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# Control Systems And Their Components (EE391)

## Lec. 2: Transfer Functions & Block Diagrams

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# Lecture Outline

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- Linearization of Nonlinear Systems
- Laplace Transform and Solution of Linear Differential Equations
- Transfer Functions of LTI Systems
- Block Diagram Representations

# Linearization of nonlinear system

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- Example: Pendulum oscillator

$$\sum \text{Torques} = J\ddot{\theta}$$

$$MgL\sin\theta = J\ddot{\theta}$$

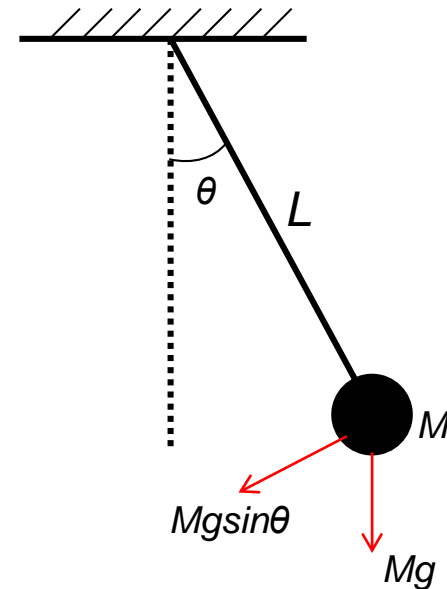
$$MgL\sin\theta = ML^2\ddot{\theta}$$

$$ML\ddot{\theta} - Mg\sin\theta = 0$$

$$\ddot{\theta} - \frac{g}{L}\sin\theta = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{Nonlinear}$$

But for small  $\theta$       $\sin\theta \approx \theta$

$$\ddot{\theta} - \frac{g}{L}\theta = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{After linearization}$$

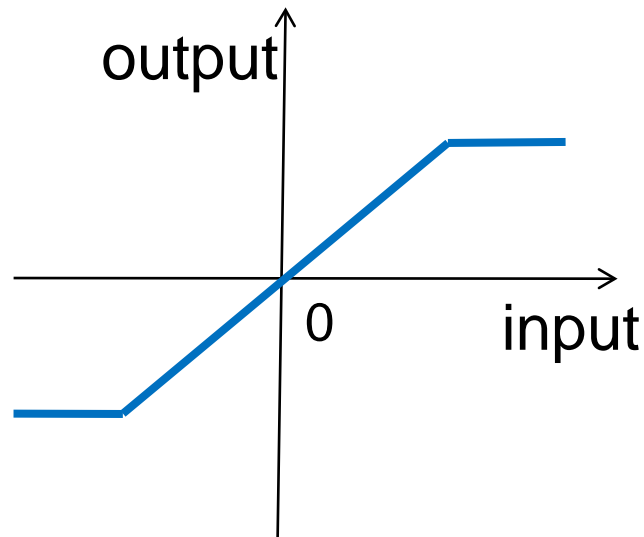


What is the formal way that we can use to linearize any model around the equilibrium point ??? **Taylor series**

# Linearization of nonlinear system

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Example of typical nonlinear characteristics in control system.



Saturation (Amplifier)

# Linearization of nonlinear system

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## □ Method of linearization

- Assume the system is operating around an equilibrium / operating point
- Represent the input and output by their values at the operating point plus a small perturbation or error
- Expand the nonlinear i/o relationship using Taylor series around this equilibrium point and neglect all terms after the linear (first derivative term)
- This is a very reasonable / practical way to use for linearization as long as the perturbation stays small enough around the equilibrium point

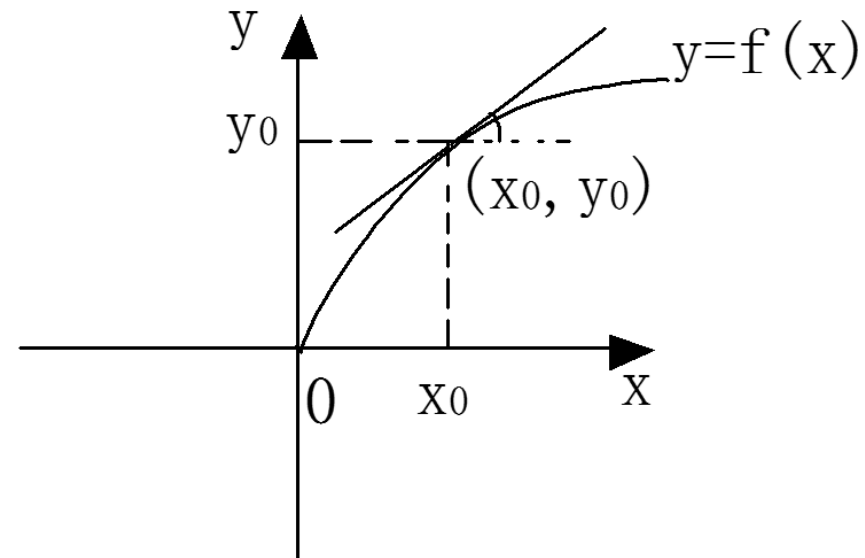
# Linearization of nonlinear system

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- Assume  $y=f(x)$  where  $f$  is a nonlinear function
- Assume  $(x_0, y_0)$  is the equilibrium point. Expanding the nonlinear function  $y=f(x)$  into a Taylor series about  $x = x_0$  yields

$$y = f(x) = y_0 + \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x_0} (x - x_0) + \frac{1}{2!} \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{x_0} (x - x_0)^2 + \dots$$

$$\approx f(x_0) + \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x_0} (x - x_0)$$



# Linearization of nonlinear system

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- If the output is a nonlinear function of multiple variables  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$
- Assume  $(x_{1_0}, x_{2_0}, x_{3_0}, \dots, x_{n_0})$  is the equilibrium point. Expanding the nonlinear function  $y = f(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$  into a Taylor series about  $(x_{1_0}, x_{2_0}, x_{3_0}, \dots, x_{n_0})$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} y &= f(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \\ &\approx f(x_{1_0}, x_{2_0}, x_{3_0}, \dots, x_{n_0}) + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \right|_{x_{1_0}, x_{2_0}, x_{3_0}, \dots, x_{n_0}} (x_1 - x_{1_0}) \\ &\quad + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \right|_{x_{1_0}, x_{2_0}, x_{3_0}, \dots, x_{n_0}} (x_2 - x_{2_0}) + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} \right|_{x_{1_0}, x_{2_0}, x_{3_0}, \dots, x_{n_0}} (x_3 - x_{3_0}) \\ &\quad + \dots + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right|_{x_{1_0}, x_{2_0}, x_{3_0}, \dots, x_{n_0}} (x_n - x_{n_0}) \end{aligned}$$

# Linearization of NL Systems

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- Example: Linearize the NL equation  $Z = XY$  in the regions  $5 \leq X \leq 7$ ,  $10 \leq Y \leq 12$ . Find the error if the linearized equation is used to calculate  $Z$  when  $X = 5$ ,  $Y = 10$

Solution:

Choose equilibrium point as  $X_0 = 6$  and  $Y_0 = 11$  (mean of both ranges...why??)

Expand using Taylor series

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= X_0 Y_0 + \left. \frac{df}{dX} \right|_{X_0, Y_0} (X - X_0) + \left. \frac{df}{dY} \right|_{X_0, Y_0} (Y - Y_0) \\ &= 66 + 11(X - 6) + 6(Y - 11) \end{aligned}$$

At  $X = 5$  and  $Y = 10$ ,

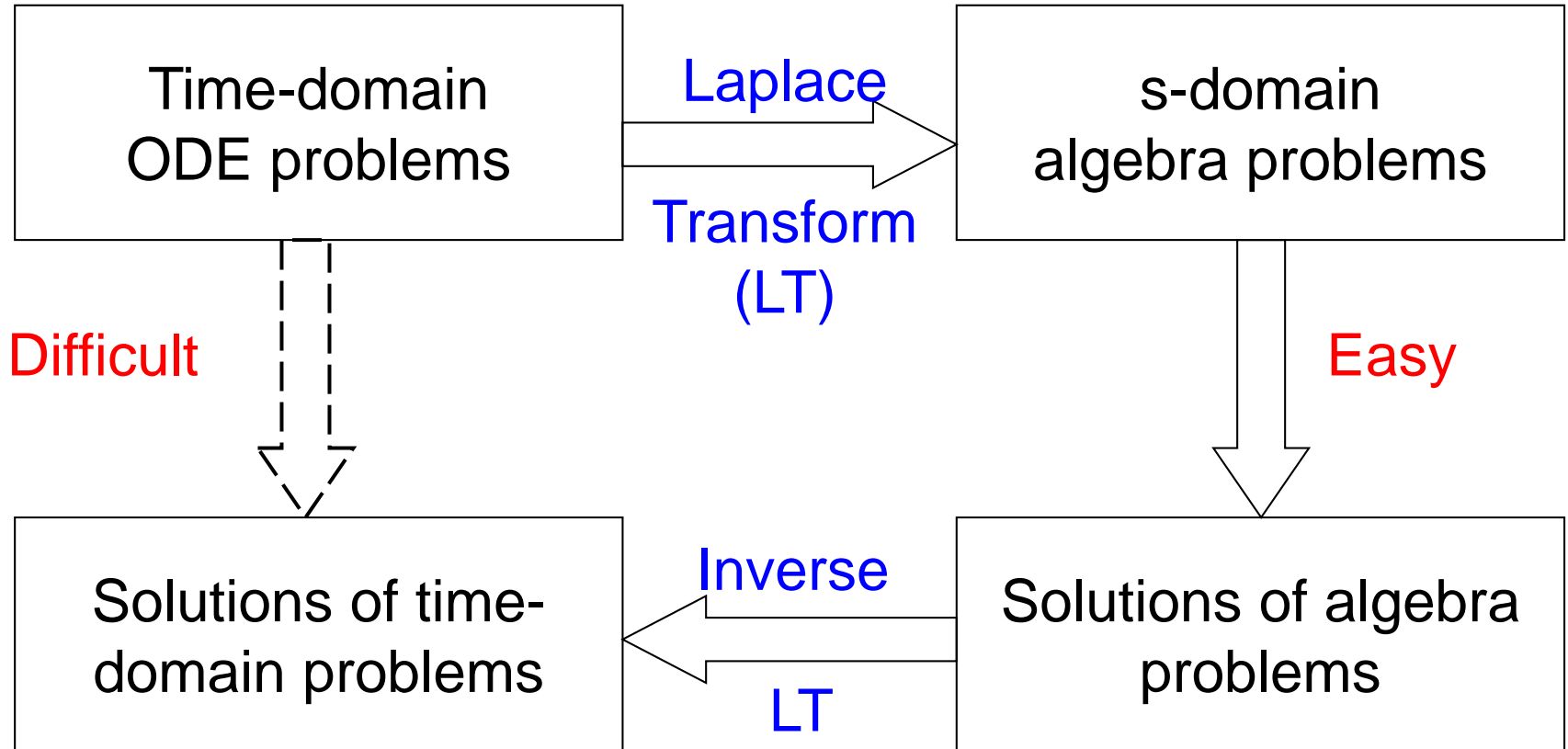
$$Z = 66 + 11(5 - 6) + 6(10 - 11) = 49$$

$$\text{error} = 49 - 5 \times 10 = -1$$



# Laplace Transform for Solving Diff. Eq.

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# Laplace Transform for Solving Diff. Eq.

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The Laplace transform of a function  $f(t)$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \mathcal{L}[f(t)] \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt \end{aligned}$$

where  $s = \sigma + j\omega$  is a complex variable.

# Laplace Transform for Solving Diff. Eq.

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## Examples

➤ Step signal:  $f(t) = A$

$$F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} Ae^{-st} dt = -\frac{A}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{A}{s}$$

➤ Exponential signal  $f(t) = e^{-at}$

$$F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-at} e^{-st} dt = -\frac{1}{s+a} e^{-(a+s)t} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{s+a}$$

# Laplace Transform for Solving Diff. Eq.

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## Laplace Transform Pairs of Common Signals

$f(t)$	$F(s)$	$f(t)$	$F(s)$
$\delta(t)$	1	$\sin wt$	$\frac{w}{s^2 + w^2}$
$1(t)$	$\frac{1}{s}$	$\cos wt$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + w^2}$
$t$	$\frac{1}{s^2}$	$e^{-at} \sin wt$	$\frac{w}{(s + a)^2 + w^2}$
$e^{-at}$	$\frac{1}{s + a}$	$e^{-at} \cos wt$	$\frac{s + a}{(s + a)^2 + w^2}$

# Laplace Transform for Solving Diff. Eq.

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- Properties of Laplace Transform

(1) Linearity

$$\mathcal{L}[af_1(t) + bf_2(t)] = a\mathcal{L}[f_1(t)] + b\mathcal{L}[f_2(t)]$$

(2) Differentiation

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{df(t)}{dt}\right] = sF(s) - f(0) \quad \text{Try to prove it !!}$$

where  $f(0)$  is the initial value of  $f(t)$ .

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\frac{d^n f(t)}{dt^n}\right] = s^n F(s) - s^{n-1} f(0) - s^{n-2} f^{(1)}(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$$

# Laplace Transform for Solving Diff. Eq.

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- Properties of Laplace Transform

(3) Integration

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t f(\tau)d\tau\right] = \frac{F(s)}{s}$$

(4) **Final-value** Theorem

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$$

The final-value theorem relates the steady-state behavior of  $f(t)$  to the behavior of  $sF(s)$  in the neighborhood of  $s=0$

(5) **Initial-value** Theorem

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$$

# Laplace Transform for Solving Diff. Eq.

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- Properties of Laplace Transform

(6) Shifting Theorem:

a. shift in time (real domain)

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t - \tau)] = e^{-\tau \cdot s} F(s)$$

b. shift in complex domain

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{at} f(t)] = F(s - a)$$

(7) Real convolution (Complex multiplication)

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t f_1(t - \tau) f_2(\tau) d\tau\right] = F_1(s) \cdot F_2(s)$$

# Laplace Transform for Solving Diff. Eq.

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- Inverse Transform

Inverse Laplace transform, denoted by  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)]$  is given by

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)] = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot j} \int_{C-j\infty}^{C+j\infty} F(s)e^{st} ds (t > 0)$$

where C is a real constant.

Note: The inverse Laplace transform operation involving rational functions can be carried out using Laplace transform table and partial-fraction expansion.



# Laplace Transform for Solving Diff. Eq.

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## Partial-Fraction Expansion method for finding Inverse Laplace Transform

$$F(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} = \frac{b_0 s^m + b_1 s^{m-1} + \dots + b_{m-1} s + b_m}{s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} s + a_n} \quad (m < n)$$

If  $F(s)$  is broken up into components

$$F(s) = F_1(s) + F_2(s) + \dots + F_n(s)$$

If the inverse Laplace transforms of components are readily available, then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{-1} [F(s)] &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} [F_1(s)] + \mathcal{L}^{-1} [F_2(s)] + \dots + \mathcal{L}^{-1} [F_n(s)] \\ &= f_1(t) + f_2(t) + \dots + f_n(t) \end{aligned}$$

# Laplace Transform for Solving Diff. Eq.

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## Poles

A complex number  $s_0$  is said to be a pole of a complex variable function  $F(s)$  if  $F(s_0)=\infty$

## Zeros

A complex number  $s_0$  is said to be a zero of a complex variable function  $F(s)$  if  $F(s_0)=0$

Examples:

$$\frac{(s-1)(s+2)}{(s+3)(s+4)}$$

poles: -3, -4;

zeros: 1, -2

$$\frac{s+1}{s^2+2s+2}$$

poles:  $-1+j$ ,  $-1-j$ ;

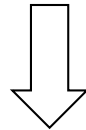
zeros: -1

# Laplace Transform for Solving Diff. Eq.

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Case 1:  $F(s)$  has simple real poles

$$F(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} = \frac{b_0 s^m + b_1 s^{m-1} + \dots + b_{m-1} s + b_m}{s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} s + a_n}$$



Partial-Fraction Expansion

$$= \frac{c_1}{s - p_1} + \frac{c_2}{s - p_2} + \dots + \frac{c_n}{s - p_n}$$

where  $p_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$  are roots of  $D(s) = 0$ , and

$$c_i = \left[ \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} (s - p_i) \right]_{s=p_i}$$

Inverse LT

$$f(t) = c_1 e^{-p_1 t} + c_2 e^{-p_2 t} + \dots + c_n e^{-p_n t}$$

Solution is a sum of exponentials with different magnitudes and exponents

# Laplace Transform for Solving Diff. Eq.

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Example:

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)(s+3)} = \frac{c_1}{s+1} + \frac{c_2}{s-2} + \frac{c_3}{s+3}$$

$$c_1 = \left[ \frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)(s+3)} \cdot (s+1) \right]_{s=-1} = -\frac{1}{6}$$

$$c_2 = \left[ \frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)(s+3)} \cdot (s-2) \right]_{s=2} = \frac{1}{15}$$

$$c_3 = \left[ \frac{1}{(s+1)(s-2)(s+3)} \cdot (s+3) \right]_{s=-3} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\therefore F(s) = -\frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{1}{15} \cdot \frac{1}{s-2} + \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{1}{s+3}$$

$$\therefore f(t) = -\frac{1}{6} e^{-t} + \frac{1}{15} e^{2t} + \frac{1}{10} e^{-3t}$$

# Laplace Transform for Solving Diff. Eq.

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Case 2:  $F(s)$  has complex conjugate poles

Example:  $\ddot{y}(t) + 4\dot{y}(t) + 5y(t) = 0, y(0) = \dot{y}(0) = 1$

$$s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - \dot{y}(0) + 4sY(s) - 4y(0) + 5Y(s) = 0$$

$$(s^2 + 4s + 5)Y(s) = s + 5$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{s + 5}{s^2 + 4s + 5} = \frac{A}{s - (-2 + j1)} + \frac{B}{s - (-2 - j1)}$$

$$A = 0.5 - j1.5 \quad \text{and} \quad B = 0.5 + j1.5$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= (0.5 - j1.5)e^{(-2+j)t} + (0.5 + j1.5)e^{(-2-j)t} \\ &= e^{-2t} \cos t + 3e^{-2t} \sin t \end{aligned}$$

Try MATLAB functions:  
`roots(D)`  
`[r,p,k]=residue(N,D)`

# Laplace Transform for Solving Diff. Eq.

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Case 3:  $F(s)$  has multiple order poles

$$F(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} = \frac{N(s)}{(s-p_1)(s-p_2)\cdots(s-p_{n-r})(s-p_i)^l}$$
$$= \underbrace{\frac{c_1}{s-p_1} + \cdots + \frac{c_{n-l}}{s-p_{n-l}}}_{\text{Simple poles}} + \underbrace{\frac{b_l}{(s-p_i)^l} + \frac{b_{l-1}}{(s-p_i)^{l-1}} + \cdots + \frac{b_1}{s-p_i}}_{\text{Multi-order poles}}$$

The coefficients corresponding to simple poles are determined as before

The coefficients corresponding to the multi-order poles are determined as follows

$$b_l = \left[ F(s) \cdot (s-p_i)^l \right]_{s=p_i}, b_{l-1} = \left\{ \frac{d}{ds} \left[ F(s) \cdot (s-p_i)^l \right] \right\}_{s=p_i}, \dots,$$
$$b_{l-m} = \frac{1}{m!} \left\{ \frac{d^m}{ds^m} \left[ \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} (s-p_i)^l \right] \right\}_{s=p_i}, b_1 = \frac{1}{(l-1)!} \left\{ \frac{d^{l-1}}{ds^{l-1}} \left[ \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} (s-p_i)^l \right] \right\}_{s=p_i}$$

# Laplace Transform for Solving Diff. Eq.

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Example: Solve the following differential equation

$$y^{(3)} + 3\ddot{y} + 3\dot{y} + y = 1, y(0) = \dot{y}(0) = \ddot{y}(0) = 0$$

$$s^3 Y(s) - s^2 y(0) - s\dot{y}(0) - \ddot{y}(0) + 3(s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - \dot{y}(0)) + 3(sY(s) - y(0)) + Y(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$(s^3 + 3s^2 + 3s + 1)Y(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s(s^3 + 3s^2 + 3s + 1)} = \frac{1}{s(s+1)^3}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{c_1}{s} + \frac{b_3}{(s+1)^3} + \frac{b_2}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{b_1}{s+1}$$

# Laplace Transform for Solving Diff. Eq.

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Determining coefficients:

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{s(s+1)^3} s \Big|_{s=0} = 1$$

$$b_3 = \left[ \frac{1}{s(s+1)^3} (s+1)^3 \right]_{s=-1} = -1 \quad b_1 = \frac{1}{2!} (2s^{-3}) \Big|_{s=-1} = -1$$

$$b_2 = \left\{ \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{1}{s(s+1)^3} (s+1)^3 \right] \right\}_{s=-1} = \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) \right]_{s=-1} = (-s^{-2}) \Big|_{s=-1} = -1$$

$$\therefore Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{(s+1)^3} - \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} - \frac{1}{s+1}$$

Inverse Laplace transform:

$$y(t) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-t} - t e^{-t} - e^{-t}$$

Try MATLAB functions:  
laplace  
ilaplace



# Transfer Function

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Consider a linear system described by differential equation

$$y^{(n)}(t) + a_{n-1}y^{(n-1)}(t) + \dots + a_0y(t) = b_m u^{(m)}(t) + b_{m-1}u^{(m-1)}(t) + \dots + bu^{(1)}(t) + b_0u(t)$$

Assume all initial conditions are zero, we get the transfer function(TF) of the system as

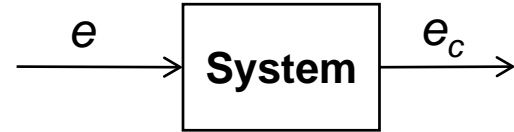
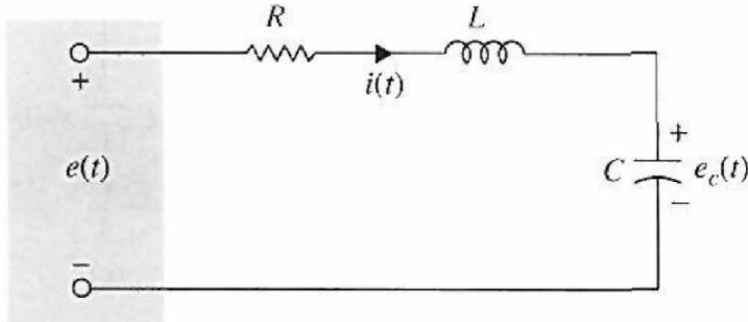
$$\begin{aligned} TF = G(s) &= \frac{\mathcal{L}[\text{output } y(t)]}{\mathcal{L}[\text{input } u(t)]} \Bigg|_{\text{zero initial condition}} \\ &= \frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 s + b_0}{s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0} \end{aligned}$$

Try MATLAB functions:  
`tf(num,den)`

# Transfer Function

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Example:



$$e(t) = Ri(t) + L \frac{di}{dt} + e_c(t) \quad \leftarrow \quad i(t) = C \frac{de_c(t)}{dt}$$

$$e(t) = RC \frac{de_c(t)}{dt} + LC \frac{d^2e_c(t)}{dt^2} + e_c(t)$$

$$LC\ddot{e}_c + RC\dot{e}_c + e_c = e$$

i/o relationship  
2<sup>nd</sup> order linear ordinary differential equation with constant coefficients

$$LCs^2 E_c(s) + RCs E_c(s) + E_c(s) = E(s)$$

$$G(s) = \frac{E_c(s)}{E(s)} = \frac{1}{LCs^2 + RCs + 1}$$

2<sup>nd</sup> order polynomial in denominator of TF

# Transfer Function

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## Remarks:

- The transfer function is defined only for a LTI system
- All initial conditions of the system are set to zero
- The transfer function is independent of the input of the system
- The transfer function  $H(s)$  is the Laplace transform of the unit impulse response  $h(t)$

$$\begin{aligned}h(t) = y(t)\Big|_{x(t)=\delta(t)} &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ H(s) \cdot \mathcal{L} \{ \delta(t) \} \} \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ H(s) \}\end{aligned}$$

- What about Step Response (Output of the system when input is the unit step function)? How is it related to TF?

$$\begin{aligned}h_{step}(t) = y(t)\Big|_{x(t)=u(t)} &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ H(s) \cdot \mathcal{L} \{ u(t) \} \} \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{H(s)}{s} \right\}\end{aligned}$$

# Transfer Function

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## How poles and zeros relate to system response??

- Why we strive to obtain TF models?
- Why control engineers prefer to use TF model?
- How to use TF model to analyze and design control systems?
  
- we start from the relationship between the locations of zeros and poles of TF and the output responses of a system

Try MATLAB function:  
tf2zp,tf  
impulse  
step  
lsim

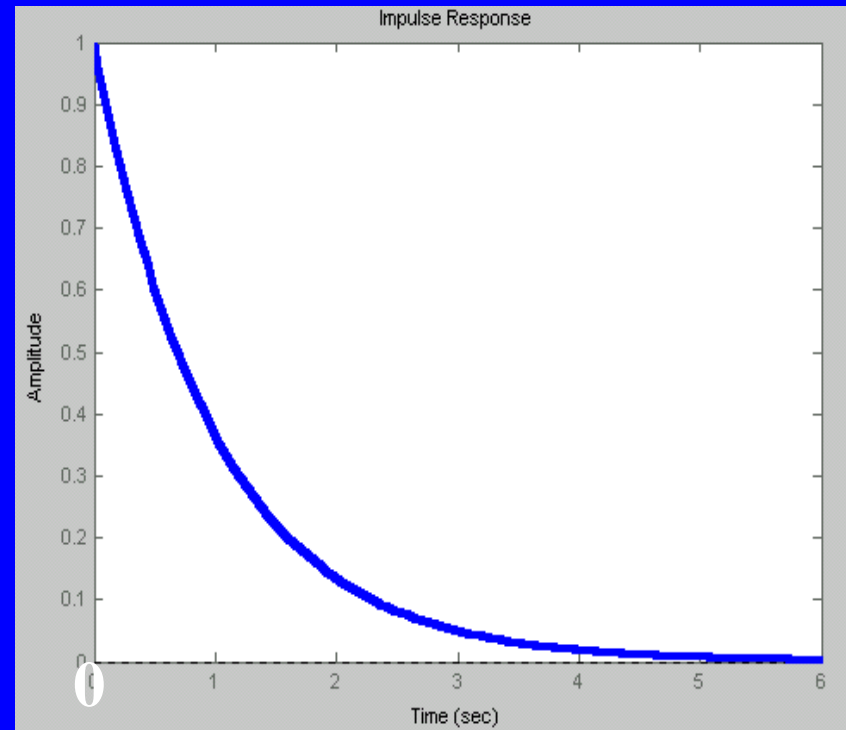
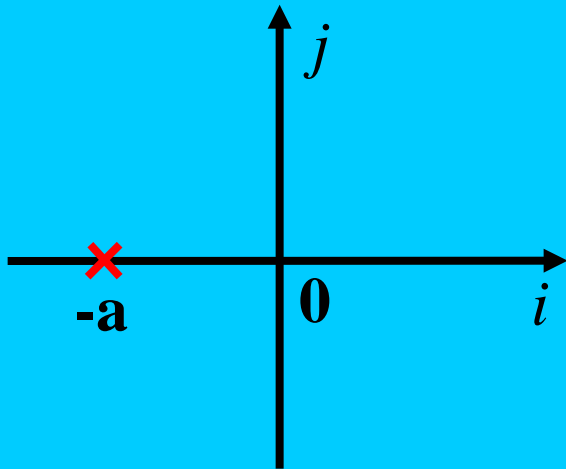
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$$X(s) = \frac{A}{s + a}$$

# Time-domain impulse response

$$x(t) = Ae^{-at}$$

# Position of poles and zeros



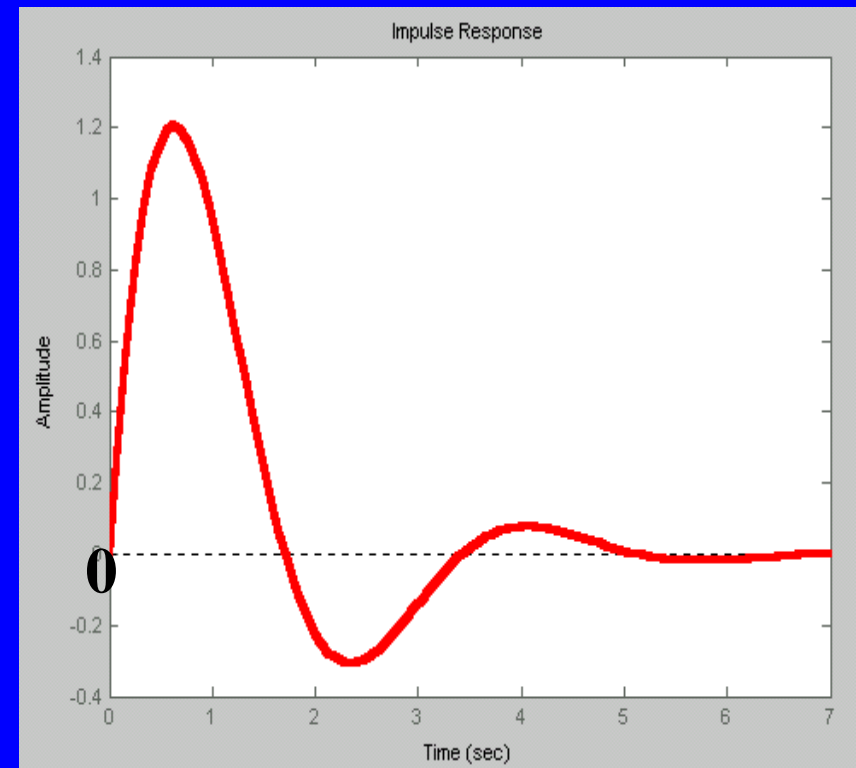
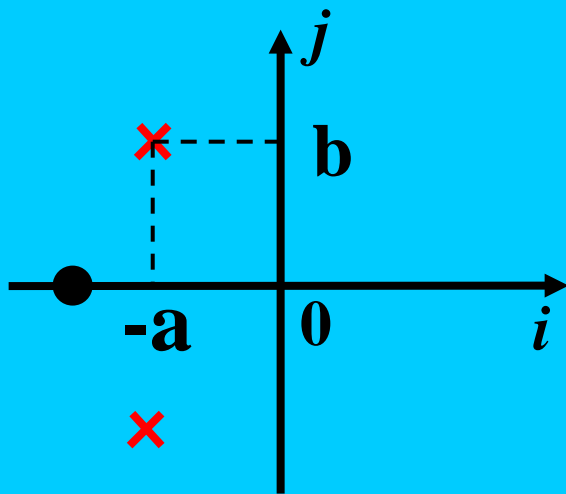
# Transfer function

$$X(s) = \frac{A_1 s + B_1}{(s + a)^2 + b^2}$$

# Time-domain impulse response

$$x(t) = A e^{-at} \sin(bt + \phi)$$

# Position of poles and zeros



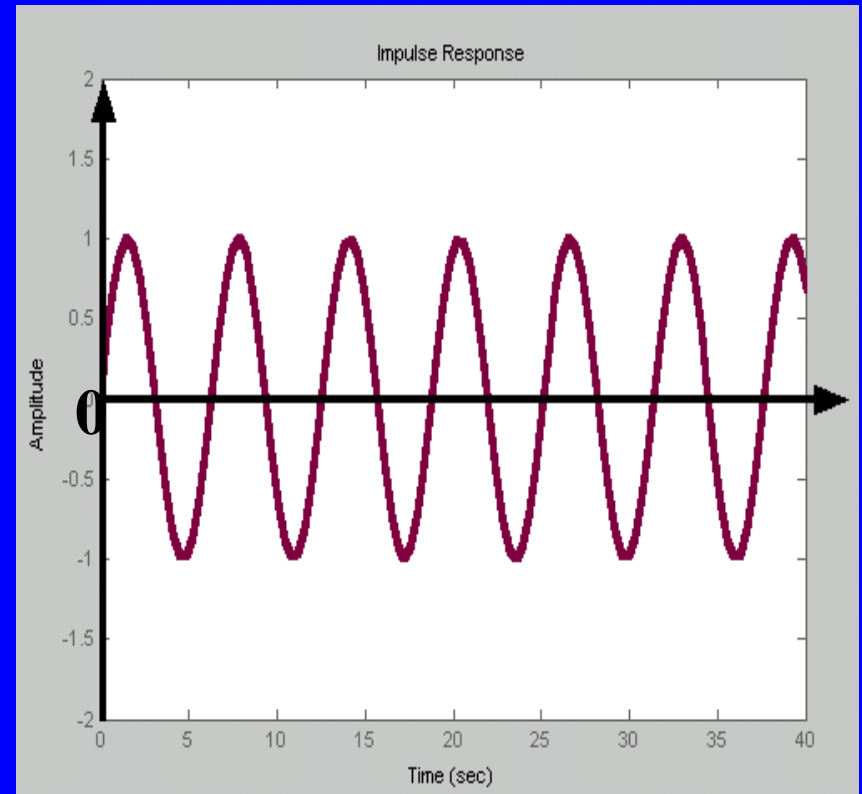
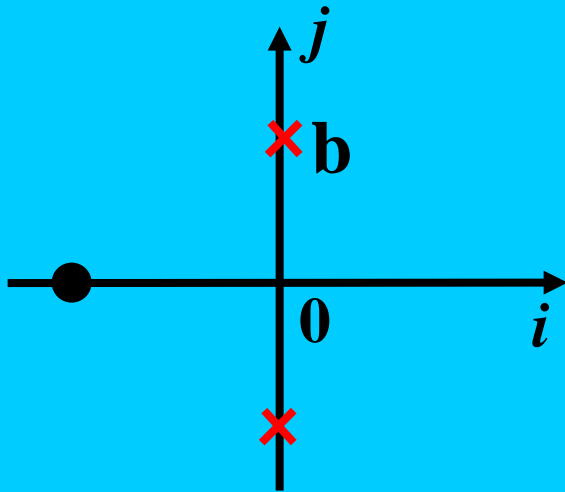
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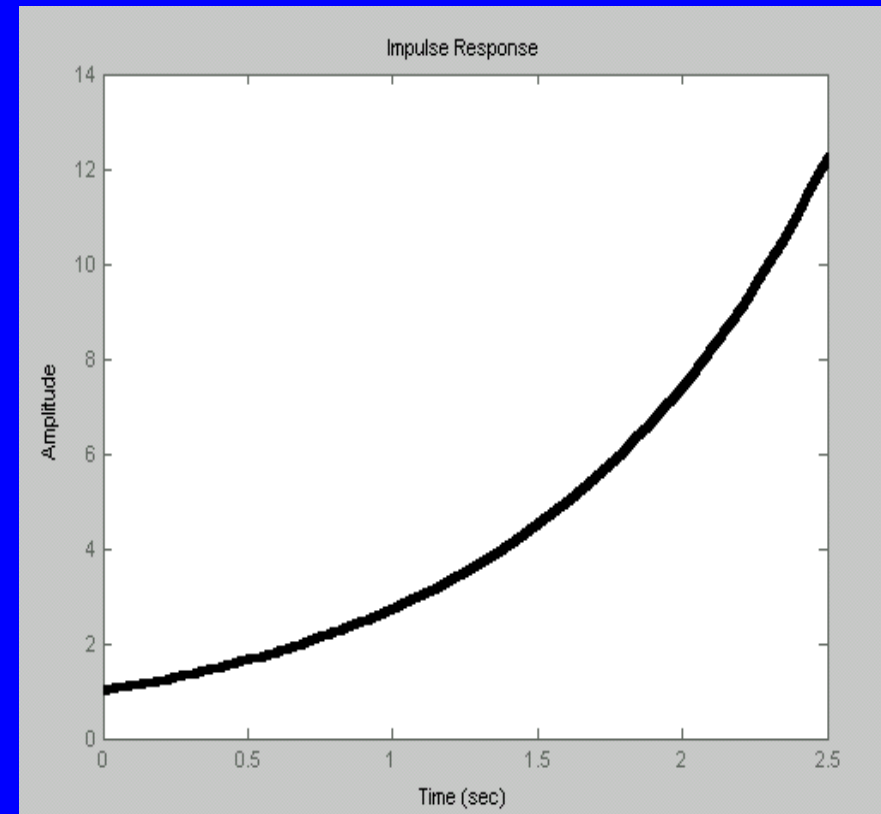
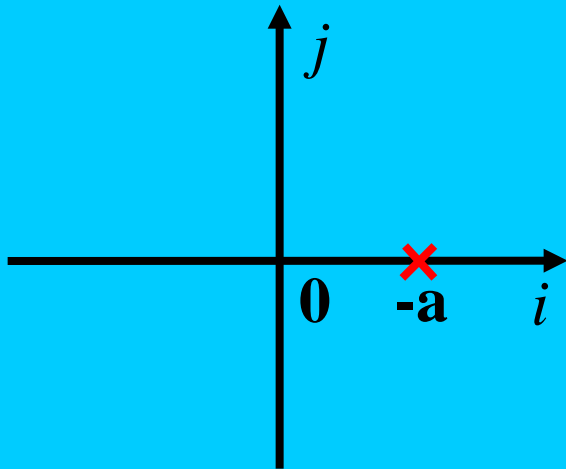
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$$X(s) = \frac{A}{s - a}$$

# Time-domain impulse response

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# Position of poles and zeros





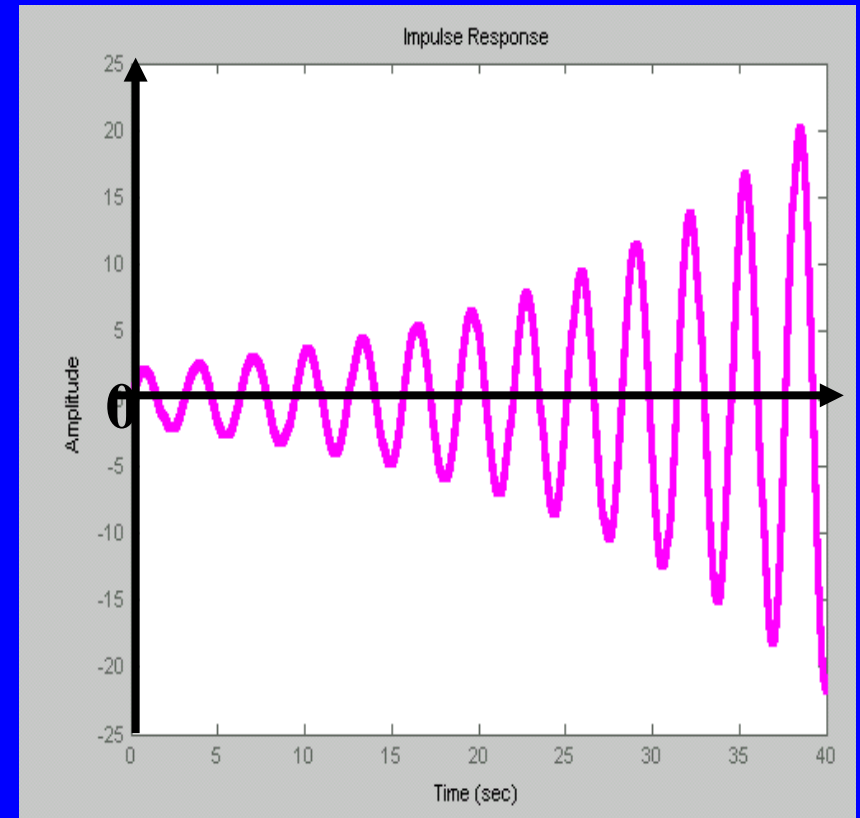
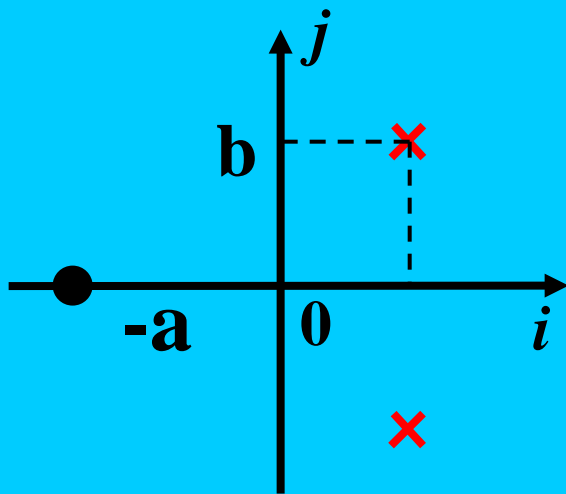
## Transfer function:

$$X(s) = \frac{A_1s + B_1}{(s - a)^2 + b^2}$$

## Time-domain dynamic response

$$x(t) = Ae^{at} \sin(bt + \phi)$$

## Position of poles and zeros



# Transfer Function

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## Characteristic equation

obtained by setting the denominator polynomial of the transfer function to zero

$$s^n + a_{n-1}s^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1s + a_0 = 0$$

Note: stability of linear single-input, single-output systems is completely governed by the roots of the characteristic equation.

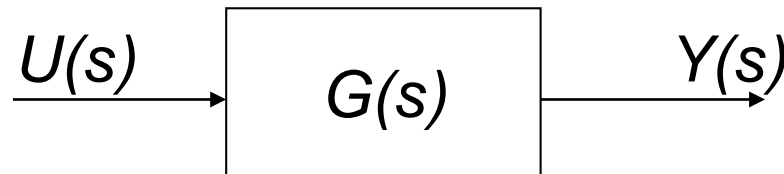
# Block Diagram Representations

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- The transfer function relationship

$$Y(s) = G(s)U(s)$$

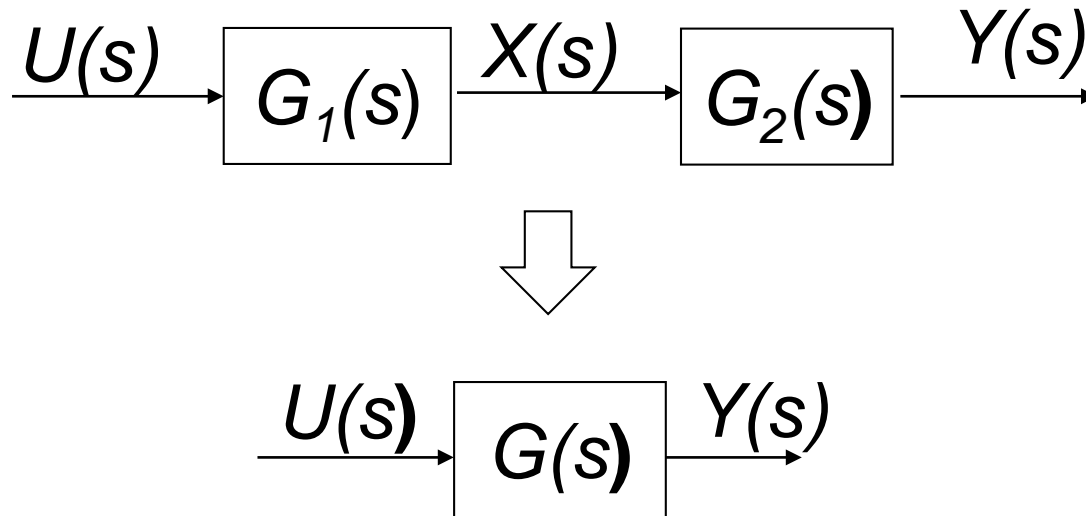
can be graphically denoted through a **block diagram**.



# Block Diagram Representations

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- Equivalent block diagram of two blocks in series (cascade)

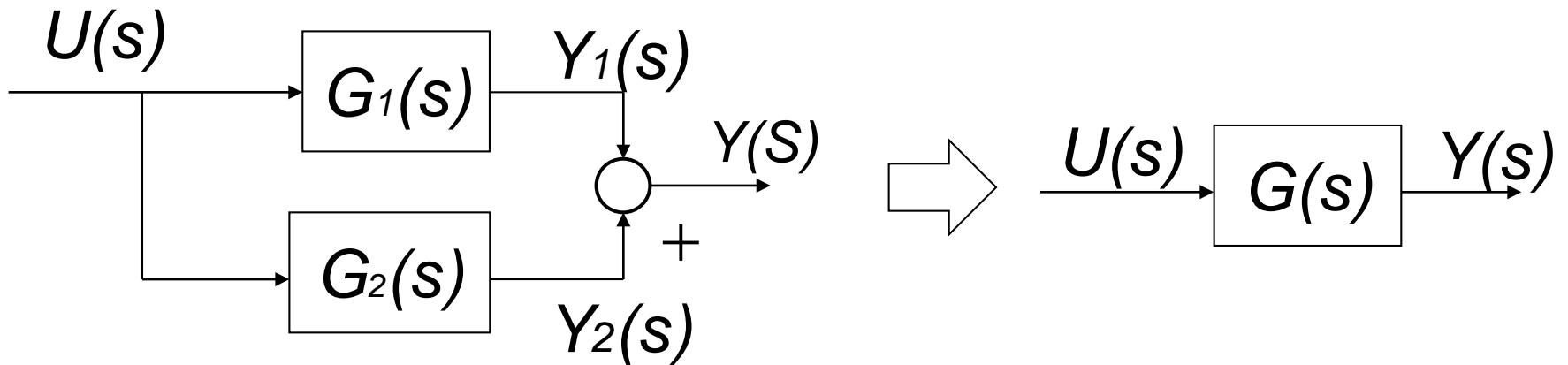


$$G(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{X(s)}{U(s)} \cdot \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = G_1(s) \cdot G_2(s)$$

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- Equivalent block diagram of two blocks in parallel

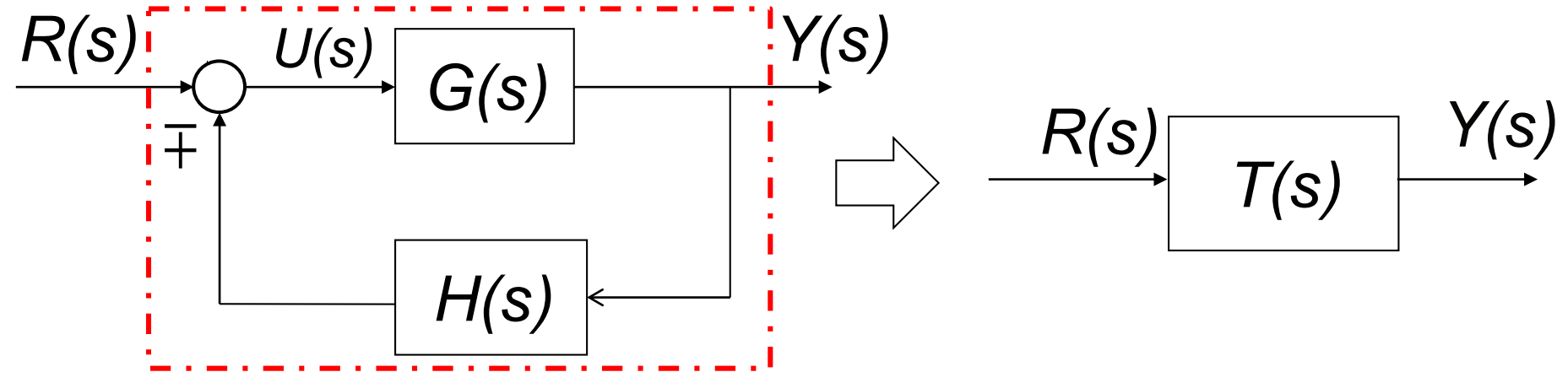


$$G(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{Y_1(s) + Y_2(s)}{U(s)} = G_1(s) + G_2(s)$$

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- Equivalent block diagram of a feedback system



$$\begin{cases} Y(s) = U(s)G(s) \\ U(s) = R(s) - Y(s)H(s) \end{cases} \Rightarrow Y(s) = [R(s) - Y(s)H(s)]G(s)$$

$$T(s) = \frac{G(s)}{1 \pm G(s)H(s)} = \frac{\text{gain of forward path}}{\text{1-loop gain}}$$

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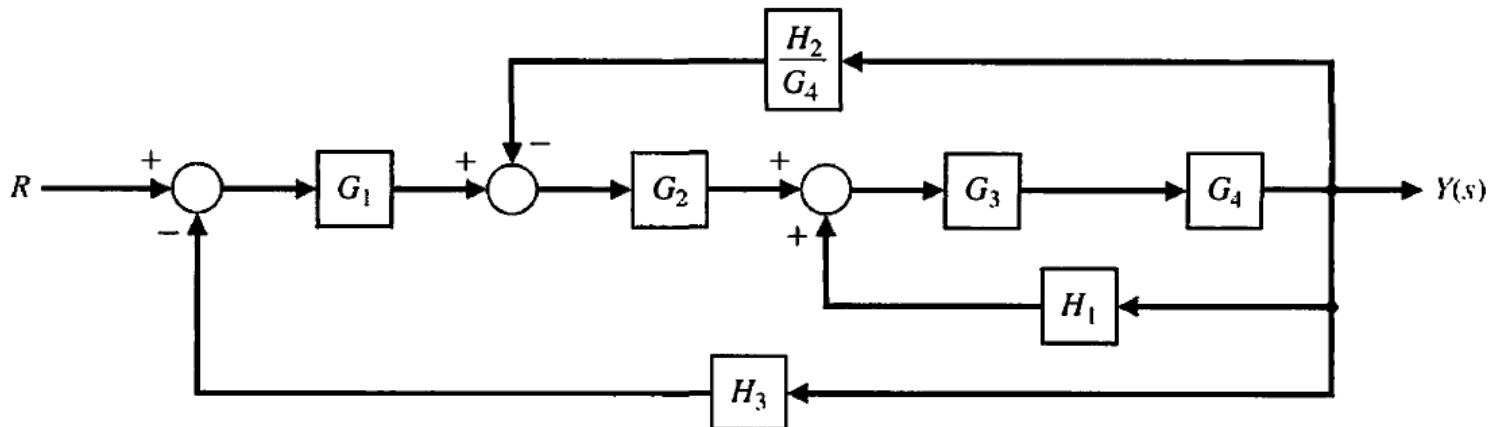
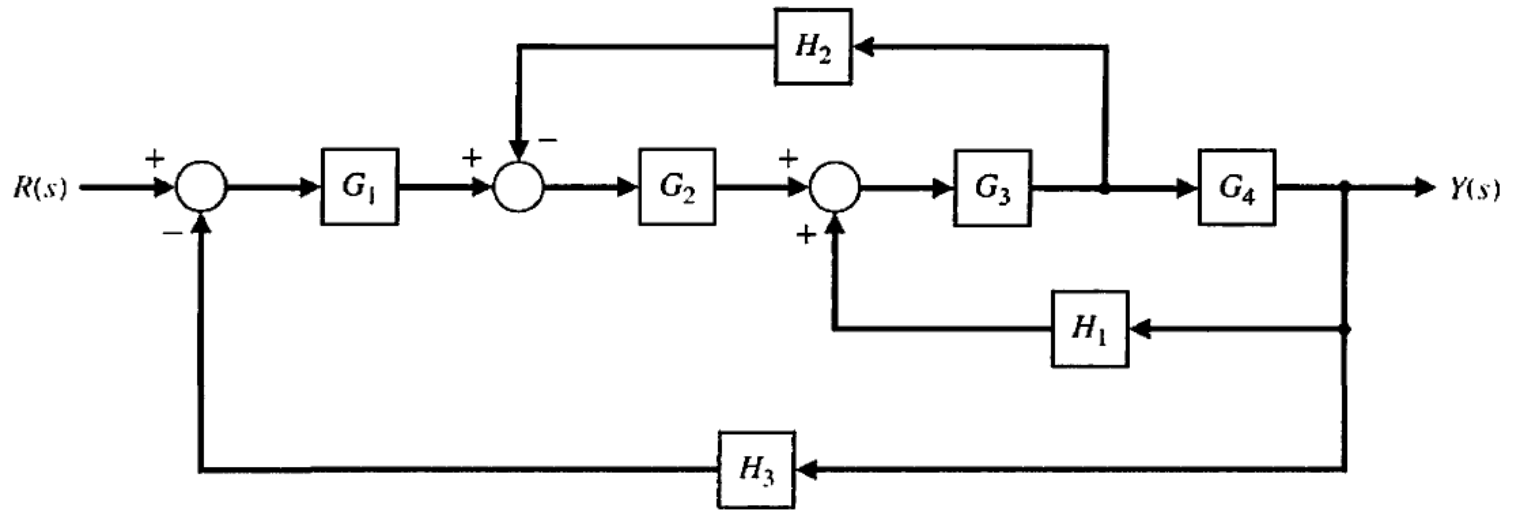
## □ Summary

Transformation	Original Diagram	Equivalent Diagram
1. Combining blocks in cascade		<p>or</p>
2. Moving a summing point behind a block		
3. Moving a pickoff point ahead of a block		
4. Moving a pickoff point behind a block		
5. Moving a summing point ahead of a block		
6. Eliminating a feedback loop		

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## □ Example





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## □ Example (cont.)

