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1. Phase Response

Sketch the phase (in radians) vs. $\log \omega$ for the filter specified below with $\omega_1 = 10^3$ rad/s and $\omega_2 = 10^5$ rad/s.

$$H(\omega) = \frac{-5}{1 + j\omega/\omega_1} \frac{1}{1 + j\omega/\omega_2}$$

Hint: You may want to figure out the phase responses of each component of $H(\omega)$ individually and then combine them together.

Solutions:

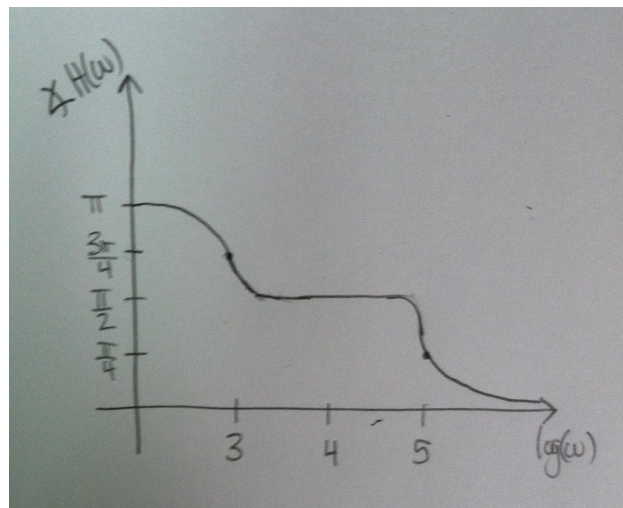
$$\begin{aligned} \angle H &= \angle \frac{-5}{1 + \frac{j\omega}{\omega_1}} + \angle \frac{1}{1 + \frac{j\omega}{\omega_2}} \\ &= \pi - \arctan\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_1}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

As $\omega \rightarrow 0$, $\angle H \rightarrow \pi$

As $\omega \rightarrow \infty$, $\angle H \rightarrow 0$

At $\omega = \omega_1$, $\angle H \approx \frac{3\pi}{4}$

At $\omega = \omega_2$, $\angle H \approx \frac{\pi}{4}$



2. Filter Design

Consider a system input that has a signal at 100Hz and unwanted noise at 10kHz. For the filter described below, find the value of ω_c that attenuates the unwanted noise by a factor of 20. What is the gain of the desired signal from this filter?

$$H(\omega) = \frac{2}{1 + j\omega/\omega_c}$$

Solutions: $\frac{2}{\sqrt{1^2 + (\frac{10000 * 2\pi}{\omega_c})^2}} = \frac{1}{20}$

$$1^2 + (\frac{10000 * 2\pi}{\omega_c})^2 = 40^2$$

$$(\frac{10000 * 2\pi}{\omega_c})^2 = 40^2 - 1$$

$$\omega_c = \frac{10000}{\sqrt{1599}} * 2\pi$$

$$H(\omega) = \frac{2}{1 + \frac{j\omega}{\omega_c}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{1^2 + (\frac{100}{\sqrt{1599} * 10000})^2}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{1^2 + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{1599} * 100})^2}}$$

$$= 1.86$$

3. Dynamic Voltage and Frequency Scaling

A low-power microcontroller operates in three modes. In high-performance mode, the processor operates at a supply voltage of $V_{DD} = 1.2V$ and a frequency of 1MHz and consumes $100\mu W$ of power. Assume the resistance of the gates in the microcontroller is proportional to $1/(V_{DD} - 0.4V)$.

- (a) In low-power mode, the processor operates at $V_{DD} = 0.48V$. What is the highest possible operating frequency in this mode? How much power is consumed?

Solutions: $\frac{f_2}{f_1} = \frac{V_{dd2} - 0.4}{V_{dd1} - 0.4} = \frac{0.8}{0.08} = \frac{1}{10}$, so $f_2 = \frac{1}{10}f_1 = 100kHz$.

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{f_2}{f_1} \left(\frac{V_{dd2}}{V_{dd1}}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{10} \frac{1}{2.5^2} = \frac{1}{62.5}$$

$$P_2 = P_1 * \frac{1}{62.5} = \frac{100\mu W}{62.5} = \frac{8}{5}\mu W = 1.6\mu W$$

- (b) In sleep mode, the process operates at a frequency of just 1kHz. What is the lowest possible operating voltage that would allow operation at this frequency? How much power is consumed?

Solutions: $\frac{f_3}{f_1} = \frac{V_{dd3} - 0.4}{V_{dd1} - 0.4}$

$$\frac{1}{1000} = \frac{V_{dd3} - 0.4}{0.8}$$

$$V_{dd3} = 0.4 + 8 * 10^{-4}$$

$$= 0.4008V$$

$$\frac{P_3}{P_1} = \frac{f_3}{f_1} \left(\frac{V_{dd3}}{V_{dd1}}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{V_{dd3}}{V_{dd1}} = \frac{0.4008V}{1.2V} \approx \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1000} * \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{9000}$$

$$P_3 = \frac{1}{9000} * 100\mu W = \frac{1}{90}\mu W = 11.1nW$$