

# **INPUT-OUTPUT APPROACH: STABILITY**

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## Remarks

- It is a property of the system
- It applies to both static and dynamic systems
- It depends on  $\mathcal{L}$

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If  $H$  is  $\mathcal{L}$  - stable, then for any  $v \in \mathfrak{R}^+$   $\zeta(v) := \sup_{\|u(\cdot)\| \leq v, u(\cdot) \in \mathcal{L}} \|H(u(\cdot))\|$   
is well-defined and finite, from which we get

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Since  $\zeta(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a non negative function that is non decreasing, then, there exists a function  $\sigma(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  continuous and increasing with  $\sigma(0) = 0$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

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## *Remark:*

the opposite is not true, in general (example:  $\mathcal{L} = L_\infty$  and static system described by a continuous function that grows more than linearly)

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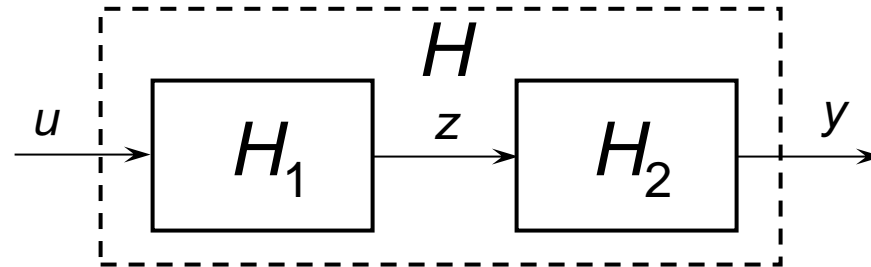
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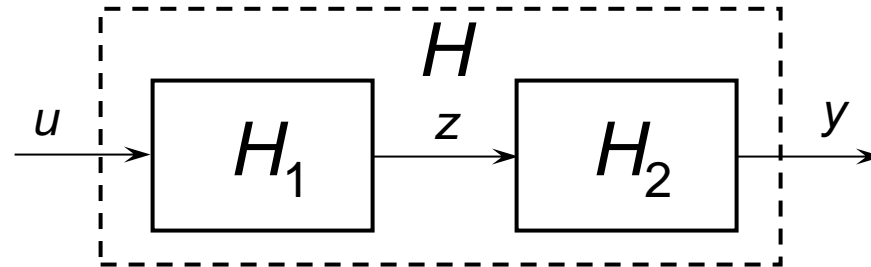


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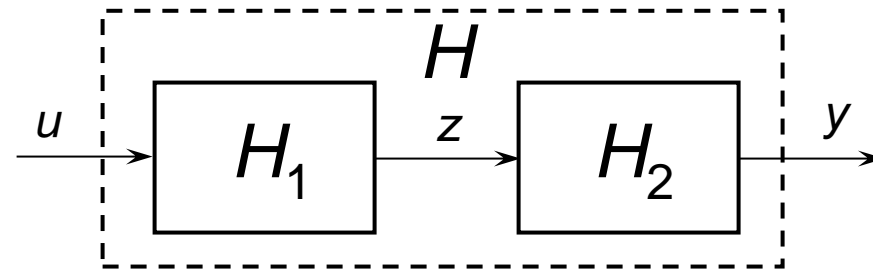
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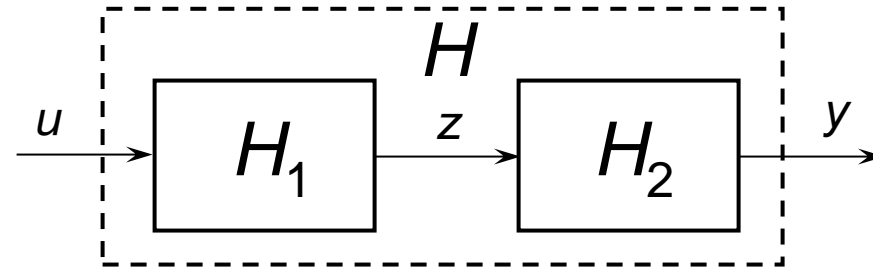
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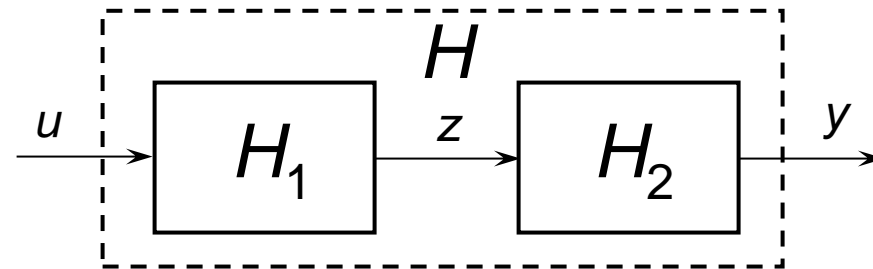
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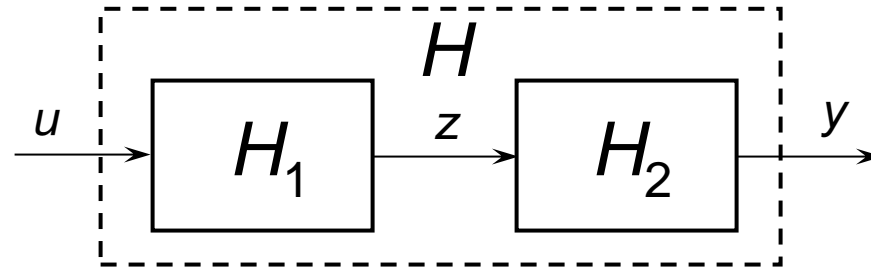
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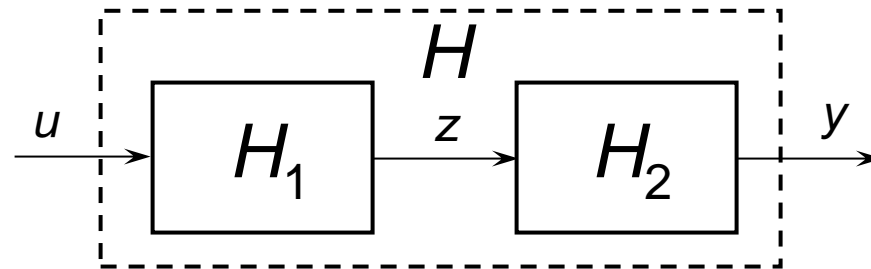
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that is  $H$  is weakly bounded and  $\gamma(H) \leq \gamma(H_1)\gamma(H_2)$

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## Example:

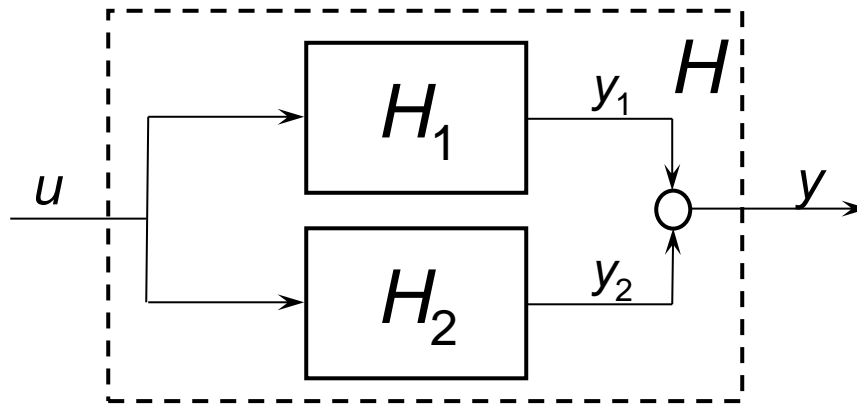
Linear asymptotically stable time invariant dynamical systems with transfer functions  $F_1(s)$  and  $F_2(s)$

→ The cascade system has transfer function  $F(s) = F_1(s)F_2(s)$

Let  $\mathcal{L} = L_2$ . Then,

$$\gamma_2(H) = F_{\max} = \max_{\omega \in \mathbb{R}^+} |F(j\omega)| \leq F_{1,\max} F_{2,\max} = \gamma_2(H_1) \gamma_2(H_2)$$

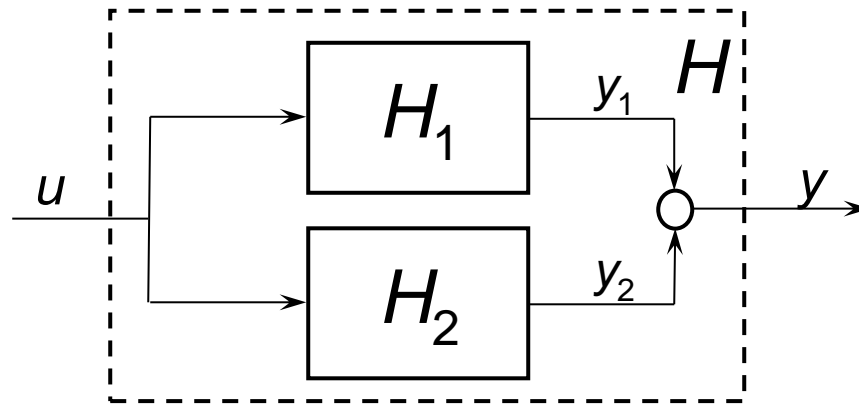
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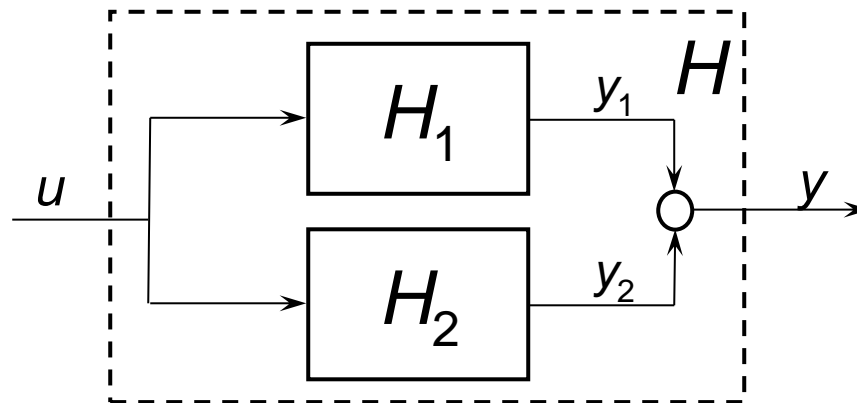
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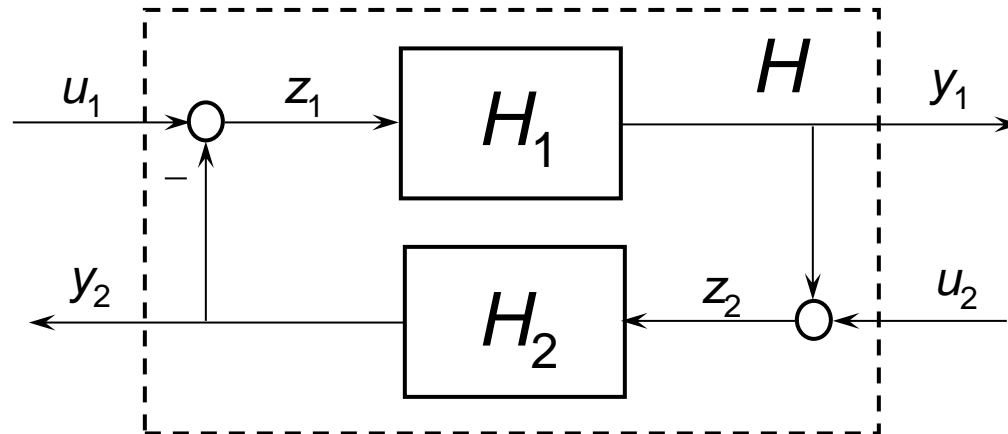
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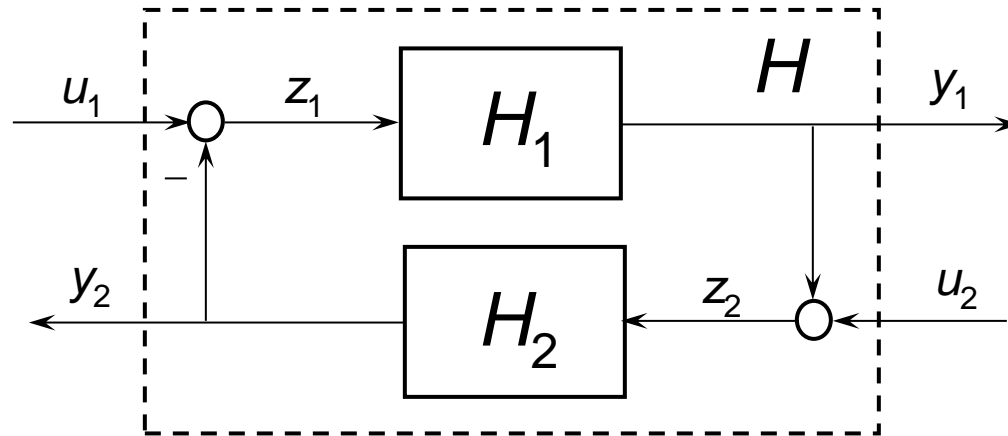
Proof: [to do as exercise]

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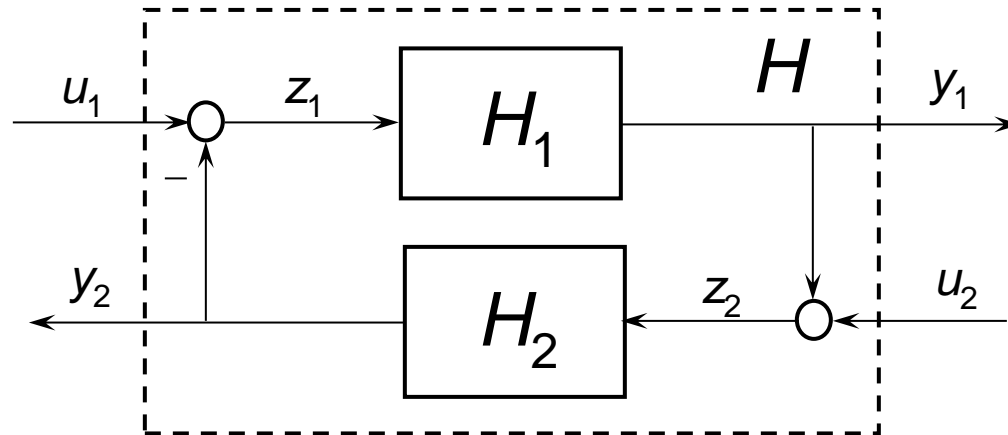
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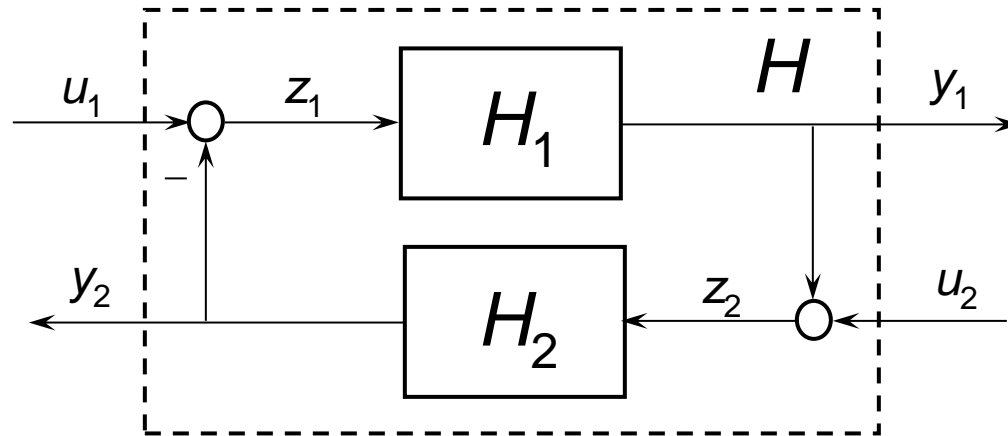


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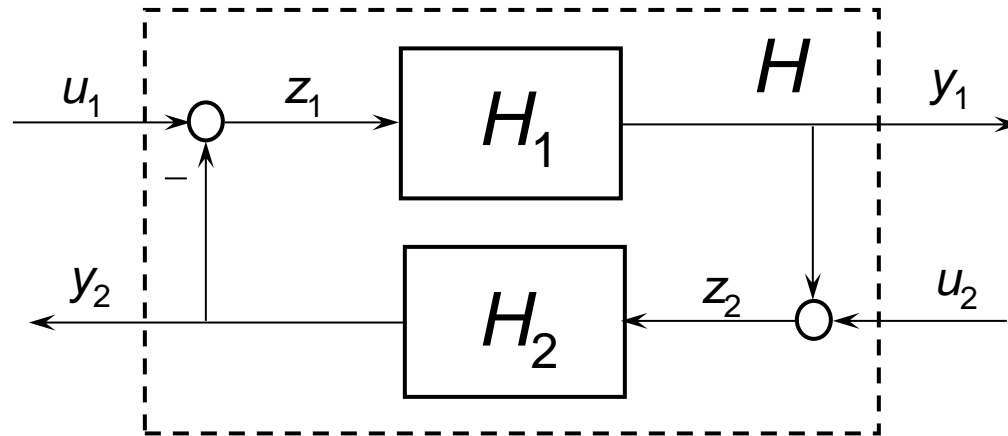


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- The operator  $H$  has two inputs and two outputs. Let us define the operators with one input and one output:

$$H_{ij} : \mathcal{L}_e \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_e \quad y_i(\cdot) = H_{ij}(u_j(\cdot)), \quad i, j = 1, 2$$

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## Small gain theorem

Let  $H$  be a well-posed causal operator obtained by connecting in feedback two causal and weakly bounded operators  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ . If

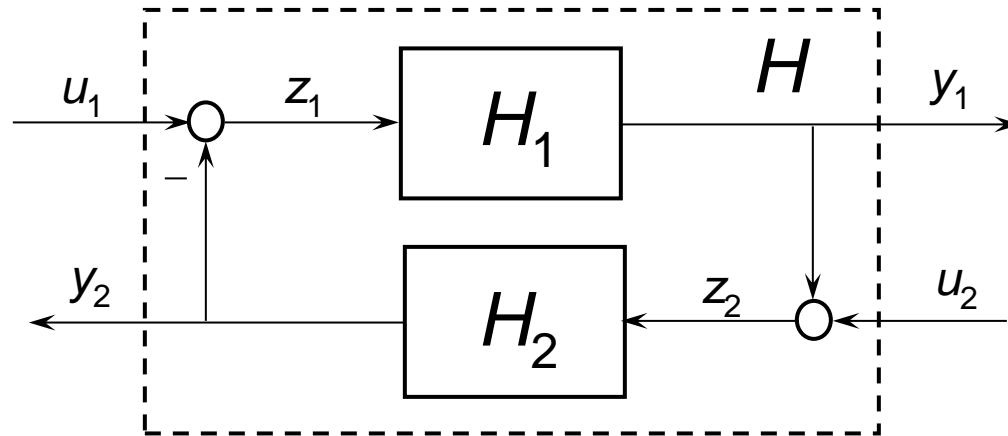
$$\lambda := \gamma(H_1)\gamma(H_2) < 1$$

then,  $H$  is weakly bounded, that is:

$$\exists \hat{\gamma}_{i1}, \hat{\gamma}_{i2}, \hat{\beta}_i \in \mathcal{R}e^+ : \|y_i(\cdot)\| \leq \hat{\gamma}_{i1}\|u_1(\cdot)\| + \hat{\gamma}_{i2}\|u_2(\cdot)\| + \hat{\beta}_i$$
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Furthermore,  $\gamma(H_{11}) \leq \frac{\gamma(H_1)}{1-\lambda}$ ,  $\gamma(H_{22}) \leq \frac{\gamma(H_2)}{1-\lambda}$ ,  $\gamma(H_{12}), \gamma(H_{21}) \leq \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}$

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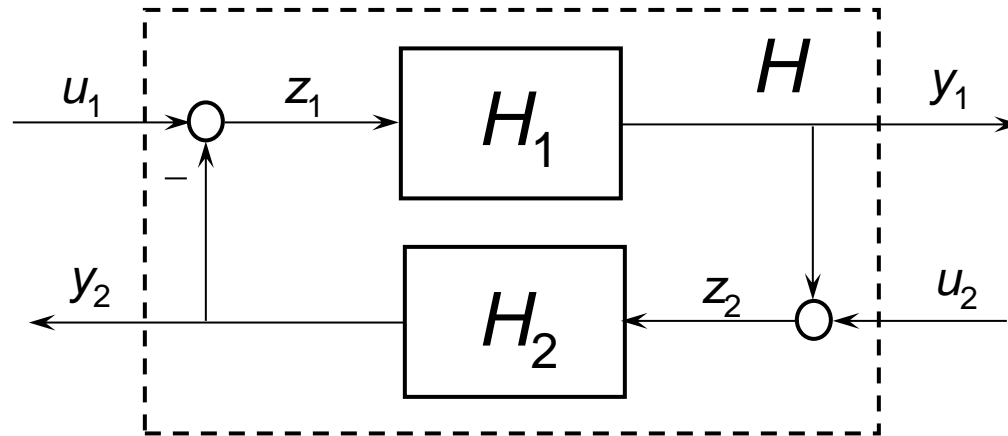
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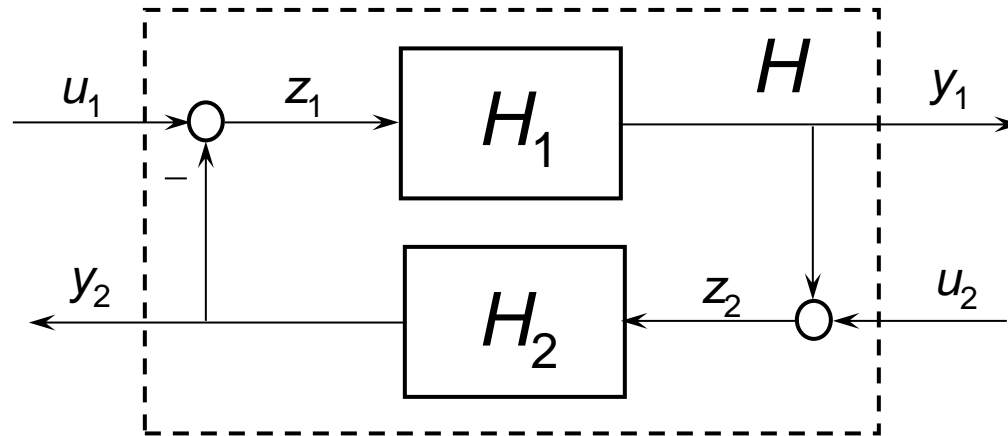
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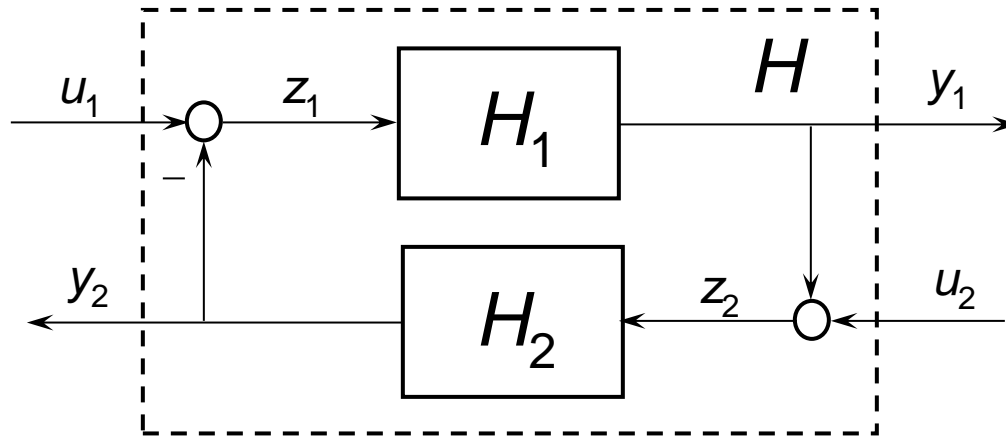
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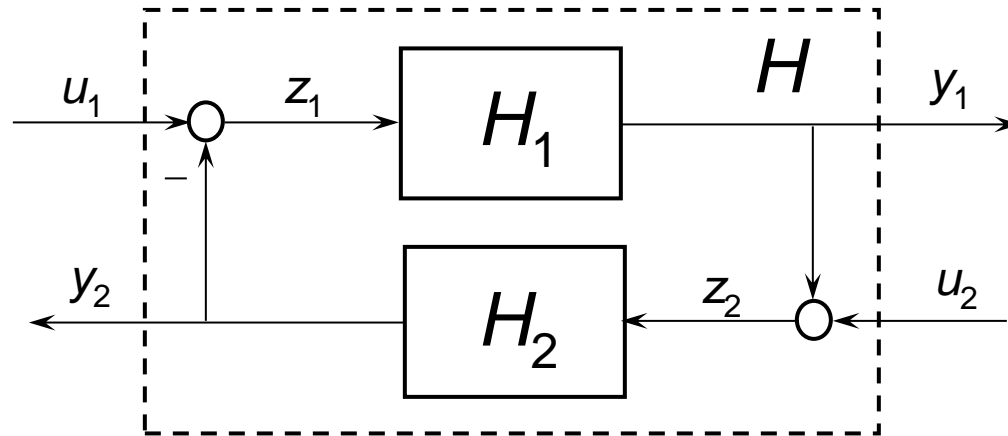
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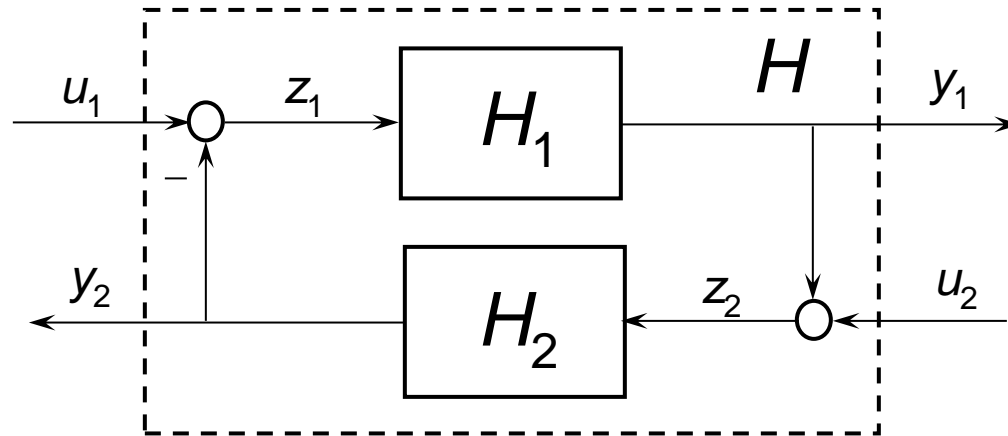
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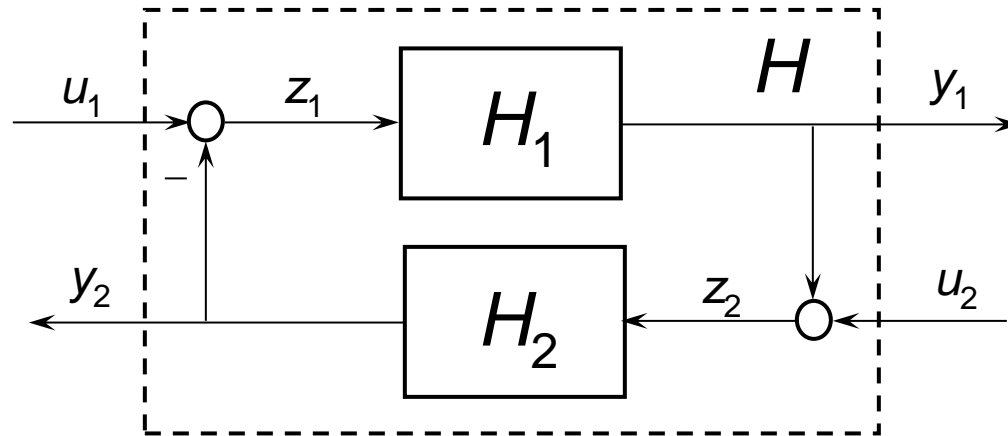
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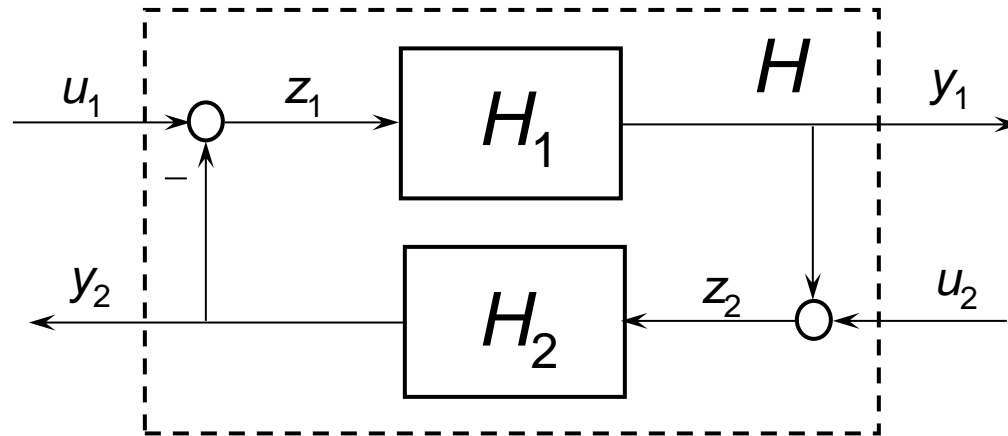
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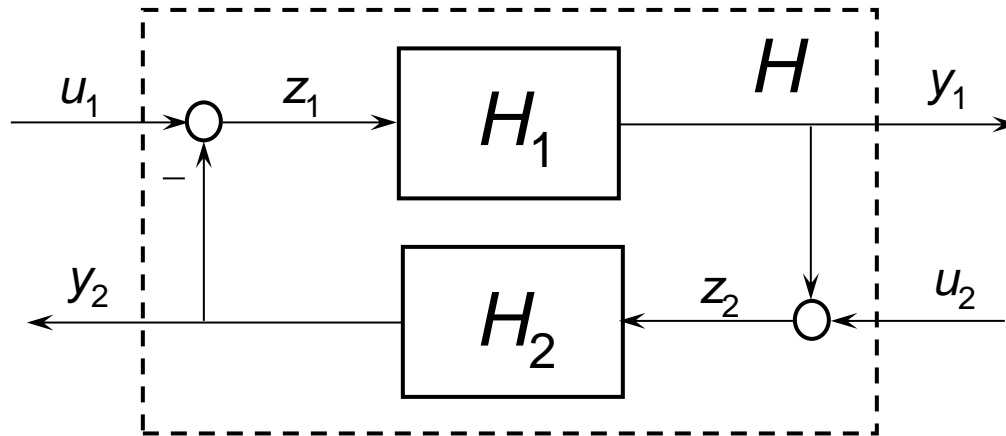
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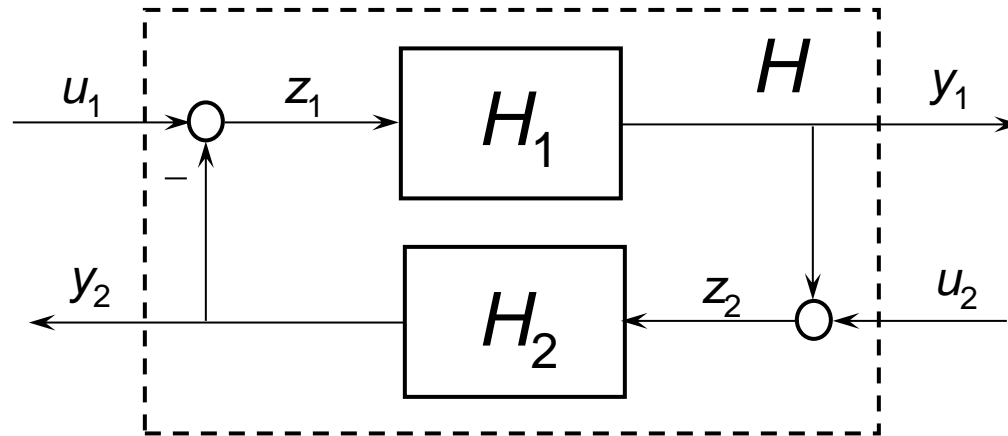
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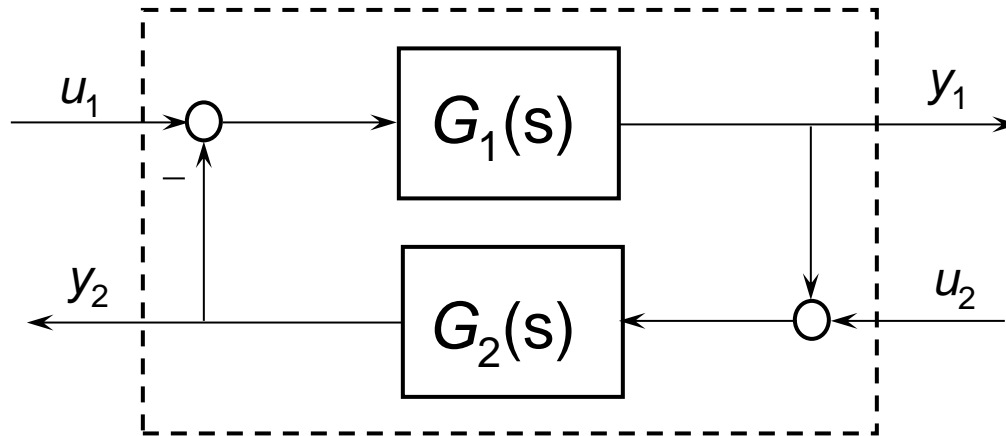
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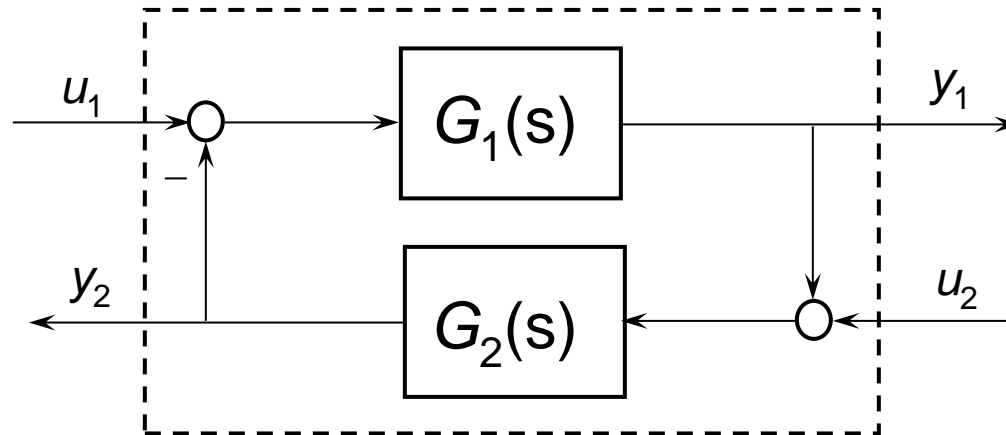
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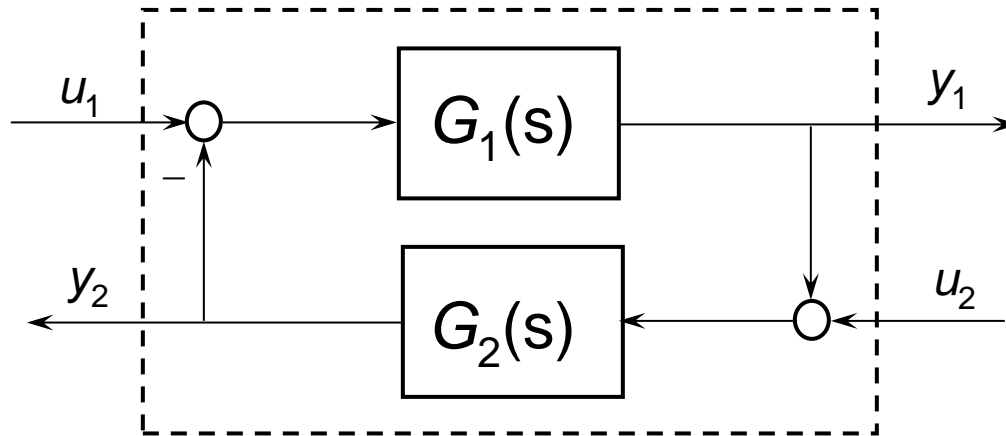
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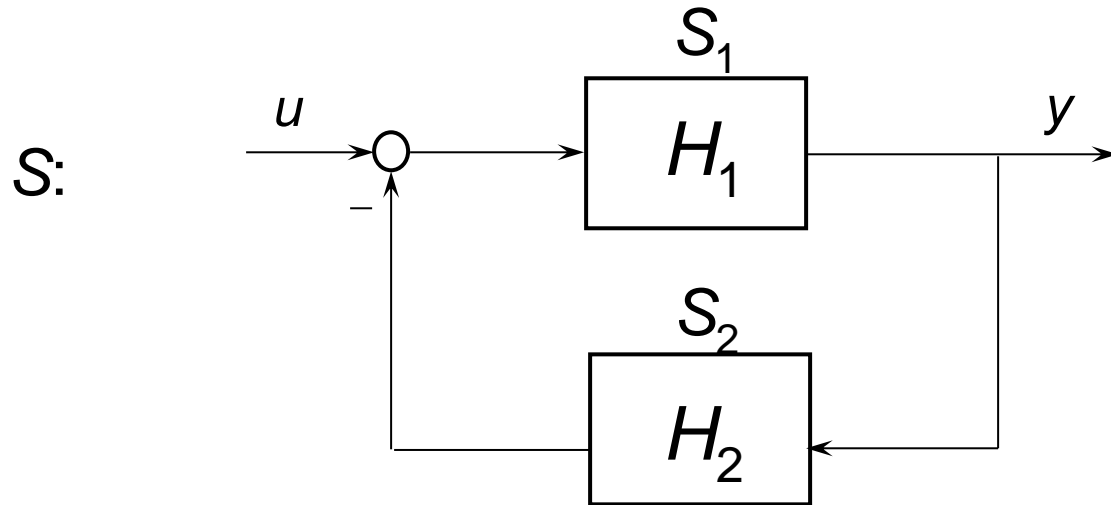
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→ We have just shown a similar result for nonlinear systems.

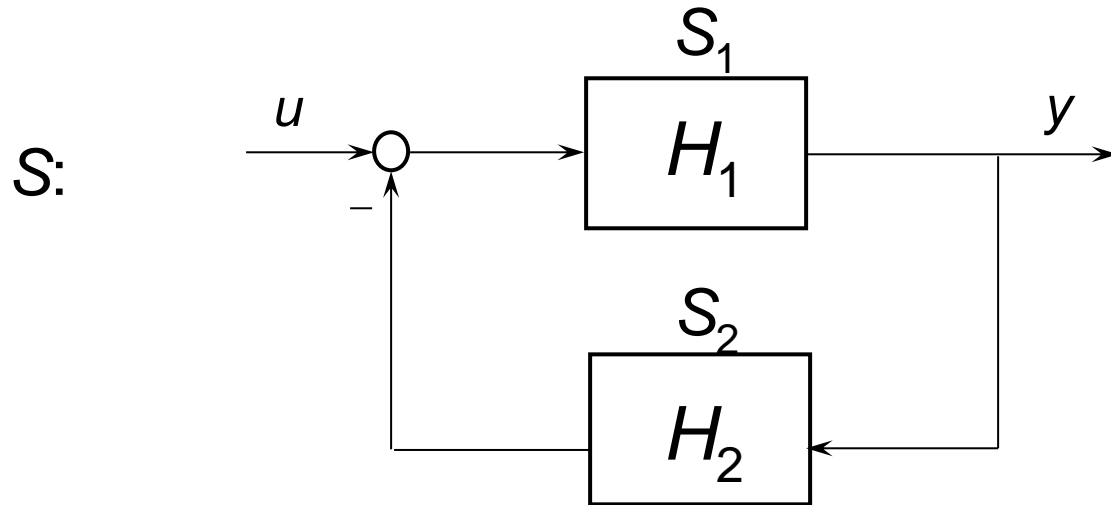
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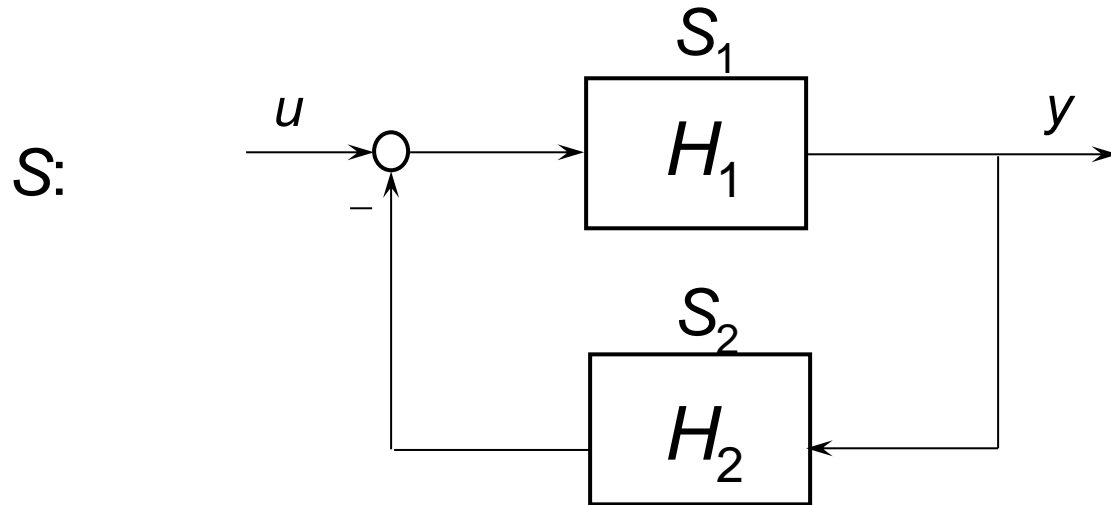


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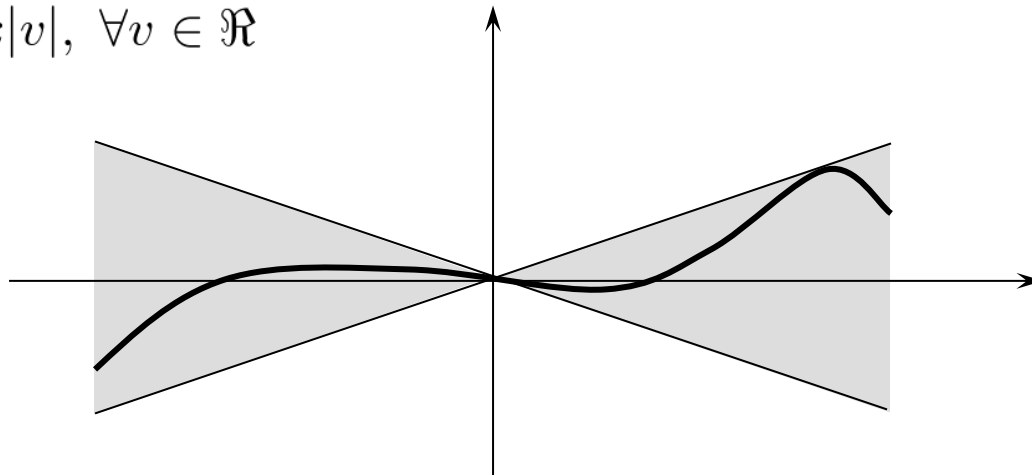
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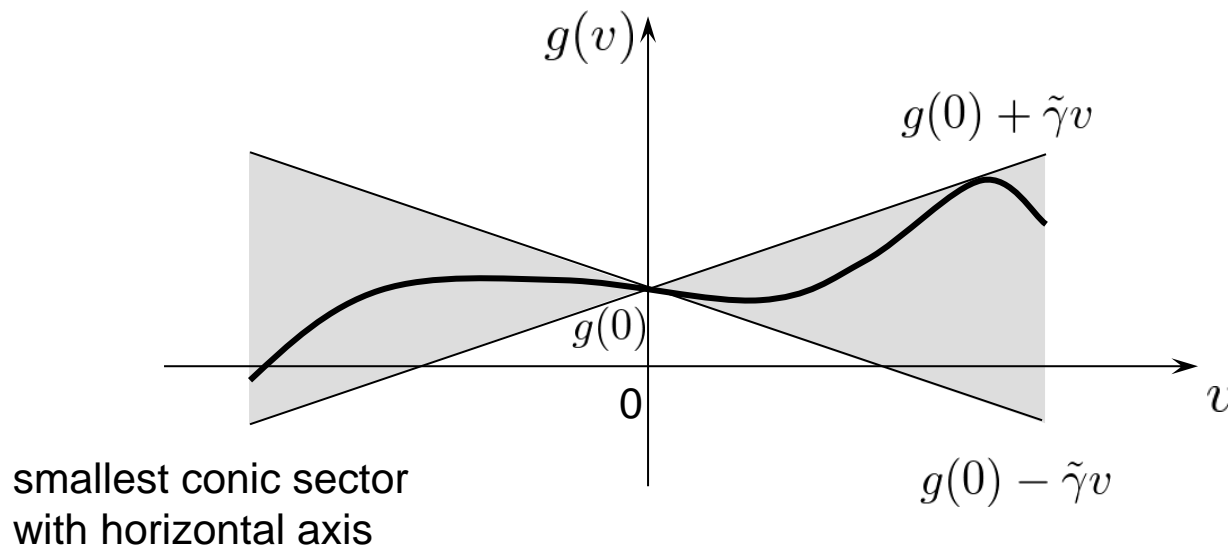
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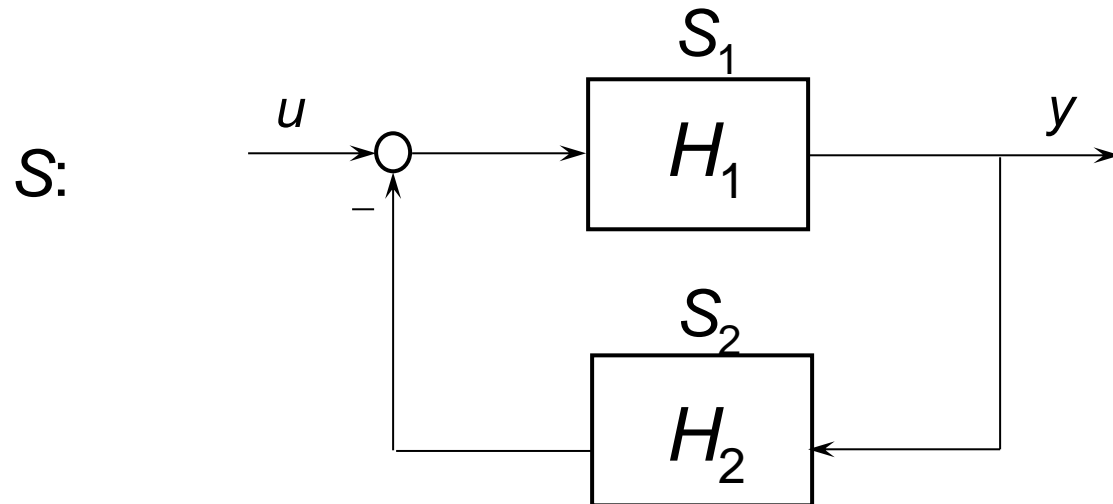
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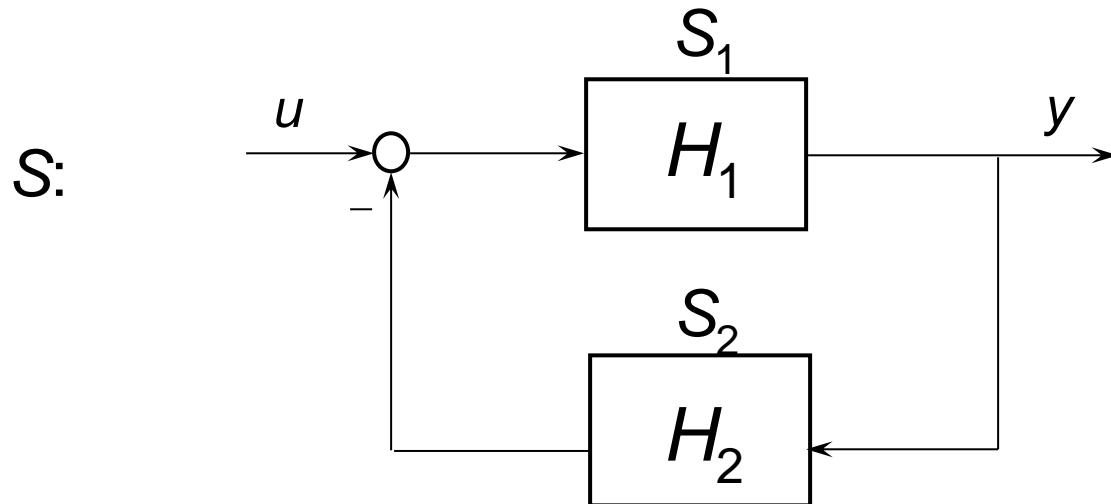


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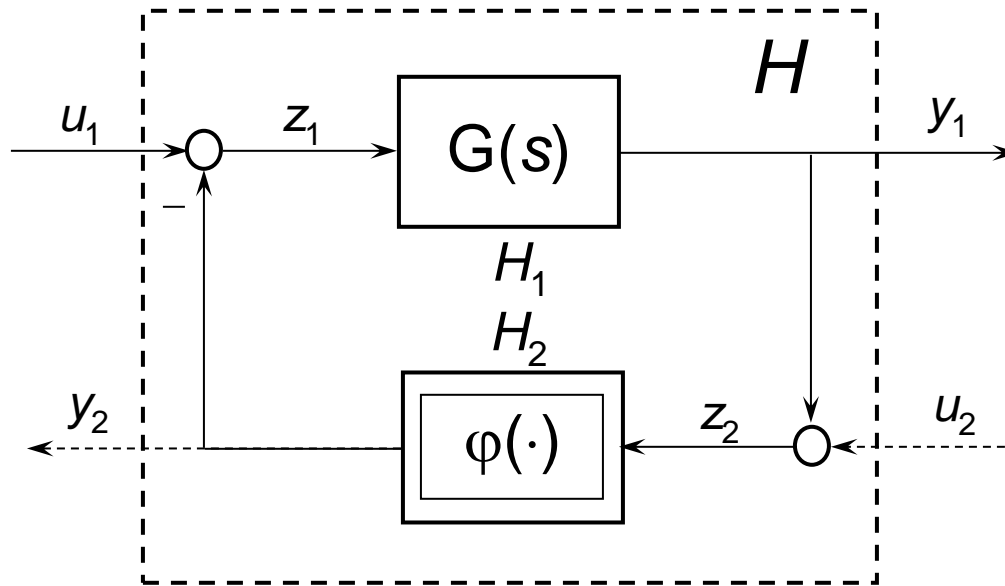
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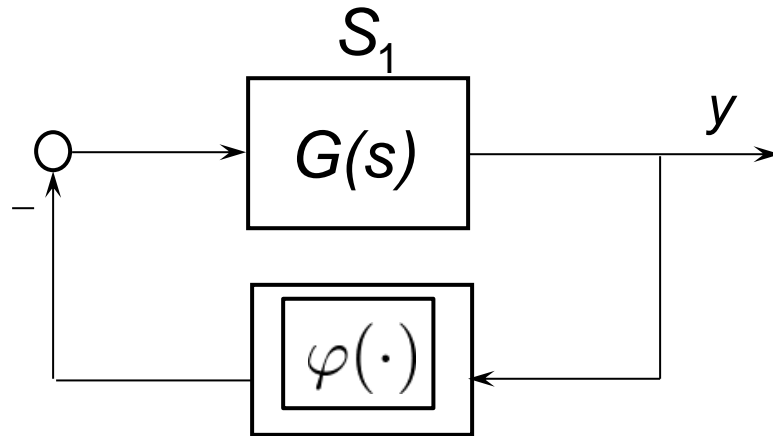
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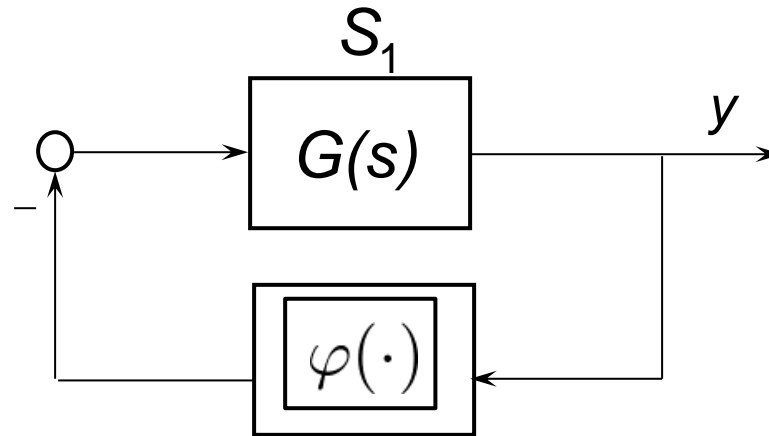


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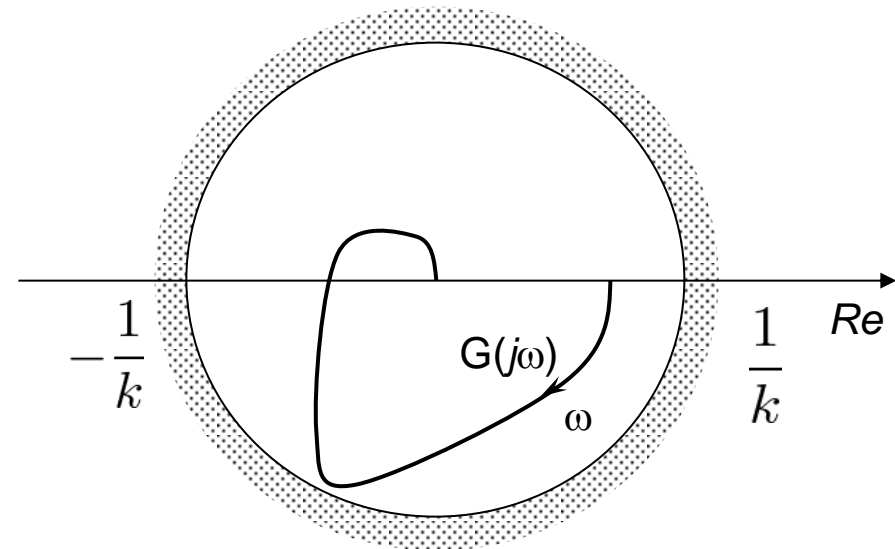
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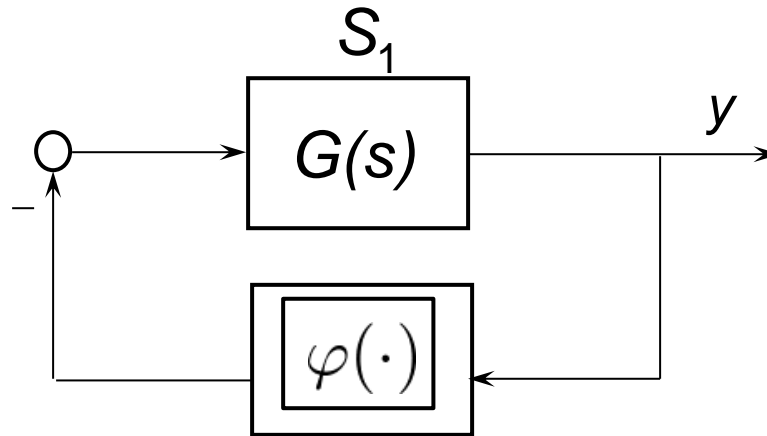
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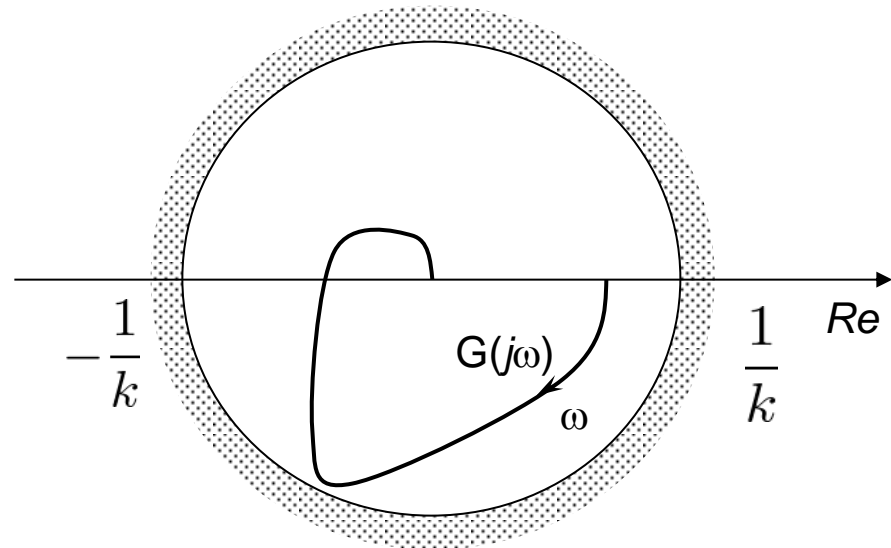


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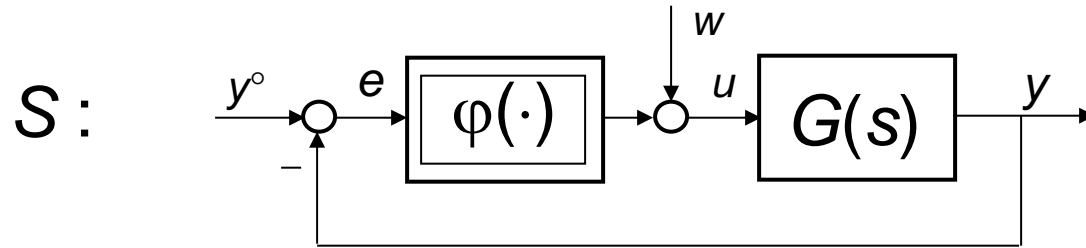
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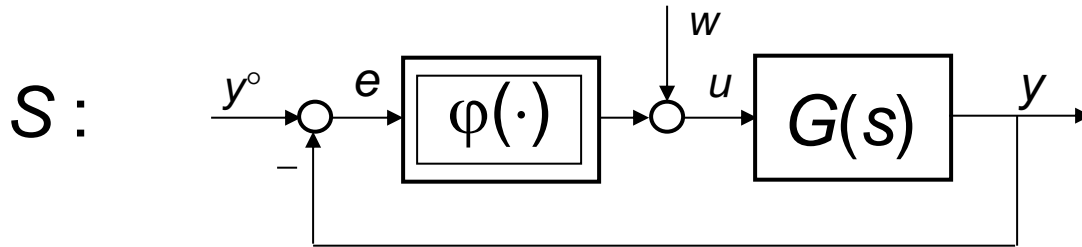
- The connection between  $L_2$ -stability of a time-invariant Lur'e system and absolute stability of the same system with inputs sets to zero can be further strengthened by considering a generic sector  $[k_1, k_2]$ ,  $k_1 < k_2$  and formulating a Circle criterion for  $L_2$  stability

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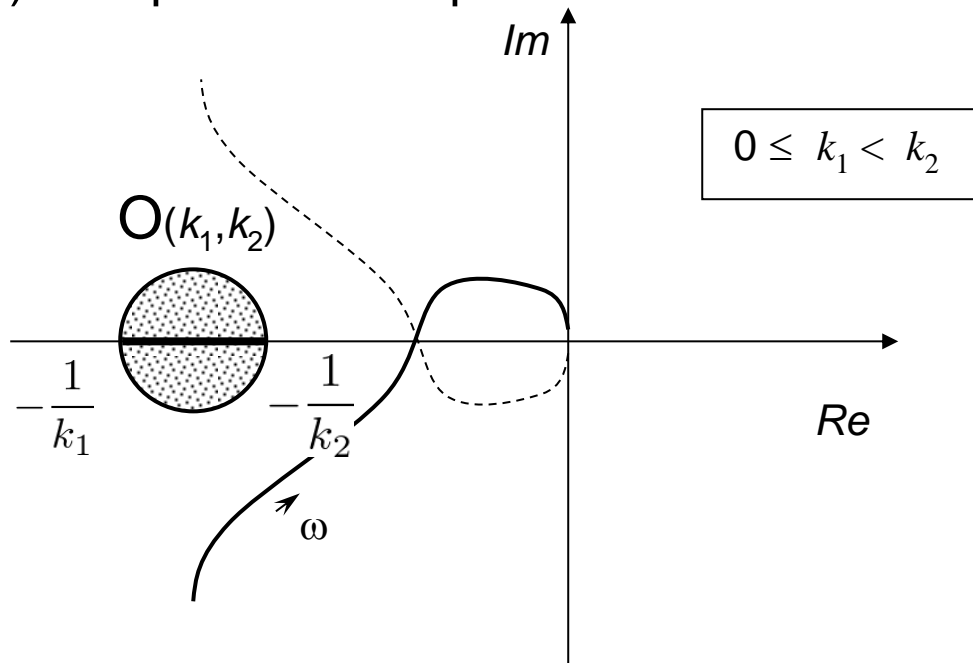


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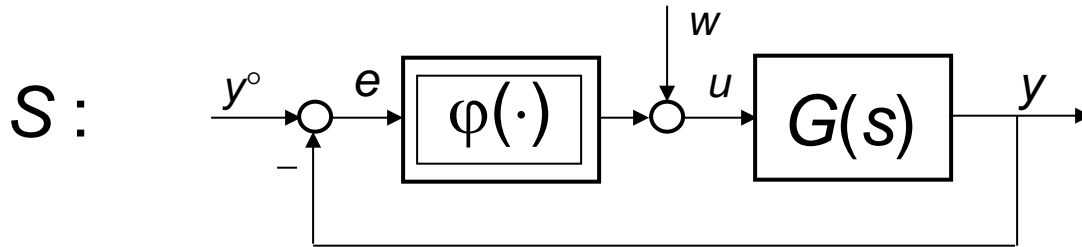


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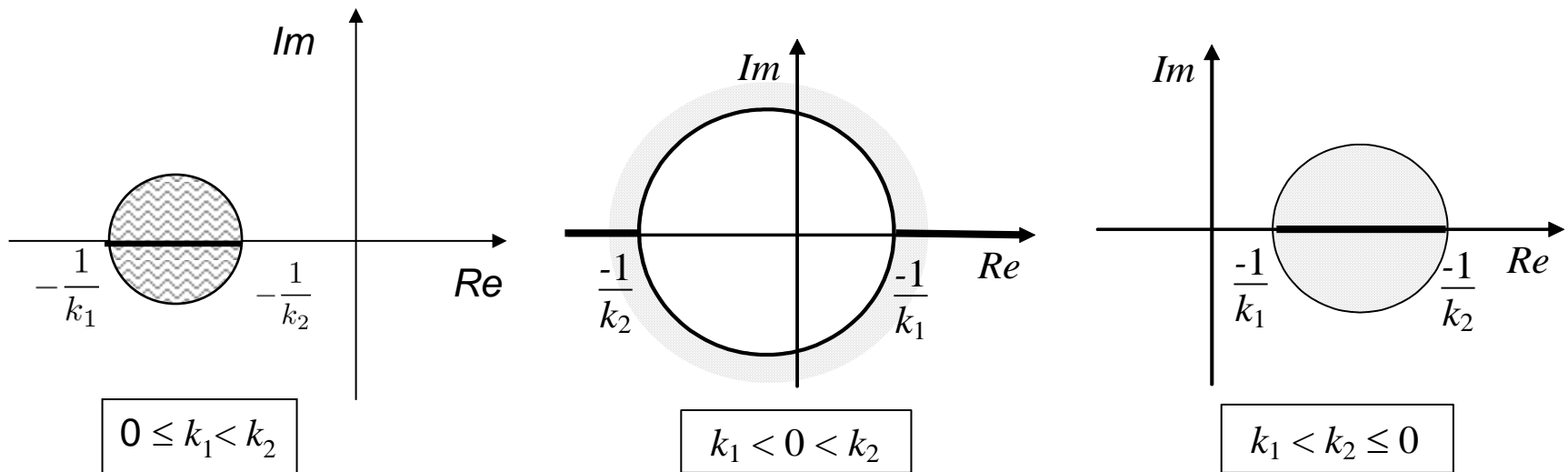


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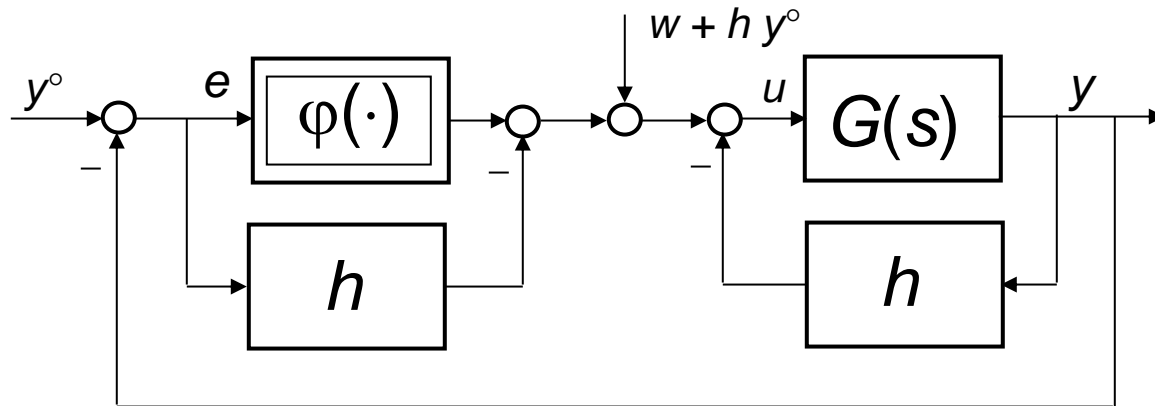
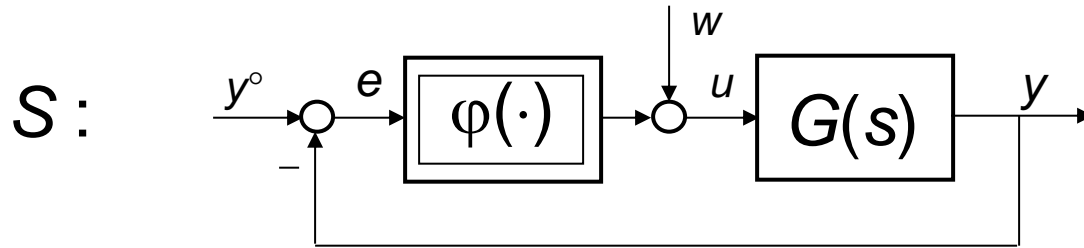


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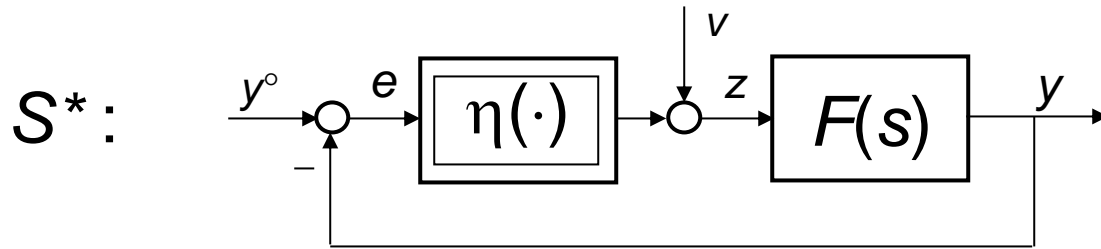
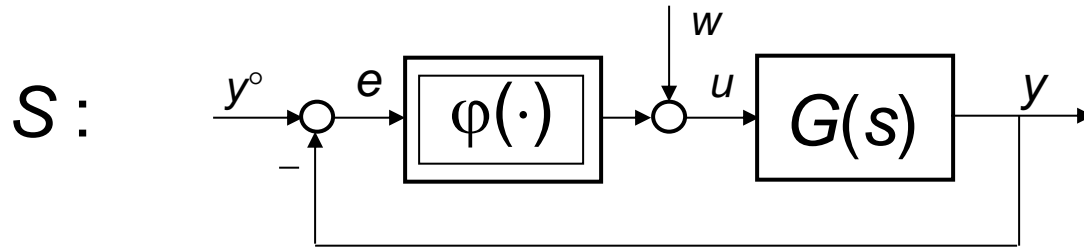
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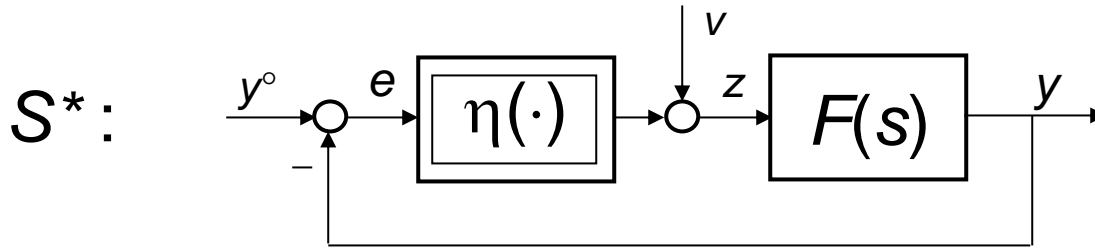
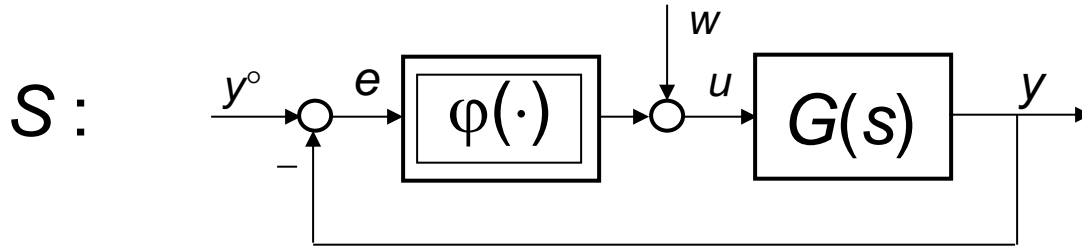


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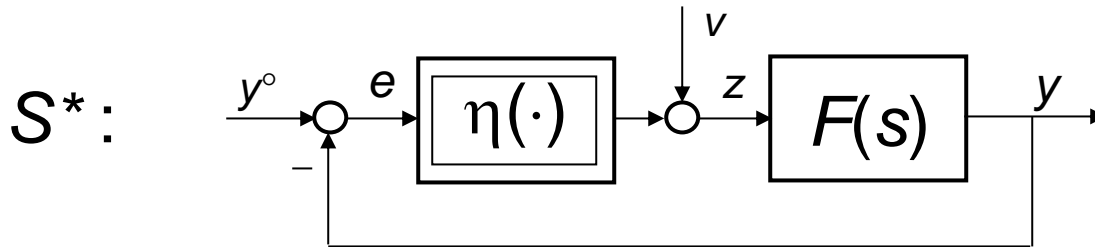
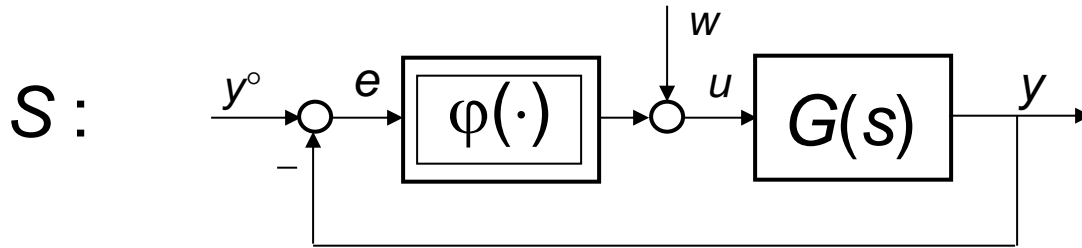
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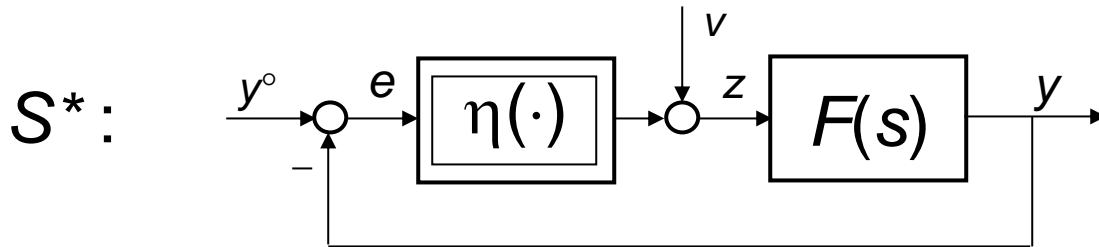
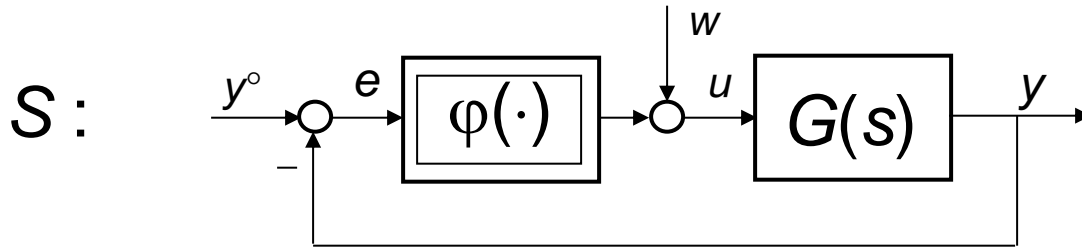


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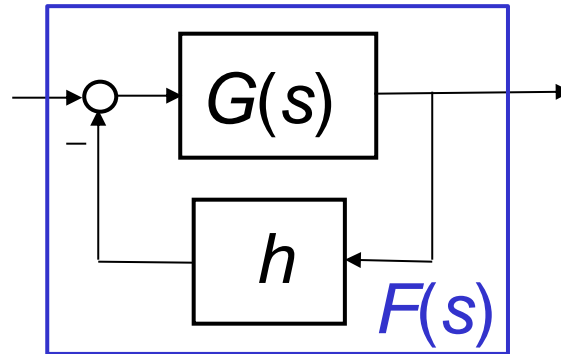
$$\eta(e) := \varphi(e) - he, \quad F(s) := \frac{G(s)}{1 + hG(s)}$$

$$h := \frac{k_1 + k_2}{2} \Rightarrow \varphi(\cdot) \in \Phi_{[k_1, k_2]} \Leftrightarrow \eta(\cdot) \in \Phi_{[-k, k]}, \quad k := \frac{k_2 - k_1}{2}$$

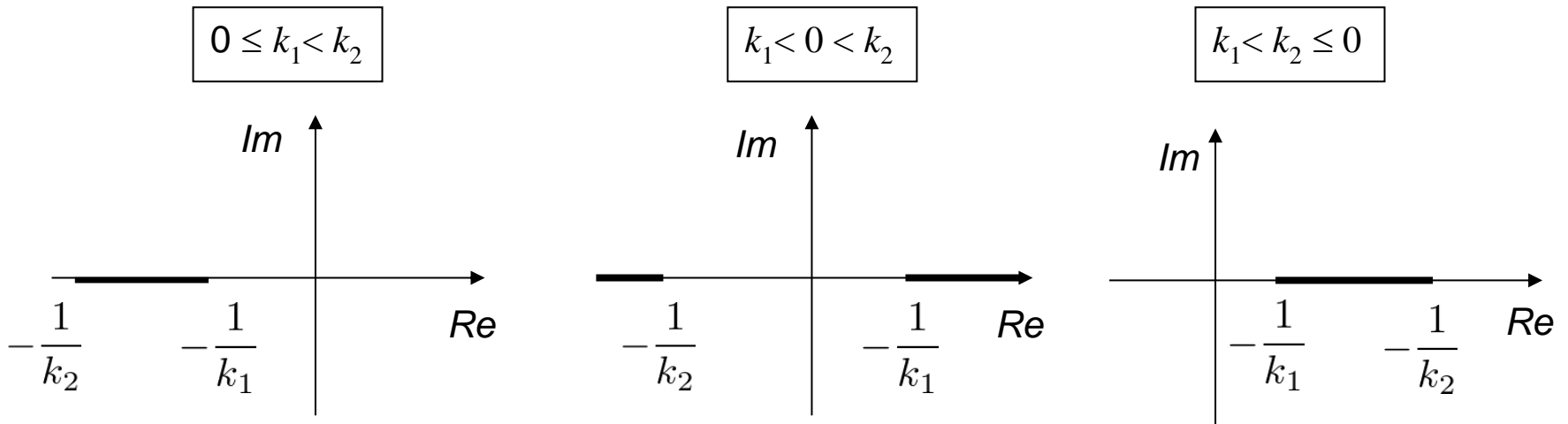
Remark: System S is  $L_2$ -stable in sector  $[k_1, k_2]$  if and only if system  $S^*$  is  $L_2$ -stable in sector  $[-k, k]$

→ system with  $F(s)$  asymptotically stable and  $F_{\max} < \frac{1}{k}$

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The poles of  $F(s)$  have negative real part since  $h = \frac{k_1 + k_2}{2} \in [k_1, k_2]$  and  $G(s)$  Nyquist plot encircles  $I(k_1, k_2)$  as many times as the number of poles of  $G(s)$  with positive real part



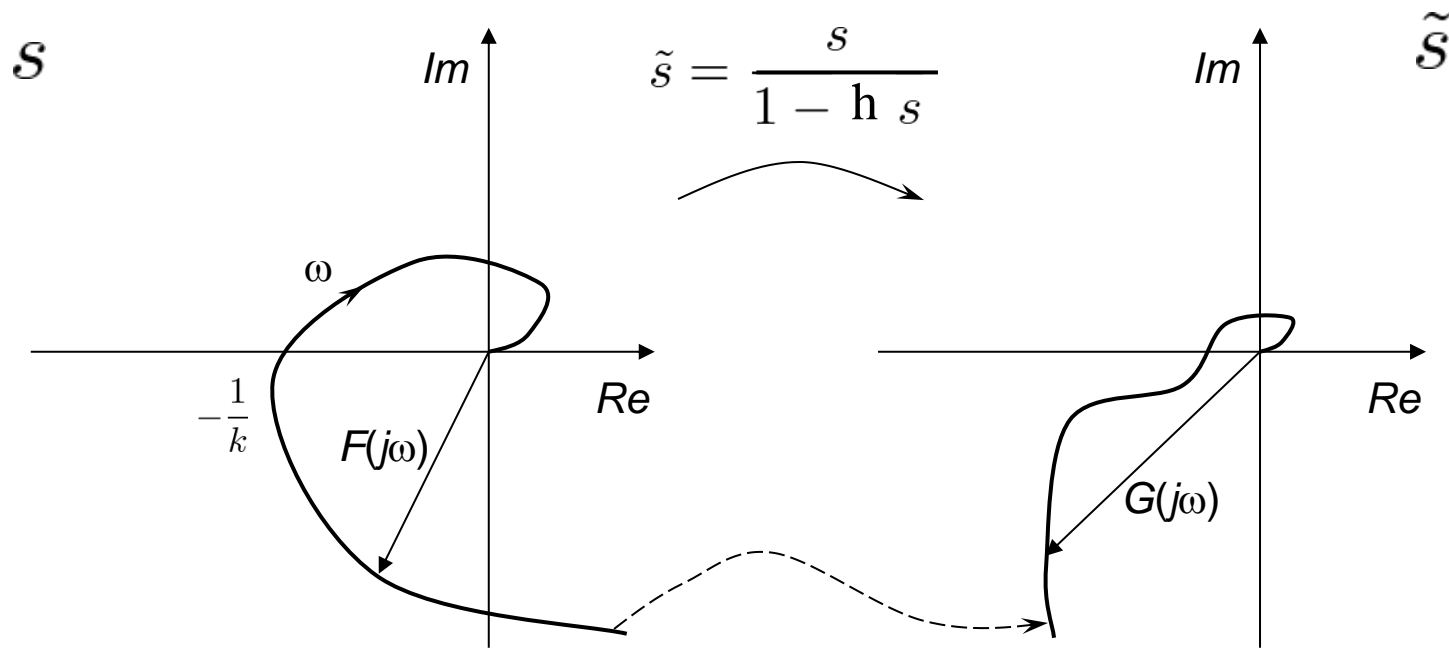


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Then, if G(s) Nyquist plot does not intersect O(k<sub>1</sub>, k<sub>2</sub>), F(s) Nyquist plot is within that circle, i.e.,

$$F_{\max} < \frac{1}{k}$$

which concludes the proof.