

# Solution #4: ECE 461

LaPlace Transforms - 1st & 2nd-Order Approximations - Block Diagrams

## LaPlace Transforms

**Problem 1:** A system has the following transfer function

$$Y = \left( \frac{10(s+6)}{(s+1)(s+7)(s+10)} \right) X$$

1a) What is the differential equation which relates X and Y?

$$Y = \left( \frac{10(s+6)}{s^3+18s^2+87s+70} \right) X$$

$$(s^3 + 18s^2 + 87s + 70)Y = (10(s + 6))X$$

$$y''' + 18y'' + 87y' + 70y = 10x' + 60x$$

1b) Determine y(t) assuming

$$x(t) = 2 + 3 \cos(4t)$$

Use superposition

$$x(t) = 2$$

$$s = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{10(s+6)}{(s+1)(s+7)(s+10)} \right)_{s=0} = 0.8571$$

$$y(t) = 0.8571 \cdot 2$$

$$y(t) = 1.7143$$

$$x(t) = 3 \cos(4t)$$

$$s = j4$$

$$\left( \frac{10(s+6)}{(s+1)(s+7)(s+10)} \right)_{s=j4} = 0.2014 \angle -93.8^\circ$$

$$y(t) = (0.2014 \angle -93.8^\circ) \cdot 3 \cos(4t)$$

$$y(t) = 0.6042 \cos(4t - 93.8^\circ)$$

The total answer is DC + AC

$$y(t) = 1.7143 + 0.6042 \cos(4t - 93.8^\circ)$$

1c) Determine  $y(t)$  assuming

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 2 & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$X(s) = \left(\frac{2}{s}\right)$$

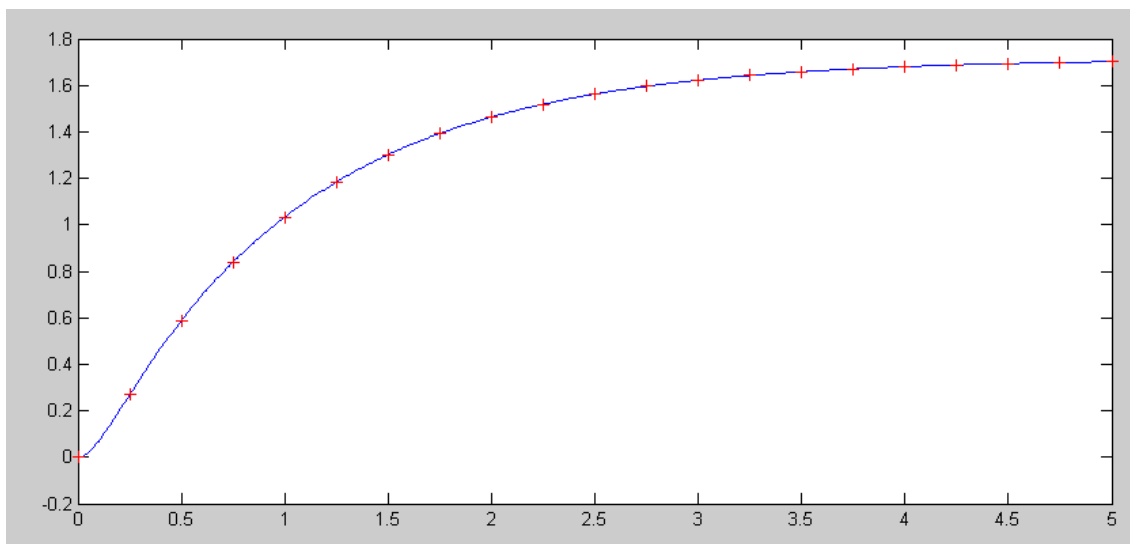
$$Y = \left(\frac{10(s+6)}{(s+1)(s+7)(s+10)}\right) \left(\frac{2}{s}\right)$$

$$Y = \left(\frac{1.7143}{s}\right) + \left(\frac{-1.8519}{s+1}\right) + \left(\frac{-0.1587}{s+7}\right) + \left(\frac{0.2963}{s+10}\right)$$

$$y(t) = (1.7143 - 1.8519e^{-t} - 0.1587e^{-7t} + 0.2963e^{-10t})u(t)$$

1d) Compare your answer for part c) with the response from Matlab

```
t = [0:0.01:5]';  
y = 1.7143 - 1.8519*exp(-t) - 0.1587*exp(-7*t) + 0.2963*exp(-10*t);  
  
G = zpk(-6, [-1, -7, -10], 10);  
y0 = 2 * step(G, t);  
N = [1:25:length(t)]';  
plot(t, y, t(N), y0(N), 'r+')
```



Calculated Step Response (blue) and Matlab Solution (red crosses)

**Problem 2:** A system has the following transfer function

$$Y = \left( \frac{50}{(s^2+2s+10)(s+30)} \right) X$$

2a) What is the differential equation which relates X and Y?

Multiplication of polynomials is actually convolution:

$$\text{conv}([1, 2, 10], [1, 30])$$

$$1 \quad 32 \quad 70 \quad 300$$

$$Y = \left( \frac{50}{s^3+32s^2+70s+300} \right) X$$

$$(s^3 + 32s^2 + 70s + 300)Y = (50)X$$

$$y''' + 32y'' + 70y' + 300y = 50x$$

2b) Determine y(t) assuming

$$x(t) = 2 + 3 \cos(4t)$$

$$x(t) = 2$$

$$s = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{50}{(s^2+2s+10)(s+30)} \right)_{s=0} = 0.1667$$

$$y = (0.1667) \cdot 2$$

$$y = 0.3333$$

$$x(t) = 3 \cos(4t)$$

$$s = j4$$

$$\left( \frac{50}{(s^2+2s+10)(s+30)} \right)_{s=j4} = 0.1652 \angle -134^\circ$$

$$y(t) = (0.1652 \angle -134^\circ) \cdot 3 \cos(4t)$$

$$y(t) = 0.4956 \cos(4t - 134^\circ)$$

The total answer includes the DC and AC term

$$y(t) = 0.3333 + 0.4956 \cos(4t - 134^\circ)$$

2c) Determine  $y(t)$  assuming

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 2 & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$X(s) = \left(\frac{2}{s}\right)$$

$$Y = \left(\frac{50}{(s^2+2s+10)(s+30)}\right) \left(\frac{2}{s}\right)$$

$$Y = \left(\frac{0.3333}{s}\right) + \left(\frac{0.1808\angle-155^\circ}{s+1+j3}\right) + \left(\frac{0.1808\angle155^\circ}{s+1-j3}\right) + \left(\frac{-0.0039}{s+30}\right)$$

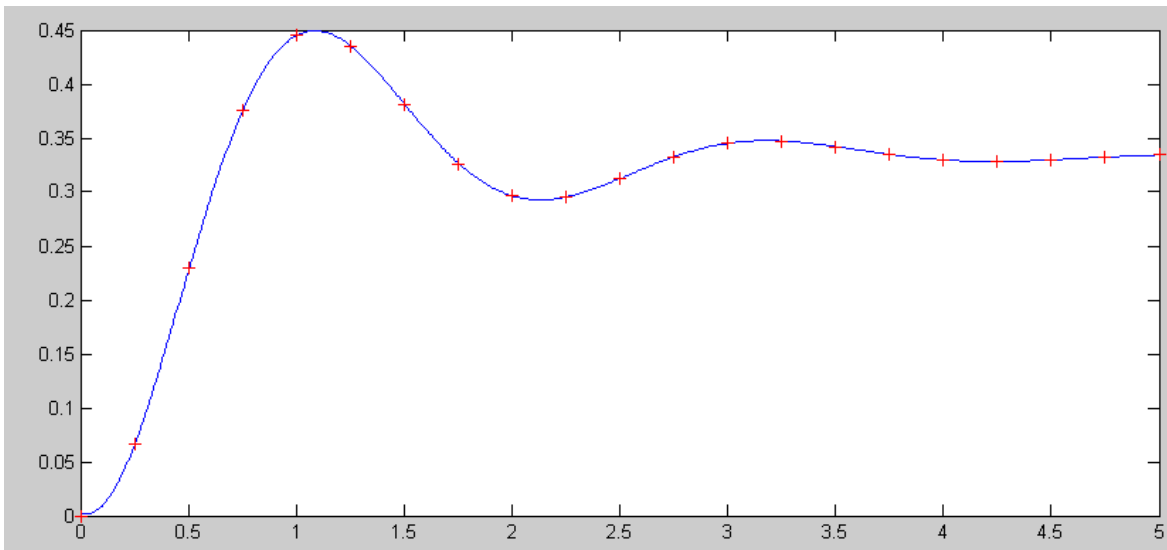
$$y(t) = (0.3333 + 0.3616e^{-t}\cos(3t + 155^\circ) - 0.0039e^{-30t})u(t)$$

2d) Compare your answer for part c) with the response from Matlab

```
t = [0:0.01:5]';
y = 0.3333 + 0.3616*exp(-t).*cos(3*t+2.7053) - 0.0039*exp(-30*t);

G = tf(50,[1,32,70,300]);
y0 = 2 * step(G, t);

N = [1:25:length(t)]';
plot(t,y,t(N),y0(N),'r+')
```



Calculated Step Response (blue) and Matlab Solution (red crosses)

## 1st & 2nd Order Approximations

**Problem 3:** Determine a 1st-order system which has approximately the same step response as this system

$$Y = \left( \frac{100,000}{(s+2)(s+7)(s+10)(s+15)} \right) X$$

The dominant pole is at -2

$$\left( \frac{100,000}{(s+2)(s+7)(s+10)(s+15)} \right) \approx \left( \frac{a}{s+2} \right)$$

Matching the DC gain

$$\left( \frac{100,000}{(s+2)(s+7)(s+10)(s+15)} \right)_{s=0} = 47.619$$

$$\left( \frac{a}{s+2} \right)_{s=0} = 47.619$$

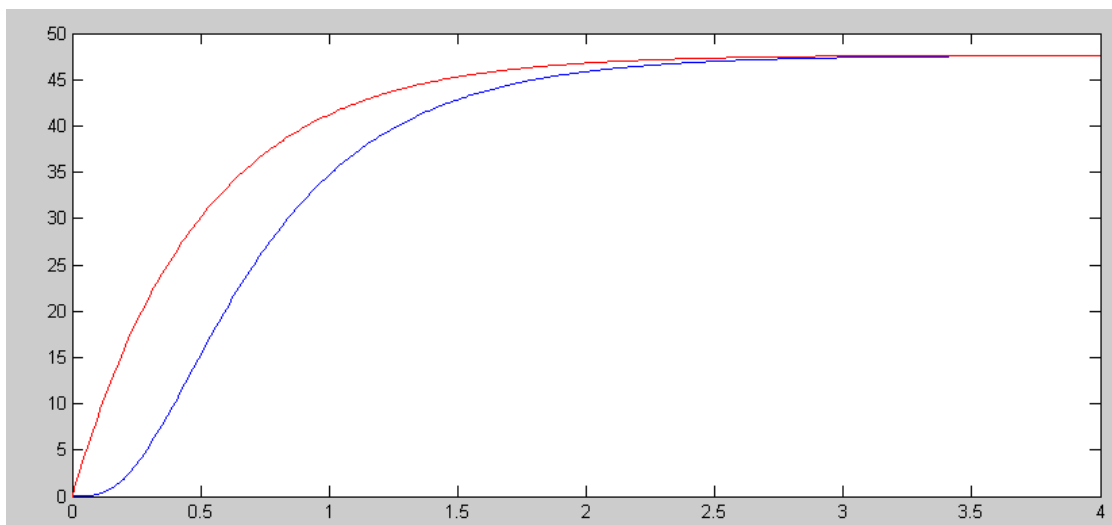
$$a = 95.238$$

so

$$\left( \frac{100,000}{(s+2)(s+7)(s+10)(s+15)} \right) \approx \left( \frac{95.318}{s+2} \right)$$

Compare the step response of the two systems in Matlab (or similar program)

```
t = [0:0.01:5]';  
G4 = zpk([], [-2, -7, -10, -15], 100000);  
G1 = tf(95.318, [1, 2]);  
t = [0:0.01:4]';  
y1 = step(G1, t);  
y4 = step(G4, t);  
plot(t, y4, t, y1, 'r');
```



Step Response of 4th-Order System (blue) and 1st-Order Approximation (red)

**Problem 4:** Determine a 2nd-order system which has approximately the same step response as this system

$$Y = \left( \frac{100,000}{(s^2+3s+15)(s+20)(s+50)} \right) X$$

The dominant pole is the complex pair

$$\left( \frac{100,000}{(s^2+3s+15)(s+20)(s+50)} \right) \approx \left( \frac{a}{s^2+3s+15} \right)$$

Match the DC gain

$$\left( \frac{100,000}{(s^2+3s+15)(s+20)(s+50)} \right)_{s=0} \approx \left( \frac{a}{s^2+3s+15} \right)_{s=0} = 6.6666$$

$$a = 100$$

so

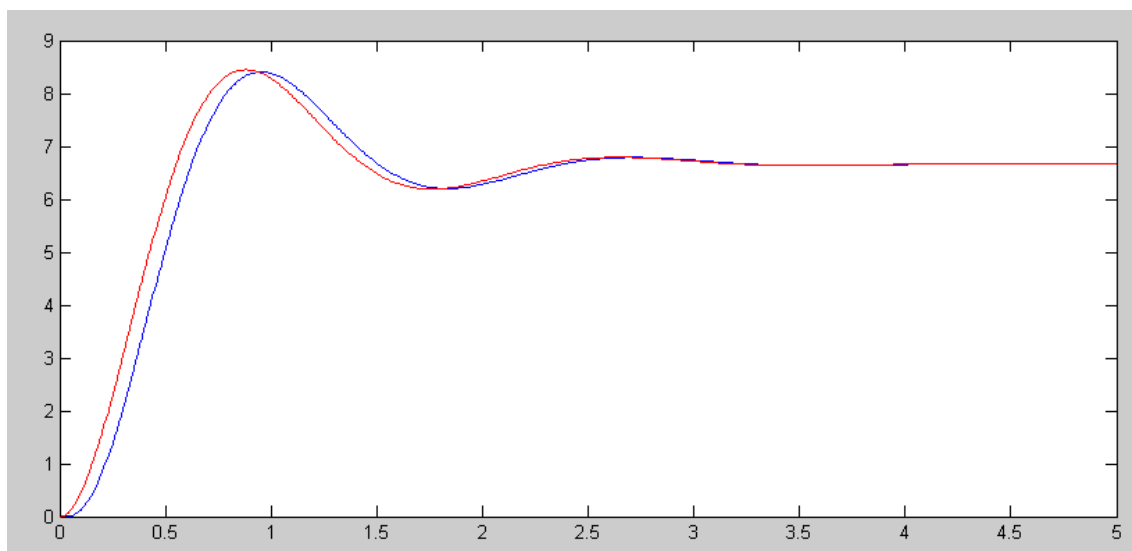
$$\left( \frac{100,000}{(s^2+3s+15)(s+20)(s+50)} \right) \approx \left( \frac{100}{s^2+3s+15} \right)$$

Compare the step response of the two systems in Matlab (or similar program)

```
den = conv([1, 3, 15], [1, 20])
      1    23    75    300
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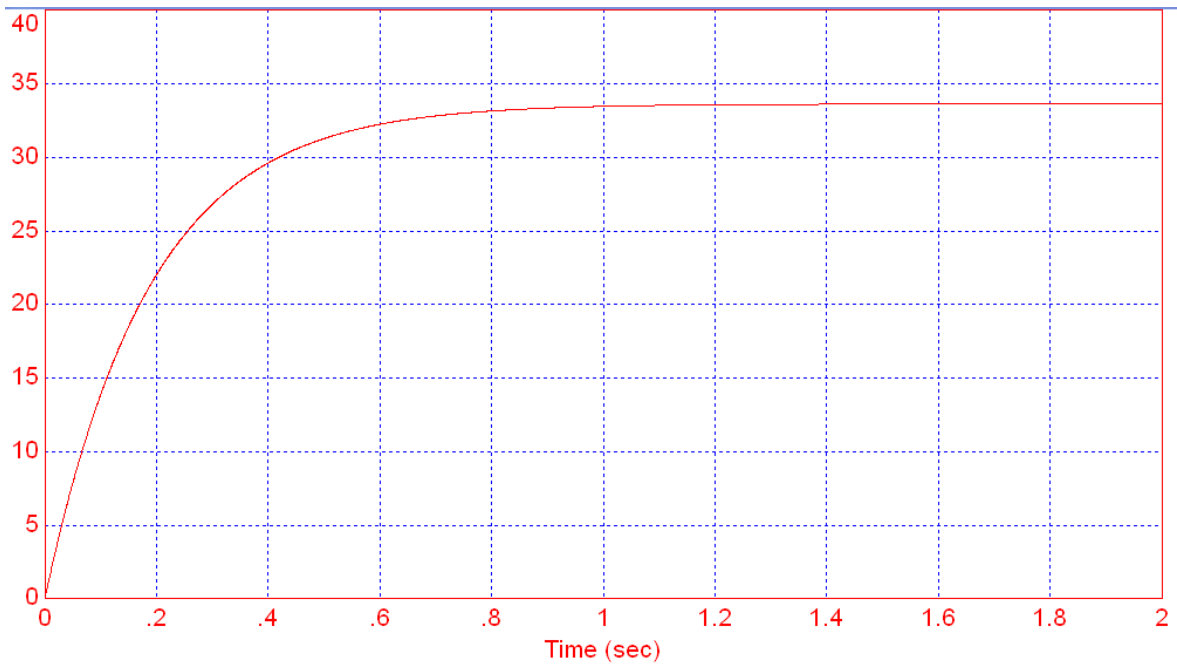
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den = conv(den, [1, 50])
      1    73    1225    4050    15000
```

```
G4 = tf(100000, den);
G1 = tf(100, [1, 3, 15]);
t = [0:0.01:5]';
y1 = step(G1, t);
y4 = step(G4, t);
plot(t, y4, t, y1, 'r');
```



Step Response of 4th-Order System (blue) and 1st-Order Approximation (red)

**Problem 5:** Find the transfer function for a system with the following step response:



This is a 1st-order system

$$G(s) \approx \left( \frac{a}{s+b} \right)$$

The DC gain is 34

$$\left( \frac{a}{s+b} \right)_{s=0} = \left( \frac{a}{b} \right) = 34$$

The 2% settling time is about 0.8 seconds

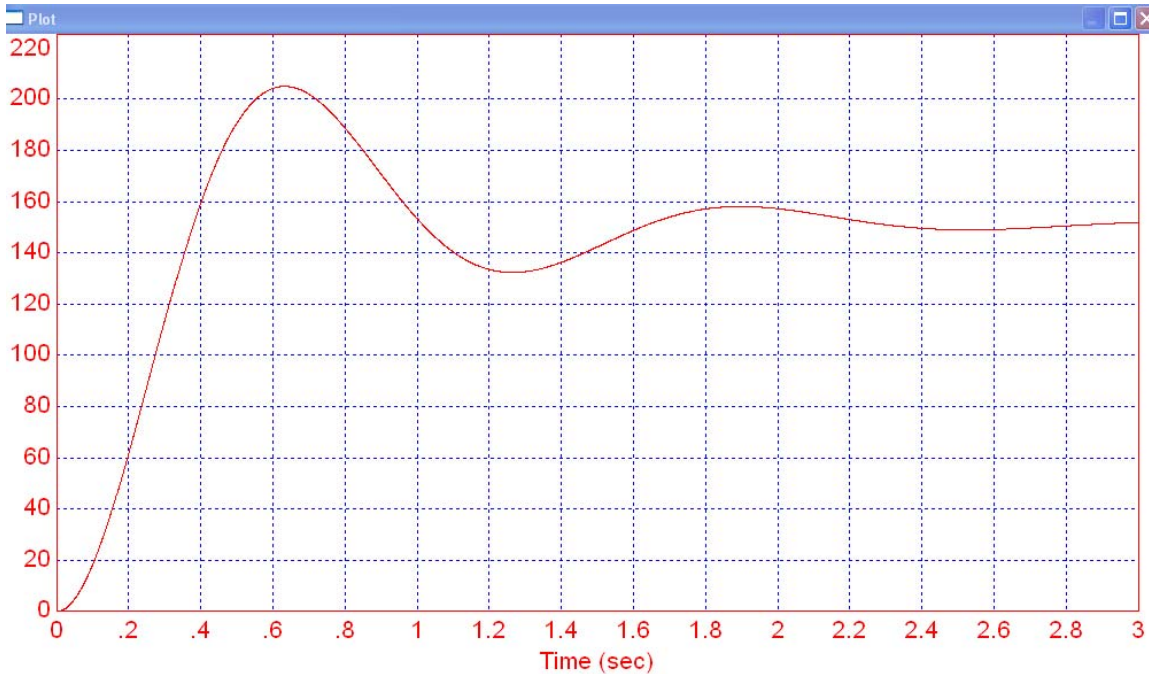
$$t_{2\%} = \left( \frac{4}{b} \right) = 0.8$$

$$b = 5$$

so

$$G(s) \approx \left( \frac{170}{s+5} \right)$$

**Problem 6:** Find the transfer function for a system with the following step response:



This is a 2nd-order system: It oscillates meaning it has a complex pole along with its conjugate

$$G(s) \approx \left( \frac{a}{(s+b+jc)(s+b-jc)} \right)$$

The DC gain is about 150

$$\left( \frac{a}{(s+b+jc)(s+b-jc)} \right)_{s=0} = 150$$

The 2% settling time is about 2.6 seconds (telling you the real part of the pole)

$$t_{2\%} = \frac{4}{b} = 2.6$$

$$b = 1.5385$$

The frequency of oscillation (tells you the complex part of the pole)

$$c = \left( \frac{2 \text{ cycles}}{2.6 \text{ seconds}} \right) \cdot 2\pi$$

$$c = 4.833$$

so

$$G(s) \approx \left( \frac{3859}{(s+1.5385+j4.833)(s+1.5385-j4.833)} \right)$$

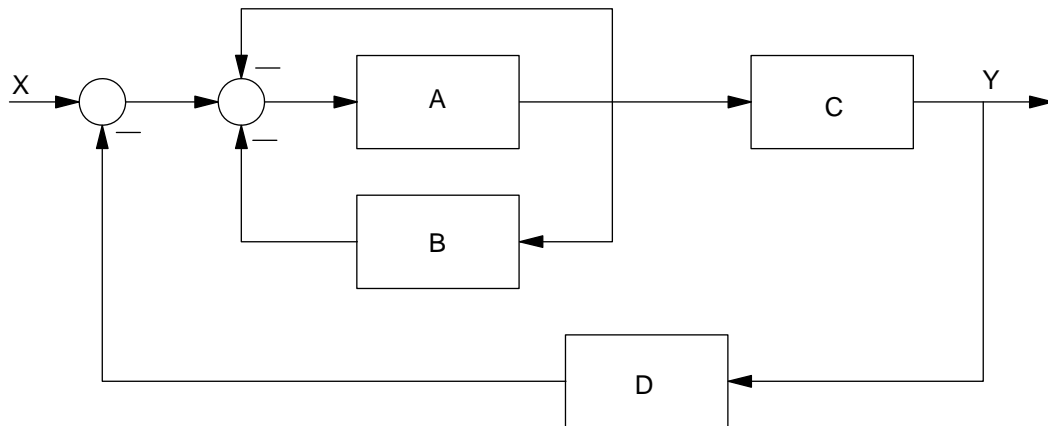
notes:

- The numerator was chosen so that the DC gain is 150 )
- Answers will vary - it's hard to read this graph to 4 decimal places



## Block Diagrams

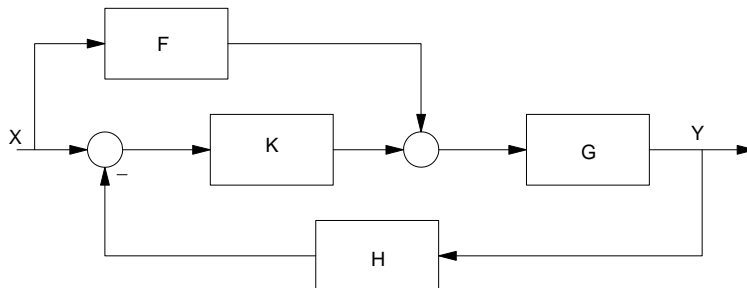
**Problem 7)** Find the transfer function from X to Y



$$Y = \left( \frac{\sum \text{gains from X to Y}}{1 + \sum \text{Loop Gains}} \right) X$$

$$Y = \left( \frac{AC}{1+A+AB+ACD} \right) X$$

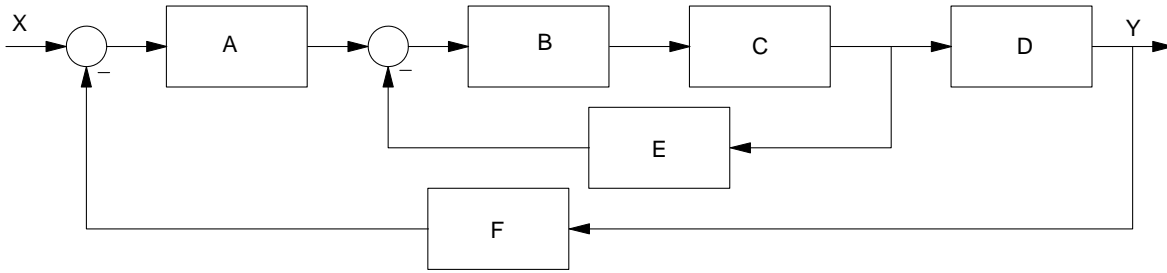
**Problem 8:** Find the transfer function from X to Y



$$Y = \left( \frac{\sum \text{gains from X to Y}}{1 + \sum \text{Loop Gains}} \right) X$$

$$Y = \left( \frac{GF+GK}{1+GKH} \right) X$$

**Problem 9:** Find the transfer function from X to Y



$$Y = \left( \frac{\sum \text{gains from X to Y}}{1 + \sum \text{Loop Gains}} \right) X$$

$$Y = \left( \frac{ABCD}{1+BCE+ABCF} \right) X$$