Signal flow graph is a graphical representation of algebraic equations. Nodes and branches are the basic elements of signal flow graph. A node represents either a variable or a signal. There are three types of nodes: input node, output node, and mixed node. Input Node − It has only outgoing branches. Output Node − It has only incoming branches. Mixed Node − It has both incoming and outgoing branches. Branch is a line segment joining two nodes with gain and direction. Transfer functions can be combined using series and parallel connections. Series connection involves connecting blocks in a row, where each block's output becomes the input to the next block. The transfer function of the combined block is the product of the individual block transfer functions. For two blocks connected in series, the output equation is Y(s) = G1(s)G2(s)X(s), which simplifies to Y(s) = {G1(s)G2(s)} X(s). This can be compared to the standard form of the output equation, Y(s) = G(s)X(s), where G(s) = G1(s)G2(s). This represents a single block with the combined transfer function. Similarly, for n blocks connected in series, the output equation becomes Y(s) = {G1(s)G2(s)...Gn(s)} X(s). On the other hand, parallel connection involves connecting blocks side by side, where each block receives the same input. The output of each block is added together to form the final output. For two blocks connected in parallel, the output equation is Y(s) = G1(s)X(s) + G2(s)X(s), which simplifies to Y(s) = {G1(s) + G2(s)} X(s). This can be compared to the standard form of the output equation, Y(s) = G(s)X(s), where G(s) = G1(s) + G2(s). This represents a single block with the combined transfer function. Similarly, for n blocks connected in parallel, the output equation becomes Y(s) = {G1(s) + G2(s)...+ Gn(s)} X(s). Finally, feedback connection involves a closed loop, where the output of one block is fed back to the input of another block. There are two types of feedback: positive and negative. Negative feedback involves a negative feedback control system, where the output equation becomes Y(s) = [X(s) - H(s)Y(s)]G(s). By substituting Y(s), we get Y(s){1 + G(s)H(s)} = X(s)G(s), which simplifies to Y(s)/X(s) = G(s)/(1 + G(s)H(s)). This represents a single block with the combined transfer function. Similarly, for positive feedback, the output equation becomes Y(s) = [X(s) - G(s)Y(s)]/H(s), which simplifies to Y(s)/X(s) = H(s)/(1 - H(s)G(s)). The block diagram equation $Y(s)=G(s)R(s)+X(s)$ (Equation 3) is compared to its shifted version, $Y(S)=G(s)R(s)+G(s)X(s)$ (Equation 4). The first term $G(s) R(s)$ remains the same in both equations. However, the second term differs between the two. To align the second terms, a block $\frac{1}{G(s)}$ is introduced, taking input $X(s)$ and producing output that feeds into the summing point instead of $X(s)$. This modified diagram is presented as shown. ###ARTICLEThe Vera C. Rubin Observatory in Chile has released the first light images from its new 8.4-metre telescope, marking a significant milestone in astronomy. Meanwhile, basketball fans were thrilled as the Oklahoma City Thunder defeated the Indiana Pacers to win the NBA Finals. Tragedy struck in Syria when an attack on a Greek Orthodox church in Damascus killed at least 25 people. The United States also conducted military strikes on three nuclear facilities in Iran. In rugby union, the Crusaders emerged victorious against the Chiefs to claim the Super Rugby Pacific title. Additionally, ongoing conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine continue to make headlines, as well as civil wars in Sudan. Other notable news includes the passing of several individuals, including Mick Ralphs, Sandy Gall, and Dave Parker. 1779 was a pivotal year marked by significant events across the globe. The Great Siege of Gibraltar began as Spain attacked the British on July 16, signaling a turning point in the conflict. Meanwhile, the American Revolutionary War continued to rage, with notable events including Claudius Smith's execution for supposed acts of terrorism and the abolition of Bute County, North Carolina, which was divided into Warren and Franklin counties. In Louisiana, Lieutenant Colonel Francisco Bouligny established the city of New Iberia, while Captain James Cook met his demise on the Sandwich Islands. The Treaty of Aynalıkavak was signed between Ottoman Turkey and the Russian Empire regarding the Crimean Khanate. Additionally, Spain and France secretly signed the Convention of Aranjuez, forming an alliance against Great Britain. The War of the Bavarian Succession drew to a close with negotiations at the Congress of Teschen, resulting in Austria receiving a portion of the Bavarian territory while relinquishing the rest. Finally, Benedict Arnold was court-martialed for his treatment of government property in June. King Charles III of Spain issues a declaration of war against Great Britain on June 21. The Great Siege of Gibraltar begins as French and Spanish forces try to capture the strategic British garrison, but it survives all attacks and a blockade of supplies. A selection of notable individuals who passed away in 1779: Benjamin Silliman, American chemist, educator and abolitionist (d. 1864) August 20 – Jöns Jacob Berzelius, Swedish chemist (d. 1848) August 29 – Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres, French painter (d. 1867) September 8 – Mustafa IV, sultan of the Ottoman Empire (d. 1808) September 18 – Joseph Story, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States (d. 1845) November 14 – Adam Gottlob Oehlenschläger, Danish poet (d. 1850) December 12 – Madeleine Sophie Barat, French Catholic saint, founder of the Society of the Sacred Heart (d. 1865) December 24 – George Washington Lafayette date unknown – Giacomo Beltrami, Italian explorer (d. 1855) James Cook Kazimierz Pułaski January 3 – Claude Bourgelat, French veterinary surgeon (b. 1712) January 20 – David Garrick, English actor (b. 1717) January 22 – Jeremiah Dixon, English surveyor, astronomer (b. 1733) February 7 – William Boyce, English composer (b. 1711) February 14 – James Cook, British naval captain and explorer (b. 1728) February 24 – Paul Daniel Longolius, German encyclopedist (b. 1704) April 7 – Martha Ray (b. 1742), British singer and mistress of John Montagu, Earl of Sandwich (murdered) (b. 1742) April 9 – Antonio María de Bucareli y Ursúa, Spanish military officer (b. 1717) April 24 – Eleazar Wheelock, American founder of Dartmouth College (b. 1711) May 1 – Sarah Clayton, English industrialist (b. 1712) May 3 – John Winthrop, American astronomer (b. 1714) June 7 – William Warburton, English critic, Bishop of Gloucester (b. 1698) June 10 – Jane Gomeldon, English writer, poet and adventurer (b. 1720) June 16 – Sir Francis Bernard, 1st Baronet, Colonial governor of New Jersey and Massachusetts Bay (b. 1712) June 23 – Ras Mikael Sehul, Enderase of Ethiopia (b. 1692) June 28 – Martha Daniell Logan, American botanist (b. 1704) June 29 – Anton Raphael Mengs, German-Bohemian painter (b. 1728) July 21 – Caleb Fleming, English dissenting minister, polemicist (b. 1698) August 26 – Henrika Juliana von Liewen, Swedish political salonnière (b. 1709) September 12 – Richard Grenville-Temple, 2nd Earl Temple, English politician (b. 1711) October 11 – Kazimierz Pułaski, veteran commander of Polish, Russian, and American troops (b. 1745) November 16 – Pehr Kalm, Finnish explorer and naturalist (b. 1716) December 6 – Jean-Baptiste-Siméon Chardin, French painter (b. 1699) December 8 – Nathan Alcock, English physician (b. 1707) December 16 – Emperor Go-Momozono of Japan (b. 1758) December 17 – Giuseppe Carcani, Italian composer (b. 1703) December 23 – Augustus Hervey, 3rd Earl of Bristol, British admiral and politician (b. 1724) A list of notable individuals who died in the 1601-1700 period: The 17th century lasted from January 1, 1601 to December 31, 1700The 17th century was a transformative era marked by an explosion of cultural, scientific, and economic advancements. The period saw the emergence of the Baroque movement in Europe, while Spain's Golden Age continued to flourish alongside the Dutch Golden Age and France's Grand Siècle under Louis XIV. Notably, this era witnessed the birth of the Scientific Revolution, led by pioneers such as Galileo, Kepler, Descartes, Fermat, Pascal, Boyle, Huygens, Leibniz, Newton, and others who laid the groundwork for major breakthroughs in logarithms, electricity, telescopes, microscopes, calculus, universal gravitation, air pressure, and calculating machines. This century also saw significant cultural developments in theater, music, visual arts, and philosophy. European colonization of the Americas intensified during this period, fueled by the exploitation of silver deposits that drew wealth into Europe. As a result, bouts of inflation occurred due to the influx of riches. Furthermore, the era saw increased European presence in Southeast Asia and East Asia, including the colonization of Taiwan. Historically significant conflicts took place during this time, such as the Thirty Years' War, Dutch-Portuguese War, Great Turkish War, Nine Years' War, Mughal-Safavid Wars, and the Qing annexation of the Ming. In China, the collapsing Ming dynasty faced challenges from Nurhaci's conquests, which were later consolidated by his son Hong Taiji and culminated in the establishment of the Qing dynasty. Other notable events include the Tokugawa shogunate's founding in Japan, beginning the Edo period, and the isolationist Sakoku policy that lasted for centuries. In Europe, the English monarch faced conflicts with Parliament, ultimately leading to the English civil war and an end to monarchical dominance. This century saw significant territorial adjustments, such as the Treaty of Karlowitz, which ceded most of Hungary to the Habsburgs in 1699. Throughout this transformative period, major powers like the Ottoman, Safavid, and Mughal empires grew stronger, while the Deccan Sultanates declined. This century also witnessed the early colonization efforts by European nations, setting the stage for future conflicts and global changes. The year 1602 marked a significant milestone for European trade, as the Dutch East India Company (VOC) was established by merging competing Dutch trading companies. This move contributed to the Dutch Golden Age, showcasing the country's growing economic prowess. In England, Queen Elizabeth I passed away in 1603, succeeded by her cousin King James VI of Scotland. Meanwhile, Tokugawa Ieyasu solidified his position as shōgun in Japan, initiating the Edo period that would last for over 300 years. In Nagasaki, Japanese scholar João Rodrigues published Nippo Jisho, a groundbreaking dictionary that facilitated communication between Europeans and Japanese. The year 1605 witnessed the conversion of the King of Gowa to Islam, as well as the reign of Mughal emperor Jahangir in India. In Russia, Tsar Michael I ruled from 1613 to 1645. The Dutch East India Company continued its expansion, capturing the Australian continent's northern coast in 1606 with Willem Janszoon leading the expedition. The following year saw the Flight of the Earls from Ireland and Iskandar Muda ascending as Sultan of Aceh. In Poland, the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth defeated a combined Russian-Swedish force at the Battle of Klushino in 1610. King Henry IV of France was assassinated by François Ravaillac in the same year. The Pontifical and Royal University of Santo Tomas was established in Manila in 1611, followed by the first publication of the King James Bible. The Cotswold Olympic Games began in England in 1612, while the Time of Troubles in Russia ended with the establishment of the House of Romanov. The Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth faced repeated invasions from the Tatars between 1613 and 1617. James I of England ruled alongside King James VI of Scotland from 1613 to 1625. The Dutch East India Company was forced to evacuate Gresik in 1613 due to the Mataram siege, but managed to negotiate with the local ruler and establish a trading post in Jepara. The Siege of Osaka ended in 1614-1615, while the last remaining Moriscos were expelled from Spain in 1616. English poet William Shakespeare passed away that same year. The Defenestration of Prague in 1618 led to the Thirty Years' War, which ravaged Europe until 1648. In China, the Manchus began invading and eventually toppled the Ming dynasty. European slaving reached America in 1619, when Africans were brought to what is now the United States. The Dutch East India Company conquered Jayakarta in 1619, destroying it and building a new headquarters in Batavia. The Polish-Ottoman War over Moldavia took place between 1620-1621, with Bethlen Gabor aligning with the Ottomans. The Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, England to establish the Plymouth Colony in New England in 1620. The Algonquian natives' massacre of English settlers in Jamestown, Virginia in 1622 had a lasting impact on the colony's relations with Native Americans. Cardinal Richelieu centralized power in France during his tenure as chief minister. 1627: The Aurochs go extinct in Europe, marking a significant loss for the continent's ecosystems. Cardinal Richelieu forms an alliance with Swedish Protestant forces to counter Ferdinand II's expansion during the Thirty Years' War. In India, Shivaji is born at Shivneri fort and later establishes the Maratha Empire in 1674. The Catholic Imperial army secures a major victory over the combined Protestant armies of Sweden and their German allies in the Battle of Nördlingen. Galileo Galilei faces trial before the Inquisition in Rome, marking a pivotal moment for the Catholic Church's stance on scientific inquiry. 1664: The Battle of St Gotthard marked a crucial victory for count Raimondo Montecuccoli against the Ottomans, leading to the Peace of Vasvar aimed at maintaining peace for 20 years. In 1665, Maratha King Shivaji signed the Treaty of Purandar with Mughal general Jai Singh I following the Battle of Purandar. That same year, Robert Hooke discovered cells using a microscope. Additionally, Portugal defeated the Kongo Empire in the Battle of Mbwila. Notably, the Taj Mahal, constructed by 1653 and commissioned by Shah Jahan, was recognized as one of the Wonders of the World in 1665. The Second Anglo-Dutch War took place between England and the United Provinces from 1665 to 1667. In 1666, a devastating fire swept through London. Meanwhile, Shivaji visited Agra Fort and compelled Aurangzeb into house arrest. After escaping, he returned to the Maratha kingdom. The Raid on the Medway occurred during this war, with France invading the Netherlands from 1667 to 1668, ultimately leading to the Peace of Aix-la-Chapelle. The Great Turkish War halted Ottoman expansion into Europe between 1667 and 1699. Ottoman forces also participated in the Ukrainian Cossacks' struggle in 1672-1673, with John Sobieski defeating them at Khotyn. The Third Anglo-Dutch War clashed between England and the United Provinces from 1672 to 1674. A French invasion of the Netherlands by Louis XIV initiated the Franco-Dutch War in 1672. The Bruneian Civil War concluded with Muhiyiddin's victory in 1673. In 1674, Shivaji established the Maratha Empire and crowned himself as its first Chatrapati. Tensions escalated between Russia and the Ottoman Empire from 1676 to 1681, culminating in the Russo-Turkish Wars. The Treaty of Nijmegen ended interconnected wars involving France, the Dutch Republic, Spain, Brandenburg, Sweden, Denmark, the Holy Roman Empire, and others in 1678. In 1682, French explorer Robert La Salle claimed all land east of the Mississippi River. The Ottoman Empire was defeated in the second Siege of Vienna in 1683, while China conquered the Kingdom of Tungning and annexed Taiwan. The Great Turkish War led to Habsburg conquests of most Ottoman Hungary by 1699. Isaac Newton published Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica in 1687. The Siege of Derry marked the beginning of the Williamite War in Ireland in 1688. The Dutch Republic invaded England, leading to the Glorious Revolution and the establishment of a constitutional monarchy in 1688-1689. The Grand Alliance sought to stop French expansion during the Nine Years' War from 1688 to 1697. 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View (previous 50 | next 50) (20 | 50 | 100 | 250 | 500) Historically, the Thirty Years War impacted Chinese history in various waysThe world of block diagrams is vast and diverse, offering various tools to suit different needs. For those looking to create their own charts, there are several options available, each with its unique features and benefits. One such tool is GitMind, a free flowchart and mindmap maker that allows users to create a wide range of charts, including block diagrams. With tons of ready-to-use templates at your disposal, you can get started quickly and easily. Additionally, the software enables you to make your own diagram from scratch, giving you complete control over its design. Another tool worth mentioning is Diagram.net, an online chart maker that excels in terms of its wide range of chart element options. While it lacks pre-made templates, this shouldn't be seen as a major drawback, as users can still create high-quality block diagrams using the available tools. Visual Paradigm Online is another trusted option, offering both desktop and online versions. The online version is perfect for casual users looking to create simple block diagrams without needing specialized features. On the other hand, the desktop version offers a wealth of additional features at a higher price point. yED Graph Editor is a powerful desktop application that allows users to create high-quality diagrams and charts. Although it doesn't come with pre-made templates, you can import them from other applications or create your own using its intuitive interface. Running on multiple platforms, including Windows, macOS, and Linux, makes yED Graph Editor a reliable choice for those seeking a free block diagram maker. Dynamic Draw is another chart maker that offers a wide range of elements and shapes to work with. Although it can be overwhelming at first due to the numerous tabs and buttons, its categorized element tab makes it easy to navigate. Despite some initial confusion, Dynamic Draw remains a great option for creating block diagrams. Diagram Ring is an excellent desktop diagram software that allows users to create various charts, including block diagrams. With nine shapes available, including connecting lines, this tool is a must-try for anyone looking to create high-quality block diagrams. And the best part? It's completely free. Software Ideas Modeler rounds out our list with its simple yet effective approach to visualizing ideas. This tool lets users bring their concepts to life in a straightforward and easy-to-use interface. Whether you're a seasoned user or just starting out, Software Ideas Modeler is definitely worth checking out. ClickCharts, Dia, and Diagram Designer are popular free tools for creating block diagrams. Reducing the complexity of control systems by simplifying their block diagrams is a powerful tool that helps engineers better understand and analyze these complex systems. This process makes it easier to identify important parts, develop control strategies, and improve system performance. By using algebraic methods and signal flow graph techniques, engineers can spot key components, remove unnecessary elements, and analyze the system more effectively. The block diagram serves as a visual representation of how different parts of a control system work together, highlighting the flow of signals and connections between blocks. Understanding this visualization is crucial for simplifying complex systems and making informed design decisions. Simplified block diagrams facilitate further analysis tasks such as stability checks, controller design, and performance evaluation. Two primary techniques used to simplify control systems' block diagrams are the algebraic method and the signal flow graph approach. The algebraic method employs mathematical rules to reduce the complexity of the block diagram, following four main principles: series reduction, parallel reduction, feedback reduction, and block rearrangement. These rules enable engineers to combine blocks in a logical manner, simplifying the system. The signal flow graph (SFG) method provides another approach to simplify control systems' block diagrams by transforming them into graphical representations using nodes for signals and branches to show connections. By applying Mason's gain formula, SFGs can be analyzed to further simplify the control system. Both methods are essential tools for control system engineers, as they improve design and analysis capabilities. Block diagram reduction is particularly useful in root locus analysis, allowing engineers to build and understand the root locus more easily. Additionally, it facilitates the application of Mason's gain formula, enabling a deeper understanding of the system's dynamics and improved performance optimization. Furthermore, block diagram reduction enhances the effectiveness of other analysis tools, such as time-domain and frequency-domain methods. By simplifying complex systems, engineers can make more accurate predictions and informed design choices, ultimately leading to more efficient and effective solutions. Block diagram reduction in control system design offers numerous benefits, including improved understanding of complex systems, reduced computational complexity, and enhanced decision-making capabilities. By simplifying diagrams, engineers can visualize how different components interact and make informed decisions during the design and optimization process. This approach also enables faster analysis and faster implementation of control systems. However, block diagram reduction is not without limitations. Simplification can result in a loss of essential details, which may impact the accuracy of the analysis. The method used for simplification and the assumptions made can significantly affect the validity of the simplified model. Despite these limitations, block diagram reduction remains an invaluable tool in control system design. It enables engineers to strike a balance between simplification and detail retention, ensuring that the diagram is clear and useful while maintaining the core features of the system. Effective communication and collaboration among stakeholders are also facilitated through the use of well-constructed block diagrams. Real-world examples illustrate the power of block diagram reduction in control system design. The cruise control system in a car is a prime example of how simplification can improve performance. By applying algebraic methods, engineers can optimize the control algorithm and enhance overall performance. Similarly, the signal flow graph approach used in industrial processes has proven to be an effective method for simplifying complex systems and enhancing analysis and implementation. To achieve optimal results with block diagram reduction, it is essential to follow best practices. This includes keeping the system's core features intact while removing unnecessary elements and ensuring logical connections between components. Furthermore, the focus should be on creating diagrams that are easy to read and understand, facilitating better decision-making and collaboration among stakeholders. Software tools play a critical role in block diagram reduction, providing engineers with powerful features and advanced algorithms for analysis and optimization. MATLAB is a popular choice, offering the Control System Toolbox and other specialized functions for simplifying and analyzing complex control systems. Simulink, integrated within MATLAB, enables users to build, simulate, and analyze dynamic models with ease. Reducing complexity in control systems through block diagram analysis is a crucial aspect of modern engineering. Software tools such as LabVIEW and ANSYS System provide visual approaches for designing and analyzing control systems, making it easier to identify key components and relationships. These platforms offer built-in tools for reducing block diagrams, enabling engineers to gain insights into how well their control systems perform. ###ARTICLEGitMind, a free flowchart and mindmap maker, offers a wide range of charts including Schematic, UML, SWOT, and Block diagrams. The tool comes with numerous templates that can be used for free, allowing users to create custom diagrams from scratch. One of its key features is the online sharing capability, enabling collaborative work on block diagrams. DOWNLOADDiagram.net is another chart maker worth trying, although it lacks ready-to-use templates like GitMind. Diagram.net makes up for this with a wide variety of chart element options. It's still a decent option despite not having templates. Visual Paradigm Online is a trusted chart maker that has been a top choice for developers and engineers when creating complex charts and diagrams. The app offers two versions, including an online version suitable for casual users. While it does have limitations compared to the desktop version, it can still handle relatively simple block diagrams without specialized elements. yED Graph Editory is a reliable free block diagram maker that doesn't provide templates but allows importing of templates from other applications. It's available on multiple platforms including Windows, macOS, and Linux. Its lack of templates may be a drawback for some users, however. Dynamic Draw is a chart maker with various elements and shapes to work with, despite being overwhelming at first due to its complexity. One notable feature is the categorized elements tab where shapes for different charts are organized. Despite this complexity, it remains a great block diagram maker. Diagram Ring is an easy-to-use desktop diagram software that can create block diagrams without much hassle. It offers nine free shapes and connecting lines within the "Main" section, making it efficient to use. Truly, Diagram Ring is one tool you should consider using for your block diagrams. Software Ideas Modeler is a simple yet effective tool for creating block diagrams by visualizing ideas in various diagram formats like UML, Sequence, and Flowcharts. Although there's no dedicated Block diagram category, necessary shapes are provided to create a block diagram. It also supports exporting in different formats like EMF, PNG, JPG, and PDF. ClickCharts is a free diagram maker that can produce block diagrams quickly, along with other types such as ER, Data Flow diagrams. Its categorized content makes it easy for users to access basic shapes and make block diagrams without much hassle. Despite not being an online tool, ClickCharts is still worth recommending for its ease of use. block diagrams have become an essential tool in system engineering, playing a crucial role in identifying errors and creating solutions. With various tools available, selecting the right one can be overwhelming. Two popular options are DiaDia and Diagram Designer. DiaDia is a free block diagram maker that offers a drag-and-drop feature, making it easy to use even for beginners. The tool provides templates and an intuitive editing panel, allowing users to learn how to create block diagrams. Its categorization of shapes by diagram type makes it a user-friendly option. Diagram Designer, on the other hand, shares similarities with other tools but stands out due to its vector creation feature. Users can edit and make block diagrams using basic shapes provided by the tool. Although it has its flaws, Diagram Designer is worth considering for those looking to create block diagrams. In conclusion, block diagrams are indispensable in system engineering, helping to determine errors and create solutions. When choosing a tool, consider DiaDia or Diagram Designer, both of which can make your life easier by providing a clear understanding of the tool before deciding which one to use. The modified block diagram is shown in the following figure. Step 3 − Use Rule 1 for blocks $(G_3 + G_4)$ and G_5. The modified block diagram is shown in the following figure. Step 4 − Use Rule 3 for blocks $(G_3 + G_4)G_5$ and H_3. The modified block diagram is shown in the following figure. Step 5 − Use Rule 1 for blocks connected in series. The modified block diagram is shown in the following figure. Step 6 − Use Rule 3 for blocks connected in feedback loop. The modified block diagram is shown in the following figure. This is the simplified block diagram. Therefore, the transfer function of the system is $$\frac{Y(s)}{R(s)}=\frac{G_1G_2G_5^2(G_3+G_4)}{(1+G_1G_2H_1)\lbrace 1+(G_3+G_4)G_5H_3\rbrace G_5-G_1G_2G_5(G_3+G_4)H_2}$$ Note − Follow these steps in order to calculate the transfer function of the block diagram having multiple inputs. Step 1 − Find the transfer function of block diagram by considering one input at a time and make the remaining inputs as zero. Step 2 − Repeat step 1 for remaining inputs. Step 3 − Get the overall transfer function by adding all those transfer functions. The block diagram reduction process takes more time for complicated systems. Because, we have to draw the (partially simplified) block diagram after each step. So, to overcome this drawback, use signal flow graphs (representation). In the next two chapters, we will discuss about the concepts related to signal flow graphs, i.e., how to represent signal flow graph from a given block diagram and calculation of transfer function just by using a gain formula without doing any reduction process.