# Lecture 17: Converter Bode Plots

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# Announcements

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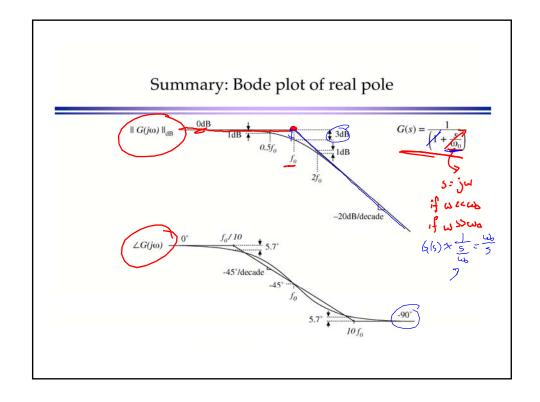


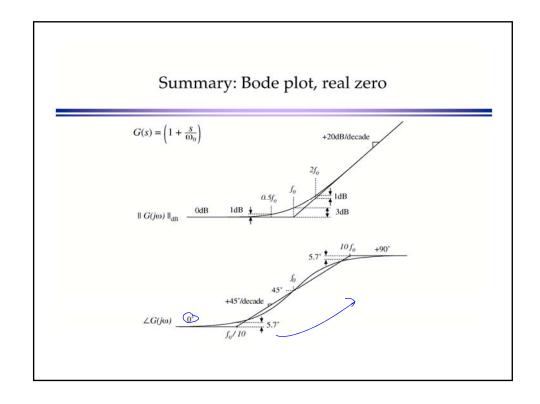


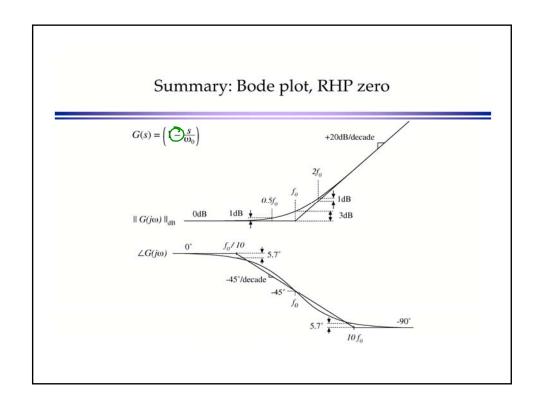
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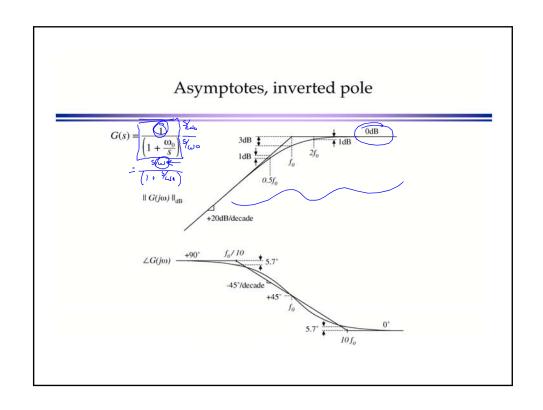
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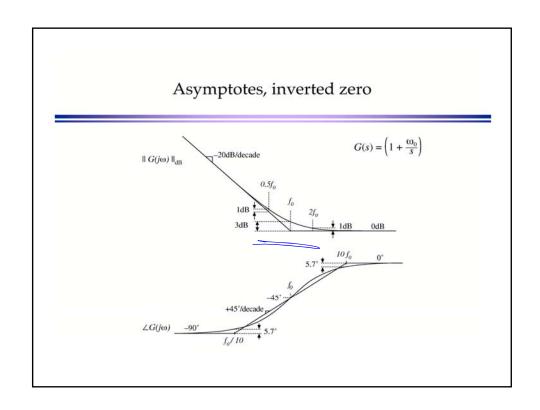
:	[unit]	Si	4H-SiC	GaN	Diamond
	$E_G$ [eV]	1.12 i	3.23 i	3.39 d	5.47 i
~	$\epsilon_r$	11.7	9.66	8.9	_ 5.7
	$E_B$ [MV/cm]	0.3	<b>→</b> 3 —	<b>→</b> 5 —	<b>-</b> 10
->	$\lambda$ [W/cm.K]	1.3	3.7	1.3	22
	$v_s \ [10^7 \ cm/s]$	1.0	2.0	2.2	1
	$\mu_e$ [cm <sup>2</sup> /V.s]	1400	900	1000	1000
-	$\mu_h$ [cm <sup>2</sup> /V.s]	450	100	350	2000
•	$JFM [10^{23} \Omega.W/s^{2}]$	2.3	900	490	2530
	KFM [10 <sup>7</sup> W/K.s]	10	53	17	218
	BFM [Si=1]	1	554	188	23068







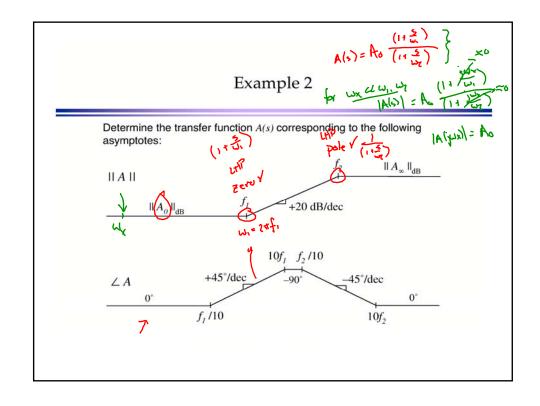




Example 1: 
$$G(s) = \frac{G_0}{\left(1 + \frac{S}{\omega_1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{S}{\omega_2}\right)}$$

with  $G_0 = 40 \Rightarrow 32 \text{ dB}$ ,  $f_1 = \omega_1/2\pi = 100 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $f_2 = \omega_2/2\pi = 2 \text{ kHz}$ 

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#### Example 2, continued

One solution:

$$A(s) = A_0 \frac{\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_1}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_2}\right)}$$

Analytical expressions for asymptotes:

For 
$$f < f_1$$

$$A_0 \frac{\left(1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial f_1}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial g_2}\right)} \bigg|_{s = j\omega} = A_0 \frac{1}{1} = A_0$$

For 
$$f_1 < f < f_2$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} A_0 \frac{\left( \mathbf{A} + \frac{S}{\omega_1} \right)}{\left( 1 + \frac{\mathbf{A}}{\omega_2} \right)} \end{vmatrix}_{s = j\omega} = A_0 \frac{\left\| \frac{S}{\omega_1} \right\|_{s = j\omega}}{1} = A_0 \frac{\omega}{\omega_1} = A_0 \frac{f}{f_1}$$

#### Example 2, continued

For 
$$f > f$$

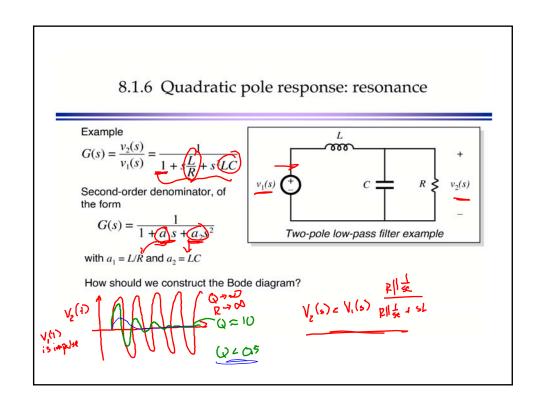
$$A_0 \frac{\left( \mathbf{A} + \frac{s}{\omega_1} \right)}{\left( \mathbf{A} + \frac{s}{\omega_2} \right)} \bigg|_{s = j\omega} = A_0 \frac{\left\| \frac{s}{\omega_1} \right\|_{s = j\omega}}{\left\| \frac{s}{\omega_2} \right\|_{s = j\omega}} = A_0 \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} = A_0 \frac{f_2}{f_1}$$

So the high-frequency asymptote is

$$A_{\infty} = A_0 \frac{f_1}{f_1}$$

Another way to express A(s): use inverted poles and zeroes, and express A(s) directly in terms of  $A_{\infty}$ 

$$A(s) = A_{\infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{\omega_1}{s}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{\omega_2}{s}\right)}$$



#### Approach 1: factor denominator

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{1 + \underline{a_1}s + \underline{a_2}s^2} - \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\tau}{2\omega_0}s(\frac{2}{\omega_0})^7}$$

We might factor the denominator using the quadratic formula, then construct Bode diagram as the combination of two real poles:

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{s}{s_1}\right)\left(1 - \frac{s}{s_2}\right)} \quad \text{with} \quad s_1 = -\frac{a_1}{2a_2} \left[1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{4a_2}{a_1^2}}\right] \quad \text{with} \quad s_2 = -\frac{a_1}{2a_2} \left[1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{4a_2}{a_1^2}}\right]$$

- If 4a<sub>2</sub> ≤ a<sub>1</sub><sup>2</sup>, then the roots s<sub>1</sub> and s<sub>2</sub> are real. We can construct Bode diagram as the combination of two real poles.
- If  $4a_2 > a_1^2$ , then the roots are complex. In Section 8.1.1, the assumption was made that  $\omega_0$  is real; hence, the results of that section cannot be applied and we need to do some additional work.

# Approach 2: Define a <u>standard normalized form</u> for the quadratic case

$$(s) = \frac{1}{1 + 2\zeta \frac{s}{\omega_0} + \left(\frac{s}{\omega_0}\right)^2}$$

- $G(s) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{s}{Q\omega_0} + \left(\frac{s}{\omega_0}\right)^2}$
- When the coefficients of s are real and positive, then the parameters ζ, ω<sub>0</sub>, and Q are also real and positive
- The parameters  $\zeta$ ,  $\omega_0$ , and Q are found by equating the coefficients of s
- The parameter  $\omega_0$  is the angular corner frequency, and we can define  $f_0$  =  $\omega_0/2\pi$
- The parameter  $\zeta$  is called the <u>damping factor</u>.  $\zeta$  controls the shape of the exact curve in the vicinity of  $f = f_0$ . The roots are complex when  $\zeta < 1$ .
- In the alternative form, the parameter Q is called the *quality factor*. Q also controls the shape of the exact curve in the vicinity of f = f<sub>0</sub>. The roots are complex when Q > 0.5.

## The Q-factor

In a second-order system,  $\boldsymbol{\zeta}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{Q}}$  are related according to

$$Q = \frac{1}{2\zeta}$$

 ${\it Q}$  is a measure of the dissipation in the system. A more general definition of  ${\it Q},$  for sinusoidal excitation of a passive element or system is

$$Q = 2\pi \frac{\text{(peak stored energy)}}{\text{(energy dissipated per cycle)}}$$

For a second-order passive system, the two equations above are equivalent. We will see that Q has a simple interpretation in the Bode diagrams of second-order transfer functions.

## Analytical expressions for $f_0$ and Q

Two-pole low-pass filter example: we found that

$$G(s) = \frac{v_2(s)}{v_1(s)} = \frac{1}{1 + s\frac{L}{R} + s^2(LC)}$$

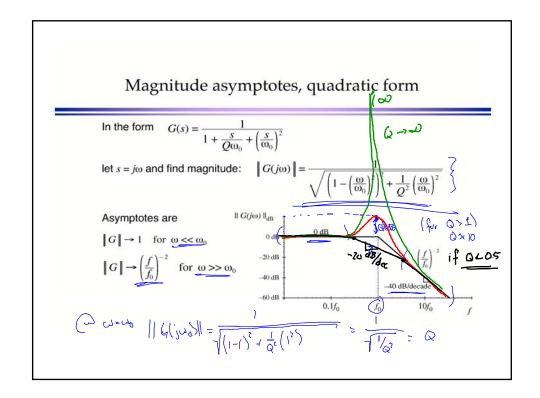
Equate coefficients of like powers of s with the standard form

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{1 + \underbrace{Q\omega_0}_{Q\omega_0} + \left(\frac{s}{\omega_0}\right)^2}$$

Result:

$$f_0 = \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$Q = R\sqrt{\frac{C}{L}}$$



#### Deviation of exact curve from magnitude asymptotes

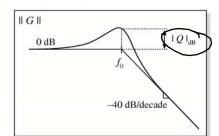
$$\|G(j\omega)\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0}\right)^2\right)^2 + \frac{1}{Q^2} \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0}\right)^2}}$$

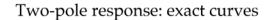
At  $\omega = \omega_0$ , the exact magnitude is

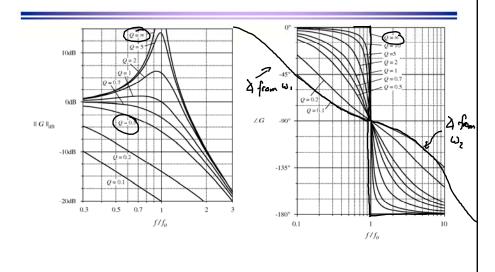
$$G(j\omega_0) = Q$$
 or,

$$\|G(j\omega_0)\|_{dB} = |Q|_{dB}$$

The exact curve has magnitude Q at  $f=f_0$ . The deviation of the exact curve from the asymptotes is I Q I<sub>dB</sub>







## 8.1.7. The low-Q approximation

Given a second-order denominator polynomial, of the form

$$s(s) = \frac{1}{1 + a_1 s + a_2 s^2}$$

or

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{s}{Q\omega_0} + \left(\frac{s}{\omega_0}\right)^2}$$

When the roots are real, i.e., wher Q < 0.5 then we can factor the denominator, and construct the Bode diagram using the asymptotes for real poles. We would then use the following normalized form:

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_2}\right)}$$

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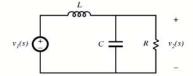
This is a particularly desirable approach when Q << 0.5, i.e., when the corner frequencies  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are well separated.

#### An example

A problem with this procedure is the complexity of the quadratic formula used to find the corner frequencies.

R-L-C network example:

$$G(s) = \frac{v_2(s)}{v_1(s)} = \frac{1}{1 + s\frac{L}{R} + s^2LC}$$



Use quadratic formula to factor denominator. Corner frequencies are:

$$\omega_1, \omega_2 = \frac{L/R \pm \sqrt{(L/R)^2 - 4LC}}{2LC}$$

### Factoring the denominator

$$\omega_1,\,\omega_2=\,\frac{L\,/\,R\pm\sqrt{\left(L\,/\,R\right)^2-4\,LC}}{2\,LC}$$

This complicated expression yields little insight into how the corner frequencies  $\omega_I$  and  $\omega_2$  depend on R, L, and C.

When the corner frequencies are well separated in value, it can be shown that they are given by the much simpler (approximate) expressions

$$\omega_1 \approx \frac{R}{L}, \quad \omega_2 \approx \frac{1}{RC}$$

 $\omega_{\it l}$  is then independent of  $\it C$ , and  $\omega_{\it l}$  is independent of  $\it L$ .

These simpler expressions can be derived via the Low-Q Approximation.

# Derivation of the Low-Q Approximation

Given

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{s}{Q\omega_0} + \left(\frac{s}{\omega_0}\right)^2}$$

Use quadratic formula to express corner frequencies  $\omega_{\rm J}$  and  $\omega_2$  in terms of Q and  $\omega_0$  as:

$$\omega_1 = \frac{\omega_0}{Q} \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4Q^2}}{2}$$

$$\omega_2 = \frac{\omega_0}{Q} \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - 4Q^2}}{2}$$

## Corner frequency ω<sub>2</sub>

$$\omega_2 = \frac{\omega_0}{Q} \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - 4Q^2}}{2}$$

can be written in the form

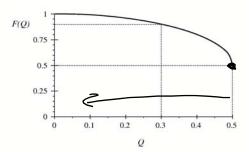
$$\omega_2 = \frac{\omega_0}{Q} F(Q)$$

where

$$F(Q) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 - 4Q^2} \right)$$

For small Q, F(Q) tends to 1. We then obtain

$$\omega_2 \approx \frac{\omega_0}{Q}$$
 for  $Q \ll \frac{1}{2}$ 



For Q < 0.3, the approximation F(Q) = 1 is within 10% of the exact value.

# Corner frequency $\omega_1$

$$\omega_1 = \frac{\omega_0}{Q} \, \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4Q^2}}{2}$$

can be written in the form

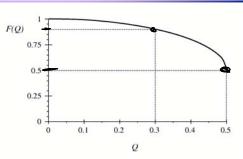
$$\omega_1 = \frac{Q \, \omega_0}{F(Q)}$$

where

$$F(Q) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 - 4Q^2} \right)$$

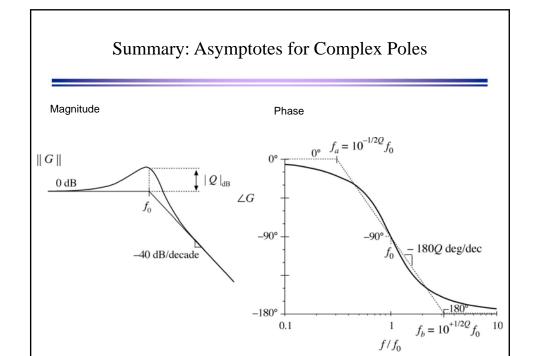
For small Q, F(Q) tends to 1. We then obtain

$$\omega_1 \approx Q \, \omega_0$$
 for  $Q << \frac{1}{2}$ 



For Q < 0.3, the approximation F(Q) = 1 is within 10% of the exact value.

# The Low-Q Approximation $||G||_{dB} \qquad f_1 = \frac{Qf_0}{F(Q)}$ $||G||_{dB} \qquad f_2 = \frac{f_0F(Q)}{Q}$ $||G||_{dB} \qquad f_2 = \frac{f_0F(Q)}{Q}$ $||G||_{dB} \qquad f_1 = \frac{Qf_0}{F(Q)}$ $||G||_{dB} \qquad f_2 = \frac{f_0F(Q)}{Q}$ $||G||_{dB} \qquad ||G||_{dC}$



## R-L-C Example

For the previous example:

$$G(s) = \frac{v_2(s)}{v_1(s)} = \frac{1}{1 + s\frac{L}{R} + s^2LC}$$

$$f_0 = \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$
$$Q = R\sqrt{\frac{C}{L}}$$

Use of the Low-Q Approximation leads to

$$\begin{split} & \omega_1 \approx Q \ \omega_0 = R \sqrt{\frac{C}{L}} \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \frac{R}{L} \\ & \omega_2 \approx \frac{\omega_0}{Q} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \frac{1}{R \sqrt{\frac{C}{L}}} = \frac{1}{RC} \end{split}$$

# 8.1.8. Approximate Roots of an Arbitrary-Degree Polynomial

Generalize the low-Q approximation to obtain approximate factorization of the  $n^{th}$ -order polynomial

$$P(s) = 1 + a_1 s + a_2 s^2 + \dots + a_n s^n$$

It is desired to factor this polynomial in the form

$$P(s) = (1 + \tau_1 s) (1 + \tau_2 s) \cdots (1 + \tau_n s)$$

When the roots are real and well separated in value, then approximate analytical expressions for the time constants  $\tau_1, \tau_2, ... \tau_n$  can be found, that typically are simple functions of the circuit element values.

**Objective:** find a general method for deriving such expressions. Include the case of complex root pairs.

#### Result

when roots are real and well separated

If the following inequalities are satisfied

Then the polynomial P(s) has the following approximate factorization

$$P(s) = (1 + a_1 s) \left( 1 + \frac{a_2}{a_1} s \right) \left( 1 + \frac{a_3}{a_2} s \right) \cdots \left( 1 + \frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}} s \right)$$

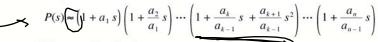
- If the a<sub>n</sub> coefficients are simple analytical functions of the element values L, C, etc., then the roots are similar simple analytical functions of L, C, etc.
- Numerical values are used to justify the approximation, but analytical expressions for the roots are obtained

# When two roots are not well separated then leave their terms in quadratic form

Suppose inequality k is not satisfied:

$$\left| a_1 \right| >> \left| \frac{a_2}{a_1} \right| >> \cdots >> \left| \underbrace{\frac{a_k}{a_{k-1}}}_{\substack{\text{not} \\ \text{satisfied}}} \right| >> \cdots >> \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}} \right|$$

Then leave the terms corresponding to roots k and (k + 1) in quadratic form, as follows:



This approximation is accurate provided

$$\left| \left| a_{1} \right| >> \left| \frac{a_{2}}{a_{1}} \right| >> \cdots >> \left| \frac{a_{k}}{a_{k-1}} \right| >> \left| \frac{a_{k-2} \, a_{k+1}}{a_{k-1}^{2}} \right| >> \left| \frac{a_{k+2}}{a_{k+1}} \right| >> \cdots >> \left| \frac{a_{n}}{a_{n-1}} \right|$$

# When the first inequality is violated A special case for quadratic roots

When inequality 1 is not satisfied:

$$\left| \underbrace{a_1} \right| \gg \left| \frac{a_2}{a_1} \right| \gg \left| \frac{a_3}{a_2} \right| \gg \cdots \gg \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}} \right|$$

Then leave the first two roots in quadratic form, as follows:

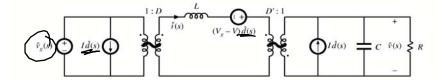
$$P(s) \approx \left(1 + a_1 s + a_2 s^2\right) \left(1 + \frac{a_3}{a_2} s\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}} s\right)$$

This approximation is justified provided

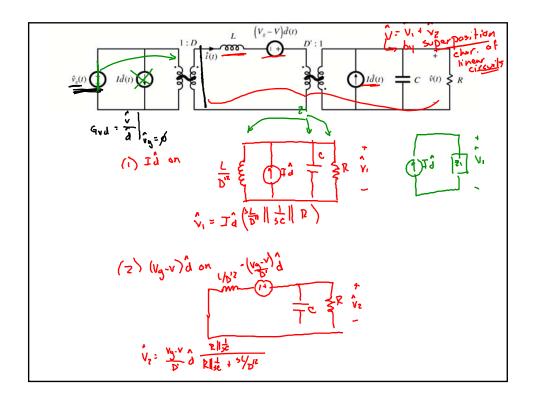
$$\left|\frac{a_2^2}{a_3}\right| >> \left|a_1\right| >> \left|\frac{a_3}{a_2}\right| >> \left|\frac{a_4}{a_3}\right| >> \cdots >> \left|\frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}}\right|$$

# 8.2.1. Example: transfer functions of the buck-boost converter

Small-signal ac model of the buck-boost converter, derived in Chapter 7:



# From Lecture 15



$$\hat{\nabla} = \hat{\nabla}_{1} \cdot \hat{\nabla}_{2} = \hat{T} \hat{a} \left( \frac{1}{2c} \left\| \frac{sL}{D} \right\|_{1}^{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2c} \left( \frac{1}{2c} \right) \hat{a} \left( \frac{1}{2c} \right) \hat{a} \left( \frac{1}{2c} \right) \hat{b}^{2} + \frac{1}{2c} \right) \hat{a} \left( \frac{1}{2c} \right) \hat{a} \left( \frac{1}{2c} \right) \hat{b}^{2} + \frac{1}{2c} \hat{b}^{2} + \frac{1}{2c$$

#### Derivation of transfer functions

Divide numerator and denominator by R. Result: the line-to-output

Divide numerator and denominator by 
$$R$$
. Result: the line transfer function is 
$$G_{sg}(s) = \left. \frac{\hat{v}(s)}{\hat{v}_g(s)} \right|_{\hat{d}(s) = 0} = \left( -\frac{D}{D'} \right) \frac{1}{1 + s \frac{L}{D'^2} R} + s^2 \frac{LC}{D'^2}$$

which is of the following standard form:

$$G_{vg}(s) = G_{g0} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{s}{Q\omega_0} + \left(\frac{s}{\omega_0}\right)^2}$$

#### Salient features of the line-to-output transfer function

Equate standard form to derived transfer function, to determine expressions for the salient features:

$$G_{g0} = -\frac{D}{D'}$$

$$\frac{1}{\omega_0^2} = \frac{LC}{D'^2}$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{D'}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$\frac{1}{Q\omega_0} = \frac{L}{D'^2R}$$

$$Q = D'R\sqrt{\frac{C}{L}}$$

#### Control-to-output transfer function

Express in normalized form:

$$G_{vd}(s) = \frac{\hat{v}(s)}{\hat{d}(s)} \bigg|_{\sigma_{g}(s) = 0} = \left(-\frac{V_{g} - V}{D'^{2}}\right) \frac{\left(1 - s\frac{LI}{V_{g} - V}\right)}{\left(1 + s\frac{L}{D'^{2}}R + s^{2}\frac{LC}{D'^{2}}\right)}$$

This is of the following standard form:

$$G_{vd}(s) = G_{d0} \frac{\left(1 - \frac{s}{\omega_z}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{Q\omega_0} + \left(\frac{s}{\omega_0}\right)^2\right)}$$

Salient features of control-to-output transfer function

$$G_{d0} = -\frac{V_g - V}{D'} = -\frac{V_g}{D'^2} = \frac{V}{DD'}$$

$$\omega_{c} = \frac{V_{g} - V}{LI} = \underbrace{\frac{D' R}{D L}}_{(RHP)}$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{D'}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$Q = D'R \sqrt{\frac{C}{L}}$$

— Simplified using the dc relations: 
$$\begin{cases} V = -\frac{D}{D'} V_s \\ I = -\frac{V}{D' R} \end{cases}$$

#### Plug in numerical values

Suppose we are given the following numerical values:

$$D = 0.6$$

$$R = 10\Omega$$

$$V_g = 30V$$

$$L = 160\mu\text{H}$$

$$C = 160\mu\text{F}$$

Then the salient features have the following numerical values:

$$\left| G_{g0} \right| = \frac{D}{D'} = 1.5 \Rightarrow 3.5 \text{ dB}$$

$$\left| G_{d0} \right| = \frac{|V|}{DD'} = 187.5 \text{ V} \Rightarrow 45.5 \text{ dBV}$$

$$f_0 = \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} = \frac{D'}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}} = 400 \text{ Hz}$$

$$Q = D'R\sqrt{\frac{C}{L}} = 4 \Rightarrow 12 \text{ dB}$$

$$f_z = \frac{\omega_z}{2\pi} = \frac{D'^2R}{2\pi DL} = 2.65 \text{ kHz}$$

