

ELEC 4700 Diode Parameter Extraction

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Goal In this PA you will investigate the use of non-linear curve fitting for extracting parameters.

The device we wish to model is a diode including breakdown and a parasitic parallel leakage resistance. The expected physical behaviour is:

$$I = \underbrace{I_s(e^{\frac{1.2}{0.025}V} - 1)}_{\text{Ideal Diode}} + \underbrace{G_p V}_{\text{parallel resistor}} - \underbrace{I_b \left(e^{-\frac{1.2}{0.025}(V+V_b)} - 1 \right)}_{\text{breakdown}} \quad (1)$$

with the following parameters to be extracted,

I_s : Forward bias saturation current.

I_b : Breakdown saturation current.

V_b : Breakdown voltage.

G_p : Parasitic parallel conductance.

You will be using 3 methods of fitting curves to diode data:

1. Polynomial fitting using *polyfit()* and *polyval()*.
2. Non-linear curve fitting using *fit()*
3. Neural net fitting using the matlab Neural Net toolbox.

Tasks

1. Generate some data for $I_s = 0.01\text{pA}$, $I_b = 0.1\text{pA}$, $V_b = 1.3\text{ V}$ and $G_p = 0.1\ \Omega^{-1}$.
 - Create a V vector from -1.95 to 0.7 volts with 200 steps.
 - Create an I vector
 - Create a second I vector with 20% random variation in the current to represent experimental noise.
 - Plot the data using *plot()* and *semilogy()*
2. Polynomial fitting
 - Create a 4th order and 8th order polynomial fit for the two data vectors.
 - Add them to your graphs of the data.
 - Draw some conclusions!
3. Nonlinear curve fitting to a physical model using *fit()*
 - Do *help fit*.
 - To fit data using *fit()* you can pass it a string containing the non-linear function to fit such as:
$$fo = \text{fitttype}('A.*(exp(1.2*x/25e-3)-1) + B.*x - C*(exp(1.2*(-(x+D))/25e-3)-1)');$$
where A , B , C and D are parameters to be extracted.
You can then extract the parameters using:
$$ff = \text{fit}(V, I, fo)$$
A curve can then be generated using,
$$If = ff(x)$$
 - Create three different fitted curves using:
 - (a) Only two fitted parameters A and C by explicitly setting B and D to the values used in equation 1 to generate the data.

- (b) Using three fitted parameters A , B and C by explicitly setting D to the value used in equation 1 to generate the data.
 - (c) Fitting all four parameters A , B , C and D .
 - Compare to the original data and draw some conclusions!
4. Fitting using the Neural Net model.

To use the Neural Net Toolbox you should use this code:

```
inputs = V.';
targets = I.';
hiddenLayerSize = 10;
net = fitnet(hiddenLayerSize);
net.divideParam.trainRatio = 70/100;
net.divideParam.valRatio = 15/100;
net.divideParam.testRatio = 15/100;
[net,tr] = train(net,inputs,targets);
outputs = net(inputs);
errors = gsubtract(outputs,targets);
performance = perform(net,targets,outputs)
view(net)
Inn = outputs
```

- 5. Read about `fitnet()` and associated functions
- 6. Run the code
- 7. Compare to the original data and draw some conclusions!

Checkout When you are finished:

- 1. Create a new repo on your github account called CMPE
- 2. Clone the repo to your machine
- 3. Add your code to the repo, commit, and push it back to github
- 4. Check that it worked, if it did, you're all set