

## Lecture 5a: Combinations of Systems

... in which we send the output of one system to the input of another system, or back to itself.

### I. Review of System Representation

#### A. General Nonlinear Systems

$$\dot{\vec{x}} = f(\vec{x})$$

#### B. Nonlinear Systems with I/O

$$\dot{\vec{x}} = f(\vec{x}, u)$$

$$y = g(\vec{x})$$

#### C. Linear Systems

(a)  $\dot{\vec{x}} = A\vec{x}$

(b)  $a_{ij}\ddot{y}_{ij} + b_{ij}\dot{y}_{ij} + c_j y_j = 0$

(c)  $a s^2 Y(s) + b s Y(s) + c Y(s) = U(s)$

## D. Linear Systems with I/O

$$\textcircled{a} \quad \begin{cases} \dot{\vec{x}} = A\vec{x} + Bu \\ y = C\vec{x} \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad a_{ij}y_j + b_{ij} + c_j y = u$$

$$\textcircled{c} \quad T(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{U(s)}$$

$\textcircled{a} \leftrightarrow \textcircled{b}$  via a choice of state (e.g.  $x_1 = y$ ,  $x_2 = \dot{y}$ )

$$\textcircled{a} \rightarrow \textcircled{c} \quad \text{via } T(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B$$

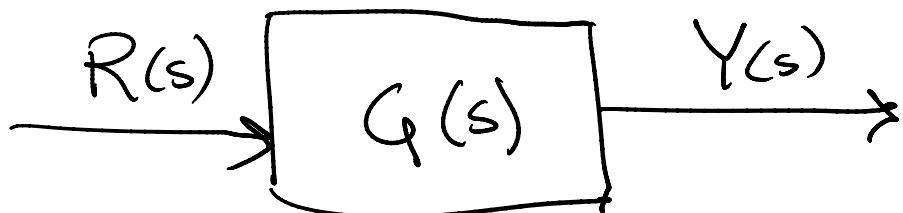
$\textcircled{c} \rightarrow \textcircled{a}$ ; we'll work this out soon

## II. Block Diagrams

The transfer function

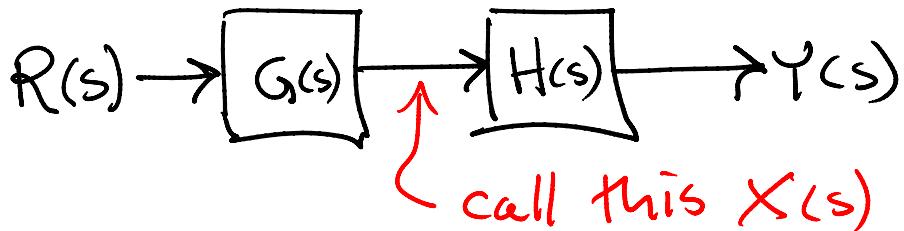
$$G(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{\text{Output}}{\text{Input}}$$

is represented by a block



- Blocks can be combined in series, parallel, in loops and by summing inputs
- Each combination can be rewritten as a single block.

## A. Series



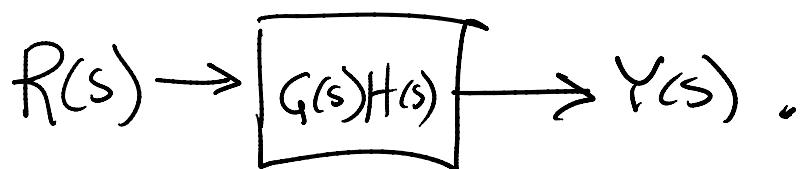
To determine the resulting transfer function, use the definitions

$$G(s) = \frac{X(s)}{R(s)} \quad \& \quad H(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)}$$

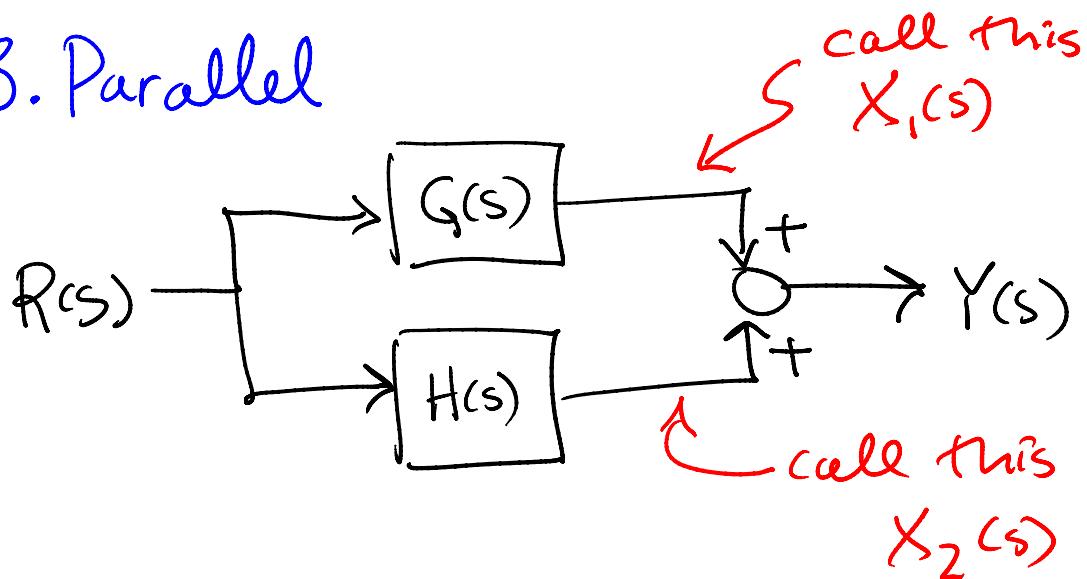
So

$$\frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{H(s)X(s)}{X(s)/G(s)} = \boxed{G(s)H(s)}$$

So the resulting system is



## B. Parallel



Once again, appeal to the definitions.

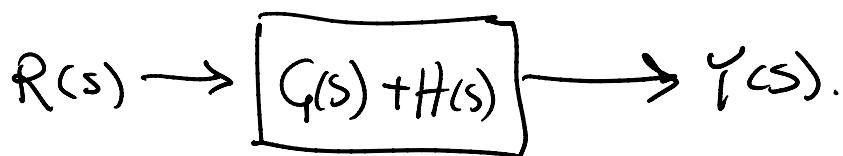
$$X_1 = RG$$

$$X_2 = RH$$

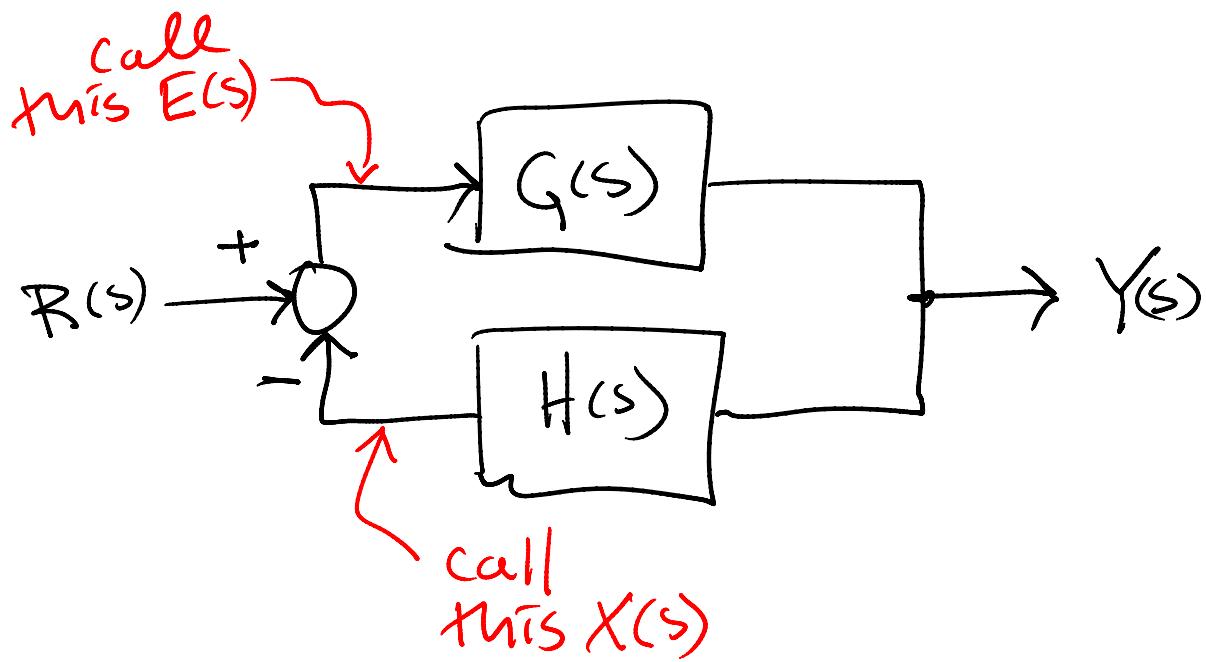
$$Y = X_1 + X_2 = RG + RH$$

$$\frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = G(s) + H(s)$$

So the resulting system is



## C. Feedback



$$Y = E G$$

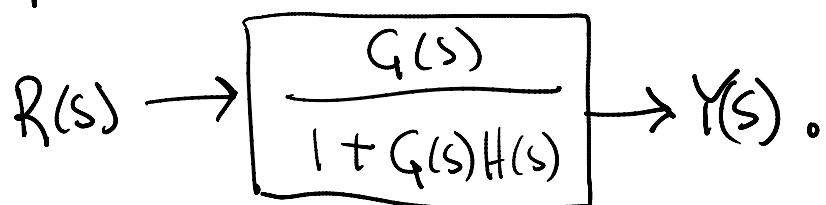
$$= (R - X) G$$

$$= (R - YH) G$$

$$Y(1 + GH) = RG$$

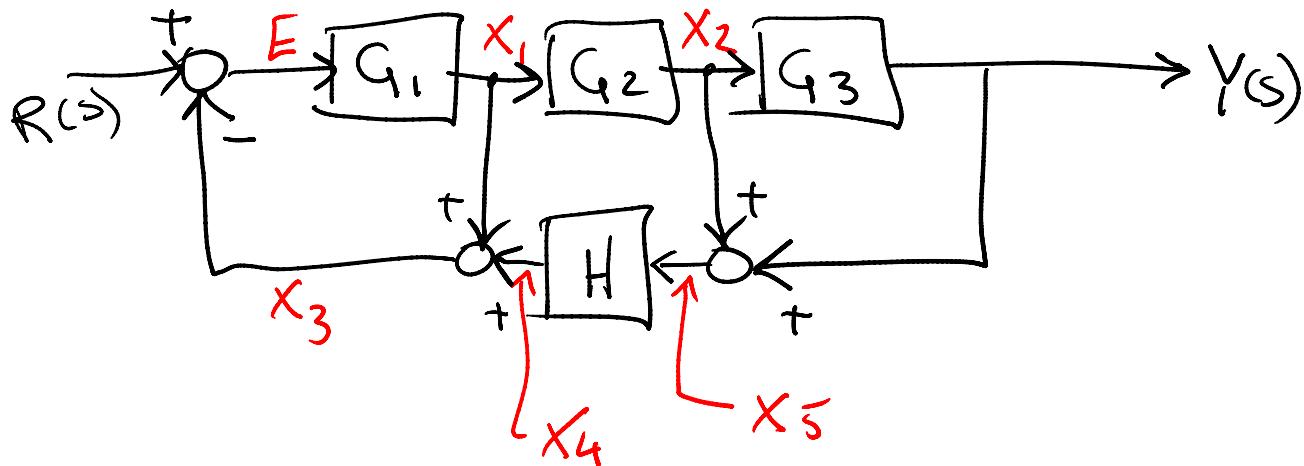
$$\frac{Y(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{G(s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)}$$

So the system is



- ▶ These three operations allow you to represent pretty much everything.
- ▶ Your textbook shows you an algorithm for reducing complex systems into simple ones
- ▶ I like to simply define auxiliary signals and solve the resulting equations for  $Y(s)/R(s)$ .

Example: Find an expression for the transfer function of:



$$\begin{aligned}
 Y &= X_2 G_3 \\
 &= X_1 G_2 G_3 \\
 &= E G_1 G_2 G_3 \quad (\text{this is called} \\
 &\quad \text{the forward path})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (R - X_3) G_1 G_2 G_3 \\
 &= [R - (X_1 + X_4)] G_1 G_2 G_3 \\
 &= [R - X_1 - X_5 H] G_1 G_2 G_3 \\
 &= [R - X_1 - (X_2 + Y) H] G_1 G_2 G_3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{Y}{X_1} = G_2 G_3 \quad \begin{matrix} \Rightarrow \\ = \end{matrix} \quad \left[ R - \frac{Y}{G_2 G_3} - \frac{Y}{G_3} H - Y H \right] G_1 G_2 G_3$$

$$\frac{Y}{X_2} = G_3 \quad Y (1 + G_1 + G_1 G_2 H + G_1 G_2 G_3 H) =$$

$$\boxed{\frac{Y}{R} = \frac{G_1 G_2 G_3}{1 + G_1 + G_2 G_3 H + G_1 G_2 G_3 H}} \quad RG_1 G_2 G_3$$