

# ECE C143A Homework 6

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## Problem 1

(a)

False, the  $\text{Na}^+$  channel opens first

(b)

False, only  $\text{Na}^+$  serve to depolarize the cell.

(c)

True

(d)

False, EEG's cannot record action potentials.

**(e)**

False because  $\lambda$  does not vary with time and a poisson process is memoryless.

**(f)**

False, if the Fano factor is greater than one, the firing variance is greater than the firing mean

**(g)**

True

**(h)**

False, the Exponential distribution does not model the refractory period well.

**(i)**

True

**(j)**

True

**(k)**

True

**(l)**

True

**(m)**

False, a Gaussian kernel is a low pass.

**(n)**

False, such a tuning curve can describe the visual system well, but it cannot describe the motor system well.

**(o)**

False, Absolute not relative

## **Problem 2**

**(a)**

$f(\theta)$  reaches a max at  $\theta = \theta_0$  therefore this is the preferred direction.

**(b)**

No because the values of the tuning curve would all be negative

**(c)**

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(\theta - \theta_0) &= \frac{e^{j(\theta - \theta_0)} + e^{-j(\theta - \theta_0)}}{2} \\ &= \frac{(\cos(\theta) + j \sin(\theta))(\cos(\theta_0) - j \sin(\theta_0)) + (\cos(\theta) - j \sin(\theta))(\cos(\theta_0) + j \sin(\theta_0))}{2} \\ &= \frac{2 \cos(\theta) \cos(\theta_0) + 2 \sin(\theta) \sin(\theta_0)}{2} \\ &= \cos(\theta) \cos(\theta_0) + \sin(\theta) \sin(\theta_0)\end{aligned}$$

**(d)**

$$\begin{aligned}k_0 &= c_0 \\ k_1 &= c_1 \sin(\theta_0) \\ k_2 &= c_1 \cos(\theta_0)\end{aligned}$$

**(e)**

We have

$$\begin{aligned}y_0 &= 25 = k_0 + k_2 \\ y_{120} &= 70 = k_0 + \frac{k_1 \sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{k_2}{2} \\ y_{240} &= 10 = k_0 - \frac{k_2}{2} - \frac{k_1 \sqrt{3}}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$y_{120} + y_{240} = 2k_0 - k_2$$

$$2y_0 - y_{120} - y_{240} = 2k_0 + 2k_2 - 2k_0 + k_2$$

$$k_2 = \boxed{\frac{2y_0 - y_{120} - y_{240}}{3}}$$

$$k_0 = \boxed{\frac{y_0 + y_{120} + y_{240}}{3}}$$

$$k_1 = \boxed{\frac{y_{120} - y_{240}}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

**(f) and (g)**

# Problem 2 Jupyter

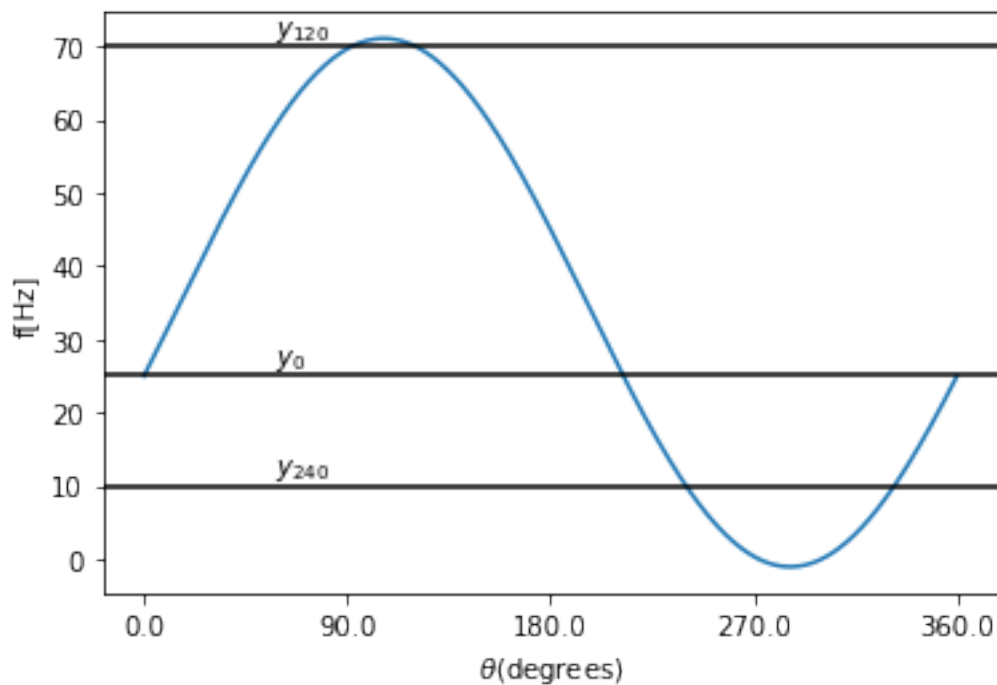
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[2]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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## 1 Part (f)

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[24]: y0=25
y120=70
y240=10
k0,k1,k2=np.dot(np.linalg.inv([[1,0,1],
                                [1,np.sqrt(3)/2,-1/2],
                                [1,-np.sqrt(3)/2,-1/2]]),[y0,y120,y240])
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[25]: theta=np.arange(0,2*np.pi,0.01)
f=lambda theta: k0+k1*np.sin(theta)+k2*np.cos(theta)
plt.plot(theta,f(theta))
plt.axhline(y0,color="black")
plt.text(1,y0,"$y_{0}$",va="bottom")
plt.axhline(y120,color="black")
plt.text(1,y120,"$y_{120}$",va="bottom")
plt.axhline(y240,color="black")
plt.text(1,y240,"$y_{240}$",va="bottom")
plt.ylabel("f [Hz] ")
plt.xlabel(r"$\theta$(degrees)")
plt.xticks(np.linspace(0,2*np.pi,5),np.linspace(0,360,5))
plt.show()
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[49]: c1=round(np.sqrt(k1**2+k2**2),3)
      c0=k0
      theta0=round(np.degrees(np.arctan2(k1,k2)),3)
      print(f"c0={c0}")
      print(f"c1={c1}")
      print(f"theta0={theta0} degrees")
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c0=35.0
c1=36.056
theta0=106.102 degrees
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## 2 Part (G)

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[66]: theta=np.radians([0,60,120,180,240,300])
      y=[25,40,70,30,10,15]

      X=np.array([np.sin(theta),np.cos(theta)]).T
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we can solve for the values of mean squared error by performing a linear regression over  $k_0$ ,  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$

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[67]: from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression

      reg = LinearRegression().fit(X, y)
      k0=reg.intercept_
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k1,k2=reg.coef_
c1=round(np.sqrt(k1**2+k2**2),3)
c0=k0
theta0=round(np.degrees(np.arctan2(k1,k2)),3)
print(f"c0={c0}")
print(f"c1={c1}")
print(f"theta0={theta0} degrees")

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c0=31.666666666666664
c1=25.221
theta0=103.373 degrees

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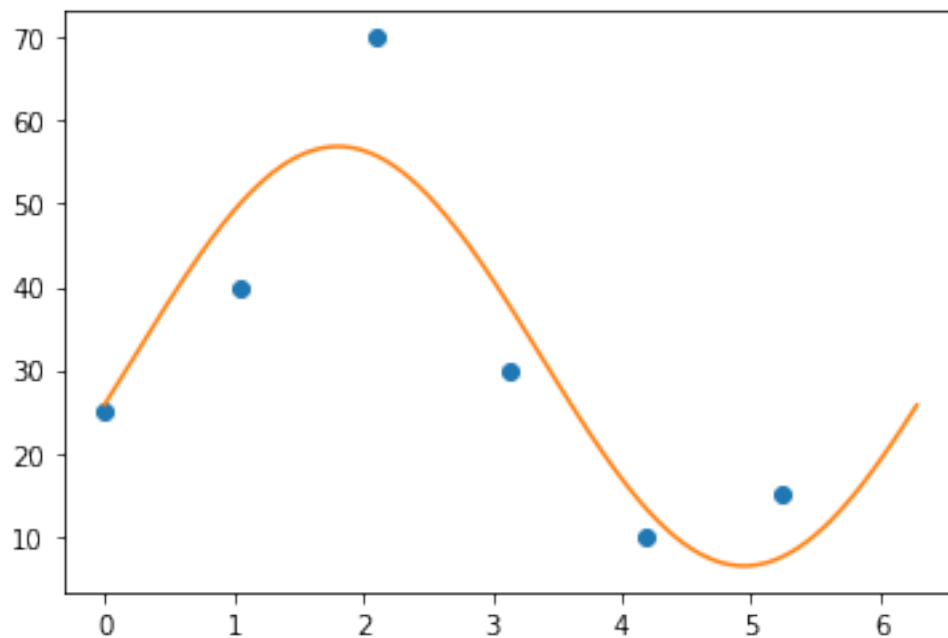
[68]: plt.plot(theta,y,"o")
      theta=np.arange(0,2*np.pi,0.01)
      f=lambda theta: k0+k1*np.sin(theta)+k2*np.cos(theta)
      plt.plot(theta,f(theta))

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[68]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7fdb0039a910>]

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## Problem 3

(a)

No, because the pdf has a maximum at  $t = 0$  and it decreases exponentially. If it did then the pdf would be 0 for  $t < t_1$  for some  $t_1$

(b)

Therefore we have  $\lambda = 50$  and the probability that a spike would violate the 1ms refractory period is

$$\int_0^{1 \cdot 10^{-3}} \lambda e^{-\lambda t} dt = 1 - e^{-0.05} = 0.048$$

So therefore we have the percentage spikes which would violate the 1ms refractory period is around 4.8%.

## Problem 4

(a)

The ISI is an exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda$  so therefore the mean is

$$\frac{1}{\lambda}$$

(b)

The probability that a given ISI is greater than the mean ISI is

$$\int_{\frac{1}{\lambda}}^{+\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda t} dt = \boxed{e^{-1}}$$

(c)

from bayes theorem we have

$$Pr\left(T = t|T > \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) = \frac{Pr(T > \frac{1}{\lambda}|T = t)f(T = t)}{Pr(T > \frac{1}{\lambda})}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[T|T > \frac{1}{\lambda}] &= \int_0^{\infty} t Pr\left(T = t|T > \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) dt \\ &= \int_{\frac{1}{\lambda}}^{\infty} t e \lambda e^{-\lambda t} dt \\ &= e \left( -te^{-\lambda t} \Big|_{\frac{1}{\lambda}}^{\infty} + \int_{\frac{1}{\lambda}}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} dt \right) \\ &= e \left( \frac{e^{-1}}{\lambda} + \frac{e^{-1}}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{2}{\lambda}} \end{aligned}$$

(d)

we have

$$Pr\left(T = t|T < \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) = \frac{Pr(T < \frac{1}{\lambda}|T = t)f(T = t)}{Pr(T < \frac{1}{\lambda})}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
E\left[T|T < \frac{1}{\lambda}\right] &= \int_0^\infty tPr\left(T = t|T < \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) dt \\
&= \int_0^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} t \frac{1}{1 - e^{-1}} \lambda e^{-\lambda t} dt \\
&= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-1}} \left( -te^{-\lambda t} \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} + \int_0^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} e^{-\lambda t} dt \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-1}} \left( -\frac{e^{-1}}{\lambda} - \frac{e^{-1} - 1}{\lambda} \right) \\
&= \boxed{\frac{e - 2}{\lambda(e - 1)}}
\end{aligned}$$

(e)

The probability for an ISI to be greater than the mean ISI is  $e^{-1}$ , therefore the number of spikes before one sees an ISI greater than the mean ISI is a geometric distribution with  $p = e^{-1}$ . The mean of this distribution is  $\frac{1}{p} = e$  therefore the expected number of spikes that need to be fired before one sees an ISI less than the mean is  $\boxed{e + 1}$ , since one spike needs to be fired first to measure the ISI.

(f)

Let the expected waiting time be  $T_w$  we have

$$T_w = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p(n) \left( E[t_n | t_n > \frac{1}{\lambda}] + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} E[t_i | t_i < \frac{1}{\lambda}] \right)$$

Where  $t_i$  is the  $i$ th ISI time, and  $p(n)$  is the probability that the  $n$ th waiting time will be the first greater than the mean. Thus  $p(n)$  is a geometric

distribution with  $p = \frac{1}{e}$

$$\begin{aligned}
E(T_w) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p(n) \left( \frac{2}{\lambda} + (n-1) \frac{e-2}{\lambda(e-1)} \right) \\
&= \frac{2}{\lambda} - \frac{e-2}{(e-1)\lambda} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p(n) \frac{n(e-2)}{(e-1n)\lambda} \\
&= \frac{2}{\lambda} - \frac{e-2}{(e-1)\lambda} + \frac{(e^2-2e)}{(e-1)\lambda} \\
&= \frac{2}{\lambda} + \frac{e^2-3e+2}{(e-1)\lambda} \\
&= \frac{2}{\lambda} + \frac{e-2}{\lambda} \\
&= \boxed{\frac{e}{\lambda}}
\end{aligned}$$

## Problem 5

(a)

The probability that electrode 1's neuron does not spike in the first 60ms is

$$P_1 = \int_0^{\frac{3}{\lambda_1}} \lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1 t} dt$$

$$P_1 = 1 - e^{-3}$$

And the probability that electrode 2's neuron does not spike in the first 60ms is

$$P_2 = \int_0^{\frac{2}{\lambda_2}} \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 t} dt$$

$$P_2 = 1 - e^{-2}$$

Therefore the probability that neither of them are detected is

$$P_2 P_1 = (1 - e^{-2})(1 - e^{-3})$$

(b)

By the memoryless property, this is just

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^t \lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1 t} dt \int_0^t \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 t} dt &= (1 - e^{-\lambda_1 t})(1 - e^{-\lambda_2 t}) \\ &= \boxed{(1 - e^{-50t})(1 - e^{-33.333t})}\end{aligned}$$

(c)

This is just the probability that neuron 1 fires before neuron 2, which is

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\infty \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 t} \int_0^t \lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1 \tau} d\tau dt &= \int_0^\infty \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 t} (1 - e^{-\lambda_1 t}) \\ &= 1 - \lambda_2 \int_0^\infty e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)t} \\ &= 1 - \lambda_2 \frac{1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \\ &= \boxed{1 - \frac{33.333}{83.333}}\end{aligned}$$