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#!/usr/bin/env python
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# <h1><center>Problem 1</center></h1>
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# In[1]:
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from IPython.display import HTML
HTML('''<script>
code_show=true;
function code_toggle() {
    if (code_show){
        $('div.input').hide();
    } else {
        $('div.input').show();
    }
    code_show = !code_show
}
$( document ).ready(code_toggle);
</script>
<a href="javascript:code_toggle()">
<button>Toggle Code</button></a>''')
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# In[2]:
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get_ipython().run_line_magic('matplotlib', 'inline')
# Import libraries
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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# #### Methods
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# a.) We implement the Hodgkin-Huxley model using the parameters and equations described in
the problem. An injective current of 20  $\mu A$  applied for 1  $ms$  to simulate the Hodgkin-
Huxley model. We simulate the model for 10  $ms$ . In the second part, we fit replace the
exponential fit between  $\alpha_n$  and  $V$  with a quadratic fit. The model was then run
again with the same parameters.
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# b.) We implement the reduced version of the Hodgkin-Huxley model.  $m$  is replaced with it's
steady-state value,  $m_{\infty}$ , while  $h$  is replaced with the linear fit of  $n$ ,  $(0.89 - 1.1n)$ . We also run the the reduced model with the quadratic fit between  $\alpha_n$  and  $V$ .
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# In[3]:
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Define the Hodgkin-Huxley class
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class Hodgkin_Huxley:
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A class representing the Hodgkin-Huxley model
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def __init__(self, C=1, lrV=-61, KrV=-77, NarV=55, gL=0.3, gK=36, gNa=120,
              V=-65, I=20, tI=1000):
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Define constants and initial conditions. Defaults are the following:
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C = 1 microF/cm2
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Leak reversal potential (LrV) = -61 mV
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        K reversal potential (KrV) = -77 mV
        Na reversal potential (NarV) = 55 mv
        Leakage conductance (gL) = 0.3 mS/cm^2
        K conductance (gK) = 36 mS/cm^2
        N conductance (gNa) = 120 mS/cm^2
        Initial membrane potential (V) = -65 mV
        Injective Current (I) = 20 uA
        Duration Injective Current (tI) = 1000 us
    """

    # assign constants to object parameters
    self.C = C
    self.lrv = lrv
    self.KrV = KrV
    self.NarV = NarV
    self.gL = gL
    self.gK = gK
    self.gNa = gNa

    # set initial values
    self.V = V
    alpha_n, beta_n, alpha_m, beta_m, alpha_h, beta_h = self.rate_constants(-65-self.V)
    self.n = alpha_n/(alpha_n+beta_n)
    self.m = alpha_m/(alpha_m+beta_m)
    self.h = alpha_h/(alpha_h+beta_h)

    # set initial injective current
    self.I = I
    self.tI = tI

    # create counter for steps
    self.counter = 0

    # create lists for storing values
    self.n_vals = []
    self.m_vals = []
    self.h_vals = []
    self.Na_conduct = []
    self.K_conduct = []
    self.Cap_I = []
    self.leak_I = []
    self.Na_I = []
    self.K_I = []
    self.V_vals = []

    @staticmethod
    def rate_constants(V):
        """
        Calculates all rate constants for given membrane potential

        input: membrane potential (V)
        output: (alpha_n, beta_n, alpha_m, beta_m, alpha_h, beta_h)
        """
        # calculate alpha_n
        alpha_n = 0.01*(V+10)/(np.exp((V+10)/10)-1)
        # calculate beta_n
        beta_n = 0.125*np.exp(V/80)
        # calculate alpha_m
        alpha_m = 0.1*(V+25)/(np.exp((V+25)/10)-1)
        # calculate beta_m
        beta_m = 4*np.exp(V/18)
        # calculate alpha_h
        alpha_h = 0.07*np.exp(V/20)

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# calculate beta_h
beta_h = 1/(np.exp((V+30)/10)+1)

# return rate constants
return (alpha_n, beta_n, alpha_m, beta_m, alpha_h, beta_h)

def derivative(self, alpha, beta, c):
    """
        Calculates derivative term

    inputs:
        rate constant 1 (alpha)
        rate constant 2 (beta)
        activation/inactivation value (c)
    outputs:
        derivative of c
    """

    # return derivative of c
    return alpha*(1-c) - beta*c

def current(self, coefficient, V1, V2):
    """
        Calculates current term

    inputs:
        coefficient (set to whatever is multiplied by potential difference)
        V1 (1st potential)
        V2 (2nd potential)
    outputs:
        current (I)
    """

    # return the current
    return coefficient*(V1-V2)

def step(self, time_step=0.001):
    """
        Does one step of Hodgkin-Huxley model

    input: time_step (length of time for one iteration of model)
    """
    # turn off injective current if greater than step
    if self.counter > self.tI:
        self.I = 0
    self.counter += 1 # increment counter

    # calculate currents
    leak_I = self.current(self.gL, self.V, self.lrv)
    K_I = self.current(self.gK*(self.n**4), self.V, self.KrV)
    Na_I = self.current(self.gNa*(self.m**3)*self.h, self.V, self.NarV)

    # Calculate new voltage
    pastV = self.V # record current voltage
    self.V = self.V + time_step*(1/self.C)*(self.I - (leak_I + K_I + Na_I))

    # calculate rate constants using current membrane potential
    alpha_n, beta_n, alpha_m, beta_m, alpha_h, beta_h = self.rate_constants(-65-self.V)

    # Use Eulers method to get new activation values
    self.n = self.derivative(alpha_n, beta_n, self.n)*time_step + self.n
    self.m = self.derivative(alpha_m, beta_m, self.m)*time_step + self.m
    self.h = self.derivative(alpha_h, beta_h, self.h)*time_step + self.h

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# add values to lists
self.n_vals.append(self.n)
self.m_vals.append(self.m)
self.h_vals.append(self.h)
self.Na_conduct.append(self.gNa*(self.m**3)*self.h)
self.K_conduct.append(self.gK*(self.n**4))
self.Cap_I.append(self.C*(self.V-pastV)/time_step)
self.leak_I.append(leak_I)
self.Na_I.append(Na_I)
self.K_I.append(K_I)
self.V_vals.append(self.V)

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<h4><center>(i) Hodgkin-Huxley Model</center></h4>

In[4]:

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# Create function to run model
def run_model(hhmodel, iterations=10000, hide_h=False):
    # Run for 10,000 steps
    for i in range(iterations):
        hhmodel.step()

    # Create Figure
    plt.figure(figsize=(20,10))

    # Create time array
    time = np.linspace(0,10-0.001,iterations)

    # Plot Voltage
    plt.subplot(221)
    plt.plot(time, hhmodel.V_vals)
    plt.title('Action Potential')
    plt.xlabel('Time (ms)')
    plt.ylabel('Membrane Potential (mV)')

    # Plot n,m, and h
    plt.subplot(222)
    plt.plot(time, hhmodel.n_vals, label='n')
    plt.plot(time, hhmodel.m_vals, label='m')
    if not hide_h:
        plt.plot(time, hhmodel.h_vals, label='h')
    plt.legend()
    plt.title('Hodgkin-Huxley Parameters')
    plt.xlabel('Time (ms)')
    plt.ylabel('HH Variables')

    # Plot Currents
    plt.subplot(223)
    plt.plot(time, hhmodel.Cap_I, label=r'$I_{C}$')
    plt.plot(time, hhmodel.leak_I, label=r'$I_{leak}$')
    plt.plot(time, hhmodel.K_I, label=r'$I_{K}$')
    plt.plot(time, hhmodel.Na_I, label=r'$I_{Na}$')
    plt.legend()
    plt.title('Membrane Currents')
    plt.xlabel('Time (ms)')
    plt.ylabel(r'$Current\ (\mu A/cm^{2})$')

    # Plot Conductances
    plt.subplot(224)
    plt.plot(time, hhmodel.Na_conduct, label=r'$G_{Na}$')

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plt.plot(time, hhmodel.K_conduct, label=r'$G_{K}$')
plt.legend()
plt.title('Ion Conductances')
plt.xlabel('Time (ms)')
plt.ylabel(r'$Conductance\ (mS/cm^{2})$')

# Show figures
plt.show()
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# Create Hodgkin Huxley model with default parameters
hhmodel = Hodgkin_Huxley()
run_model(hhmodel)
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# <h4><center>(ii) Fit Quadratic</center></h4>
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# In[5]:
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"""
    Fit quadratic to alpha_n and V
"""

# define alpha_n
def alpha_n(V): return 0.01*(V+10)/(np.exp((V+10)/10)-1)

# plot alpha_n at a range of V's
V_range = np.linspace(-110,10,100)
alpha_n_range = alpha_n(V_range)

# fit quadratic
p_coeff = np.polyfit(V_range,alpha_n_range,2)
alpha_n_qfit = p_coeff[0]*V_range**2 + p_coeff[1]*V_range + p_coeff[2]

# plot fit
plt.figure(figsize=(16,8))
plt.plot(V_range, alpha_n_range, label='Exponential')
plt.plot(V_range, alpha_n_qfit, label='Quadratic')
plt.legend()
plt.title(r'$\alpha_{n}\ \text{fit}$')
plt.ylabel(r'$\alpha_{n}$')
plt.xlabel('Displacement Voltage (mV)')
plt.show()
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# <h4><center>(iii) Hodgkin-Huxley Model with Quadratic Fit</center></h4>
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# In[6]:
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"""
    Re-run Hodgkin-Huxley model with quadratic alpha_n fit
"""

@staticmethod
def mod_rate_constants(V):
    """
        Calculates all rate constants for given membrane potential
        NOTE: This is updated with the quadratic fit for alpha_n

        input: membrane potential (V)
        output: (alpha_n, beta_n, alpha_m, beta_m, alpha_h, beta_h)
    """
    # calculate alpha_n
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alpha_n = p_coeff[0]*V**2 + p_coeff[1]*V + p_coeff[2]
# calculate beta_n
beta_n = 0.125*np.exp(V/80)
# calculate alpha_m
alpha_m = 0.1*(V+25)/(np.exp((V+25)/10)-1)
# calculate beta_m
beta_m = 4*np.exp(V/18)
# calculate alpha_h
alpha_h = 0.07*np.exp(V/20)
# calculate beta_h
beta_h = 1/(np.exp((V+30)/10)+1)

# return rate constants
return (alpha_n, beta_n, alpha_m, beta_m, alpha_h, beta_h)

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# Create a modified Hodgkin Huxley class
Mod_Hodgkin_Huxley = Hodgkin_Huxley

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# Replace the rate_constants method with the modified one
Mod_Hodgkin_Huxley.rate_constants = mod_rate_constants

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# Create a modified Hodgkin Huxley model
hhmodel_mod = Mod_Hodgkin_Huxley()

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# Run model
run_model(hhmodel_mod)

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<h4><center>(iv) Reduced Hodgkin-Huxley Model</center></h4>

In[7]:

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"""
    Implement Reduced HH model
"""
def mod_step(self, time_step=0.001):
    """
        Does one step of Hodgkin-Huxley model
        NOTE: modified step method to implement Instantaneous I_Na

        input: time_step (length of time for one iteration of model)
    """
    # turn off injective current if greater than step
    if self.counter > self.tI:
        self.I = 0
    self.counter += 1 # increment counter

    # calculate currents
    leak_I = self.current(self.gL, self.V, self.lrv)
    K_I = self.current(self.gK*(self.n**4), self.V, self.KrV)
    Na_I = self.current(self.gNa*(self.m**3)*(0.89-1.1*self.n), self.V, self.NarV)

    # Calculate new voltage
    pastV = self.V # record current voltage
    self.V = self.V + time_step*(1/self.C)*(self.I - (leak_I + K_I + Na_I))

    # calculate rate constants using current membrane potential
    alpha_n, beta_n, alpha_m, beta_m, _, _ = self.rate_constants(-65-self.V)

    # Use Eulers method to get new activation values (m and h are constant here)
    self.n = self.derivative(alpha_n, beta_n, self.n)*time_step + self.n
    self.m = alpha_m/(alpha_m+beta_m)

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# add values to lists
self.n_vals.append(self.n)
self.m_vals.append(self.m)
self.h_vals.append(self.h)
self.Na_conduct.append(self.gNa*(self.m**3)*(0.89-1.1*self.n))
self.K_conduct.append(self.gK*(self.n**4))
self.Cap_I.append(self.C*(self.V-pastV)/time_step)
self.leak_I.append(leak_I)
self.Na_I.append(Na_I)
self.K_I.append(K_I)
self.V_vals.append(self.V)

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# Create a modified Hodgkin Huxley class
Mod_Hodgkin_Huxley_2 = Hodgkin_Huxley

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# Replace the step method with the modified one
Mod_Hodgkin_Huxley_2.step = mod_step

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# Create a modified Hodgkin Huxley model
hhmodel_mod2 = Mod_Hodgkin_Huxley_2()

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# Run model
run_model(hhmodel_mod2, hide_h=True)

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<h4><center>(v) Reduced Hodgkin-Huxley Model with Quadratic Fit</center></h4>

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# In[8]:

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"""
    Re-run Reduced Hodgkin-Huxley model with quadratic alpha_n fit
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# Create a modified Hodgkin Huxley class
Mod_Hodgkin_Huxley_3 = Mod_Hodgkin_Huxley_2

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# Replace the rate_constants method with the modified one
Mod_Hodgkin_Huxley_3.rate_constants = mod_rate_constants

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# Create a modified Hodgkin Huxley model
hhmodel_mod3 = Mod_Hodgkin_Huxley_3()

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# Run model
run_model(hhmodel_mod3, hide_h=True)

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# ##### Discussion

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a.) (i) depicts the simulation of this neuron model over 10 ms. In the top-left plot, we model the membrane potential of the neuron model over time. In the top-right, the model parameters (n, m, h) were plotted over time. In the bottom-left plot, a decomposition of the currents of the neuron (representing the capacitive, leaks, sodium, and potassium currents) over time. In the bottom-right plot, we plot the sodium and potassium conductances of the neuron over time. We note that the action potential of the Hodgkin-Huxley model closely follows the action potential of the a real, biological neuron (i.e. depolarization, repolarization, etc.). The model reflects that parameter n is proportional to the potassium conductance of the membrane. We can easily see this in the plot by the fact that the 2 track each other fairly closely. A similar argument can be made for parameters m, and h and the sodium conductance. Finally the membrane currents can be seen to be mostly symmetrical in the plot (they sum to 0, since the injective current is fairly small, and only lasts 1 ms). The injective current causes a perturbation in the resting state of the neuron, and the model

further simulates the similar step of the action potential.

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In (ii) and (iii), we replace the exponential relation between α_n and V with a quadratic fit. (ii) compares the exponential to the quadratic fit, while (iii) shows the plots same variables as (i) for the new quadratic fit. We do not note any significant differences between (i) and (iii), indicating that the fit is only an empirical observation. Any curve fit to the data would be sufficient for the Hodgkin Huxley model.

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b.) (iv) plots the same plots as (i) for the reduced model. We see that replacing m in the model with its steady-state value causes the sodium conductance to respond instantaneously. We note that compared to the original Hodgkin-Huxley model, the action potential of the reduced model is narrower and slightly taller.

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(v) shows the reduced Hodgkin-Huxley model, but with the quadratic fit. Like in the original model, we see no significant differences in the quadratic fit over the exponential fit.