

# Signals and Systems

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## Lecture 10: Bode Diagrams

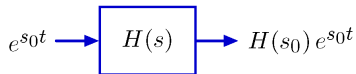
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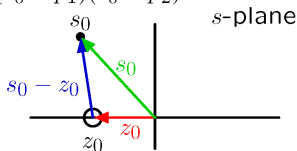
# Review

Complex exponentials are eigenfunctions of LTI systems.

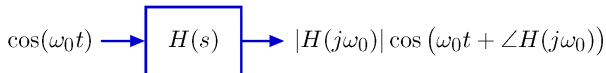


$H(s_0)$  can be determined graphically using vectorial analysis.

$$H(s_0) = K \frac{(s_0 - z_0)(s_0 - z_1)(s_0 - z_2) \cdots}{(s_0 - p_0)(s_0 - p_1)(s_0 - p_2) \cdots}$$

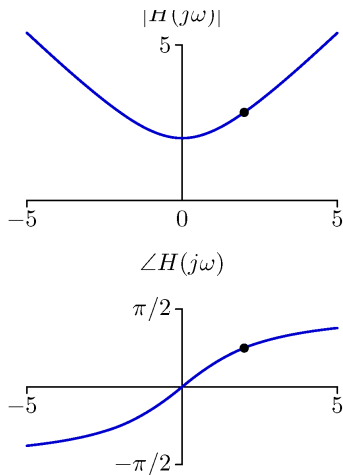
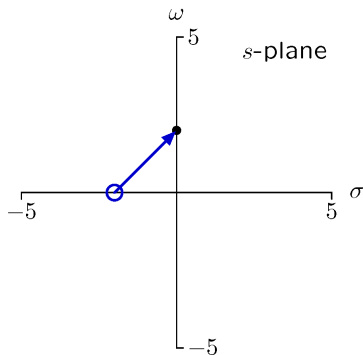


Response of an LTI system to an eternal cosine is an eternal cosine: same frequency, but scaled and shifted.



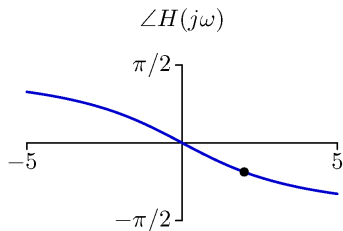
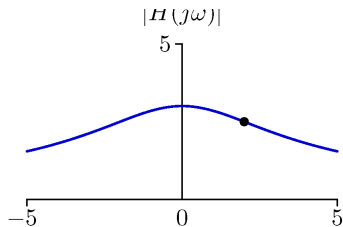
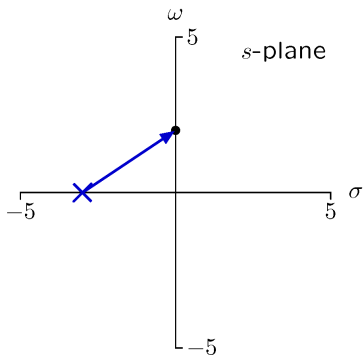
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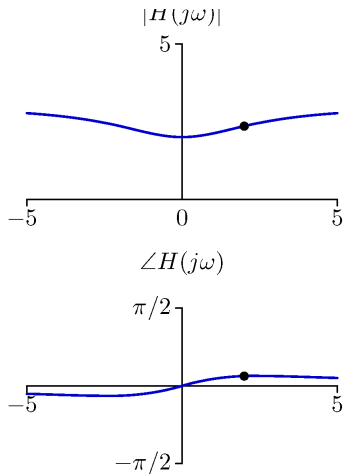
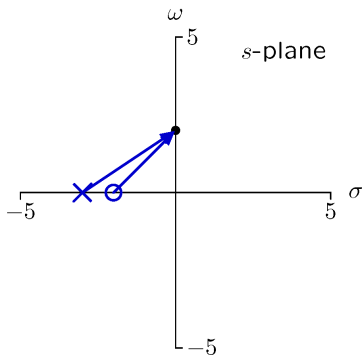
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# Poles and Zeros

Thinking about systems as collections of poles and zeros is an important design concept.

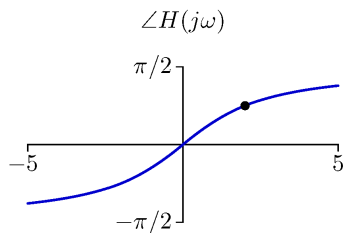
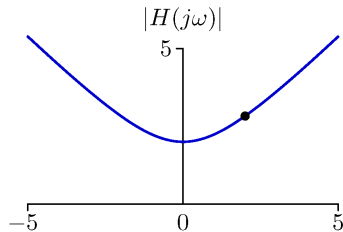
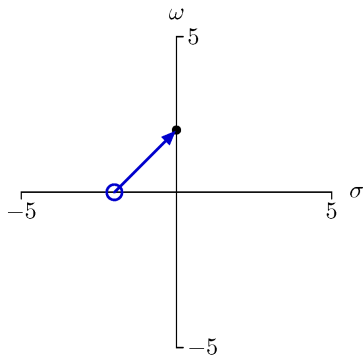
- simple: just a few numbers characterize entire system
- powerful: complete information about frequency response

Today: poles, zeros, frequency responses, and Bode plots.

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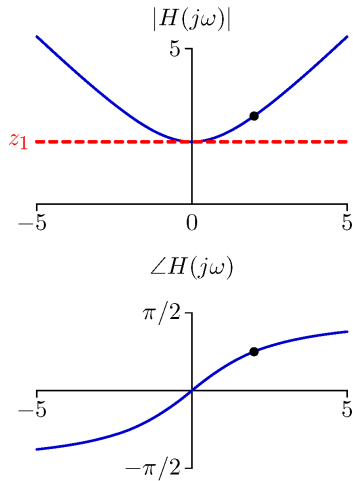
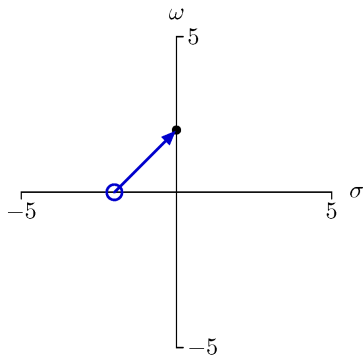
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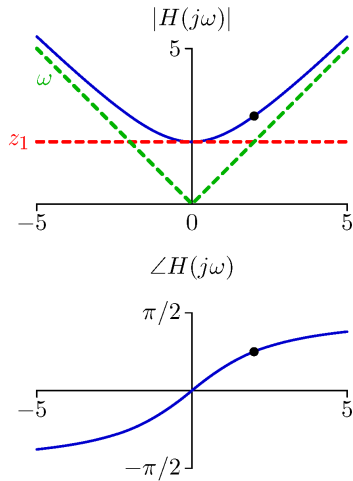
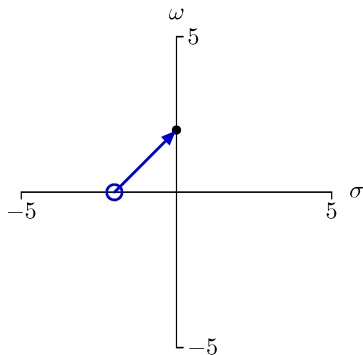




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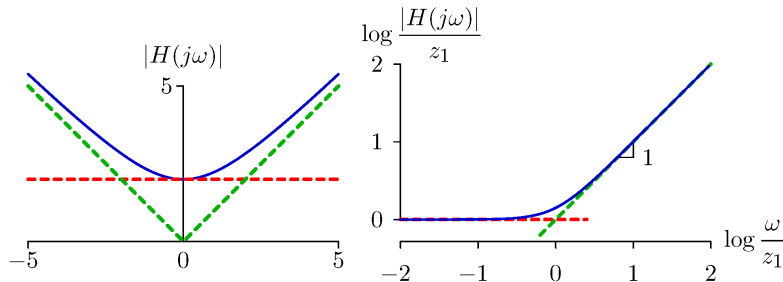
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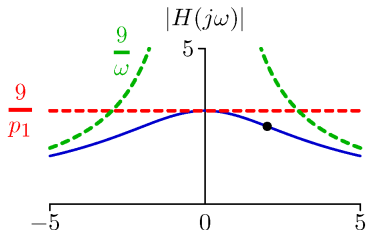
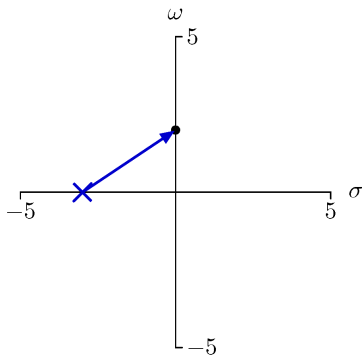
$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} |H(j\omega)| = z_1$$

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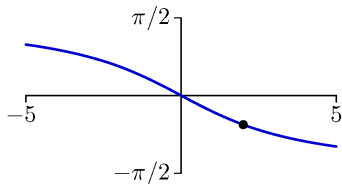
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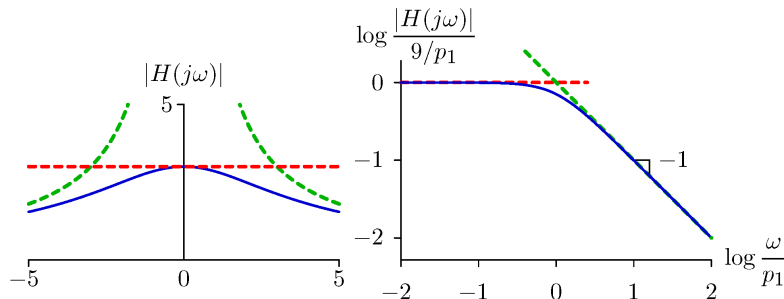
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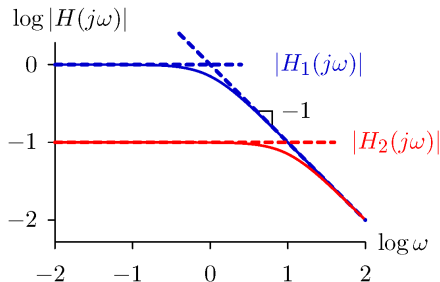
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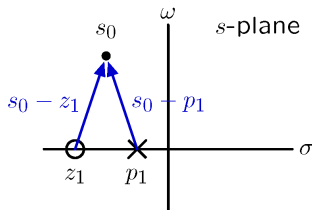
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no scaling in either vertical or horizontal directions !

# Asymptotic Behavior of More Complicated Systems

Constructing  $H(s_0)$ .

$$H(s_0) = K \frac{\prod_{q=1}^Q (s_0 - z_q)}{\prod_{p=1}^P (s_0 - p_p)} \quad \leftarrow \text{product of vectors for zeros}$$
$$\quad \quad \quad \prod_{p=1}^P (s_0 - p_p) \quad \leftarrow \text{product of vectors for poles}$$

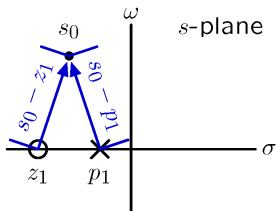




# Asymptotic Behavior of More Complicated Systems

The magnitude of a product is the product of the magnitudes.

$$|H(s_0)| = \left| K \frac{\prod_{q=1}^Q (s_0 - z_q)}{\prod_{p=1}^P (s_0 - p_p)} \right| = |K| \frac{\prod_{q=1}^Q |s_0 - z_q|}{\prod_{p=1}^P |s_0 - p_p|}$$



# Bode Plot

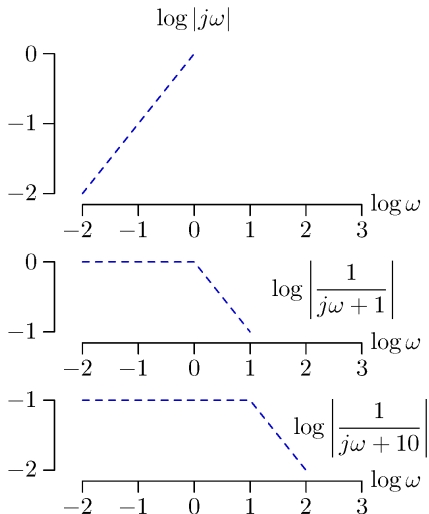
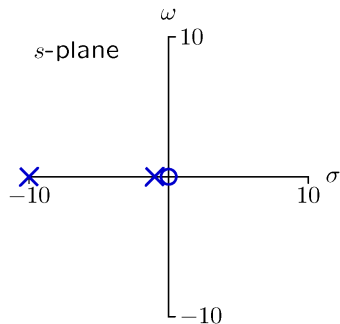
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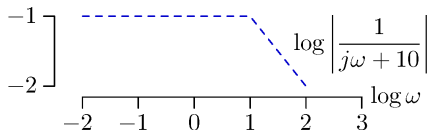
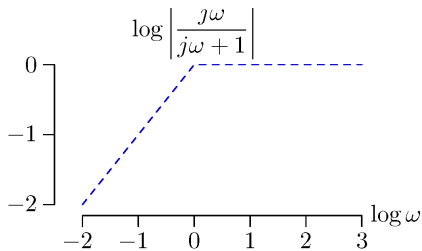
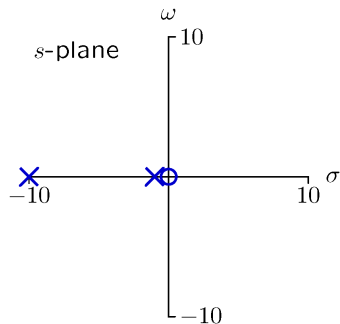
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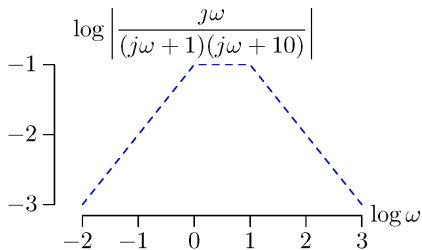
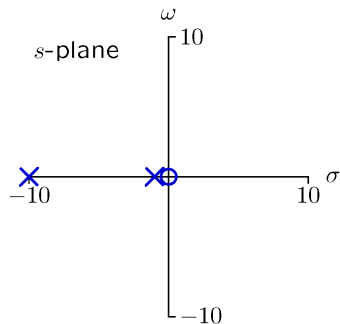
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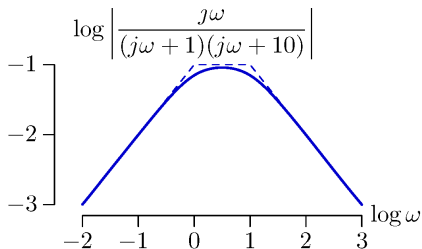
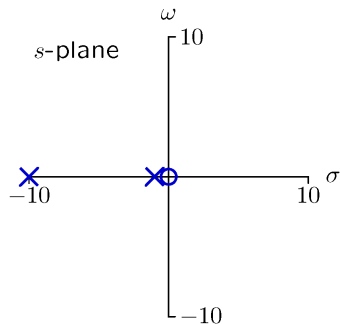
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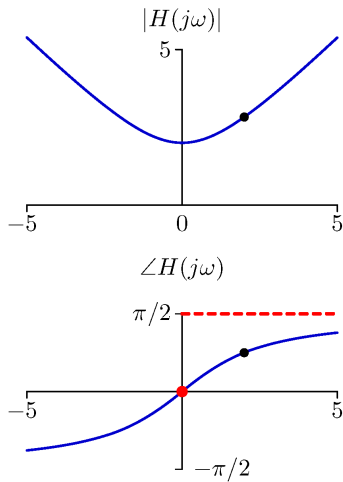
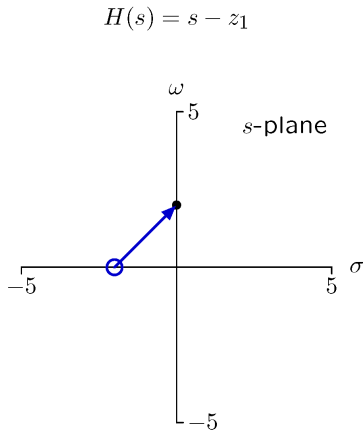
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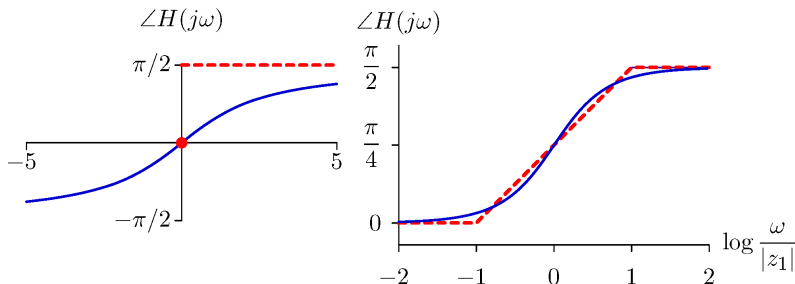
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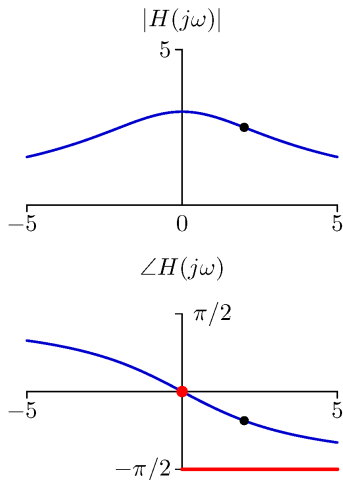
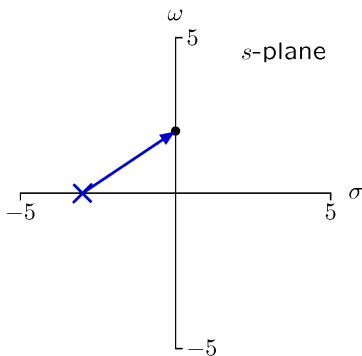
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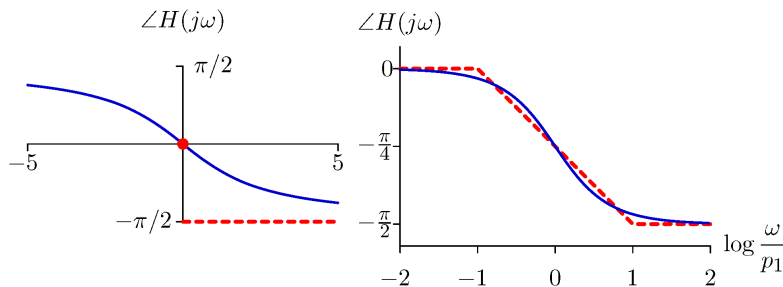
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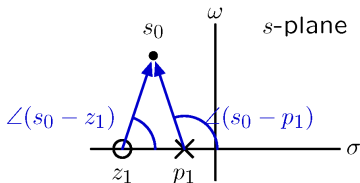
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# Code Plot

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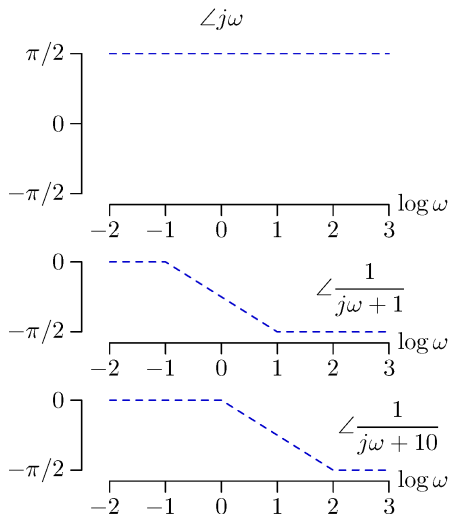
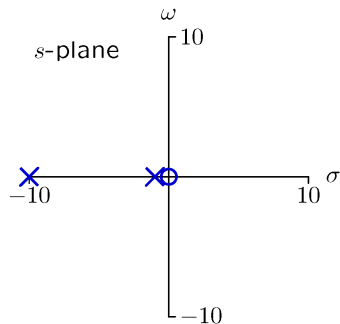
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The angle of  $K$  can be 0 or  $\pi$  for systems described by linear differential equations with constant, real-valued coefficients.

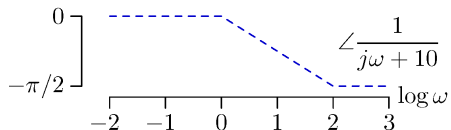
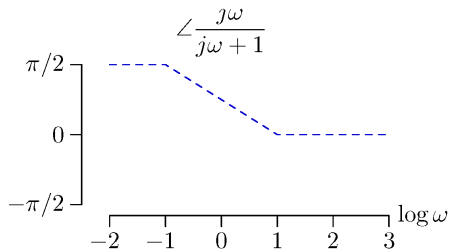
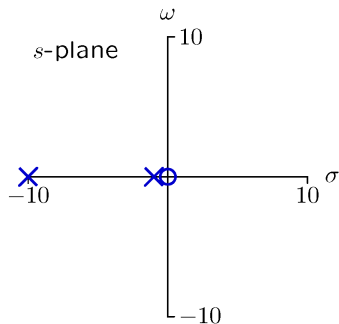
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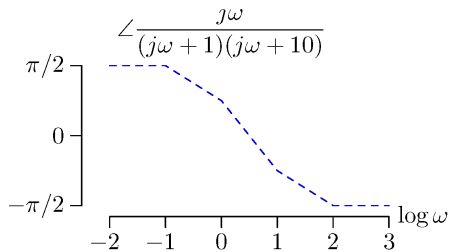
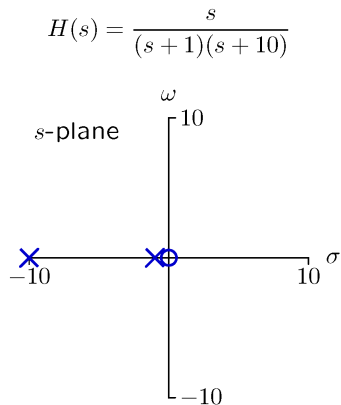


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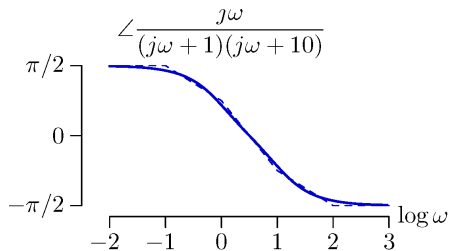
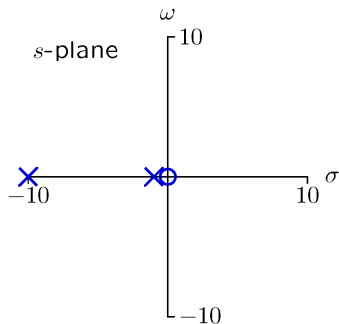


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# From Frequency Response to Bode Plot

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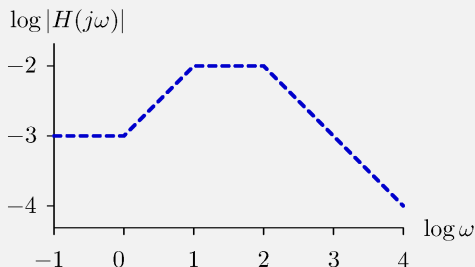
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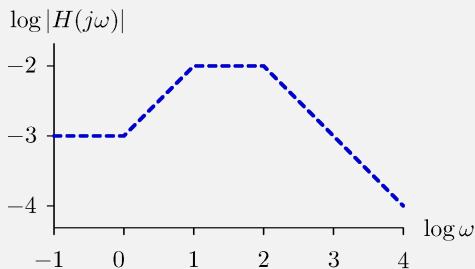
# Check Yourself



Which corresponds to the Bode approximation above?

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3.  $\frac{(s+10)(s+100)}{s+1}$
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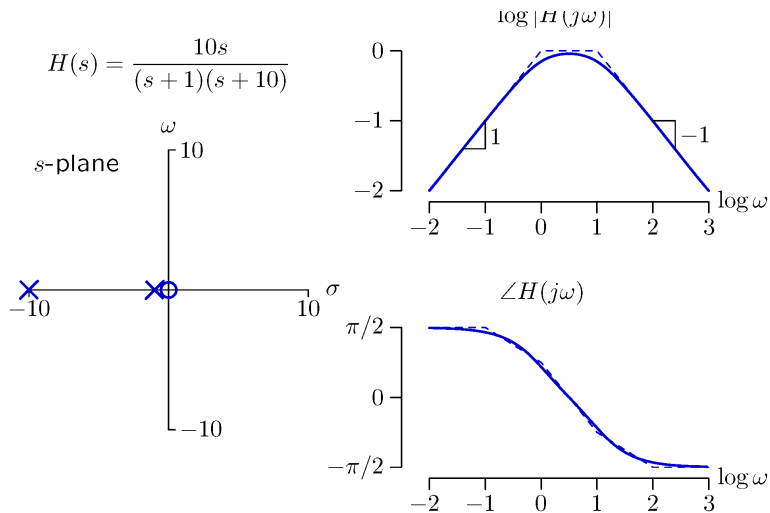
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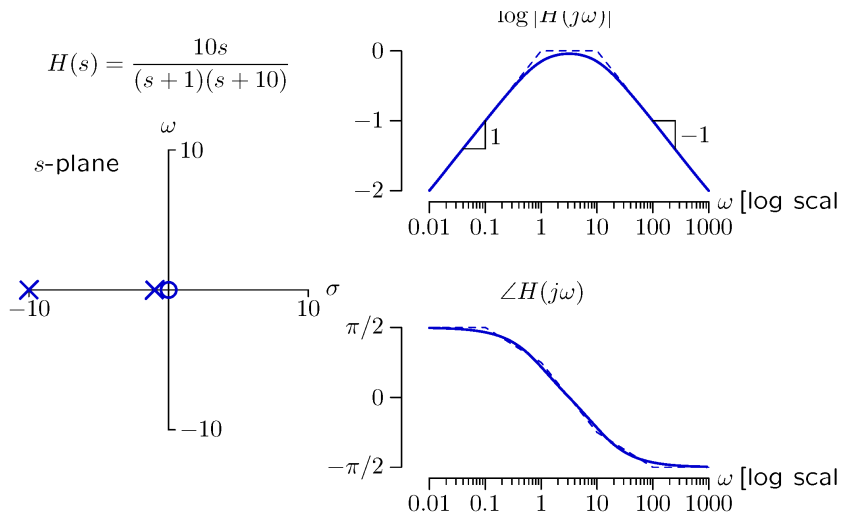
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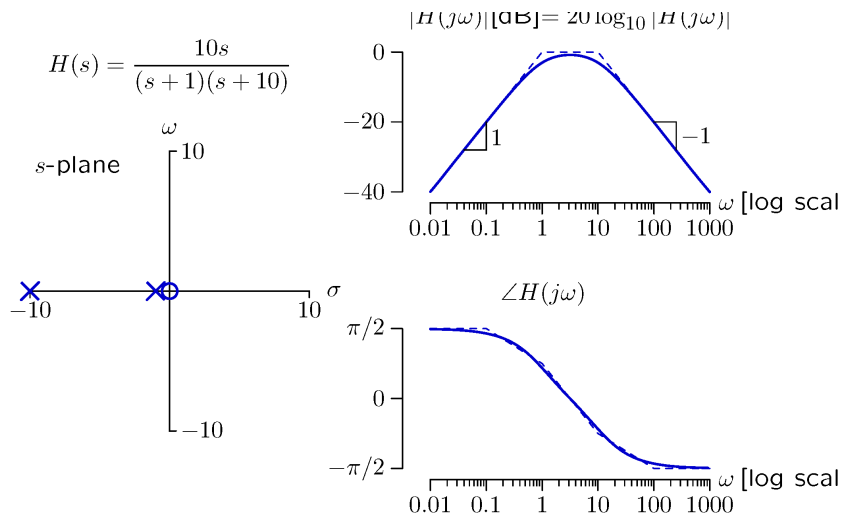
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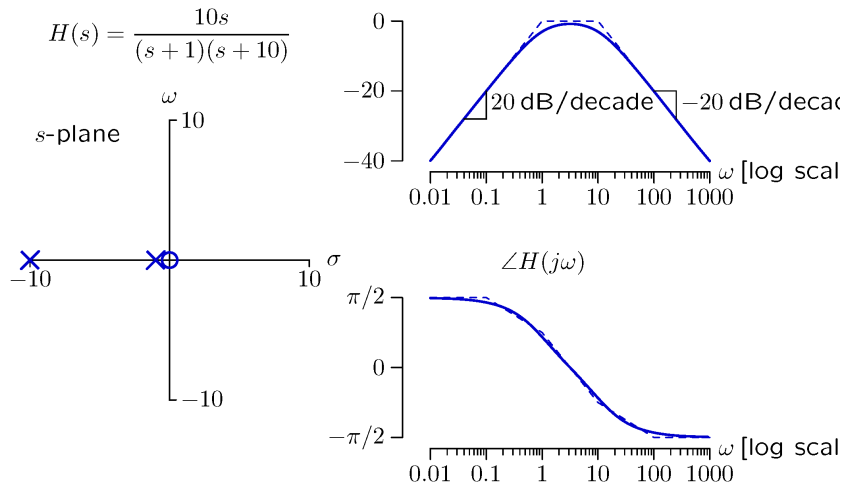
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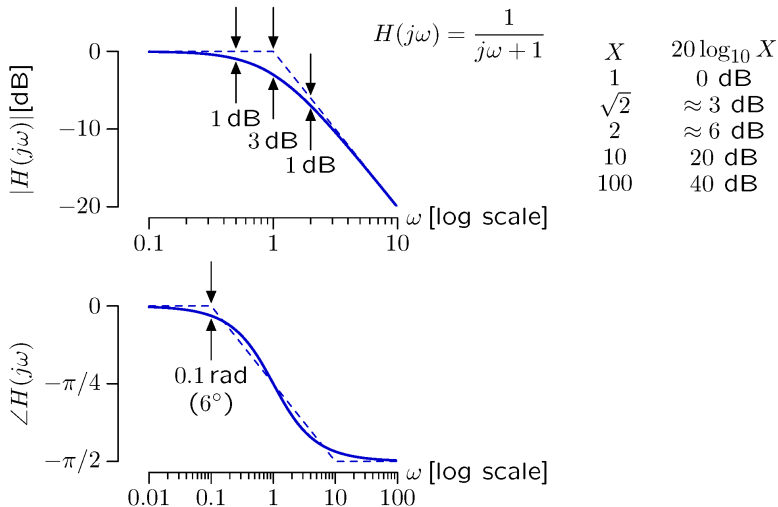


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# Bode Plot: Accuracy

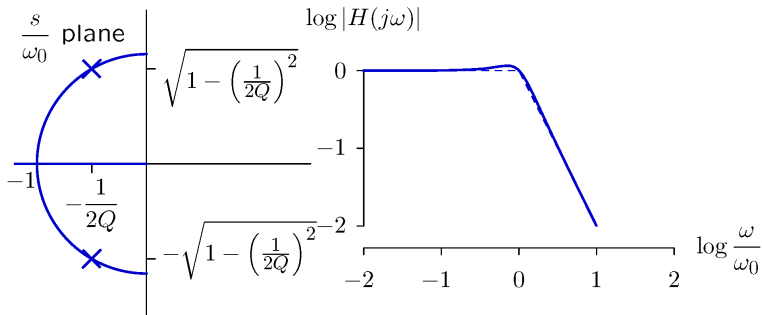
The straight-line approximations are surprisingly accurate.



# Frequency Response of a High- $Q$ System

The frequency-response magnitude of a high- $Q$  system is peaked.

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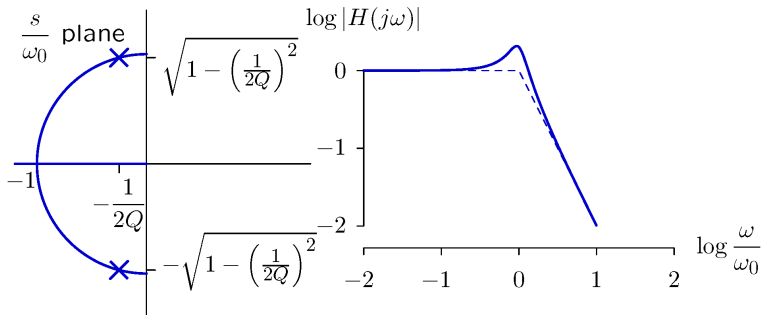




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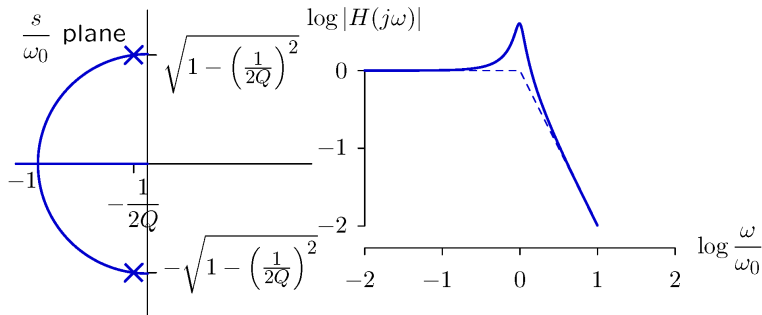
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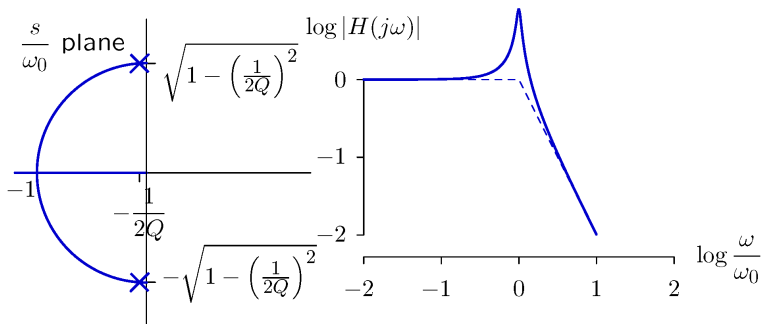
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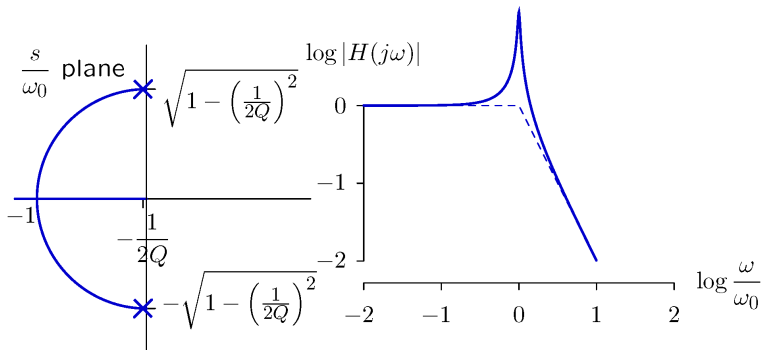
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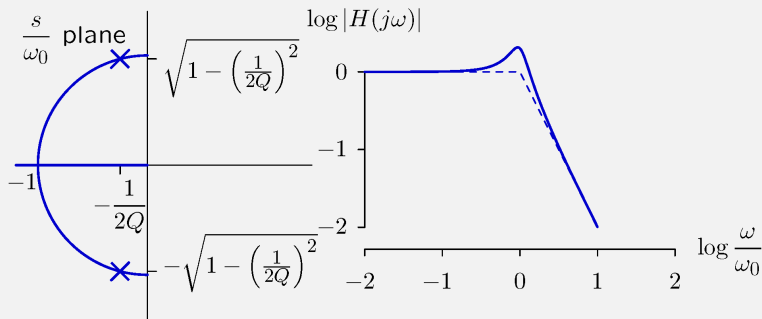
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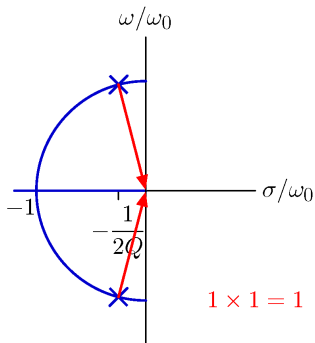


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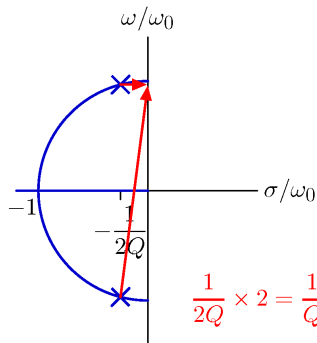
Analyze with vectors.

low frequencies



$$1 \times 1 = 1$$

high frequencies



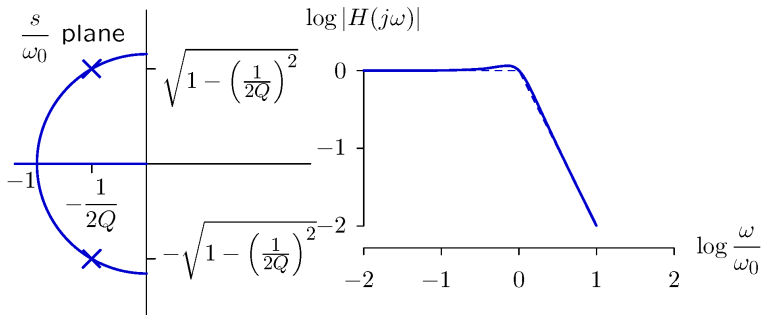
$$\frac{1}{2Q} \times 2 = \frac{1}{Q}$$

Peak magnitude increases with  $Q$  !

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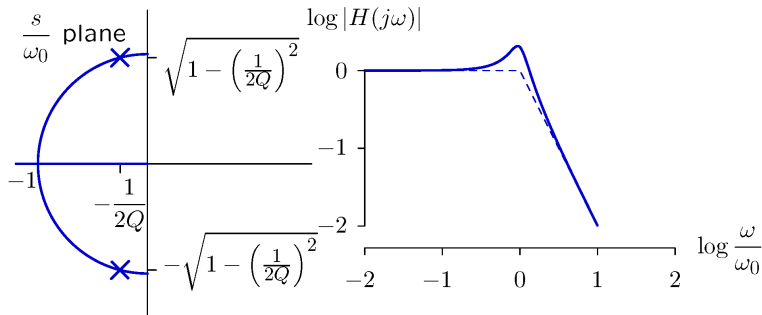
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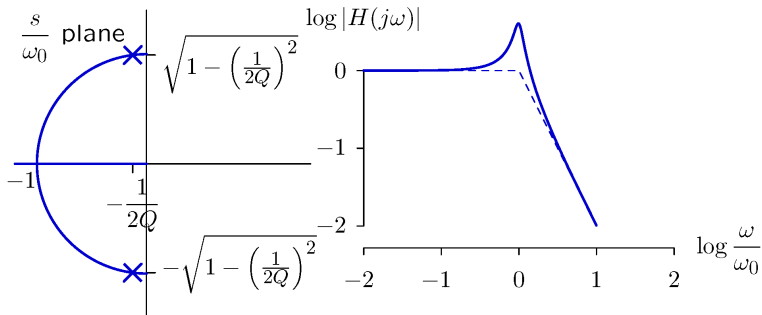




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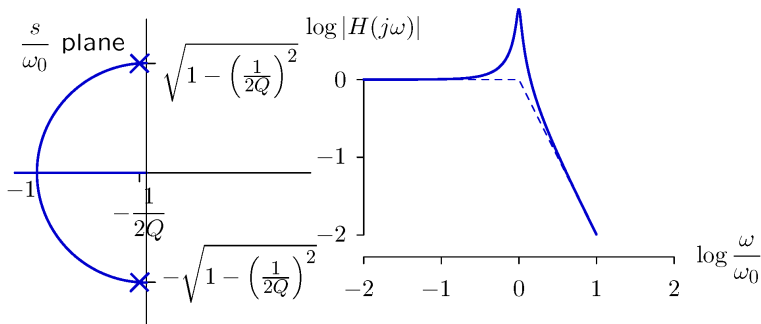
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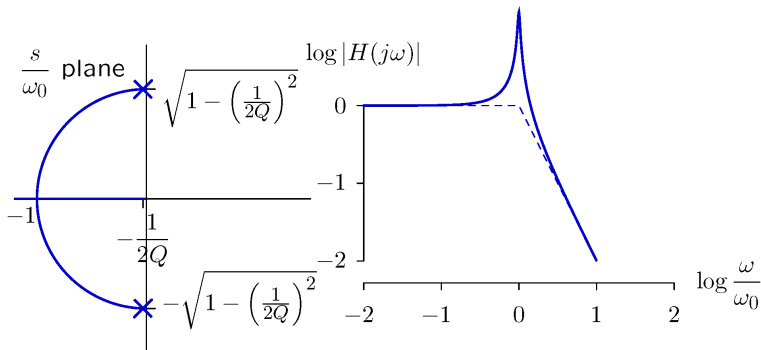
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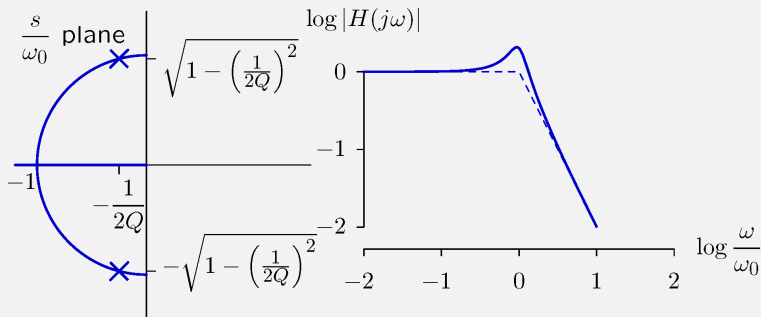
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Estimate the “3dB bandwidth” of the peak (assume  $Q > 3$ ).

Let  $\omega_l$  (or  $\omega_h$ ) represent the lowest (or highest) frequency for which the magnitude is greater than the peak value divided by  $\sqrt{2}$ . The 3dB bandwidth is then  $\omega_h - \omega_l$ .

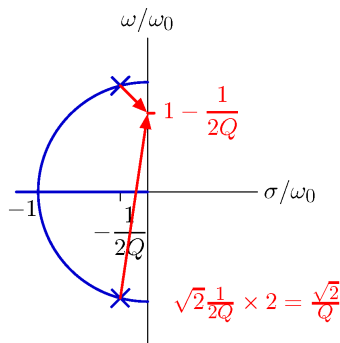


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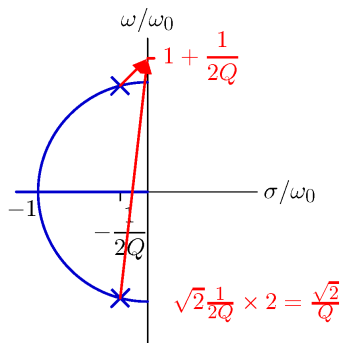
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low frequencies



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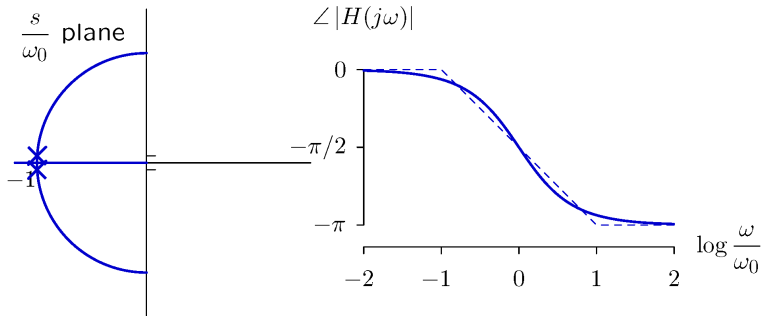


Bandwidth approximately  $\frac{1}{Q}$

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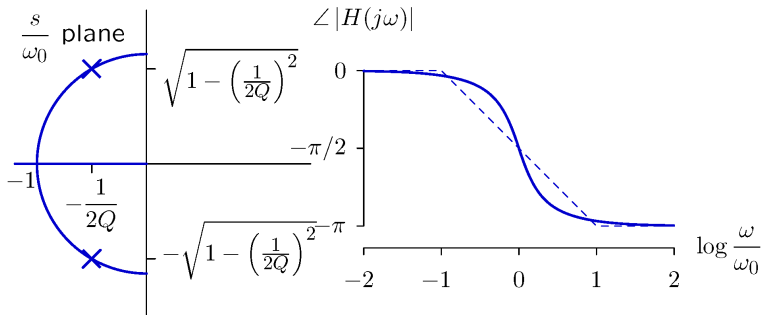
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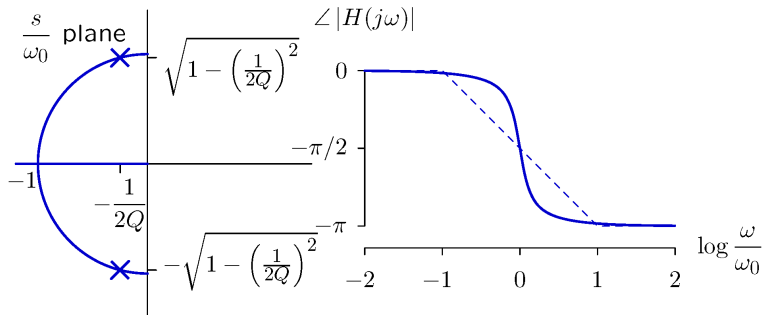
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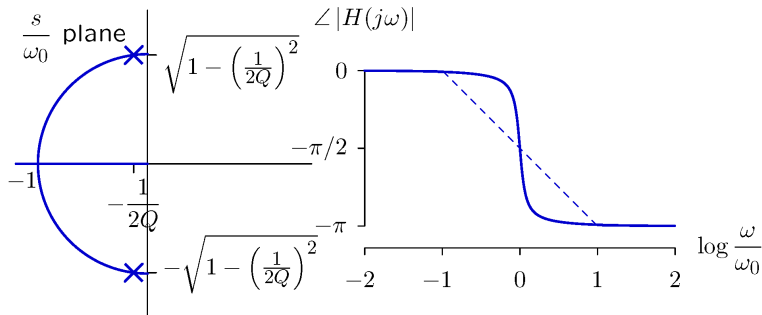




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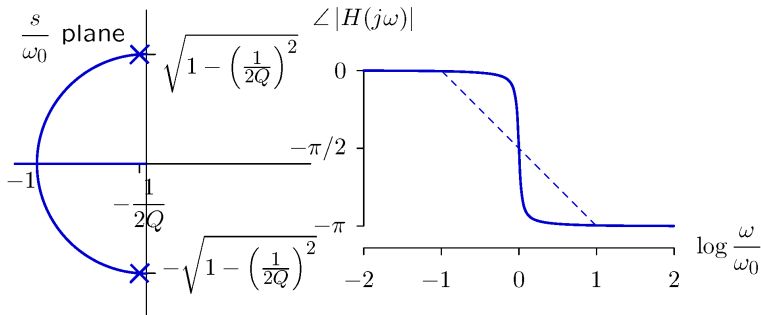
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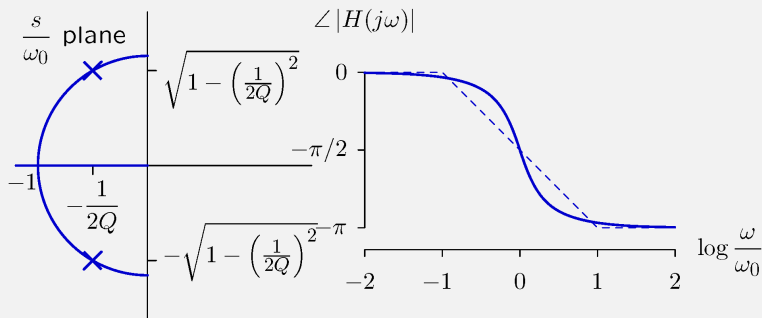
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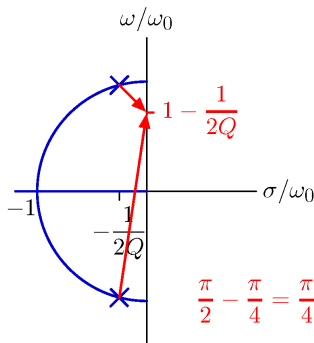


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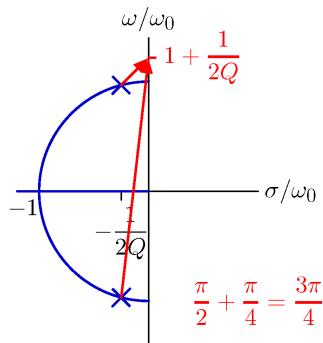
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Analyze with vectors.

low frequencies



high frequencies



Change in phase approximately  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ .

# Summary

The frequency response of a system can be quickly determined using Bode plots.

Bode plots are constructed from sections that correspond to single poles and single zeros.

Responses for each section simply sum when plotted on logarithmic coordinates.

# Assignments

- Reading Assignment: Chap. 9.4, 10.4, 3.8-3.11, 6.0-6.2, 6.5
- Homework 5