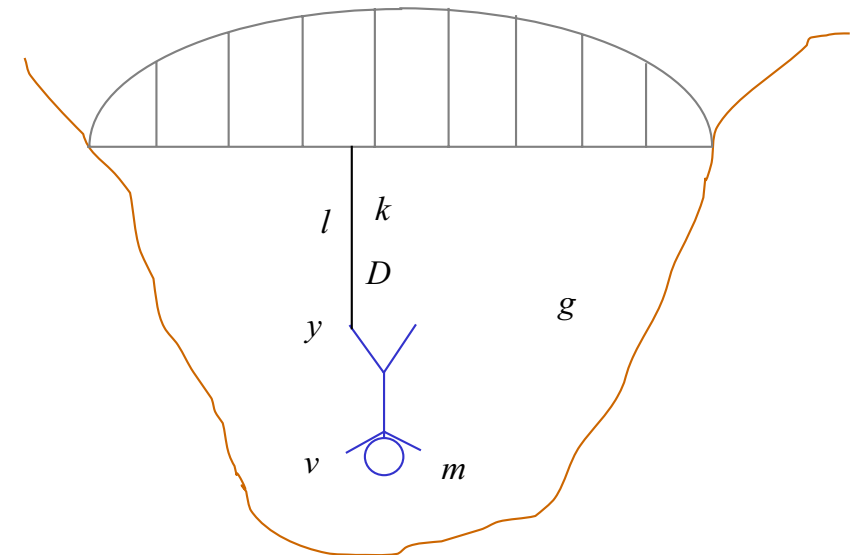
END OF Circuit

## Simulation Results

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Definition of relevant quantities:

- Length of rope:  $l$  [m]
- Spring constant of rope:  $k$  [N/m]
- Damping constant of rope:  $D$  [N\*s/m]
- Distance of jumper below bridge:  $y$  [m]
- Downward velocity of jumper:  $v$  [m/s]
- Mass of jumper:  $m$  [kg]
- Acceleration due to gravity:  $g$  [m/s<sup>2</sup>]

## Springs and Dampers

When taut, the rope exerts two downward (!) forces:

1) proportional to its length of extension:

$$\text{Force} = -k \cdot \text{extension}$$

2) proportional to its speed of extension:

$$\text{Force} = -D \cdot \text{rate of extension}$$

Let  $F$  be the rope's *downward* force on the jumper

When  $y < l$ , the rope is slack:

$$F = 0$$

When  $y > l$ , the rope is taut and pulls up:

$$F = -k \cdot (y - l) - D \cdot v$$

We need equations for position  $y$  and velocity  $v$

Position:

- Definition of speed:  $v = dy/dt$

Speed:

- Definition of acceleration:  $a = dv/dt$
- Newton's Law: acceleration = force / mass

Result:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = v \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = g + F/m$$

**BASIC COMPONENT** Bungee

**USE OF UNITS**

TIMEUNIT = [s]

**DECLARATION OF ELEMENTS**

**CONSTANTS**

$m$  (REAL [kg]) := 60.0 [kg],  
 $D$  (REAL [N\*s/m]) := 10.0 [N\*s/m],  
 $k$  (REAL [N/m]) := 50.0 [N/m],  
 $g$  (REAL [m/s<sup>2</sup>]) := 9.81 [m/s<sup>2</sup>],  
 $l$  (REAL [m]) := 20.0 [m]

**STATE VARIABLES**

**CONTINUOUS**

$y$  (REAL [m]) := 0.0 [m],  
 $v$  (REAL [m/s]) := 0.0 [m/s]

**DEPENDENT VARIABLES**

**CONTINUOUS**

$f$  (REAL [N]) := 0.0 [N]

## DYNAMIC BEHAVIOUR

### DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

```

y' := v;
v' := g + f/m;

```

END

```

IF (y < 1)

```

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DO

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```

  f := 0.0 [N];

```

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END

```

```

ELSE DO

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```

  f := - k*(y-1) - D*v;

```

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END

```

END OF Bungee

Simulation result for  $y$ :

