

Phase:

• for $\omega \ll \omega_n$, $\phi \approx 0^\circ$ (real and positive)

• for
$$\omega = \omega_n$$
, $\phi = 90^\circ$ (Re = 0, Im > 0)

• for $\omega \gg \omega_n$, $\phi \approx 180^\circ$ (Re $\sim -\omega^2$, Im $\sim \omega$)

For a stable complex zero, the phase steps up by 180° as we go through the breakpoint; as $\zeta \to 0$, the transition through the break-point gets sharper, almost step-like.

For a pole, the phase is multiplied by -1.