

# BE 521: Homework 6

Spike sorting

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**Objective:** Detect and cluster spikes

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## Overview

In this homework, you will do some basic spike sorting using two different datasets. The first (I521\_A0006\_D001) is from a crayfish neuromuscular junction, a good model for human central nervous system synapses<sup>1</sup>. Specifically, the data contains two simultaneous recordings: an extracellular recording from the third nerve (channel **nerve**) of a crayfish abdominal ganglion, which contains six spontaneously active motor neurons, and an intracellular recording from the superficial flexor muscle (channel **muscle**) innervated by this nerve. You will attempt to discern relationships between the classes of spike waveforms you extract from the motor nerve trace and elicited potentials seen in the muscle fiber recording. Then, you will revisit a human intracranial EEG recording (I521\_A0006\_D002) and use some of the techniques you've learned in class to build a more automated spike sorter. Note: While spikes may have positive and negative deflections, we will only focus on positive spikes on this homework for simplicity.

## 1 Spike Detection and Clustering (38 pts)

In this section, you will explore some basic filtering and spike thresholding to ultimately compare spike clusters you pick out by eye to those selected by an automated algorithm.

1. You can assume that the nerve samples have already been low-pass filtered. Here you will high-pass filter in order to remove signals like slow local field potentials and 60 Hz power line noise. Create a 4th order *elliptic filter* with 0.1 dB of ripple in the passband, a stopband 40 dB lower than the peak value in the passband, and a passband edge frequency of 300 Hz (see Matlab's `ellip` function and make sure you give the edge frequency in the correct normalized form). The statement to create this filter (defined by the filter coefficients **b** and **a**) should look something like

```
[b,a]=ellip(n,Rp,Rs,Wp,'high')
```

Clearly specify the denominator and numerator coefficients obtained for your filter function. (2pts)

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<sup>1</sup>The sampling rate of this data is 2000 Hz, which is adequate for this homework's instructional purposes but usually inadequate for real spike sorting, which often uses sampling frequencies on the order of 20 kHz.

```
session = IEEGSession('I521.A0006.D001', 'andrewc', '/Users/andrewclark/Downloads/ieeg_password.bin' );
```

```
IEEGSETUP: Found log4j on Java classpath.  
URL: https://www.ieeg.org/services  
Client user: andrewc  
Client password: ****
```

```
session.data
```

```
nr = ceil((session.data.rawChannels(1).get_tsdetails.getEndTime)/1e6*session.data.sampleRate);  
allData_muscle = session.data.getvalues(1:nr,1);  
allData_nerve=session.data.getvalues(1:nr,2);
```

```
ans =
```

```
<a href="matlab:help('IEEGDataset')">IEEGDataset</a>:
```

```
    snapName: 'I521.A0006.D001'  
    montage: As Recorded  
    filter: 'No Filter'  
    resample: 'Not resampled'  
    sampleRate: 2000  
    values:  
    channelLabels: [2x2 cell]  
    annLayer: []  
    rawChannels: [1x2 IEEGTimeseries]  
    allMontages: [1x44 IEEGMontage]
```

```
<a href="matlab:methods(IEEGDataset)">Methods</a>, <a href="matlab:IEEGObject.openPortalSite()">main.ieeg.
```

```
durationInUSec = session.data(1).rawChannels(1).get_tsdetails.getDuration;  
durationInSec = durationInUSec / 1e6;
```

```
%set sample rate  
sample_rate=2000;  
  
%create filter  
[b, a] = ellip(4,0.1,40, 300/(sample_rate/2), 'high');
```

As computed by the code above, the denominator coefficients for my filter function are 1.000, -1.7432, 1.6167, -0.6559, 0.1430 the numerator coefficients for my filter function are 0.3420, -1.2740, 1.8676, -1.2740, 0.3420.

2. Using the **filter** function and **filtfilt** function, obtain two different filtered outputs of the nerve signal.
  - (a) In a 2x1 subplot, plot the first 50 ms of the unfiltered nerve signal in the top subplot; in the bottom subplot, plot the **filter** output in blue and the **filtfilt** output in red. Use a potential range (y-axis) of -20 to 50 millivolts. (4 pts)

```
%create 50 ms time vector
time_ms=1/sample_rate:1/sample_rate:0.05;

time_ms=time_ms*1000;

%select 50 ms of nerve data
fifty_ms_nerve=(allData_nerve(1:100))/1000;
```

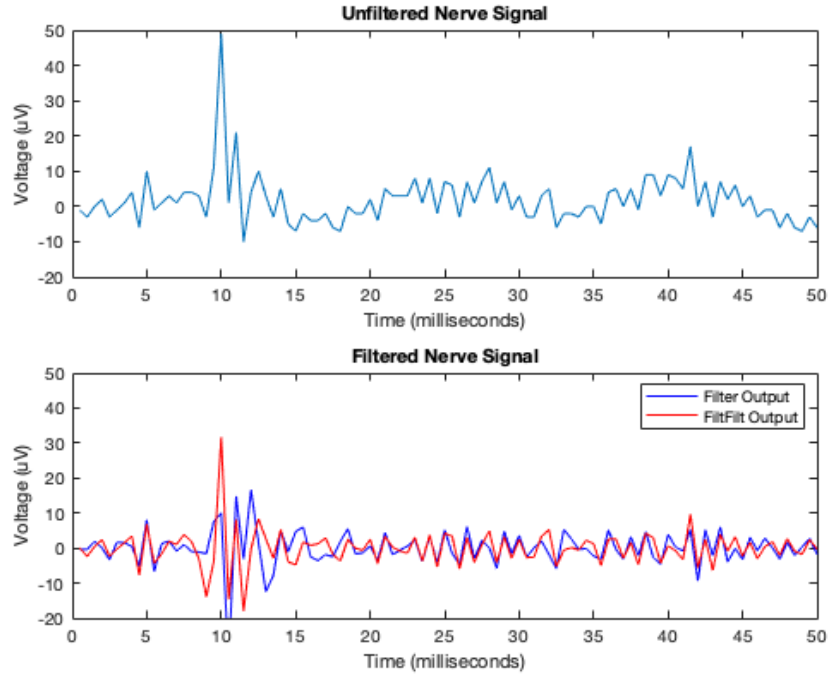
```
%do the filtering using the ellip function output

%filter function
filter_out=filter(b,a, fifty_ms_nerve);

%filtfilt function
filt_filt_out=filtfilt(b,a,fifty_ms_nerve);
```

```
%create subplot

figure
subplot(2,1,1)
plot(time_ms, fifty_ms_nerve)
ylim([-20, 50])
ylabel('Voltage (uV)')
xlabel('Time (milliseconds)')
title('Unfiltered Nerve Signal')
subplot(2,1,2)
plot(time_ms, filter_out,'b')
hold on
plot(time_ms, filt_filt_out,'r')
ylabel('Voltage (uV)')
xlabel('Time (milliseconds)')
title('Filtered Nerve Signal')
legend('Filter Output','FiltFilt Output')
ylim([-20, 50])
```



- (b) How is the unfiltered signal different from the filtered signal? What is different about the two filtered (red and blue) signals? (2 pts)

The unfiltered signal is different from the filtered signal in that the points in the unfiltered signal's waveform have a higher amplitude (including much higher spikes) compared to the filtered signal. Additionally, the variation in the amplitudes of the points in the unfiltered waveform is higher than in the filtered waveform (in the filtered waveform the points are closer together to each other on the y-axis compared to the unfiltered waveform). The filtered (red and blue) signals are different in that the blue signal, generated using the MATLAB filter function, is phase shifted compared to both the red signal and the unfiltered data. However the red signal, generated with the MATLAB filtfilt function, is not phase shifted and the features of the signal in the red signal and the unfiltered data are at the same x-locations. Additionally, the red signal preserves the large positive voltage spike seen in the unfiltered data, while the blue signal cuts it down significantly. The amplitudes of the points in the red and blue signal are different throughout both waveforms (sometimes red is higher sometimes blue is higher). The blue waveform presents a significantly lower max voltage spike than the red waveform.

- (c) Briefly explain the mathematical difference between the two filtering methods, and why one method might be more advantageous than the other in the context of spike detection? (5 pts)

The MATLAB filter function and filtfilt function differ in the way they filter input data. Specifically the MATLAB filter function represents a 1-D digital filter that uses a rational transfer function to filter the input data ("filter 1-D digital filter," 2020). However, the MATLAB filtfilt function does zero-phase digital filtering of the input data, and it filters the input data in the forward direction, reverses this now filtered data and puts it back through the filter ("filtfilt Zero phase digital filtering," 2020). Thus the filter created by the filtfilt function also has zero phase distortion, a transfer function equal to the squared magnitude of the original transfer function, and an order that is double the order specified by the transfer function numerator and denominator coefficients inputted ("filtfilt Zero phase digital filtering," 2020). The MATLAB filtfilt method

might be more advantageous compared to the MATLAB filter method in the context of spike detection because the `filtfilt` method does have zero phase distortion, which means the `filtfilt` method will preserve the features of the unfiltered data exactly where they occur in the filtered waveform ("filtfilt Zero phase digital filtering,"2020). However, the filter function phase distorts the input data in the filtered output. This is important for spike detection because the time at which a spike occurs may yield insight on the behavior it is describing, the cause of the spike, and/or affect its detection. As such, it would be best to use the `filtfilt` method so the input data is not phase-distorted when it is filtered in the context of spike detection tasks.

References: `filtfilt` Zero phase digital filtering. (2020). Retrieved March 10, 2020, from <https://www.mathworks.com/help/signal/ref/filtfilt.html>  
 filter 1-D digital filter. (2020). Retrieved March 10, 2020, from <https://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/ref/filter.html>

- Using a spike threshold of +30 mV, calculate the index and value of the peak voltage for each spike in the **filtered** nerve signal (select the best one). Use these values to plot the first 2.5 seconds of the nerve signal with a red dot above (e.g. 10 mV above) each spike. (Hint: Plot the entire length of the nerve signal with all the spikes marked but then restrict the x-axis using `xlim` to [0, 2.5] seconds) (4 pts)

```
%run filtfilt on the whole dataset. filtfilt function is better than filter
%function

filt.filt_tot=filtfilt(b,a,(allData_nerve/1000));

%plotting 2.5 seconds of the filtered data

%create 2.5 second time vector
time_2=1/sample_rate:1/sample_rate:durationInSec+1/sample_rate;

%time_2=time_2*1000;

threshold = 30;

[pks, locs]=findpeaks(filt.filt_tot, time_2, 'MinPeakHeight', threshold)

%convert locations to times in milliseconds
%loc.times=time_2(locs);
```

```
pks =

    31.6925
    96.3585
   129.4620
    66.4497
    64.9381
    48.1245
   113.5636
    31.6831
    73.4865
   121.3998
    72.2594
    67.6410
    59.7600
    63.3552
    76.9529
   149.7190
    56.7418
    31.5806
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40.2886  
36.1789  
68.2765  
56.5004  
101.9634  
116.8954  
47.0143  
35.8406  
70.4530  
59.1729  
72.8805  
41.7954  
36.3824  
72.7740  
60.0195  
40.3204  
221.5279  
59.9390  
43.9736  
49.2995  
56.1479  
75.1737  
48.7109  
73.7691  
64.5988  
46.4497  
32.8721  
55.9038  
40.0355  
123.7623  
71.2277  
76.5734  
90.5888  
111.2634  
129.0722  
70.4437  
71.1535  
73.1953  
59.3883  
51.2822  
49.0915  
53.4192  
65.0858  
105.9240  
34.1493  
241.0532  
64.9728  
65.1605  
69.1698  
39.4916  
40.5063  
255.9609  
63.4450  
72.8219  
55.5940  
76.5320  
91.6765  
55.4257  
54.5481  
32.4706  
60.1194  
80.5031  
70.6279  
69.8016  
66.2803

72.4268  
57.2744  
111.8370  
127.2979  
72.7814  
164.6414  
68.9846  
58.0100  
67.9810  
134.9118  
69.4285  
39.5566  
57.7727  
61.2482  
51.0701  
55.7471  
58.4129  
53.1688  
78.6903  
68.3587  
31.7614  
103.4938  
138.1865  
169.3965  
61.8389  
50.2495  
69.5257  
58.9046  
233.0956  
63.9710  
217.2062  
55.4727  
46.7552  
56.2481  
60.0178  
238.9544  
35.7451  
36.9681  
66.3855  
68.3506  
121.6303  
59.4667  
110.7238  
68.8822  
61.1741  
61.7399  
42.4897  
34.7618  
74.2428  
60.3789  
110.7981  
115.7268  
59.4329  
42.4143  
73.8505  
71.2924  
74.4465  
40.3112  
64.7095  
31.0649  
241.0039  
54.5879  
74.4801  
72.7829  
60.9047

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56.9205
99.6857
115.6780
31.7564
229.7175
49.4638
43.8003

locs =

Columns 1 through 7
    0.0100    0.0685    0.0695    0.0890    0.0970    0.1460    0.1590

Columns 8 through 14
    0.2075    0.2090    0.2670    0.2775    0.2990    0.3425    0.3925

Columns 15 through 21
    0.3945    0.4200    0.4420    0.4695    0.4735    0.4745    0.5165

Columns 22 through 28
    0.6015    0.6465    0.6475    0.6500    0.7065    0.7725    0.7825

Columns 29 through 35
    0.8560    0.8605    0.8615    0.8920    0.9245    0.9260    0.9290

Columns 36 through 42
    0.9845    0.9895    1.0525    1.0745    1.0755    1.0850    1.1735

Columns 43 through 49
    1.1990    1.2600    1.2610    1.2645    1.2655    1.2755    1.2900

Columns 50 through 56
    1.3070    1.3155    1.3580    1.3590    1.3740    1.3805    1.4365

Columns 57 through 63
    1.4700    1.5110    1.5120    1.5130    1.5785    1.6175    1.6275

Columns 64 through 70
    1.7015    1.7110    1.7120    1.7850    1.8480    1.8945    1.9055

Columns 71 through 77
    1.9140    1.9300    1.9505    1.9755    1.9765    1.9930    2.0585

Columns 78 through 84
    2.0600    2.1230    2.1705    2.1900    2.2030    2.2755    2.2770

Columns 85 through 91
    2.3330    2.3395    2.3405    2.3535    2.3665    2.3860    2.4235

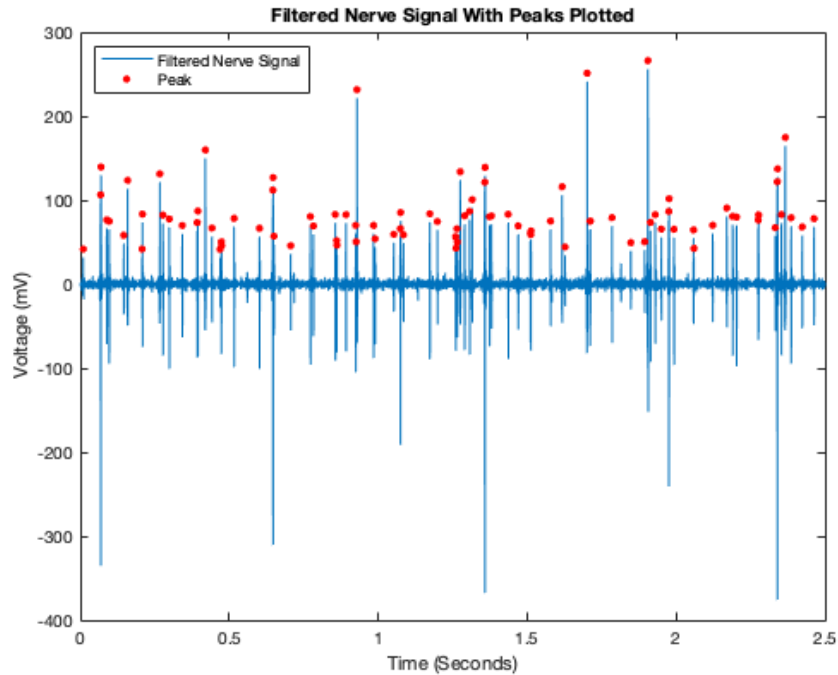
Columns 92 through 98

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2.4630	2.5245	2.5700	2.5980	2.6615	2.6845	2.7755
Columns 99 through 105						
2.7770	2.8215	2.8855	2.9035	2.9715	2.9775	2.9820
Columns 106 through 112						
2.9830	3.0235	3.0335	3.0575	3.0960	3.1595	3.1780
Columns 113 through 119						
3.2100	3.2695	3.3130	3.3545	3.4080	3.4135	3.4470
Columns 120 through 126						
3.4840	3.5160	3.5510	3.6050	3.6200	3.6210	3.6350
Columns 127 through 133						
3.6705	3.7110	3.7270	3.7950	3.8020	3.8500	3.9035
Columns 134 through 140						
3.9135	3.9145	3.9245	3.9630	3.9700	3.9965	4.0280
Columns 141 through 147						
4.0870	4.0920	4.1185	4.1695	4.1735	4.2000	4.2380
Columns 148 through 154						
4.2950	4.3005	4.3235	4.3245	4.3630	4.3745	4.4080
Column 155						
4.4305						

```
%create plot
figure
plot(time_2,filt_filt_tot)
hold on
for i=1:length(locs)
    plot(locs(i),pks(i)+10, 'r.','MarkerSize',10)
    hold on
end
xlim([0 2.5])
ylabel('Voltage (mV)')
xlabel('Time (Seconds)')
title('Filtered Nerve Signal With Peaks Plotted')
legend('Filtered Nerve Signal', 'Peak', 'Location', 'northwest')
```



The filtfilt method was used to generated the plots above (the filtfilt method is the best method).

4. Under the assumption that different cells produce different action potentials with distinct peak amplitudes, decide how many cells you think were recorded (some number between 1 and 6). You may find it helpful to zoom in and pan on the plot you made in question 1.3. You may also find it useful to plot the sorted peak values to gain insight into where “plateaus” might be. (No need to include these preliminary plots in the report, though.) Use thresholds (which you well set manually/by eye) to separate the different spikes. Make a plot of the first 2.5 seconds similar to that in 1.3 except now color the spike dots of each group a different color (e.g., 'r.', 'g.', 'k.', 'm.').(6 pts)

```
%plot to visualize thresholds. no need to include it.
% figure
% yline(30)
% hold on
% yline(55)
% yline(100)
% yline(170)
% plot(time_2,filt_filt_tot)

threshold_1=30;
threshold_2=55;
threshold_3=100;
threshold_4=170;

[pks_1, locs_1]=findpeaks(filt_filt_tot, time_2, 'MinPeakHeight', threshold_1);
[pks_2, locs_2]=findpeaks(filt_filt_tot, time_2, 'MinPeakHeight', threshold_2);
[pks_3, locs_3]=findpeaks(filt_filt_tot, time_2, 'MinPeakHeight', threshold_3);
[pks_4, locs_4]=findpeaks(filt_filt_tot, time_2, 'MinPeakHeight', threshold_4);

figure
%Legend=cell(2,1);
```

```

for i=1:length(locs_1)
    h=plot(locs_1(i),pks_1(i)+10,'r.','MarkerSize',10);
    %Legend{1}=strcat('Cell 1 Peaks',num2str(1));
    hf(1)=h(1);
    hold on

end
for i=1:length(locs_2)
    k=plot(locs_2(i),pks_2(i)+10,'g.','MarkerSize',10);
    %Legend{2}=strcat('Cell 2 Peaks',num2str(2));
    hf(2)=k(1);
    hold on

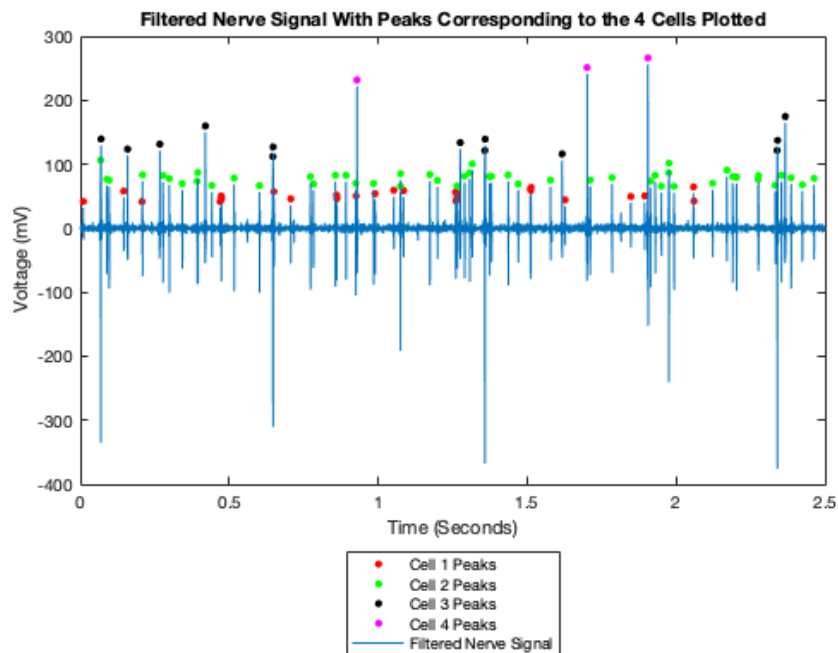
end
for i=1:length(locs_3)
    t=plot(locs_3(i),pks_3(i)+10,'k.','MarkerSize',10);
    hf(3)=t(1);
    hold on

end
for i=1:length(locs_4)
    r=plot(locs_4(i),pks_4(i)+10,'m.','MarkerSize',10);
    hf(4)=r(1);
    hold on

end

e=plot(time_2,filt.filt_tot);
hf(5)=e(1);
% %legend('Filtered Nerve Signal')
xlim([0 2.5])
ylabel('Voltage (mV)')
xlabel('Time (Seconds)')
title('Filtered Nerve Signal With Peaks Corresponding to the 4 Cells Plotted')
%legend(Legend)
%legend(p(1),'Cell 1 Peaks', h(1), 'Cell 2 Peaks')
legend(hf,{'Cell 1 Peaks','Cell 2 Peaks','Cell 3 Peaks','Cell 4 Peaks','Filtered Nerve Signal'}, 'Location',

```



5. Use Matlab's  $k$ -means<sup>2</sup> function (`kmeans`) to fit  $k$  clusters (where  $k$  is the number of cells you think the recording is picking up) to the 1D data for each spike.
- (a) Using the same color order (for increasing spike amplitude) as you did for the thresholds in question 1.4, plot the spike cluster colors as little dots slightly above those you made for question 1.4. The final figure should be a new plot of the nerve voltage and two dots above each spike, the first being your manual label and the second your clustered label, which (hopefully/usually) should be the same color. (4 pts)

```
%concat all peaks into one vector
peaks_vector=[];

peaks_vector=vertcat(pks_1,pks_2, pks_3,pks_4);
```

```
%run matlab's k-means clustering
rng(1)% set the seed
idx=kmeans(peaks_vector,4);% this will group all the data into four groups.

all_locs=vertcat(locs_1',locs_2',locs_3',locs_4');

%create a matrix with the flag, location, and peak for plotting
k_means_mat=[idx all_locs peaks_vector];
```

```
%create plot
figure
%plot from 1.4
for i=1:length(locs_1)
    h=plot(locs_1(i),pks_1(i)+10,'r.','MarkerSize',10);
    %Legend{1}=strcat('Cell 1 Peaks',num2str(1));

    hf(1)=h(1);
    hold on
end
for i=1:length(locs_2)
    k=plot(locs_2(i),pks_2(i)+10, 'g.','MarkerSize',10);
    %Legend{2}=strcat('Cell 2 Peaks',num2str(2));
    hf(2)=k(1);
    hold on
end
for i=1:length(locs_3)
    t=plot(locs_3(i),pks_3(i)+10, 'k.','MarkerSize',10);
    hf(3)=t(1);
    hold on
end
for i=1:length(locs_4)
    r=plot(locs_4(i),pks_4(i)+10, 'm.','MarkerSize',10);
    hf(4)=r(1);
    hold on
end

%plot peaks from k means
for i=1:length(k_means_mat)
    if k_means_mat(i,1)==3
        plot(k_means_mat(i,2),k_means_mat(i,3)+30,'r.','MarkerSize',10);
        hold on
    elseif k_means_mat(i,1) ==4
```

<sup>2</sup>Clustering, like  $k$ -means you are using here, is a form of unsupervised learning.

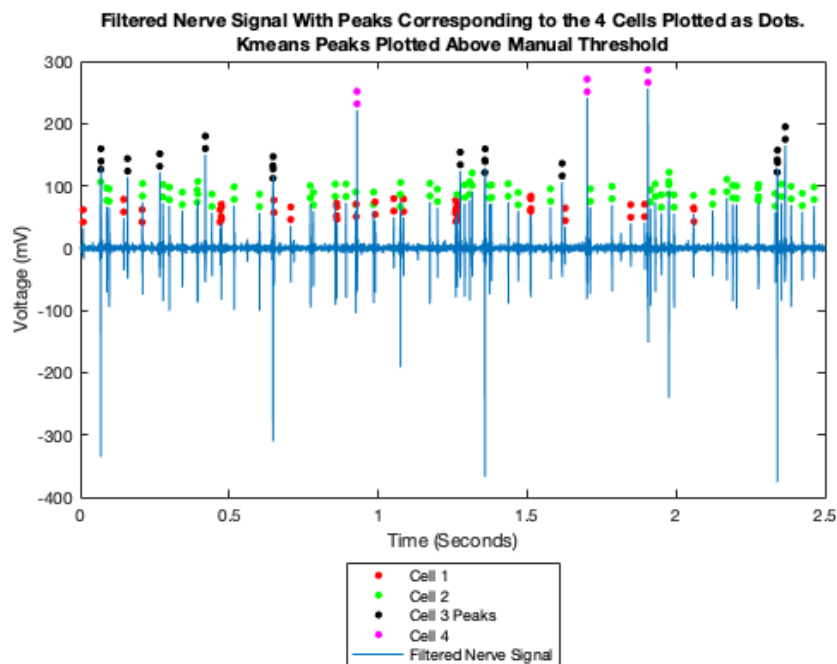
```

        plot(k_means_mat(i,2),k_means_mat(i,3)+30, 'g.','MarkerSize',10);
        hold on
    elseif k_means_mat(i,1) == 1
        plot(k_means_mat(i,2),k_means_mat(i,3)+30, 'k.','MarkerSize',10);
        hold on
    elseif k_means_mat(i,1) ==2
        plot(k_means_mat(i,2),k_means_mat(i,3)+30, 'm.','MarkerSize',10);
        hold on
    end
end

e=plot(time_2,filt_filt_tot);
hf(5)=e(1);

xlim([0 2.5])
ylabel('Voltage (mV)')
xlabel('Time (Seconds)')
title({'Filtered Nerve Signal With Peaks Corresponding to the 4 Cells Plotted as Dots.', 'Kmeans Peaks :'})
legend(hf,{'Cell 1','Cell 2','Cell 3 Peaks','Cell 4','Filtered Nerve Signal'}, 'Location', 'southoutside')

```



- (b) Which labeling, your manual ones or the ones learned by clustering) seem best, or do they both seem just as good? (Again, panning over the entire plot may be helpful.) (2 pts)

As can be seen from the dots in the plot generated in part 1.5a, the clustering labels are almost the same as the dots created by manual plotting most all of the points. We can see however there are some points where the two labels are different (for example at  $x = 2.05$  seconds). While the clustering and manual labels are almost the same (and thus the performance of the two methods is almost the same), it appears that the manual labeling is better at doing the spike sorting (assigning the spikes to the correct cell) because the kmeans clustering unsupervised learning algorithm can at best provide an approximation of the sorting that the human eye can do. As such kmeans will not be as good as a human manually sorting the different spikes with thresholding. Additionally, manual sorting will not utilize any of the assumptions about the input data that are inherent in the k-means clustering algorithm, making it a more rigorous way to do labeling.

6. In this question, you will test the hypothesis that the muscle potential responses are really only due to spikes from a subset of the cells you have identified in the previous two questions. First, plot the first 2.5 seconds of the muscle fiber potential and compare it with that of the nerve. Observe the relationship between spikes and the muscle fiber response. (No need to include this plot and observation in your report.) Now, calculate the maximum muscle fiber potential change<sup>3</sup> in the 25 ms<sup>4</sup> window after each spike (with the assumption that spikes without any/much effect on the muscle fiber potential do not directly innervate it).
- (a) Using the cell groups you either manually defined or found via *k*-means clustering (just specify which you're using) again with different colors, plot a colored point for each spike where the x-value is the spike amplitude and the y-value is the muscle potential change. (6 pts)

```
%use the manual groups

%first plot 2.5 seconds of the muscle response and compare it with the
%nerve
% figure
% plot(time_2, allData_nerve/1000)
% xlim([0 2.5])
% figure
% plot(time_2, allData_muscle/1000)
% xlim([0 2.5])

mv_muscle_data=allData_muscle/1000;
%define all the peak times
all_peak_times=k_means_mat(:,2);

max_potential_change=[];%list of potential changes

%now calculate the maximum muscle fiber potential change (max voltage - min voltage) in the 25 ms
>window after each spike
for j=1:length(all_peak_times)
    %pull out 25ms = 0.025 seconds of muscle data. sample rate is 2000 Hz. so 0.025 sec of data
    %is 50 data points.
    index_1=find(time_2==all_peak_times(j));%define the first index
    voltage_window=mv_muscle_data(index_1:index_1+49);%define the voltage window
    max_potential_change(j)=max(voltage_window)-min(voltage_window);%calculate max potential change
end
%
% %create plot with the colors using the k means method
% figure
% for k=1:length(max_potential_change)
%     if k_means_mat(k,1)==3
%         plot(k_means_mat(k,3),max_potential_change(k), 'r.', 'MarkerSize',10);
%         hold on
%     elseif k_means_mat(k,1) ==4
%         plot(k_means_mat(k,3),max_potential_change(k), 'g.', 'MarkerSize',10);
%         hold on
%     elseif k_means_mat(k,1) == 1
%         plot(k_means_mat(k,3),max_potential_change(k), 'k.', 'MarkerSize',10);
%         hold on
%     elseif k_means_mat(k,1) ==2
%         plot(k_means_mat(k,3),max_potential_change(k), 'm.', 'MarkerSize',10);
%         hold on
%     end
% end
% %plot(k_means_mat(:,3),max_potential_change, '.', 'MarkerSize',10)
% xlabel('Peak Amplitude (mV)')
```

<sup>3</sup>max voltage - min voltage

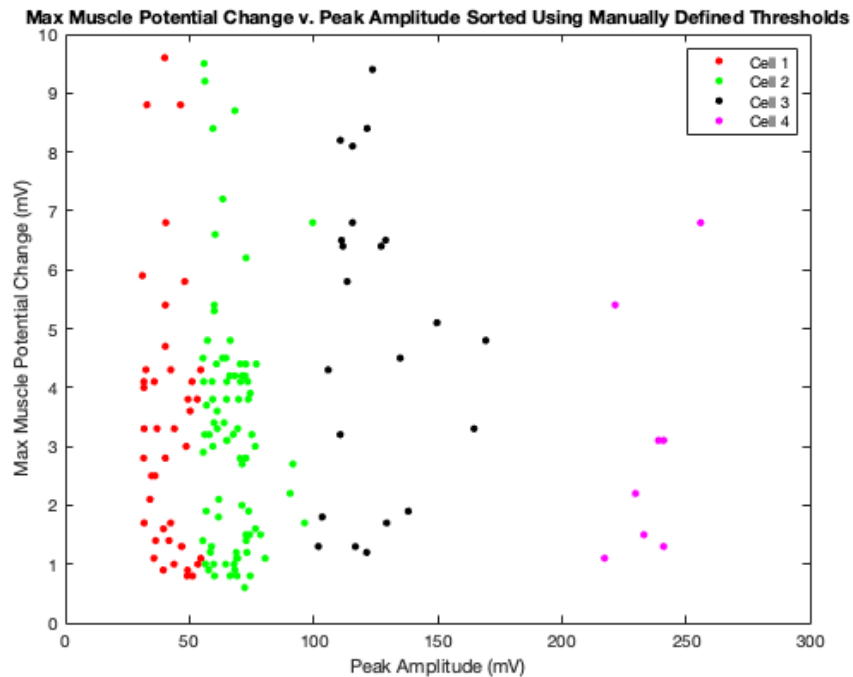
<sup>4</sup>Note that this 25 ms window is somewhat ad hoc and is just what seems reasonable by eye for this data. It implies no underlying physiological time scale or standard.

```

% ylabel('Max Muscle Potential Change (mV)')
% title('Max Muscle Potential Change v. Peak Amplitude Sorted Using K-Means Algorithm')

%create plot with the colors using the manual sorting thresholding method
figure
for i=1:length(locs_1)
    h=plot(pks_1(i),max_potential_change(i),'r.','MarkerSize',10);
    %Legend{1}=strcat('Cell 1 Peaks',num2str(1));
    gf(1)=h(1);
    hold on
end
for i=1:length(locs_2)
    k=plot(pks_2(i),max_potential_change(i+155), 'g.','MarkerSize',10);
    %Legend{2}=strcat('Cell 2 Peaks',num2str(2));
    gf(2)=k(1);
    hold on
end
for i=1:length(locs_3)
    t=plot(pks_3(i),max_potential_change(i+268), 'k.','MarkerSize',10);
    gf(3)=t(1);
    hold on
end
for i=1:length(locs_4)
    r=plot(pks_4(i),max_potential_change(i+298), 'm.','MarkerSize',10);
    gf(4)=r(1);
    hold on
end
%plot(k_means_mat(:,3),max_potential_change,','.','MarkerSize',10)
xlabel('Peak Amplitude (mV)')
ylabel('Max Muscle Potential Change (mV)')
title('Max Muscle Potential Change v. Peak Amplitude Sorted Using Manually Defined Thresholds')
legend(gf,{'Cell 1','Cell 2','Cell 3','Cell 4'})

```



(b) Does this plot support the hypothesis that the muscle fiber responses are only due to a subset of

the cells. Explain why or why not. (3 pts)

No, this plot does not support the hypothesis that the muscle fiber responses are only due to a subset of cells. This is because we can clearly see that each cell (as grouped by manual sorting) creates a meaningful change in muscle potential compared to each of the other respective cells. Specifically cell 1 creates a change in muscle potential up to 9.6 mV, cell 2 creates a change in muscle potential up to 9.5 mV, cell 3 creates a change in muscle potential up to 9.4 mV, and cell 4 creates a change in muscle potential up to 6.8 mV. Thus, there were 4 cells recorded in this experiment and all of them contributed to a relatively large change in muscle potential and as such this plot does not support the hypothesis that the muscle fiber responses are only due to a subset of cells. The plot supports the hypothesis that the muscle fiber responses are due to all cells.

## 2 Multivariate Clustering (21 pts)

In this section, you will explore similar methods for spikes sorting and clustering but with a different dataset, the human intracranial data in I521\_A0006\_D002, which is a larger dataset of the same recording you saw in I521\_A0001\_D001 of Homework 1.

1. Using a threshold six standard deviations above the mean of the signal, detect the spikes in the signal. In addition, extract the waveform from 1 ms before the peak to 1 ms after it with peak value in the middle. (You will end up with a matrix where each row corresponds to the number of data points in 2 ms of signal minus 1 data point. Use the closest integer number of data points for the  $\pm 1$  ms window.)

```
%create new session
```

```
session2 = EEGSession('I521_A0006_D002', 'andrewc', '/Users/andrewclark/Downloads/ieeg-password.bin' );
```

```
Warning: Objects of edu/upenn/cis/db/mefview/services/TimeSeriesDetails class  
exist — not clearing java  
Warning: Objects of edu/upenn/cis/db/mefview/services/TimeSeriesInterface class  
exist — not clearing java  
IEEGSETUP: Found log4j on Java classpath.  
URL: https://www.ieeg.org/services  
Client user: andrewc  
Client password: ****
```

```
%session2.data;
```

```
sample.rate2=32258;
```

```
nr2 = ceil((session2.data.rawChannels(1).getTsdetails.getEndTime)/1e6*session2.data.sampleRate);
```

```
allData= session2.data.getvalues(1:nr2,1);
```

```
durationInUSec_2 = session2.data(1).rawChannels(1).getTsdetails.getDuration;  
durationInSec_2 = durationInUSec_2 / 1e6;%178.8449 seconds
```



```

%figure
%plot(allData)
%allData.mv=allData/1000;

mean_data=mean(allData);
std_data=std(allData);
threshold_p2 = mean_data + 6*std_data;

%run find peaks function to detect spikes in the signal
[pks_2, locs_2]=findpeaks(allData);
locs_2=locs_2(pks_2>threshold_p2);
pks_2=pks_2(pks_2>threshold_p2);

[pks_p2, locs_p2]=findpeaks(allData, 'MinPeakHeight', threshold_p2);

%sampling rate is 32258 Hz, so 1 ms of data is 1e-3* 32258= 32.2580, rounds to 32
%datapoints of data

%extract the waveform from 1ms before the peak to 1ms after peak
wave_form_mat=zeros(length(locs_2),65);

for u=1:length(locs_2)
    index_left=locs_2(u)-32;
    index_right=locs_2(u)+32;
    wave_form_mat(u,:)=allData(index_left:index_right);
    %index_1=find(time_2==all_peak_times(j));%define the first index
    %voltage_window=mv_muscle_data(index_1:index_1+49);%define the voltage
    %window
end

```

(a) Plot the waveforms of all the spikes overlaid on each other in the same color. (4 pts)

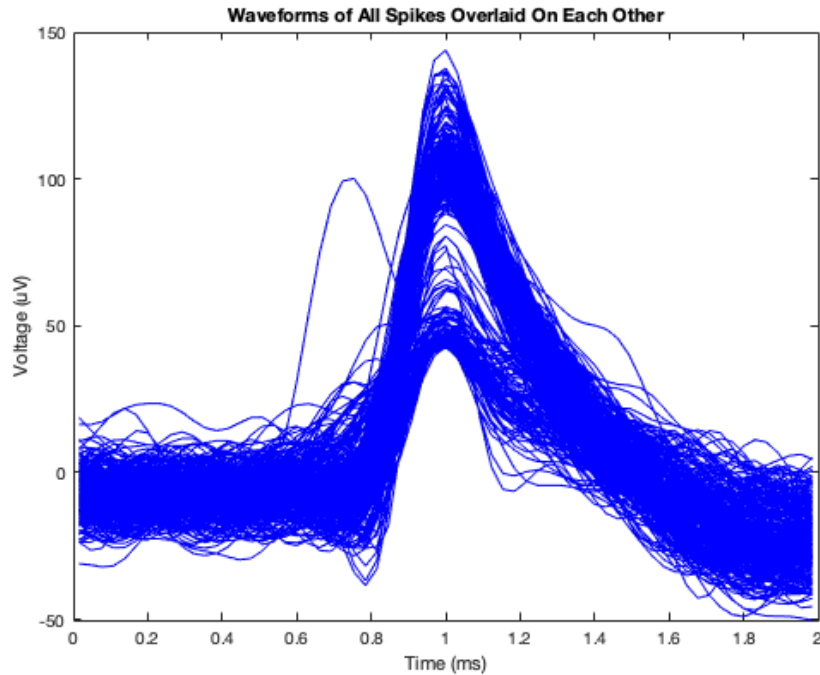
```

%create 2.5 second time vector
%time_2=1/sample_rate:1/sample_rate:durationInSec+1/sample_rate;

time_plot=(1/65:(2/65):2);

%create plot
figure
for s=1:308
    plot(time_plot,wave_form_mat(s,:), '-b')
    hold on
end
xlabel('Time (ms)')
ylabel('Voltage (uV)')
title('Waveforms of All Spikes Overlaid On Each Other')

```



- (b) Does it look like there is more than one type of spike? (1 pt)
- Yes it looks like there are two different types of spikes, one type looks like it has a higher amplitude than the other.
2. For each spike, represent the waveform by its principal components. Use the `pca` command in Matlab. Intuitively, principal component analysis finds the coordinate system that most reduces the variability in your data.
- (a) Run principal component analysis on all the spike waveforms and represent your data with the top two principal components. Make a scatterplot of your data in this principal component (PC) space. (3 pts)

```
% Run PCA on all spike waveforms and represent data with top two principal
% components.
```

```
transposed_mat=wave_form_mat;
```

```
[coeff,score,latent,~,explained]=pca(transposed_mat);
```

```
%Represent data in the PC space
```

```
%PC_space=transposed_mat*coeff(:,1:2);
```

```
%create plot
```

```
figure
```

```
plot(score(:,1),score(:,2),'.','MarkerSize',14)
```

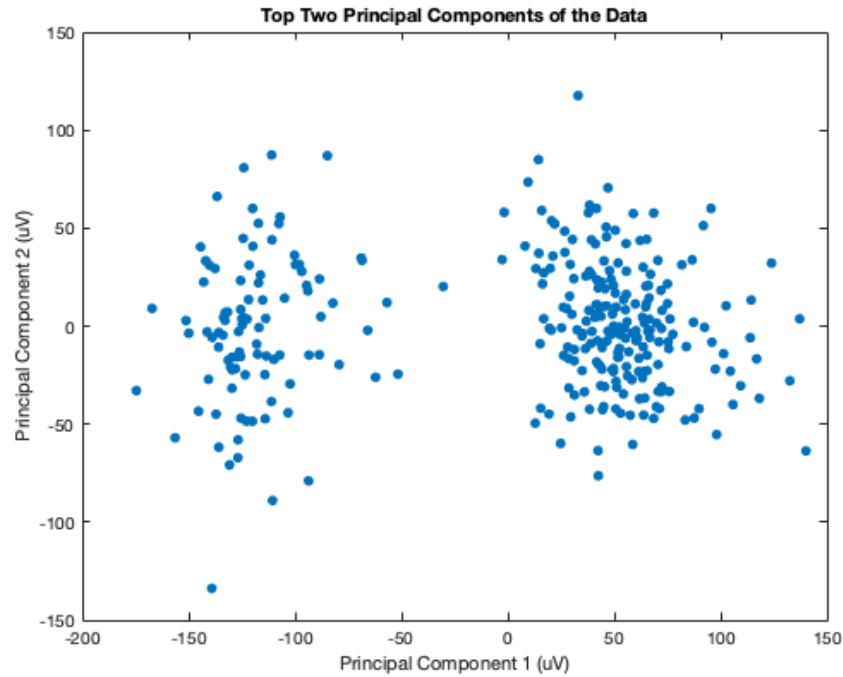
```
xlabel('Principal Component 1 (uV)')
```

```
ylabel('Principal Component 2 (uV)')
```

```
title('Top Two Principal Components of the Data')
```

```
% figure
```

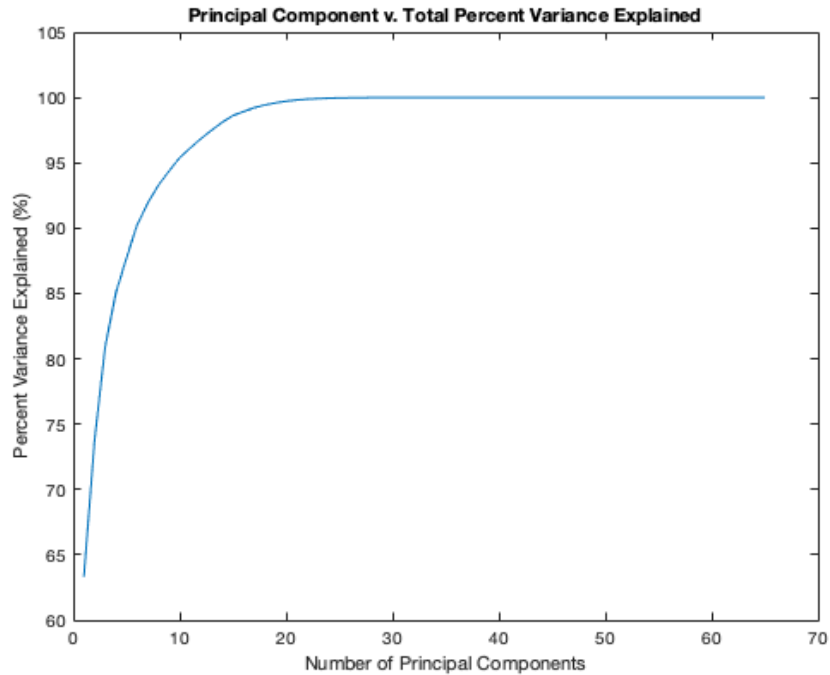
```
% bar(latent)
```



- (b) Each PC also has an associated eigenvalue, representing the amount of variance explained by that PC. This is an output of the PCA command. Plot the principal component vs the total (cumulative) percent variance explained. What is the percent variance explained if you include the top two principal components? (3 pts)

```
explained_plotted=[];
for i=1:length(explained)
    value=explained(1:i);
    explained_plotted(i)=sum(value);
end

figure
%plot(explained,score,'b.','MarkerSize',10)
plot(explained_plotted)
xlabel('Number of Principal Components')
ylabel('Percent Variance Explained (%)')
top_two_explained=explained(1)+explained(2);
title('Principal Component v. Total Percent Variance Explained')
ylim([60 105])
```



The top two principal components explain 73.7349 percent of the total variance.

(c) Does it look like there is more than one cluster of spikes? (1 pt)

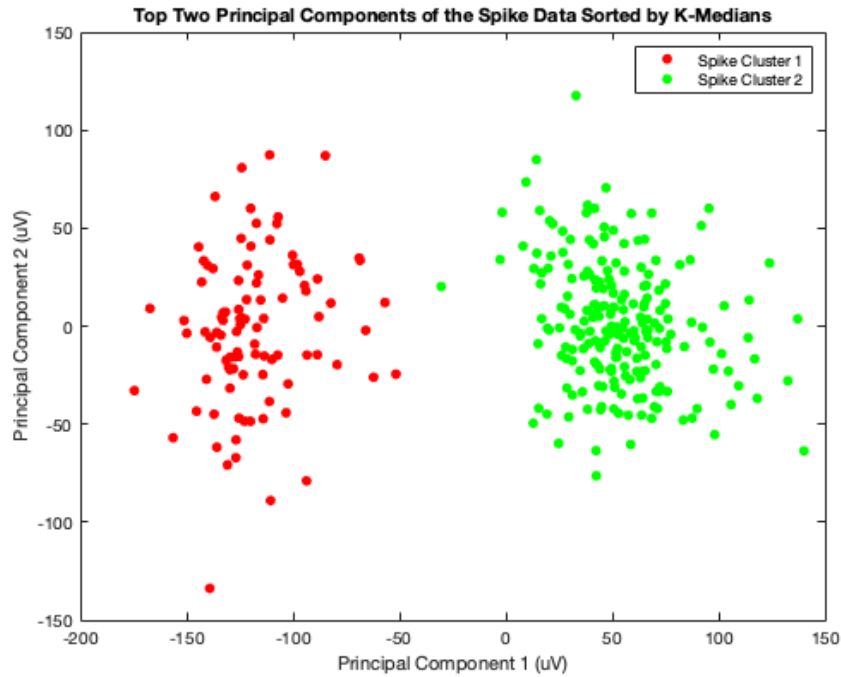
Yes, it looks like there are more than one cluster of spikes. It looks like there are two clusters of spikes.

- Use the same `kmeans` function as you used before to cluster the spikes based on these two (normalized) features (the waveforms represented by the top two PCs). You will use a slight twist, though, in that you will perform *k*-medians (which uses the medians instead of the mean for the cluster centers) by using the `'cityblock'` distance metric (instead of the default `'sqEuclidean'` distance). Make a plot similar to that in 2.2.a but now coloring the two clusters red and green. (3 pts)

```
%run k-medians

idx_2=kmeans(score(:,1:2),2,'Distance','cityblock');

%create plot
figure
for i=1:length(score)
    if idx_2(i)==1
        q=plot(score(i,1),score(i,2),'r.','MarkerSize',14);
        qf(1)=q;
        hold on
    elseif idx_2(i)==2
        o=plot(score(i,1),score(i,2),'g.','MarkerSize',14);
        qf(2)=o;
        hold on
    end
end
xlabel('Principal Component 1 (uV)')
ylabel('Principal Component 2 (uV)')
title('Top Two Principal Components of the Spike Data Sorted by K-Medians')
legend(qf,{'Spike Cluster 1','Spike Cluster 2'})
```



4. Make a plot similar to 2.1 but now coloring the traces red and green according to which cluster they are in. Overlay the mean of the waveforms in each cluster with a thick black line (use the parameter 'LineWidth' and value '4'). (3 pts)

```
%create plot with colored traces.

%figure out how many 1s and 2s there are in the idx_2
count_1s=0;
count_2s=0;
for i=1:length(idx_2)
    if idx_2(i)==1
        count_1s=count_1s+1;
    elseif idx_2(i)==2
        count_2s=count_2s+1;
    end
end

end
```

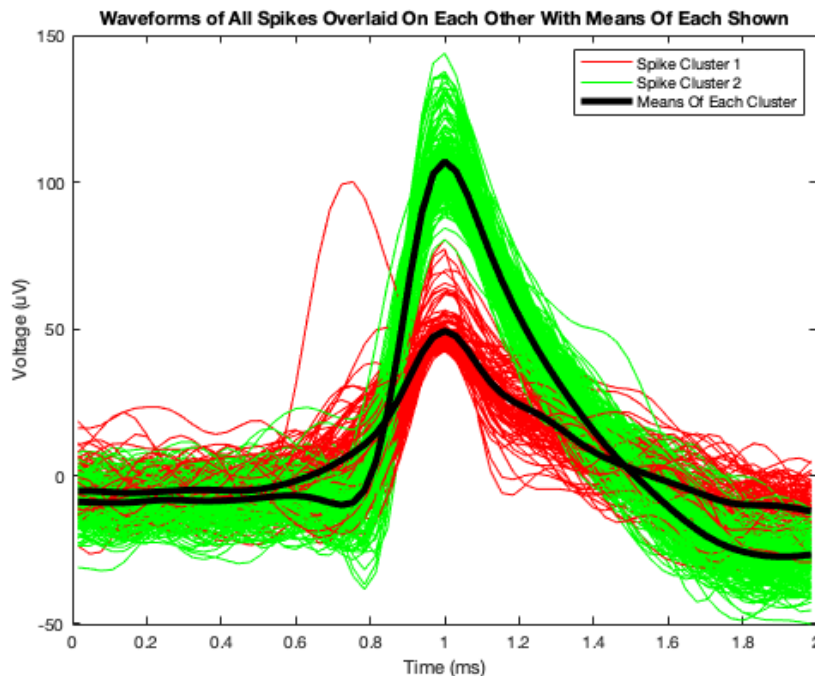
```
figure
cluster_1=zeros(count_1s,65);
cluster_2=zeros(count_2s,65);
for s=1:308
    if idx_2(s)==1
        e=plot(time_plot,wave_form_mat(s,),'-r');
        cluster_1(s,:)=wave_form_mat(s,:);
        k1(1)=e;
        hold on
    elseif idx_2(s)==2
        z=plot(time_plot,wave_form_mat(s,),'-g');
        %cluster_2=[cluster_2 wave_form_mat(s,:)];
        cluster_2(s,:)=wave_form_mat(s,:);
        k1(2)=z;
    end
end
```

```

        hold on
    end
end

cluster_1_filtered=cluster_1(any(cluster_1,2),:);
cluster_2_filtered=cluster_2(any(cluster_2,2),:);
mean_cluster_1=mean(cluster_1_filtered,1);
hold on
mean_cluster_2=mean(cluster_2_filtered,1);
hold on
q=plot(time_plot,mean_cluster_1,'k-','LineWidth',4);
kl(3)=q;
hold on
plot(time_plot,mean_cluster_2,'k-','LineWidth',4)
xlabel('Time (ms)')
ylabel('Voltage (uV)')
title('Waveforms of All Spikes Overlaid On Each Other With Means Of Each Shown')
legend(kl,{'Spike Cluster 1','Spike Cluster 2','Means Of Each Cluster'})

```



5. What are some dangers of using the clustering techniques in this homework? (List 3) (3 pts)

Some of the dangers of using the clustering techniques in this homework include: First, k-means clustering assumes that each cluster present in the input data should have roughly the same amount of datapoints in it (Robinson, 2015). This is a danger because if the clusters actually have different numbers of datapoints the k-means clustering unsupervised learning algorithm may group the data non-optimally, leading to inaccurate conclusions. Second, the behavior of the k-means clustering algorithm is also greatly affected by the presence of outliers in the input data, when outliers are present the output clusters may be created non-optimally leading to a poor representation of the data (Franklin, 2019). A third danger that the input data to the k-means clustering technique used in this homework should actually have some inherent clusters in it or else k-means clustering will not be applicable; that is if k-means clustering is run on a uniform data (non-clustered) dataset the k-means clustering algorithm will partition the data into clusters, even though the clusters would be meaningless in this case (Kim,

2015).

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