

## Exercise A.5

**L** Answer (d).

We are given the function

$$f(\omega) = \frac{-5}{(-1 - j\omega)^4}.$$

First, we compute the **magnitude** of  $f(\omega)$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\omega)| &= \left| \frac{-5}{(-1 - j\omega)^4} \right| && \text{take magnitude of both sides} \\ &= \frac{|-5|}{|(-1 - j\omega)^4|} && |z_1/z_2| = |z_1|/|z_2| \\ &= \frac{5}{|(-1 - j\omega)^4|} && |z^n| = |z|^n \text{ and } |-5| = 5 \\ &= \frac{5}{| -1 - j\omega |^4} && \text{definition of magnitude} \\ &= \frac{5}{(\sqrt{1 + \omega^2})^4} && \text{combine powers} \\ &= \frac{5}{(1 + \omega^2)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we calculate the **argument** of  $f(\omega)$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \arg f(\omega) &= \arg \left[ \frac{-5}{(-1 - j\omega)^4} \right] && \text{take argument of both sides} \\ &= \arg(-5) - \arg[(-1 - j\omega)^4] && \arg(z_1/z_2) = \arg z_1 - \arg z_2 \\ &= \pi - 4 \arg(-1 - j\omega) && \arg(z^n) = n \arg z \\ &= \pi - 4(\arctan(\omega) + \pi) && \text{use arctan for argument} \\ &= \pi - 4(\pi + \arctan(\omega)) && \text{simplify} \\ &= \pi - 4\pi - 4 \arctan(\omega) \\ &= -3\pi - 4 \arctan(\omega). \end{aligned}$$

Since the argument is **not uniquely determined**, in the most general case, we have

$$\arg f(\omega) = -4 \arctan(\omega) + (2k+1)\pi$$

for all integer  $k$ .