## **Block Diagram Reduction**

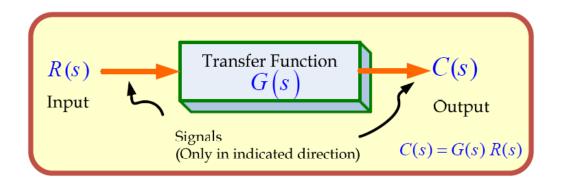


Figure 1: Single block diagram representation

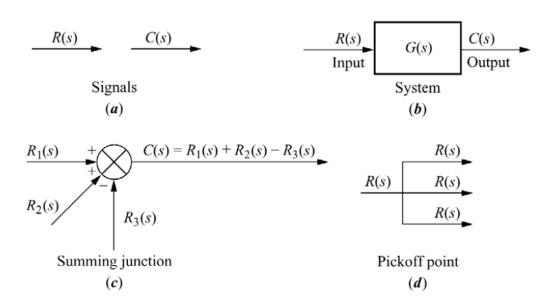


Figure 2: Components of Linear Time Invariant Systems (LTIS)

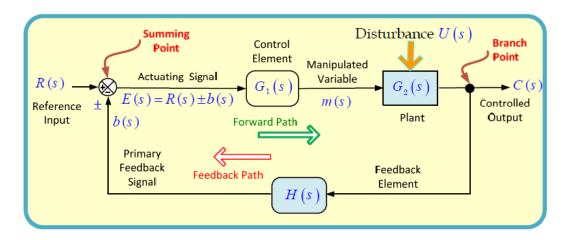


Figure 3: Block diagram components

#### **Definitions**

- G(s) = Direct transfer function = Forward transfer function.
- $H(s) \equiv \text{Feedback transfer function.}$
- $G(s)H(s) \equiv \text{Open-loop transfer function.}$
- $C(s)/R(s) \equiv \text{Closed-loop transfer function} = \text{Control ratio}$
- $C(s)/E(s) \equiv$  Feed-forward transfer function.

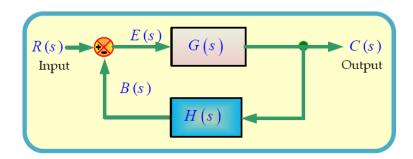


Figure 4: Block diagram of a closed-loop system with a feedback element

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

### **BLOCK DIAGRAM SIMPLIFICATIONS**

### **Cascade (Series) Connections**

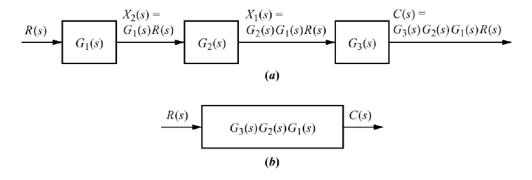


Figure 5: Cascade (Series) Connections

### **Parallel Connections**

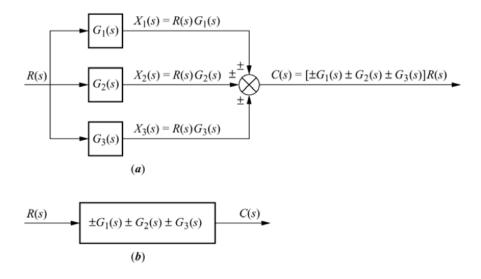


Figure 6: Parallel Connections

## **Block Diagram Algebra for Summing Junctions**

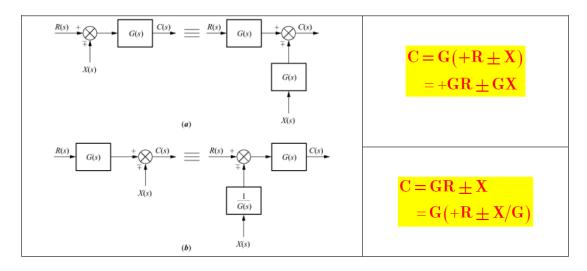


Figure 7: Summing Junctions

## **Block Diagram Algebra for Branch Point**

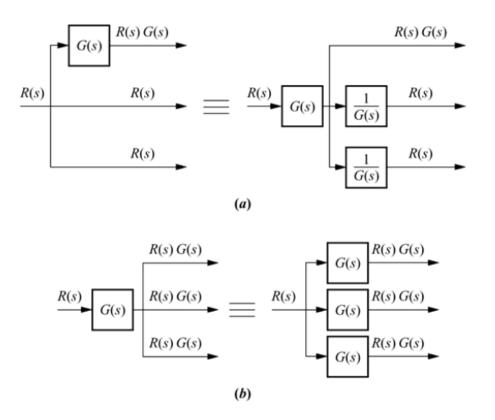


Figure 8: Branch Points

# **Block Diagram Reduction Rules**

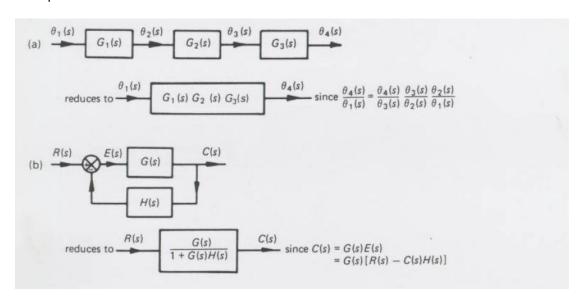
Table 1: Block Diagram Reduction Rules

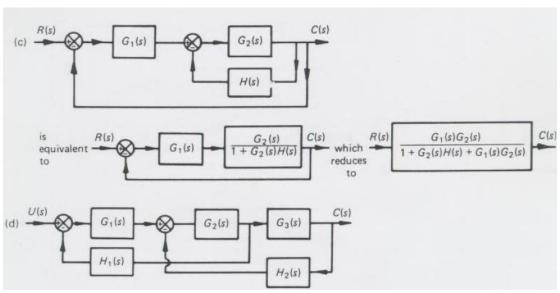
1.	Combine all cascade blocks		
2.	Combine all parallel blocks		
3.	Eliminate all minor (interior) feedback loops		
4.	Shift summing points to left		
5.	Shift takeoff points to the right		
6.	Repeat Steps 1 to 5 until the canonical form is obtained		

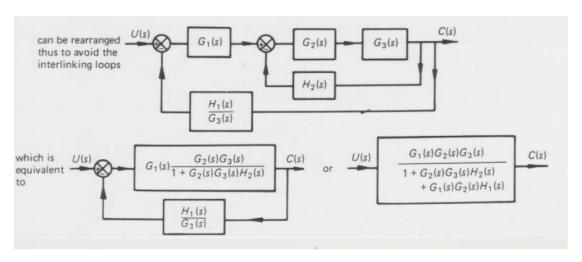
Table 2: Basic rules with block diagram transformation

	Manipulation	Original Block Diagram	Equivalent Block Diagram	Equation
1	Combining Blocks in Cascade	$X \longrightarrow G_1 \longrightarrow G_2 \longrightarrow Y$	$X \longrightarrow G_1G_2 \longrightarrow Y$	$Y = (G_1 G_2) X$
2	Combining Blocks in Parallel; or Eliminating a Forward Loop	$X \longrightarrow G_1 \longrightarrow Y$	$X \longrightarrow G_1 \pm G_2 \longrightarrow Y$	$Y = (G_1 \pm G_2)X$
3	Moving a pickoff point behind a block		$ \begin{array}{cccc} u & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & &$	$y = Gu$ $u = \frac{1}{G}y$
4	Moving a pickoff point ahead of a block		$ \begin{array}{cccc} u & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & &$	y = Gu
5	Moving a summing point behind a block		$u_1 \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow y$ $u_2 \longrightarrow G$	$e_2 = G(u_1 - u_2)$
6	Moving a summing point ahead of a block	$u_1 \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow y$ $u_2$	$u_1 \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow y$ $1/G \longrightarrow u_2$	$y = Gu_1 - u_2$
			$u$ $G_2$ $G_1$ $y$	$y = (G_1 - G_2)u$

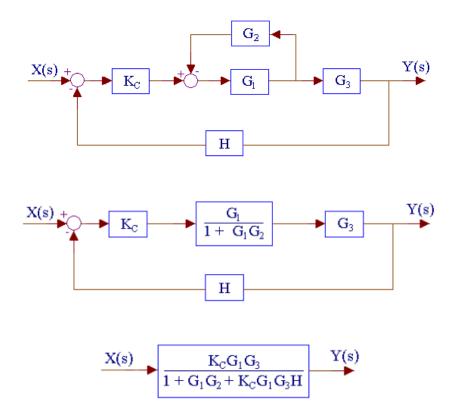
### Example 1:



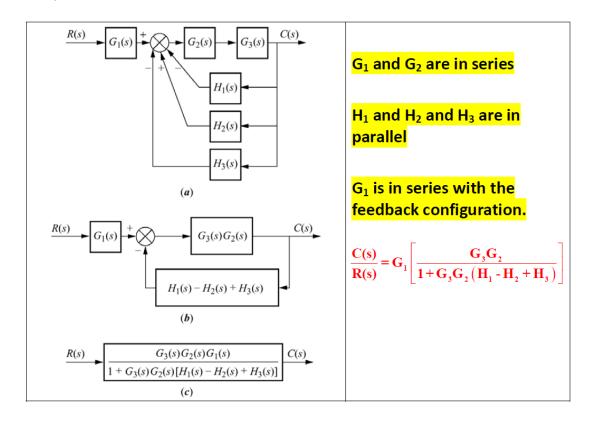




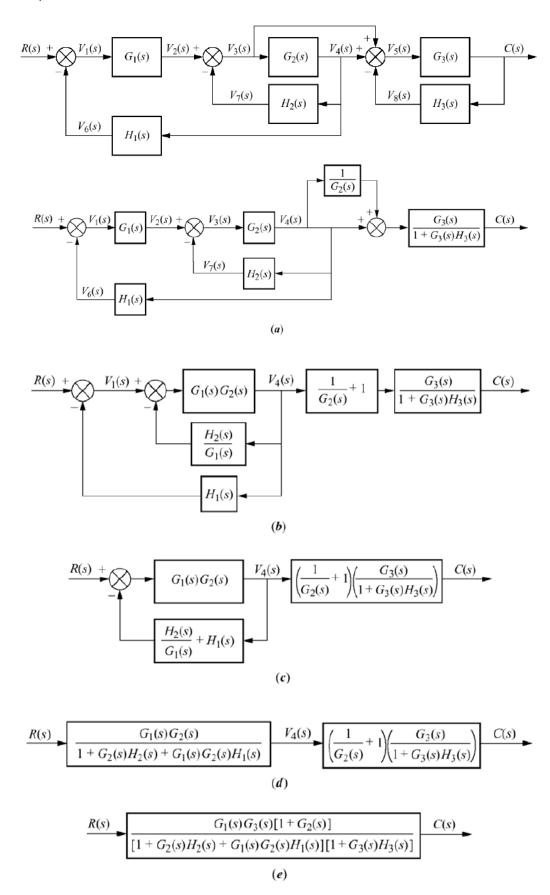
### Example 2:



### Example 3:



### Example 4:



### Example5:

