

BT6270 - Computational Neuroscience  
Assignment 2

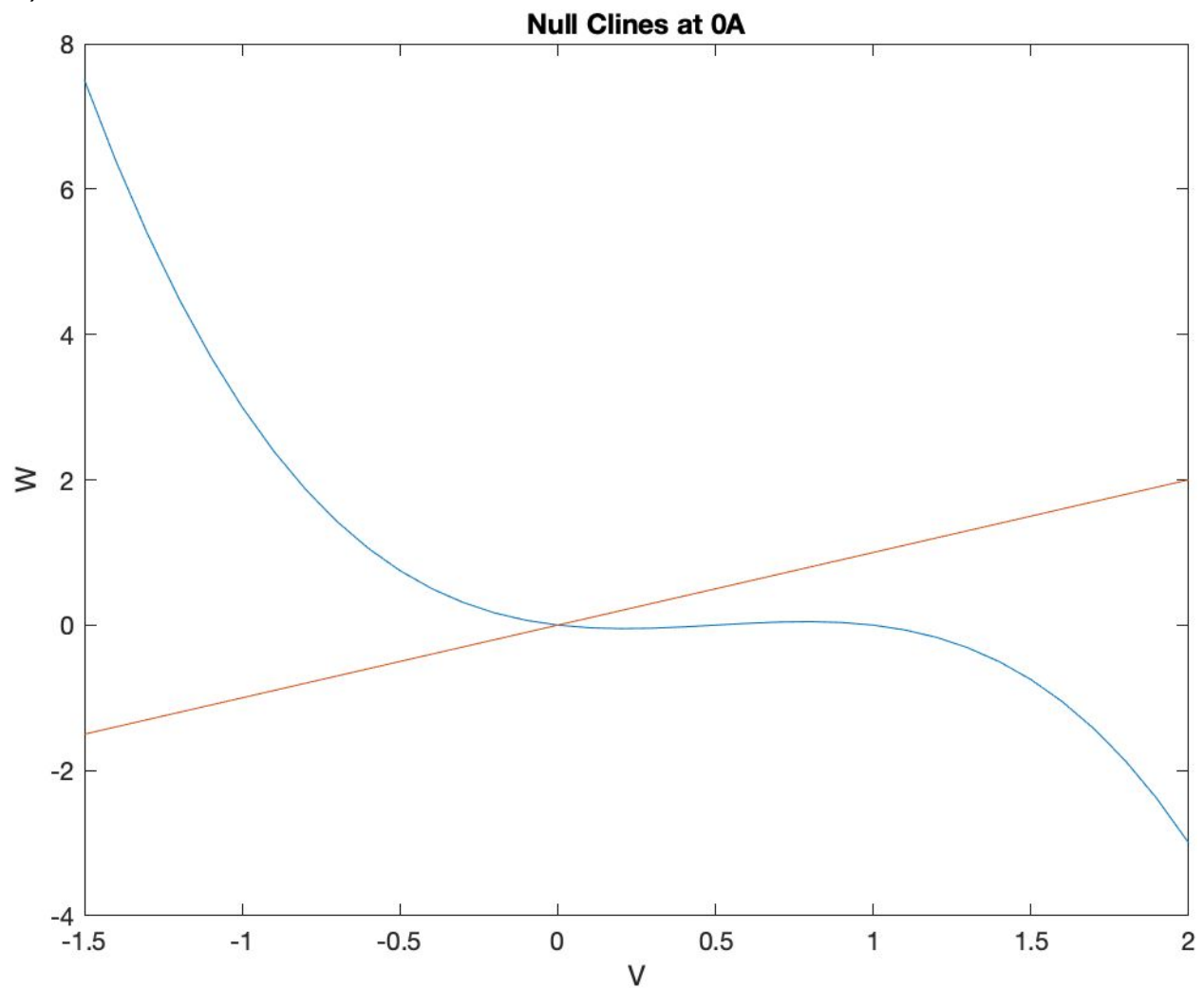
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Simulating the two variable FitzHugh-Nagumo neuron model

**Case 1**

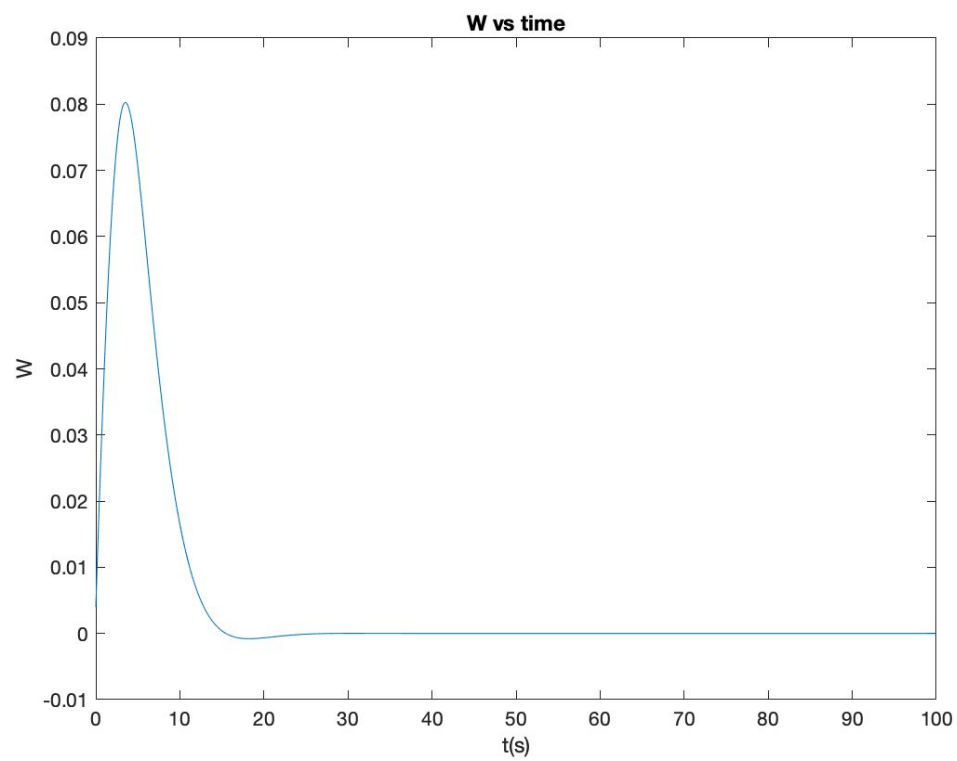
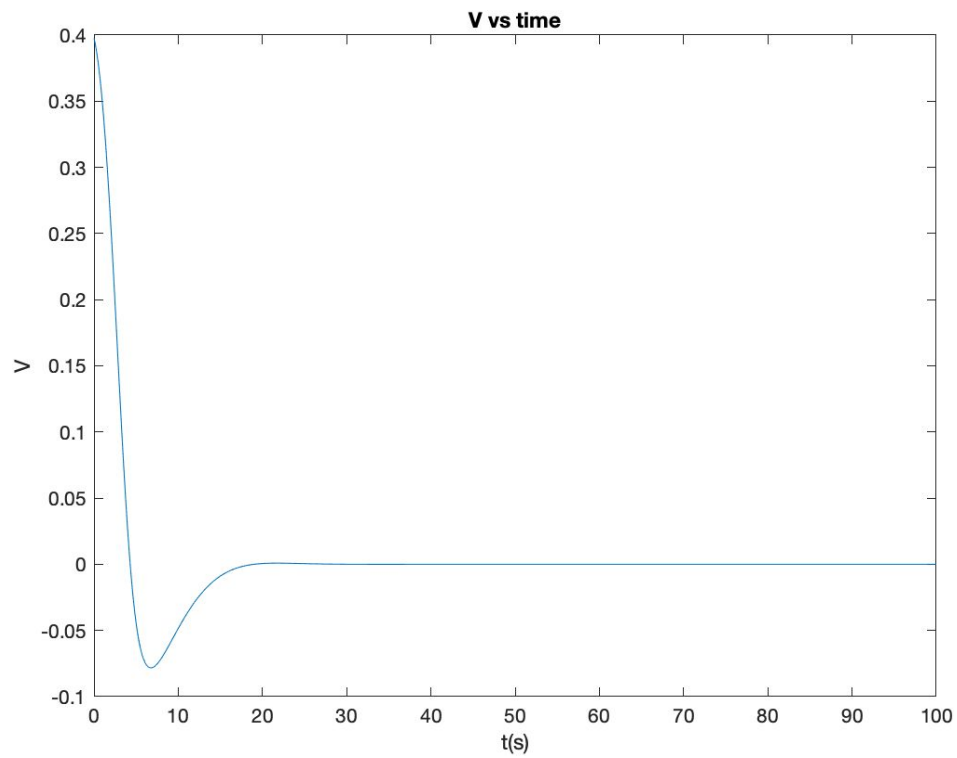
$$I_{\text{ext}} = 0$$

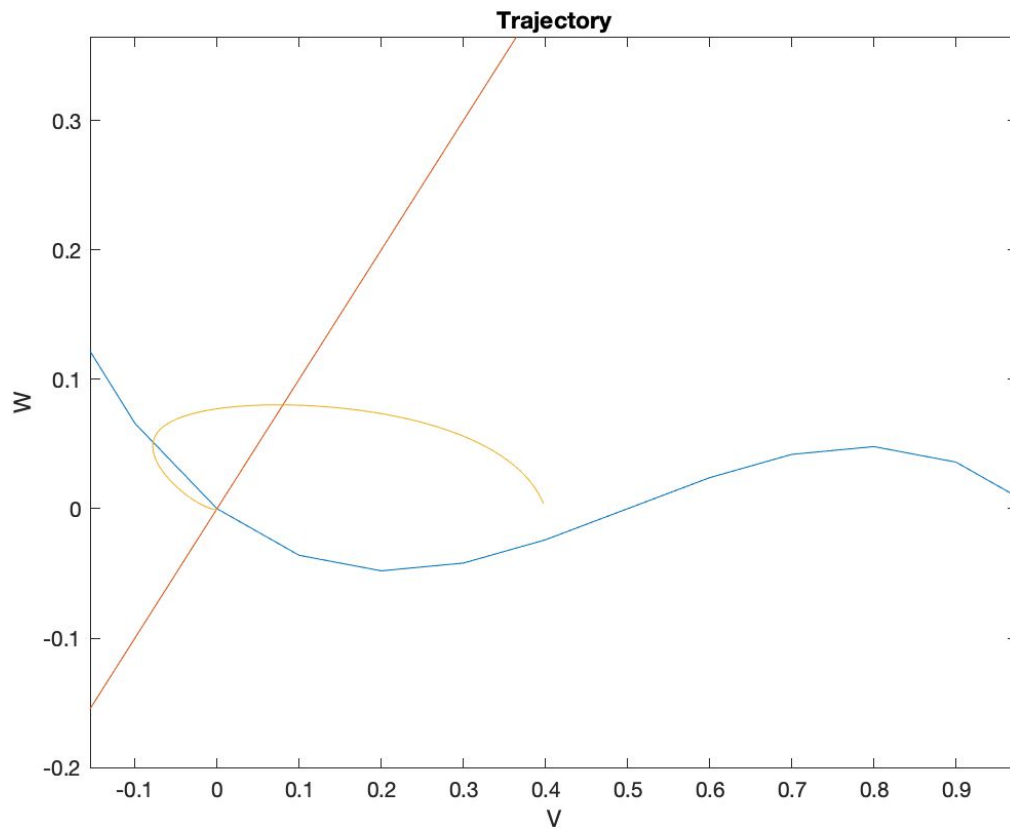
a) Phase Plot



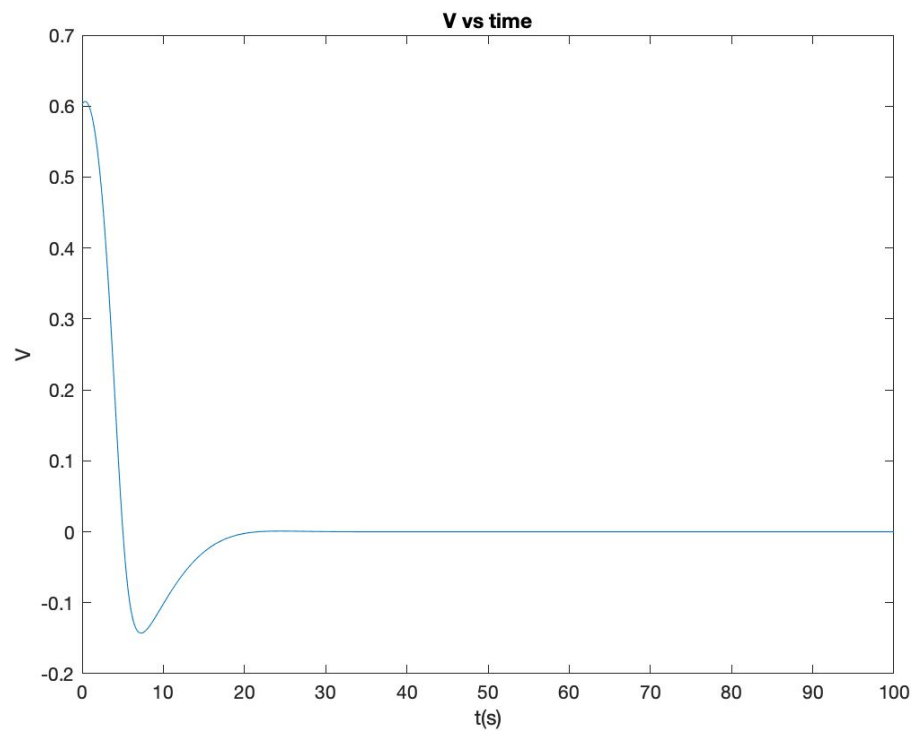
b)  $V(t)$  vs  $t$ ,  $W(t)$  vs  $t$ , Trajectories

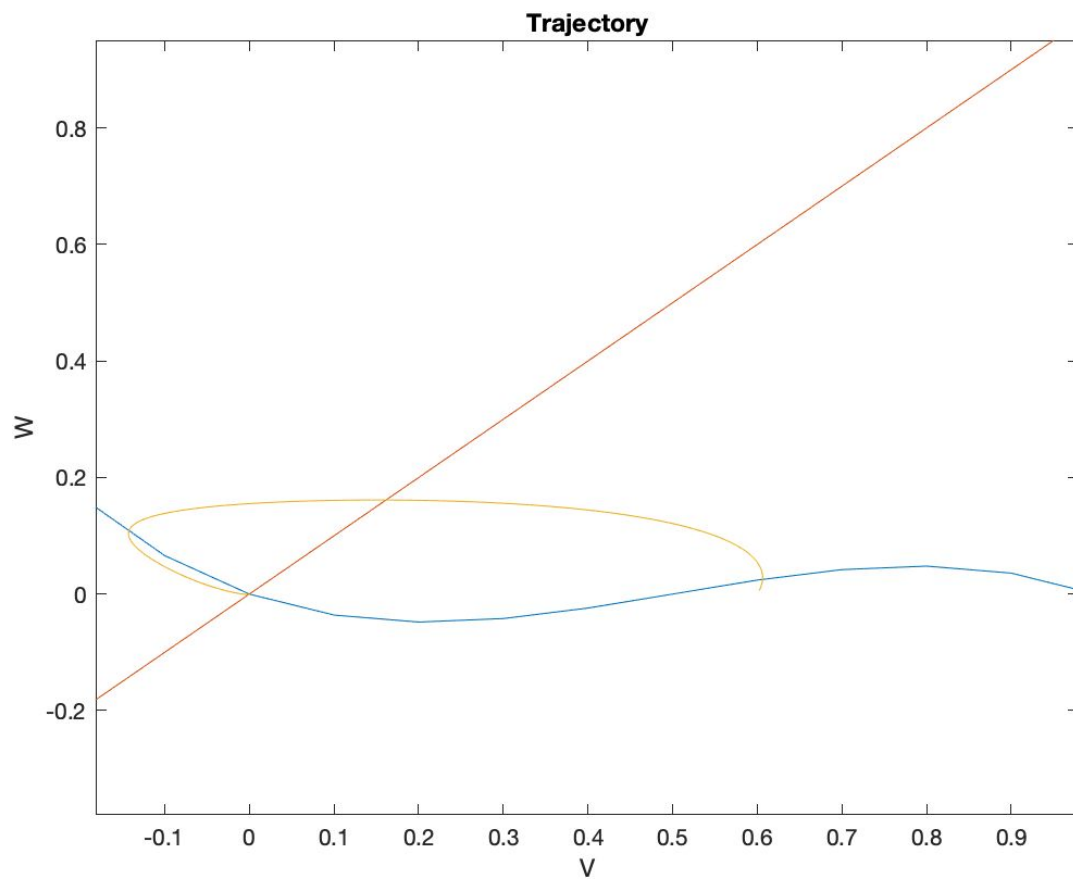
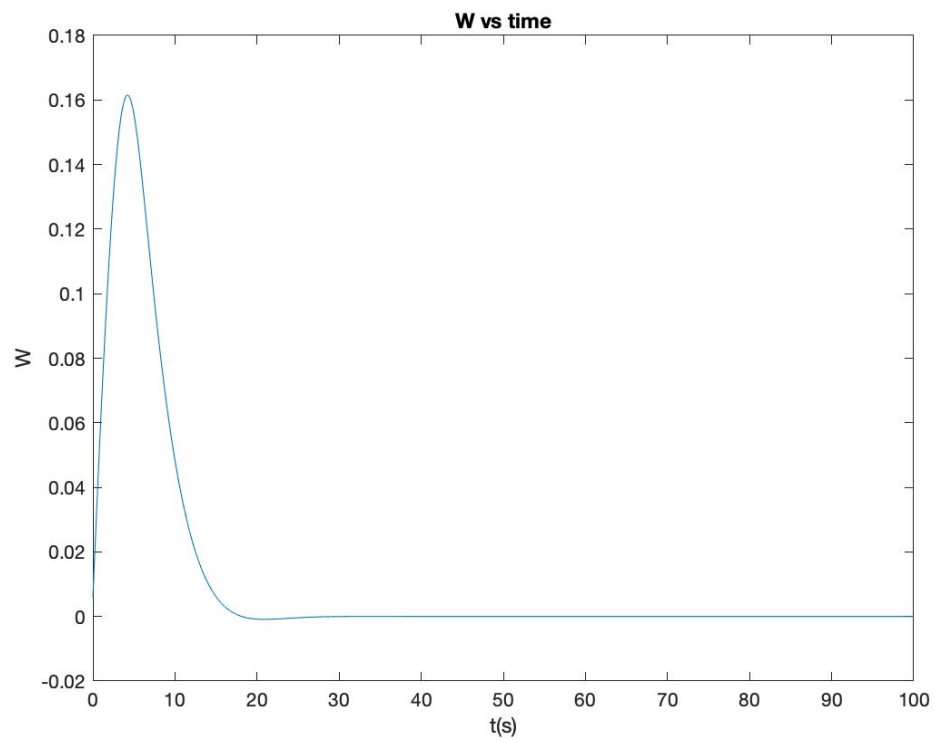
i)  $V(0) < a$ ,  $W(0) = 0$





ii)  $V(0) > a$ ,  $W(0) = 0$





## Case 2

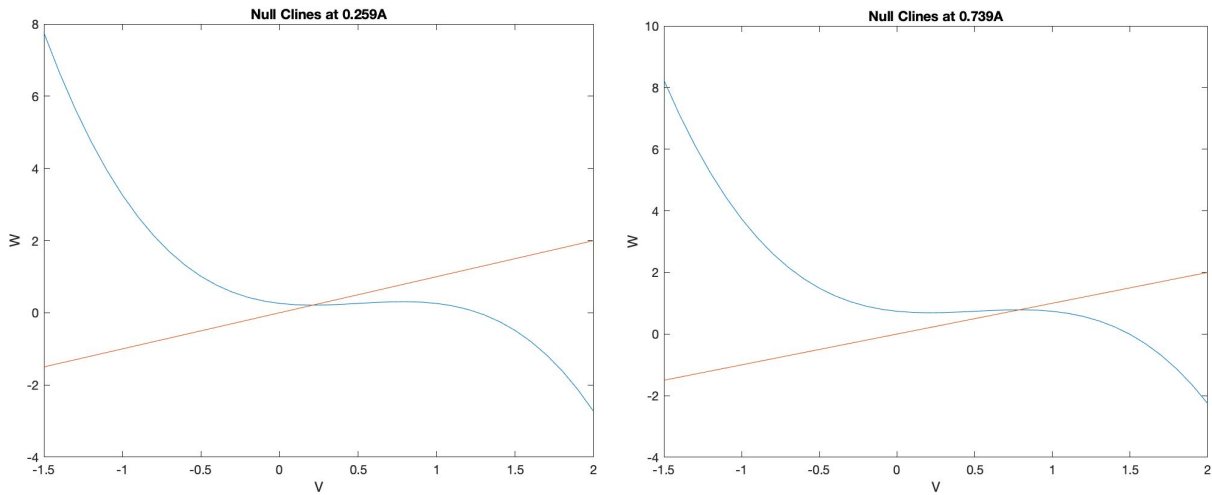
$$I_1 < I_{\text{ext}} < I_2$$

We need oscillations in this case.

To find  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ , we need to find the extremas of the equation.

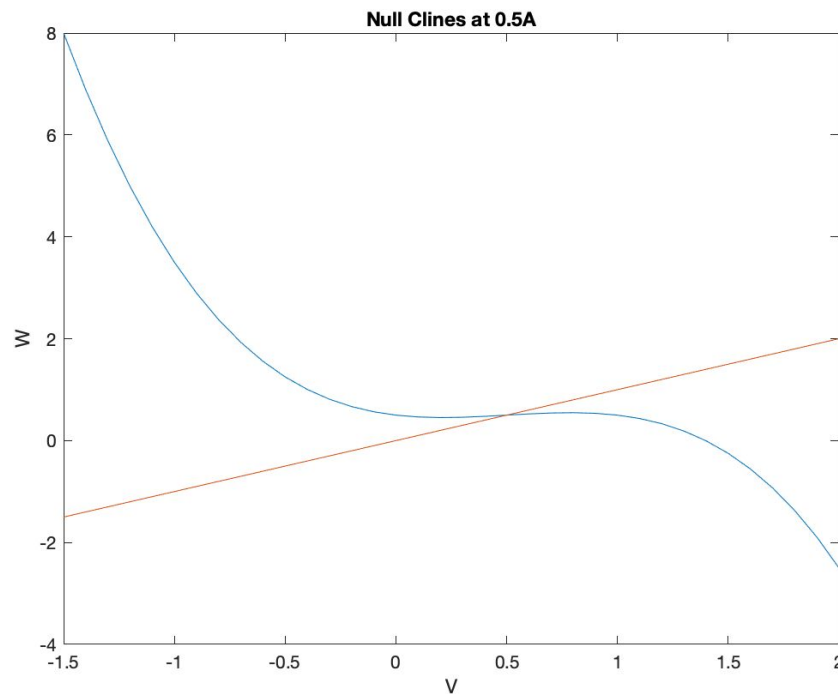
We solve the equation  $F'(x) = 0$  to get the roots, and then solve the  $F(x)$  to get the corresponding values of  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ .

$$I_1 = 0.259 \text{ and } I_2 = 0.739$$



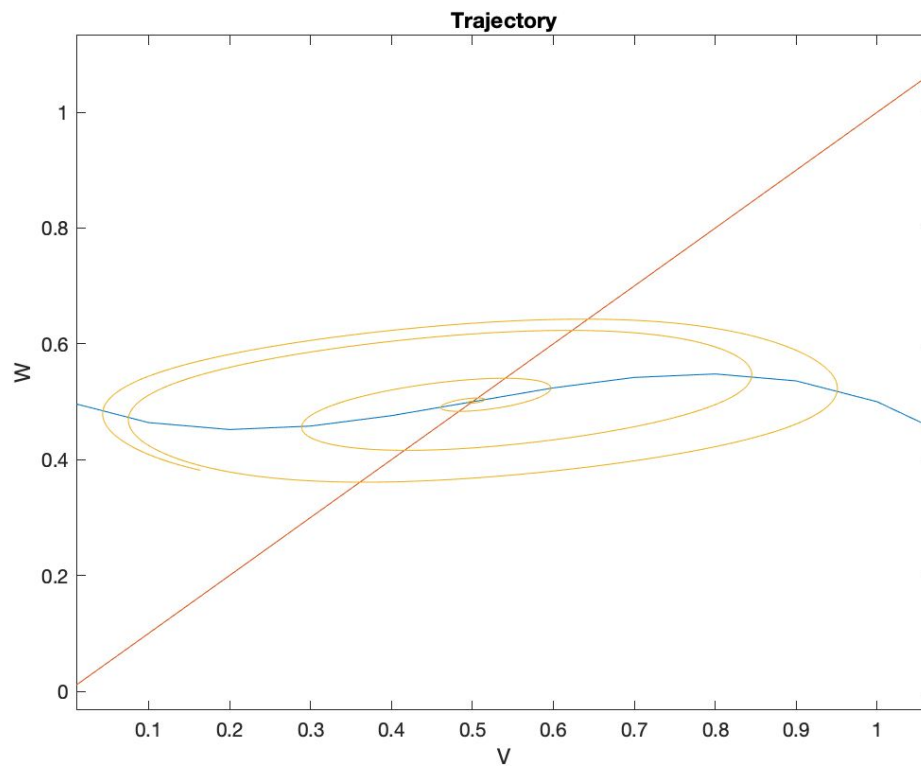
Phase plots of  $I_1$  and  $I_2$

a) Phase Plot for  $I = 0.5$

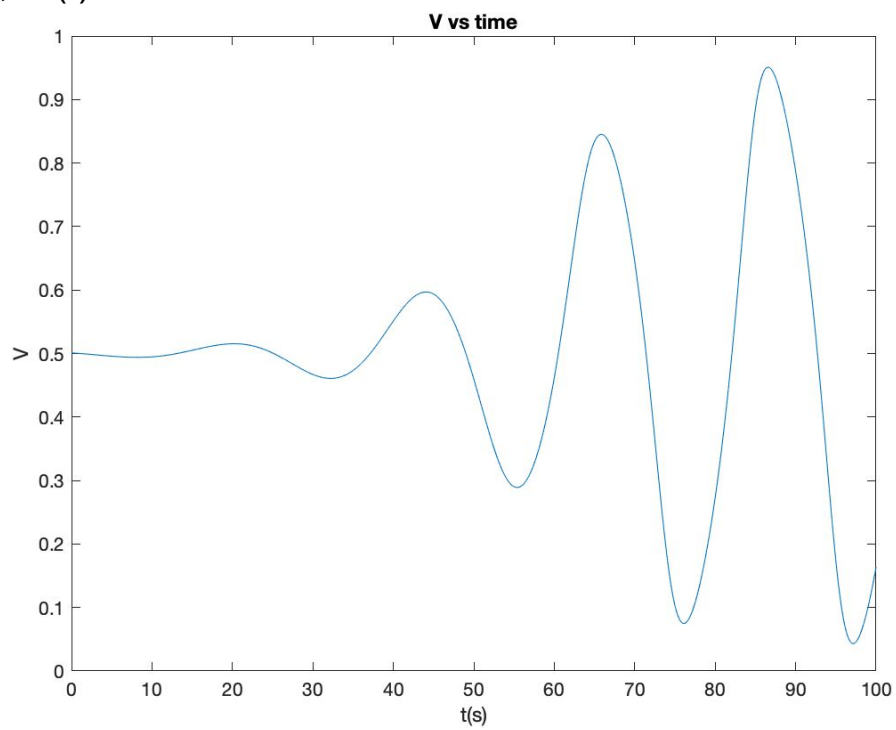


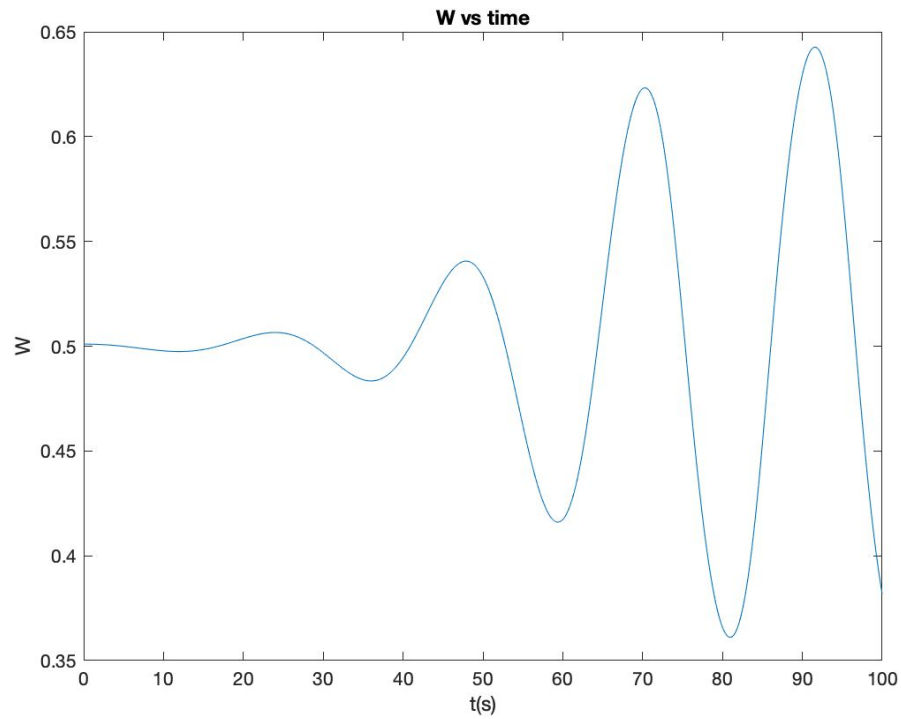
b) Fixed point  $(0.5, 0.5)$  is unstable

A small disturbance of  $(0.001, 0.001)$  causes it to spiral into a limit cycle.



c)  $V(t)$  vs  $t$ ,  $W(t)$  vs  $t$





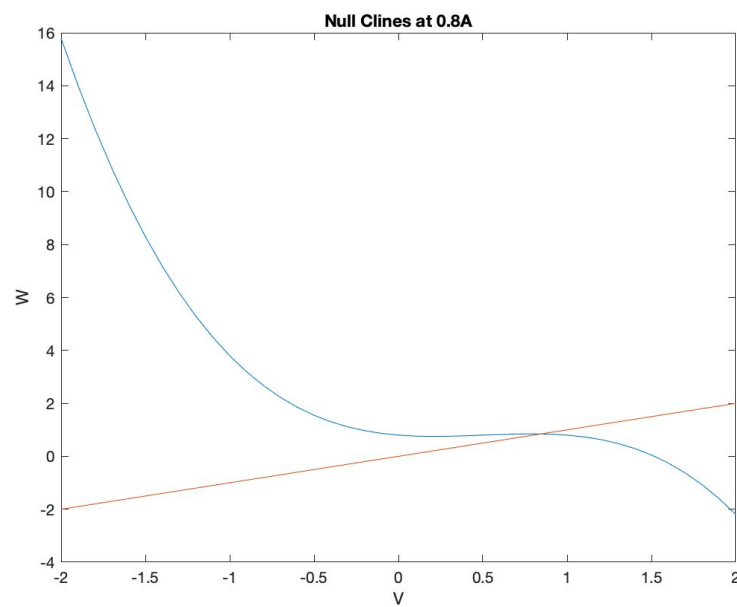
Both  $V(t)$  and  $W(t)$  show periodic oscillations

### Case 3

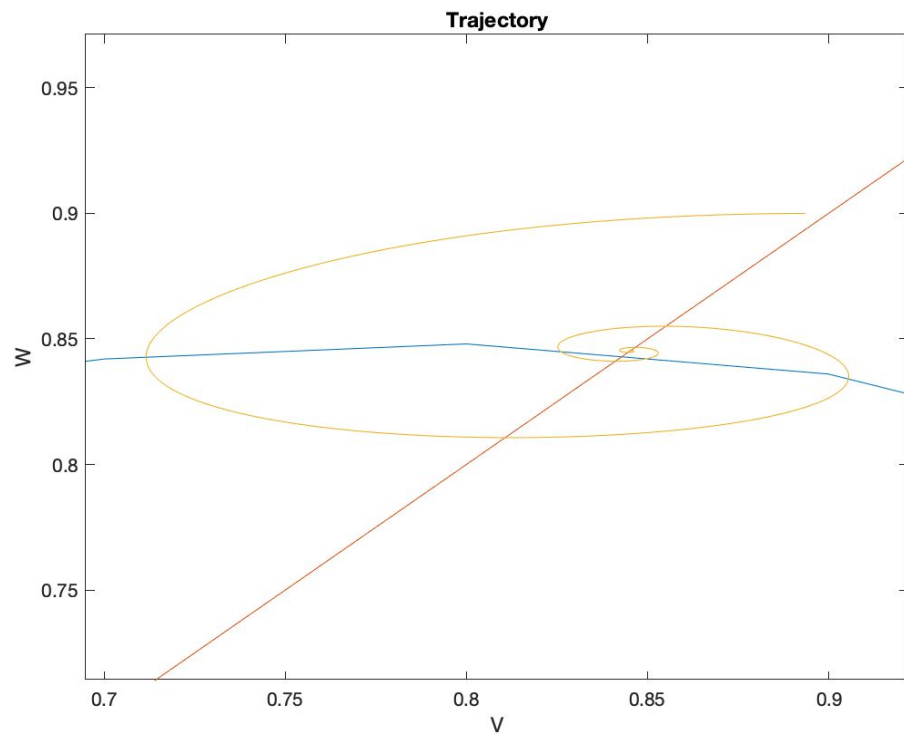
$$I_{\text{ext}} > I_2$$

$$I_{\text{ext}} = 0.8 \text{ A}$$

a) Phase Plot

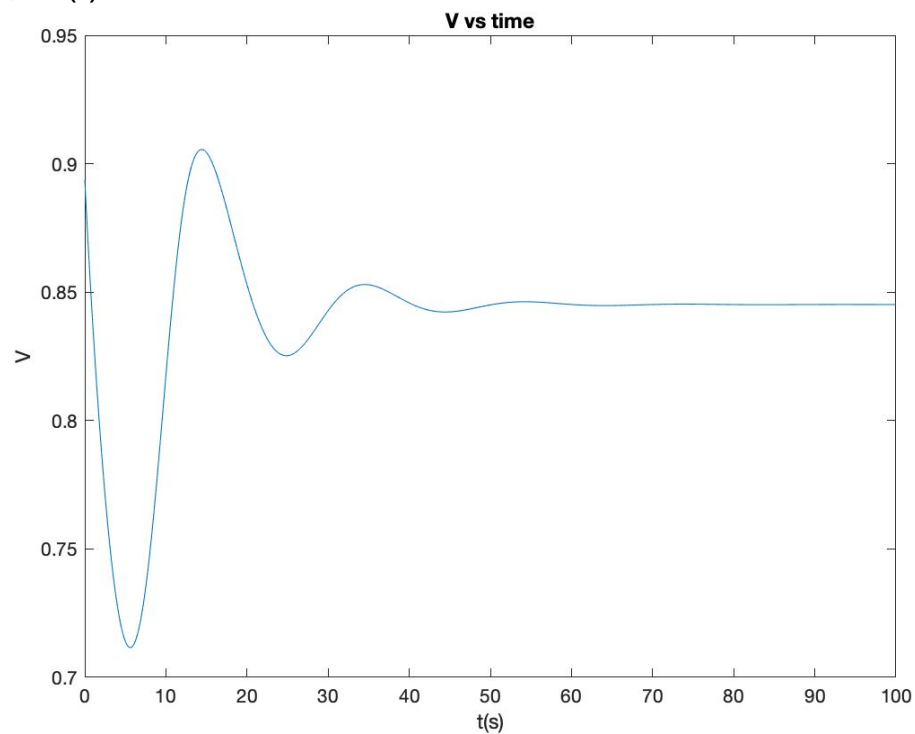


b) The steady state is at (0.845,0.845)  
We start from a point (0.9,0.9)

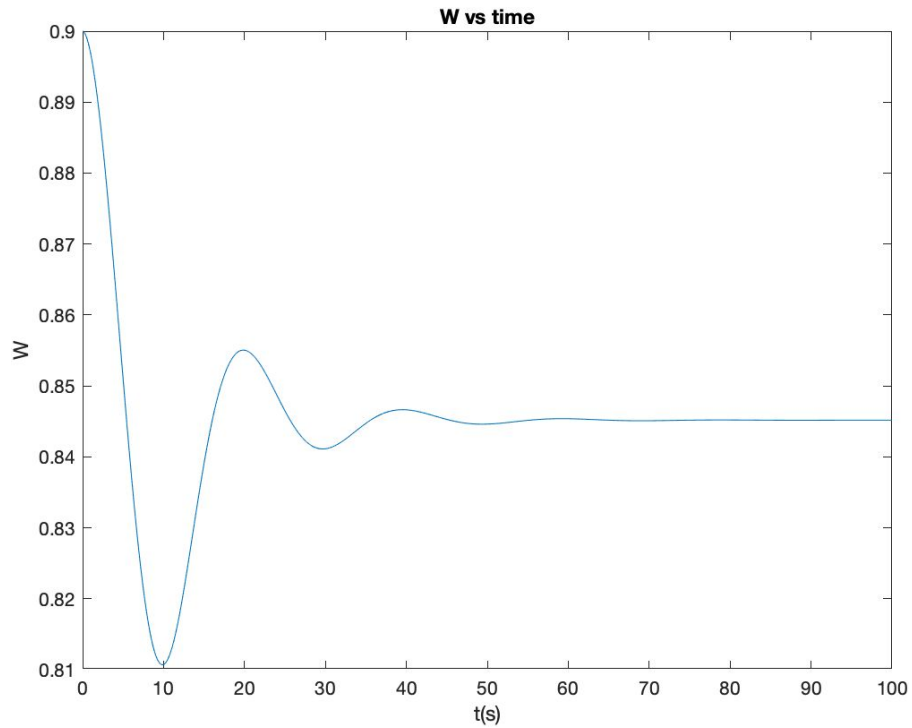


The trajectory spins back, hence it is a stable fixed point

c)  $V(t)$  vs  $t$ ,  $W(t)$  vs  $t$







Both the trajectories spiral back to the fixed point

#### Case 4

The minima of the v null cline lies below w null cline, and maxima lies above it.

The slope  $b/r$  needs to be smaller than slope connecting the minima and maxima.

$$b/r < 0.1667$$

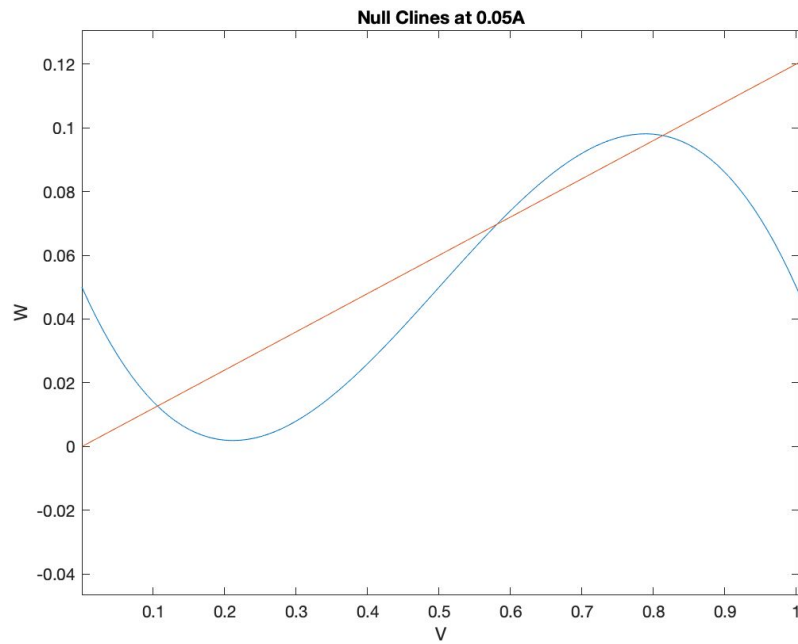
Let's consider  $b/r$  value of 0.12

$$b = 0.012$$

$$r = 0.01$$

$$l = 0.05$$

a) Phase plot for  $I = 0.05$  A



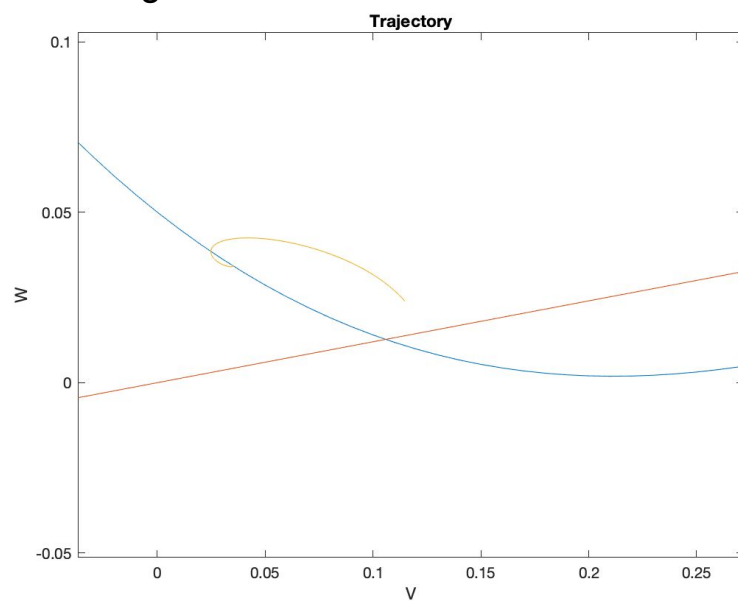
b)

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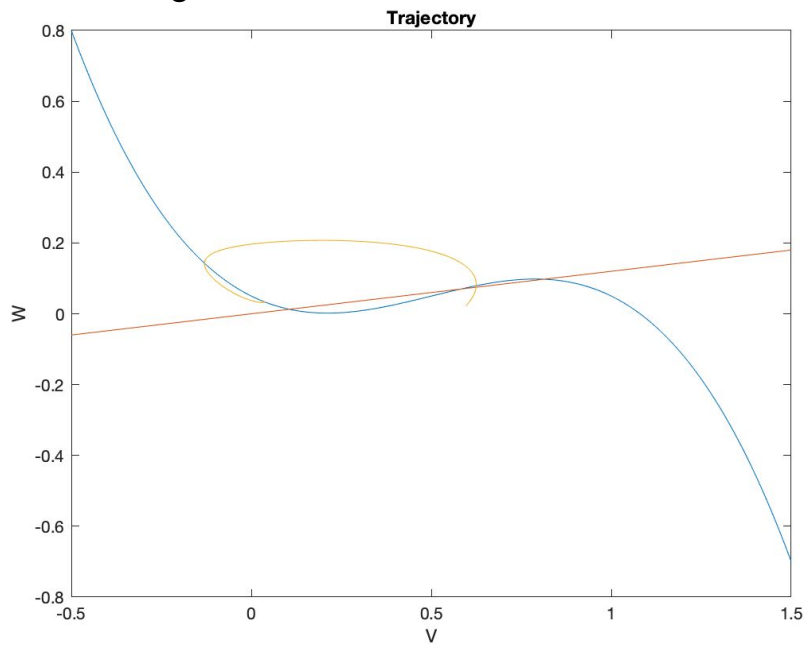
$P2=(0.581, 0.070)$

$P3=(0.813, 0.097)$

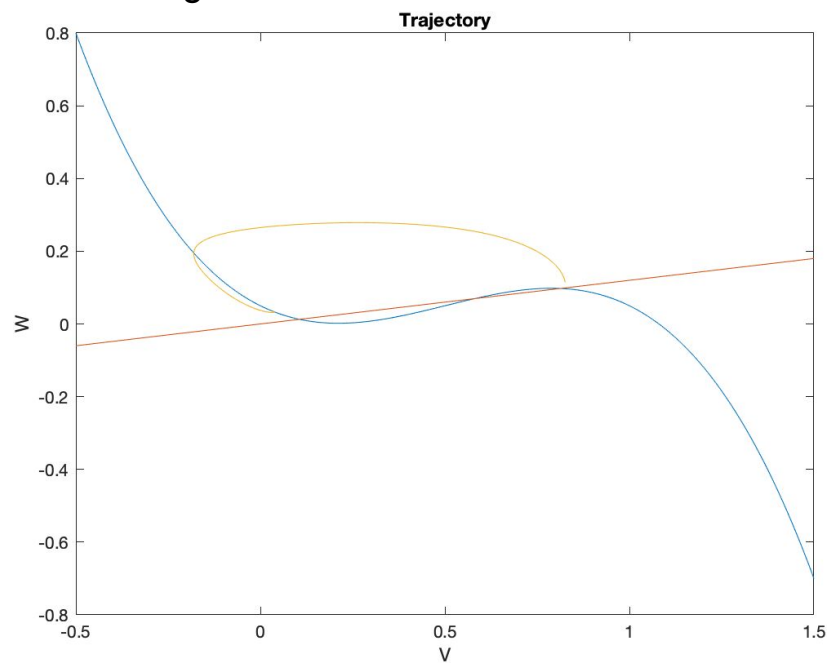
P1 - Stable as it converges



P2 - Stable as it converges

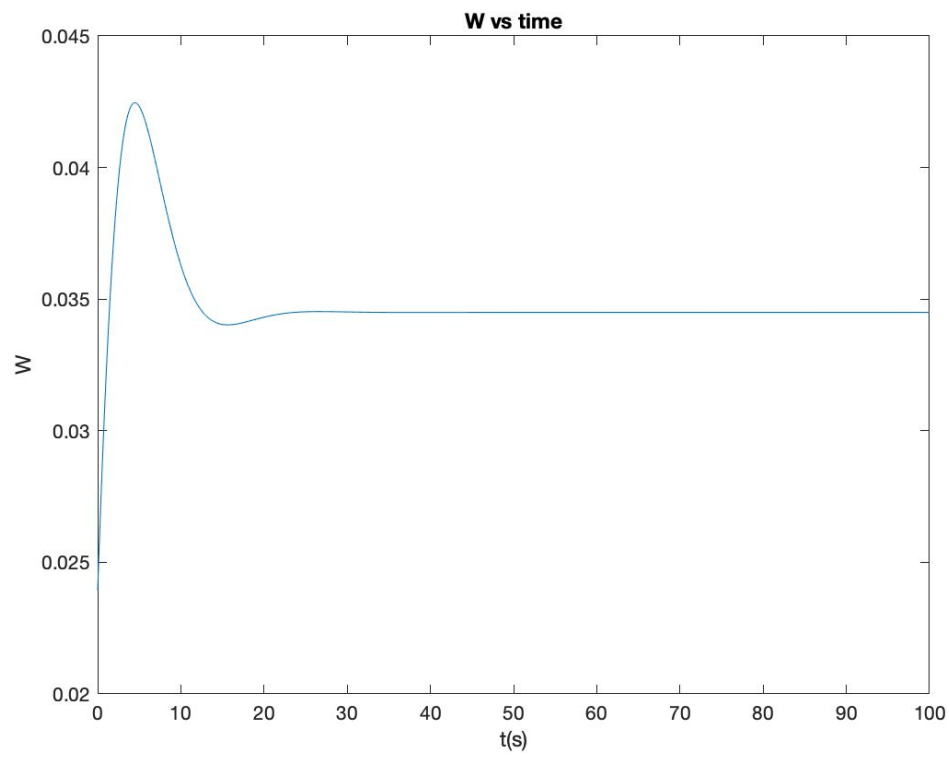
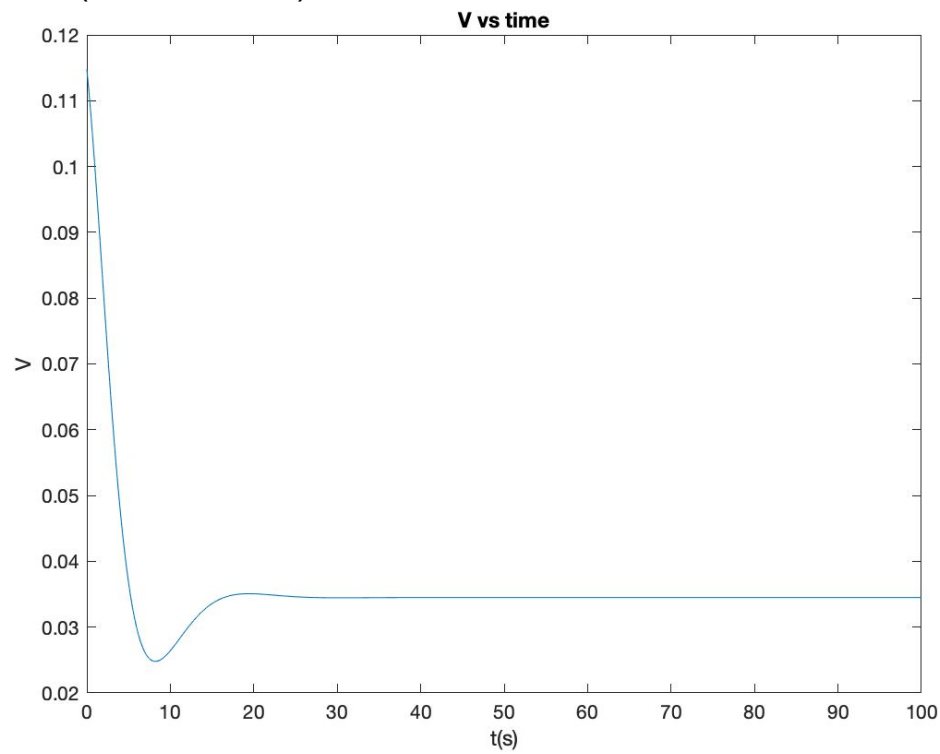


P3 - Stable as it converges

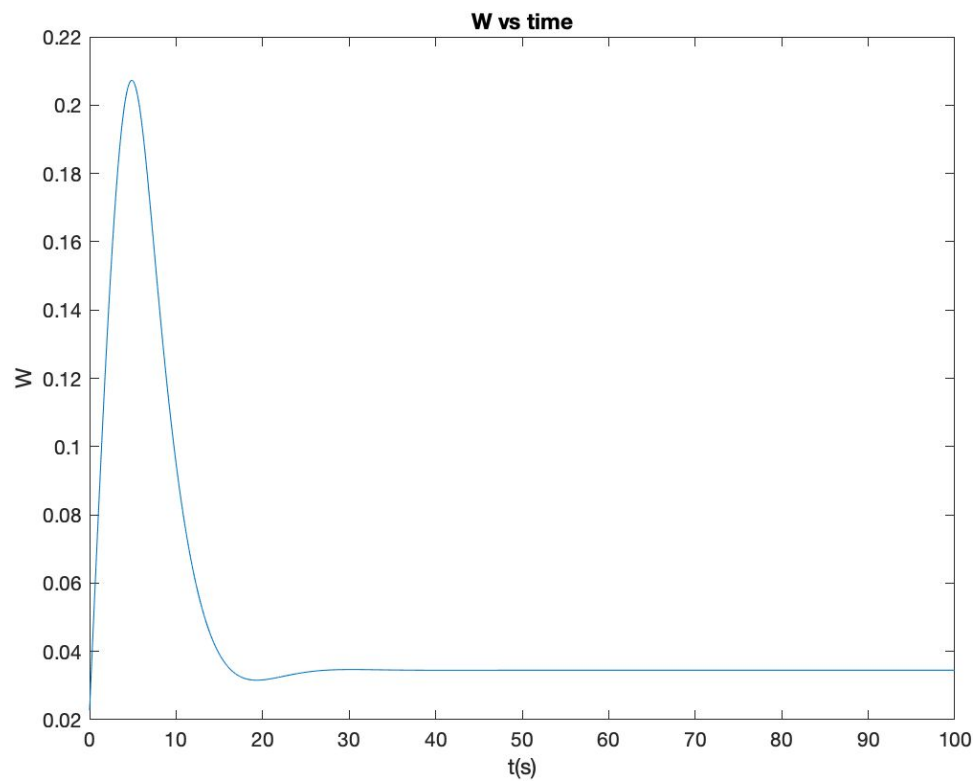
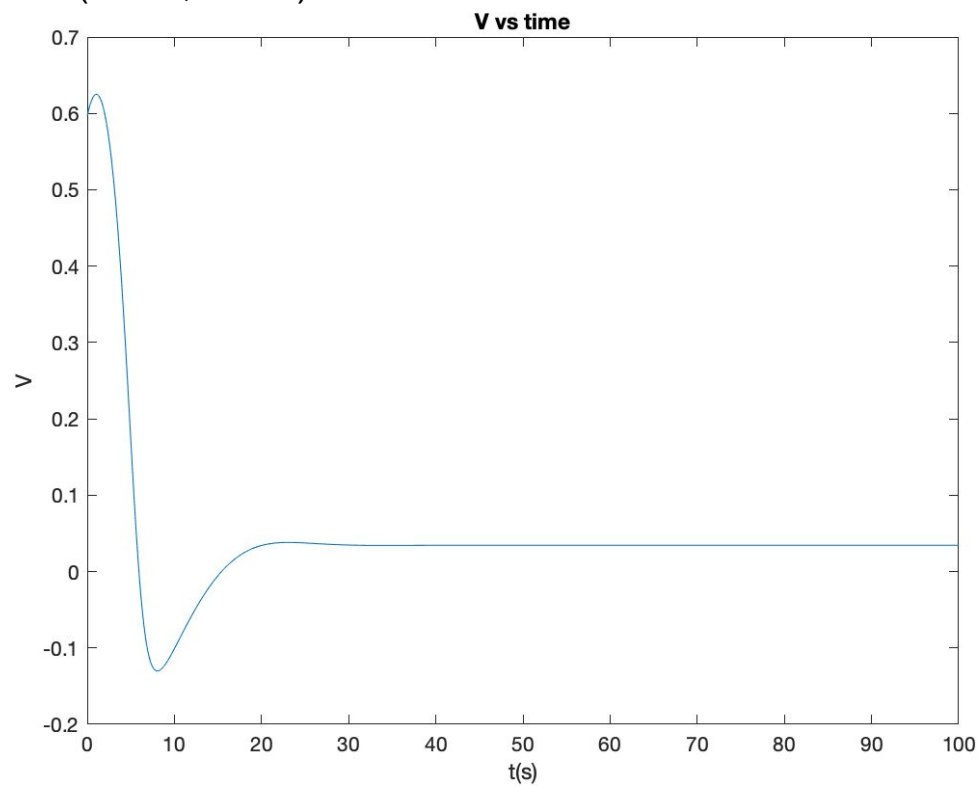


c)  $V(t)$  vs  $t$ ,  $W(t)$  vs  $t$

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