

# Lecture (4)

# Block Diagrams and Signal Flow

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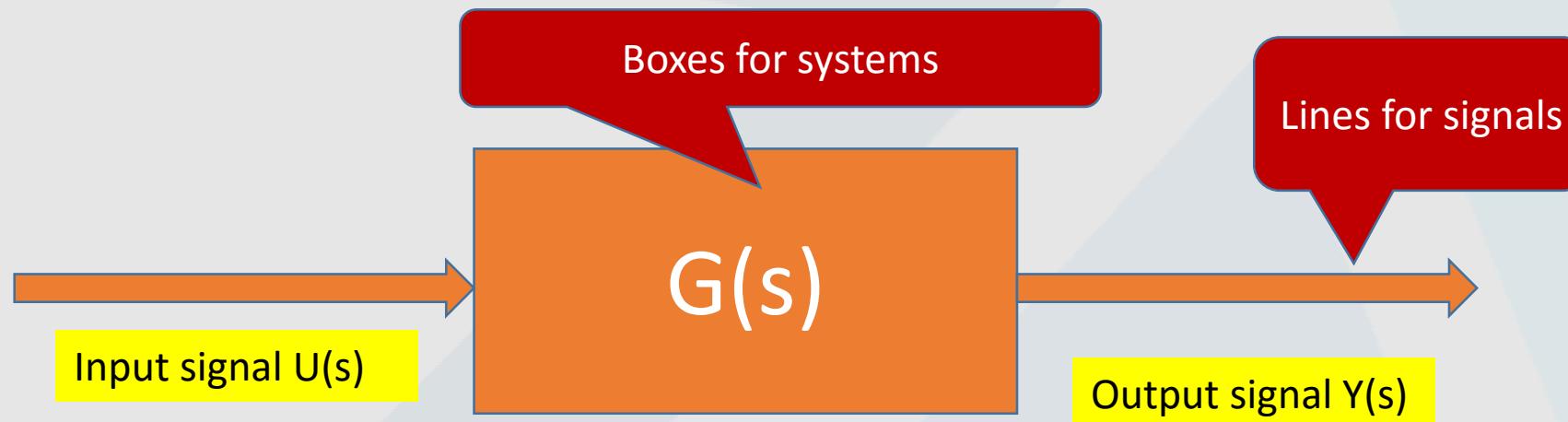


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# Block diagram representations

A block diagram represents dependencies between signals.



$$Y(s) = G(s)U(s)$$

# Block diagram representations (Convolution)

Animation of Convolution  
of Two Time Signals

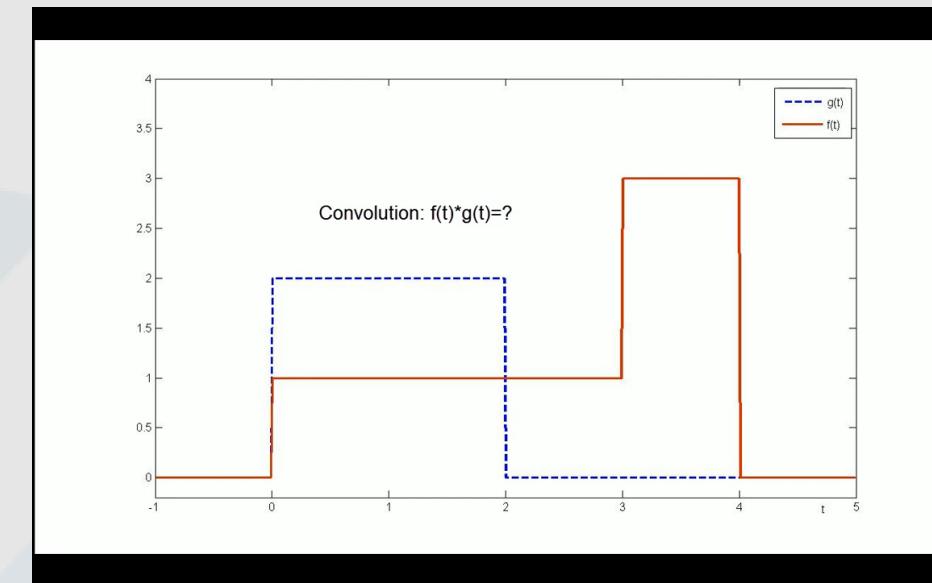
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$$Y(s) = G(s)U(s)$$

$$(f * g)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau)g(t - \tau) d\tau$$

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# Systems in series

This part deals with scenarios where systems are arranged in series, so for example the output of system 1 is the input to system 2.

System 1 with  
input  $u$  and  
output  $x$ .

$$u = 5 \frac{dx}{dt} + 7x$$

System 2 with  
input  $x$  and  
output  $y$ .

$$2x = 6 \frac{dy}{dt} + 10y$$

The proposal is to use Laplace to  
reduce the computation of  $y$  to  
simple multiplications.

# Systems in series 2

First, take Laplace of each model in turn:

$$u = 5 \frac{dx}{dt} + 7x \Rightarrow X(s) = \left[ \frac{1}{5s + 7} \right] U(s) = G_1(s)U(s)$$

$$2x = 6$$

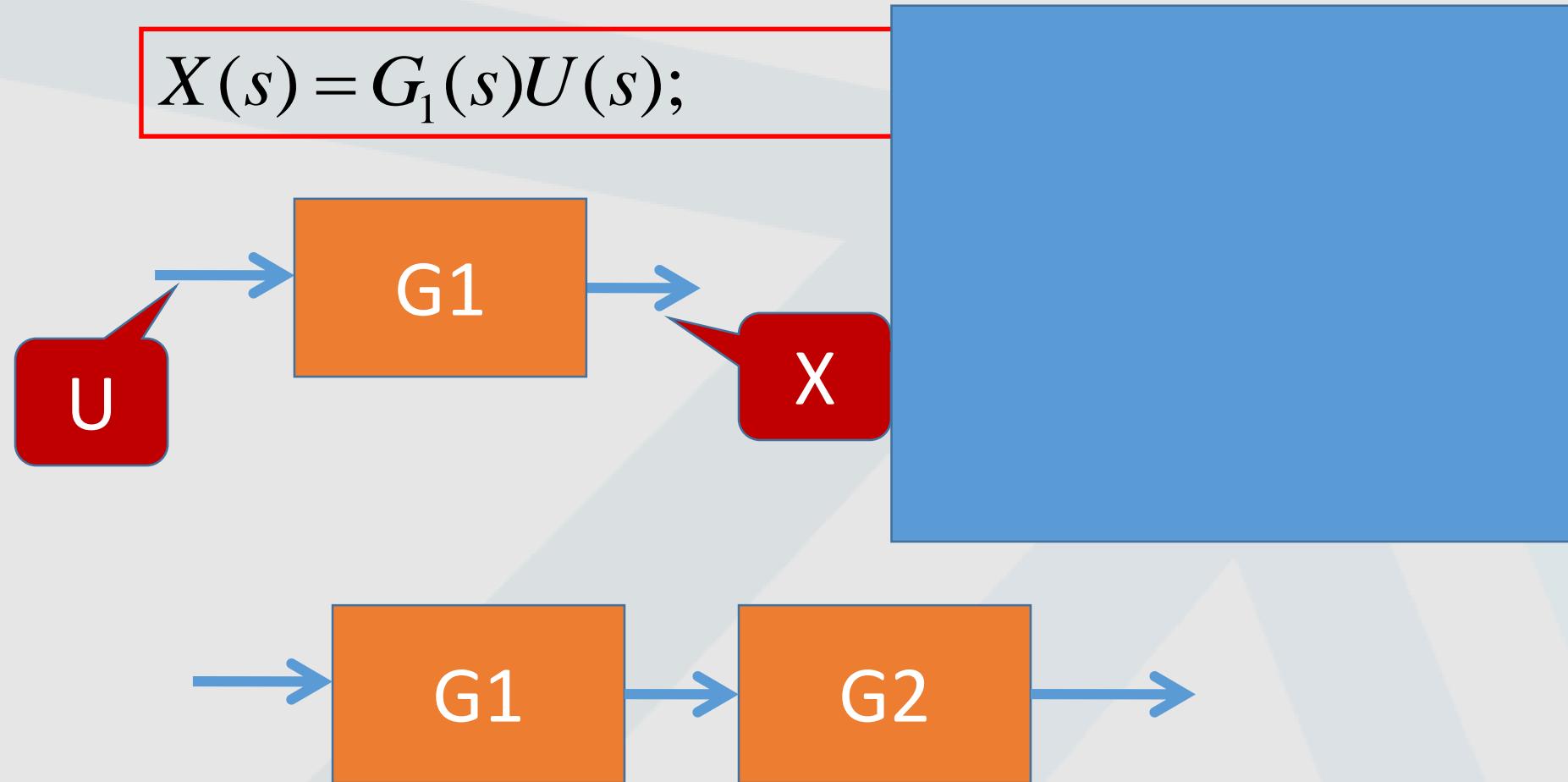
Next, eliminate  $u$  and  $x$  to find  $Y(s)$

$$Y(s) =$$

# Systems in series 2



Finally, this can be represented in a single block diagram.



# Systems in series example 2



A system's behaviour is governed by the following ODEs.  
Find a single model to represent the input to output  
relationship (that is  $u \rightarrow y$ ).

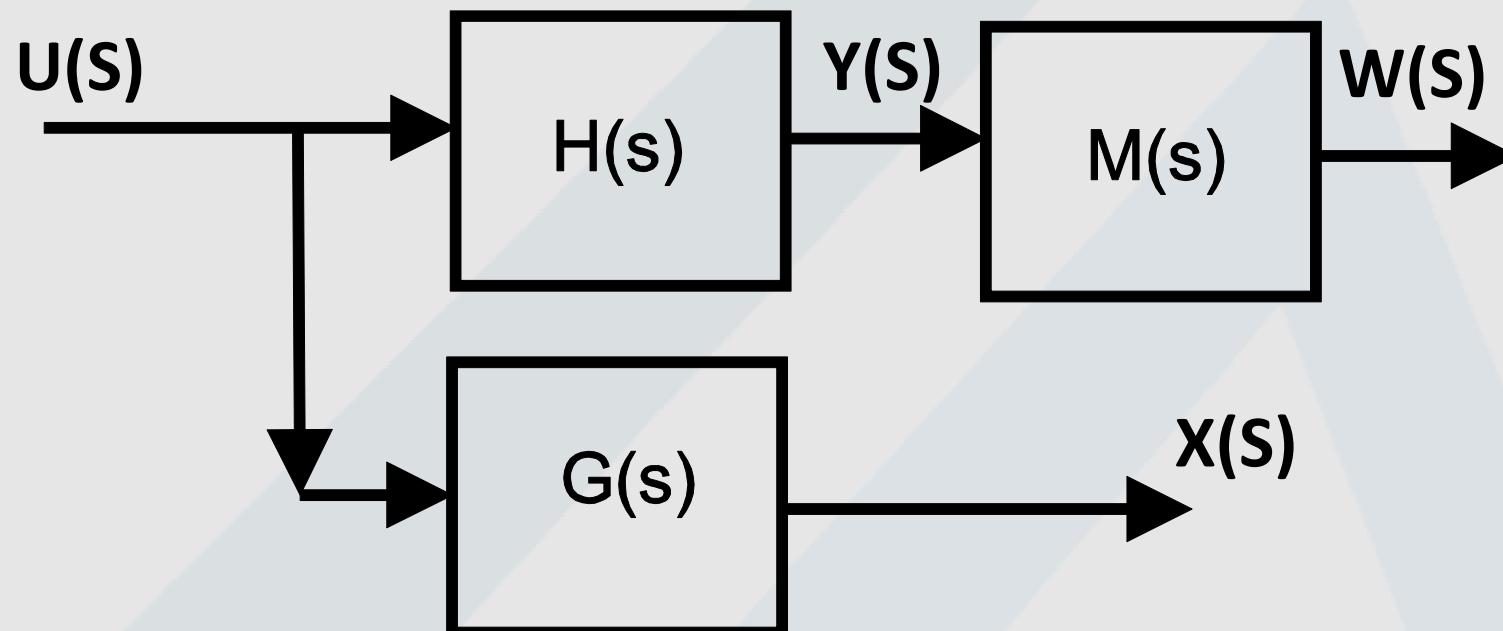
$$\frac{dw}{dt} + 4w = 2u; \quad \frac{dz}{dt} + z = w; \quad \frac{dy}{dt} + 3y = 4z;$$



# Sharing an input signal

Taking the definitions provided on the previous slide.

$$X(s) = G(s)U(s); \quad Y(s) = H(s)U(s); \quad W(s) = M(s)Y(s)$$

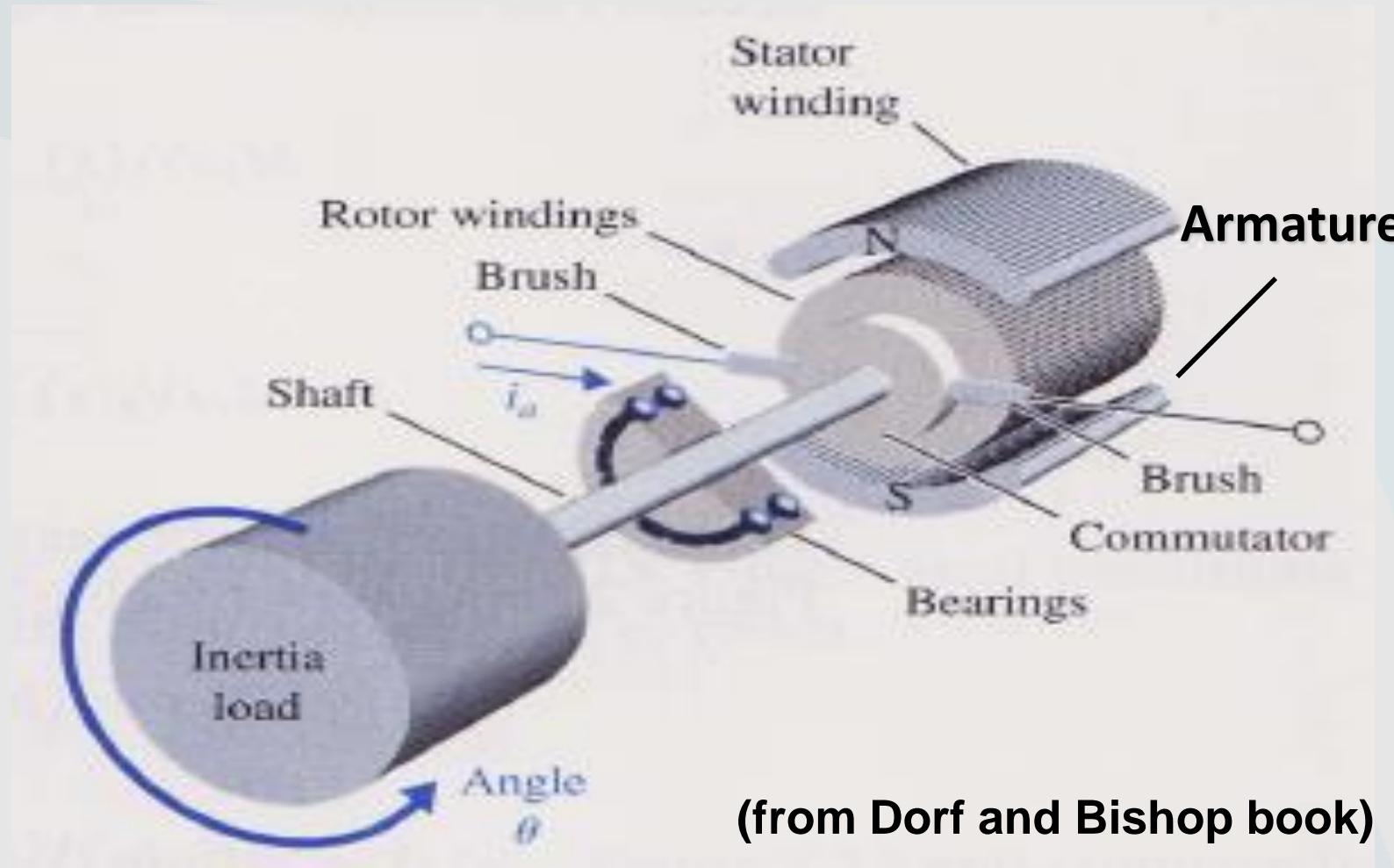


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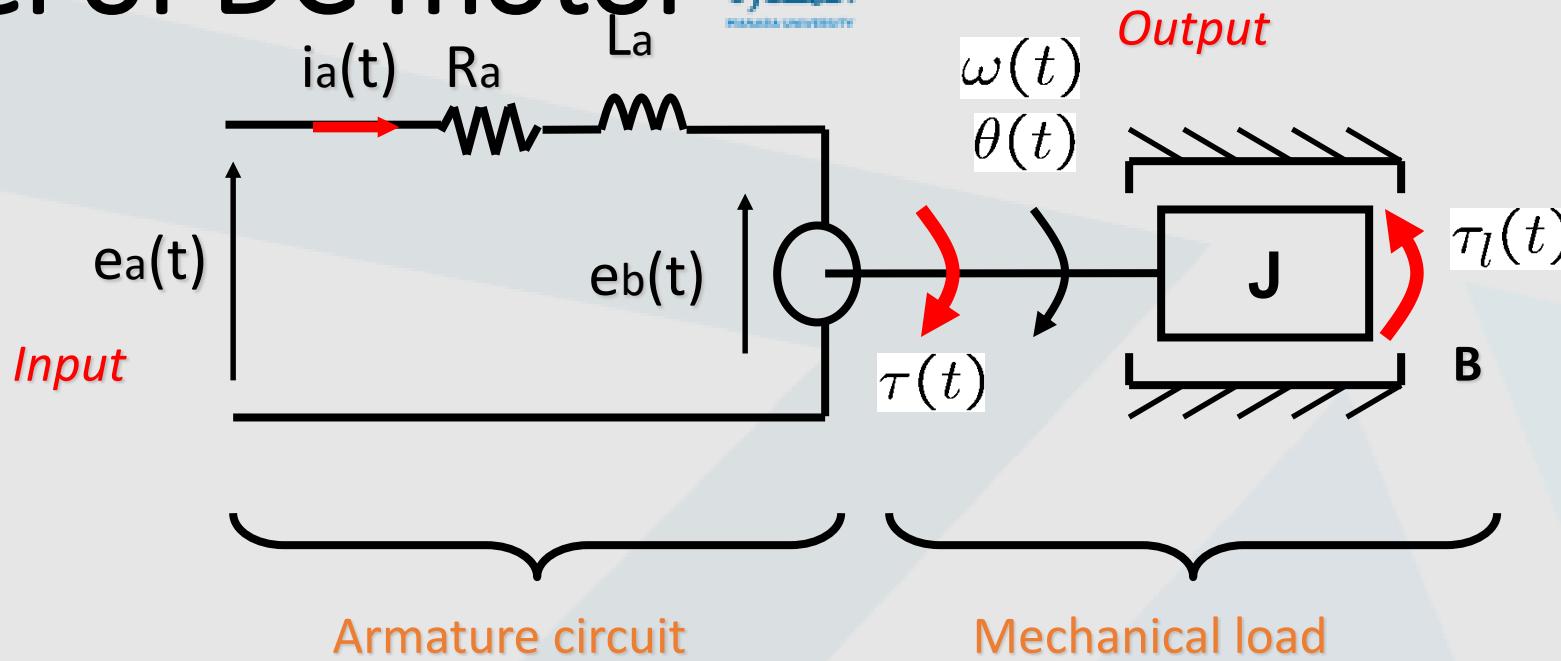
*An actuator, converting electrical energy into rotational mechanical energy*



# How does DC motor work?



# Model of DC motor



“a”:armature

$e_a$  :applied voltage

$i_a$  :armature current

“b”:back EMF

mechanical

$\theta$  :angular position

$\omega$  :angular velocity

$J$  : rotor inertia

$B$  : viscous friction

# Modeling of DC motor: time domain



- Armature circuit

$$e_a(t) = R_a i_a(t) + L_a \frac{di_a(t)}{dt} + e_b(t)$$

- Connection between mechanical/electrical parts

- Motor torque
  - Back EMF

$$\tau(t) = K_\tau i_a(t)$$

$$e_b(t) = K_b \omega(t)$$

- Mechanical load

$$J \ddot{\theta}(t) = \tau(t) - B \dot{\theta}(t) - \tau_l(t)$$

Load torque

- Angular position

$$\omega(t) = \dot{\theta}(t)$$

# Modeling of DC motor: s-domain



- Armature circuit

$$I_a(s) = \frac{1}{R_a + L_a s} (E_a(s) - E_b(s))$$

- Connection between mechanical/electrical parts

- Motor torque
  - Back EMF

$$T(s) = K_\tau I_a(s)$$

$$E_b(s) = K_b \Omega(s)$$

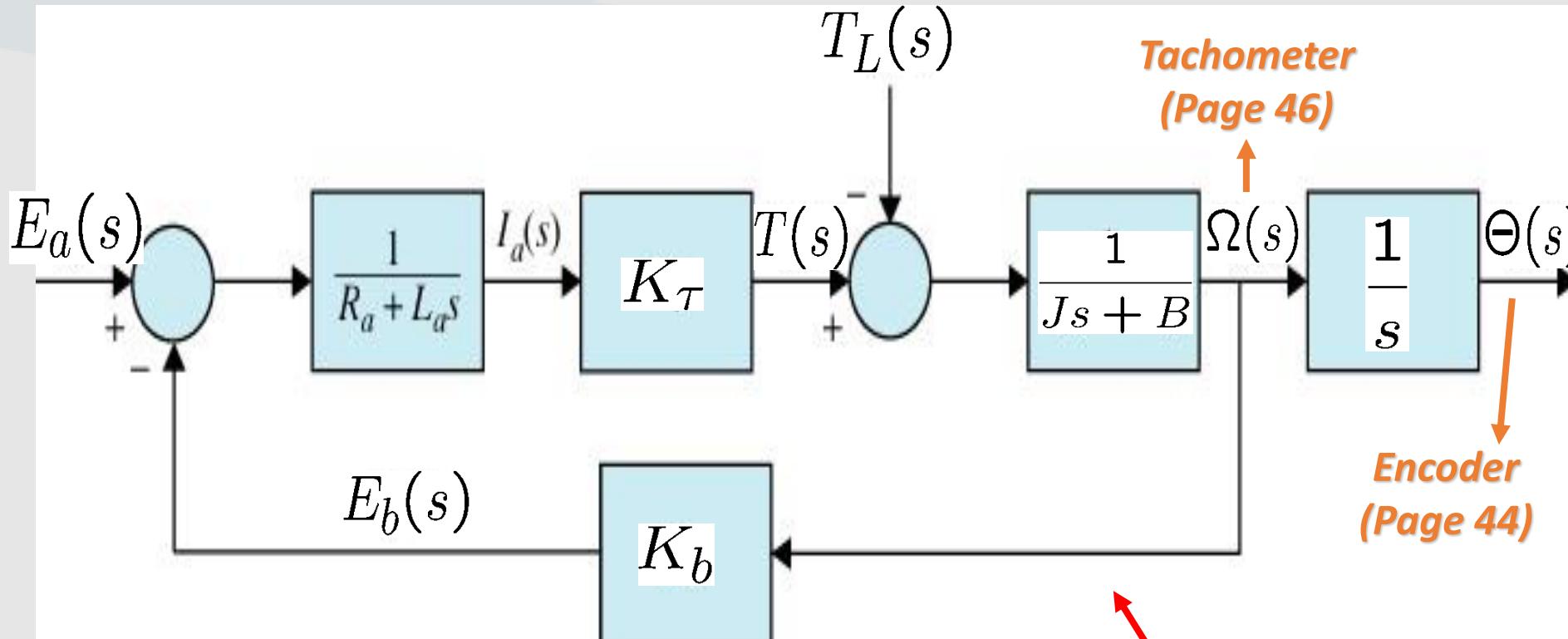
- Mechanical load

$$\Omega(s) = \frac{1}{J_s + B} (T(s) - T_L(s))$$

- Angular position

$$\Theta(s) = \frac{1}{s} \Omega(s)$$

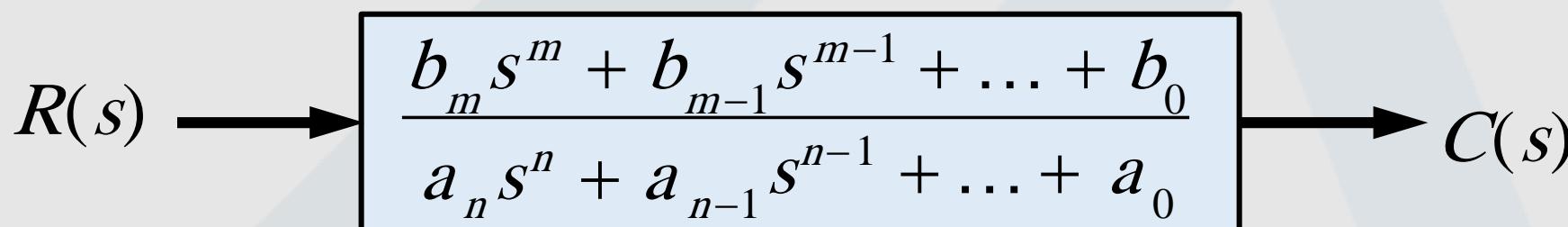
# DC motor: Block diagram



*Feedback system*

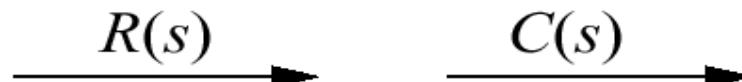
# Block Diagram Models

- ❑ A block diagram of a system is a pictorial representation of the functions performed by each component and of the flow of signals.
- ❑ Such diagram depicts the interrelationships that exist among the various components. Differing from a purely abstract mathematical representation, a block diagram has the advantage of indicating more realistically the signal flows of the actual system.
- ❑ Transfer function can be represented as a block diagram:



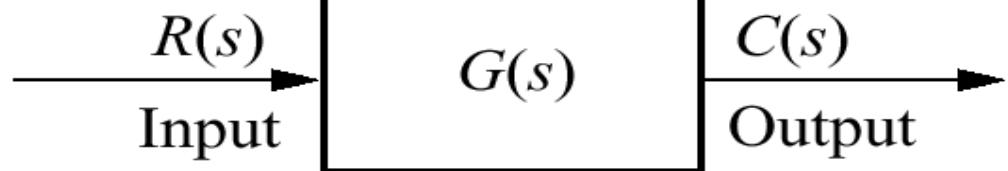


# Components Of a block diagram for a LTI system



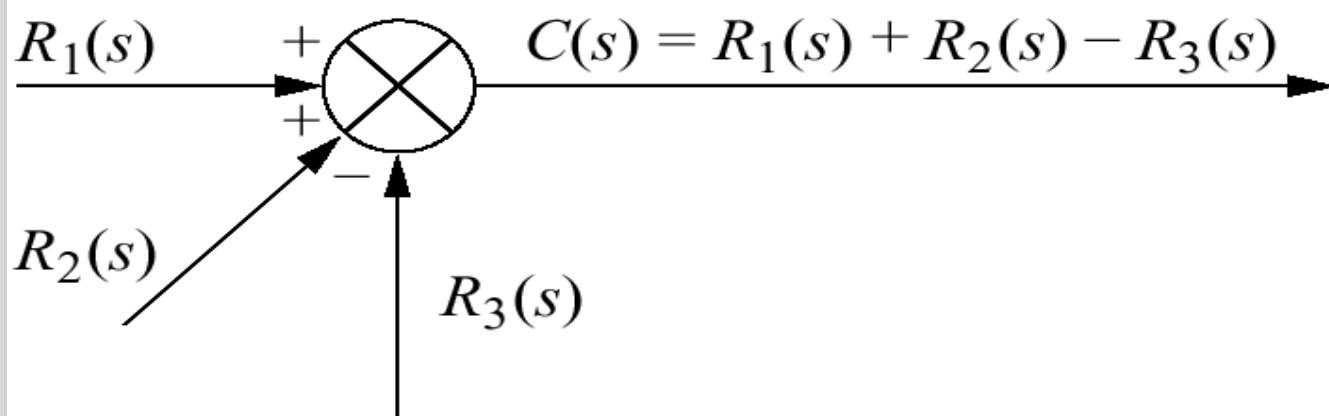
## Signals

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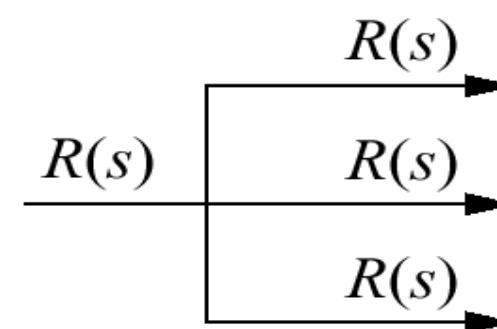
## System

(b)



## Summing junction

(c)



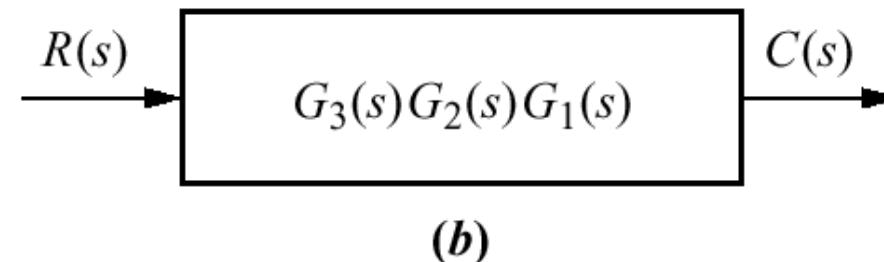
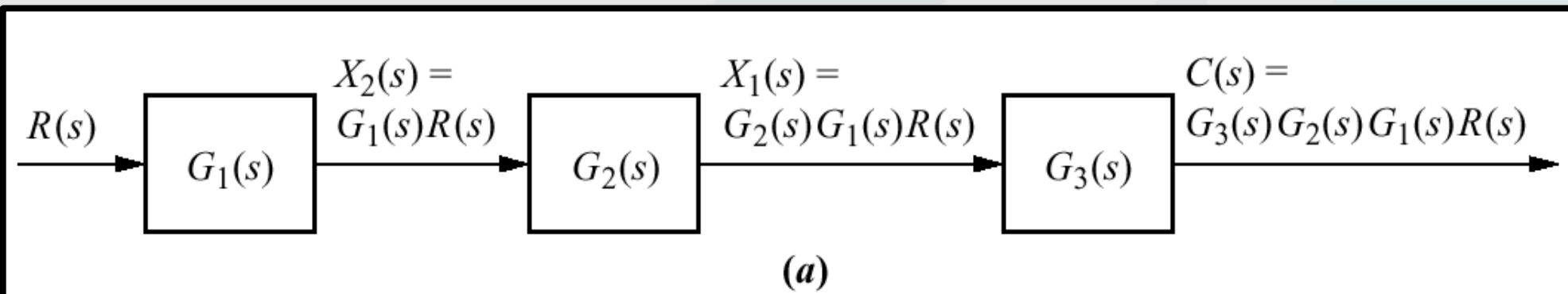
## Pickoff point

(d)

# Block Diagram Reduction

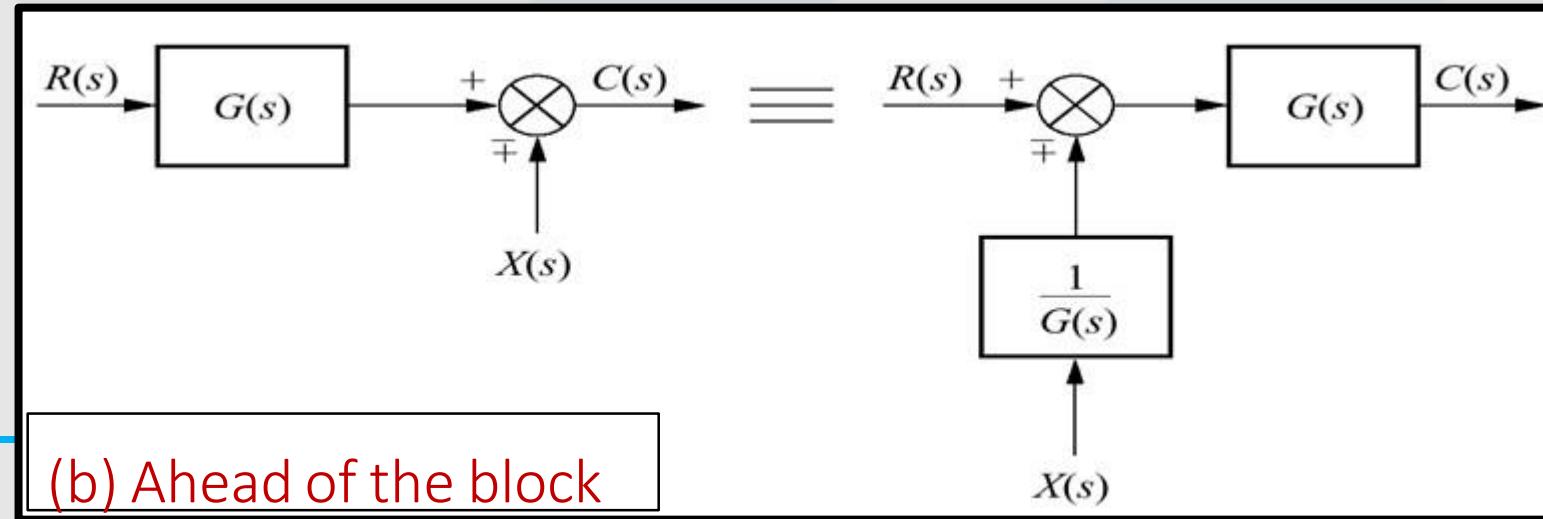
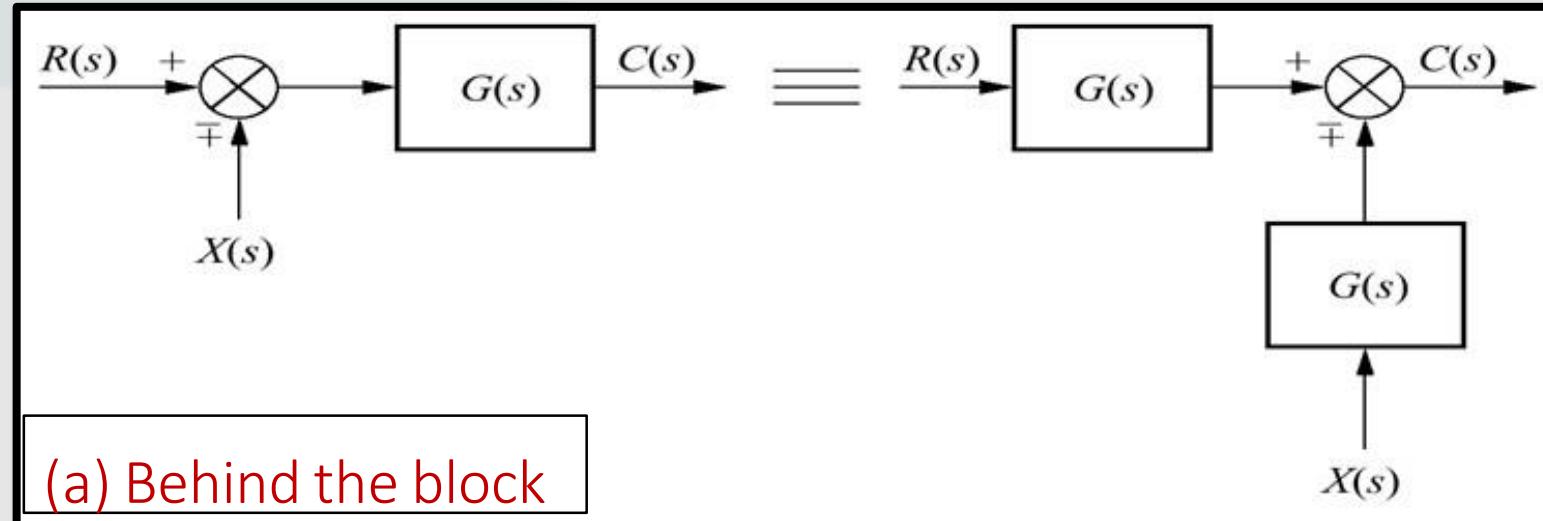
## □ Rules for reduction of the block diagram:

1. Any number of cascaded blocks can be reduced by a single block representing transfer function being a product of transfer functions of all cascaded blocks.



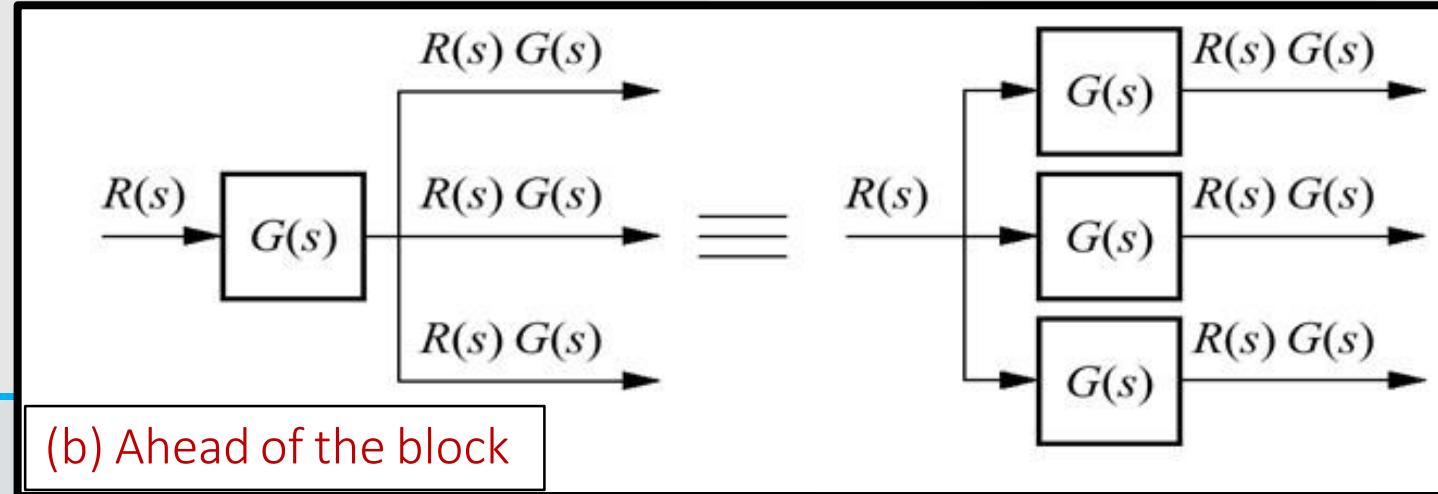
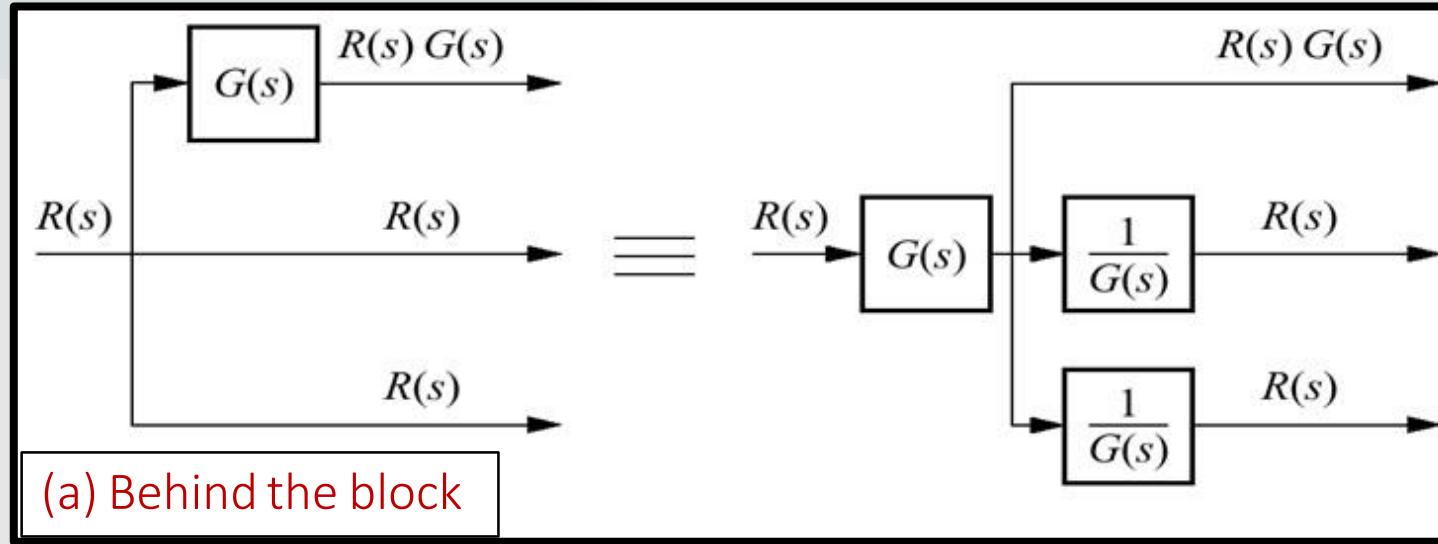
# Block Diagram Reduction

## 2. Moving a summing point



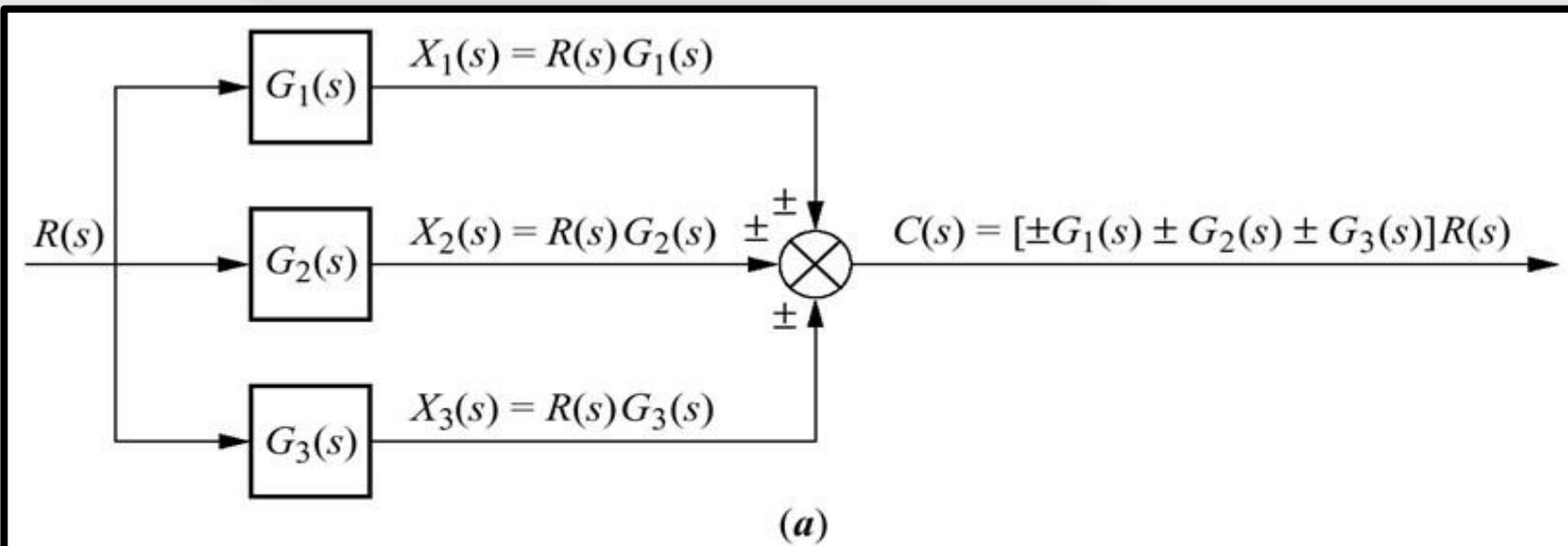
# Block Diagram Reduction

## 3. Moving a pickoff point

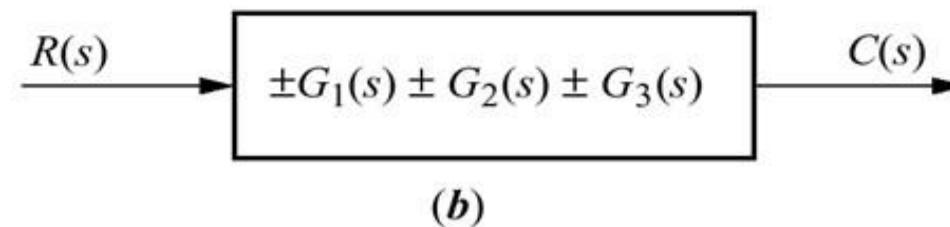


# Block Diagram Reduction

- Equivalent transfer function for parallel subsystems is the sum of their transfer functions



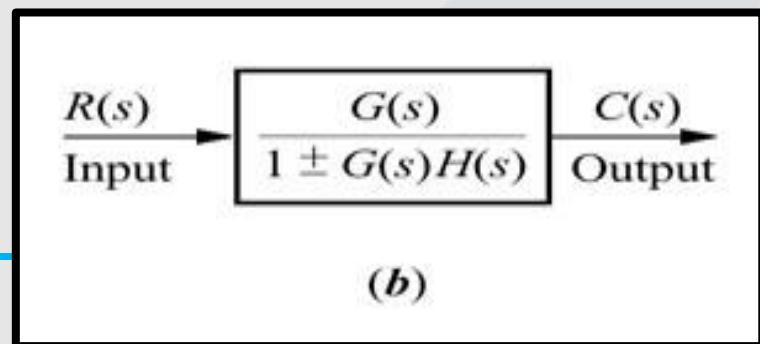
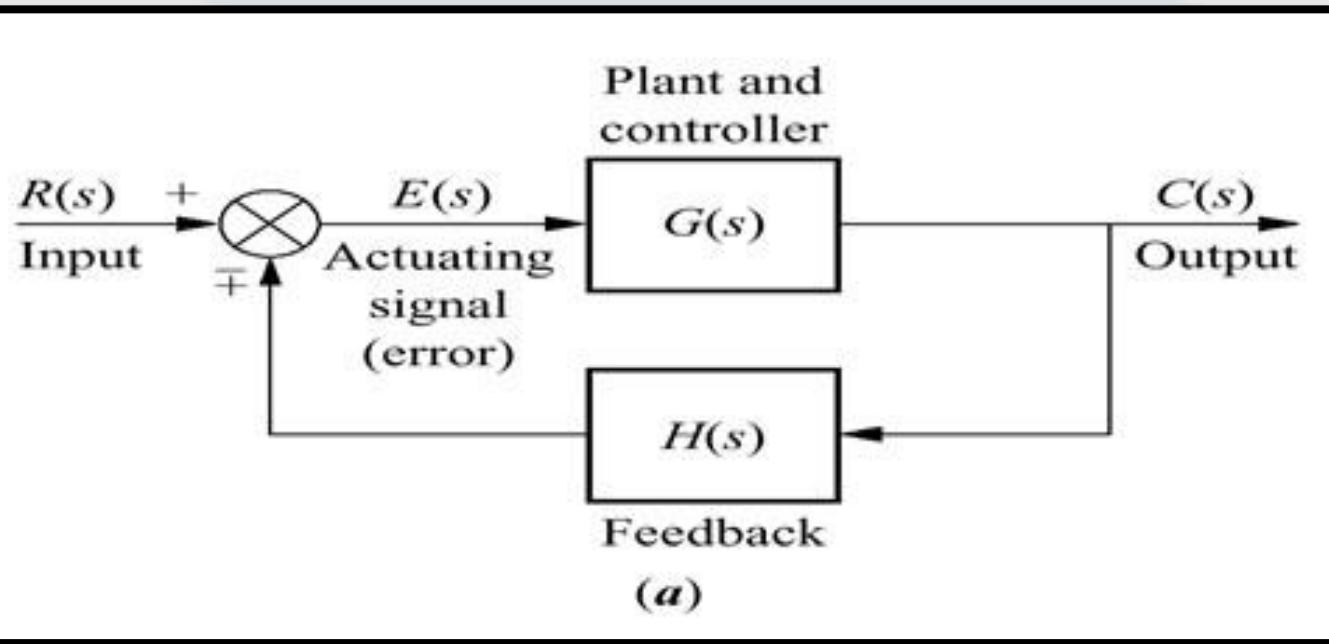
(a)



(b)

# Block Diagram Reduction

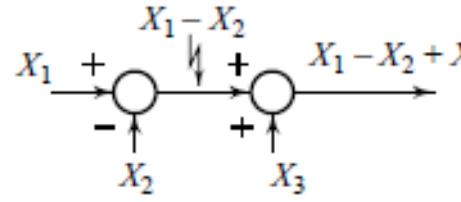
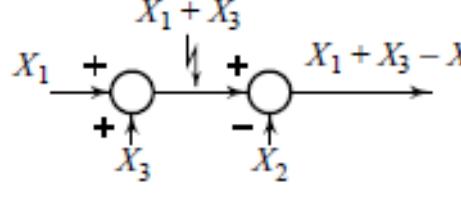
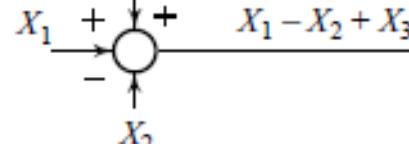
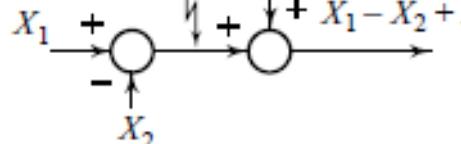
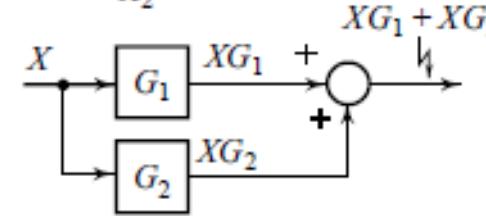
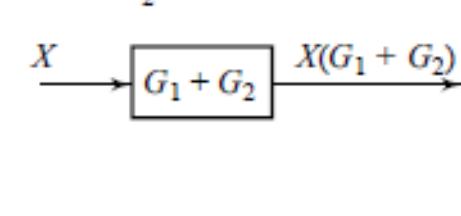
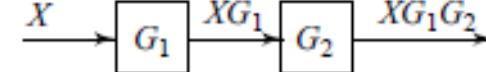
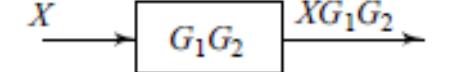
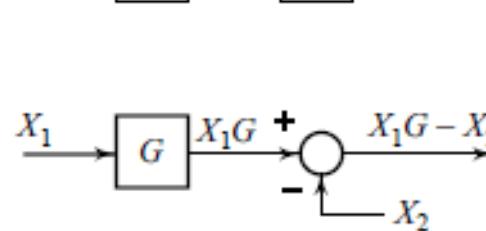
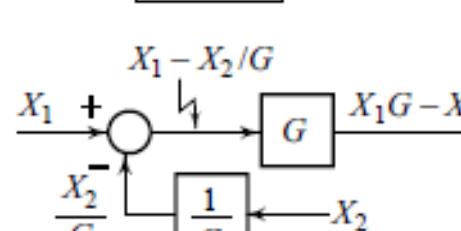
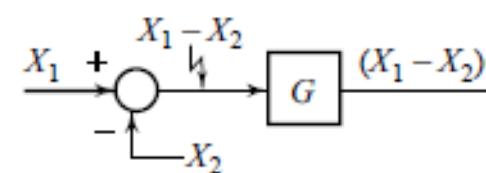
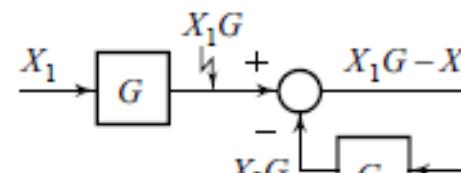
## 5. Feedback control system



$$\begin{aligned}C(s) &= G(s)E(s) \\E(s) &= R(s) - B(s) \\&= R(s) - H(s)C(s) \\C(s) &= G(s)[R(s) - H(s)C(s)] \\ \frac{C(s)}{R(s)} &= \frac{G(s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)}\end{aligned}$$

# Block Diagram

## Rules of block diagram algebra

Rule	Original diagram	Equivalent diagram
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

# Block Diagram Reduction



Rule	Original diagram	Equivalent diagram
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8		
9		
10		

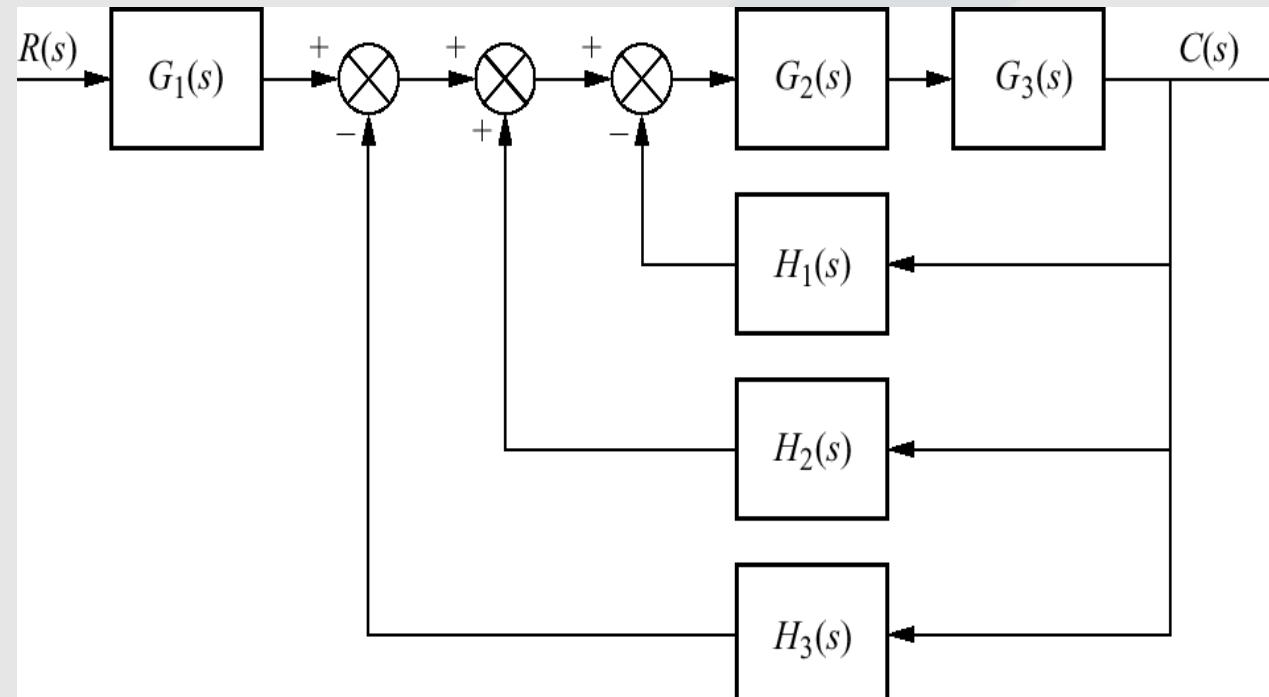
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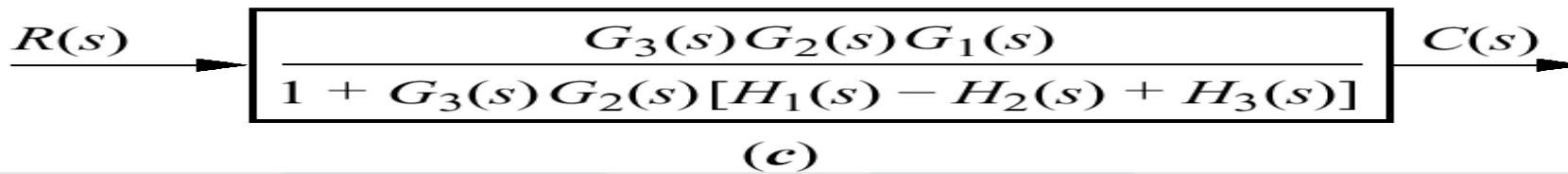
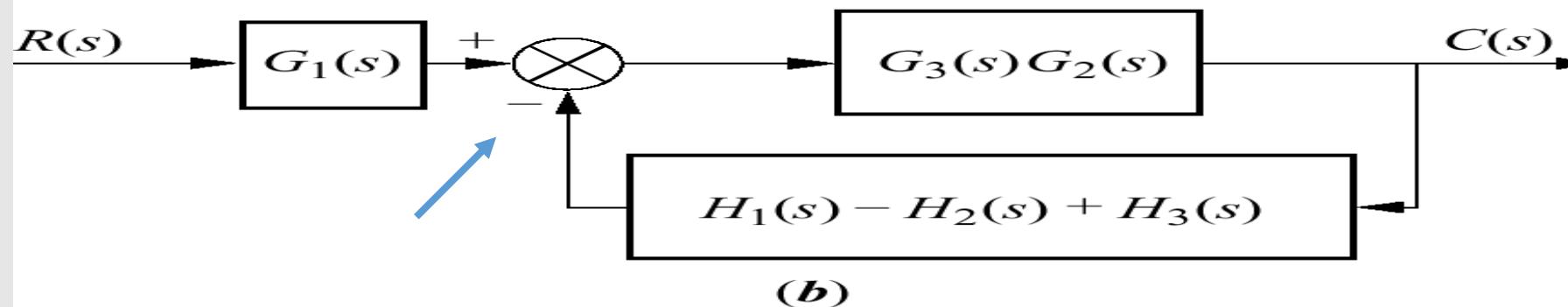
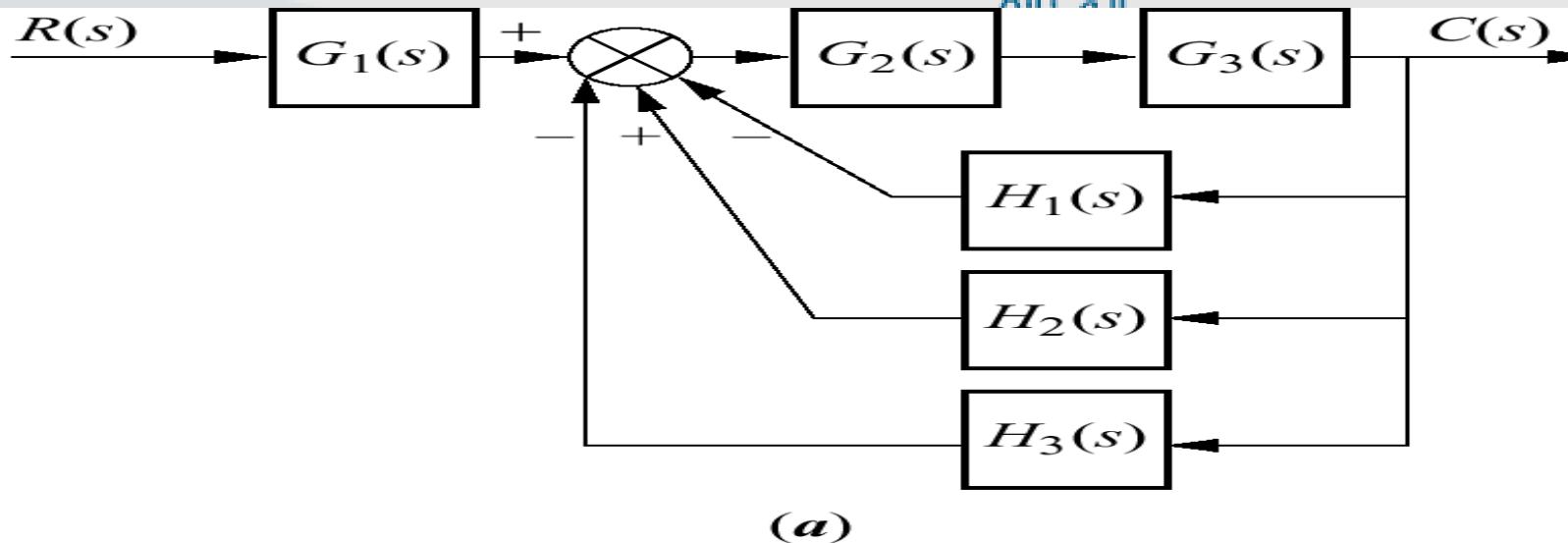
- Follow these rules for simplifying (reducing) the block diagram, which is having many blocks, summing points and take-off points.
  - **Rule 1** – Check for the blocks connected in series and simplify.
  - **Rule 2** – Check for the blocks connected in parallel and simplify.
  - **Rule 3** – Check for the blocks connected in feedback loop and simplify.
  - **Rule 4** – If there is difficulty with take-off point while simplifying, shift it towards right.
  - **Rule 5** – If there is difficulty with summing point while simplifying, shift it towards left.
  - **Rule 6** – Repeat the above steps till you get the simplified form, i.e., single block.

# Block diagram reduction via familiar forms for Example1

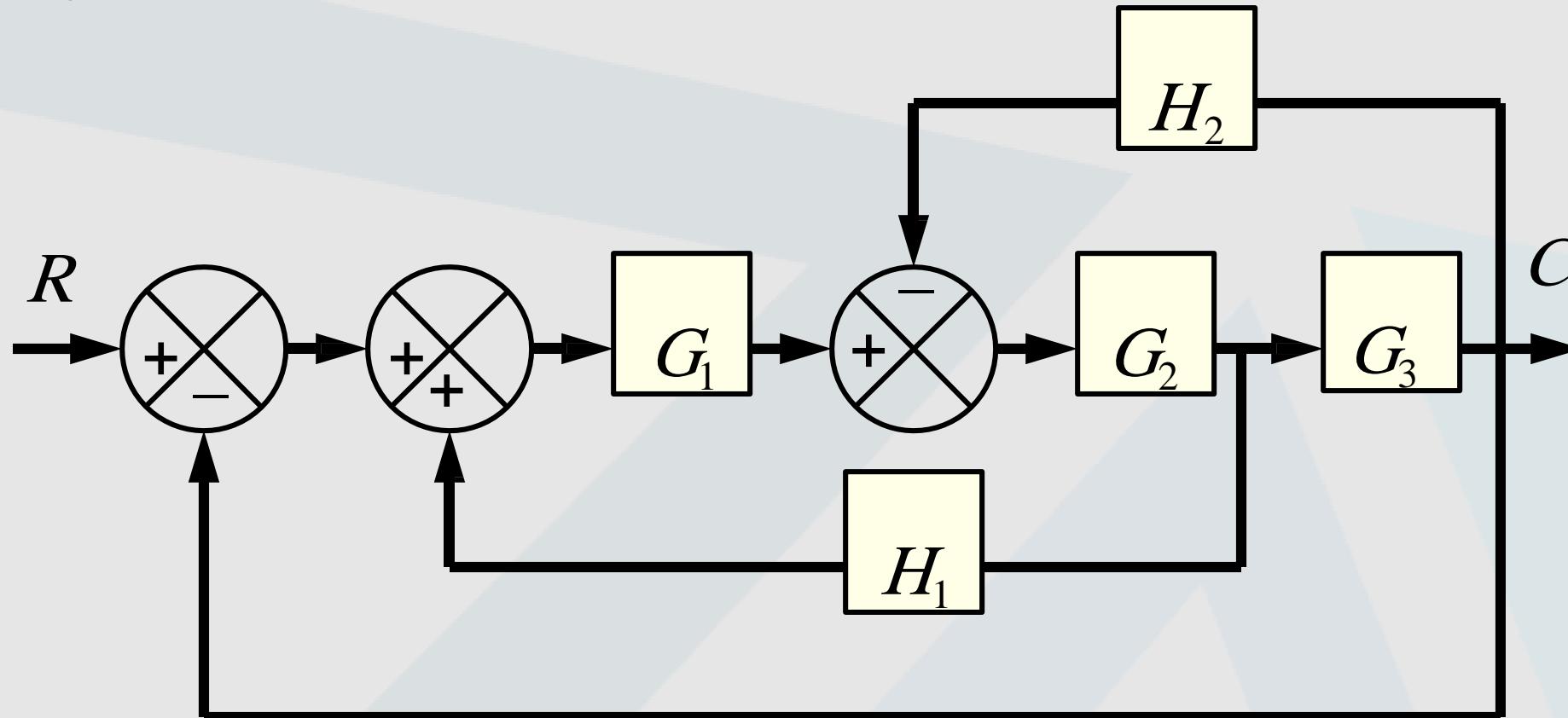
**Problem:** Reduce the block diagram shown in figure to a single transfer function



# Block diagram reduction via familiar forms for Example Cont.

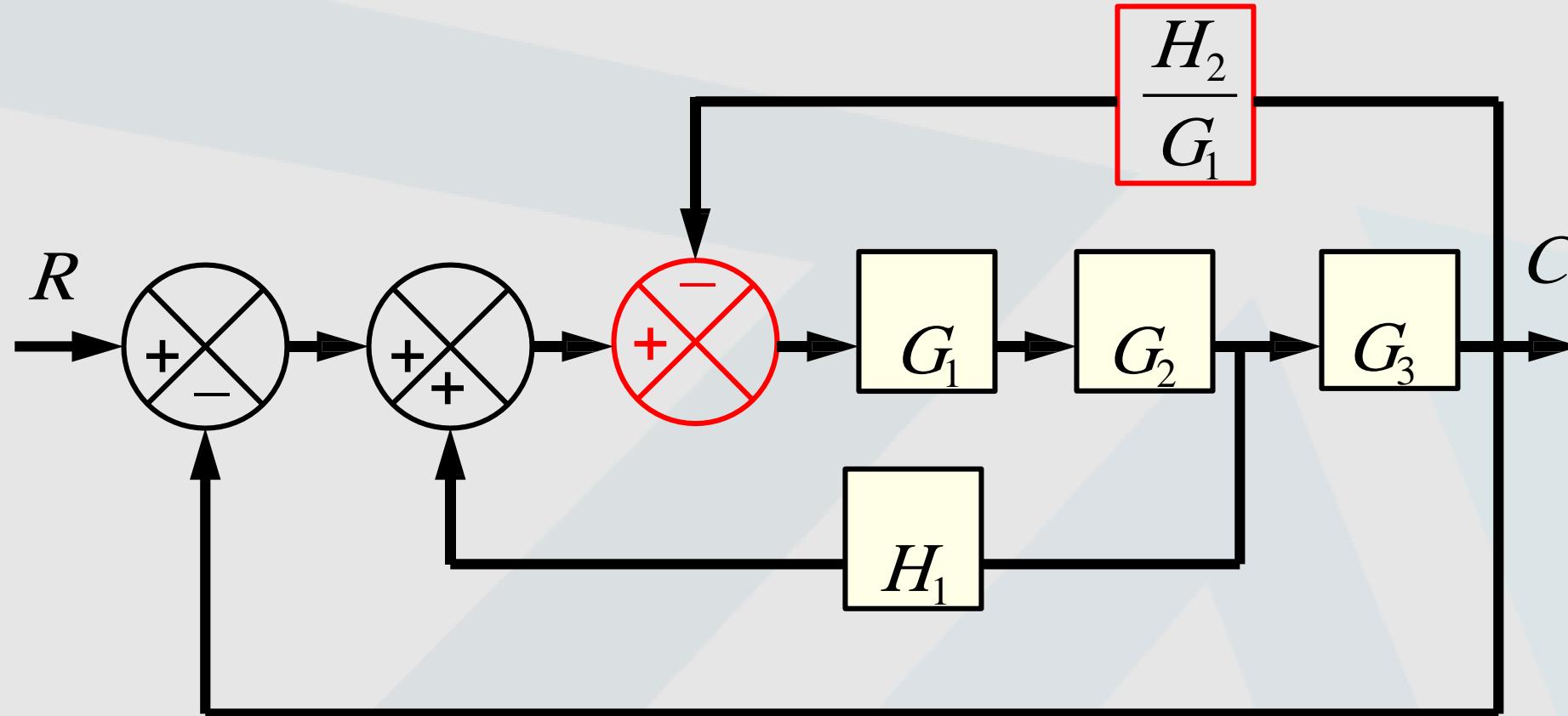


## Example 2



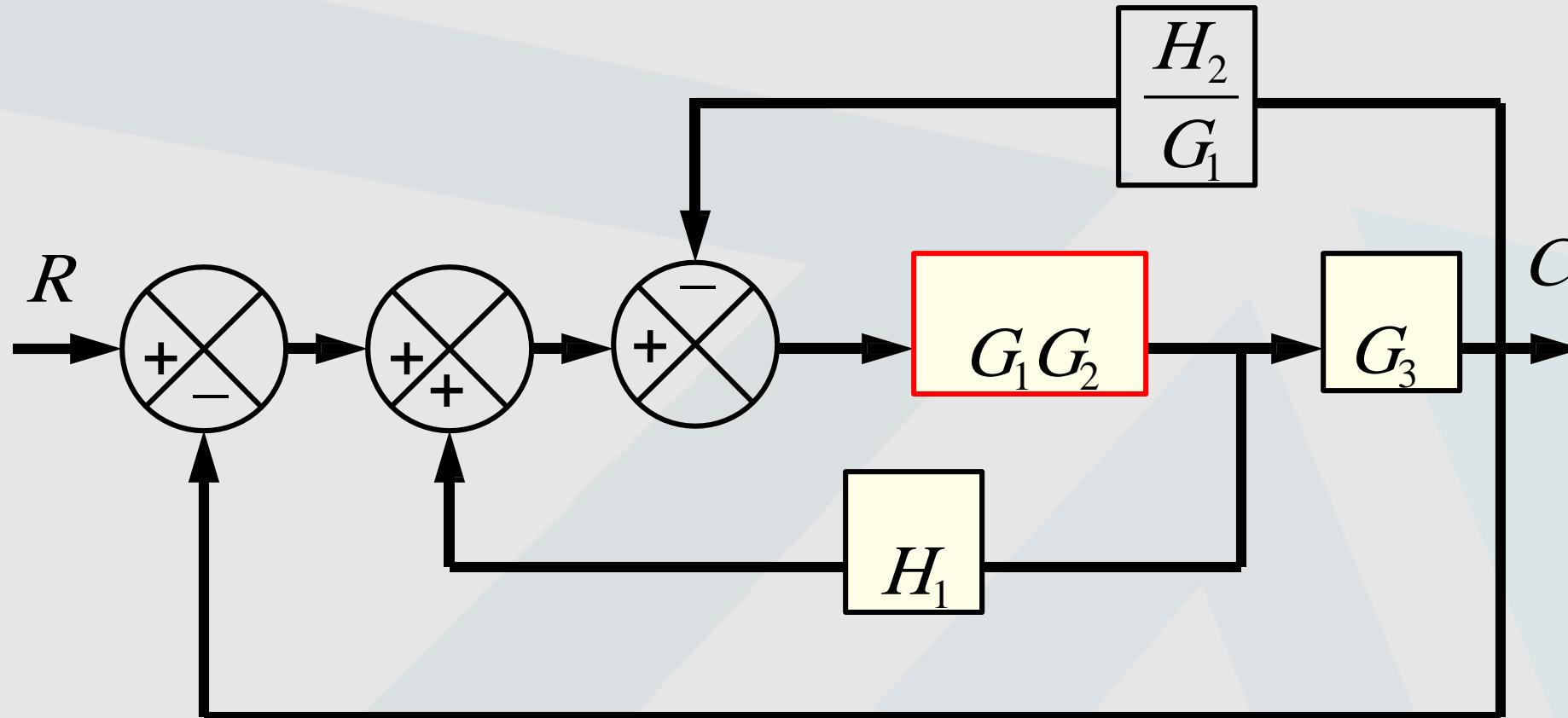


Moving the summing point ahead of  $G_1$ , we have:

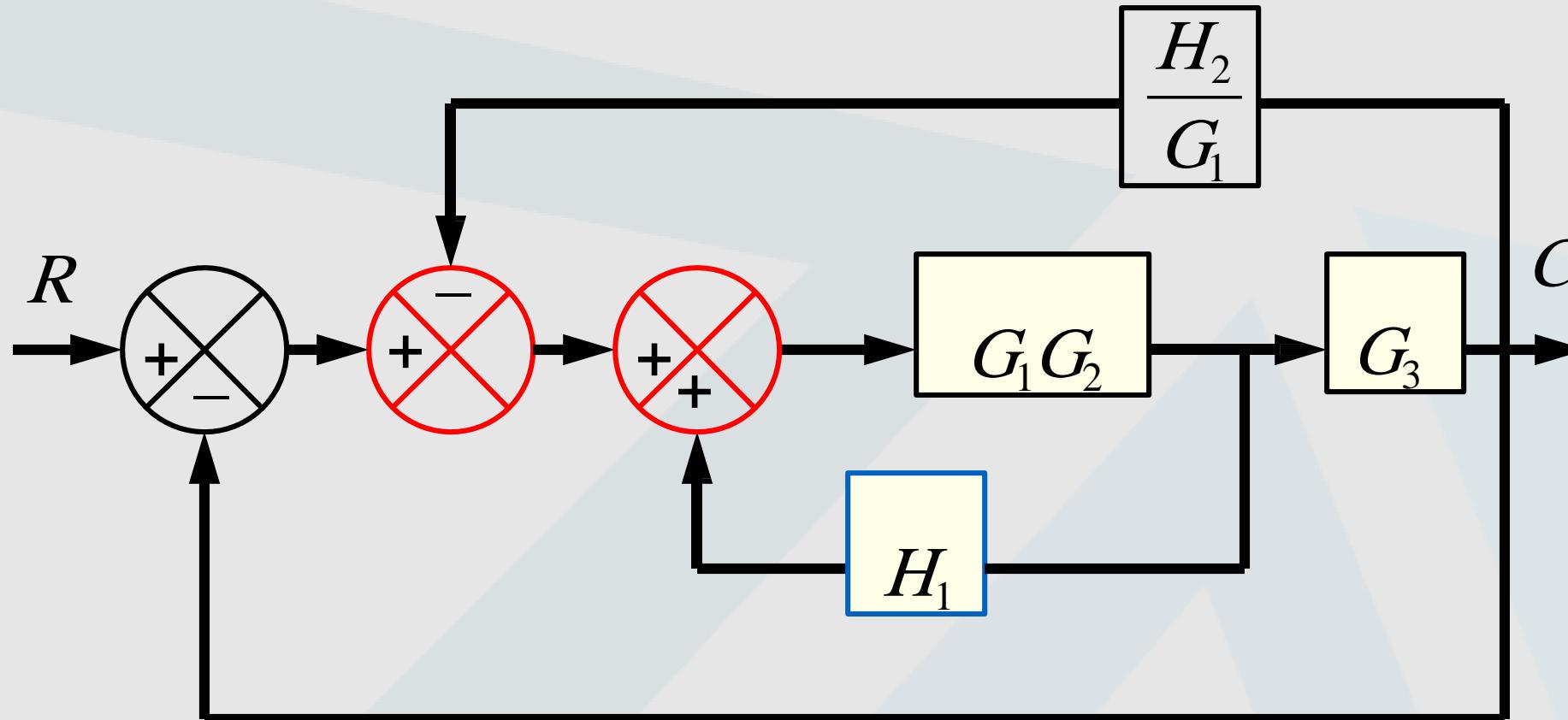




Combining  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  in Cascade, we get:

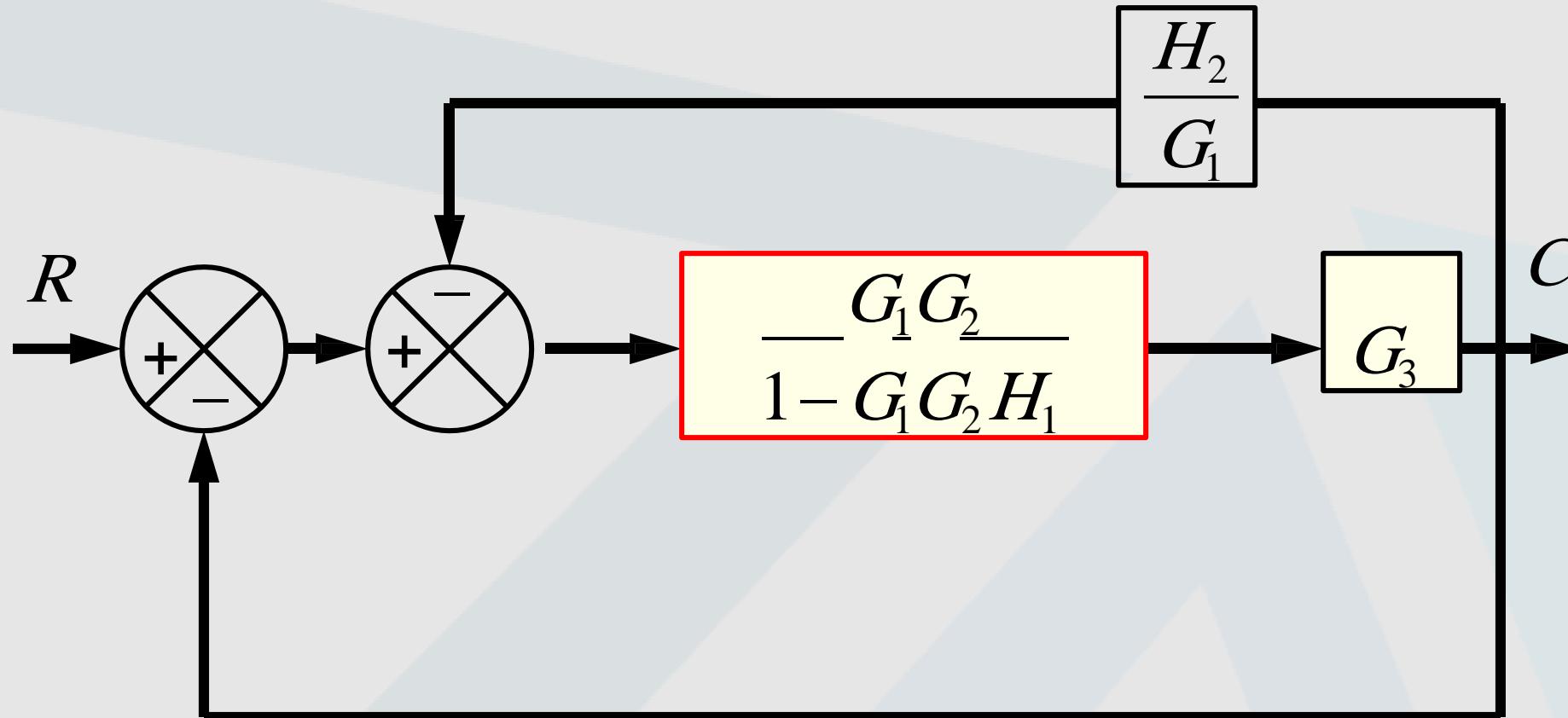


Eliminating the feedback loop  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$  and  $H_1$  we get:

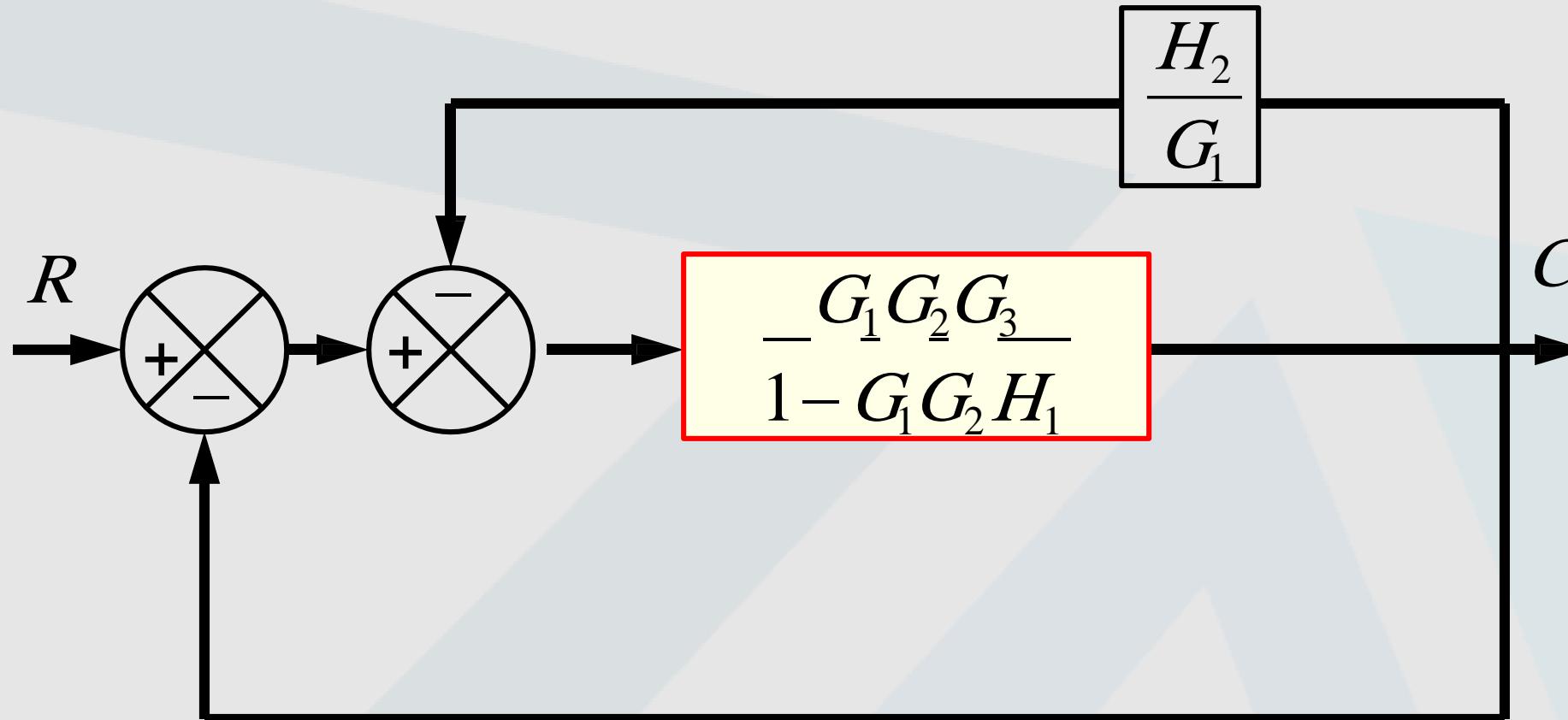




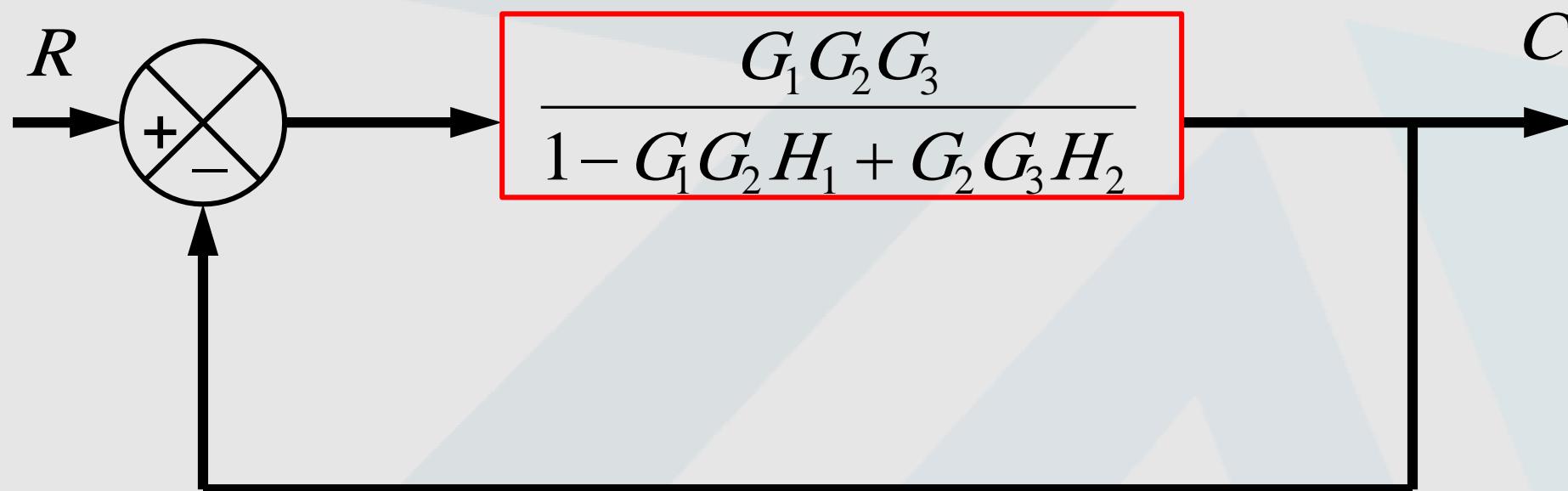
Combining the two blocks in Cascade, we get



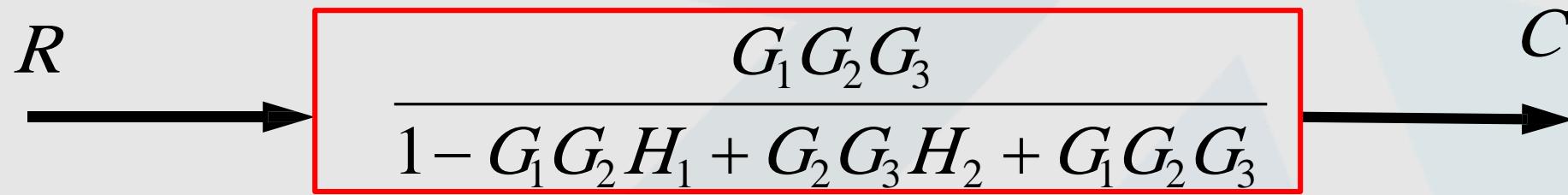
Similarly eliminating the second feedback loop we get:



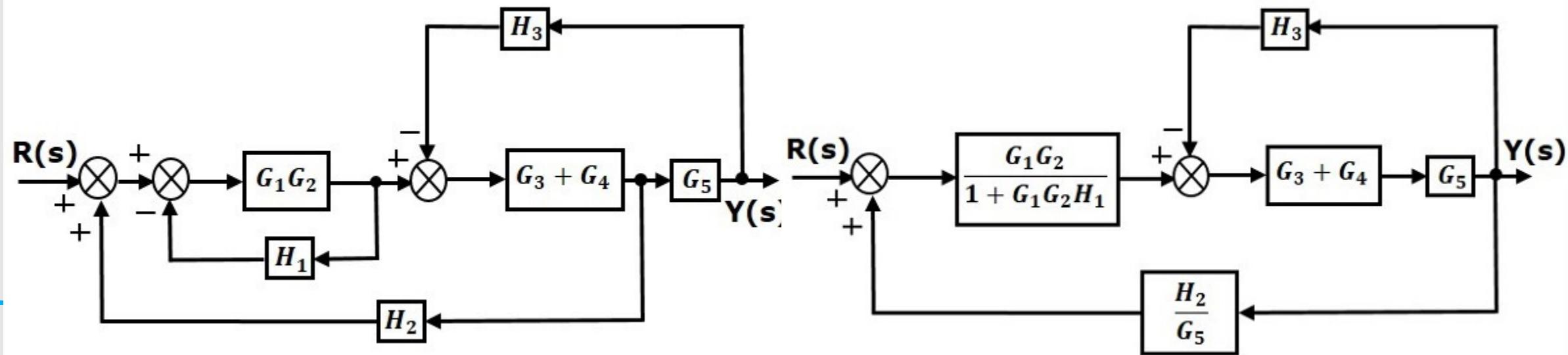
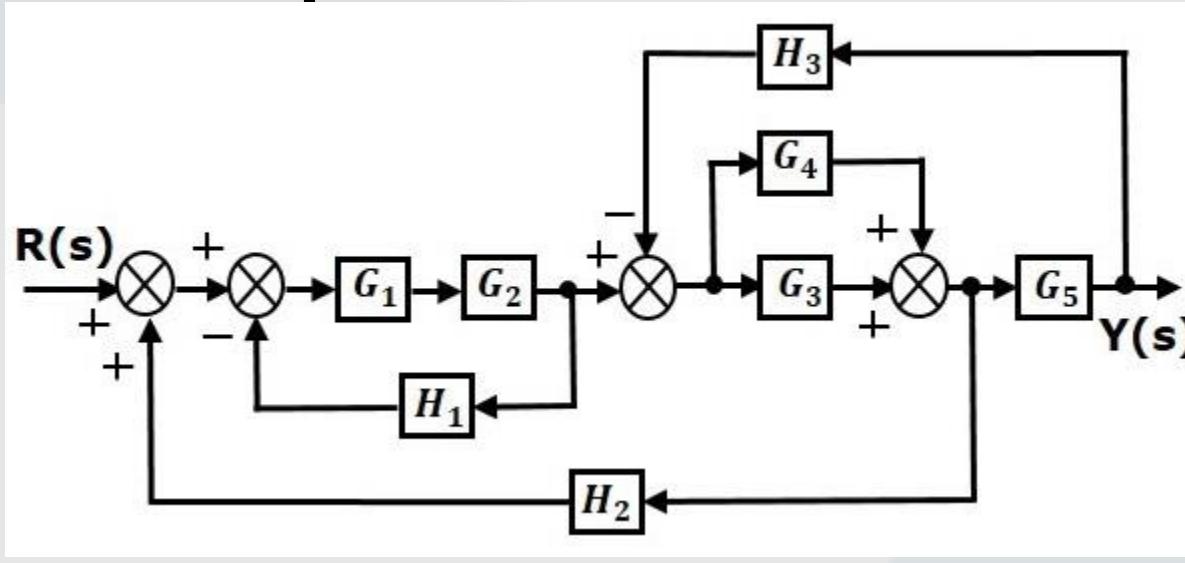
Similarly eliminating the third feedback loop we get:



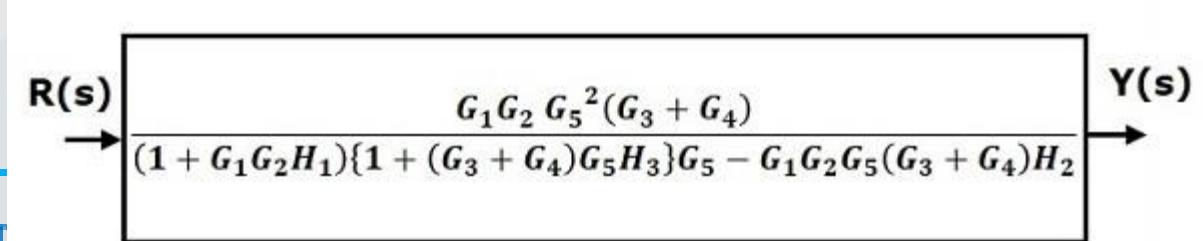
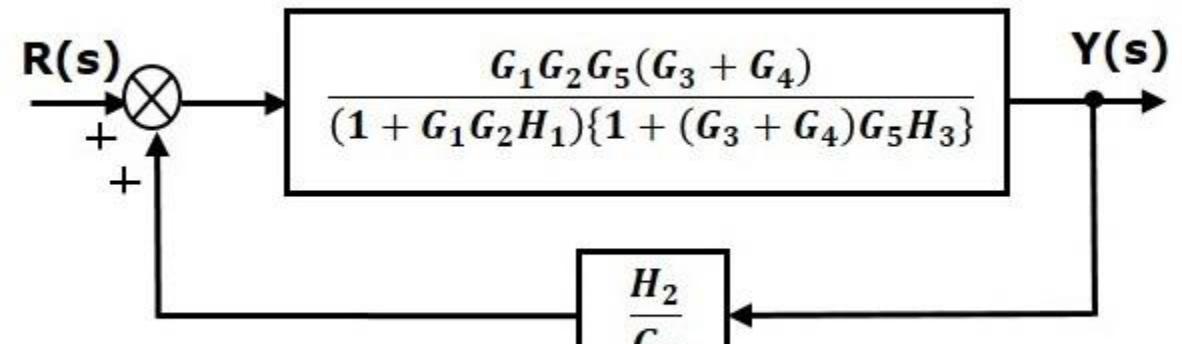
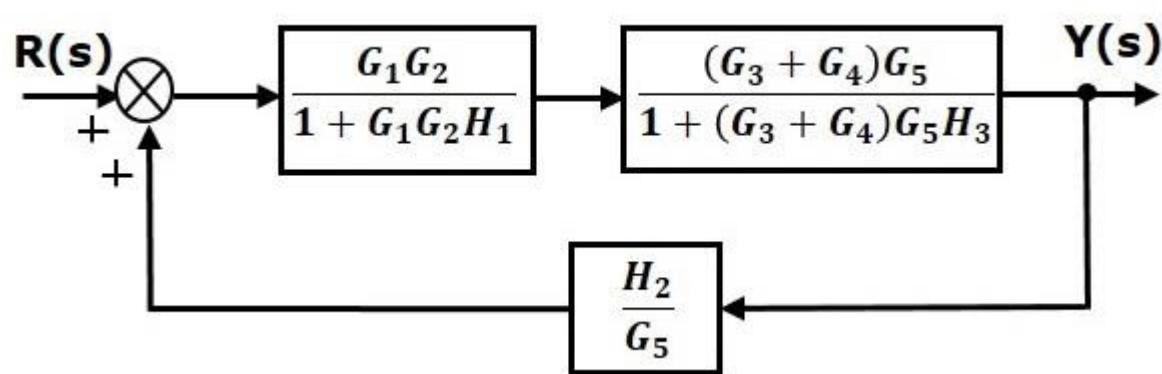
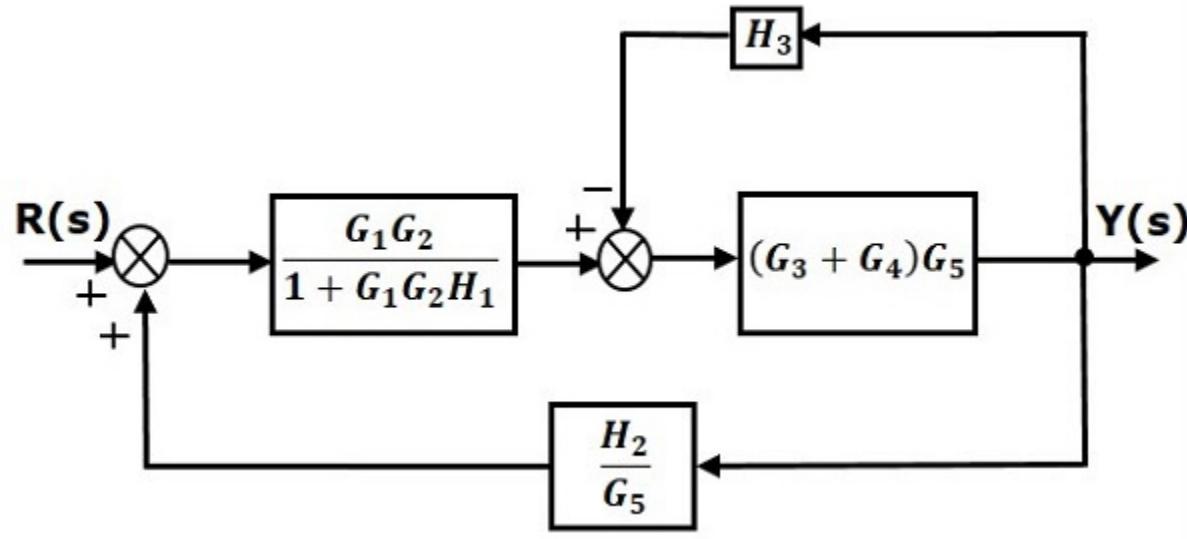
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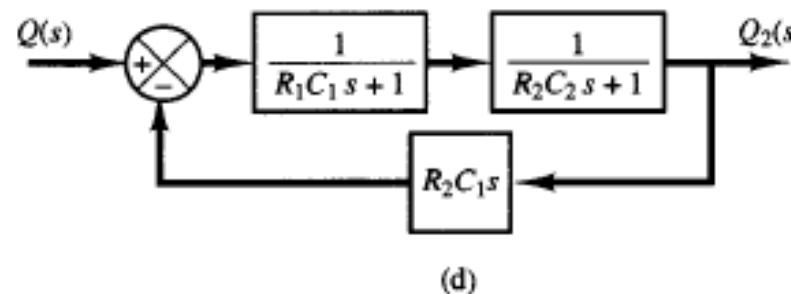
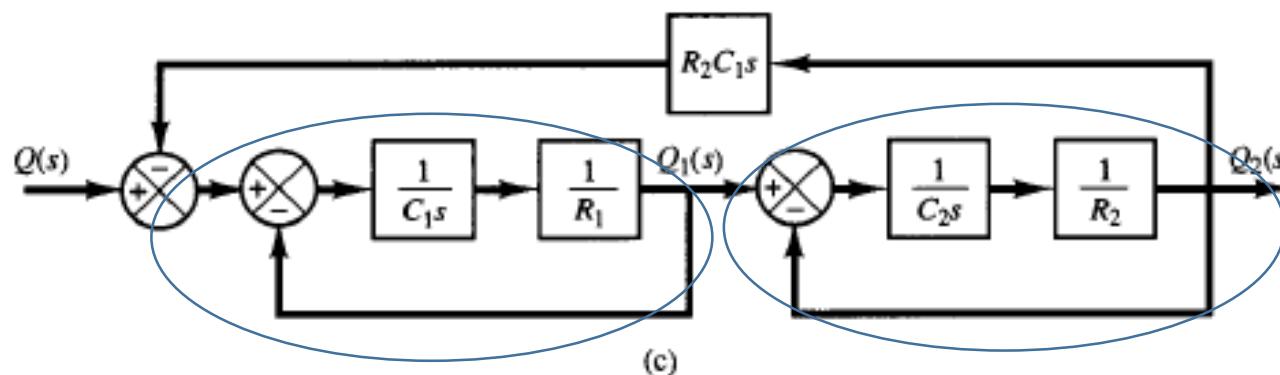
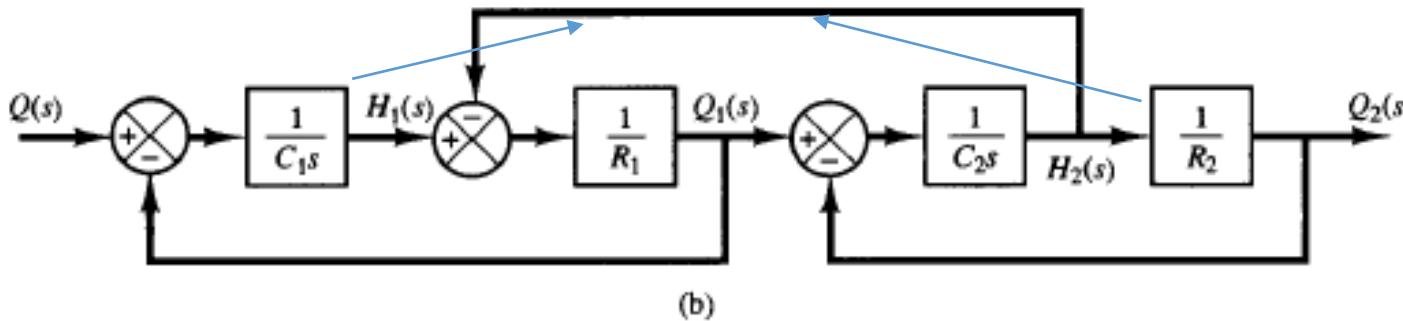
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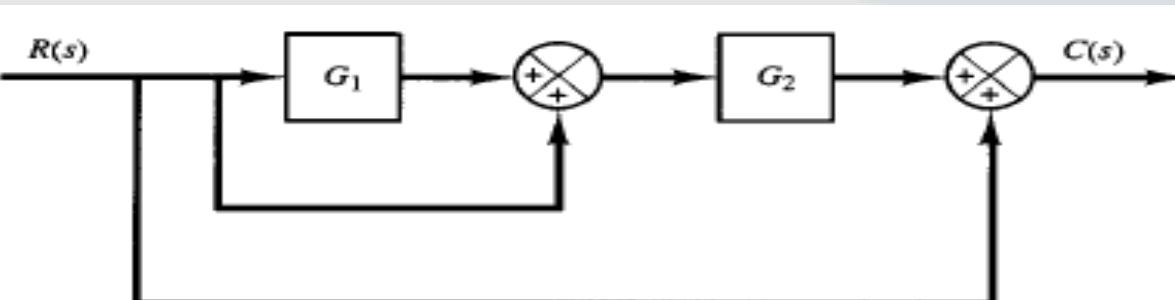
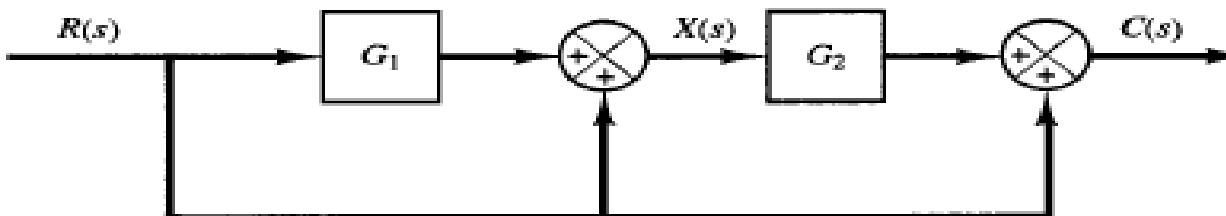


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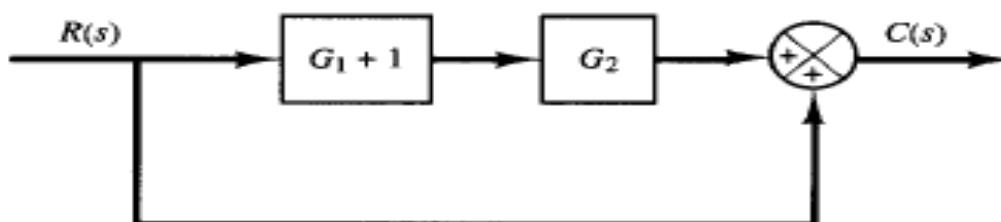


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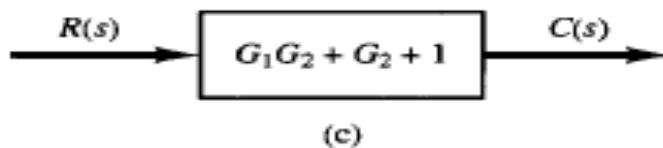
# Example 5



(a)



(b)



$$X(s) = G_1 R(s) + R(s)$$

The output signal  $C(s)$  is the sum of  $G_2 X(s)$  and  $R(s)$ . Hence

$$C(s) = G_2 X(s) + R(s) = G_2 [G_1 R(s) + R(s)] + R(s)$$

And so we have the same result as before:

$$\frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = G_1 G_2 + G_2 + 1$$