



Rising

$$V_{out} = A (1 - e^{-t/\tau})$$

To find the 10%, 50% and 90% points, set $V_{out} =$ desired fraction of A and solve for t .

For example, to find the 10% point,

$$V_{out} = 0.1A = A (1 - e^{-t/\tau})$$

$$0.1 = 1 - e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$e^{-t/\tau} = 0.9$$

$$\log(e^{-t/\tau}) = \log(0.9)$$

$$-\frac{t}{\tau} = \log(0.9)$$

$$t = -\tau \log(0.9)$$

The rise time, t_{rise} , is the difference between when $V_{out} = 0.1A$ and when $V_{out} = 0.9A$ in seconds.

Falling

$$V_{out} = A e^{-t/\tau}$$

To find when it falls through the 90% point:

$$V_{out} = 0.9A = A e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$0.9 = e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$\log(0.9) = \log(e^{-t/\tau})$$

$$= -t/\tau$$

$$t = -\tau \log(0.9)$$

Note that rising 10% or falling 10% takes the same time. It's symmetric.

Propagation times are measured between the 50% point on the input and the 50% point on the output.

The input is a square wave that passes thru 50% instantly (as far as we're concerned).

So t_{PLH} (propagation low-to-high) =

time when $V_{out} = 0.5A$ rising

t_{PHL} (prop. high-to-low) = time when

$V_{out} = 0.5A$ falling

Again, it's symmetric $t_{PLH} = t_{PHL}$.

Extracting the slope (6.2)

Falling

$$V_{out} = A e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$\log(V_{out}) = \log(A) + \log(e^{-t/\tau})$$
$$= \log(A) - \frac{t}{\tau}$$

Think of this as a function, $f(t)$ and take the derivative of both sides

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{d(\log(V_{out}))}{dt} = \frac{d(\log(A) - \frac{t}{\tau})}{dt}$$

$$= 0 - \frac{1}{\tau} = -\frac{1}{\tau}$$

There's the slope.

Rising

$$V_{out} = A(1 - e^{-t/\tau})$$

$$\frac{V_{out}}{A} = 1 - e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$1 - \frac{V_{out}}{A} = e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$\log\left(1 - \frac{V_{out}}{A}\right) = \log(e^{-t/\tau})$$
$$= -t/\tau$$

Again, think of this as a function $f(t)$ and take the derivative of both sides

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\log\left(1 - \frac{V_{out}}{A}\right) \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \left(-\frac{t}{\tau} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\tau}$$

Again, there's the slope