





Small Signal Equivalent Circuits of Diodes, BJTs, MOSFETs and Analog CMOS. Simple Diode Circuits, Clipping, Clamping, Rectifier. BIASING and Bias Stability of Transistor and FET Amplifiers. Amplifiers, Single-and Multi-Stage, Differential and Operational, Feedback, and Power. Frequency Response of Amplifiers. Simple Op-Amp Circuits. Filters. Sinusoidal Oscillators, Criterion for Oscillation, Single-Transistor and Op-Amp Configurations. Function Generators and Wave-Shaping Circuits, 555 Timers. Power Supplies.

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CHAPTER

Diode Circuits - Analysis and Application

Learning Objectives

After reading this chapter, you will know

- 1. Wave Shaping Circuit
- 2. Clippers and Champers
- 3. Rectifiers and Power Supplies
- 4. Efficiency, Regulation, Ripple Frequency, Form Factor, Ripple Factor

Wave Shaping Circuits

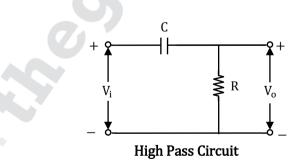
Wave shaping circuits are of two types

- (A) Linear wave shaping circuits
- (B) Non linear wave shaping circuits

Linear Wave Shaping Circuits

The process by which the wave form of non-sinusoidal signal is altered by passing it through the linear network is called the linear wave shaping.

High Pass Circuit

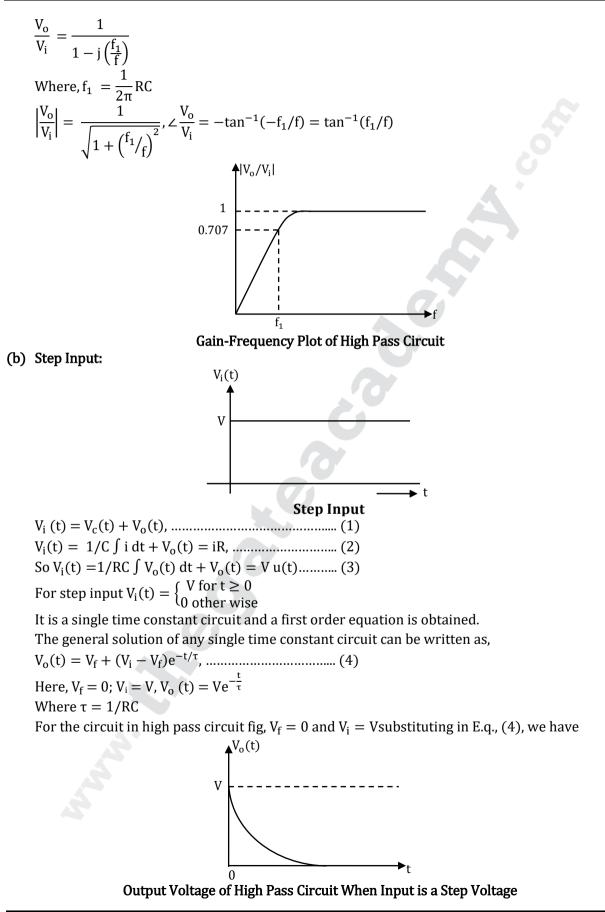


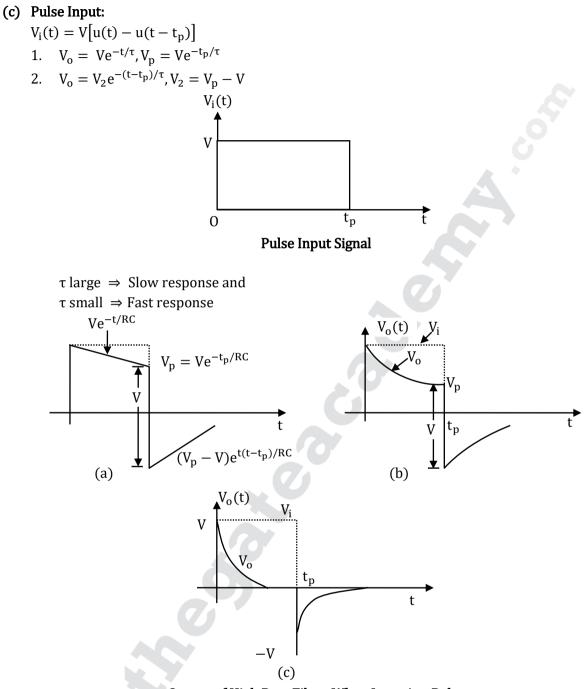
This circuit is called the high pass filter because it passes the high frequency components and attenuates the low frequency components.

For low frequency, the reactance of the capacitance is large.

(a) Sinusoidal Input:

$$\frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{R}{R + 1/j\omega C} = \frac{1}{1 - j\frac{1}{\omega RC}}$$



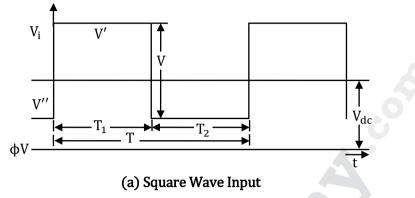


Output of High Pass Filter, When Input is a Pulse

For a low time constant the peak – to – peak amplitudes will be double. The process of converting pulses into spikes by means of a low time constant is called peaking. In high pass RC circuit, the average level of the output is always zero. The area above the zero axis should be equal to the area below the zero axis, $A_1 = A_2$.

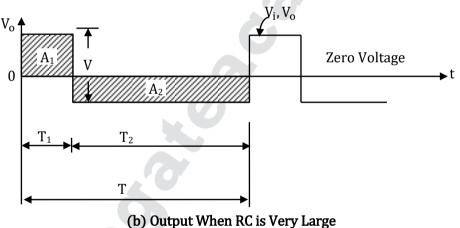


(d) Square Wave Input:

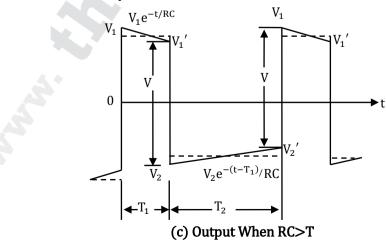


A square wave is a waveform as shown in fig (a) which is periodic with time period T such that it maintains a level V' for time T_1 and V'' for time T_2 where $T = T_1 + T_2$. Figure (b) (c) (d) and (e) show output wave forms of the high pass RC circuit under steady-state conditions for the cases (i) RC>>T (ii) RC>T (iii) RC=T and (iv) RC<<T

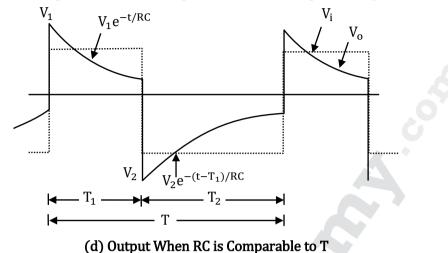
Case (i): For arbitrarily large time constant value, the output is same as that of input but with zero dc level.



Case (ii): When RC>T, the output is in the form of a tilt.

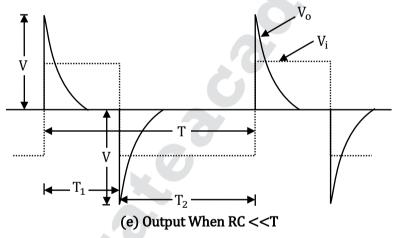






Case (iii): When RC is comparable to T, the output rises and falls exponentially.

Case (iv): When RC<<T, the output consists of alternative positive and negative spikes.



More generally the response to a square wave must have the appearance shown below: The four levels V_1 , V'_1 , V_2 , V'_2 can be determined from (refer below figure)

 $V'_{1} = V_{1}e^{-T_{1}/\tau}, V'_{1} - V_{2} = V$ $V'_{2} = V_{2}e^{-T_{2}/\tau}, V_{1} - V'_{2} = V$ For symmetrical square wave $T_{1} = T_{2} = T/2$ $V_{1} = -V_{2}, V'_{1} = -V_{2} \text{ and the response is shown below in Fig. (b)}$ Percentage tilt 'P' is defined by $P = \frac{V_{1} - V'_{1}}{V_{1}/2} \times 100 \approx \frac{T}{2} \times 100 \%$

$$P = \frac{v_1 - v_1}{V/2} \times 100 \approx \frac{1}{2\tau} \times 100\%$$
$$= \frac{\pi f_1}{f} \times 100\%$$

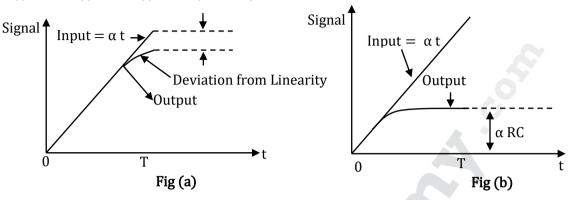
Where $f_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi\tau}$ and $f = \frac{1}{T}$

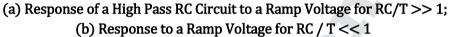
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(e) Ramp Input

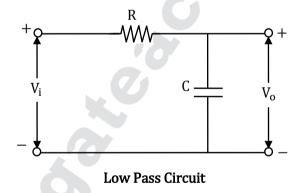
 $V_i(t) = \alpha t u(t)$ and $V_o(t) = \alpha \tau (1 - e^{-t/\tau})$, are shown below,





For t $<<\tau$, as a measure of departure from linearity, transmission error, e_t is defined as $e_t = \frac{V_i - V_o}{V_i}$, At t = T, $e_t \approx \frac{T}{2\tau} = \pi f_1 T$

Low Pass Filter



This circuit allows the low frequency components and attenuates the high frequency components. $X_{c} = \frac{1}{j\omega c} = \frac{1}{j2\pi fc}$

At low frequency $(f \rightarrow 0)$; $X_c \rightarrow \infty$ At high frequency $(f \rightarrow \infty)$; $X_c \rightarrow 0$

So at low frequency capacitor behaves like open circuit so low frequency component passes to o/p

(a) Sinusoidal Input

$$\begin{aligned} \left|\frac{V_o}{V_i}\right| &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (f/f_2)^2}}\\ \angle V_o / V_i &= -\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{f}{f_2}\right), \text{ where } f_2 &= 1/(2\pi\text{RC}) \end{aligned}$$