

Class Notes 07: Frequency Response and Bode Plot

A. Steady-State Frequency Response

As we discussed before, the variable s is a complex number, with damping (transient) component and the steady-state component. If we are interested only in the state-steady condition of a sinusoidal system, we can change the variable s to be a complex number without real part. Therefore, the transfer function of steady-state can be equated as: $H(s) = H(jw)$. By doing this, we suddenly found us in the frequency-domain, and the steady-state frequency response world.

B. Frequency Response Plot

The most popular plot for amplitude and phase curves is “**Bode plot**” which is a “break-point approximation” plot and is simple and convenient to see curve for frequency-dependent steady-state quantity. Bode plot is with semi-log scale: regular scale on y (amplitude) axis and log scale on x (frequency) axis. Let’s practice a few bode plots of steady-state transfer functions. In this note, our primary interest is the amplitude of the response, not the phase angle. However, the phase angle can easily be achieved.

1. Transfer Function: $H(s) = s$

The steady-state transfer function is: $H(jw) = jw$

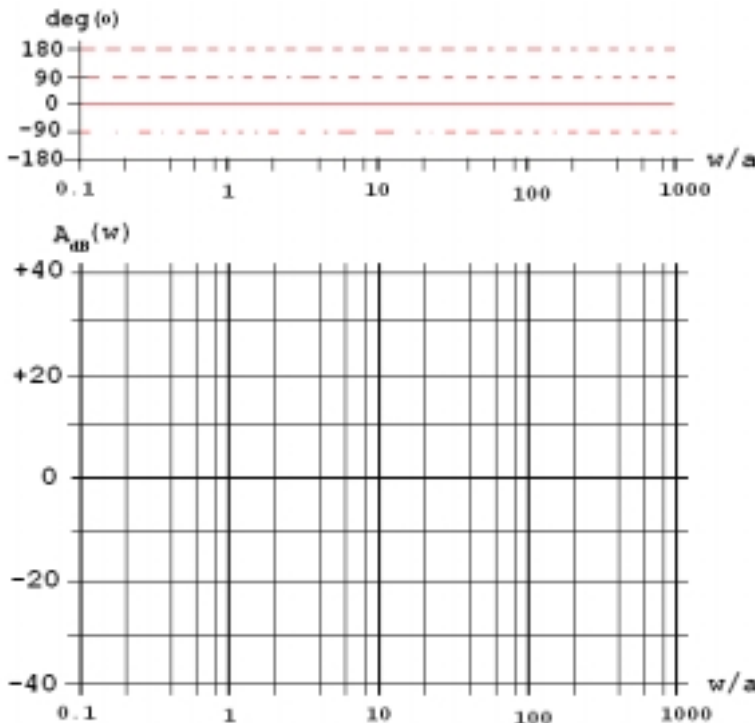
Then, the magnitude of the steady-state transfer function is: $A(w) = w$.

And the phase angle of the transfer function is: $\theta(w) = \angle(jw) = 90^\circ$.

The Bode Plot is to express it with dB level.

So, the amplitude in dB is: $A_{dB}(w) = 20\log(A(w)) = 20\log w$ (referenced to 1.0)

Now, can you draw a bode plot?



Do you see that the slope of the relative dB amplitude is 20 dB/decade or 6dB/Octave?

Octave: The interval between the first eight notes in a major scale [in music]. It is characterized by the frequency ratio of 2:1.

Octave 1	Octave 2
C ----> B	C ----> B
32Hz ---> 65Hz	65Hz ---> 123Hz
f_0 $2f_0$	$2f_0$ $4f_0$

2. Transfer Function: $H(s) = \frac{1}{s}$

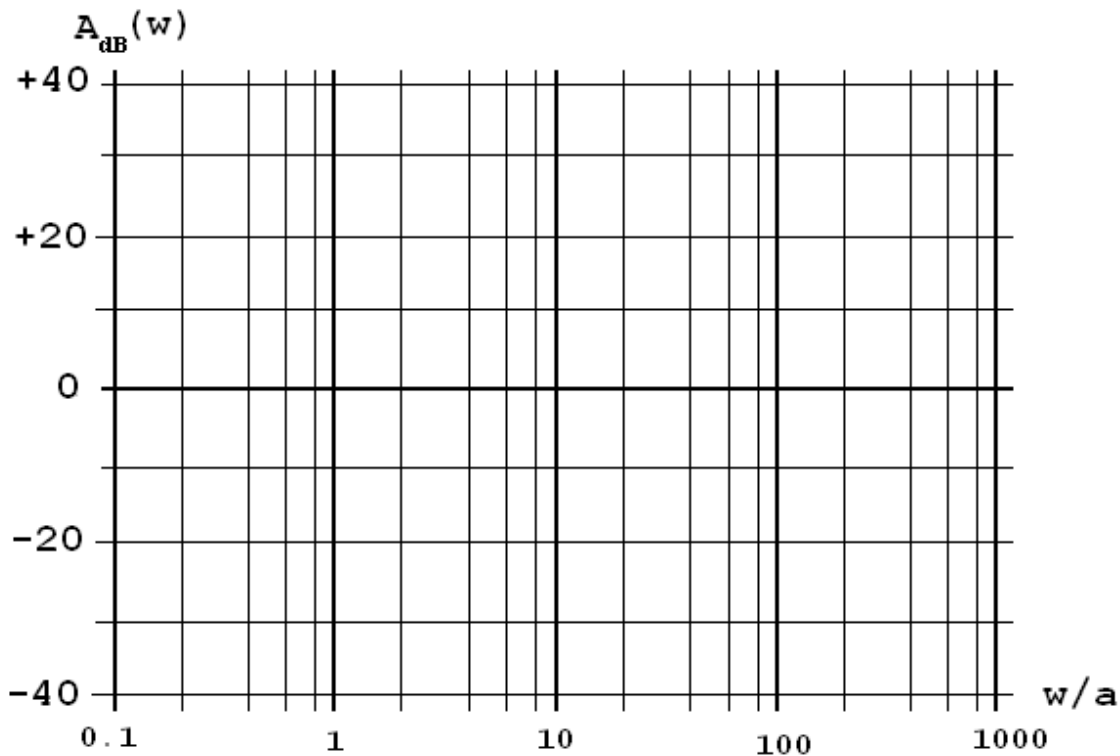
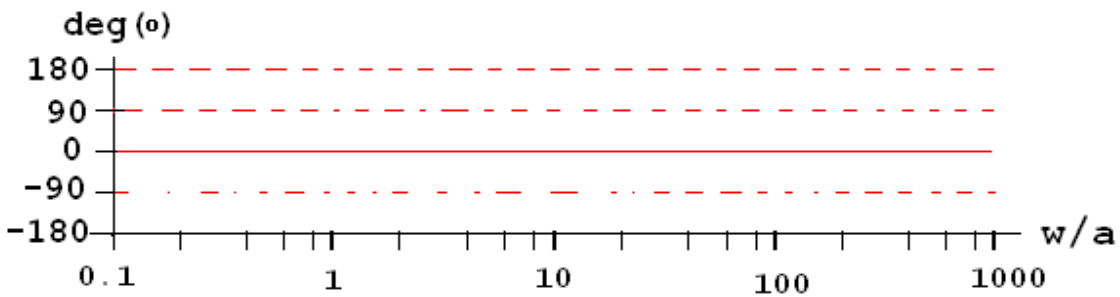
The steady-state transfer function is: $H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{j\omega}$

Phase Angle: $\theta(\omega) = \frac{\angle 0}{\angle 90} = -90^\circ$

Amplitude: $A(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega}$

Then, $A_{dB}(\omega) = 20\log(A(\omega)) = -20\log \omega$ (referenced to 1.0)

Now, let's draw another bode plot.



Can you see the slope decreasing by 20dB/decade or 6dB/octave ?

3. Transfer Function: $H(s) = 1 + \frac{s}{a}$

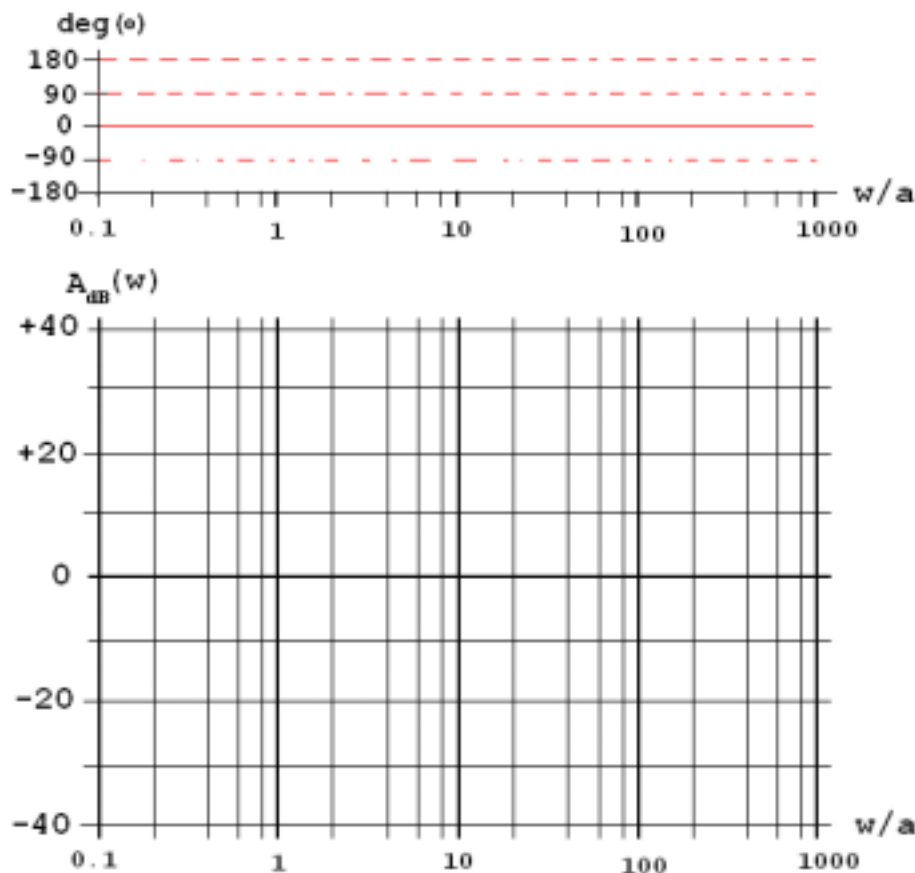
The steady-state transfer function is: $H(j\omega) = 1 + \frac{j\omega}{a}$

Amplitude: $A(\omega) = |H(j\omega)| = \sqrt{1^2 + \left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)^2}$

Phase Angle: $\theta(\omega) = \frac{\angle(a + j\omega)}{\angle a} = \angle \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)$

Then, $A_{dB}(\omega) = 20 \log \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)^2} = 10 \log \left(1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)^2\right)$ (referenced to 1.0)

Now, can you draw a bode plot?



Note that the breakdown approximation (at $\frac{w}{a} = 1$) has about 3dB difference from the actual (precise) curve. So we can say that, the breakdown approximation is accurate for $w \ll a$ and $w \gg a$.

Do you see that the slope of the relative dB amplitude is 20 dB/decade or 6dB/Octave?

Q?: Is this a **high pass filter**?

4. Transfer Function: $H(s) = \frac{1}{1 + s/a}$

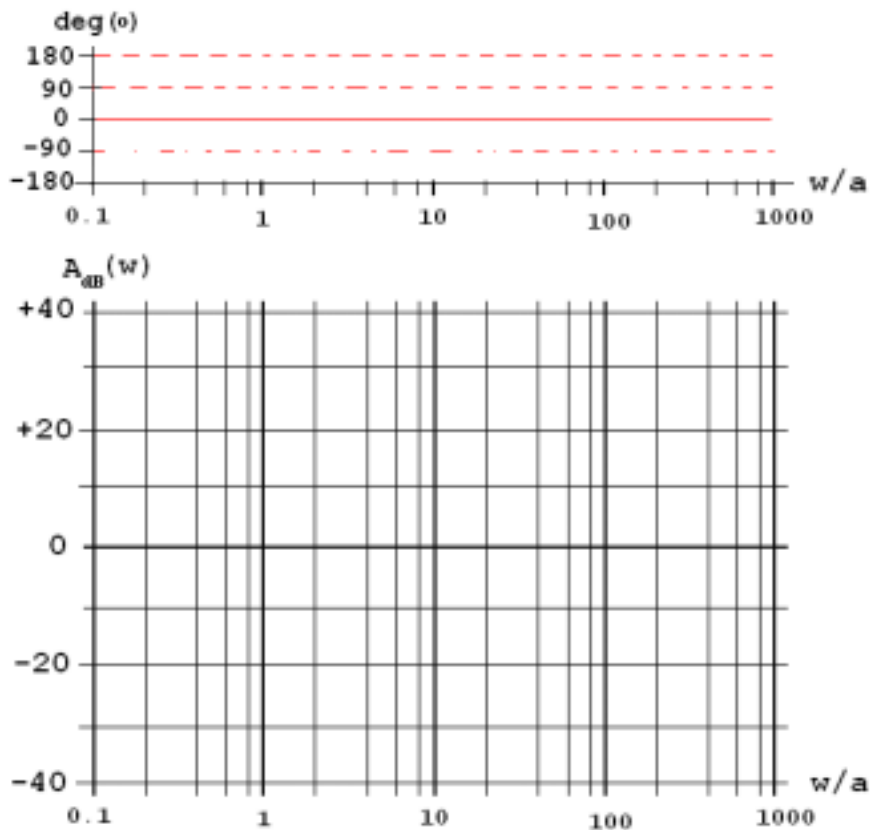
The steady-state transfer function is: $H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{1 + j\omega/a}$

The amplitude: $A(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)^2}}$.

Phase angle: $\theta(\omega) = \frac{\angle 0}{\angle \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{a}} = \angle -\tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{a}$

Then, $A_{dB}(\omega) = -10 \log \left[1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)^2 \right]$ (referenced to 1.0)

Now, let's draw a bode plot.



What's the slope?

Do we have the same 3dB error at the breakpoint?

Q: Is this a **low pass filter**?

5. Transfer Function: $H(s) = \frac{80s}{(s+2)(s+20)}$

First we convert the H(s) so that it has the term of s/a .

$$H(s) = \frac{80s}{(s+2)(s+20)} = \frac{2s}{(1+s/2)(1+s/20)}$$

Then, the steady-state transfer function is: $H(j\omega) = \frac{j2\omega}{(1+j\frac{\omega}{2})(1+j\frac{\omega}{20})}$

The Amplitude: $A(\omega) = \frac{2\omega}{\sqrt{1+(\frac{\omega}{2})^2} \cdot \sqrt{1+(\frac{\omega}{20})^2}}$

Phase Angle: $\frac{\angle 90}{\angle \tan^{-1}(\frac{\omega}{2}) + \angle \tan^{-1}(\frac{\omega}{20})} = \angle [90 - \tan^{-1}(\frac{\omega}{2}) - \tan^{-1}(\frac{\omega}{20})]$

Relative dB amplitude:

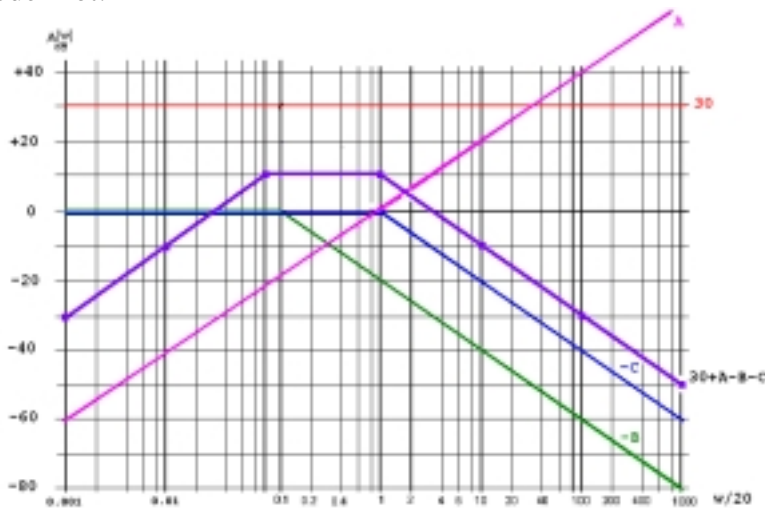
$$A_{dB}(\omega) = 20 \log \frac{2\omega}{\sqrt{1+(\frac{\omega}{2})^2} \cdot \sqrt{1+(\frac{\omega}{20})^2}} = 20 \log 2\omega - 10 \log \left[1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \right)^2 \right] - 10 \log \left[1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{20} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$= 20 \log \left(40 \cdot \frac{\omega}{20} \right) - 10 \log \left[1 + 100 \cdot \left(\frac{\omega}{20} \right)^2 \right] - 10 \log \left[1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{20} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$= 20 \log 40 + 20 \log \left[\frac{\omega}{20} \right] - 10 \log \left[1 + 100 \cdot \left(\frac{\omega}{20} \right)^2 \right] - 10 \log \left[1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{20} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\approx 30 + A - B - C$$

Bode Plot:



What is this? A band-pass filter?