

02_exercises_katja

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1 Problem Set 2: Two-State Ionic Channels in Python

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[1]: import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
from scipy import stats
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1.1 Problem 1: Probability of transition

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[2]: ts = 0.1
alpha = 1
beta = 2

# compute stochastic matrix
A = np.array([[1 - (ts*alpha), (ts*beta)],
              [(ts*alpha), 1 - (ts*beta)]])

print("Stochastic matrix:\n", A)
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Stochastic matrix:

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[[0.9 0.2]
 [0.1 0.8]]
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1.2 Problem 2: Simulation of a single channel

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[3]: ts = 0.1
A = np.array([[1 - (ts*alpha), (ts*beta)],
              [(ts*alpha), 1 - (ts*beta)]])

x = np.array([0,1]).T
T = 500

t = np.arange(0, T, ts)
X = np.zeros((2, int(T//ts)+1))

X[:, 0] = x
channel = [1]
for i in range(1, int(T//ts)+1):
    p = A @ X[:, i-1]
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u = np.random.rand()
if u <= p[1]:
    channel.append(1)
    X[:, i] = np.array([0, 1])
if u > p[1]:
    channel.append(0)
    X[:, i] = np.array([1, 0])

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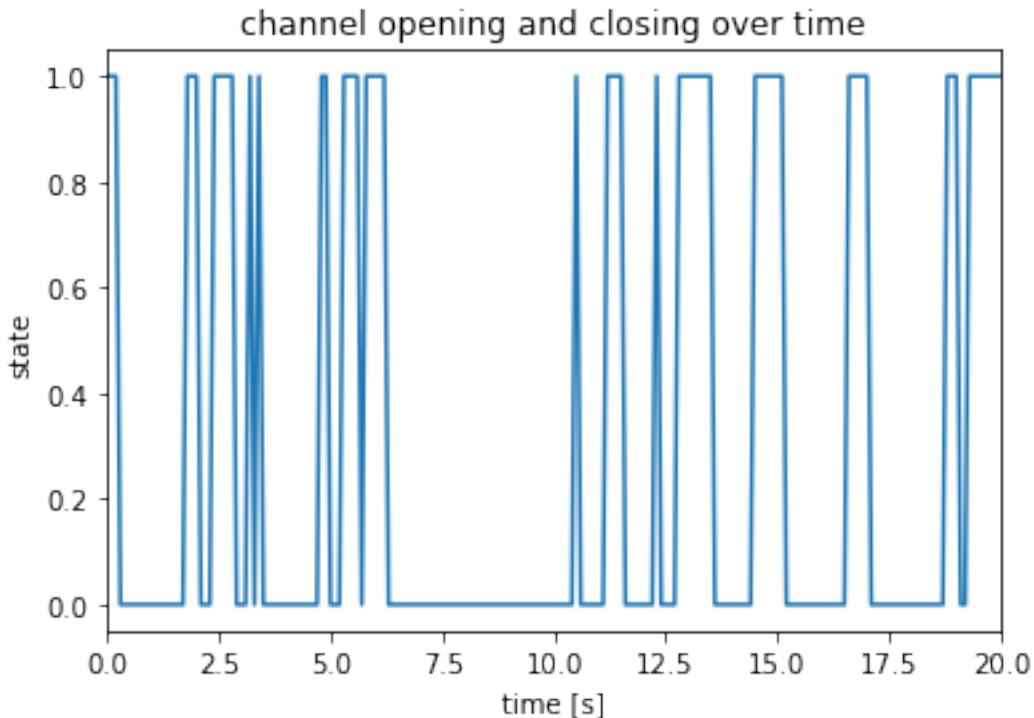
[4]: # plot simulation of single channel for t = 20s

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plt.plot(t, channel)
plt.xlabel("time [s]")
plt.ylabel("state")
plt.title("channel opening and closing over time")
plt.xlim(0, 20)

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[4]: (0.0, 20.0)



[5]: print("Mean open rate:", np.mean(channel)) # mean open rate

Mean open rate: 0.3452

The channel is open at around $\frac{1}{3}$ of the time.

1.3 Problem 3: Channel dwell times

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[6]: ts = 0.1
A = np.array([[1 - (ts*alpha), (ts*beta)],
              [(ts*alpha), 1 - (ts*beta)]])
x = np.array([0,1]).T
T = 5000

t = np.arange(0, T, ts)
X = np.zeros((2, int(T//ts)+1))

X[:, 0] = x
channel = [1]
for i in range(1, int(T//ts)+1):
    p = A @ X[:, i-1]
    u = np.random.rand()
    if u <= p[1]:
        channel.append(1)
        X[:, i] = np.array([0, 1])
    if u > p[1]:
        channel.append(0)
        X[:, i] = np.array([1, 0])
```

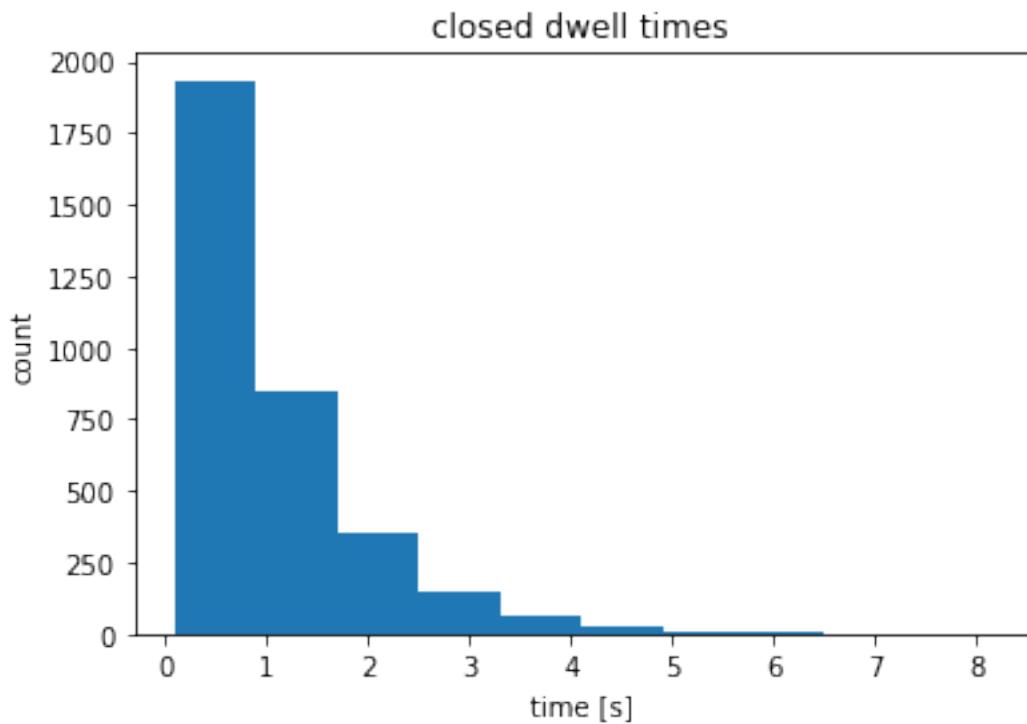
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[7]: previous_channel = 1
previous_t = 0

t_open = []
t_closed = []

for i in range(1, int(T//ts)+1):
    current_channel = channel[i]
    current_t = t[i]
    if current_channel != previous_channel:
        if previous_channel == 0:
            t_closed.append(current_t - previous_t)
        elif previous_channel == 1:
            t_open.append(current_t - previous_t)
    previous_channel = current_channel
    previous_t = current_t
```

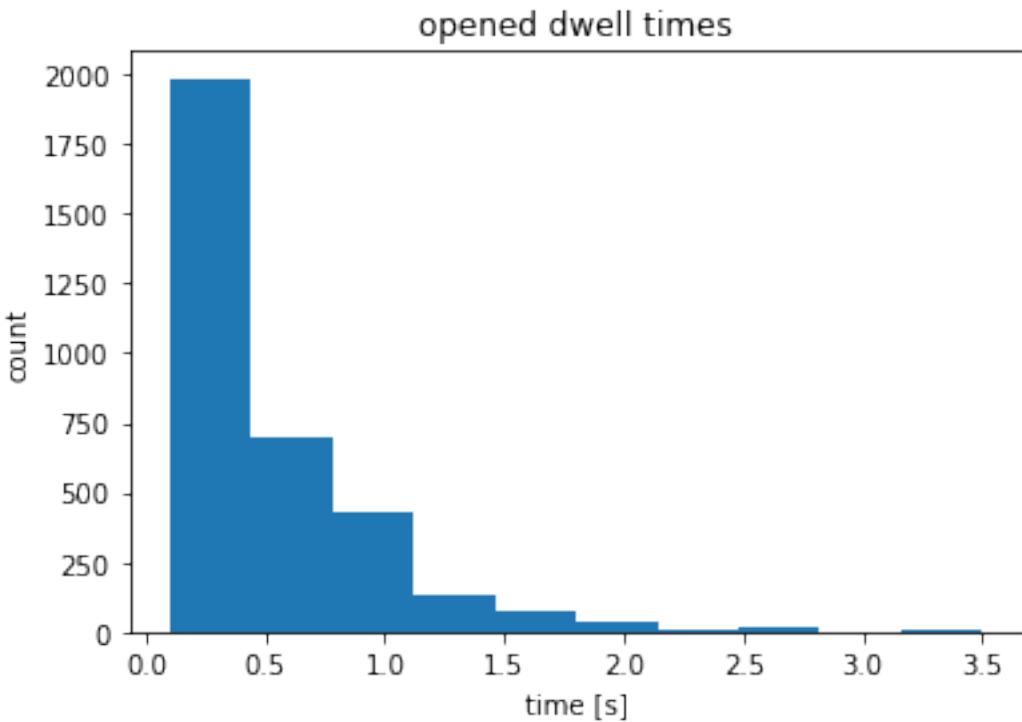
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[8]: plt.hist(t_closed)
plt.xlabel("time [s]")
plt.ylabel("count")
plt.title("closed dwell times")
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[8]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'closed dwell times')
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[9]: plt.hist(t_open)
plt.xlabel("time [s]")
plt.ylabel("count")
plt.title("opened dwell times")
```

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[9]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'opened dwell times')
```



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[10]: print("Mean closed time:", np.mean(t_closed))
      print("Mean opened time:", np.mean(t_open))
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Mean closed time: 0.9782737215489167

Mean opened time: 0.4995861661247459

My theoretical expectations would be that (1) there are many short closed and opened times with only a few very long times, (2) the mean closed time is twice as big as the mean opened times (because the channel is open at a rate of $\frac{1}{3}$). This fits with the simulation.

1.4 Problem 4: Propagation of state probabilities

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[11]: ts = 0.1
A = np.array([[1 - (ts*alpha), (ts*beta)],
              [(ts*alpha), 1 - (ts*beta)]])
x = np.array([0,1]).T
T = 500
```

```
[12]: t = np.arange(0, T, ts)
X = np.zeros((2, int(T//ts)+1))

X[:, 0] = x
channel = [1]
for i in range(1, int(T//ts)+1):
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X[:, i] = A @ X[:, i-1]
u = np.random.rand()
if u <= X[1, i]:
    channel.append(1)
if u > X[1, i]:
    channel.append(0)

```

[13]: `print("Asymptotic probabilitites:", X[:, -1])`

Asymptotic probabilitites: [0.66666667 0.33333333]

The asymptotic probabilities agree with mean channel opening from problem 1.

[14]: `v, w = np.linalg.eig(A) # obtain eigenvalues and -vectors`
`print("Normalized eigenvector with eigenvalue = 1:", w[:, 0] / sum(w[:, 0]))`

Normalized eigenvector with eigenvalue = 1: [0.66666667 0.33333333]

The eigenvector with eigenvalue $\lambda = 1$ normalized to probabilities corresponds to the asymptotic probabilities.

Also the equilibrium value fits with the asymptotic probabilities:

$$x_\infty = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} = \frac{1}{1+2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Time constant:

$$\tau = \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta} = \frac{1}{1+2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

I don't know what to say about the time constant.