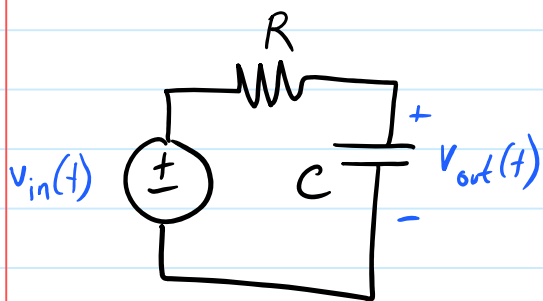


Lecture3A

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So now we know how to solve for the steady-state voltage and currents in linear circuits driven by sinusoidal inputs.

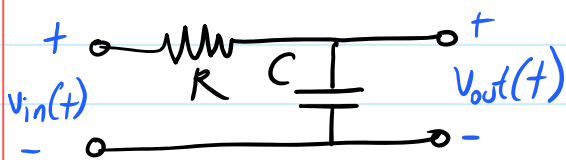
For example, if given this circuit:



If $v_{in}(t) = V_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ we can convert the circuit to phasor domain, solve for \tilde{V}_{out} and then convert back to obtain $v_{out}(t)$.

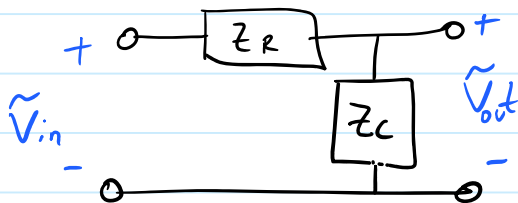
(I) Transfer functions

What if we re-write the circuit this way:



Before we do anything else, let's make some simple observations.

1.) The circuit, in the phasor domain, looks like



2) By voltage division,
$$\tilde{V}_{out} = \frac{Z_C}{Z_R + Z_C} \tilde{V}_{in}$$

3) For $\omega \rightarrow 0$, $Z_C = \frac{1}{j\omega C} \rightarrow \infty$
Thus, $\tilde{V}_{out} \rightarrow \tilde{V}_{in}$ as $\omega \rightarrow 0$

4) For $\omega \rightarrow \infty$, $Z_C = \frac{1}{j\omega C} \rightarrow 0$
Thus, $\tilde{V}_{out} \rightarrow 0$ as $\omega \rightarrow \infty$

5) From 3) and 4), if $v_{in}(t)$ is at a low frequency (i.e. $\omega \rightarrow 0$) $v_{out}(t) \sim v_{in}(t)$ (i.e. the signal gets "through" the circuit. Conversely, if $v_{in}(t)$ is at a high frequency (i.e. $\omega \rightarrow \infty$), then $v_{out}(t) \sim 0$ (i.e. the input signal does not show up at the output.

6) Let's look at the behaviour in between $\omega = 0$ and $\omega \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\tilde{V}_{out} = \frac{Z_C}{Z_R + Z_C} \tilde{V}_{in}$$

$$\tilde{V}_{out} = \frac{(1/j\omega C)}{R + (1/j\omega C)} \tilde{V}_{in}$$

$$\frac{\tilde{V}_{out}}{\tilde{V}_{in}} = \left(\frac{1}{j\omega C} \right) \cdot \frac{j\omega C}{R + \frac{1}{j\omega C}} = \frac{1}{1 + j\omega RC}$$

$$\tilde{H}(\omega) = \frac{\tilde{V}_{out}}{\tilde{V}_{in}} = \frac{1}{1 + j\omega RC}$$

Notice we can solve \tilde{V}_{out} for a linear circuit.

Notice we can solve \bar{V}_{out} for a linear circuit.

We can also solve for $\frac{\bar{I}_{out}}{\bar{I}_{in}}$, $\frac{\bar{V}_{out}}{\bar{I}_{in}}$, $\frac{\bar{I}_{out}}{\bar{V}_{in}}$ where these can be any voltage or current in the circuit.

Also, notice \tilde{H} is like gain (G) but it is:

a) frequency dependent

b) a complex number

$\tilde{H}(\omega)$ is called a transfer function

For our circuit, as expected,

$$\begin{aligned} H_v(\omega=0) &= 1 \\ H_v(\omega \rightarrow \infty) &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

How should we think about $\tilde{H}(\omega)$?

We could plot either $\text{Re}\{\tilde{H}(\omega)\}$ and $\text{Im}\{\tilde{H}(\omega)\}$
or $|\tilde{H}(\omega)|$ and $\phi(\tilde{H}(\omega))$

magnitude

phase

Let's look at $|\tilde{H}|$ and ϕ .

$$|\tilde{H}_v(\omega)| = \frac{|\text{Num}|}{|\text{Denom}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + (\omega RC)^2}}$$

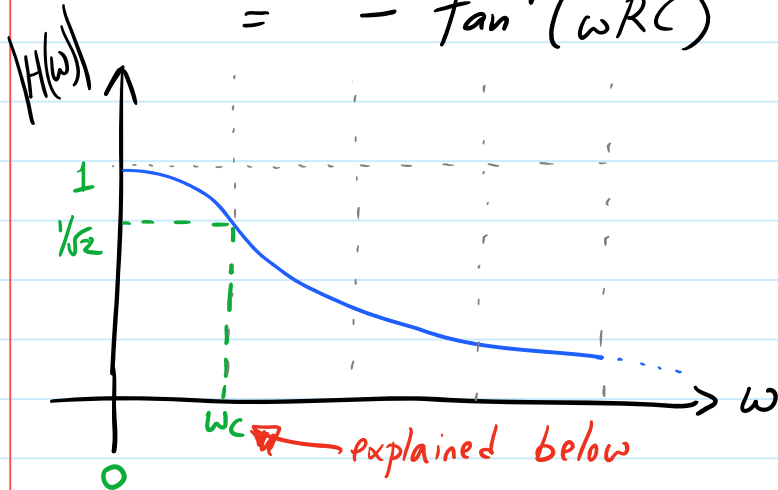
$$\phi = \phi(\text{Num}) - \phi(\text{Denom})$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + j\omega RC}$$

$x + jy$

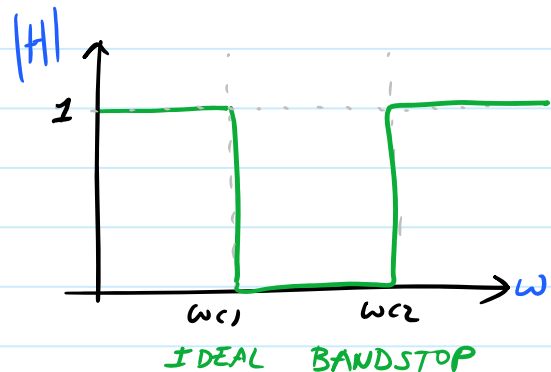
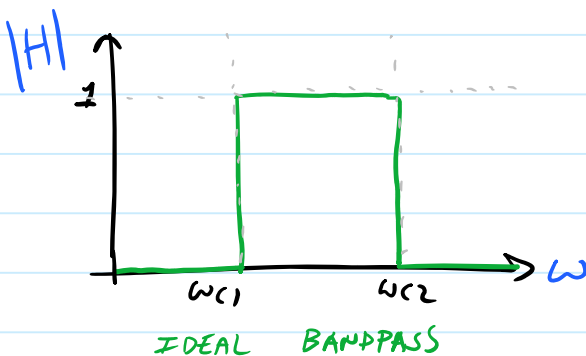
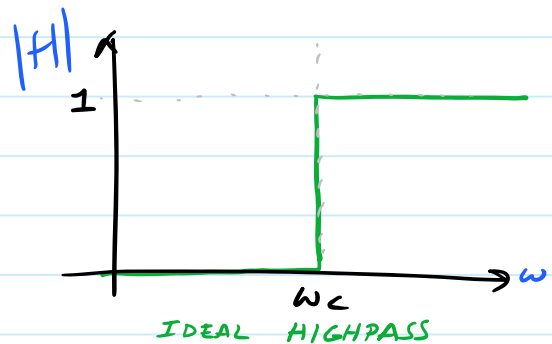
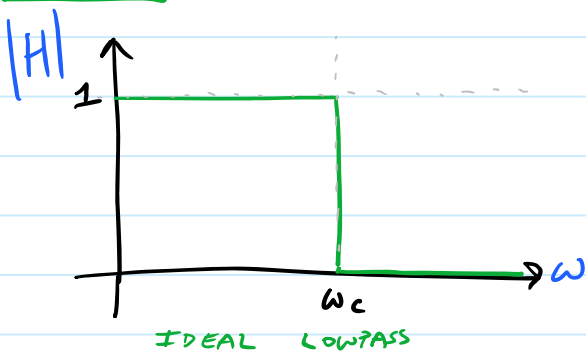
$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= \phi(\text{Num}) - \phi(\text{Denom}) \\ &= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{0}{1}\right) - \tan^{-1}(\omega RC) \\ &= -\tan^{-1}(\omega RC) \end{aligned}$$

$$z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$



So, this circuit is a filter. It lets signals at some frequencies through but not others. It is not a very sharp filter, though. Because it has only one reactive element, it is a 1st order filter.

Ideally, we might want:



Note that our filter is a lowpass filter but it is far from ideal. Ideally, we would want all frequencies below some cutoff to be passed ($|H|=1$) and all frequencies above to be stopped ($|H|=0$). The cutoff frequency is labelled ω_c .

Cutoff frequency ω_c

How do we define ω_c ? A long time ago it was decided that

$$\frac{P_{out}(\omega_c)}{P_{out, ref}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

In other words, when the power delivered to a load dropped to $\frac{1}{2}$ the value of that

of a reference power (usually, the power in the passband). But how do we map this to voltages and currents?

Note:
$$\frac{P_{out}(\omega_c)}{P_{out, ref}} = \frac{\frac{V_{out}^2(\omega)}{R_L}}{\frac{V_{out, ref}^2}{R_L}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{V_{out}^2(\omega)}{V_{out, ref}^2} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad V_{out}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} V_{out, ref}$$

So,
$$H_v(\omega_c) = \frac{H_v(\omega \rightarrow ref)}{\sqrt{2}}$$

By the same logic,

$$P = I^2 R \text{ so}$$

$$H_i(\omega_c) = \frac{H_i(\omega \rightarrow ref)}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{So, } H_v(\omega_c) = \frac{H_v(\omega \rightarrow \text{ref})}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$P = I^2 R \text{ so}$$

$$H_I(\omega_c) = \frac{H_I(\omega \rightarrow \text{ref})}{\sqrt{2}}$$

In our example above, the passband max value is $|H_v(0)| = 1$, so we'll use that as reference.

$$|H_v(\omega_c)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \omega^2 R^2 C^2}}$$

$$2 = 1 + \omega^2 R^2 C^2$$

$$\omega^2 R^2 C^2 = 1$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{1}{R^2 C^2}$$

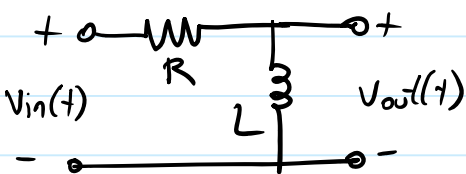
$$\omega_c = \frac{1}{RC}$$

In conclusion, we find ω_c by setting the expression we have for $|H(\omega)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |H(\omega \rightarrow \text{ref})|$ where

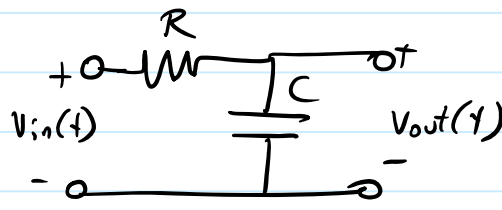
$|H(\omega \rightarrow \text{ref})|$ is the max value in the passband

for our circuit ($= 1$ for the circuit above).

For practice, solve for $|H|$ and ϕ for:



(a)



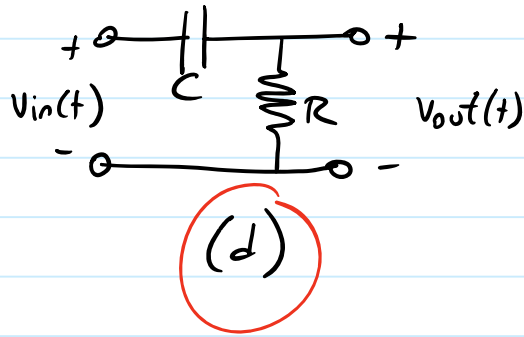
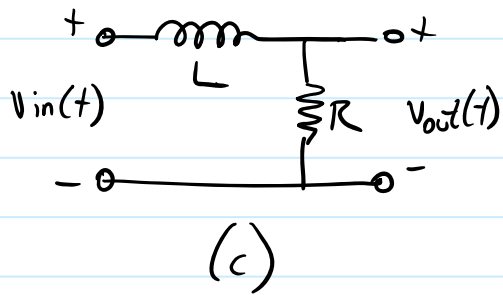
(b)



a) $H(\omega)$

b) $|H|, \phi$

c) ω_c



II. Bode Plots

Plotting $|H|$ and ϕ on a linear scale is not a good idea. Why?

- We often care about large spans of ω (e.g. from DC \rightarrow 10 GHz)
- The differences in $|H|$ value between the pass band and the stop band can be huge, like $> 10^9$! It is hard to see any detail on a y-axis that is linear.

What to do?

We could plot $\log_{10}|H|$ vs. $\log_{10}\omega$
and ϕ vs. $\log_{10}\omega$.

This is close, but not quite.

The decibel (dB)

- A decibel is a measure of power gain.

If $H_p = \frac{P_{out}}{P_{ref}}$ then

$$H [dB] = 10 \log_{10} H_p$$

← this is the definition of a dB

$$H[\text{dB}] = 10 \log_{10} |H_p| \quad \leftarrow \text{of a dB}$$

Once again, because $P_{\text{out}} = \frac{V_{\text{out}}^2}{R}$ and $P_{\text{ref}} = \frac{V_{\text{ref}}^2}{R}$,

we can also say that

$$H[\text{dB}] = 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{V_{\text{out}}}{V_{\text{ref}}} \right)^2 = 20 \log_{10} \frac{V_{\text{out}}}{V_{\text{ref}}} = 20 \log_{10} H_v$$

- So, when dealing with voltage and current transfer functions, we use this:

$$H[\text{dB}] = 20 \log_{10} |H| \quad \leftarrow \text{use this}$$

- Note that if

$$1) A = B \cdot C \quad \text{then} \quad A[\text{dB}] = B[\text{dB}] + C[\text{dB}]$$

$$2) A = \frac{B}{C} \quad \text{then} \quad A[\text{dB}] = B[\text{dB}] - C[\text{dB}]$$

by the rules regarding logarithms.

- Try to develop some intuition for what dB values mean:

$\frac{P}{P_0}$	dB
10^N	$10N$ dB
10^3	30 dB
100	20 dB
10	10 dB
4	≈ 6 dB
2	≈ 3 dB
1	0 dB
0.5	≈ -3 dB
0.25	≈ -6 dB
0.1	-10 dB
10^{-N}	$-10N$ dB

$\left \frac{V}{V_0} \right $ or $\left \frac{I}{I_0} \right $	dB
10^N	$20N$ dB
10^3	60 dB
100	40 dB
10	20 dB
4	≈ 12 dB
2	≈ 6 dB
1	0 dB
0.5	≈ -6 dB
0.25	≈ -12 dB
0.1	-20 dB
10^{-N}	$-20N$ dB

Bode Plot example

When constructing Bode plots of magnitude and phase:

Magnitude Bode plot

Phase Bode Plot

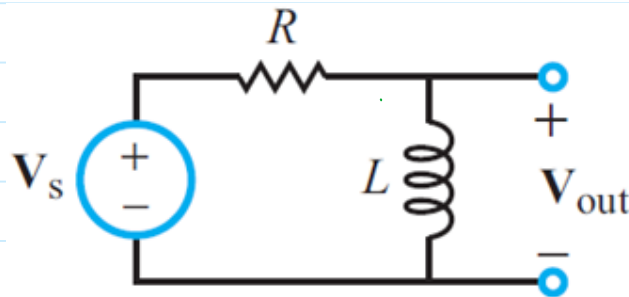
y-axis: $H[\text{dB}] = 20 \log_{10} |H|$

y-axis: $\phi(\omega)$

x-axis: $\log_{10} \omega$

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Let's consider a different circuit.



$$V_{\text{out}} = \frac{j\omega L V_s}{R + j\omega L}$$

which leads to

you do not need to solve for ω before factoring this in.

$$V_{out} = \overline{R + j\omega L}$$

which leads to

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{V_{out}}{V_s} = \frac{j\omega L}{R + j\omega L} = \frac{j(\omega/\omega_c)}{1 + j(\omega/\omega_c)}$$

with $\omega_c = R/L$.

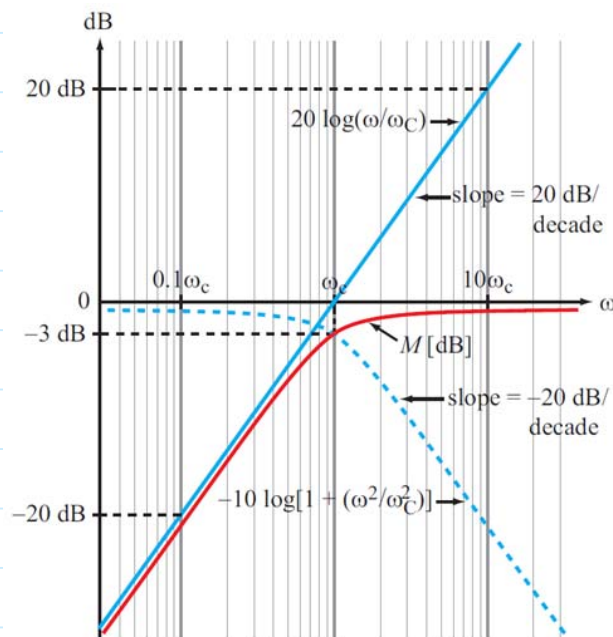
$$M = |\mathbf{H}| = \frac{(\omega/\omega_c)}{|1 + j(\omega/\omega_c)|} = \frac{(\omega/\omega_c)}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega/\omega_c)^2}}$$

$$\phi(\omega) = 90^\circ - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_c} \right)$$

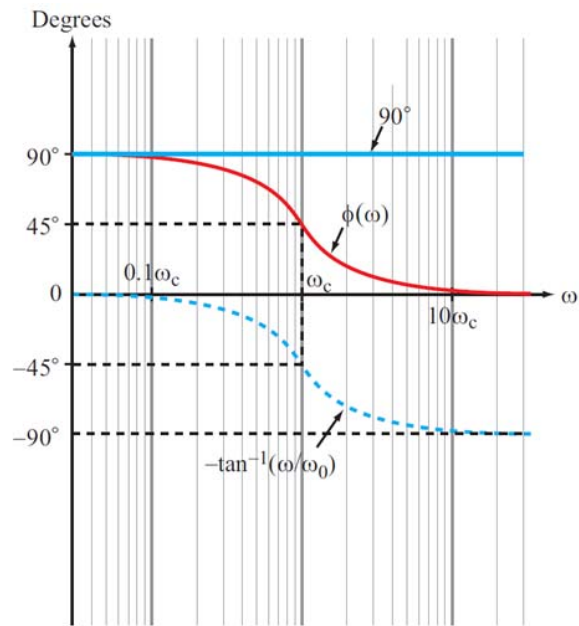
you "solve" by factoring. Just the expression in form.

Since H is a voltage ratio, the appropriate dB scaling factor is 20, so

$$\begin{aligned} M \text{ [dB]} &= 20 \log M \\ &= 20 \log(\omega/\omega_c) - 20 \log[1 + (\omega/\omega_c)^2]^{1/2} \\ &= 20 \log(\omega/\omega_c) - 10 \log[1 + (\omega/\omega_c)^2]. \end{aligned} \quad (9.35)$$



(b) Magnitude plot

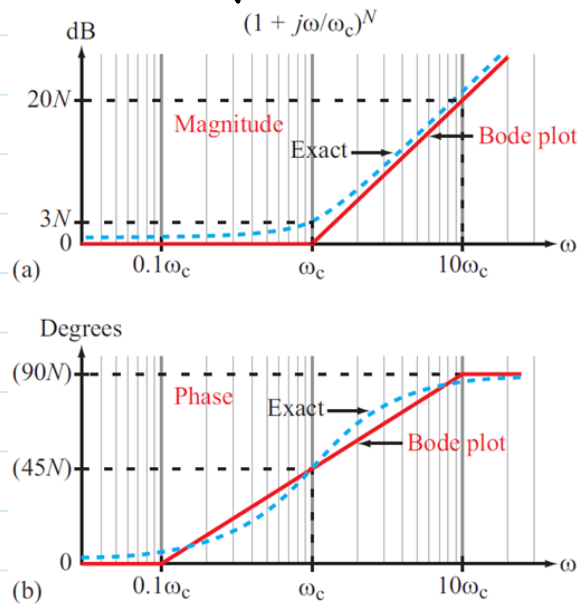


(c) Phase plot

Notice that the asymptotes of the expressions are easy to see. This is the "trick" behind Bode plots: just draw the straightline approximation of the frequency response:

$$\frac{1}{1 + j\omega/\omega_c}$$

just draw the straightline approximation of the frequency response:



The technique:

- 1) Solve for $H(\omega)$
- 2) Solve for $|H|$ and ϕ
- 3) Factor $|H|$ into canonical form (see below)
- 4) Draw the Bode plot by simple geometrical construction.

Zeros and Poles

For all of the circuits in this class, you can factor $H(\omega)$ into a fraction where the numerator and denominator are products of one or more of the following basic expressions.

Factor	Bode Magnitude	Bode Phase
Constant K	$20 \log K$ 0 dB	$\pm 180^\circ$ if $K < 0$ 0° if $K > 0$
Zero @ Origin $(j\omega)^N$	slope = $20N$ dB/decade	$(90N)^\circ$
Pole @ Origin $(j\omega)^{-N}$	slope = $-20N$ dB/decade	$(-90N)^\circ$
Simple Zero $(1 + j\omega/\omega_c)^N$	slope = $20N$ dB/decade	0° to $(90N)^\circ$
Simple Pole $(\frac{1}{1 + j\omega/\omega_c})^N$	slope = $-20N$ dB/decade	0° to $(-90N)^\circ$
Quadratic Zero $[1 + j2\xi\omega/\omega_c + (j\omega/\omega_c)^2]^N$	slope = $40N$ dB/decade	0° to $(180N)^\circ$
Quadratic Pole $\frac{1}{[1 + j2\xi\omega/\omega_c + (j\omega/\omega_c)^2]^N}$	slope = $-40N$ dB/decade	0° to $(-180N)^\circ$

If the expression is in the numerator, it is called a zero

If in the denominator, it is called a pole.

Use table

Example:

$$H(\omega) = \frac{(20 + j4\omega)^2}{j40\omega(100 + j2\omega)}$$

$$H(\omega) = \frac{400(1 + j\omega/5)^2}{j4000\omega(1 + j\omega/50)} = \frac{0.1(1 + j\omega/5)^2}{j(\omega)(1 + j\omega/50)}$$

\swarrow K
 \swarrow Simple zero $\omega_c = 5$, $N = 2$
 \uparrow pole @ origin
 \uparrow simple pole $\omega_c = 50$, $N = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M \text{ [dB]} &= 20 \log |\mathbf{H}| \\
 &= 20 \log 0.1 + 40 \log |1 + j\omega/5| \\
 &\quad - 20 \log \omega - 20 \log |1 + j\omega/50| \\
 &= -20 \text{ dB} + 40 \log |1 + j\omega/5| \\
 &\quad - 20 \log \omega - 20 \log |1 + j\omega/50|.
 \end{aligned}$$

each of these four terms is plotted below. The combination is the Bode plot for H. (in red)

$$\phi = -90^\circ + 2 \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{5} - \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{50}$$

