

Homework 2.2: Hodgkin-Huxley model - gating dynamics

Gating dynamics

2/2 points (graded)

Often the gating dynamics are formulated as $\frac{dm}{dt} = \alpha_m(u)(1 - m) - \beta_m(u)m$.

Reminder: Previously we had $\frac{dm}{dt} = -\frac{m - m_0(u)}{\tau_m(u)}$.

1. Calculate $m_0(u)$ and $\tau_m(u)$ based on $\alpha_m(u)$ and $\beta_m(u)$.

$m_0(u) =$

☐ $m_0(u) = \beta_m(u)$

☐ $m_0(u) = \alpha_m(u)$

☐ $m_0(u) = \frac{\alpha_m(u)}{\beta_m(u)}$

☒ $m_0(u) = \frac{\alpha_m(u)}{\alpha_m(u) + \beta_m(u)}$



$\tau_m(u) =$

☐ $\tau_m(U) = -(\alpha_m(U) + \beta_m(U))$

☒ $\tau_m(U) = \frac{1}{(\alpha_m(U) + \beta_m(U))}$

☐ $\tau_m(U) = \frac{1}{\alpha_m(U)}$

☐ $\tau_m(U) = \frac{1}{\beta_m(U)}$



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Equivalent expression

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2. Assume $\alpha_m(u) = \beta_m(u)^{-1}$. If $m_0(u) = 0.5\{1 + \tanh[\gamma(u - \theta)]\}$, then what would be the expression for $\alpha_m(u)$?

$\alpha_m(u) =$

☐ $\alpha_m = \exp[\gamma(\Theta - u)]$

☒ $\alpha_m = \exp [\gamma (u - \Theta)]$

☐ $\alpha_m = 0.5 \exp [\gamma (u - \Theta)]$

☐ $\alpha_m = 2 \exp [\gamma (\Theta - u)]$

☐ $\alpha_m = \frac{\exp [\gamma (u - \Theta)]}{\exp [\gamma (\Theta - u)]}$

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Time constant

1/1 point (graded)
3. What is the time constant $\tau_m(u)$?

$\tau_m(u) =$

☐ $2 \operatorname{csch} [\gamma (u - \theta)]$

☐ $0.5 \operatorname{csch} [-\gamma (u - \theta)]$

☒ $0.5 \operatorname{sech} [\gamma (u - \theta)]$

☐ $2 \operatorname{sech} [-\gamma (u - \theta)]$



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