

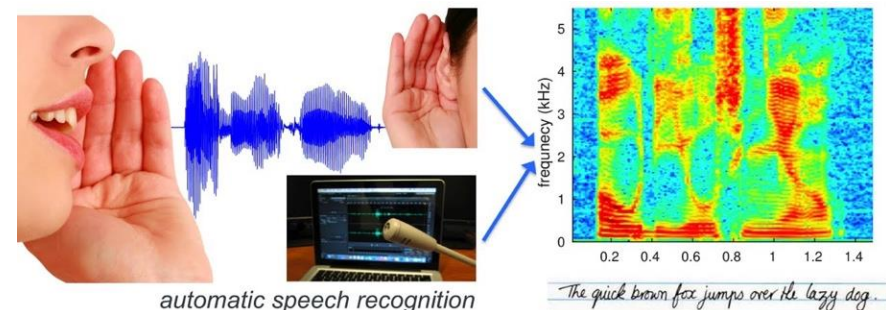
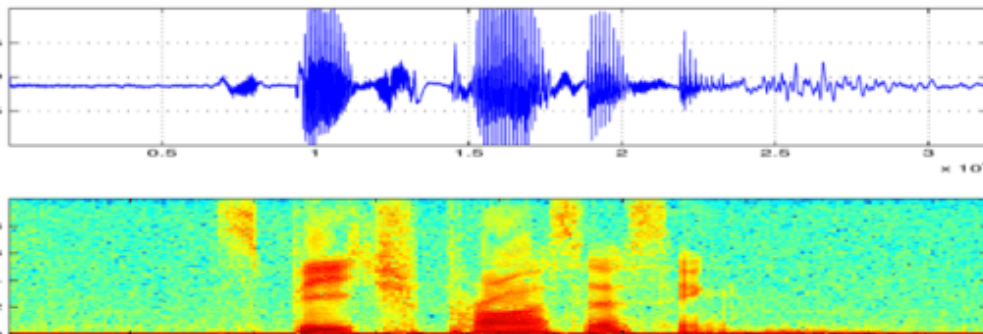


# REDUCTION OF MULTIPLE SUBSYSTEM

## Lecture-07

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# Introduction

Multiple subsystems are represented by the interconnection of many subsystems.

Also known as **Complicated Subsystems**

Represented in two ways:

1. Block diagrams: Used for frequency domain (TF) analysis and design
2. Signal-flow graphs: Used for state-space analysis



# Classifications

Block diagrams are usually used for frequency-domain analysis and design.

Signal-flow graphs for state space analysis and design

Techniques to reduce multiple subsystem to a single transfer function:-

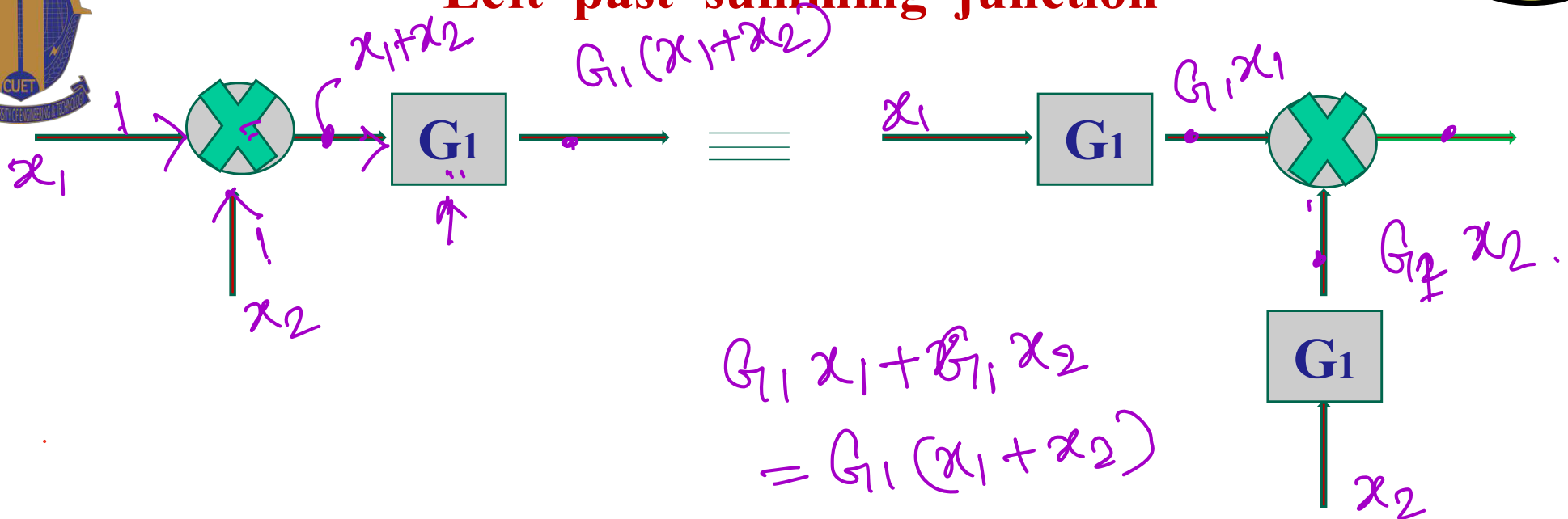
- 1) Block diagram algebra –to reduce block diagrams
- 2) Manson's rule - to reduce signal-flow graphs.



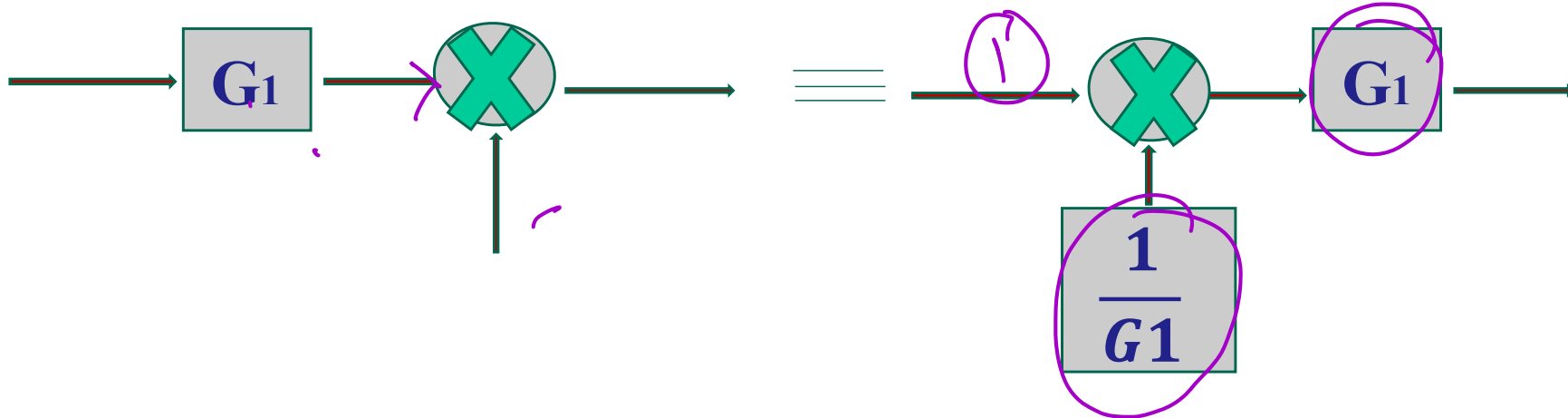
# BLOCK DIAGRAM REDUCTION



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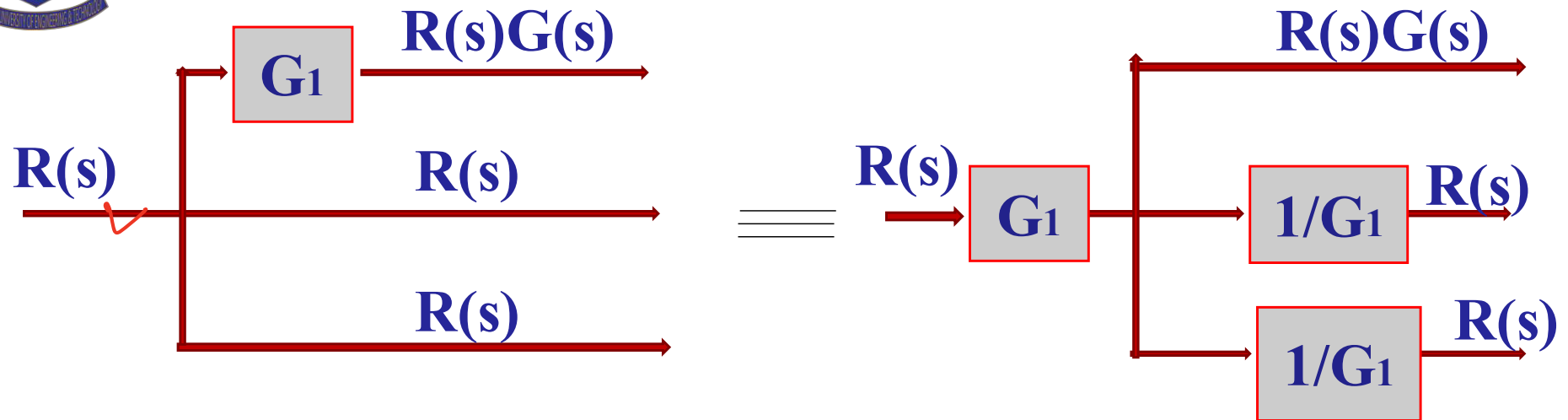


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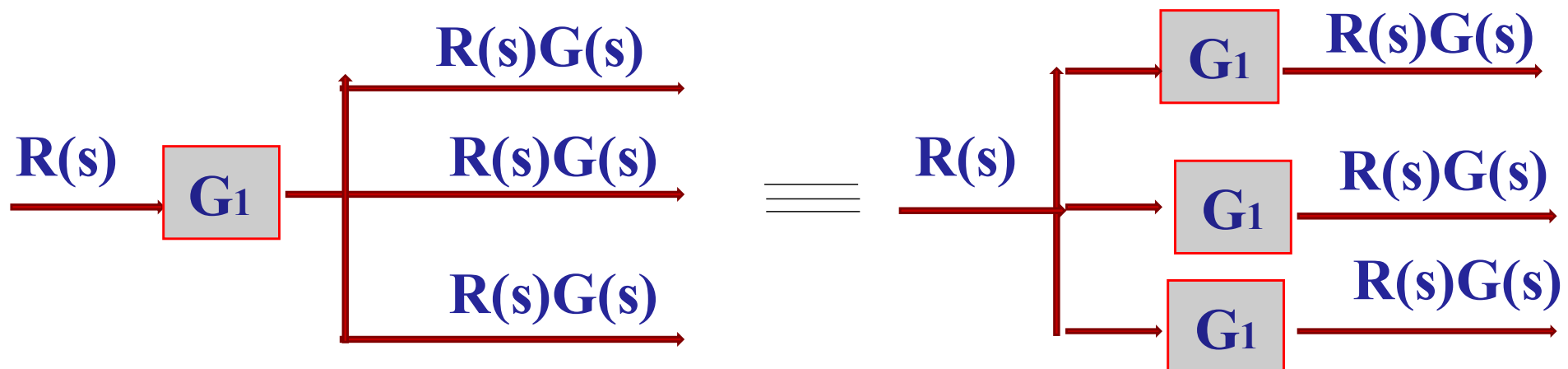




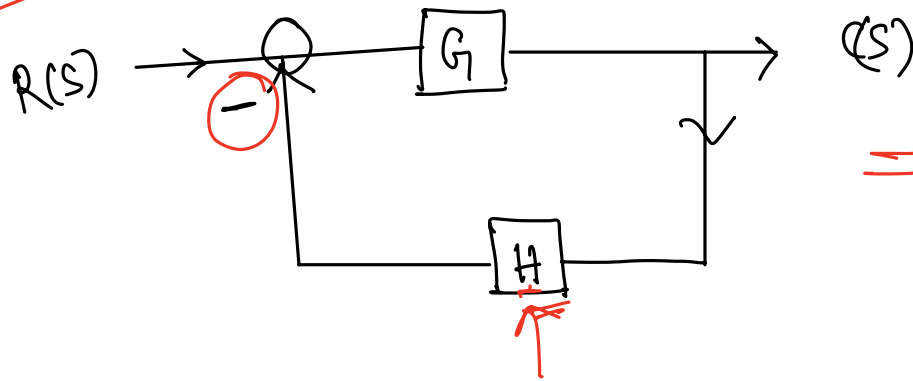
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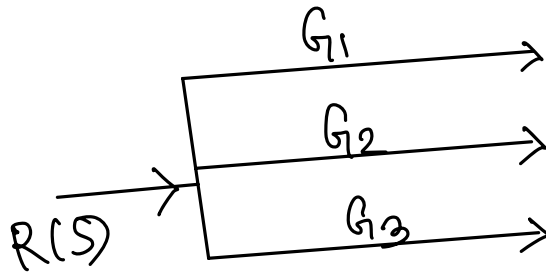
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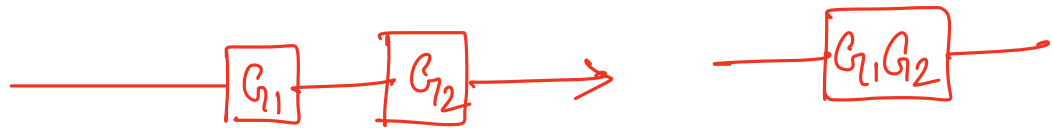
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$$= G_1 + G_2 + G_3$$

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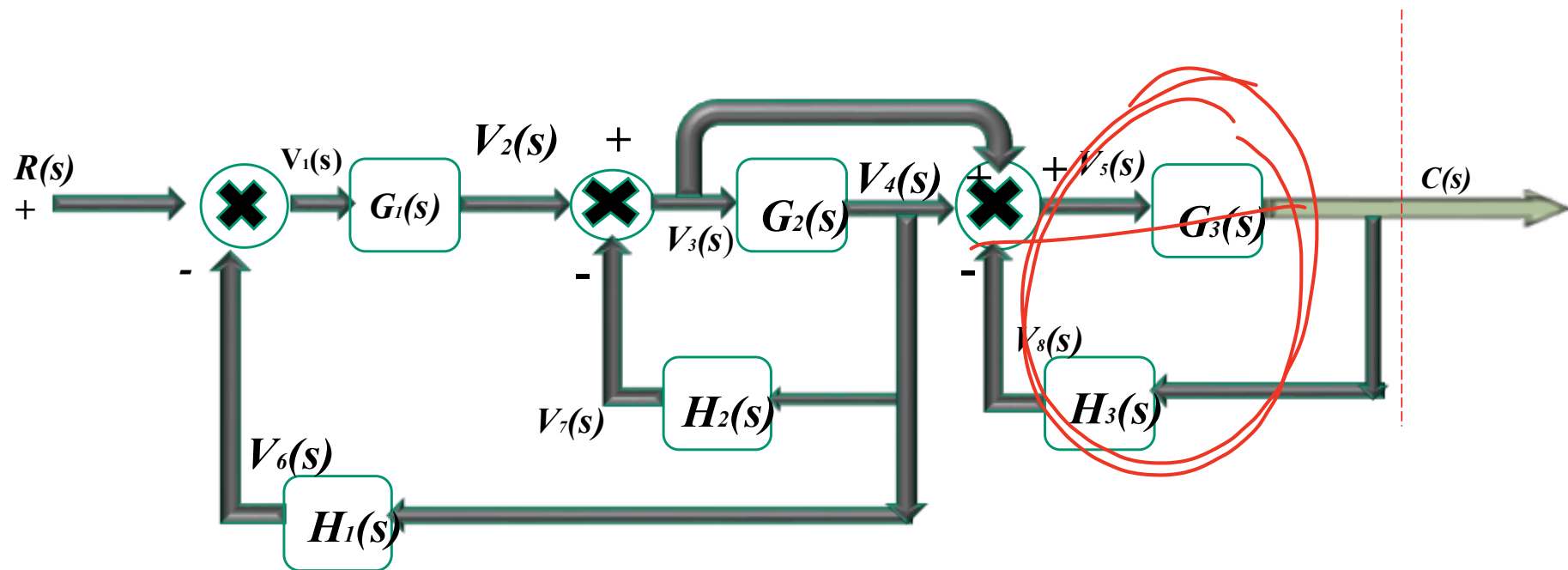






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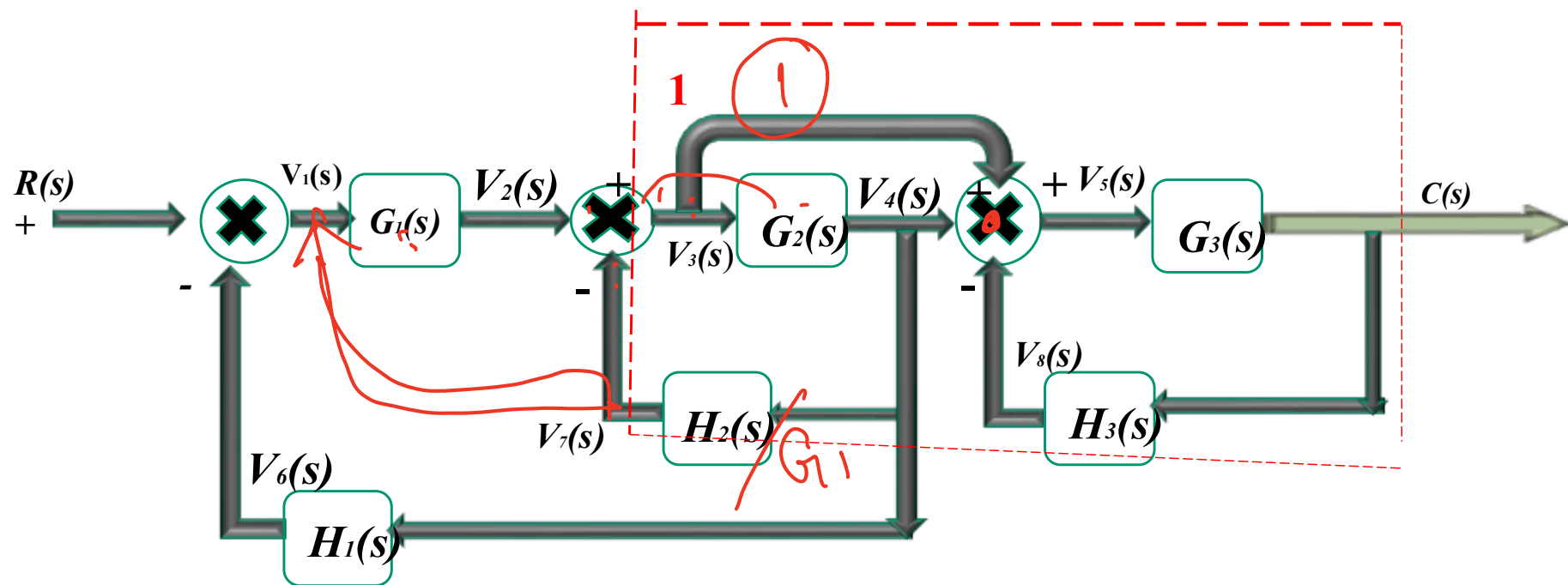
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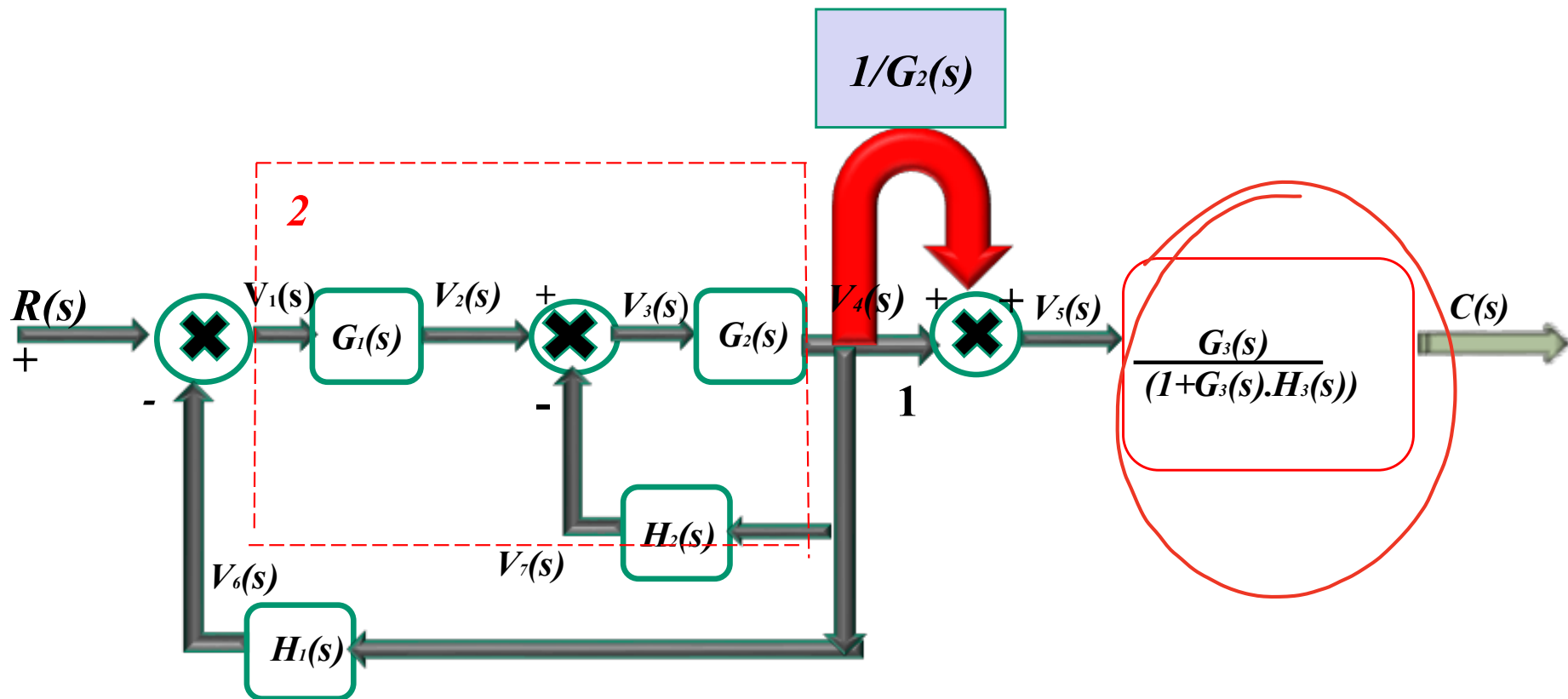
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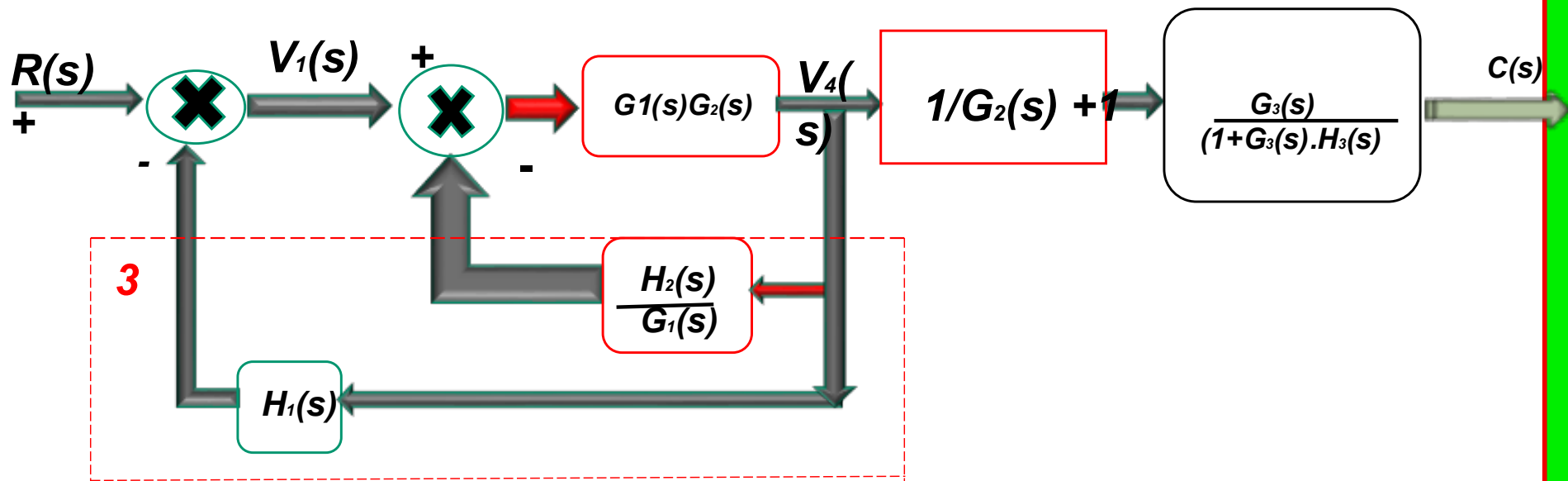
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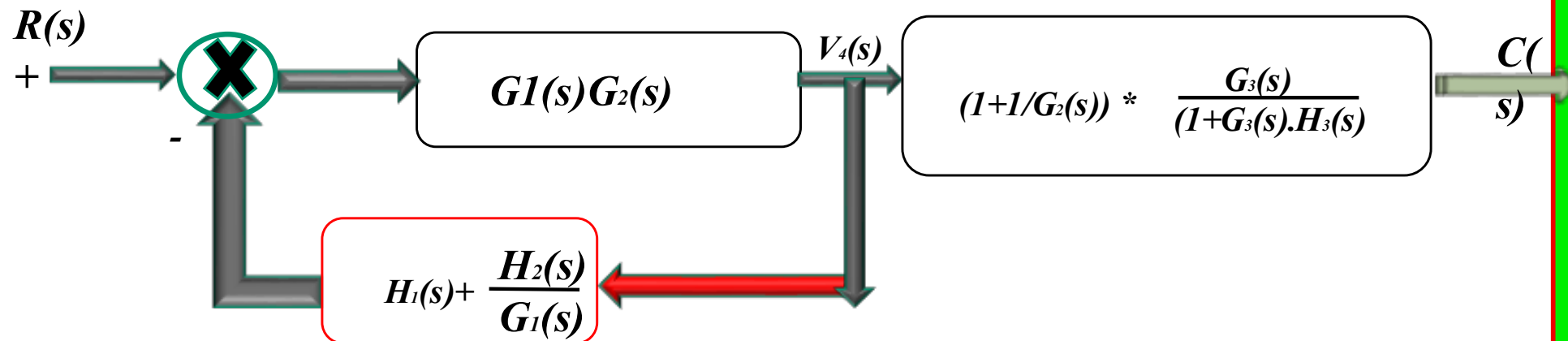
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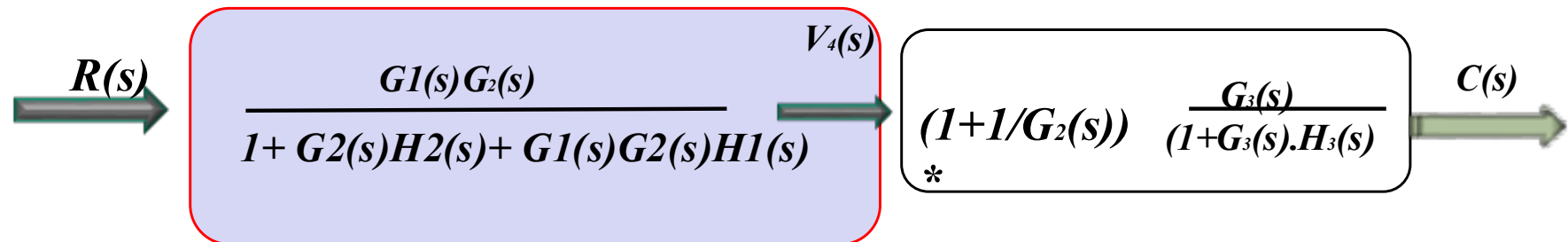
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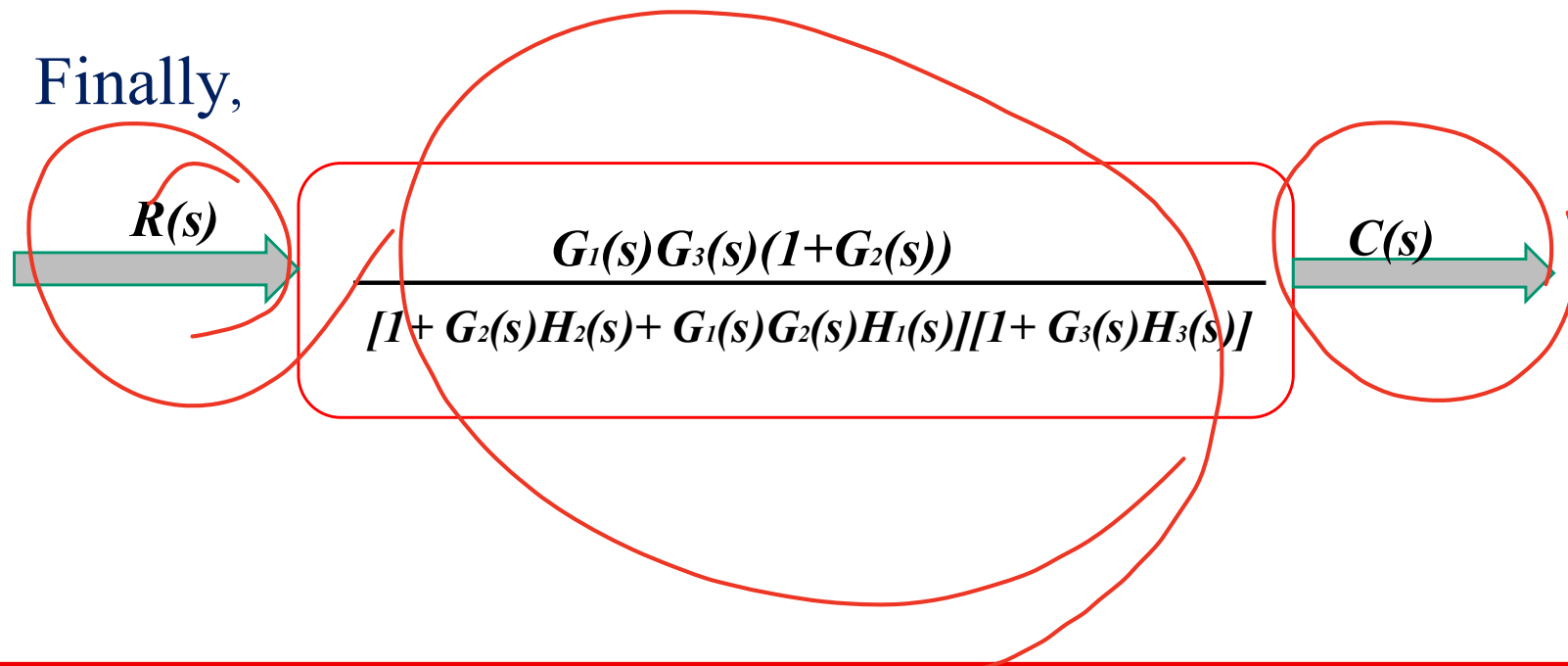


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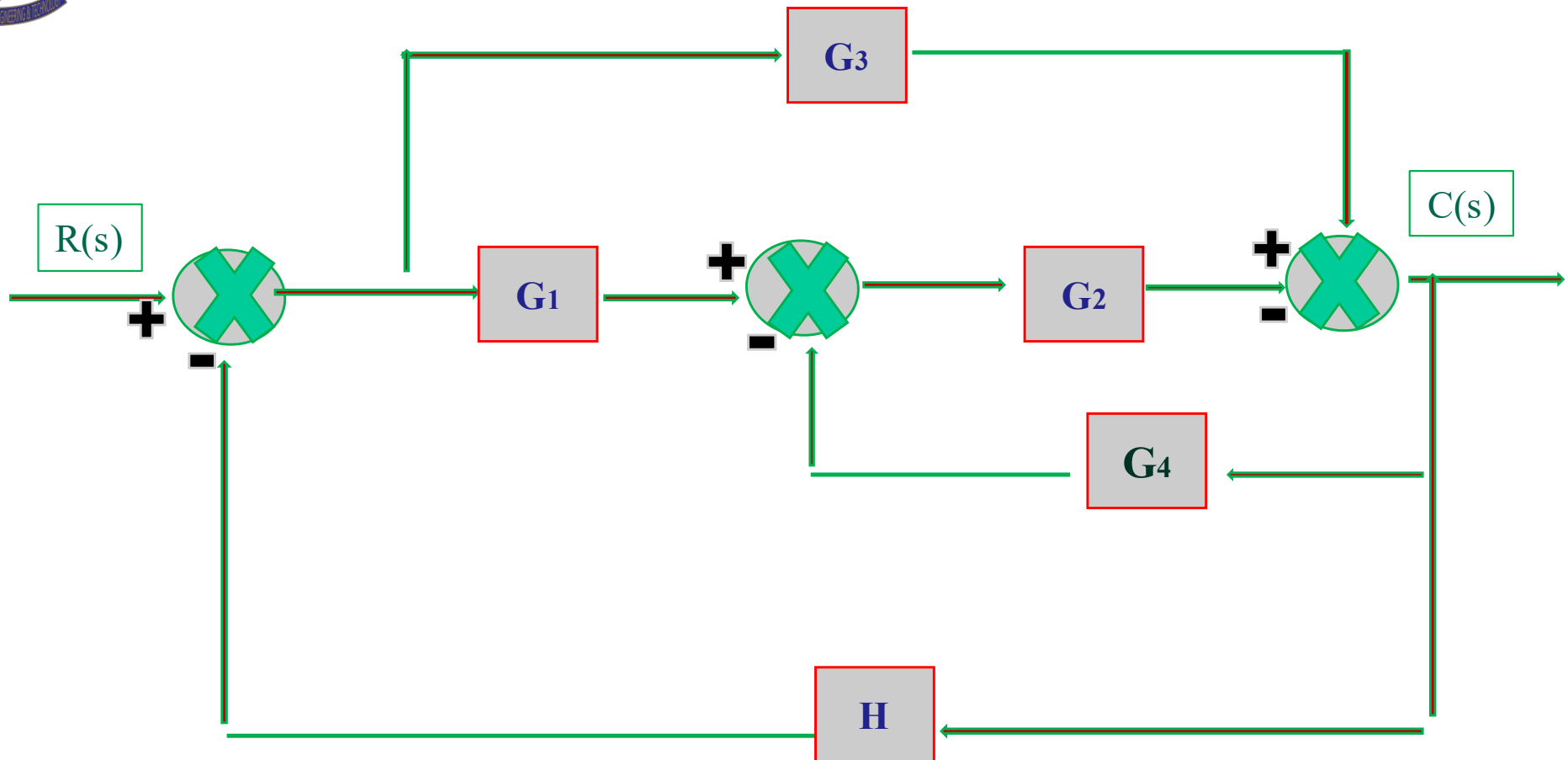


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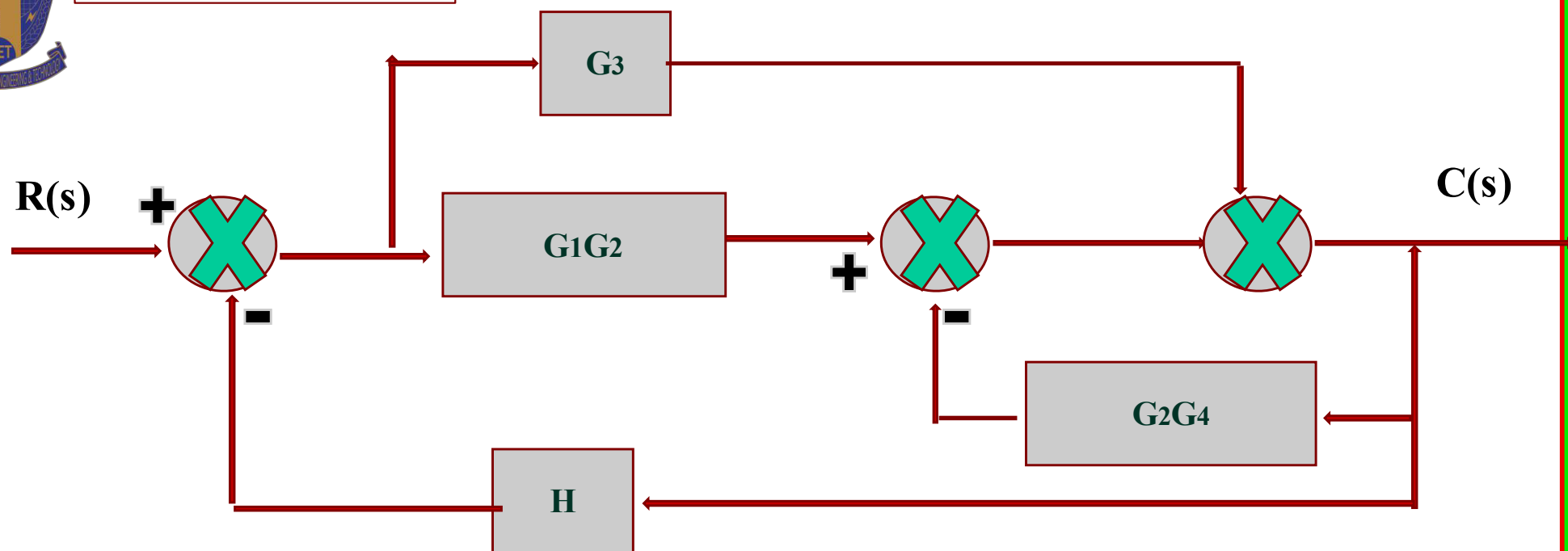


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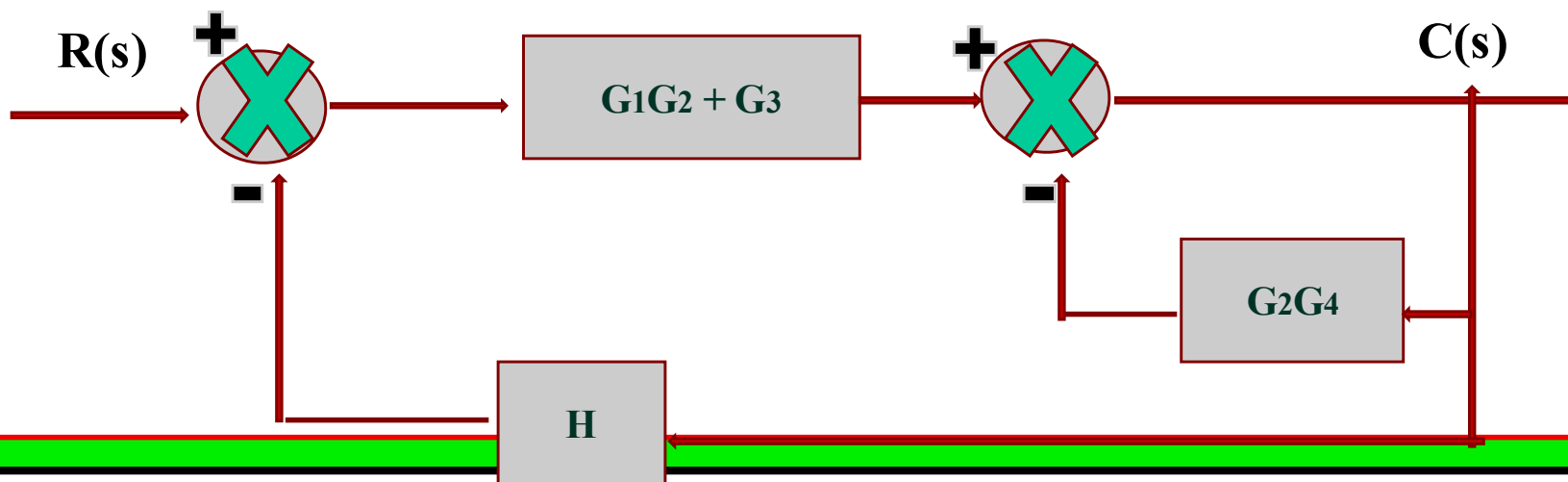




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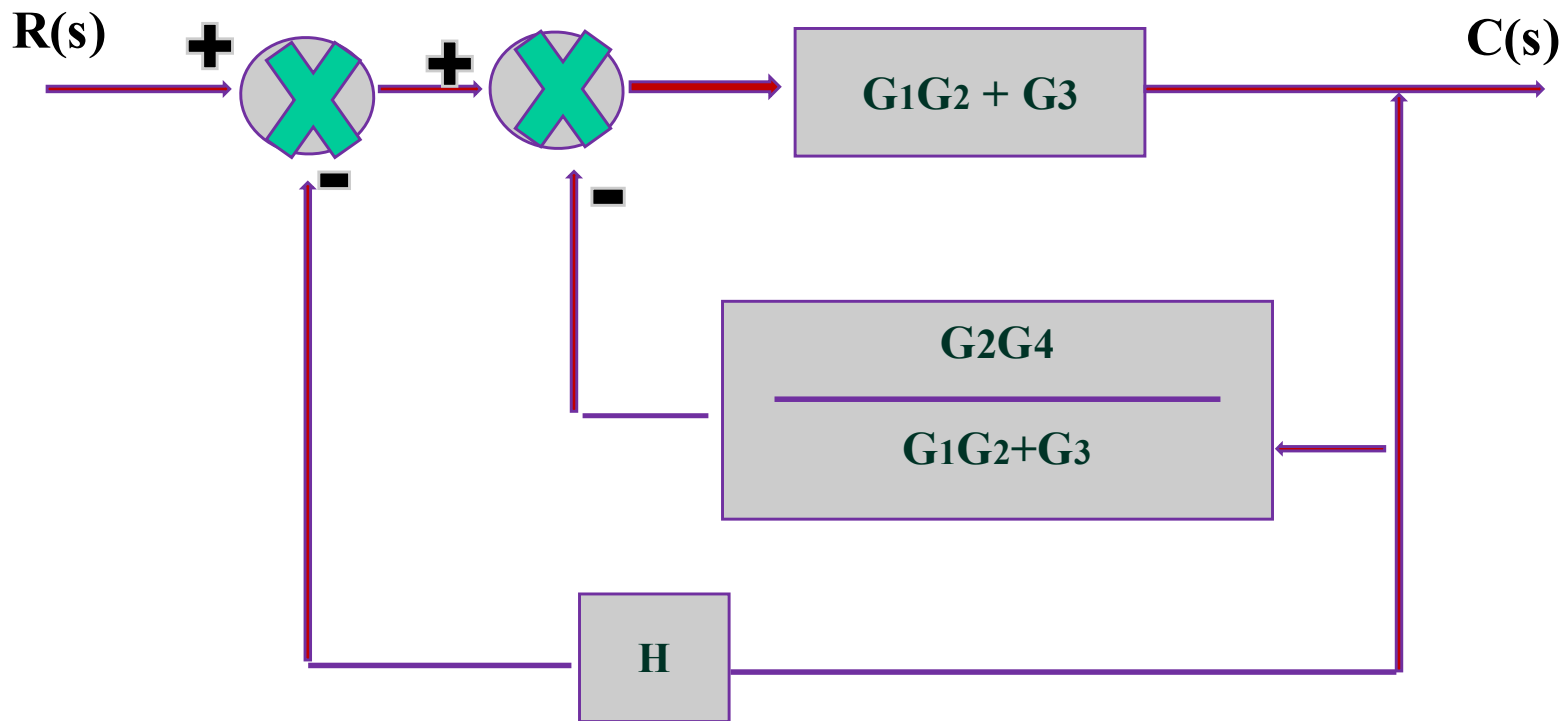
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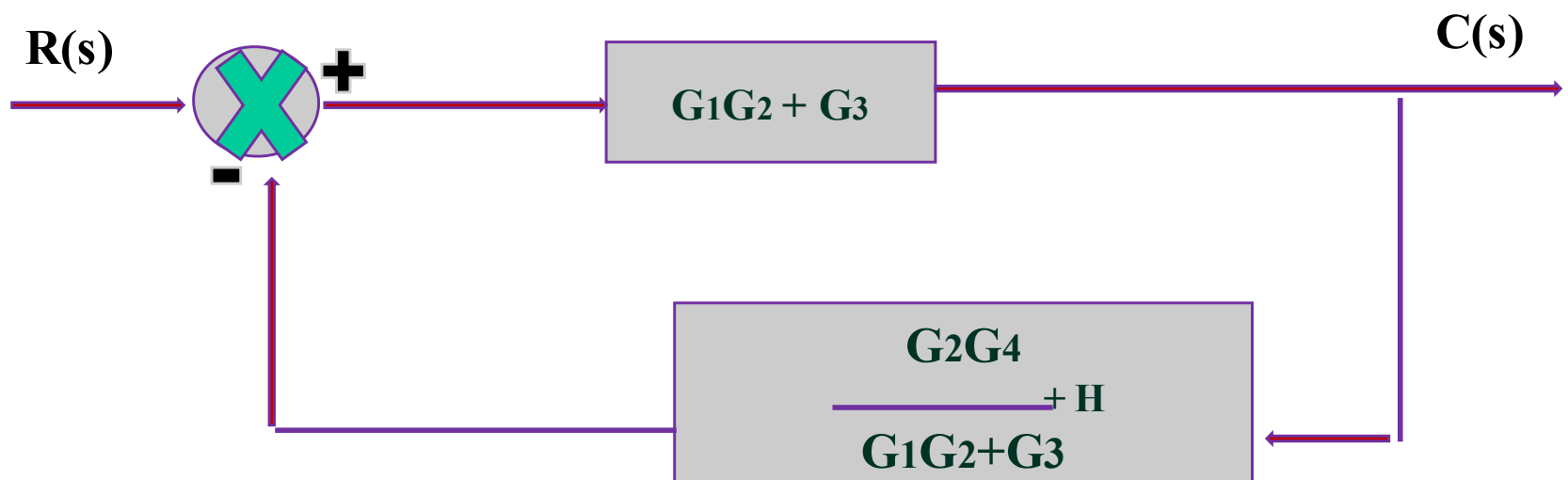




Step 3:



Step 4:





Step 5:

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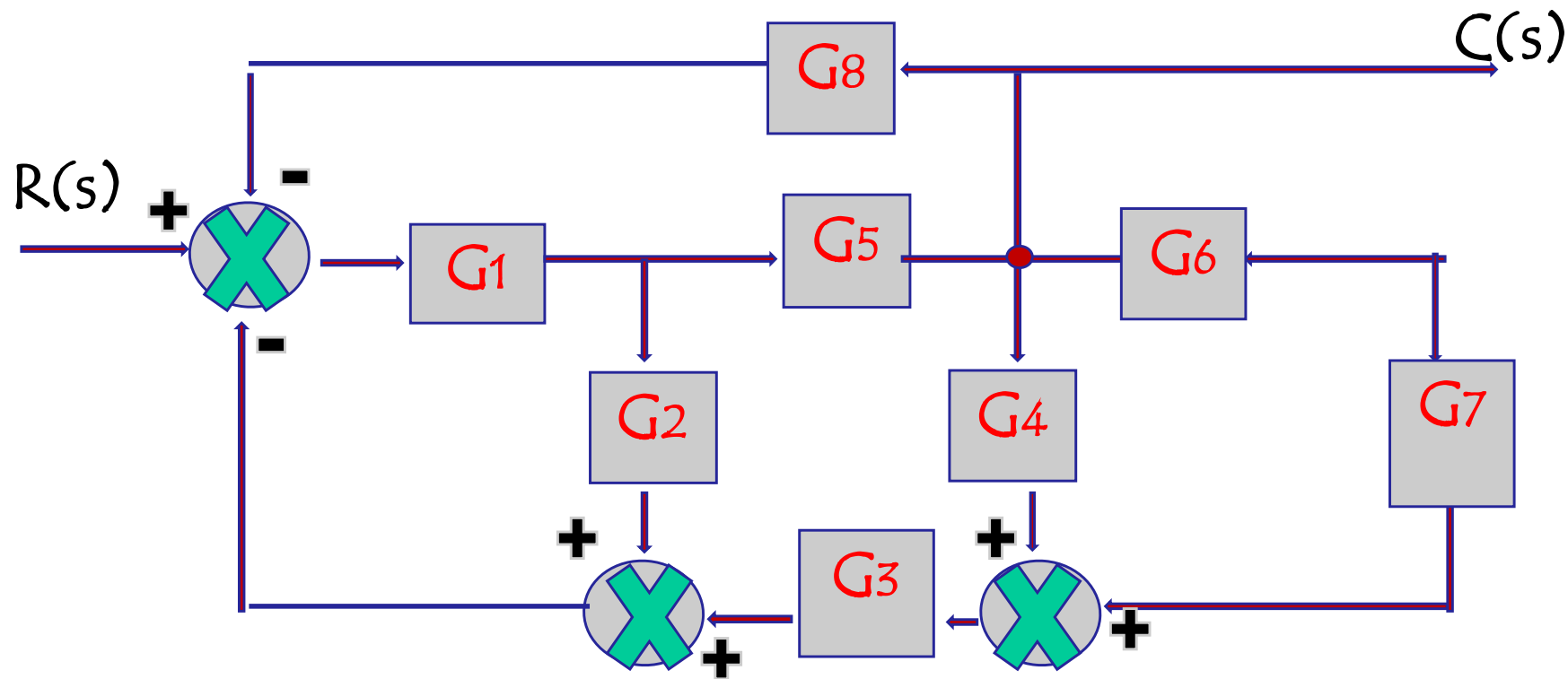
$$\frac{G_1G_2 + G_3}{1 + H(G_3 + G_1G_2) + G_2G_4}$$

$C(s)$



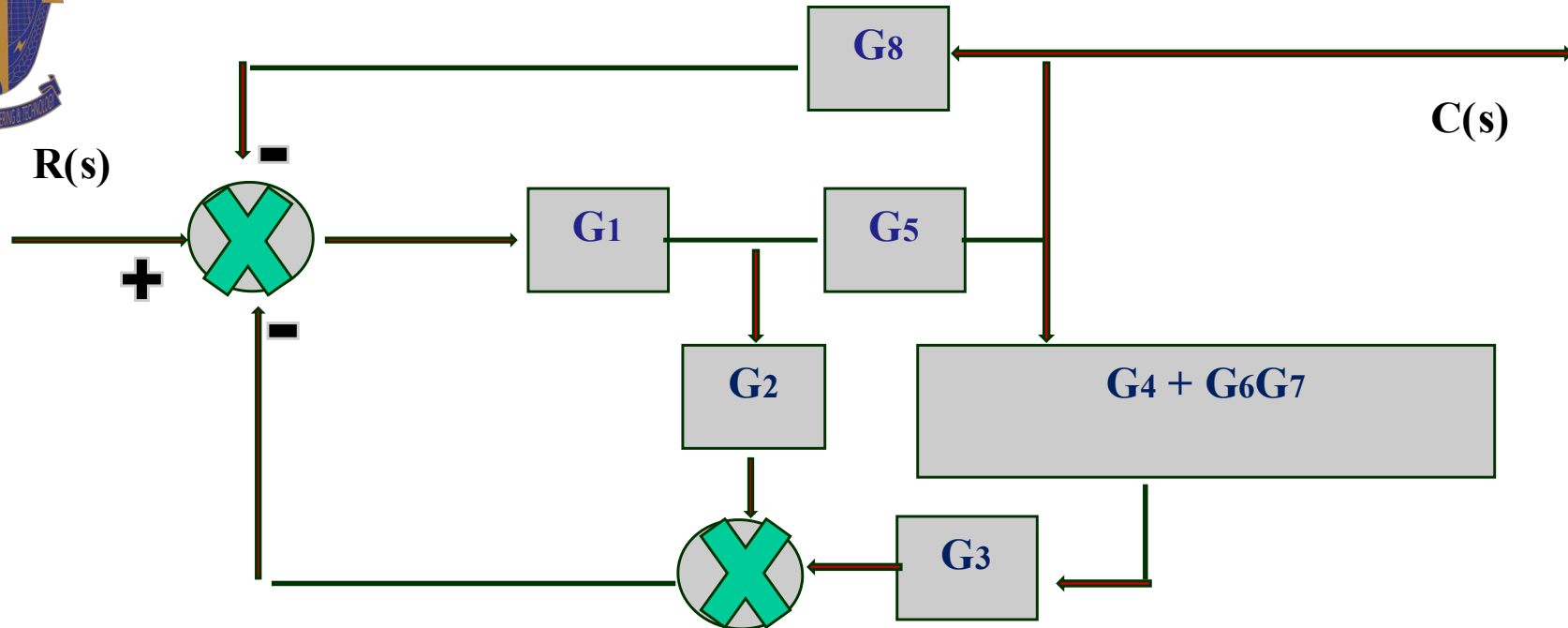


**Problem 6 : Reduce the block diagram to single block  $T(s) = C(s)/R(s)$ .**

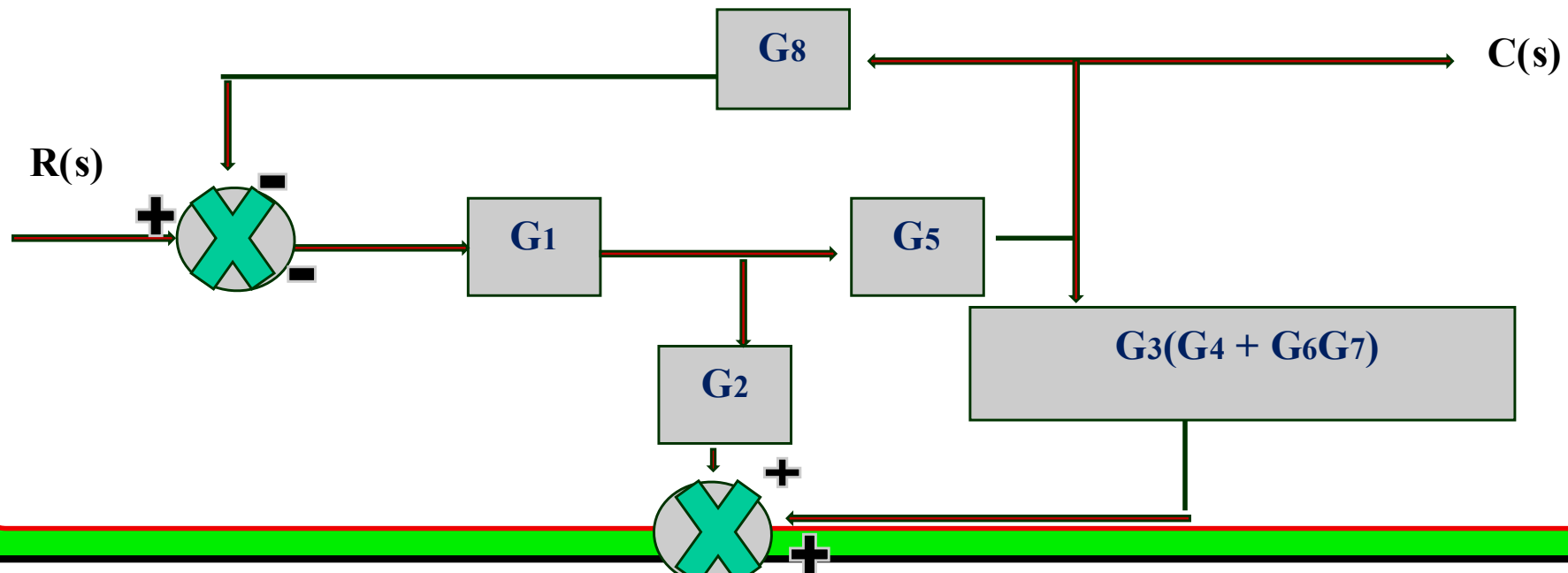




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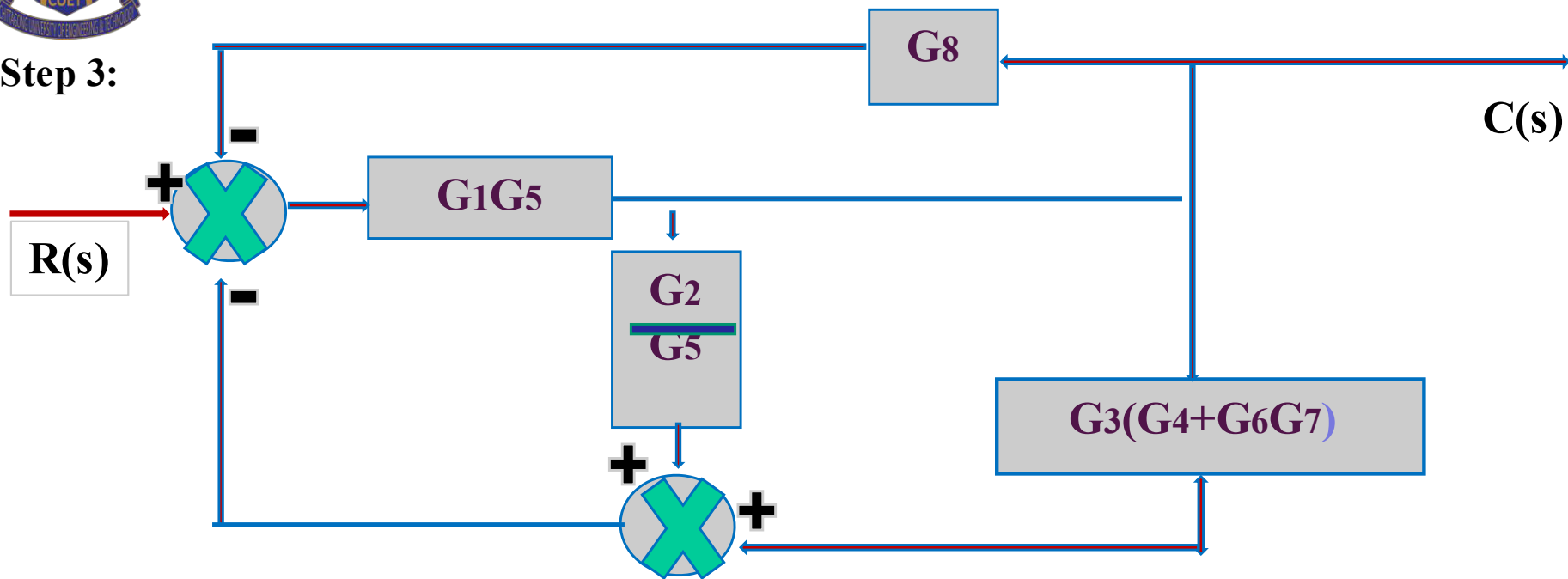


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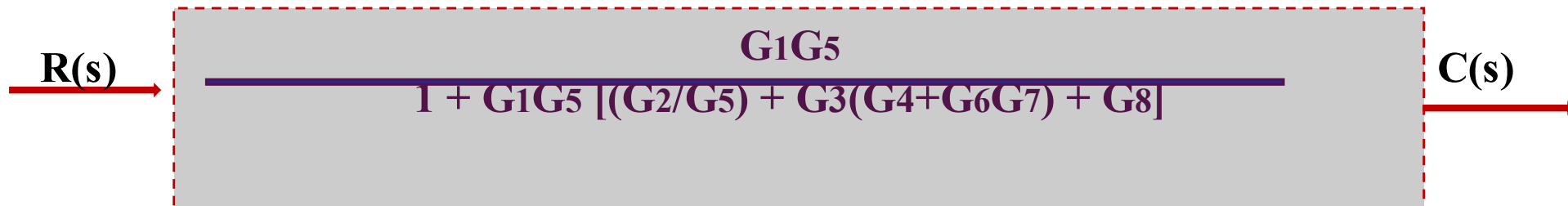




Step 3:



Final Step:



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# Mason's rule

### Skill-Assessment Exercise 5.3

**PROBLEM:** Convert the block diagram of Figure 5.13 to a signal-flow graph.

**ANSWER:** The complete solution is at [www.wiley.com/college/nise](http://www.wiley.com/college/nise).

## 5.5 Mason's Rule

Earlier in this chapter, we discussed how to reduce block diagrams to single transfer functions. Now we are ready to discuss a technique for reducing signal-flow graphs to single transfer functions that relate the output of a system to its input.

The block diagram reduction technique we studied in Section 5.2 requires successive application of fundamental relationships in order to arrive at the system transfer function. On the other hand, Mason's rule for reducing a signal-flow graph to a single transfer function requires the application of one formula. The formula was derived by S. J. Mason when he related the signal-flow graph to the simultaneous equations that can be written from the graph (*Mason, 1953*).

In general, it can be complicated to implement the formula without making mistakes. Specifically, the existence of what we will later call nontouching loops increases the complexity of the formula. However, many systems do not have nontouching loops. For these systems, you may find Mason's rule easier to use than block diagram reduction.

Mason's formula has several components that must be evaluated. First, we must be sure that the definitions of the components are well understood. Then we must exert care in evaluating the components. To that end, we discuss some basic definitions applicable to signal-flow graphs; then we state Mason's rule and do an example.

### Definitions

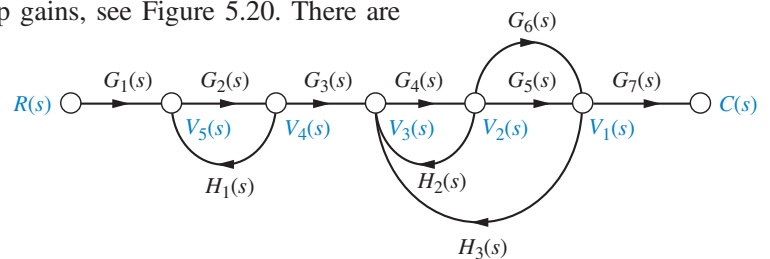
**Loop gain.** The product of branch gains found by traversing a path that starts at a node and ends at the same node, following the direction of the signal flow, without passing through any other node more than once. For examples of loop gains, see Figure 5.20. There are four loop gains:

1.  $G_2(s)H_1(s)$  (5.25a)

2.  $G_4(s)H_2(s)$  (5.25b)

3.  $G_4(s)G_5(s)H_3(s)$  (5.25c)

4.  $G_4(s)G_6(s)H_3(s)$  (5.25d)



**FIGURE 5.20** Signal-flow graph for demonstrating Mason's rule

**Forward-path gain.** The product of gains found by traversing a path from the input node to the output node of the signal-flow graph in the direction of signal flow. Examples of forward-path gains are also shown in Figure 5.20. There are two forward-path gains:

1.  $G_1(s)G_2(s)G_3(s)G_4(s)G_5(s)G_7(s)$  (5.26a)

2.  $G_1(s)G_2(s)G_3(s)G_4(s)G_6(s)G_7(s)$  (5.26b)

**Nontouching loops.** Loops that do not have any nodes in common. In Figure 5.20, loop  $G_2(s)H_1(s)$  does not touch loops  $G_4(s)H_2(s)$ ,  $G_4(s)G_5(s)H_3(s)$ , and  $G_4(s)G_6(s)H_3(s)$ .

**Nontouching-loop gain.** The product of loop gains from nontouching loops taken two, three, four, or more at a time. In Figure 5.20 the product of loop gain  $G_2(s)H_1(s)$  and loop gain



$G_4(s)H_2(s)$  is a nontouching-loop gain taken two at a time. In summary, all three of the nontouching-loop gains taken two at a time are

$$1. [G_2(s)H_1(s)][G_4(s)H_2(s)] \quad (5.27a)$$

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$$3. [G_2(s)H_1(s)][G_4(s)G_6(s)H_3(s)] \quad (5.27c)$$

The product of loop gains  $[G_4(s)G_5(s)H_3(s)][G_4(s)G_6(s)H_3(s)]$  is not a nontouching-loop gain since these two loops have nodes in common. In our example there are no nontouching-loop gains taken three at a time since three nontouching loops do not exist in the example.

We are now ready to state Mason's rule.

### Mason's Rule

The transfer function,  $C(s)/R(s)$ , of a system represented by a signal-flow graph is

$$G(s) = \frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{\sum_k T_k \Delta_k}{\Delta} \quad (5.28)$$

where

$k$  = number of forward paths

$T_k$  = the  $k$ th forward-path gain

$\Delta = 1 - \Sigma \text{ loop gains} + \Sigma \text{ nontouching-loop gains taken two at a time} - \Sigma$   
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taken four at a time  $- \dots$

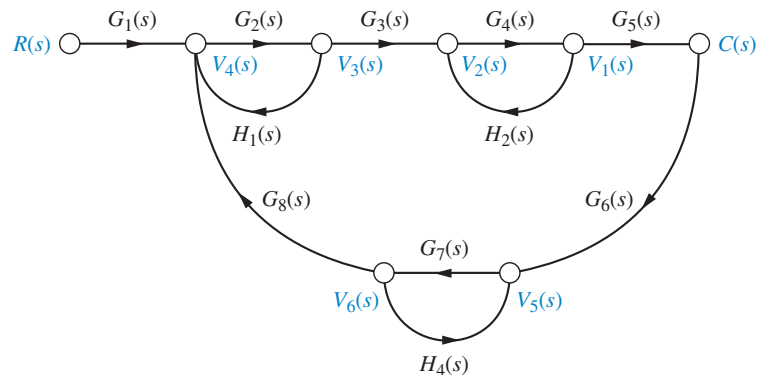
$\Delta_k = \Delta - \Sigma \text{ loop gain terms in } \Delta \text{ that touch the } k\text{th forward path. In other words, } \Delta_k$   
is formed by eliminating from  $\Delta$  those loop gains that touch the  $k$ th forward path.

Notice the alternating signs for the components of  $\Delta$ . The following example will help clarify Mason's rule.

## Example 5.7

### Transfer Function via Mason's Rule

**PROBLEM:** Find the transfer function,  $C(s)/R(s)$ , for the signal-flow graph in Figure 5.21.



**FIGURE 5.21** Signal-flow graph for Example 5.7

**SOLUTION:** First, identify the *forward-path gains*. In this example there is only one:

$$G_1(s)G_2(s)G_3(s)G_4(s)G_5(s) \quad (5.29)$$

Second, identify the *loop gains*. There are four, as follows:

$$1. G_2(s)H_1(s) \quad (5.30a)$$

$$2. G_4(s)H_2(s) \quad (5.30b)$$

$$3. G_7(s)H_4(s) \quad (5.30c)$$

$$4. G_2(s)G_3(s)G_4(s)G_5(s)G_6(s)G_7(s)G_8(s) \quad (5.30d)$$

Third, identify the *nontouching loops taken two at a time*. From Eqs. (5.30) and Figure 5.21, we can see that loop 1 does not touch loop 2, loop 1 does not touch loop 3, and loop 2 does not touch loop 3. Notice that loops 1, 2, and 3 all touch loop 4. Thus, the combinations of nontouching loops taken two at a time are as follows:

$$\text{Loop 1 and loop 2: } G_2(s)H_1(s)G_4(s)H_2(s) \quad (5.31a)$$

$$\text{Loop 1 and loop 3: } G_2(s)H_1(s)G_7(s)H_4(s) \quad (5.31b)$$

$$\text{Loop 2 and loop 3: } G_4(s)H_2(s)G_7(s)H_4(s) \quad (5.31c)$$

Finally, the *nontouching loops taken three at a time* are as follows:

$$\text{Loops 1, 2, and 3: } G_2(s)H_1(s)G_4(s)H_2(s)G_7(s)H_4(s) \quad (5.32)$$

Now, from Eq. (5.28) and its definitions, we form  $\Delta$  and  $\Delta_k$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta = 1 & - [G_2(s)H_1(s) + G_4(s)H_2(s) + G_7(s)H_4(s) \\ & + G_2(s)G_3(s)G_4(s)G_5(s)G_6(s)G_7(s)G_8(s)] \\ & + [G_2(s)H_1(s)G_4(s)H_2(s) + G_2(s)H_1(s)G_7(s)H_4(s) \\ & + G_4(s)H_2(s)G_7(s)H_4(s)] \\ & - [G_2(s)H_1(s)G_4(s)H_2(s)G_7(s)H_4(s)] \end{aligned} \quad (5.33)$$

We form  $\Delta_k$  by eliminating from  $\Delta$  the loop gains that touch the  $k$ th forward path:

$$\Delta_1 = 1 - G_7(s)H_4(s) \quad (5.34)$$

Expressions (5.29), (5.33), and (5.34) are now substituted into Eq. (5.28), yielding the transfer function:

$$G(s) = \frac{T_1 \Delta_1}{\Delta} = \frac{[G_1(s)G_2(s)G_3(s)G_4(s)G_5(s)][1 - G_7(s)H_4(s)]}{\Delta} \quad (5.35)$$

Since there is only one forward path,  $G(s)$  consists of only one term, rather than a sum of terms, each coming from a forward path.

## Skill-Assessment Exercise 5.4

**PROBLEM:** Use Mason's rule to find the transfer function of the signal-flow diagram shown in Figure 5.19(c). Notice that this is the same system used in Example 5.2 to find the transfer function via block diagram reduction.

**ANSWER:**

$$T(s) = \frac{G_1(s)G_3(s)[1 + G_2(s)]}{[1 + G_2(s)H_2(s) + G_1(s)G_2(s)H_1(s)][1 + G_3(s)H_3(s)]}$$

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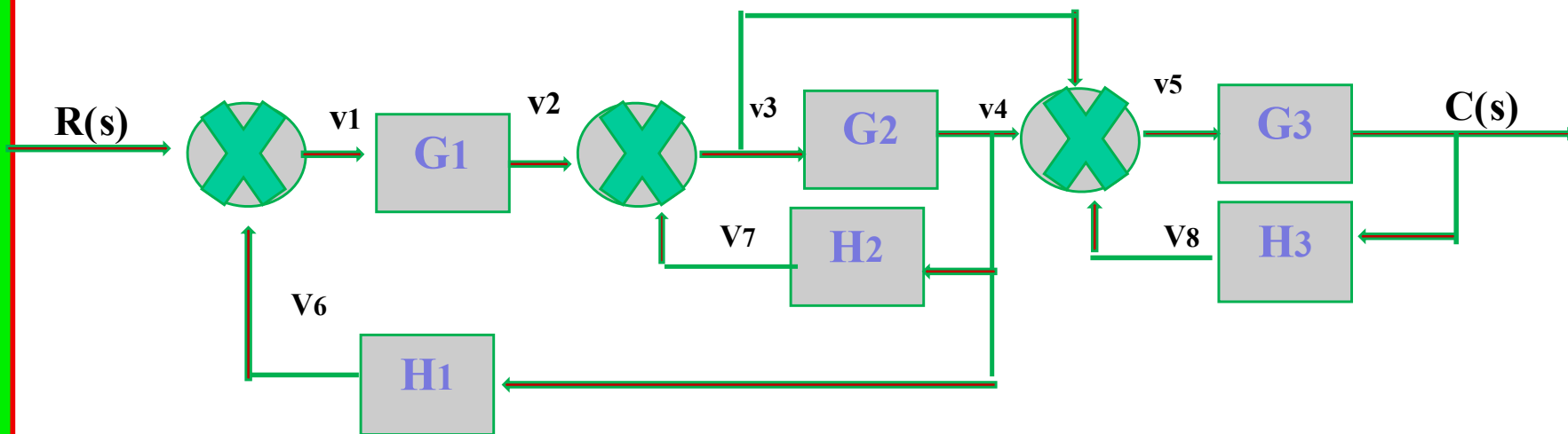
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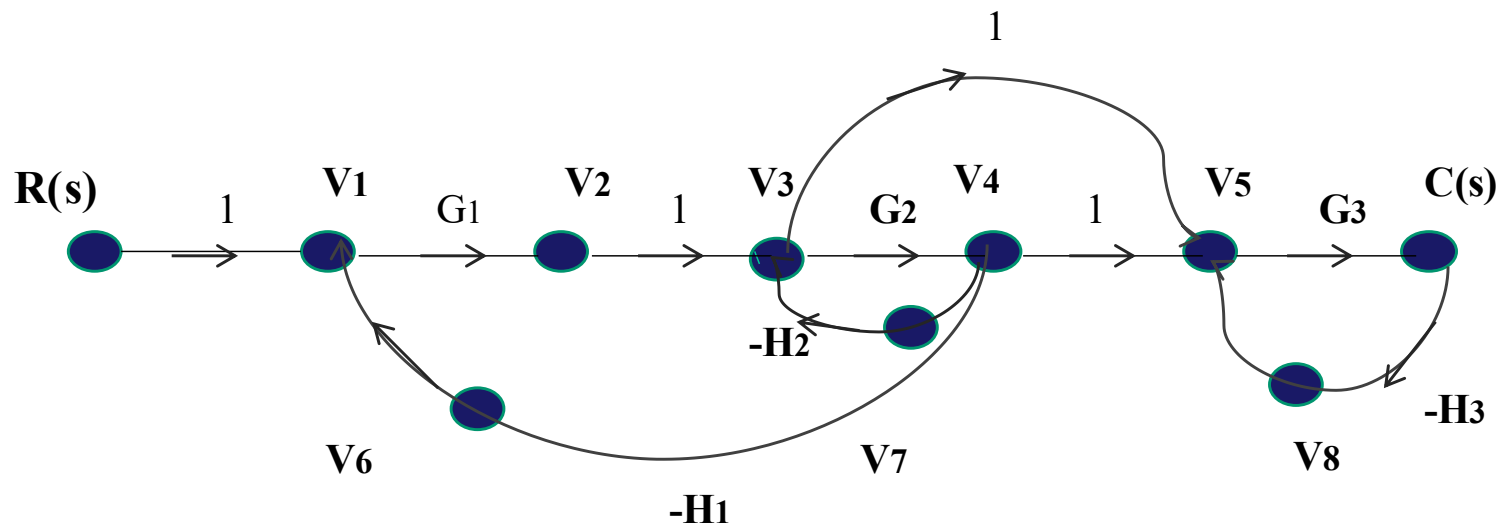
$\Delta_k = \Delta - \sum \text{loop gains terms in } \Delta \text{ that touch the } k^{\text{th}} \text{ forward Path}$



## Exercise 5.4: Use Mason's rule to find the transfer Function from the signal flow diagram.



Solution:





**Forward path gains:  $G_1G_2G_3$  and  $G_1G_3$**

**Loop gains:  $-G_1G_2H_1$ ,  $-G_2H_2$  and  $-G_3H_3$**

**Non-touching loops:  $G_1G_2G_3H_1H_3$  and  $G_2G_3H_2H_3$**

$$\Delta = 1 + G_1G_2H_1 + G_3H_2 + G_3H_3 + G_1G_2G_3H_1H_3 + G_2G_3H_2H_3$$

**Finally  $\Delta_1 = 1$  and  $\Delta_2 = 1$ .**

$$T(s) = C(s) / R(s) = \sum T_k \Delta_k / \Delta$$

$$\frac{G_1G_3[1 + G_2]}{\Delta}$$

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## Loop gain:

starting & ending point same.

Forward path gain different way of reaching to output from input

Non touching loop gain taking two at a time  
" " " " " three " "

$$G(s) = \frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{\sum T_k \Delta_k}{\Delta}$$

$T_k = k^{\text{th}}$  no. of forward path gain.

$\rightarrow$  No. of forward path.

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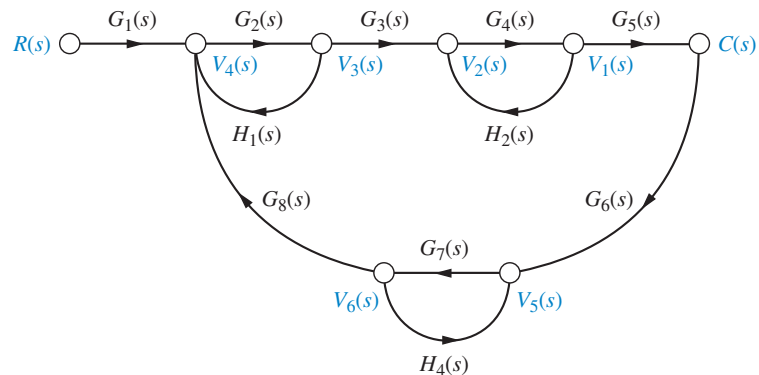
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$$\text{Loops 1, 2, and 3: } G_2(s)H_1(s)G_4(s)H_2(s)G_7(s)H_4(s) \quad (5.32)$$

Now, from Eq. (5.28) and its definitions, we form  $\Delta$  and  $\Delta_k$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta = 1 & - [G_2(s)H_1(s) + G_4(s)H_2(s) + G_7(s)H_4(s) \\ & + G_2(s)G_3(s)G_4(s)G_5(s)G_6(s)G_7(s)G_8(s)] \\ & + [G_2(s)H_1(s)G_4(s)H_2(s) + G_2(s)H_1(s)G_7(s)H_4(s) \\ & + G_4(s)H_2(s)G_7(s)H_4(s)] \\ & - [G_2(s)H_1(s)G_4(s)H_2(s)G_7(s)H_4(s)] \end{aligned} \quad (5.33)$$

We form  $\Delta_k$  by eliminating from  $\Delta$  the loop gains that touch the  $k$ th forward path:

$$\Delta_1 = 1 - G_7(s)H_4(s) \quad (5.34)$$

Expressions (5.29), (5.33), and (5.34) are now substituted into Eq. (5.28), yielding the transfer function:

$$G(s) = \frac{T_1 \Delta_1}{\Delta} = \frac{[G_1(s)G_2(s)G_3(s)G_4(s)G_5(s)][1 - G_7(s)H_4(s)]}{\Delta} \quad (5.35)$$

Since there is only one forward path,  $G(s)$  consists of only one term, rather than a sum of terms, each coming from a forward path.

## Skill-Assessment Exercise 5.4

**PROBLEM:** Use Mason's rule to find the transfer function of the signal-flow diagram shown in Figure 5.19(c). Notice that this is the same system used in Example 5.2 to find the transfer function via block diagram reduction.

**ANSWER:**

$$T(s) = \frac{G_1(s)G_3(s)[1 + G_2(s)]}{[1 + G_2(s)H_2(s) + G_1(s)G_2(s)H_1(s)][1 + G_3(s)H_3(s)]}$$

The complete solution is at [www.wiley.com/college/nise](http://www.wiley.com/college/nise).

25. Repeat Problem 24 for

$$G(s) = \frac{20}{s(s-2)(s+5)(s+8)}$$

[Section: 5.7]

26. Using Mason's rule, find the transfer function,  $T(s) = C(s)/R(s)$ , for the system represented in Figure P5.22. [Section: 5.5]

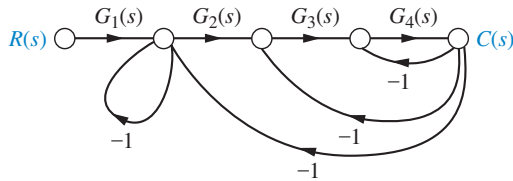


FIGURE P5.22

27. Using Mason's rule, find the transfer function,  $T(s) = C(s)/R(s)$ , for the system represented by Figure P5.23. [Section: 5.5]

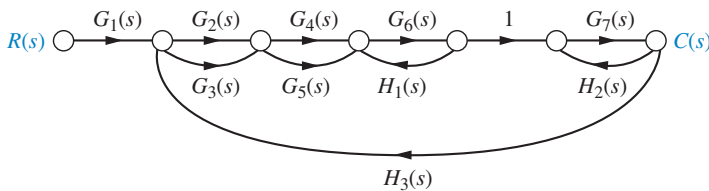


FIGURE P5.23

28. Use Mason's rule to find the transfer function of Figure 5.13 in the text. [Section: 5.5]
29. Use block diagram reduction to find the transfer function of Figure 5.21 in the text, and compare your answer with that obtained by Mason's rule. [Section: 5.5]
30. Represent the following systems in state space in Jordan canonical form. Draw the signal-flow graphs. [Section: 5.7]

a.  $G(s) = \frac{(s+1)(s+2)}{(s+3)^2(s+4)}$

b.  $G(s) = \frac{(s+2)}{(s+5)^2(s+7)^2}$

c.  $G(s) = \frac{(s+4)}{(s+2)^2(s+5)(s+6)}$

31. Represent the systems below in state space in phase-variable form. Draw the signal-flow graphs. [Section: 5.7]

a.  $G(s) = \frac{s+3}{s^2+2s+7}$

b.  $G(s) = \frac{s^2+2s+6}{s^3+5s^2+2s+1}$

c.  $G(s) = \frac{s^3+2s^2+7s+1}{s^4+3s^3+5s^2+6s+4}$

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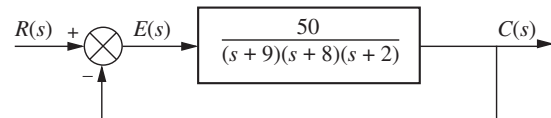
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32. Repeat Problem 31 and represent each system in controller canonical and observer canonical forms. [Section: 5.7]

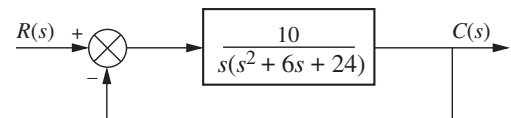
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33. Represent the feedback control systems shown in Figure P5.24 in state space. When possible, represent the open-loop transfer functions separately in cascade and complete the feedback loop with the signal path from output to input. Draw your signal-flow graph to be in one-to-one correspondence to the block diagrams (as close as possible). [Section: 5.7]

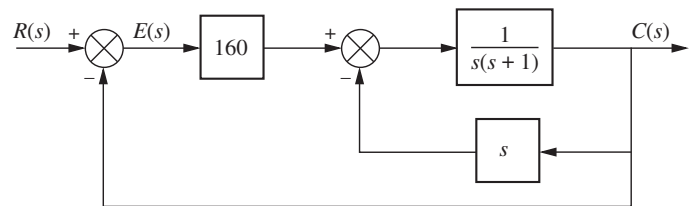
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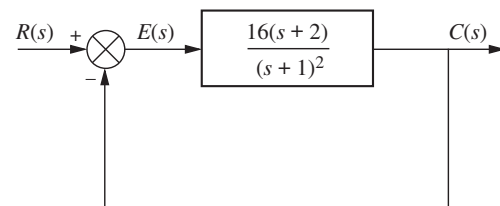
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

FIGURE P5.24

34. You are given the system shown in Figure P5.25. [Section: 5.7]

State Space  
SS

- a. Represent the system in state space in phase-variable form.
- b. Represent the system in state space in any other form besides phase-variable.

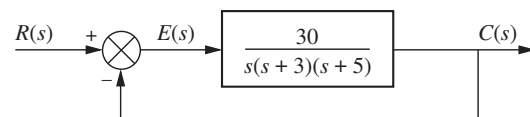


FIGURE P5.25



## Assignment

**Example 5.1 , 5.2, 5.7,**

**Skill assessment**

**5.1,5.4**

**Problem**

**1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10**

**Reference**

**Control System Engineering by Norman-Nise**



Thank you!  
Question ?

