

Problem 3.

(a) $I_y(V_t)$ is activated by depolarization.

$I_y(V_t)$ is an outward current.

$I_y(V_t)$ is activated by depolarization because from the plot, $I_{\infty} = G_y Y_{\infty} (V - E)$. $I_{\infty} < 0$, $G_y > 0$, $Y_{\infty} > 0$
Therefore $V - E < 0$.

(b) Using the equation $I_{\infty} = G_{\infty} y_{\infty} (V - E)$, where G_{∞} is the conductance and the y_{∞} is the occupancy probability; Using graph (a), we could roughly approximate τ at -20. This way, we could find the final value