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Control Systems Design

Lecture 3, Part 2: Introduction to Affine Parametrisation

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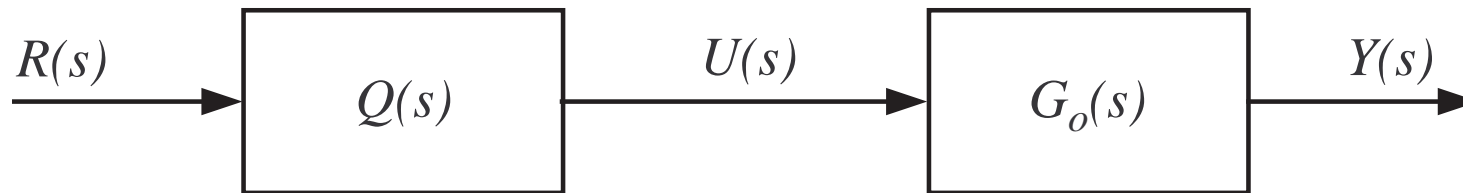
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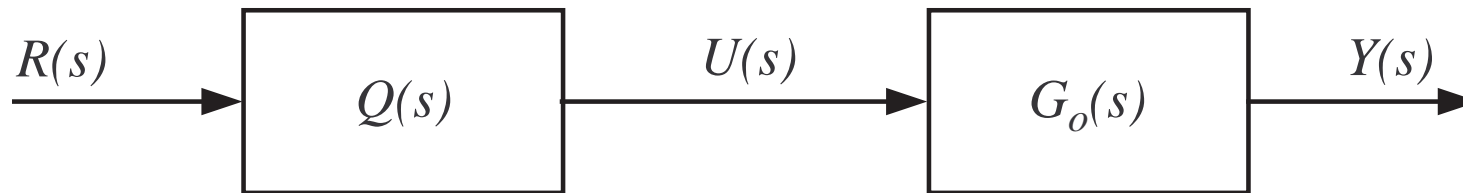
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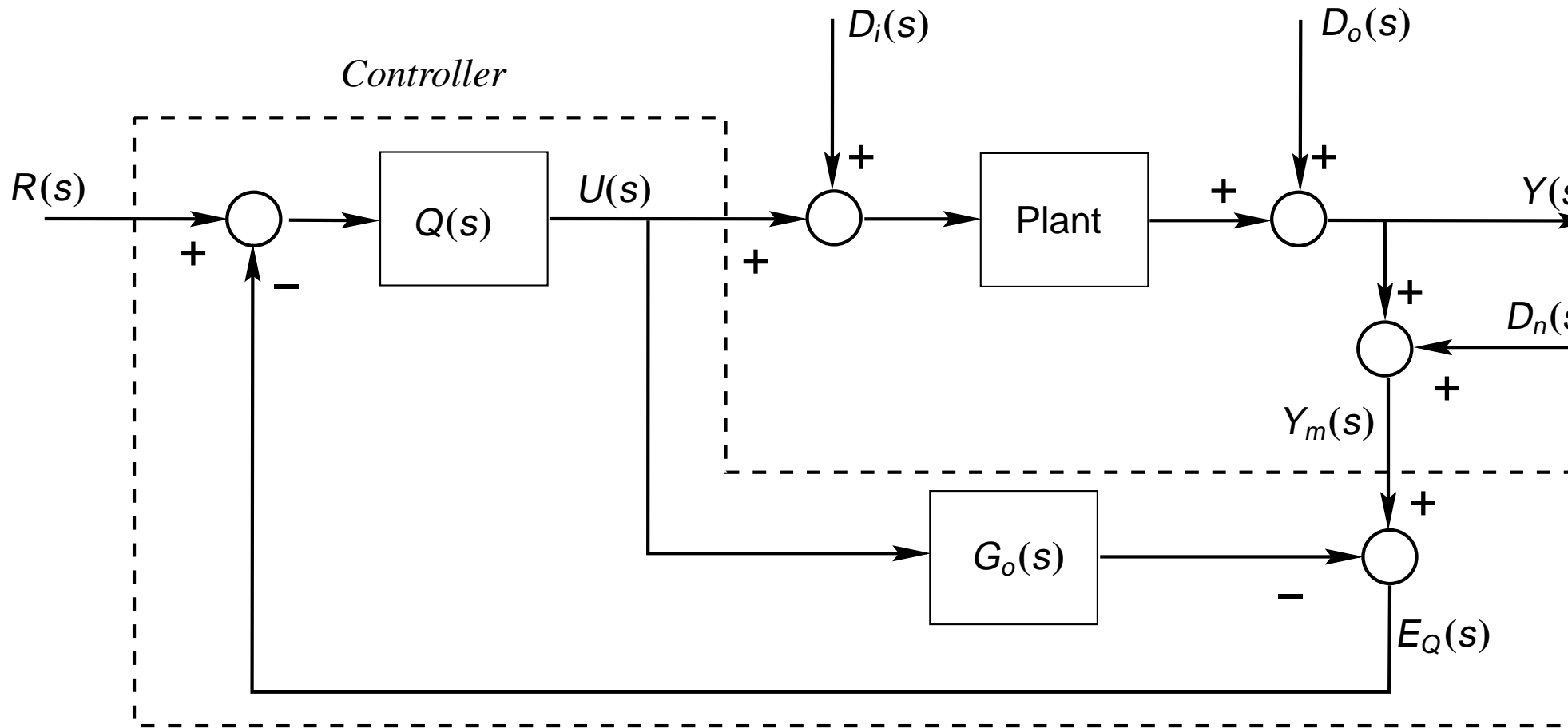
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Lemma. (*Affine parametrisation for stable systems*). Consider a plant having a stable nominal model $G_o(s)$ controlled in a one d.o.f. feedback architecture with a proper controller. Then the nominal loop is internally stable if and only if $Q(s)$ is any stable proper transfer function when the controller transfer function $C(s)$ is parameterised as:

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Proof. We note that the four sensitivity functions can be written as

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- ▶ Although the design proposed above is a useful starting point it will usually have to be refined to accommodate more detailed design considerations.

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