

ECE 486: Control Systems

Lecture 14A: Bode Plots for Second-Order Systems

Key Takeaways

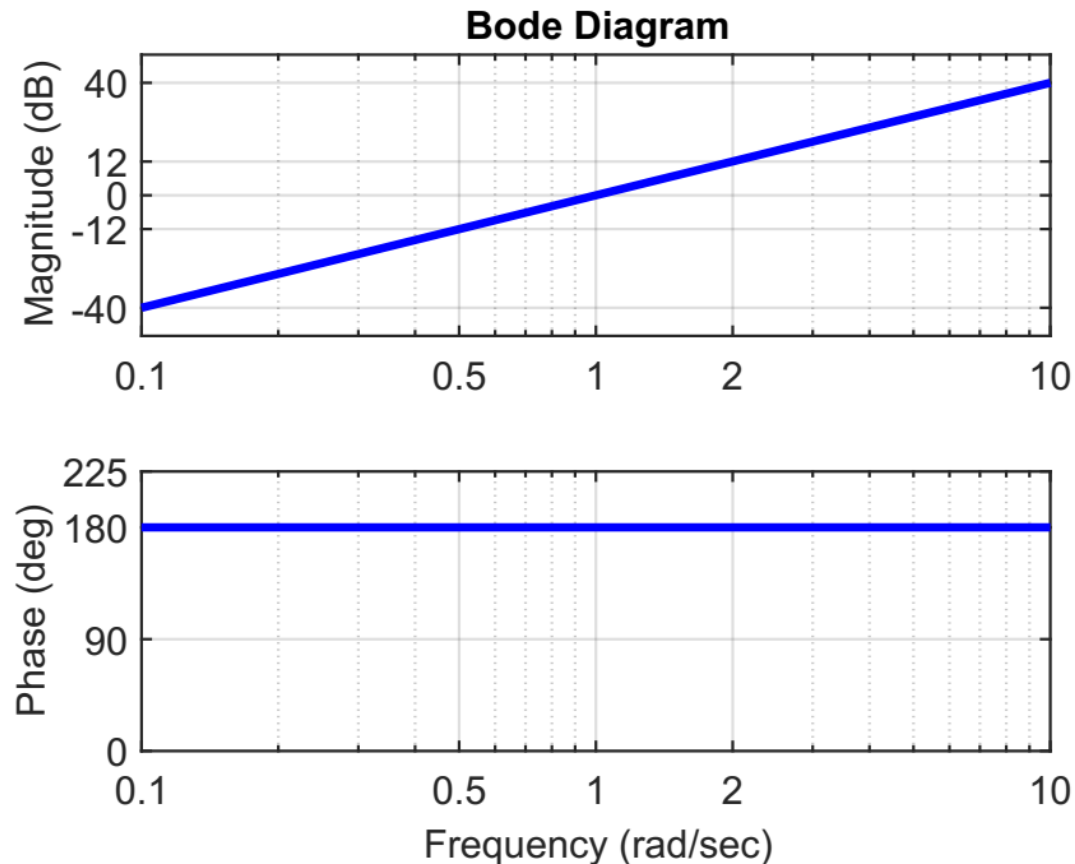
This lecture focuses on Bode plots for second order systems.

- Second-order differentiator $G(s) = s^2$: Phase is $+180^\circ$ and magnitude has slope $+40\text{dB/decade}$.
- Second-order integrator $G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2}$: Phase is -180° and magnitude has slope -40dB/decade :
- Second-order underdamped $G(s) = \frac{b_0}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$:
 - Magnitude is (approximately) flat up to the corner frequency ω_n and rolls off at -40dB/dec at high frequencies.
 - Phase plot transitions by $\pm 180^\circ$ depending on the signs of the coefficients.
 - If damping is low ($\zeta \ll 1$) then the plot has a resonant peak of $|G(j\omega_n)| \approx \left| \frac{G(0)}{2\zeta} \right|$.

Bode Plot: Second-Order Differentiator

- Differentiator: $y(t) = \ddot{u}(t)$ $G(s) = \frac{s^2}{1} = s^2$
 - If $u(t) = \sin(\omega t)$ then $y(t) = -\omega^2 \sin(\omega t) = \omega^2 \sin(\omega t + \pi)$
 - This agrees with $|G(j\omega)| = \omega^2$ and $\angle G(j\omega) = \pi \text{ rad} = +180^\circ$
- Magnitude has slope +40dB/decade and phase is +180°.

A N^{th} order differentiator $G(s) = s^N$ has phase +90Ndeg and magnitude slope of +20NdB per decade.



Bode Plot: Second-Order Integrator

- Integrator: $\ddot{y}(t) = u(t)$ $G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2}$
 - If $u(t) = \sin(\omega t)$ then $y(t) = -\frac{1}{\omega^2} \sin(\omega t) = \frac{1}{\omega^2} \sin(\omega t - \pi)$
[The form for y neglects integration constants.]
 - This agrees with $|G(j\omega)| = \frac{1}{\omega^2}$ and $\angle G(j\omega) = -\pi \text{ rad} = -180^\circ$
- Magnitude has slope -40dB/decade and phase is -180°.

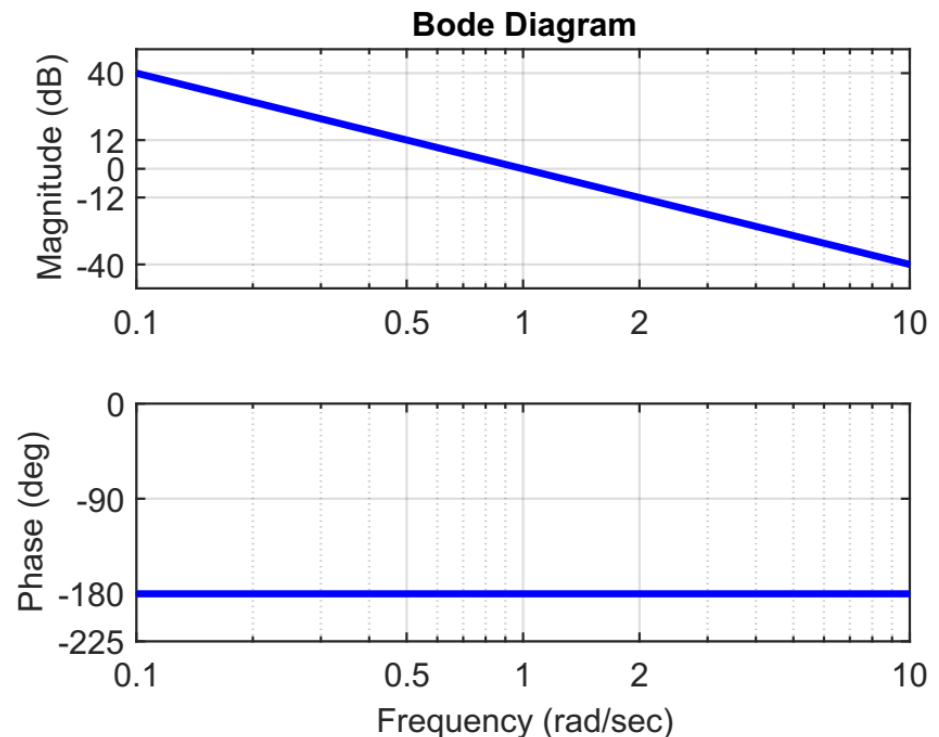
A N^{th} order integrator

$G(s) = \frac{1}{s^N}$ has phase

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Second-Order Underdamped Systems

Consider the a stable, second-order system:

$$\ddot{y}(t) + 2\zeta\omega_n\dot{y}(t) + \omega_n^2y(t) = b_0u(t)$$

$$G(s) = \frac{b_0}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

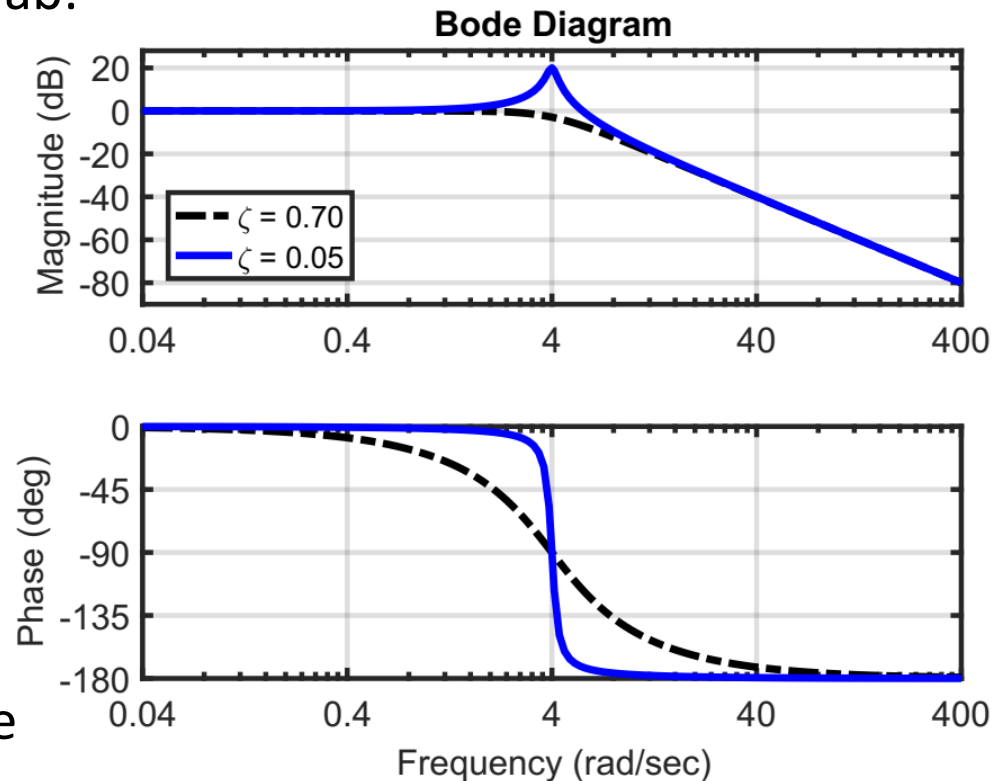
Assume $b_0 > 0$.

Bode plots can be generated by Matlab:

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>> b0=16;  
>> wn = 4;  
>> z1 = 0.7;  
>> G1=tf(b0, [1 2*z1*wn wn^2]);  
>> z2 = 0.05;  
>> G2=tf(b0, [1 2*z2*wn wn^2]);  
>> bode(G1, 'k-', G2, 'b');
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It will be useful to sketch straight-line approximate Bode plots.

$$G(s) = \frac{16}{s^2 + 8\zeta s + 16}$$



Corner Frequency

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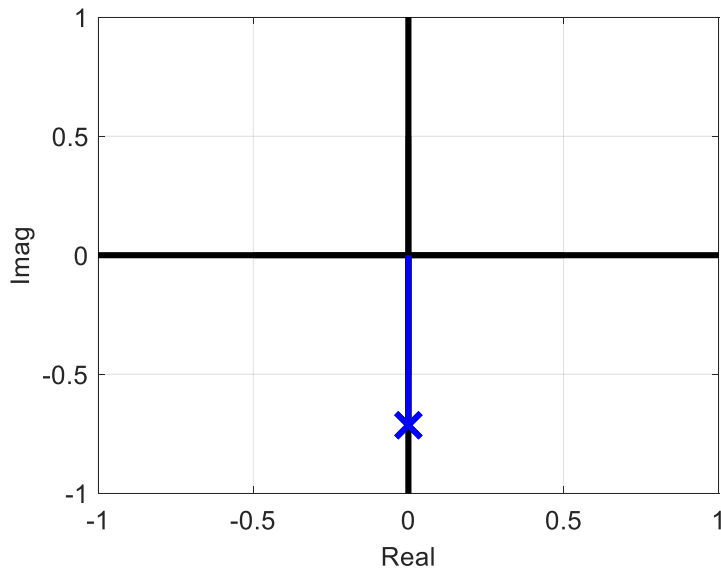
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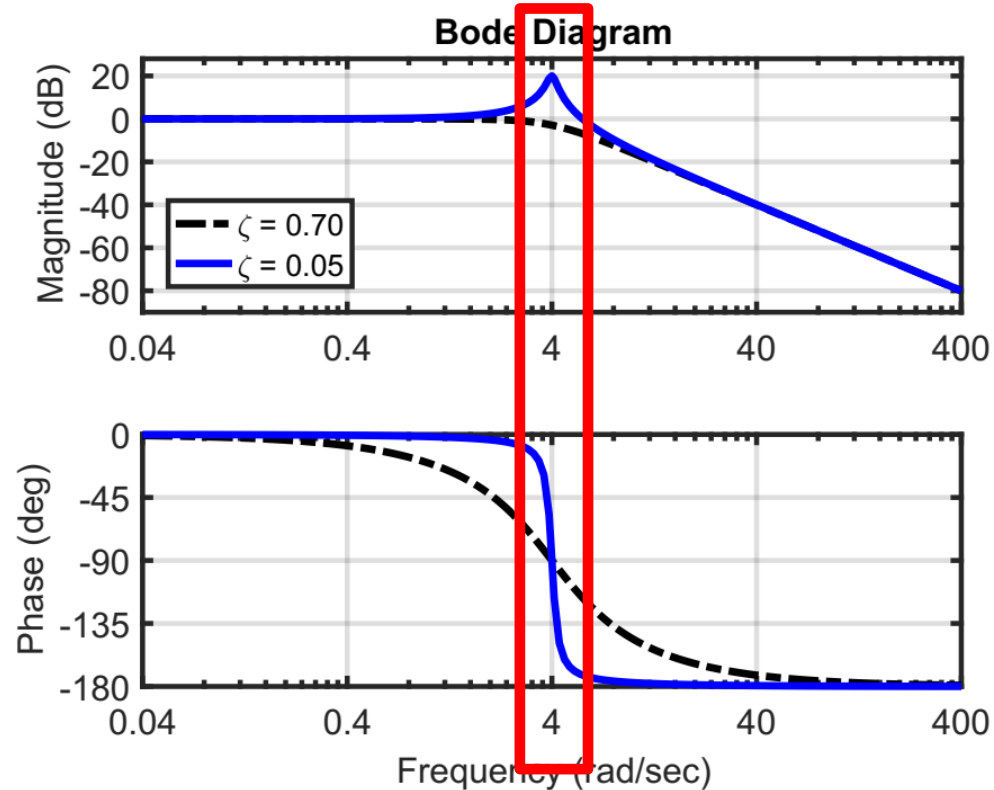
Corner Frequency: $\omega = \omega_n$

$$G(j\omega_n) = \frac{b_0}{(j\omega_n)^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n(j\omega_n) + \omega_n^2}$$

$$G(j\omega_n) = \frac{b_0}{2\zeta\omega_n^2 j} = -\frac{G(0)}{2\zeta} j$$



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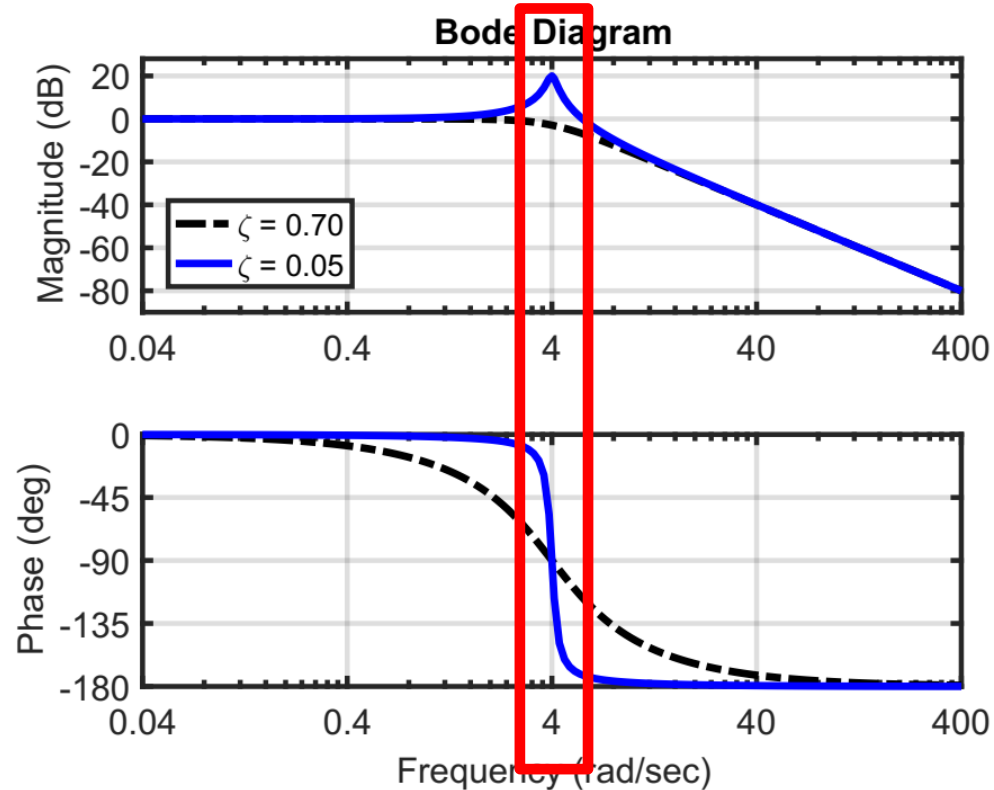
$$\angle G(j\omega_n) = -90^\circ$$

$$|G(j\omega_n)| = \frac{1}{2\zeta} |G(0)|$$

Small ζ gives a resonant peak.

This is associated with overshoot and oscillations.

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Low-Frequency Approximation

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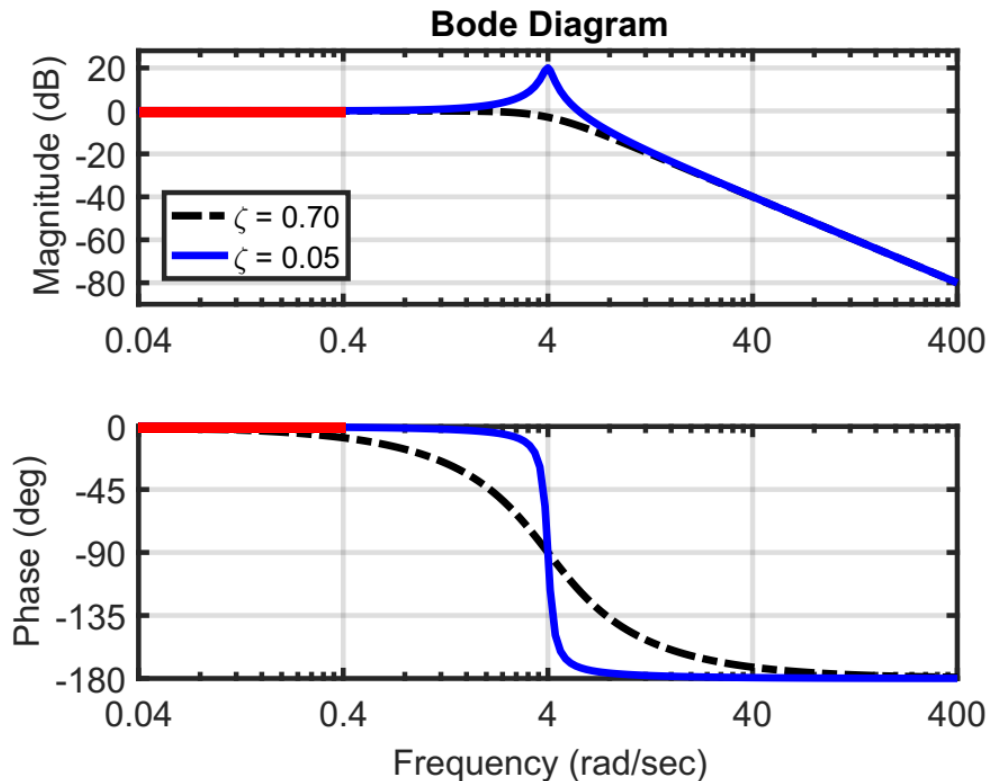
Low Frequency: $\omega \leq \frac{\omega_n}{10}$

$$G(j\omega) \approx \frac{b_0}{\omega_n^2}$$

$$\angle G(j\omega) = 0^\circ$$

$$|G(j\omega)| = G(0)$$

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High-Frequency Approximation

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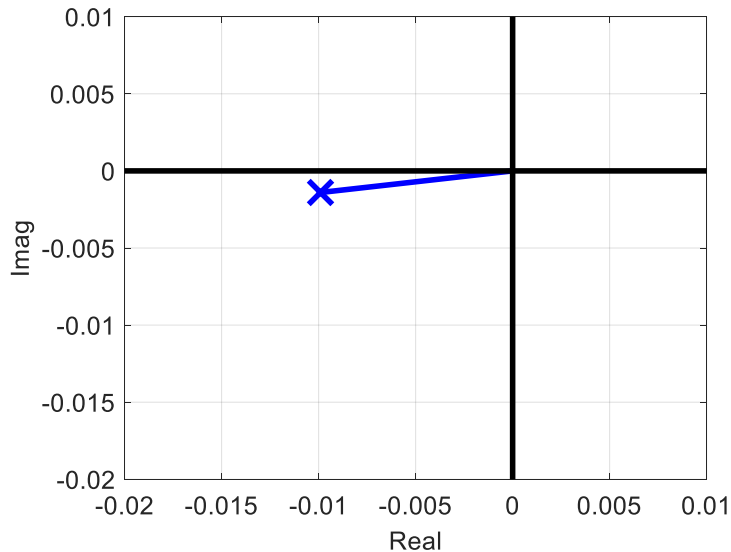
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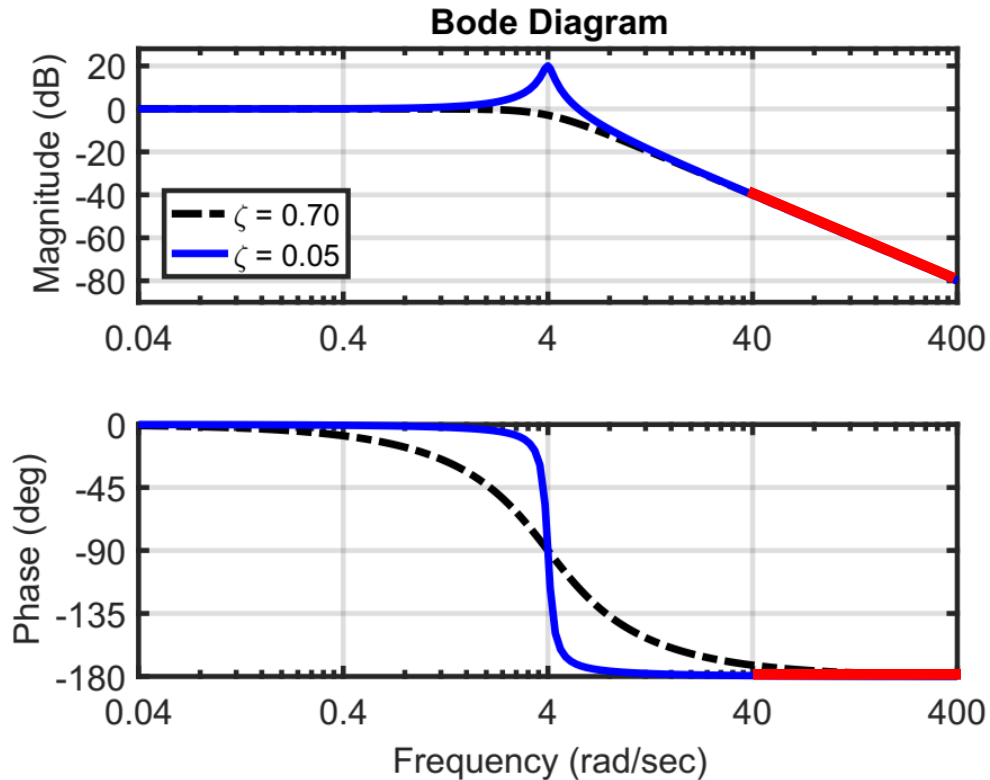
Assume $b_0 > 0$.

High Frequency: $\omega \geq 10\omega_n$

$$G(j\omega) \approx \frac{b_0}{(j\omega)^2} = -\frac{b_0}{\omega^2}$$



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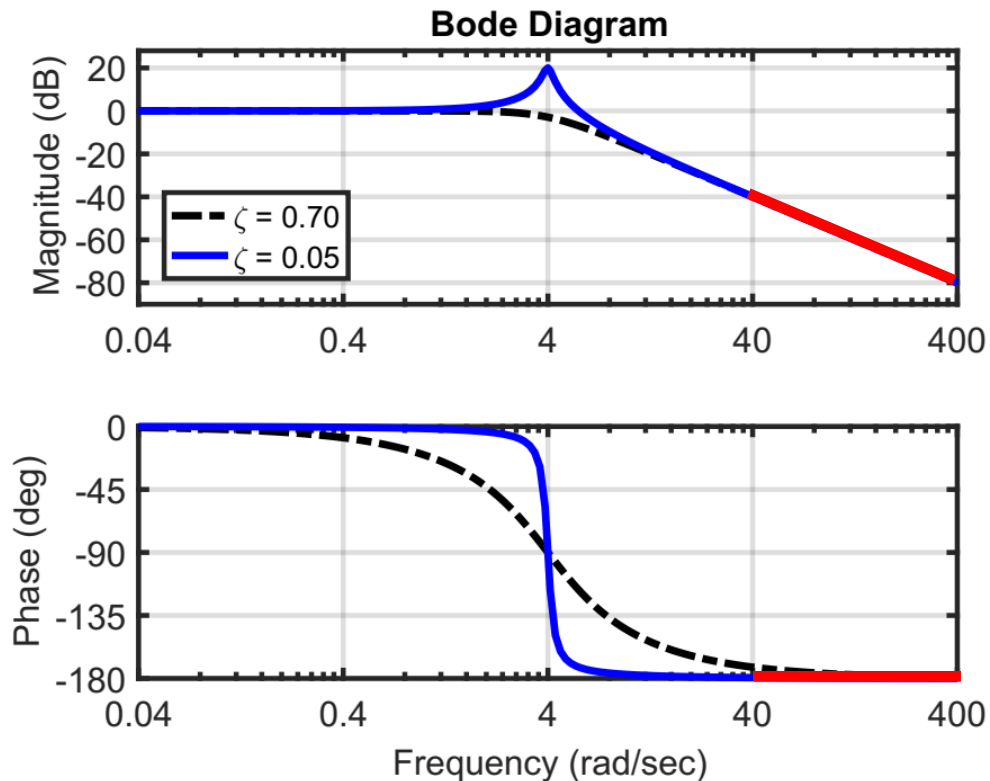
$$G(j\omega) \approx \frac{b_0}{(j\omega)^2} = -\frac{b_0}{\omega^2}$$

$$\angle G(j\omega) \approx -180^\circ$$

$$|G(j\omega)| \approx \frac{b_0}{\omega^2}$$

Magnitude rolls-off at -40dB per decade (similar to $1/s^2$).

$$G(s) = \frac{16}{s^2 + 8\zeta s + 16}$$



Middle-Frequency Approximation

Consider the a stable, second-order system:

$$\ddot{y}(t) + 2\zeta\omega_n\dot{y}(t) + \omega_n^2y(t) = b_0u(t)$$

$$G(s) = \frac{b_0}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

Assume $b_0 > 0$.

Middle Frequency:

$$\frac{\omega_n}{10} \leq \omega \leq 10\omega_n$$

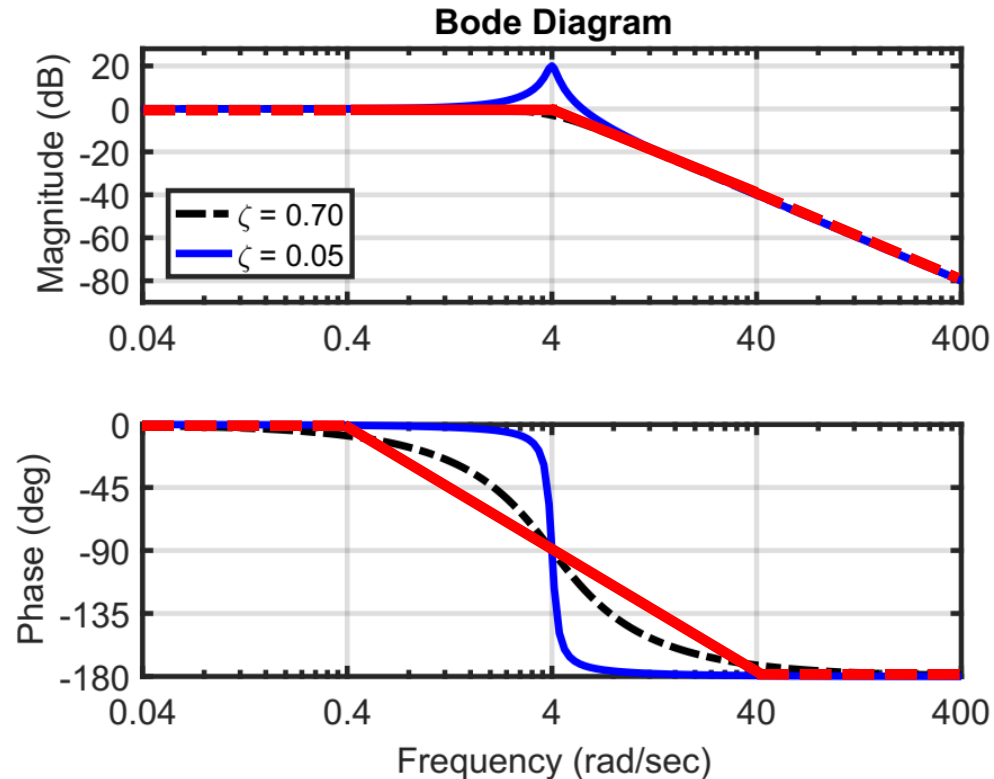
Straight line approximation to connect low/high freqs.

Magnitude: Lines meet at corner frequency.

Phase: Line passes through -90° at corner frequency.

Low ζ gives resonant peak and sharp phase transition.

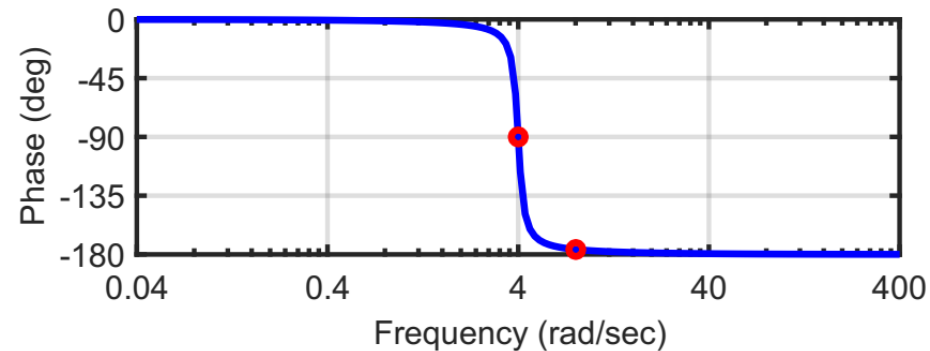
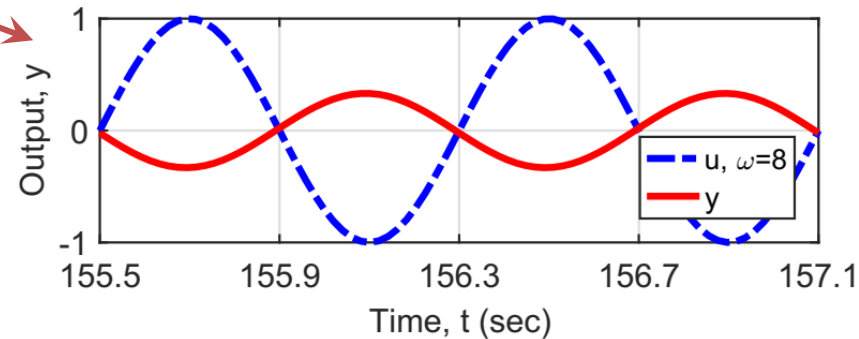
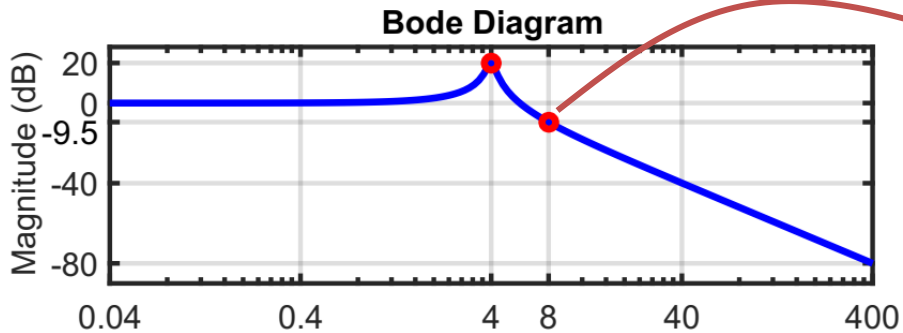
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Resonance

- “Lightly” damped second-order system:

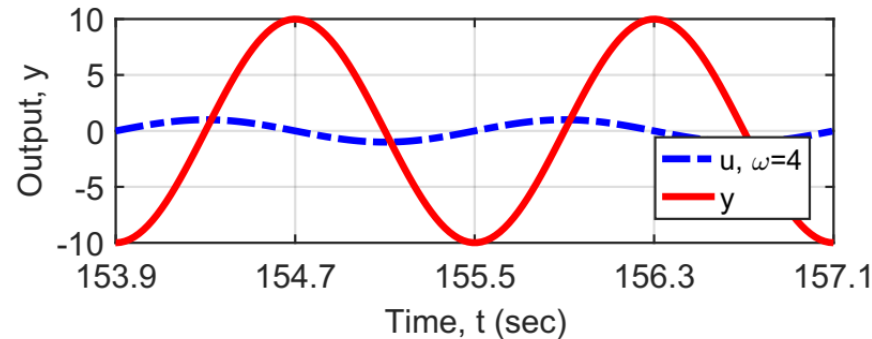
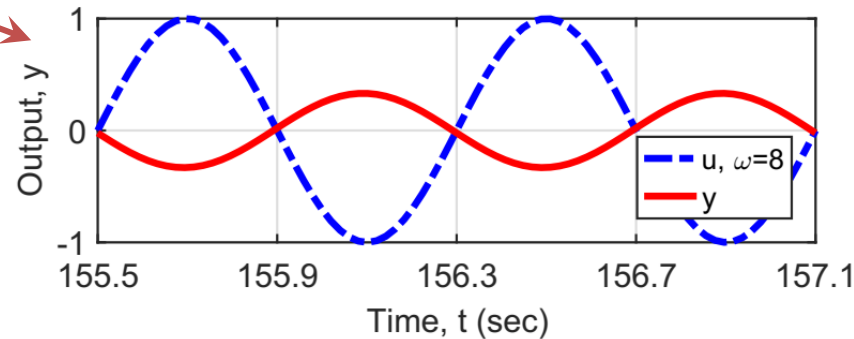
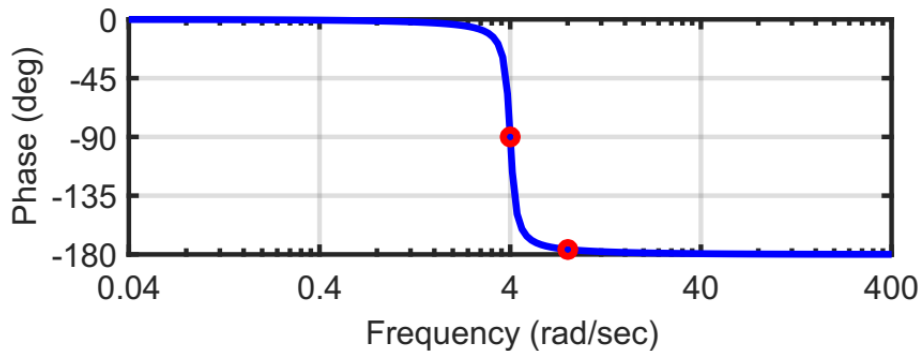
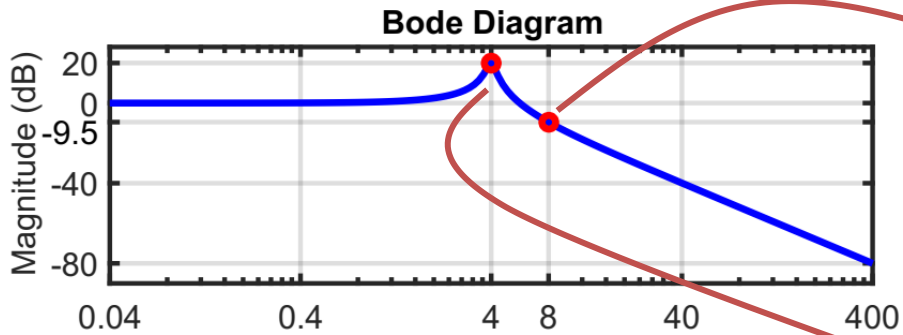
$$G(s) = \frac{16}{s^2 + 8\zeta s + 16} \text{ with } \zeta = 0.05$$



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General Second-Order Systems

We can draw Bode plots for the following cases using a similar procedure:

$$G(s) = \frac{b_0}{s^2 \pm 2\zeta\omega_n s \pm \omega_n^2} \text{ with } \zeta < 1$$

$$G(s) = \frac{s^2 \pm 2\zeta\omega_n s \pm \omega_n^2}{a_0} \text{ with } \zeta < 1$$

Bode plots for higher-order systems are discussed next. The approach can be used to sketch Bode plots for overdamped second-order systems (which can be expressed as a connection of two first-order systems).