

Theoretical neuroscience: Exercise 3

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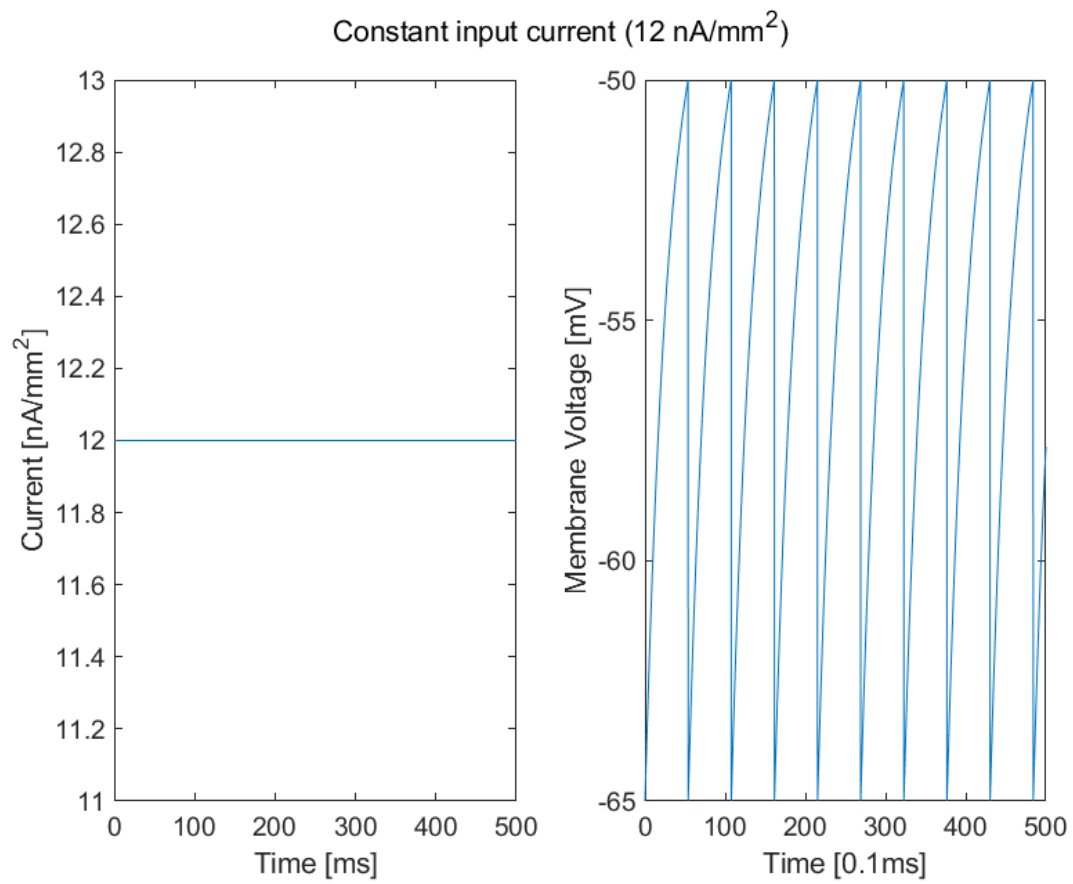


Figure 1: Given a constant input current, we can observe the membrane voltage constantly reaching threshold and spiking. There is, however, no change in inter-spike time.

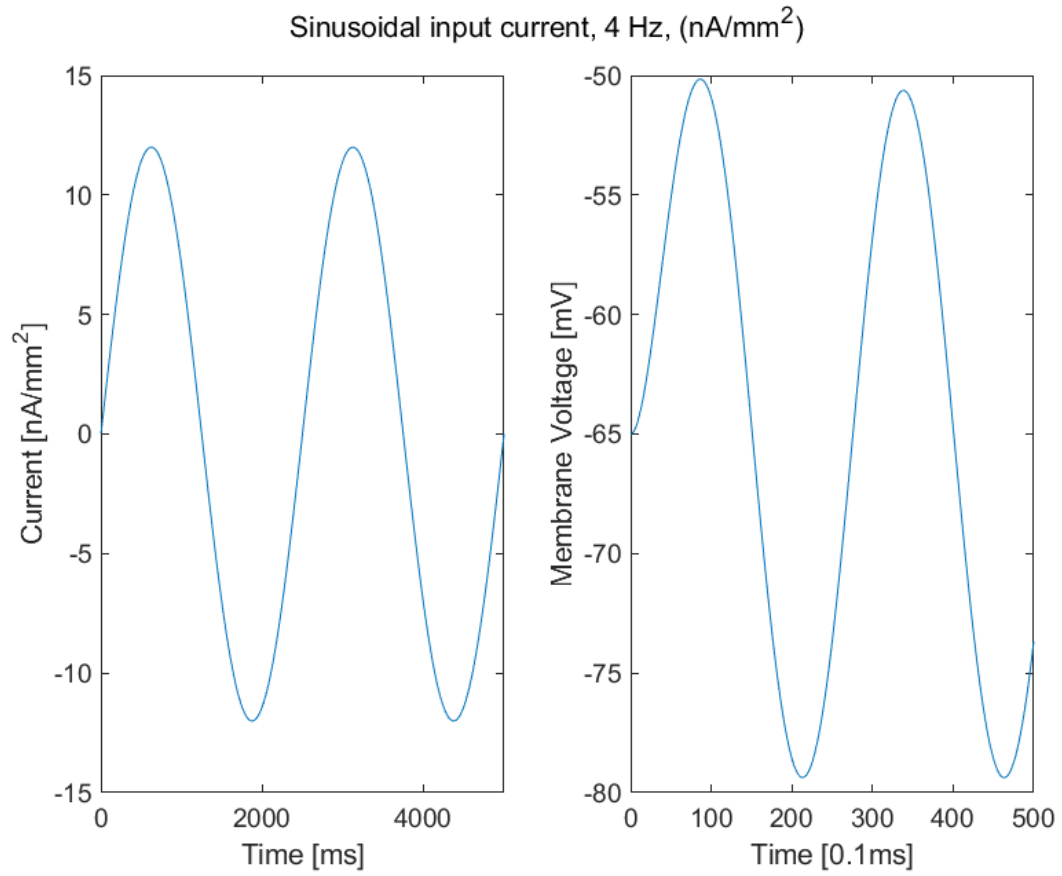


Figure 2: The low frequency sinusoidal input current does not allow the membrane voltage to reach threshold and therefore, no spiking is observed.

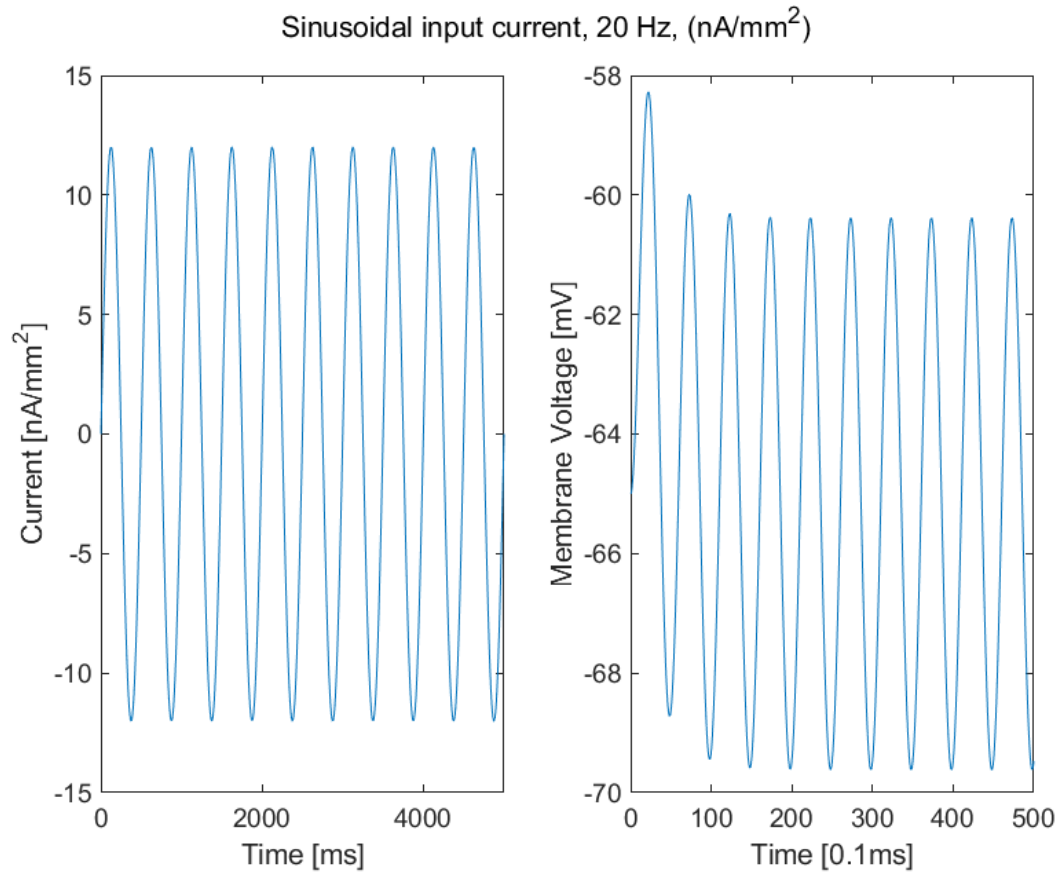


Figure 3: The medium frequency sinusoidal input current does not allow the membrane voltage to reach the threshold and therefore, no spiking is observed.

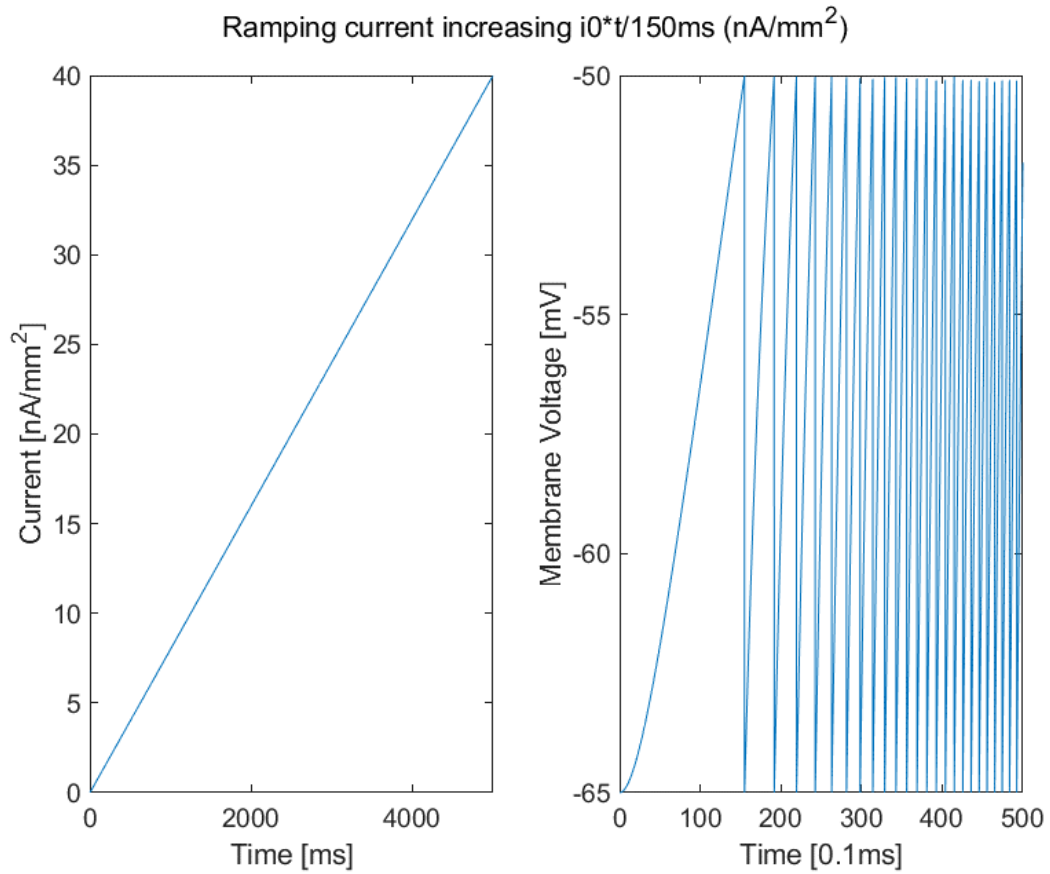


Figure 4: The ramping current has a constantly increasing input and therefore after the membrane reaches threshold, the current continues to increase; consequently, it reaches threshold quicker and quicker. Thus, the inter-spike-intervals are decreasing with time.

Additional task:

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau_m} \underbrace{[v_m \cdot e(t) + E_L]}_{V_{\infty}} - v_m(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau_m} (V_{\infty} - v_m(t))$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_t^{t+\Delta t} \frac{1}{V_{\infty} - v_m(t)} dv = \frac{1}{\tau} \int dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln |V_{\infty} - v_m(t)| \Big|_t^{t+\Delta t} = \frac{1}{\tau} (t + \Delta t - t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln |V_{\infty} - v_m(t + \Delta t)| - \ln |V_{\infty} - v_m(t)| = \frac{t}{\tau}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \left| \frac{V_{\infty} - v_m(t + \Delta t)}{V_{\infty} - v_m(t)} \right| = \frac{t}{\tau}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V_{\infty} - v_m(t + \Delta t)}{V_{\infty} - v_m(t)} = e^{\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{\infty} - v_m(t + \Delta t) = (V_{\infty} - v_m(t)) e^{\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_m(t + \Delta t) = V_{\infty} - (V_{\infty} - v_m(t)) e^{\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_m(t + \Delta t) = V_{\infty} + (v_m(t) - V_{\infty}) e^{\frac{t}{\tau}}$$