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LF asymptote: $\phi=\angle 1=0$
Gradient changes of $\pm \frac{\pi}{4} /$ decade at: $\omega=\frac{0.025^{-}}{R C}, \frac{0.1^{+}}{R C}, \frac{2.5}{R C}{ }^{+}, \frac{10}{R C}^{-}$.

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