

**Given:** Transfer function factored into form  $H(j\omega) = \frac{(j\omega - z_1) \dots (j\omega - z_M)}{(j\omega - p_1) \dots (j\omega - p_N)}$ .

**Goal:** Plot *gain*  $|H(j\omega)|$  and *phase*  $\angle H(j\omega)$  vs. frequency  $\omega = 2\pi f$  on a *log-log scale*:  $\log |H(j2\pi f)|$  vs.  $\log(f) \Leftrightarrow$  express gain in **decibels**.

**EX:** Voltage source  $v_S$  with internal resistance  $R$  connected to capacitor  $C$ .

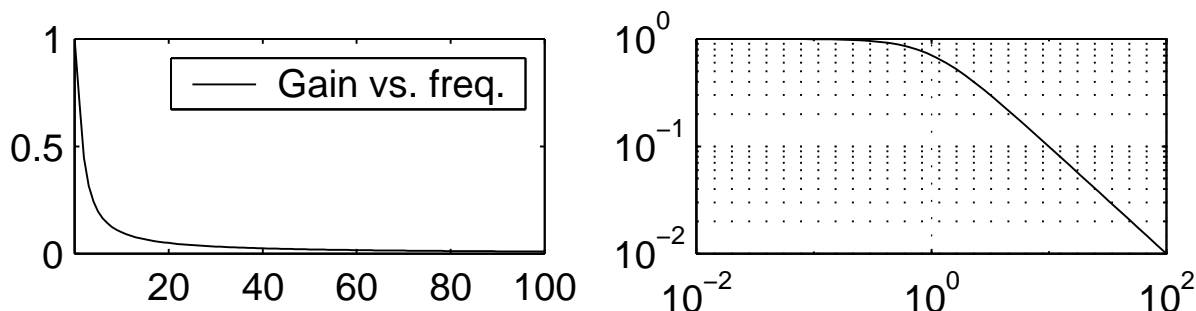
**Input:**  $v_S(t) = \cos(2\pi ft)$ . **Output:**  $v_C(t) = M \cos(2\pi ft + \theta)$ .

**Phasors:**  $V_C = V_S \frac{1/(j\omega C)}{R + 1/(j\omega C)} = V_S \frac{1}{1 + j\omega RC}$  (voltage divider)

**Then:** Transfer function  $= H(j\omega) = \frac{V_C}{V_S} = \frac{1}{1 + j\omega RC} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega RC)^2}} \angle -\tan^{-1}(\omega RC)$ .

**Plot:** **Gain**  $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (2\pi f RC)^2}}$  vs.  $f$ ; **Phase**  $= -\tan^{-1}(2\pi f RC)$  vs.  $f$ .

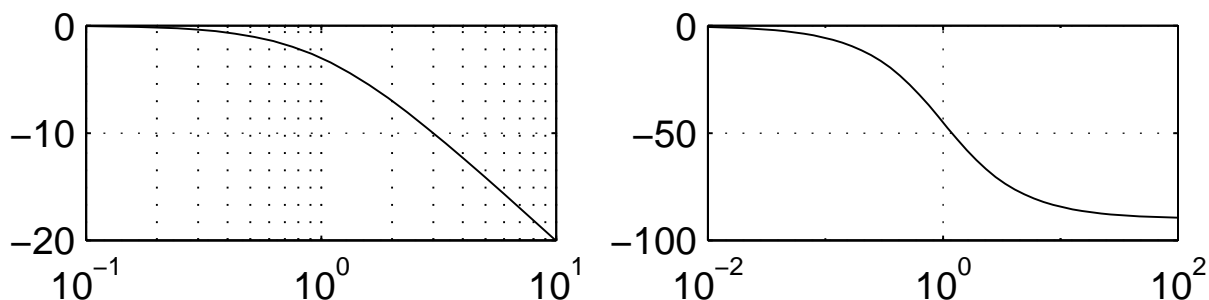
**Gain:** Plot gain vs. frequency on regular plot and log-log plot, for  $RC = \frac{1}{2\pi}$ :



**Note:** Advantages of using a log-log plot, instead of a regular plot:

1. Plot consists of two straight lines connected by a short curve;
2. Can depict gain values over a much broader range of frequencies;
3. Can extend easily to more complex transfer functions (see below).

**Idea:** Plot  $20 \log_{10} |H(j2\pi f)| =$  gain in **decibels** vs. frequency on log scale:



**Note:** Following features of Bode gain and phase plots on semilog scales:

1. Gain plot lines have slopes of zero or  $-6\text{dB/octave} = -20\text{dB/decade}$ , where octave=factor of 2 and decade=factor of 10 and  $6 \approx 20 \log_{10} 2$ .
2. Sloped line intercepts 0 dB at "corner frequency"  $f = 1/(2\pi RC)$  Hz.
3. AT the corner frequency, gain  $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = -3$  dB and phase  $= -45$  degrees.

**Given:** Transfer function  $H(j\omega) = 10 \frac{-\omega^2 + j\omega(10^6 + 10^4) + 10^{10}}{-\omega^2 + j\omega(10^8 + 100) + 10^{10}} = 10 \frac{(j\omega + 10^4)(j\omega + 10^6)}{(j\omega + 100)(j\omega + 10^8)}$ .

**Goal:** Plot Bode magnitude plot for this transfer function.

**Idea:**  $20 \log_{10} |H(j\omega)| = 20 \log_{10}(10) + 20 \log_{10} |j\omega + 10^4| + 20 \log_{10} |j\omega + 10^6| - 20 \log_{10} |j\omega + 100| - 20 \log_{10} |j\omega + 10^8|$  since dB of products add.

**DEF:** Zeros are roots of numerator polynomial of  $H(j\omega)$  ( $z_i$  overleaf).

**DEF:** Poles are roots of denominator polynomial of  $H(j\omega)$  ( $p_i$  overleaf).

**Point:** We can handle each individual term as we did overleaf. Procedure:

1. In  $H(j\omega)$ , let  $\omega \rightarrow 0$  and compute the DC gain  $|H(j0)|$  in dB.
2. At each *zero* frequency of  $H(j\omega)$ , *add* slope 20 dB/decade=6 dB/octave.
3. At each *pole* frequency of  $H(j\omega)$ , *subtract* 20 dB/decade=6 dB/octave.

The four smaller plots add together (since decibels) to give the larger plot.

