

w5_diffeq

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1 Differential Equations PSet 545

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[ ]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
%matplotlib inline
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1.1 Setup

First order ODE defined by: $\frac{dx}{dt} = y - \alpha \cdot x$

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[ ]: x_init = 0;                                # initial value of x
alpha = 20;                                     # rate constant for decay of x (in 1/
    ↪ sec)
TimeStep = 0.001;                             # time step for difference equation (in sec)
PrePts = 200;                                  # points before step in y
StmPts = 400;                                  # number of time points that y is active
NumPts = 1000;                                 # total points to simulate
time = (np.arange(NumPts)-PrePts)*TimeStep # vector of times, with zero at step
    ↪ onset
yInf = 20;                                     # amplitude of step input

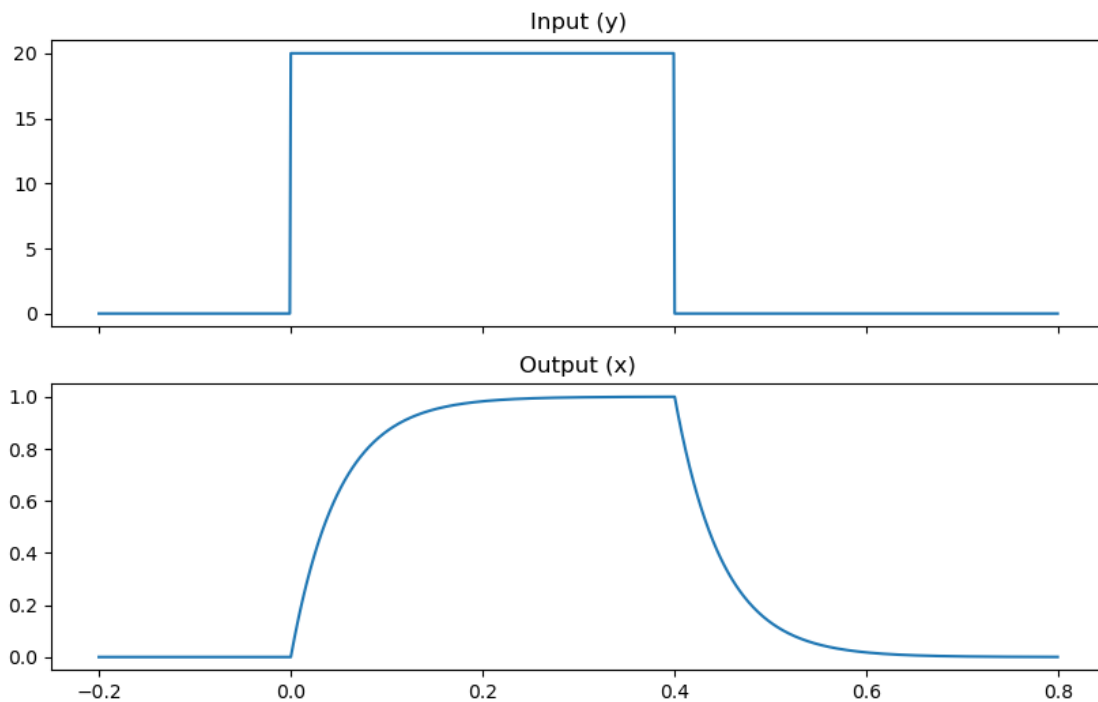
x = np.zeros(NumPts)                           # initialize x
x[0] = x_init

# initialize y; in this case y is a simple step
y = np.zeros(NumPts)
y[PrePts:PrePts + StmPts] = yInf

[ ]: # Simulate x
for t in range(1, NumPts):
    x[t] = x[t-1] + TimeStep*(y[t-1] - alpha*x[t-1])
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[ ]: f, axs = plt.subplots(2, 1, sharex=True, figsize=(10, 6))
ax = axs[0]
ax.plot(time, y)
ax.set_title('Input (y)')

ax = axs[1]
ax.plot(time, x)
ax.set_title('Output (x)');
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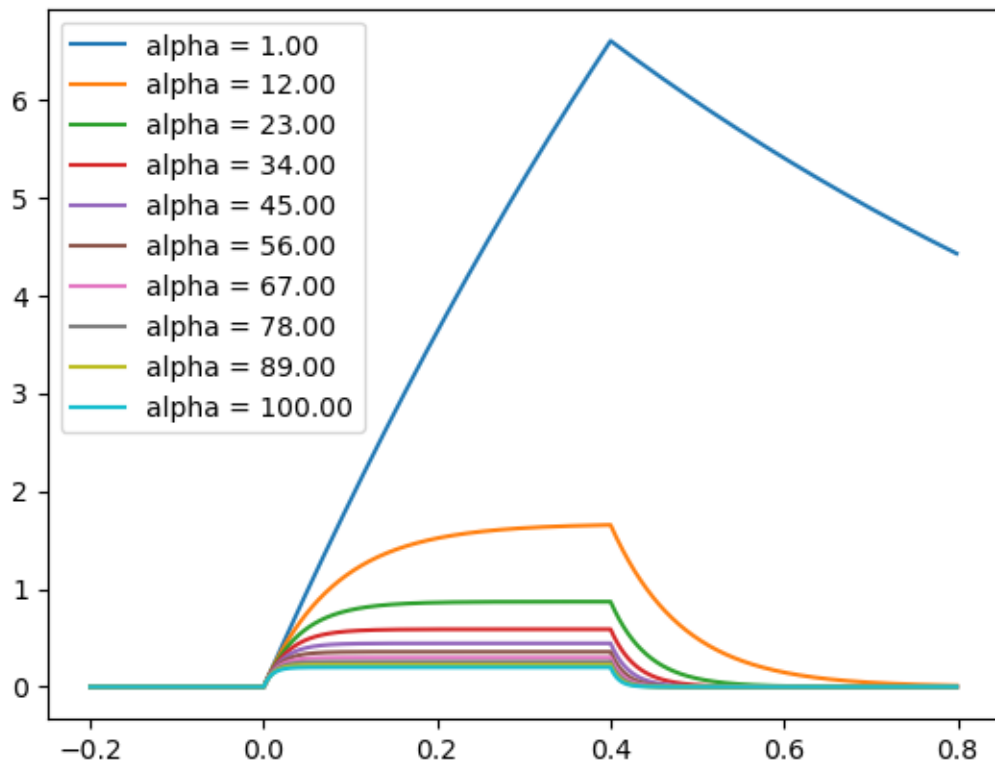
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[ ]: # Function to simulate x
def simulate_x(y, x_init, alpha, TimeStep):
    x = np.zeros(len(y))          # initialize x
    x[0] = x_init
    for t in range(1, len(y)):
        x[t] = x[t-1] + TimeStep*(y[t-1] - alpha*x[t-1])
    return x
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1.1.1 Q1.1: Effect of rate constant alpha

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[ ]: # Simulate for range of alpha values
alpha_vals = np.linspace(1, 100, 10)

for alpha in alpha_vals:
    x = simulate_x(y, x_init, alpha, TimeStep)
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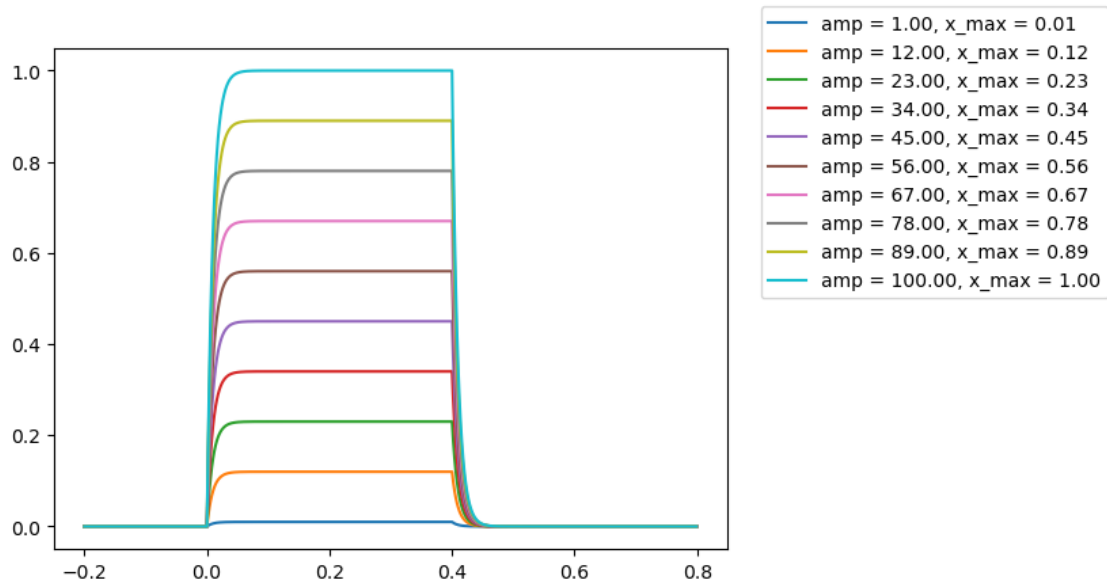
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plt.plot(time, x, label=f'alpha = {alpha:.2f}')
plt.legend();
```



The lower the rate constant, the slower the rising phase and decay of the output, and the greater the peak amplitude.

1.1.2 Q1.2 Amplitudes: what is the steady state value of x ?

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[ ]: # Series of amplitudes
yInf_vals = np.linspace(1, 100, 10)
for yInf in yInf_vals:
    y[PrePts:PrePts + StmPts] = yInf
    x = simulate_x(y, x_init, alpha, TimeStep)
    plt.plot(time, x, label=f'amp = {yInf:.2f}, x_max = {x.max():.2f}')
plt.legend(loc=(1.05, 0.5));
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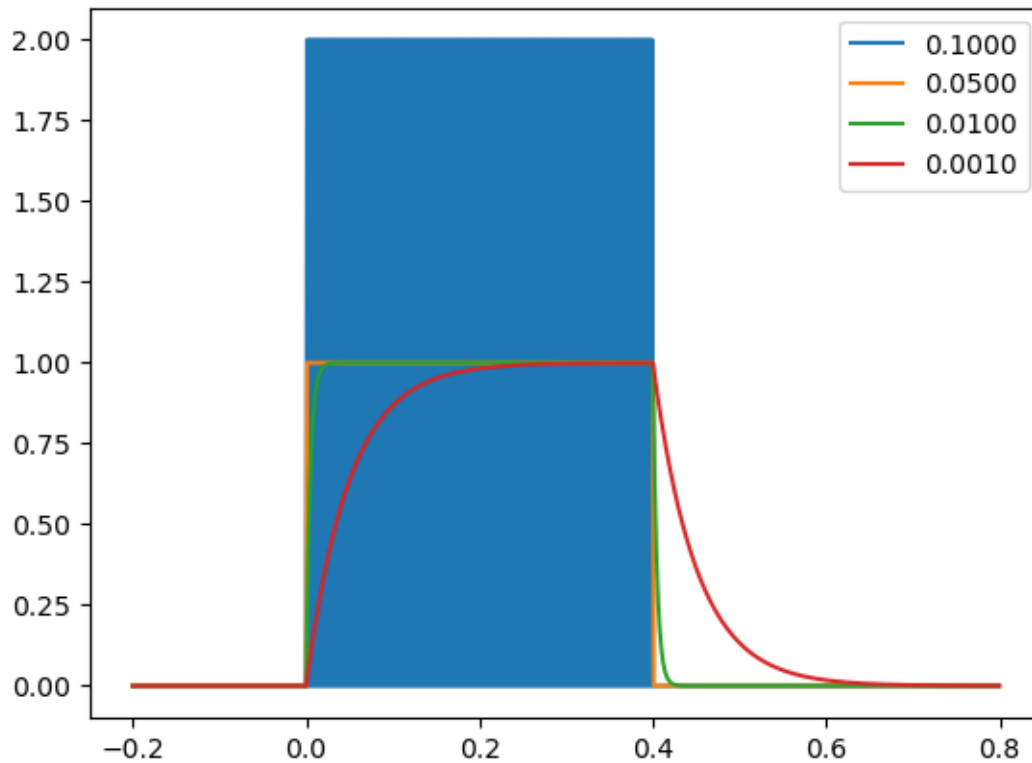
The steady state value is 1/100th of the amplitude.

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[ ]: # Analytical solution
# RIP I was not able to get this to work

# def x_analytical(y, x_init, alpha, time):
#     y_max = y.max()
#     # stim_time = time[y==y_max][-1]
#     # stim_time = np.argwhere(y==y_max)[-1][0]*TimeStep
#     # c = x_init * alpha + y_max - y_max*np.exp(alpha*stim_time)
#     # return (y_max*(np.exp(alpha*stim_time)-1) + c) / (alpha*np.
#     ↪exp(alpha*time))
#     filter = np.exp(-alpha*time)
#     return np.convolve(filter, y, mode='same')
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```
[ ]: x_init = 0; # initial value of x
alpha = 20; # rate constant for decay of x (in 1/
↪sec)
TimeStep = 0.001; # time step for difference equation (in sec)
yInf = 20; # amplitude of step input
y[PrePts:PrePts + StmPts] = yInf
```

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[ ]: for TimeStep in [0.1, 0.05, 0.01, 0.001]:
    plt.plot(time, simulate_x(y, x_init, alpha, TimeStep), label=f'{TimeStep:.
    ↪4f}')
plt.legend();
```



TimeStep of 0.1 or more is numerically unstable

1.2 Q2: x now has spontaneous rate of activation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = y + x_{inf} - \alpha \cdot x$$

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[ ]: xInf = 1
     x_init = xInf/alpha # New initial condition
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[ ]: def simulate_x2(y, x_init, alpha, xInf, TimeStep):
     x = np.zeros(len(y)) # initialize x
     x[0] = x_init
     for t in range(1, len(y)):
         x[t] = x[t-1] + TimeStep*(y[t-1] - alpha*x[t-1] + xInf)
     return x
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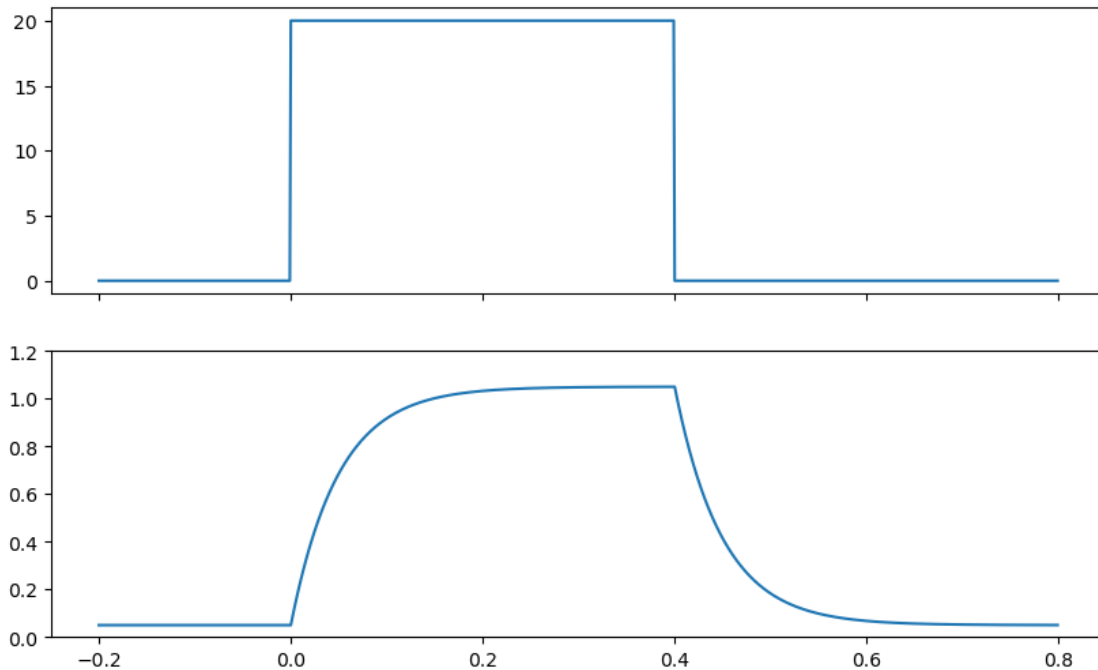
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[ ]: x2 = simulate_x2(y, x_init, alpha, xInf, TimeStep)
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[ ]: f, axs = plt.subplots(2, 1, sharex=True, figsize=(10, 6))
     ax = axs[0]
     ax.plot(time, y)

     ax = axs[1]
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ax.plot(time, x2);
ax.set_ylim(0, 1.2)
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[ ]: (0.0, 1.2)
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1.2.1 2.1, 2.2 How does the solution differ?

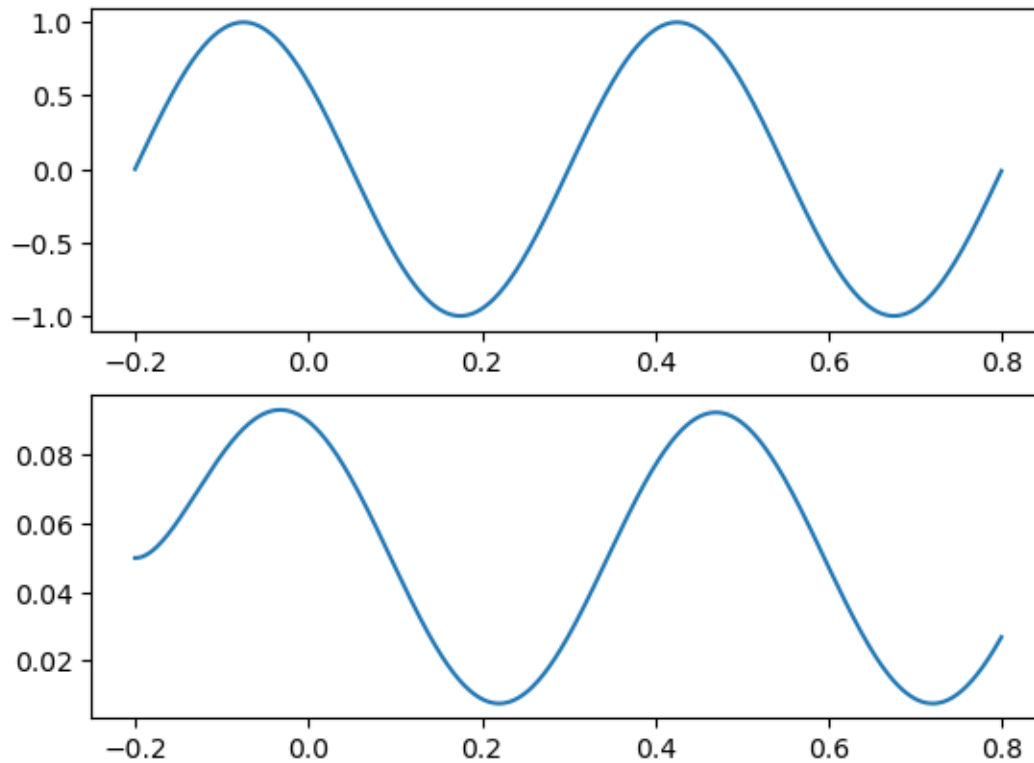
There is a constant baseline level of activity before the input and after the output decays because of the constant term x_{Inf} .

1.2.2 2.3 Why is x_{Inf}/α a reasonable initial condition

Because it makes the derivative zero in the absence of input, keeping the output at that steady state initial value

1.2.3 New inputs

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[ ]: y = np.sin(4*np.pi*np.arange(NumPts)/NumPts)
x2 = simulate_x2(y, x_init, alpha, xInf, TimeStep)
plt.subplot(2, 1, 1)
plt.plot(time, y)
plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)
plt.plot(time, x2);
```

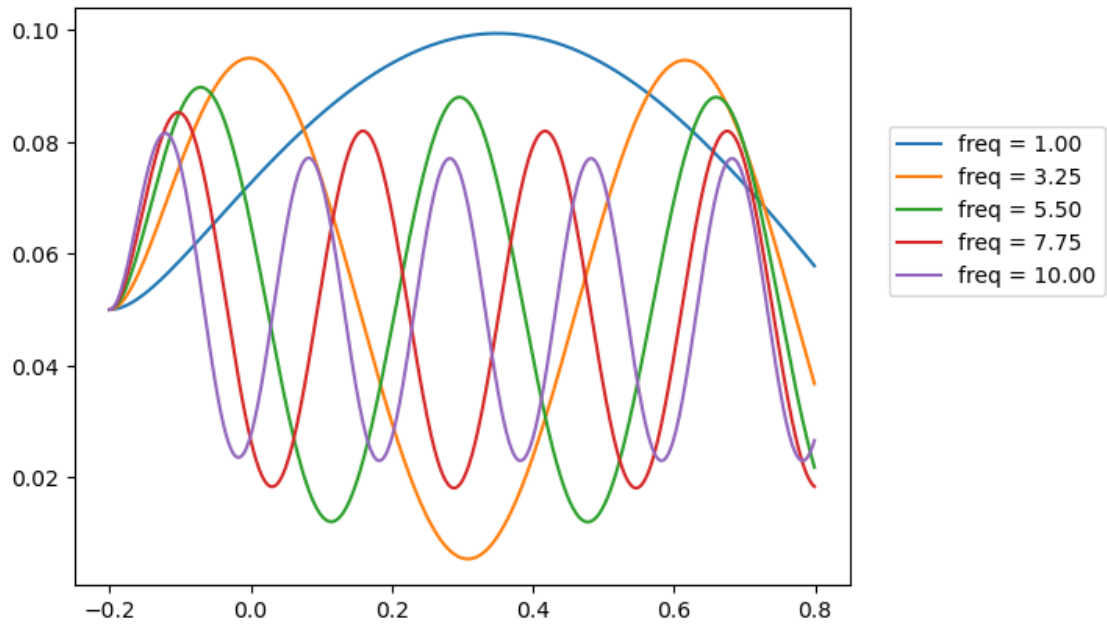


1.3 Q3: baseline activation

1.3.1 3.1, 3.2 Nature of solution, changing frequency, adding two frequency components

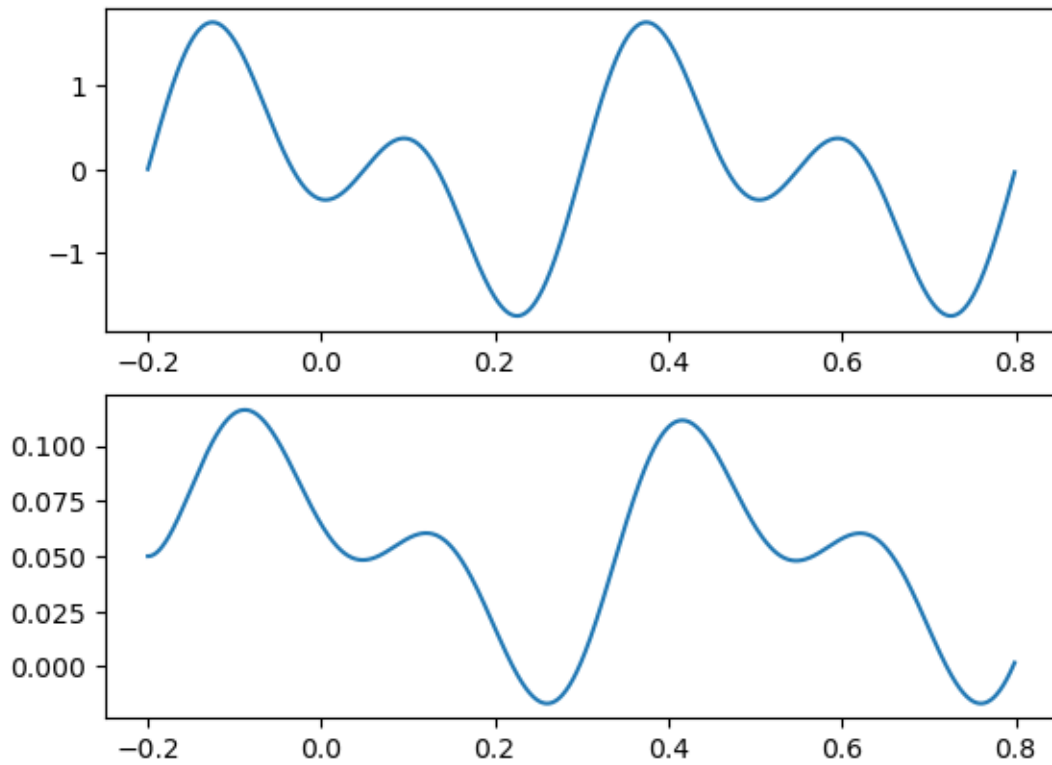
The solution is sinusoidal

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[ ]: freq_vals = np.linspace(1, 10, 5)
for freq in freq_vals:
    y = np.sin(freq*np.pi*np.arange(NumPts)/NumPts)
    x2 = simulate_x2(y, x_init, alpha, xInf, TimeStep)
    plt.plot(time, x2, label=f'freq = {freq:.2f}')
plt.legend(loc=(1.05, 0.5));
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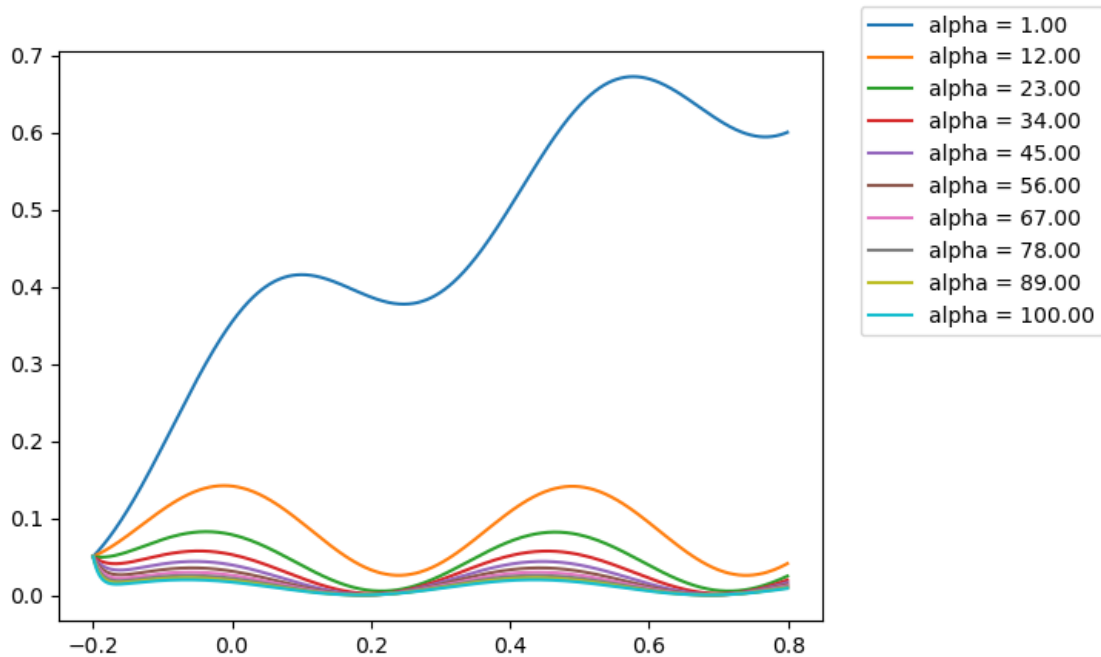


The amplitude gets smaller and frequency of output goes higher as frequency of input is increased.

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[ ]: y = np.sin(4*np.pi*np.arange(NumPts)/NumPts) + np.sin(8*np.pi*np.arange(NumPts)/
      ↪ NumPts)
x2 = simulate_x2(y, x_init, alpha, xInf, TimeStep)
plt.subplot(2, 1, 1)
plt.plot(time, y)
plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)
plt.plot(time, x2);
```

```
[ ]: alpha_vals = np.linspace(1, 100, 10)
y = np.sin(4*np.pi*np.arange(NumPts)/NumPts)
for alpha in alpha_vals:
    x2 = simulate_x2(y, x_init, alpha, xInf, TimeStep)
    plt.plot(time, x2, label=f'alpha = {alpha:.2f}')
plt.legend(loc=(1.05, 0.5));
```



With lower time constants, the signal rises more as there is less decay, and its frequency becomes lower

1.3.2 3.4 What is a system with this dynamics doing to the input?

This system is applying an exponential decay filter to the input, with rate constant α .

1.4 Q4: HH equations

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \alpha \cdot (1 - m) - \beta \cdot m$$

Simplifying above, we get $\frac{dm}{dt} = \alpha - (\alpha + \beta)m$

The time constant appears to be $\alpha + \beta$

The baseline activation is α

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[ ]: NumPts = 1000
      TimeStep = 0.00001
      arr_m = np.zeros(NumPts)
      arr_m[0] = 1 # initial condition
      alpha_m = 200 # active->inactive rate constant
      beta_m = 300 # inactive->active rate constant

      def dm_dt(arr_m, alpha_m, beta_m, NumPts, TimeStep):
          for t in range(1, NumPts):
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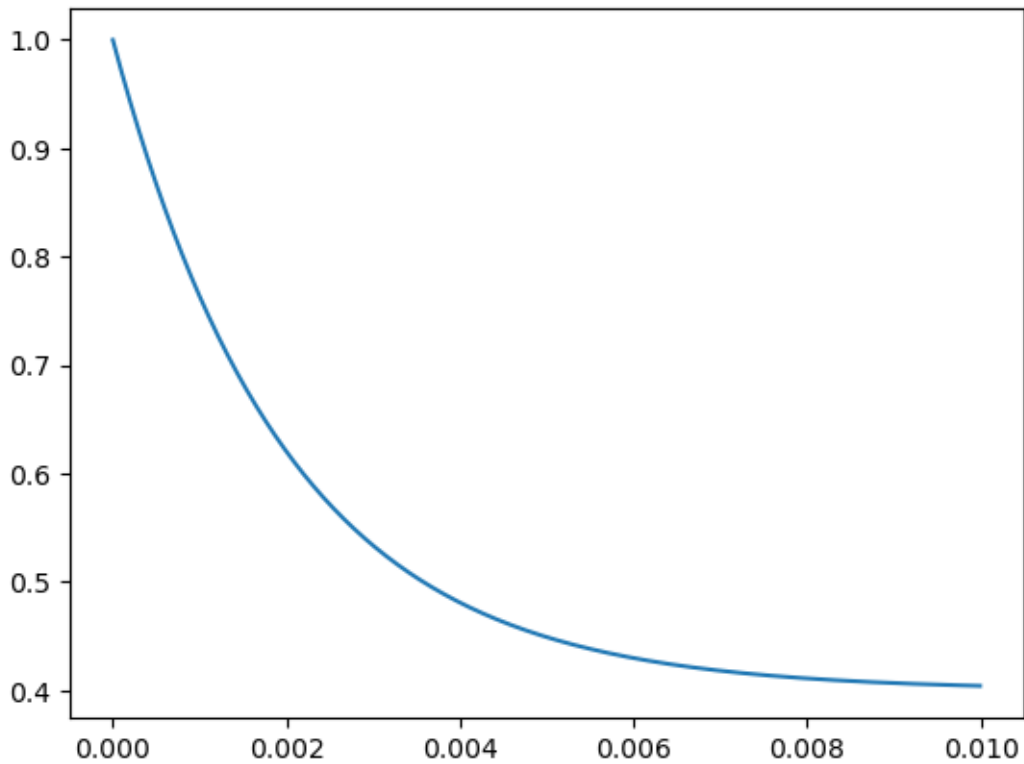
        arr_m[t] = arr_m[t-1] + TimeStep*(alpha_m*(1-arr_m[t-1]) -
↪beta_m*arr_m[t-1])
    return arr_m

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[ ]: time = np.arange(NumPts)*TimeStep
arr_m = dm_dt(arr_m, alpha_m, beta_m, NumPts, TimeStep)
plt.plot(time, arr_m);

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1.4.1 Make rate constants voltage dependent

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[ ]: PrePts = 200
StimPts = 400
arr_m[0] = 0 # initial condition

# Intialize voltage step from -60 to -40 for 400 points
arr_V = np.zeros(NumPts) -60
arr_V[PrePts:PrePts+StimPts] = -40

# Compute alpha from HH parameters
arr_A = np.zeros(NumPts)
arr_A = -100*(arr_V+30) / (np.exp(-(arr_V+30)/10) - 1)

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# Compute beta from HH parameters
arr_B = np.zeros(NumPts)
arr_B = 4000*np.exp(-(arr_V+55)/18)

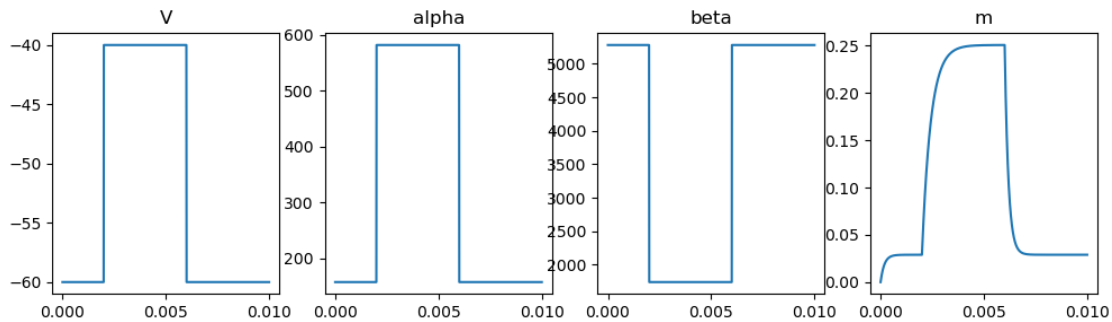
def dm_dt_V(arr_m, arr_A, arr_B, NumPts, TimeStep):
    for t in range(1, NumPts):
        arr_m[t] = arr_m[t-1] + TimeStep*(arr_A[t-1]*(1-arr_m[t-1]) -
        ↪arr_B[t-1]*arr_m[t-1])
    return arr_m

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[ ]: arr_m = dm_dt_V(arr_m, arr_A, arr_B, NumPts, TimeStep)
f, axs = plt.subplots(ncols=4, figsize=(12, 3))
ls_ts = [arr_V, arr_A, arr_B, arr_m]
for idx, ax in enumerate(axs):
    ax.plot(time, ls_ts[idx])
    ax.set_title(['V', 'alpha', 'beta', 'm'][idx])

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This is applying a voltage clamp to the m gate. Experimentally, this is done through a feedback loop that measures the current and inputs current to maintain the clamped voltage.

The solution has different rates of rise and decay.

1.4.2 Full HH system

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[ ]: TimeStep = 0.01
dt = TimeStep
tFinal = 100
time = np.arange(0, tFinal, dt)

# Define equation parameters
gkmax = 36
gnaamax = 120
gl = 0.3
Vk = 12
Vl = -10.613

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Vna = -115

# Define voltage steps
Vexp = np.array([-50,-40,-20,-10,0,10,20,30,40]) + 1
nexps = len(Vexp)
# Initialize variables
arr_m = np.zeros((nexps, len(time)))
arr_n = np.zeros((nexps, len(time)))
arr_h = np.zeros((nexps, len(time)))
arr_V = np.zeros((nexps, len(time)))

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[ ]: def alpha(c1, c2, c3, c4, V):
    return c1*(V+c2)/(np.exp((V+c3)/c4)-1)

def beta(c1, c2, V):
    return c1*np.exp(V/c2)

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[ ]: # Loop over set of voltage steps
for idx_V, Vin in enumerate(Vexp):
    # Construct voltage clamp input
    Vclamp = np.zeros(len(time))
    Vclamp[500:] = Vin

    for t in range(len(time)-1):
        arr_V[idx_V, t] = Vclamp[t]

        # Update alphas and betas at each time step
        alphaM = alpha(0.1, 25, 25, 10, arr_V[idx_V, t])
        betaM = beta(4, 18, arr_V[idx_V, t])
        alphaN = alpha(0.01, 10, 10, 10, arr_V[idx_V, t])
        betaN = beta(0.125, 80, arr_V[idx_V, t])
        alphaH = 0.07*np.exp(arr_V[idx_V, t]/20)
        betaH = 1/(np.exp((arr_V[idx_V, t]+30)/10)+1)

        # Update m, n, h at each time step
        dm = dt * (-arr_m[idx_V, t]*(alphaM+betaM) + alphaM)
        arr_m[idx_V, t+1] = arr_m[idx_V, t] + dm
        dn = dt * (-arr_n[idx_V, t]*(alphaN+betaN) + alphaN)
        arr_n[idx_V, t+1] = arr_n[idx_V, t] + dn
        dh = dt * (-arr_h[idx_V, t]*(alphaH+betaH) + alphaH)
        arr_h[idx_V, t+1] = arr_h[idx_V, t] + dh

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[ ]: # Define plotting function
def plot_HH_clamp(arr_m, arr_n, arr_h, arr_V, time, Vexp):
    f, axs = plt.subplots(nrows=4, figsize=(10, 12), sharex=True)
    ls_ts = [arr_V, arr_m, arr_n, arr_h]

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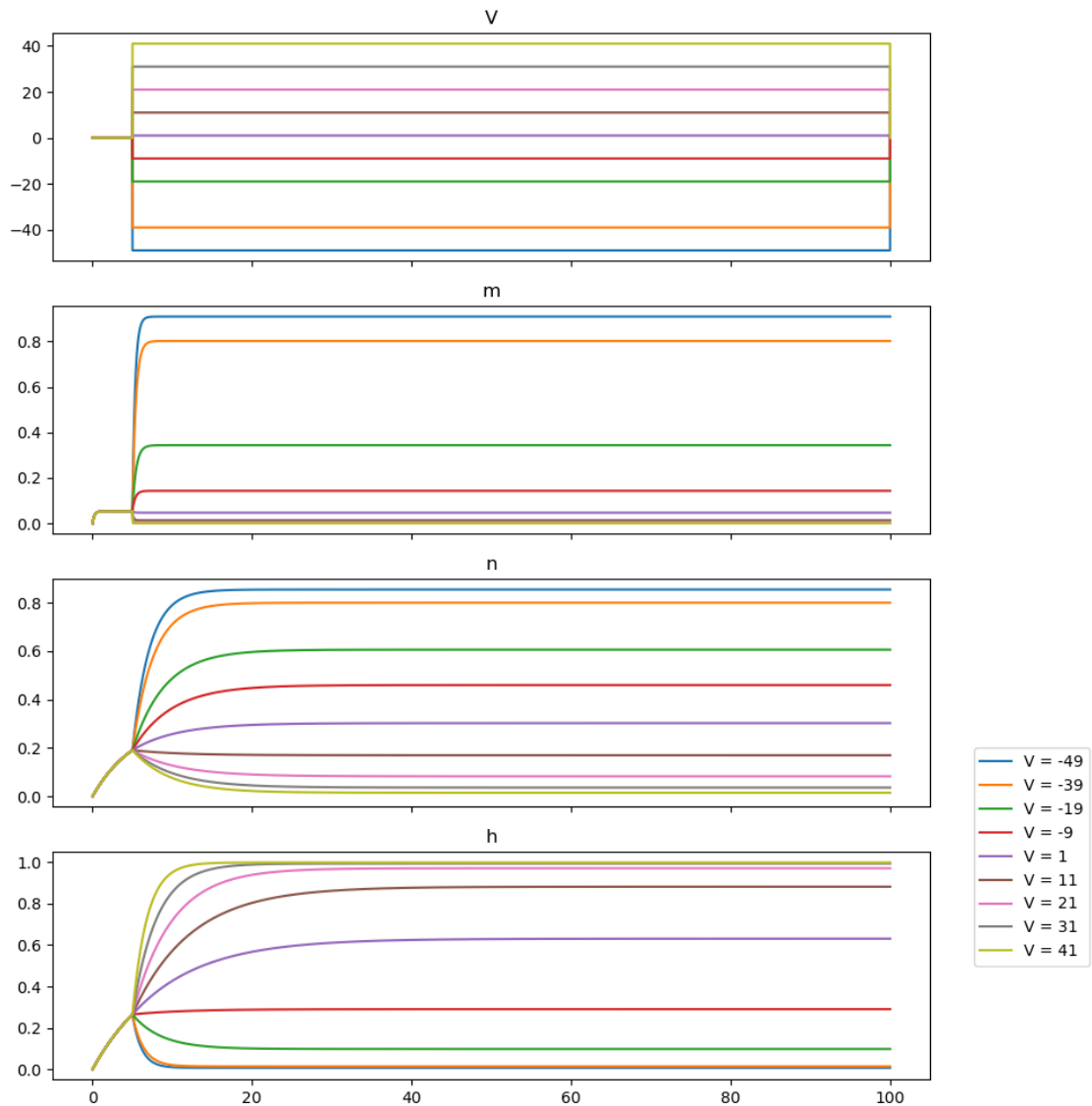
for idx, ax in enumerate(axes):
    for i in range(nexps):
        ax.plot(time, ls_ts[idx][i], label=f'V = {Vexp[i]}')

    ax.set_title(['V', 'm', 'n', 'h'][idx])

    if idx == 3:
        ax.legend(loc=(1.05, 0.5))

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[ ]: plot_HH_clamp(arr_m, arr_n, arr_h, arr_V, time, Vexp)
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1.4.3 4.1: Compare dynamics

As V gets more positive (depolarized), m and n values shoot up while h values are suppressed. m has the fastest kinetics, followed by h and then n .

Unlike m , n and h have a constantly rising value in the absence of input.

1.4.4 Current clamp

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[ ]: TimeStep = 0.01;
tFinal = 500;
time = np.arange(0, tFinal, TimeStep)

# Integrate equations using Euler method
arr_m = np.zeros(len(time))
arr_n = np.zeros(len(time))
arr_h = np.zeros(len(time))
arr_V = np.zeros(len(time))

# Nonzero initial conditions
arr_n[0] = 0.6
arr_h[0] = 0.3

# Constants
gkmax = 36 #*0.01 * 1000 ; % cm--> 10-7 g --> 10-2 dt --> 10-3
gna_max = 120
gl = 0.3
Vk = 12
Vna = -115
Vl = -10.613
C = 1.0
#
# We are now in current clamp-- voltage can vary according to its own dynamics,
# but we will drive it with an input current. Let's put in a simple current
# input, just a constant:
#
Iext = np.zeros(len(time));
Iext[500:] = -7; # starting with a constant: don't forget to make the current
                ↪negative...
#
# Now integrate to obtain the inactivation variables...
#
def full_HH(arr_m, arr_n, arr_h, arr_V, time, Iext):
    for i in range(len(time)-1):
        alphas = 0.1*(arr_V[i]+25)/(np.exp((arr_V[i]+25)/10)-1)
        betas = 4*np.exp(arr_V[i]/18)
        alphas = 0.01*(arr_V[i]+10)/(np.exp((arr_V[i]+10)/10)-1)
        betas = 0.125*np.exp(arr_V[i]/80)
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    alphah = 0.07*np.exp(arr_V[i]/20)
    betah = 1./(np.exp((arr_V[i]+30)/10)+1)
    dm = dt * (-arr_m[i]*(alpham + betam) + alpham)
    arr_m[i+1] = arr_m[i] + dm
    dn = dt * (-arr_n[i]*(alphan + betan) + alphan)
    arr_n[i+1] = arr_n[i] + dn
    dh = dt * (-arr_h[i]*(alphah + betah) + alphah)
    arr_h[i+1] = arr_h[i] + dh
    Ik = gkmax*arr_n[i]**4*(arr_V[i] - Vk)
    Ina = gnamax*arr_m[i]**3*arr_h[i]*(arr_V[i]-Vna)
    Il = gl*(arr_V[i] - Vl)
    arr_V[i+1] = arr_V[i] + dt*(Iext[i] - Ik - Ina - Il)/C    # This is the
↪voltage equation from HH 1952

    return arr_m, arr_n, arr_h, arr_V

arr_m, arr_n, arr_h, arr_V = full_HH(arr_m, arr_n, arr_h, arr_V, time, Iext)

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[ ]: f, axs = plt.subplots(nrows=4, figsize=(10, 12))
axs[0].plot(time, -arr_V)
axs[0].set_ylabel('mV')

axs[1].plot(time, arr_m)
axs[1].set_ylabel('m')

axs[2].plot(time, arr_n)
axs[2].set_ylabel('n')

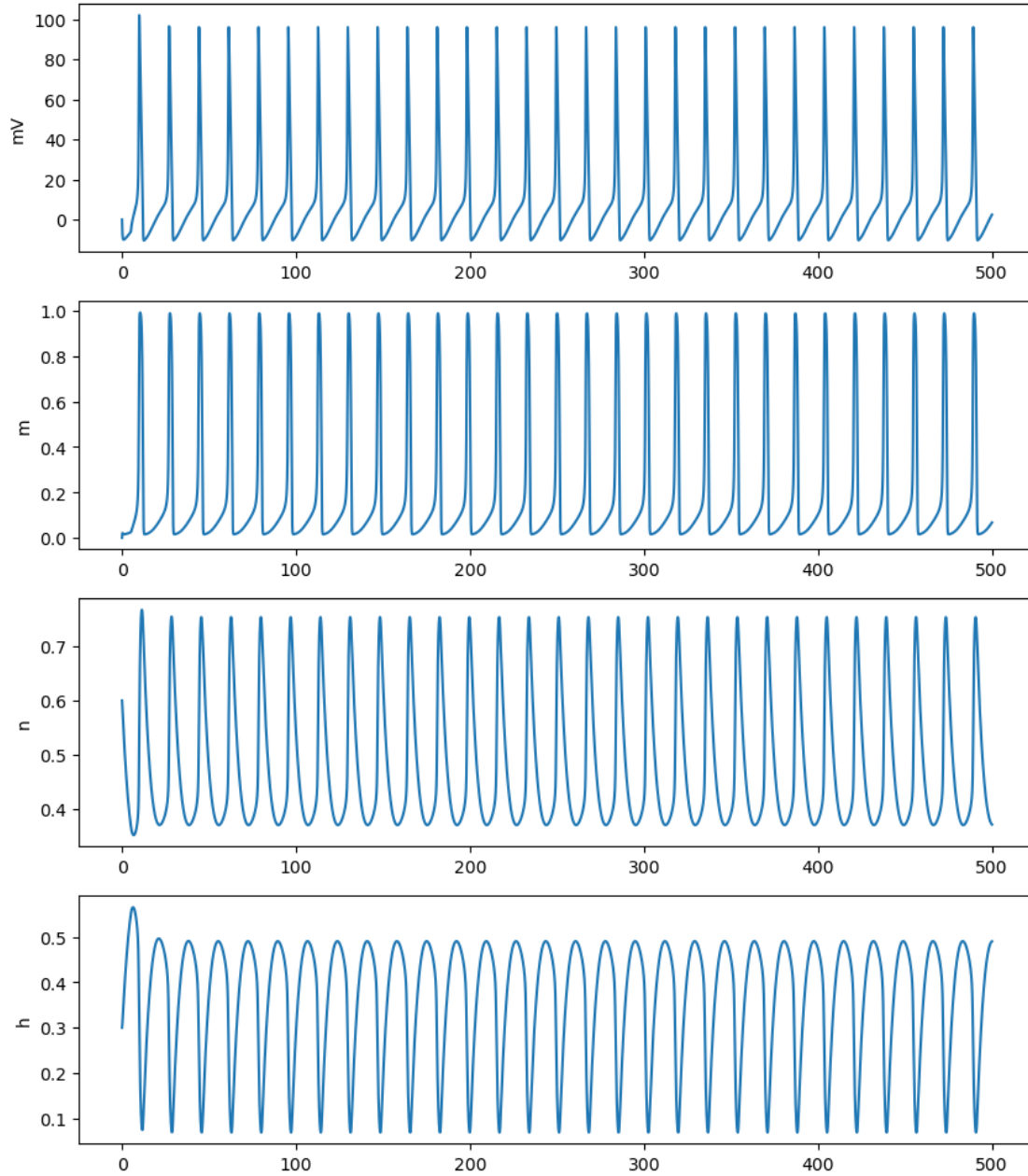
axs[3].plot(time, arr_h)
axs[3].set_ylabel('h')

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[ ]: Text(0, 0.5, 'h')

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1.4.5 4.2 Nonlinearities

I_k is nonlinear as the gating variable n is raised to the 4th power.

I_{na} is nonlinear as the gating variable m is raised to the 3rd power and multiplied by the gating variable h . All these gating variables are time dependent themselves.

Because of these nonlinearities, we get the all-or-nothing spikes of same amplitude, as well as a refractory period.

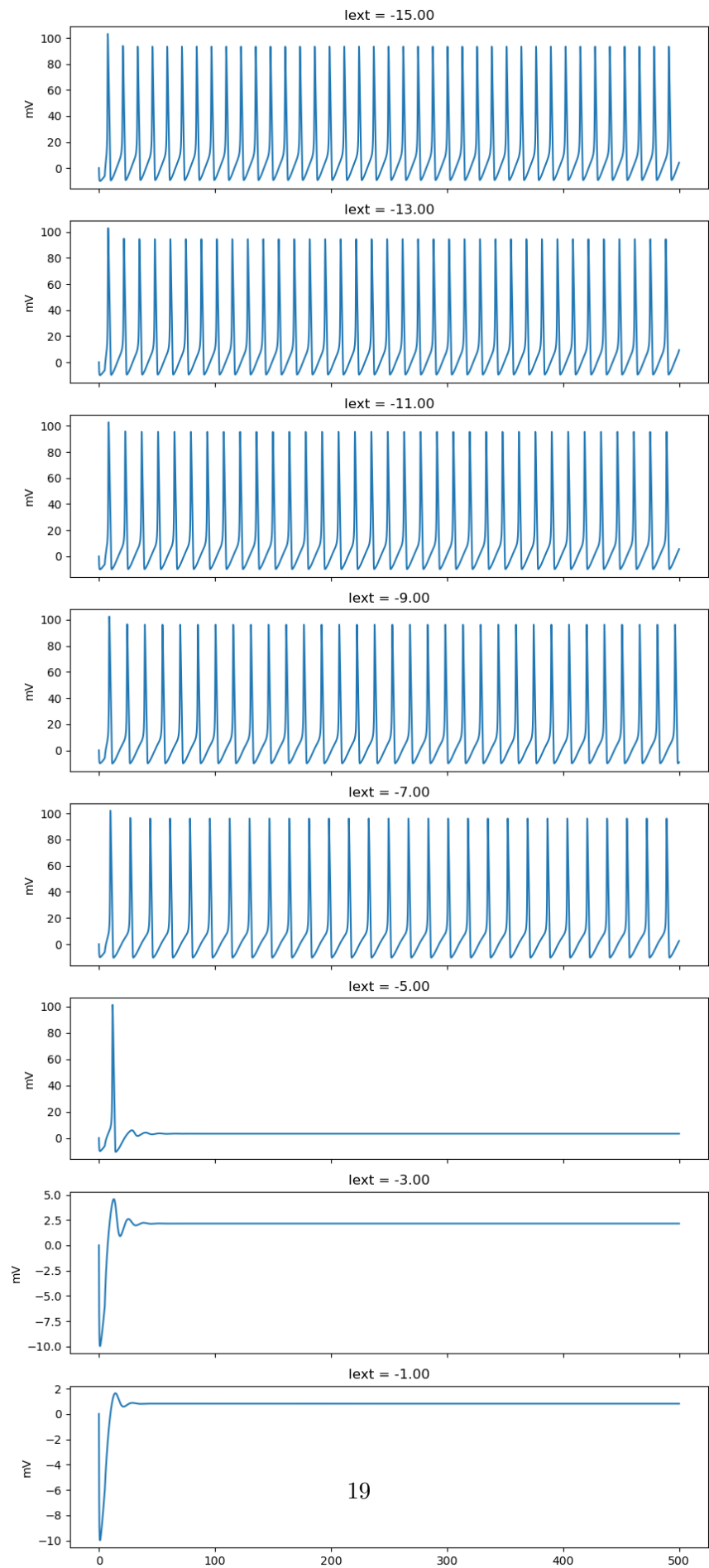
1.4.6 4.3 Play with Iext

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[ ]: input_IextValues = np.arange(-15, 0, 2)
nexps = len(input_IextValues)
f, axs = plt.subplots(nrows=nexps, figsize=(10, nexps*3), sharex=True)

for idx, IextVal in enumerate(input_IextValues):
    # Initialize
    arr_m = np.zeros(len(time))
    arr_n = np.zeros(len(time))
    arr_h = np.zeros(len(time))
    arr_V = np.zeros(len(time))

    # Nonzero initial conditions
    arr_n[0] = 0.6
    arr_h[0] = 0.3

    Iext = np.zeros(len(time))
    Iext[500:] = IextVal
    arr_m, arr_n, arr_h, arr_V = full_HH(arr_m, arr_n, arr_h, arr_V, time, Iext)
    axs[idx].plot(time, -arr_V, label=IextVal)
    axs[idx].set_ylabel('mV')
    axs[idx].set_title(f'Iext = {IextVal:.2f}')
```



It seems that firing rate gradually decreases with the decrease in input current amplitude, until repetitive firing ceases completely and the model becomes hyperpolarized.