



Figure 9.14: Bode plots for first- and second-order systems. (a) The first-order system $G(s) = a/(s + a)$ can be approximated by asymptotic curves (dashed) in both the gain and the frequency, with the breakpoint in the gain curve at $\omega = a$ and the phase decreasing by 90° over a factor of 100 in frequency. (b) The second-order system $G(s) = \omega_0^2/(s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_0s + \omega_0^2)$ has a peak at frequency ω_0 and then a slope of -2 beyond the peak; the phase decreases from 0° to -180° . The height of the peak and the rate of change of phase depending on the damping ratio ζ ($\zeta = 0.02, 0.1, 0.2, 0.5$, and 1.0 shown).