

Homework1-1a-2c

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$$1a) \quad \tau_m u'(t) = -[u(t) - u_{rest}] + RI(t) \quad \text{where } u(0) = u_{rest}$$

Let $u(t) - u_{rest} = y$ and $y' = u'(t)$:

$$\tau_m y' = -y + RI$$

$$\tau_m y' + y = RI \Rightarrow y' + \frac{1}{\tau_m} y = \frac{RI}{\tau_m} \quad \text{where } \mu = e^{t/\tau_m}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' e^{\frac{t}{\tau_m}} + \frac{e^{\frac{t}{\tau_m}}}{\tau_m} y = \frac{RI e^{\frac{t}{\tau_m}}}{\tau_m} \Rightarrow \int \frac{d}{dt} y e^{\frac{t}{\tau_m}} = \int \frac{RI e^{\frac{t}{\tau_m}}}{\tau_m} \frac{d}{dt} \Rightarrow y e^{\frac{t}{\tau_m}} = RI e^{\frac{t}{\tau_m}} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y = RI + C e^{-t/\tau_m} \Rightarrow u = u_{rest} + RI + C e^{-t/\tau_m}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(t) = u_{rest} + RI(1 - e^{-t/\tau_m})$$

$$1b) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(t) = u_{th}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u_{rest} + RI(1 - e^{-t/\tau_m}) \Rightarrow u_{rest} + RI(1 - 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{rest} + RI = u_{th}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{I} = \frac{u_{th} - u_{rest}}{R}$$

$$1c) \quad u(t) = u_{rest} + RI e^{t/\tau_m} + C \quad \text{where} \quad u(0) = u_{start}$$

From similar work of 1a) we get:

$$u(t) = u_{rest} + (u_{start} - u_{rest}) e^{-t/\tau_m} + \frac{RA}{\tau_m}$$

Solving for A:

$$A = \frac{\tau_m (u_m - [u_{rest} + (u_{start} - u_{rest}) e^{-t/\tau_m}])}{R}$$

The minimum value of A depends mainly on R because R cannot equal 0. Additionally, it depends on what value u_{start} and u_{rest} are because they will decide how much amplitude you will need to create a spike. If u_{start} starts at a high voltage than you will need less amplitude. However, if u_{rest} starts at a very low point, you will need more amplitude to generate a spike.

$$1d) \quad u(jT^+) = -[u(jT^+) - u_{rest}] e^{-T/\tau_m} + \frac{RA}{\tau_m} + u_{rest} \quad \text{where} \quad U = u(jT^+)$$

$$u = [u - u_{rest}] e^{-T/\tau_m} + \frac{RA}{\tau_m} + u_{rest}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(1 - e^{-T/\tau_m}) = u_{rest}(1 - e^{-T/\tau_m}) + \frac{RA}{\tau_m}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = u_{rest} + \frac{RA}{\tau_m(1 - e^{-T/\tau_m})}$$

Solve for T:

$$1 - e^{-T/\tau_m} = \frac{(u - u_{rest})\tau_m}{RA} \Rightarrow \ln e^{-T/\tau_m} = \ln(1 - \frac{(u - u_{rest})\tau_m}{RA})$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \tau_m^2 [\ln \frac{(u - u_{rest})}{RA}]$$

$$2a) \quad \tau_x x' + x = \delta(t) \quad \text{where } x(0) = 0$$

Using laplace transforms:

$$\tau_x \mathcal{L}[x'] + \mathcal{L}[x] = \mathcal{L}[\delta(t)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[x](s + \frac{1}{\tau_x}) = \frac{1}{\tau_x} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[x] = \frac{1}{\tau_x} \frac{1}{s + 1/\tau_x} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}[x] = \frac{1}{\tau_x} \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\frac{1}{s + 1/\tau_x}]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{e^{-t/\tau_x}}{\tau_x}$$

$$\text{Plugging } x \text{ into } \tau_s I' = -I + I_0 x \quad \text{where } I(0) = 0$$

$$\tau_s I' = -I + \frac{I_0 e^{-t/\tau_x}}{\tau_x} \Rightarrow I' + \frac{I}{\tau_s} = \frac{I_0 e^{-t/\tau_x}}{\tau_s \tau_x} \quad \text{where } \mu = e^{t/\tau_s}$$

$$I = I_0 \frac{e^{-t/\tau_x} - e^{-t/\tau_s}}{\tau_x - \tau_s}$$

$$\text{Plugging } I \text{ into } \tau_s u' = -u + RI \quad \text{where } u(0) = 0$$

$$\tau_m u' = -u + RI_0 \frac{e^{-t/\tau_x} - e^{-t/\tau_s}}{\tau_x - \tau_s} \Rightarrow u' + \frac{u}{\tau_m} = RI_0 \frac{e^{-t/\tau_x} - e^{-t/\tau_s}}{\tau_m(\tau_x - \tau_s)} \quad \text{where } \mu = e^{t/\tau_m}$$

$$u = \frac{RI_0}{\tau_x - \tau_s} \left[\frac{\tau_x e^{-t/\tau_x}}{\tau_x - \tau_s} - \frac{\tau_s e^{-t/\tau_s}}{\tau_s - \tau_m} + \frac{\tau_s - \tau_x}{e^{t/\tau_m}} \right]$$

From the equation above, the amplitude increases with R. Similarly with I_0 . Since, they are the numerators the amplitude will increase.

As $\tau_s \rightarrow 0$, we obtain:

$$\lim_{\tau_s \rightarrow 0} u = RI_0 \left(\frac{e^{-t/\tau_x}}{\tau_x - \tau_m} - \frac{1}{e^{t/\tau_m}} \right)$$

and as $\tau_m \rightarrow 0$, we have:

$$\lim_{\tau_m \rightarrow 0} u = \frac{RI_0 e^{-t/\tau_x}}{\tau_x}$$

We are left with the Resistor and Input because τ_m and τ_s cancel the rest. τ_x is the only constant variable left.

2b)

$$0 = -u_1 + I_1 + g(u_2 - u_1)$$

$$0 = -u_2 + g(u_1 - u_2)$$

Looking for u_2 in terms of u_1 :

$$0 = gu_1 - gu_2 - u_2 \Rightarrow u_2 = \frac{gu_1}{g+1}$$

Plug into first component:

$$0 = -u_1 + I_1 + g\left(\frac{gu_1}{g+1} - u_1\right) \Rightarrow 0 = I + \left(\frac{g^2}{g+1} - g - 1\right)u_1$$

$$u_1 = -\frac{I}{\frac{g^2}{g+1} - g - 1}$$

$$R_{input}(g) = \frac{u_1}{I} \text{ plug in } u_1$$

$$R_{input}(g) = \frac{g+1}{2g+1}$$

From the solution, it seems that as g gets large the denominator grows faster than the numerator therefore, reaching a limit closer to 1. Note that $g \neq \frac{1}{2}$ else that denominator is undefined.

2c)

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -u_1 + I_1 + g(u_2 - u_1) \\ 0 &= -u_2 + g(u_1 - 2u_2 + u_3) \\ 0 &= -u_3 + g(u_2 - u_3) \end{aligned}$$

Start with u_3 :

$$0 = gu_2 - (g + 1)u_3 \Rightarrow u_3 = \frac{-gu_2}{g+1}$$

Plug into second compartment:

$$0 = -u_2 + g(u_1 - 2u_2 + \frac{gu_2}{g+1}) \Rightarrow 0 = gu_1 - (\frac{g^2}{g+1} + 2g + 1)u_2$$

$$u_2 = u_1 \frac{g(g+1)}{3g^2+3g+1}$$

Plug into first compartment:

$$0 = -u_1 + I_1 + g(u_1 \frac{g(g+1)}{3g^2+3g+1} - u_1) \Rightarrow 0 = I + u_1 \frac{g^2(g+1)}{3g^2+3g+1} - gu_1 - u_1$$

$$u_1 = -\frac{I}{\frac{g^2(g+1)}{3g^2+3g+1} - g - 1}$$

$$R_{input}(g) = \frac{3g^2+3g+1}{(g+1)^2(2g+1)}$$

As more compartments are added the denominator will begin to increase faster than the numerator. So, more compartments will have less of a significance to the input resistance.