



# Steady-State Analysis

XMUT315 Control Systems Engineering

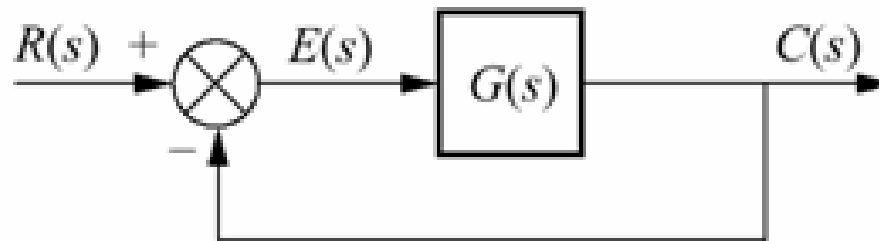
# Topics

- Introduction to steady-state error.
- Derivation of steady-state error.
- Steady-state analysis of step input.
- Steady-state analysis of ramp input.
- Steady-state analysis of parabola input.
- Steady-state error of other types of systems.
- Sensitivity of system parameters towards steady-state errors.

# Error in Control Systems

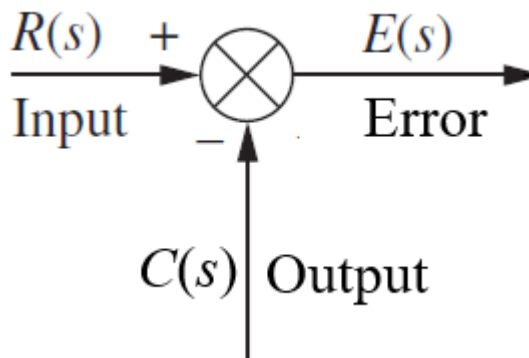
- For the following feedback control system, the system error  $e(t)$  for a feedback control system is given by the difference between the demanded output  $r(t)$  and the actual output  $c(t)$ .

$$e(t) = r(t) - c(t)$$



# Steady-State Error

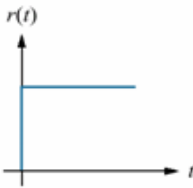
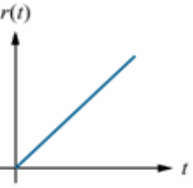
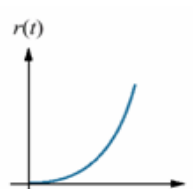
- The steady-state error is then defined as the difference between demanded and actual output when  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .



- In this course, the steady-state error is also defined for specific test inputs (e.g. there are other types of input tests available in control system engineering, e.g. sinusoidal, square wave, etc.):
  - Step input.
  - Ramp input.
  - Parabola input.

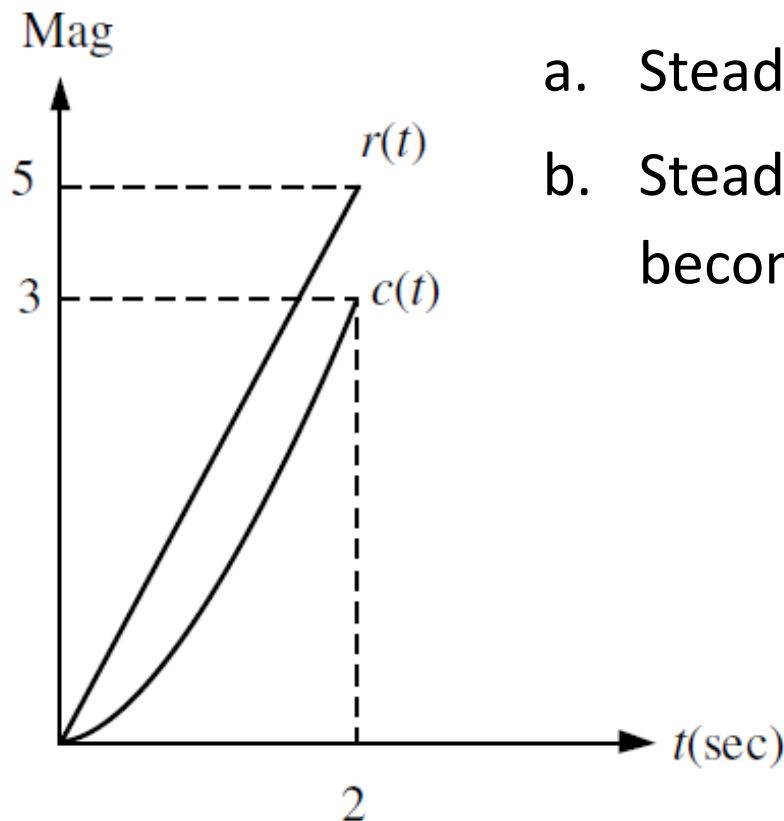
# Test Inputs for Steady-State Error Analysis

- For steady-state analysis, test inputs: step, ramp and parabola.

Name	Waveform	Physical Interpretation	Time Function	Laplace Transform
Step		Constant position	1	$\frac{1}{s}$
Ramp		Constant velocity	$t$	$\frac{1}{s^2}$
Parabola		Constant acceleration	$\frac{1}{2}t^2$	$\frac{1}{s^3}$

# Example of Steady-State Error

Figure given below shows the ramp input  $r(t)$  and the output  $c(t)$  of a system. Assuming the output's steady state can be approximated by a ramp, find:



- Steady-state error. [2 marks]
- Steady-state error if the input becomes  $r(t) = tu(t)$ . [2 marks]

# Example of Steady-State Error

a. From the figure, the steady-state error of the system is:

$$e(\infty) = r(\infty) - c(\infty) = 5 - 3 = 2$$

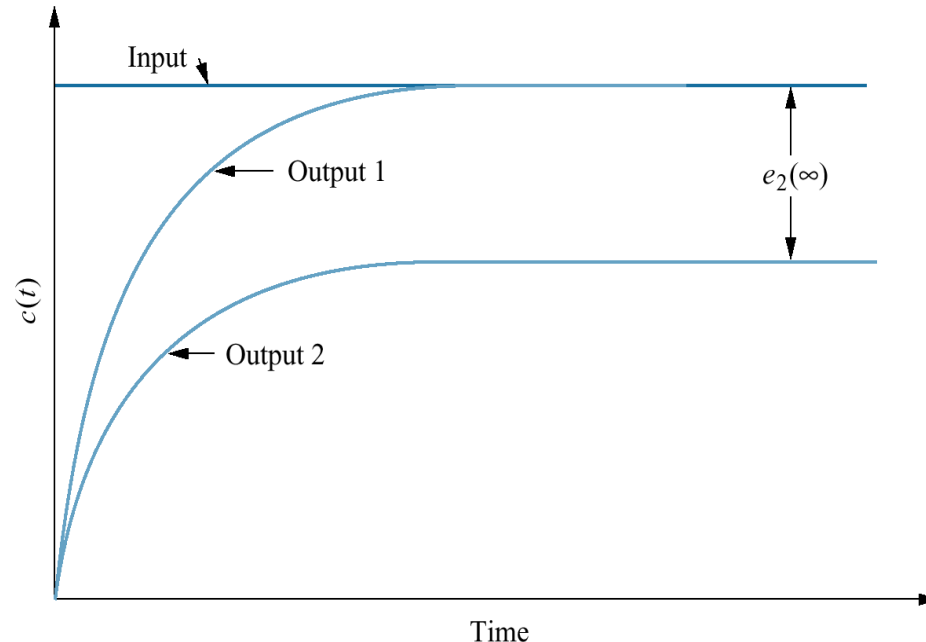
b. Since the system is linear, and because the original input was  $r(t) = 2.5tu(t)$ , the new steady-state error is:

$$e(\infty) = \frac{2}{2.5} = 0.8$$

# Steady-State Error of Step Input

For a step input, compare the time response of different systems:

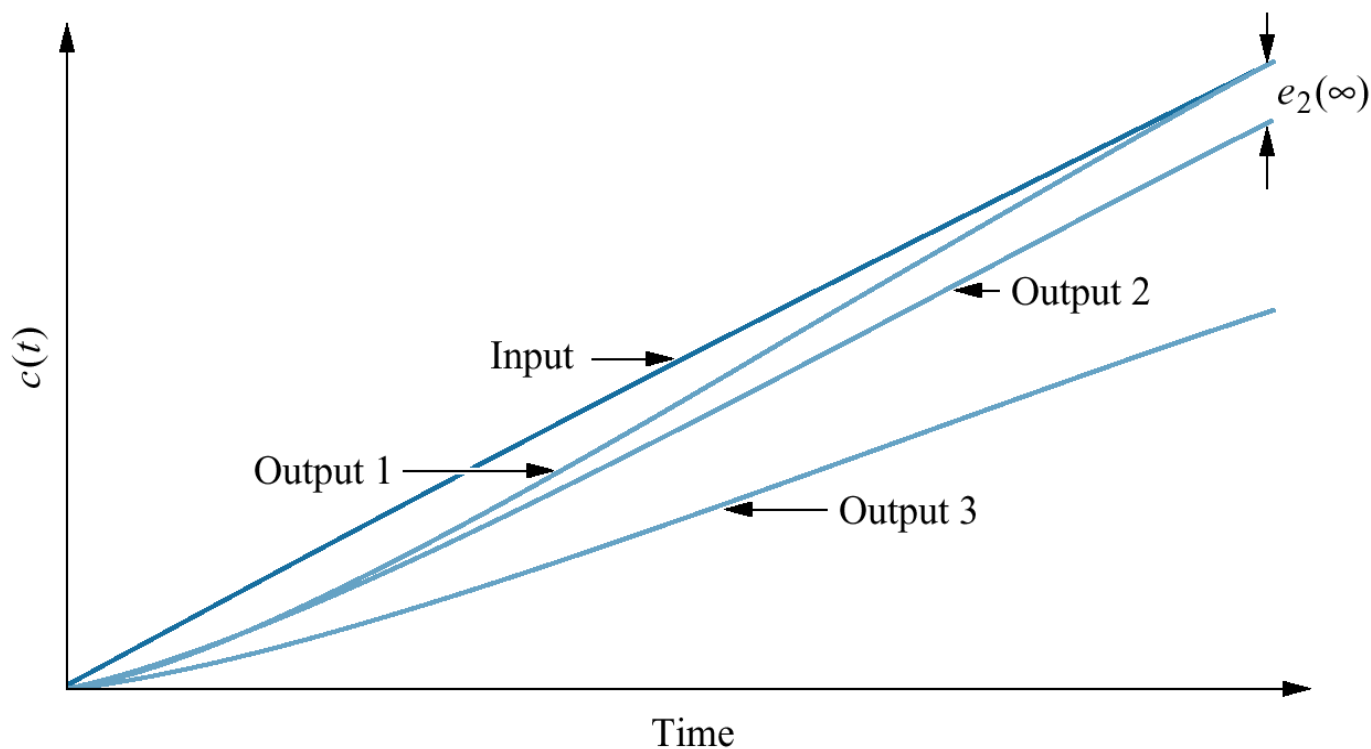
- Output 1:  $e_1(\infty) = 0$  because Output 1 is equal to Input at  $t = \infty$ , and the steady-state error is thus zero.
- Output 2:  $e_2(\infty) \neq 0$  because Output 2 is NOT equal to Input at  $t = \infty$  and the steady-state error is thus non-zero.



# Steady-State Error of Ramp Input

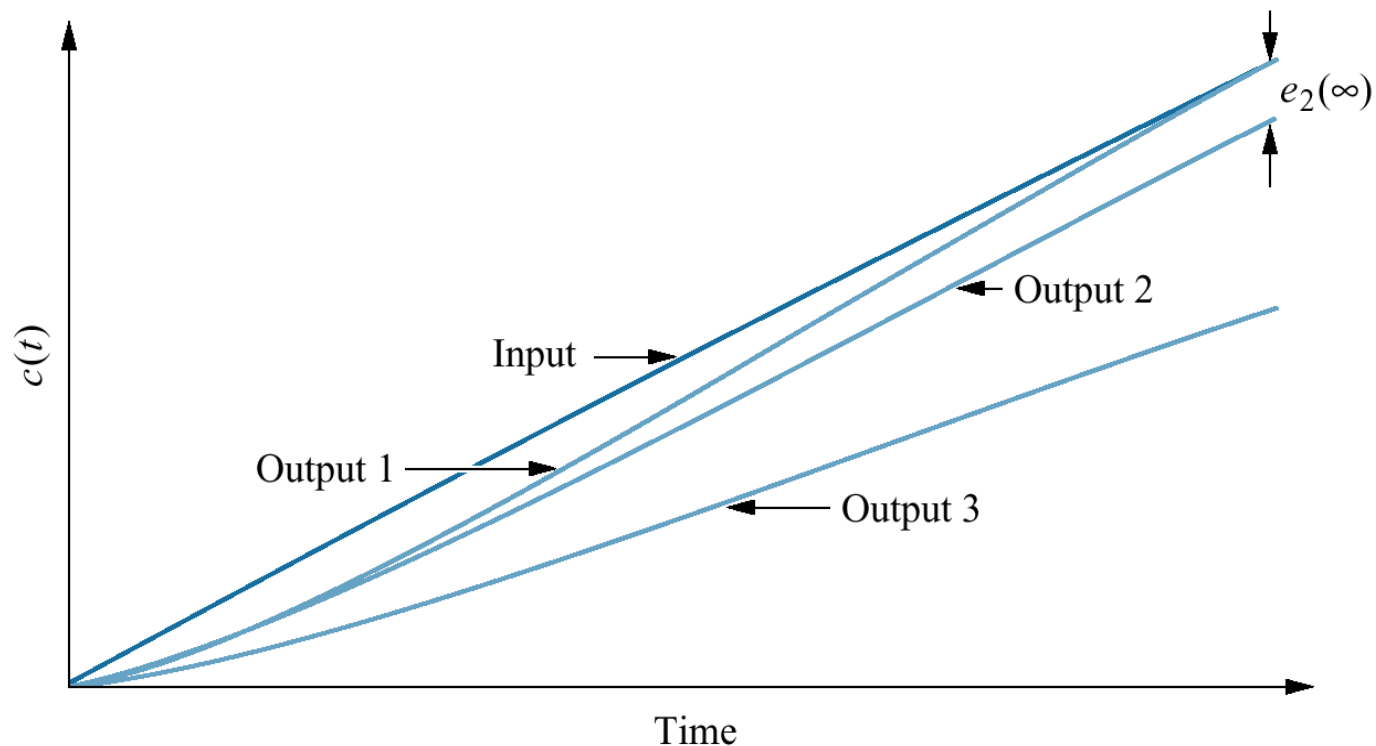
For a ramp input:

- Output 1:  $e_1(\infty) = 0$  because Output 1 = Input at  $t = \infty$  and the steady-state error is thus zero.

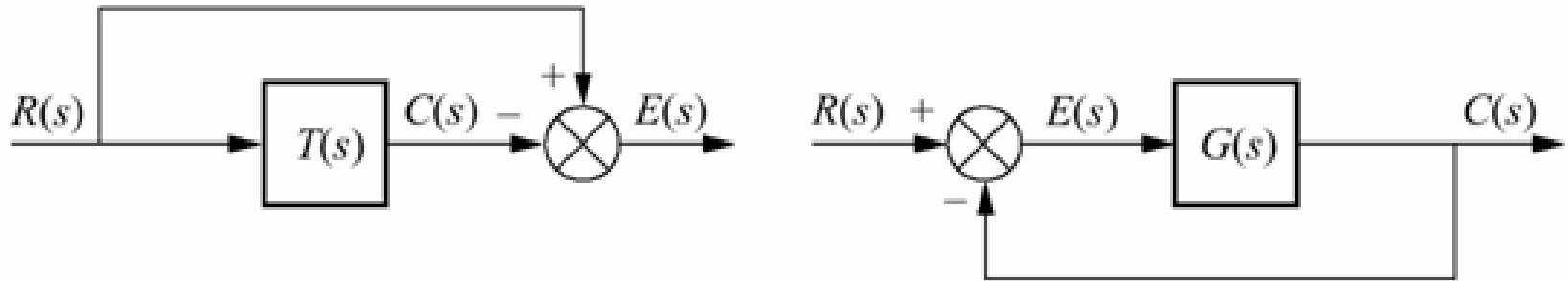


# Steady-State Error of Ramp Input

- Output 2: Although the response has the same slope as the ramp input,  $e_2(\infty) \neq 0$  because there will be a finite error at  $t = \infty$  and the steady-state error is thus non-zero.
- Output 3:  $e_3(\infty) = \infty$  because the error will increase with time as the response has a different slope than the ramp input.



# General Closed Loop (Unit Feedback System)



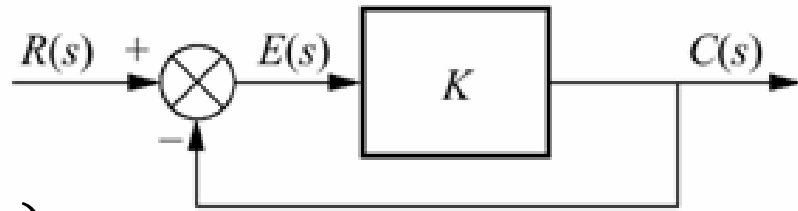
- The system error (in both cases) is then given as by the definition as:

$$E(s) = R(s) - C(s)$$

- We will now derive expressions for the steady-state error in unit feedback systems and then expand to non-unity feedback.

# Sources of Steady-State Error

- Consider steady-state errors due to system configuration. System with a pure gain element.



- System output:  $C(s) = KE(s)$
- The steady-state error can then never be equal to zero, nor will the output of the system be zero.
- There will thus always be a steady-state error present.
- If  $C_{SS}$  is the steady-state value of the output and  $e_{SS}$  is the steady-state value of the error, then:

$$c_{SS}(t) = Ke_{SS}(t)$$

- For a unity feedback system, error will diminish as  $K$  increases.

# Steady-State Error in Terms of $G(s)$

- For the system:

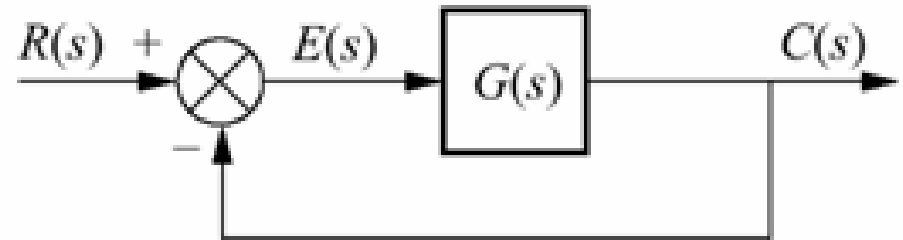
$$E(s) = R(s) - C(s) \text{ and } C(s) = E(s)G(s)$$

- Thus:

$$E(s) = R(s) - E(s)G(s)$$

- Rearrange, so that:

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



- From the final value theorem:

$$e(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sE(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sR(s)}{1 + G(s)}$$

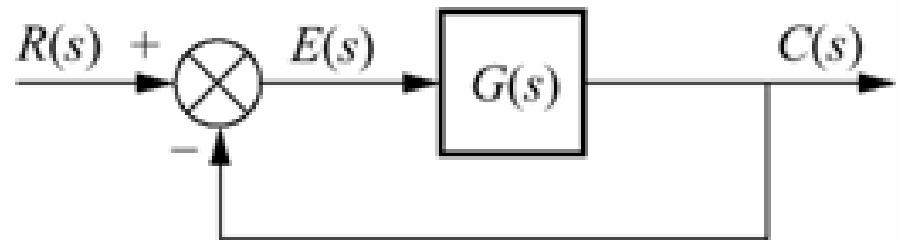
- Above equation will thus allow us to calculate the steady-state error given a particular input  $R(s)$ .

# Example of S/S Error of Closed-Loop Systems

Determine the steady-state error of the unity feedback system as shown below if the plant  $G(s)$  is given a step input ( $1/s$ ):

[4 marks]

$$G(s) = \frac{2}{s(s+2)}$$



# Example of S/S Error of Closed-Loop Systems

- The steady-state error of the unity feedback system is determined from:

$$e(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sE(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sR(s)}{1 + G(s)}$$

- Entering the transfer-function equation of the plant to the equation above, it becomes:

$$e(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(1/s)}{1 + \left[ \frac{2}{s(s+2)} \right]} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(s+2)}{s(s+2) + 2} = 0$$

# Steady-State Error of Step Input

**Step Input:** With  $R(s) = 1/s$ , we have:

$$e(\infty) = e_{step}(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(1/s)}{1 + G(s)} = \frac{1}{1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G(s)}$$

- For zero steady-state error, we need:

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G(s) = \infty$$

- To satisfy the above equation,  $G(s)$  must have the form:

$$G(s) = \frac{(s + z_1)(s + z_2) \dots}{s^n (s + p_1)(s + p_2) \dots}$$

- The  $G(s) \rightarrow \infty$  in the limit  $s \rightarrow 0$ , as the denominator will become zero.
- To have a zero steady-state error, we must have at least one pole at the origin so that  $n \geq 1$ .

# Steady-State Error of Step Input

- The term  $s$  in the denominator of the equation for  $G(s)$  represents an integrating element in the feedforward path.
- Division by  $s$  in the frequency domain represents integration in the time domain.
- At least one integrating element must be present in the forward path in order to ensure a zero steady-state error.
- If there are no integrations, then  $n = 0$  and

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G(s) = \frac{z_1 z_2 \dots}{p_1 p_2 \dots}$$

- This will be finite and will thus produce a finite steady-state error.
- In order to have a zero steady-state error for a step input, we thus need at least one integrating element in the forward path.

# Steady-State Error of Ramp Input

**Ramp Input:** For a ramp input, we have  $r(t) = tu(t)$ , where  $r(t) = t$  for  $t > 0$  and  $r(t) = 0$  elsewhere.

- With  $R(s) = 1/s^2$  we have:

$$e(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(1/s^2)}{1 + G(s)} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{s + sG(s)} = \frac{1}{\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sG(s)}$$

- In order to have zero steady-state error, we need:

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sG_0(s) = \infty$$

- For this condition, we need poles at origin,  $n \geq 2$ , i.e. we need at least two integrators in the open-loop transfer function.

# Steady-State Error of Ramp Input

- If there is one integrator ( $n = 1$ ):

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sG_0(s) = \frac{sKz_1z_2 \dots}{sp_1p_2 \dots} = \text{finite}$$

- This will lead to a finite steady-state error.

- If there are no integrators ( $n = 0$ ):

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sG_0(s) = \frac{sKz_1z_2 \dots}{p_1p_2 \dots} = 0$$

- So that, we have an infinite steady-state error.

# Steady-State Error of Parabolic Input

**Parabolic Input:** For a parabolic input, we have:

$$r(t) = 0.5t^2$$

- Thus,  $R(s) = 1/s^3$ , the steady-state error is then:

$$e(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(1/s^3)}{1 + G(s)} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{s^2 + s^2 G(s)} = \frac{1}{\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s^2 G(s)}$$

- In order to have zero steady-state error, we need:

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s^2 G_0(s) = \infty$$

- We will thus require three integrators in the open-loop transfer function ( $n \geq 3$ ).
- If  $n = 2$ , there will be a finite steady-state error and for  $n < 2$  there will be an infinite steady-state error.

# Summary of Steady-State Errors

Expressions for the steady-state error (for unity feedback) to different inputs:

$$e(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sE(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sR(s)}{1 + G(s)}$$

Where:

$$e_{step}(\infty) = \frac{1}{1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G(s)}$$

$$e_{ramp}(\infty) = \frac{1}{1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sG(s)}$$

$$e_{parabola}(\infty) = \frac{1}{1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s^2 G(s)}$$

# Summary of Steady-State Errors

For a zero steady-state error, we need at least:

- one integrator in the transfer function for a step input.

$$e(\infty) = \frac{1}{1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{as^n + bs^{n-1} + \dots}{s(as^n + bs^{n-1} + \dots)} \right]}$$

- two integrators in the transfer function for a ramp input.

$$e(\infty) = \frac{1}{1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \left[ \frac{as^n + bs^{n-1} + \dots}{s^2(as^n + bs^{n-1} + \dots)} \right]}$$

- three integrators in the transfer function for a parabola input.

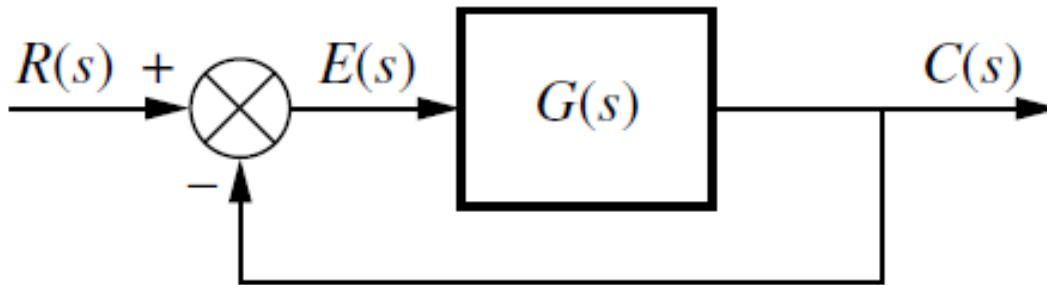
$$e(\infty) = \frac{1}{1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s^2 \left[ \frac{as^n + bs^{n-1} + \dots}{s^3(as^n + bs^{n-1} + \dots)} \right]}$$

# Example of Steady-State Errors & Inputs

For the unity feedback system shown in the figure below, where:

$$G(s) = \frac{450(s + 8)(s + 12)(s + 15)}{s(s + 38)(s^2 + 2s + 28)}$$

Find the steady-state errors for the following test inputs:  $25u(t)$ ,  $37tu(t)$ , and  $47t^2u(t)$ . [6 marks]



# Example of Steady-State Errors & Inputs

- The steady-state error of the system is calculated from:

$$e(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sE(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sR(s)}{1 + G(s)}$$

Where:

$$G(s) = \frac{450(s + 8)(s + 12)(s + 15)}{s(s + 38)(s^2 + 2s + 28)}$$

- For step input,  $25u(t)$ ,  $R(s) = 25/s$ . Thus, the steady-state error of the system is:

$$e(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sR(s)}{1 + G(s)}$$

# Example of Steady-State Errors & Inputs

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(25/s)}{1 + \frac{450(s+8)(s+12)(s+15)}{s(s+38)(s^2+2s+28)}} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- For ramp input,  $37tu(t)$ ,  $R(s) = 37/s^2$ . Thus, the steady-state error of the system is:

$$\begin{aligned} e(\infty) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sR(s)}{1 + G(s)} \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s \left( \frac{37}{s^2} \right)}{1 + \frac{450(s+8)(s+12)(s+15)}{s(s+38)(s^2+2s+28)}} \end{aligned}$$

# Example of Steady-State Errors & Inputs

$$= \frac{37}{\frac{450(8)(12)(15)}{(38)(28)}} = 6.075 \times 10^{-2}$$

- For parabolic input,  $47t^2u(t)$ ,  $R(s) = 47/s^3$ . Thus, the steady-state error of the system is:

$$\begin{aligned} e(\infty) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sR(s)}{1 + G(s)} \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(47/s^3)}{1 + \frac{450(s+8)(s+12)(s+15)}{s(s+38)(s^2+2s+28)}} \\ &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

# Static Error Constants

Static-error constant and system type:

- The term in the denominator of the definition of the steady-state error for each input type is taken to limit the steady-state error.
- These are then called the static-error constants and are defined as follows:
  - Position constant:  $K_p = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G(s)$
  - Velocity constant:  $K_v = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sG(s)$
  - Acceleration constant:  $K_a = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s^2 G(s)$
- These constants depend on the form of  $G(s)$  and will determine the value of the steady-state error.
- Error decreases as the value of the static-error constant increases.

# Static Error Constants

Static position error constant ( $K_p$ ):

- It is associated with step input signal applied to a closed-loop system. For a given step input signal:

$$R(s) = A/s \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

- Steady-state error is given as:

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sR(s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)} \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

- Put equations (1) into (2):

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(A/s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)} = \frac{A}{1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G(s)H(s)} = \frac{A}{1 + K_p}$$

Where:  $K_p = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G(s)H(s)$

# Static Error Constants

Static velocity error constant ( $K_v$ )

- It is associated with ramp input signal applied to a closed loop system. The ramp input signal is:

$$R(s) = A/s^2 \quad (\text{Eq. 3})$$

- Steady-state error is given as:

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sR(s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)} \quad (\text{Eq. 4})$$

- Put equations (3) into (4):

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(A/s^2)}{1 + G(s)H(s)} = \frac{A}{\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} (1)s + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sG(s)H(s)} = \frac{A}{K_v}$$

$$\text{Where: } K_v = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sG(s)H(s)$$

# Static Error Constants

Static acceleration error constant ( $K_a$ )

- It is associated with parabolic input signal applied to a closed loop system. The parabolic input signal is:

$$R(s) = A/s^3 \quad (\text{Eq. 5})$$

- Steady-state error is given as:

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sR(s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)} \quad (\text{Eq. 6})$$

- Put equations (5) into (6):

$$e_{ss} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(A/s^3)}{1 + G(s)H(s)} = \frac{A}{\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} (1)s^2 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s^2 G(s)H(s)} = \frac{A}{K_a}$$

$$\text{Where: } K_a = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s^2 G(s)H(s)$$

# Example of Static Error Constants

For a system that has the open-loop transfer function as given below.

$$G(s) = \frac{20(s + 1)}{s(s + 2)(s + 5)}$$

- a. Determine the position, velocity and acceleration error constants (i.e.  $K_p$ ,  $K_v$ , and  $K_a$ ) and steady-state errors. [12 marks]
- b. Comment on influence of the input on the tracking of the output of the system. [2 marks]

# Example of Static Error Constants

a. The steady-state error constants and steady-state errors for the given system are:

- Step input:

$$K_p = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{20(s+1)}{s(s+2)(s+5)} = \frac{20(1)}{(0)(2)(5)} = \infty$$

$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{1 + K_p} = \frac{1}{1 + \infty} = 0$$

- Ramp input:

$$K_v = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sG(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{(s)20(s+1)}{s(s+2)(s+5)} = \frac{(20)(1)}{(2)(5)} = 2$$

$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{K_v} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

# Example of Static Error Constants

- Parabolic input:

$$K_a = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s^2 G(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{(s^2)20(s+1)}{s(s+2)(s+5)} = \frac{(0)(20)(1)}{(2)(5)}$$

$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{K_a} = \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

- b. Since the open-loop transfer function of this system has one integrator, the output of the closed-loop system can perfectly track only the unit step.

# System Type

- The system type is taken to be the number of integrations in the feed-forward path.
- The value of  $n$  in  $s^n$  of the denominator. This value of  $n$  (the system type) then determines the steady-state error of a unit feedback system for a particular type of input.
- In general, the system transfer function can be written as:

$$G(s) = \frac{K \prod_{i=1}^M (s + z_i)}{s^n \prod_{k=1}^Q (s + p_k)}$$

Where:  $\prod$  denotes a multiplication of factors.

- The index ' $n$ ' denotes the system type number (if  $n = 0$ , the system type is 0; if  $n = 1$ , the system type is 1, etc.)

# Steady-State Error Constant & System Type

- The relationships between types of inputs, steady-state error constants and system types are summarised as in the following table:

Input	Steady-state error formula	Type 0		Type 1		Type 2	
		Static error constant	Error	Static error constant	Error	Static error constant	Error
Step, $u(t)$	$\frac{1}{1 + K_p}$	$K_p = \text{Constant}$	$\frac{1}{1 + K_p}$	$K_p = \infty$	0	$K_p = \infty$	0
Ramp, $tu(t)$	$\frac{1}{K_v}$	$K_v = 0$	$\infty$	$K_v = \text{Constant}$	$\frac{1}{K_v}$	$K_v = \infty$	0
Parabola, $1/2t^2u(t)$	$\frac{1}{K_a}$	$K_a = 0$	$\infty$	$K_a = 0$	$\infty$	$K_a = \text{Constant}$	$\frac{1}{K_a}$

# Example of Steady-State Errors & System Type

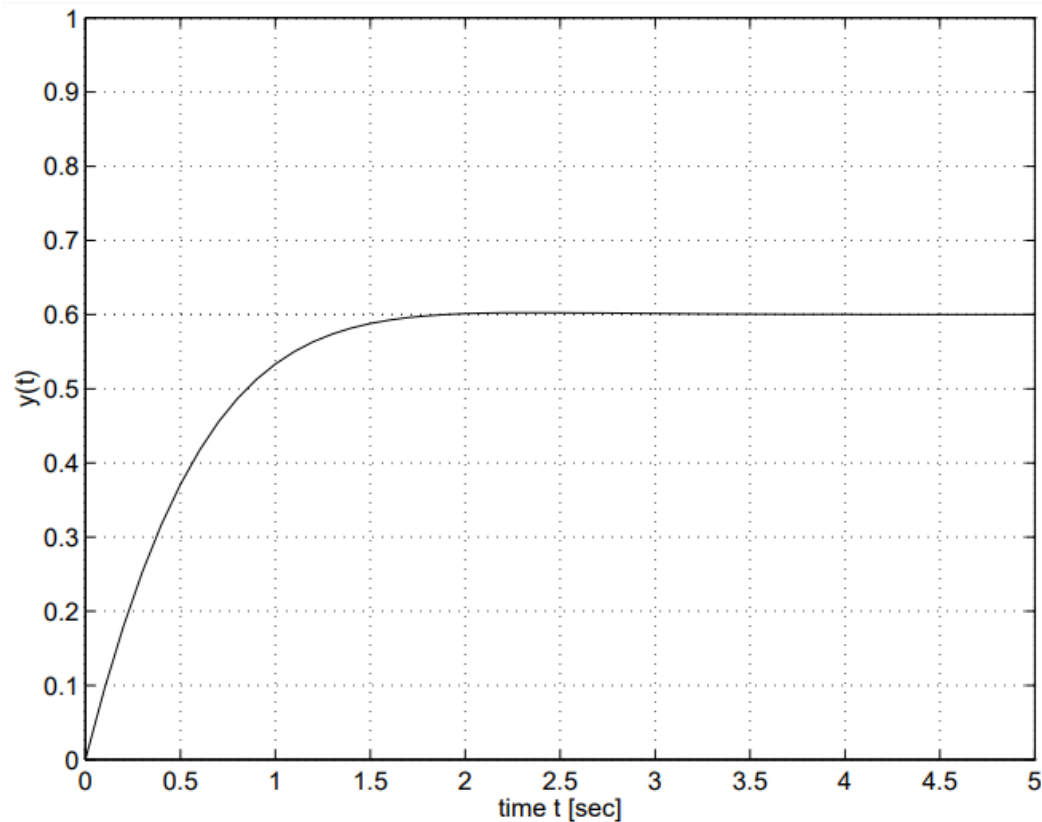
Consider the second-order system whose open-loop transfer function is given below.

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

- Sketch the time response of the system. [5 marks]
- Calculate the position error constant ( $K_p$ ) and steady-state error of the system toward unit-step input. [6 marks]
- What type of system is the system? Can you eliminate the steady-state error of this system? [4 marks]

# Example of Steady-State Errors & System Type

- a. The unit-step response of the given system. Notice the steady-state output is equal to 0.6, and hence, the steady-state error is 0.4.



# Example of Steady-State Errors & System Type

b. The position-error constant for this system is:

$$K_p = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{(s + 3)}{(s + 1)(s + 2)} = 1.5$$

So, the corresponding steady-state error of the system is:

$$e_{ss} = \frac{1}{1 + K_p} = \frac{1}{1 + 1.5} = 0.4$$

The unit-step response of the system is presented in the figure in part (a), from which it can be clearly seen that the steady-state output is equal to 0.6.

Hence, the steady-state error is equal to:

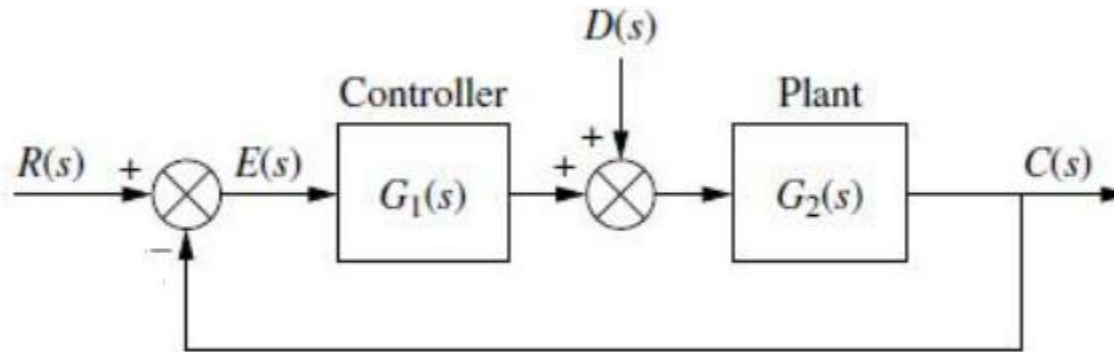
$$e(\infty) = 1 - 0.6 = 0.4$$

# Example of Steady-State Errors & System Type

- c. The system is a Type 0 system as it does not have any integral. The steady-state error of the system can be eliminated by introducing an integral into the system.

# Steady-State Error for Disturbances

- Feedback control systems are often used to compensate for disturbances or unwanted inputs that enter a system.



- For a feedback control system with a disturbance,  $D(s)$ , injected between the controller and the plant, the transform of the output is:

$$C(s) = R(s) - E(s)$$

- Thus

$$C(s) = E(s)G_1(s)G_2(s) + D(s)G_2(s)$$

# Steady-State Error for Disturbances

- The equation for deriving steady-state error is:

$$E(s) = \frac{1}{1 + G_1(s)G_2(s)} R(s) - \frac{G_2(s)}{1 + G_1(s)G_2(s)} D(s) \quad (\text{Eq. 7})$$

- The first part is relating  $E(s)$  to  $R(s)$  and the second term relating  $E(s)$  to  $D(s)$ .
- Apply final value theorem to find steady-state value of the error:

$$\begin{aligned} e(\infty) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sE(s) \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s}{1 + G_1(s)G_2(s)} R(s) - \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sG_2(s)}{1 + G_1(s)G_2(s)} D(s) \end{aligned}$$

# Steady-State Error for Disturbances

- Equation for the steady-state error for disturbance is:

$$e(\infty) = e_R(\infty) + e_D(\infty)$$

Where:

$$e_R(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s}{1 + G_1(s)G_2(s)} R(s)$$

And

$$e_D(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sG_2(s)}{1 + G_1(s)G_2(s)} D(s)$$

- The first term  $e_R(\infty)$  is the steady-state error due to  $R(s)$  and the second term  $e_D(\infty)$  is the steady-state error due to disturbance  $D(s)$ .

# Steady-State Error for Disturbances

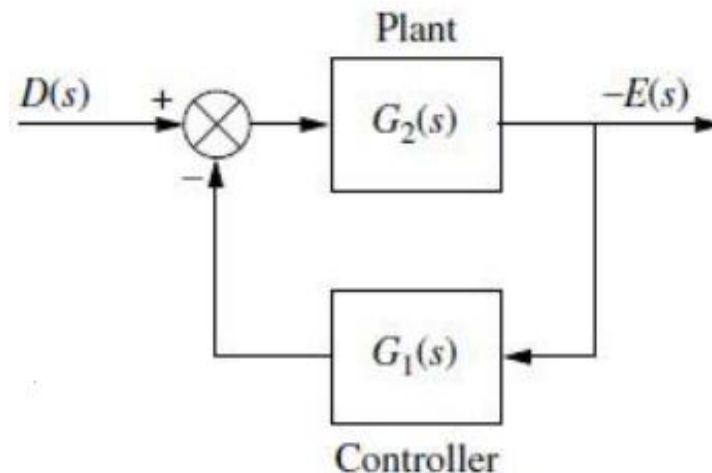
- Assume a step disturbance  $D(s) = 1/s$ .
- Substitute this value of step disturbance into the second term of equation (7),  $e_D(\infty)$ , the steady-state error due to a step disturbance is:

$$e_D(\infty) = - \frac{1}{\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{G_2(s)} + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G_1(s)}$$

- The steady-state error produced by a step disturbance can be reduced by increasing the dc gain of  $G_1(s)$  or decreasing the dc gain of  $G_2(s)$ .

# Steady-State Error for Disturbances

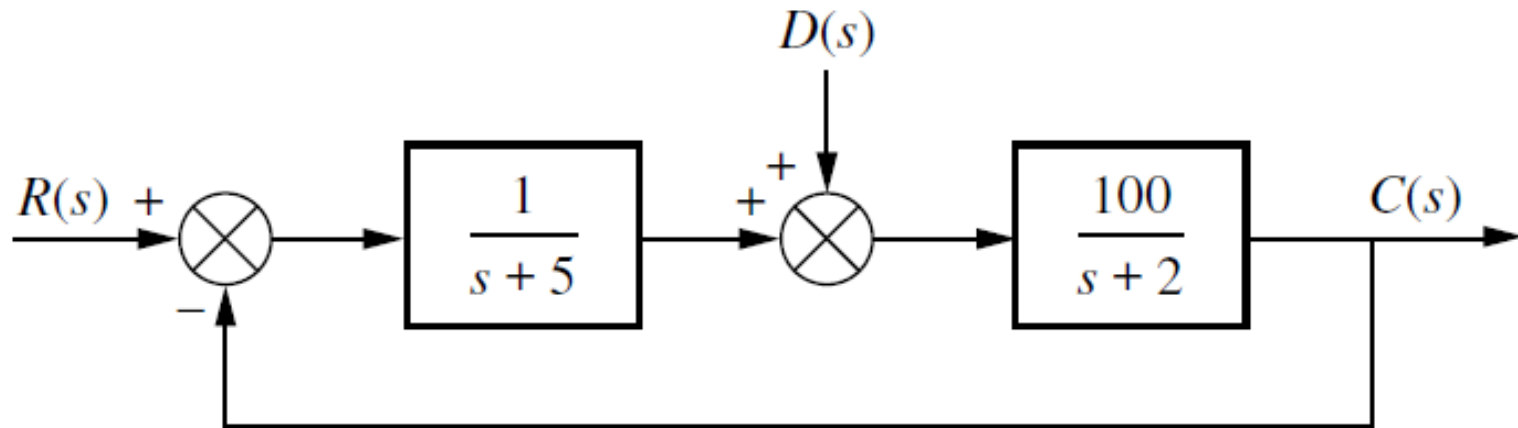
- If we want to minimise the steady-state value of  $E(s)$ , (the output), we must increase the DC gain of  $G_1(s)$  so that a lower  $E(s)$  be fed back to match the steady-state value of  $D(s)$  or decrease the dc value of  $G_2(s)$ .
- This yields a smaller value of  $e(\infty)$ , as predicted by the feedback formula.



# Example of Steady-State Error for Disturbances

Find the total steady-state error due to a unit step input and a unit step disturbance in the system of the figure below.

[8 marks]



# Example of Steady-State Error for Disturbances

- From the given block diagram of the system, the equation for the steady-state error of the system is:

$$e(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sR(s) - sD(s)G_2(s)}{1 + G_1(s)G_2(s)}$$

Where:

$$G_1(s) = \frac{1}{s + 5} \quad \text{and} \quad G_2(s) = \frac{100}{s + 2}$$

- From the problem statement, the input signal is:

$$R(s) = D(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$

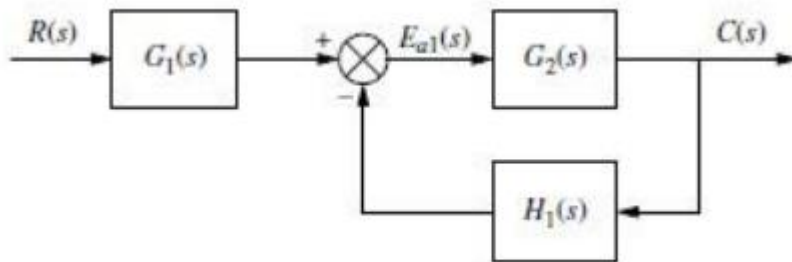
# Example of Steady-State Error for Disturbances

- Hence, the steady-state error of the system is:

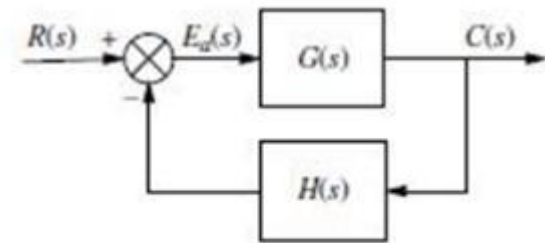
$$\begin{aligned} e(\infty) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) - s \left( \frac{1}{s} \right) \left( \frac{100}{s+2} \right)}{1 + \left( \frac{1}{s+5} \right) \left( \frac{100}{s+2} \right)} \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \left( \frac{100}{s+2} \right)}{1 + \left( \frac{1}{s+5} \right) \left( \frac{100}{s+2} \right)} = -\frac{49}{11} \end{aligned}$$

# Steady-State Error for Non-Unity Feedback

- A general feedback system, showing the input transducer,  $G_1(s)$ , controller and plant,  $G_2(s)$ , and feedback,  $H_1(s)$ , is shown in Figure (a).
- Pushing the input transducer to the right past the summing junction yields the general non-unity feedback system shown in Figure (b), where:  $G(s) = G_1(s)G_2(s)$  and  $H(s) = H_1(s)/G_1(s)$ .



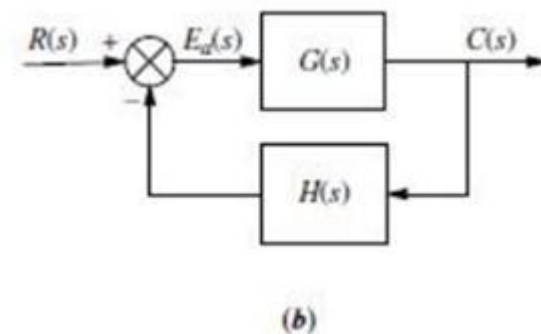
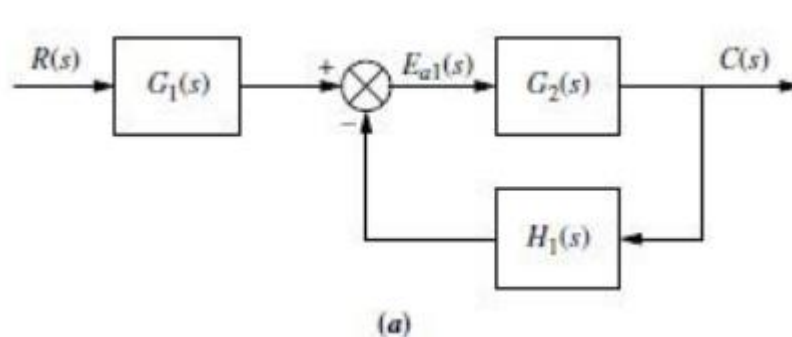
(a)



(b)

# Steady-State Error for Non-Unity Feedback

- Unlike a unity feedback system, where  $H(s) = 1$ , the error in non-unity feedback is not the difference between the input and the output.
- For this case we call the signal at the output of the summing junction the actuating signal,  $E_a(s)$ .
- If  $r(t)$  and  $c(t)$  have the same units, we can find the steady-state error,  $e(\infty) = r(\infty) - c(\infty)$ .

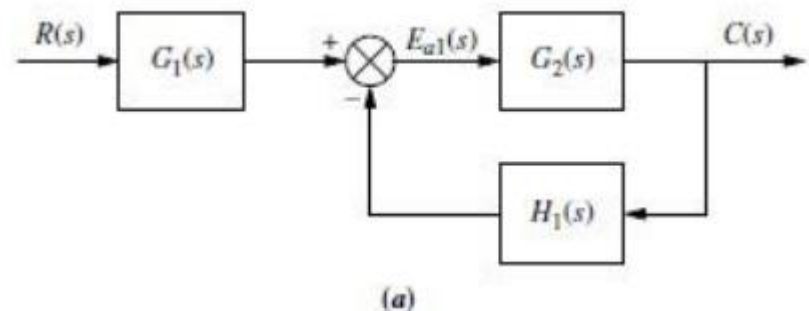


# Steady-State Error for Non-Unity Feedback

- To find out the steady-state value of the actuating signal,  $E_{a1}(s)$ , in figure (a), there is no restriction that the input and output units be the same, since we are finding the steady-state difference between signals at the summing junction, which do have the same units.
- The steady-state actuating signal for Figure (a) is:

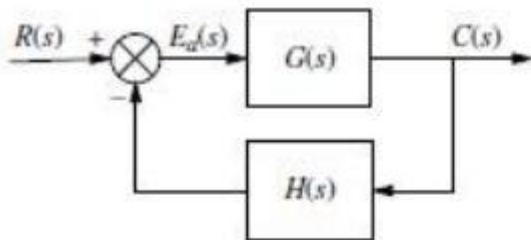
$$e_{a1}(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{sR(s)G_1(s)}{1 + G_2(s)H_1(s)}$$

- The first step is to show explicitly  $E(s) = R(s) - C(s)$  on the block diagram.

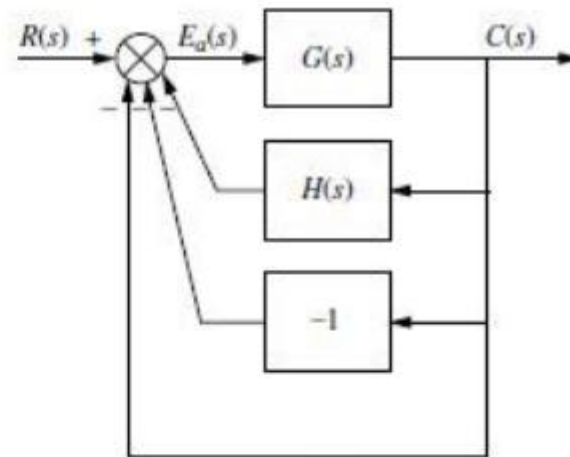


# Steady-State Error for Non-Unity Feedback

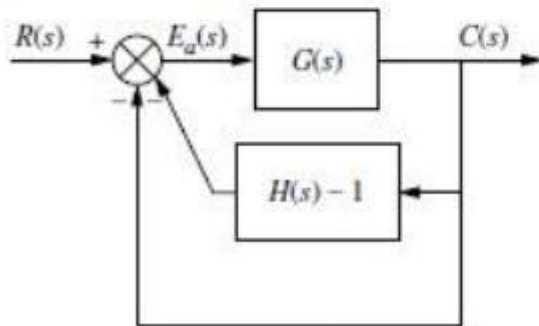
- Then, we form an equivalent unity feedback system from a general non-unity feedback system as illustrated below.



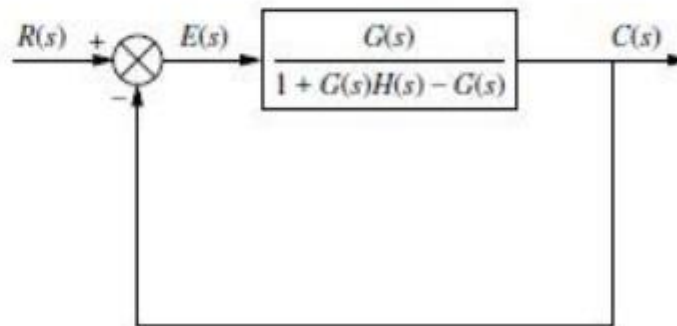
(b)



(c)



(d)



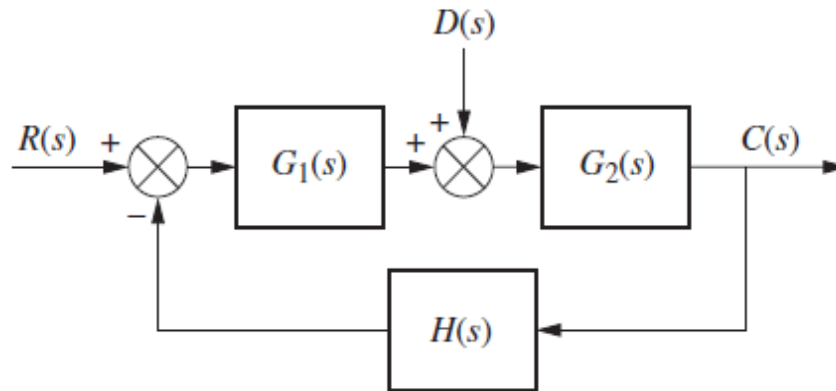
(e)

# Steady-State Error for Non-Unity Feedback

- Take the non-unity feedback control system shown in Figure (b) and form a unity feedback system by adding and subtracting unity feedback paths, as shown in Figure (c). This step requires that input and output units be the same.
- Next combine  $H(s)$  with the negative unity feedback, as shown in Figure (d).
- Finally, combine the feedback system consisting of  $G(s)$  and  $[H(s) - 1]$ , leaving an equivalent forward path and a unity feedback, as shown in Figure (e).
- Notice that the final figure shows  $E(s) = R(s) - C(s)$  explicitly.

# Steady-State Error for Non-Unity Feedback

- Let us look at the general system of the figure below which has both a disturbance and non-unity feedback.



- We will derive a general equation for the steady-state error and then determine the parameters of the system in order to drive the error to zero for step inputs and step disturbances.

# Steady-State Error for Non-Unity Feedback

- The steady-state error for this system,  $e(\infty) = r(\infty) - c(\infty)$ , is:

$$\begin{aligned} e(\infty) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sE(s) \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \left[ 1 - \frac{G_1(s)G_2(s)}{1 + G_1(s)G_2(s)H(s)} \right] R(s) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left[ \frac{G_2(s)}{1 + G_1(s)G_2(s)H(s)} \right] D(s) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

# Steady-State Error for Non-Unity Feedback

- Now limiting the discussion to step inputs and step disturbances, where  $R(s) = D(s) = 1/s$ , the above equation becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} e(\infty) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sE(s) \\ &= \left[ 1 - \frac{\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G_1(s)G_2(s)}{1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G_1(s)G_2(s)H(s)} \right] \\ &\quad - \left[ \frac{\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G_2(s)}{1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G_1(s)G_2(s)H(s)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

# Steady-State Error for Non-Unity Feedback

- For zero error,

$$\frac{\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G_1(s)G_2(s)}{1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G_1(s)G_2(s)H(s)} = 1$$

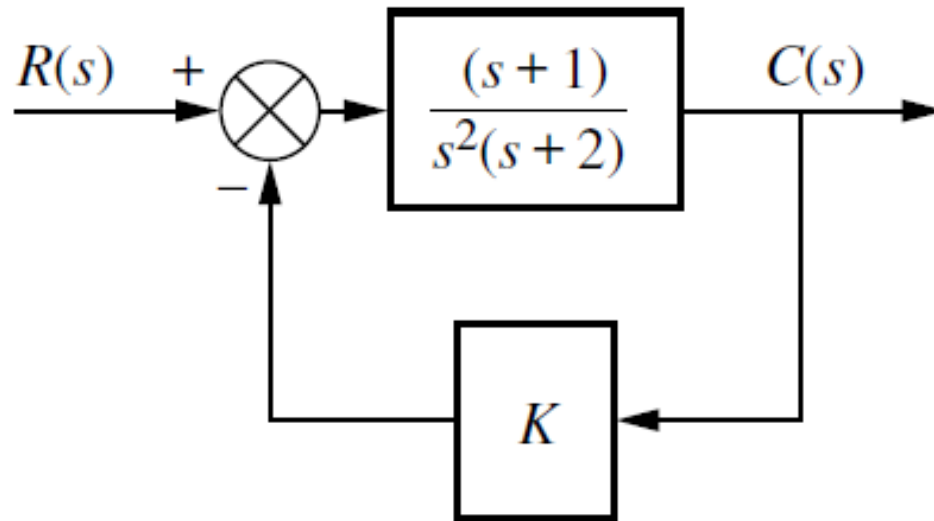
- And

$$\frac{\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G_2(s)}{1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G_1(s)G_2(s)H(s)} = 0$$

- The two equations above can always be satisfied if:
  - (1) the system is stable,
  - (2)  $G_1(s)$  is a Type 1 system,
  - (3)  $G_2(s)$  is a Type 0 system, and
  - (4)  $H(s)$  is a Type 0 system with a dc gain of unity.

# Example for Steady-State Non-Unity Feedback

Given the non-unity feedback system as shown in the figure given below, find the following:



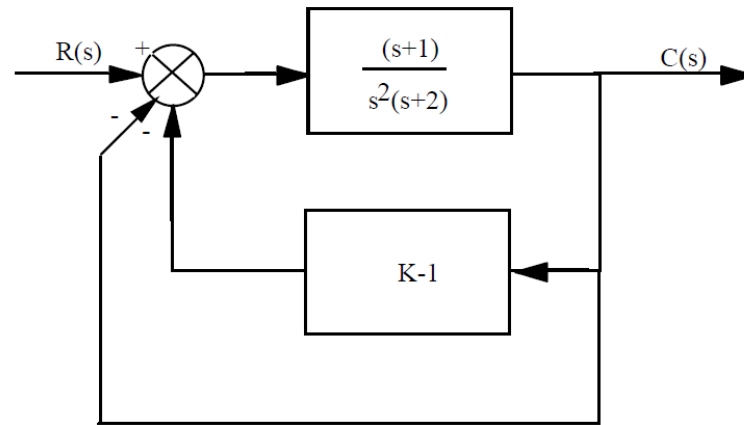
a. The system type. [4 marks]

b. The value of  $K$  to yield 0.1% error in the steady state.

[14 marks]

# Example for Steady-State Non-Unity Feedback

- a. Produce a unity-feedback system of the system as shown in the figure below.



Thus, the unity-feedback system of the system is:

$$G_e(s) = \frac{\frac{(s+1)}{s^2(s+2)}}{1 + \frac{(s+1)(K-1)}{s^2(s+2)}} = \frac{s+1}{s^3 + 2s^2 + (K-1)s + (K-1)}$$

As shown above, the system is Type 0.

# Example for Steady-State Non-Unity Feedback

- b. Since the system is Type 0, the appropriate static error constant is  $K_p$ . Thus, the steady-state error due to the step input is:

$$e_{step}(\infty) = 0.001 = \frac{1}{1 + K_p}$$

Therefore,

$$K_p = 999 = \frac{1}{K - 1}$$

Hence,  $K = 1.001001$ .

# Example for Steady-State Non-Unity Feedback

Check stability: Using original block diagram, the closed-loop transfer function of the system is:

$$T(s) = \frac{\frac{(s+1)}{s^2(s+2)}}{1 + \frac{K(s+1)}{s^2(s+2)}} = \frac{s+1}{s^3 + 2s^2 + Ks + K}$$

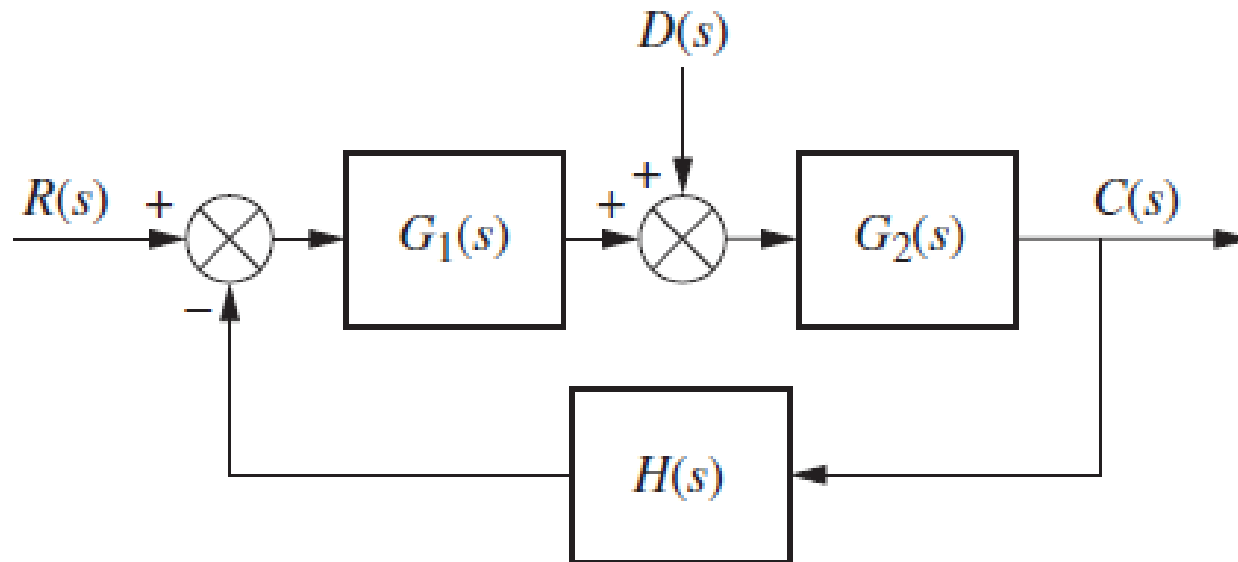
Making a Routh table:

Therefore, system is stable and steady-state error calculations are valid.

$s^3$	1	$K$
$s^2$	2	$K$
$s^1$	$\frac{K}{2}$	0
$s^0$	$K$	0

# Non-Unity Feedback Steady-State & Disturbance

- Let us look at the general system of the figure below which has both a disturbance and non-unity feedback.



- Derive a general equation for the steady-state error and then determine the parameters of the system in order to drive the error to zero for step inputs and step disturbances.

# Non-Unity Feedback Steady-State & Disturbance

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# Non-Unity Feedback Steady-State & Disturbance

- For zero error,

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- And

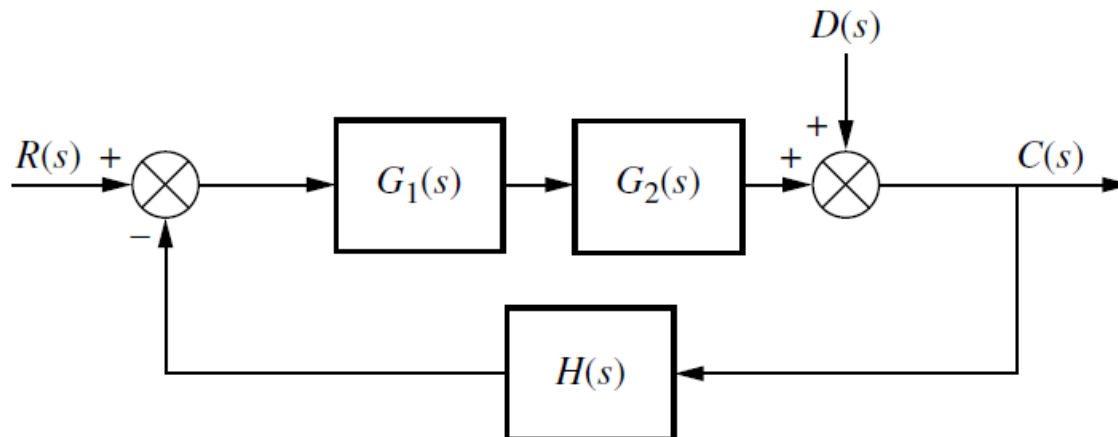
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# Example of Non-Unity S/S & Disturbance

Given the system shown in the figure below, do the following:

- Derive the expression for the error,  $E(s) = R(s) - C(s)$ , in terms of  $R(s)$  and  $D(s)$ . [8 marks]
- Derive the steady-state error,  $e(\infty)$ , if  $R(s)$  and  $D(s)$  are unit step functions. [4 marks]
- Determine the attributes of  $G_1(s)$ ,  $G_2(s)$ , and  $H(s)$  necessary for the steady-state error to become zero. [2 marks]



# Example of Non-Unity S/S & Disturbance

a. The error in the system is calculated from:

$$E(s) = R(s) - C(s)$$

But, considering the disturbance, the output of the system is:

$$C(s) = [R(s) - C(s)H(s)]G_1(s)G_2(s) + D(s)$$

Solving for  $C(s)$ :

$$C(s) = \frac{R(s)G_1(s)G_2(s)}{1 + G_1(s)G_2(s)H(s)} + \frac{D(s)}{1 + G_1(s)G_2(s)H(s)}$$

# Example of Non-Unity S/S & Disturbance

Substituting the above equation into  $E(s)$ , the equation becomes:

$$E(s) = \left[ 1 - \frac{G_1(s)G_2(s)}{1 + G_1(s)G_2(s)H(s)} \right] R(s) - \left[ \frac{1}{1 + G_1(s)G_2(s)H(s)} \right] D(s)$$

b. For  $R(s) = D(s) = 1/s$ , the steady-state error of the system is:

$$\begin{aligned} e(\infty) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sE(s) \\ &= 1 - \frac{\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G_1(s)G_2(s)}{1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G_1(s)G_2(s)H(s)} - \frac{1}{1 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} G_1(s)G_2(s)H(s)} \end{aligned}$$

c. Zero error if  $G_1(s)$  and/or  $G_2(s)$  is Type 1. Also,  $H(s)$  is Type 0 with unity DC gain.

# Sensitivity of Parameters on Steady-State

- Sensitivity is the degree to which changes in system parameters affect system transfer functions, and hence performance.
- A system with zero sensitivity (that is, changes in the system parameters do not affect the transfer function) is ideal.
- The greater the sensitivity, the less desirable the effect of a parameter change.

# Sensitivity of Parameters on Steady-State

- For example, assume the function of:

$$F = \frac{K}{(K + a)}$$

- If  $K = 10$  and  $a = 100$ , then  $F = 0.091$ .
- If parameter  $a$  triples to 300, then  $F = 0.032$ .
- We see that a fractional change in parameter  $a$  of  $(300 - 100)/100 = 2$  (e.g. 200% change) yields a change in the function  $F$  of  $(0.032 - 0.091)/0.091 = 0.65$  (e.g. 65% change).
- Thus, the function  $F$  has reduced sensitivity to changes in parameter  $a$ .

# Sensitivity of Parameters on Steady-State

- With feedback, it reduces sensitivity to parameter changes.
- Sensitivity is ratio of the fractional change in the function to the fractional change in the parameter as the fractional change of the parameter approaches zero.
- That is,

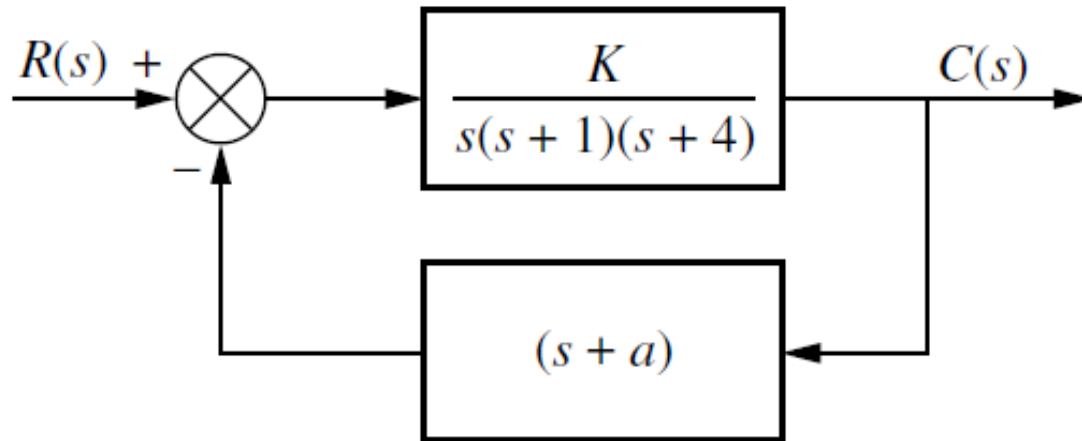
$$S_{F:P} = \lim_{\Delta P \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{Fractional change in the function, } F}{\text{Fractional change in the parameter, } P}$$
$$= \lim_{\Delta P \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta F / F}{\Delta P / P} = \lim_{\Delta P \rightarrow 0} \frac{P \Delta F}{F \Delta P}$$

- Which reduces to:

$$S_{F:P} = \frac{P}{F} \left( \frac{\delta F}{\delta P} \right)$$

# Example of Sensitivity of S/S Parameters

For a system as shown in the figure below, assume it is given a step input.



- Find the sensitivity of the steady-state error to parameter  $a$ . [6 marks]
- Plot the sensitivity of the system as a function of parameter  $a$ . [5 marks]

# Example of Sensitivity of S/S Parameters

- a. First, find the forward transfer function of an equivalent unity-feedback system.

$$\begin{aligned} G_e(s) &= \frac{K}{s(s+1)(s+4)} \\ &= \frac{K(s+a-1)}{s(s+1)(s+4) + K(s+a-1)} \\ &= \frac{K}{s^3 + 5s^2 + (K+4)s + K(a-1)} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, steady-state error of the system is:

$$e(\infty) = \frac{1}{1 + K_p} = \frac{1}{a + \frac{K}{K(a-1)}} = \frac{a-1}{a}$$

# Example of Sensitivity of S/S Parameters

Finding the sensitivity of  $e(\infty)$ , it is:

$$S_{e:a} = \frac{a}{e} \left( \frac{\delta e}{\delta a} \right) = \frac{a}{\left( \frac{a}{a-1} \right)} \left[ \frac{a - (a-1)}{a^2} \right] = \frac{a-1}{a^2}$$

- b. The plot of sensitivity of the system as a function of parameter  $a$  is as shown in the figure below.

