

- Sensitivity

# System sensitivity

System sensitivity is the ratio of the change in the system transfer function to the change of a process transfer function (or parameter) for a small incremental change.

## 3.2 Sensitivity of system to parameter variations

System are **time-varying** in its nature because of inevitable **uncertainties** such as changing environment , aging , and other factors that affect a control process. All these uncertainties in open-loop system will result in inaccurate output or low performance. However, a closed-loop system can overcome this disadvantage.



# Effect of parameter variations

If process  $G(s)$  is change as  $G(s) + \Delta G(s)$

- Open-loop system

$$\Delta Y(s) = \Delta G(s)R(s)$$

- Closed-loop system

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta Y(s) &= \frac{\Delta G(s)}{(1 + GH)(1 + GH + \Delta GH)} R(s) \\ &= \frac{\Delta G(s)}{(1 + GH)^2} R(s)\end{aligned}$$

*continue*

In the limit, for small incremental changes,  
last formula is

$$S = \frac{\partial T(s) / T(s)}{\partial G(s) / G(s)} = \frac{\partial \ln T}{\partial \ln G}$$

# SENSITIVITY

- Measure of the effectiveness of feedback in reducing the influence of the variations (changing environment) on system performance.
- It gives an assessment of the system performance as affected due to parameter variation.

# EFFECT OF TRANSFER FUNCTION PARAMETER VARIATIONS IN AN OPEN LOOP CONTROL SYSTEM





$$M(s) = \frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = G(S) \rightarrow (1)$$

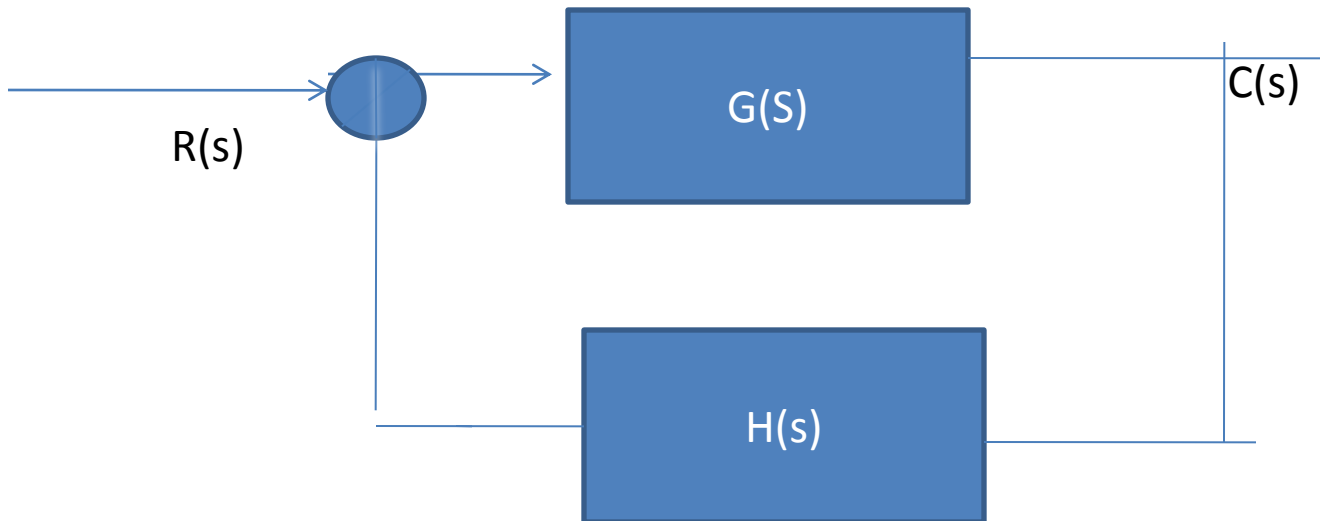
$$C(S) + \Delta C(S) = [G(S) + \Delta G(S)] R(S)$$

$$C(S) + \Delta C(S) = G(S)R(S) + \Delta G(S)R(S) \quad (2)$$

*PUT EQN.1 EQN.2*

$$\Delta C(S) = \Delta G(S)R(S)$$

# EFFECT OF TRANSFER FUNCTION PARAMETER VARIATIONS IN AN CLOSED LOOP CONTROL SYSTEM



$$M(s) = \frac{C(s)}{R(s)} = \frac{G(s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} C(s) + \Delta C(s) &= \frac{[G(s) + \Delta G(s)]}{1 + [G(s)H(s) + \Delta G(s)H(s)]} R(s) \\ &= \frac{[G(s)R(s)]}{1 + [G(s)H(s) + \Delta G(s)H(s)]} + \frac{\Delta G(s)R(s)}{1 + [G(s)H(s) + \Delta G(s)H(s)]} \end{aligned}$$

*NEGLECT  $\Delta G(s)$  AS  $\Delta G(s) \ll G(s)$*

*$\therefore \Delta G(s)H(s)$  CAN BE NEGLECTED*

$$= \frac{[G(s)R(s)]}{1 + [G(s)H(s)]} + \frac{\Delta G(s)R(s)}{1 + [G(s)H(s) + \Delta G(s)H(s)]}$$

*PUT EQN.1 EQN.3*

$$\Delta C(s) = \frac{\Delta G(s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)} R(s)$$

-IT IS CONCLUDED THAT DUE TO FEEDBACK THE VARIATION IN O/P CAUSED BY THE CHANGE IN THE FWD PATH TRANSFER FUNCTION IS REDUCED BY A FACTOR OF  $1 + G(s)H(s)$  IN A CLOSED LOOP .

-O/P VARIATIONS MORE SENSITIVE IN OPEN LOOP SYSTEM

$K$  = PARAMETER VARIATION OF ELEMENT SUCH AS GAIN  
OR FEEDBACK

$A$  = VARIABLE IN CONTROL SYSTEM WHICH CHANGES ITS VALUE, O/P

$$\text{SENSITIVITY} = \frac{\% \text{ CHANGE IN } A}{\% \text{ CHANGE IN } K}$$

$$S_K^A = \frac{\partial A / A}{\partial K / K}$$

*SENSITIVITY SHOULD BE KEPT MINIMUM*

# SENSITIVITY OF OVERALL TRANSFER FUNCTION $M(s)$ W.R.T. FWD PATH T.F. $G(s)$

$$S_G^M = \frac{\partial M(S) / M(s)}{\partial G(S) / G(s)}$$

**OPEN LOOP CONTROL SYSTEM**

$$M(S) = \frac{C(S)}{R(S)} = G(s)$$

$$\frac{M(S)}{G(S)} = 1$$

***DIFFERENTIATING  $M(s)$  W.R.T.  $G(s)$***

$$S_G^M = \frac{G(S)}{M(S)} \cdot \frac{\partial M(S)}{\partial G(S)} = 1$$

# SENSITIVITY OF OVERALL TRANSFER FUNCTION $M(s)$ W.R.T. FWD PATH T.F. $G(s)$

**CLOSED LOOP CONTROL SYSTEM**

$$M(S) = \frac{C(S)}{R(S)} = \frac{G(s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)}$$

***DIFFERENTIATING  $M(s)$  W.R.T.  $G(s)$***

$$\frac{\partial M(S)}{\partial G(S)} =$$

$$S_G^M = \frac{G(S)}{M(S)} \cdot \frac{\partial M(S)}{\partial G(S)} = \frac{1}{1 + G(S)H(S)}$$

SENSITIVITY OF OVERALL TRANSFER  
FUNCTION W.R.T. FWD PATH T.F. IN CASE OF  
CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM IS REDUCED BY  
 $1+G(S)H(S)$  AS COMPARED TO  
OPEN LOOP SYSTEM

$$M(S) = \frac{G(S)}{1 + G(s)H(s)}$$

*DIFFERENTIATING W.R.T. G(S)*



# Example of sensitivity

- Feedback amplifier
- **Goal:** Reduce the sensitivity to parameters variation, that is enhance the robustness to change in amplifier gain.