

Structured Electronic Design

Frequency stability of feedback amplifiers

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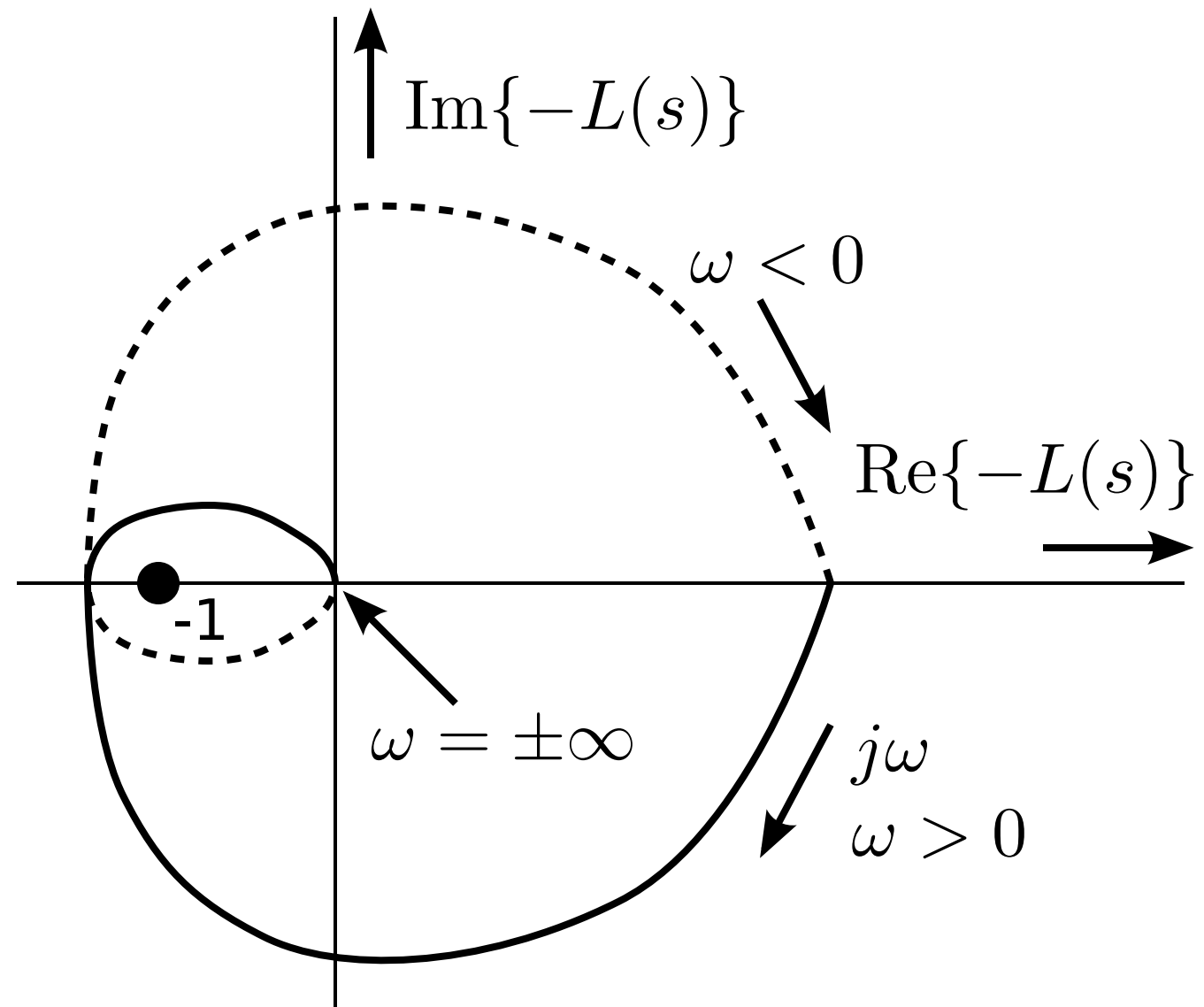
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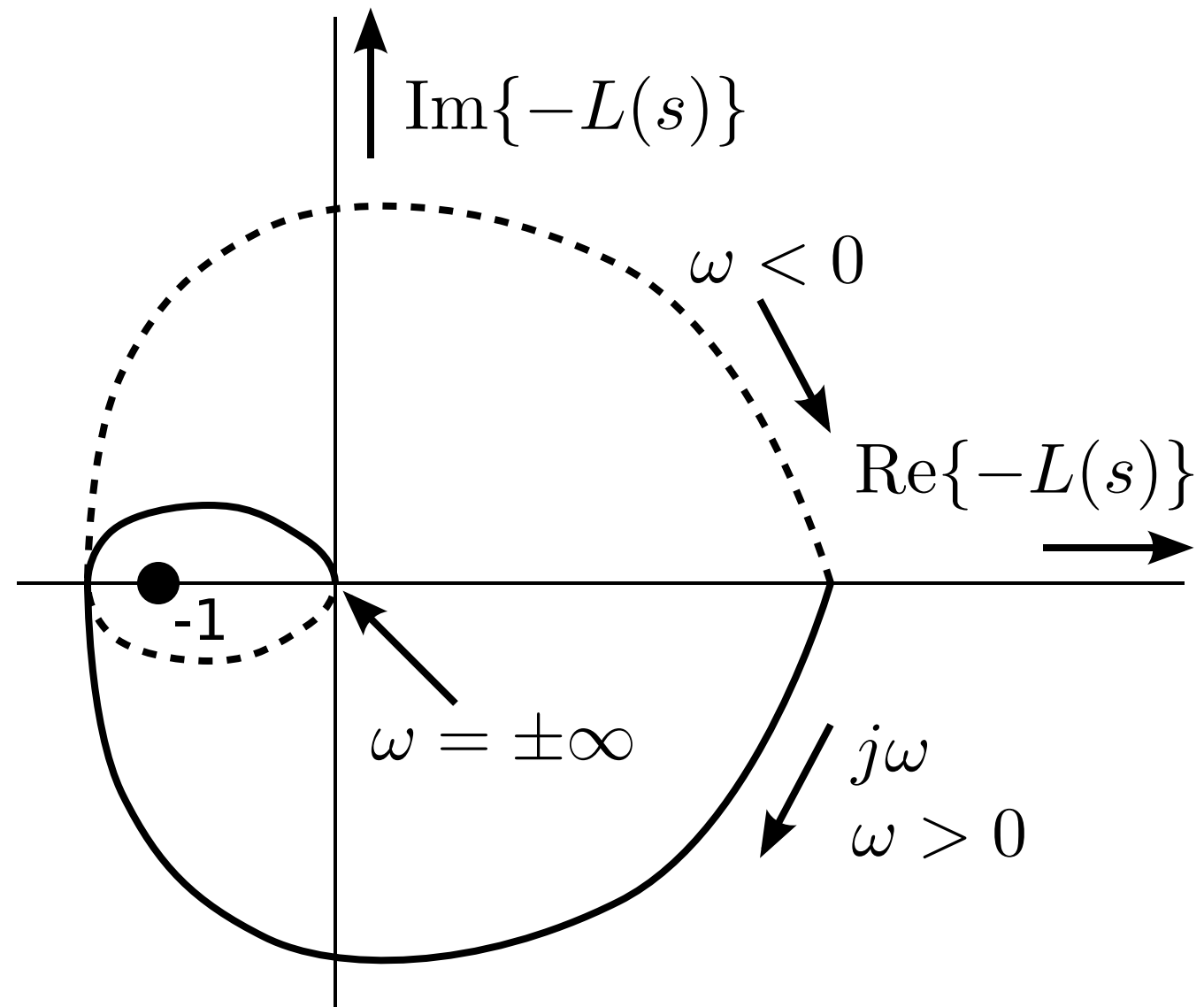
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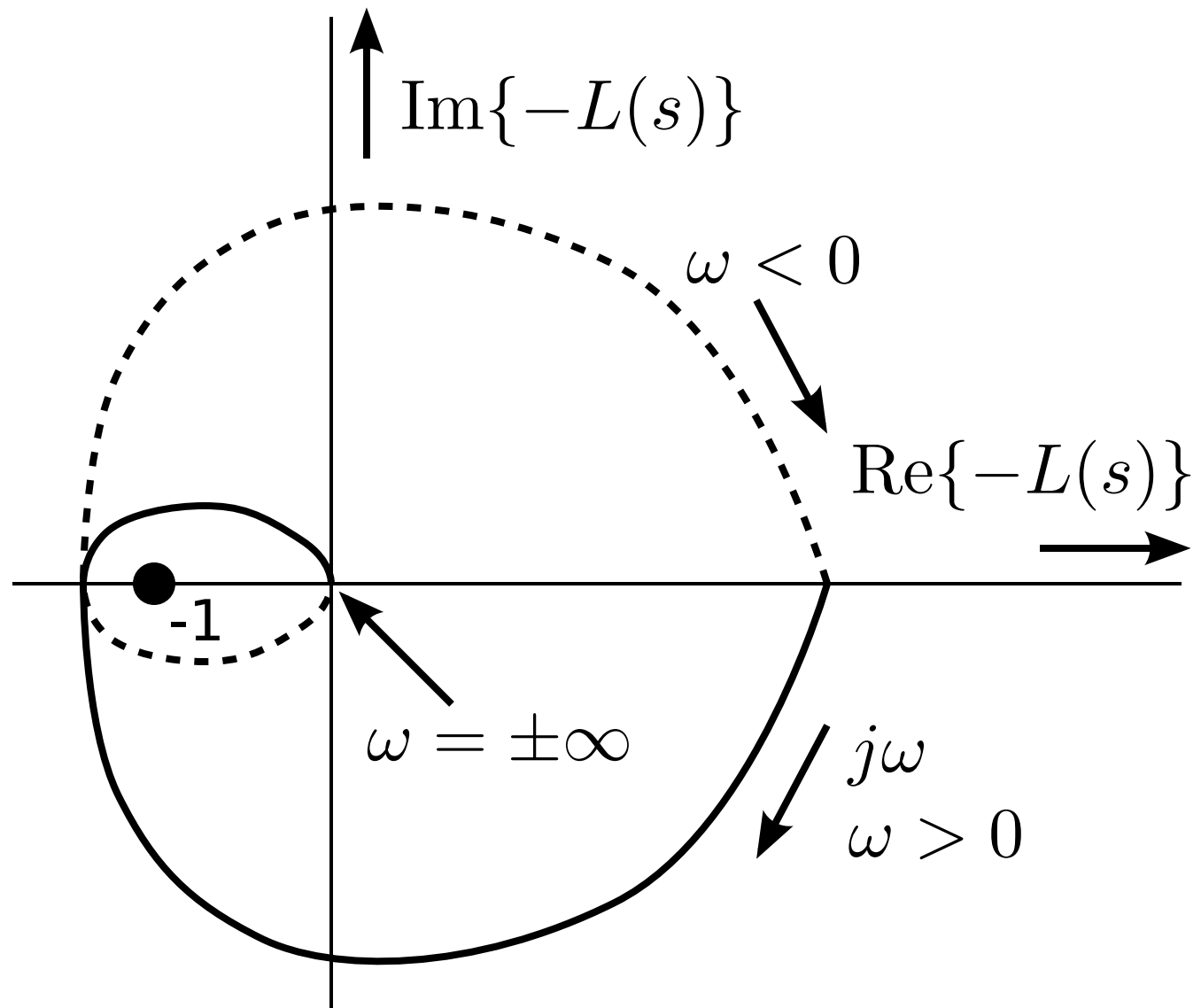


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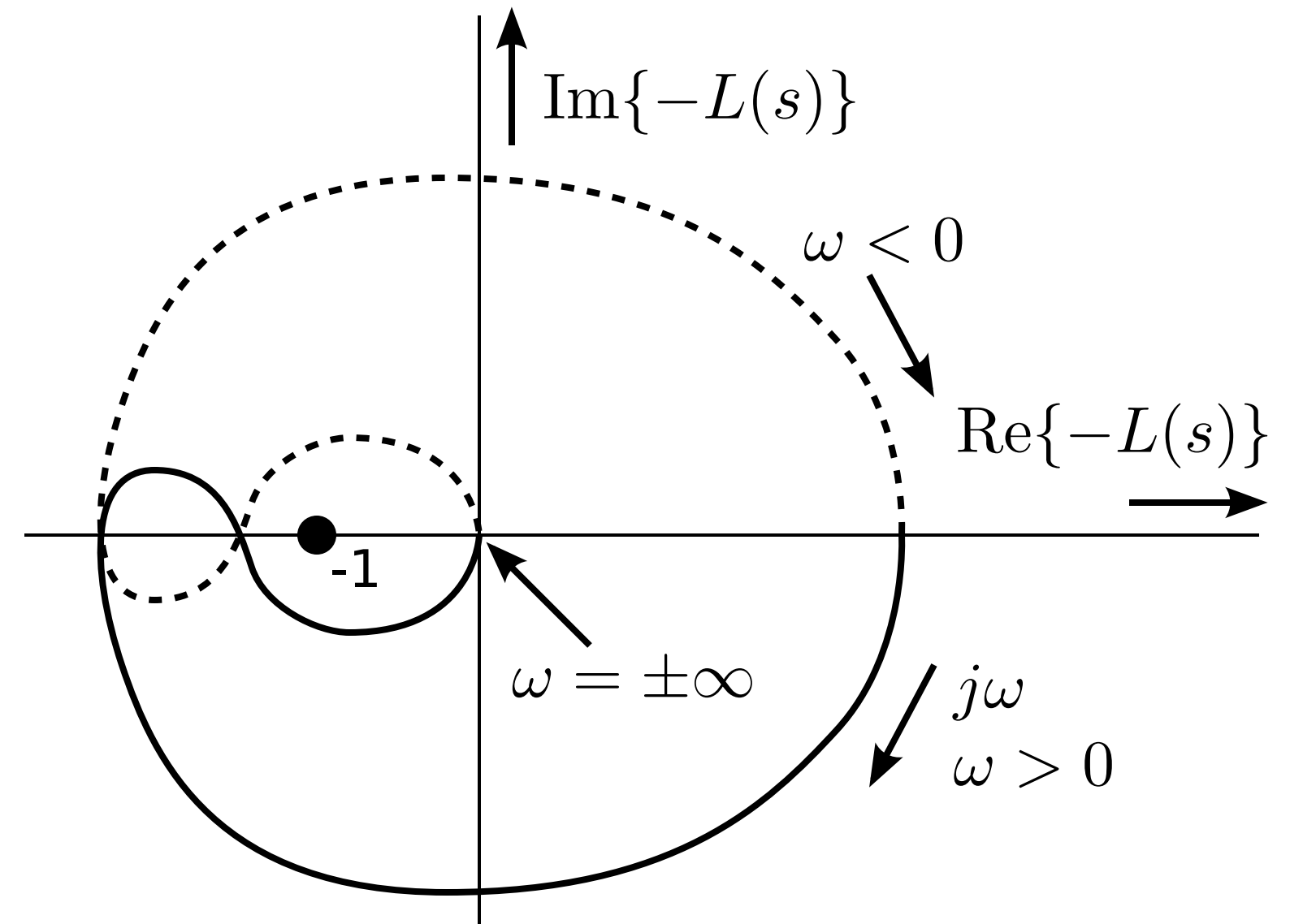


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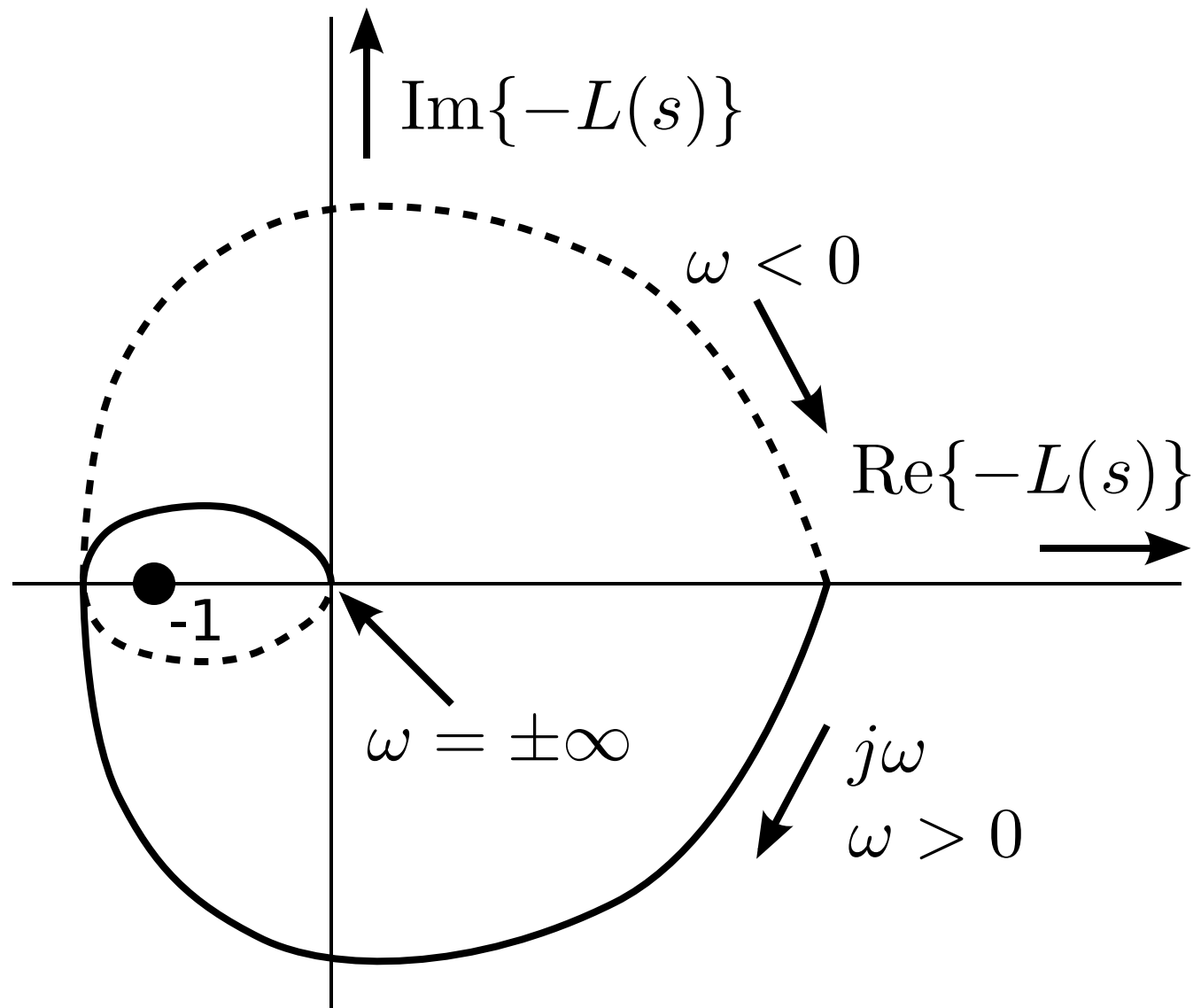
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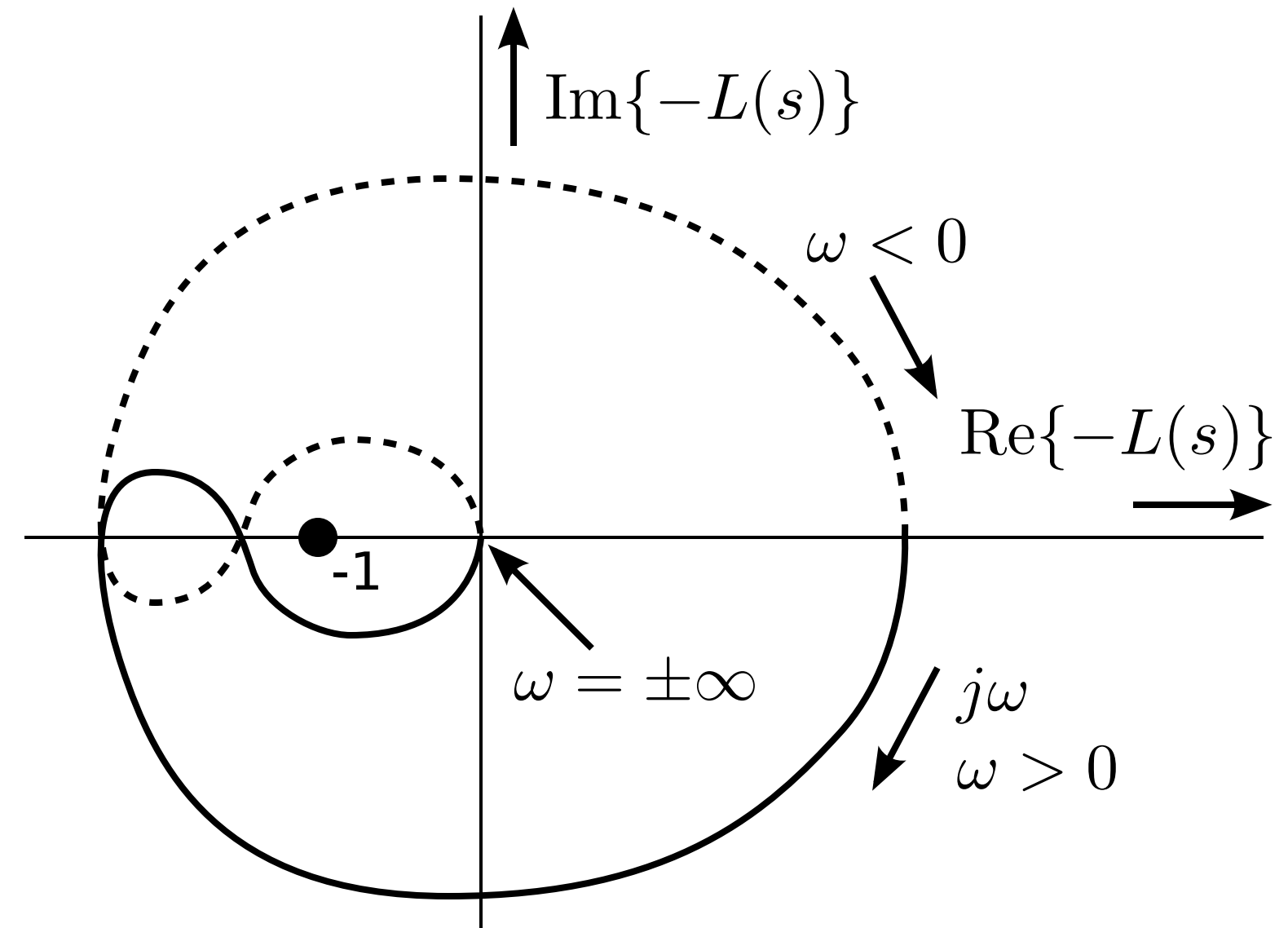
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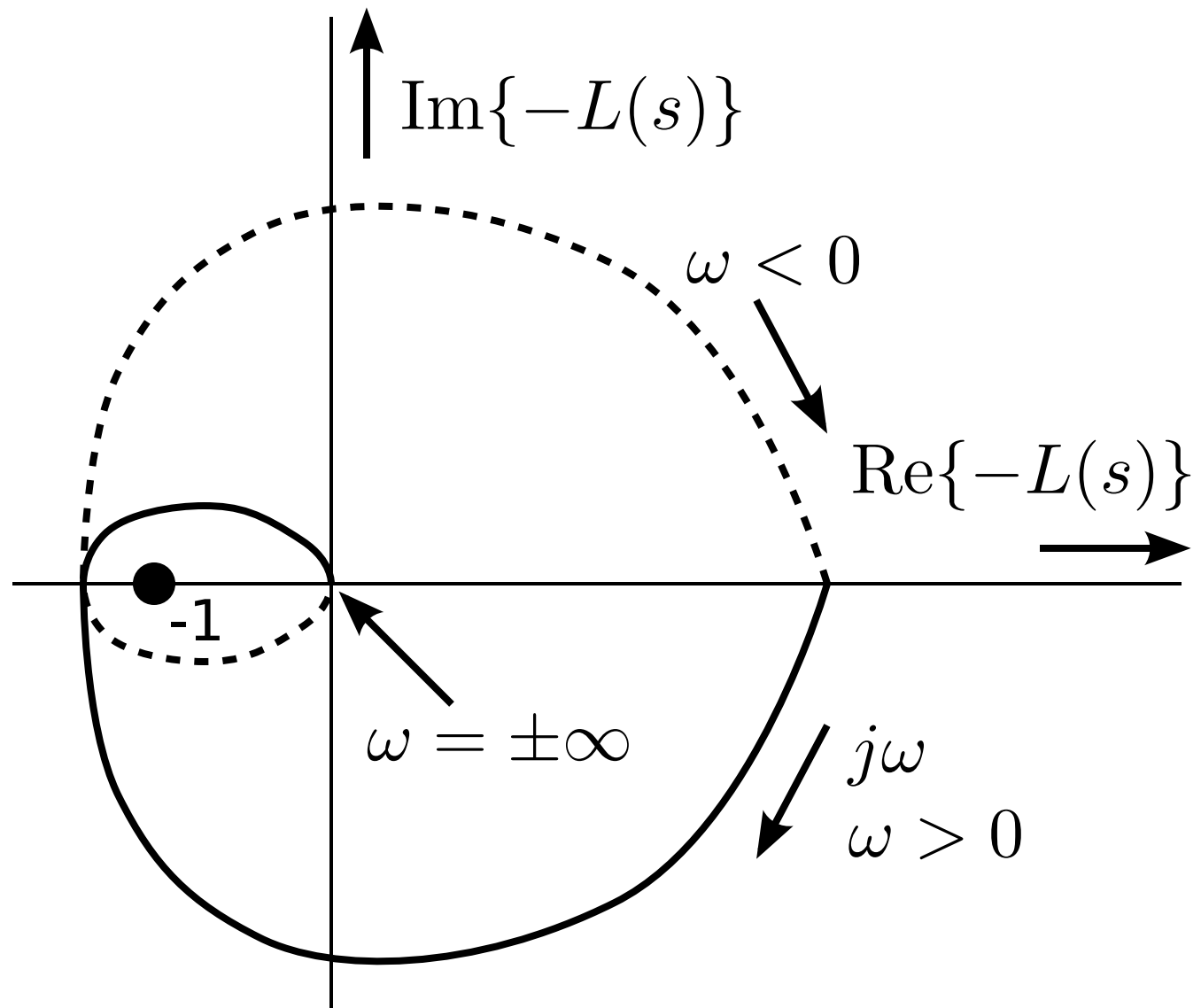


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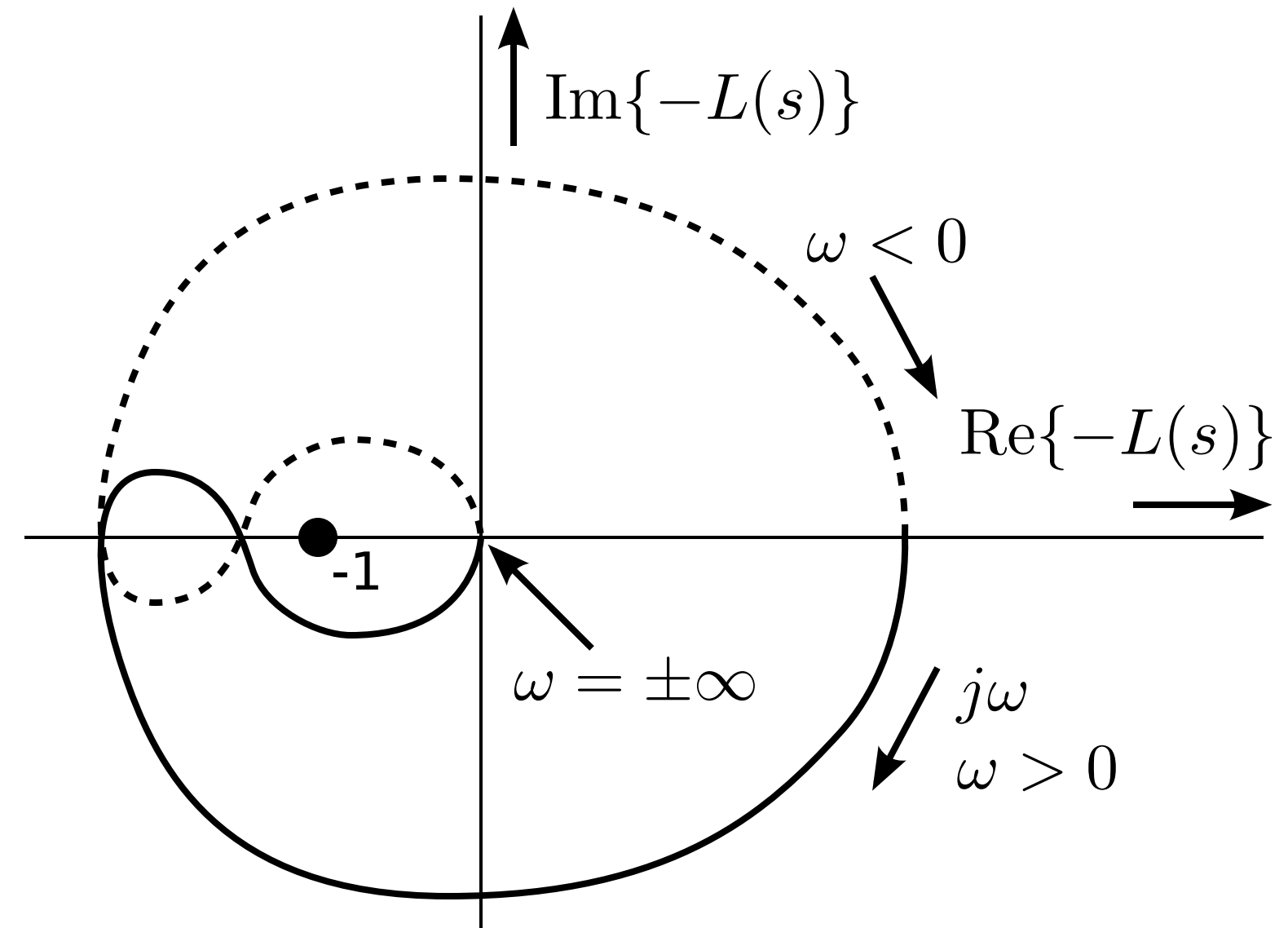


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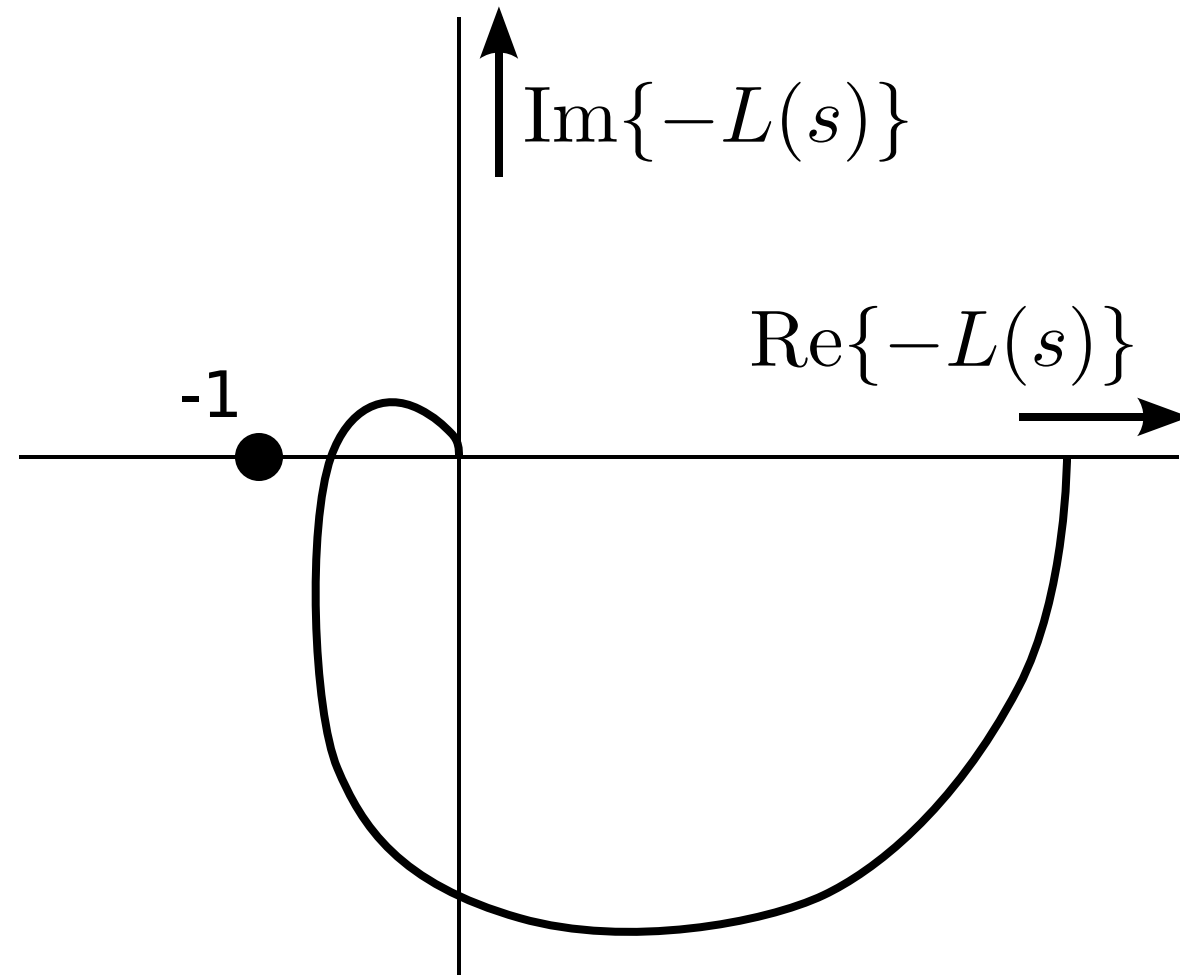


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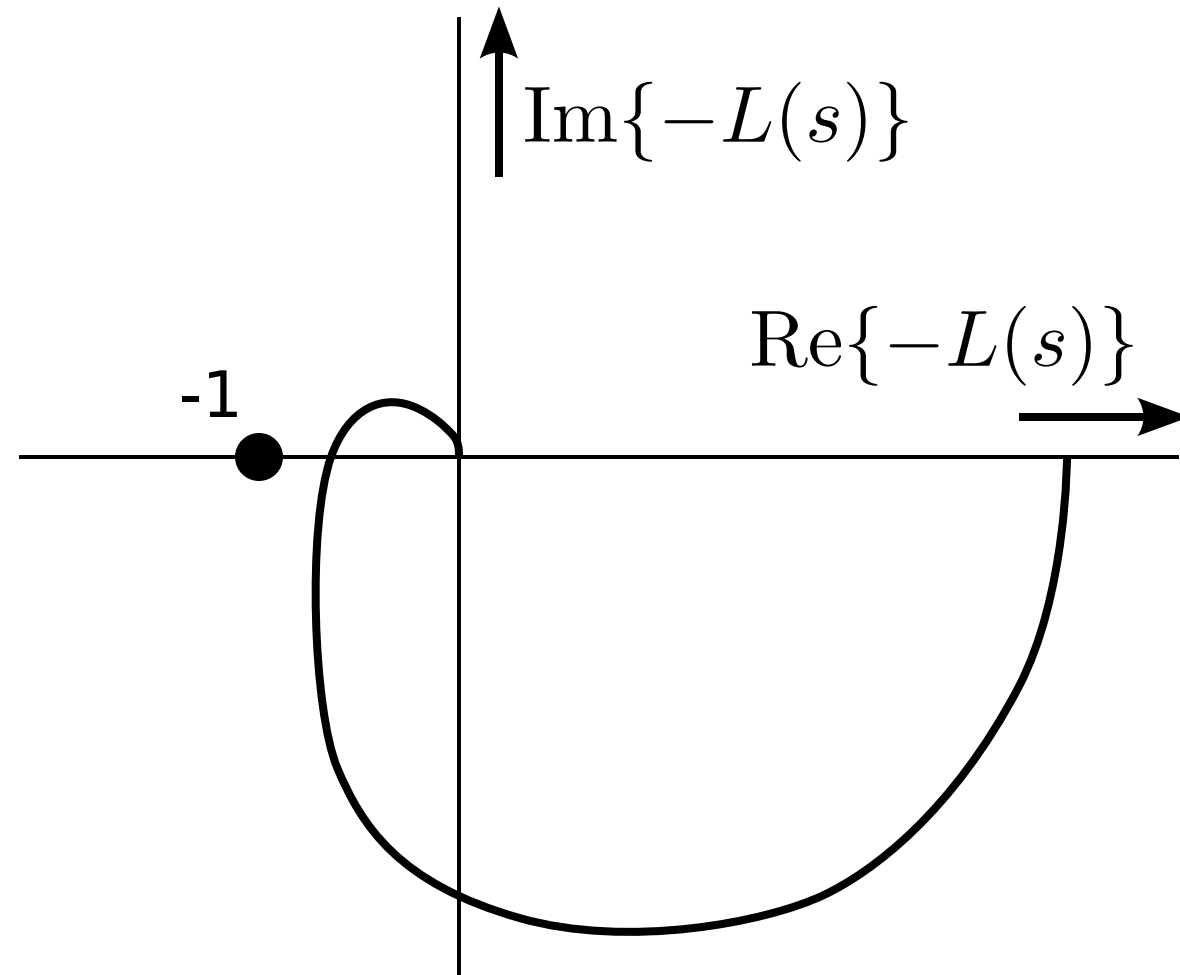
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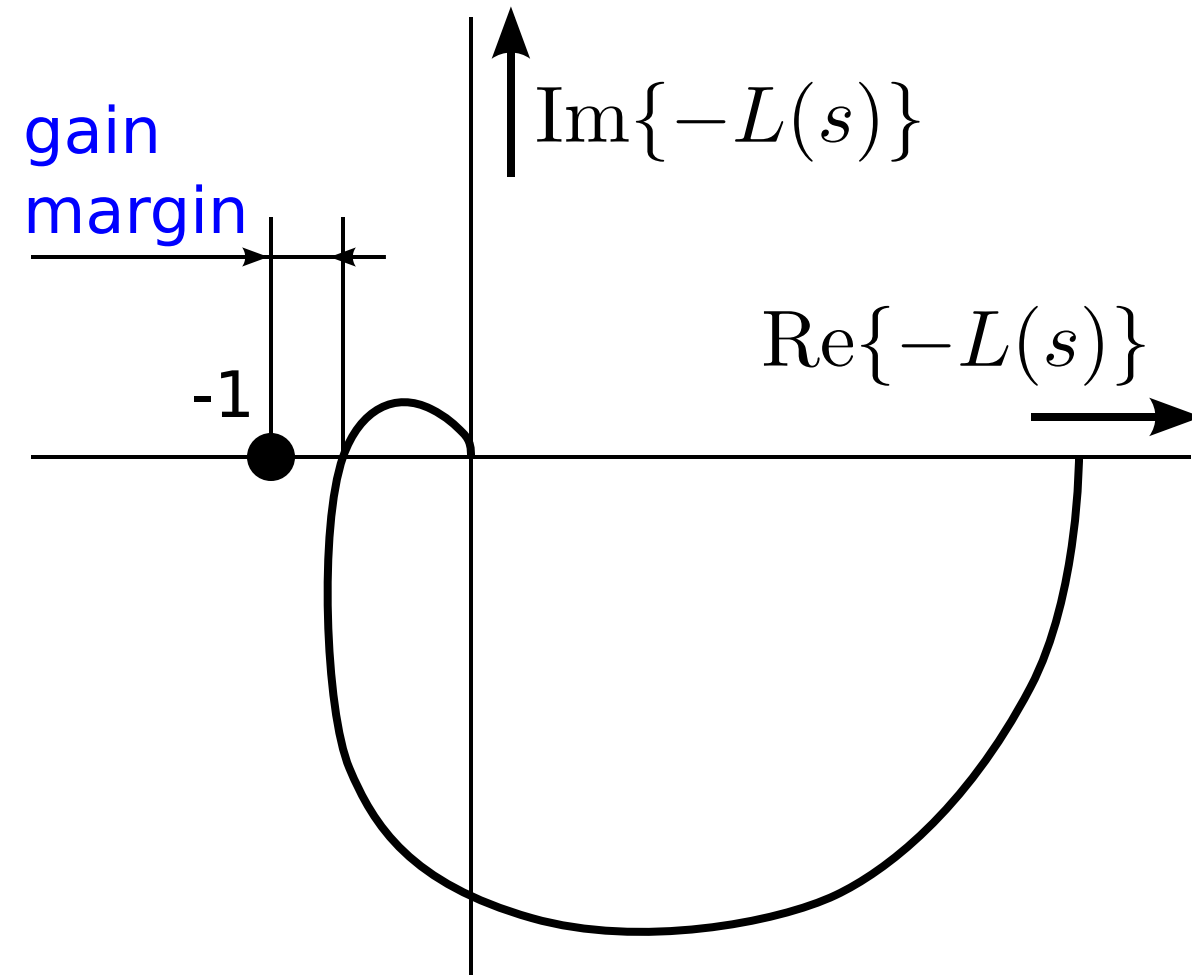


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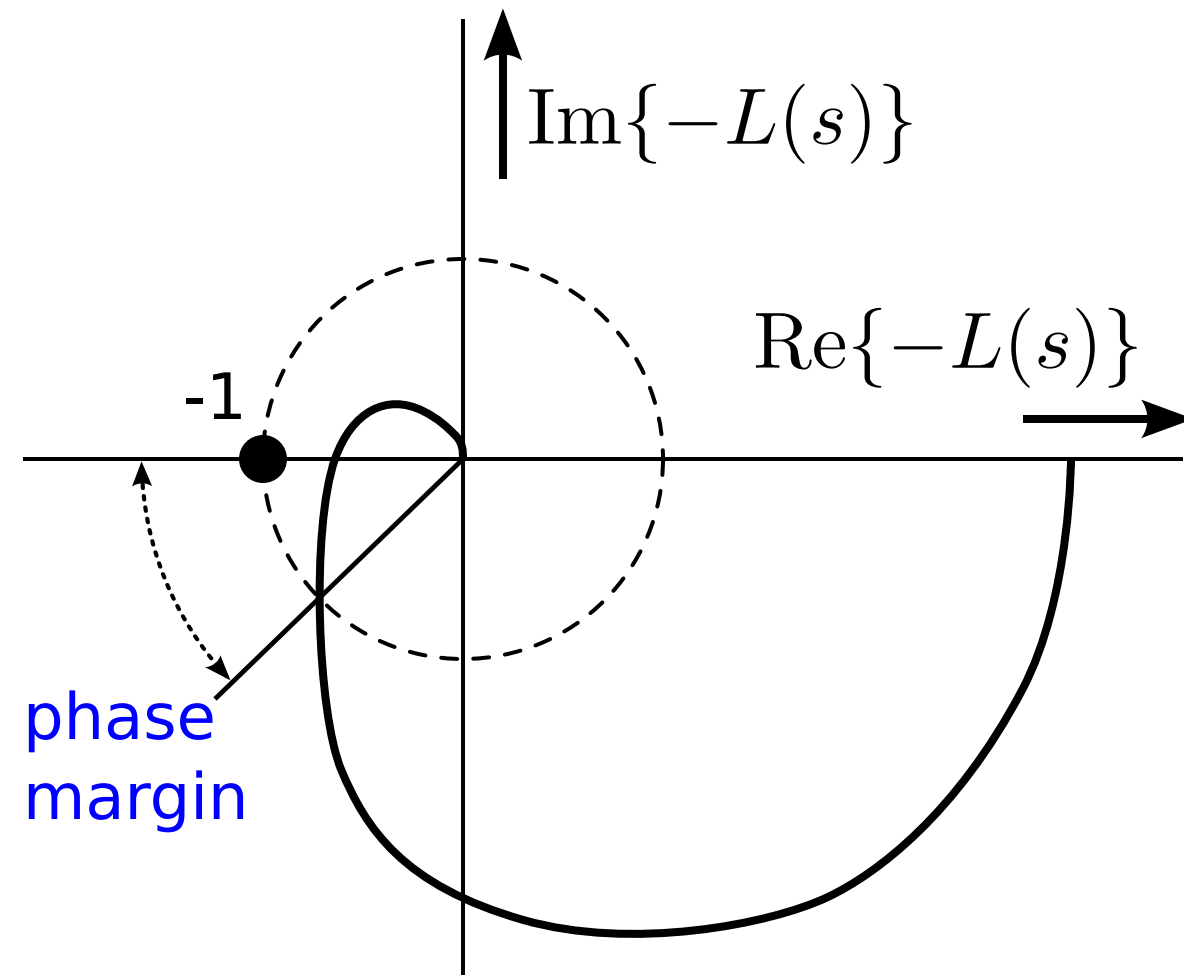
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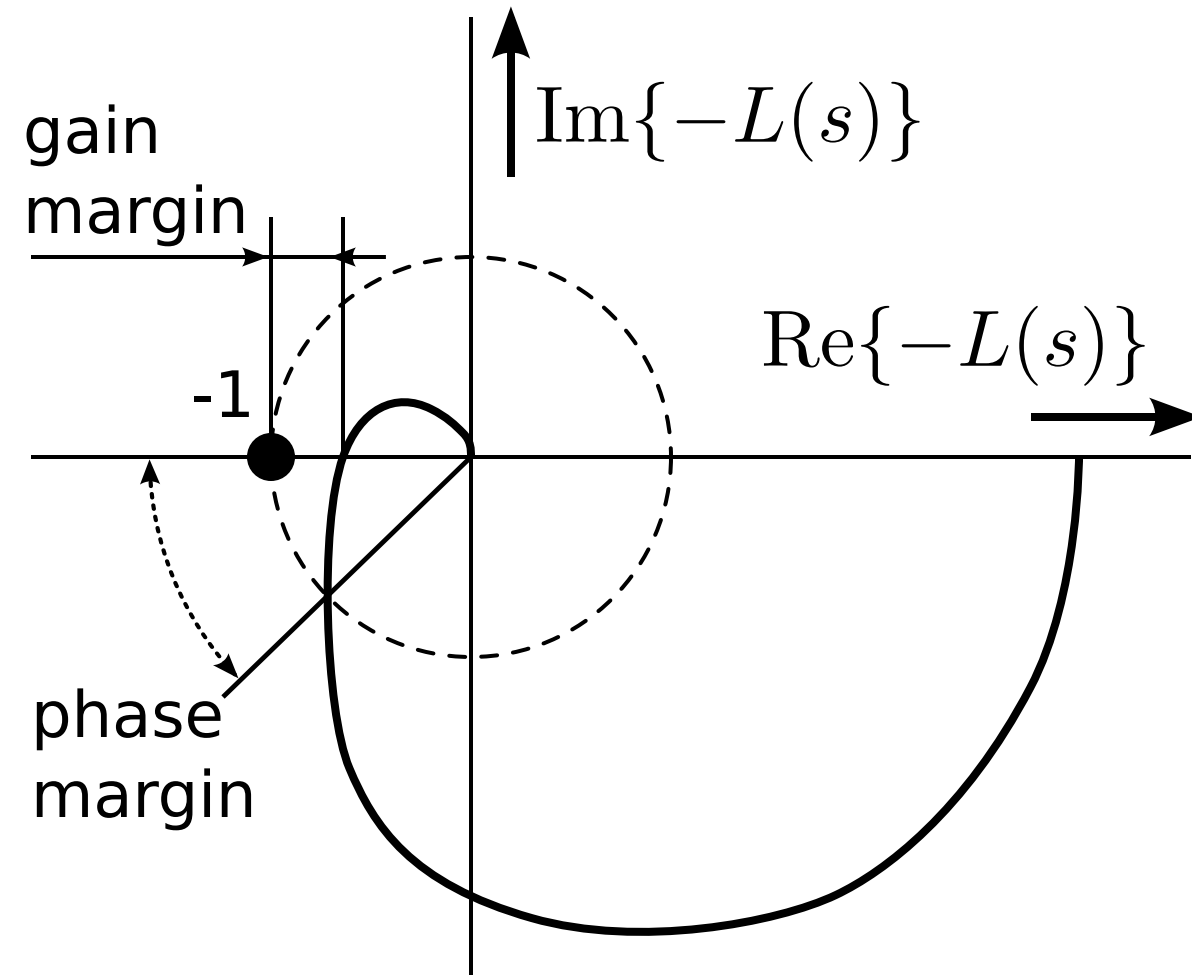
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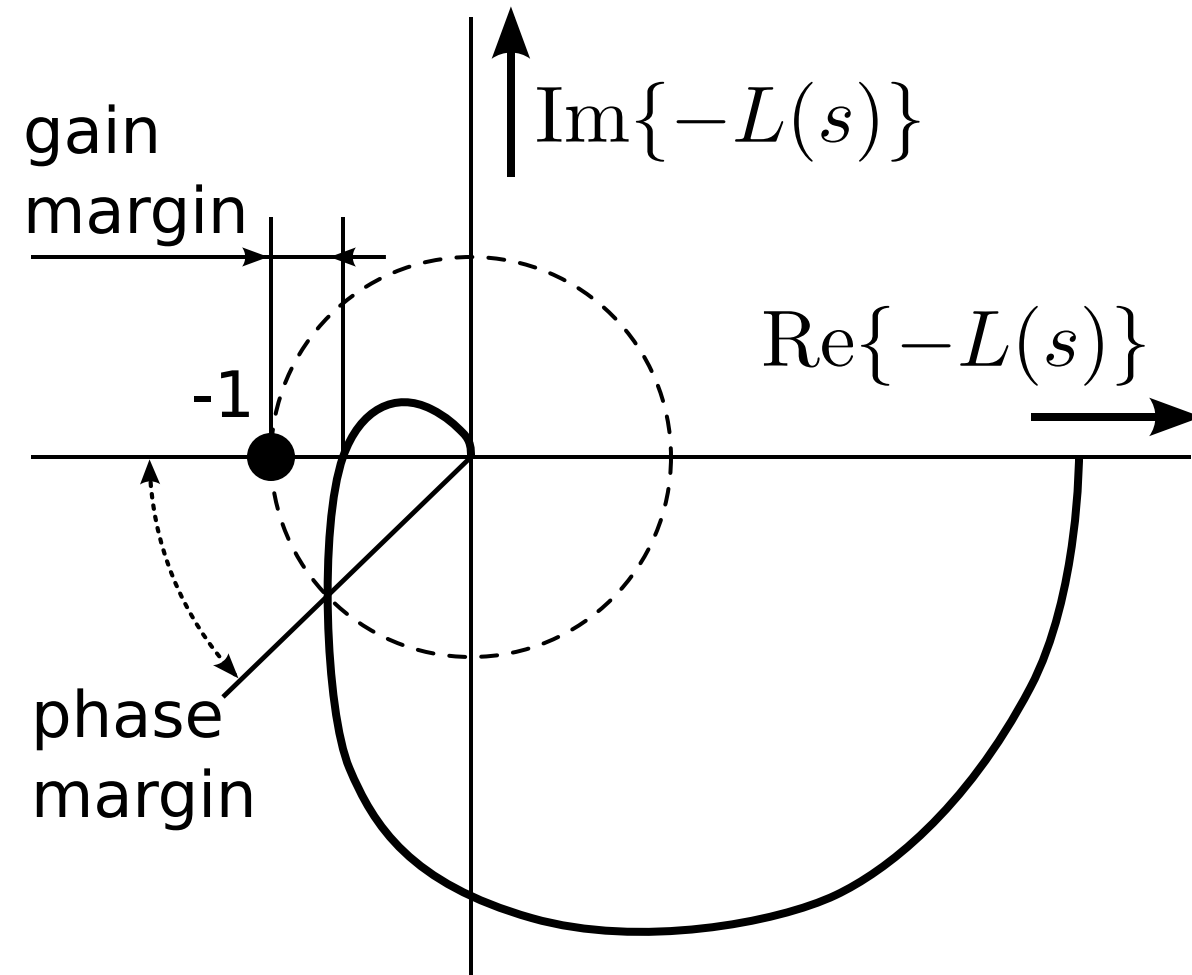
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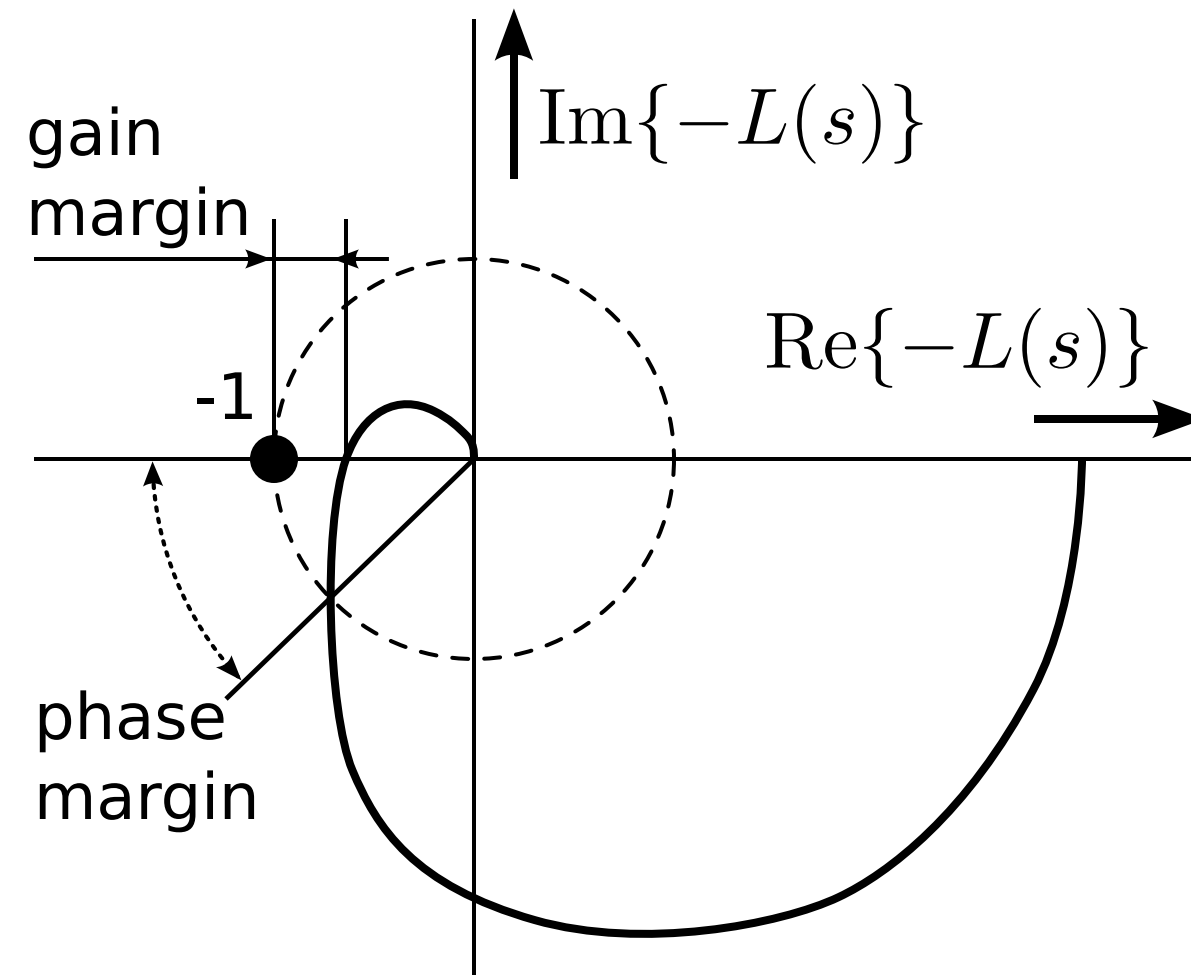
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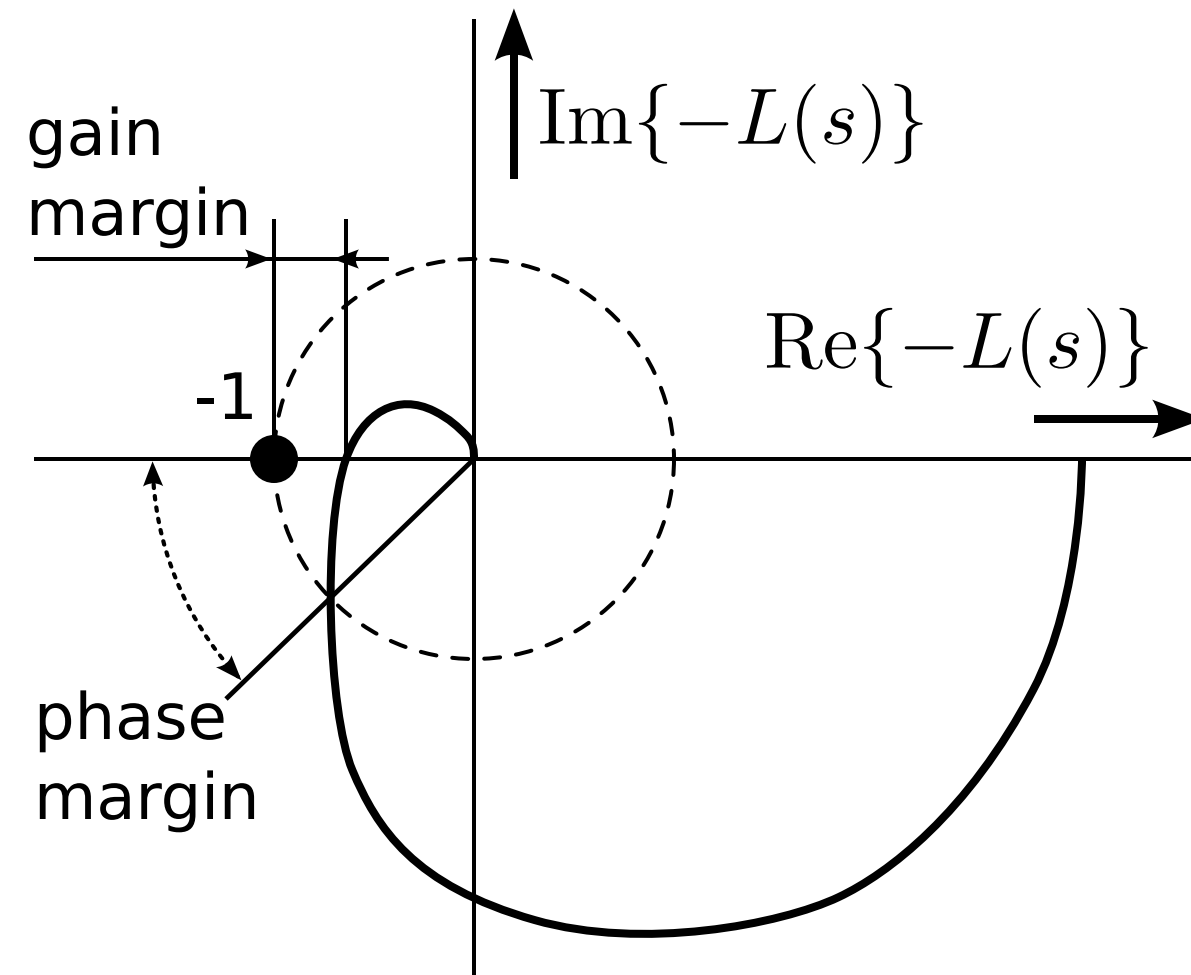
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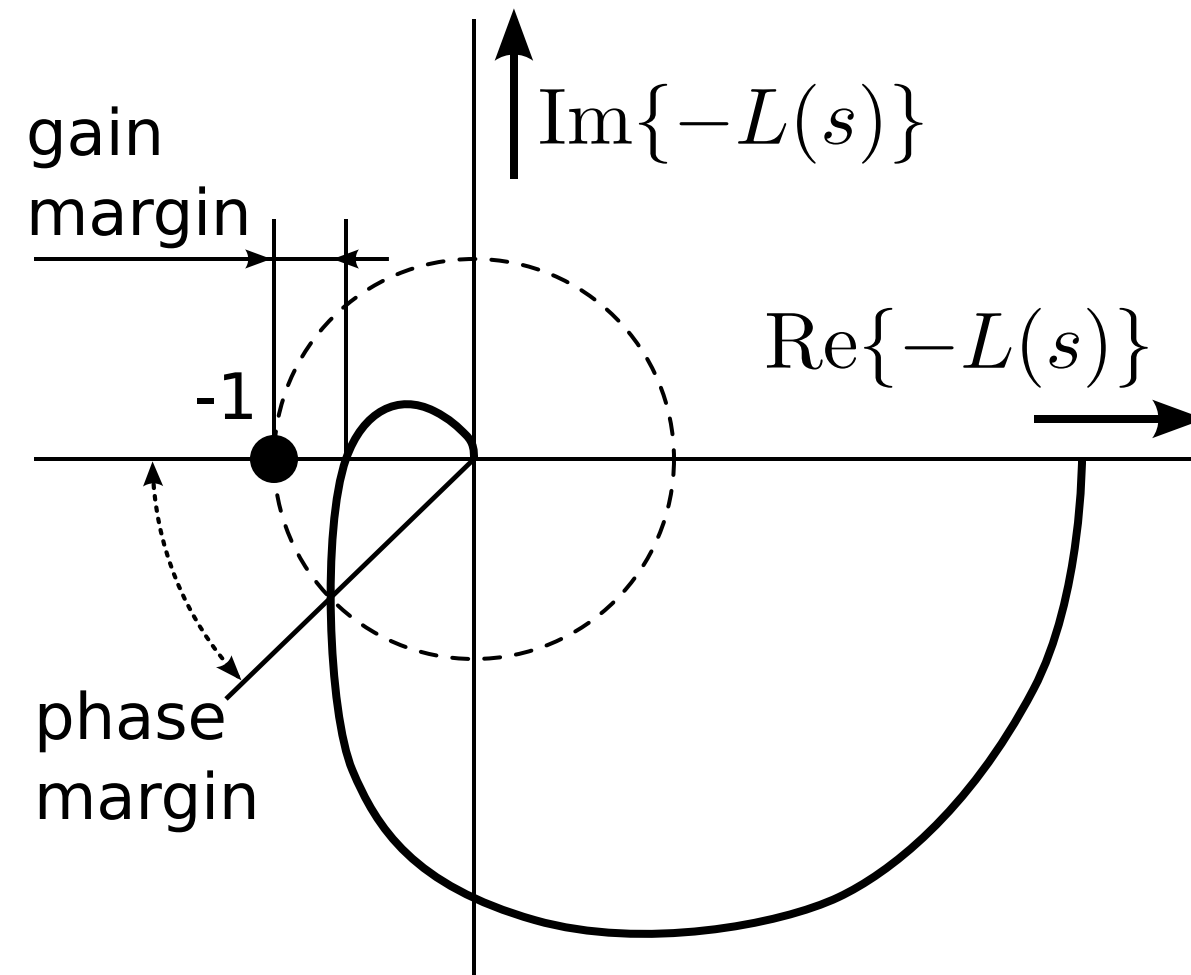
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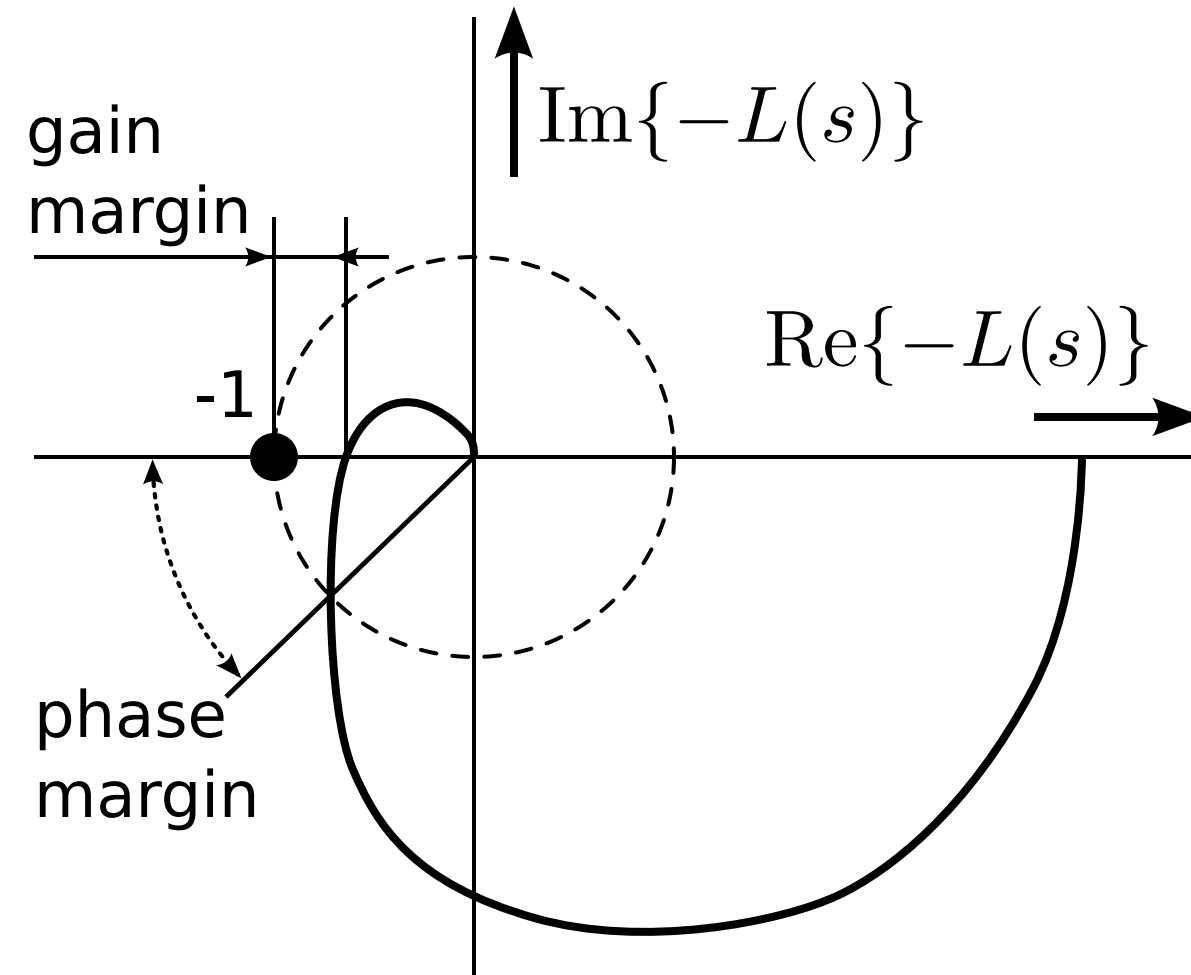
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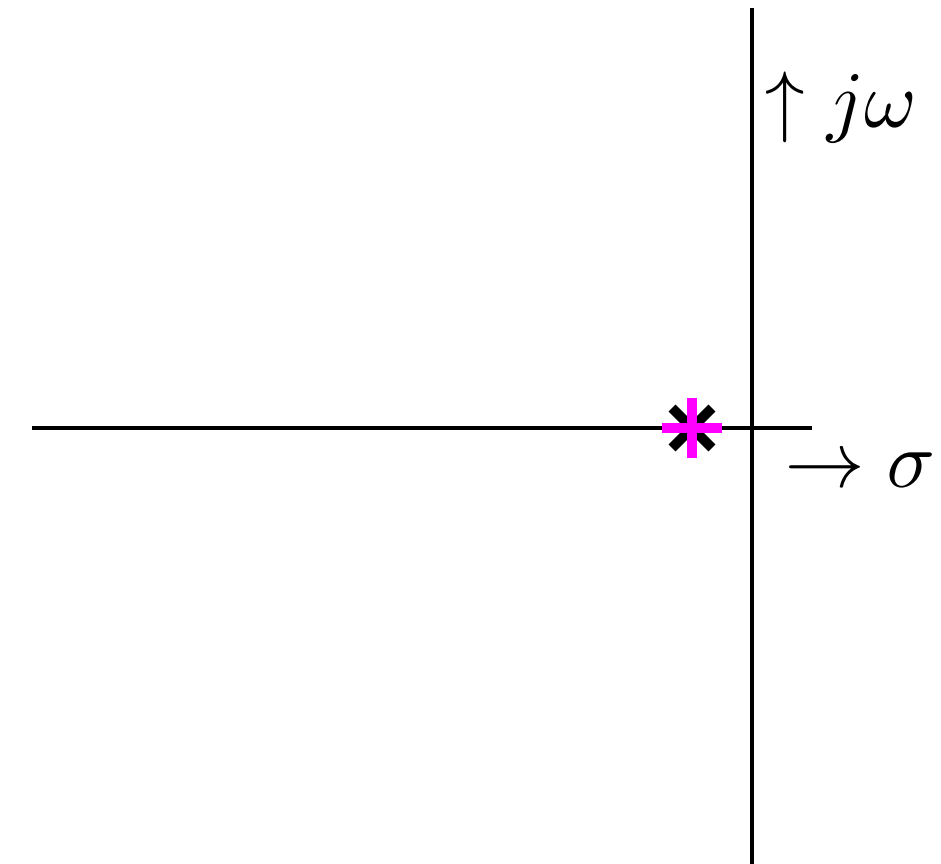
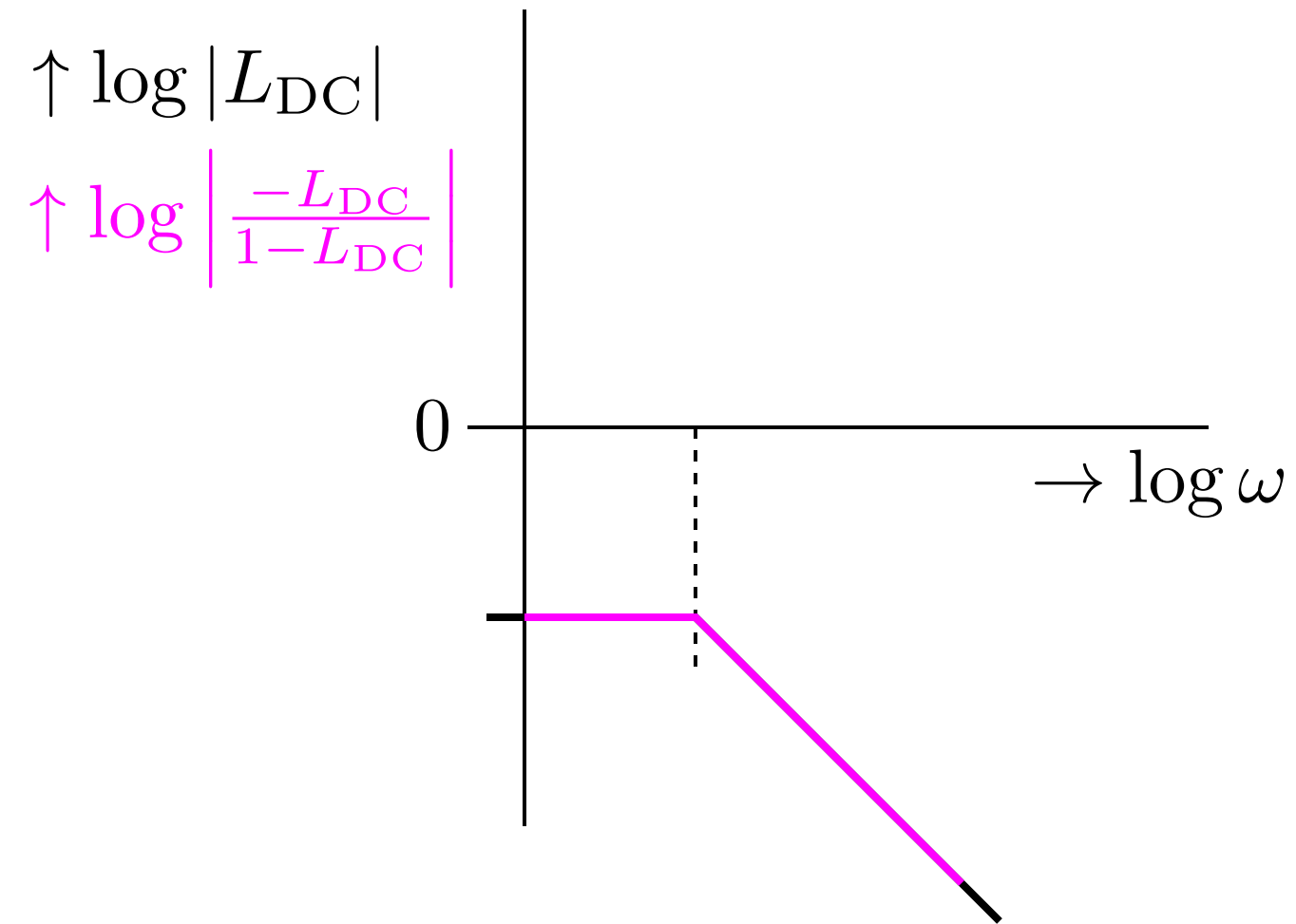
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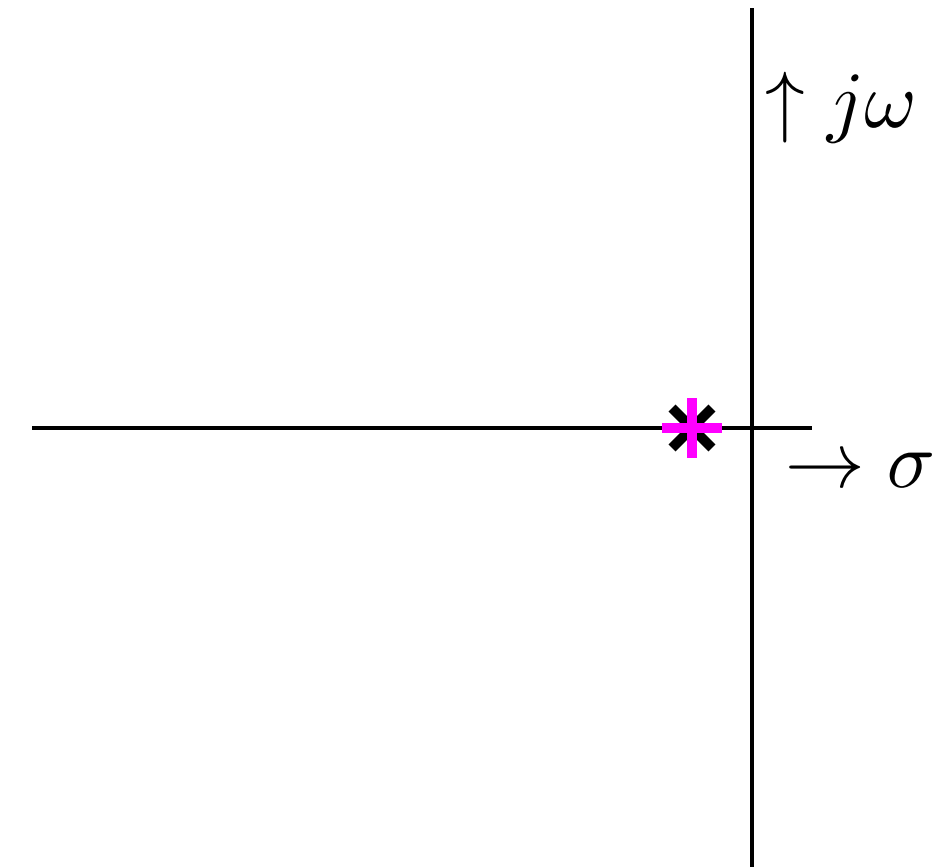
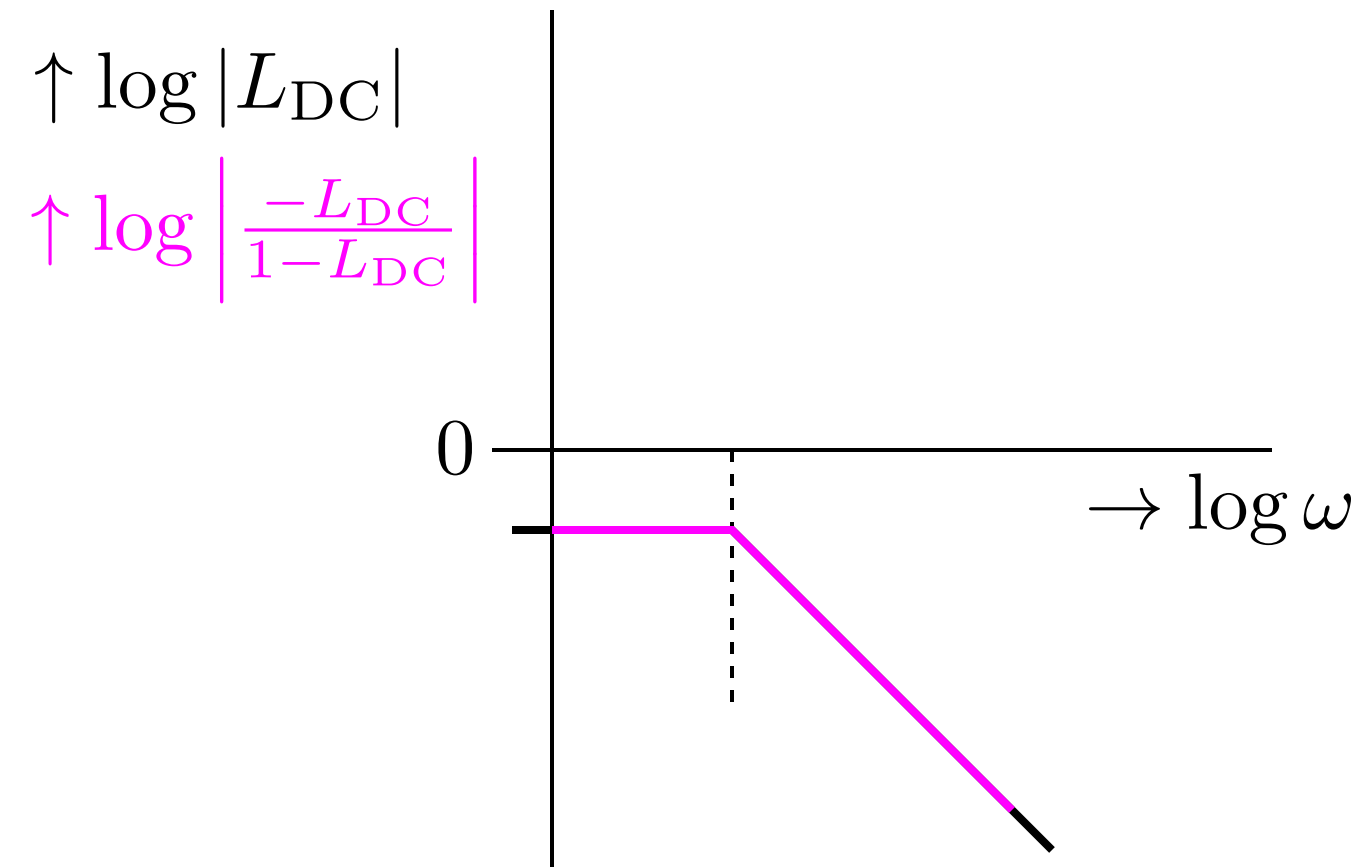
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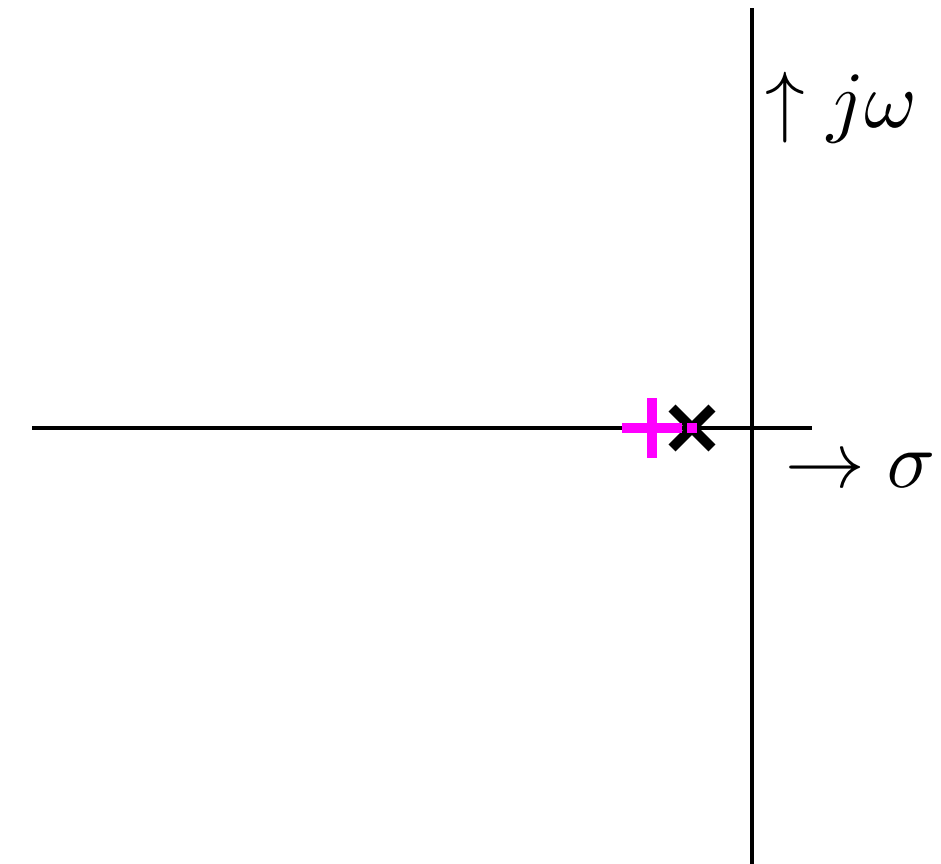
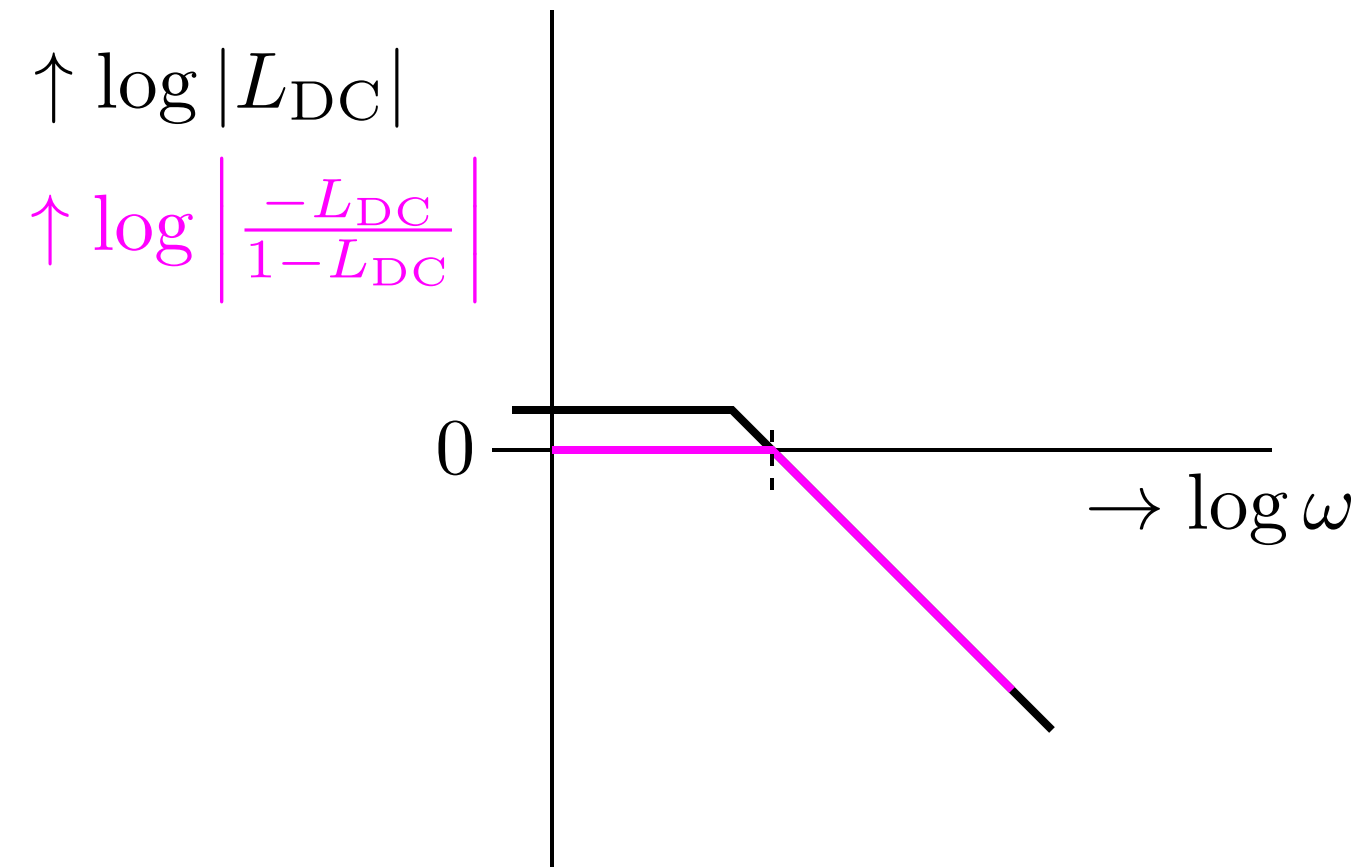
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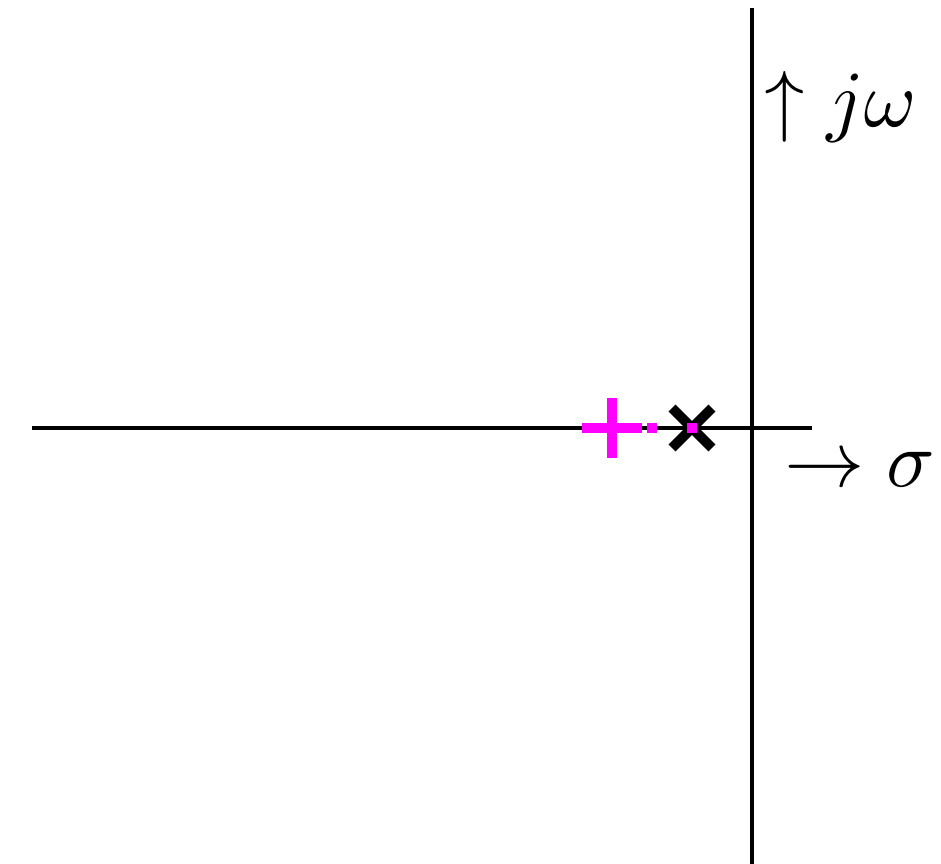
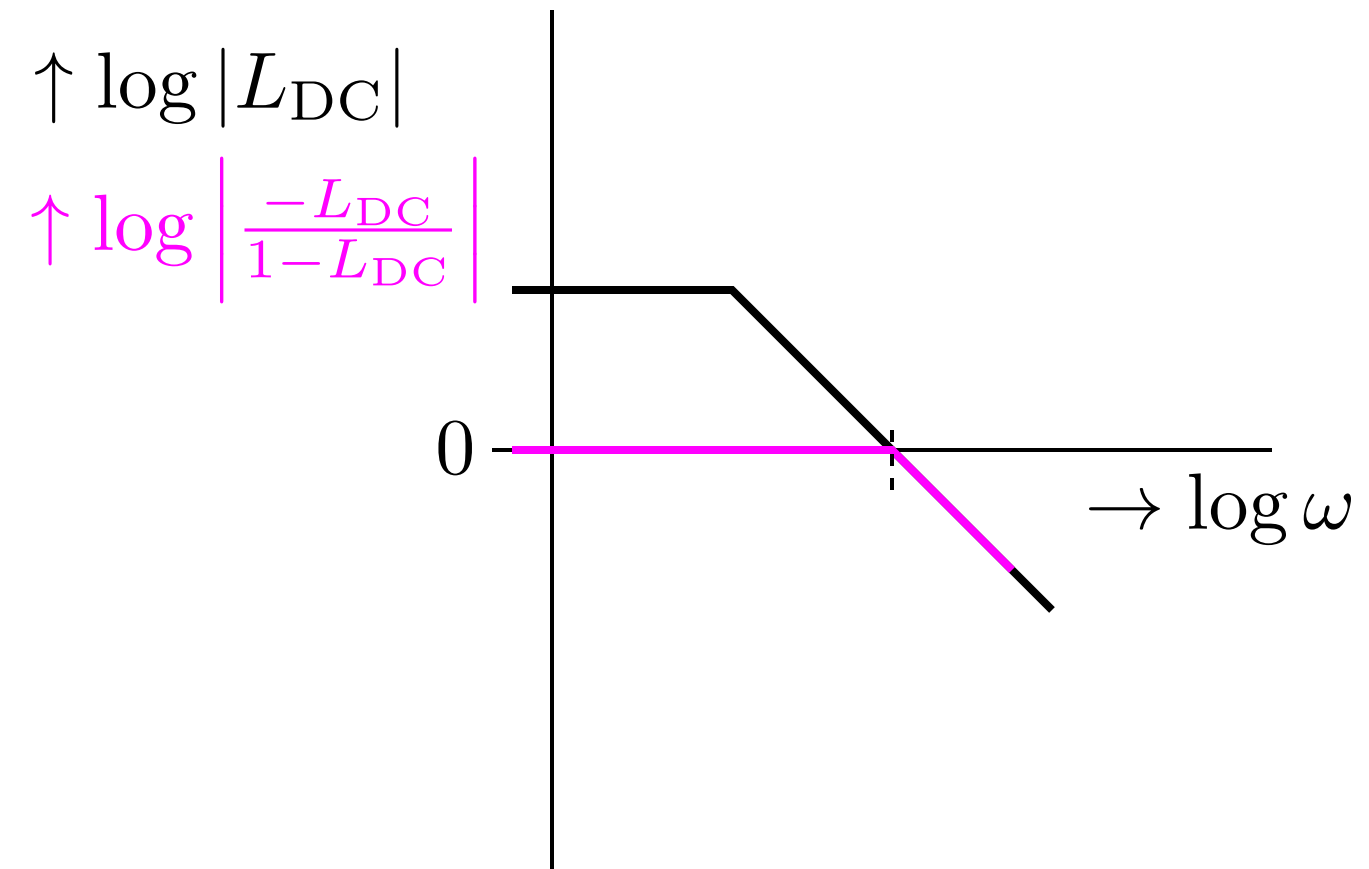
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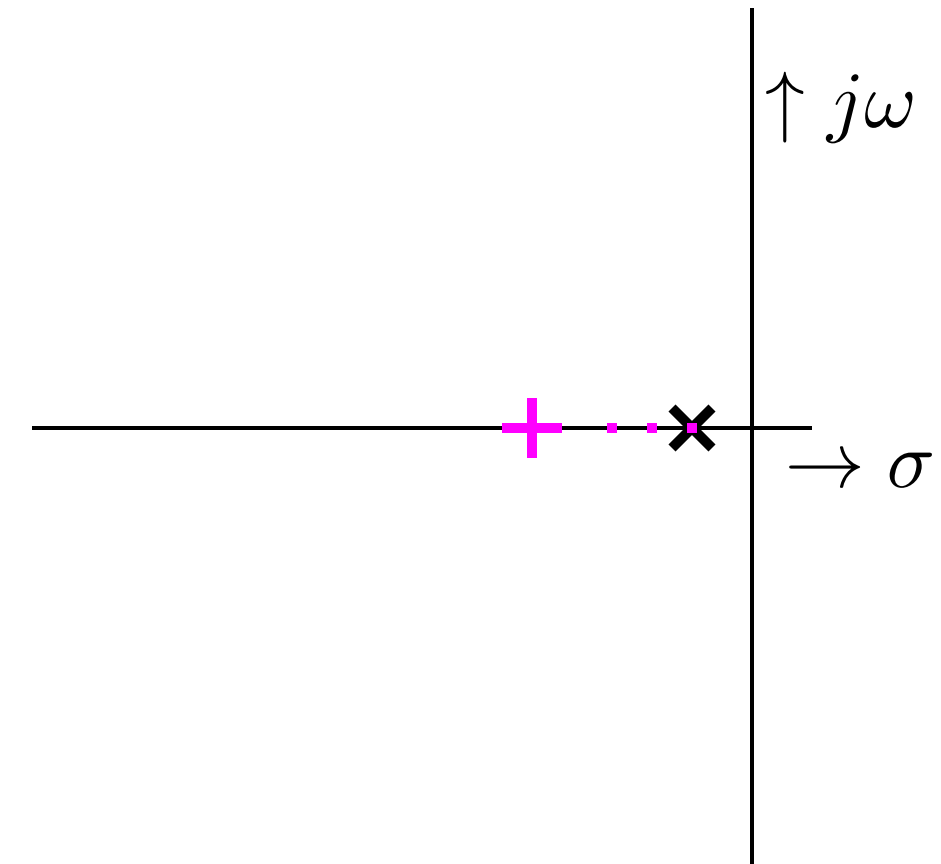
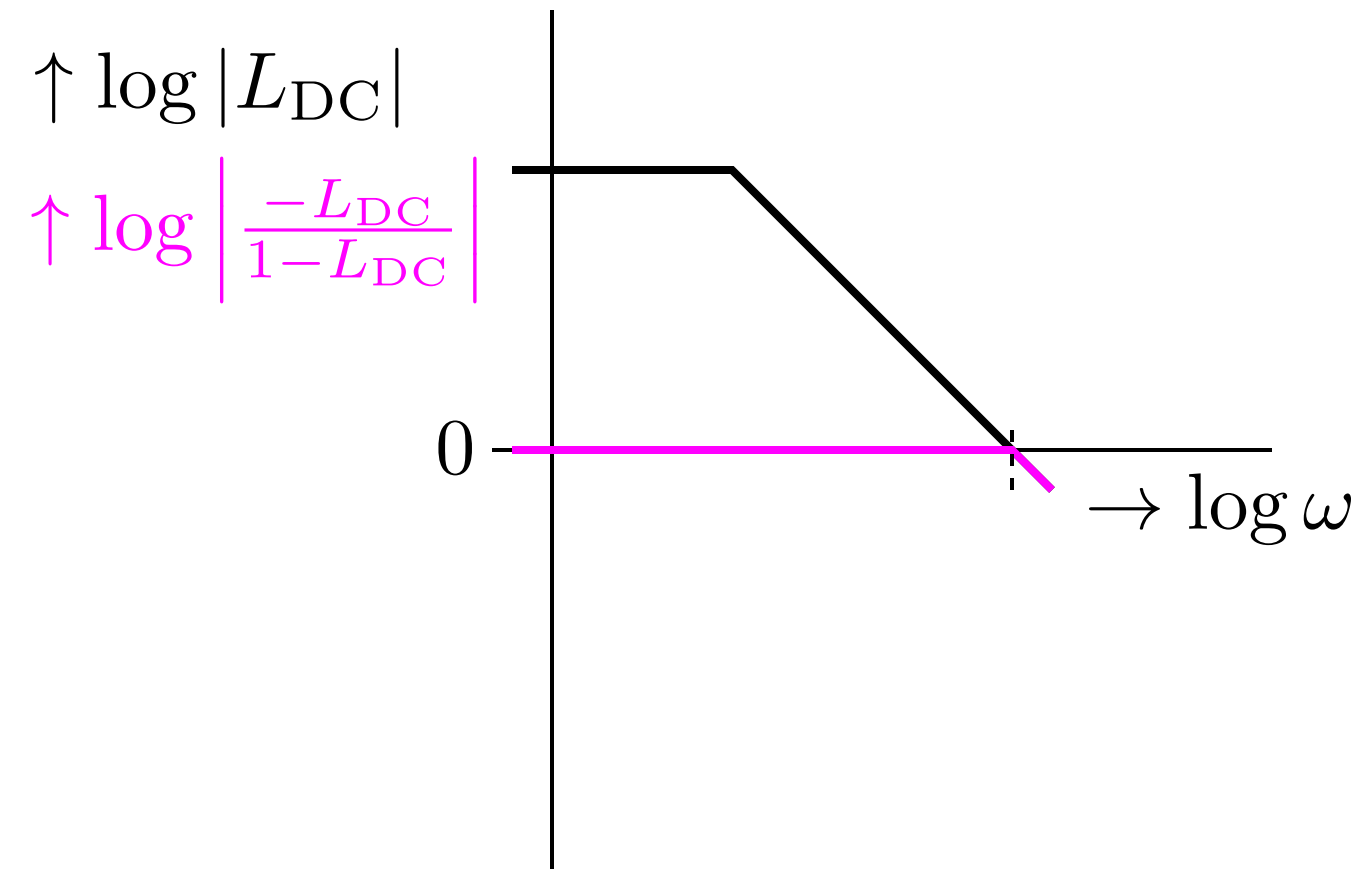
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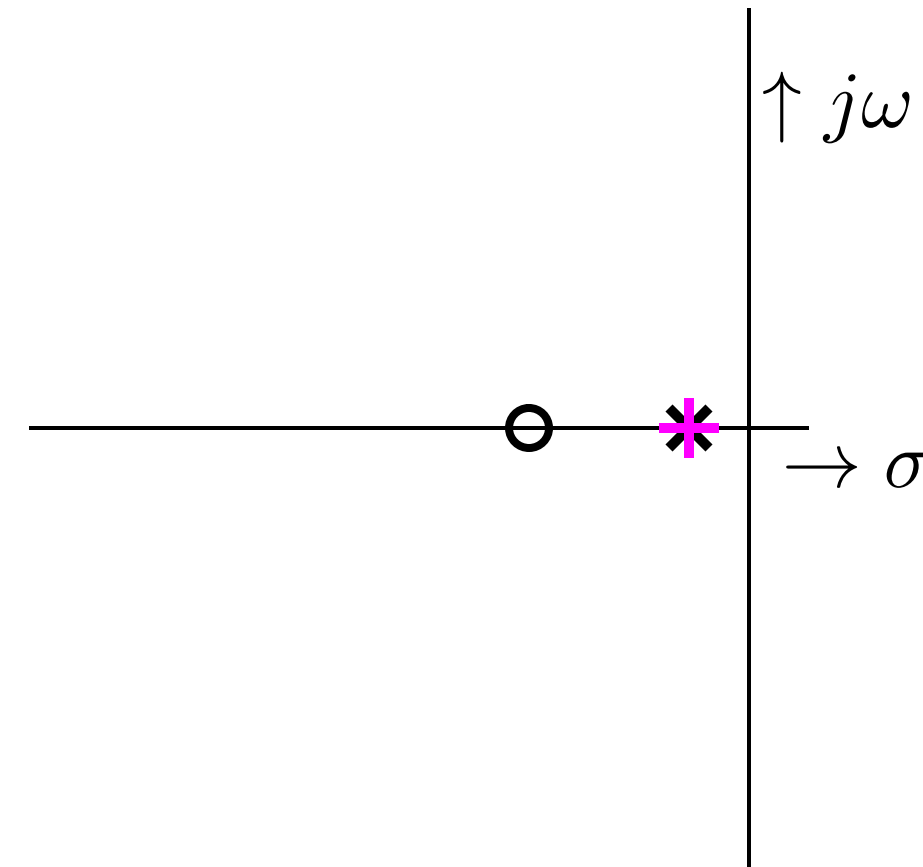
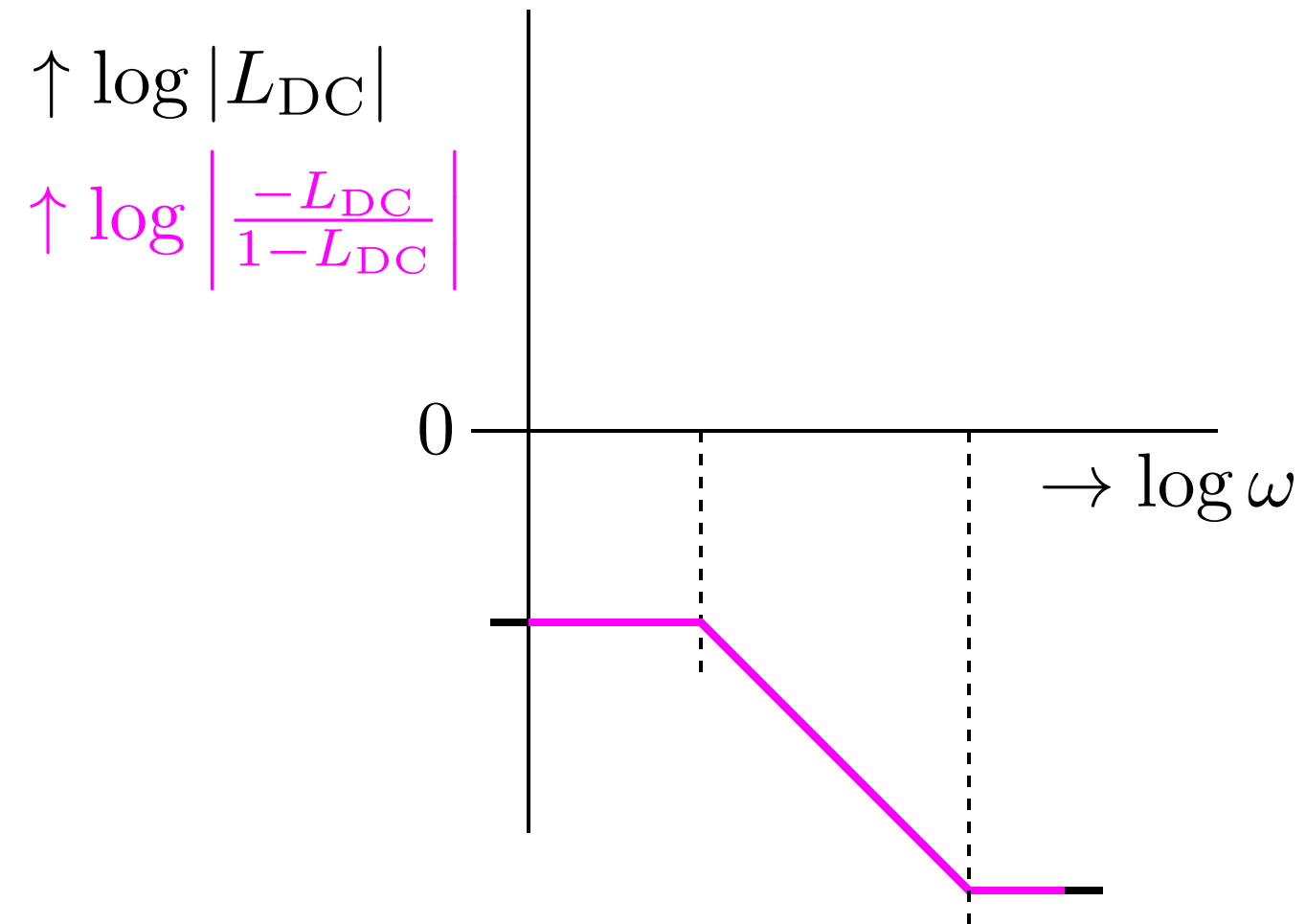
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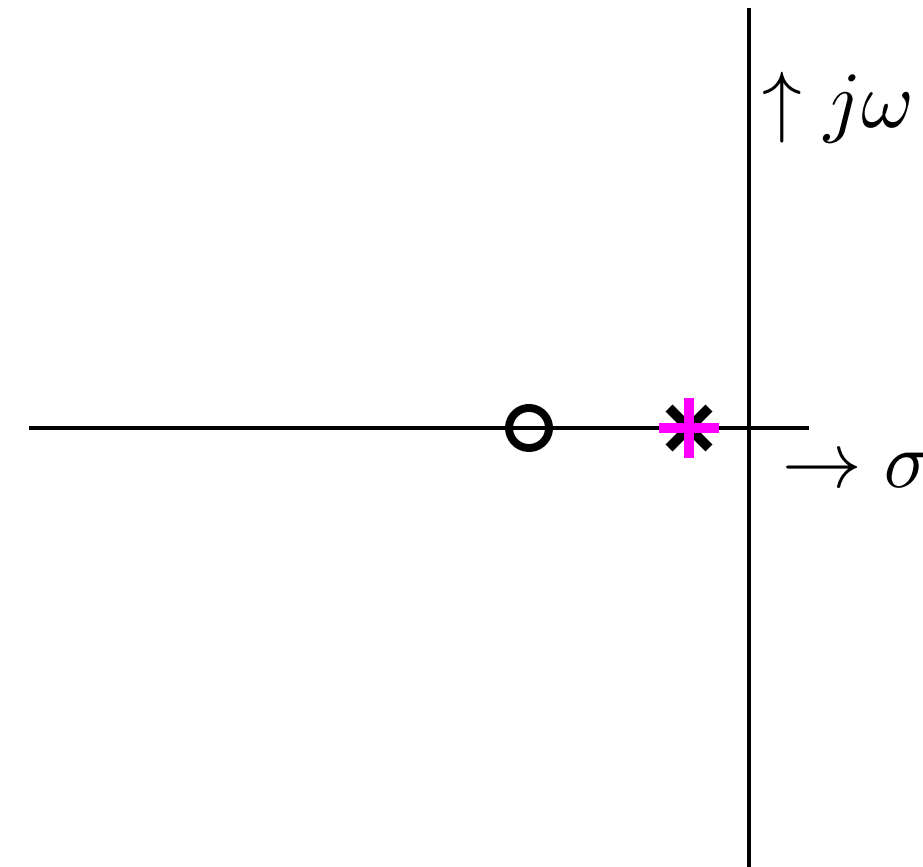
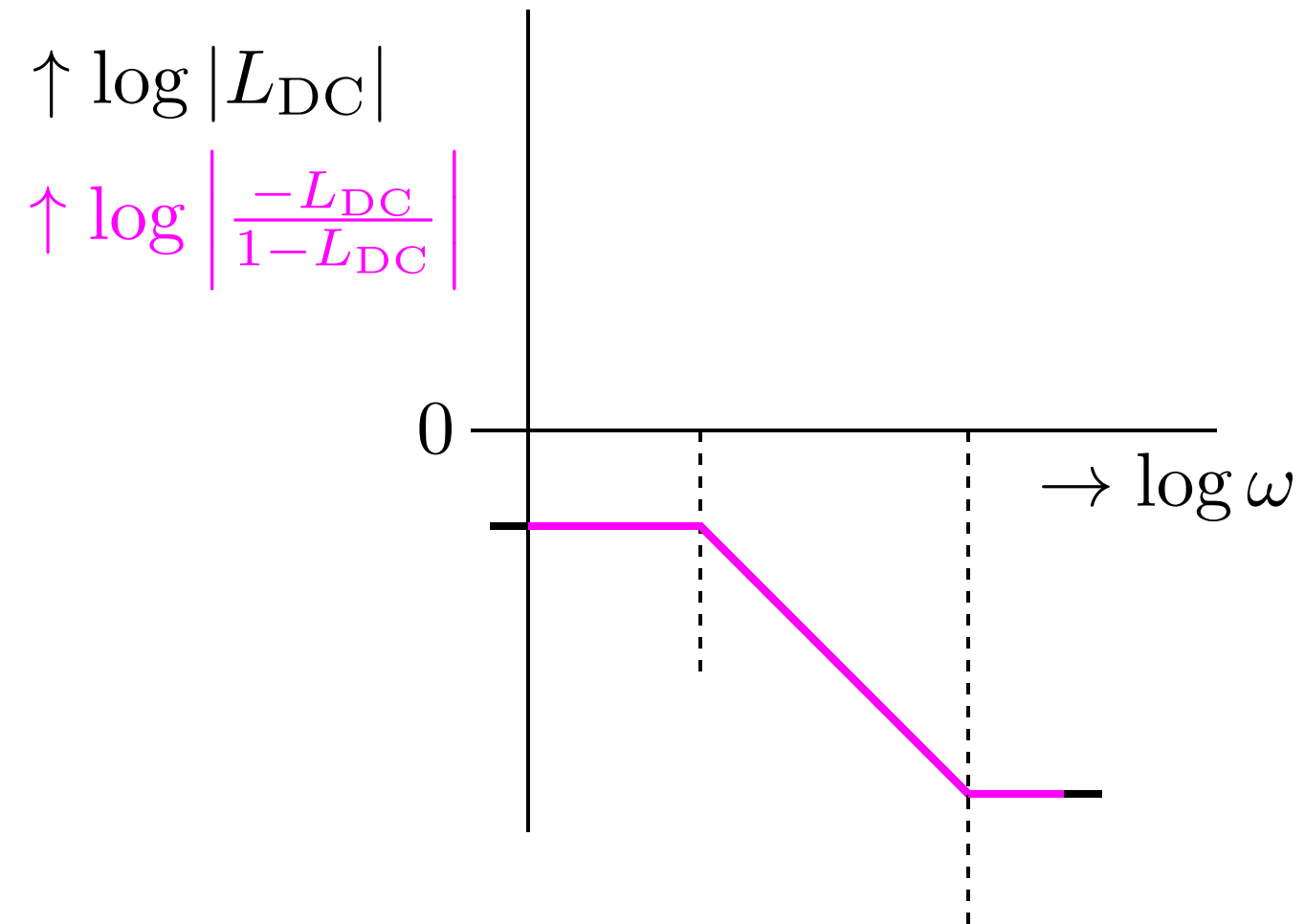
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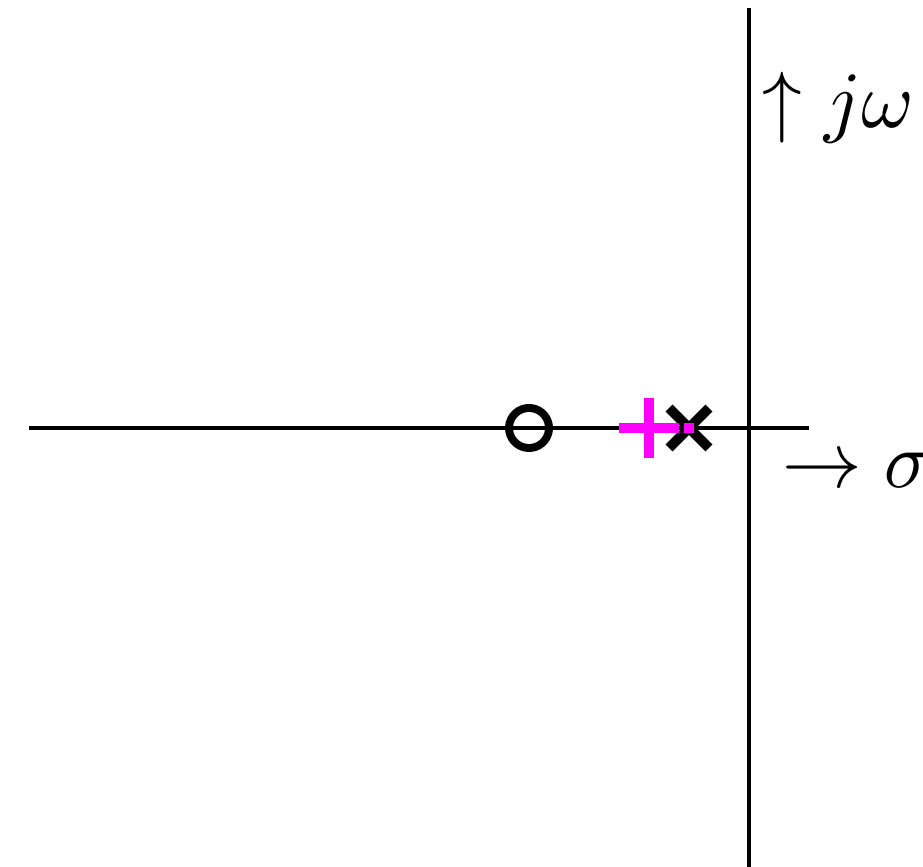
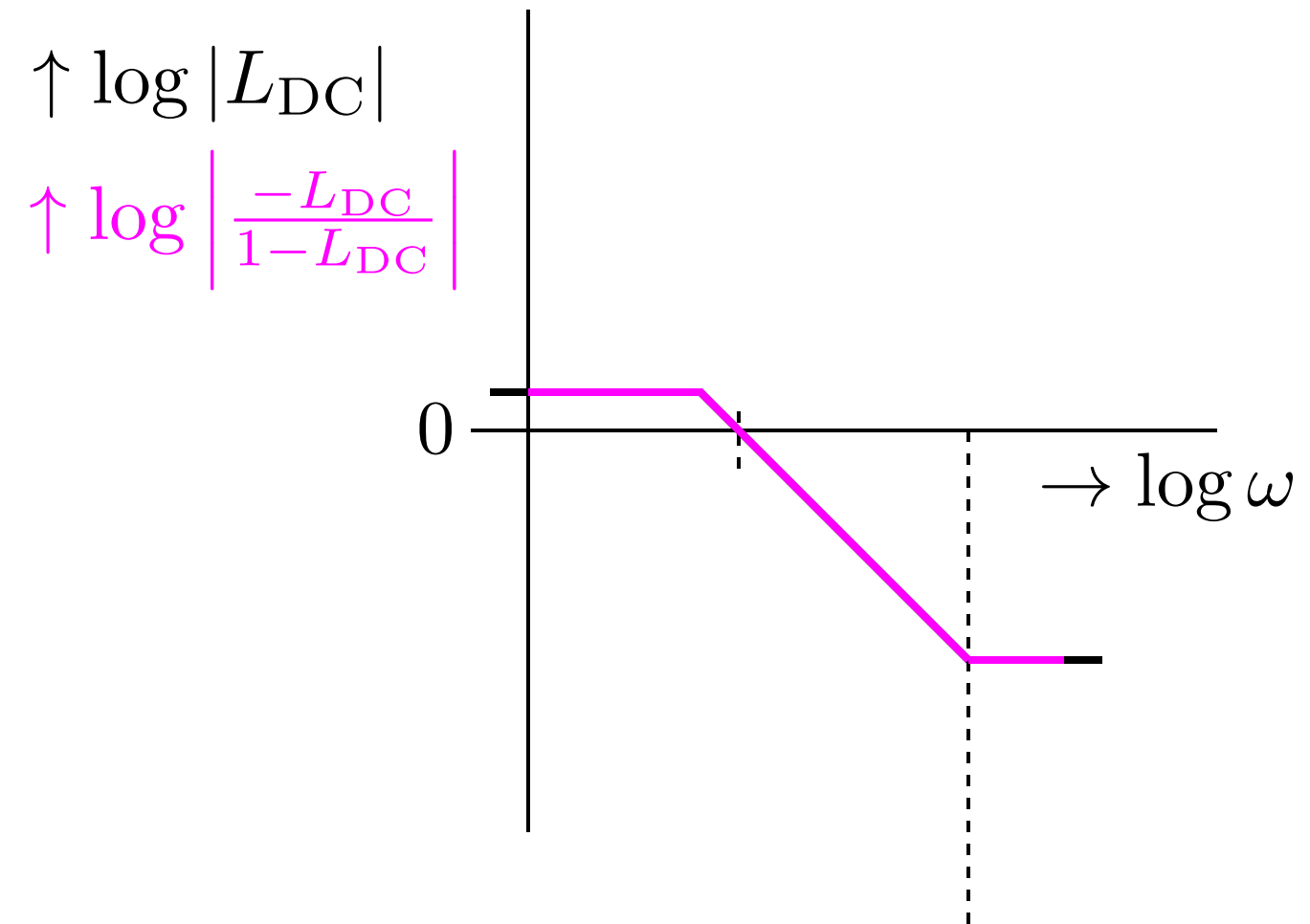
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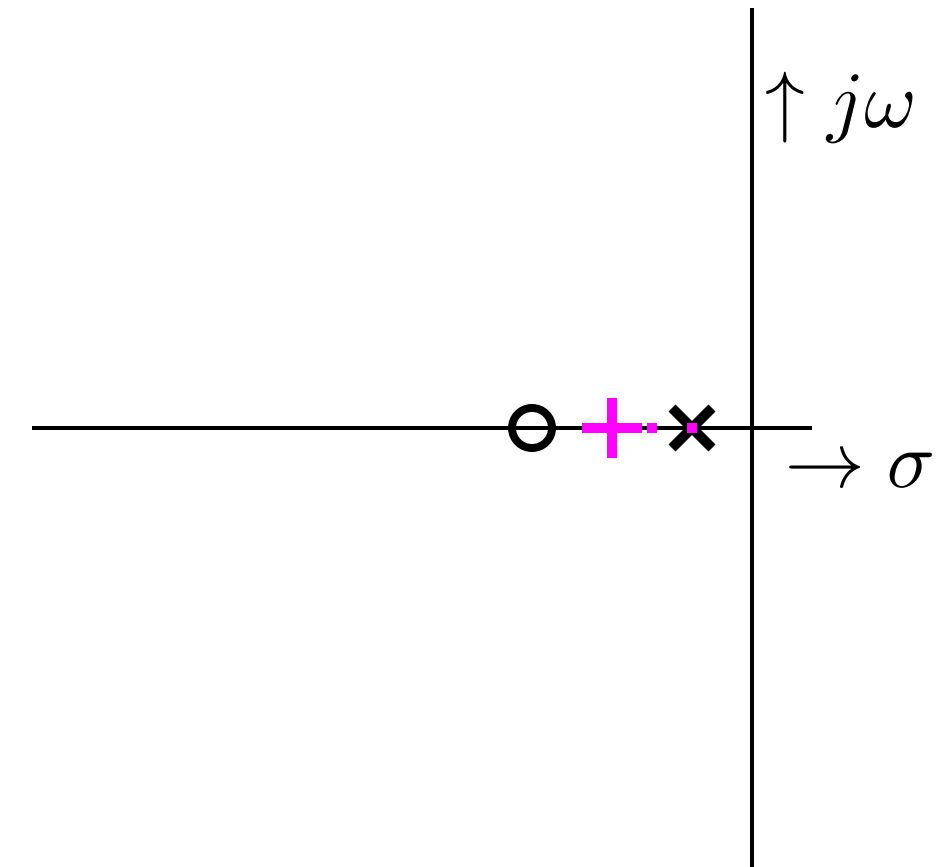
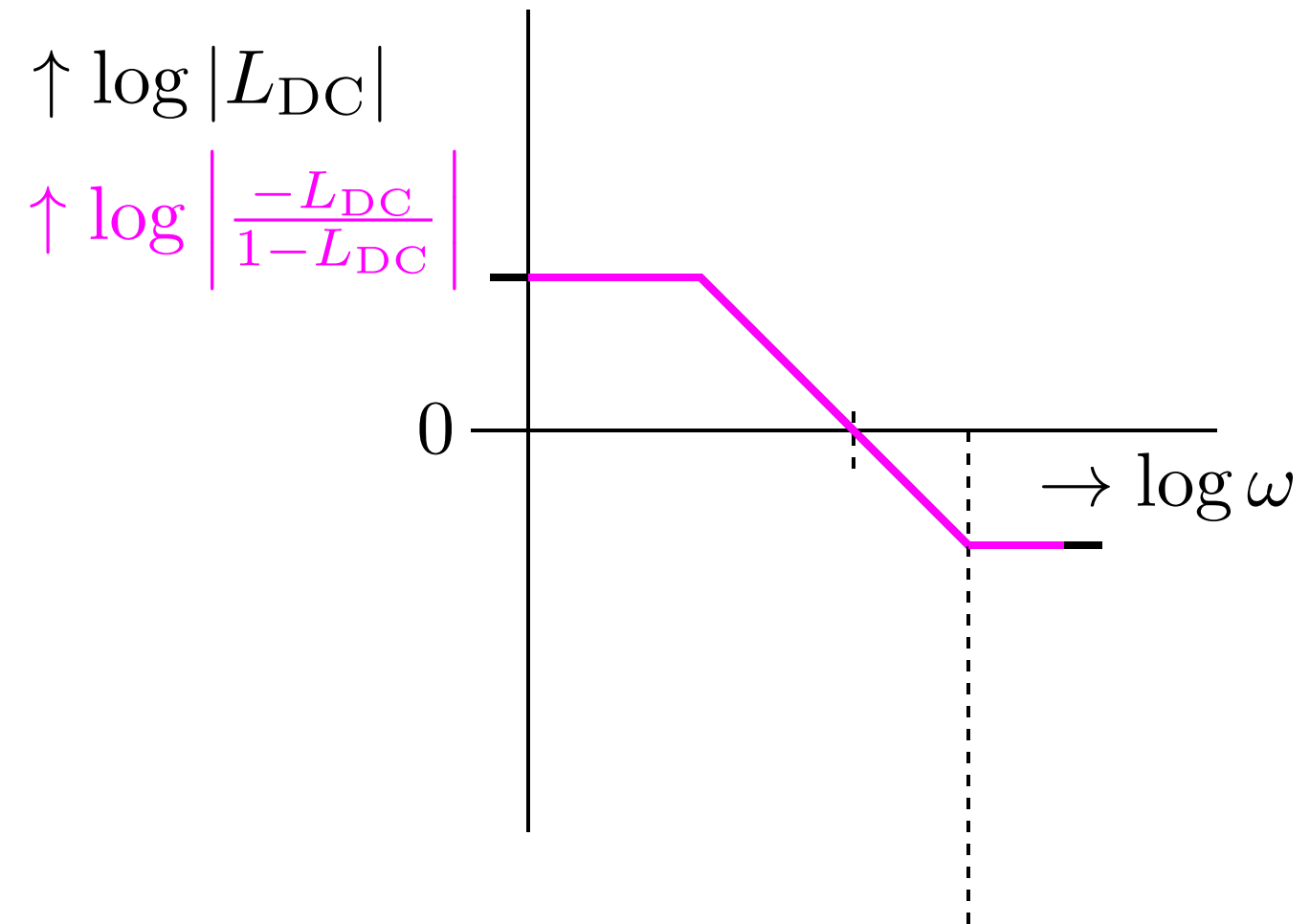
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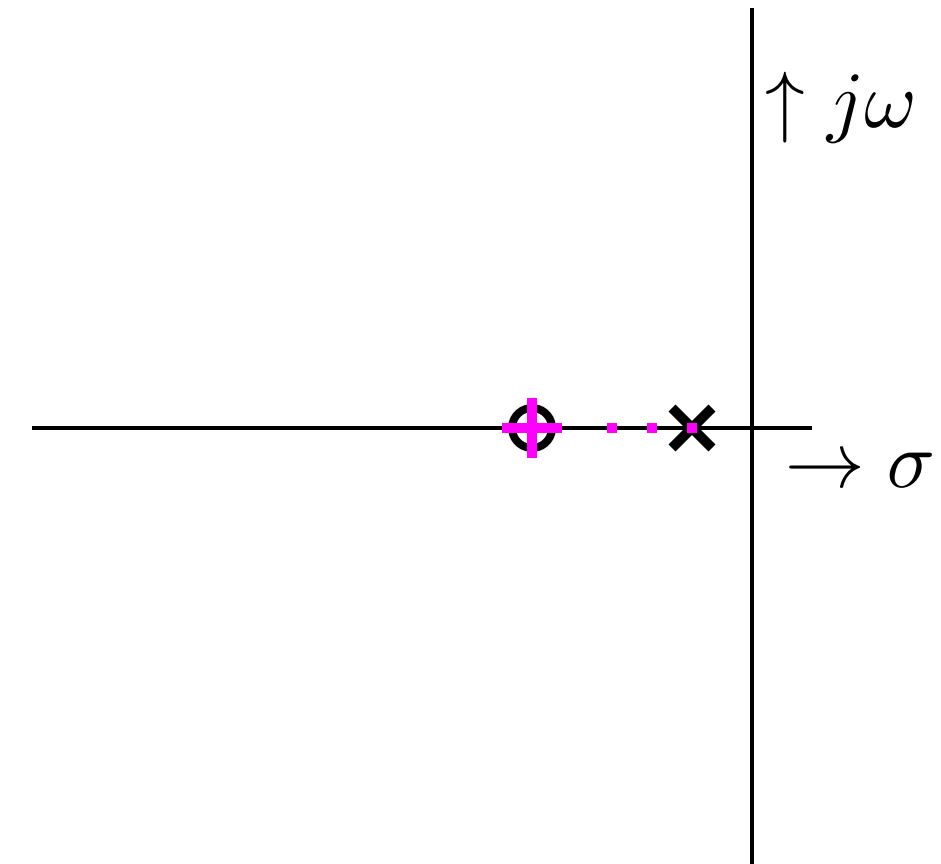
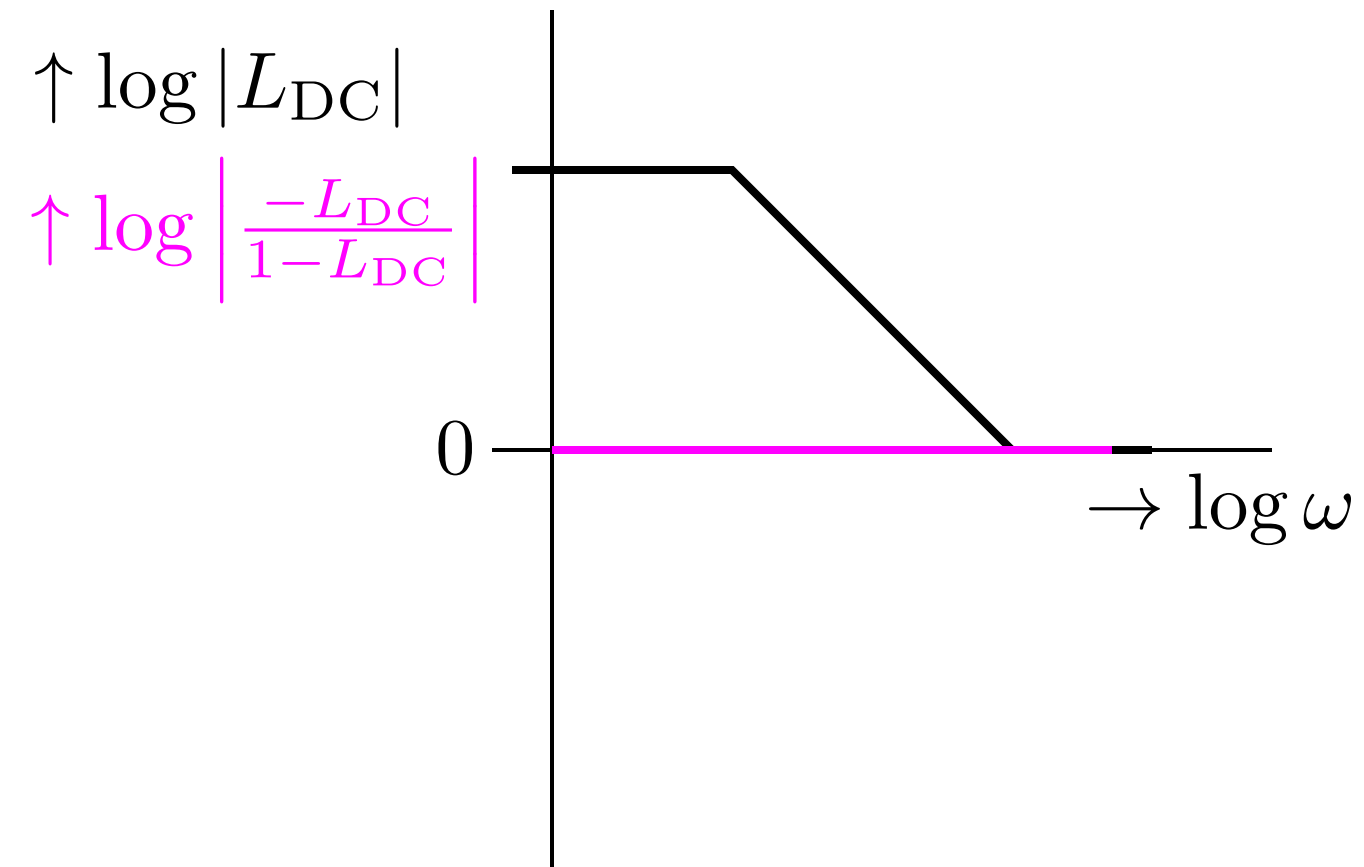
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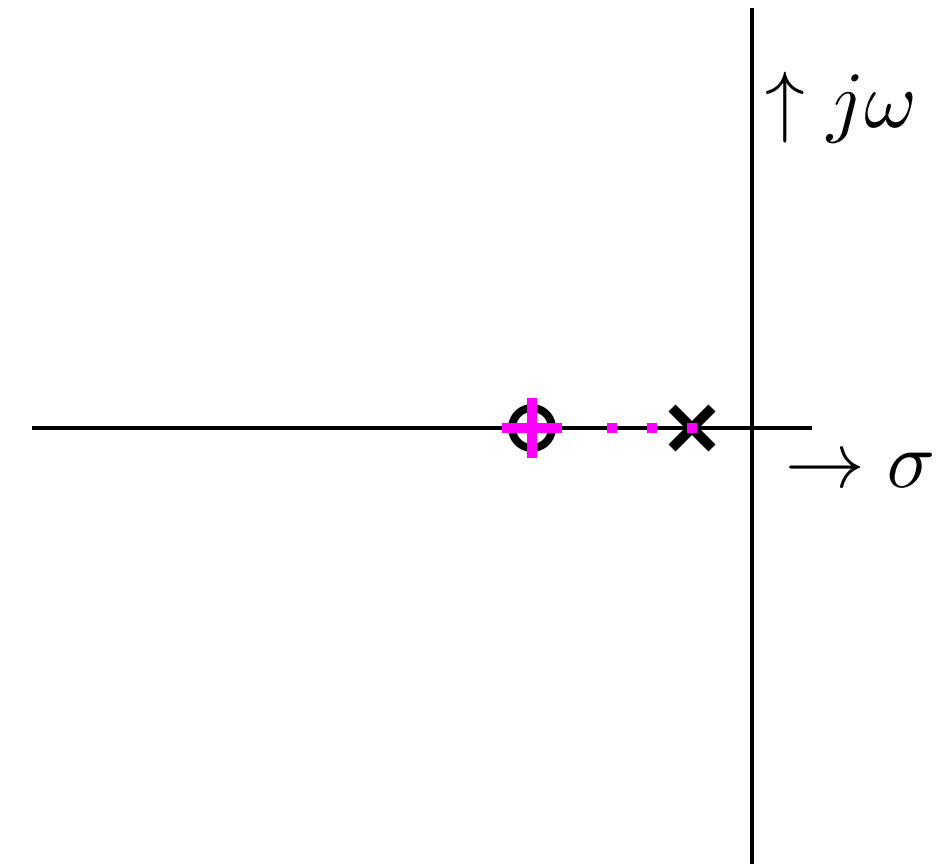
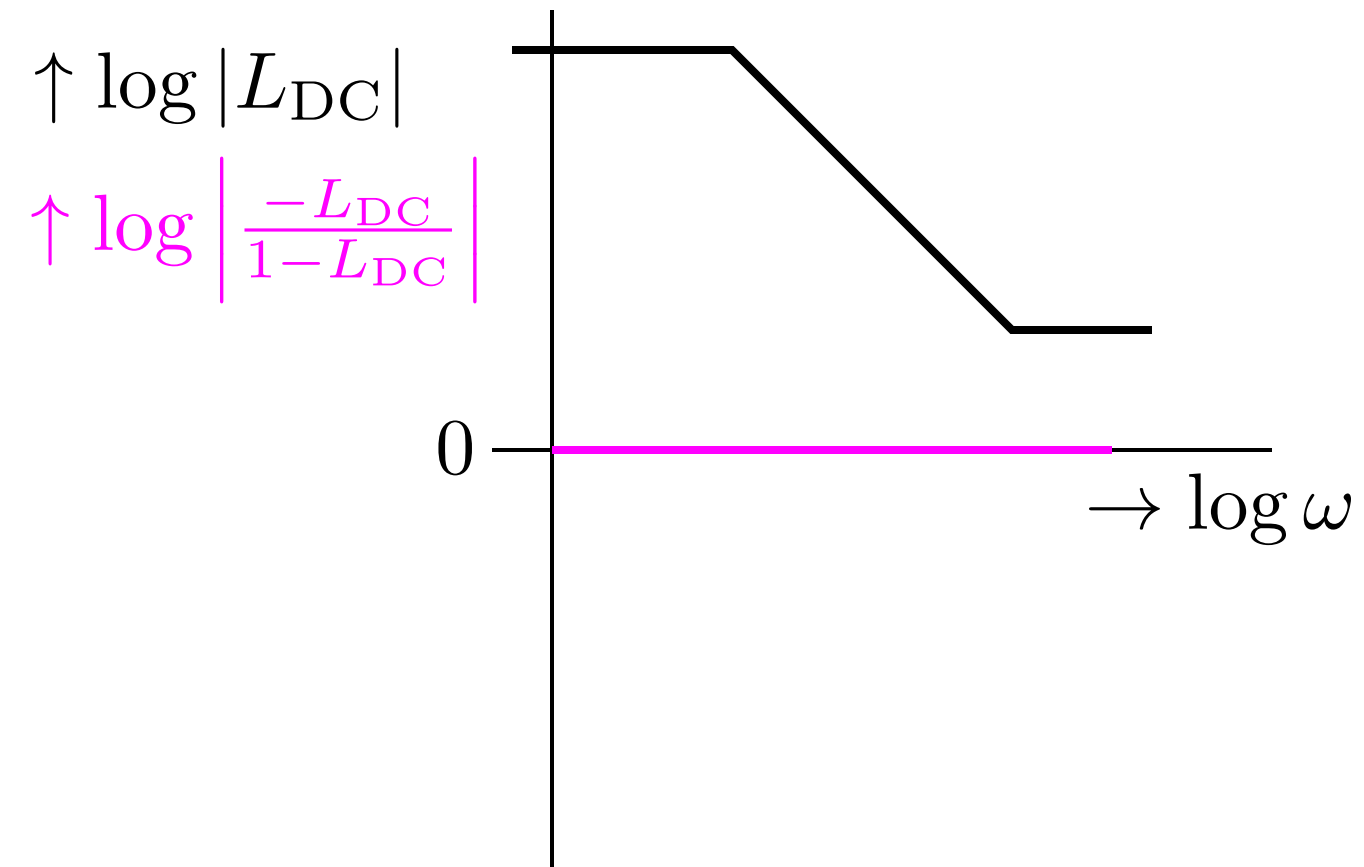
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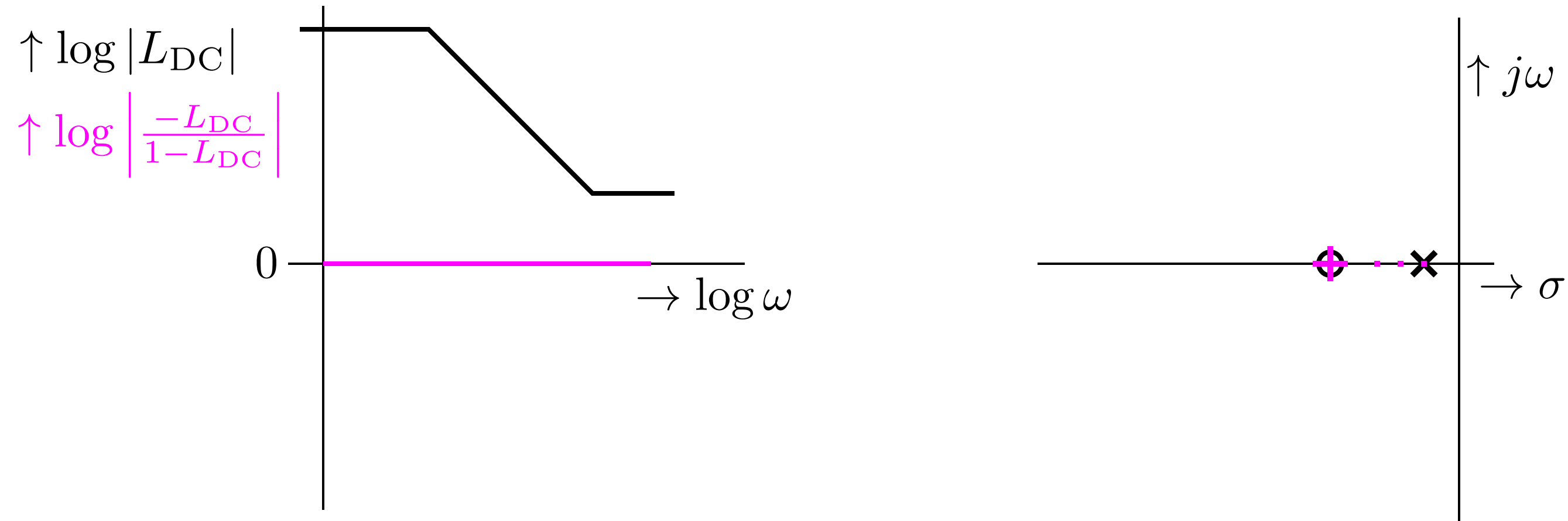
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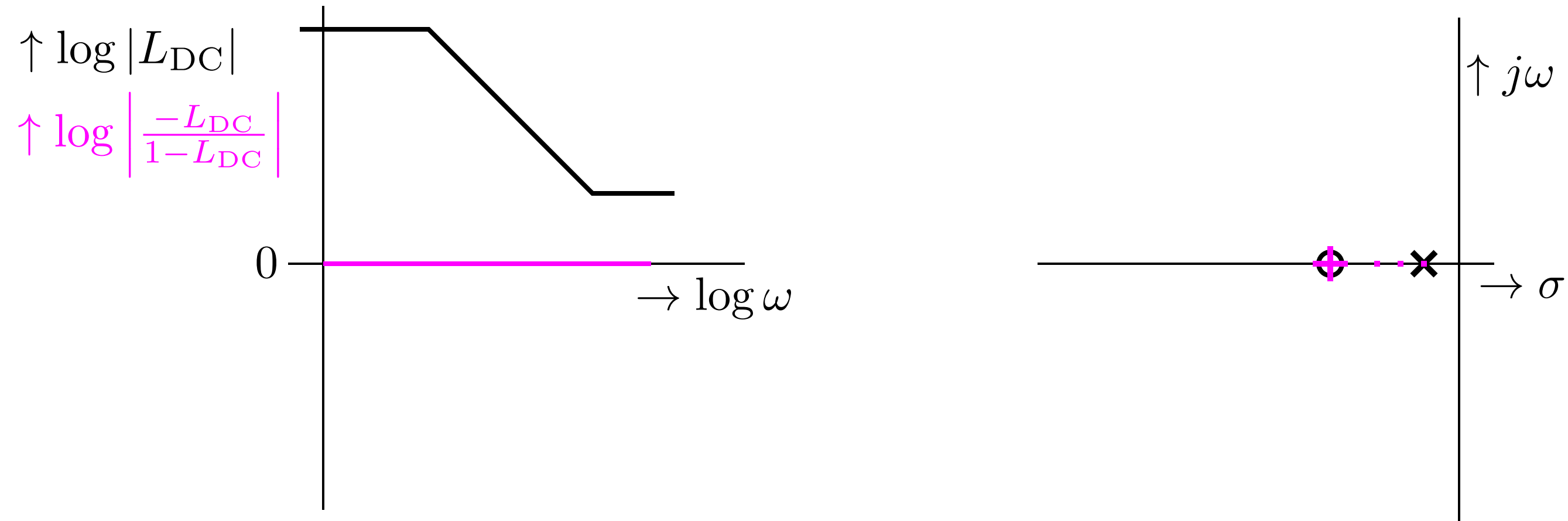


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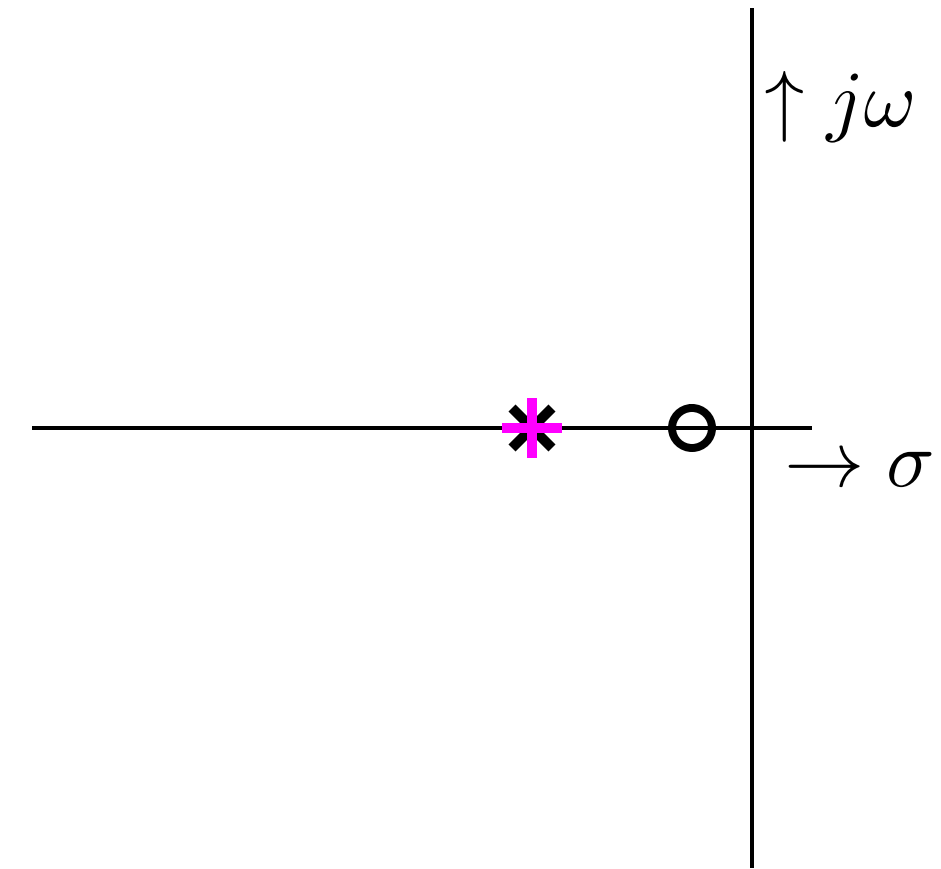
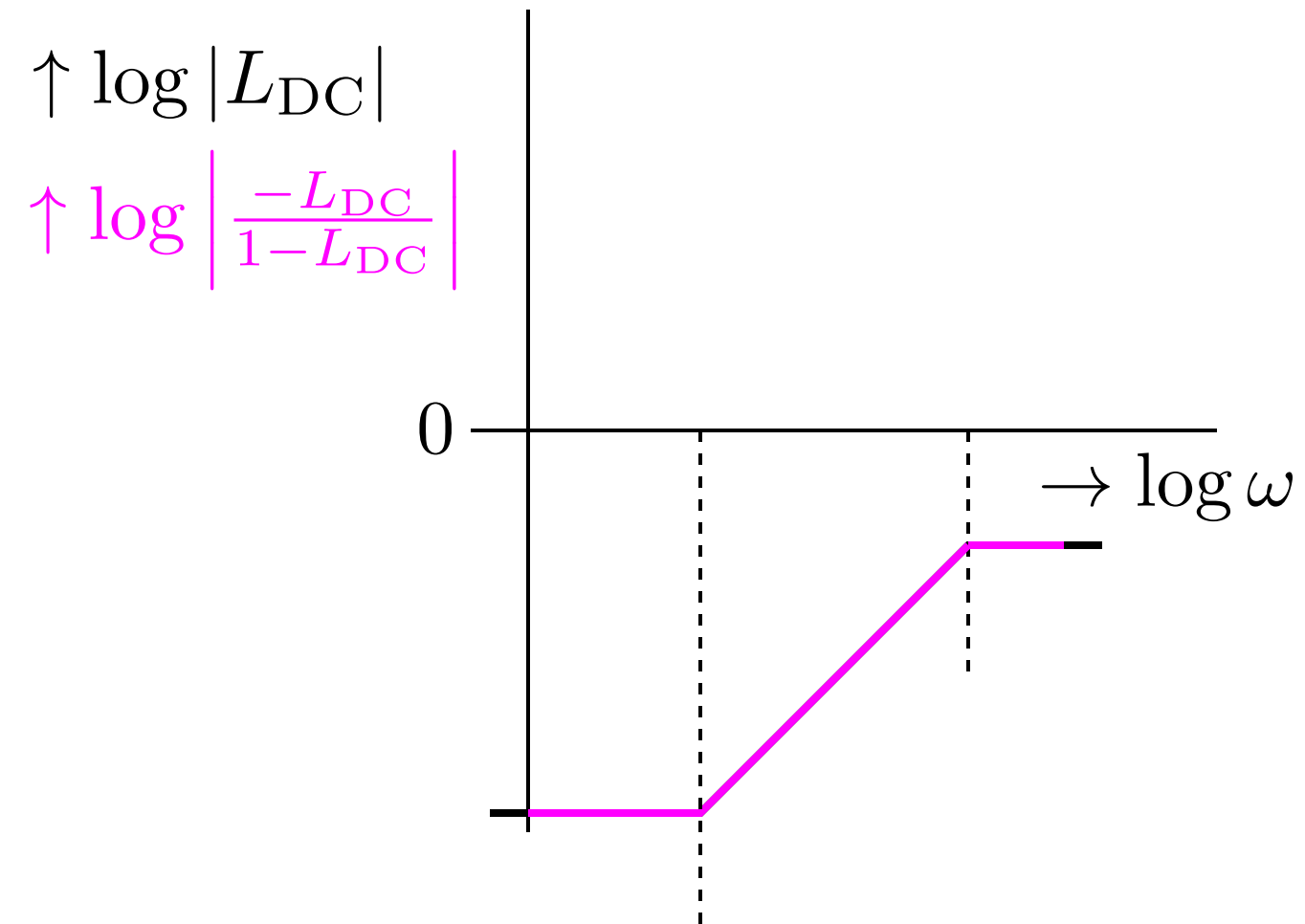
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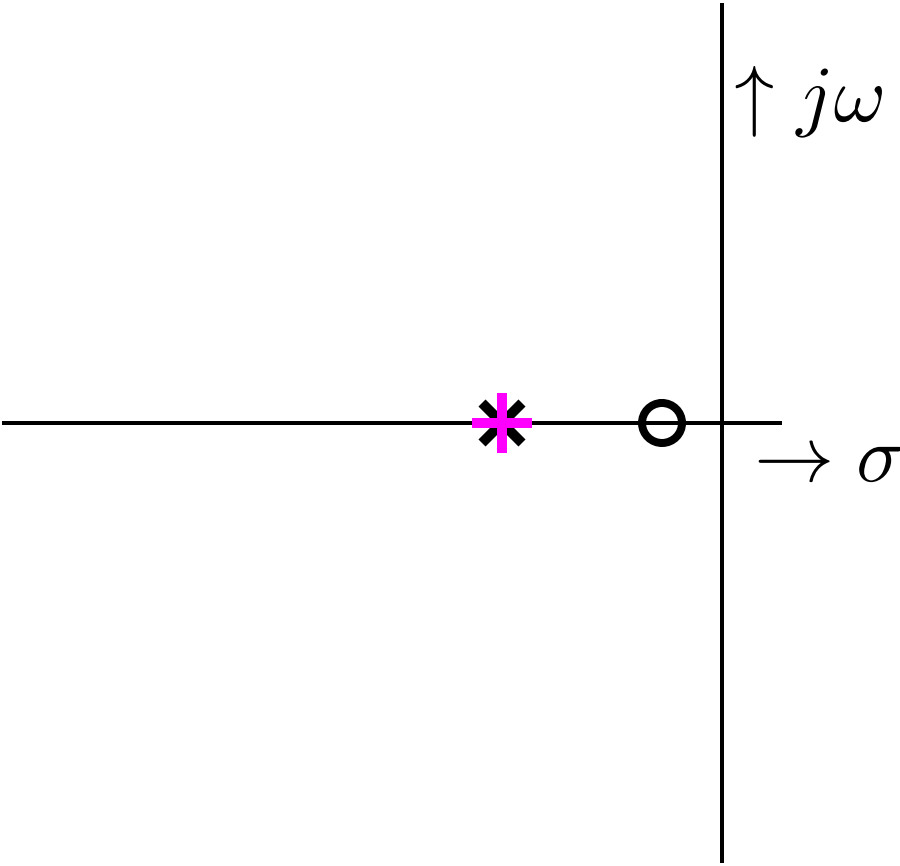
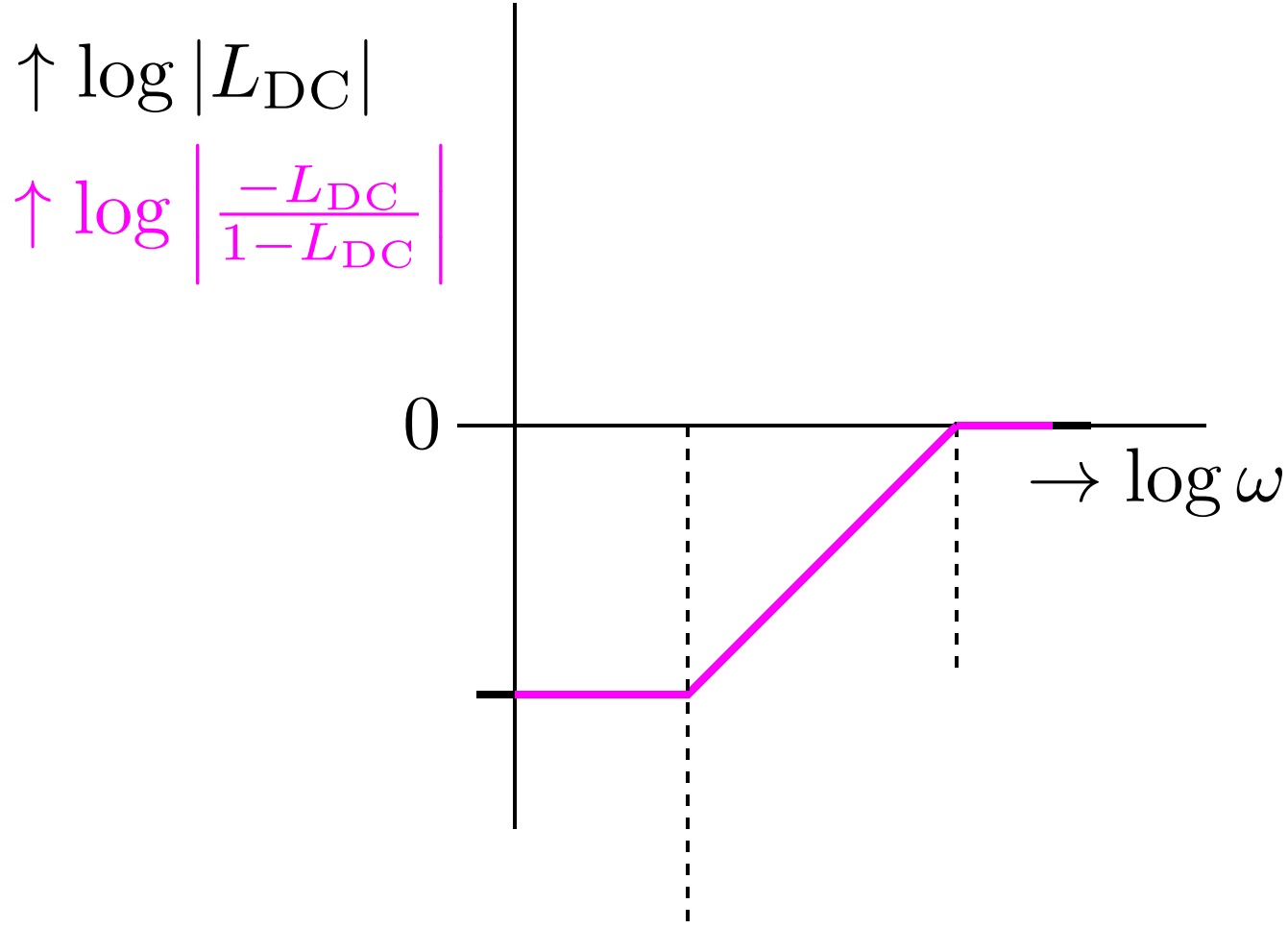


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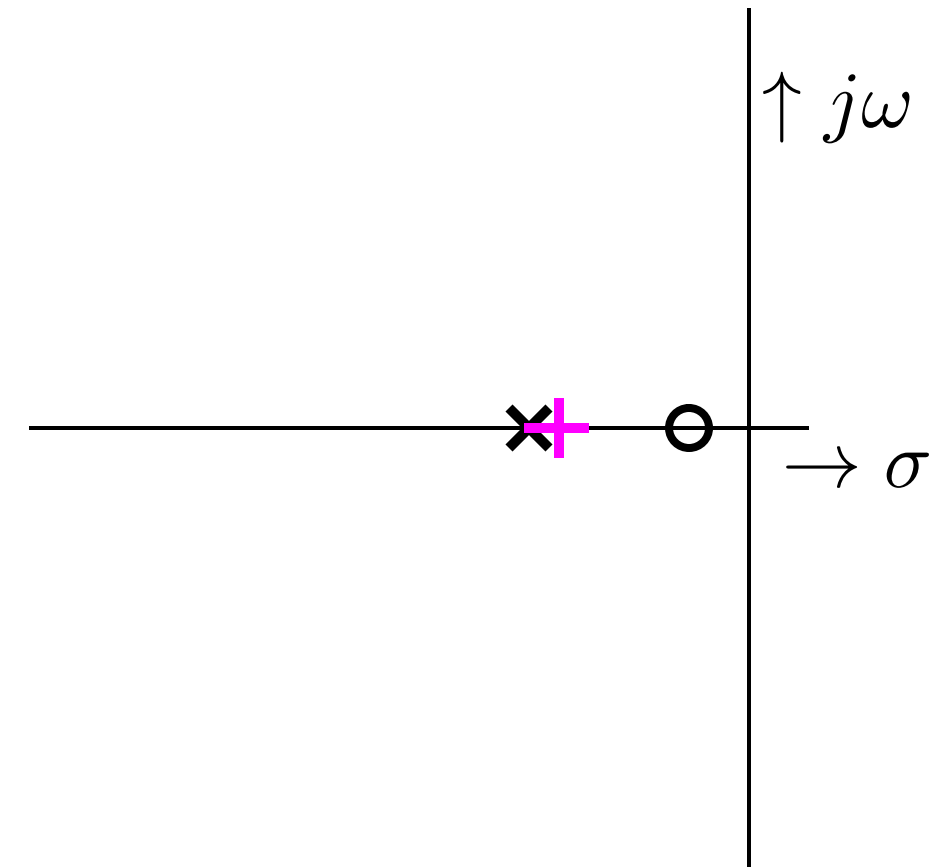
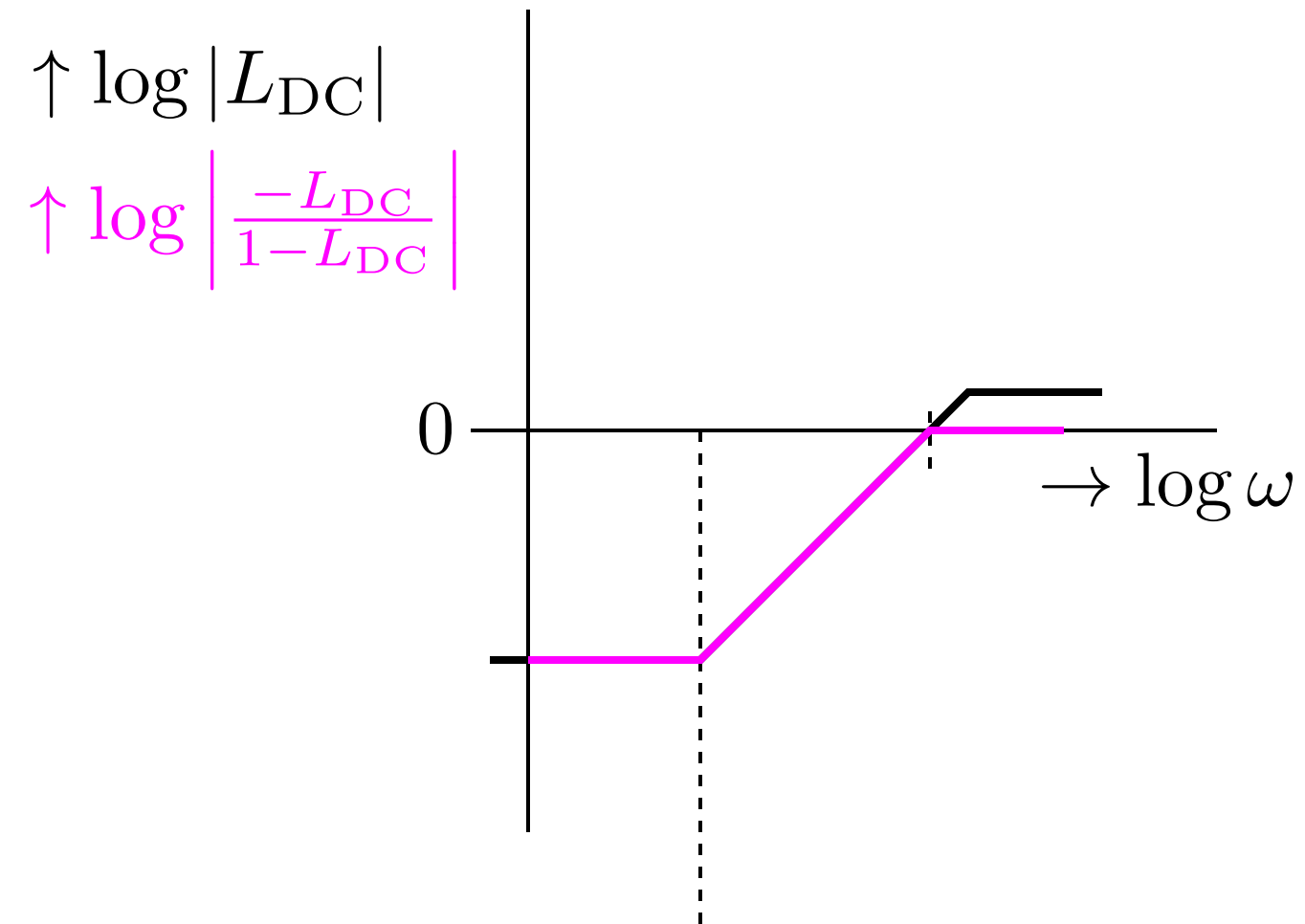
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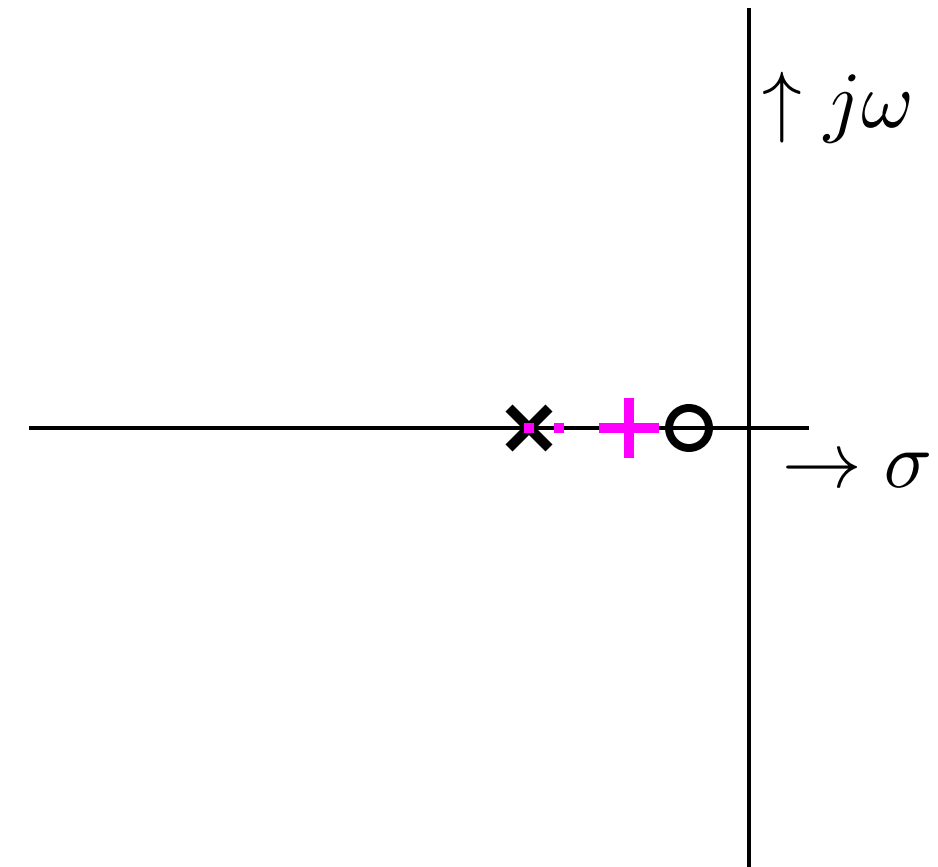
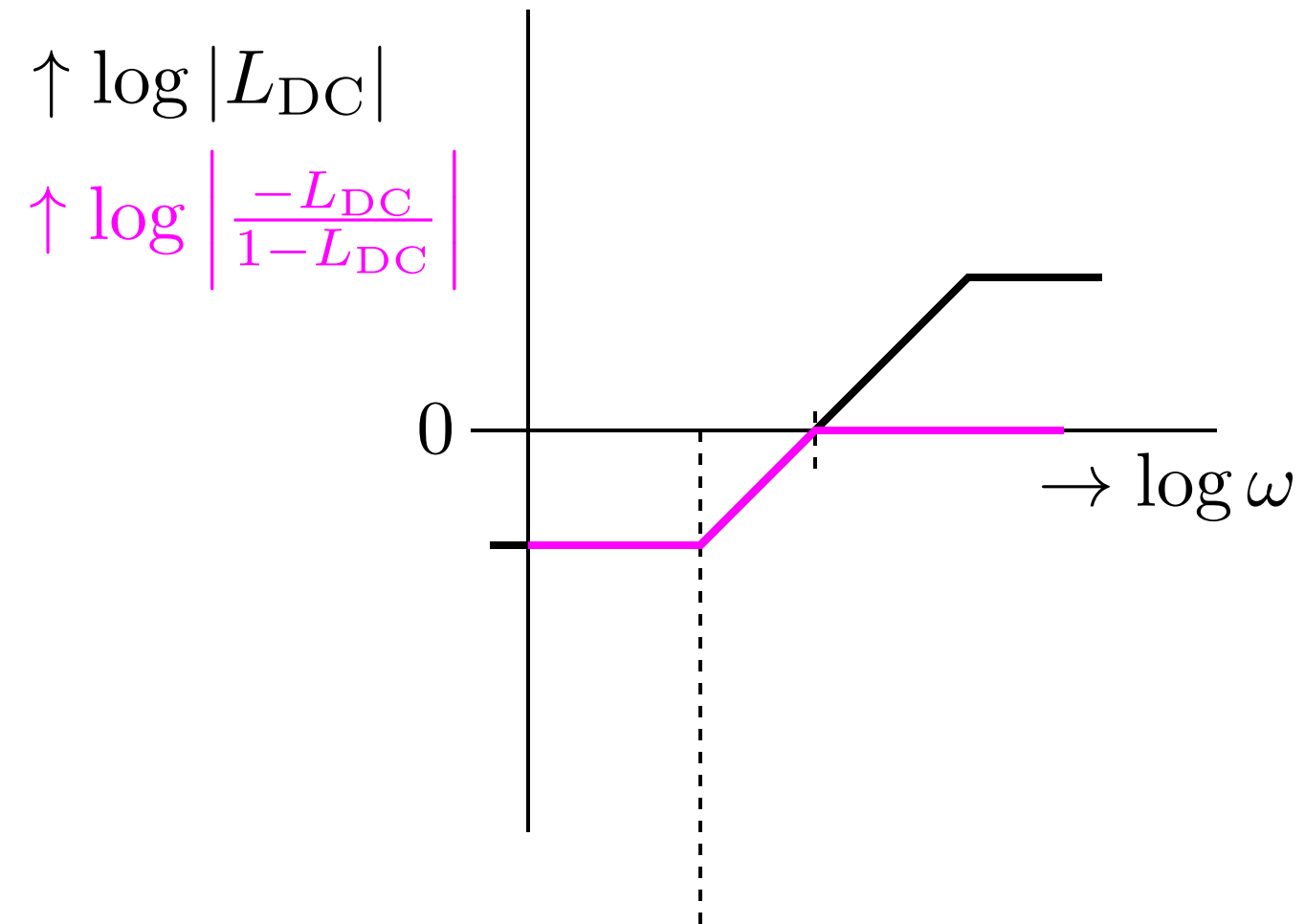
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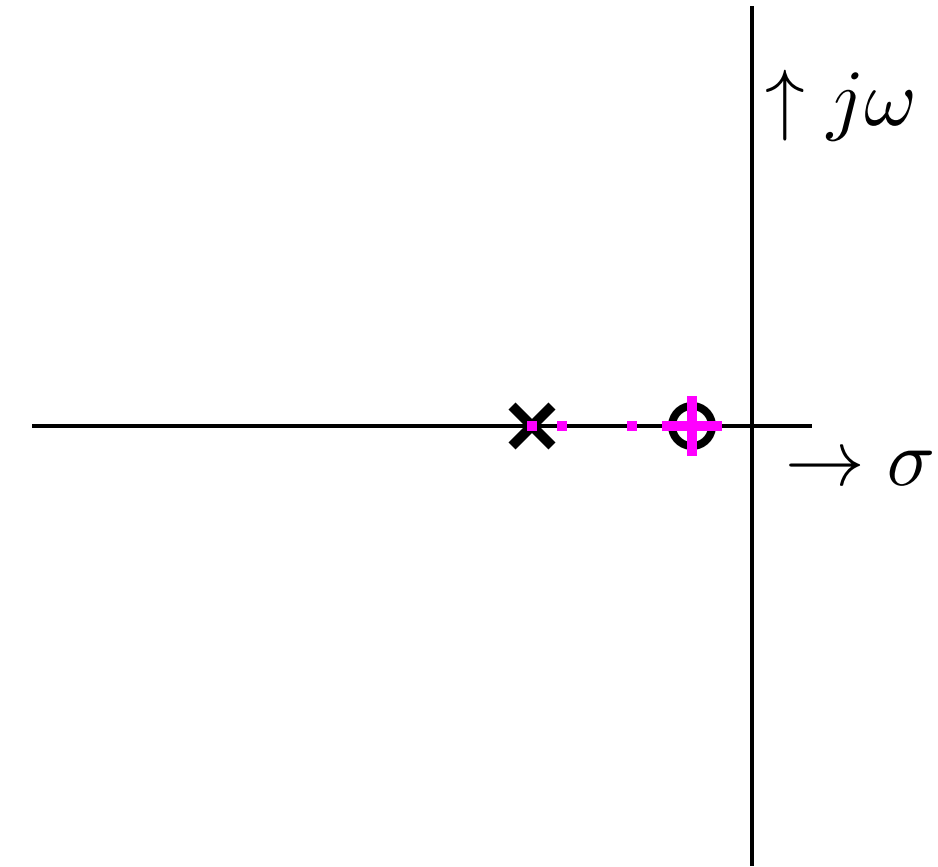
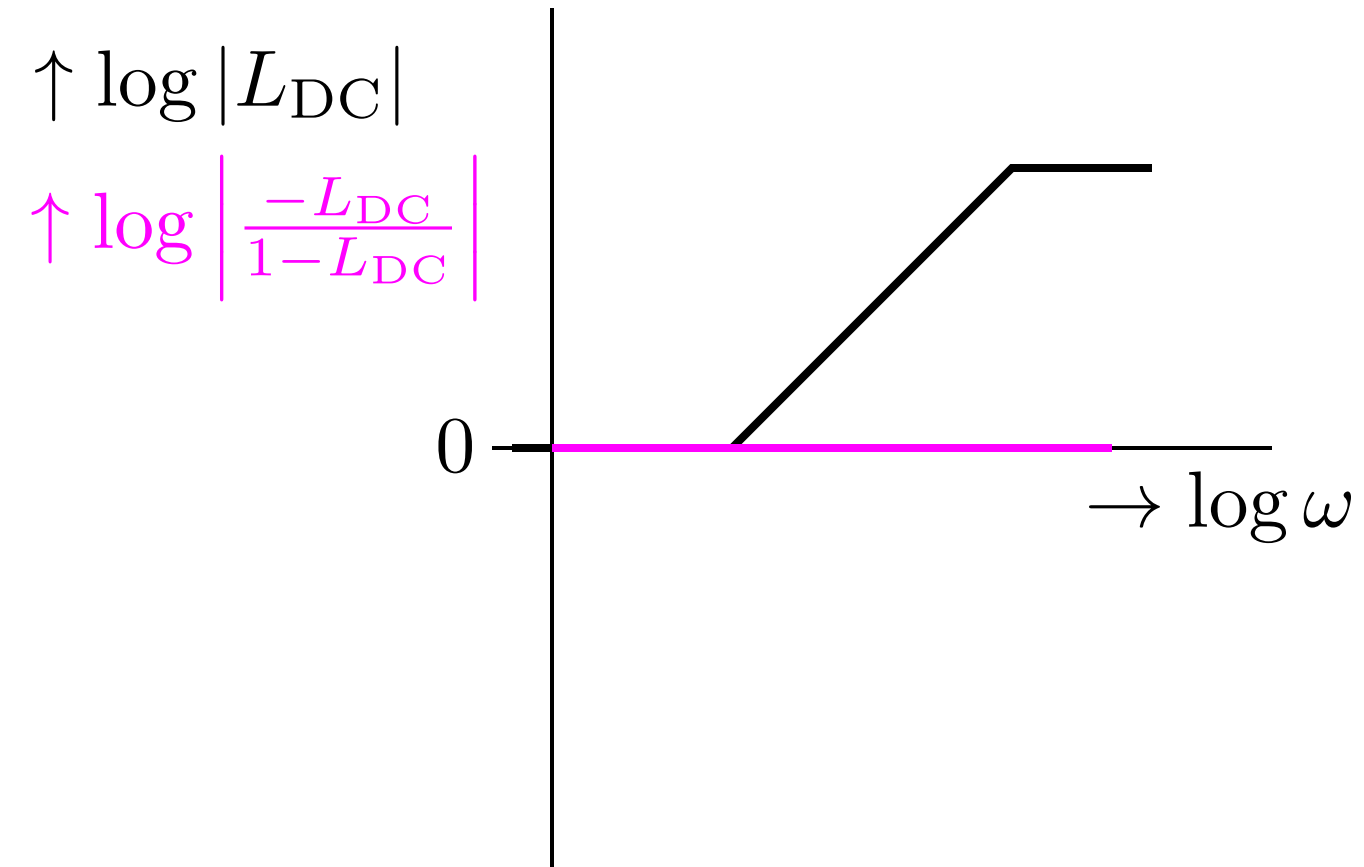
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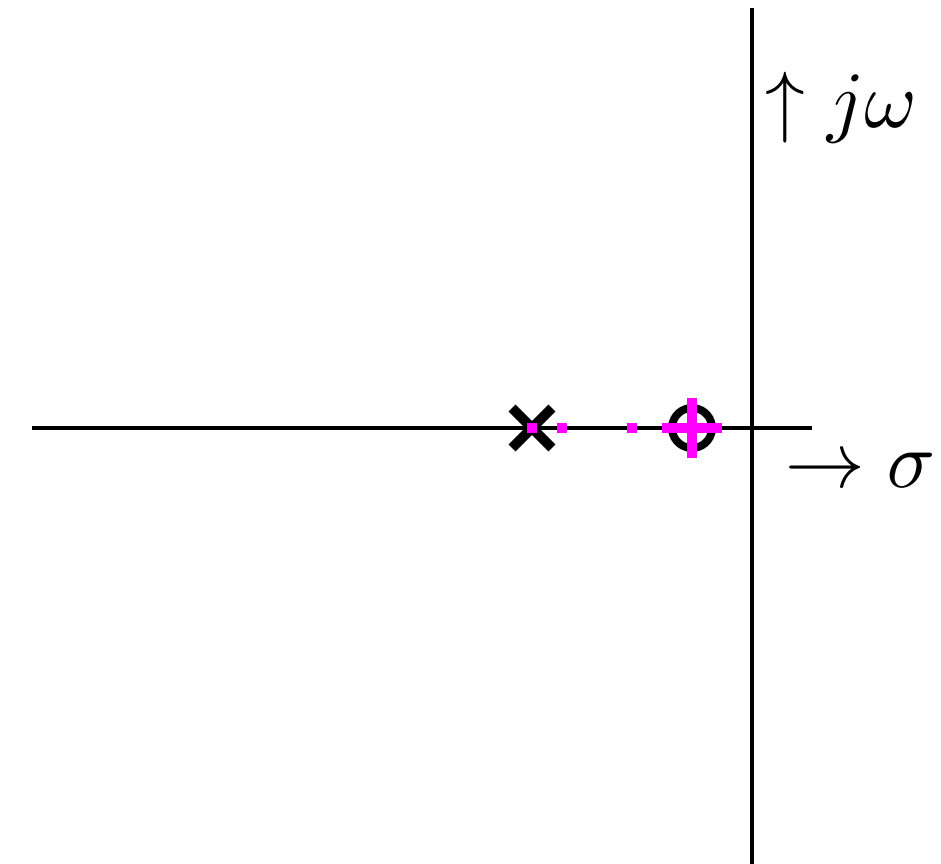
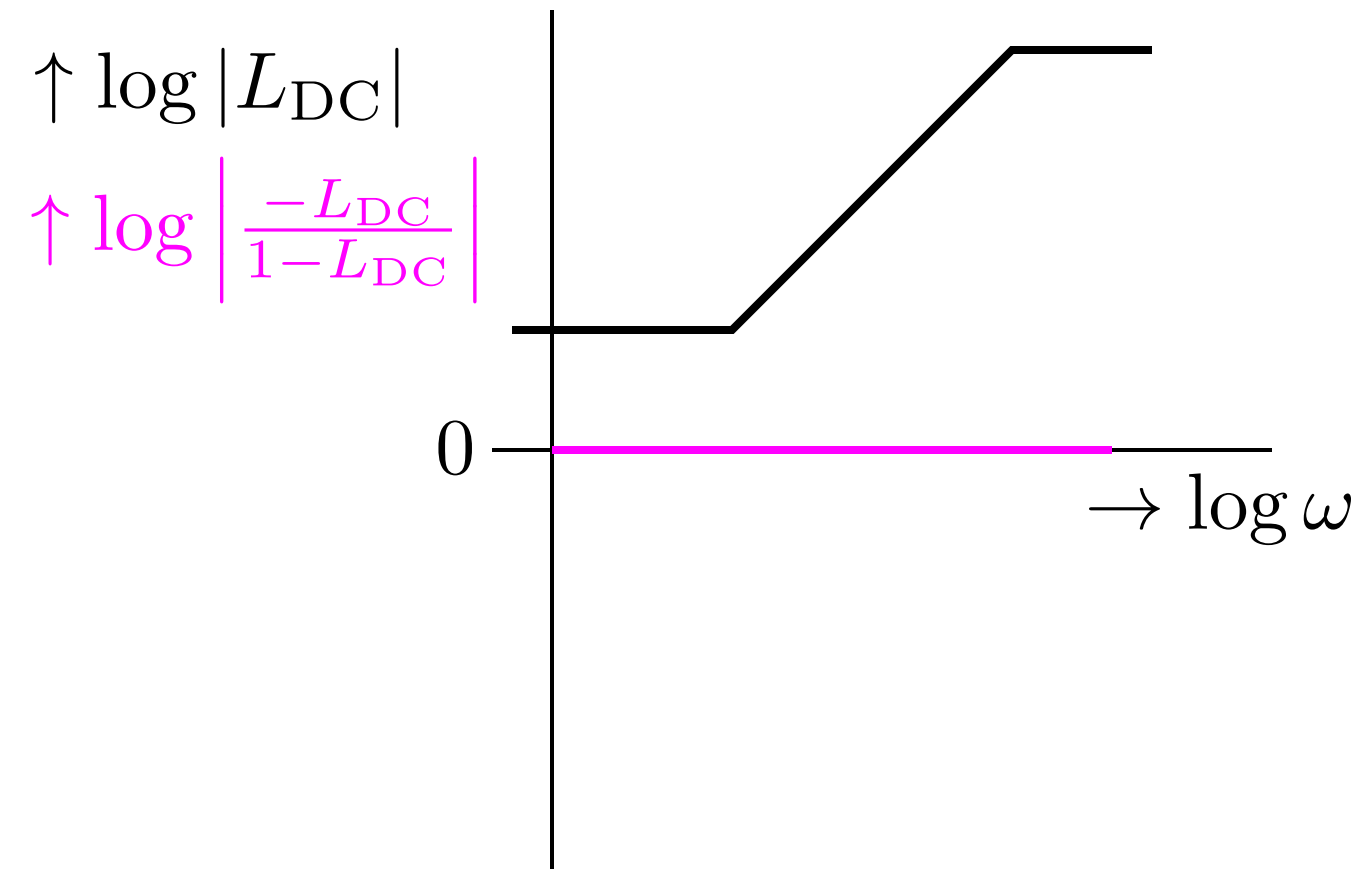
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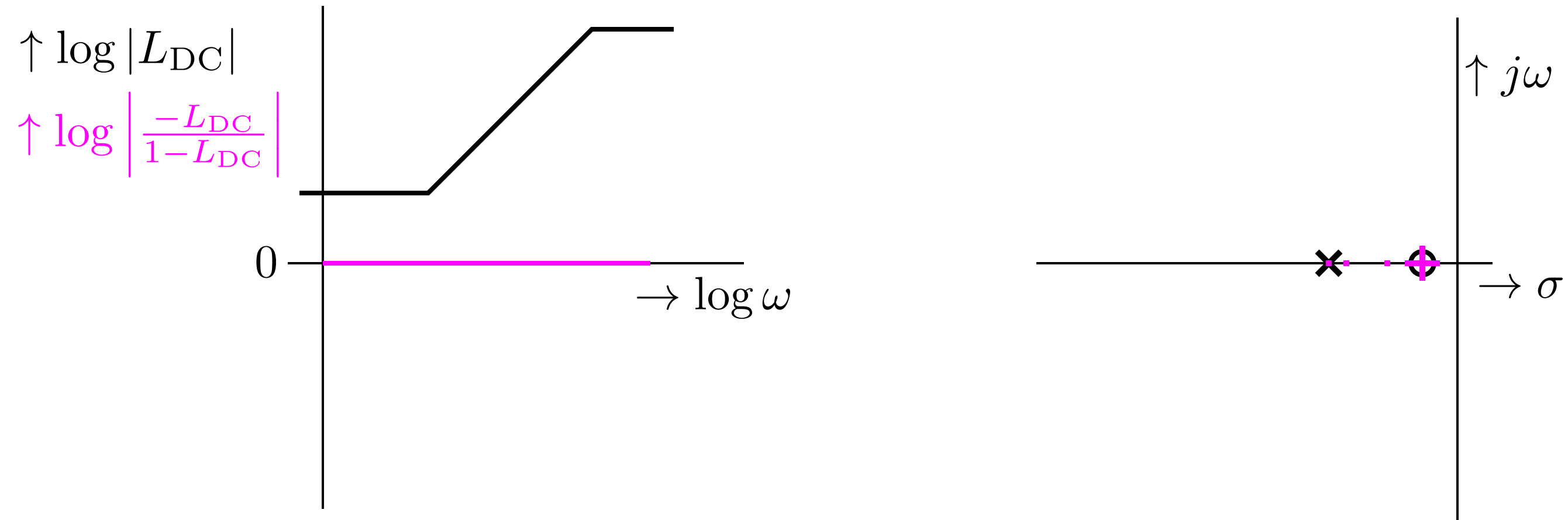
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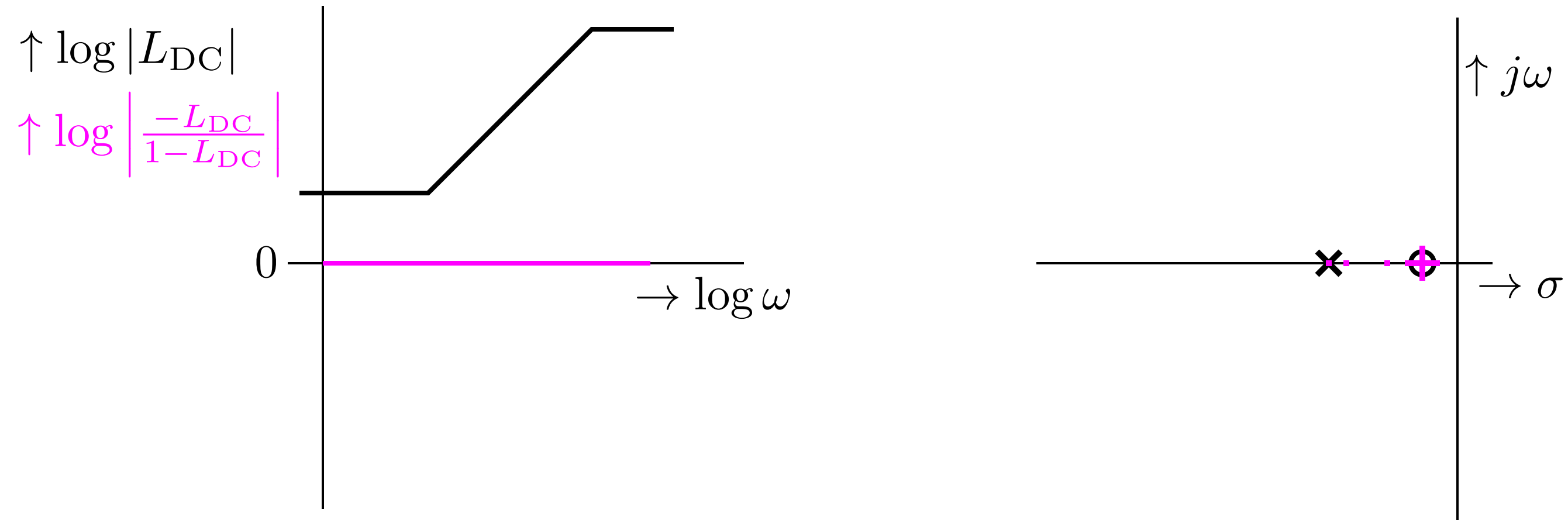


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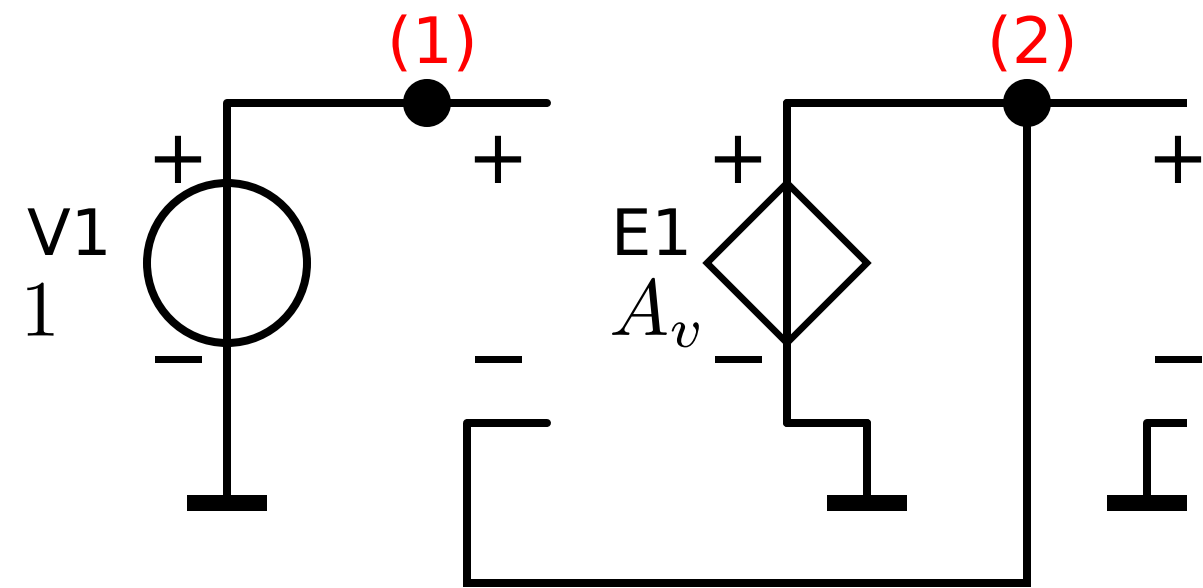


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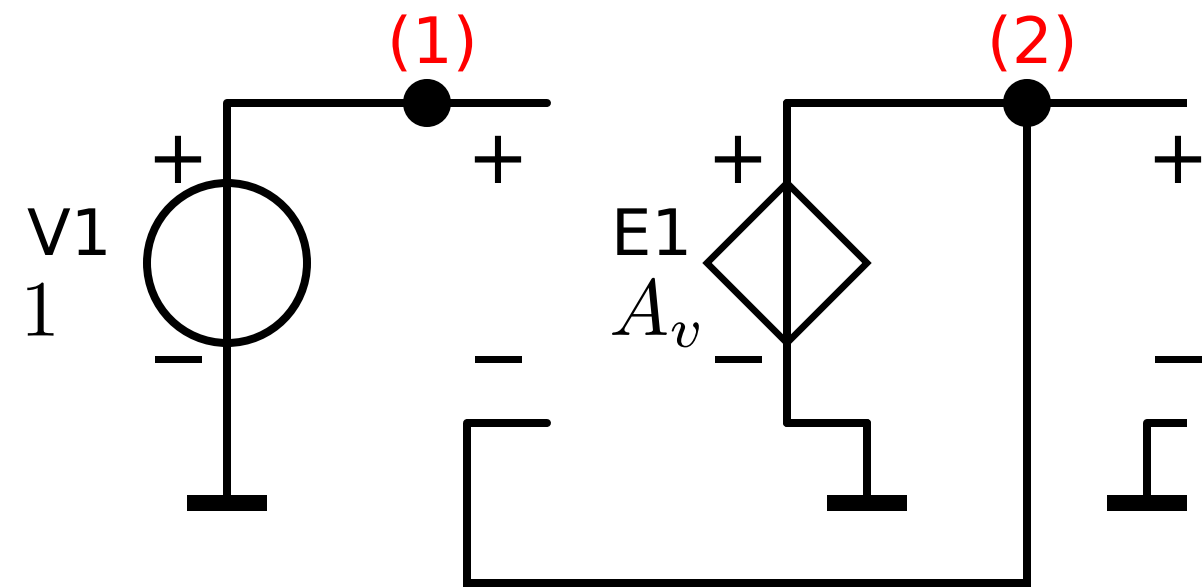
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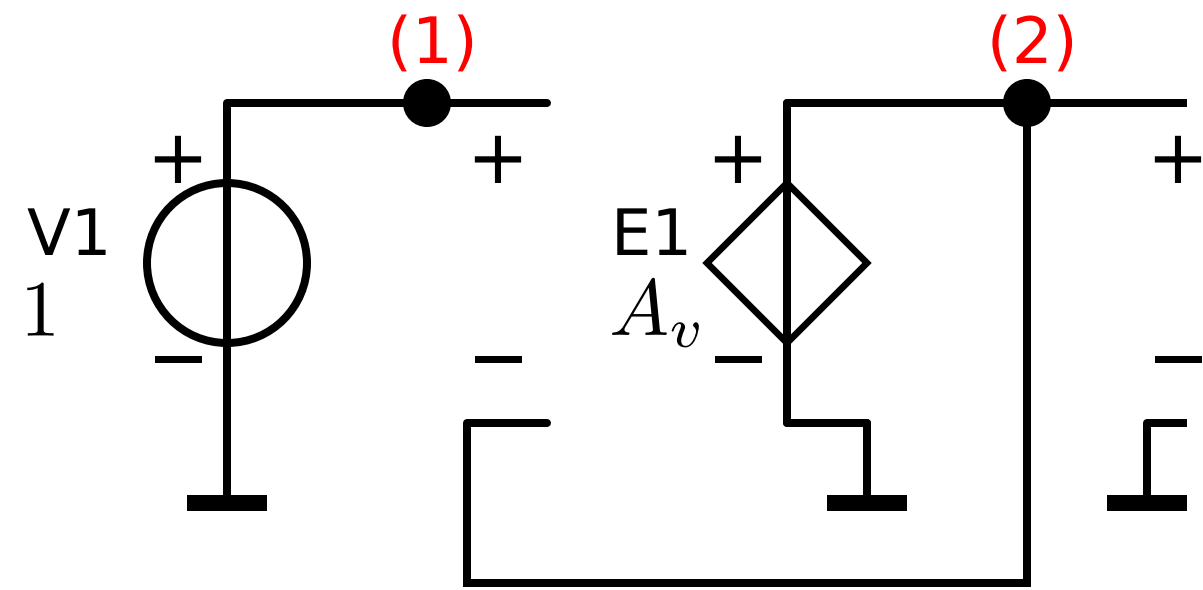
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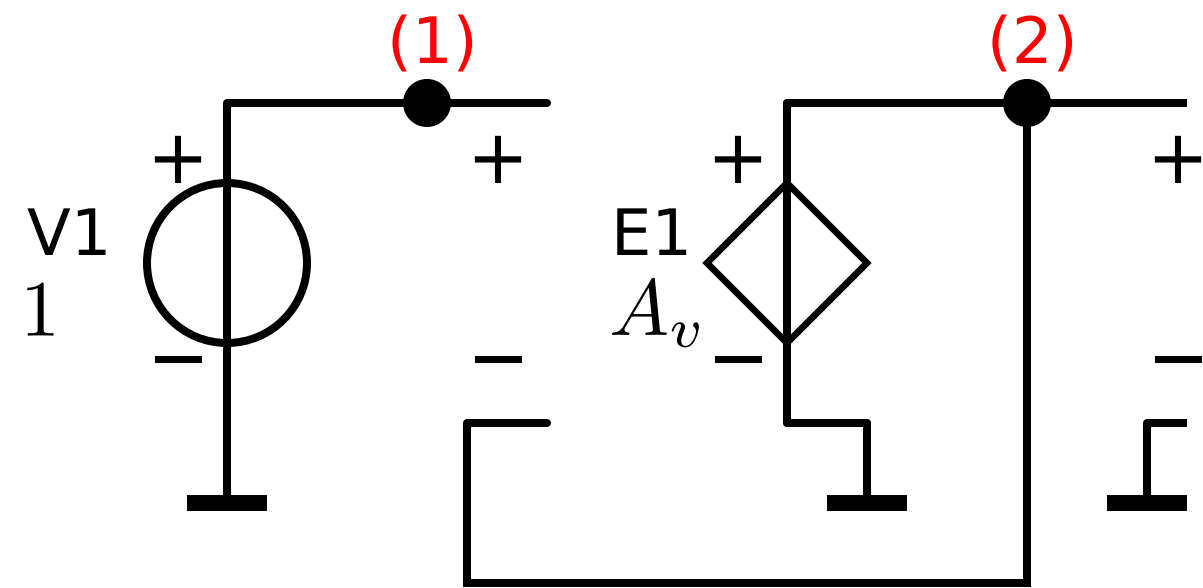


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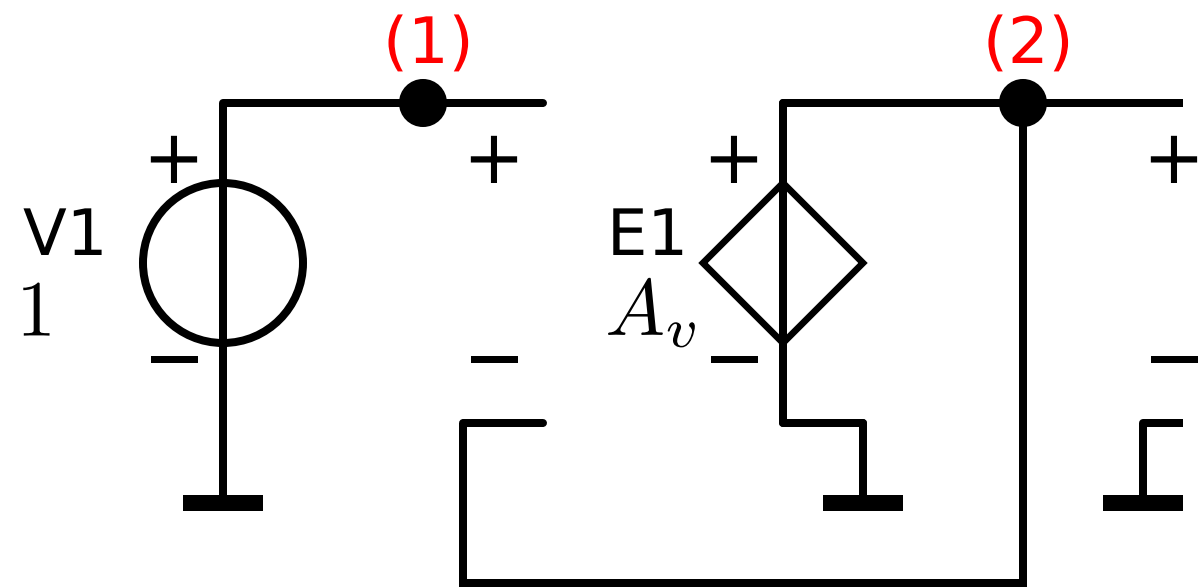
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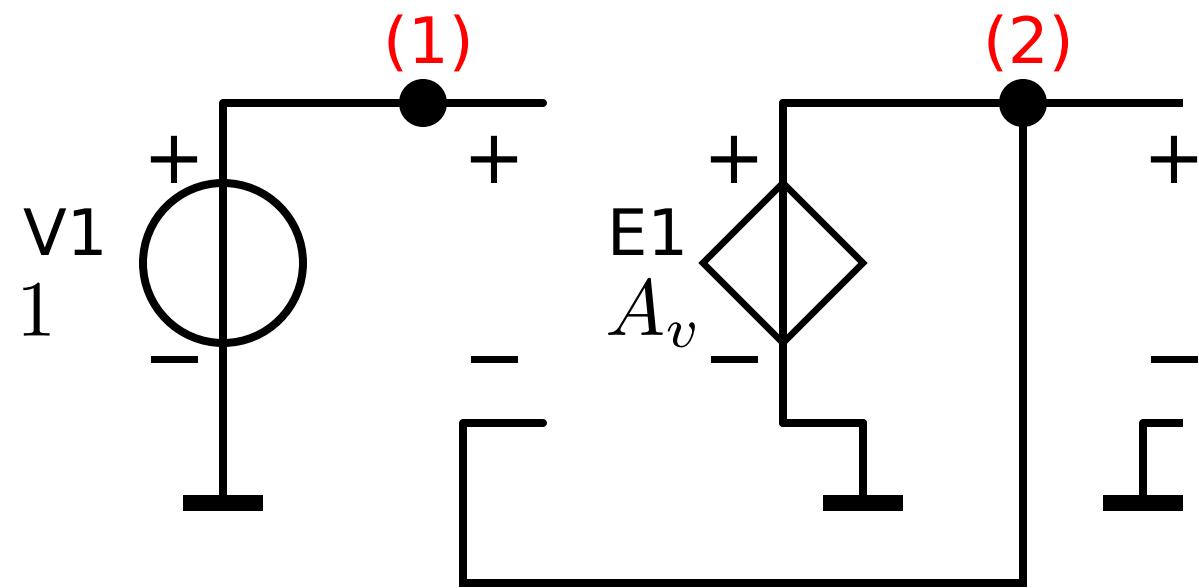
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Root locus plot:

1. Poles of the loop gain

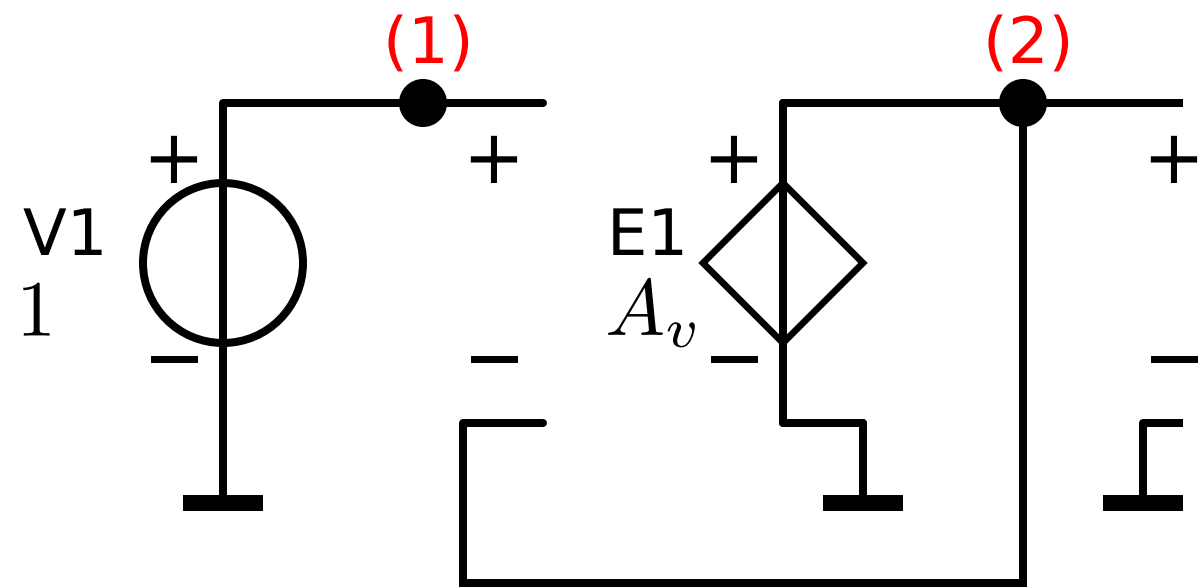
E1 = loop gain reference

Loop gain equals voltage gain of E1

Transfer of E1 has DC gain, poles and zeros

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Root locus plot:

1. Poles of the loop gain
2. Zeros of the loop gain

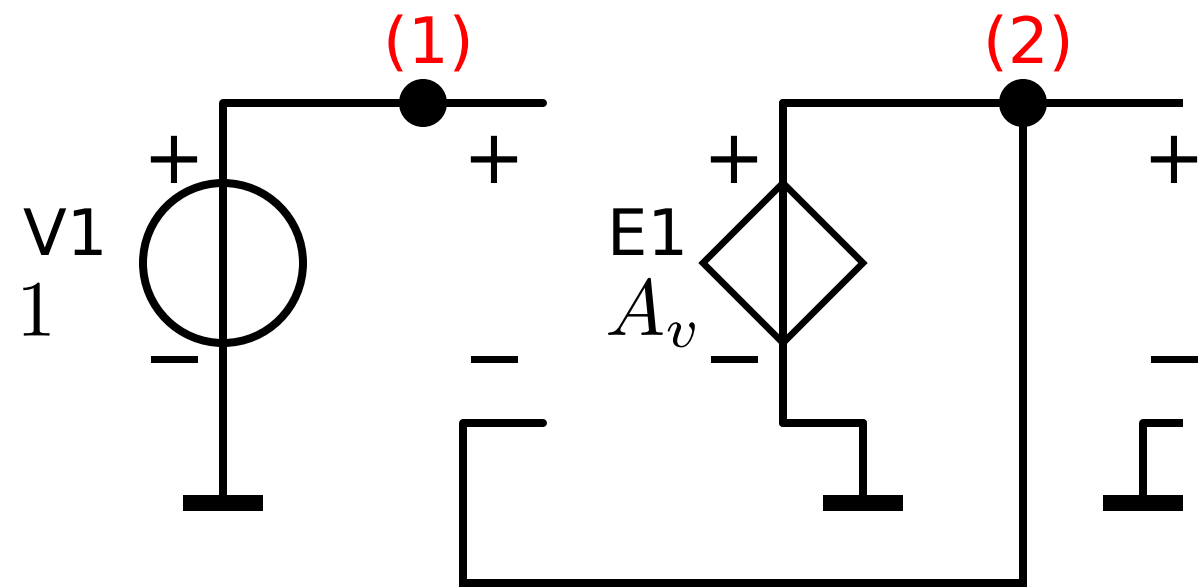
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Root locus plot:

1. Poles of the loop gain
2. Zeros of the loop gain
3. Poles of the servo function while stepping the DC gain of E1

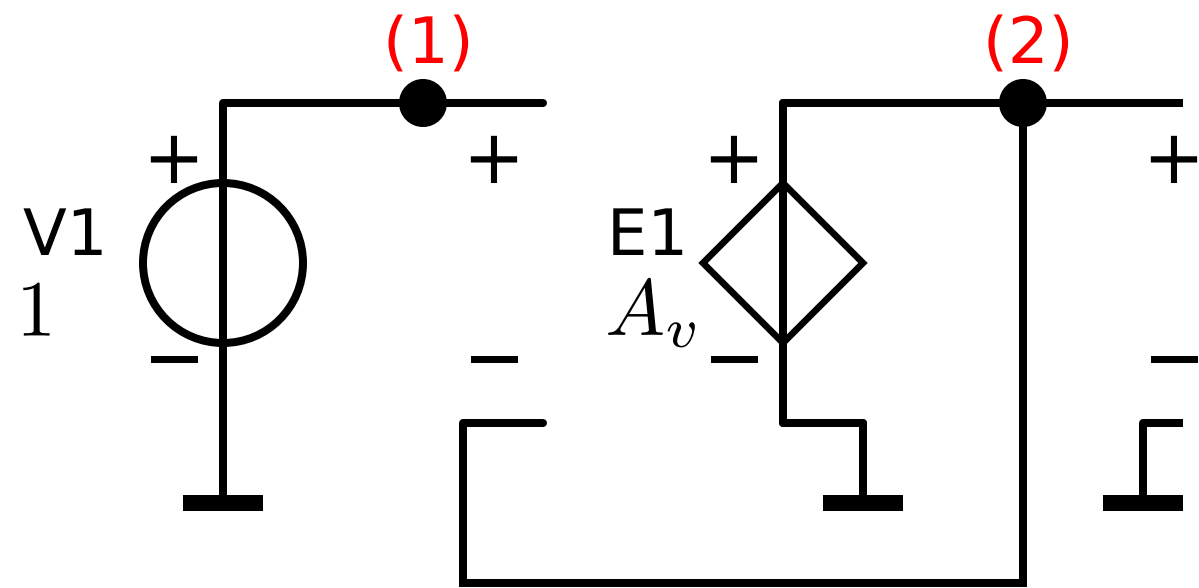
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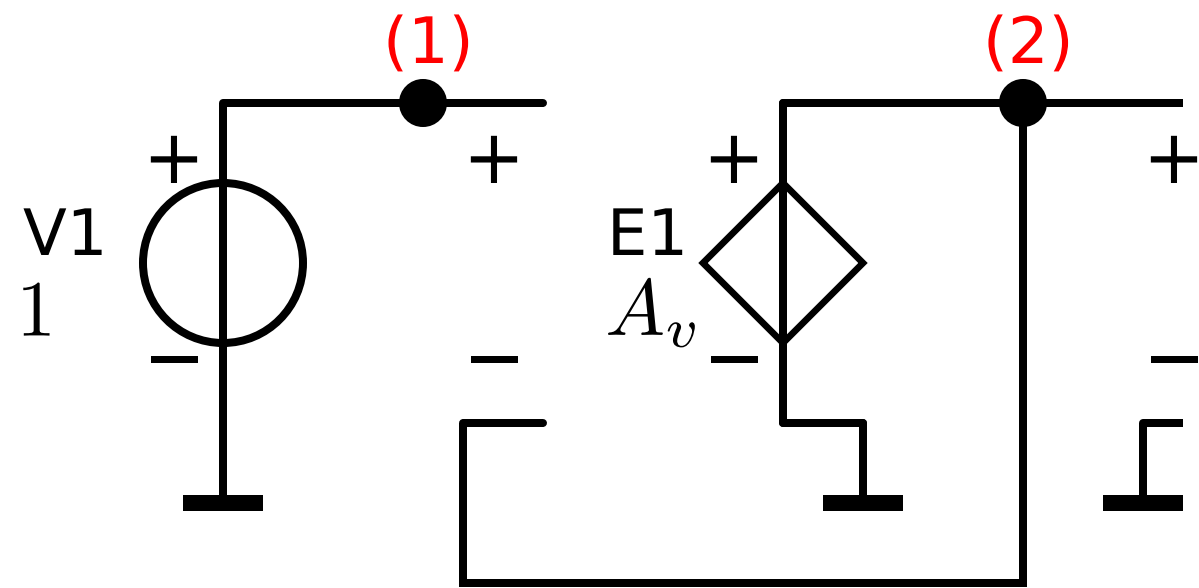
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[See section 11.5.3](#)

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Root locus plot:

1. Poles of the loop gain
2. Zeros of the loop gain
3. Poles of the servo function while stepping the DC gain of E1

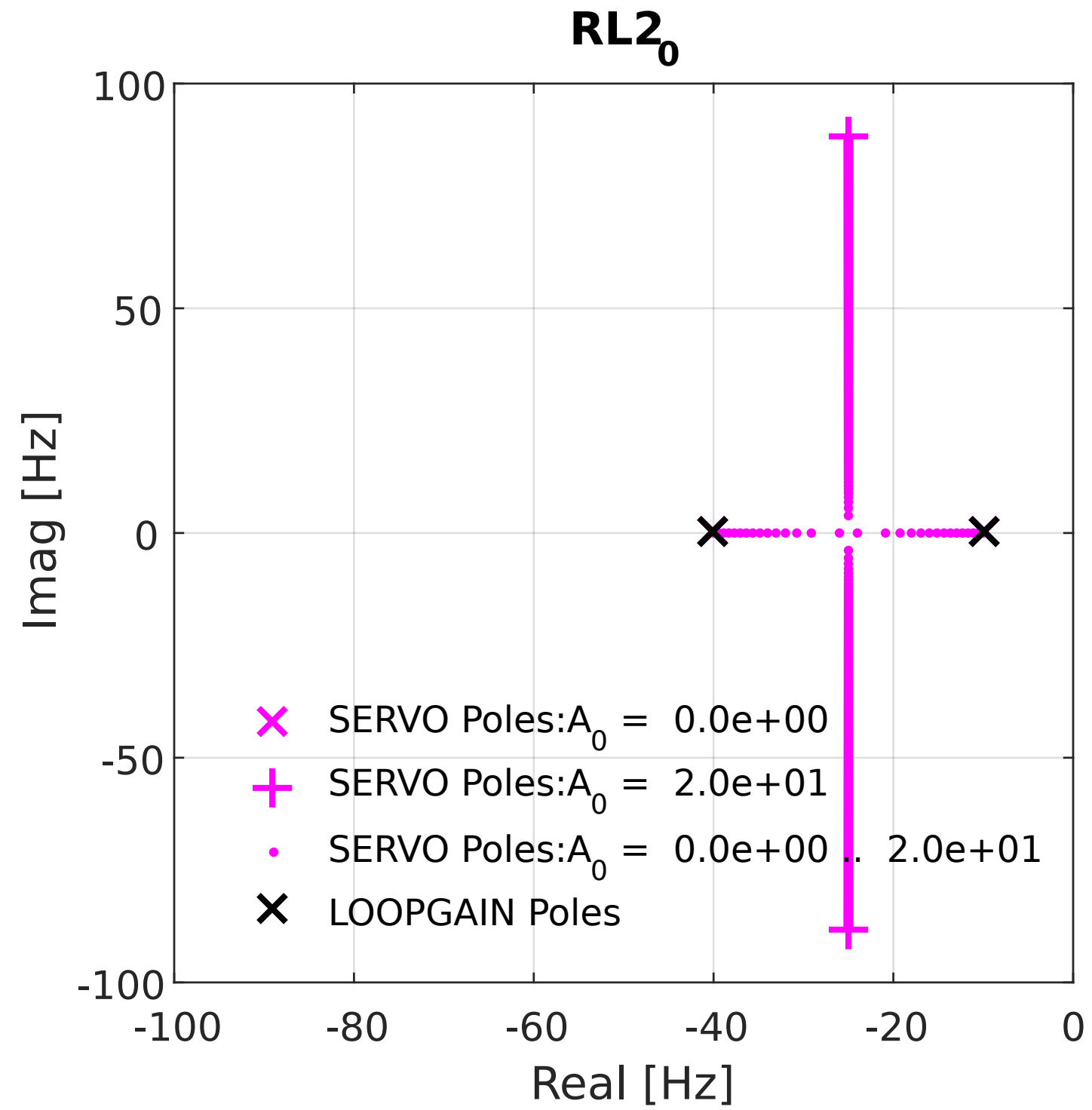
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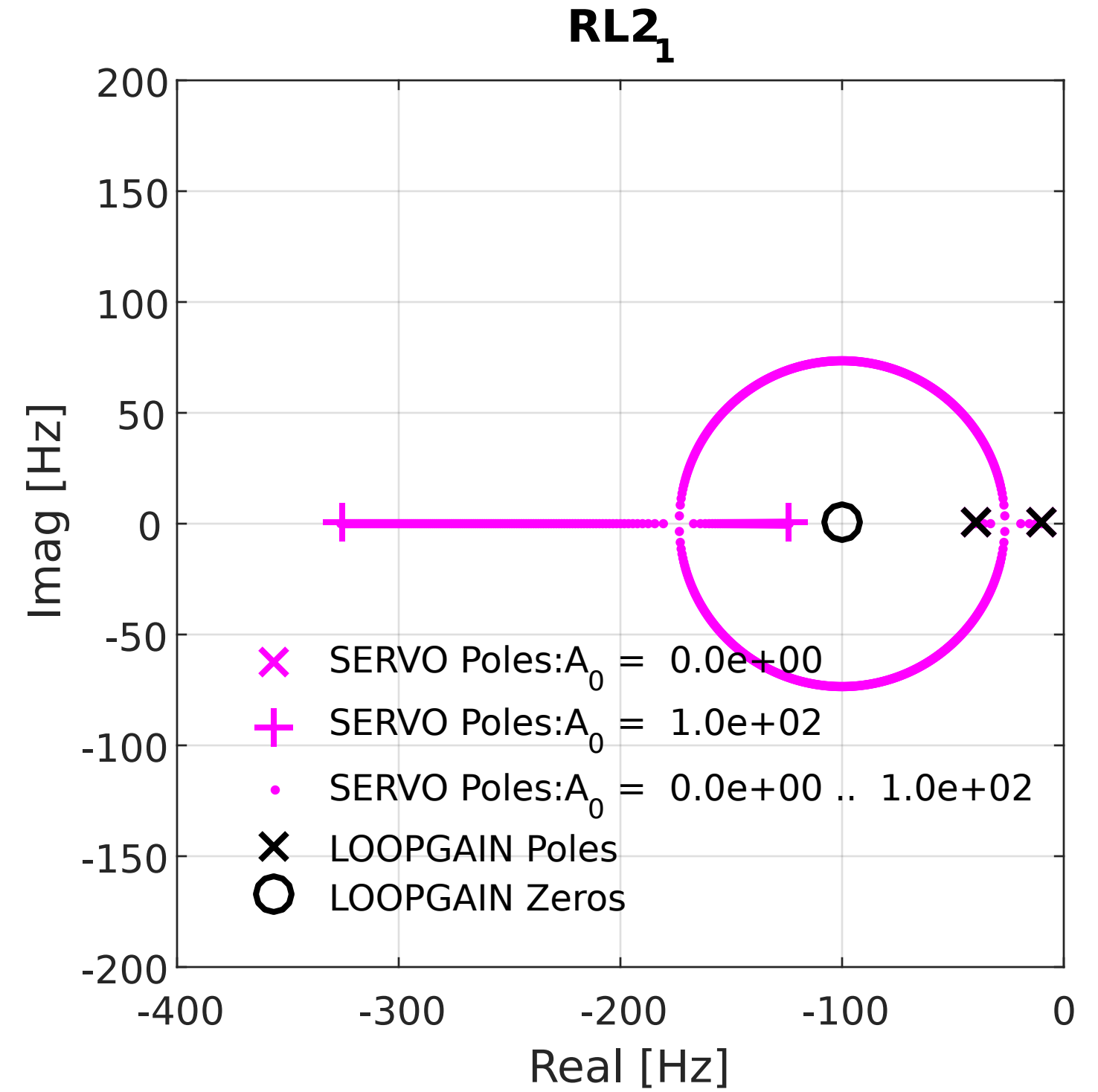
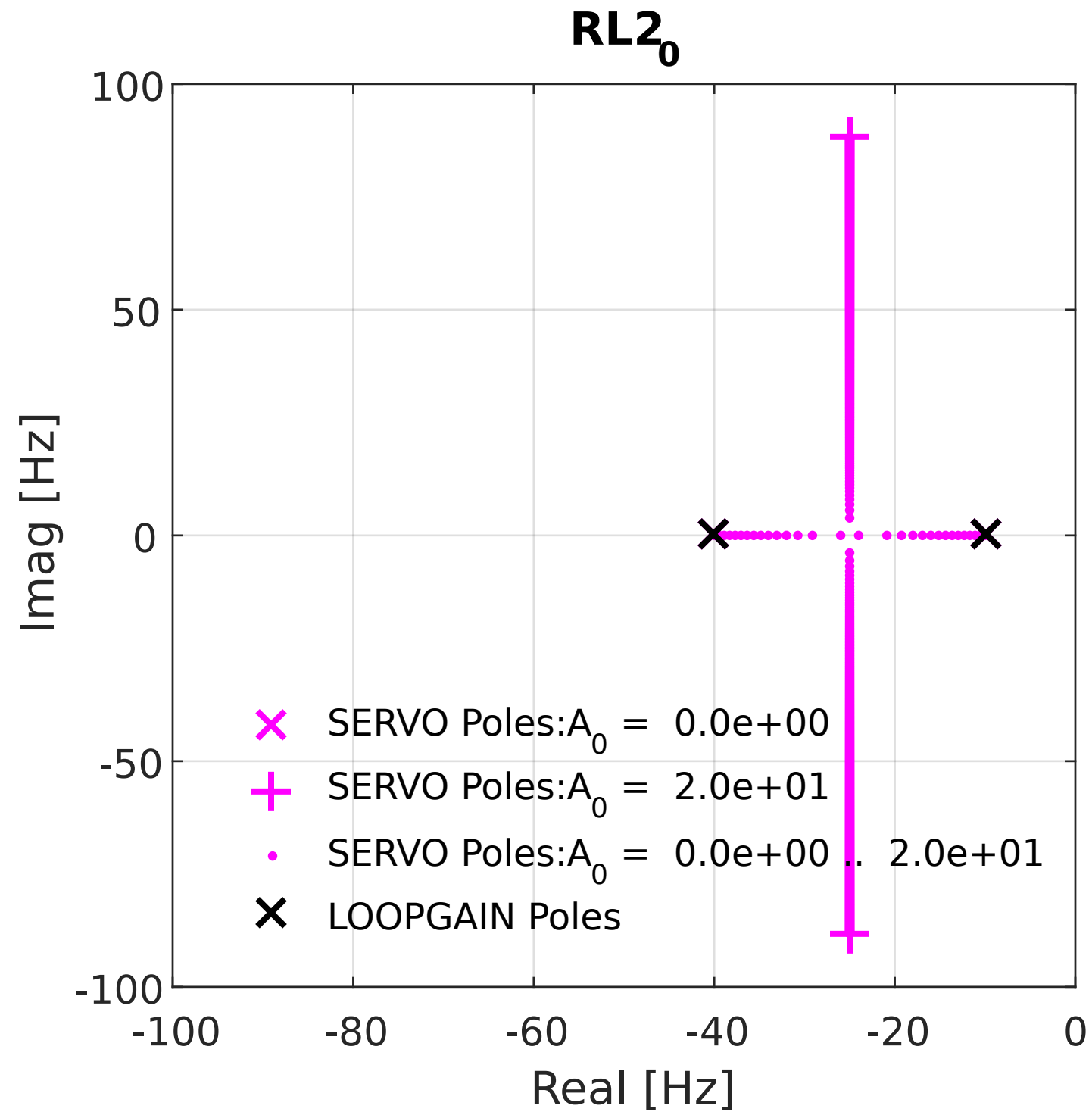
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Transfer of E1 has DC gain, poles and zeros

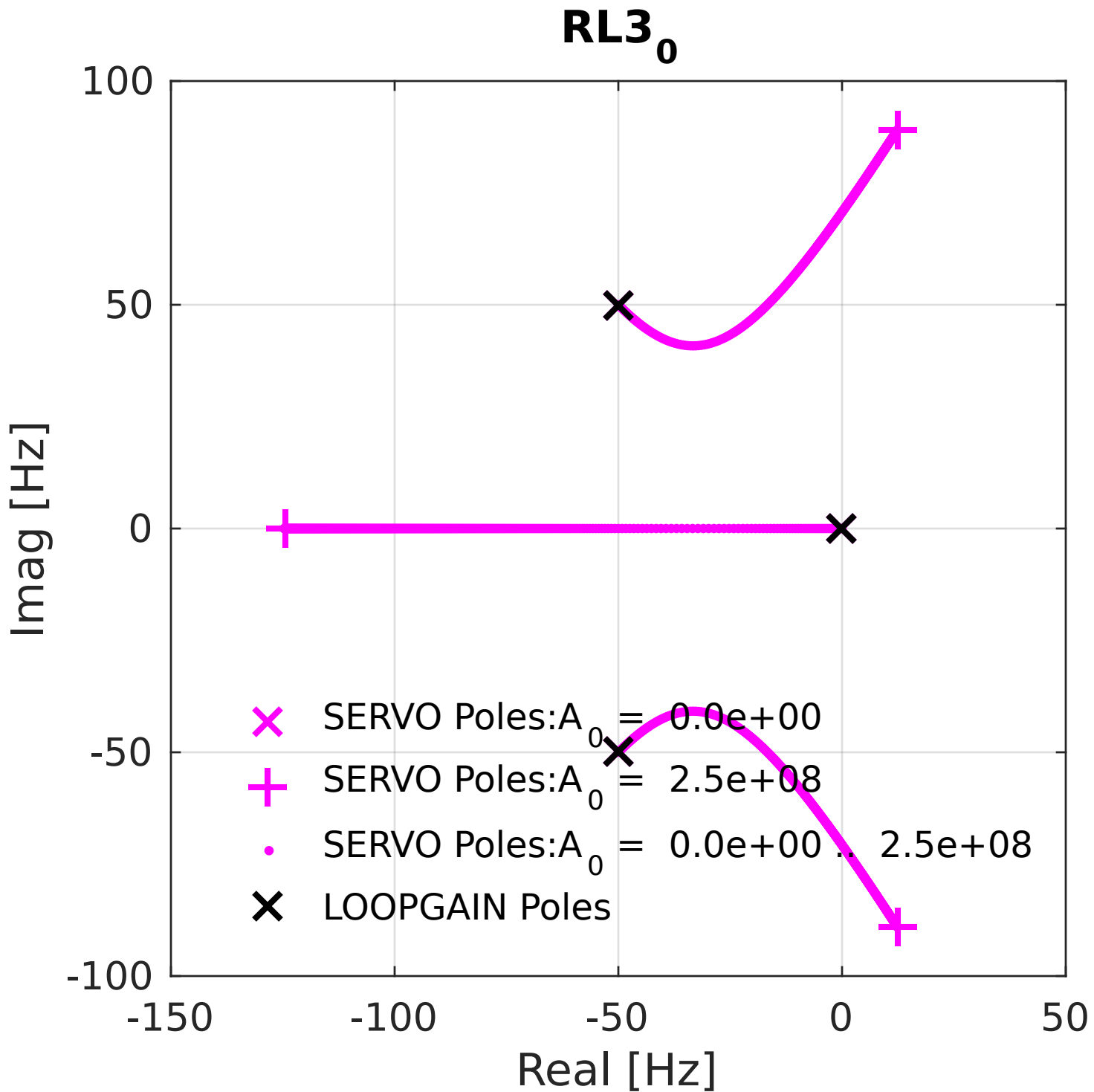
Root locus SLiCAP second order



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Root locus SLiCAP third order



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