

2. Numerical solutions to ODEs

Euler's method : $x_{i+1} = x_i + f(x_i; t)dt$

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In [1]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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In [2]: def get_timeline(t_max, dt):
return np.arange(0, t_max, dt)
```

2 (a) Define a Python function that takes as an argument the function $f(x; t)$, the initial condition, the stop time, and the integration step δt

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In [3]: def euler(f_func, x_0, t_max, dt):
t = get_timeline(t_max, dt)
x = np.zeros(len(t))
x[0] = x_0
for i in range(len(t)-1):
    x[i+1] = x[i] + f_func(x[i], t[i])*dt
return x
```

2 (b) Solve the problems from Exercise 1 with the Euler method. Plot and compare (discuss) the analytical and numerical solutions.

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In [4]: def first(x,t):
return -x

def second(x,t):
return x**(-1)

def third(x,t):
return 1-x

def logistic(x,t):
return x*(1-x)
```

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In [5]: def first_analytical(t):
return np.exp(-t)

def second_analytical(t):
return np.sqrt(2*t + 1)

def third_analytical(t):
return 1 - np.exp(-t)

def logistic_analytical(t):
return 1/(1 + np.exp(-t))
```

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In [6]: prob_i_euler = euler(first, 1, 5, .01)
prob_ii_euler = euler(second, 1, 5, .01)
prob_iii_euler = euler(third, 0, 5, .01)
prob_iv_euler = euler(logistic, 0.5, 5, .01)
```

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In [7]: t = get_timeline(5, 0.01) # keeping it same as euler
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```
prob_i_analytical = first_analytical(t)
prob_ii_analytical = second_analytical(t)
prob_iii_analytical = third_analytical(t)
prob_iv_analytical = logistic_analytical(t)
```

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In [8]: #plotting and comparing
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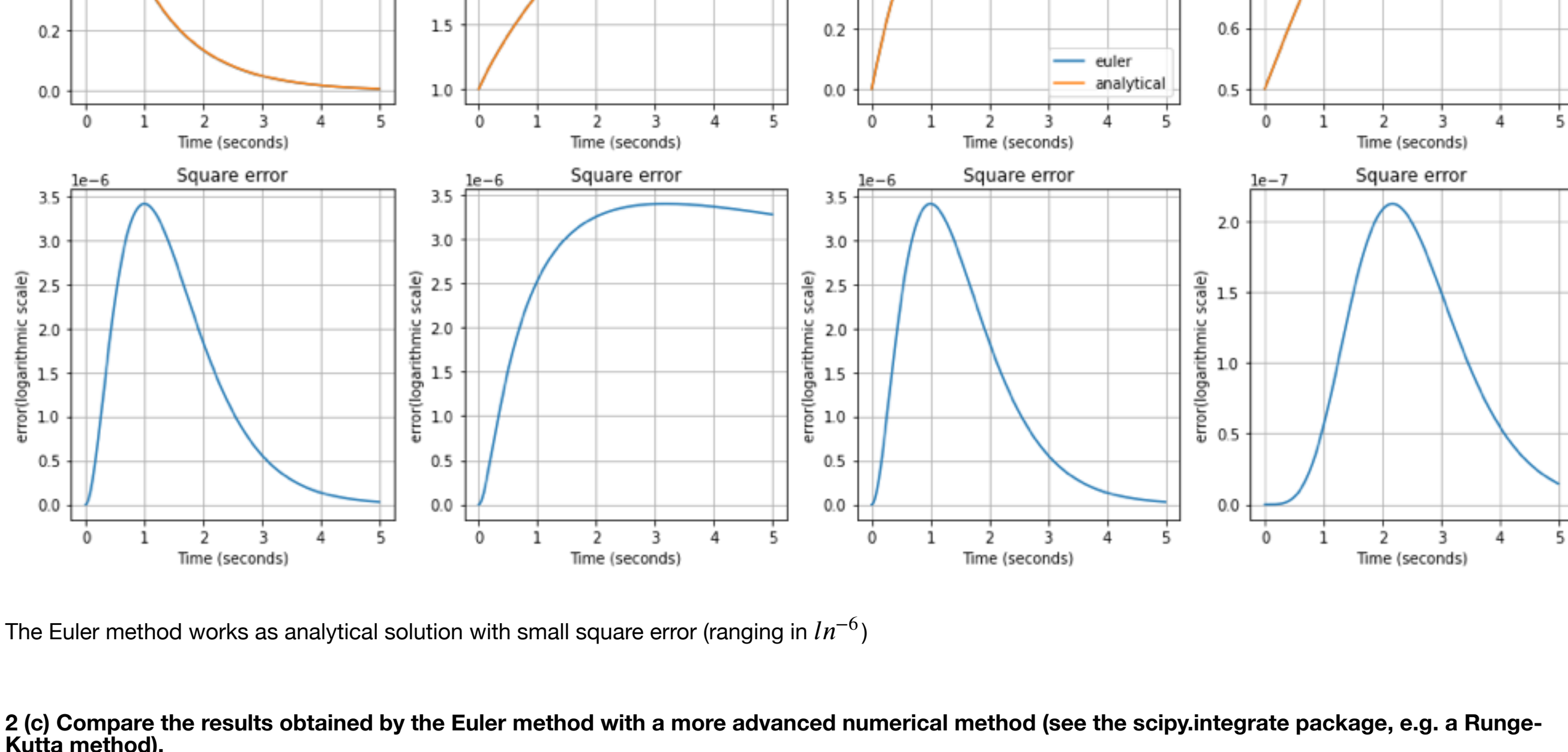
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fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=2, ncols=4, figsize=(15, 8))
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different_functions = [
    { 'euler_func': prob_i_euler, 'analy_func': prob_i_analytical, 'label': 'Problem 1 (a)' },
    { 'euler_func': prob_ii_euler, 'analy_func': prob_ii_analytical, 'label': 'Problem 1 (b)' },
    { 'euler_func': prob_iii_euler, 'analy_func': prob_iii_analytical, 'label': 'Problem 1 (c)' },
    { 'euler_func': prob_iv_euler, 'analy_func': prob_iv_analytical, 'label': 'Problem 1 (d)' }
]
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for i in range(4):
    function = different_functions[i]
    axes[0][i].plot(t, function['euler_func'], label='euler')
    axes[0][i].plot(t, function['analy_func'], label='analytical')
    axes[0][i].set_title(function['label'])
    axes[0][i].set_ylabel('x')
    axes[0][i].set_xlabel('Time (seconds)')
    axes[0][i].grid()
    axes[0][i].legend()
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axes[1][i].plot(t, np.square(function['euler_func'] - function['analy_func']))
axes[1][i].set_title('Square error')
axes[1][i].set_ylabel('error (logarithmic scale)')
axes[1][i].set_xlabel('Time (seconds)')
axes[1][i].grid()
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fig.tight_layout()
```



The Euler method works as analytical solution with small square error (ranging in 10^{-6})

2 (c) Compare the results obtained by the Euler method with a more advanced numerical method (see the `scipy.integrate` package, e.g. a Runge-Kutta method).

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In [9]: def runge_kutta(f_func, x_0, t):
return integrate.odeint(f_func, x_0, t).ravel()
```

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In [10]: from scipy import integrate
x_0 = 1
t_max = 5
dt_array = np.array([0.1, 0.01, 0.001])

fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=len(dt_array), figsize=(15, 5))

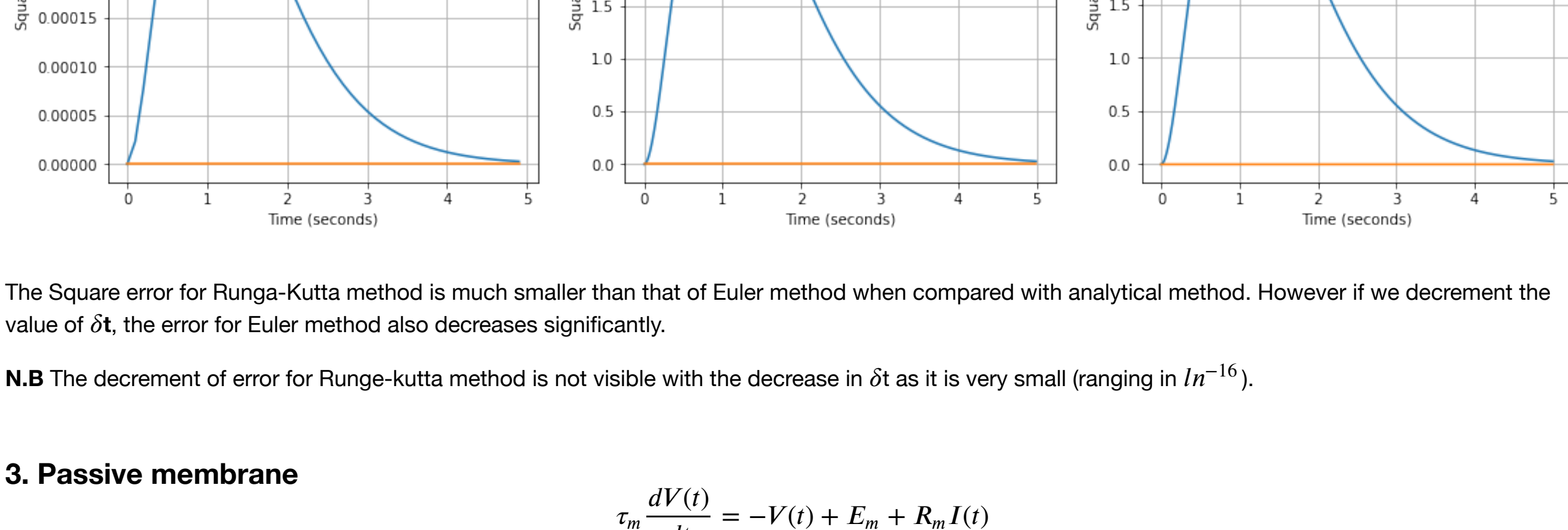
for i in range(len(dt_array)):
    t = get_timeline(t_max, dt_array[i]) # keeping it same as euler

    prob_i_euler_diff_time = euler(first, x_0, t_max, dt_array[i])
    prob_i_analytical_diff_time = first_analytical(t)

    prob_i_runge_kutta = runge_kutta(first, x_0, t)

    error_squared_euler = np.square(prob_i_euler_diff_time - prob_i_analytical_diff_time)
    error_squared_runge_kutta = np.square(prob_i_runge_kutta - prob_i_analytical_diff_time)

    axes[i].plot(t, error_squared_euler, label='Error with Euler method')
    axes[i].plot(t, error_squared_runge_kutta, label='Error with Runge-Kutta method')
    axes[i].set_title(f'For dt = {dt_array[i]}s')
    axes[i].set_ylabel('Square error')
    axes[i].set_xlabel('Time (seconds)')
    axes[i].grid()
    axes[i].legend()
```



The Square error for Runge-Kutta method is much smaller than that of Euler method when compared with analytical method. However if we decrement the value of δt , the error for Euler method also decreases significantly.

N.B The decrement of error for Runge-kutta method is not visible with the decrease in δt as it is very small (ranging in 10^{-16}).

3. Passive membrane

$$\tau_m \frac{dV(t)}{dt} = -V(t) + E_m + R_m I(t)$$

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In [11]: def passive_membrane(v, t, i_func, params):
return (-x + params['E_m'] + params['R_m']*i_func(t, params))/params['RC']
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In [12]: def passive_membrane_potential(v, t, i_func, params):
a = (1/params['tau_m'])
c = params['e_m'] + params['r_m'] * i_func(params, t) # Lets consider (e_m + r_m * i) = c
return a*(-v + c)
```

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In [13]: def modified_euler(f_func, v_0, t_max, dt, i_func, params):
t = get_timeline(t_max, dt)
v = np.zeros(len(t))
v[0] = v_0
for i in range(len(t)-1):
    v[i+1] = v[i] + f_func(v[i], t[i], i_func, params)*dt
return v, t
```

3 (a) Implement equation (3) using $R_m = 10^7$. $I(t) = I_0 = 1nA$. $\tau_m = 10ms$. $E_m = -80mV$. Computers do not know about physical units, so you have to make a decision about the units of voltage and time you are using because these units determine the numerical values of parameters and functions. Use the Euler method to find $V(t)$ as a function of time and plot the region of interest. Label your axes with the appropriate units.

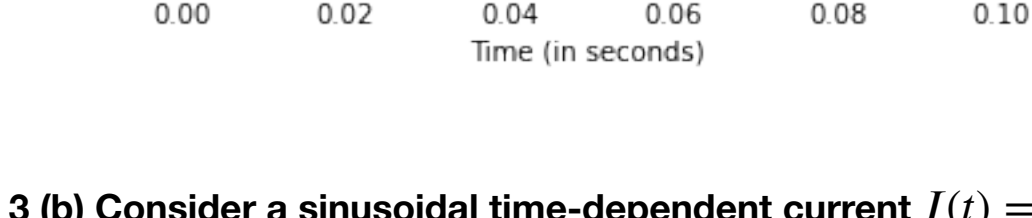
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In [14]: params = {
'r_m': 1e7, # in Ohm
'e_m': -80e-3, # in Volt
'tau_m': 10e-3 # in seconds
}
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In [15]: def constant_current(params, t):
return 1e-9 # in Ampere
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In [16]: t_max = 0.1
dt = 0.001

v1, t = modified_euler(passive_membrane_potential, params['e_m'], t_max, dt, constant_current, params)
membrane_potential_mv = v1*1000 # voltage in millivolt
plt.plot(t, membrane_potential_mv) # time in seconds, and voltage in mV
plt.xlabel('Time (in seconds)')
plt.ylabel('Membrane Potential (in mV)')
plt.title('Membrane Potential as a function of time')
```

Out[16]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Membrane Potential as a function of time')



3 (b) Consider a sinusoidal time-dependent current $I(t) = I_0 \sin(2\pi \cdot \nu \cdot t)$ with frequency ν and $I_0 = 1nA$. Find and plot the numerical solutions for $V(t)$ for $\nu = 1Hz$, 10 Hz and 30 Hz. Choose the respective time range corresponding to about ten signal periods. On each plot, superimpose the rescaled input $E_m + R_m I(t)$.

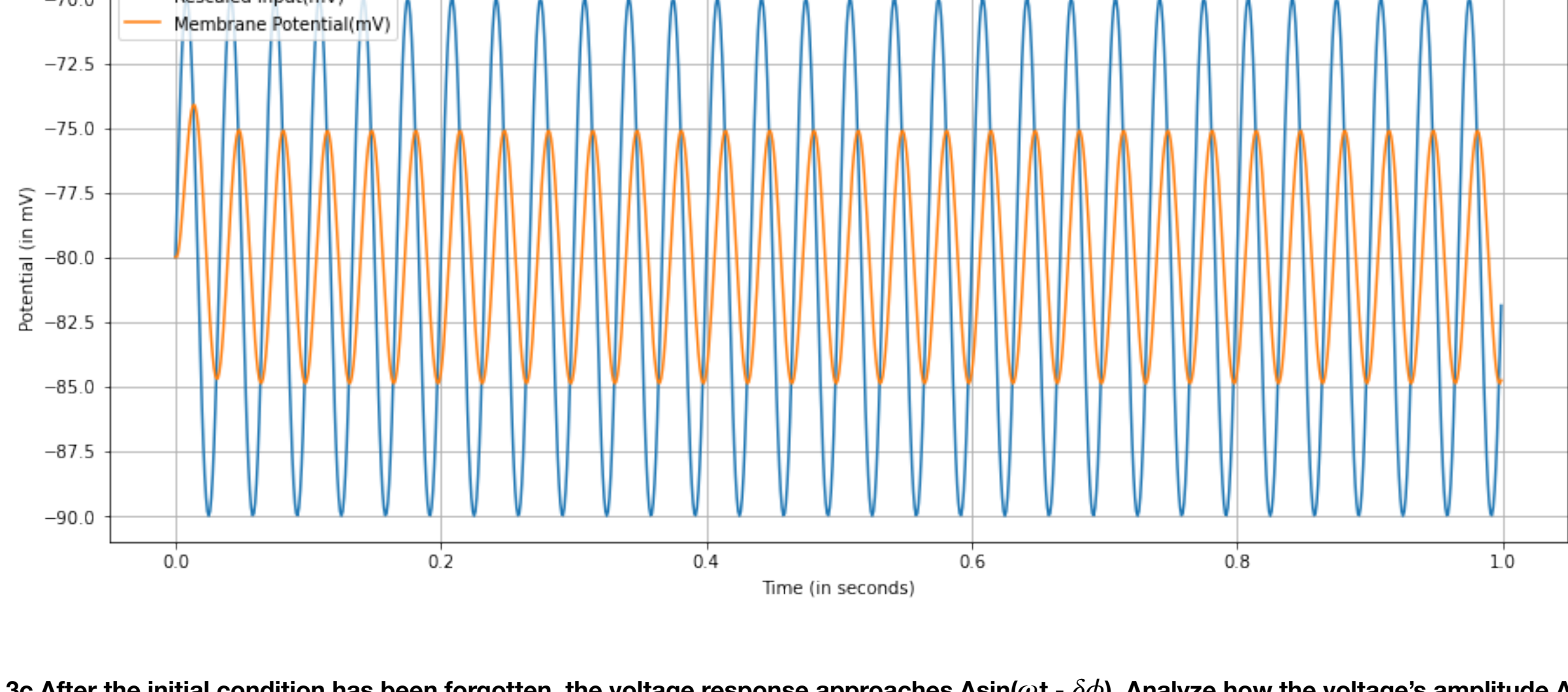
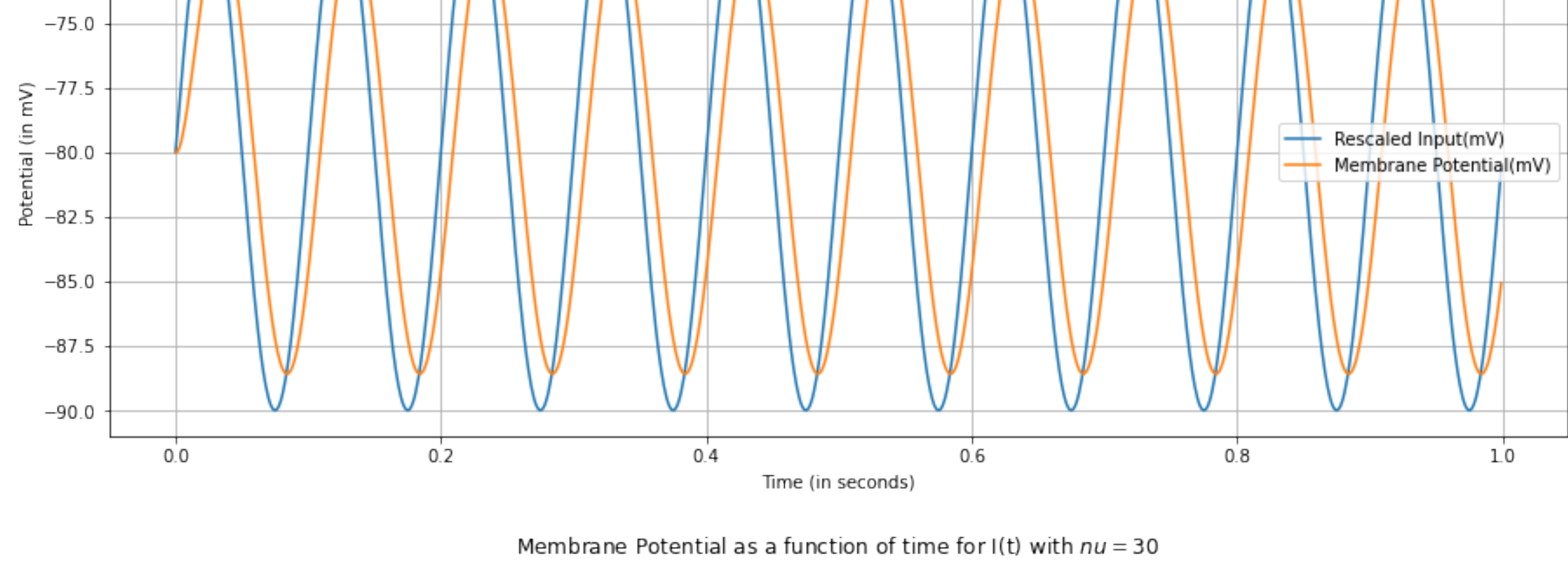
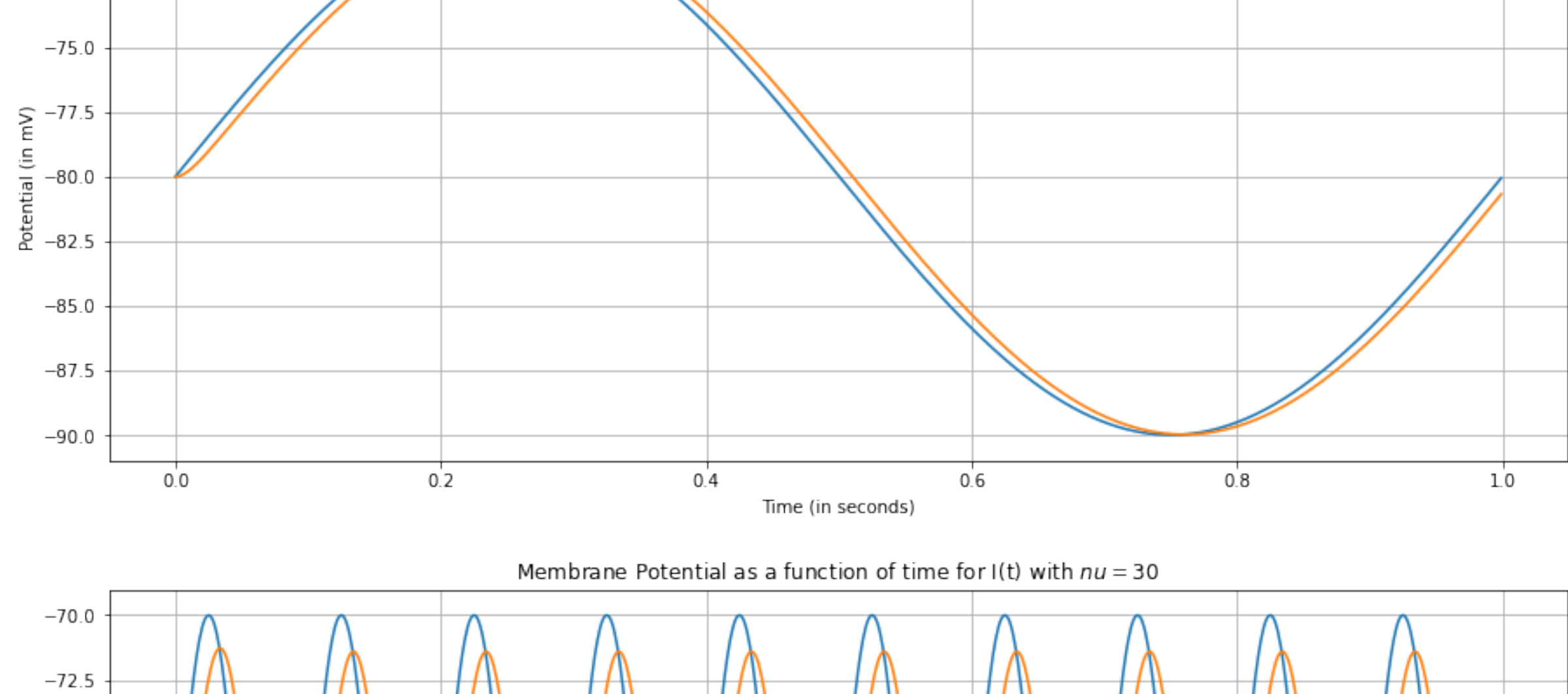
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In [17]: def sin_time_dep_current(params, t):
return params['I_0']*np.sin(2*np.pi*params['nu']*t)
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In [18]: def plot_membrane_potential_for_sinusoidal_current(t, rescaled_input, v):
fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=1, figsize=(15, 6))
axes.plot(t, rescaled_input*1000, label='Rescaled Input(mV)')
axes.plot(t, v*1000, label='Membrane Potential(mV)')
axes.set_xlabel('Time (in seconds)')
axes.set_ylabel('Potential (in mV)')
axes.set_title('Membrane Potential as a function of time for I(t) with ' + f'$\nu$ = {nu_array[i]}s')
axes.legend()
axes.grid()
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In [19]: # time line
t_max = 1
dt = 0.001

nu_array = np.array([1, 10, 30])

for nu in nu_array:
    params = {
'r_m': 1e7, # in Ohm
'e_m': -80e-3, # in Volt
'tau_m': 10e-3, # in seconds
'I_0': 1e-9, # in Ampere
'nu': nu
}
    v_3b, t = modified_euler(passive_membrane_potential, params['e_m'], t_max, dt, sin_time_dep_current, params)
    rescaled_input = params['e_m'] + params['r_m'] * sin_time_dep_current(params, t)
    plot_membrane_potential_for_sinusoidal_current(t, rescaled_input, v_3b)
```



3c After the initial condition has been forgotten, the voltage response approaches $A \sin(\omega t - \phi)$. Analyze how the voltage's amplitude A and phase lag ϕ depend on the driving frequency. To this end, plot the amplitude A of the resulting voltage oscillation versus frequency ν in the interval [1 Hz; 100 Hz]. Make also the equivalent plot for the phase differences.

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In [20]: def get_time_axis(freq, dt, no_of_osc):
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time_prd_1_osc = 1/freq
divisions_per_osc = int(time_prd_1_osc/dt)
t_max = (time_prd_1_osc) * no_of_osc

return time_prd_1_osc, divisions_per_osc, t_max
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In [21]: def amplitude_analytical(params, freq):
z = 1 + (2 + np.pi * freq * params['tau_m'])**2
return params['e_m'] + params['I_0'] * params['r_m'] * np.sqrt(1/z)
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In [22]: def phase_analytical(params, freq):
z = 2 * np.pi * freq * params['tau_m']
return np.arctan(z)
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In [23]: dt = 1e-4
params = {
'r_m': 1e7, # in Ohm
'e_m': -80e-3, # in Volt
'tau_m': 10e-3, # in seconds
'I_0': 1e-9, # in Ampere
'nu': 0
}
```

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In [24]: nu_array = np.arange(1, 100, 1)
p = np.zeros(len(nu_array))
p_analy = np.zeros(len(nu_array))
A = np.zeros(len(nu_array))
A_analy = np.zeros(len(nu_array))

In [25]: for i in range(len(nu_array)):
    params['nu'] = nu_array[i]
    time_prd_1_osc, divisions_per_osc, t_max = get_time_axis(nu_array[i], dt, 20) # 20 oscillations

    v_3c, t = modified_euler(passive_membrane_potential, params['e_m'], t_max, dt, sin_time_dep_current, params)
    # subarray with only the last oscillation, so as to forget the initial conditions
    v_3c_trunc = v_3c[-divisions_per_osc:]
    rescaled_input_3c_trunc = rescaled_input_c[-divisions_per_osc:]

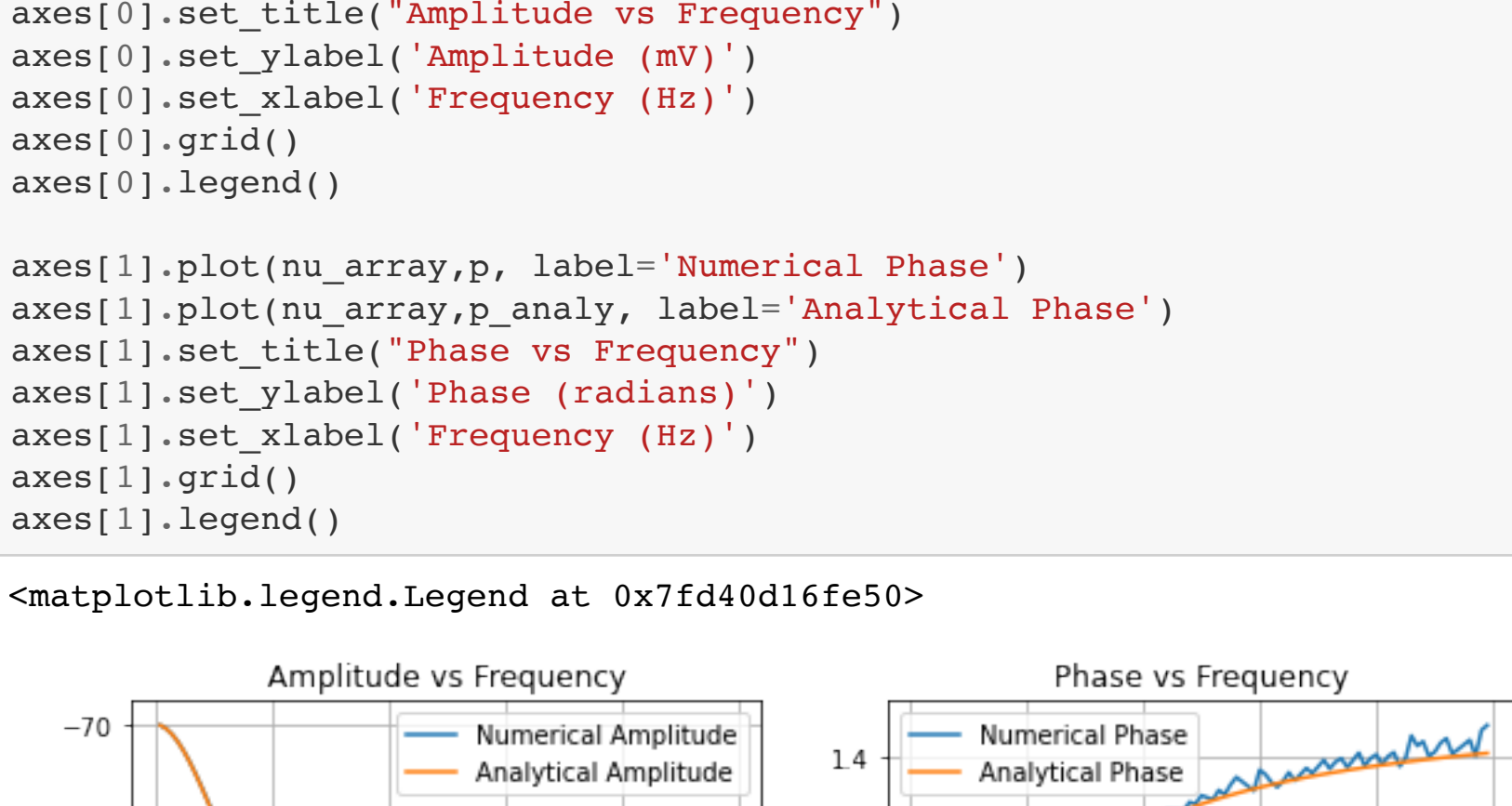
    A[i] = np.max(v_3c_trunc)
    A_analy[i] = amplitude_analytical(params, nu_array[i])

    pos_diff = np.argmax(v_3c_trunc) - np.argmax(rescaled_input_3c_trunc)
    p[i] = (pos_diff/divisions_per_osc)*2*np.pi # phase difference in radians
    p_analy[i] = phase_analytical(params, nu_array[i])
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fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=2, figsize=(10, 4))
axes[0].plot(nu_array, A*1000, label='Numerical Amplitude')
axes[0].plot(nu_array, A_analy*1000, label='Analytical Amplitude')
axes[0].set_title('Amplitude vs Frequency')
axes[0].set_ylabel('Amplitude (mV)')
axes[0].set_xlabel('Frequency (Hz)')
axes[0].grid()
axes[0].legend()
```

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axes[1].plot(nu_array, p, label='Numerical Phase')
axes[1].plot(nu_array, p_analy, label='Analytical Phase')
axes[1].set_title('Phase vs Frequency')
axes[1].set_ylabel('Phase (radians)')
axes[1].set_xlabel('Frequency (Hz)')
axes[1].grid()
axes[1].legend()
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Out[25]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7fd40d16fe50>



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