

## Using MathCad to obtain Bode Plots and Nyquist Plots of Transfer Functions:

Step 1: Define the range of frequencies as powers of 10, i.e. in anticipation of logarithmic scale,

$$\text{Number\_of\_terms} := 200$$

$$k := 0.. \text{Number\_of\_terms}$$

$$\text{Min\_exponent} := -1 \quad (\text{this will make the lower bound of } \omega \text{ as } 10^{-1})$$

$$\text{Max\_exponent} := 1 \quad (\text{this will make the upper bound of } \omega \text{ as } 10^1)$$

$$\text{Exponent}(k) := \text{Min\_exponent} + \frac{k}{\text{Number\_of\_terms}} \cdot (\text{Max\_exponent} - \text{Min\_exponent})$$

*(this is just a simple linear interpolation formula)*

$$\omega_k := 10^{\text{Exponent}(k)} \quad (\text{Note that "[" was used for subscript here.})$$

Step 2. Set the parameters and define G(s).

$$K := 1.0$$

$$\tau_n := 1.0 \quad (\text{Note that "." was used for subscript here.})$$

$$\zeta := 0.1$$

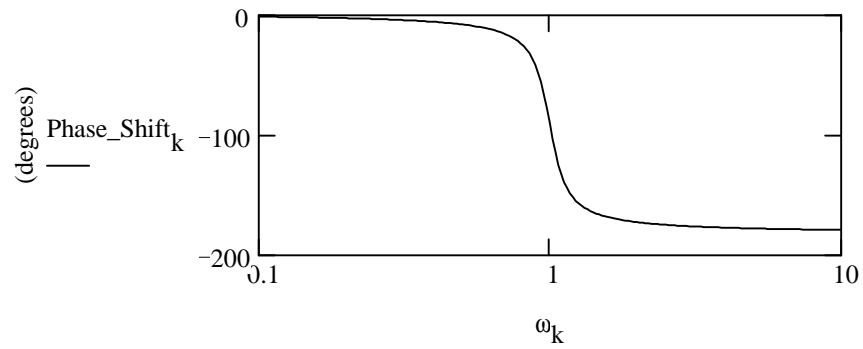
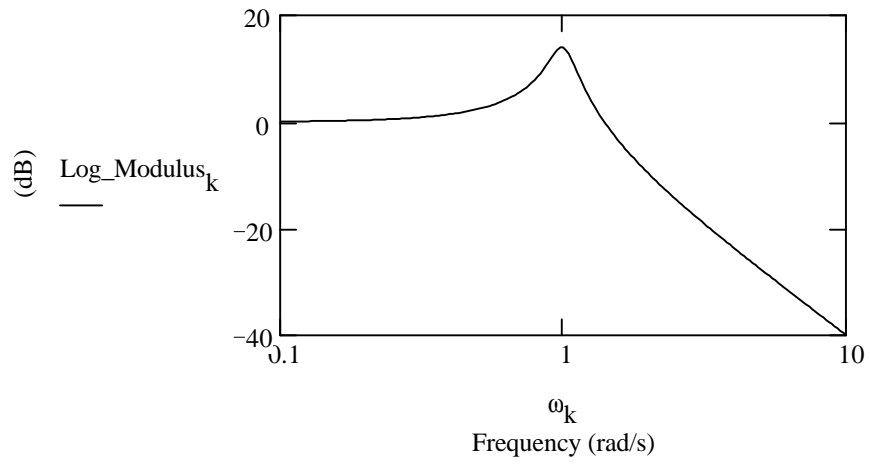
$$G(s) := \frac{K}{\tau_n^2 \cdot s^2 + 2 \cdot \tau_n \cdot \zeta \cdot s + 1}$$

Step 3. Next calculate the log modulus and phase shift.

$$\text{Log\_Modulus}_k := 20 \cdot \log\left(\left|G\left(i \cdot \omega_k\right)\right|\right)$$

*(Note that the function log in MathCAD is already in base 10. Also, key in "1i" for the imaginary number, key in "2i" for 2 times the imaginary number, etc.)*

$$\text{Phase\_Shift}_k := \arg\left(G\left(i \cdot \omega_k\right)\right) \cdot \frac{180}{\pi}$$



Step 4. For the Nyquist plots,

$$\text{Real\_G}_k := \text{Re}\left(G\left(i \cdot \omega_k\right)\right)$$

$$\text{Imag\_G}_k := \text{Im}\left(G\left(i \cdot \omega_k\right)\right)$$

