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- First Order Circuits
  - Initial and Final conditions
- Second Order Circuits
  - Solution

## Lecture #7

### OUTLINE

- Decibels
- Transfer function
- First-order lowpass filter
- Cascade connection and Logarithmic frequency scales
- Bode Plots

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- Chap 6

## Bel and Decibel (dB)

- A **bel** (symbol **B**) is a unit of measure of ratios of power levels, i.e. relative power levels.
  - The name was coined in the early 20th century in honor of Alexander Graham Bell, a telecommunications pioneer.
  - The bel is a logarithmic measure. The number of bels for a given ratio of power levels is calculated by taking the logarithm, to the base 10, of the ratio.
  - one bel corresponds to a ratio of 10:1.
  - $B = \log_{10}(P_1/P_2)$  where  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are power levels.
- The bel is too large for everyday use, so the **decibel (dB)**, equal to 0.1B, is more commonly used.
  - $1\text{dB} = 10 \log_{10}(P_1/P_2)$
- dB are used to measure
  - Electric power, Gain or loss of amplifiers, Insertion loss of filters.

## Logarithmic Measure for Power

- To express a power in terms of decibels, one starts by choosing a reference power,  $P_{\text{reference}}$ , and writing
$$\text{Power } P \text{ in decibels} = 10 \log_{10}(P/P_{\text{reference}})$$
- Exercise:
  - Express a power of 50 mW in decibels relative to 1 watt.
  - $P \text{ (dB)} = 10 \log_{10}(50 \times 10^{-3}) = -13 \text{ dB}$
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  - $P \text{ (dB)} = 10 \log_{10}(50) = 17 \text{ dB}$ .
- dBm to express **absolute** values of power relative to a milliwatt.
  - $\text{dBm} = 10 \log_{10}(\text{power in milliwatts} / 1 \text{ milliwatt})$
  - $100 \text{ mW} = 20 \text{ dBm}$
  - $10 \text{ mW} = 10 \text{ dBm}$

## Power in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Circuits

- When dealing with 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> order circuits it is convenient to refer to the frequency difference between points at which the power from the circuit is half that at the peak of resonance.
- Such frequencies are known as “half-power frequencies”, and the power output there referred to the peak power (at the resonant frequency) is
- $10\log_{10}(P_{\text{half-power}}/P_{\text{peak}}) = 10\log_{10}(1/2) = -3 \text{ dB}$ .

## Logarithmic Measures for Voltage or Current

From the expression for power ratios in decibels, we can readily derive the corresponding expressions for voltage or current ratios.

Suppose that the voltage  $V$  (or current  $I$ ) appears across (or flows in) a resistor whose resistance is  $R$ . The corresponding power dissipated,  $P$ , is  $V^2/R$  (or  $I^2R$ ). We can similarly relate the reference voltage or current to the reference power, as

$$P_{\text{reference}} = (V_{\text{reference}})^2/R \text{ or } P_{\text{reference}} = (I_{\text{reference}})^2R.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Voltage, } V \text{ in decibels} &= 20\log_{10}(V/V_{\text{reference}}) \\ \text{Current, } I, \text{ in decibels} &= 20\log_{10}(I/I_{\text{reference}}) \end{aligned}$$

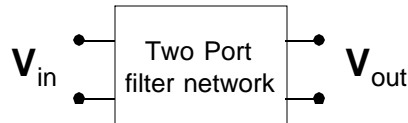
Note that the voltage and current expressions are just like the power expression except that they have **20** as the multiplier instead of **10** because power is proportional to the square of the voltage or current.

Exercise: How many decibels larger is the voltage of a 9-volt transistor battery than that of a 1.5-volt AA battery? Let  $V_{\text{reference}} = 1.5$ . The ratio in decibels is

$$20 \log_{10}(9/1.5) = 20 \log_{10}(6) = 16 \text{ dB.}$$

## Transfer Function

- Transfer function is a function of frequency
  - Complex quantity
  - Both magnitude and phase are function of frequency



$$H(\omega) = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} \angle(\theta_{out} - \theta_{in})$$

## Filters

- Circuit designed to retain a certain frequency range and discard others

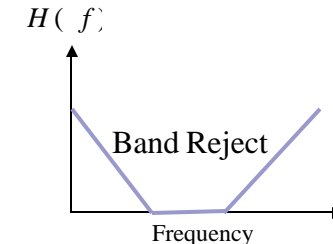
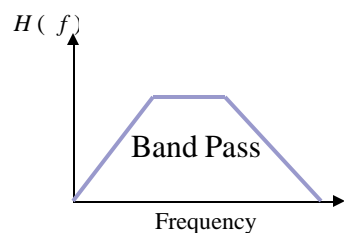
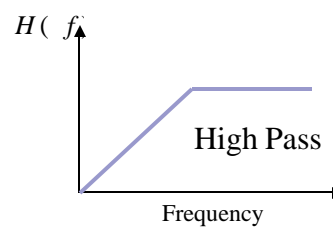
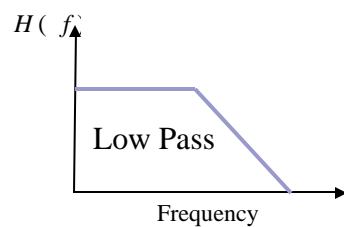
*Low-pass*: pass low frequencies and reject high frequencies

*High-pass*: pass high frequencies and reject low frequencies

*Band-pass*: pass some particular range of frequencies, reject other frequencies outside that band

*Notch*: reject a range of frequencies and pass all other frequencies

## Common Filter Transfer Function vs. Freq



## First-Order Lowpass Filter

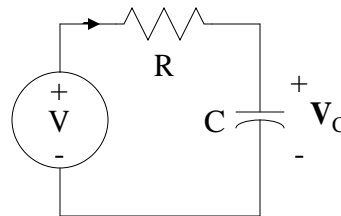
$$H(j\omega) = \frac{V_C}{V} = \frac{1/(j\omega C)}{1/(j\omega C) + R} = \frac{1}{1 + j\omega RC} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega RC)^2}} \angle -\tan^{-1}(\omega RC)$$

$$\text{Let } \omega_B = 1/RC \quad \text{and} \quad f_B = 1/2\pi RC$$

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{1 + j\frac{\omega}{\omega_B}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_B}\right)^2}} \angle -\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_B}\right)$$

$$H(j\omega_B) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \angle -\tan^{-1}(1)$$

$$20\log_{10}\left(\frac{|H(j\omega_B)|}{|H(0)|}\right) = 20\log_{10}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = -3\text{dB}$$



## First-Order Highpass Filter

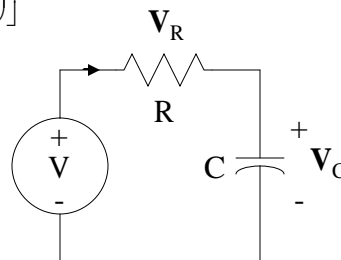
$$H(j\omega) = \frac{V_R}{V} = \frac{R}{1/(j\omega C) + R} = \frac{j\omega RC}{1 + j\omega RC} = \frac{\omega RC}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega RC)^2}} \angle -\left[\frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1}(\omega RC)\right]$$

$$\text{Let } \omega_B = 1/RC \quad \text{and} \quad f_B = 1/2\pi RC$$

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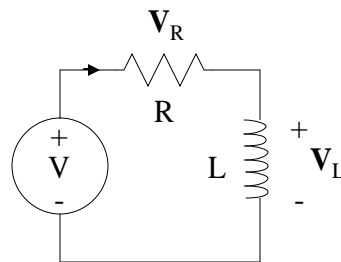
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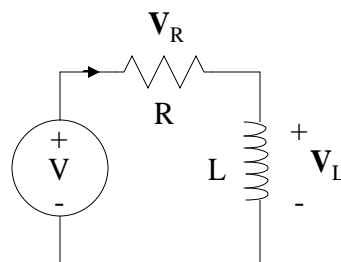
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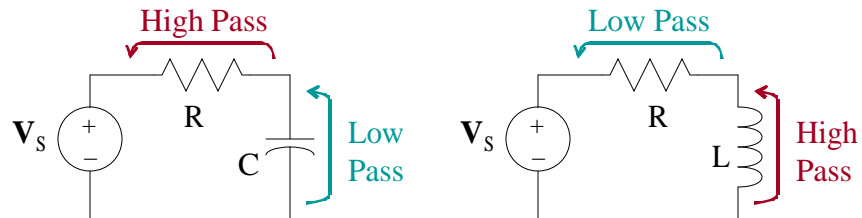


## First-Order Highpass Filter

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{V_L}{V} = \dots$$



## First-Order Filter Circuits



$$\mathbf{H}_R = R / (R + 1/j\omega C)$$

$$\mathbf{H}_R = R / (R + j\omega L)$$

$$\mathbf{H}_C = (1/j\omega C) / (R + 1/j\omega C)$$

$$\mathbf{H}_L = j\omega L / (R + j\omega L)$$

## Gain or Loss Expressed in Decibels

The gain produced by an amplifier or the loss of a filter is often specified in decibels.

The input voltage (current, or power) is taken as the reference value of voltage (current, or power) in the decibel defining expression:

$$\text{Voltage gain in dB} = 20 \log_{10}(V_{\text{output}}/V_{\text{input}})$$

$$\text{Current gain in dB} = 20 \log_{10}(I_{\text{output}}/I_{\text{input}})$$

$$\text{Power gain in dB} = 10 \log_{10}(P_{\text{output}}/P_{\text{input}})$$

Example: The voltage gain of an amplifier whose input is 0.2 mV and whose output is 0.5 V is

$$20 \log_{10}(0.5/0.2 \times 10^{-3}) = 68 \text{ dB.}$$



## Change of Voltage or Current with a Change of Frequency

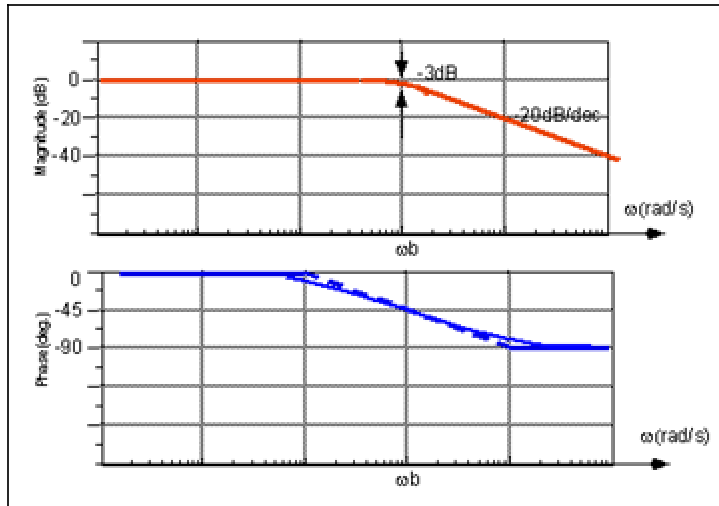
One may wish to specify the change of a quantity such as the output voltage of a filter when the frequency changes by a factor of 2 (an octave) or 10 (a decade).

For example, a single-stage RC low-pass filter has at frequencies above  $\omega = 1/RC$  an output that changes at the rate -20dB per decade.

## Bode Plot

- Plot of magnitude of transfer function vs. frequency
  - y-axis is the  $20\log$  of the magnitude of the transfer function in dB and x-axis is
  - Both x and y axes are in log scale
- Plot of phase of transfer function vs. frequency
  - y-axis is the phase of transfer function in degrees and x-axis is
  - y-axis is linear and x-axis is in log scale

## Bode Plot Example



## Magnitude Plot of a Low Pass Filter

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_B}\right)^2}} \angle -\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_B}\right)$$

Note that :

$$|H(0)| = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} (|H(j\omega)|) = 0$$

$$|H(j\omega_B)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{For } \omega \gg \omega_B, \quad |H(j\omega)| \approx \frac{\omega_B}{\omega}$$

$$\text{For } \omega \ll \omega_B, \quad |H(j\omega)| \approx 1$$

## Magnitude Plot...

Remember we are plotting  $20\log(|H(j\omega)|)$

$$20\log(|H(j\omega_B)|) = -3dB$$

$$\text{For } \omega \ll \omega_B, |H(j\omega)| \approx 1$$

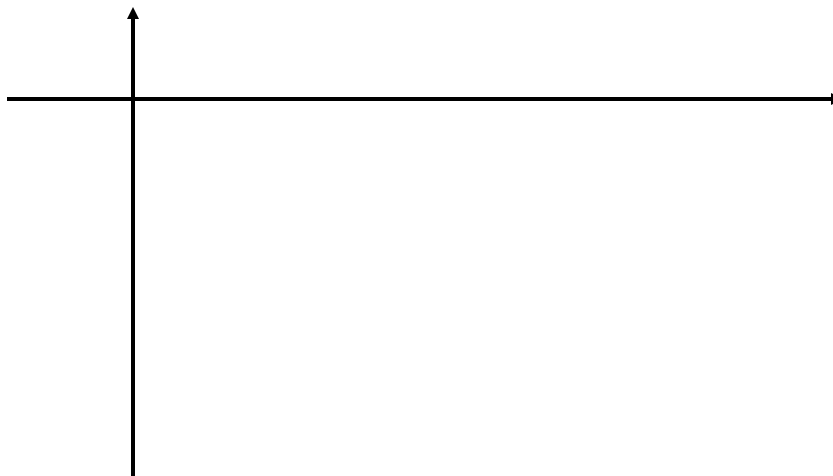
$$\text{so } 20\log(|H(j\omega)|) = 0dB$$

$$\text{For } \omega \gg \omega_B, |H(j\omega)| \approx \frac{\omega_B}{\omega}$$

$$\text{so } 20\log(|H(j\omega)|) = \underbrace{20\log(\omega_B)}_{\text{constant}} - \underbrace{20\log(\omega)}_{\text{Corresponds to a slope of -20dB/decade}}$$

## Magnitude Plot

$$20\log(|H(j\omega)|)$$



## Phase Plot of a Low Pass Filter

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_B}\right)^2}} \angle -\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_B}\right)$$

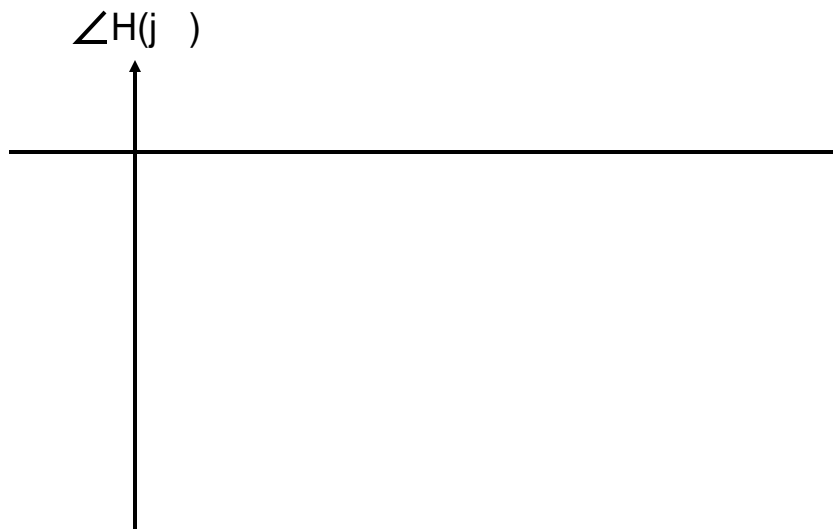
*Note that :*

$$\angle H(0) = 0^\circ$$

$$\angle H(j\omega_B) = -45^\circ$$

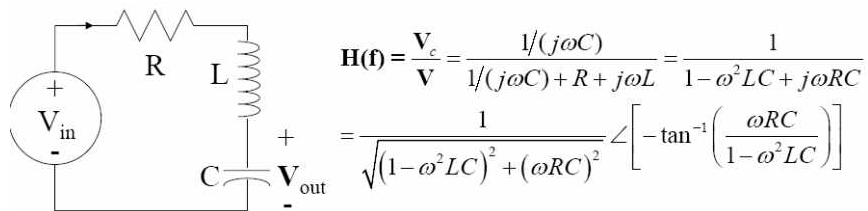
$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \angle H(j\omega) = -90^\circ$$

## Magnitude Plot



## Bode Plot of High Pass Filter...

## Second Order Circuits



In plotting the magnitude Bode plot, we should evaluate the extreme cases:  $\omega=0$  and infinity

In addition, we should examine  $0+$  (small positive), and the frequency at which  $|H(f)|$  is maximum or minimum.

Examine  $|H(f)|$ , we can easily see that max occurs at  $\omega_0 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \right)$

$$\max |H(f)| = \left( \frac{1}{\omega_0 RC} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{LC}}{RC}$$

Also remember that  $R \sqrt{\frac{C}{L}}$

## Magnitude Response For $\zeta < 1$

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{1 - \omega^2 LC + j\omega RC}$$

$$|H(j\omega)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 - \omega^2 LC)^2 + (\omega RC)^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_o^2}\right)^2 + \left(2\zeta \frac{\omega}{\omega_o}\right)^2}}$$

$$\text{For } \omega \gg \omega_o, \quad |H(j\omega)| \approx \frac{1}{\omega^2 LC} = \frac{\omega_o^2}{\omega^2}$$

$$\text{so } 20\log(|H(j\omega)|) = 40\log(\omega_o) - 40\log(\omega) \quad \leftarrow \text{This corresponds to a slope of -40dB/decade}$$

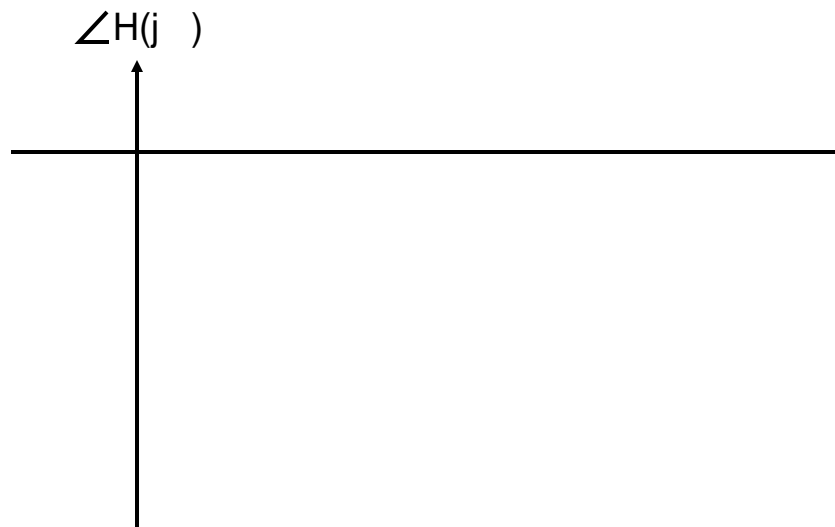
$$\text{For } \omega \ll \omega_o, \quad |H(j\omega)| \approx 1$$

$$\text{so } 20\log(|H(j\omega)|) = 0\text{dB}$$

Note that :

$$|H(j\omega_o)| = \frac{1}{2\zeta}$$

## Magnitude Plot For $\zeta < 1$



## Phase Response For $\zeta < 1$

$$\text{For } \omega \gg \omega_o, \quad |H(\omega)| \approx \frac{1}{\omega^2 LC} = \frac{\omega_o^2}{\omega^2}$$

$$\text{For } \omega \ll \omega_o, \quad |H(\omega)| \approx 1$$

$$\angle H(j\omega) = -\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\omega RC}{1 - \omega^2 LC}\right) = -\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2\zeta \frac{\omega}{\omega_o}}{1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_o^2}}\right)$$

Note that :

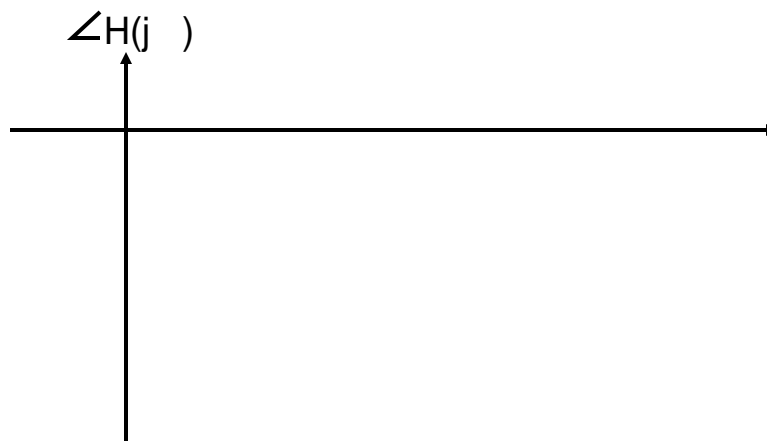
$$\angle H(0) = 0^\circ \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} (\angle H(j\omega)) = -180^\circ$$

$$\angle H(j\omega_o) = -90^\circ$$

Approximations for  $\zeta \leq 1$ :

$$\angle H(j0.1\omega_o) \cong 0^\circ \quad \text{and} \quad \angle H(j10\omega_o) \cong -180^\circ$$

## Phase Response For $\zeta < 1$ Continued



## Bode Plot For $n \geq 1$

- For  $n \geq 1$ , we can know that we factor  $H(j\omega)$  in the following form:

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{j\omega}{\omega_1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{j\omega}{\omega_2}\right)}$$

where  $\omega_1 = \omega_2$  if  $n = 1$

- We shall find the bode plot of this transfer function when we talk about higher order filters.

## Higher Order Filters

- Higher order filters can be factorized into a product of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> order filters
- How do we account for the complete response?
  - Simply add all individual responses to get the overall response



## Addition of responses

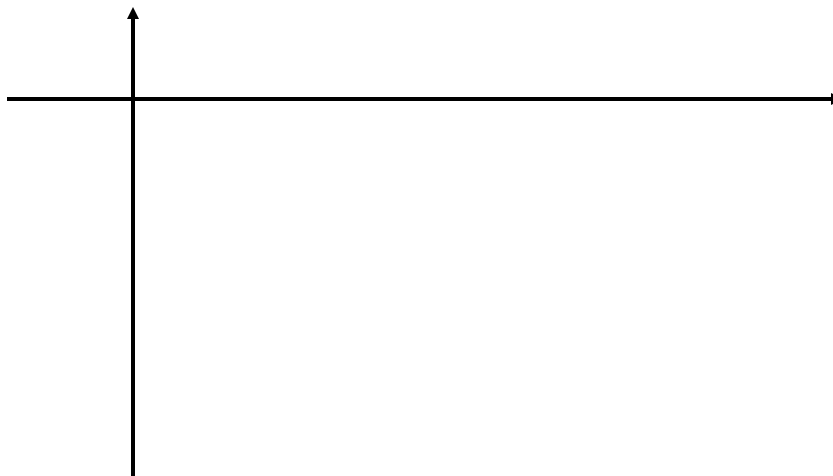
$$H(j\omega) = \frac{\left(\frac{j\omega}{\omega_{B1}}\right)\left(1 + \frac{j\omega}{\omega_{B2}}\right)\left(1 + 2\zeta\frac{j\omega}{\omega_{o1}} + \left(\frac{j\omega}{\omega_{o1}}\right)^2\right)\dots}{\left(\frac{j\omega}{\omega_{B3}}\right)\left(1 + \frac{j\omega}{\omega_{B4}}\right)\left(1 + 2\zeta\frac{j\omega}{\omega_{o2}} + \left(\frac{j\omega}{\omega_{o2}}\right)^2\right)\dots}$$

$$20\log(|H(j\omega)|) = 20\log\left|\left(\frac{j\omega}{\omega_{B1}}\right)\right| + 20\log\left|\left(1 + \frac{j\omega}{\omega_{B2}}\right)\right| + 20\log\left|\left(1 + 2\zeta\frac{j\omega}{\omega_{o1}} + \left(\frac{j\omega}{\omega_{o1}}\right)^2\right)\right| \\ - 20\log\left|\left(\frac{j\omega}{\omega_{B3}}\right)\right| - 20\log\left|\left(1 + \frac{j\omega}{\omega_{B4}}\right)\right| - 20\log\left|\left(1 + 2\zeta\frac{j\omega}{\omega_{o2}} + \left(\frac{j\omega}{\omega_{o2}}\right)^2\right)\right|$$

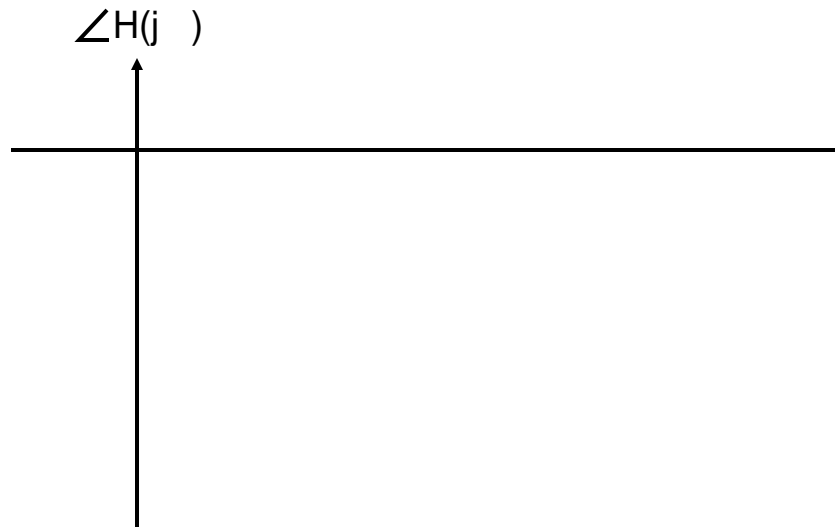
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## Magnitude Plot

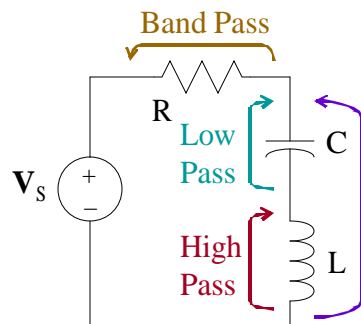
$$20\log(|H(j\omega)|)$$



## Magnitude Plot



## More on Second-Order Filter Circuits



$$\mathbf{Z} = R + 1/j\omega C + j\omega L$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{BP} = R / \mathbf{Z}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{LP} = (1/j\omega C) / \mathbf{Z}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{HP} = j\omega L / \mathbf{Z}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{BR} = \mathbf{H}_{LP} + \mathbf{H}_{HP}$$

## Ideal Filters

