

$$t_2 > t_1$$

To show:

$$\text{Min} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} v(t)^2 dt = (t_2 - t_1) \bar{v}^2$$

$$\bar{v} = \frac{1}{t_2 - t_1} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} v(t) dt$$

Proof: "the mean square of something that deviates around an average, as you know, is always greater than the square of the mean" (Feynman 19-2)

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{(t_2 - t_1)} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} [v(t) - \bar{v}]^2 dt =$$

$$(t_2 - t_1)^{-1} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} [v(t)^2 - 2v(t)\bar{v} + \bar{v}^2] dt =$$

$$(t_2 - t_1)^{-1} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} v(t)^2 dt - 2\bar{v}\bar{v} + \bar{v}^2$$

$$\frac{1}{(t_2 - t_1)} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} [v(t)^2 - \bar{v}^2] dt$$

Minimum = 0 $\Rightarrow v(t) = \bar{v}$