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## **DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING**

### **23ECT212 – LINEAR CONTROL SYSTEMS**

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**UNIT I – CONTROL SYSTEM MODELING**

**TOPIC - SIGNAL FLOW GRAPH**



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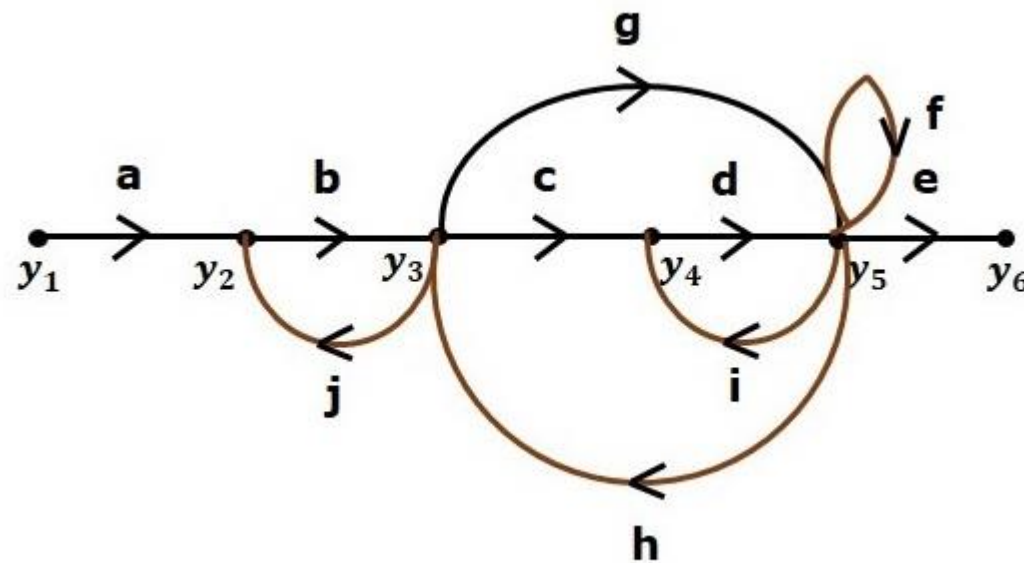
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# SIGNAL FLOW GRAPH- TERMINOLOGY



Consider the following signal flow graph in order to understand the basic terminology involved here.





# SIGNAL FLOW GRAPH-TERMINOLOGY



## Path

It is a traversal of branches from one node to any other node in the direction of branch arrows. It should not traverse any node more than once.

**Examples** –  $y_2 \rightarrow y_3 \rightarrow y_4 \rightarrow y_5$  and  $y_5 \rightarrow y_3 \rightarrow y_2$

## Forward Path

The path that exists from the input node to the output node is known as **forward path**.

**Examples** –  $y_1 \rightarrow y_2 \rightarrow y_3 \rightarrow y_4 \rightarrow y_5 \rightarrow y_6$  and  $y_1 \rightarrow y_2 \rightarrow y_3 \rightarrow y_5 \rightarrow y_6$

## Forward Path Gain

It is obtained by calculating the product of all branch gains of the forward path.

**Examples** – **abcde** is the forward path gain

of  $y_1 \rightarrow y_2 \rightarrow y_3 \rightarrow y_4 \rightarrow y_5 \rightarrow y_6$  and **abge** is the forward path gain of  $y_1 \rightarrow y_2 \rightarrow y_3 \rightarrow y_5 \rightarrow y_6$



# SIGNAL FLOW GRAPH- TERMINOLOGY



## Loop

The path that starts from one node and ends at the same node is known as **loop**. Hence, it is a closed path.

**Examples** –  $y_2 \rightarrow y_3 \rightarrow y_2$  and  $y_3 \rightarrow y_5 \rightarrow y_3$

## Loop Gain

It is obtained by calculating the product of all branch gains of a loop.

**Examples** –  $b_j$  is the loop gain of  $y_2 \rightarrow y_3 \rightarrow y_2$  and  $gh$  is the loop gain of  $y_3 \rightarrow y_5 \rightarrow y_3$ .

## Non-touching Loops

These are the loops, which should not have any common node.

**Examples** – The loops,  $y_2 \rightarrow y_3 \rightarrow y_2$  and  $y_4 \rightarrow y_5 \rightarrow y_4$  are non-touching.



# ACTIVITY - BLOOD RELATION TEST

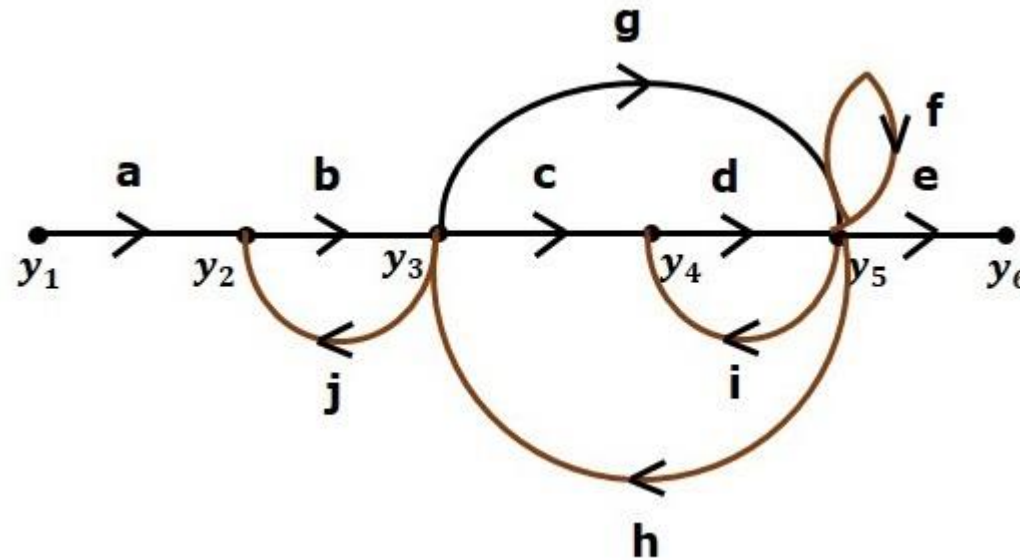


1. Pointing to a photograph of a boy Suresh said, "He is the son of the only son of my mother." How is Suresh related to that boy?
  - A. Brother
  - B. Uncle
  - C. Cousin
  - D. Father



# CALCULATION OF TRANSFER FUNCTION USING MASON'S GAIN FORMULA

Let us consider the same signal flow graph for finding transfer function.



**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

The boy in the photograph is the only son of the son of Suresh's mother i.e., the son of Suresh. Hence, Suresh is the father of boy.



# CALCULATION OF TRANSFER FUNCTION ...



- Number of forward paths,  $N = 2$ .
- First forward path is -  $y_1 \rightarrow y_2 \rightarrow y_3 \rightarrow y_4 \rightarrow y_5 \rightarrow y_6$ .
- First forward path gain,  $p_1 = abcde$
- Second forward path is -  $y_1 \rightarrow y_2 \rightarrow y_3 \rightarrow y_5 \rightarrow y_6$
- Second forward path gain,  $p_2 = abge$
- Number of individual loops,  $L = 5$ .





# CALCULATION OF TRANSFER FUNCTION ...

- Loops are -  $y_2 \rightarrow y_3 \rightarrow y_2$  ,  $y_3 \rightarrow y_5 \rightarrow y_3$  ,  $y_3 \rightarrow y_4 \rightarrow y_5 \rightarrow y_3$   
 $y_4 \rightarrow y_5 \rightarrow y_4$  and  $y_5 \rightarrow y_5$  .
- Loop gains are -  $l_1 = bj$  ,  $l_2 = gh$  ,  $l_3 = cdh$  ,  $l_4 = di$  and  $l_5 = f$  .
- Number of two non-touching loops = 2.
- First non-touching loops pair is -  $y_2 \rightarrow y_3 \rightarrow y_2$  ,  $y_4 \rightarrow y_5 \rightarrow y_4$  .
- Gain product of first non-touching loops pair,  $l_1 l_4 = bjdi$
- Second non-touching loops pair is -  $y_2 \rightarrow y_3 \rightarrow y_2$  ,  $y_5 \rightarrow y_5$  .
- Gain product of second non-touching loops pair is -  $l_1 l_5 = bjf$



# CALCULATION OF TRANSFER FUNCTION...



Higher number of (more than two) non-touching loops are not present in this signal flow graph.

We know,

$$\Delta = 1 - (\text{sum of all individual loop gains})$$

$$+ (\text{sum of gain products of all possible two non touching loops})$$

$$- (\text{sum of gain products of all possible three non touching loops}) + \dots$$



# CALCULATION OF TRANSFER FUNCTION ...



**Substitute the values in the above equation,**

$$\Delta = 1 - (bj + gh + cdh + di + f) + (bjdi + bjf) - (0)$$

$$\Delta = 1 - (bj + gh + cdh + di + f) + (bjdi + bjf)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 1 - (bj + gh + cdh + di + f) + bjdi + bjf$$

There is no loop which is non-touching to the first forward path.

$$\text{So, } \Delta_1 = 1 \quad \text{Similarly, } \Delta_2 = 1$$

Since, no loop which is non-touching to the second forward path.

Substitute,

$N = 2$  in Mason's gain formula



# MASON'S GAIN FORMULA



$$T = \frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N P_i \Delta_i}{\Delta}$$

Where,

- **C(s)** is the output node
- **R(s)** is the input node
- **T** is the transfer function or gain between  $R(s)$  and  $C(s)$
- **P<sub>i</sub>** is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  forward path gain

$\Delta = 1 - (\text{sum of all individual loop gains})$

$+(\text{sum of gain products of all possible two nontouching loops})$

$-(\text{sum of gain products of all possible three nontouching loops}) + \dots$

$\Delta_i$  is obtained from  $\Delta$  by removing the loops which are touching the  $i^{\text{th}}$  forward path.

Consider the following signal flow graph in order to understand the basic terminology involved here.



# CALCULATION OF TRANSFER FUNCTION ...



Substitute,  $N = 2$  in Mason's gain formula

$$T = \frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^2 P_i \Delta_i}{\Delta}$$

$$T = \frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{P_1 \Delta_1 + P_2 \Delta_2}{\Delta}$$

Substitute all the necessary values in the above equation.

$$T = \frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{(abcde)1 + (abge)1}{1 - (bj + gh + cdh + di + f) + bjdi + bjf}$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{(abcde) + (abge)}{1 - (bj + gh + cdh + di + f) + bjdi + bjf}$$

Therefore, the transfer function is -

$$T = \frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{(abcde) + (abge)}{1 - (bj + gh + cdh + di + f) + bjdi + bjf}$$



# SUMMARY

