

Assignment 1

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Problem 1

We have $\frac{dx}{dt} = -3t^2 x$, $x(0) = 1$

We separate the variables: $\frac{1}{x} dx = -3t^2 dt$

We have $\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln(|x|) + C_1$ and $\int -3t^2 dt = -t^3 + C_2$

So $\ln(|x|) + C = -t^3$

From initial conditions x is positive and $C = -\ln(1) = 0$

So $x(t) = e^{-t^3}$

Problem 2 ¶

a.

$$C_m = c_m \cdot A = 0.25 \text{ nF}$$

b.

$$R_m = \frac{r_m}{A} = 40 \text{ M}\Omega$$

c.

$$\tau_m = r_m \cdot c_m = 10^6 \Omega \cdot \text{mm}^2 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ F/mm}^2 = 0.01 \text{ s}$$

d.

We know that $\tau_m \frac{dV}{dt} = E - V + R_m I_e$

At equilibrium (t_{inf}) $\frac{dV}{dt} = 0$

$$\text{so } I_e = \frac{V-E}{R_m} = \frac{5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ V}}{40 \cdot 10^6 \Omega} = 0.125 \text{ nA}$$

e.

Let $t = 0$ such that $Vt = V0 = E$

Let Δt be the time difference such that $V(t + \Delta t) = V(\Delta t) = -67 \text{ mA}$

$$V(\Delta t) = E + R_m I_e + (V(0) - E - R_m T_e) \cdot e^{\frac{\Delta t}{\tau}}$$

$$V(\Delta t) = R_m I_e (1 - e^{\frac{\Delta t}{\tau}})$$

$$\Delta t = -\tau \ln(1 - \frac{V(\Delta t) - E}{R_m I_e})$$

$$\Delta t = -0.01 \text{ s} \cdot \ln(1 - \frac{3 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot V}{5 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot V}) = 9.16 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ s}$$

Problem 3

Integrate-and-Fire Model

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In [0]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

class Neuron:
    def __init__(self, V_rest=-65, V_reset=-65, V_th=-50, tau_m=10, R_m=10):
        """
        Input is given in mV, mV, mV, ms, M Ohm respectively
        Converted and stored in V, V, V, s, Ohm
        """
        self.V_rest = V_rest/1000.0 # V
        self.V_reset = V_reset/1000.0 # V
        self.V_th = V_th/1000.0 # V
        self.tau_m = tau_m/1000.0 # s
        self.R_m = R_m*(10.0**6) # Ohm
        self.delta_t = 0.2*self.tau_m # we want (delta_t / tau_m) < 1

    def integrate_and_fire(self, V_zero, I_e, duration):
        duration /= 1000.0 # convert from ms to s
        I_e *= 10.0**(-9) # convert I_e from nano Ampere to Ampere
        V_zero /= 1000.0 # convert V_zero from mV to V
        V_inf = self.V_rest + self.R_m*I_e
        delta_t_over_tau = self.delta_t/self.tau_m
        steps = int(duration/self.delta_t)
        potentials = np.zeros(steps)
        potentials[0] = V_zero
        action_potential_count = 0
        dur = 0
        for i in range(1, steps):
            potentials[i] = V_inf + (potentials[i-1] - V_inf)*np.exp(-delta_t_over_tau)
            # print(np.exp(-delta_t_over_tau))
            # print(potentials[i], self.V_th, potentials[i] >= self.V_th)
            if potentials[i] >= self.V_th:
                potentials[i] = self.V_reset
                action_potential_count += 1
                dur = i*self.delta_t
        rate = 0 if dur==0 else action_potential_count/dur
        return [potentials*1000.0, rate] # convert back to mV
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Action Potential Rate Analytic Formula

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In [0]: def rate_formula(I_e, V_rest=-65/1000.0, V_reset=-65/1000.0, V_th=-50/1000.0,
tau_m=10/1000.0, R_m=10*(10.0**6)):
    I_e *= 10.0**(-9)
    V_inf = V_rest + R_m*I_e
    tmp = V_inf-V_th
    return 0 if tmp==0 else 1.0/(tau_m*np.log((V_inf-V_reset)/tmp))
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In [59]: neuron = Neuron()

I_vals = [1.5, 1.51, 1.7, 2.0]

plots = []
rates = []
for I_e in I_vals:
    tmp_plot, tmp_rate = neuron.integrate_and_fire(V_zero=-65, I_e=I_e, duration
=200)
    plots.append(tmp_plot)
    rates.append(tmp_rate)

fig, ((ax1, ax2), (ax3, ax4)) = plt.subplots(2, 2)
fig.suptitle('Potential changing for I_e in {}'.format(I_vals))
index = range(0,200,2)
ax1.plot(index, plots[0])
ax2.plot(index, plots[1], 'tab:orange')
ax3.plot(index, plots[2], 'tab:green')
ax4.plot(index, plots[3], 'tab:red')
fig.show()

for idx, rate in enumerate(rates):
    print('Action potential rate for I_e = {} is r = {} spike / second -- ({} us
ing formula)'.format(I_vals[idx], rate, rate_formula(I_vals[idx])))

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Action potential rate for I_e = 1.5 is r = 0 spike / second -- (0 using formula)

Action potential rate for I_e = 1.51 is r = 19.23076923076923 spike / second -- (19.931118704250444 using formula)

Action potential rate for I_e = 1.7 is r = 45.45454545454545 spike / second -- (46.72752726328235 using formula)

Action potential rate for I_e = 2.0 is r = 71.42857142857143 spike / second -- (72.1347520444482 using formula)

