Lesson 5

Block diagrams

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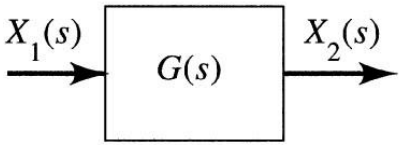
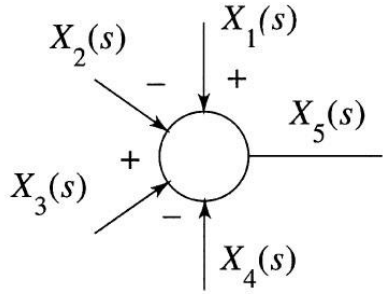
Signal flow graphs



$X_2(s) = G(s)X_1(s)$

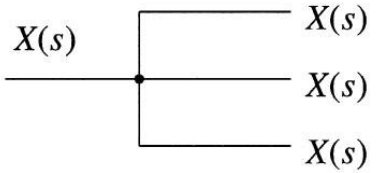
(a)

block



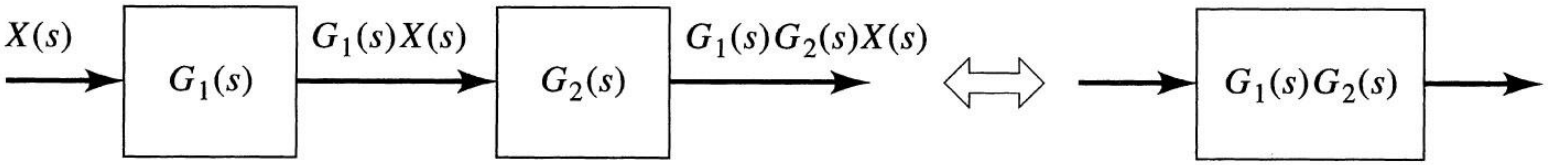
$X_5(s) = X_1(s) - X_2(s) + X_3(s) - X_4(s)$

(b) ***summer***



(c)

pickoff point



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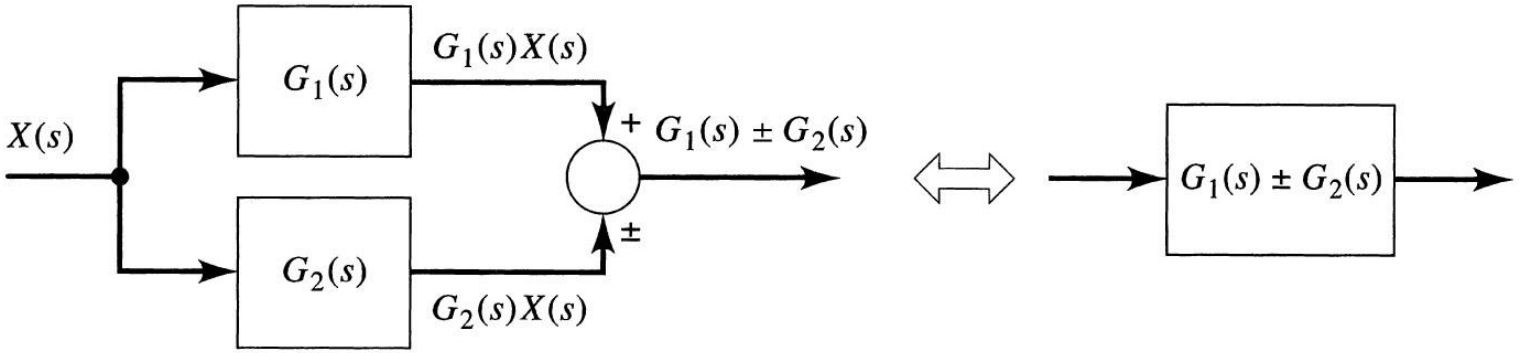

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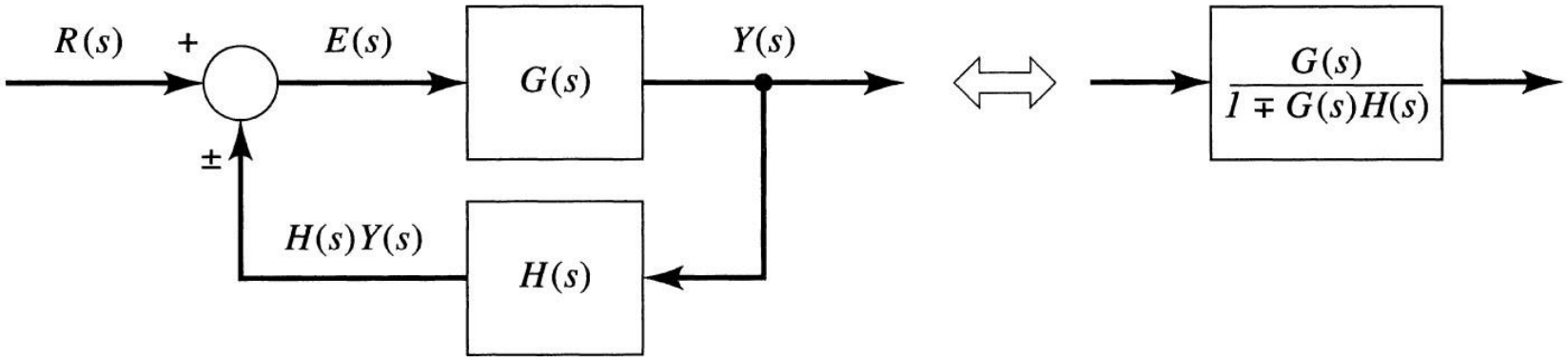
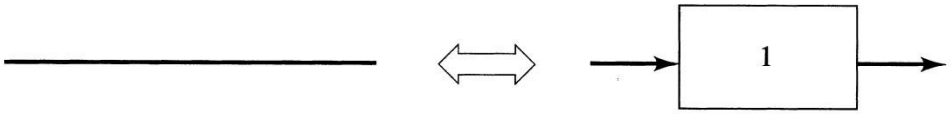


$$Y(s) = G(s)E(s)$$

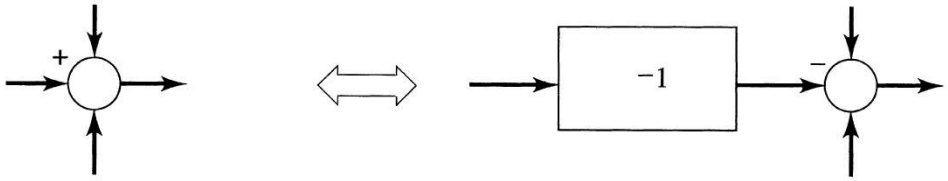
$$E(s) = R(s) \pm H(s)Y(s)$$

$$Y(s) = G(s)[R(s) \pm H(s)Y(s)] = G(s)R(s) \pm G(s)H(s)Y(s)$$

$$T(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{G(s)}{1 \mp G(s)H(s)}$$



(*a*) Insertion or removal of unity gain



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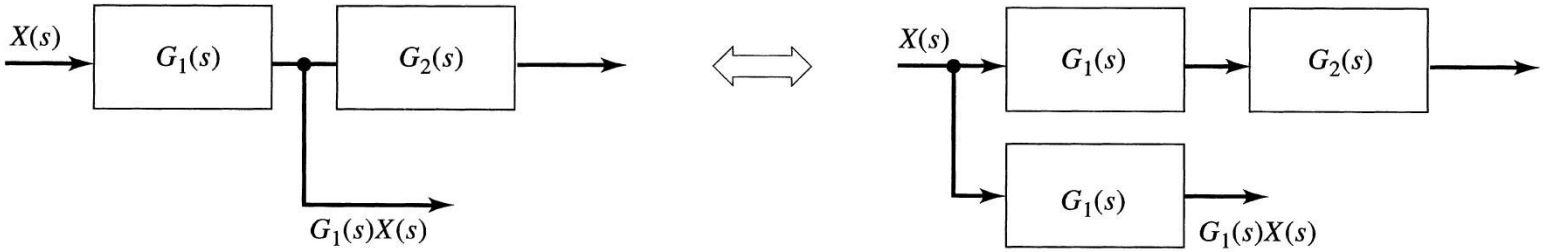

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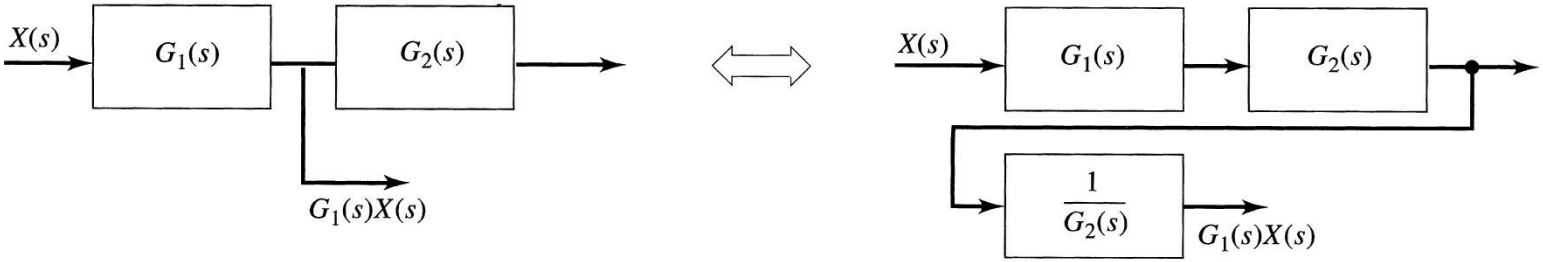

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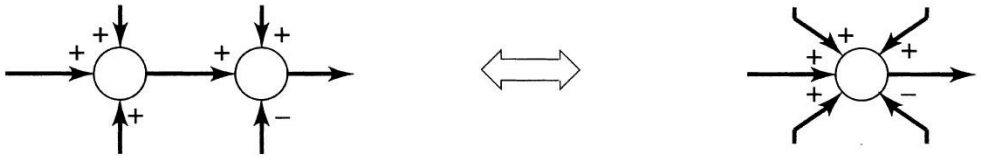

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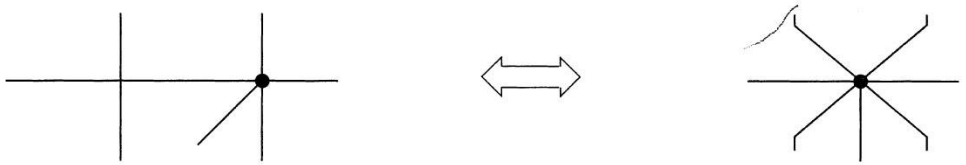

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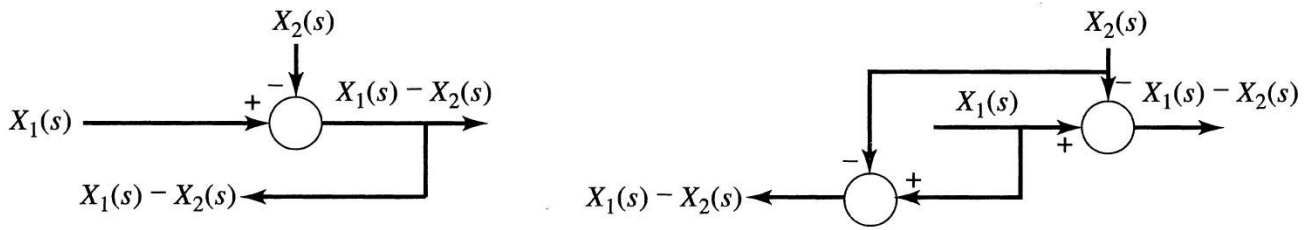

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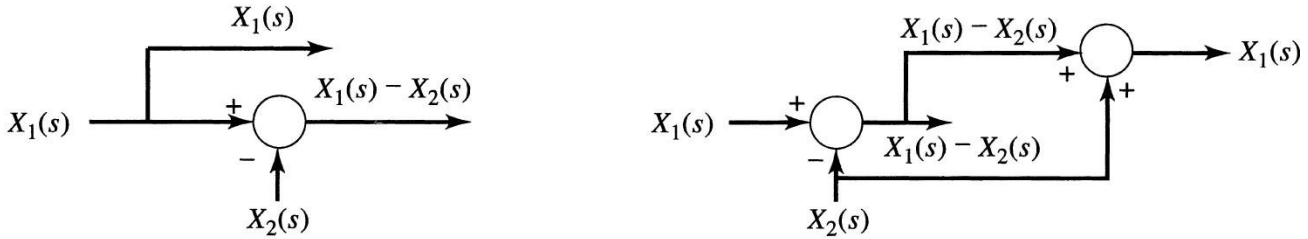
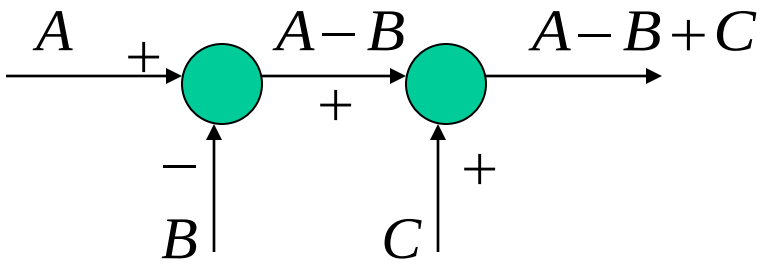
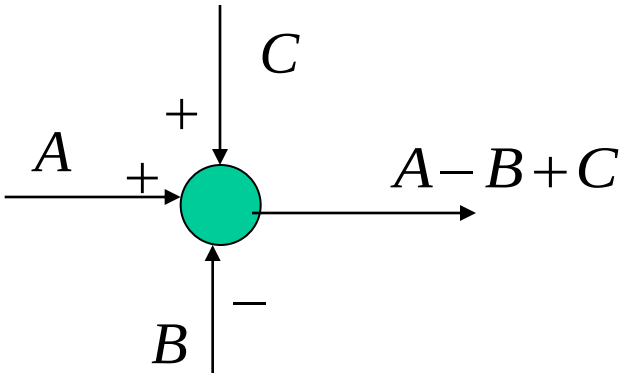


(*h*) Moving a pickoff point forward of a summation

original





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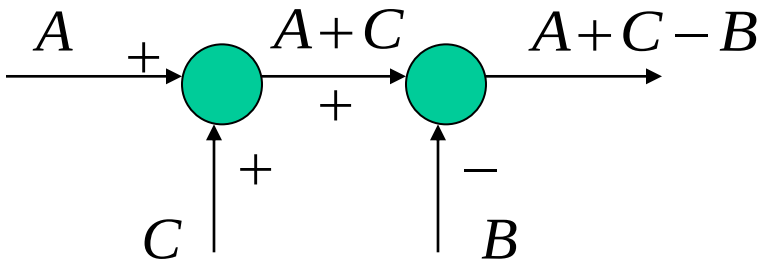

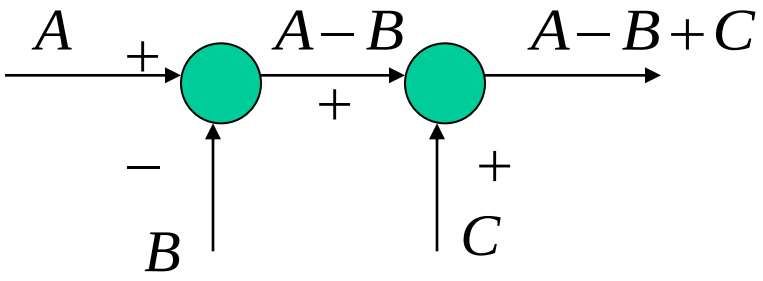

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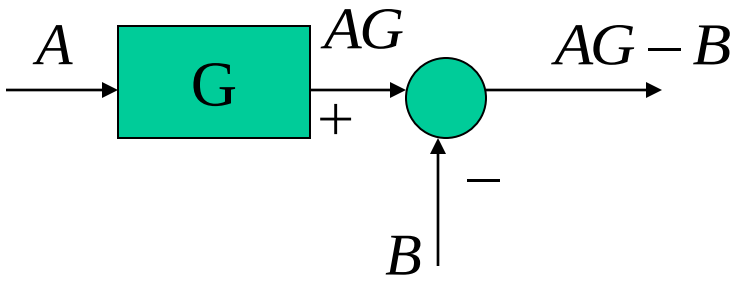

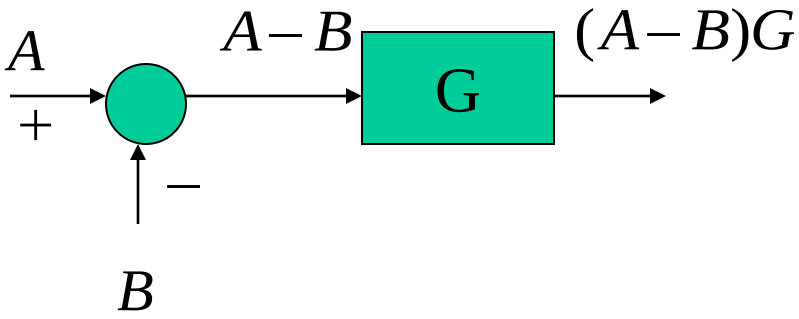

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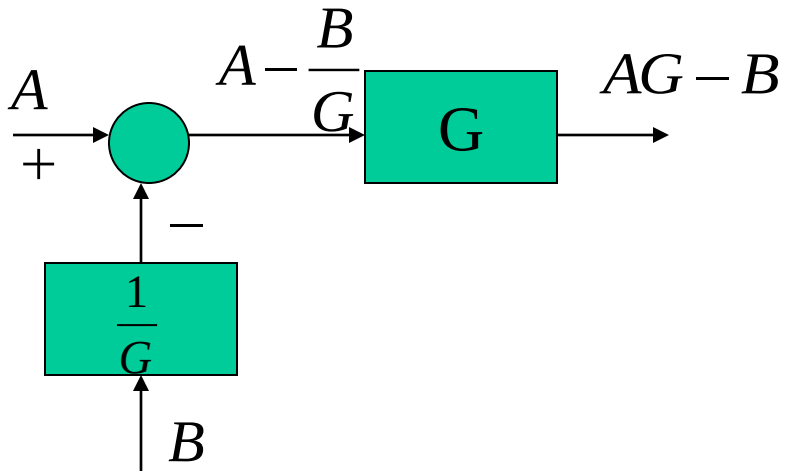

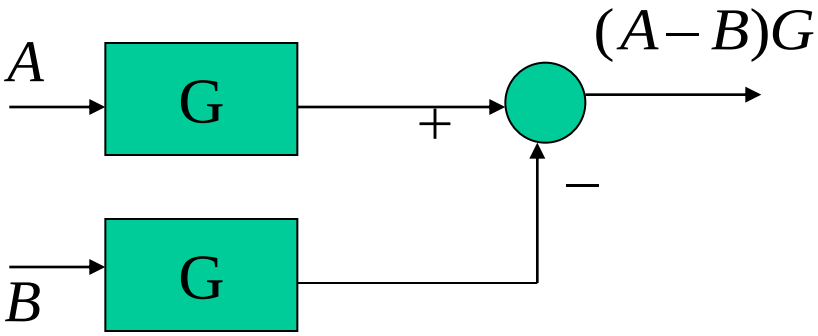

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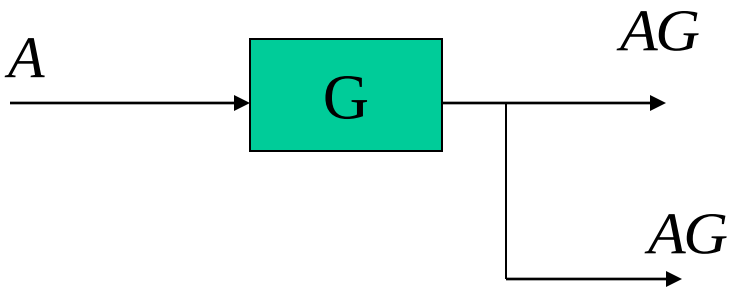

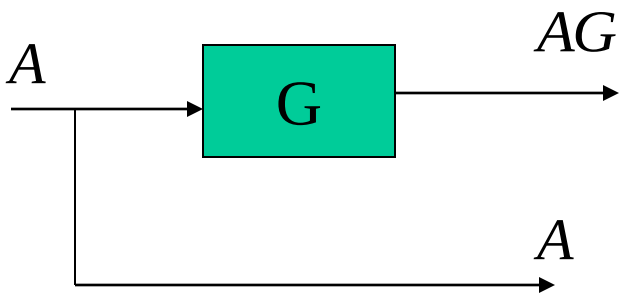

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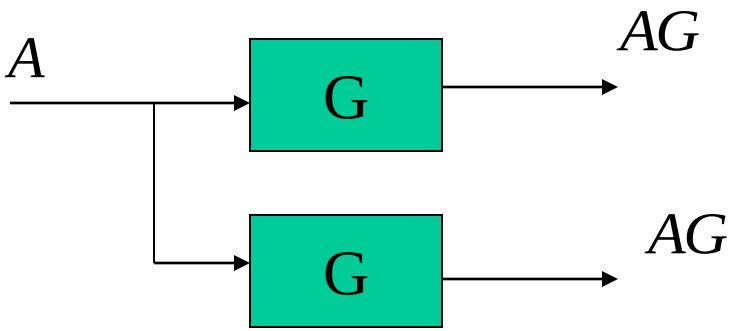
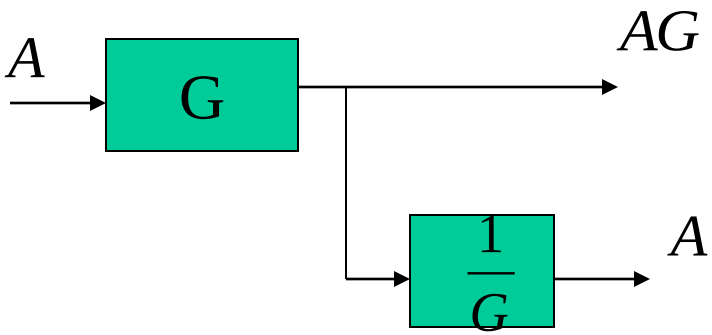
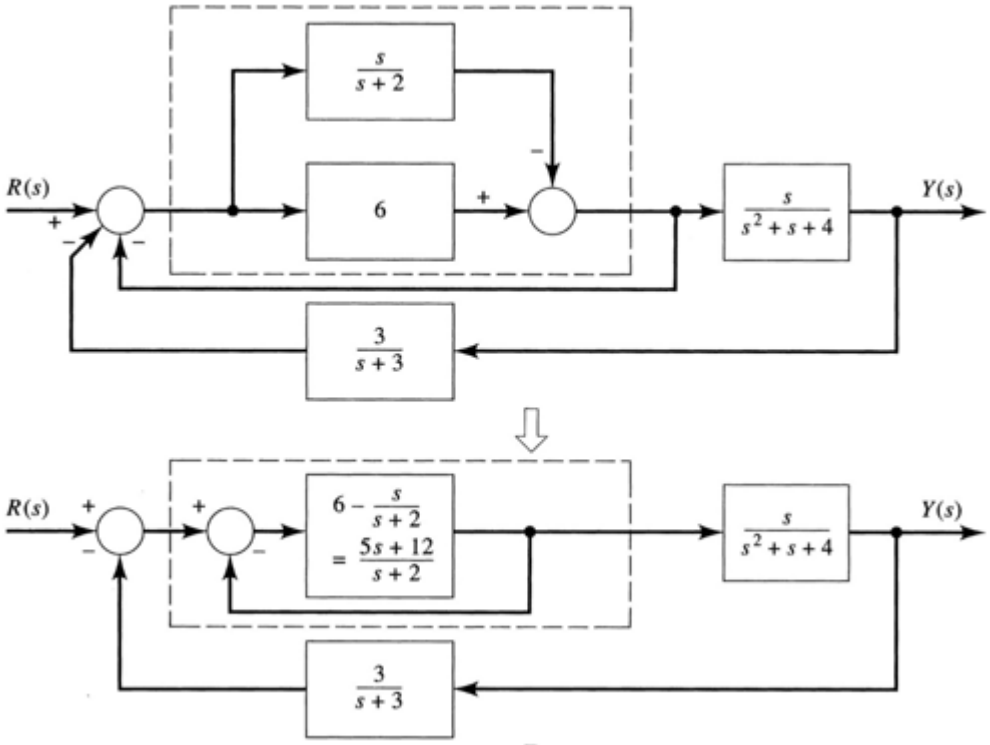
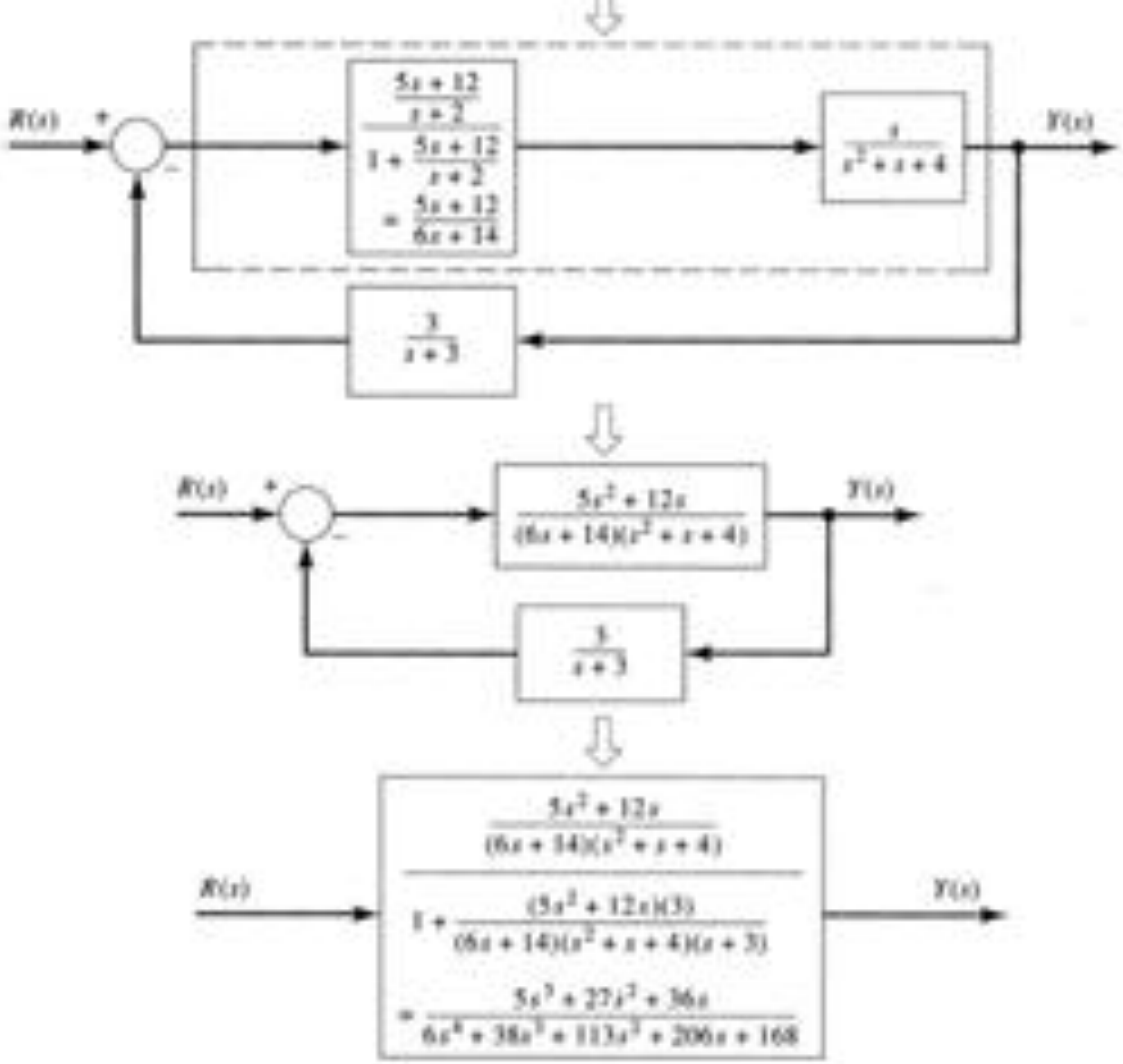
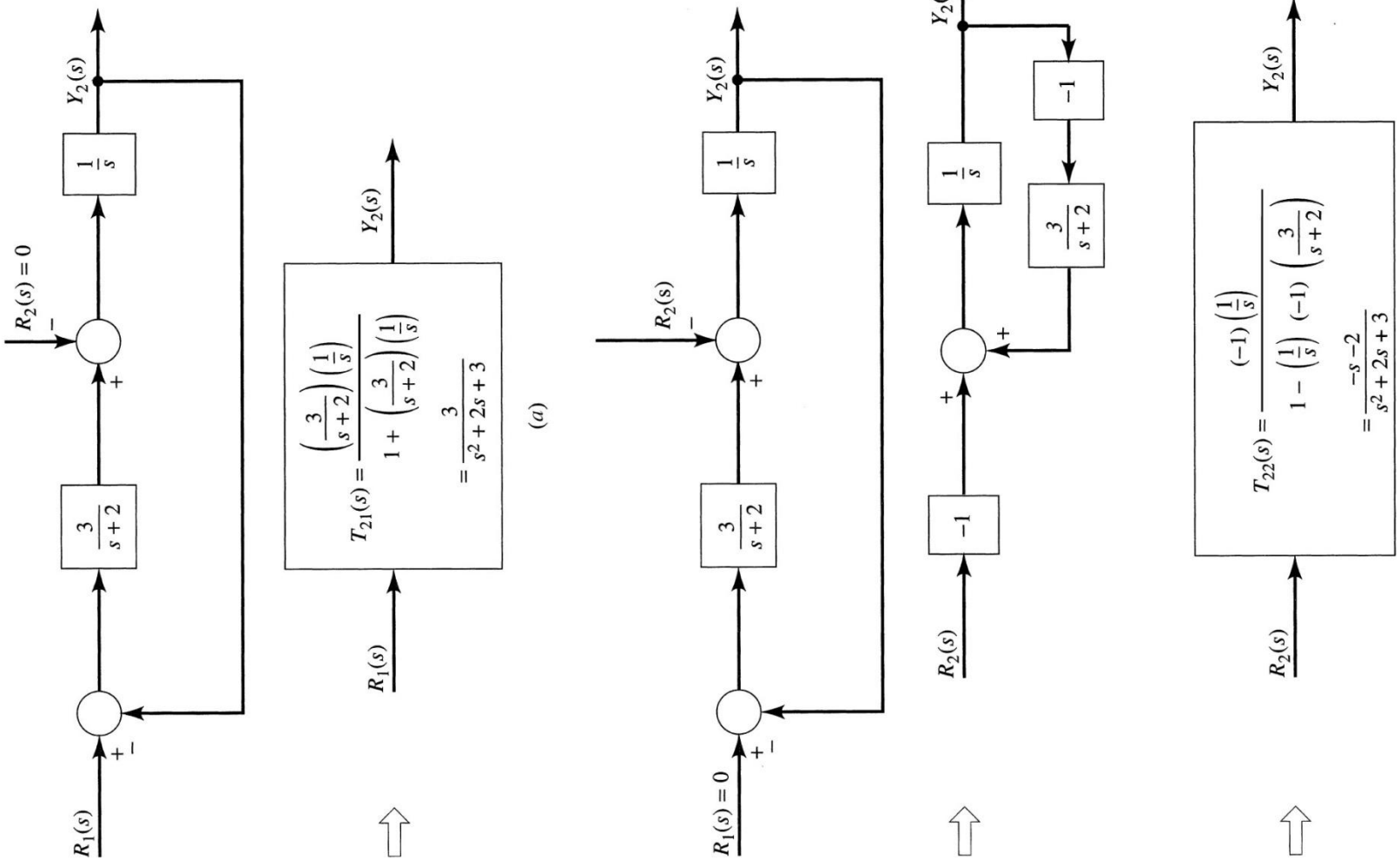




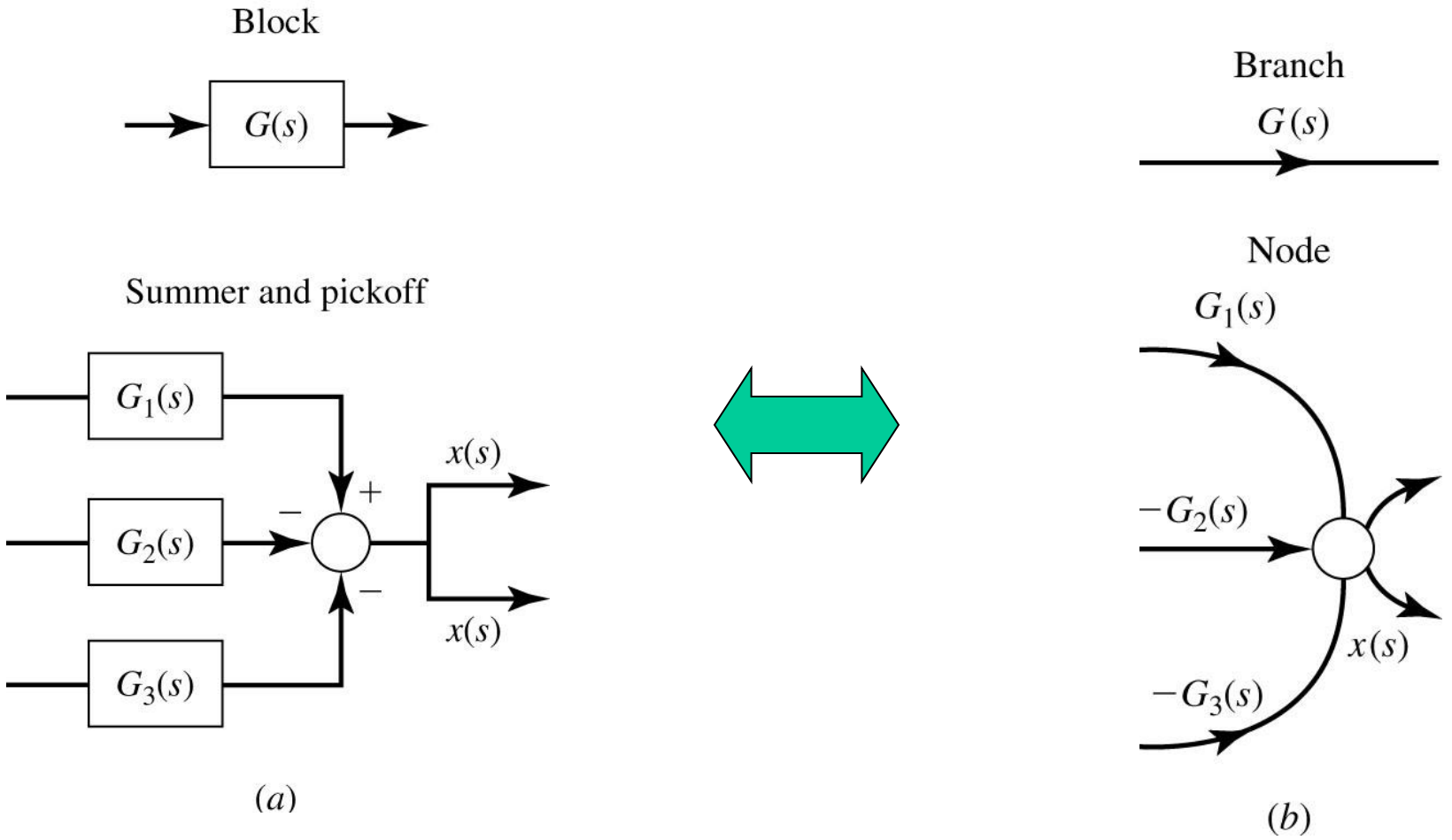

$\frac{s}{s+2}$
6
$\frac{s}{s^2+s+4}$
$\frac{3}{s+3}$
R(s)
Y(s)
+
−
$6 - \frac{s}{s+2} = \frac{5s+12}{s+2}$

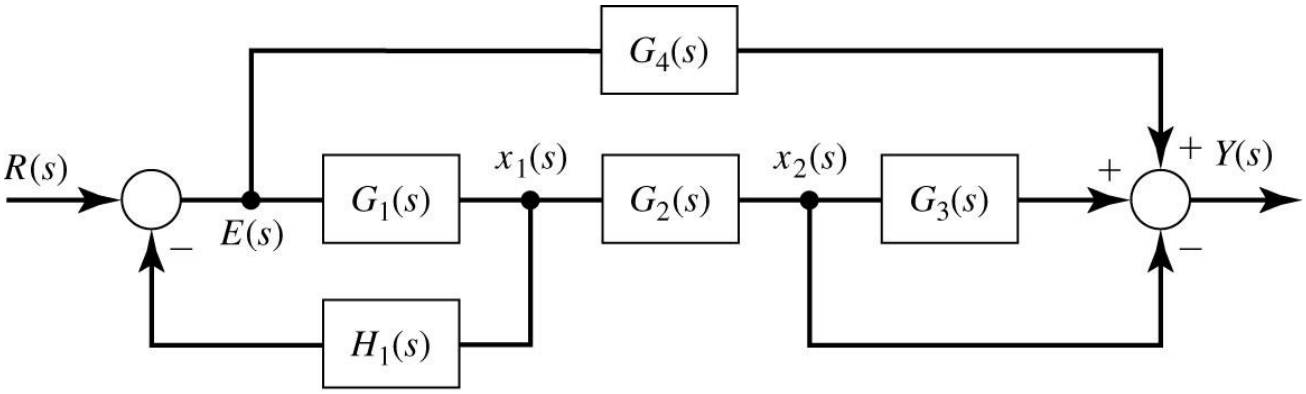

R(s)
+
−
$\frac{\frac{5s+12}{s+2}}{1+\frac{5s+12}{s+2}} = \frac{5s+12}{6s+14}$
$\frac{1}{s^2+s+4}$
Y(s)
$\frac{3}{s+3}$
R(s)
+
−
$\frac{5s^2+12s}{(6s+14)(s^2+s+4)}$
Y(s)
$\frac{3}{s+3}$
R(s)
$\frac{\frac{5s^2+12s}{(6s+14)(s^2+s+4)}}{1+\frac{(5s^2+12s)(3)}{(6s+14)(s^2+s+4)(s+3)}} = \frac{5s^3+27s^2+36s}{6s^4+38s^3+113s^2+206s+168}$
Y(s)

Example 2

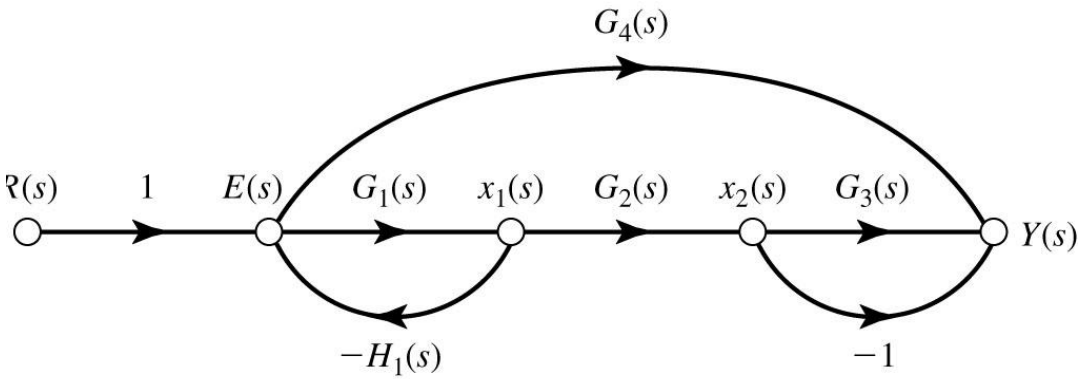

$R_2(s) = 0$
$R_1(s)$
$\frac{3}{s+2}$
$\frac{1}{s}$
$Y_2(s)$
$T_{21}(s) = \frac{\left(\frac{3}{s+2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{s}\right)}{1 + \left(\frac{3}{s+2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{s}\right)} = \frac{3}{s^2 + 2s + 3}$
(a)
$R_1(s) = 0$
$R_2(s)$
-1
$T_{22}(s) = \frac{(-1)\left(\frac{1}{s}\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)(-1)\left(\frac{3}{s+2}\right)} = \frac{-s-2}{s^2 + 2s + 3}$
(b)

Signal flow graphs




$G_4(s)$
$R(s)$
$x_1(s)$
$x_2(s)$
$+$ $Y(s)$
$G_1(s)$
$G_2(s)$
$G_3(s)$
$+$
$-$
$E(s)$
$-$
$H_1(s)$

(a)


$G_4(s)$
$R(s)$
1
$E(s)$
$G_1(s)$
$x_1(s)$
$G_2(s)$
$x_2(s)$
$G_3(s)$
$Y(s)$
$-H_1(s)$
-1

(b)

Mason's Rule

Mason's gain rule is as follows: the transfer function of a system with signal-input, signal-output flow graphs is

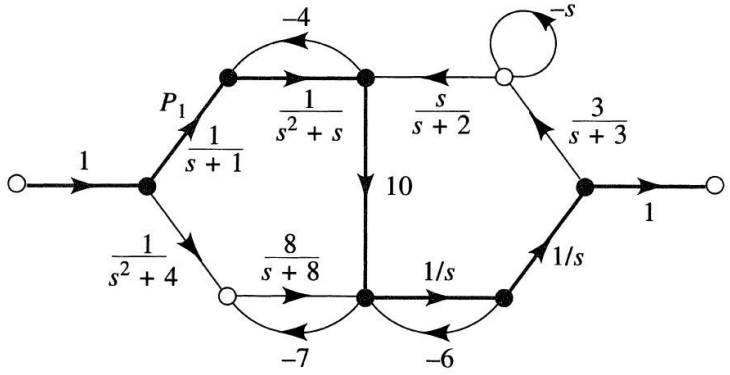
$$T(s) = \frac{p_1\Delta_1 + p_2\Delta_2 + p_3\Delta_3 + \cdots}{\Delta}$$

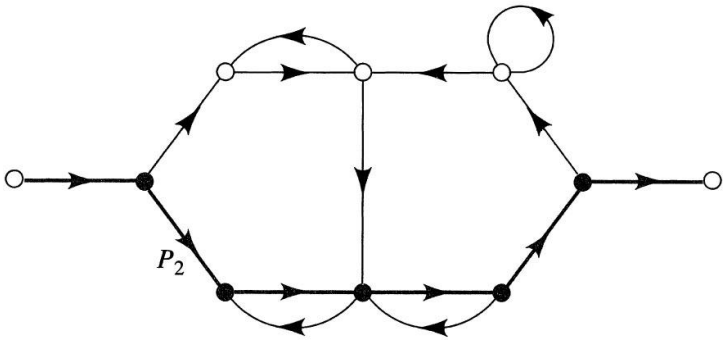
Δ=1-(sum of all loop gains)+(sum of products of gains of all combinations if 2 nontouching loops)- (sum of products of gains of all combinations if 3 nontouching loops)+…

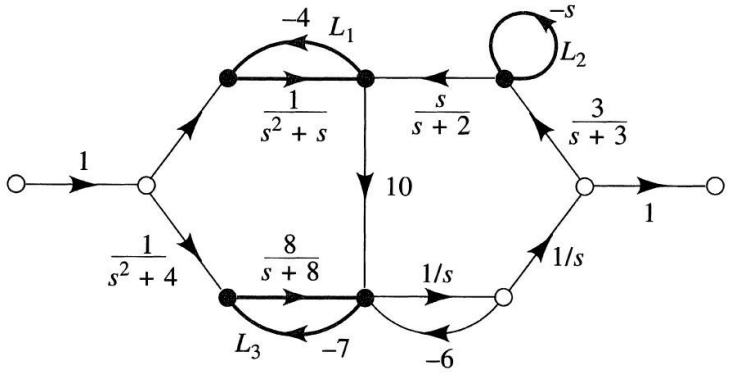
*A **path** is any succession of branches, from input to output, in the direction of the arrows, that does not pass any node more than once.*

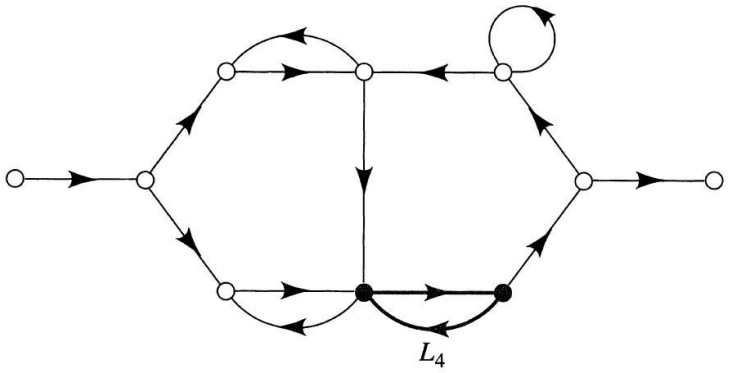
*A **loop** is any closed succession of branches in the direction of the arrows that does not pass any node more than once.*

Example 3


−4
−s
P1
1
1/(s + 1)
1/(s² + s)
s/(s + 2)
3/(s + 3)
10
1
1/(s² + 4)
8/(s + 8)
1/s
1/s
−7
−6


P2


−4
L1
−s
L2
1/(s² + s)
s/(s + 2)
3/(s + 3)
1
10
1
1/(s² + 4)
8/(s + 8)
1/s
1/s
L3
−7
−6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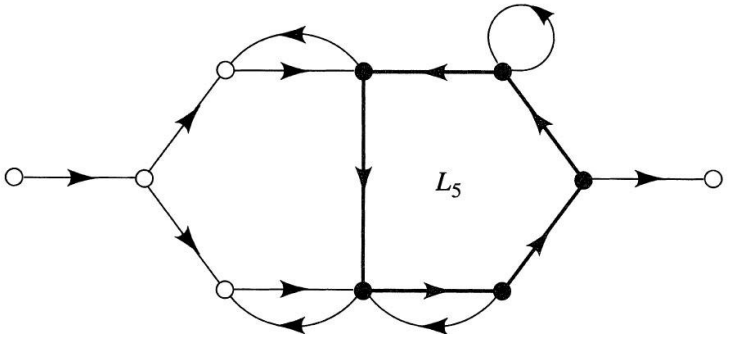
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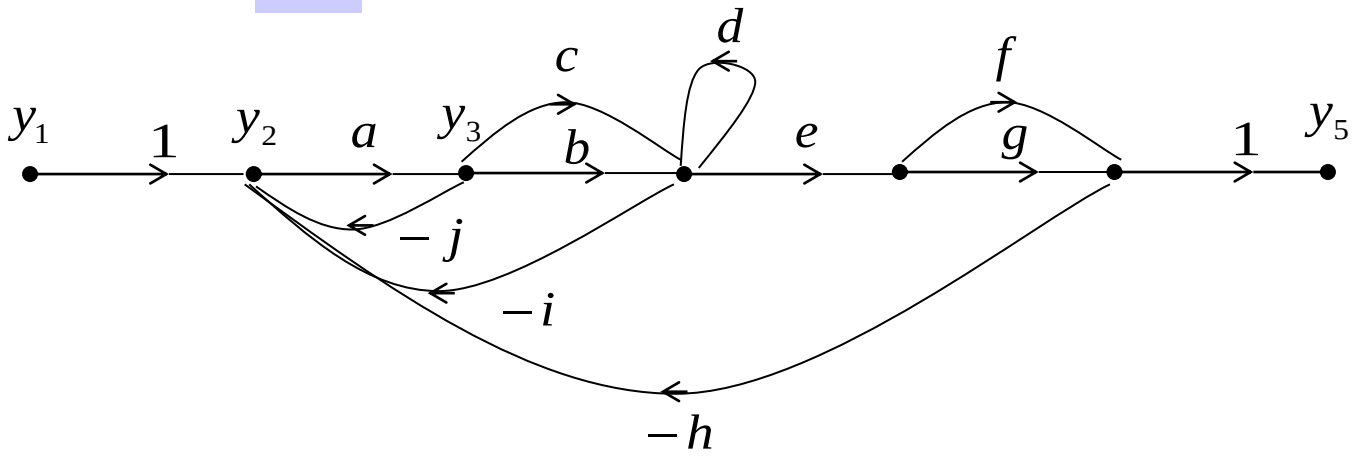
find $\frac{y_5}{y_3}$