

## Signals and Systems - H. P. Hsu, section 5.47

- 5.47. The most widely used graphical representation of the frequency response  $H(\omega)$  is the *Bode plot* in which the quantities  $20 \log_{10}|H(\omega)|$  and  $\theta_H(\omega)$  are plotted versus  $\omega$ , with  $\omega$  plotted on a logarithmic scale. The quantity  $20 \log_{10}|H(\omega)|$  is referred to as the magnitude expressed in *decibels* (dB), denoted by  $|H(\omega)|_{\text{dB}}$ . Sketch the Bode plots for the following frequency responses:

$$(a) \quad H(\omega) = 1 + \frac{j\omega}{10}$$

$$(b) \quad H(\omega) = \frac{1}{1 + j\omega/100}$$

$$(c) \quad H(\omega) = \frac{10^4(1 + j\omega)}{(10 + j\omega)(100 + j\omega)}$$

$$(a) \quad |H(\omega)|_{\text{dB}} = 20 \log_{10}|H(\omega)| = 20 \log_{10} \left| 1 + j \frac{\omega}{10} \right|$$

For  $\omega \ll 10$ ,

$$|H(\omega)|_{\text{dB}} = 20 \log_{10} \left| 1 + j \frac{\omega}{10} \right| \rightarrow 20 \log_{10} 1 = 0 \quad \text{as } \omega \rightarrow 0$$

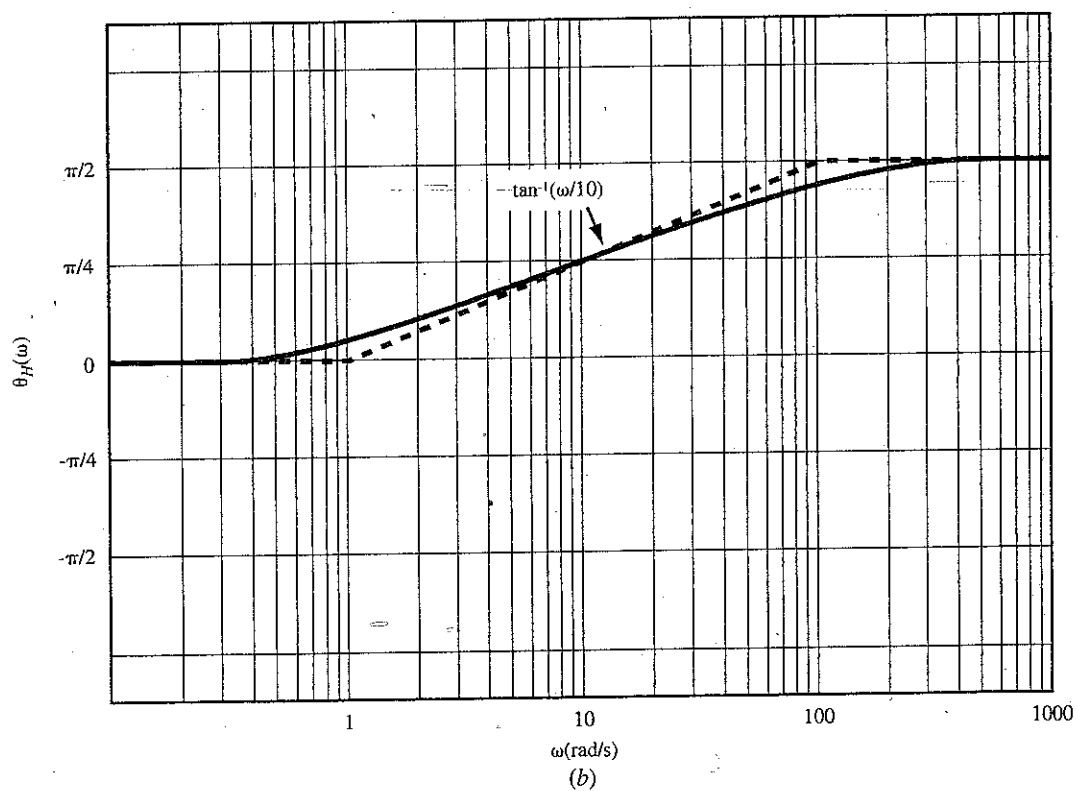
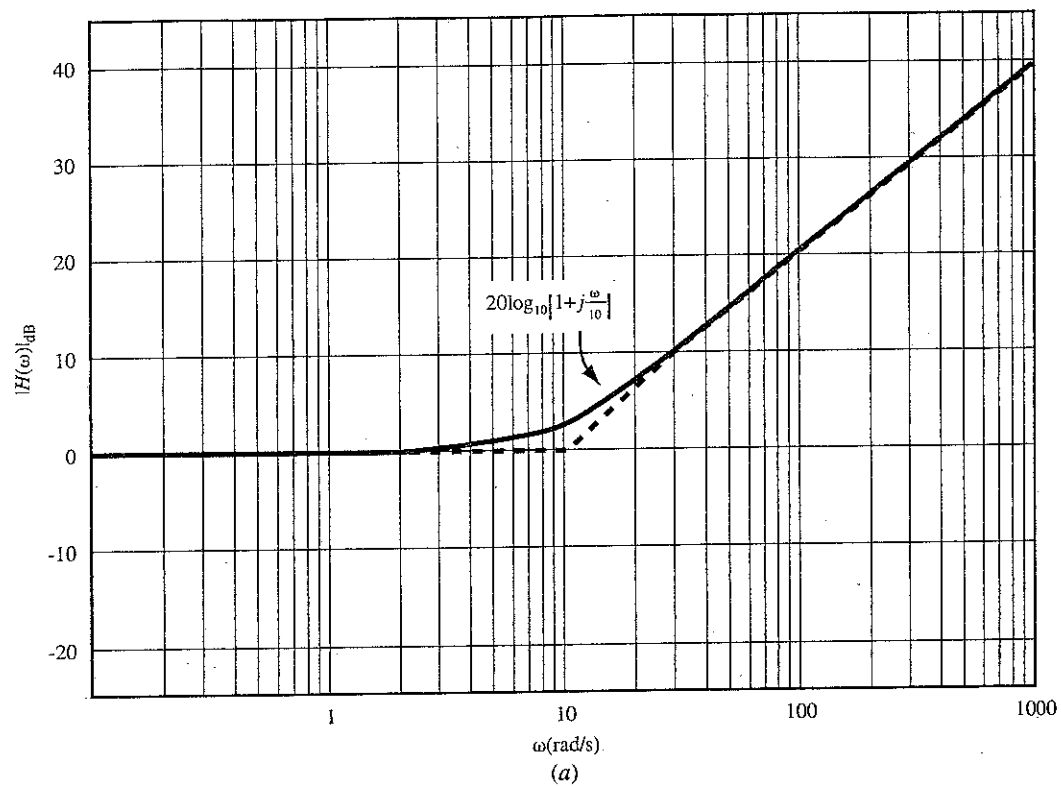


Fig. 5-28 Bode plots.

For  $\omega \gg 10$ ,

$$|H(\omega)|_{\text{dB}} = 20 \log_{10} \left| 1 + j \frac{\omega}{10} \right| \rightarrow 20 \log_{10} \left( \frac{\omega}{10} \right) \quad \text{as } \omega \rightarrow \infty$$

On a log frequency scale,  $20 \log_{10}(\omega/10)$  is a straight line with a slope of 20 dB/decade (a decade is a 10-to-1 change in frequency). This straight line intersects the 0-dB axis at  $\omega = 10$  [Fig. 5-28(a)]. (This value of  $\omega$  is called the *corner frequency*.) At the corner frequency  $\omega = 10$

$$H(10)|_{\text{dB}} = 20 \log_{10} |1 + j1| = 20 \log_{10} \sqrt{2} \approx 3 \text{ dB}$$

The plot of  $|H(\omega)|_{\text{dB}}$  is sketched in Fig. 5-28(a). Next,

$$\theta_H(\omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{10}$$

Then

$$\theta_H(\omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{10} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \omega \rightarrow 0$$

$$\theta_H(\omega) = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{10} \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{as } \omega \rightarrow \infty$$

At  $\omega = 10$ ,  $\theta_H(10) = \tan^{-1} 1 = \pi/4$  radian (rad). The plot of  $\theta_H(\omega)$  is sketched in Fig. 5-28(b). Note that the dotted lines represent the straight-line approximation of the Bode plots.

$$(b) \quad |H(\omega)|_{\text{dB}} = 20 \log_{10} \left| \frac{1}{1 + j\omega/100} \right| = -20 \log_{10} \left| 1 + j \frac{\omega}{100} \right|$$

For  $\omega \ll 100$ ,

$$|H(\omega)|_{\text{dB}} = -20 \log_{10} \left| 1 + j \frac{\omega}{100} \right| \rightarrow -20 \log_{10} 1 = 0 \quad \text{as } \omega \rightarrow 0$$

For  $\omega \gg 100$ ,

$$|H(\omega)|_{\text{dB}} = -20 \log_{10} \left| 1 + j \frac{\omega}{100} \right| \rightarrow -20 \log_{10} \left( \frac{\omega}{100} \right) \quad \text{as } \omega \rightarrow \infty$$

On a log frequency scale  $-20 \log_{10}(\omega/100)$  is a straight line with a slope of -20 dB/decade. This straight line intersects the 0-dB axis at the corner frequency  $\omega = 100$  [Fig. 5-29(a)]. At the corner frequency  $\omega = 100$

$$H(100)|_{\text{dB}} = -20 \log_{10} \sqrt{2} \approx -3 \text{ dB}$$

The plot of  $|H(\omega)|_{\text{dB}}$  is sketched in Fig. 5-29(a). Next

$$\theta_H(\omega) = -\tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{100}$$

Then

$$\theta_H(\omega) = -\tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{100} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \omega \rightarrow 0$$

$$\theta_H(\omega) = -\tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{100} \rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{as } \omega \rightarrow \infty$$

At  $\omega = 100$ ,  $\theta_H(100) = -\tan^{-1} 1 = -\pi/4$  rad. The plot of  $\theta_H(\omega)$  is sketched in Fig. 5-29(b).

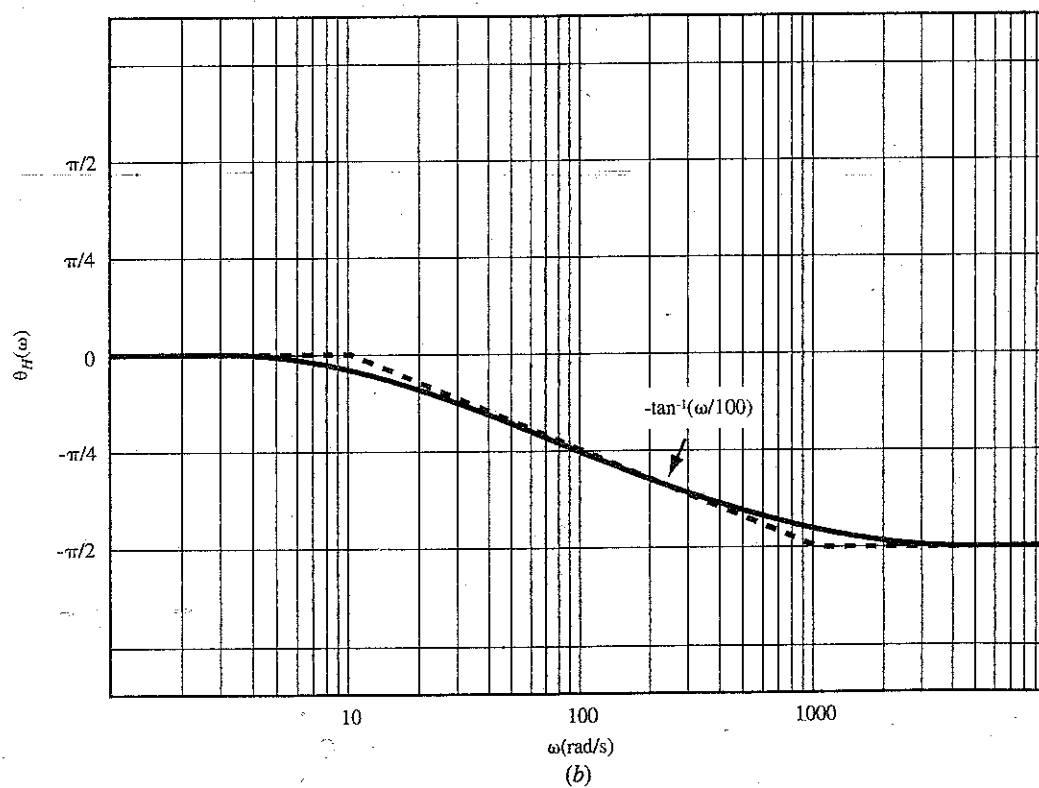
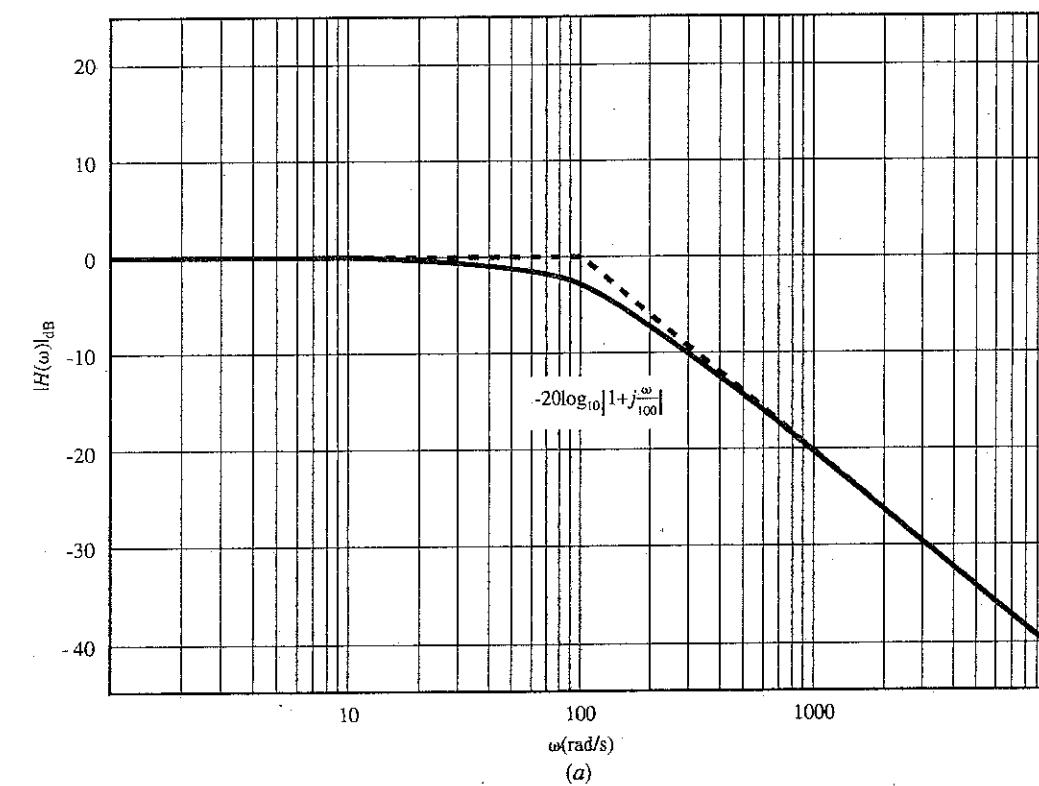


Fig. 5-29 Bode plots:

(c) First, we rewrite  $H(\omega)$  in standard form as

$$H(\omega) = \frac{10(1+j\omega)}{(1+j\omega/10)(1+j\omega/100)}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |H(\omega)|_{\text{dB}} &= 20 \log_{10} 10 + 20 \log_{10} |1+j\omega| \\ &\quad - 20 \log_{10} \left| 1 + j \frac{\omega}{10} \right| - 20 \log_{10} \left| 1 + j \frac{\omega}{100} \right| \end{aligned}$$

Note that there are three corner frequencies,  $\omega = 1$ ,  $\omega = 10$ , and  $\omega = 100$ . At corner frequency  $\omega = 1$

$$H(1)|_{\text{dB}} = 20 + 20 \log_{10} \sqrt{2} - 20 \log_{10} \sqrt{1.01} - 20 \log_{10} \sqrt{1.0001} \approx 23 \text{ dB}$$

At corner frequency  $\omega = 10$

$$H(10)|_{\text{dB}} = 20 + 20 \log_{10} \sqrt{101} - 20 \log_{10} \sqrt{2} - 20 \log_{10} \sqrt{1.01} \approx 37 \text{ dB}$$

At corner frequency  $\omega = 100$

$$H(100)|_{\text{dB}} = 20 + 20 \log_{10} \sqrt{10,001} - 20 \log_{10} \sqrt{101} - 20 \log_{10} \sqrt{2} \approx 37 \text{ dB}$$

The Bode amplitude plot is sketched in Fig. 5-30(a). Each term contributing to the overall amplitude is also indicated. Next,

$$\theta_H(\omega) = \tan^{-1} \omega - \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{10} - \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{100}$$

Then

$$\theta_H(\omega) \rightarrow 0 - 0 - 0 = 0 \quad \text{as } \omega \rightarrow 0$$

$$\theta_H(\omega) \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2} = -\frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{as } \omega \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$\theta_H(1) = \tan^{-1}(1) - \tan^{-1}(0.1) - \tan^{-1}(0.01) = 0.676 \text{ rad}$$

$$\theta_H(10) = \tan^{-1}(10) - \tan^{-1}(1) - \tan^{-1}(0.1) = 0.586 \text{ rad}$$

$$\theta_H(100) = \tan^{-1}(100) - \tan^{-1}(10) - \tan^{-1}(1) = -0.696 \text{ rad}$$

The plot of  $\theta_H(\omega)$  is sketched in Fig. 5-30(b).

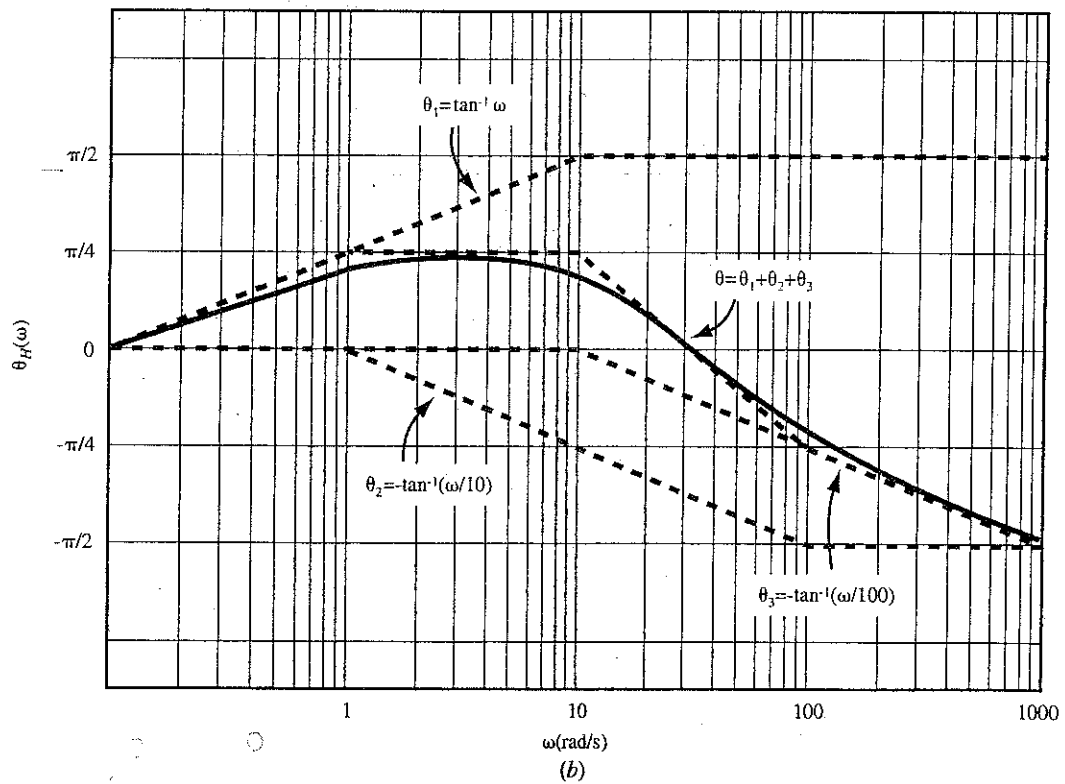
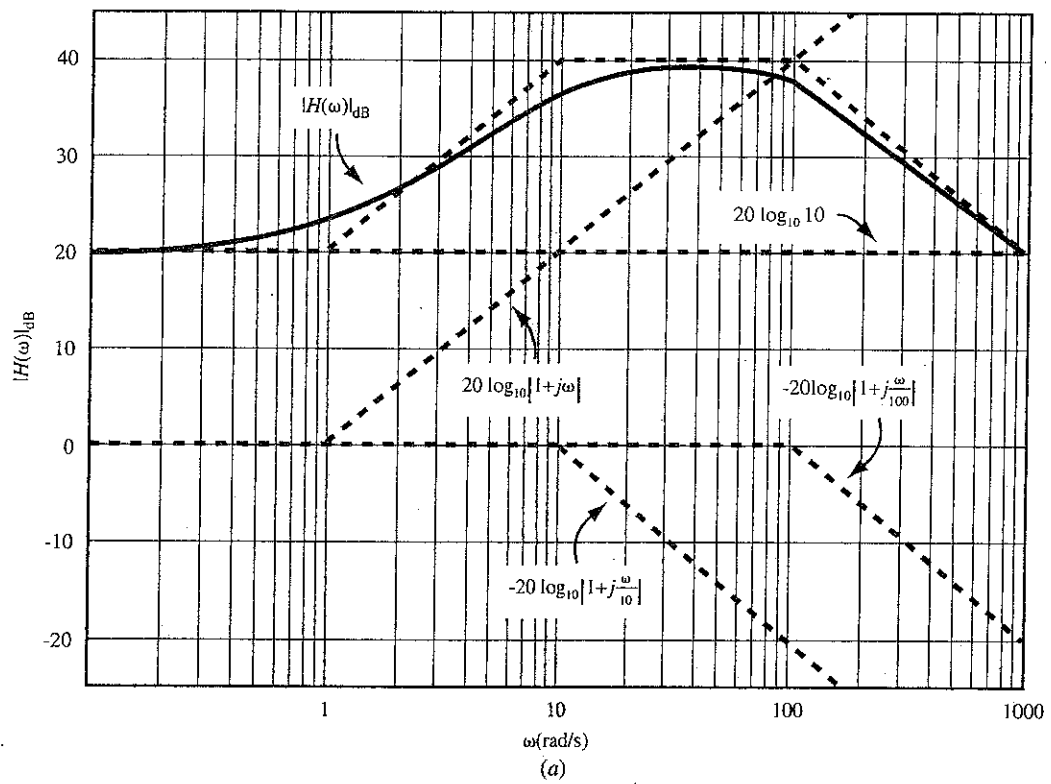


Fig. 5-30 Bode plots.