

**Statement:** the area under the pulse input to low pass RC circuit is equal to the area under the output waveform.

**Proof:**

Area under the input waveform(A),

$$A = \int_0^{t_p} V dt = V t_p \text{-----(1)}$$

Area under the output waveform = A1 + A2

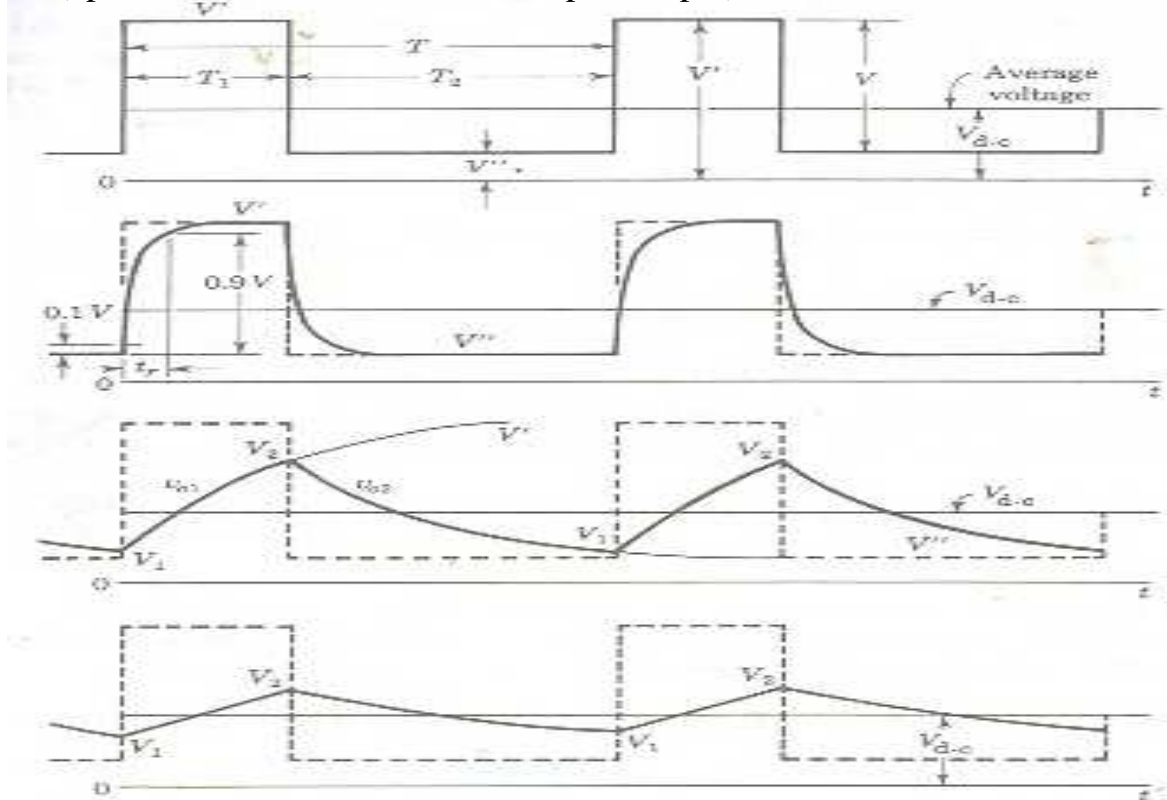
$$A1 = \int_0^{t_p} V(1 - e^{-t/RC}) dt = V t_p - V_p RC$$

$$A2 = \int_{t_p}^{\infty} V_p e^{-(t-t_p)/RC} dt = V_p RC$$

$$A1 + A2 = V t_p \text{-----(2)}$$

Hence proved.

**Square wave input:** steady state output waveform for square wave input is shown in figure.(operation of the circuit is same as pulse input)



**Expressions for  $v_{o1}$  &  $v_{o2}$  :**

We know  $V_o(t) = V_f + (V_i - V_f) e^{-(t-t_x)/\tau}$

During 0 to  $T_1$ ,  $V_o(t) = v_{o1}$

$$v_{o1} = V' + (V_1 - V') e^{-t/RC}$$

at  $t=T_1$ ,  $v_{o1} = V_2$

so  $V_2 = V' + (V_1 - V') e^{-T_1/RC}$

similarly  $v_{o2} = V'' + (V_2 - V'') e^{-(t-T_1)/RC}$

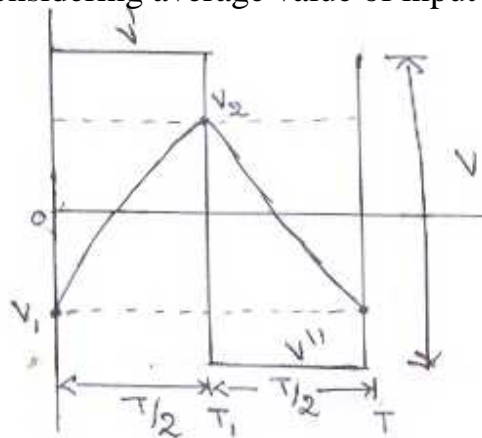
at  $t=T$ ,  $v_{o2} = V_1$

so  $V_1 = V'' + (V_2 - V'') e^{-T_2/RC}$

### Symmetrical square wave input :

For symmetrical square wave input  $T_1 = T_2 = T/2$

$V_1 = -V_2$  also  $V' = V'' = V/2$  (by considering average value of input is zero)



### Expression for $V_1$ or $V_2$ :

We know,

$$V_2 = V' + (V_1 - V') e^{-T_1/RC}$$

By substituting above values,

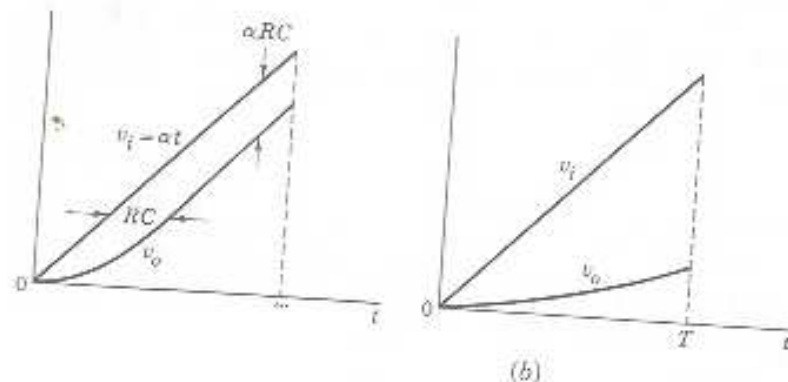
$$V_2 = (V/2) \tanh x$$

### Ramp input:

We know for an low pass RC circuit,  
 $v_i(t) = V_o(t) + RC \frac{dV_o(t)}{dt}$  (but  $I = C \frac{dV_o(t)}{dt}$ )

$$v_i(t) = V_o(t) + RC \frac{dV_o(t)}{dt}$$

but here  $v_i(t) = \alpha t$



$\alpha t = V_o(t) + RC \frac{dV_o(t)}{dt}$  it is a first order differential equation  
 by solving this equation (or by using laplace transform),  
 $V_o(t) = \alpha t - \alpha RC (1 - e^{-t/RC})$

If time constant is low,  $V_o(t) = \alpha t - \alpha RC$

If time constant is high,  $V_o(t) = \alpha t^2 / 2RC$

### low pass RC circuit as a integrator:

For low pass RC circuit,

$$v_i(t) = i R + V_o(t)$$

if RC is high then voltage across the capacitor is minimum and output voltage is almost zero . so  $v_i(t) = R i$  So  $i = v_i(t)/R$

$$V_o(t) = 1/RC \int i dt \text{ since } V_o(t) = 1/c \int i dt$$

Hence low pass RC acts as a integrator when  $RC \gg T$

It produces triangular waves by taking square wave input.

### Problems on low pass RC circuit:

1. A limited ramp of V volts is applied to an RC integrating circuit .what is the peak value of the output waveform for (a)  $T = RC$  (b)  $T = 0.2 RC$  (c)  $T = 5 RC$  .

### Solution;

Here  $V_o(t) = \alpha t - \alpha RC (1 - e^{-t/RC})$  and  $\alpha = V/T$

Peak value of output is  $V_o(T) = V/T - VRC (1 - e^{-T/RC})/T$

(a) if  $T = RC$  then  $V_o(T) = 0.368V$  volts

(b) if  $T = 0.2RC$  then  $V_o(T) = 0.1V$  volts

(c) if  $T = 5RC$  then  $V_o(T) = 0.8013V$  volts

