

Assignment 1 (BT6270)

1. Threshold values for the external applied currents I_1 , I_2 , and I_3 in which shift of dynamical behavior from one to another is seen, such as no AP, a finite number of APs, Continuous firing, and then followed by distortion resulting in no more APs.

Assumptions Made:

- For some constant value of current (I_{ext}), we have plotted the Voltage vs Time graph. And we observe the behavior of the graph as the current changes.
- If the peak value of the Membrane Potential (V_m) is less than 0 then we do not consider it as an Action Potential.
- I = Current, V = Voltage

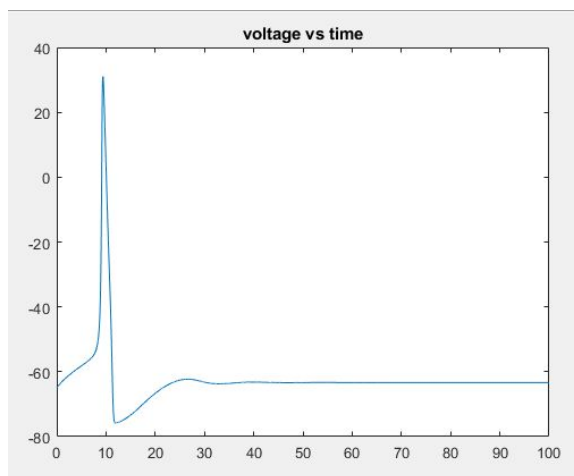
Values Asked for:

- $I_1 = 0.0224$ (Bifurcation)
- $I_2 = 0.06215$
- $I_3 = 0.8$

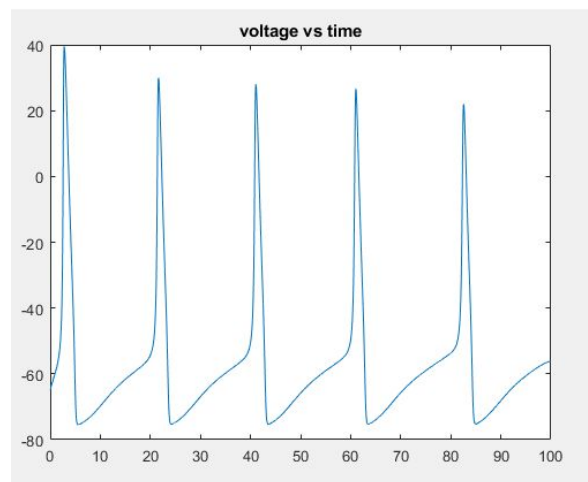
Observations:

- For $I \leq 0.0223$, no action potentials are observed.
- At $I = 0.0224$ (I_1), one Action Potential is observed. This is an example of Bifurcation.
- Between $I = 0.0224$ (I_1) and $I = 0.06215$ (I_2), finite number of Action Potentials are observed.
- Between $I = 0.06215$ (I_2) and $I = 0.8$ (I_3), a continuous number of Action potentials are seen, this is known as the Limit Cycle behavior. As the current increases the firing rate increases by a little amount but the max voltage to which the Action Potential goes starts decreasing.
- After ' I_3 ' no Action potentials are seen because the Peak Voltage is really low so that we can hardly consider it as an Action Potential.

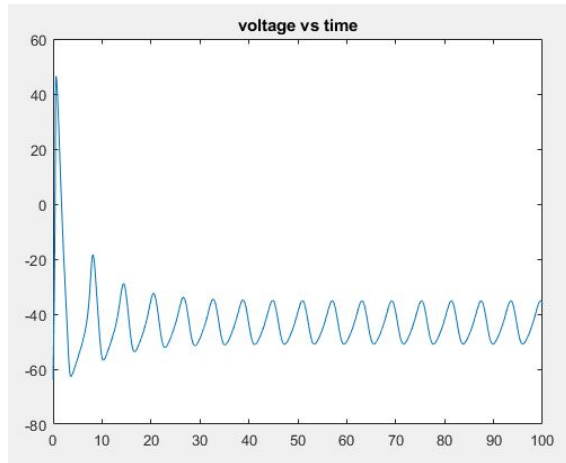
Plots:



1 Action Potential



Multiple Action Potentials



No Action Potentials

2. A graph that depicts the firing rate (frequency) as you change the applied external current (i.e. I_{ext} vs. Firing rate (f), as explained by sir in the class). You can make this plot either in Matlab or Python.

Assumptions Made:

- For different values of current (I_{ext}), we have plotted the “No. of spikes per second (f) vs I_{ext} ” graph. And we observe the behavior of the graph as we change I_{ext} .
- If the peak value of the Membrane Potential (V_m) is less than 0 then we do not consider it as an Action Potential.
- I_{ext} = Applied external Current

Values Asked for:

- NA

Observations:

- For $I_{ext} \leq 0.0223$, no Action Potentials were seen after plotting the “ f vs I_{ext} ” graph.
- When $I_{ext} = 0.0224$, the first Action Potential is seen. Below this threshold, no action potential is observed. This sudden change in the behavior by changing the threshold is known as Bifurcation.
- Between $I_{ext} = 0.0224$ and $I_{ext} = 0.06215$ region, a finite number of Action Potentials are seen as the I_{ext} increases.
- Between $I_{ext} = 0.06215$ and $I_{ext} = 0.8$, a continuous firing of Action Potentials were seen which can be termed as the Limit Cycle behavior. As the current increases the firing rate increases by a little amount but the max voltage to which the Action Potential goes starts decreasing.
- After $I_{ext} = 0.8$, the firing rate (the number of Action Potential spikes) decreases significantly, which can be seen as distortion followed by no Action Potential.

Plots:

