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Fig. 1: Signals for Question 1

Question 1. Describe properties (domains and codomains) of the signals in Fig. 1.

**Question 2.** Consider a mass rotating inside a cylinder depicted in Fig. 2. The mass, whose moment of inertia is J, is attached to a torsion spring, whose torsion coefficient is  $k_T$ . An external torque  $\tau$  acts on the mass and friction between the mass and the cylinder is assumed to generate a viscous friction torque  $\tau_c = -c_T \dot{\theta}$ . Find the relation between input signal  $\tau$  and output signal  $\theta$ .

Question 3. Consider the following system described in Fig. 3.

The input is a force f acting on the cart  $m_1$ , which is constrained to slide without friction in the horizontal direction. A pendulum, mass  $m_2$ , length l, is attached to the cart and is free to rotate around its axis. The outputs are the position of the cart x and the angle of the pendulum  $\theta$ . Write the equations of motion.

## Norms

Norms are a class of functions that enable us to quantify the size of a vector by assigning a nonnegative



Fig. 2: Spring mass damper system.



Fig. 3: Cart and pendulum

scalar to each vector. Properties of a Norm:

- 1. Positive Definiteness: It should always be nonnegative. It is zero if and only if the vector is zero, i.e., zero vector.  $||v|| \ge 0$  and  $||v|| = 0 \Leftrightarrow v = 0$
- 2. Homogeneity: Multiplying a vector by a scalar multiplies the vector's norm by the scalar's absolute value.  $\|\alpha v\| = |\alpha| \|v\|$
- 3. Triangle inequality: The norm of a sum of two vectors is no more than the sum of their norms.  $||v|| + ||u|| \ge ||v + u||$

Two useful norms are

- 1. Norm-2:  $||x||_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2}$
- 2. Norm-infinity:  $||x||_{\infty} = \max |x_i|$

**Question 4.** Calculate  $||x||_2$  and  $||x||_{\infty}$  where

1. 
$$x = [x_1, x_2, x_3]$$
 and  $|x_2| \ge |x_1| \ge |x_3|$ 

2. 
$$x = [1, 0, 0]$$

3. 
$$x = [1, 1, 1]$$

**Question 5.** Find the sets of a 2D vector x such that  $||x||_2 = 1$  and  $||x||_{\infty} = 1$