

# VARIABLE-FREQUENCY NETWORK PERFORMANCE

## Variable-Frequency Response Analysis

Network performance as function of frequency.

Transfer function

## Sinusoidal Frequency Analysis

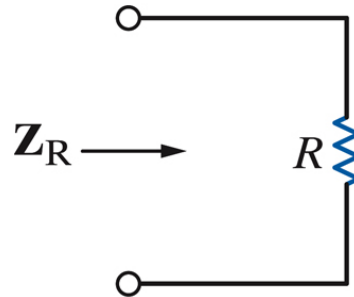
Bode plots to display frequency response data

# VARIABLE FREQUENCY-RESPONSE ANALYSIS

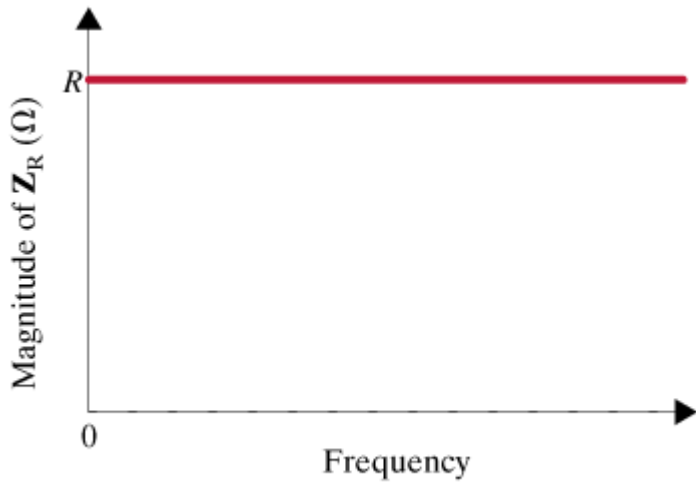
In AC steady state analysis the frequency is assumed constant (e.g., 60Hz). Here we consider the frequency as a variable and examine how the performance varies with the frequency.

## Variation in impedance of basic components

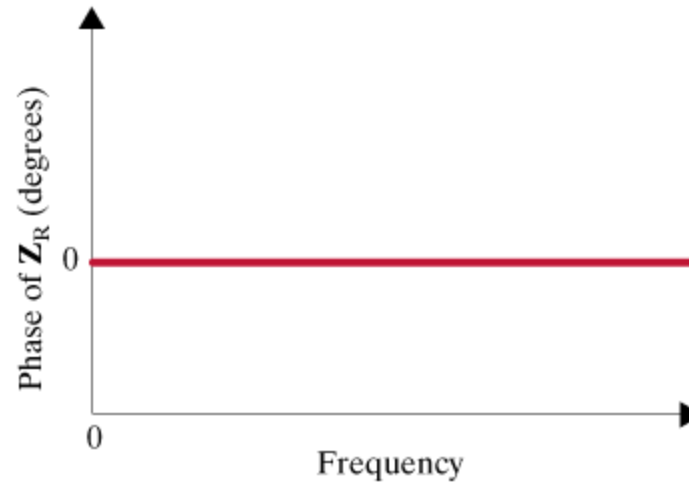
Resistor



$$Z_R = R = R \angle 0^\circ$$

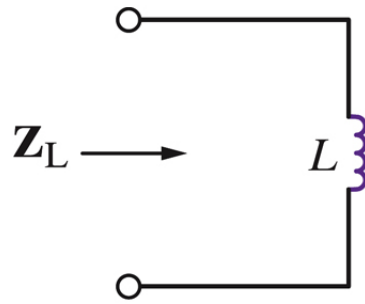


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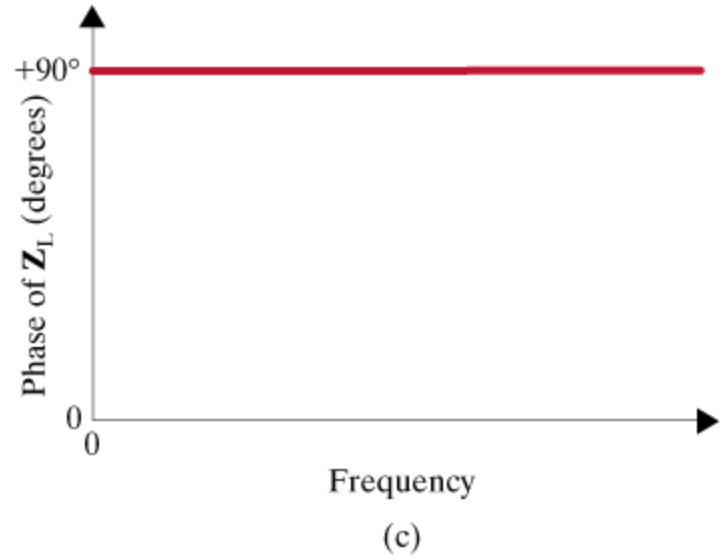
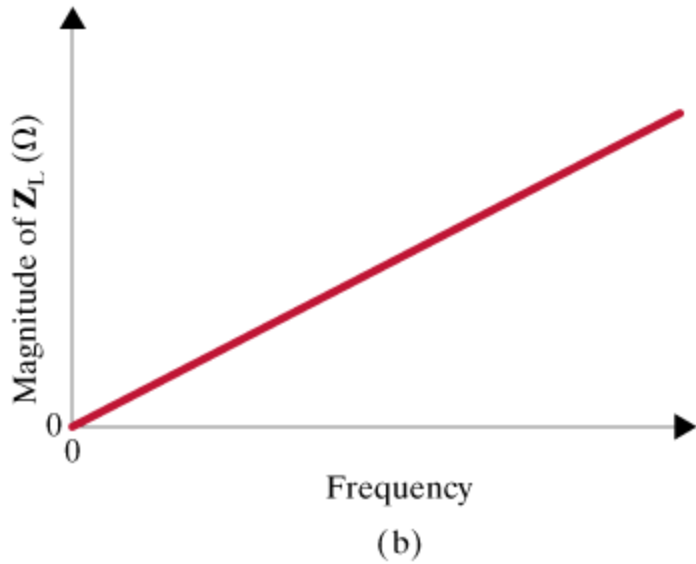


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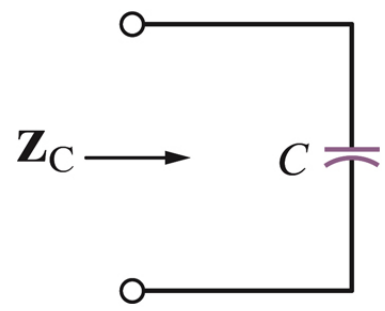
Inductor



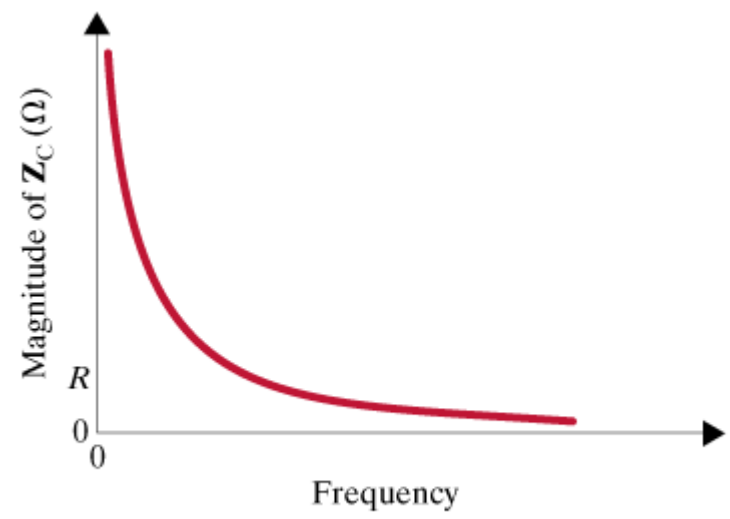
$$Z_L = j\omega L = \omega L \angle 90^\circ$$



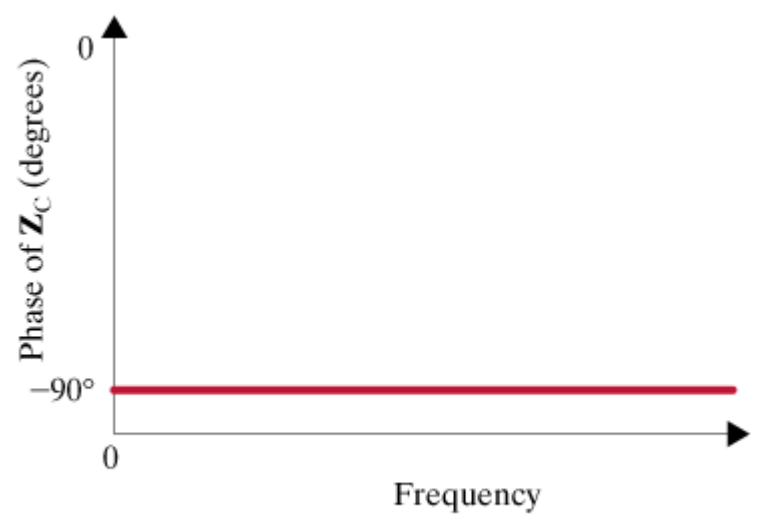
Capacitor



$$Z_c = \frac{1}{j\omega C} = \frac{1}{\omega C} \angle -90^\circ$$

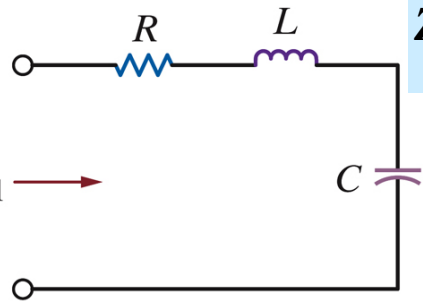


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# Frequency dependent behavior of series RLC network



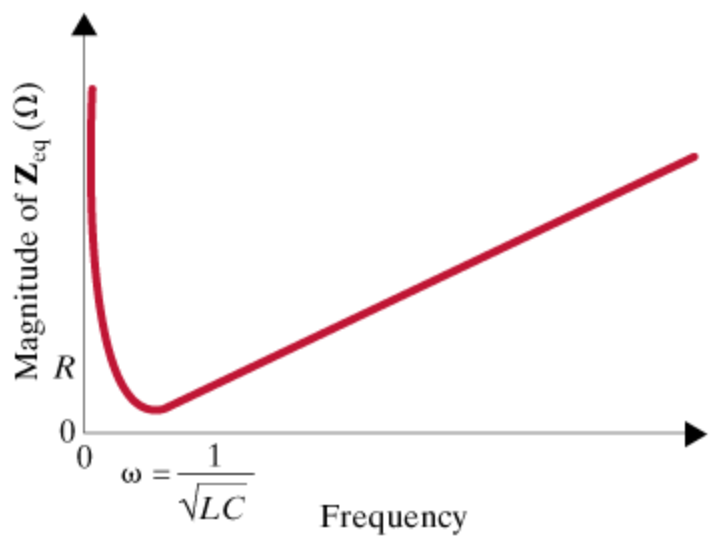
$$Z_{eq} = R + j\omega L + \frac{1}{j\omega C} = \frac{(j\omega)^2 LC + j\omega RC + 1}{j\omega C} \times \frac{-j}{-j} = \frac{\omega RC + j(\omega^2 LC - 1)}{\omega C}$$

"Simplification in notation"  $j\omega \approx s$

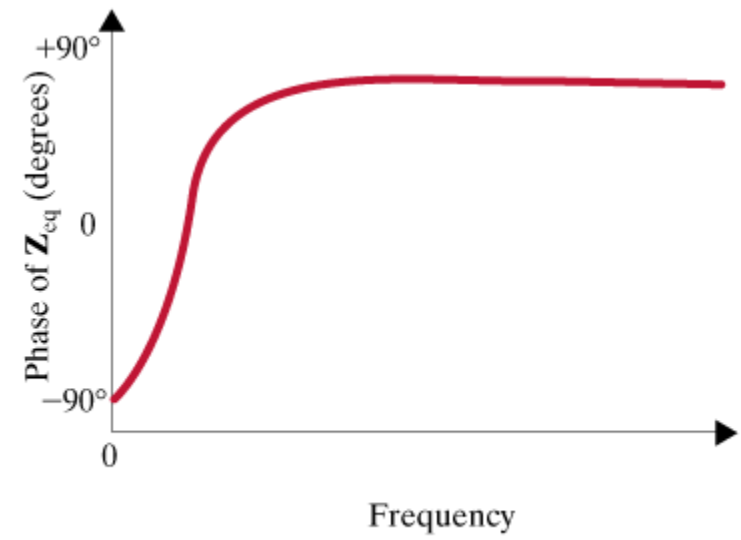
$$Z_{eq}(s) = \frac{s^2 LC + sRC + 1}{sC}$$

$$|Z_{eq}| = \frac{\sqrt{(\omega RC)^2 + (\omega^2 LC - 1)^2}}{\omega C}$$

$$\angle Z_{eq} = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\omega^2 LC - 1}{\omega RC} \right)$$



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(c)

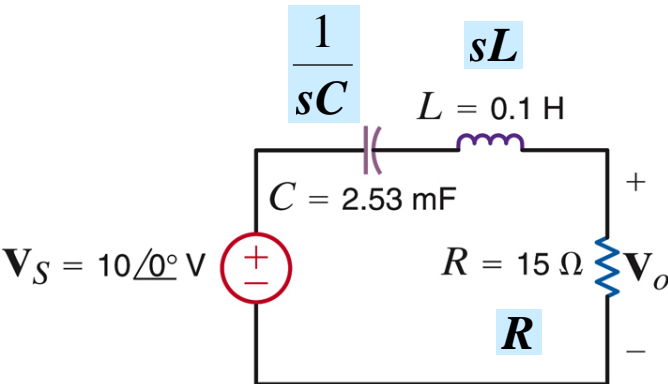
## Simplified notation for basic components

$$\mathbf{Z}_R(s) = \mathbf{R}, \quad \mathbf{Z}_L(s) = s\mathbf{L}, \quad \mathbf{Z}_C = \frac{1}{s\mathbf{C}}$$

For all cases seen, and all cases to be studied, the impedance is of the form

$$\mathbf{Z}(s) = \frac{a_m s^m + a_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0}{b_n s^n + b_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + b_1 s + b_0}$$

Moreover, if the circuit elements (L,R,C, dependent sources) are real then the expression for any voltage or current will also be a rational function in  $s$



$$V_o(s) = \frac{\mathbf{R}}{\mathbf{R} + s\mathbf{L} + 1/s\mathbf{C}} V_S = \frac{s\mathbf{R}\mathbf{C}}{s^2\mathbf{L}\mathbf{C} + s\mathbf{R}\mathbf{C} + 1} V_S$$

$$s \approx j\omega$$

$$V_o = \frac{j\omega\mathbf{R}\mathbf{C}}{(j\omega)^2\mathbf{L}\mathbf{C} + j\omega\mathbf{R}\mathbf{C} + 1} V_S$$

$$V_o = \frac{j\omega(15 \times 2.53 \times 10^{-3})}{(j\omega)^2(0.1 \times 2.53 \times 10^{-3}) + j\omega(15 \times 2.53 \times 10^{-3}) + 1} 10\angle 0^\circ$$

## NETWORK FUNCTIONS

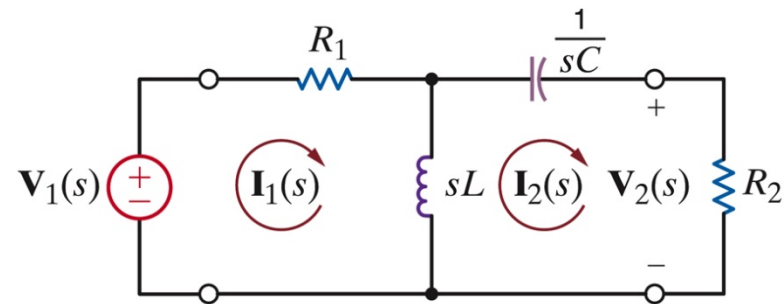
## Some nomenclature

When voltages and currents are defined at different terminal pairs we define the ratios as **Transfer Functions**

INPUT	OUTPUT	TRANSFER FUNCTION	SYMBOL
Voltage	Voltage	Voltage Gain	<b>G<sub>v</sub>(s)</b>
Current	Voltage	Transimpedance	<b>Z(s)</b>
Current	Current	Current Gain	<b>G<sub>i</sub>(s)</b>
Voltage	Current	Transadmittance	<b>Y(s)</b>

If voltage and current are defined at the same terminals we define **Driving Point Impedance/Admittance**

### EXAMPLE

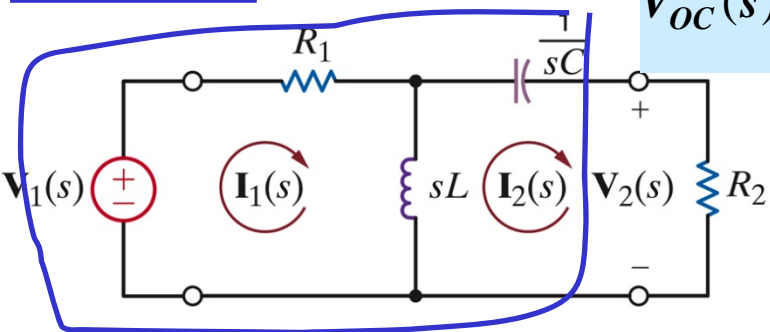


To compute the transfer functions one must solve the circuit. Any valid technique is acceptable

$$Y_T(s) = \frac{I_2(s)}{V_1(s)} \begin{cases} \text{Transadmittance} \\ \text{Transfer admittance} \end{cases}$$

$$G_v(s) = \frac{V_2(s)}{V_1(s)} \quad \text{Voltage gain}$$

**EXAMPLE**



$$V_{OC}(s) = \frac{sL}{sL + R_1} V_1(s)$$

We will use Thevenin's theorem

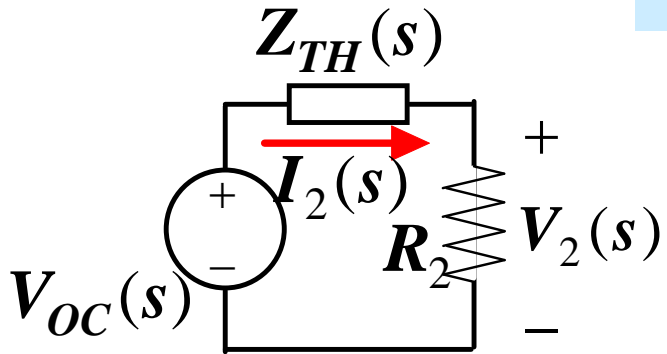
$$Z_{TH}(s) = \frac{1}{sC} + R_1 \parallel sL = \frac{1}{sC} + \frac{sLR_1}{sL + R_1}$$

$$Z_{TH}(s) = \frac{s^2 LCR_1 + sL + R_1}{sC(sL + R_1)}$$

$$Y_T(s) = \frac{I_2(s)}{V_1(s)} \begin{cases} \text{Transadmittance} \\ \text{Transfer admittance} \end{cases}$$

$$G_v(s) = \frac{V_2(s)}{V_1(s)} \quad \text{Voltage gain}$$

$$I_2(s) = \frac{V_{OC}(s)}{R_2 + Z_{TH}(s)} = \frac{\frac{sL}{sL + R_1} V_1(s)}{R_2 + \frac{s^2 LCR_1 + sL + R_1}{sC(sL + R_1)}} \times \frac{sC(sL + R_1)}{sC(sL + R_1)}$$



$$Y_T(s) = \frac{s^2 LC}{s^2 (R_1 + R_2) LC + s(L + R_1 R_2 C) + R_1}$$

$$G_v(s) = \frac{V_2(s)}{V_1(s)} = \frac{R_2 I_2(s)}{V_1(s)} = R_2 Y_T(s)$$



**POLES AND ZEROS**

(More nomenclature)

$$H(s) = \frac{a_m s^m + a_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0}{b_n s^n + b_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + b_1 s + b_0}$$

Arbitrary network function

Using the roots, every (monic) polynomial can be expressed as a product of first order terms

$$H(s) = K_0 \frac{(s - z_1)(s - z_2)\dots(s - z_m)}{(s - p_1)(s - p_2)\dots(s - p_n)}$$

$z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m$  = zeros of the network function

$p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  = poles of the network function

The network function is uniquely determined by its poles and zeros and its value at some other value of  $s$  (to compute the gain)

**EXAMPLE**

zeros :  $z_1 = -1$ ,

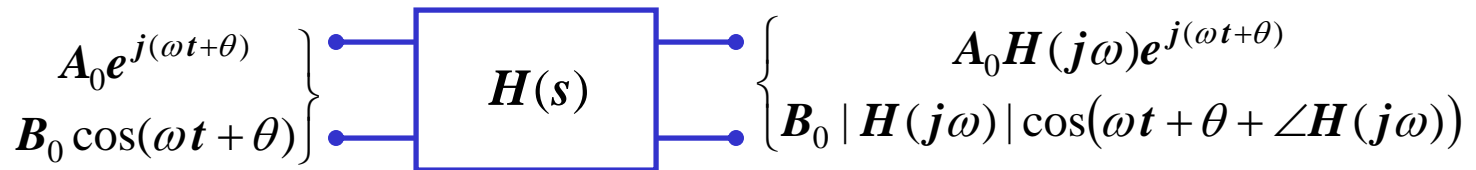
poles :  $p_1 = -2 + j2, p_2 = -2 - j2$

$H(0) = 1$

$$H(s) = K_0 \frac{(s + 1)}{(s + 2 - j2)(s + 2 + j2)} = K_0 \frac{s + 1}{s^2 + 4s + 8}$$

$$H(0) = K_0 \frac{1}{8} = 1 \Rightarrow H(s) = 8 \frac{s + 1}{s^2 + 4s + 8}$$

# SINUSOIDAL FREQUENCY ANALYSIS



Circuit represented by  
network function

To study the behavior of a network as a function of the frequency we analyze the network function  $H(j\omega)$  as a function of  $\omega$ .

Notation

$$M(\omega) = |H(j\omega)|$$

$$\phi(\omega) = \angle H(j\omega)$$

$$H(j\omega) = M(\omega) e^{j\phi(\omega)}$$

Plots of  $M(\omega)$ ,  $\phi(\omega)$ , as function of  $\omega$  are generally called magnitude and phase characteristics.

BODE PLOTS  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 20 \log_{10}(M(\omega)) \\ \phi(\omega) \end{array} \right.$  vs  $\log_{10}(\omega)$

## HISTORY OF THE DECIBEL

Originated as a measure of relative (radio) power

$$P_2 |_{dB} \text{ (over } P_1) = 10 \log \frac{P_2}{P_1}$$

$$P = I^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R} \Rightarrow P_2 |_{dB} \text{ (over } P_1) = 10 \log \frac{V_2^2}{V_1^2} = 10 \log \frac{I_2^2}{I_1^2}$$

$$V |_{dB} = 20 \log_{10} |V|$$

By extension

$$I |_{dB} = 20 \log_{10} |I|$$

$$G |_{dB} = 20 \log_{10} |G|$$

Using log scales the frequency characteristics of network functions have simple asymptotic behavior.

The asymptotes can be used as reasonable and efficient approximations

# General form of a network function showing basic terms

Frequency independent

Poles/zeros at the origin

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{K_0 (j\omega)^{\pm N} (1 + j\omega\tau_1) \dots}{(1 + j\omega\tau_a) [1 + 2\zeta_3(j\omega\tau_3) + (j\omega\tau_3)^2] \dots}$$

First order terms

Quadratic terms for complex conjugate poles/zeros

$$\log(AB) = \log A + \log B$$

$$\log\left(\frac{N}{D}\right) = \log N - \log D$$

$$|H(j\omega)|_{dB} = 20 \log_{10} |H(j\omega)| = 20 \log_{10} K_0 \pm N 20 \log_{10} |j\omega|$$

$$+ 20 \log_{10} |1 + j\omega\tau_1| + 20 \log_{10} |1 + 2\zeta_3(j\omega\tau_3) + (j\omega\tau_3)^2| + \dots$$

$$- 20 \log_{10} |1 + j\omega\tau_a| - 20 \log_{10} |1 + 2\zeta_b(j\omega\tau_b) + (j\omega\tau_b)^2| - \dots$$

$$\angle z_1 z_2 = \angle z_1 + \angle z_2$$

$$\angle \frac{z_1}{z_2} = \angle z_1 - \angle z_2$$

$$\angle H(j\omega) = 0 \pm N 90^\circ$$

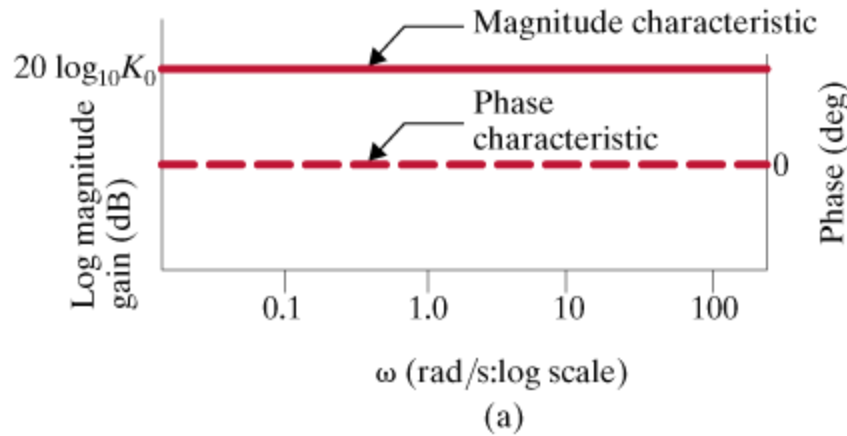
$$+ \tan^{-1} \omega\tau_1 + \tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta_3 \omega\tau_3}{1 - (\omega\tau_3)^2} + \dots$$

$$- \tan^{-1} \omega\tau_a - \tan^{-1} \frac{2\zeta_b \omega\tau_b}{1 - (\omega\tau_b)^2} - \dots$$

Display each basic term separately and add the results to obtain final answer

Let's examine each basic term

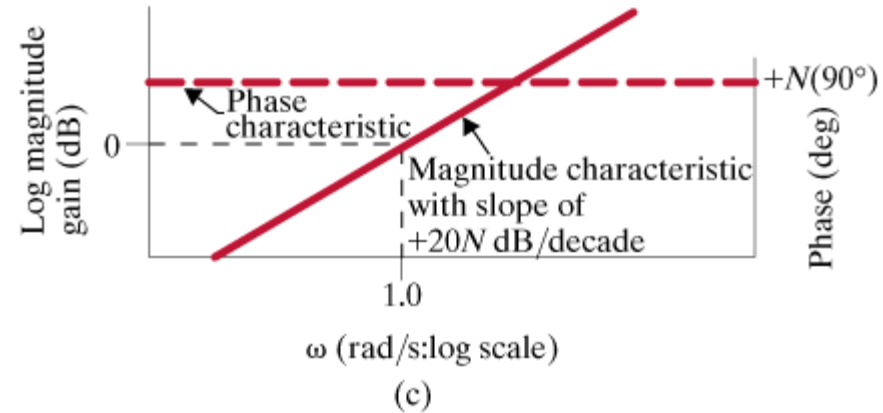
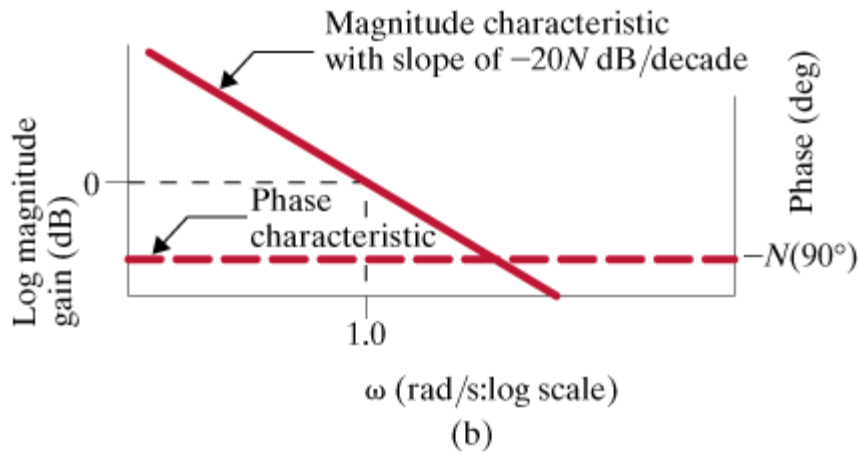
## Constant Term



the x - axis is  $\log_{10}\omega$   
this is a straight line

## Poles/Zeros at the origin

$$(j\omega)^{\pm N} \rightarrow \begin{cases} |(j\omega)^{\pm N}|_{dB} = \pm N \times 20 \log_{10}(\omega) \\ \angle(j\omega)^{\pm N} = \pm N 90^\circ \end{cases}$$



Simple pole or zero  $1 + j\omega\tau$   $\begin{cases} |1 + j\omega\tau|_{dB} = 20 \log_{10} \sqrt{1 + (\omega\tau)^2} \\ \angle(1 + j\omega\tau) = \tan^{-1} \omega\tau \end{cases}$

$\omega\tau \ll 1 \Rightarrow |1 + j\omega\tau|_{dB} \approx 0$  low frequency asymptote

$\angle(1 + j\omega\tau) \approx 0^\circ$

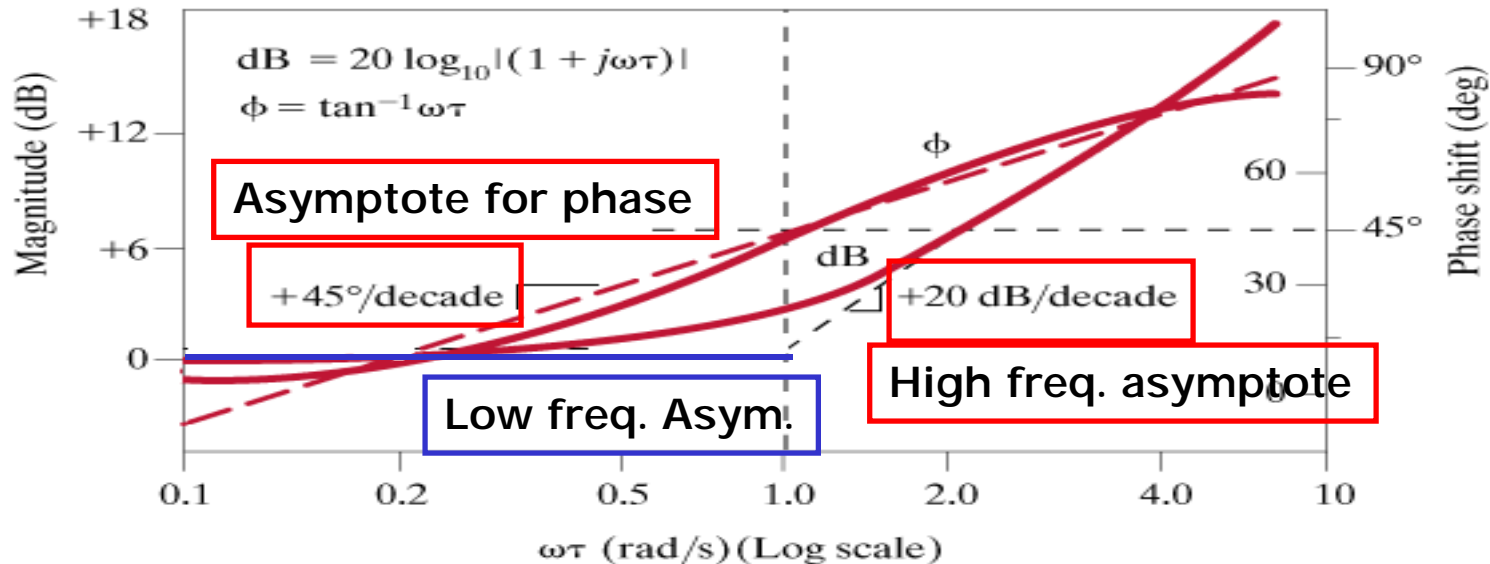
$\omega\tau \gg 1 \Rightarrow |1 + j\omega\tau|_{dB} \approx 20 \log_{10} \omega\tau$  high frequency asymptote (20dB/dec)

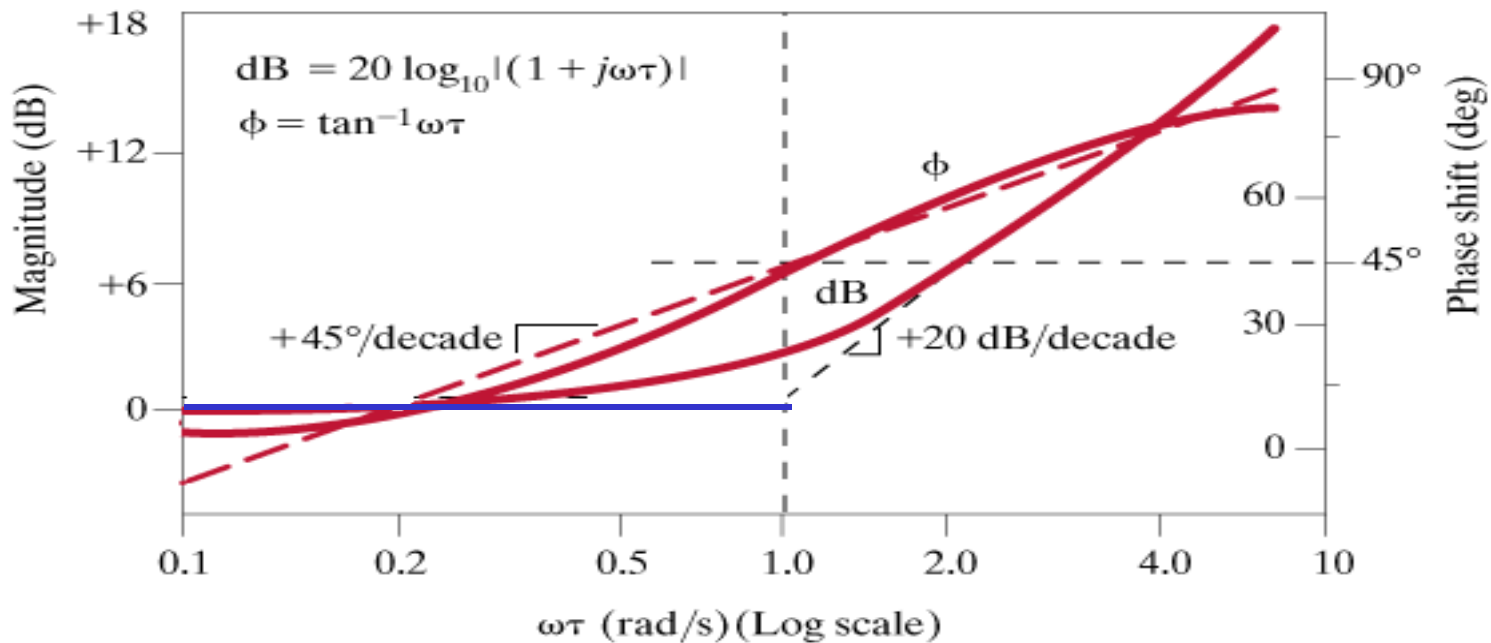
$\angle(1 + j\omega\tau) \approx 90^\circ$

The two asymptotes meet when  $\omega\tau = 1$  (corner/break frequency)

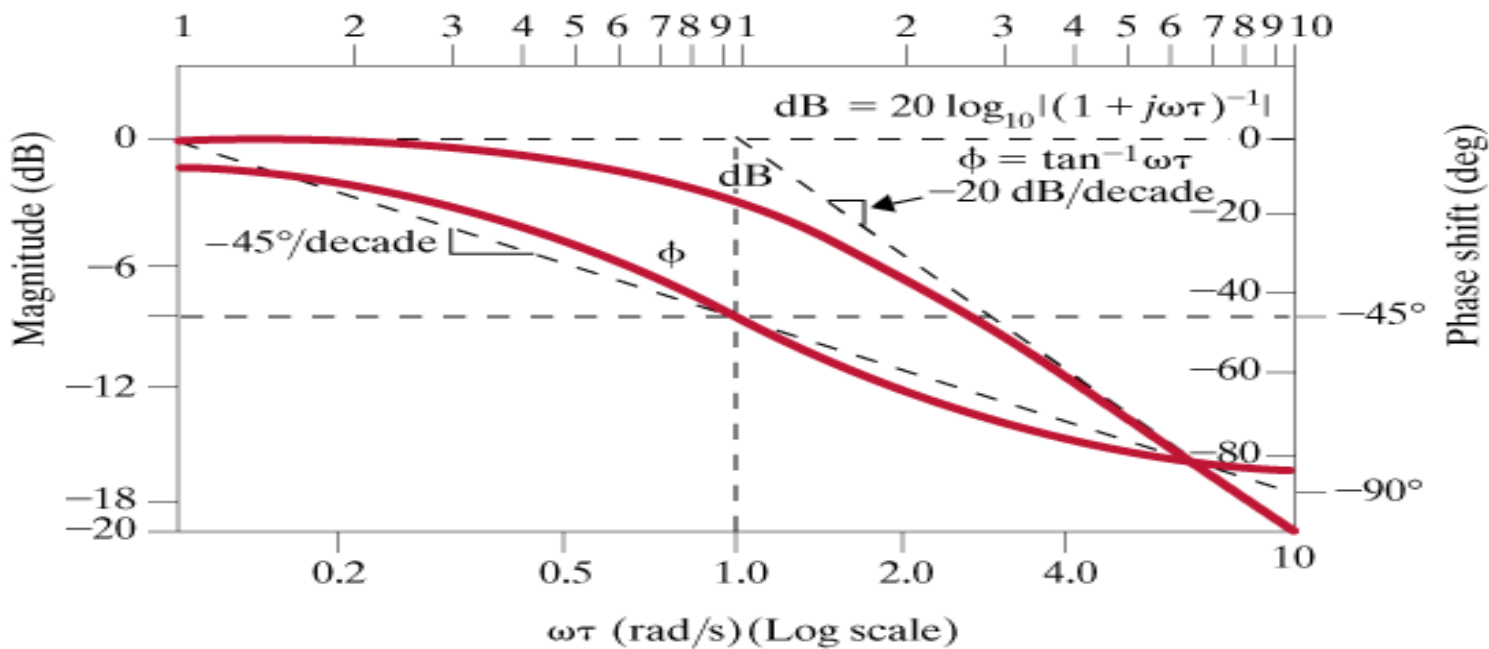
### Behavior in the neighborhood of the corner

	Frequency	Asymptote	Curve	distance to asymptote	Argument
corner	$\omega\tau = 1$	0dB	3dB	3	45
octave above	$\omega\tau = 2$	6dB	7db	1	63.4
octave below	$\omega\tau = 0.5$	0dB	1dB	1	26.6





Simple zero



Simple pole

(a)

**LEARNING EXAMPLE**

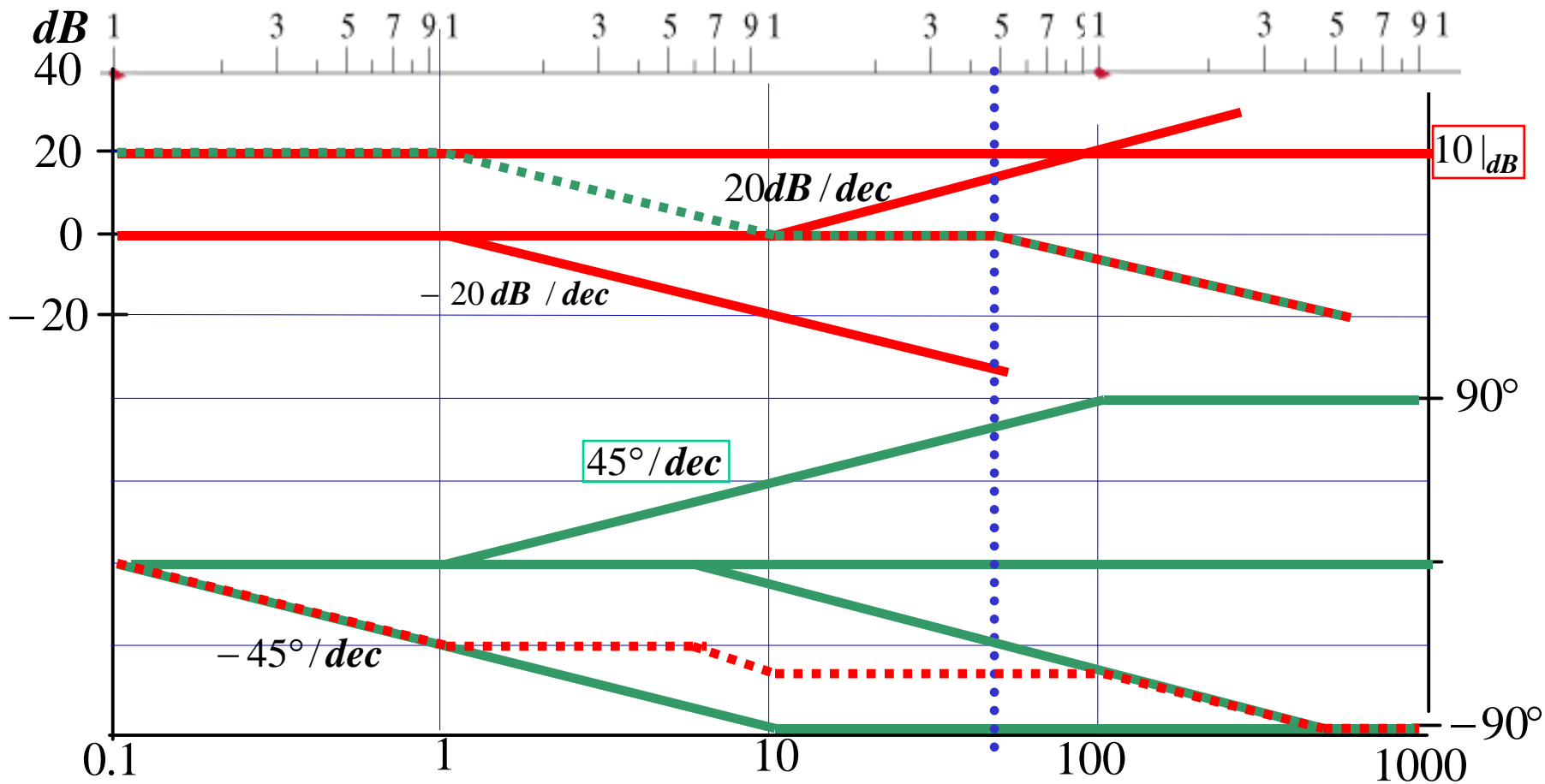
Generate magnitude and phase plots

Draw asymptotes for each term

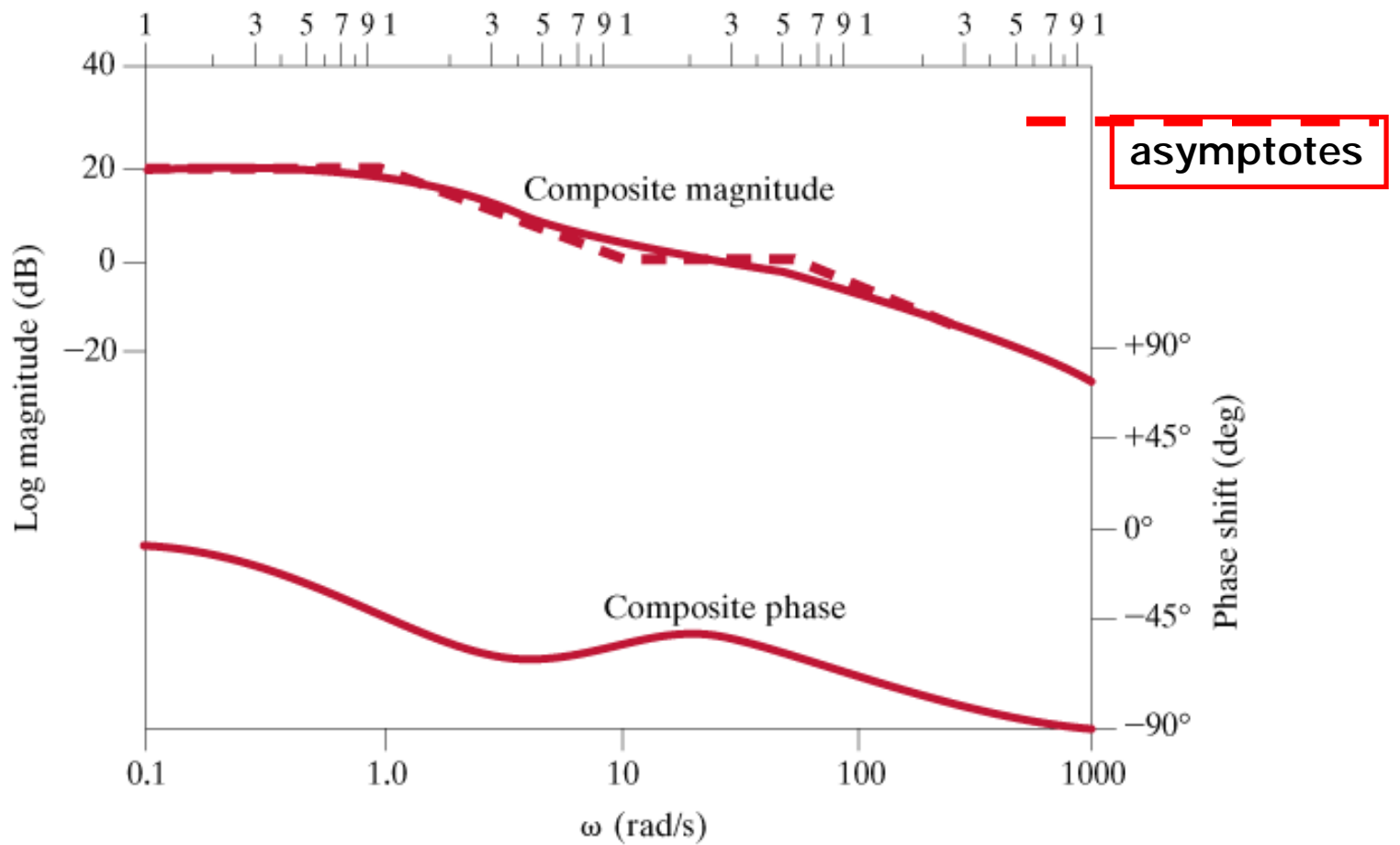
$$G_v(j\omega) = \frac{10(0.1j\omega + 1)}{(j\omega + 1)(0.02j\omega + 1)}$$

Breaks/corners: 1, 10, 50

Draw composites



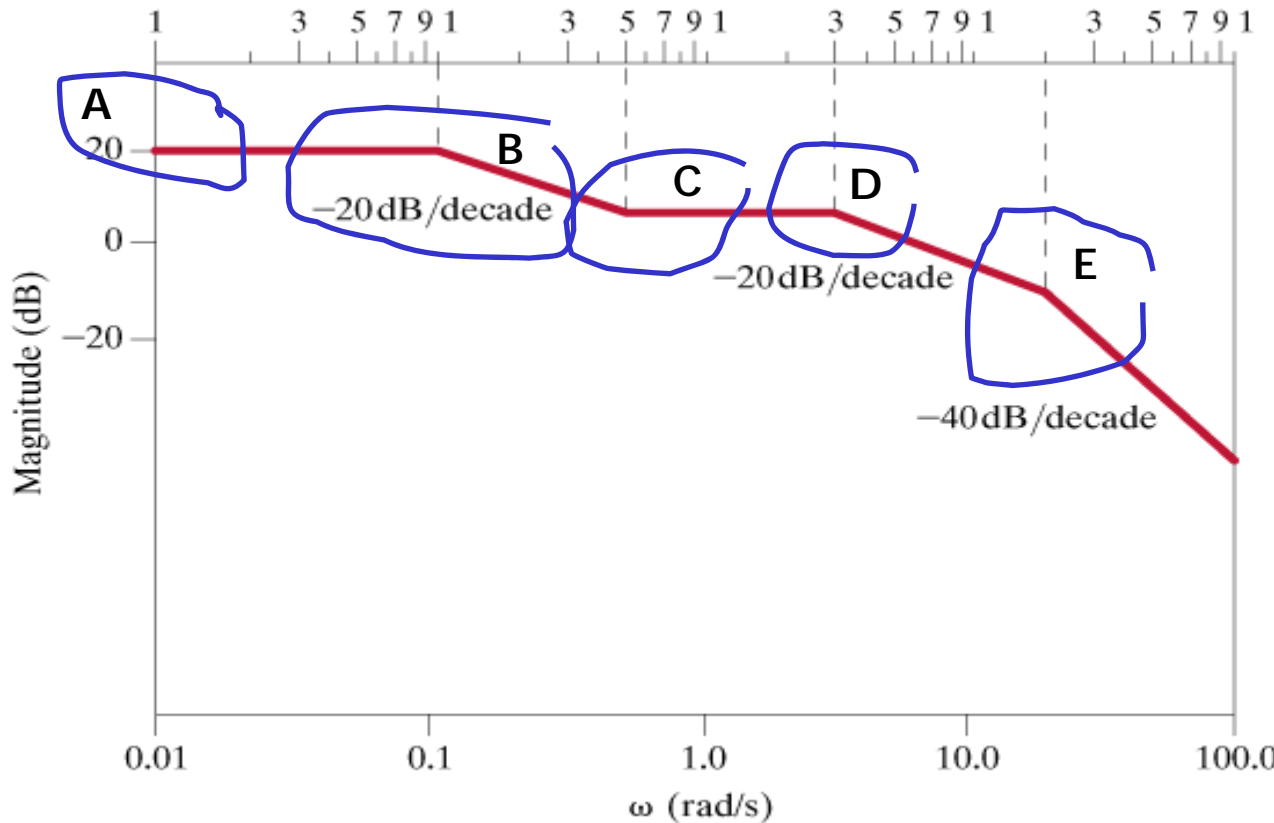




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# DETERMINING THE TRANSFER FUNCTION FROM THE BODE PLOT

This is the inverse problem of determining frequency characteristics. We will use only the composite asymptotes plot of the magnitude to postulate a transfer function. The slopes will provide information on the order



**A.** different from 0dB. There is a constant  $K_0$

$$K_0 |_{dB} = 20 \Rightarrow K_0 = 10^{\frac{K_0|_{dB}}{20}}$$

**B.** Simple pole at 0.1

$$(j\omega/0.1 + 1)^{-1}$$

**C.** Simple zero at 0.5

$$(j\omega/0.5 + 1)$$

**D.** Simple pole at 3

$$(j\omega/3 + 1)^{-1}$$

**E.** Simple pole at 20

$$(j\omega/20 + 1)^{-1}$$

$$G(j\omega) = \frac{10(j\omega/0.5 + 1)}{(j\omega/0.1 + 1)(j\omega/3 + 1)(j\omega/20 + 1)}$$

If the slope is -40dB we assume double real pole. Unless we are given more data