



Lecture 2



Topics Covered

Block Diagram Reduction Technique

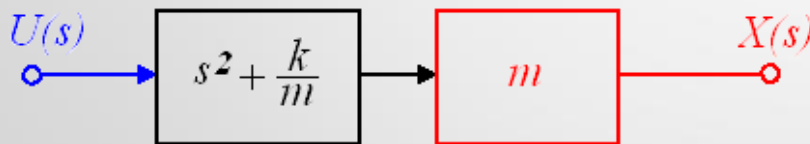
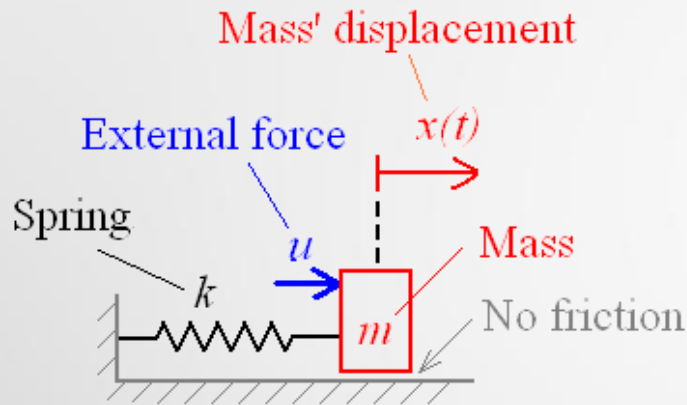
Block Diagram

- It represents the structure of a control system.
- It helps to organize the variables and equations representing the control system.

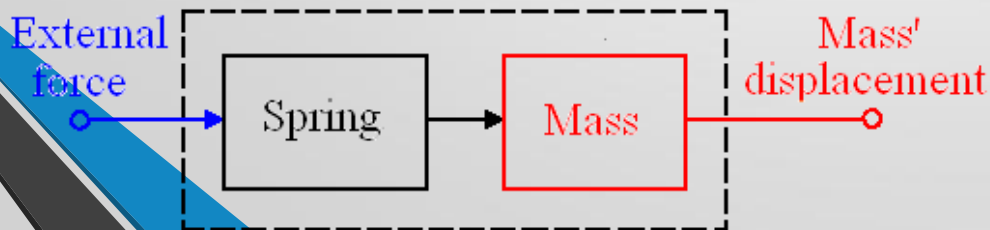
It is composed of:

- **boxes**, that represents the components of the system including their causality;
- **Lines with arrows**, that represent the actual dynamic variables, such as *speed, pressure, velocity*, etc..

Simplest Open-Loop Control Example & Associated Block Diagrams

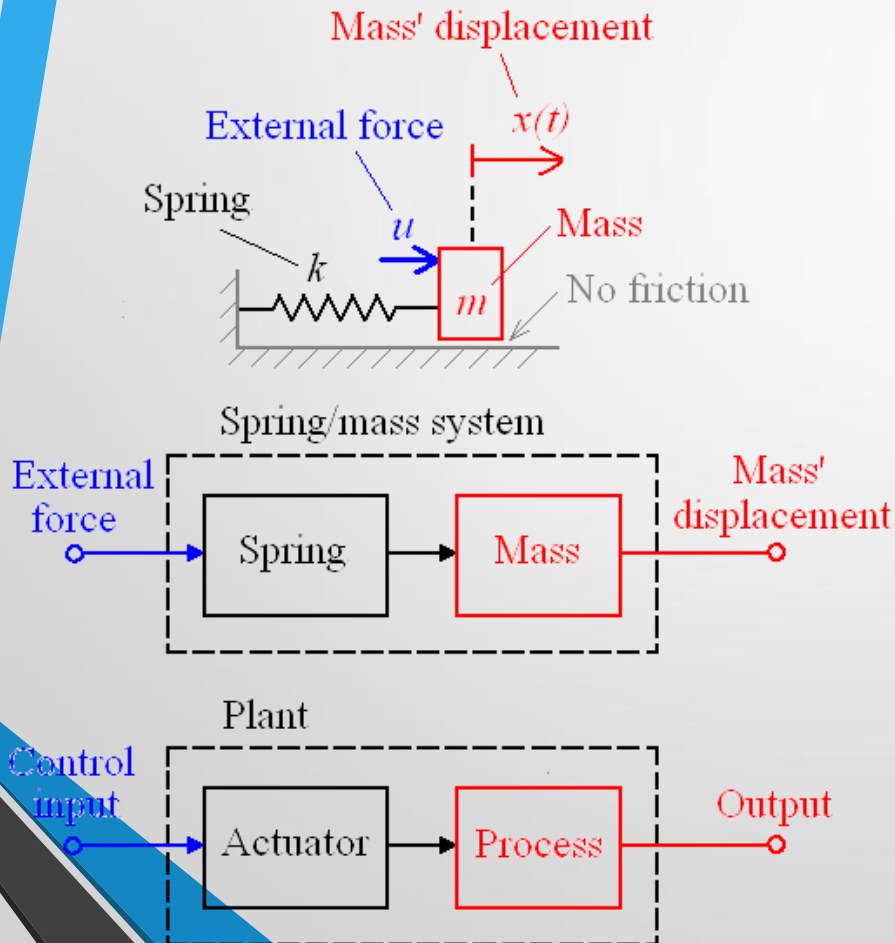


Spring/mass system



- *System* = mass + spring
- *Control Input*: force u
- *Output*: displacement $x(t)$
- *Block diagram* (derived using Laplace transforms, more on this later)
- *Component block diagram* for the system examined

Specific & Generic Component Block Diagrams



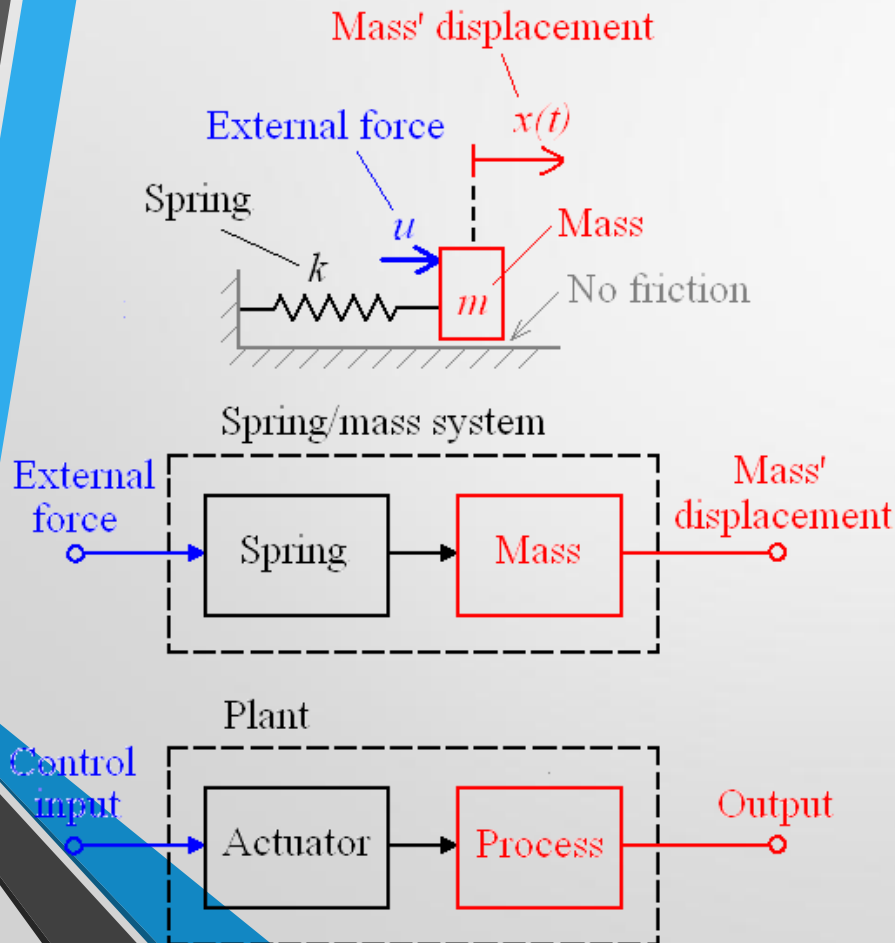
Recall previous system

- **Control Input:** force u
- **Output:** displacement $x(t)$

Component block diagram for the system examined

Generic component block diagram

Definitions of Process, Actuator & Plant



- **Process** = component whose the output is to be controlled

Ex: *Mass*

- **Actuator** = device that can influence the control input variable of the process

Ex: *Spring*

- **Plant** = actuator + process

Ex: *Spring/mass system*

Figure 2.2

Components of a block diagram

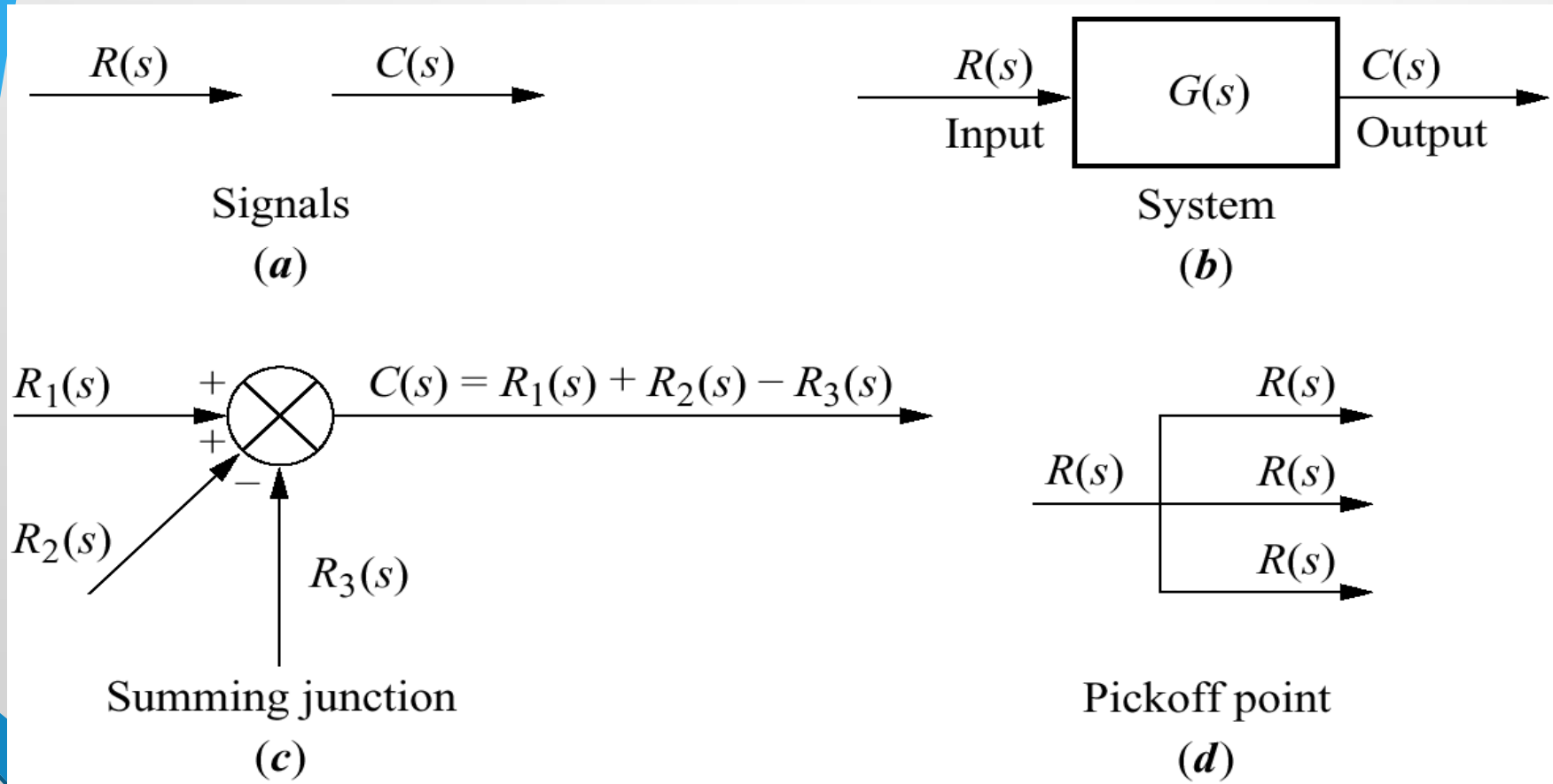
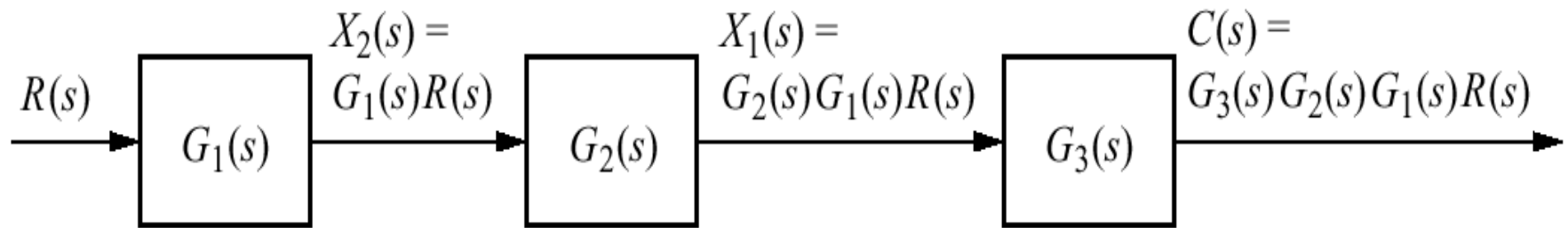
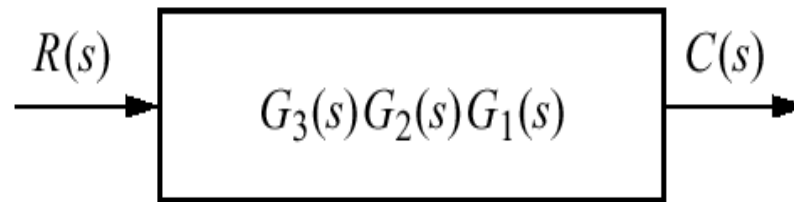


Figure 2.3

- a. Cascaded subsystems;
- b. equivalent transfer function



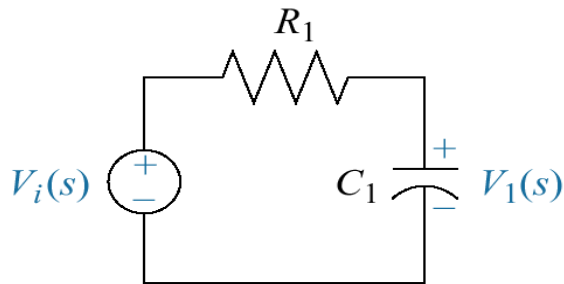
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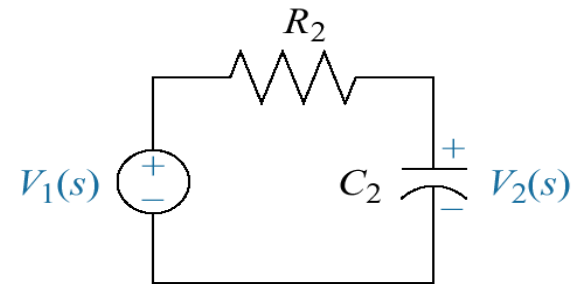
Figure 2.4

Loading in cascaded systems



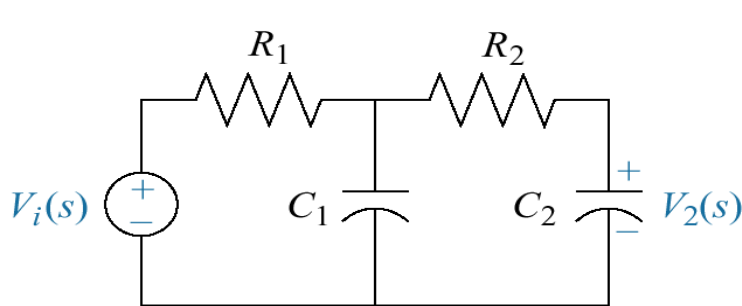
$$G_1(s) = \frac{V_1(s)}{V_i(s)}$$

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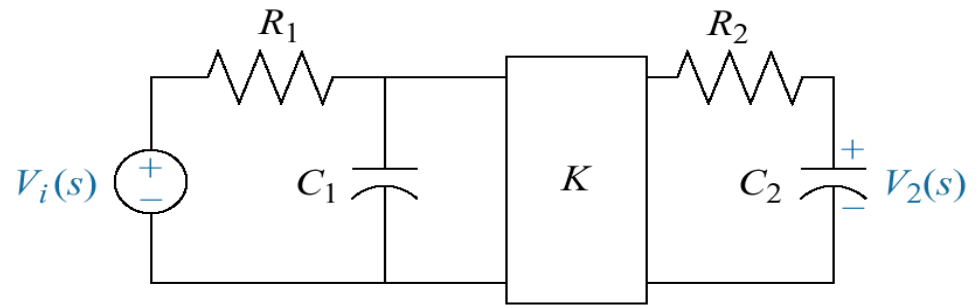
$$G_2(s) = \frac{V_2(s)}{V_1(s)}$$

(b)



$$G_T(s) = \frac{V_2(s)}{V_i(s)} \neq G_2(s)G_1(s)$$

(c)

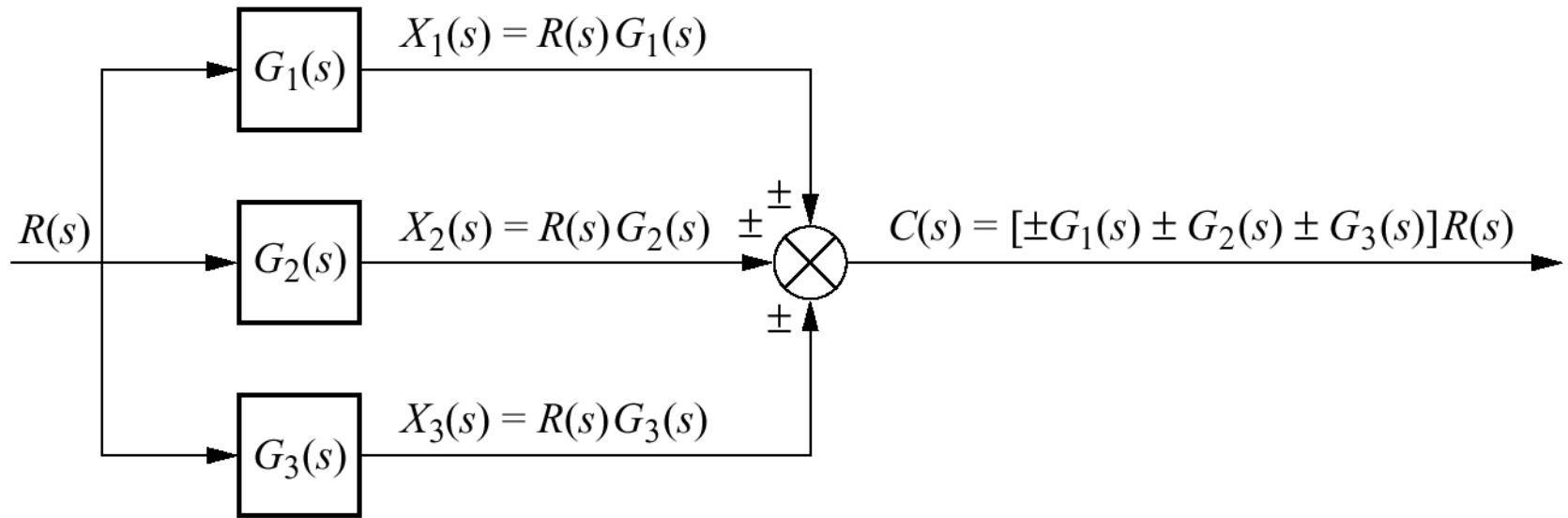


$$G_T(s) = \frac{V_2(s)}{V_i(s)} = KG_2(s)G_1(s)$$

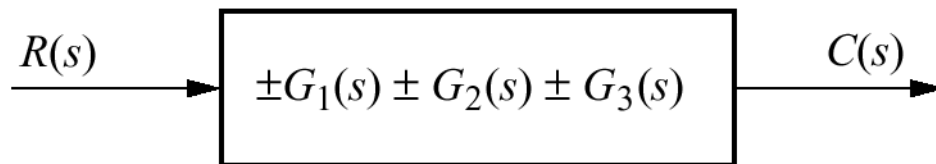
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Figure 2.5

- a. Parallel subsystems;
- b. equivalent transfer function



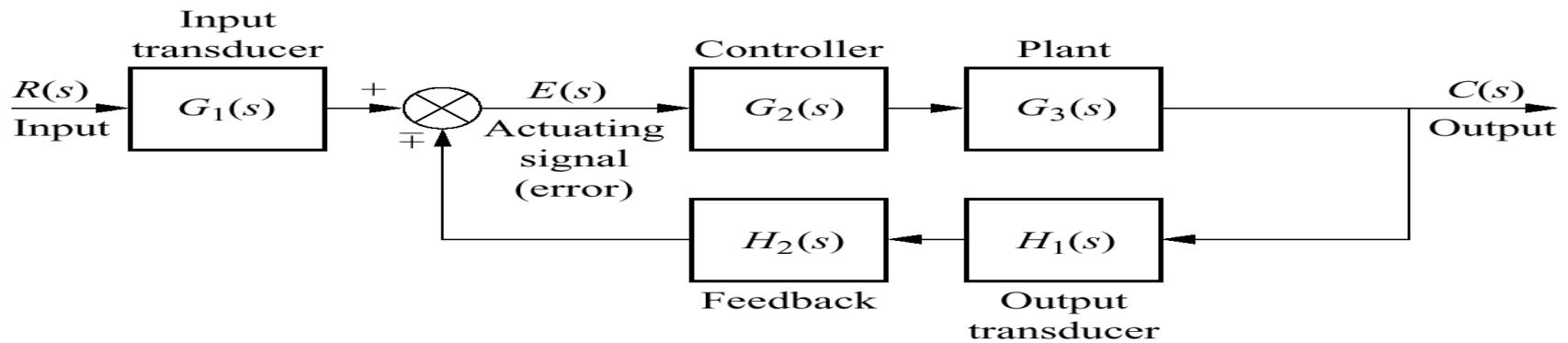
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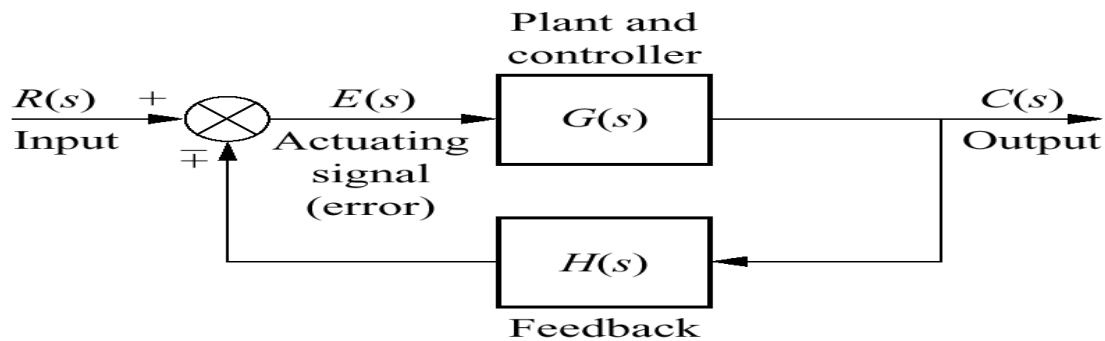
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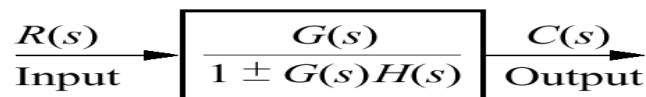
- a. Feedback control system;
- b. simplified model;
- c. equivalent transfer function



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(b)



(c)

Figure 2.7

Block diagram algebra for summing junctions—

a. to the left past a summing junction;

b. to the right past a summing junction

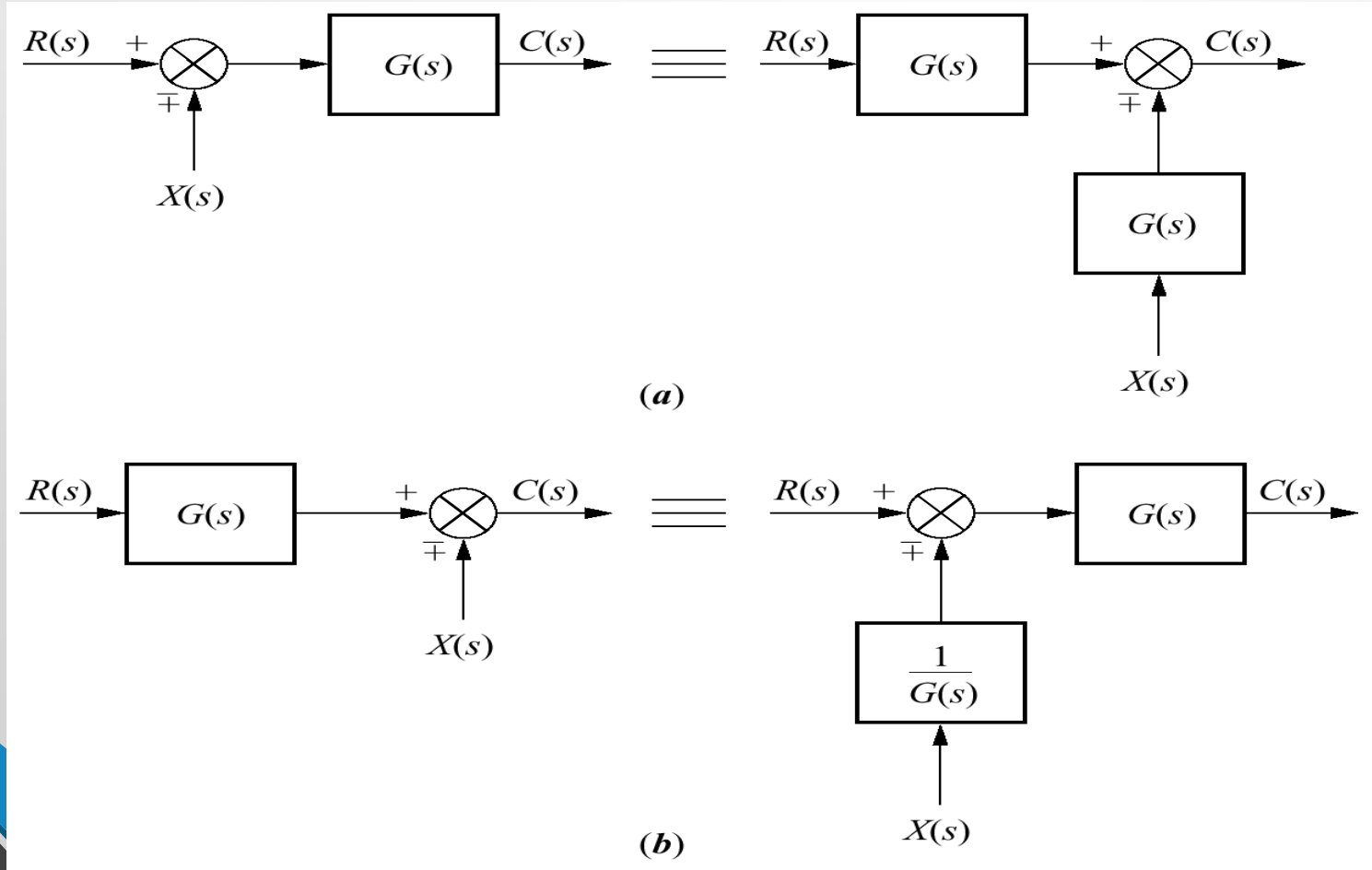


Figure 2.8
 Block diagram algebra for pickoff points—equivalent forms for moving a block

a. to the left past a pickoff point;
b. to the right past a pickoff point

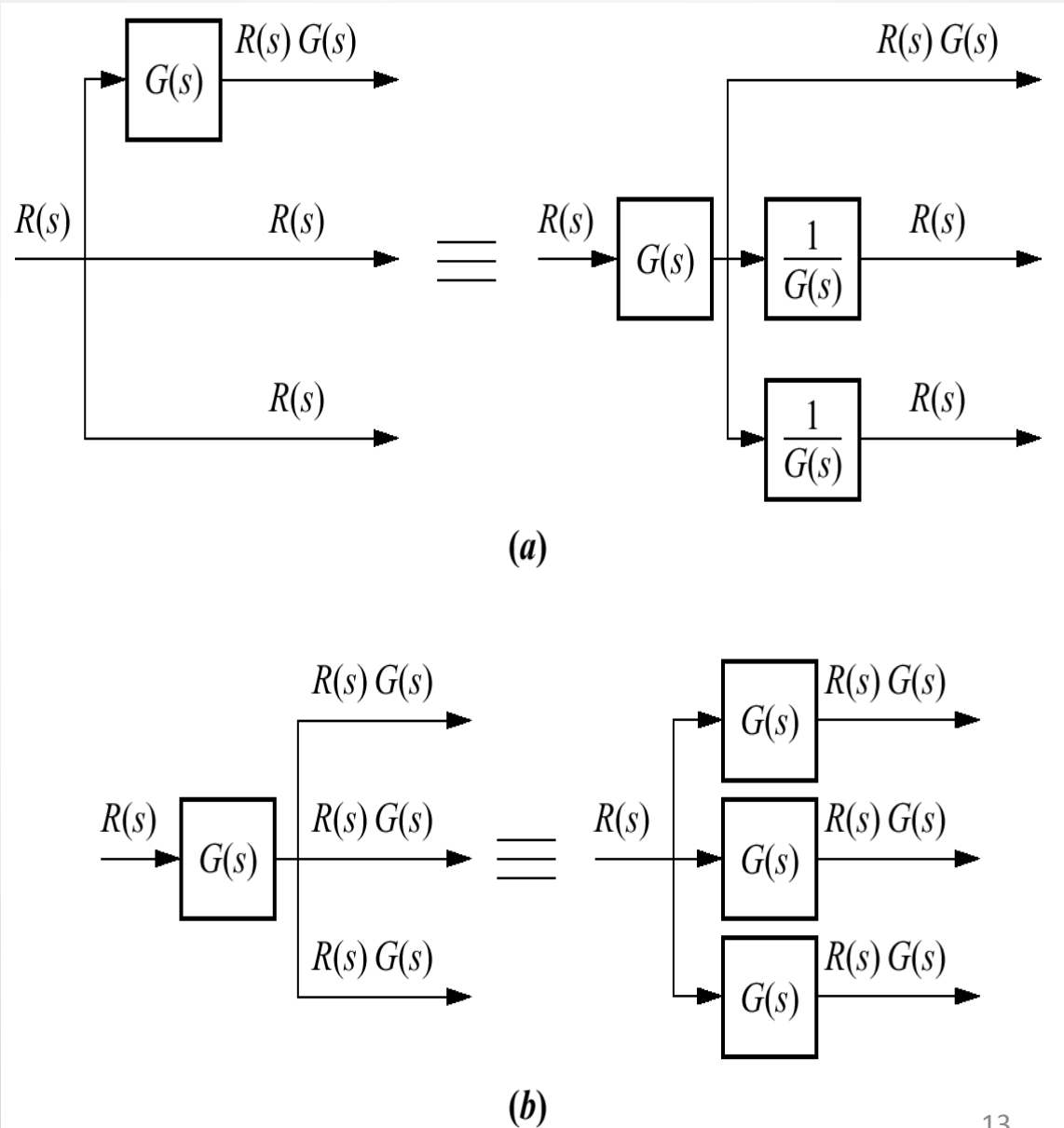


Figure 2.9
Block diagram for Example 5.1

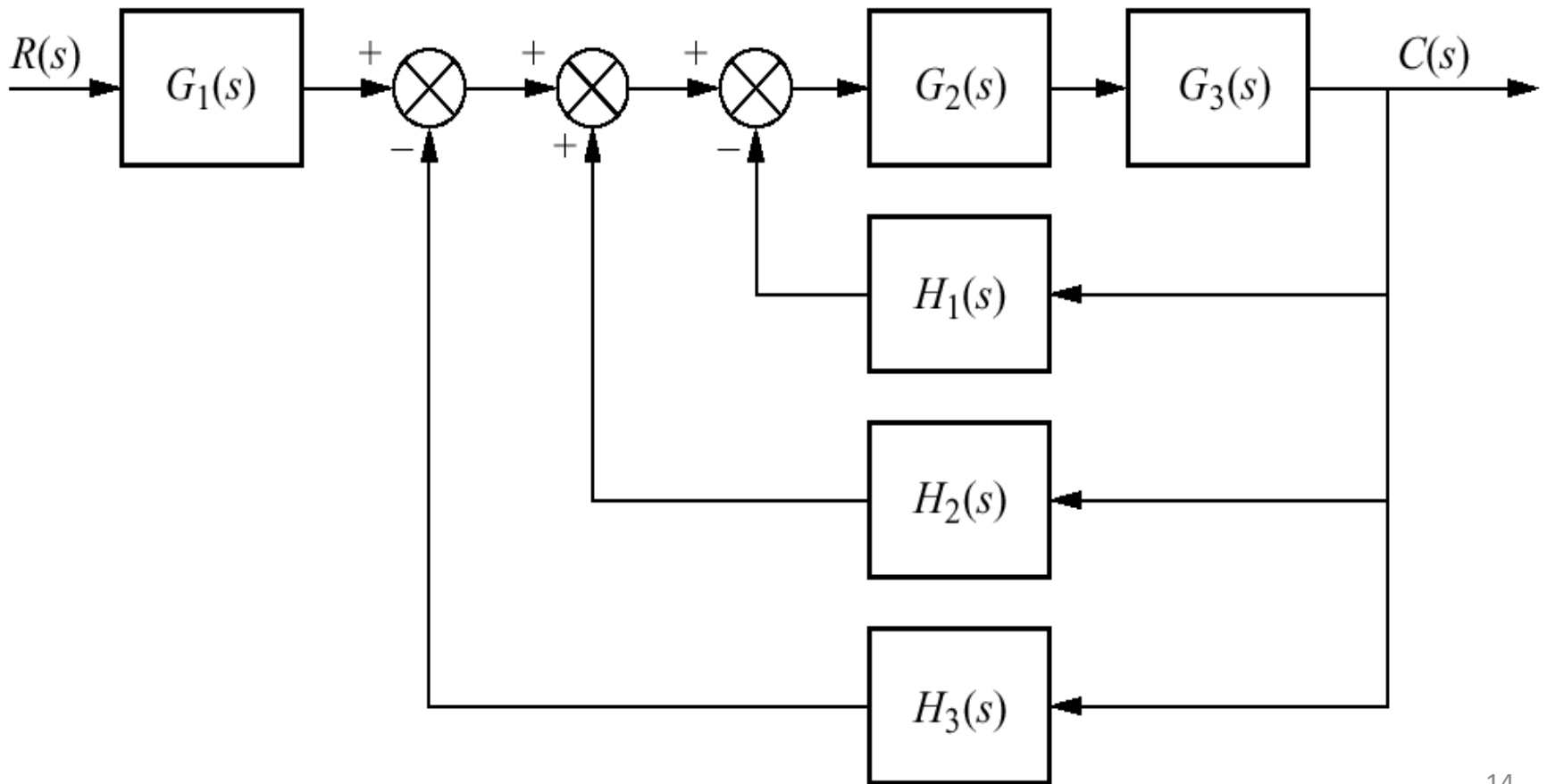


Figure 2.10

Steps in solving
Example 5.1:

- collapse summing junctions;
- form equivalent cascaded system in the forward path and equivalent parallel system in the feedback path;
- form equivalent feedback system and multiply by cascaded $G_1(s)$

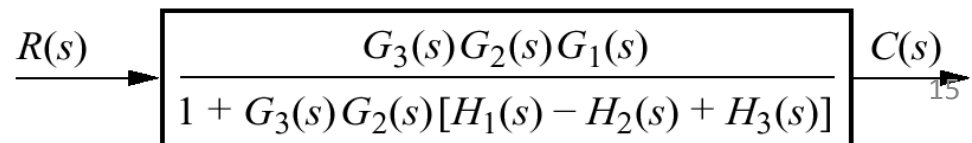
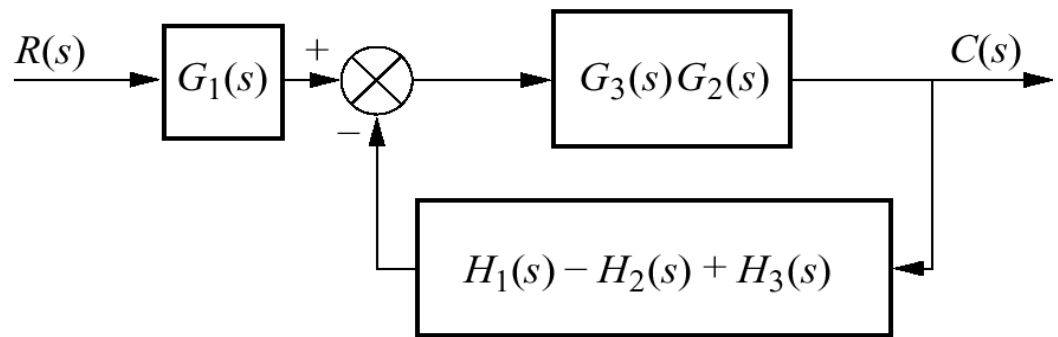
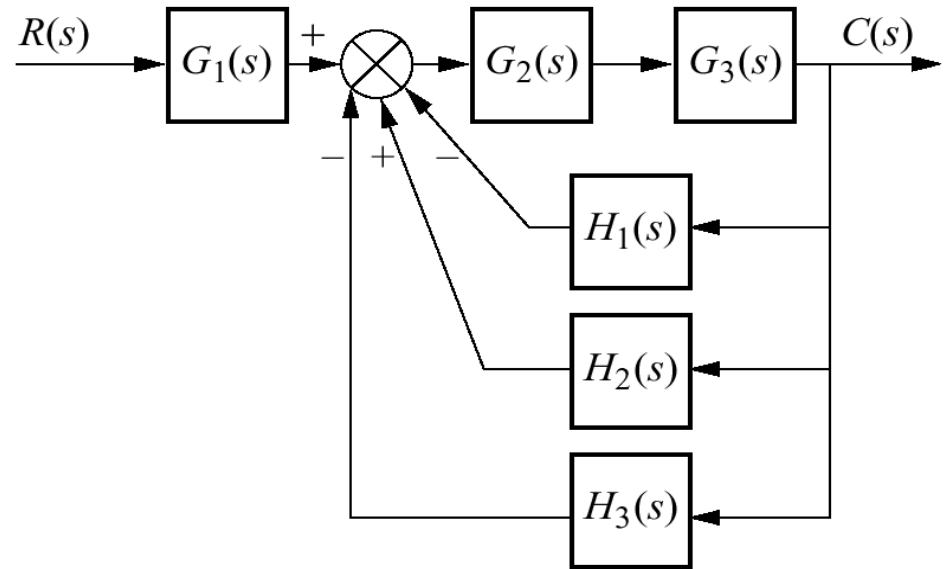
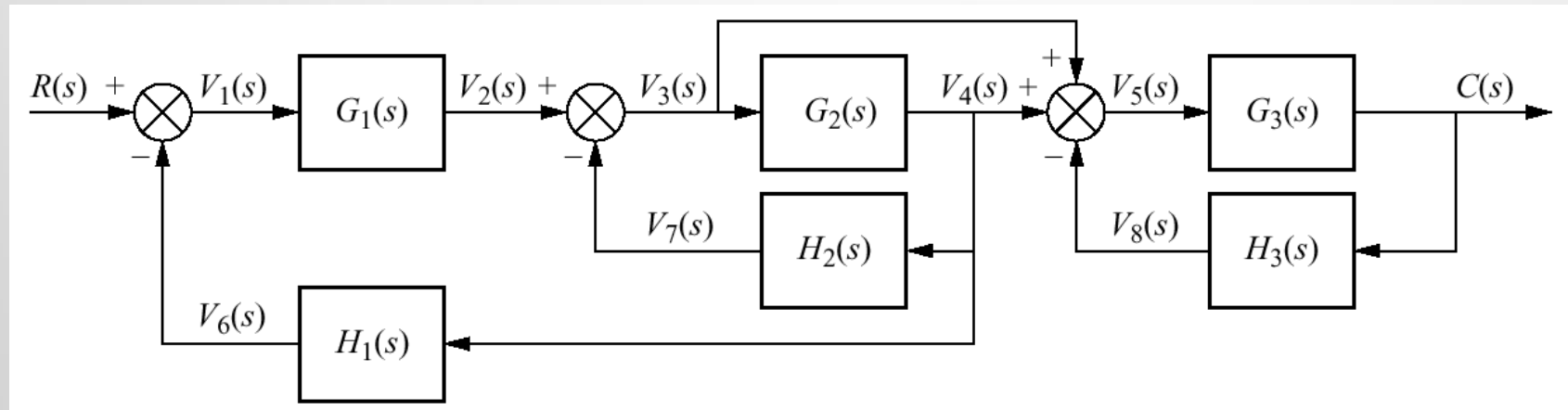
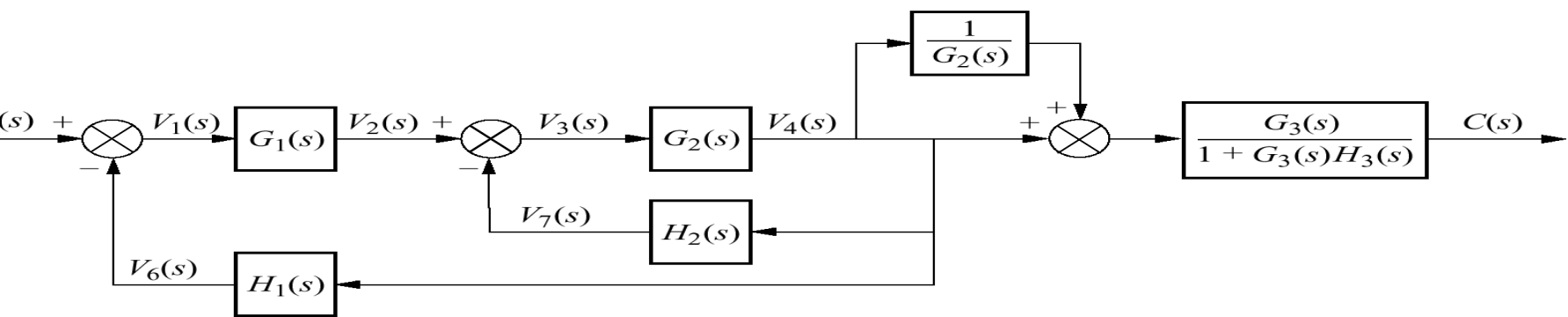


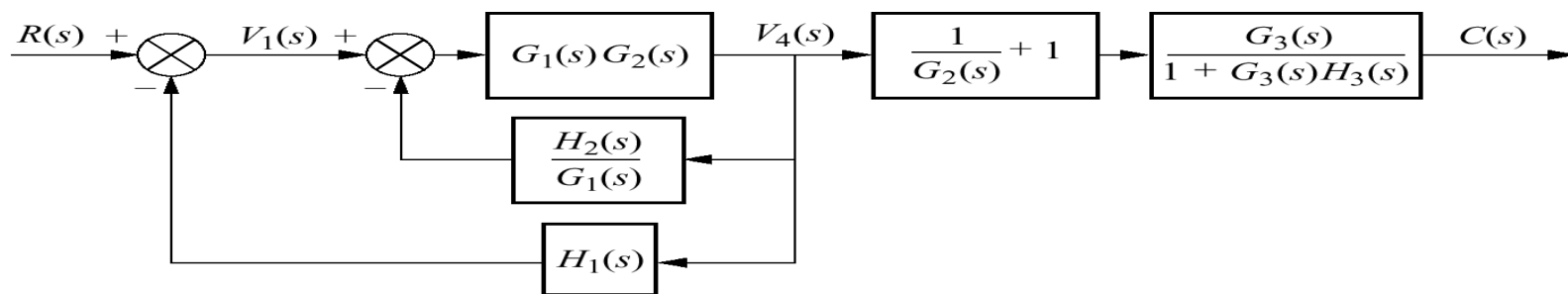
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Block diagram for Example 5.2

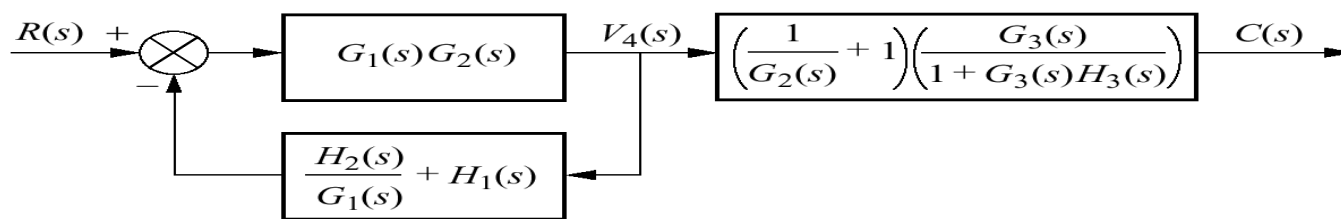




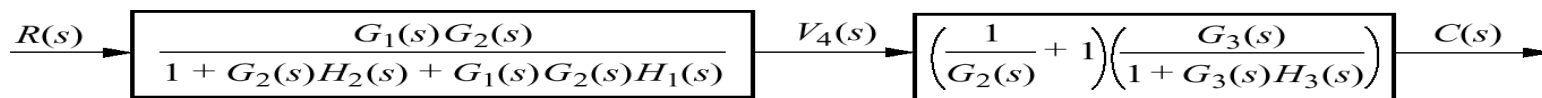
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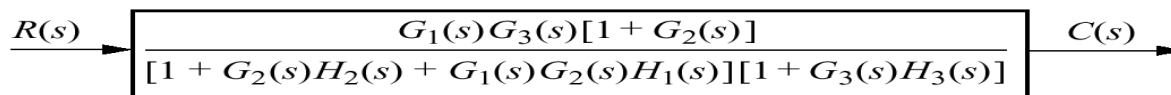
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