

Week 1 – part 2: The Passive Membrane



Neuronal Dynamics: Computational Neuroscience of Single Neurons

**Week 1 – neurons and mathematics:
a first simple neuron model**

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√ 1.1 Neurons and Synapses:

Overview

1.2 The Passive Membrane

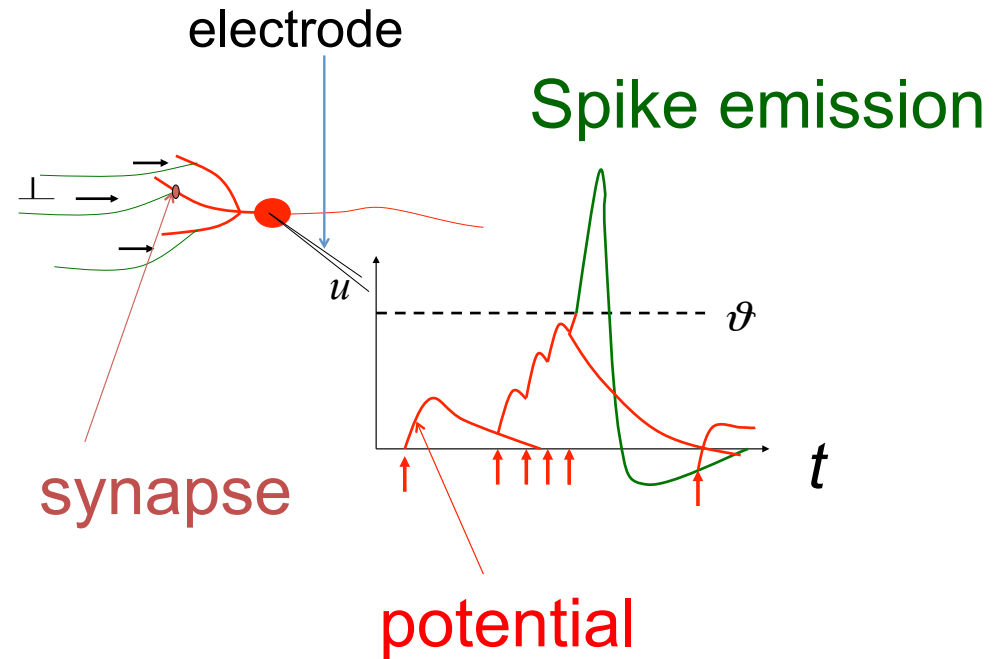
- Linear circuit
- Dirac delta-function

1.3 Leaky Integrate-and-Fire Model

1.4 Generalized Integrate-and-Fire Model

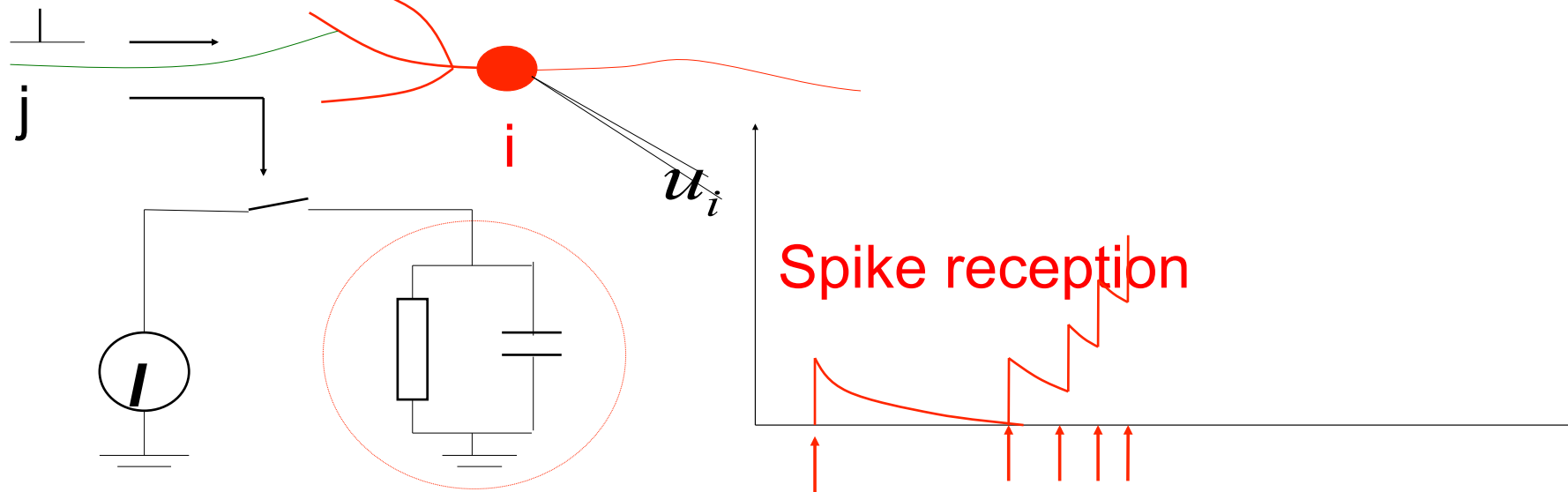
1.5. Quality of Integrate-and-Fire Models

Neuronal Dynamics – 1.2. The passive membrane



Integrate-and-fire model

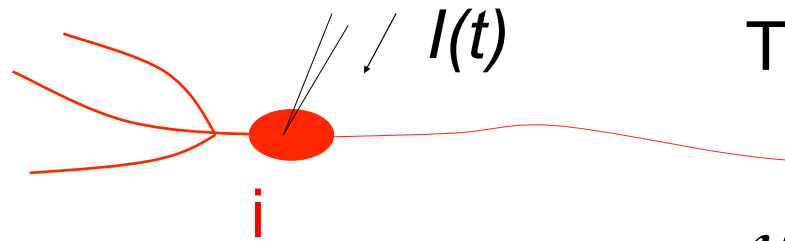
Neuronal Dynamics – 1.2. The passive membrane



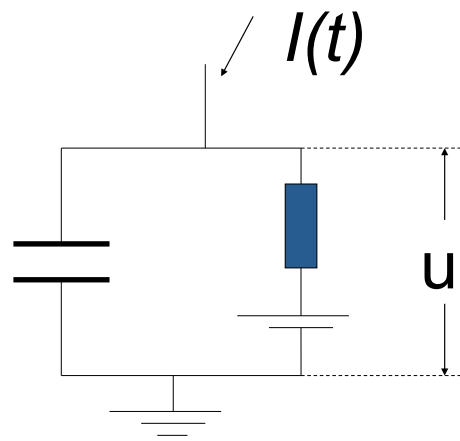
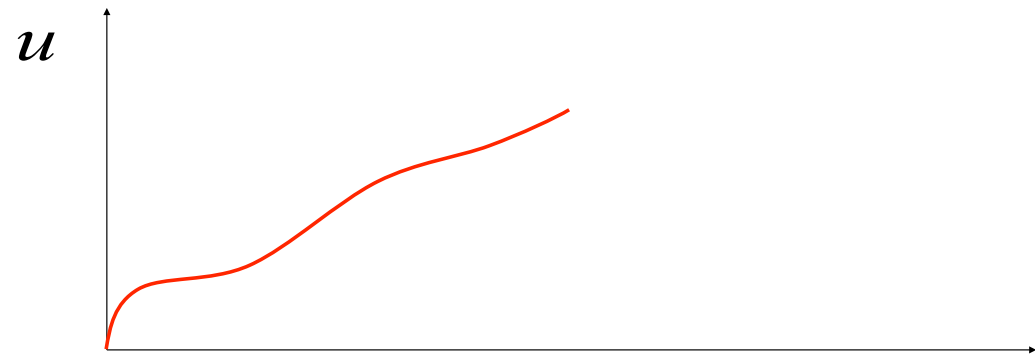
Subthreshold regime

- linear
- passive membrane
- RC circuit

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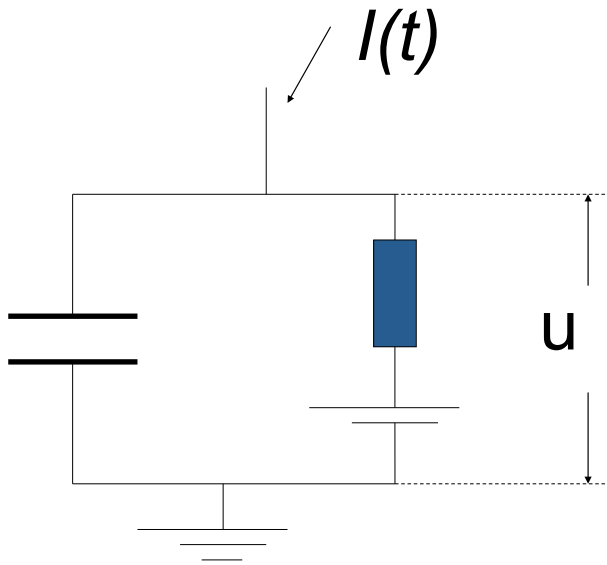


Time-dependent input

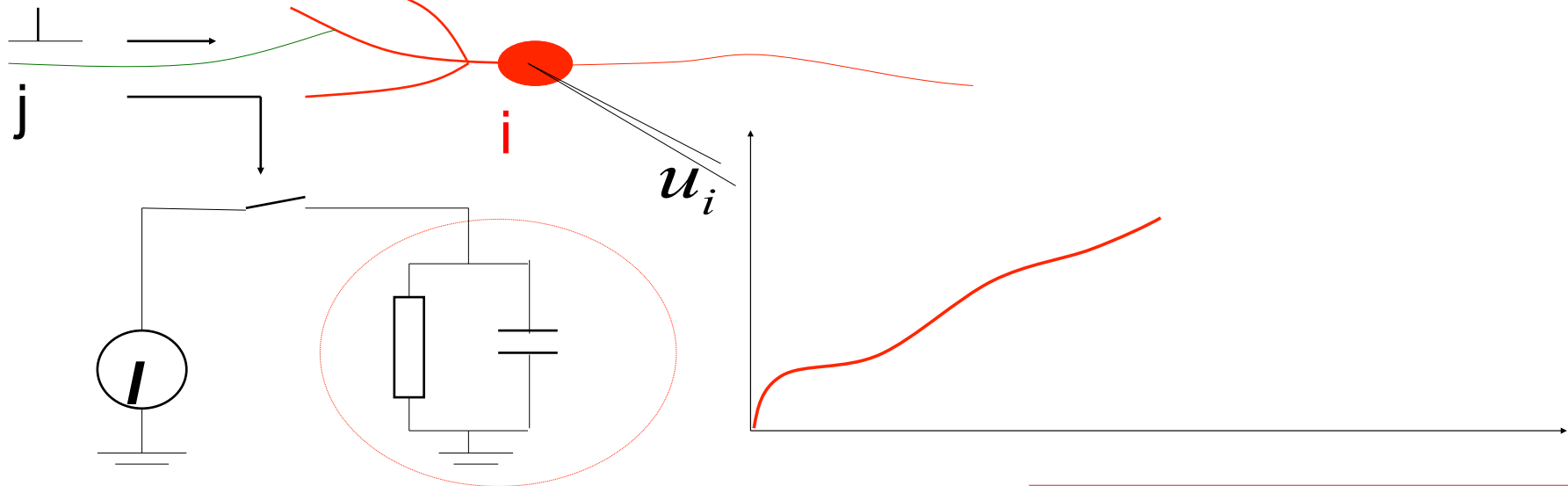


*Math development:
Derive equation*

Passive Membrane Model



Passive Membrane Model



$$\tau \cdot \frac{d}{dt} u = -(u - u_{rest}) + RI(t)$$

$$\tau \cdot \frac{d}{dt} V = -V + RI(t); \quad V = (u - u_{rest})$$

*Math Development:
Voltage rescaling*

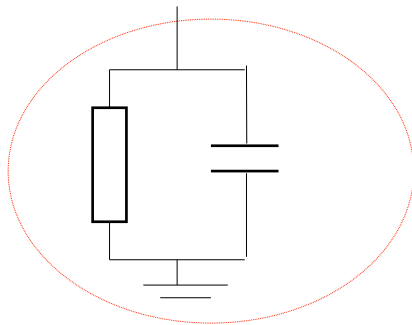
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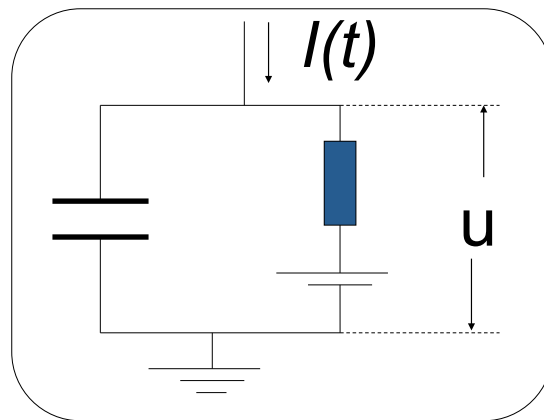
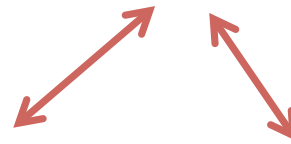
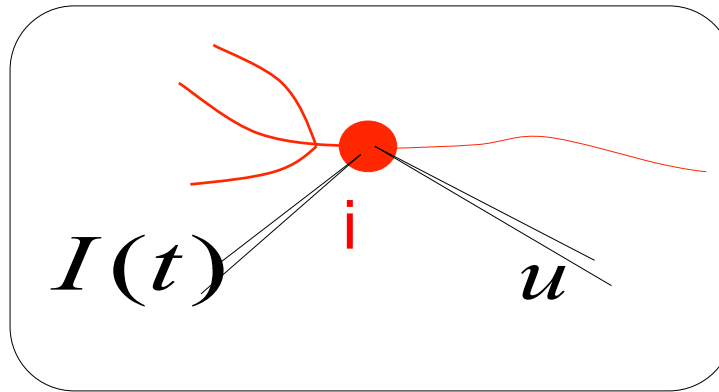
Passive Membrane Model/Linear differential equation

$$\tau \cdot \frac{d}{dt} V = -V + RI(t);$$



Free solution:
exponential decay

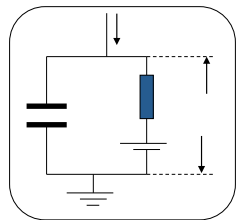
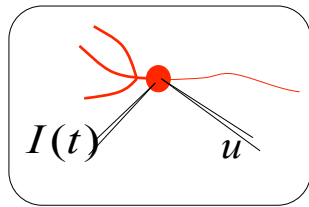
Triangle: neuron – electricity - math



$$\tau \cdot \frac{d}{dt} u = -(u - u_{rest}) + RI(t)$$



Pulse input – charge – delta-function



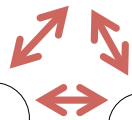
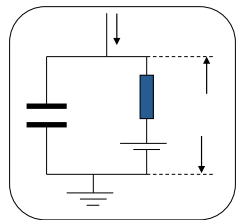
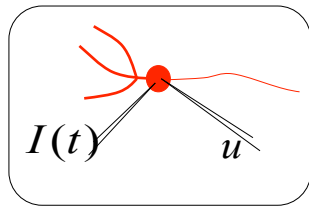
$$\tau \cdot \frac{d}{dt} u = -(u - u_{rest}) + RI(t)$$



$$I(t) = q \cdot \delta(t - t_0) \quad \text{Pulse current input}$$

Dirac delta-function

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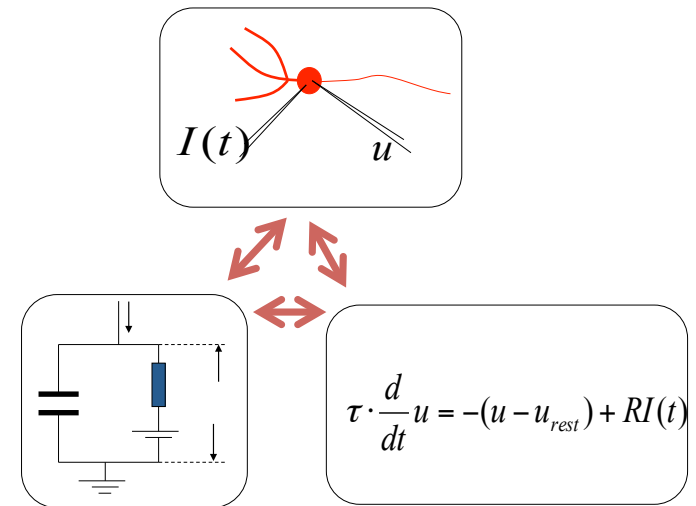


$$\tau \cdot \frac{d}{dt} u = -(u - u_{rest}) + RI(t)$$

$$1 = \int_{t_0-a}^{t_0+a} \delta(t - t_0) dt$$

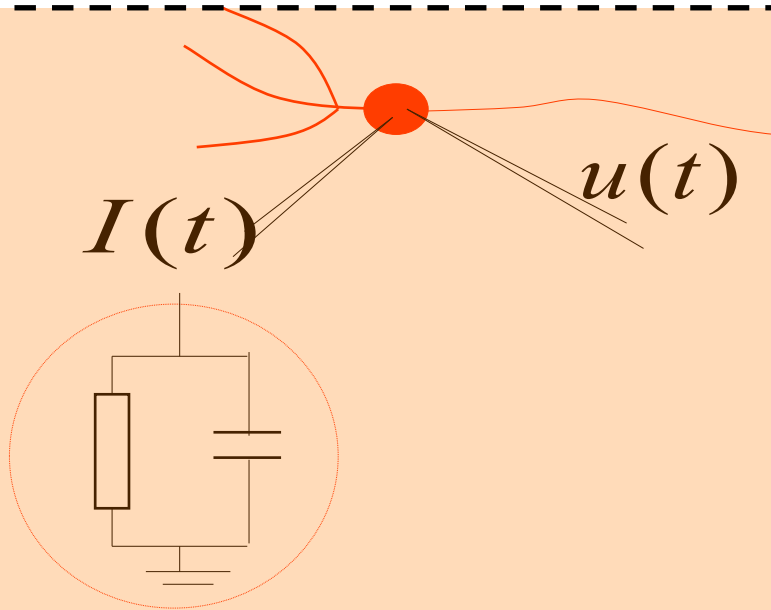
$$f(t_0) = \int_{t_0-a}^{t_0+a} f(t) \delta(t - t_0) dt$$

Passive membrane, linear differential equation



*Spend 10-15 minutes on
Homework 1.1 now!
If you have difficulties,
watch lecture 1.2detour.*

Neuronal Dynamics – Exercises 1.2 = Homework 1.1



$I_1(t)$

Step current input:

$I_2(t)$

Pulse current input:

$I_3(t)$

arbitrary current input:

$$\tau \cdot \frac{d}{dt} u = -(u - u_{rest}) + RI(t)$$

$$\tau \cdot \frac{d}{dt} V = -V + RI(t); \quad V = (u - u_{rest})$$

**Calculate the voltage,
for the
3 input currents**