

Synapse as difference of 2 exponentials:

$$g_e(t) = \bar{g}_{AMPA}(e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_{ed}}} - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_{er}}}) \quad (1)$$

$$g_i(t) = \bar{g}_{GABA}(e^{-\frac{t-\delta}{\tau_{id}}} - e^{-\frac{t-\delta}{\tau_{ir}}}) \quad (2)$$

Total conductance equation due to AMPA and GABA:

$$I_{syn}(t) = (E_{AMPA} - V_m)g_e(t) - (E_{GABA} - V_m)g_i(t) \quad (3)$$

Corresponding PSP equation:

$$\frac{dV_m}{dt} = \frac{1}{C_m}[(E_{leak} - V_m(t))g_{leak} + I_{syn}(t)] \quad (4)$$

At inflexion points, $\frac{dV_m}{dt} = 0$. Therefore,

$$(E_{leak} - V_m(t^*))g_{leak} + I_{syn}(t^*) = 0 \quad (5)$$

We know that there should be 2 inflexion points in the PSP from data (one higher and one lower than V_{rest} . Maybe I can use that information to constrain.

$$(E_{leak} - V_m(t^*))g_{leak} + (E_{AMPA} - V_m(t^*))g_e(t^*) - (E_{GABA} - V_m(t^*))g_i(t^*) = 0 \quad (6)$$

Using equations (1) and (2) in (6), and renaming $V_m(t^*)$ as V_m^* and E_{AMPA} and E_{GABA} as E_e and E_i respectively and rearranging,

$$V_m^* = - \left[\frac{I_{leak} + \bar{I}_e(e^{-\frac{t^*}{\tau_{ed}}} - e^{-\frac{t^*}{\tau_{er}}}) - \bar{I}_i(e^{-\frac{t^*-\delta}{\tau_{id}}} - e^{-\frac{t^*-\delta}{\tau_{ir}}})}{g_{leak} + \bar{g}_e(e^{-\frac{t^*}{\tau_{ed}}} - e^{-\frac{t^*}{\tau_{er}}}) - \bar{g}_i(e^{-\frac{t^*-\delta}{\tau_{id}}} - e^{-\frac{t^*-\delta}{\tau_{ir}}})} \right] \quad (7)$$

When Gabazine is put in the bath, the inhibitory component of this equation is lost.

$$V_m^*(e) = - \left[\frac{I_{leak} + \bar{I}_e(e^{-\frac{t^*}{\tau_{ed}}} - e^{-\frac{t^*}{\tau_{er}}})}{g_{leak} + \bar{g}_e(e^{-\frac{t^*}{\tau_{ed}}} - e^{-\frac{t^*}{\tau_{er}}})} \right] \quad (8)$$

Now, for divisive normalization,

$$V_m^* = \frac{1}{f(e)} V_m^*(e) \quad (9)$$

where $f(E)$ is some linearly increasing function in E .

Or, $\frac{V_m^*(e)}{V_m^*} = f(e)$

From 7,8 and 9,

$$f(e) = \left[\frac{1 - \frac{\bar{g}_i(e^{-\frac{t^*-\delta}{\tau_{id}}} - e^{-\frac{t^*-\delta}{\tau_{ir}}})}{g_{leak} + \bar{g}_e(e^{-\frac{t^*}{\tau_{ed}}} - e^{-\frac{t^*}{\tau_{er}}})}}{1 - \frac{\bar{I}_i(e^{-\frac{t^*-\delta}{\tau_{id}}} - e^{-\frac{t^*-\delta}{\tau_{ir}}})}{I_{leak} + \bar{I}_e(e^{-\frac{t^*}{\tau_{ed}}} - e^{-\frac{t^*}{\tau_{er}}})}} \right] \quad (10)$$

The above equation is of the form $\frac{1-y}{1-x}$. For it to increase linearly in E ,

1. $y \leq x$
2. It must be of the form $y = f(e)x - (f(e) - 1)$