



# Signal Flow Graph Solver Report

Linear Control

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## Overview

Signal Flow Graph Solver is a GUI application that uses mason formula to solve a signal flow graph.

Mason formula states that the transfer function of a system is equal to:  $\sum_{i=1}^n (P_i \times \Delta_i) / \Delta$

Where n = the number of forward paths

$P_i$  = the  $i^{th}$  forward path gain

$\Delta$  = Determinant of the system

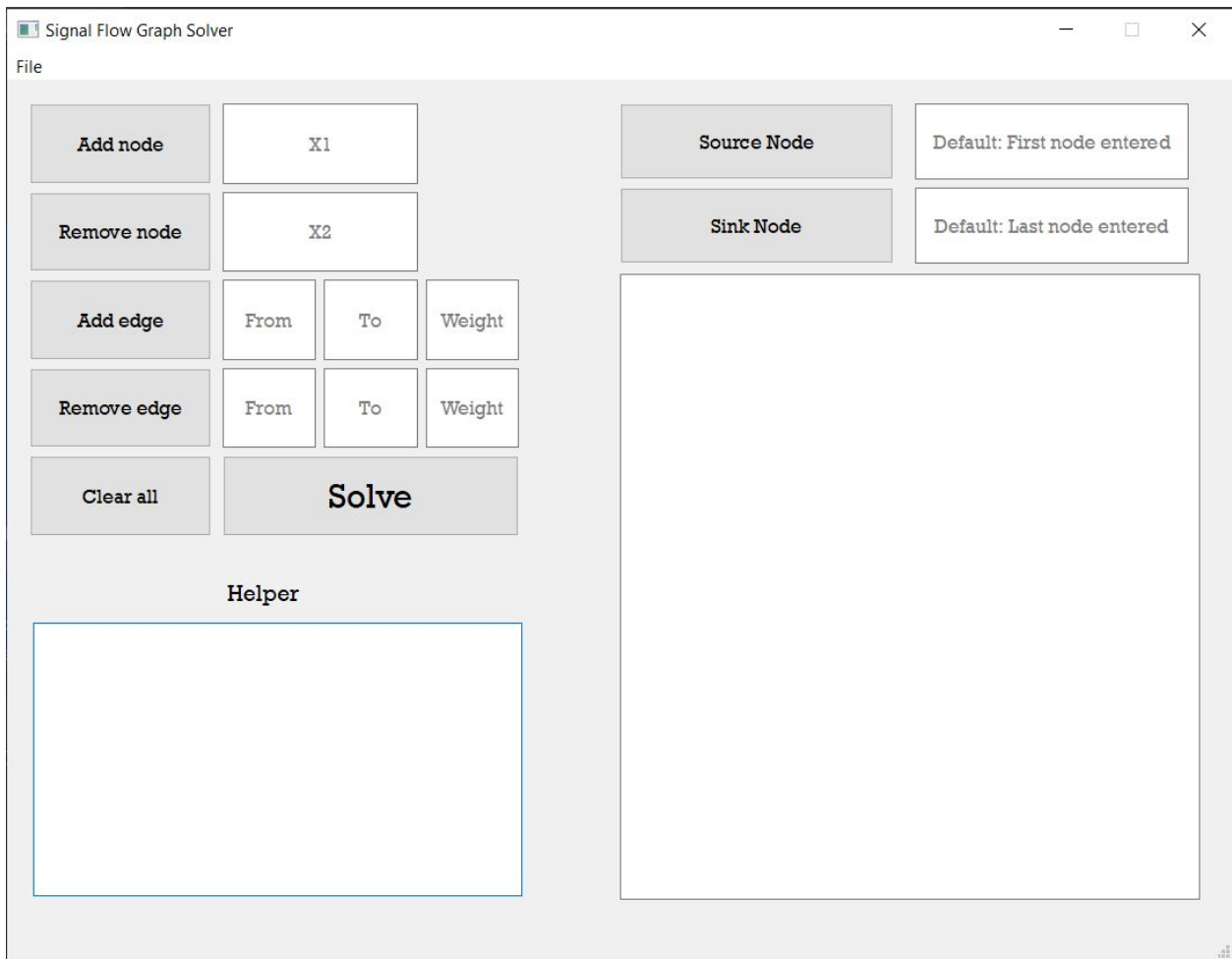
$\Delta_i$  = Determinant of the  $i^{th}$  forward path

## General Design

1. The project consists of three files:
  - a. mason.py
  - b. controller.py
  - c. GUI.py
2. Mason file main method takes arguments:
  - a. The graph
  - b. The source node
  - c. The sink nodeand outputs each of:
  - d. The forward paths and its gains and determinants
  - e. The determinant of the system
  - f. The overall transfer function
3. Controller file is the responsible for linking between mason and GUI files and also some graph utilities
4. GUI is the main window to the user which interacts with.

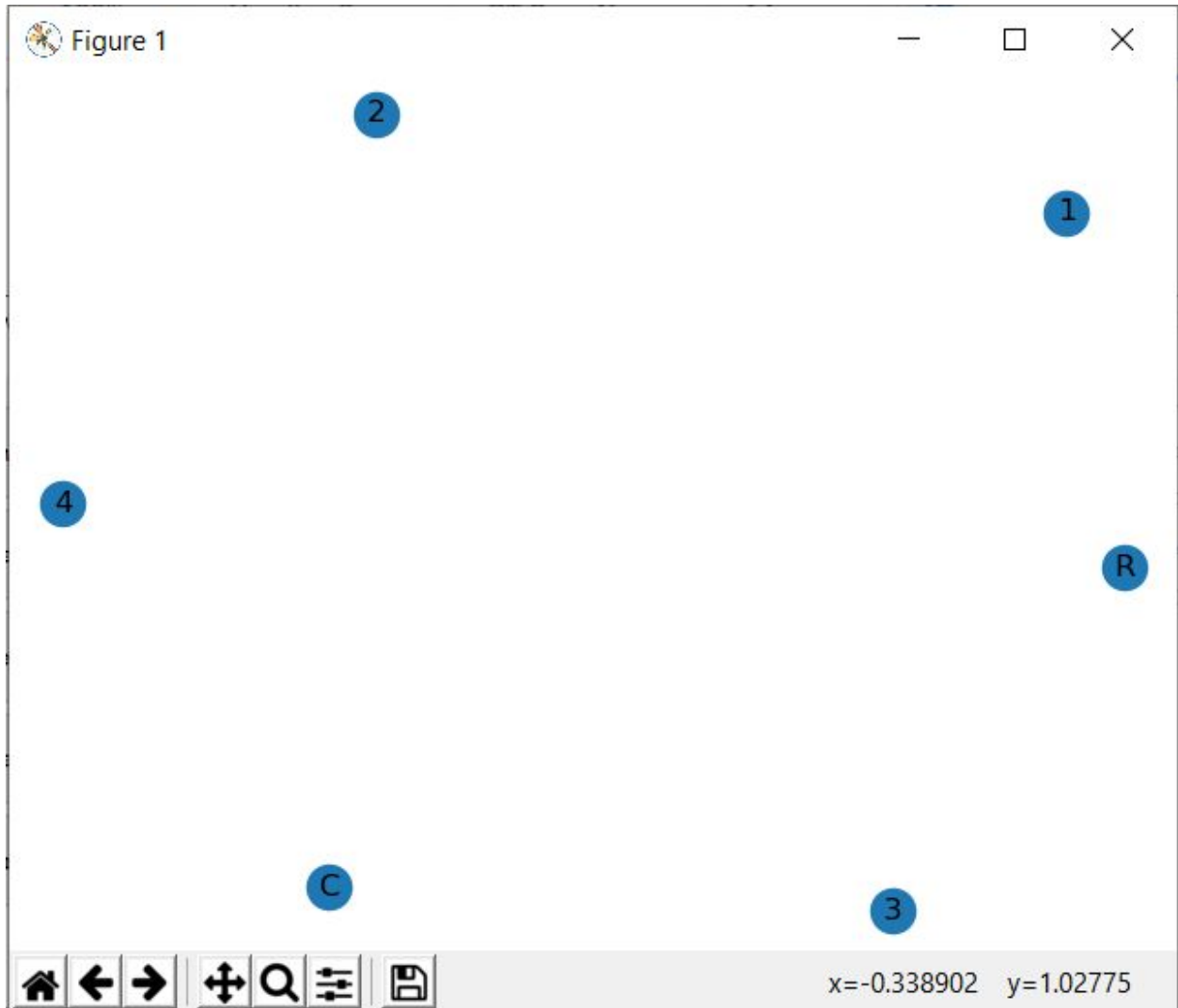
## Sample Runs & Examples

### Initial Interface

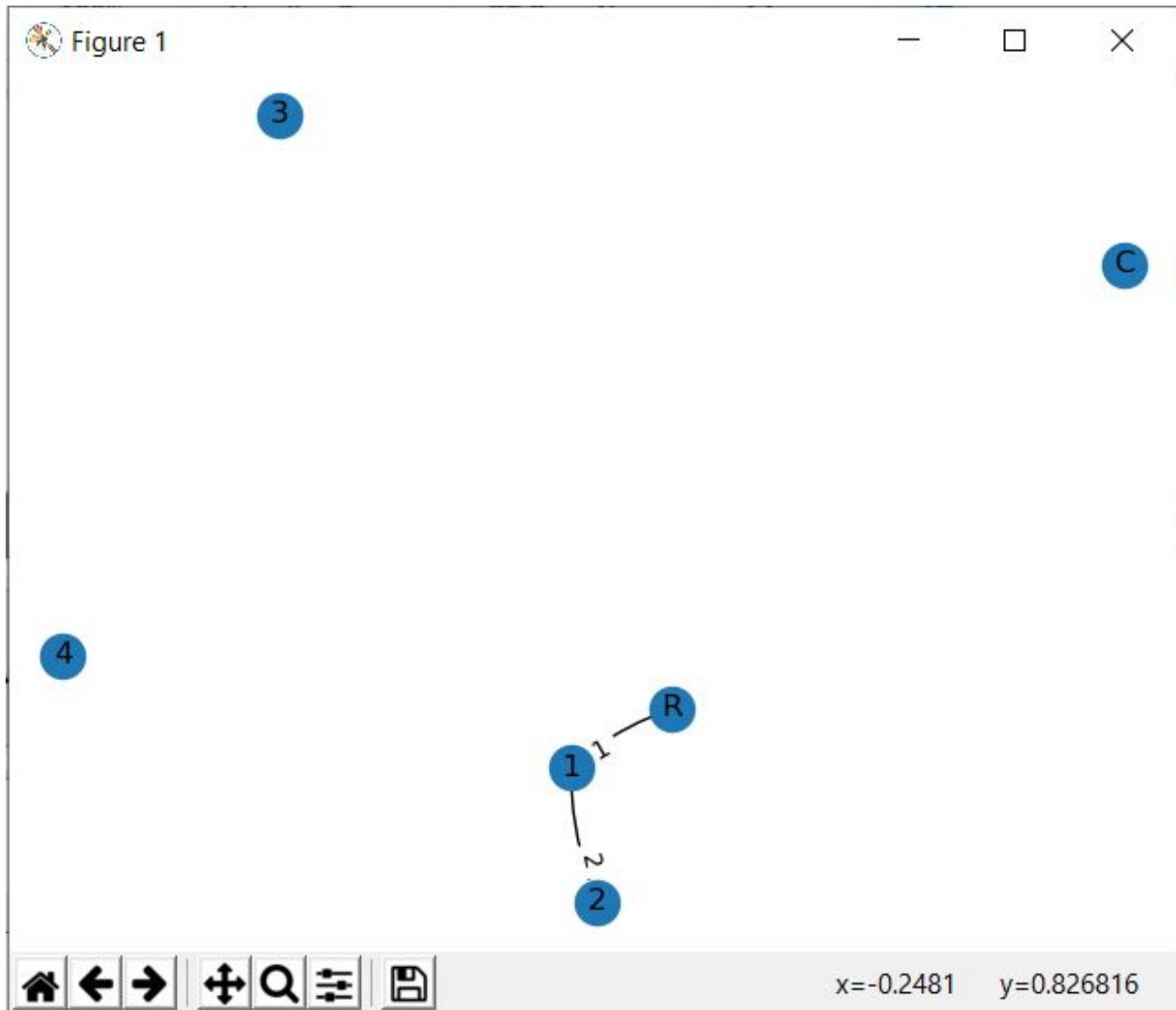


After adding the first node, a plot appears

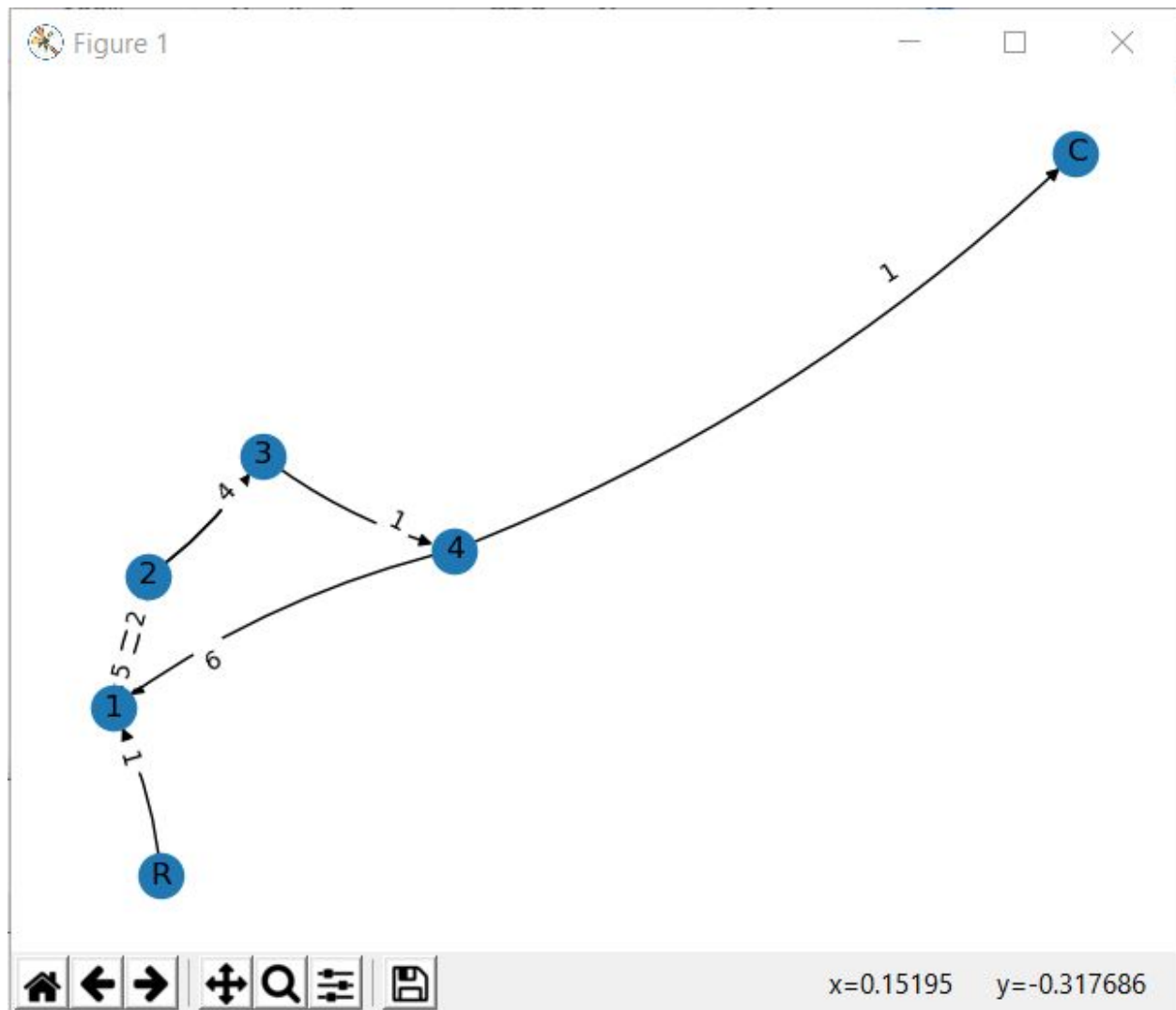
After adding 6 nodes



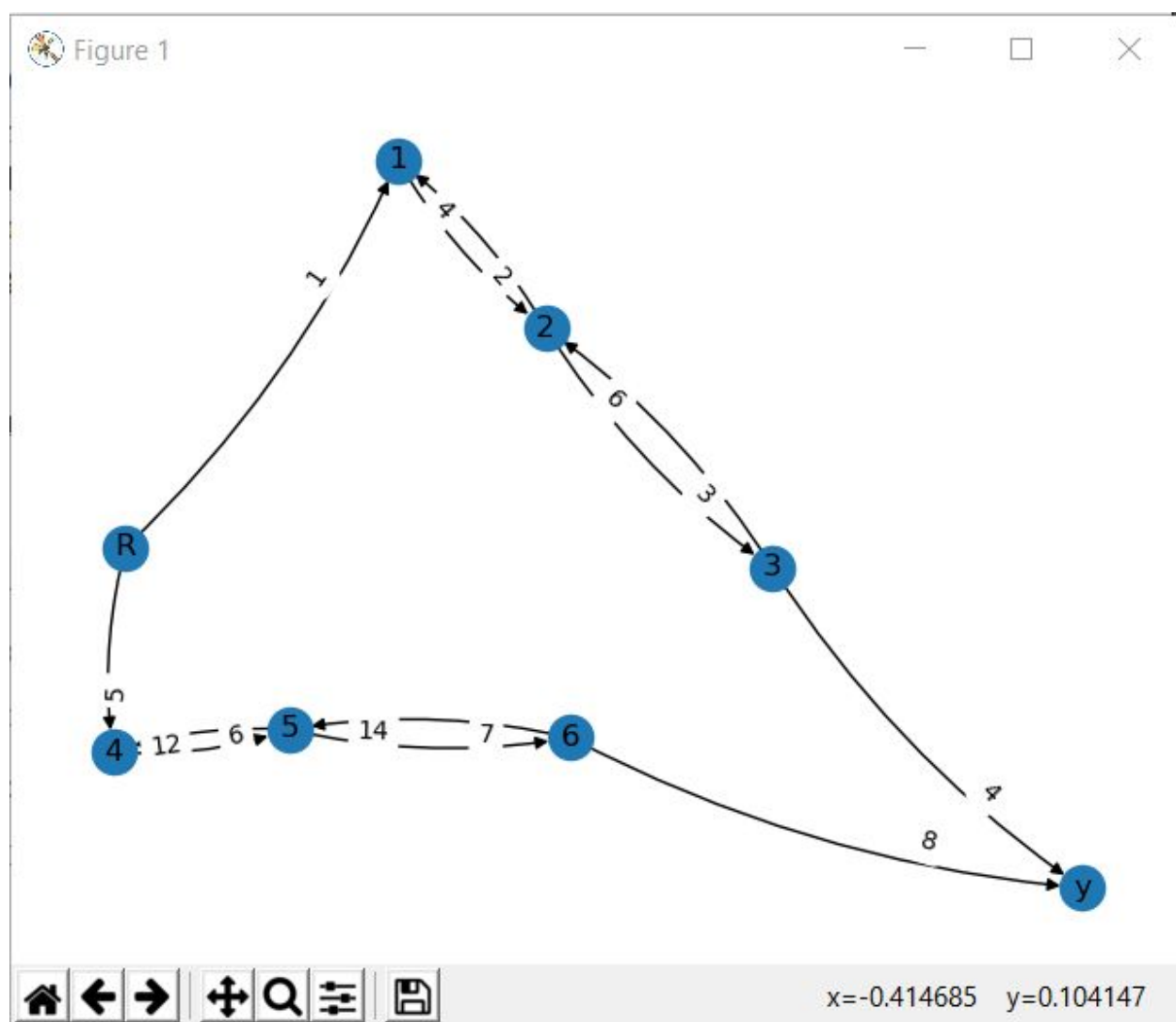
After adding 2 edges with weights



## Complete graph



Another complete graph and its overall transfer function



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File

Add node	X1		
Remove node	X2		
Add edge	From	To	Weight
Remove edge	From	To	Weight
Clear all	Solve		

Source Node: Default: First node entered

Sink Node: Default: Last node entered

Path: ['R', '1', '2', '3', 'y']  
 its forward gain: [24]  
 its determinant: -169  
 Path: ['R', '4', '5', '6', 'y']  
 its forward gain: [1680]  
 its determinant: -25  
 Det of the system: 4225  
 The overall transfer function: -10.900828402366864

Helper

Node added successfully  
 Node added successfully  
 Node added successfully  
 Node added successfully  
 Node added successfully  
 Node added successfully  
 Node added successfully  
 Node added successfully  
 Edge added successfully

Two options for adding an edge where the default weight is one

Add edge	R	1	Weight
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Add edge	1	2	2
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## Incomplete functions

1. Remove edge button is not working correctly.
2. Duplicate edges between nodes are added without checking.

## Imported Libraries

1. networkx: provided the graph data structure for easier manipulation and analysis of complex graphs
2. itertools: used in small combinatorial part in `get_gains` method in `mason.py`