

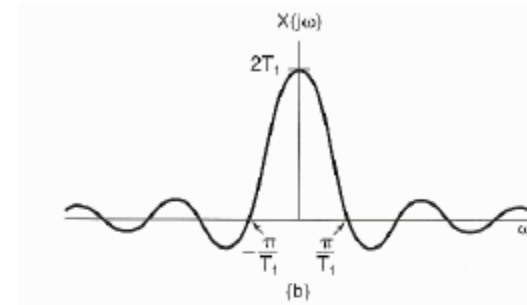
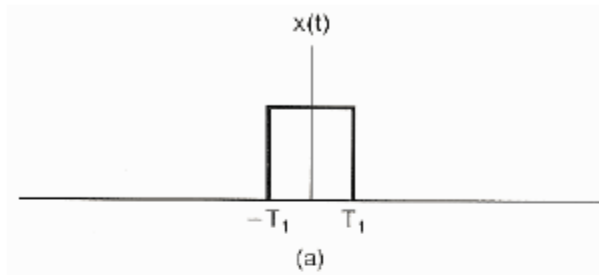
# **Introduction to Signals and Systems: V216**

## **Lecture #11**

### **Chapter 6: Time & Frequency Characterization of Signals and Systems**

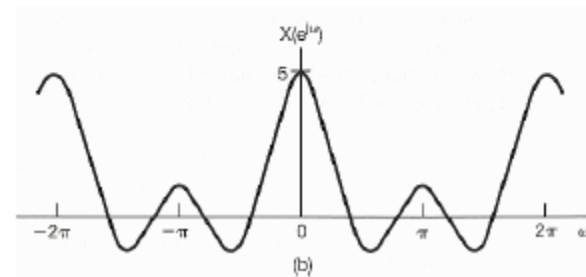
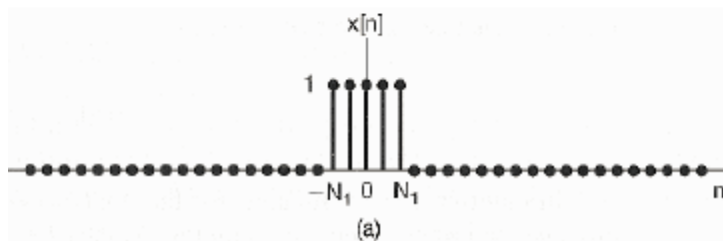
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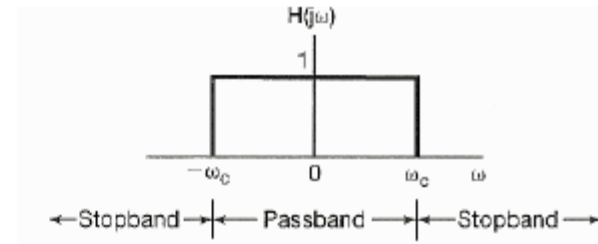
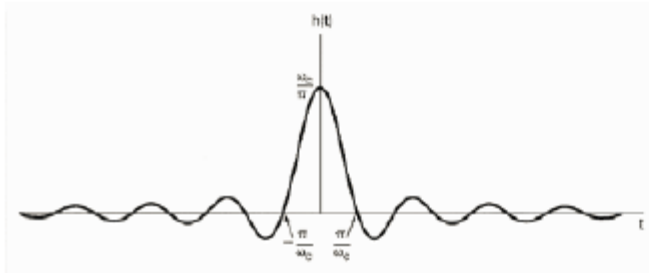
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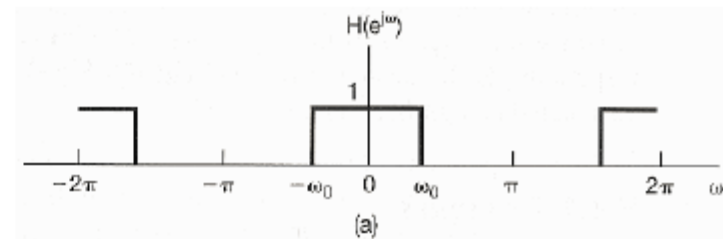
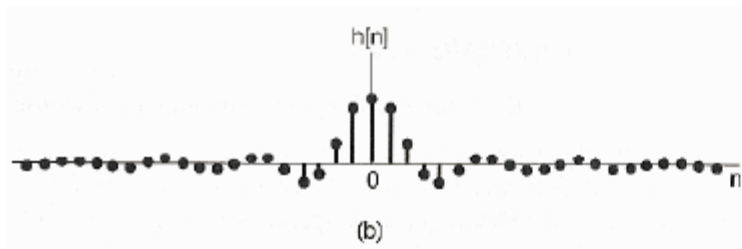
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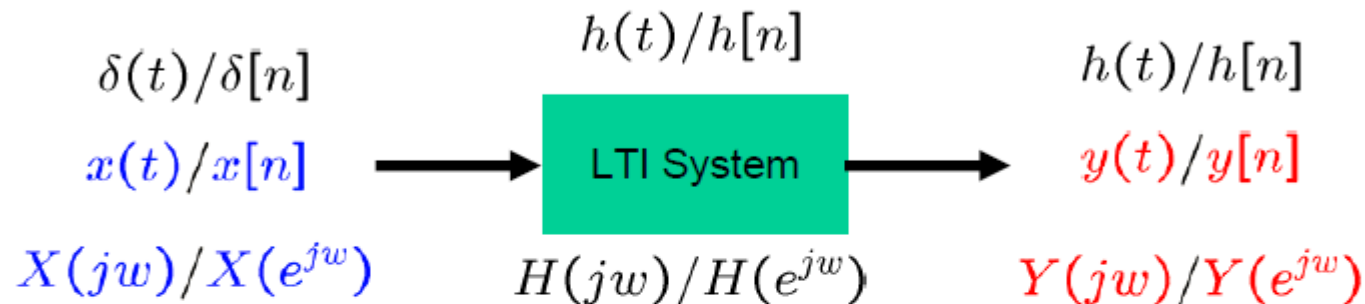
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# Time & Frequency Characterization

## ■ Time- & Frequency-Domain Characterization:

$$H(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt \quad H(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} h[n]e^{-j\omega n}$$

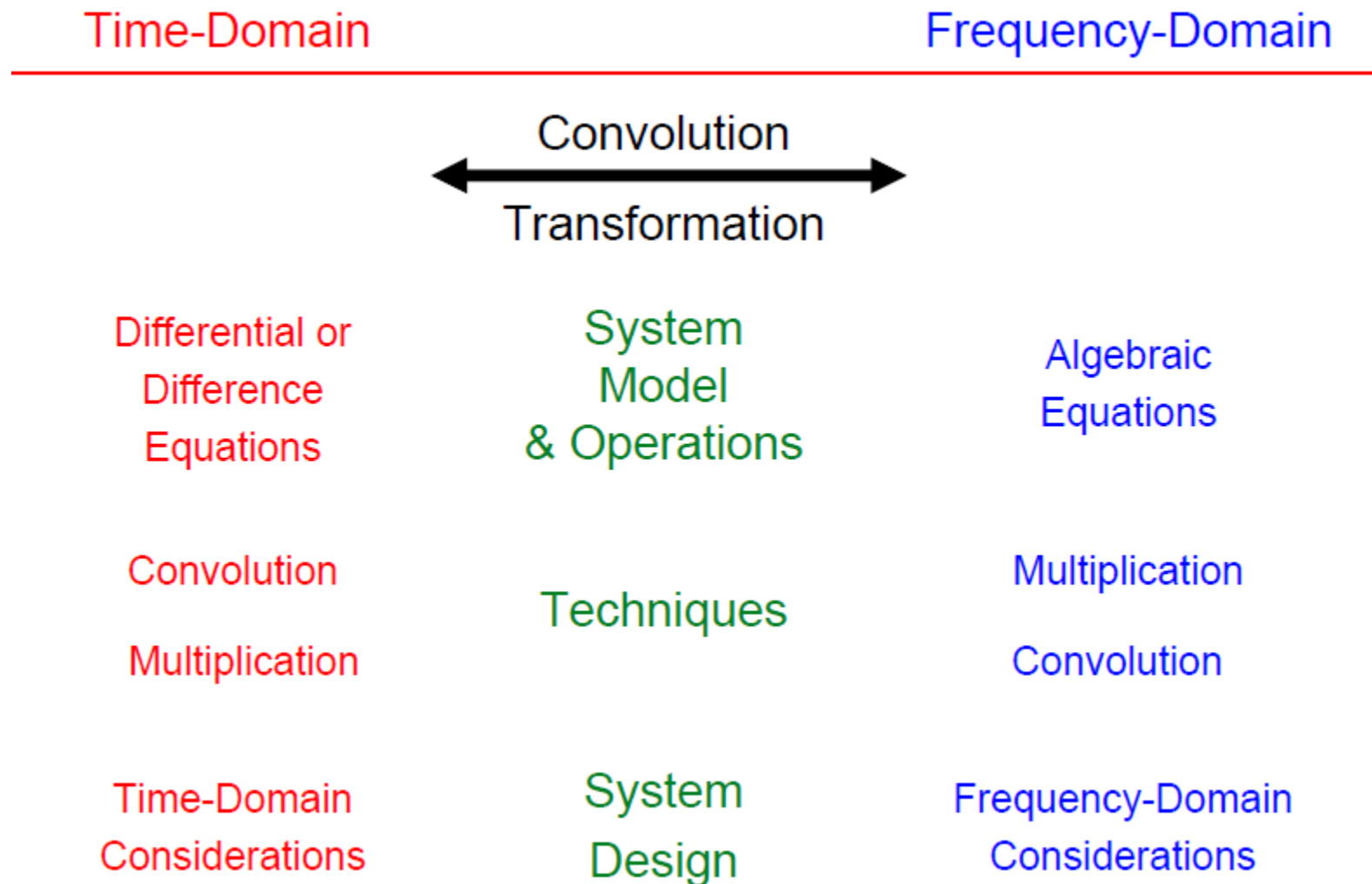


$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &\xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(j\omega) & h(t) &\xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} H(j\omega) & y(t) &\xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} Y(j\omega) \\ x[n] &\xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(e^{j\omega}) & h[n] &\xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} H(e^{j\omega}) & y[n] &\xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} Y(e^{j\omega}) \end{aligned}$$

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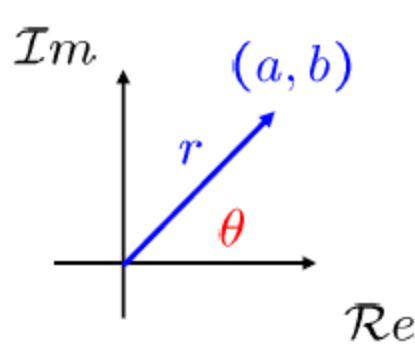
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# Time & Frequency Characterization



# Magnitude-Phase Representation of Fourier Transform

- Magnitude & Phase Representation:



$$a + jb \Rightarrow \begin{cases} r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \\ \tan(\theta) = \frac{b}{a} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow a + jb = r e^{j\theta}$$

$$X(jw) = \mathcal{Re}\{X(jw)\} + j \mathcal{Im}\{X(jw)\} = |X(jw)| e^{j\angle X(jw)}$$

$$X(e^{jw}) = \mathcal{Re}\{X(e^{jw})\} + j \mathcal{Im}\{X(e^{jw})\} = |X(e^{jw})| e^{j\angle X(e^{jw})}$$

$|X(jw)|$  or  $|X(e^{jw})|$  : magnitude

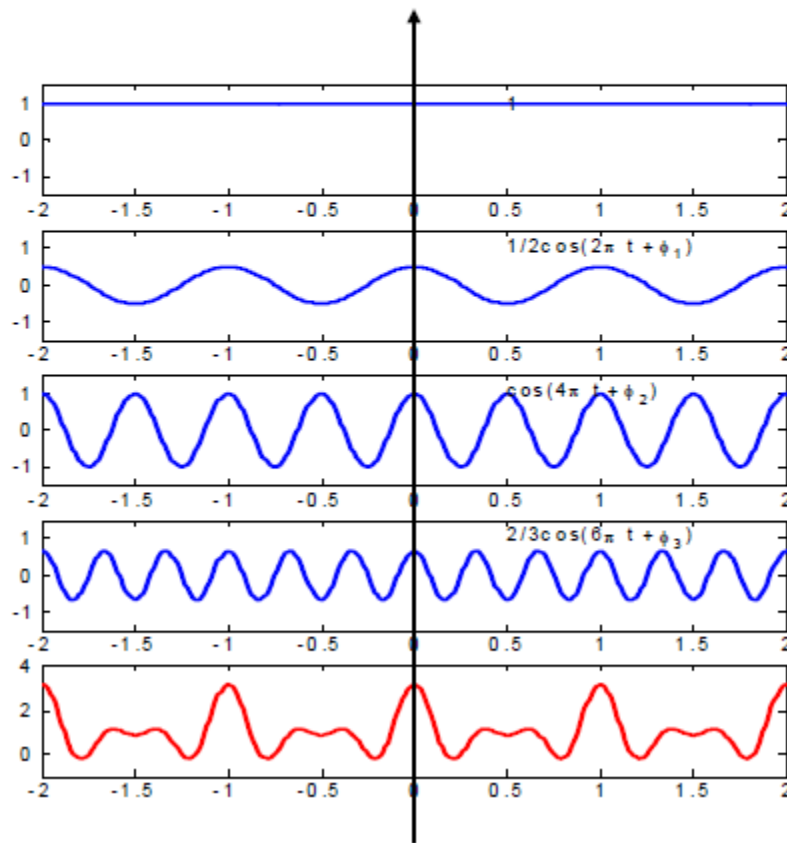
$\angle X(jw)$  or  $\angle X(e^{jw})$  : phase angle

# Magnitude-Phase Representation of Fourier Transform

- Magnitude & Phase Angle:**

$$A \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) = \frac{A}{2} e^{j\phi} e^{j\omega_0 t} + \frac{A}{2} e^{-j\phi} e^{-j\omega_0 t}$$

$$x(t) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cos(2\pi t + \phi_1) + \cos(4\pi t + \phi_2) + \frac{2}{3} \cos(6\pi t + \phi_3)$$



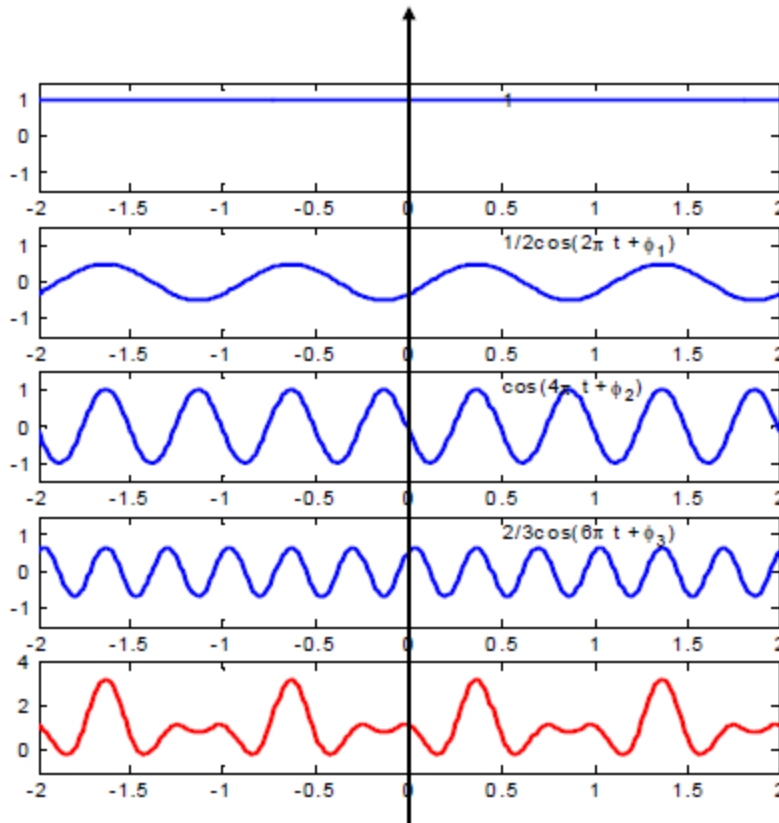
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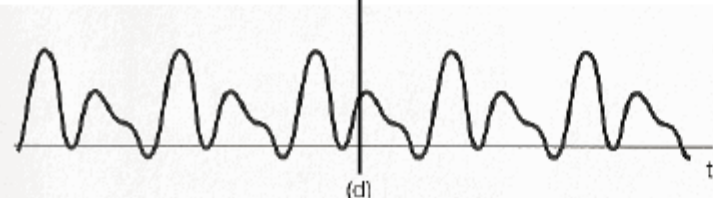
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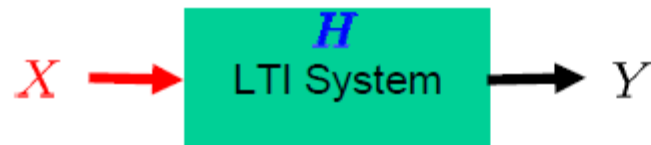
$$\begin{cases} \phi_1 = 6 \text{ (rad)} \\ \phi_2 = -2.7 \text{ (rad)} \\ \phi_3 = 0.93 \text{ (rad)} \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{cases} \phi_1 = 1.2 \text{ (rad)} \\ \phi_2 = 4.1 \text{ (rad)} \\ \phi_3 = -7.02 \text{ (rad)} \end{cases}$$

# Magnitude-Phase Representation of LTI System

## ▪ Magnitude & Phase Distortions:



$$Y(j\omega) = X(j\omega) H(j\omega)$$

$$Y(e^{j\omega}) = X(e^{j\omega}) H(e^{j\omega})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow |Y(j\omega)| e^{j\angle Y(j\omega)} &= |X(j\omega)| e^{j\angle X(j\omega)} |H(j\omega)| e^{j\angle H(j\omega)} \\ &= |X(j\omega)| |H(j\omega)| e^{j(\angle X(j\omega) + \angle H(j\omega))} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} |Y(j\omega)| &= |X(j\omega)| |H(j\omega)| \\ \angle Y(j\omega) &= \angle X(j\omega) + \angle H(j\omega) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} |Y(e^{j\omega})| &= |X(e^{j\omega})| |H(e^{j\omega})| \\ \angle Y(e^{j\omega}) &= \angle X(e^{j\omega}) + \angle H(e^{j\omega}) \end{cases}$$

$|H(j\omega)|$  or  $|H(e^{j\omega})|$  : **gain** of the system

$\angle H(j\omega)$  or  $\angle H(e^{j\omega})$  : **phase shift** of the system

# Magnitude-Phase Representation of LTI System

- Log-Magnitude & Bode Plots:  $X \rightarrow$    $\rightarrow Y$

$$Y(j\omega) = X(j\omega) H(j\omega)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} |Y(j\omega)| &= |X(j\omega)| |H(j\omega)| \\ \angle Y(j\omega) &= \angle X(j\omega) + \angle H(j\omega) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log |Y(j\omega)| = \log |X(j\omega)| + \log |H(j\omega)|$$

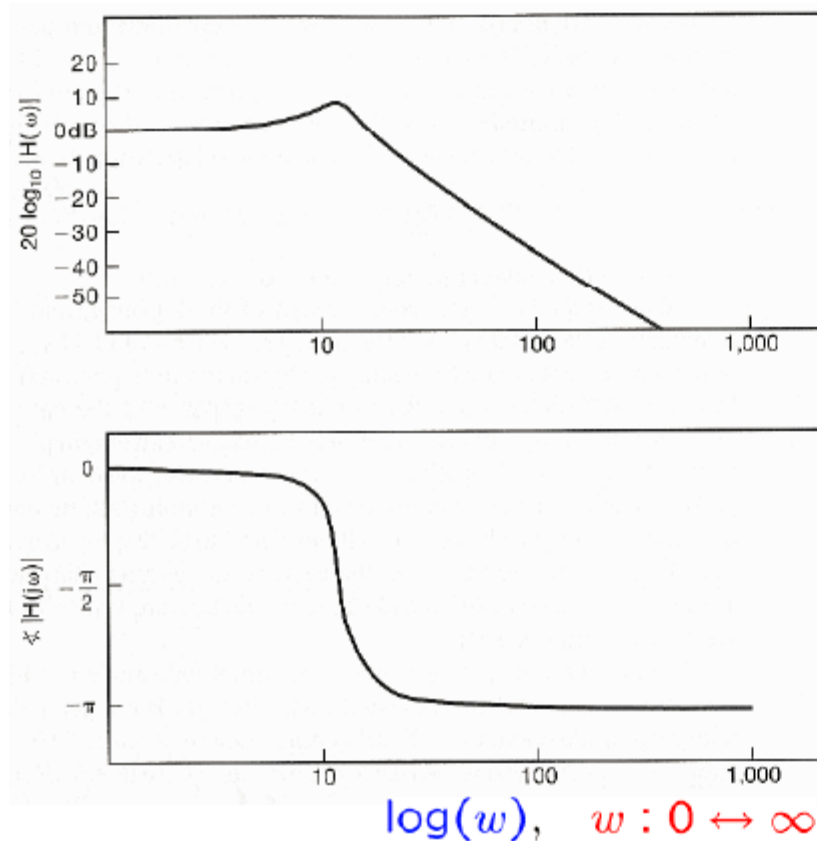
$$\Rightarrow 20 \log_{10} |Y(j\omega)| = 20 \log_{10} |X(j\omega)| + 20 \log_{10} |H(j\omega)|$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 20 \log_{10} (1) &= 0 \text{ dB} \\ 20 \log_{10} (10) &= 20 \text{ dB} \\ 20 \log_{10} (0.1) &= -20 \text{ dB} \end{cases}$$

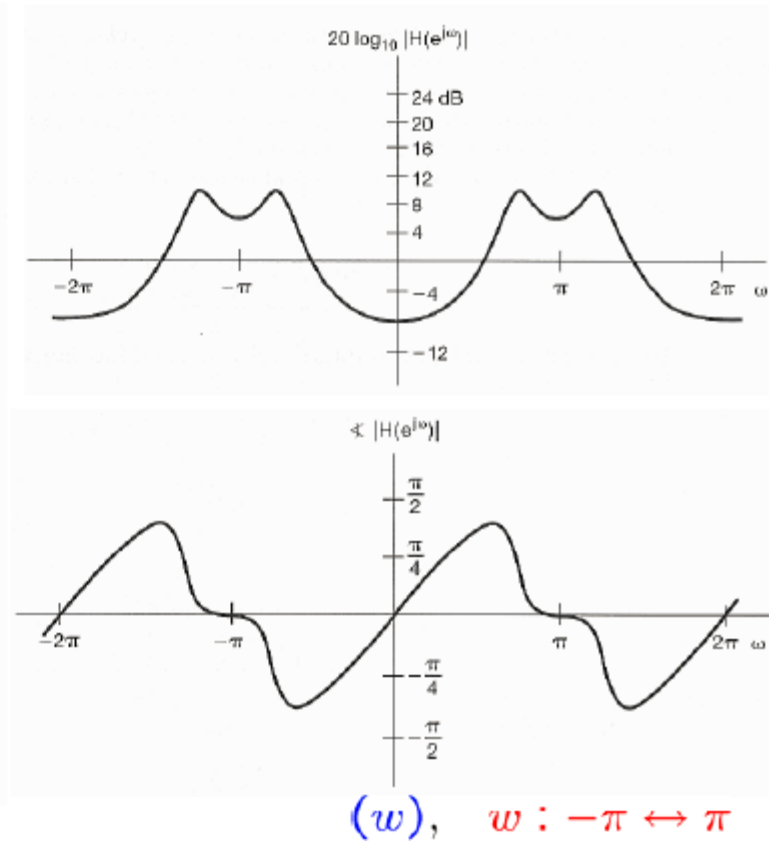
# Magnitude-Phase Representation of LTI System

## ■ Log-Magnitude & Bode Plots:

Continuous-Time Bode plot

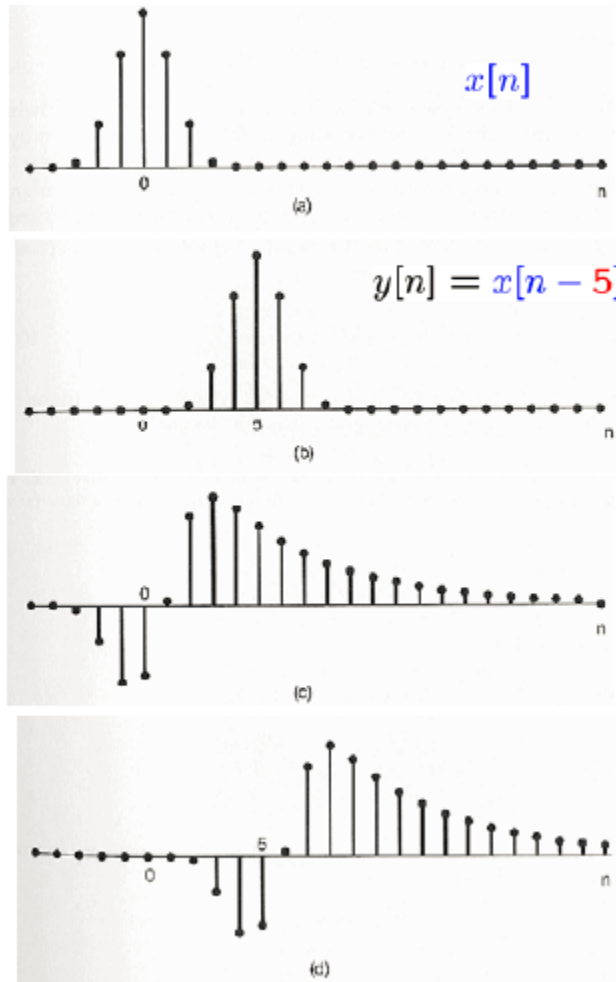


Discrete-Time Bode plot



# Magnitude-Phase Representation of LTI System

## Linear Phase:



- $H_1(e^{j\omega}) = e^{-j\omega n_0}$   
 $Y_1(e^{j\omega}) = H_1(e^{j\omega}) X(e^{j\omega})$   
 $= X(e^{j\omega}) e^{-j\omega n_0}$   
 $\Rightarrow y[n] = x[n - n_0]$
- $Y_2(e^{j\omega}) = H_2(e^{j\omega}) X(e^{j\omega})$   
 $H_2(e^{j\omega}) = e^{j\angle H_2(e^{j\omega})}$
- $Y_3(e^{j\omega}) = H_2(e^{j\omega}) H_1(e^{j\omega}) X(e^{j\omega})$   
 $H_3(e^{j\omega}) = H_2(e^{j\omega}) H_1(e^{j\omega})$   
 $= H_2(e^{j\omega}) e^{-j\omega n_0}$   
 $= e^{j(\angle H_2(e^{j\omega}) - \omega n_0)}$

# Magnitude-Phase Representation of LTI System

- Linear Phase:



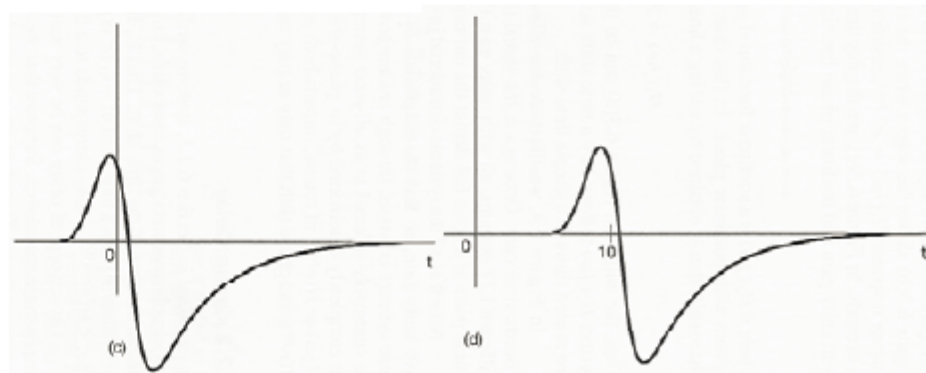
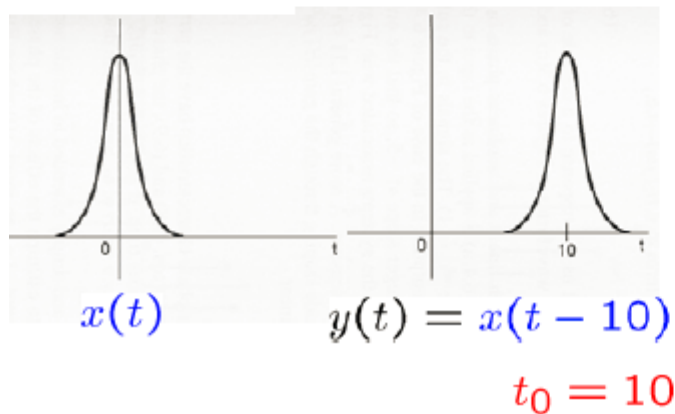
$$H_1(j\omega) = e^{-j\omega t_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} |H_1(j\omega)| &= 1 \\ \angle |H_1(j\omega)| &= -\omega t_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = x(t - t_0)$$

$$H_2(j\omega) = e^{j\angle H_2(j\omega)}$$

$$H_3(j\omega) = H_2(j\omega) H_1(j\omega) = H_2(j\omega) e^{-j\omega t_0} = e^{j(\angle H_2(j\omega) - \omega t_0)}$$



# Magnitude-Phase Representation of LTI System

- Group Delay & Phase:

- Linear Phase & Delay:

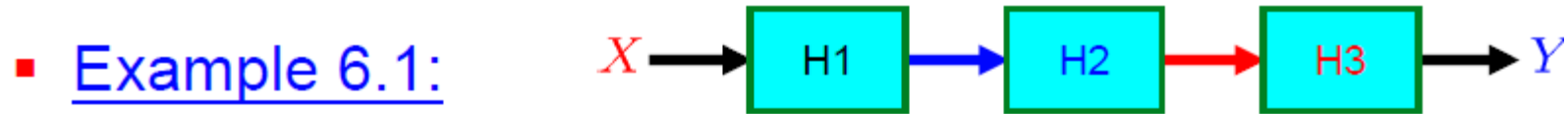
$$H_1(j\omega) = e^{-j\omega t_0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad y(t) = x(t - t_0) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{delay} = t_0$$

$$H_1(e^{j\omega}) = e^{-j\omega n_0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad y[n] = x[n - n_0] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{delay} = n_0$$

- Nonlinear Phase & Group Delay

$$H_2(j\omega) = e^{j\angle H_2(j\omega)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tau(\omega) = -\frac{d}{d\omega} \left\{ \angle H_2(j\omega) \right\}$$

# Magnitude-Phase Representation of LTI System



$$H(jw) = H_1(jw) H_2(jw) H_3(jw)$$

$$H_i(jw) = \frac{1 + (jw/w_i)^2 - 2j\zeta_i(w/w_i)}{1 + (jw/w_i)^2 + 2j\zeta_i(w/w_i)}$$

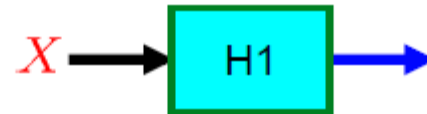
$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} |H_i(jw)| &= 1 \\ \angle H_i(jw) &= -2 \arctan \left[ \frac{2\zeta_i(w/w_i)}{1-(w/w_i)^2} \right] \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} |H(jw)| &= 1 \\ \angle H(jw) &= \angle H_1(jw) + \angle H_2(jw) + \angle H_3(jw) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tau(w) = -\frac{d}{dw} \{ \angle H(jw) \}$$

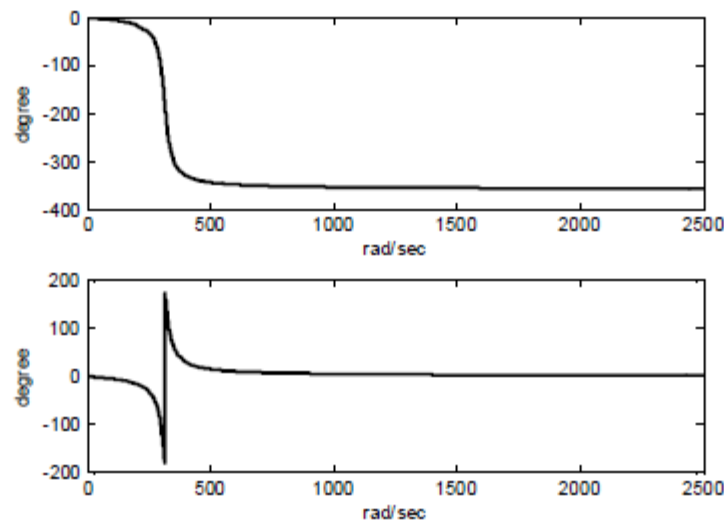


# Magnitude-Phase Representation of LTI System



$$H_1(j\omega) = \frac{1 + (j\omega/\omega_1)^2 - 2j\zeta_1(\omega/\omega_1)}{1 + (j\omega/\omega_1)^2 + 2j\zeta_1(\omega/\omega_1)} \quad \begin{cases} \omega_1 = 315 \text{ rad/sec} \\ \zeta_1 = 0.066 \\ f_1 \approx 50 \text{ Hz} \end{cases}$$

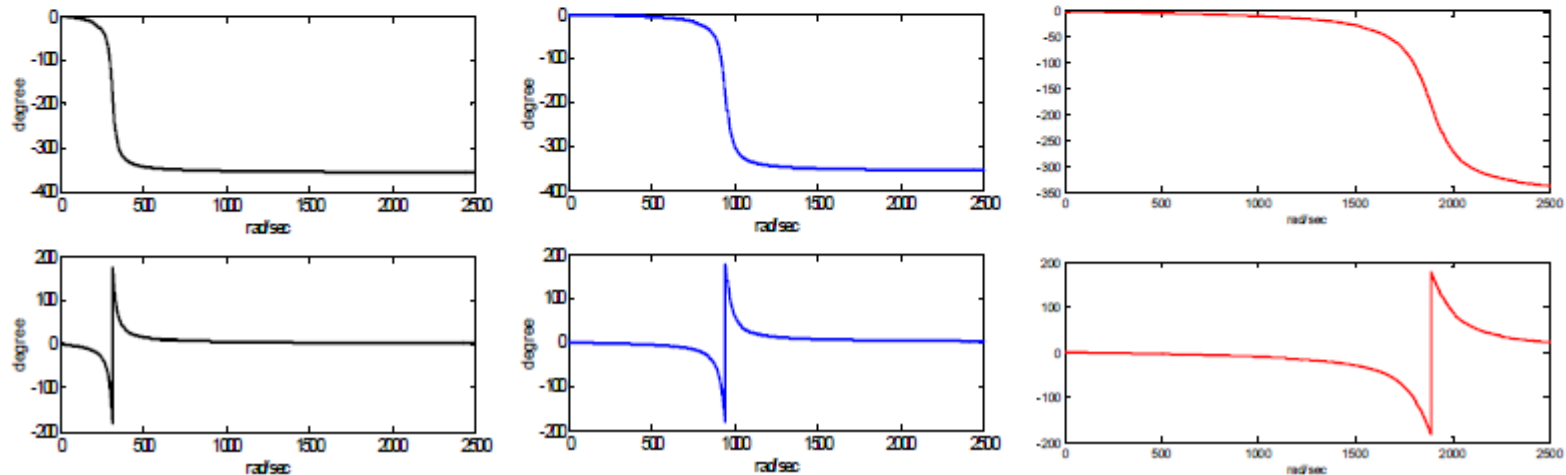
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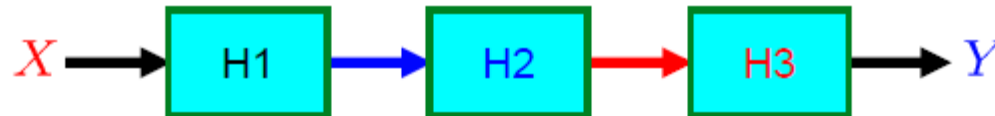
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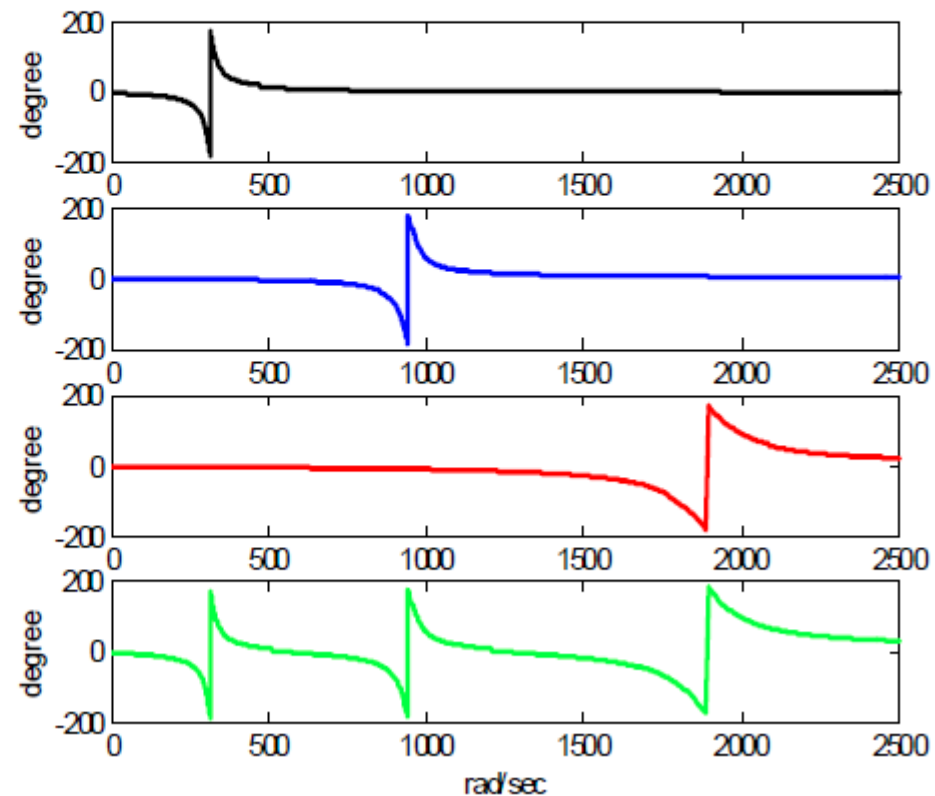
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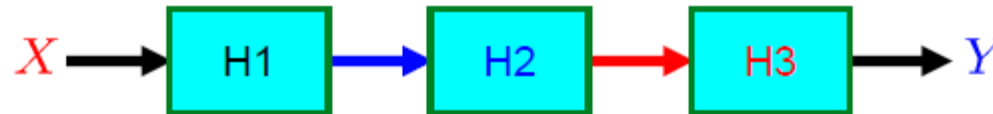
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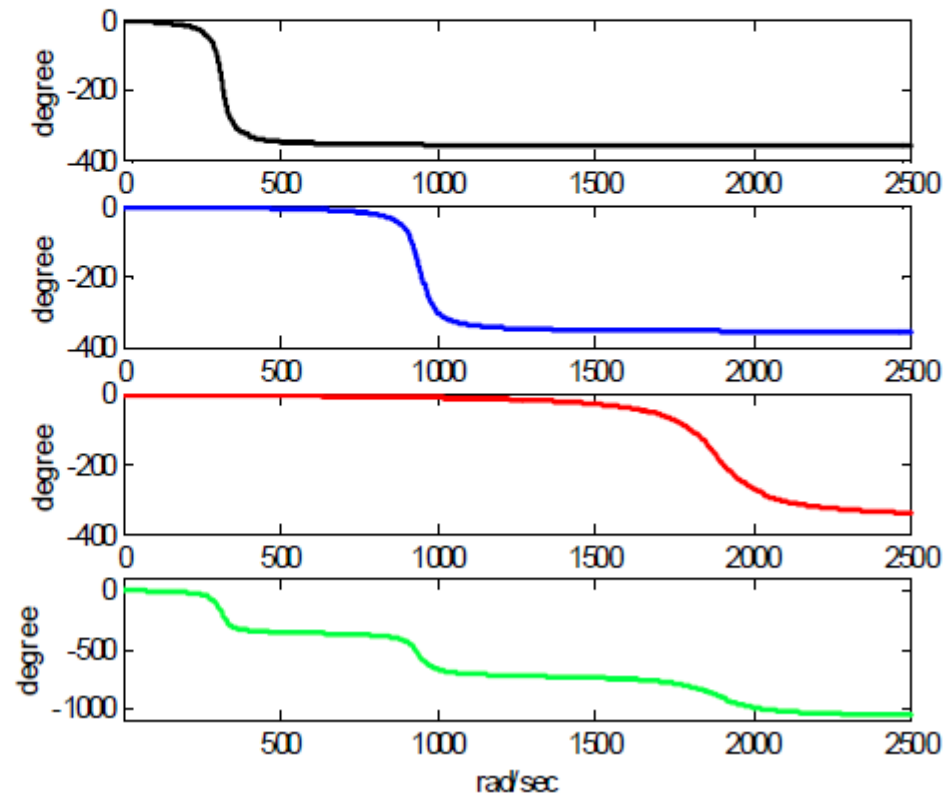
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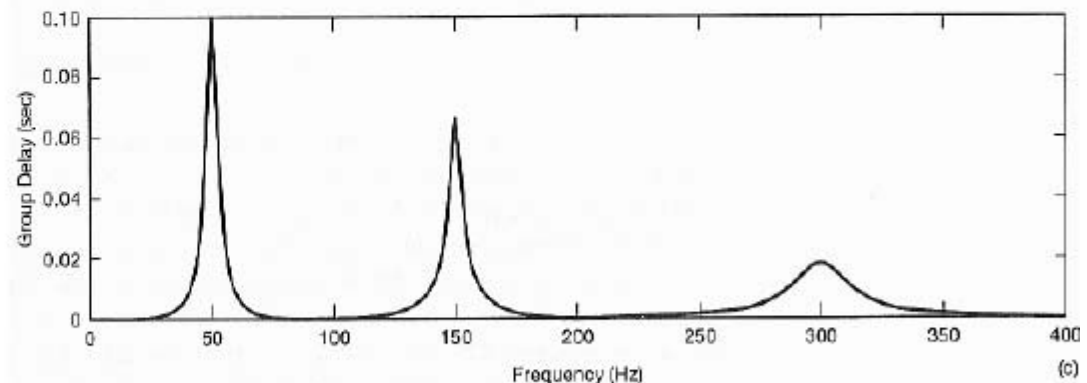
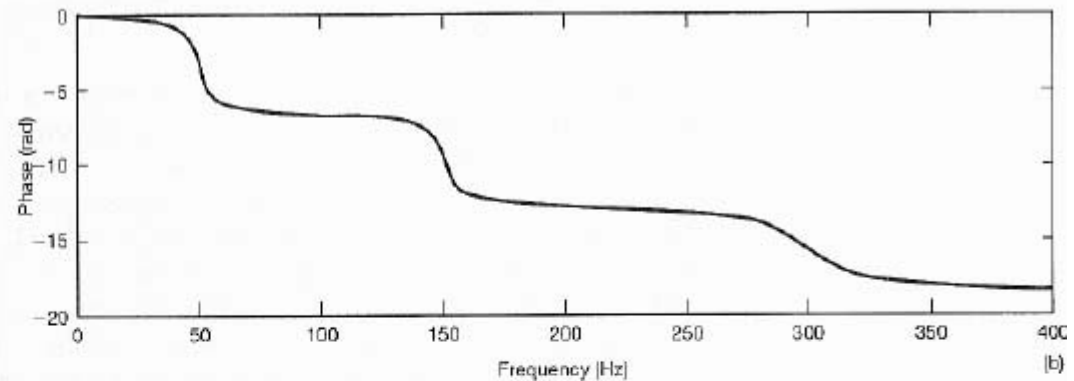
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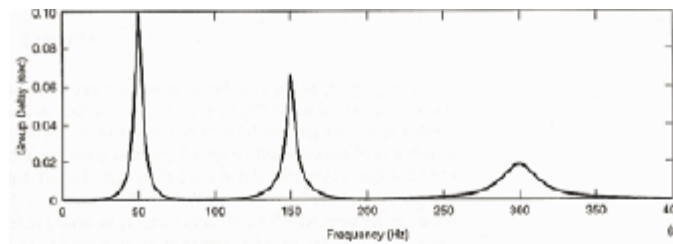
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$$w_i = 2\pi f_i$$

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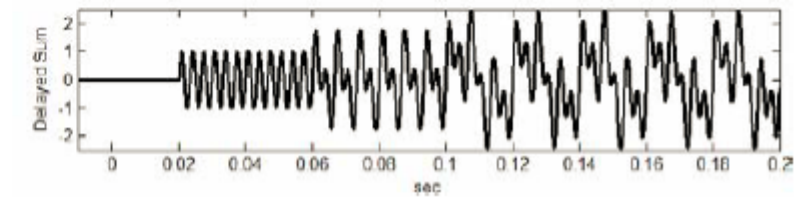
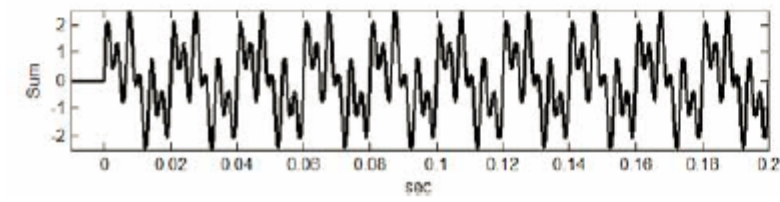
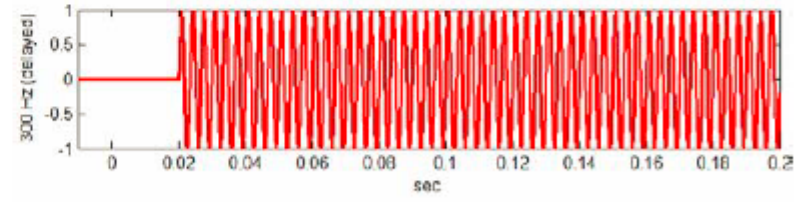
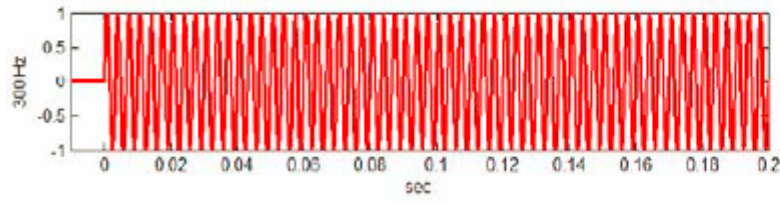
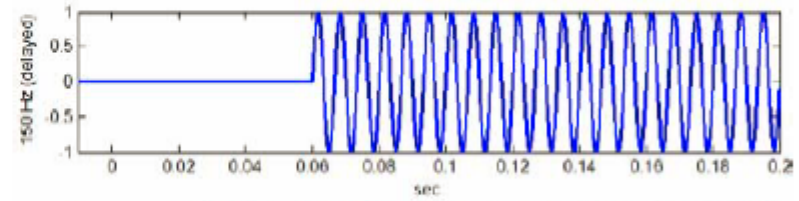
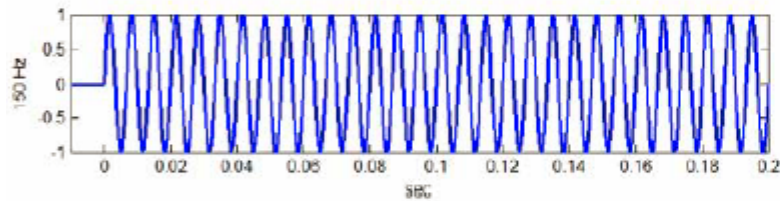
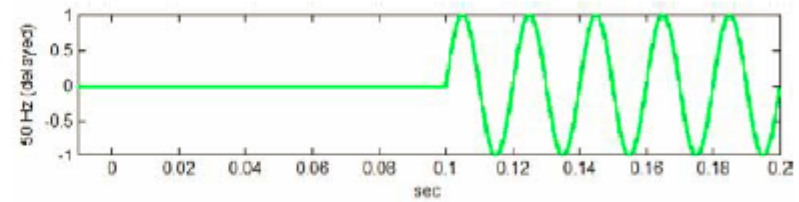
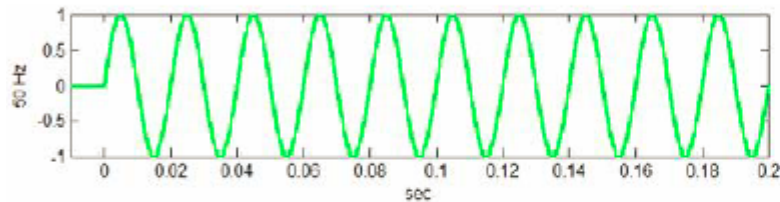


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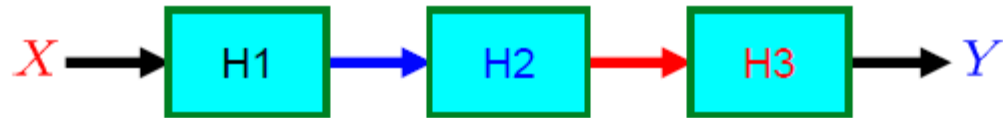


$$x(t) = x_1(t) + x_2(t) + x_3(t)$$

$$y(t) = y_1(t) + y_2(t) + y_3(t)$$



# Magnitude-Phase Representation of LTI System



$$x(t) = \delta(t)$$

$$X(j\omega) = 1, \forall \omega$$

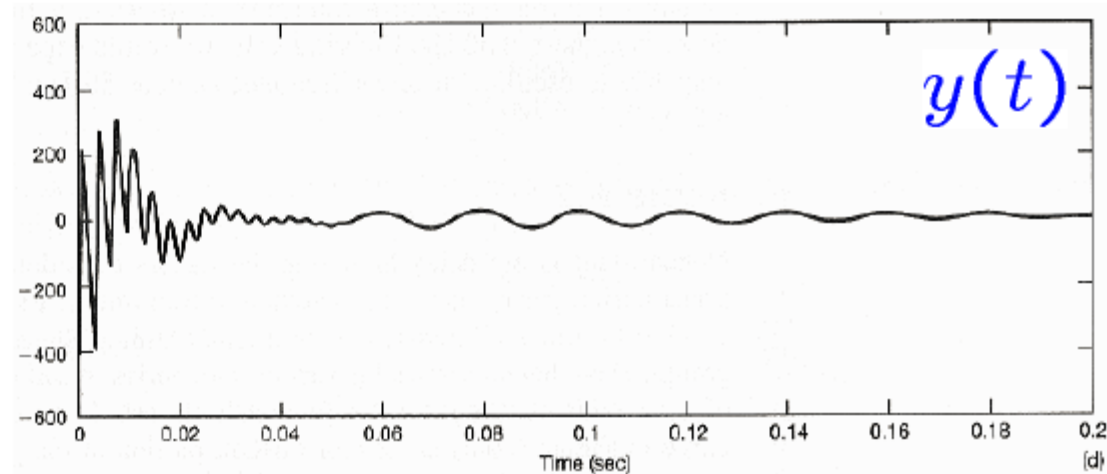
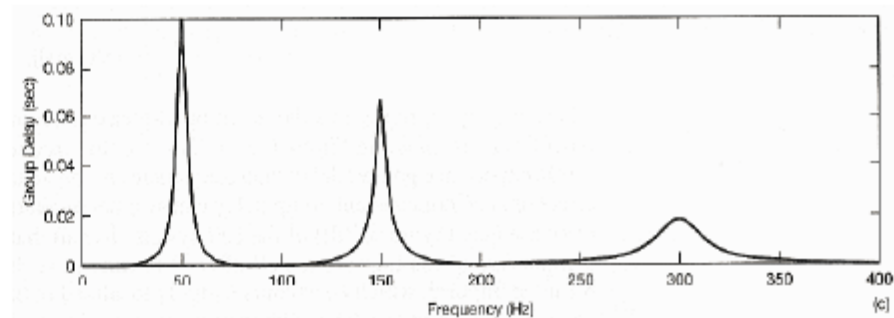
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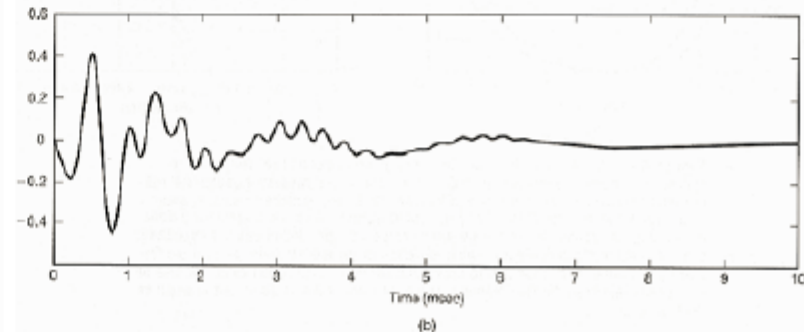
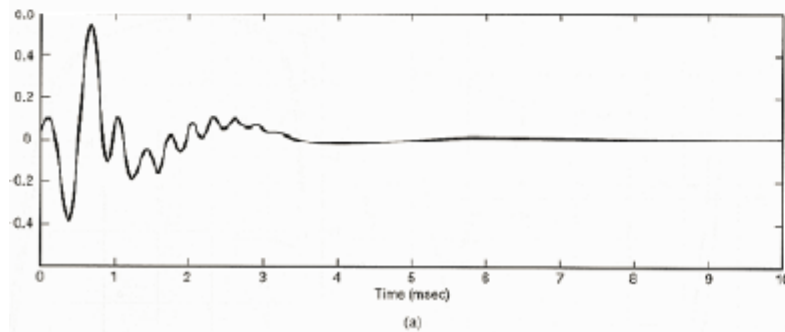
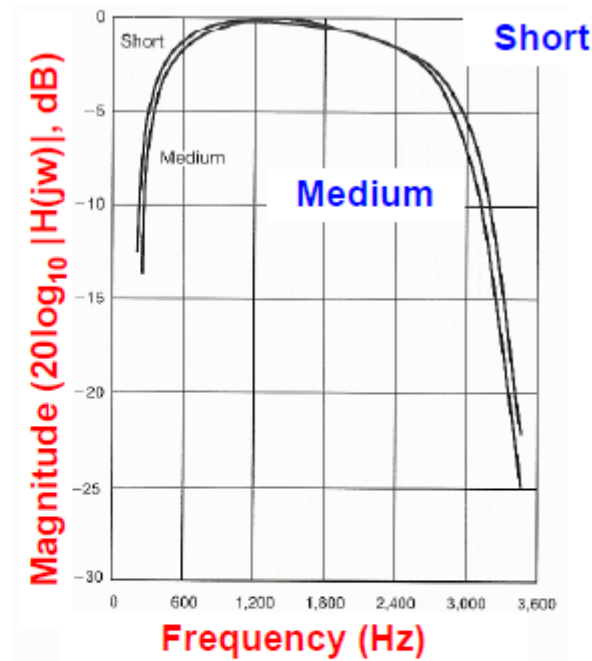
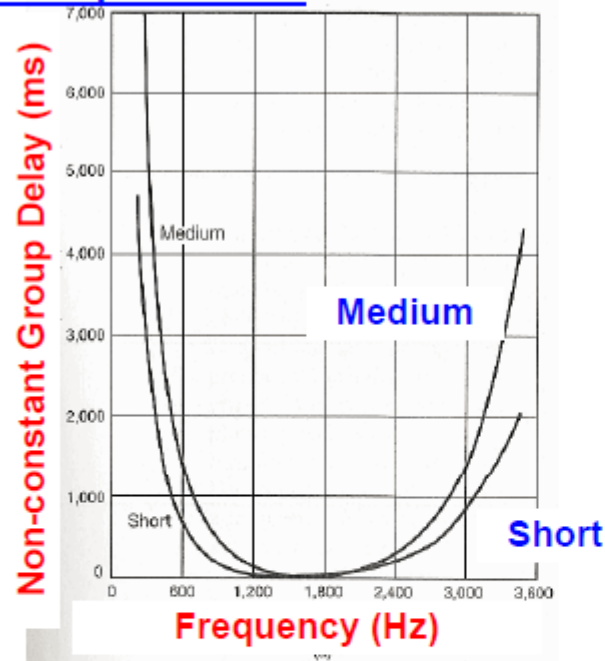
$$\begin{cases} |H(j\omega)| = 1 \\ \angle H(j\omega) = \angle H_1(j\omega) + \angle H_2(j\omega) + \angle H_3(j\omega) \end{cases}$$



# Magnitude-Phase Representation of LTI System

## ■ Example 6.2:

Analog Transmission Performance on the Switched  
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# Time-Domain Properties of Ideal Frequency-Selective Filters

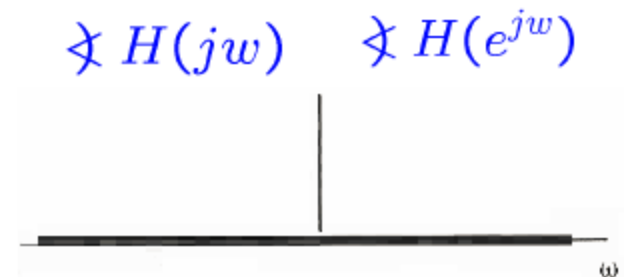
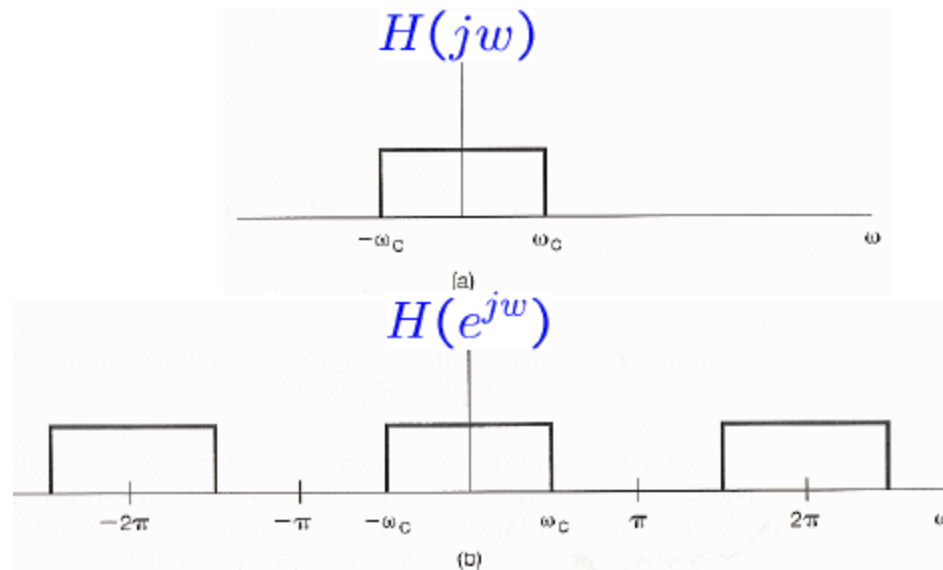
## ■ Ideal Lowpass Filters:

$$H(j\omega) = \begin{cases} 1, & |\omega| \leq \omega_c \\ 0, & |\omega| > \omega_c \end{cases}$$

—unit gain

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \begin{cases} 1, & |\omega| \leq \omega_c \\ 0, & \omega_c < |\omega| \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

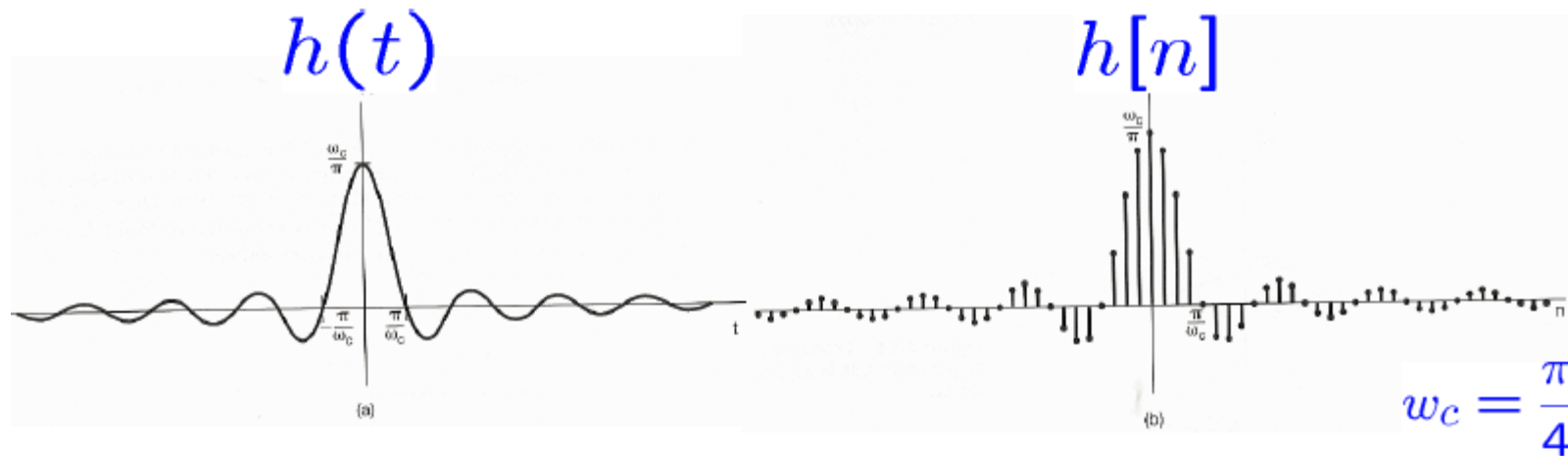
—zero phase distortion



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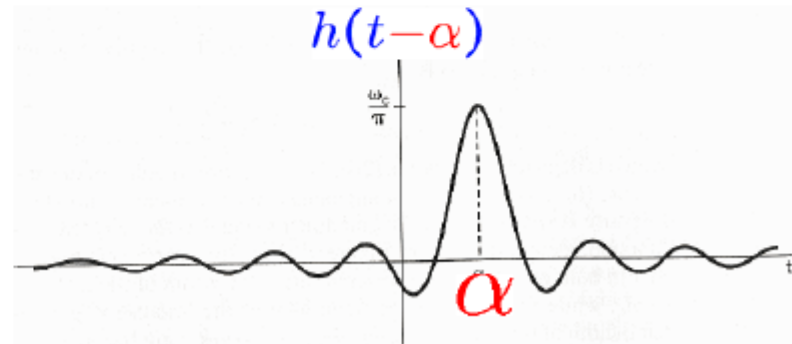
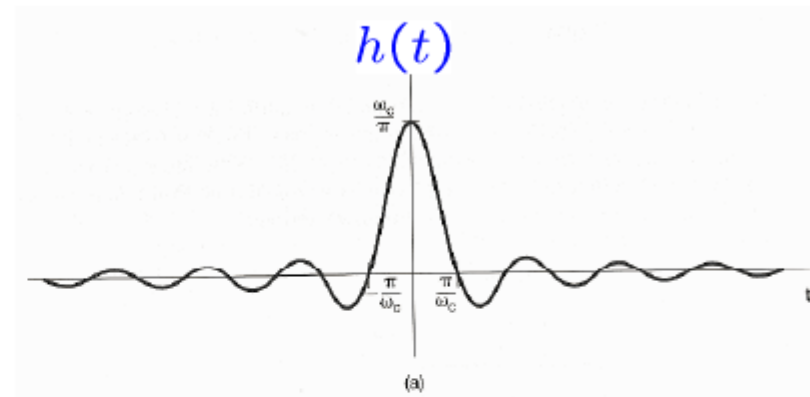
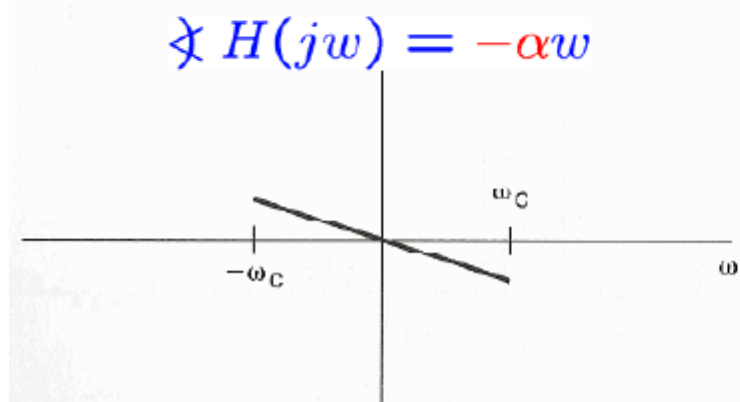
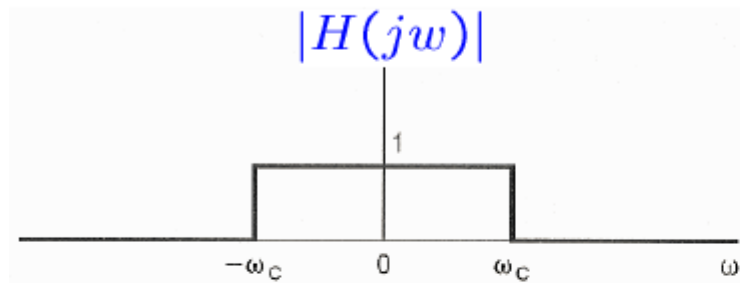
## ■ Ideal Lowpass Filters:

$$\begin{aligned} H(j\omega) &= \begin{cases} 1, & |\omega| \leq \omega_c \\ 0, & |\omega| > \omega_c \end{cases} \\ H(e^{j\omega}) &= \begin{cases} 1, & |\omega| \leq \omega_c \\ 0, & \omega_c < |\omega| \leq \pi \end{cases} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} h(t) &= \frac{\sin \omega_c t}{\pi t} \\ h[n] &= \frac{\sin \omega_c n}{\pi n} \end{cases}$$



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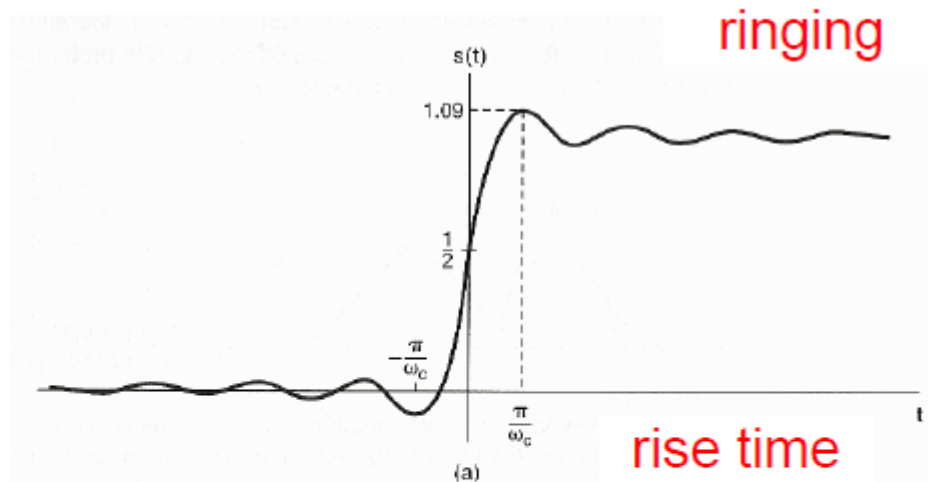
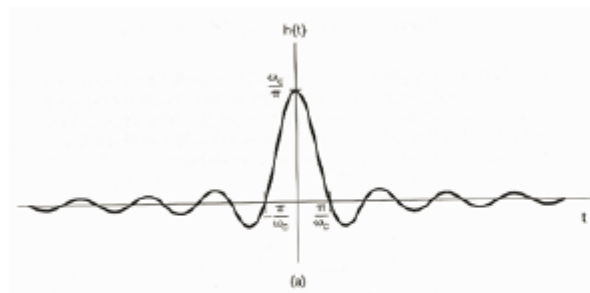
- Ideal Lowpass Filters with Linear Phase:



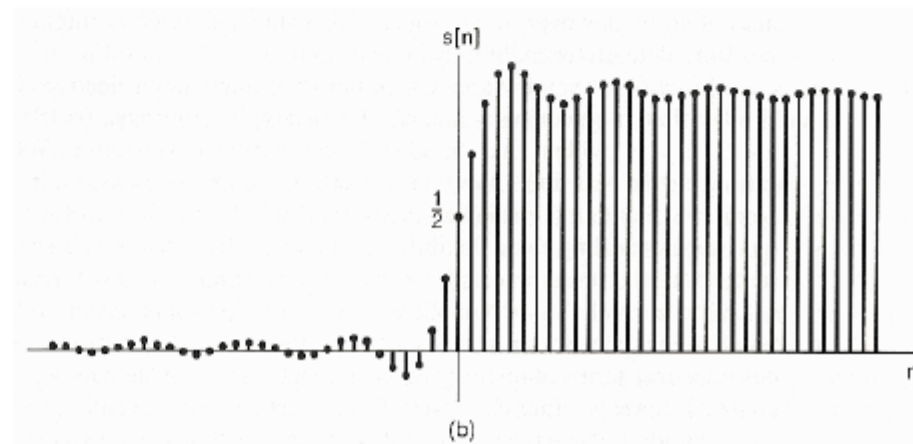
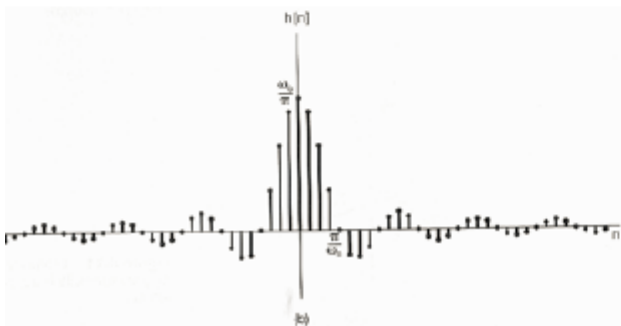
# Time-Domain Properties of Ideal Frequency-Selective Filters

## ■ Step Response of Ideal Lowpass Filters:

$$s(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t h(\tau) d\tau$$

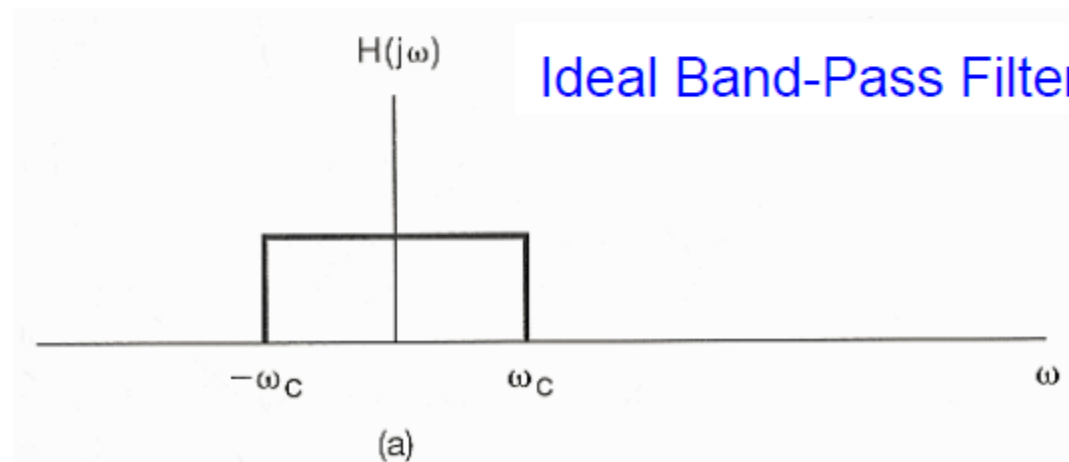
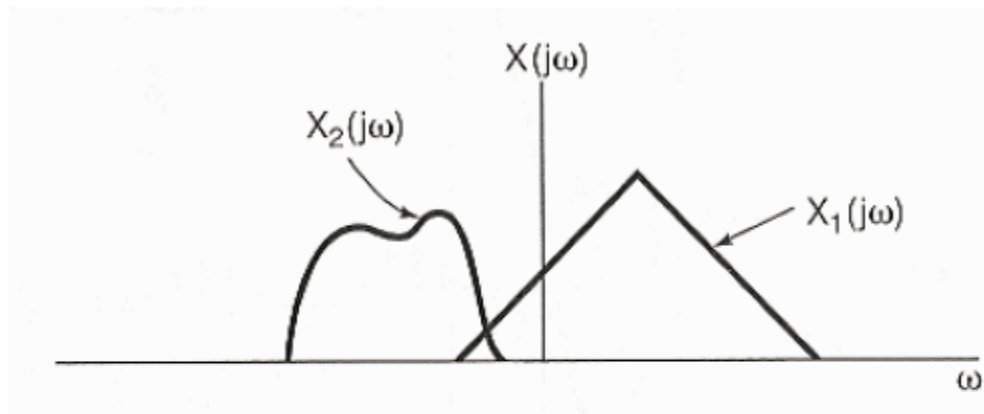
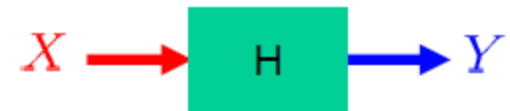


$$s[n] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^n h[m]$$



# Time-Domain and Frequency-Domain Aspects of Non-ideal Filters

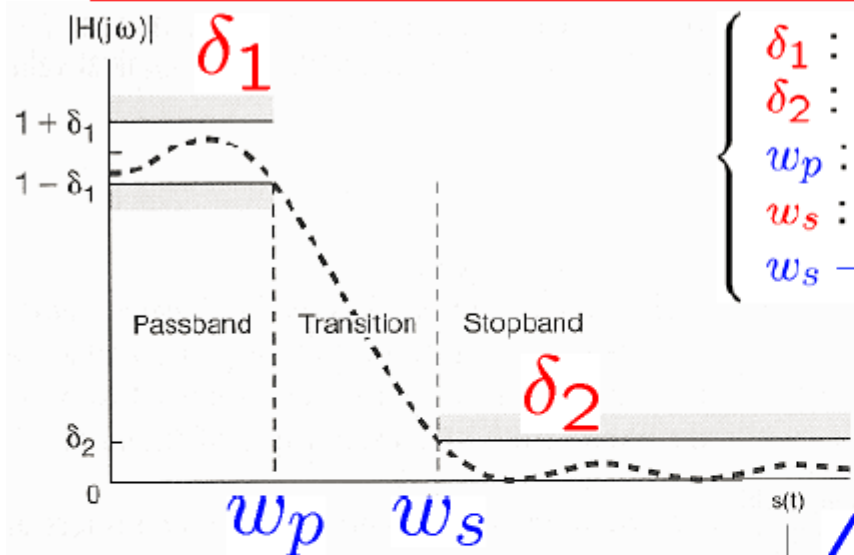
- Overlapping Spectra:



Ideal Band-Pass Filter ?

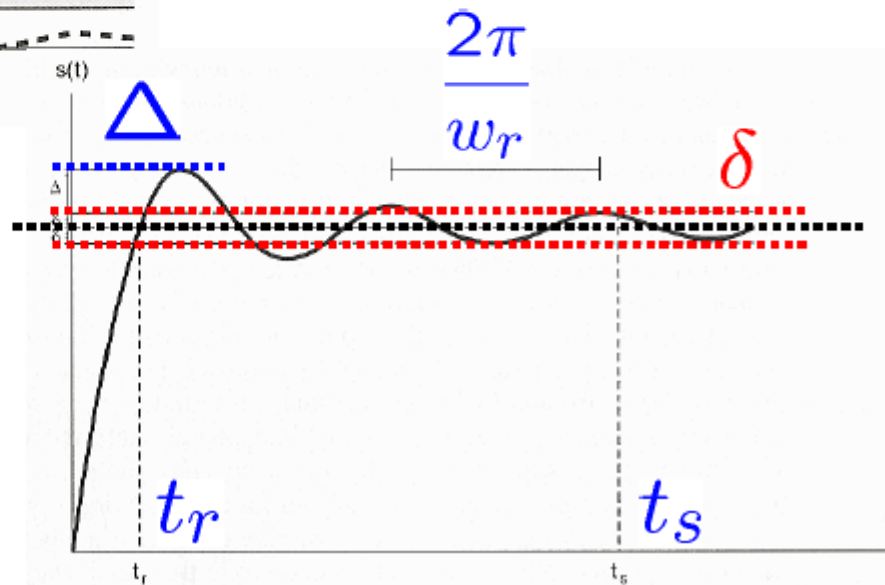
# Time-Domain and Frequency-Domain Aspects of Non-ideal Filters

## Desired Filter Characteristics:



- $\delta_1$  : allowable passband ripple
- $\delta_2$  : allowable stopband ripple
- $\omega_p$  : passband edge
- $\omega_s$  : stopband edge
- $\omega_s - \omega_p$  : transition band

- $\Delta$  : overshoot
- $\delta$  : steady-state error
- $\omega_r$  : ringing frequency
- $t_r$  : rise time
- $t_s$  : settling time

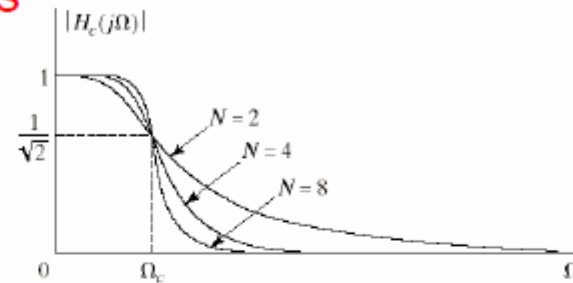


# Time-Domain and Frequency-Domain Aspects of Non-ideal Filters

## ■ Example 6.3: Two Frequently Used Filters:

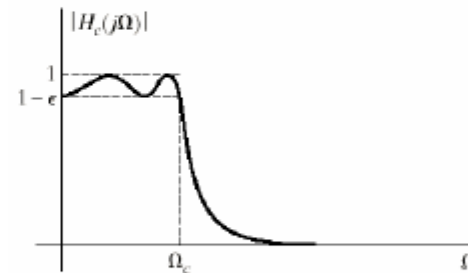
- Butterworth, Chebyshev, Elliptic filters

$$\left| H_c(j\Omega) \right|^2 = \frac{1}{1 + \left( \frac{j\Omega}{j\Omega_c} \right)^{2N}}$$



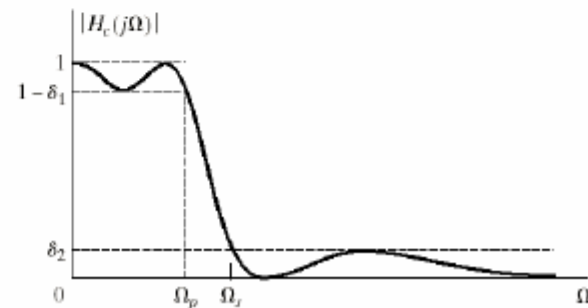
$$\left| H_c(j\Omega) \right|^2 = \frac{1}{1 + \epsilon^2 V_N^2\left(\frac{\Omega}{\Omega_c}\right)}$$

$$V_N(x) = \cos\left(N \cos^{-1} x\right)$$



$$\left| H_c(j\Omega) \right|^2 = \frac{1}{1 + \epsilon^2 U_N^2(\Omega)}$$

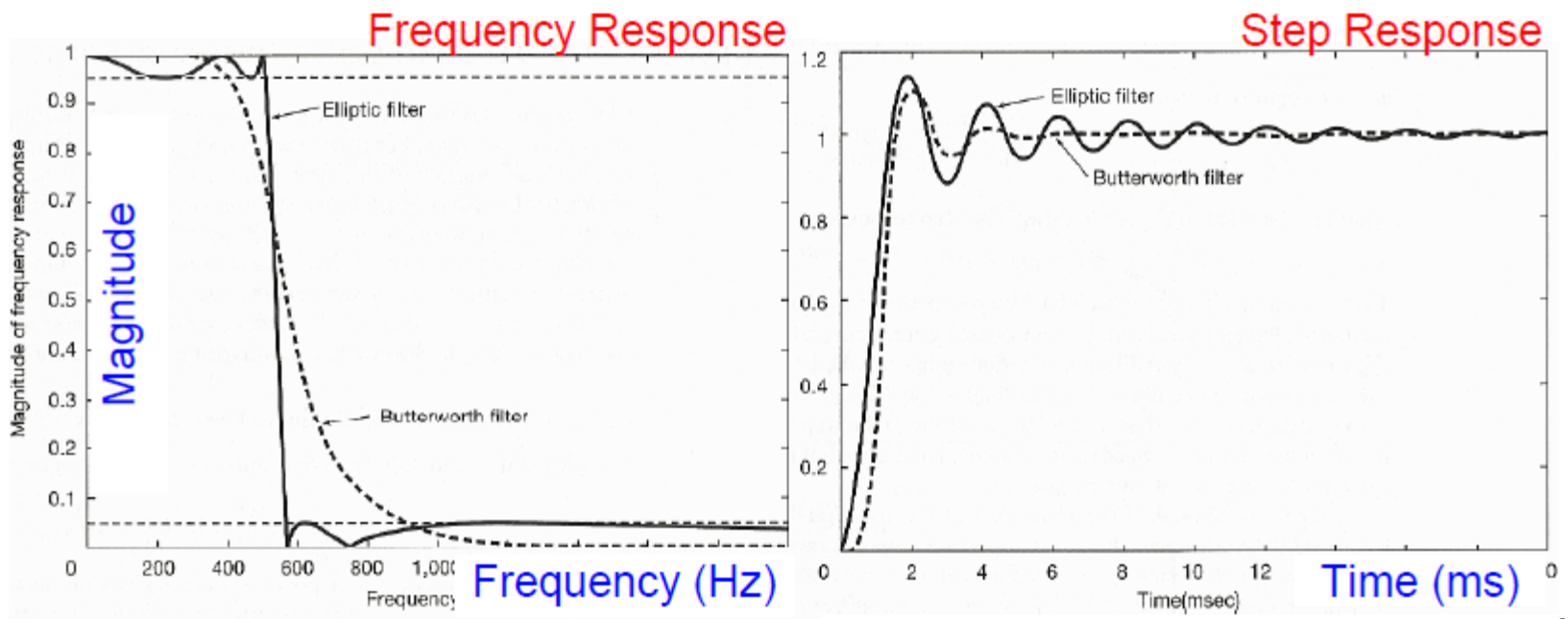
$U_N(x)$  : Jacobian elliptic function



# Time-Domain and Frequency-Domain Aspects of Non-ideal Filters

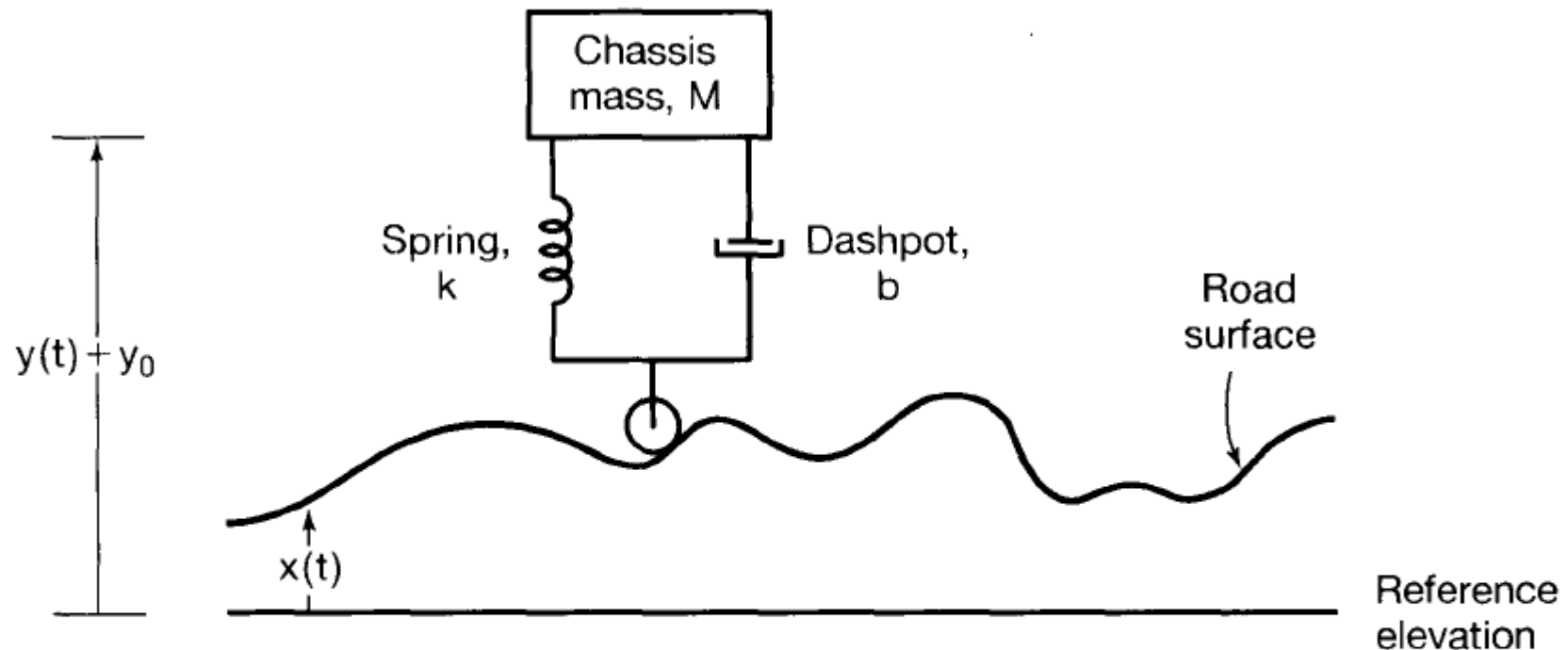
## ■ Example 6.3: Two Frequently Used Filters:

- Butterworth filter
  - Fifth-order rational frequency response
  - Cutoff frequency = 500 Hz
- Elliptic filter





# Analysis of an Automobile Suspension System



**Figure 6.32** Diagrammatic representation of an automotive suspension system. Here,  $y_0$  represents the distance between the chassis and the road surface when the automobile is at rest,  $y(t) + y_0$  the position of the chassis above the reference elevation, and  $x(t)$  the elevation of the road above the reference elevation.

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The differential equation governing the motion of the chassis is then

$$M \frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + b \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + ky(t) = kx(t) + b \frac{dx(t)}{dt},$$

where  $M$  is the mass of the chassis and  $k$  and  $b$  are the spring and shock absorber constants, respectively. The frequency response of the system is

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{k + bj\omega}{(j\omega)^2 M + b(j\omega) + k},$$

or

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{\omega_n^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n(j\omega)}{(j\omega)^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n(j\omega) + \omega_n^2},$$

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{M}} \quad \text{and} \quad 2\zeta\omega_n = \frac{b}{M}.$$

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The denominator of  $H(j\omega)$  can be factored to yield

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{(j\omega - c_1)(j\omega - c_2)},$$

where

$$c_1 = -\zeta\omega_n + \omega_n\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1},$$

$$c_2 = -\zeta\omega_n - \omega_n\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}.$$

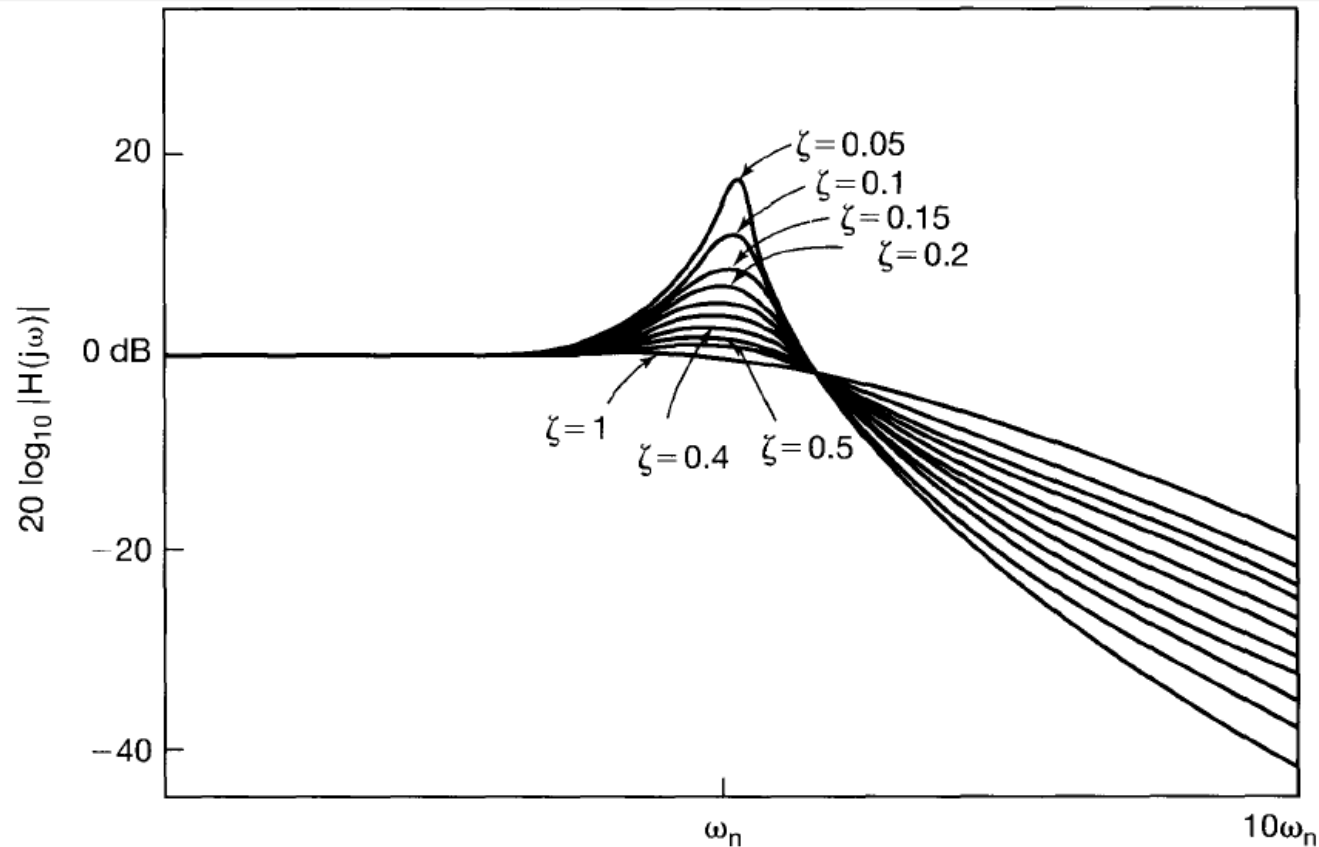
For  $\zeta \neq 1$ ,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are unequal, and we can perform a partial-fraction expansion

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{M}{j\omega - c_1} - \frac{M}{j\omega - c_2},$$

where

$$M = \frac{\omega_n}{2\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}}.$$

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$$\omega_{\max} = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - 2\zeta^2},$$

and the value at this maximum point is

$$|H(j\omega_{\max})| = \frac{1}{2\zeta \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}.$$

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the corresponding impulse response for the system is

$$h(t) = M[e^{c_1 t} - e^{c_2 t}]u(t).$$

we take a more detailed look at the impulse response and the step response of a second-order system. First, from eq. (6.35), we see that for  $0 < \zeta < 1$ ,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are complex, and we can rewrite the impulse response in eq. (6.37) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &= \frac{\omega_n e^{-\zeta \omega_n t}}{2j\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \{ \exp[j(\omega_n \sqrt{1-\zeta^2})t] - \exp[-j(\omega_n \sqrt{1-\zeta^2})t] \} u(t) \\ &= \frac{\omega_n e^{-\zeta \omega_n t}}{\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} [\sin(\omega_n \sqrt{1-\zeta^2}t)] u(t). \end{aligned}$$

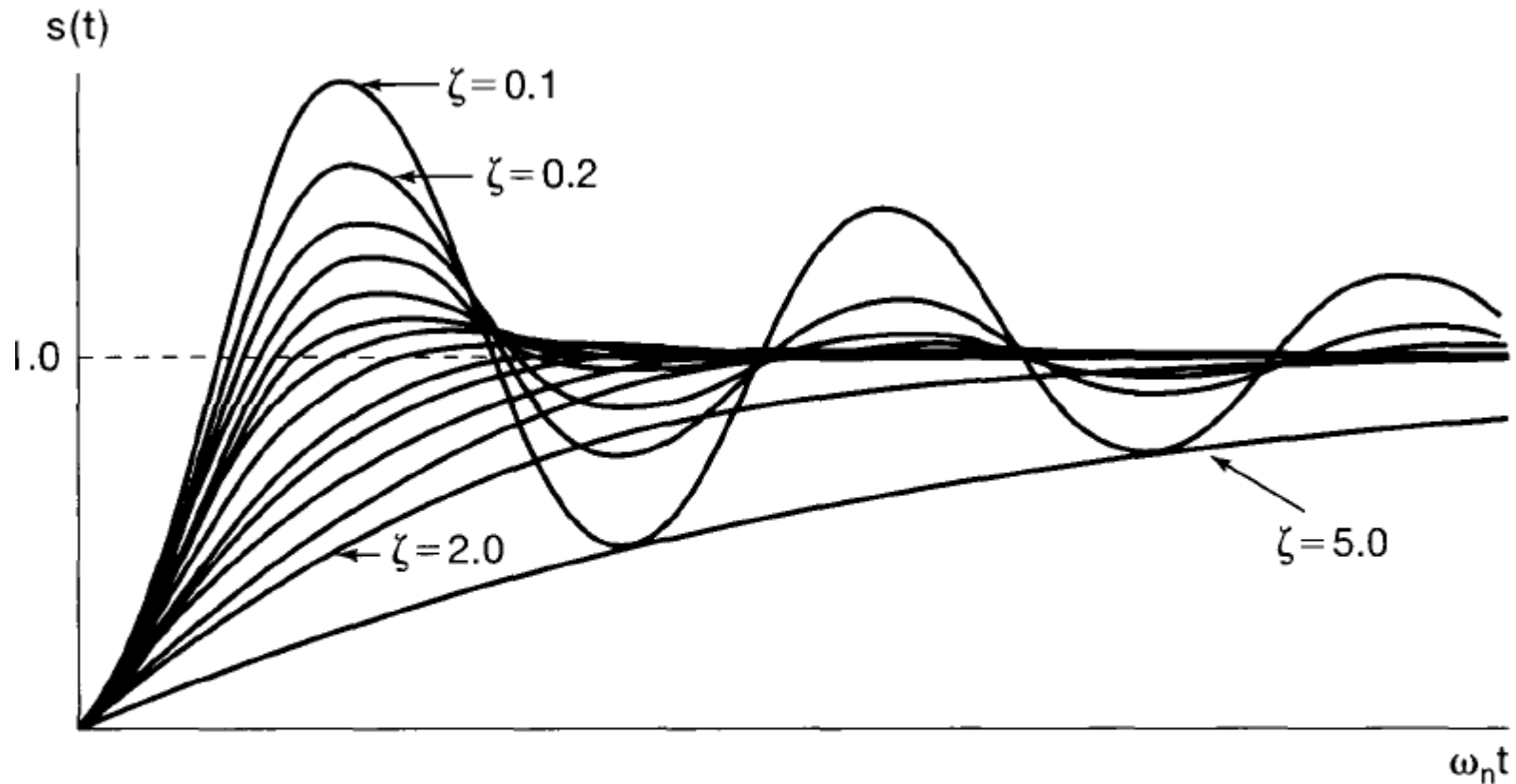
The step response of a second-order system can be calculated from  $\zeta \neq 1$ . This yields the expression

$$s(t) = h(t) * u(t) = \left\{ 1 + M \left[ \frac{e^{c_1 t}}{c_1} - \frac{e^{c_2 t}}{c_2} \right] \right\} u(t).$$

For  $\zeta = 1$ , we can use eq. (6.39) to obtain

$$s(t) = [1 - e^{-\omega_n t} - \omega_n t e^{-\omega_n t}] u(t).$$

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**Figure 6.34** Step response of the automotive suspension system for various values of the damping ratio ( $\zeta = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0, 1.2, 1.5, 2.0, 5.0$ ).

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- The filter cutoff frequency is controlled primarily through  $\omega_n$  , or equivalently for a chassis with a fixed mass, by an appropriate choice of spring constant  $k$ . For a given  $\omega_n$  , the damping ratio is then adjusted through the damping factor  $b$  associated with the shock absorbers.
- As the natural frequency  $\omega_n$  is decreased, the suspension will tend to filter out slower road variations, thus providing a smoother ride. On the other hand, the rise time of the system increases, and thus the system will feel more slow.
- On the one hand, it would be desirable to keep  $\omega_n$  small to improve the low pass filtering; on the other hand, it would be desirable to have  $\omega_n$  large for a rapid time response.
- These, of course, are conflicting requirements and illustrate the need for a trade-off between time-domain and frequency-domain characteristics.

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- Typically, a suspension system with a low value of  $\omega_n$ , so that the rise time is long, is characterized as "soft" and one with a high value of  $\omega_n$ , so that the rise time is short, is characterized as "hard."
- We observe also that, as the damping ratio decreases, the frequency response of the system cuts off more sharply, but the overshoot and ringing in the step response tend to increase, another trade-off between the time and frequency.
- Generally, the shock absorber damping is chosen to have a rapid rise time and yet avoid overshoot and ringing.
- This choice corresponds to the critically damped case, with  $\zeta = 1.0$ .