

EE1205 TA

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Mason's Gain Formula

$$\Delta = 1 + \sum L_i - \sum_i \Pi_{j=0}^i (L'_j). \quad (3)$$

Mason's Gain Formula, also known as Mason's Rule or the Signal Flow Graph Method, is a technique used in control systems. It provides a systematic way to analyze the transfer function of a LTI system, especially those with multiple feedback loops and complex interconnections.

parameters	description
$X(s)$	input signal transfer function
$Y(s)$	output signal transfer function
N	Total number of forward paths
P_i	Gain of the i^{th} forward path
Δ	determinant of the graph
Δ_i	path factor for the i^{th} path

TABLE 0
CURRENT PARAMETERS

$$T(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N P_i \Delta_i}{\Delta} \quad (1)$$

From the signal-flow graph, we identify:

- 1) Number of forward paths possible (N).
- 2) Forward path gain for each path P_i .
- 3) Number of individual loops in the system and their corresponding loop gain.
- 4) Number of non-touching loops (i.e. which do not share any common node) and their corresponding loop gain.

parameters	description
L_i	Loop gain of the i^{th} individual loop
L'_i	Loop gain of the i^{th} non-touching loop

TABLE 4
NEW PARAMETERS

$$\Delta_i = 1 - \sum L_i \quad (L_i \text{ that doesn't touch the forward path}) \quad (2)$$