

01.8 intro.genels Generalized one-port elements

1 We can categorize the behavior of one-port elements—electronic, mechanical translational, and mechanical rotational—considered thus far. In the following sections, we consider two types of energy storage elements, dissipative elements, and source elements.

A-type energy storage elements

2 An element that stores energy as a function of its across-variable is called an **A-type energy storage element**. Sometimes we call it a **generalized capacitor** because a capacitor is an A-type energy storage element.

3 For generalized through-variable \mathcal{F} , across-variable \mathcal{V} , integrated through-variable \mathcal{H} , and integrated across-variable X the ideal, linear constitutive equation is

$$\mathcal{H} = C\mathcal{V} \quad (1)$$

for $C \in \mathbb{R}$ called the **generalized capacitance**. Differentiating [Equation 1](#) with respect to time, the elemental equation is



A-type energy storage elements considered thus far are **capacitors**, **translational masses**, and **rotational moments of inertia**. As with generalized variables, the analogs among elements are more important than are generalized A-type energy storage elements.

T-type energy storage elements

4 An element that stores energy as a function of its through-variable is called a **T-type energy storage element**. Sometimes we call it a **generalized inductor** because an inductor is a T-type energy storage element.

5 The ideal, linear constitutive equation is

$$\mathcal{X} = L\mathcal{F} \quad (2)$$

for $L \in \mathbb{R}$ called the **generalized inductance**. Differentiating Equation 2 with respect to time, the elemental equation is



6 T-type energy storage elements considered thus far are **inductors**, **translational springs**, and **rotational springs**. As with generalized variables, the analogs among elements are more important than are generalized T-type energy storage elements.

D-type energy dissipative elements

7 An element that dissipates energy from the system and has an algebraic relationship between its through-variable and its across-variable is called a **D-type energy dissipative element**. Sometimes we call it a **generalized resistor** because a resistor is a D-type energy dissipative element.

8 The ideal, linear constitutive and elemental equation is

$$\mathcal{V} = R\mathcal{F} \quad (3)$$

for $R \in \mathbb{R}$ called the **generalized resistance**.

9 D-type energy dissipative elements considered thus far are **resistors**, **translational dampers**, and **rotational dampers**. As with generalized variables, the analogs among elements are more important than are generalized D-type energy dissipative elements.

Sources

10 An **ideal through-variable source** is an element that provides arbitrary energy to a system via an independent (of the system) through-variable. The corresponding across-variable depends on the system. Current, force, and torque sources are the through-variable sources considered thus far.

11 An **ideal across-variable source** is an element that provides arbitrary energy to a system via an independent (of the system) across-variable. The corresponding through-variable depends on the system. Voltage, translational velocity, and angular velocity are the across-variable sources considered thus far.