

Biological Modeling of Neural Networks



Week 3 – Reducing detail:

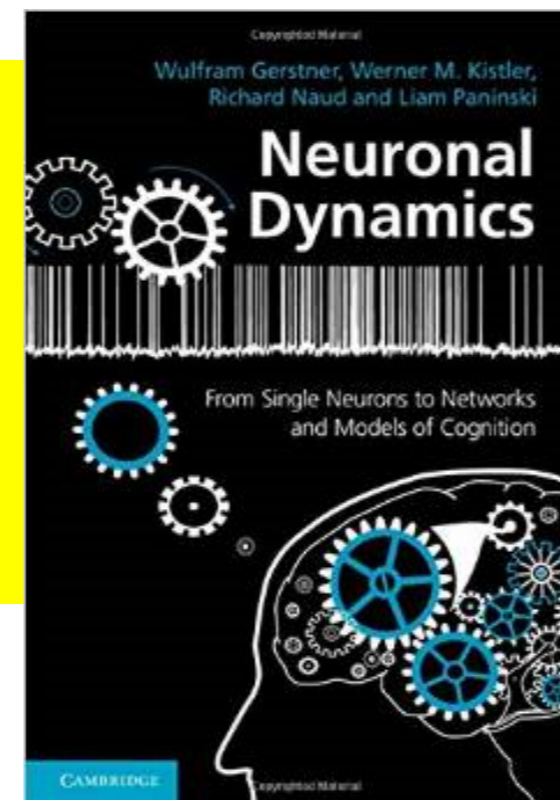
Two-dimensional neuron models

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Reading for week 3:
NEURONAL DYNAMICS
- Ch. 4.1- 4.3

Cambridge Univ. Press



3.1 From Hodgkin-Huxley to 2D

- Overview: From 4 to 2 dimensions
- MathDetour 1: Exploiting similarities
- MathDetour 2: Separation of time scales

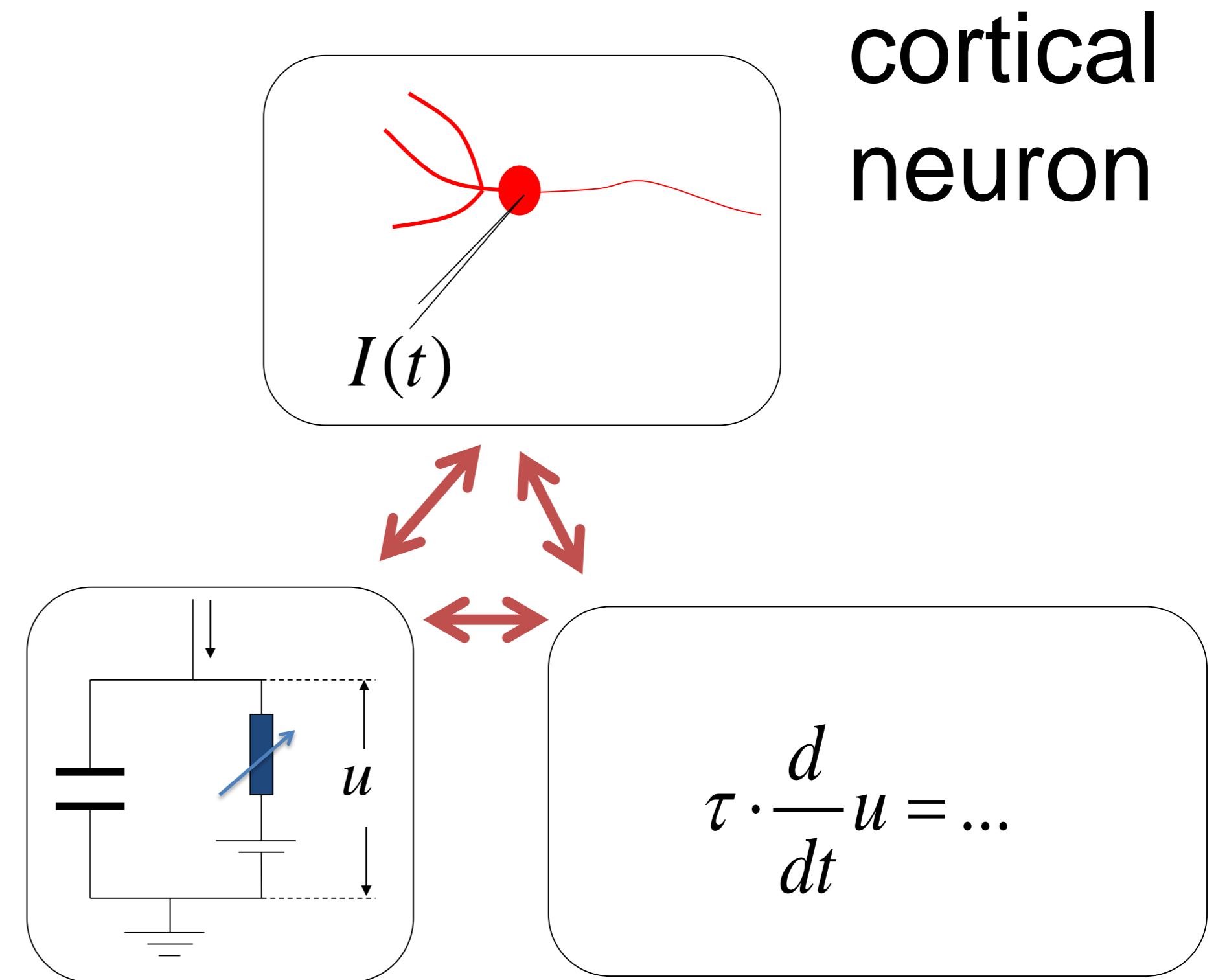
3.2 Phase Plane Analysis

- Role of nullclines

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- MathDetour 3: Stability of fixed points

3.1. Review of week 2 :Hodgkin-Huxley Model



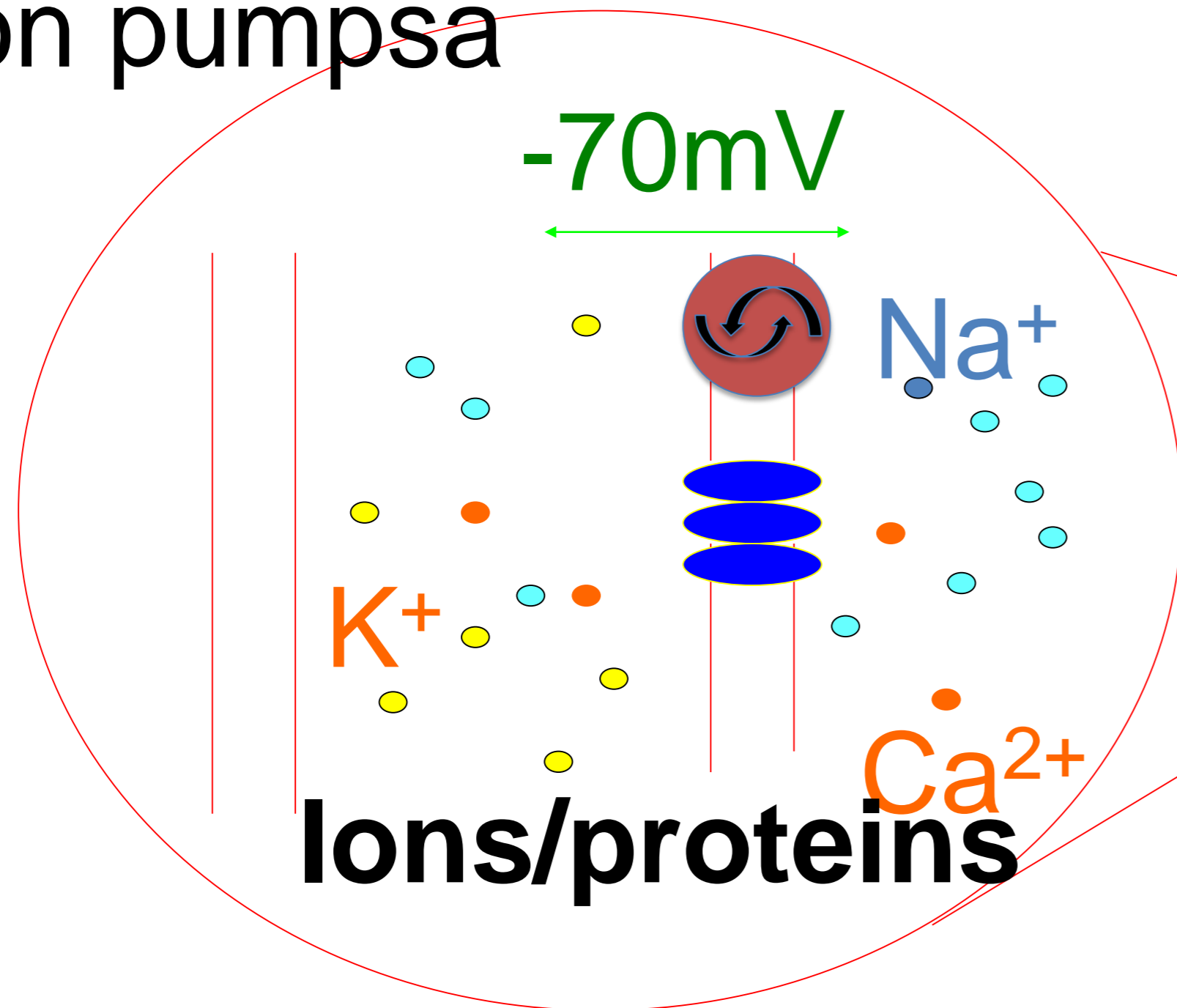
- Hodgkin-Huxley model
- Compartmental models

3.1 Review of week 2 : Hodgkin-Huxley Model

Week 2:

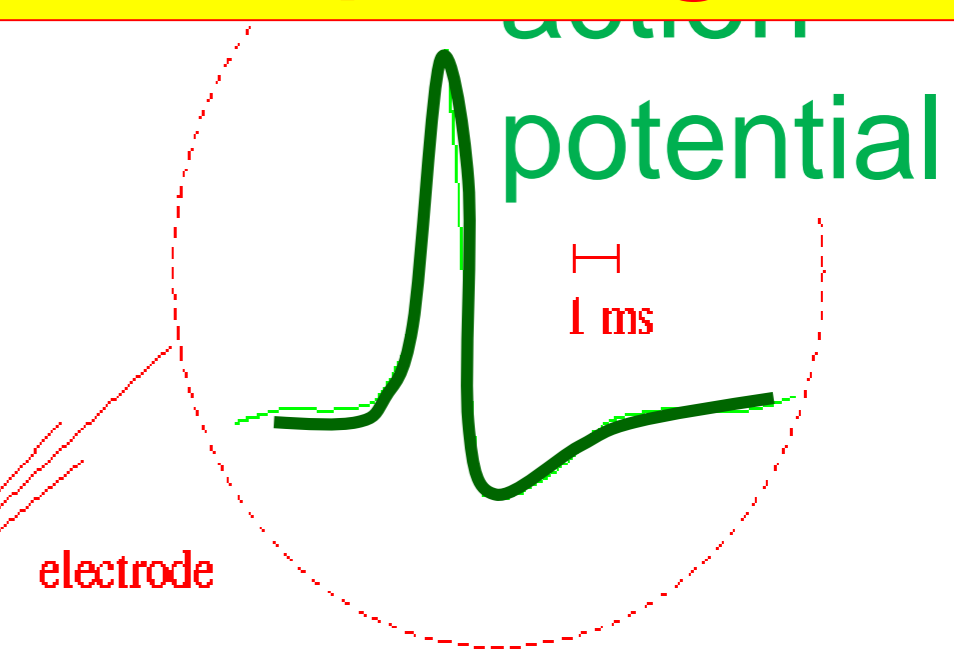
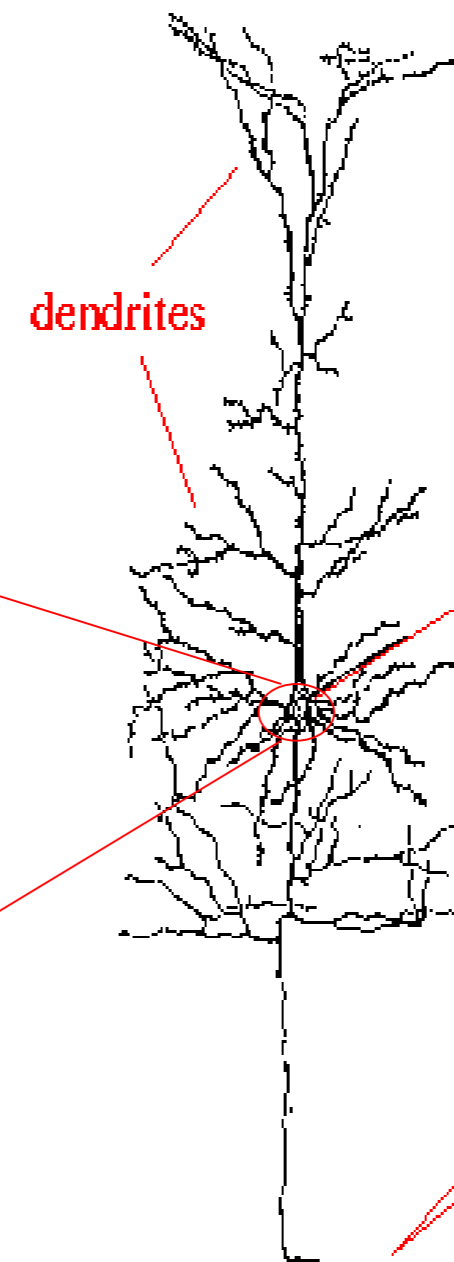
Cell membrane contains

- ion channels
- ion pumps

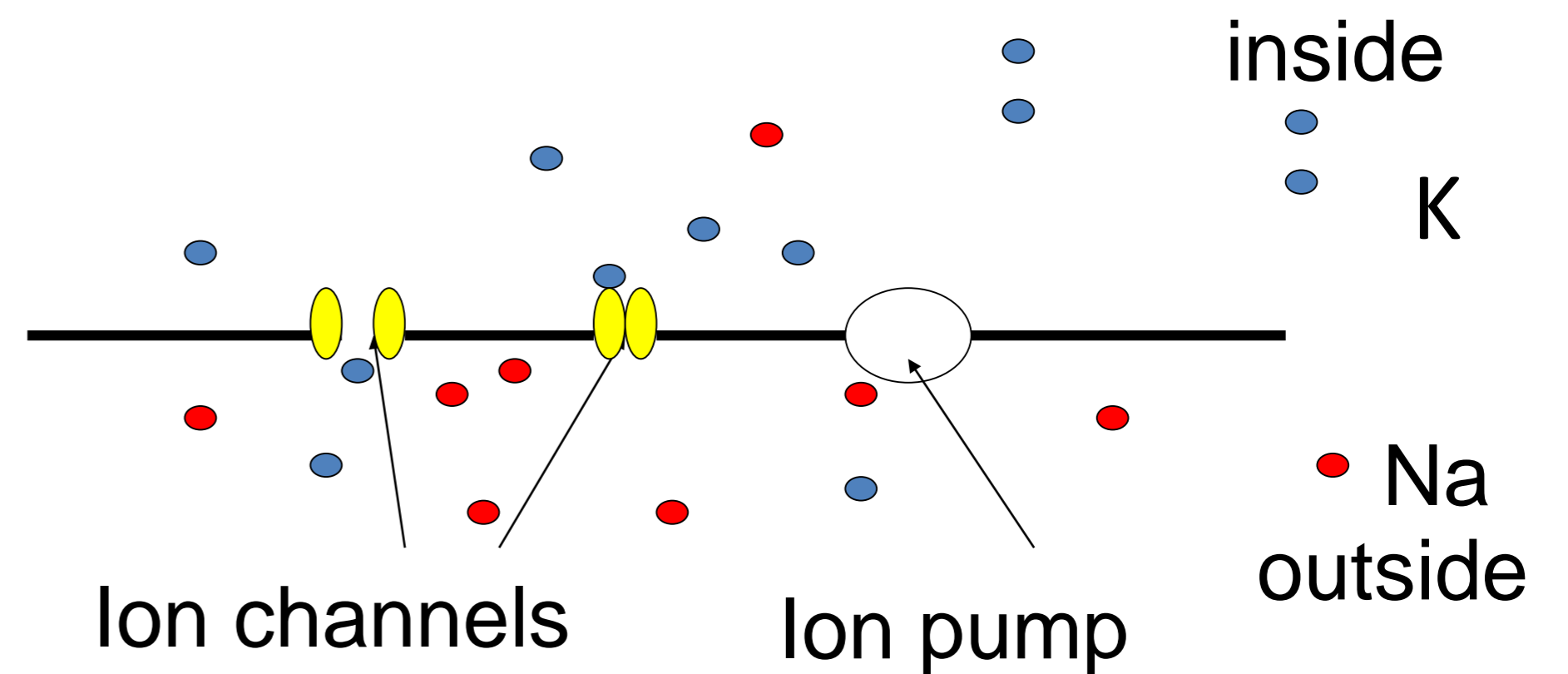
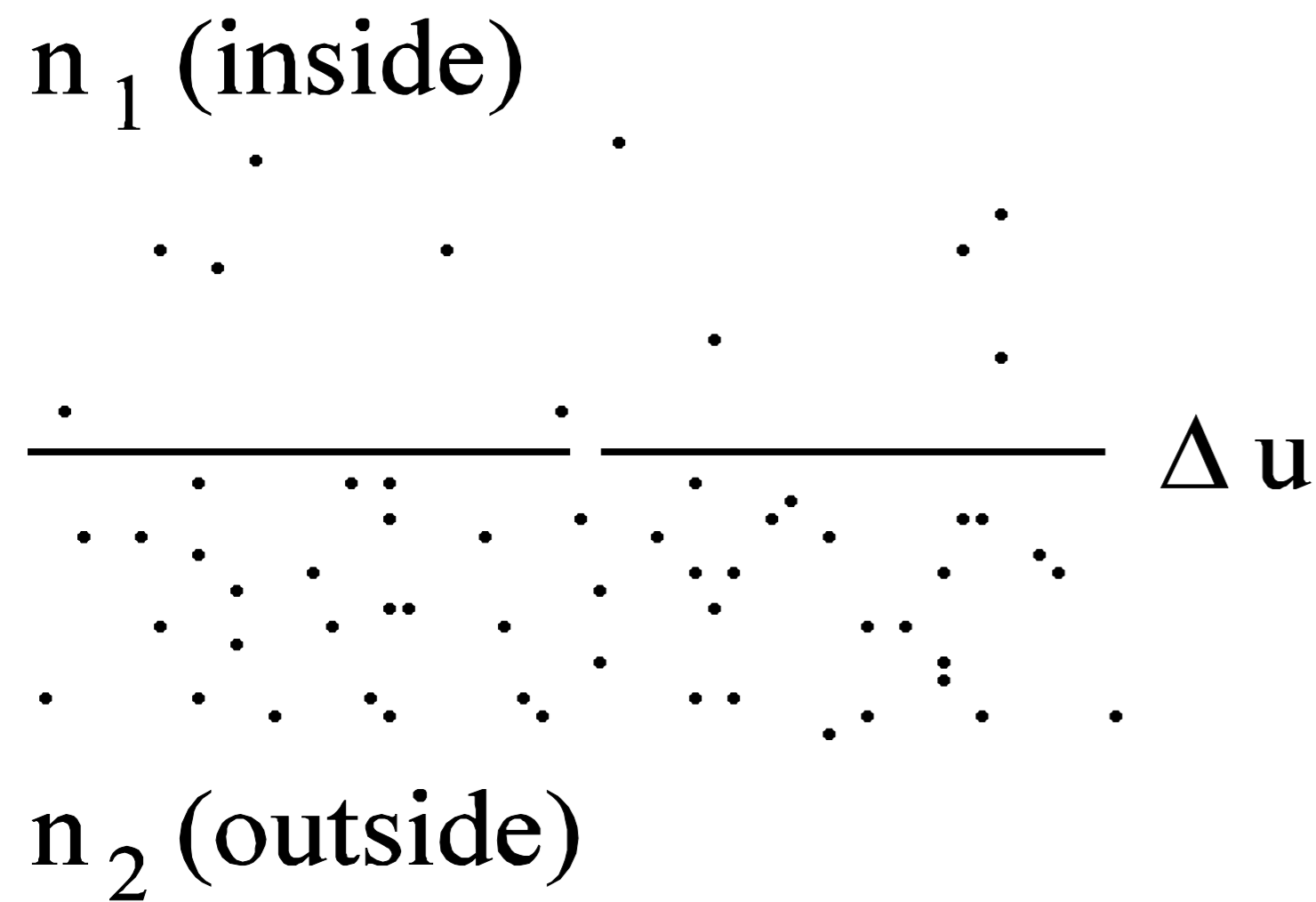


Dendrites (week x:video):
Active processes?

assumption:
passive dendrite
→ point neuron
spike generation



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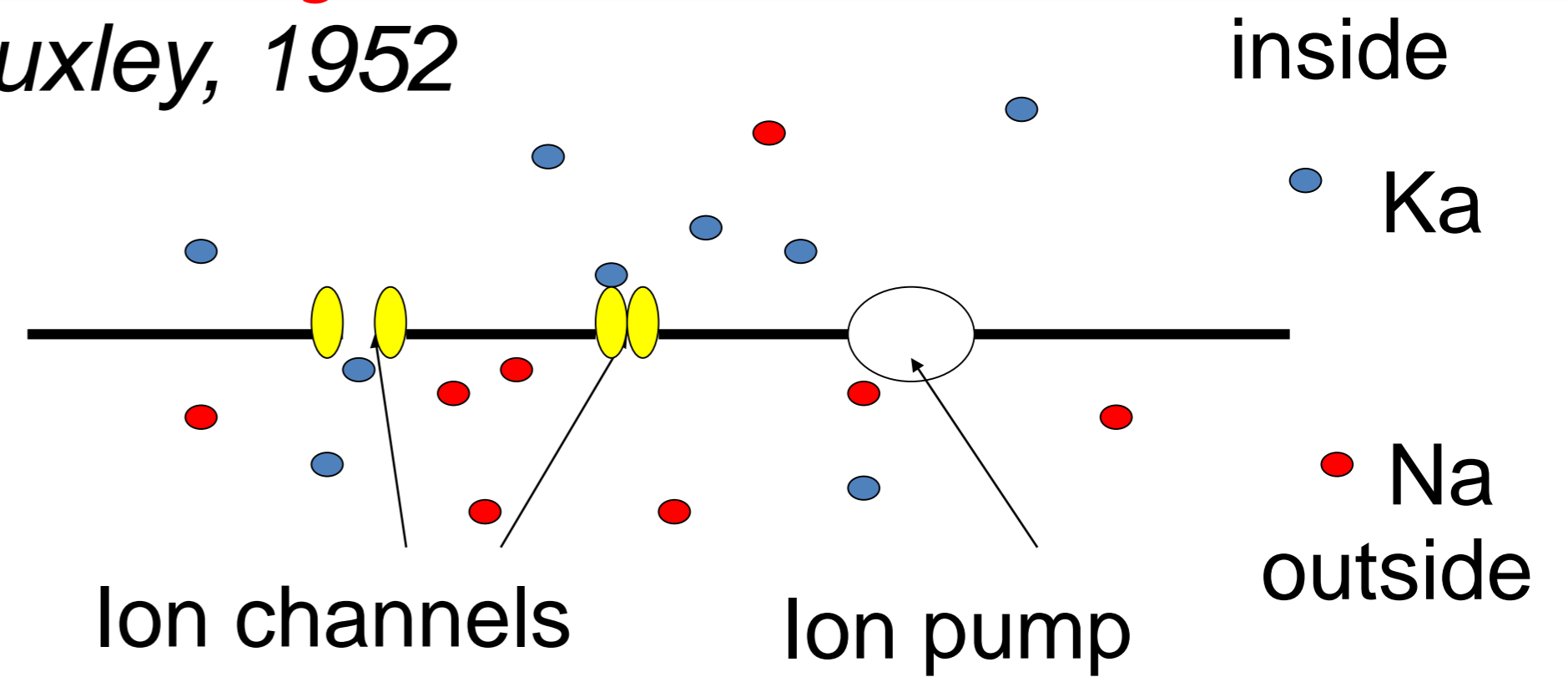
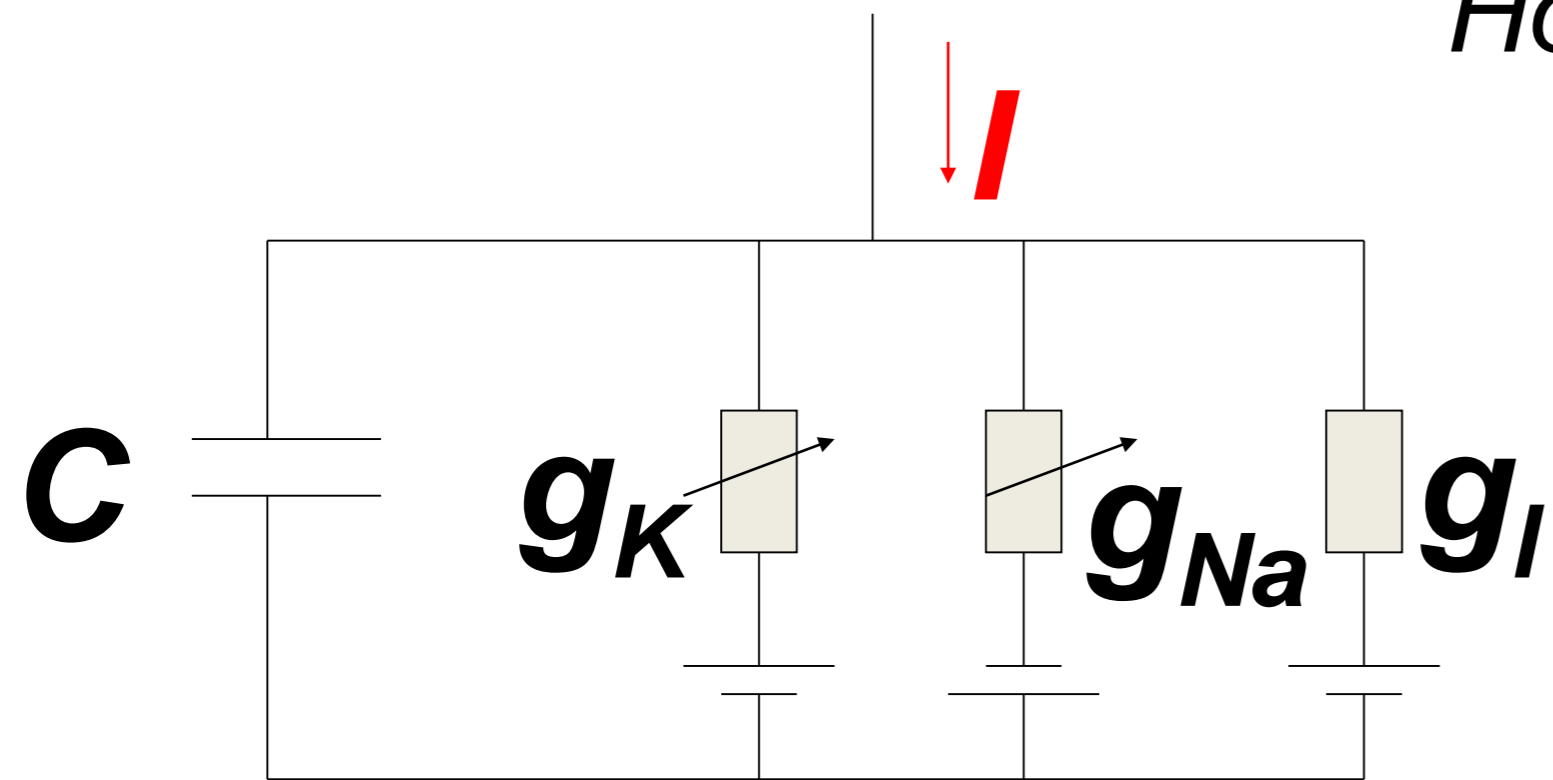
$$\Delta u = u_1 - u_2 = \frac{-kT}{q} \ln \frac{n(u_1)}{n(u_2)}$$

Reversal potential

ion pumps \rightarrow concentration difference \Leftrightarrow voltage difference

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Hodgkin and Huxley, 1952

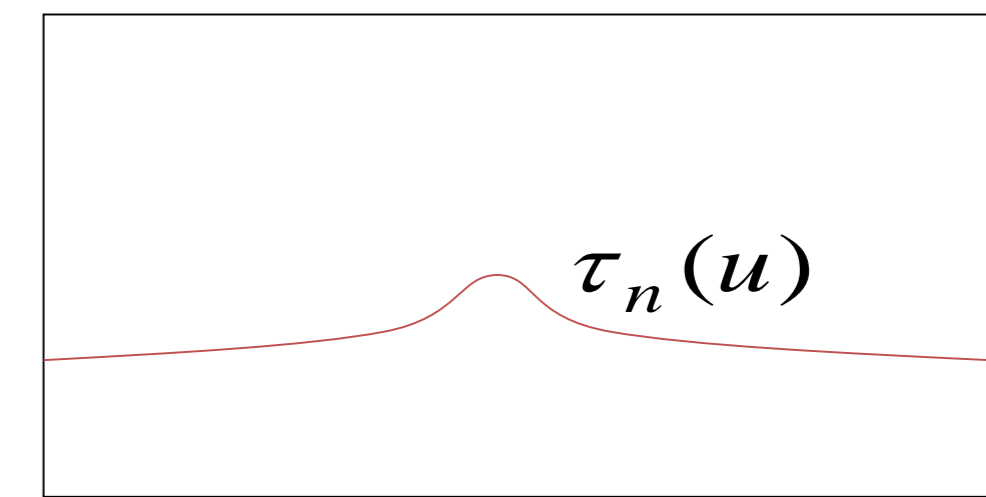
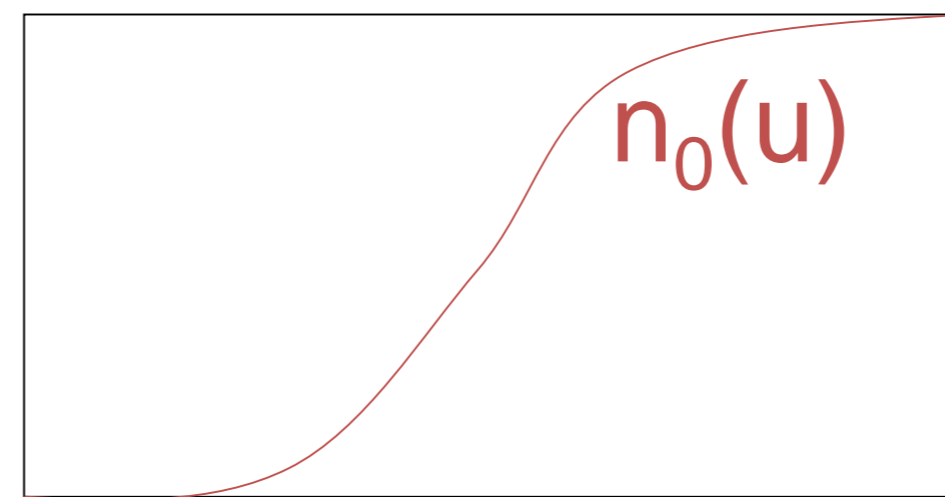


$$C \frac{du}{dt} = \underbrace{-g_{Na} m^3 h (u - E_{Na})}_{I_{Na}} - \underbrace{g_K n^4 (u - E_K)}_{I_K} - \underbrace{g_l (u - E_l)}_{I_{leak}} + I(t)$$

stimulus ↓

4 equations
= 4D system

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = -\frac{m - m_0(u)}{\tau_m(u)}$$



$$\frac{dh}{dt} = -\frac{h - h_0(u)}{\tau_h(u)}$$

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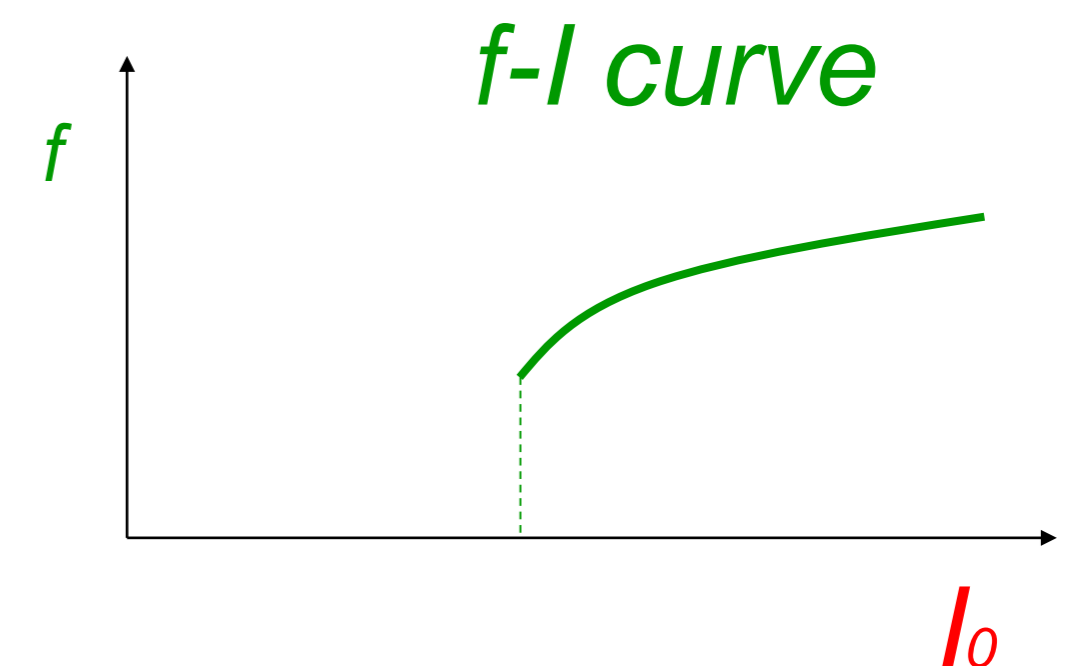
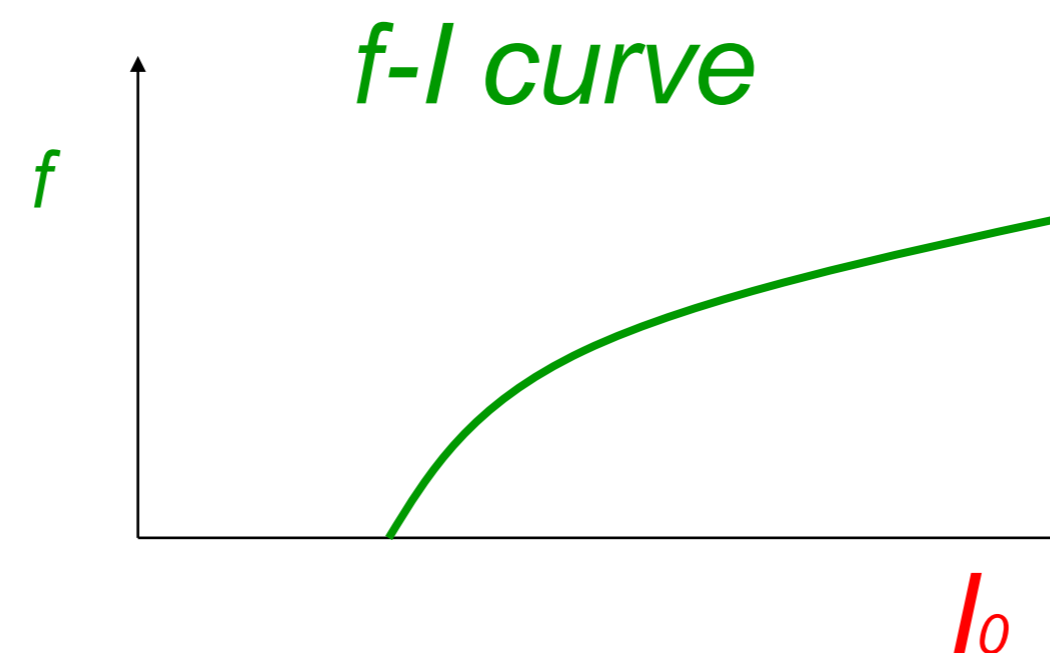
Can we understand the dynamics of the HH model?

- mathematical principle of Action Potential generation?
- constant input current vs pulse input?
- Types of neuron model (type I and II)? (next week)
- threshold behavior? (next week)

→ Reduce from 4 to 2 equations

Type I and type II models

ramp input/
constant input



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Can we understand the dynamics of the HH model?

→ Reduce from 4 to 2 equations

Week 3 – Quiz 3.1.

A - A biophysical point neuron model

with 3 ion channels,

each with activation and inactivation,

has a total number of equations equal to

3 or

4 or

6 or

7 or

8 or more

Toward a two-dimensional neuron model

-Reduction of Hodgkin-Huxley to 2 dimension

- step 1: separation of time scales

- step 2: exploit similarities/correlations

3.1. Reduction of Hodgkin-Huxley model

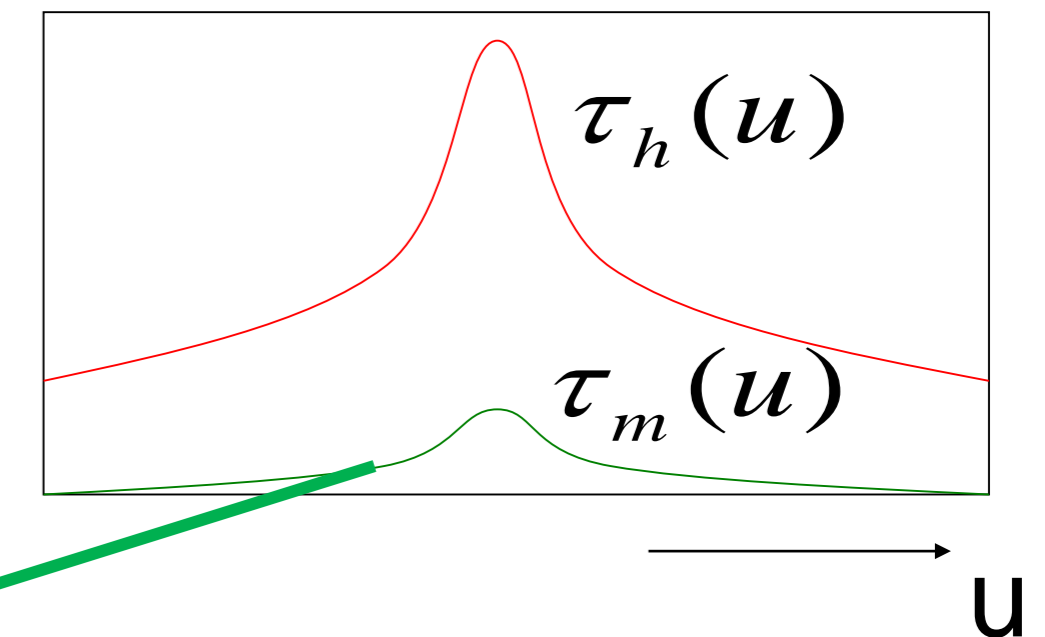
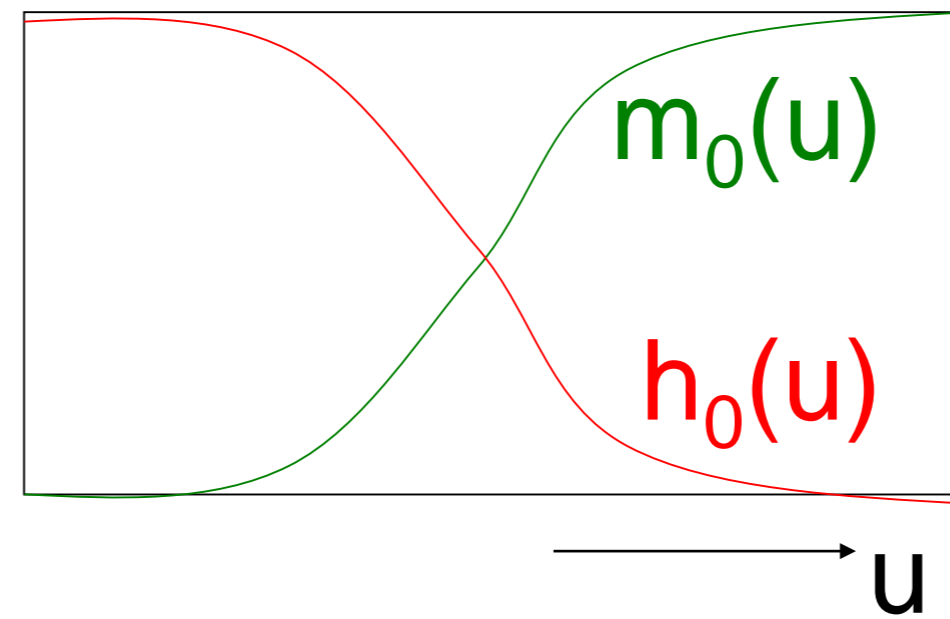
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MathDetour

1) dynamics of m are fast

$$\longrightarrow m(t) = m_0(u(t))$$

Reduction of dimensionality: Separation of time scales

$$\tau_1 \frac{dx}{dt} = -x + c(t)$$

*Exercise 1 (week 3)
(later today !)*

Two coupled differential equations

$$\tau_1 \frac{dx}{dt} = -x + h(y)$$

$$\tau_2 \frac{dy}{dt} = f(y) + g(x)$$

Separation of time scales

$$\tau_1 \ll \tau_2 \rightarrow x=h(y)$$

Reduced 1-dimensional system

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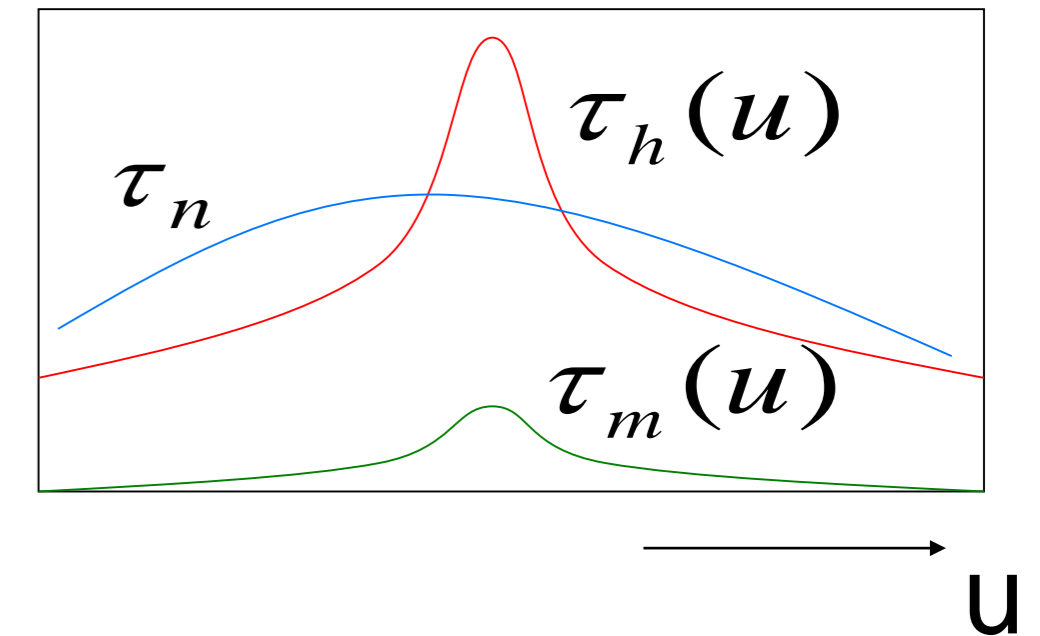
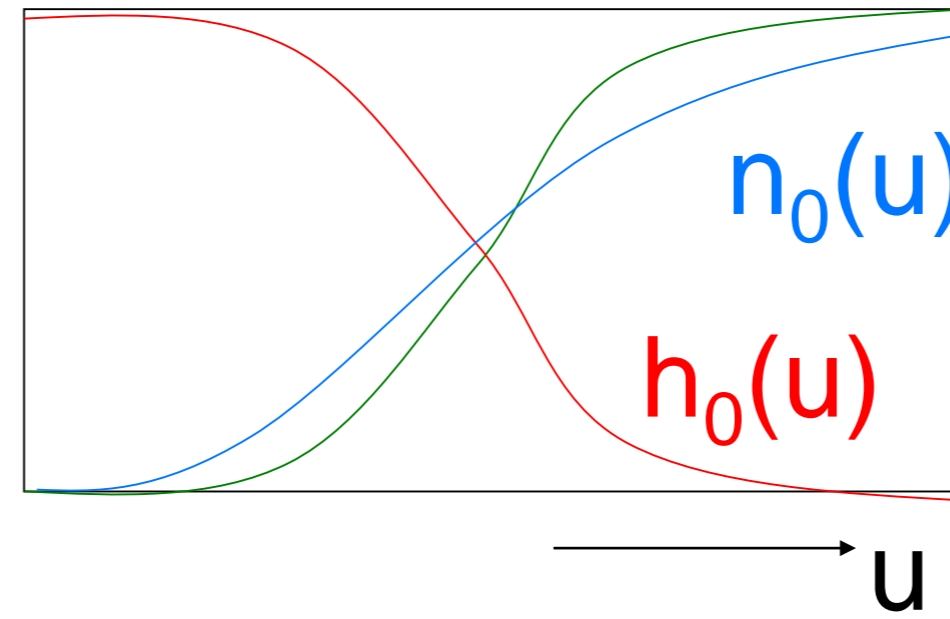
stimulus



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- 1) dynamics of m are fast
- 2) dynamics of h and n are similar

$$\longrightarrow m(t) = m_0(u(t))$$

3.1. Reduction of Hodgkin-Huxley model

Reduction of Hodgkin-Huxley Model to 2 Dimension

-step 1:

separation of time scales

-step 2:

exploit similarities/correlations

Now !

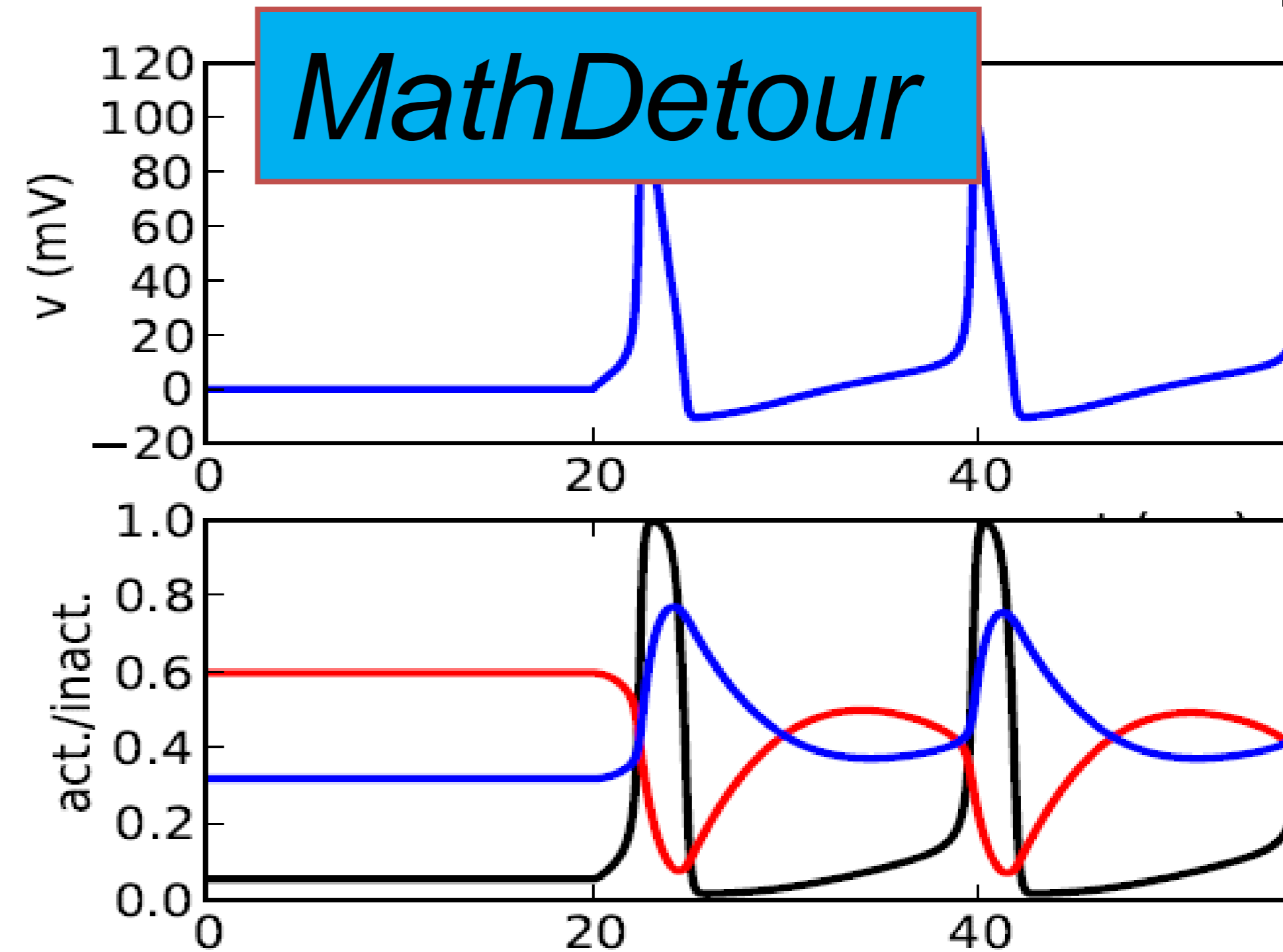
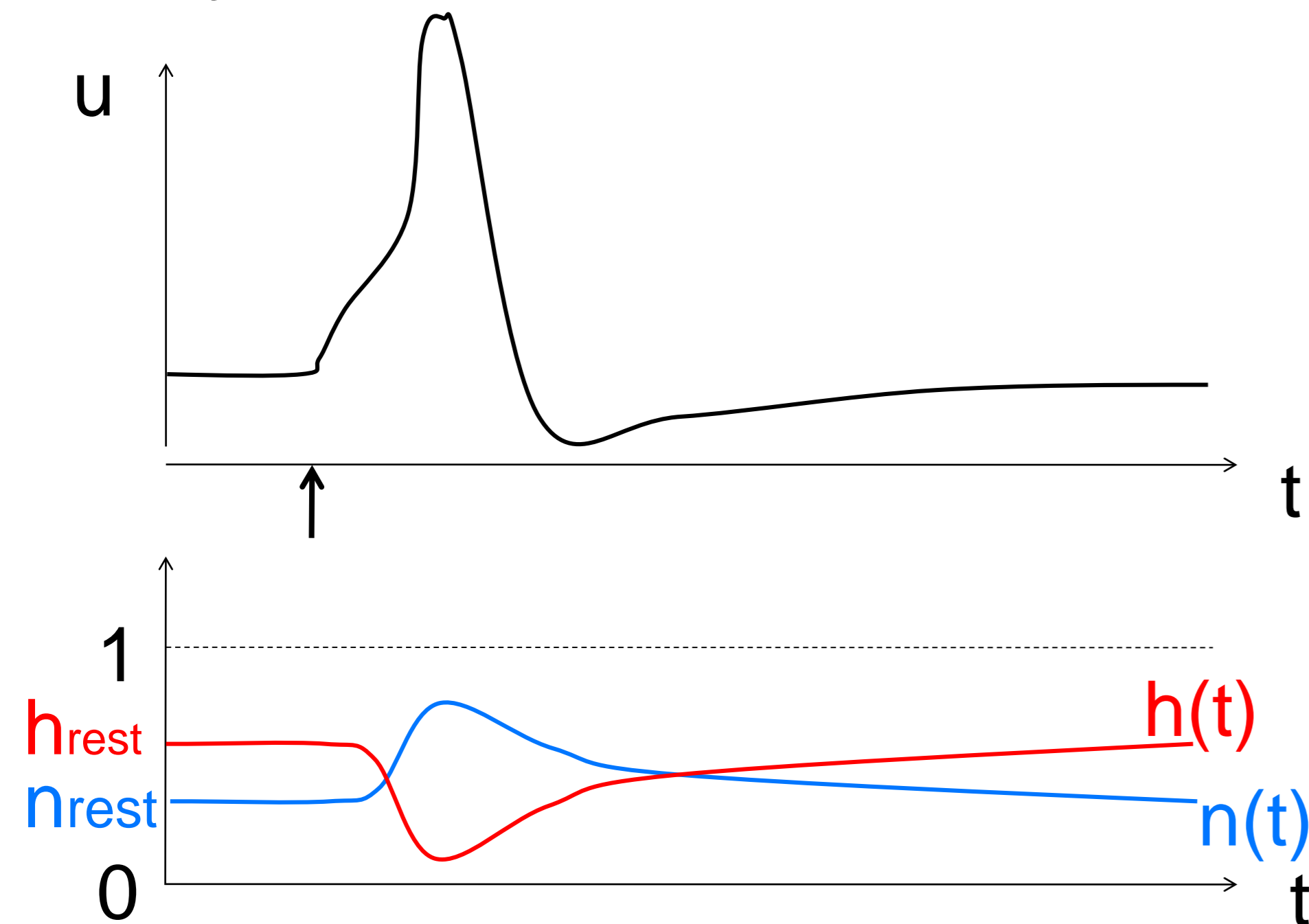
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2) dynamics of h and n are similar

$$1 - h(t) = a n(t)$$

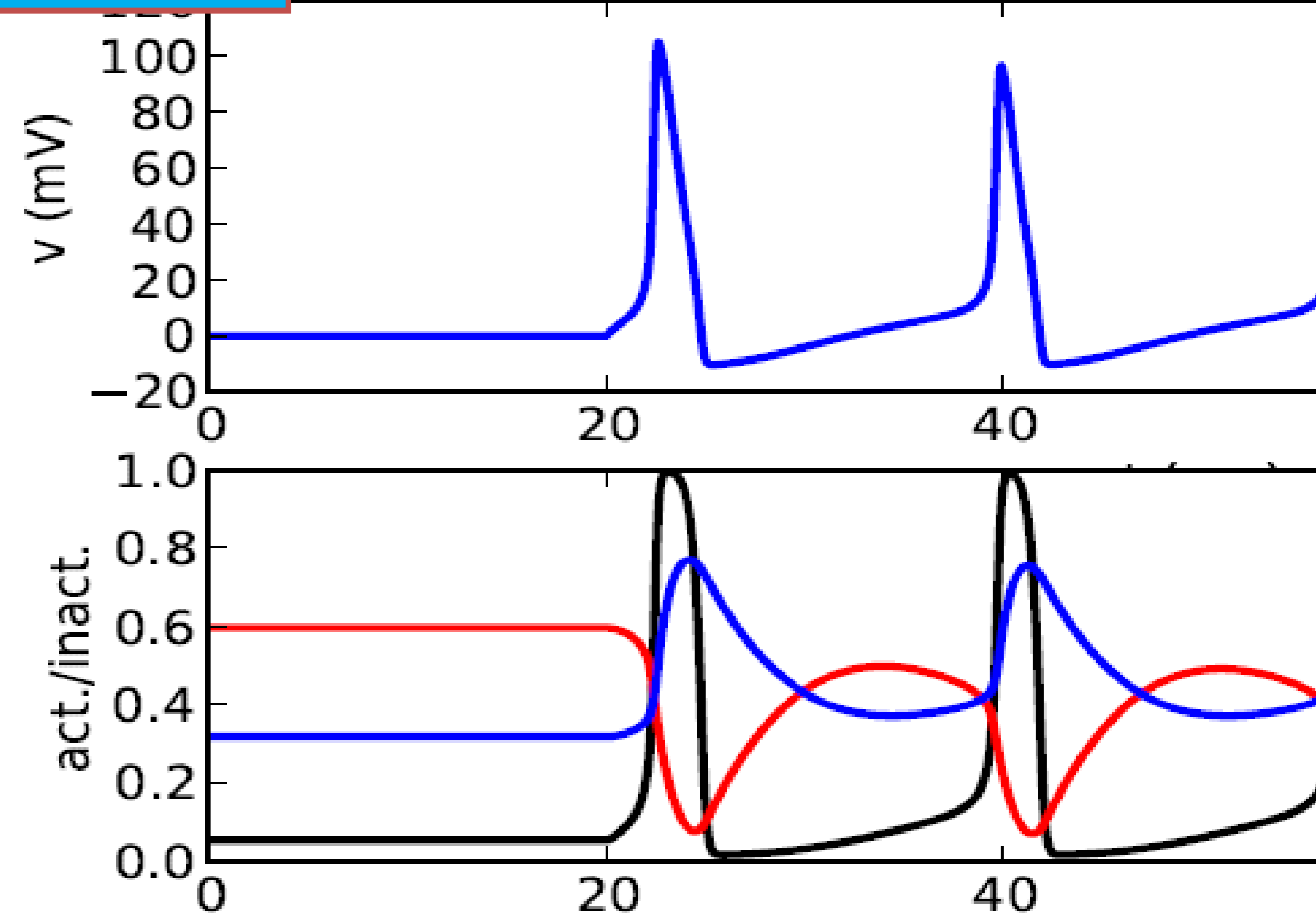
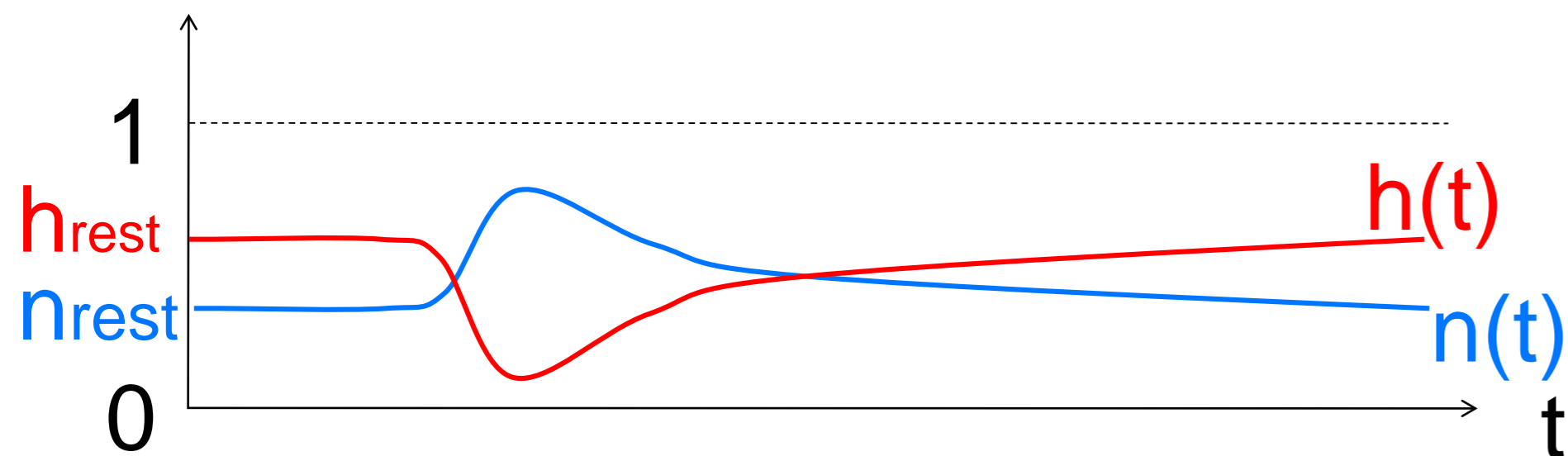
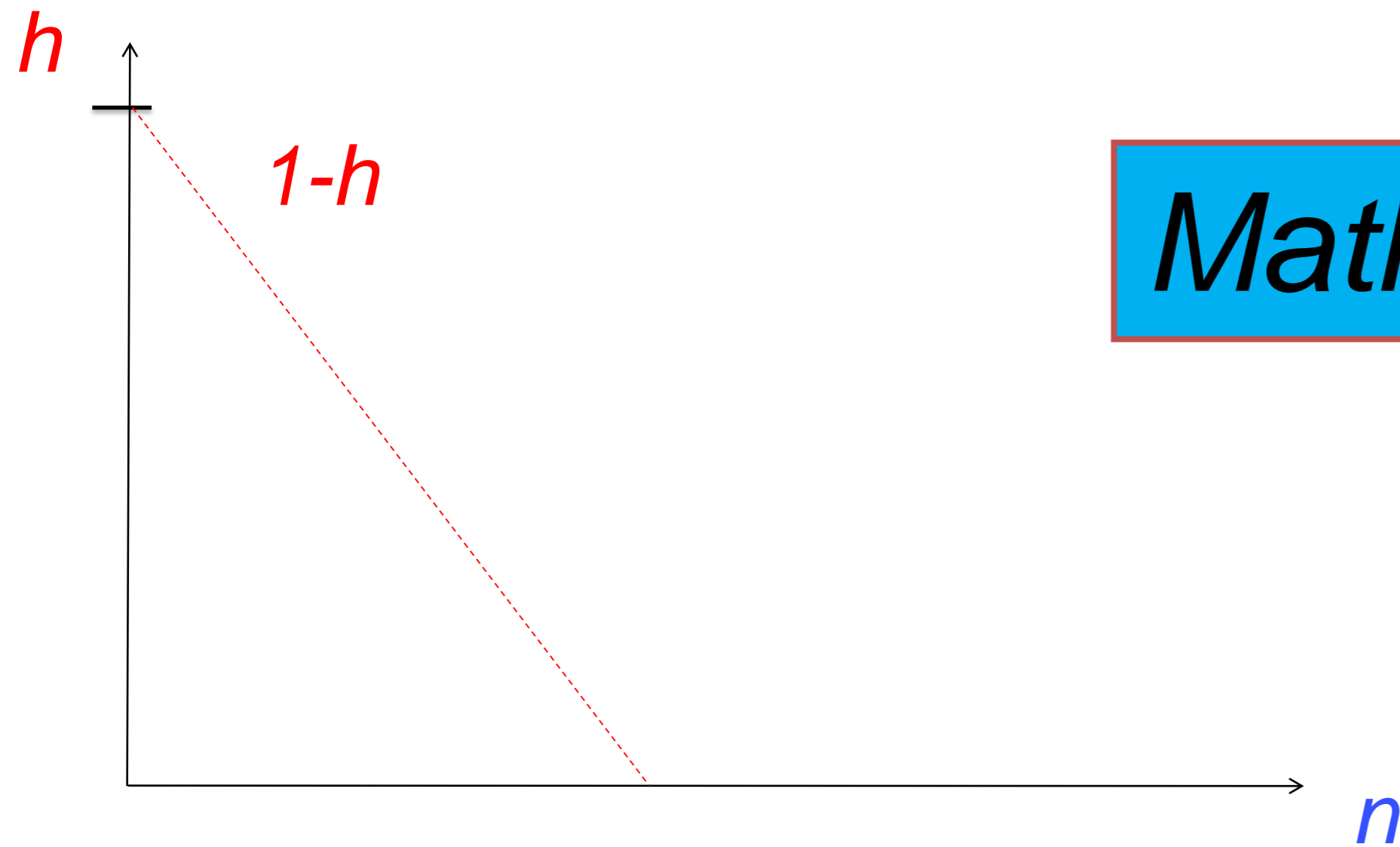


3.1 Detour 1. Exploit similarities/correlations

dynamics of h and n are similar

$$1 - h(t) = a n(t)$$

Math. argument

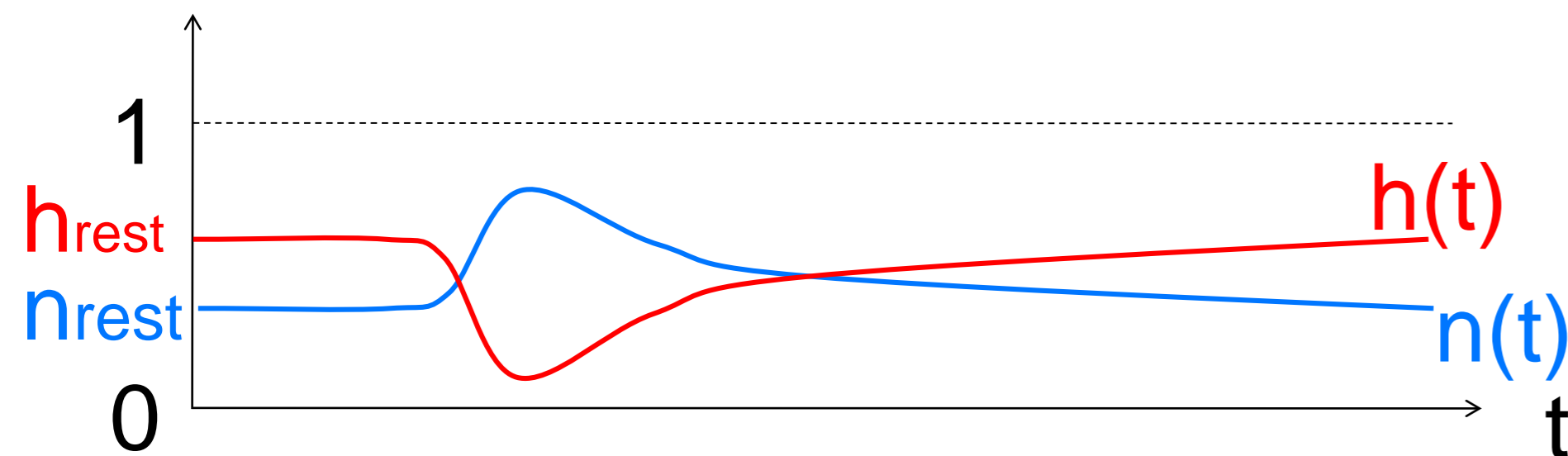
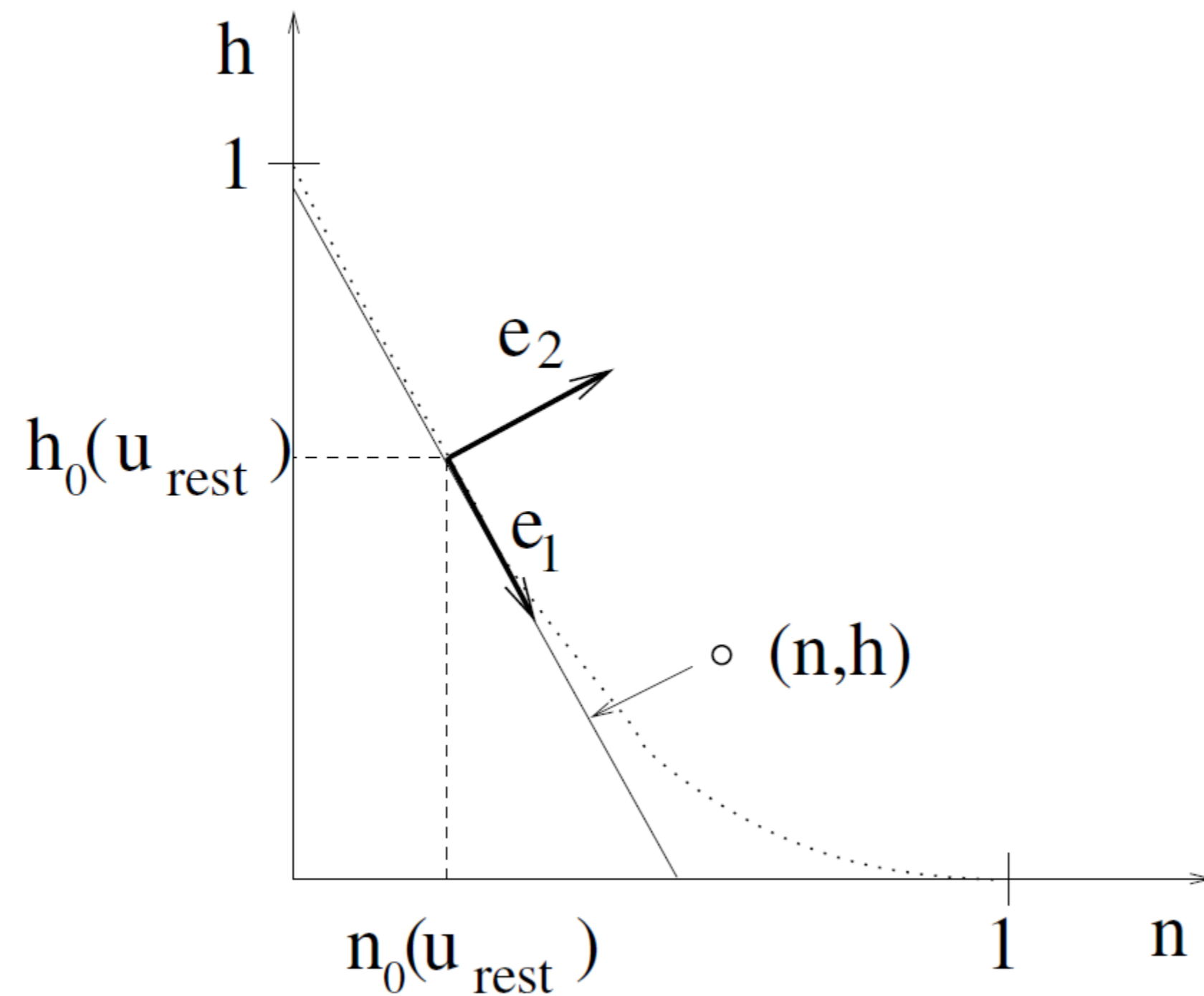


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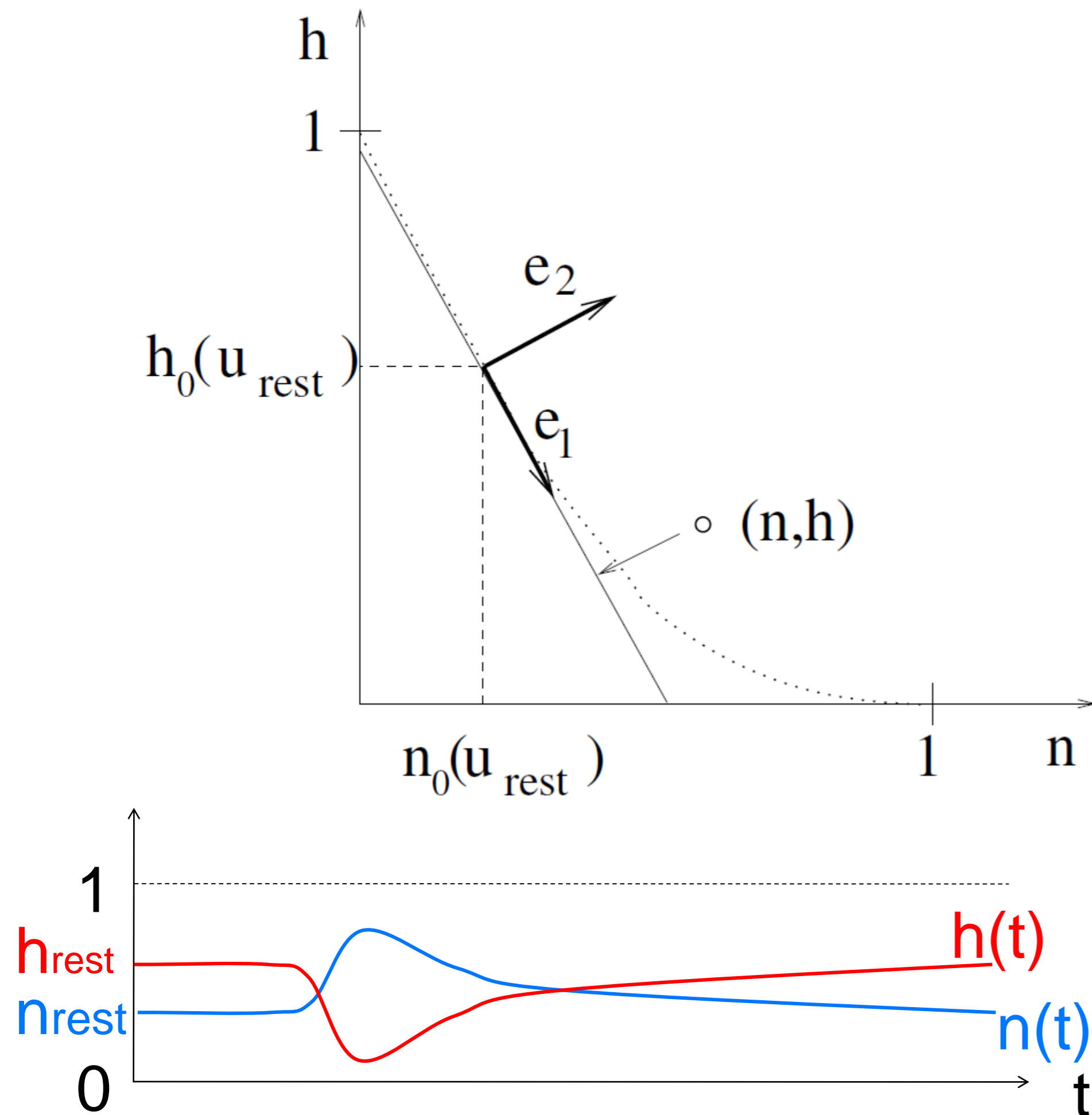
at rest



$$\frac{dh}{dt} = -\frac{h - h_0(u)}{\tau_h(u)}$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = -\frac{n - n_0(u)}{\tau_n(u)}$$

3.1 Detour 1. Exploit similarities/correlations



dynamics of h and n are similar

- (i) Rotate coordinate system
- (ii) Suppress one coordinate
- (iii) Express dynamics in new variable

$$1 - h(t) = a n(t) = w(t)$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = -\frac{h - h_0(u)}{\tau_h(u)}$$

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = -\frac{w - w_0(u)}{\tau_{\text{eff}}(u)}$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = -\frac{n - n_0(u)}{\tau_n(u)}$$

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1) dynamics of m are fast $\longrightarrow m(t) = m_0(u(t))$

2) dynamics of h and n are similar $\longrightarrow \underbrace{1-h(t)}_{w(t)} = \underbrace{a n(t)}_{w(t)}$

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$$\frac{dw}{dt} = - \frac{w - w_0(u)}{\tau_{eff}(u)}$$

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u(t), w(t)) + R I(t)$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u(t), w(t))$$

3.1. Reduction to 2 dimensions

2-dimensional equation

$$C \frac{du}{dt} = f(u(t), w(t)) + I(t)$$

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = g(u(t), w(t))$$

Enables graphical analysis!



Phase plane analysis

- Discussion of threshold
- Constant input current vs pulse input
- Type I and II
- Repetitive firing

Week 3 – Quiz 3.2-similar dynamics

Exploiting similarities:

A sufficient condition to replace two gating variables r, s by a single gating variable w is

Both r and s have the same time constant (as a function of u)

Both r and s have the same activation function

Both r and s have the same time constant (as a function of u)
AND the same activation function

Both r and s have the same time constant (as a function of u)
AND activation functions that are identical after some additive rescaling

Both r and s have the same time constant (as a function of u)
AND activation functions that are identical after some multiplicative rescaling

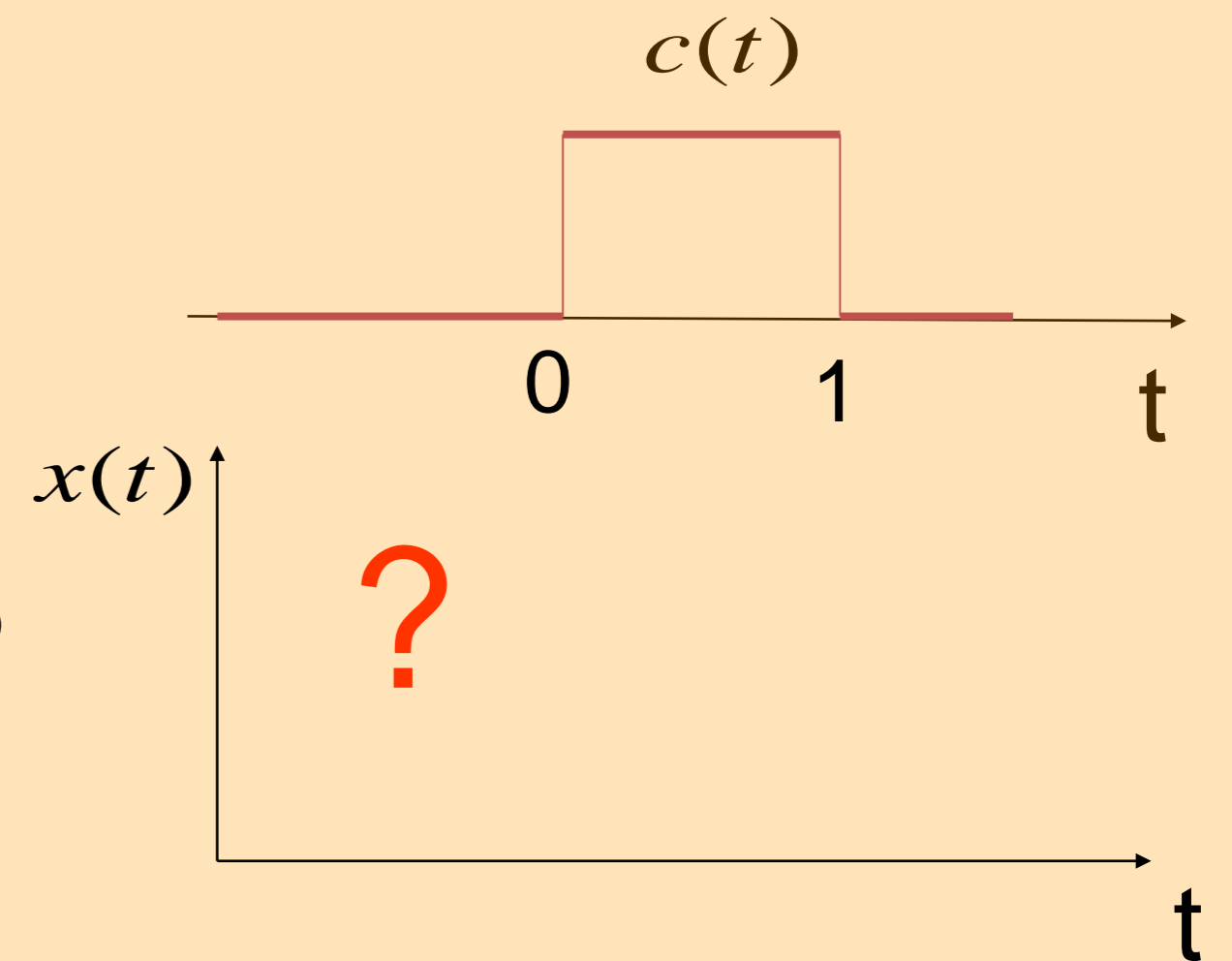
NOW Exercise 1.1-1.4: separation of time scales

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$$\frac{dm}{dt} = -\frac{m - m_0(u)}{\tau_m(u)}$$

$$\text{A: } \frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{x - c(t)}{\tau}$$

- calculate $x(t)$!
- what if τ is small?



Exercises:
1.1-1.4 **now!**
1.5 homework

Exerc. 10h15-10h30

Next lecture:

10h30

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = -\frac{m - c(u)}{\tau_m}$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = f(u) - m$$

- B:** -calculate $m(t)$
if τ is small!
- reduce to 1 eq.

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Discussion Exercise 1 – MathDetour 3.1: Separation of time scales

Exercise 1 (week 3)

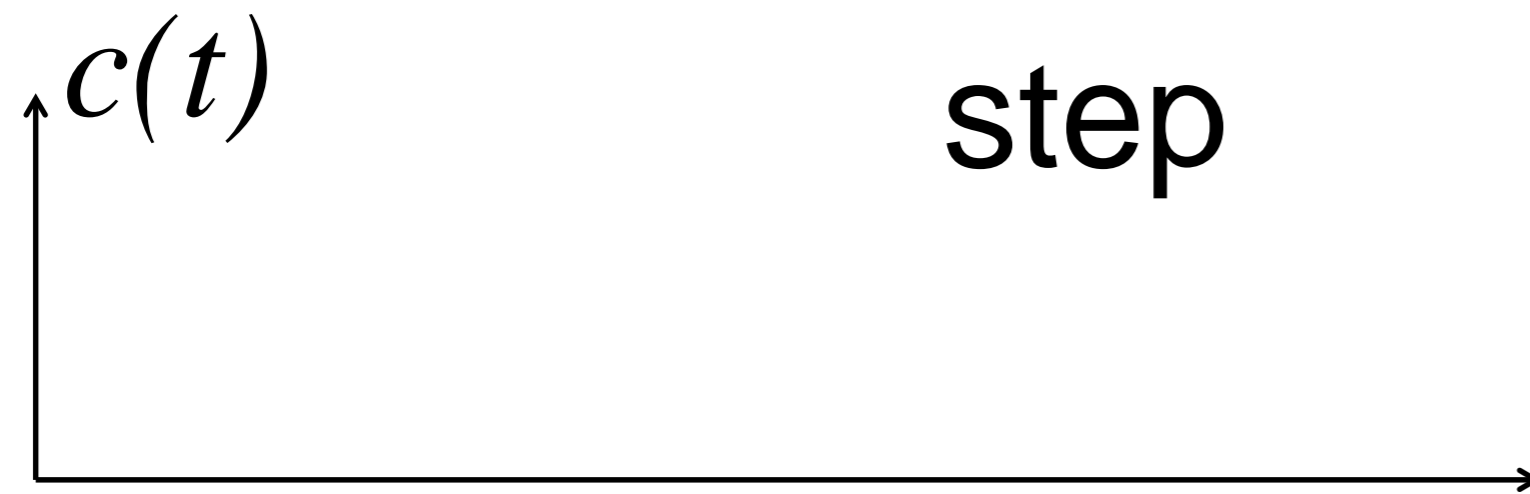
Two coupled differential equations

Draw graph,
blackboard

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -x + c(t)$$

$$\tau_2 \frac{dy}{dt} = f(y) + g(x)$$

Ex. 1-A



A graph showing the differential equation $\tau_1 \frac{dx}{dt} = -x + c(t)$ on a coordinate system. The vertical axis is labeled x and the horizontal axis is labeled t . The equation is written in the upper left quadrant of the graph.

Separation of time scales

$$\tau_1 \ll \tau_2$$

Reduced 1-dimensional system

$$\tau_2 \frac{dy}{dt} = f(y) + g(c(t))$$

Discussion Exercise 1 – MathDetour 3.1 Separation of time scales

Two coupled differential equations

$$\tau_1 \frac{dx}{dt} = -x + c(t) \quad \begin{matrix} a=0 \\ a=1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\tau_2 \frac{dc}{dt} = -c + f(x) + I(t)$$

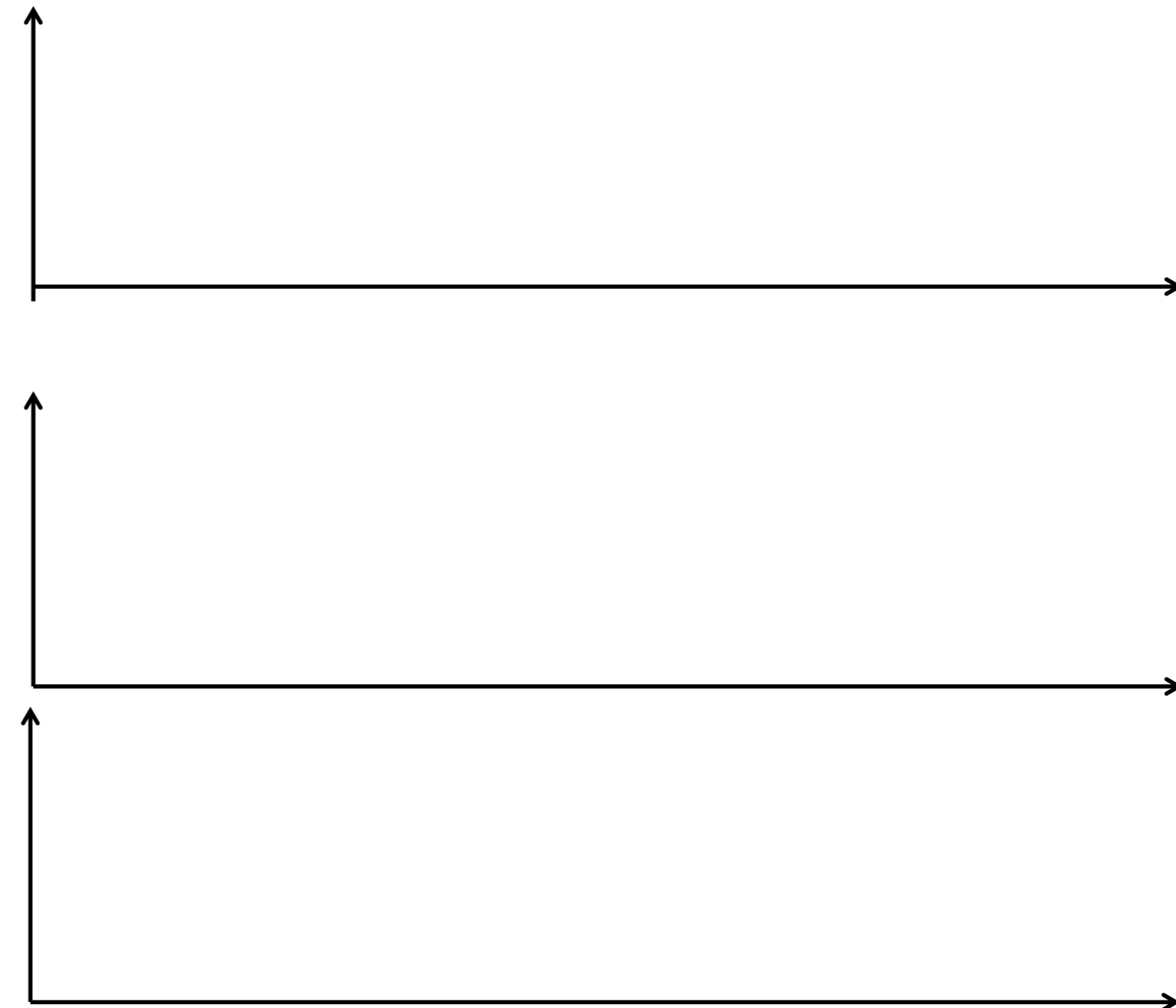
$$\tau_1 \ll \tau_2$$

Draw graph,
blackboard

● x

● c

● I



Two cases:

$$I(t) = \text{'slow'}$$

$$I(t) = q \delta(t - t_0)$$

Discuss Exercise 1 – MathDetour 3.1: Separation of time scales

Exercise 1 (week 3)

even more general

Two coupled differential equations

$$\tau_1 \frac{dx}{dt} = -x + h(y)$$

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Separation of time scales

$$\tau_1 \ll \tau_2 \rightarrow x = h(y)$$

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Discuss exercise 1 – Reduction of Hodgkin-Huxley model

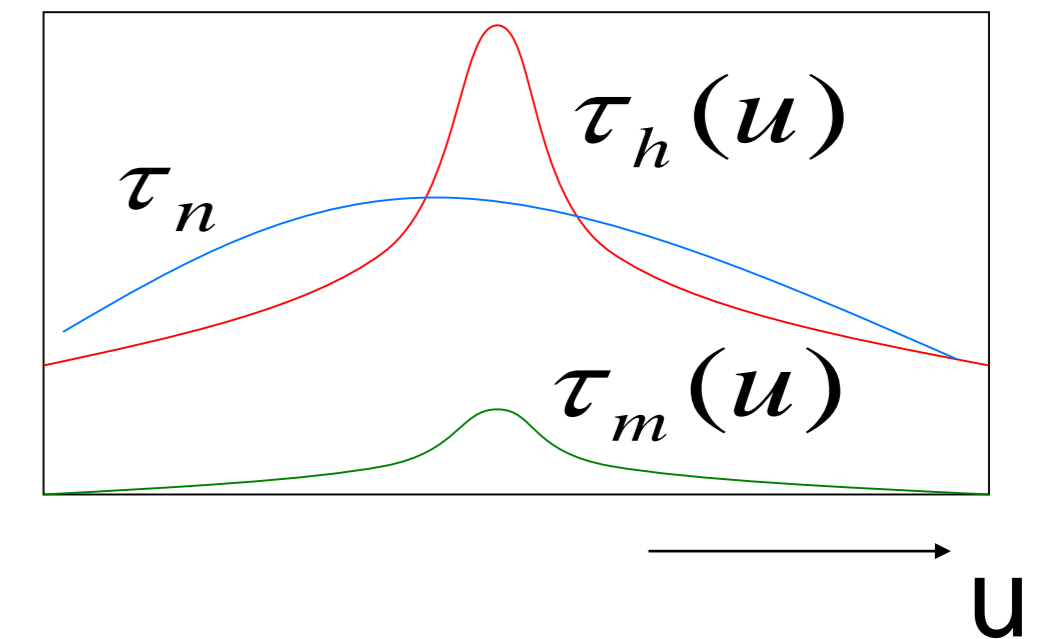
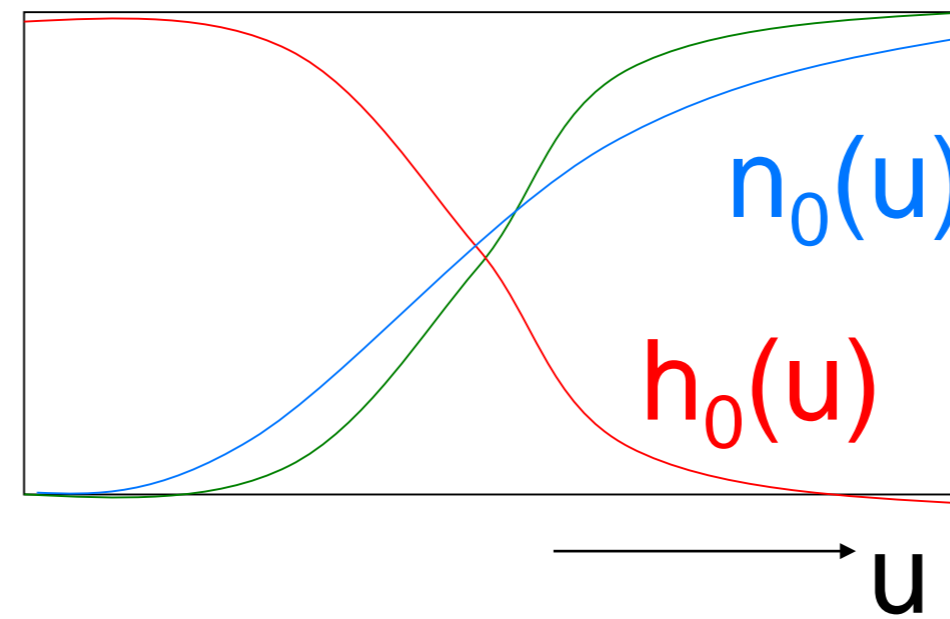
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dynamics of m is fast

$$\longrightarrow m(t) = m_0(u(t))$$

Fast compared to what?

Neuronal Dynamics – Quiz 3.3.

A- Separation of time scales:

We start with two equations

$$\tau_1 \frac{dx}{dt} = -x + y + I(t)$$

$$\tau_2 \frac{dy}{dt} = -y + x^2 + A$$

[] If $\tau_1 \ll \tau_2$ then the system can be reduced to

$$\tau_2 \frac{dy}{dt} = -y + [y + I(t)]^2 + A$$

[] If $\tau_2 \ll \tau_1$ then the system can be reduced to

$$\tau_1 \frac{dx}{dt} = -x + x^2 + A + I(t)$$

[] None of the above is correct.

Pay attention to $I(t)$:
We assume that $I(t)$ is slow compared to both time constants.

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stimulus

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + RI(t)$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w)$$

3.2. Phase Plane Analysis/nullclines

First step:

u -nullcline:

all points with $du/dt=0$

w -nullcline:

all points with $dw/dt=0$

2-dimensional equation
stimulus

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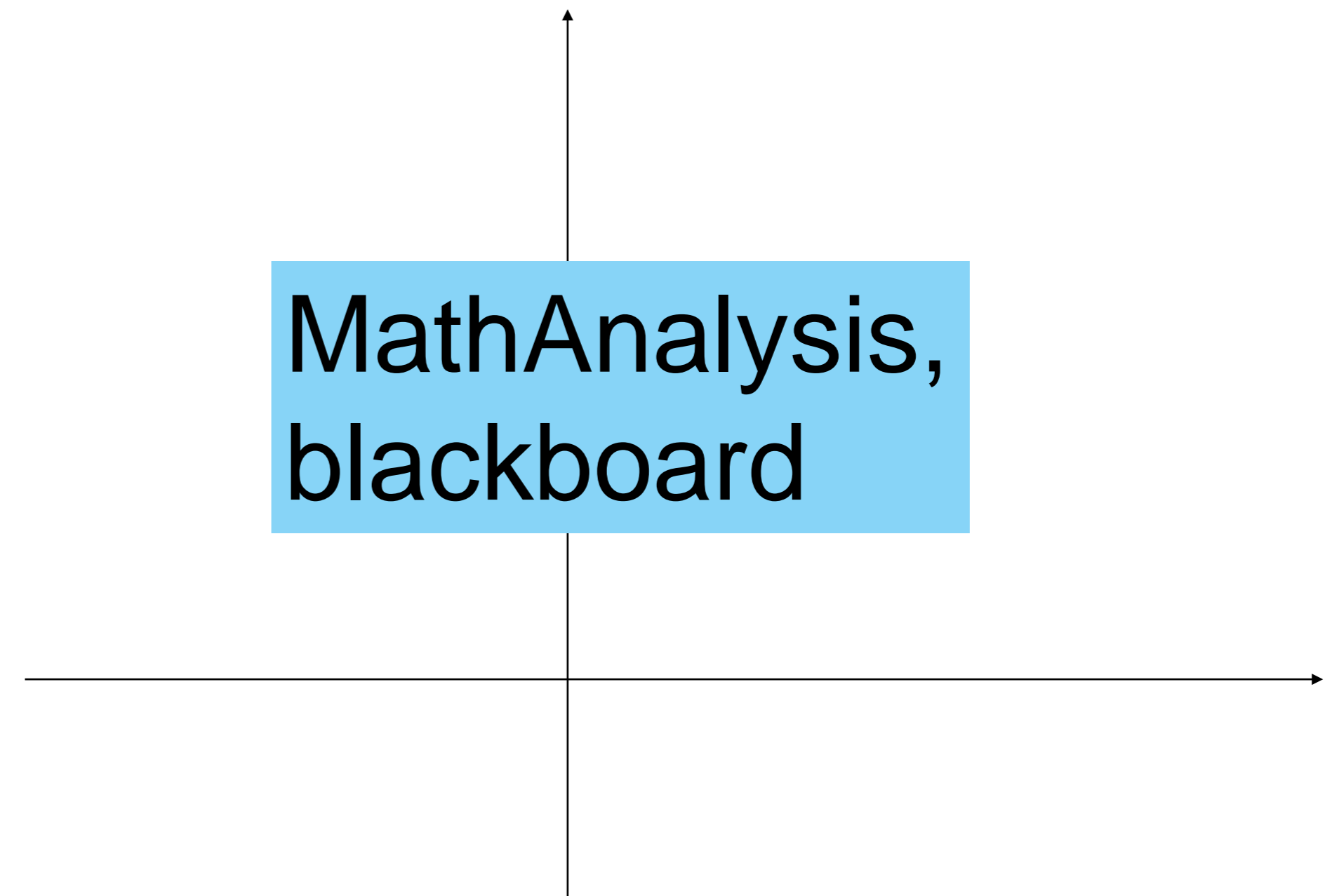
3.2. FitzHugh-Nagumo Model

$$\begin{aligned}\tau \frac{du}{dt} &= F(u, w) + RI(t) \\ &= u - \frac{1}{3}u^3 - w + RI(t)\end{aligned}$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w) = b_0 + b_1 u - w$$

u-nullcline

w-nullcline



3.2. flow arrows

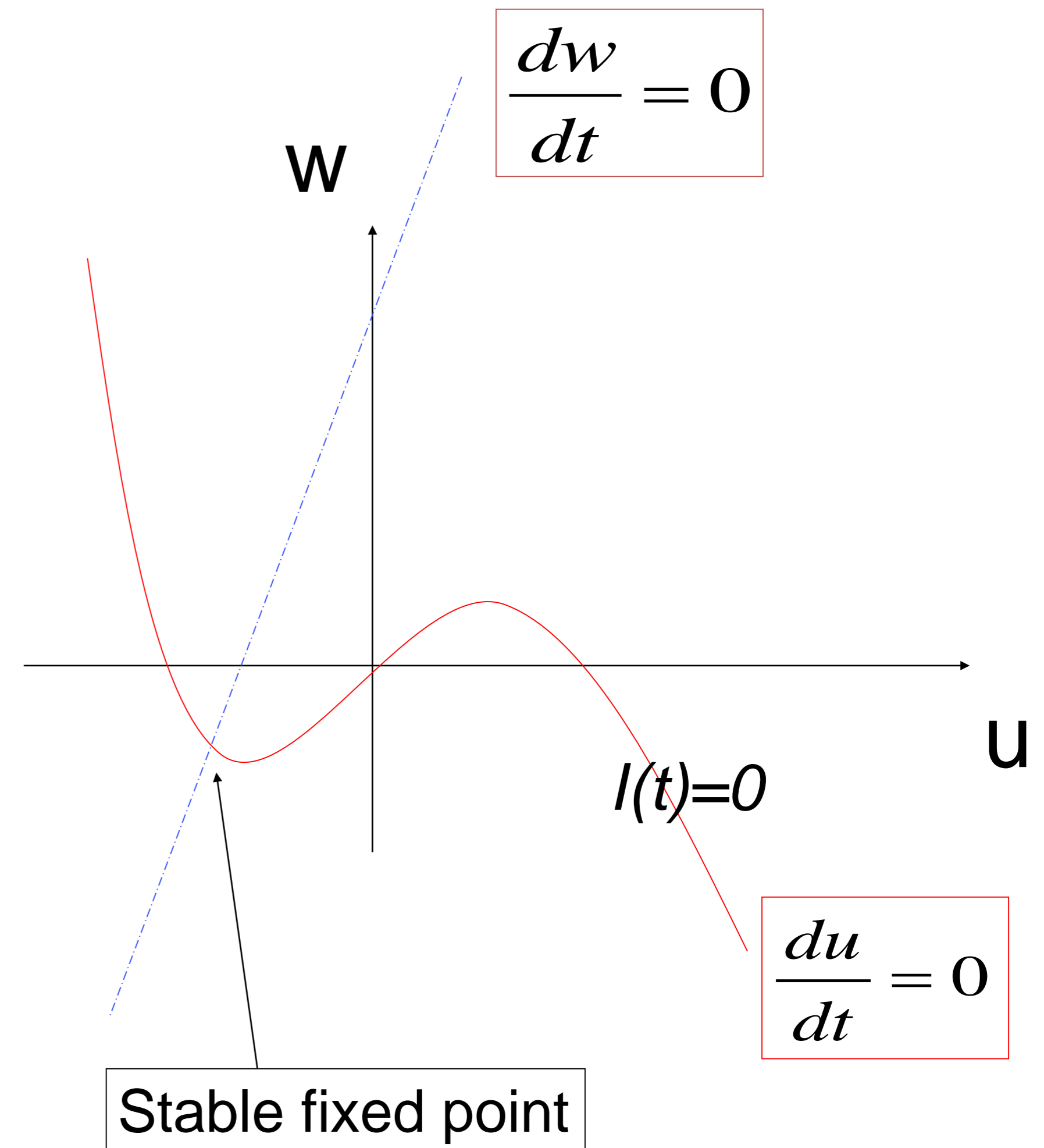
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Consider change in small time step

Flow on nullcline

Flow in regions between nullclines



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Neuronal Dynamics – 3.2. flow arrows

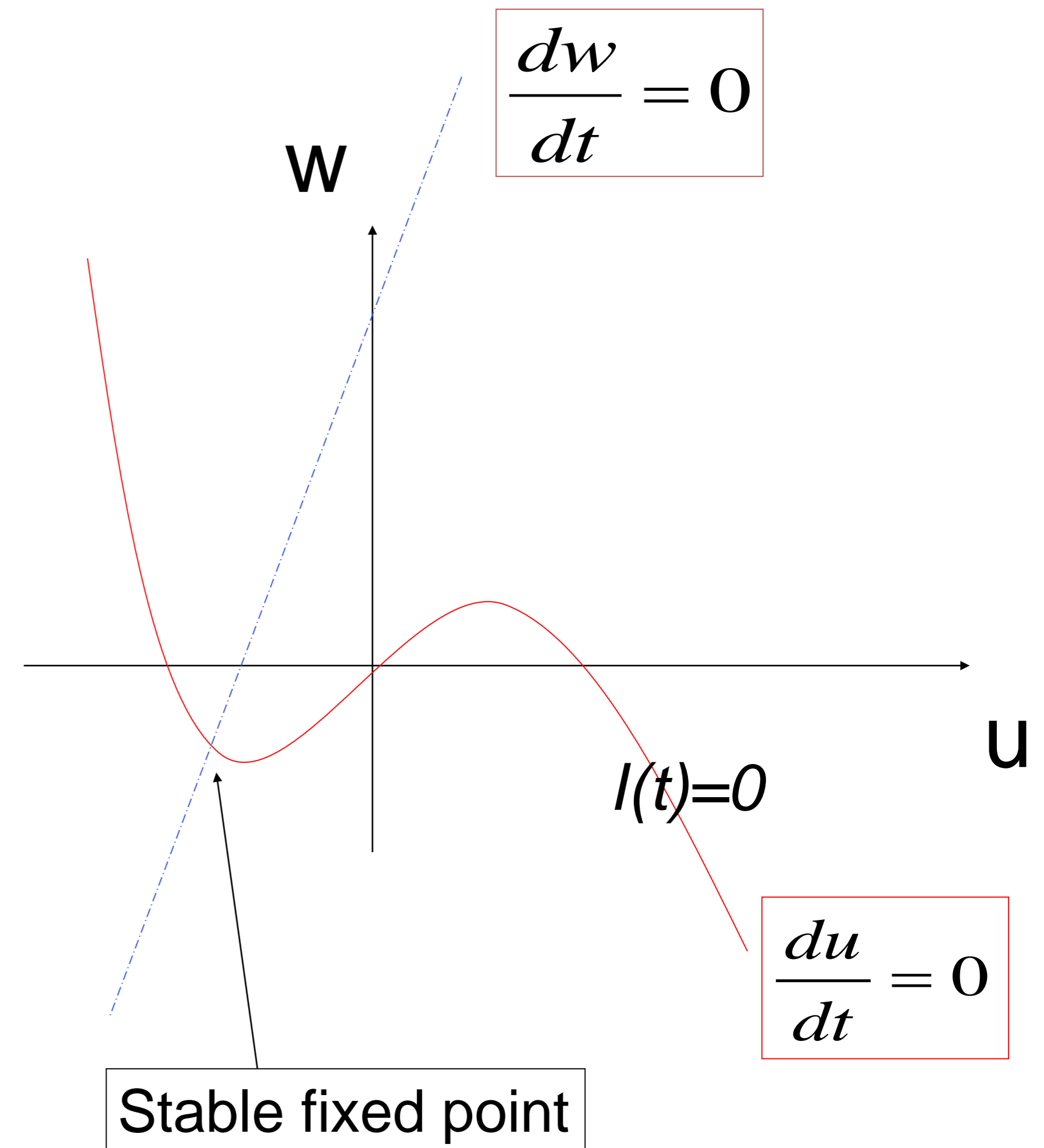
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Week 3 – Quiz 3.4

Take 1 minute

A. u-Nullclines

- On the u-nullcline, arrows are always vertical
- On the u-nullcline, arrows point always vertically upward
- On the u-nullcline, arrows are always horizontal
- On the u-nullcline, arrows point always to the left
- On the u-nullcline, arrows point always to the right

B. w-Nullclines

- On the w-nullcline, arrows are always vertical
- On the w-nullcline, arrows point always vertically upward
- On the w-nullcline, arrows are always horizontal
- On the w-nullcline, arrows point always to the left
- On the w-nullcline, arrows point always to the right
- On the w-nullcline, arrows can point in an arbitrary direction

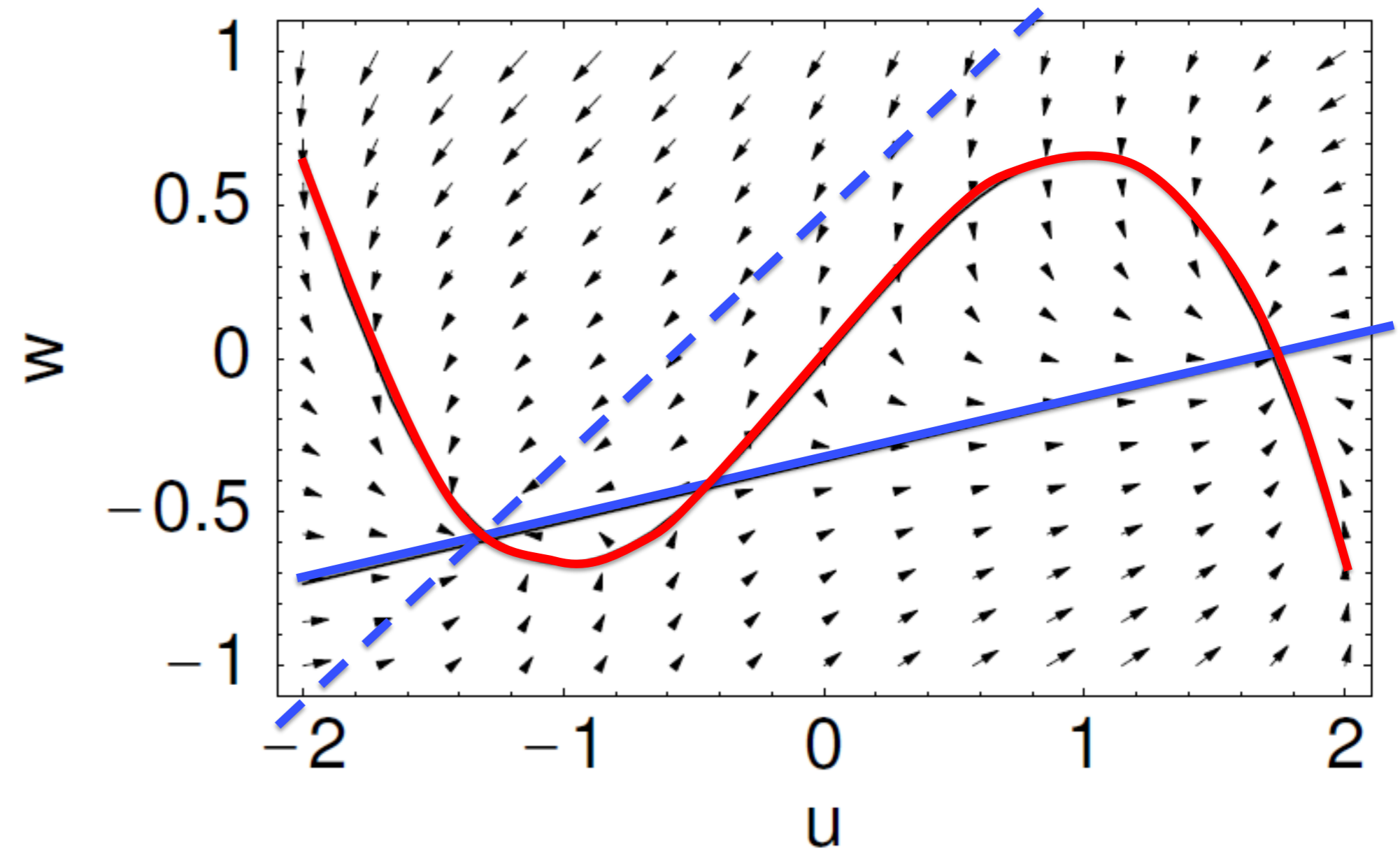
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$$= u - \frac{1}{3}u^3 + RI(t) - w$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w) = b_0 + b_1 u - w$$

change b_0, b_1



*Image: Neuronal Dynamics,
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3.2. Nullclines of reduced HH model

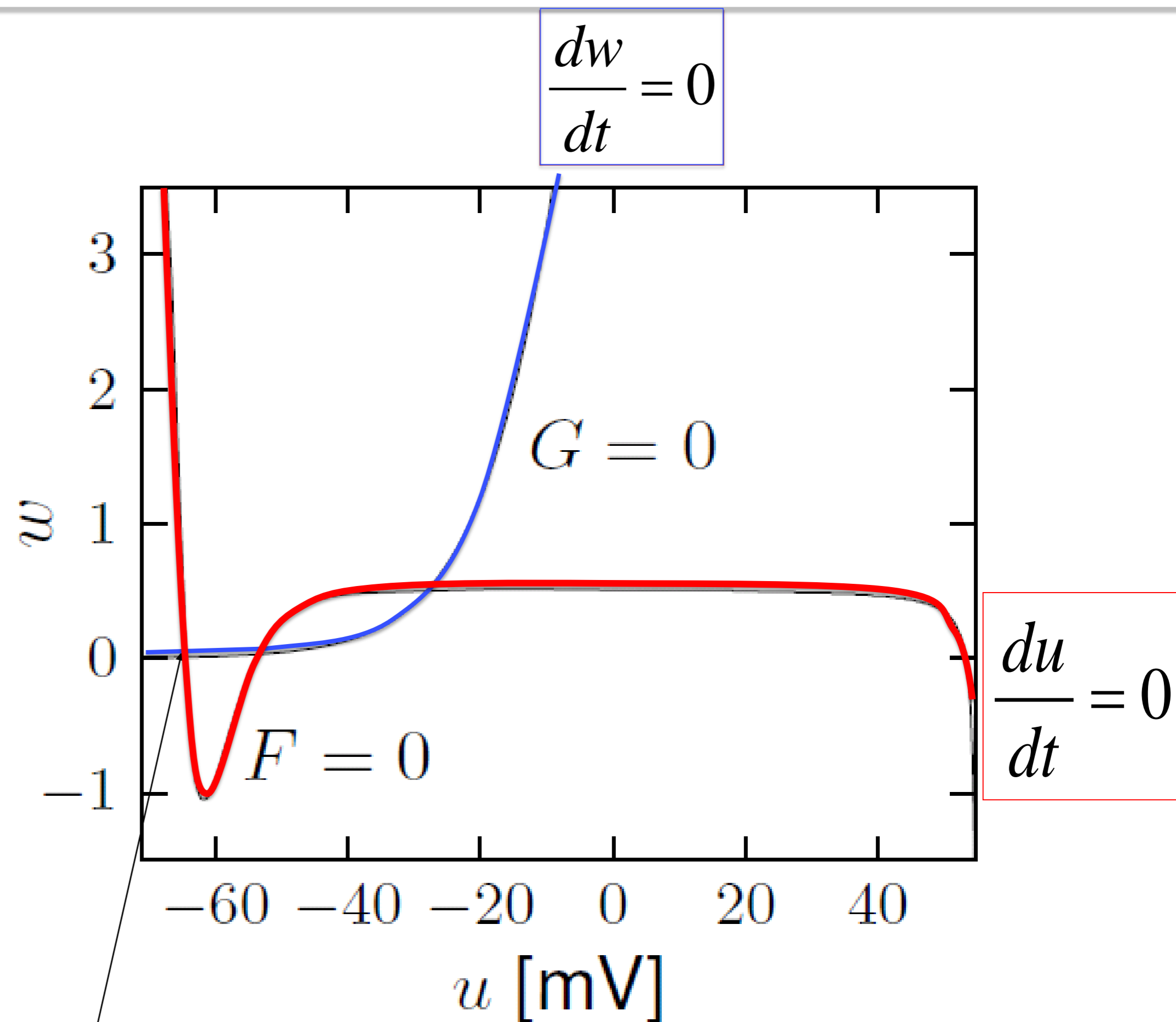
$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + RI(t)$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w)$$

u-nullcline

w-nullcline

stimulus



Stable fixed point

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3.2. Phase Plane Analysis

2-dimensional equation

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + RI(t)$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w)$$

Enables graphical analysis!

Important role of

- nullclines
- flow arrows

→ Application to
neuron models

Week 3 – part 3: Analysis of a 2D neuron model



✓ 3.1 From Hodgkin-Huxley to 2D

✓ 3.2 Phase Plane Analysis
- Role of nullcline

3.3 Analysis of a 2D Neuron Model

- pulse input
- constant input
- MathDetour 3: Stability of fixed points

3.3. Analysis of a 2D neuron model

2 important input scenarios

- Pulse input
- Constant input

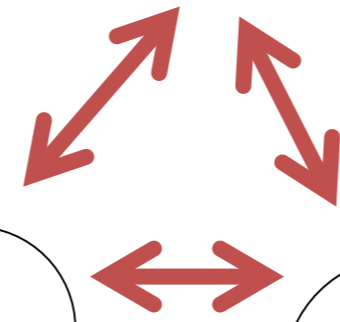
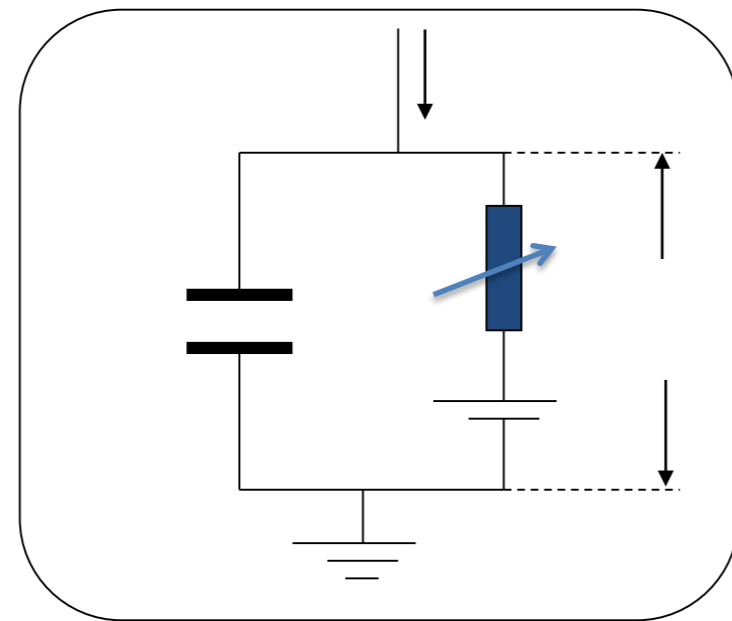
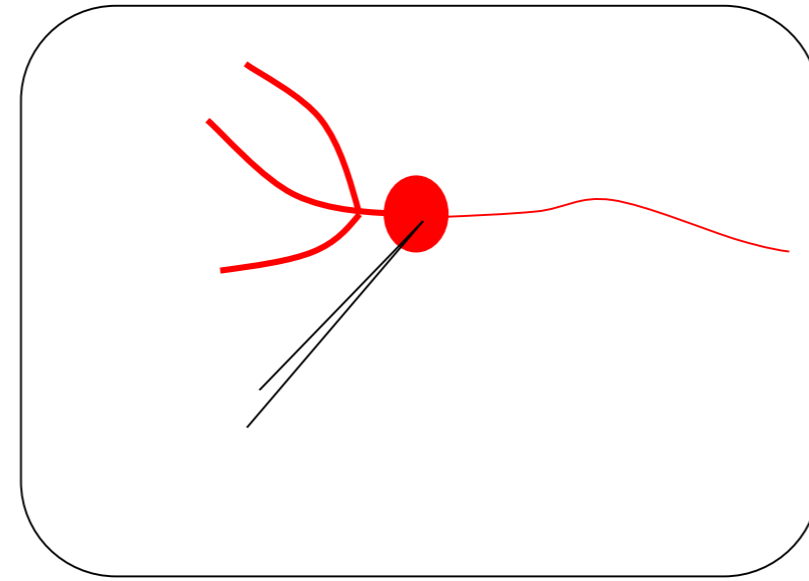
2-dimensional equation ^{stimulus}

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Enables graphical analysis!

3.3. 2D neuron model : Pulse input



$$\tau \cdot \frac{d}{dt} u = F(u, w) + RI$$
$$\tau_w \frac{d}{dt} w = G(u, w)$$

pulse input

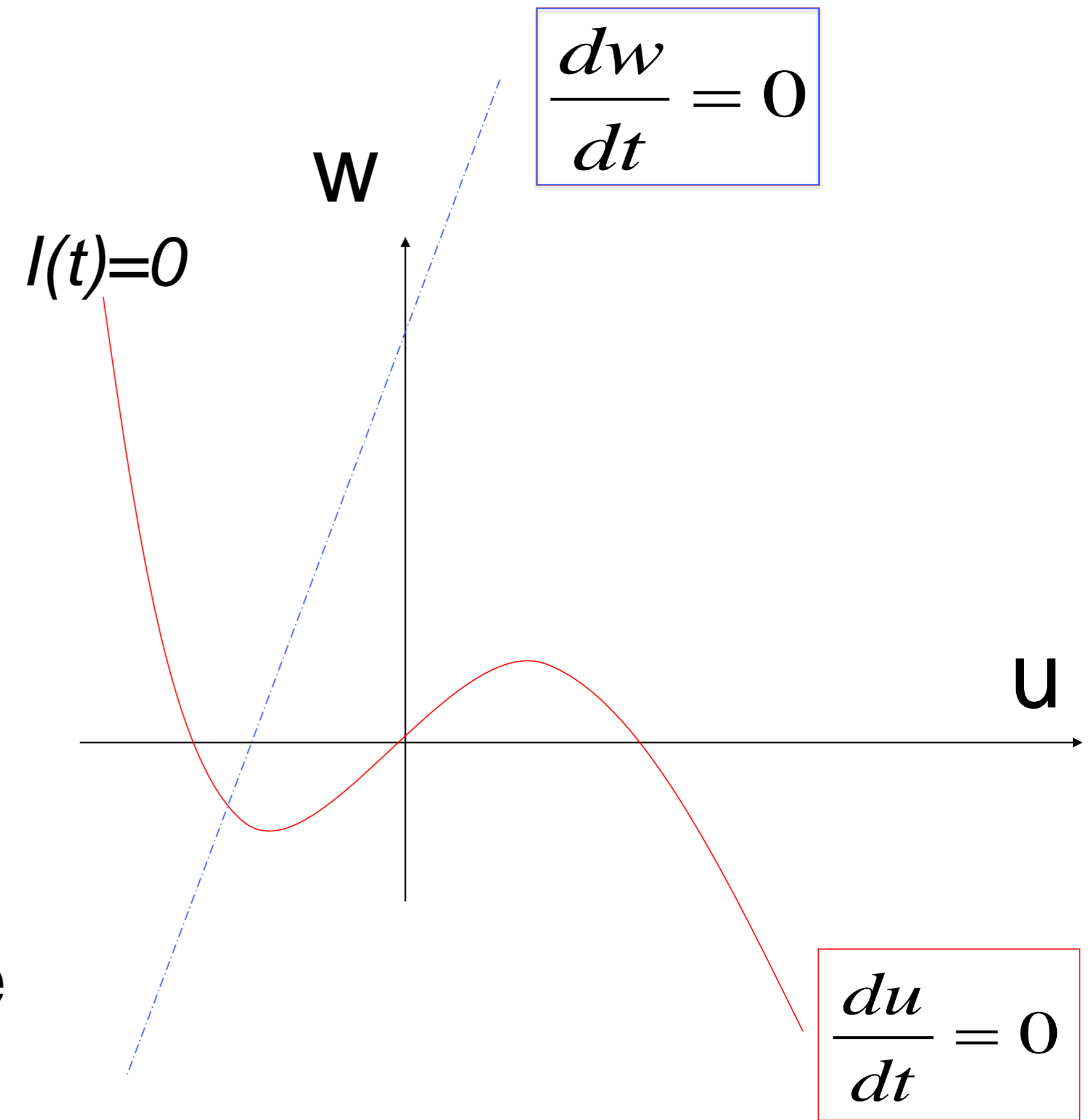
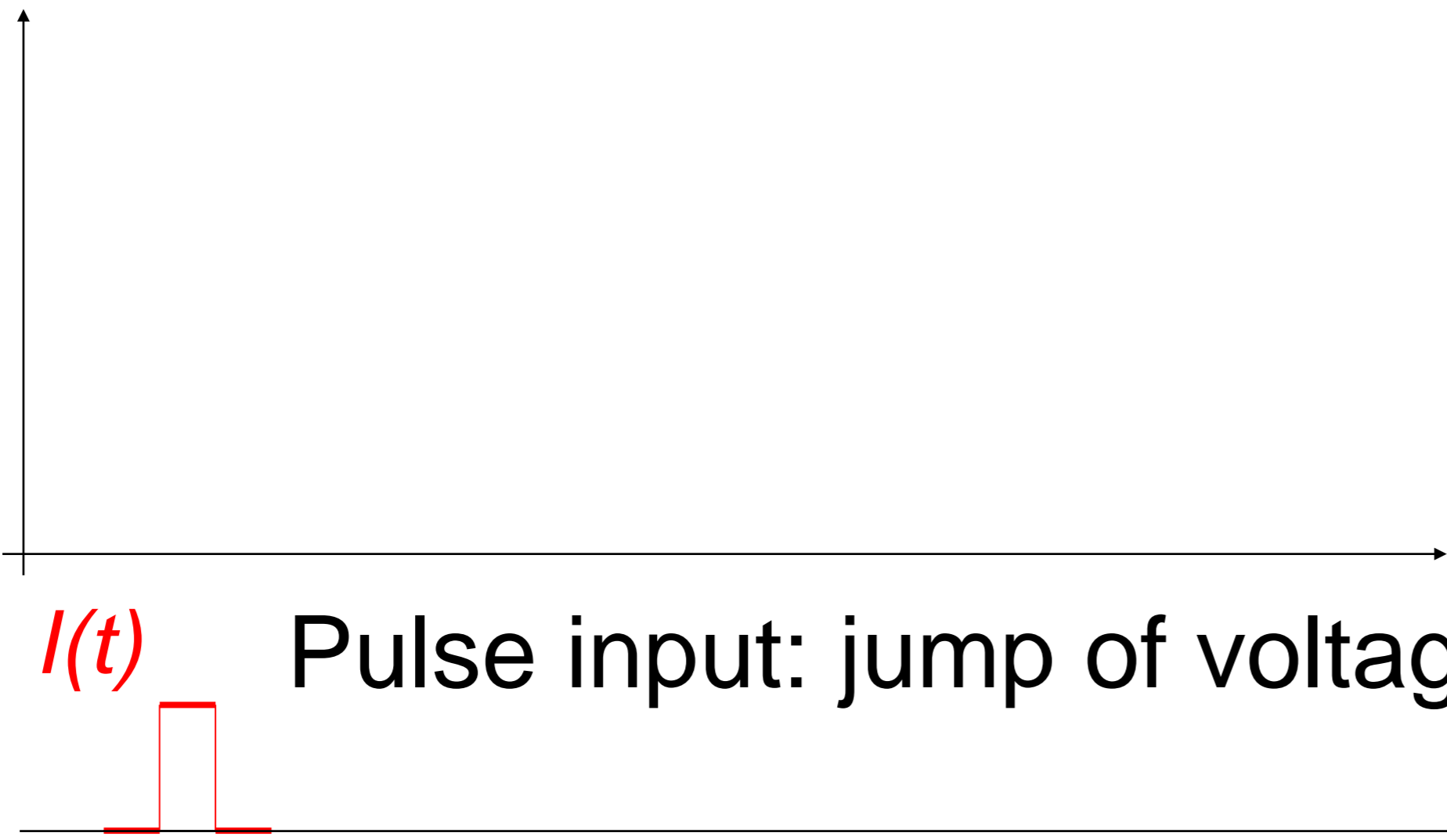


3.3. FitzHugh-Nagumo Model : Pulse input

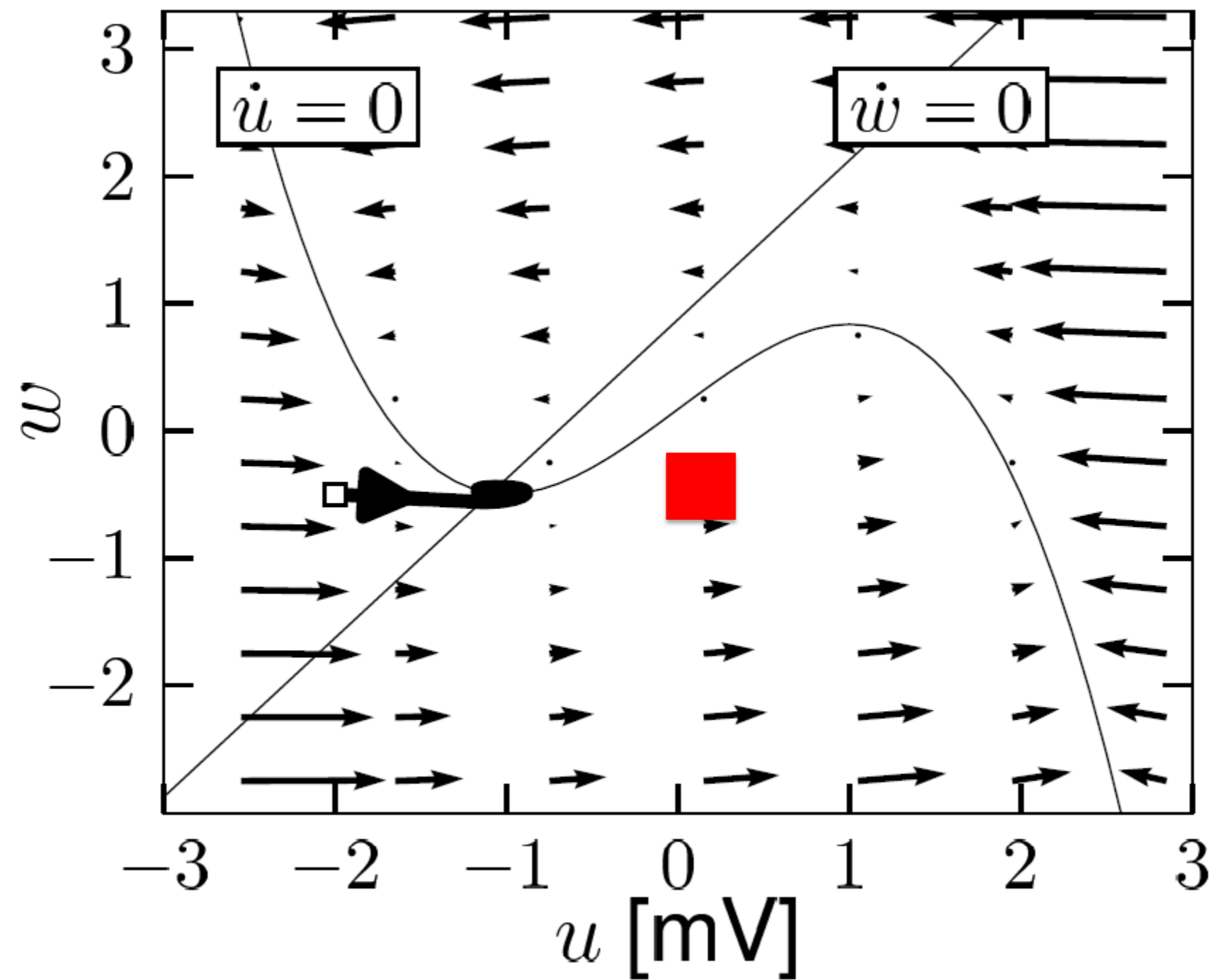
$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + RI(t) = u - \frac{1}{3}u^3 - w + RI(t)$$

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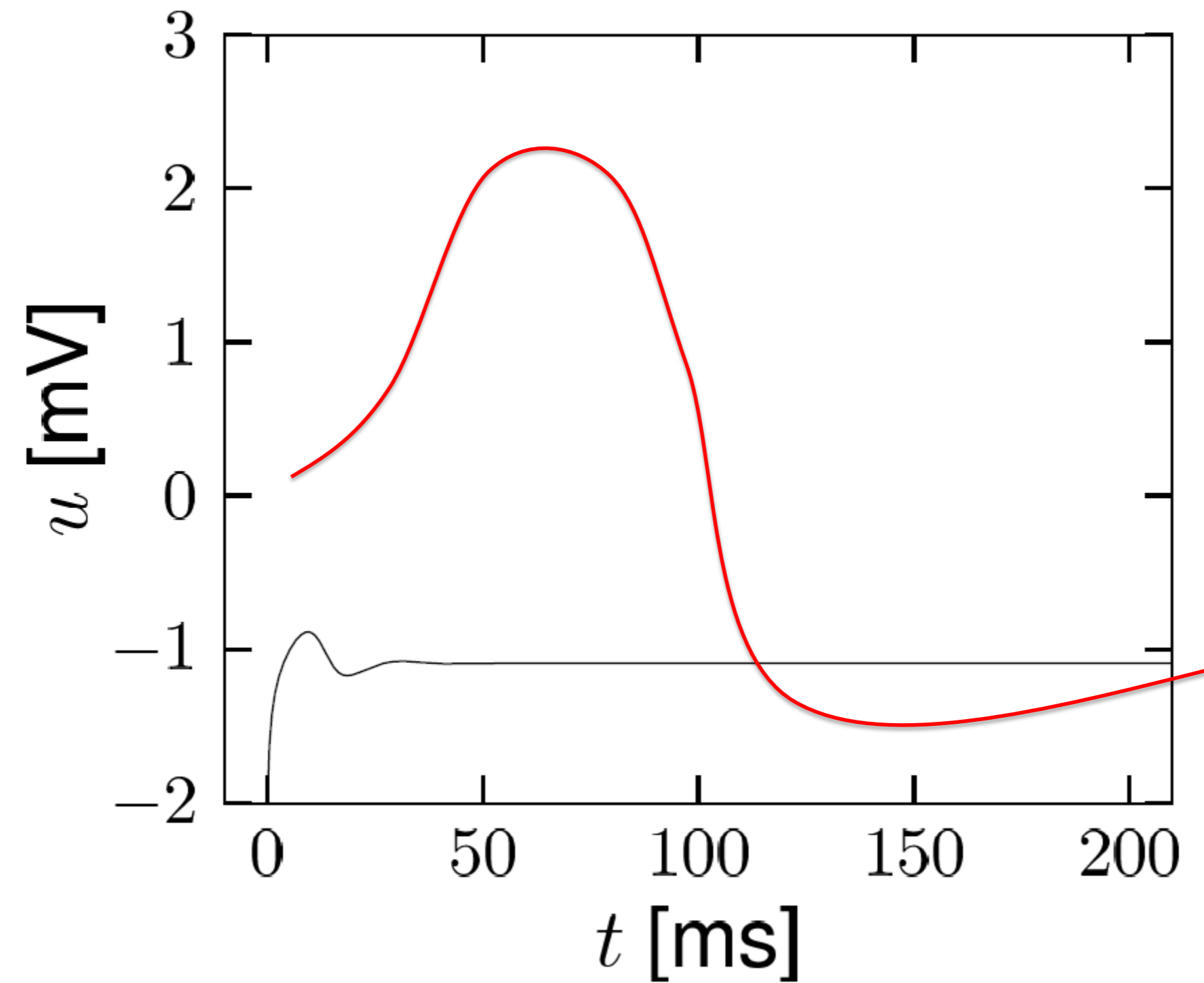
pulse input $I(t)$ Pulse input: jump of voltage



3.3. FitzHugh-Nagumo Model : Pulse input



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FN model with $b_0 = 0.9; b_1 = 1.0$

Pulse input: jump of voltage/initial condition

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3.3. FitzHugh-Nagumo Model – 2 different inputs

Pulse input:

DONE!

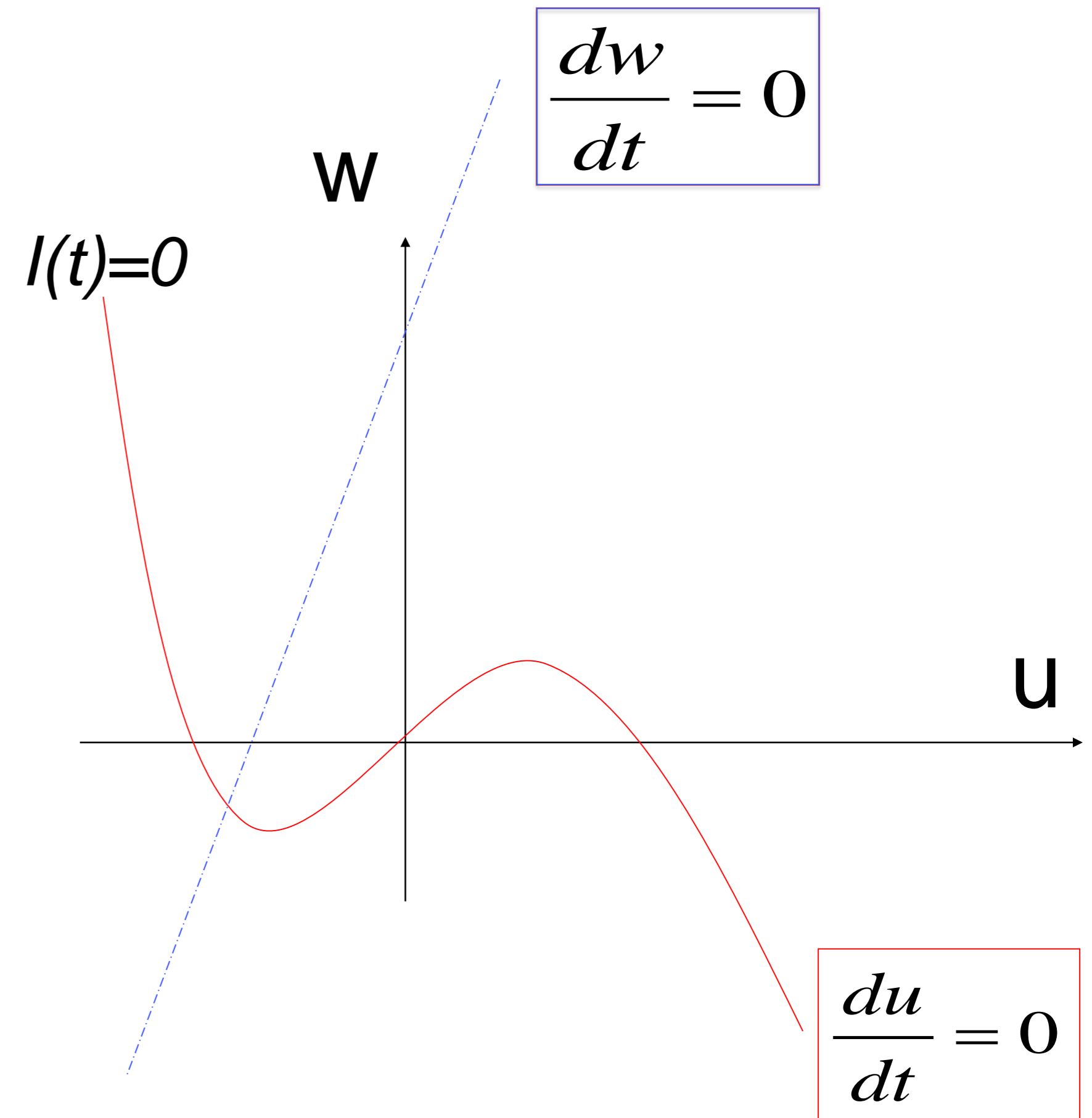
- jump of voltage
- 'new initial condition'
- spike generation for large input pulses

2 important input scenarios

constant input:

- graphics?
- spikes?
- repetitive firing?

Now



3.3. FitzHugh-Nagumo Model: Constant input

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + RI_0$$

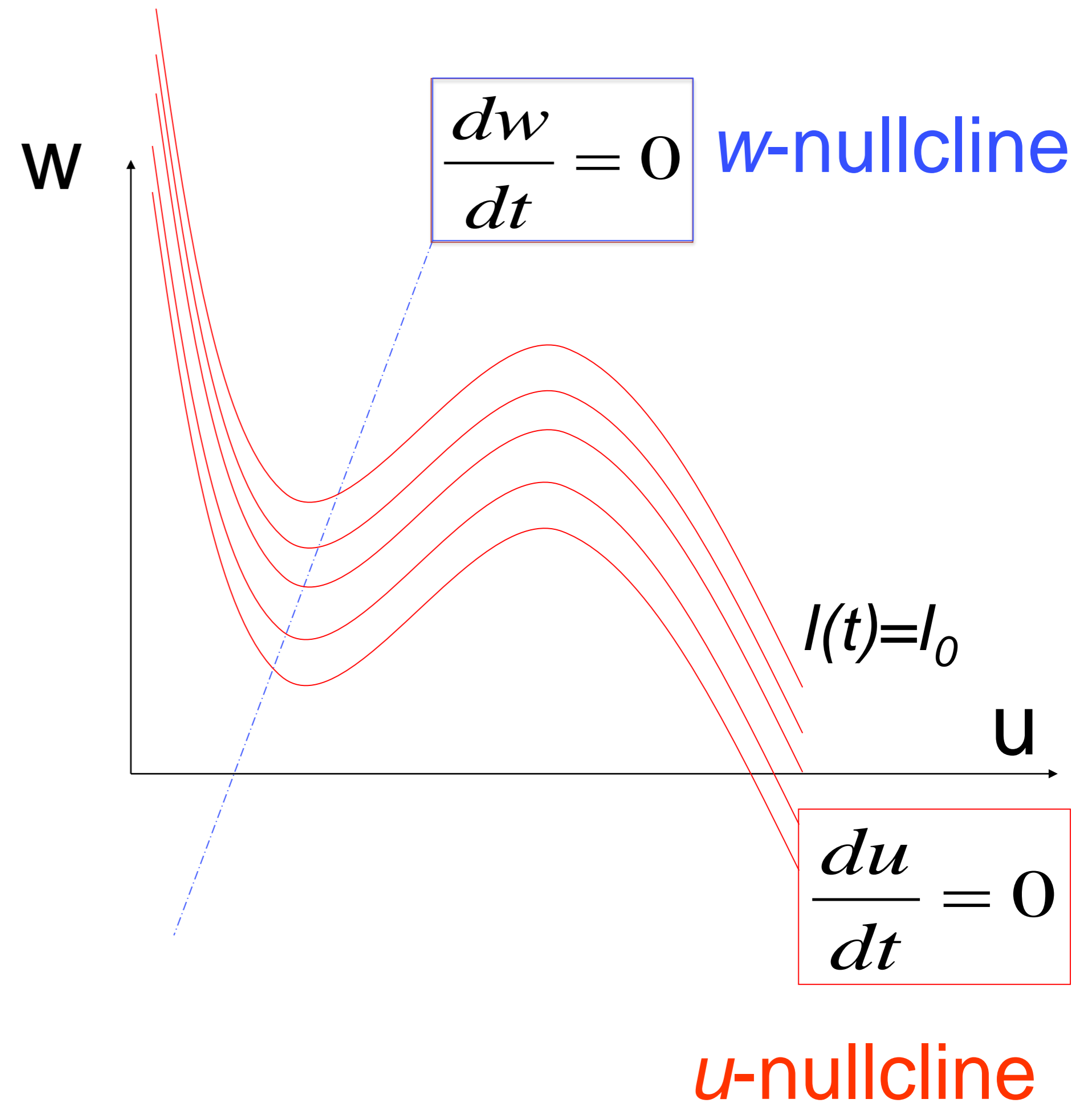
$$= u - \frac{1}{3}u^3 - w + RI_0$$

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Intersection point (fixed point)

-moves

-changes Stability



NOW Exercise 2.1: Stability of Fixed Point in 2D

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \alpha u - w$$

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \beta u - w$$

- calculate *stability*

- compare

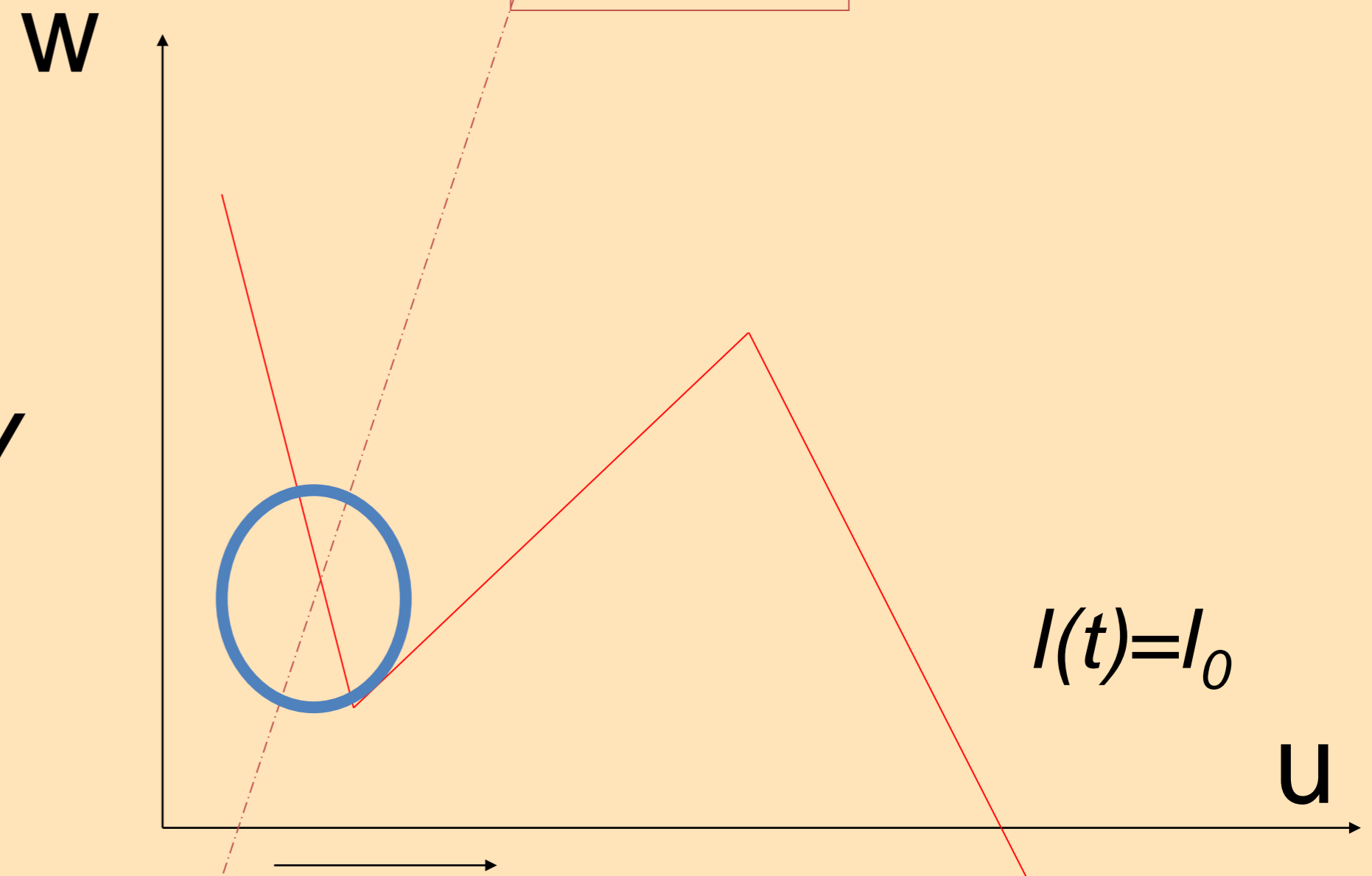
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{x}{\tau}$$

Exercises:

2.1 start now!

2.2 homework

(you may start if you have time)



Exercise: later

Week 3 – part 3: Analysis of a 2D neuron model



√ 3.1 From Hodgkin-Huxley to 2D

√ 3.2 Phase Plane Analysis

- Role of nullcline

3.3 Analysis of a 2D Neuron Model

- √ - pulse input

- constant input

- MathDetour 3: Stability of fixed points

Discussion of exercise 2 **Detour. Stability of fixed points**

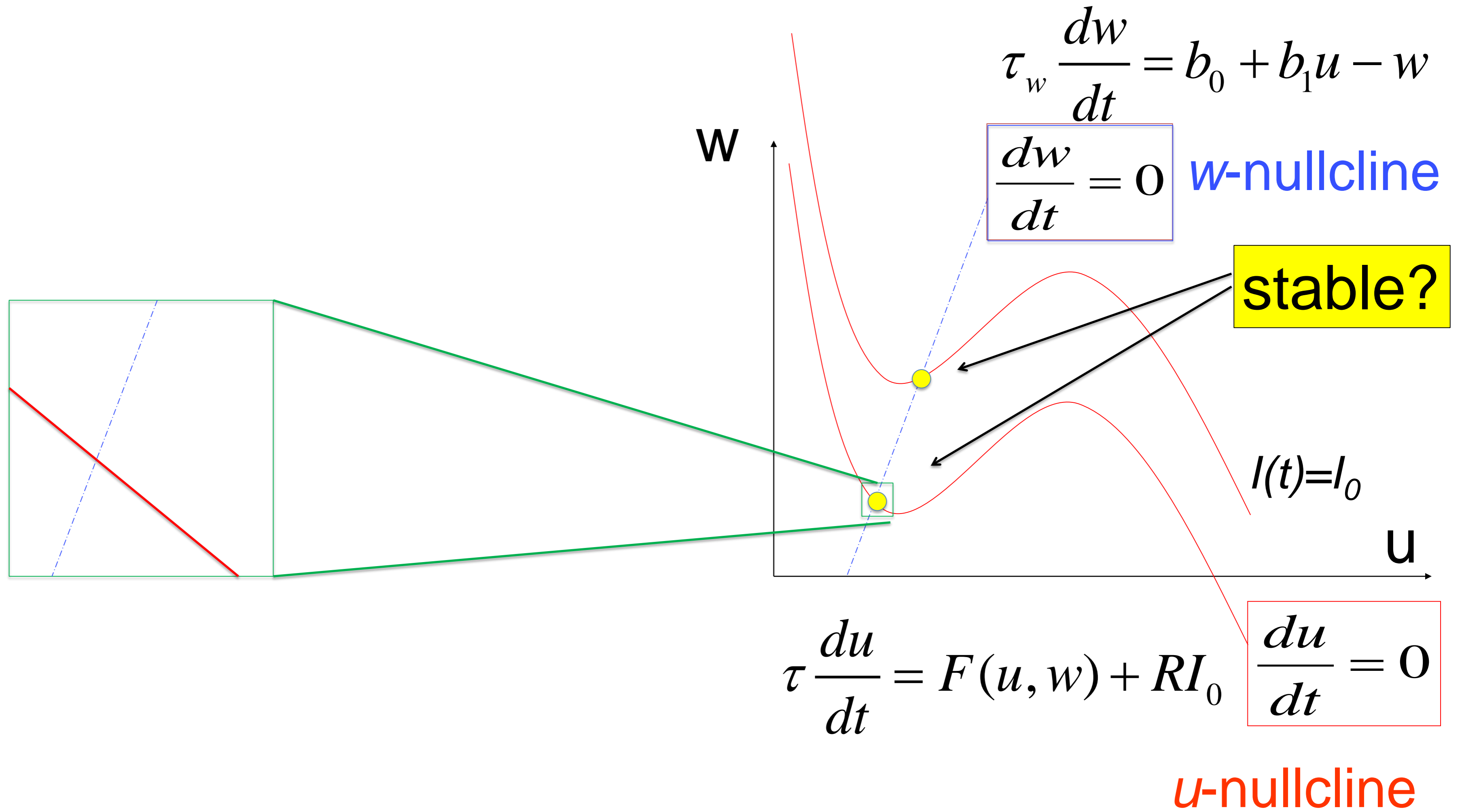
2-dimensional equation stimulus

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + RI_0$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w)$$

How to determine stability
of fixed point?

Discussion of exercise 2 - Detour: Stability of fixed points.

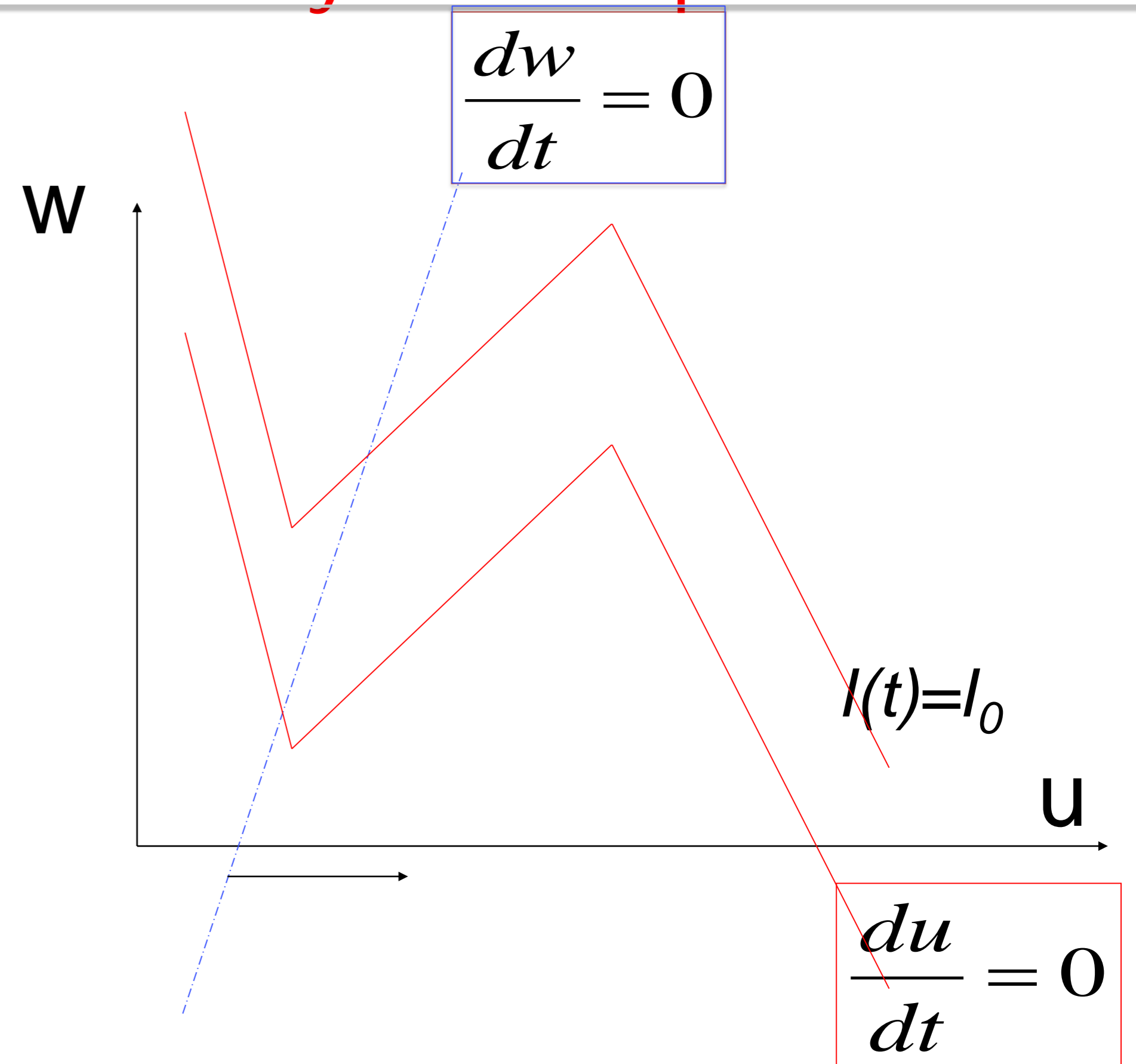


Discussion of Exercise 2: Detour - Stability of fixed points

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = au - w + I_0$$

stimulus
↓

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = cu - w$$

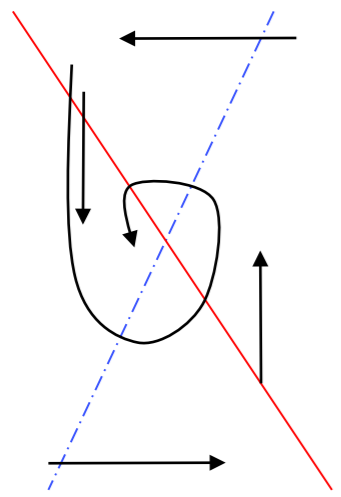


Discussion of Exercise 2: Detour. Stability of fixed points

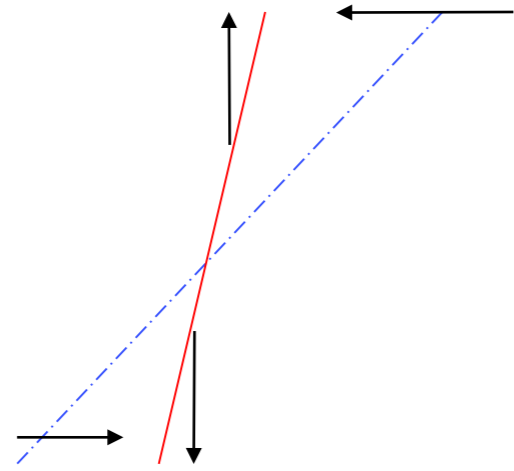
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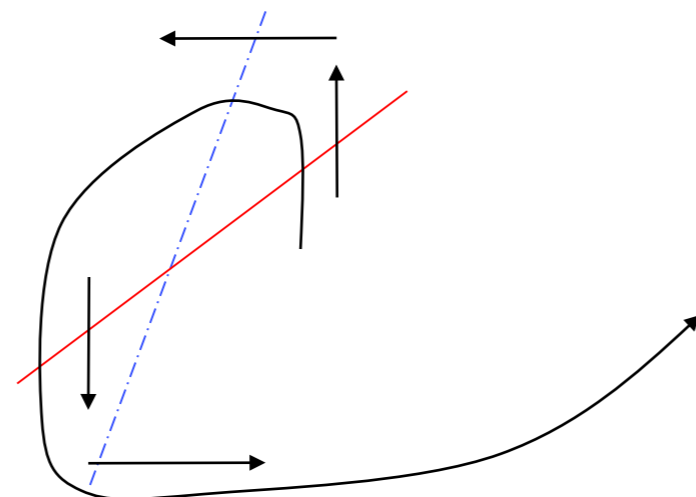
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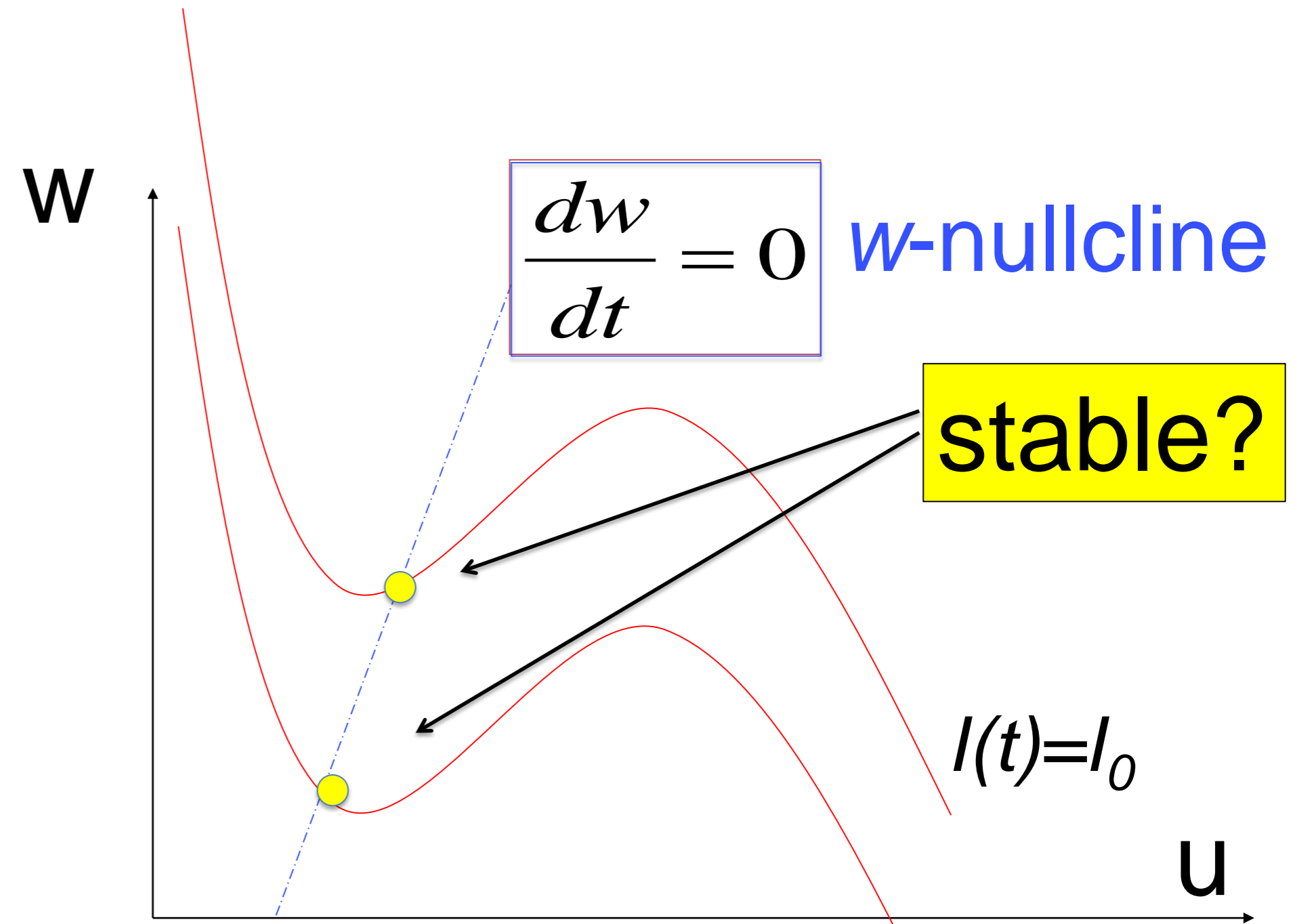
stable



saddle



unstable



Math derivation
now

u-nullcline

3.3. Neuron models and Stability of fixed points

Now Back:

Application to our
neuron model

2-dimensional equation

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + RI_0$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w)$$

Stability characterized
by Eigenvalues of
linearized equations

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} F_u & F_w \\ G_u & G_w \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

3.3. FitzHugh-Nagumo Model: Constant input

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + RI_0$$

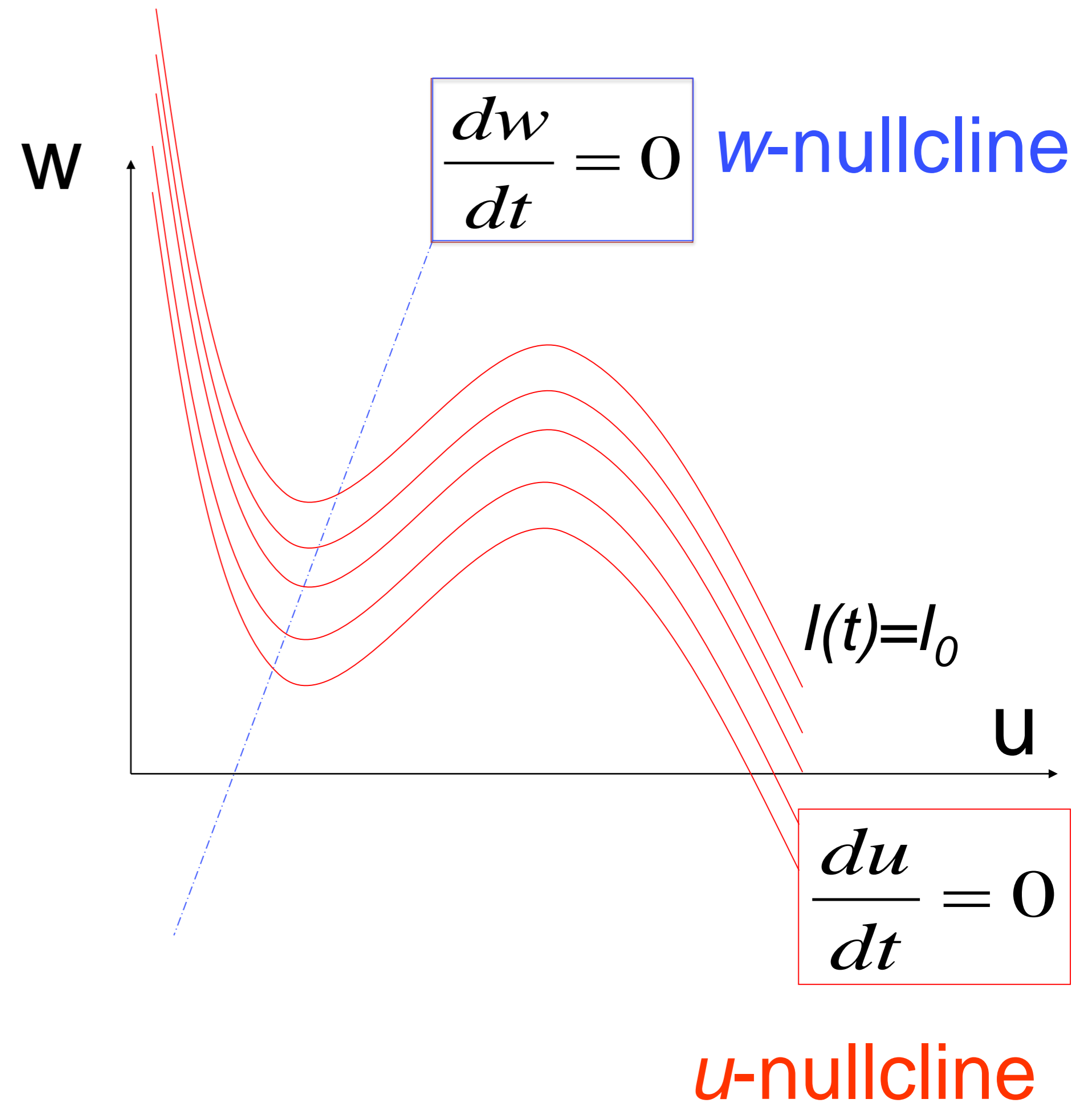
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Intersection point (fixed point)

-moves

-changes Stability



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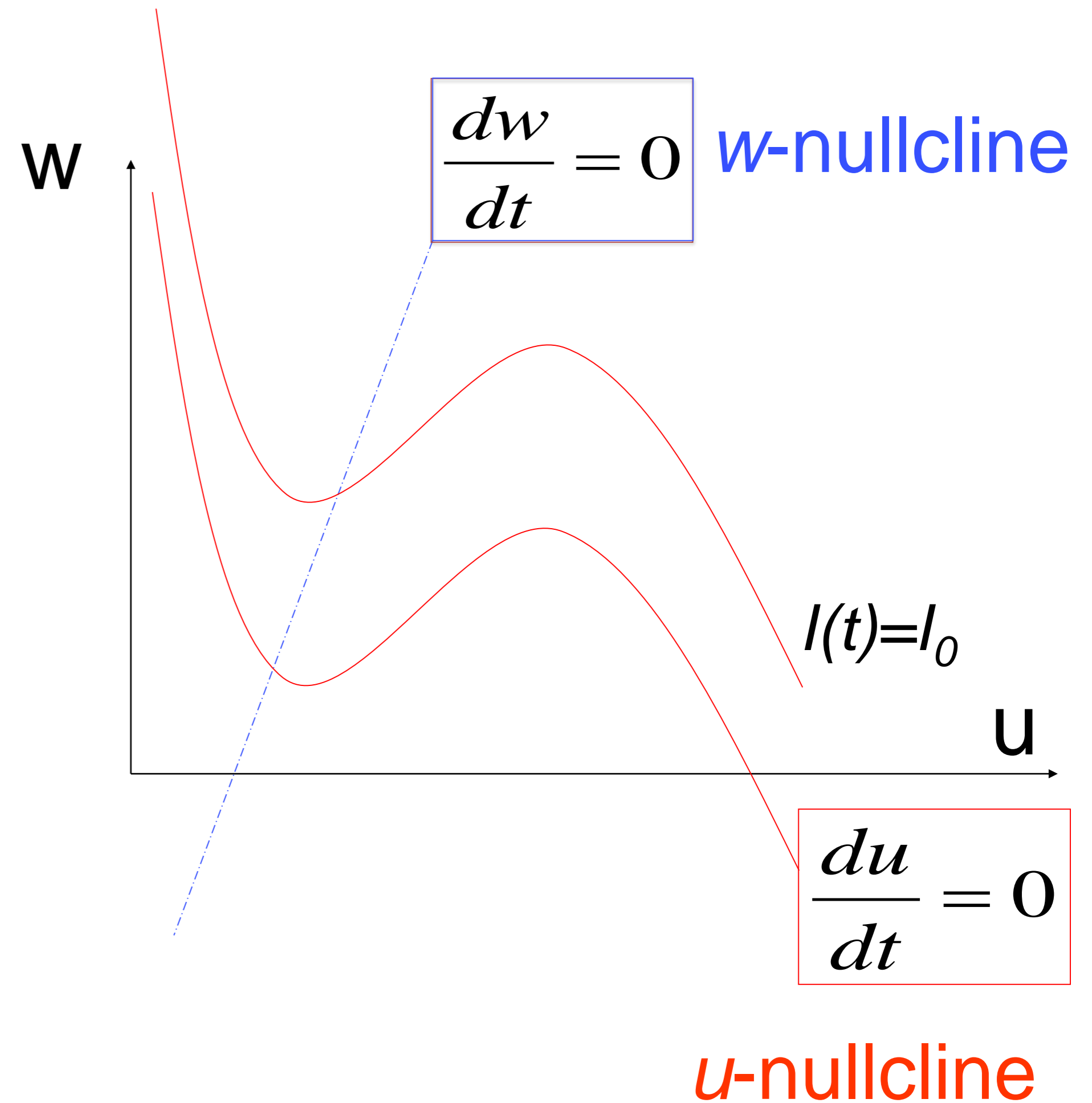
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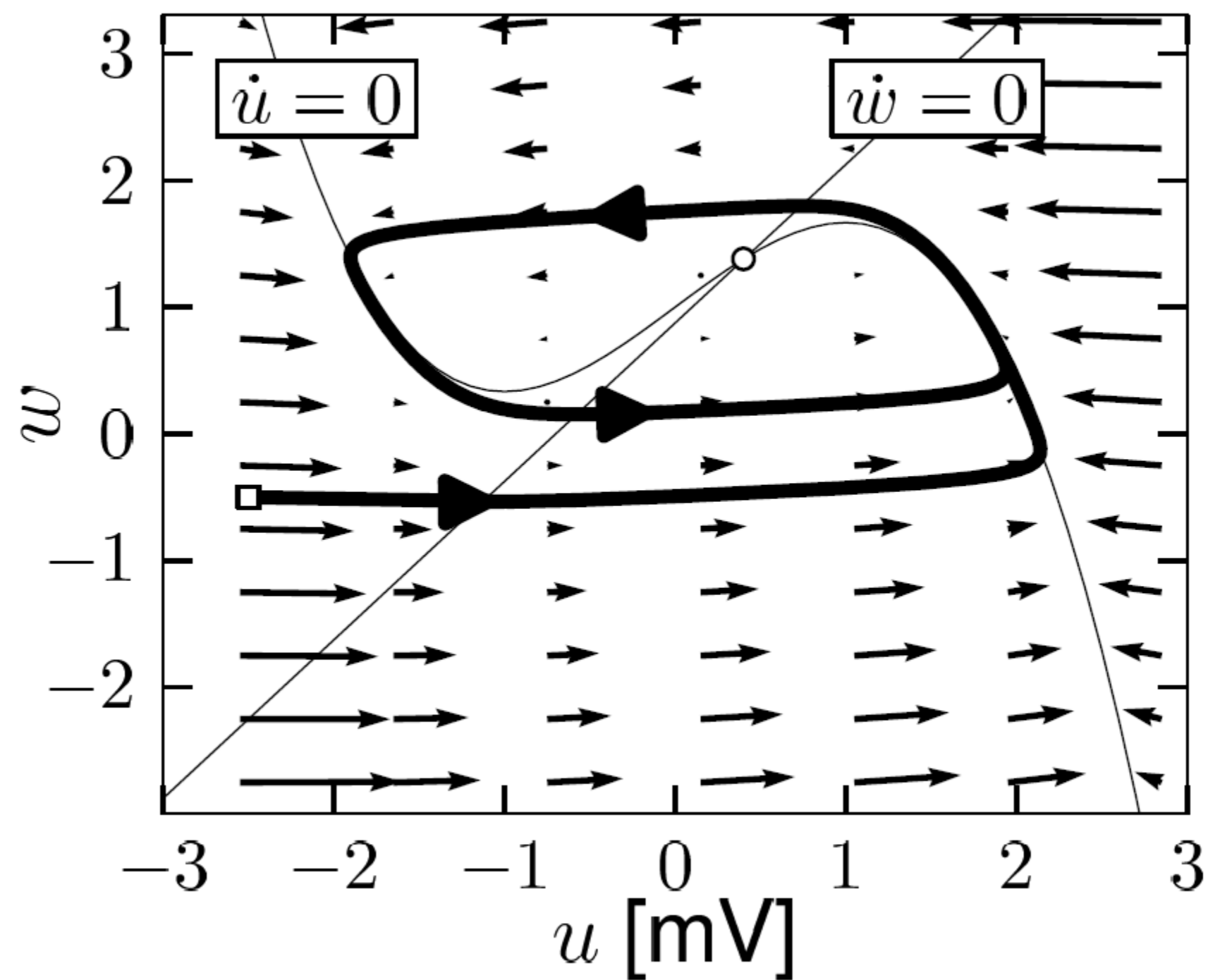
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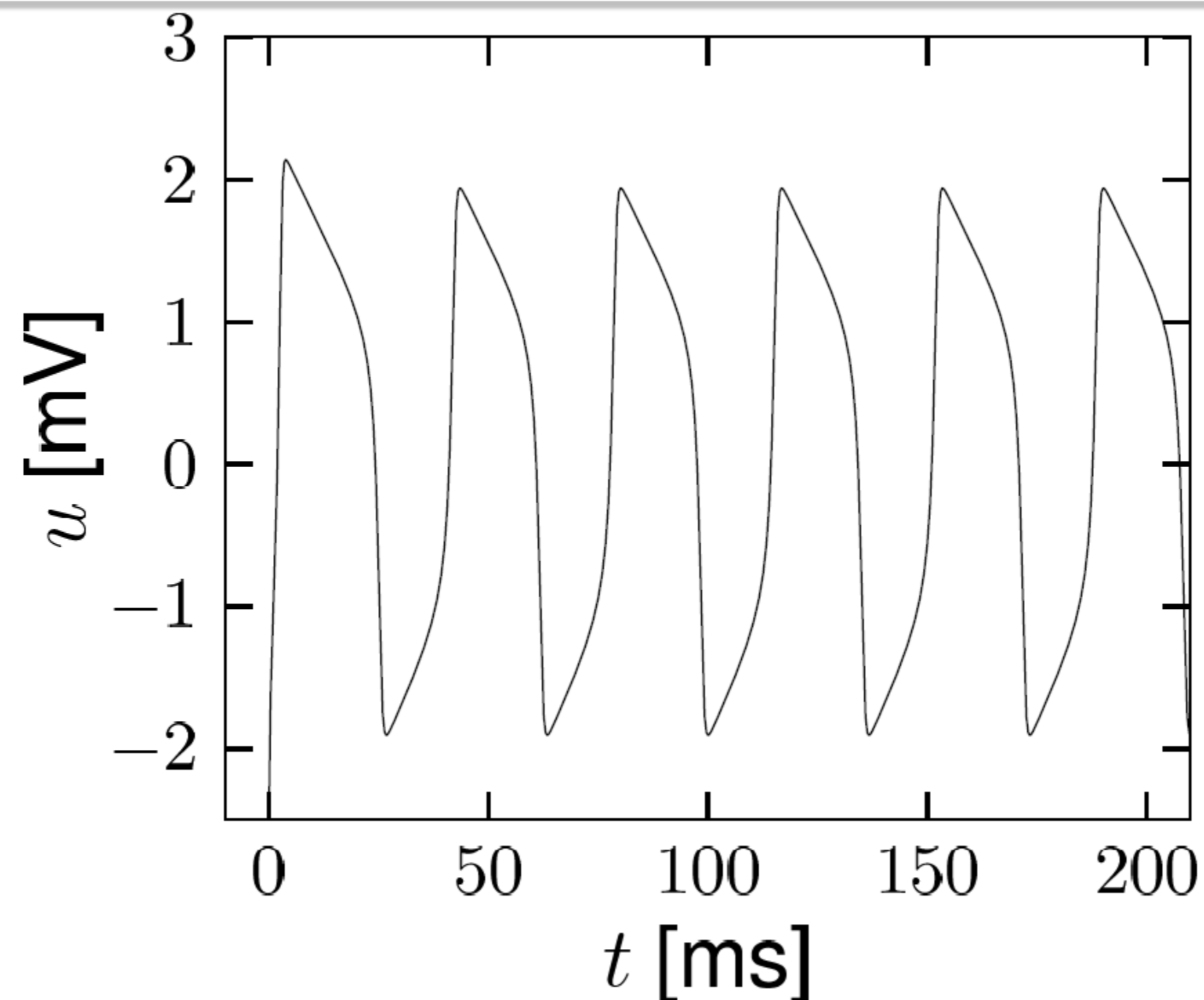
-changes Stability



3.3. FitzHugh-Nagumo Model : Constant input



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FN model with $b_0 = 0.9; b_1 = 1.0; RI_0 = 2$
constant input: u -nullcline moves
limit cycle

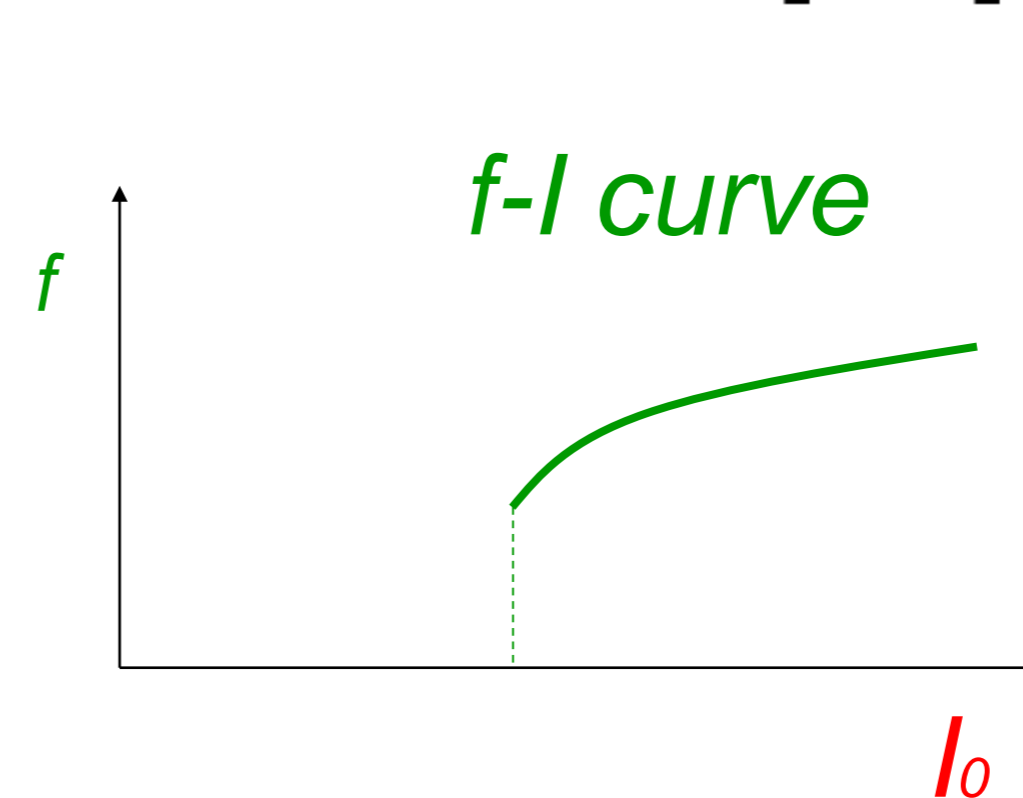


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Neuronal Dynamics – Quiz 3.5.

A. Short current pulses. In a 2-dimensional neuron model, the effect of a delta current pulse can be analyzed

- By moving the u-nullcline vertically upward
- By moving the w-nullcline vertically upward
- As a potential change in the stability or number of the fixed point(s)
- As a new initial condition
- By following the flow of arrows in the appropriate phase plane diagram

B. Constant current. In a 2-dimensional neuron model, the effect of a constant current can be analyzed

- By moving the u-nullcline vertically upward
- By moving the w-nullcline vertically upward
- As a potential change in the stability or number of the fixed point(s)
- By following the flow of arrows in the appropriate phase plane diagram

NOW Exercise 2.1: Stability of Fixed Point in 2D

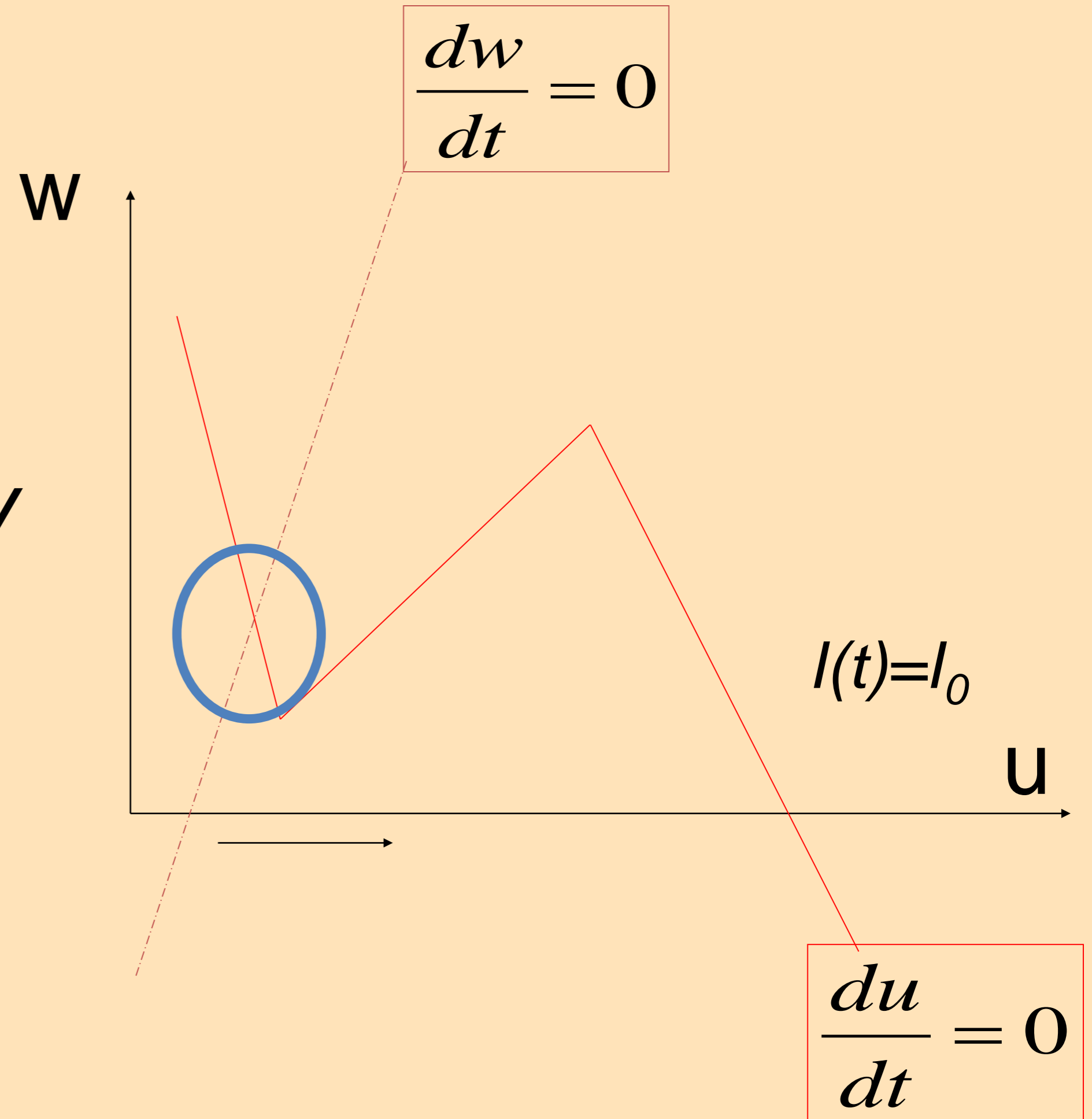
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- calculate *stability*
- compare

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{x}{\tau}$$

Exercises:
2.1 now!
2.2 homework



Computer exercise now

Can we understand the dynamics of the 2D model?

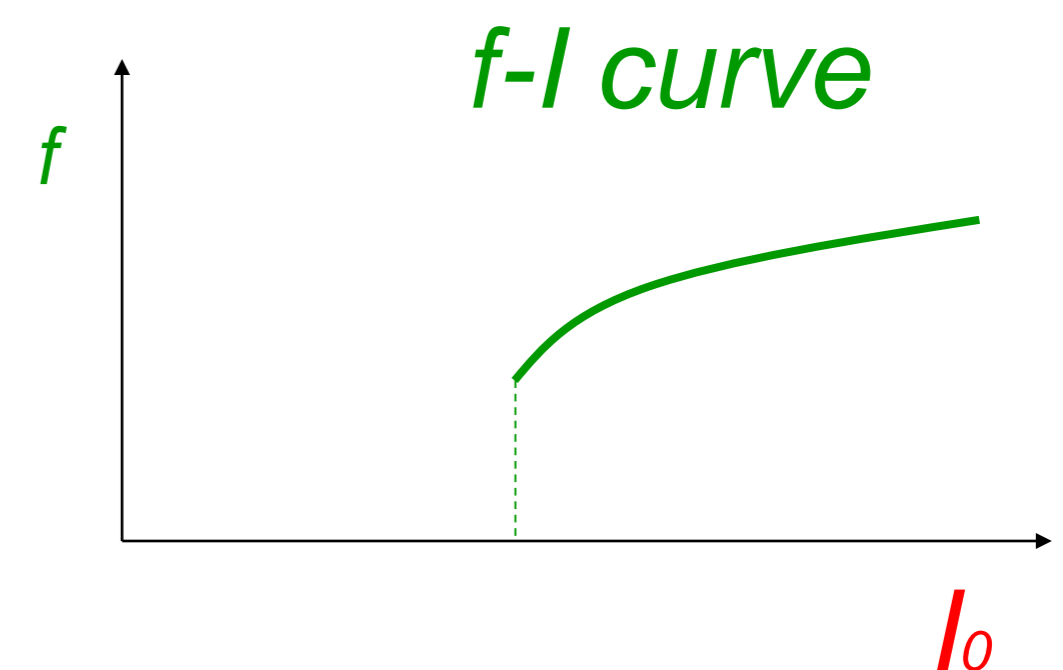
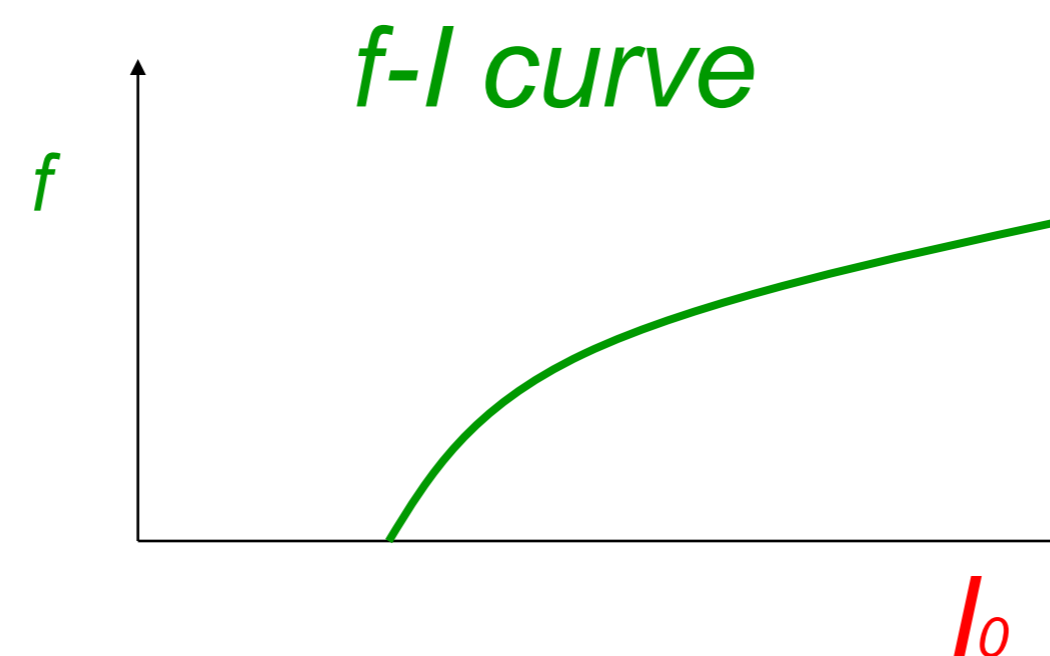
The END for today

Now: computer exercises

Type I and

type II models

ramp input/
constant input



Discussion of Exercise 2 **Detour. Stability of fixed points**

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + RI_0$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w)$$

zoom in:

$$x = u - u_0$$

$$y = w - w_0$$

Fixed point at (u_0, w_0)

At fixed point

$$0 = F(u_0, w_0) + RI_0$$

$$0 = G(u_0, w_0)$$

Discussion of Exercise 2 - Detour. Stability of fixed points

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = F(u, w) + RI_0$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = G(u, w)$$

zoom in:

$$x = u - u_0$$

$$y = w - w_0$$

$$\tau \frac{dx}{dt} = F_u x + F_w y$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dy}{dt} = G_u x + G_w y$$

Fixed point at (u_0, w_0)

At fixed point

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$$0 = G(u_0, w_0)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} F_u & F_w \\ G_u & G_w \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x},$$

Discussion of Exercise 2 **Detour. Stability of fixed points**

Linear matrix equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} F_u & F_w \\ G_u & G_w \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x},$$

Search for solution

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{e} \exp(\lambda t)$$

Two solutions with Eigenvalues λ_+, λ_-

$$\lambda_+ + \lambda_- = F_u + G_w$$

$$\lambda_+ \lambda_- = F_u G_w - F_w G_u$$

Discussion of Exercise 2: **Detour. Stability of fixed points**

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Stability requires:

$$\lambda_+ < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_- < 0$$



$$F_u + G_w < 0$$

and

$$F_u G_w - F_w G_u > 0$$

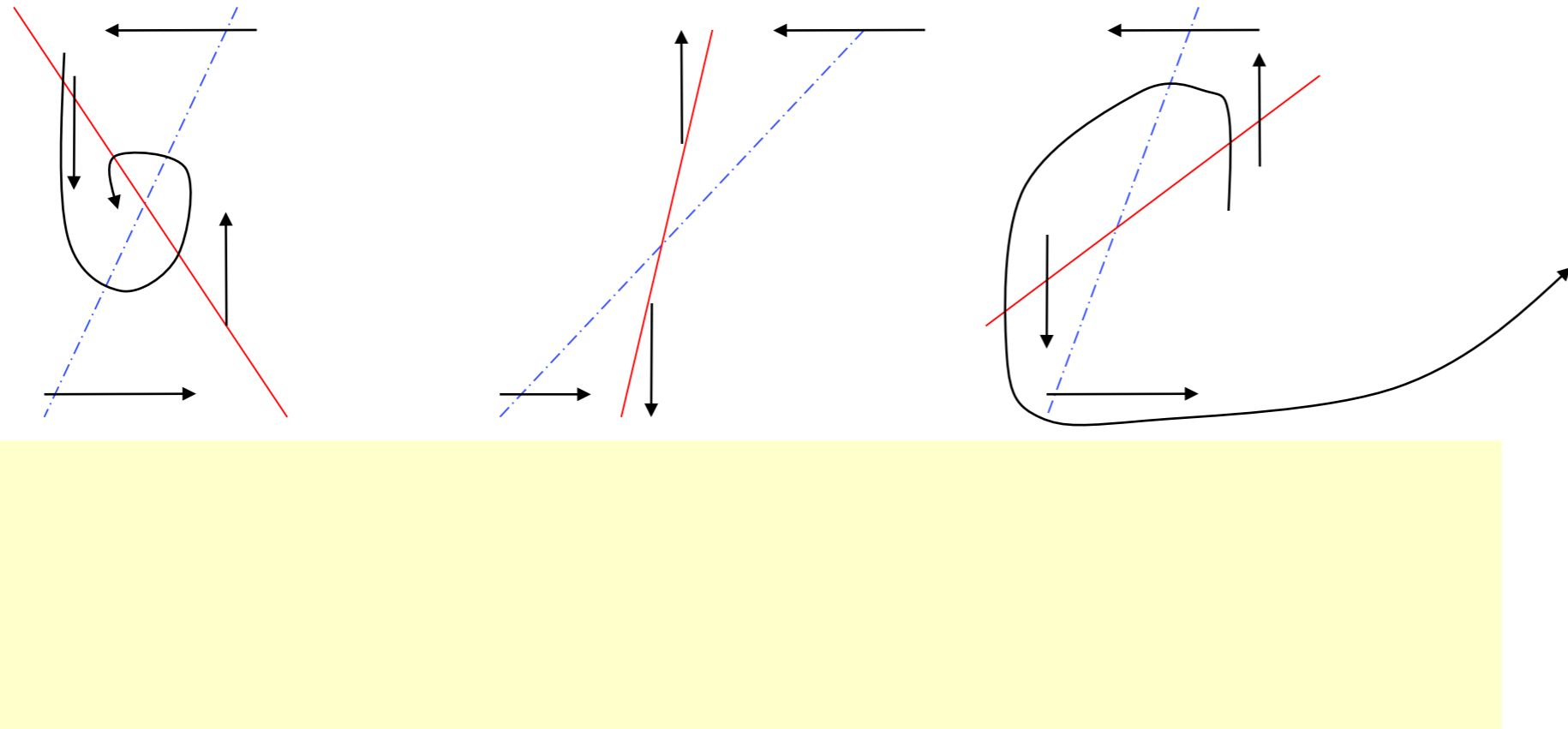
Discussion of exercise 2: Detour. Stability of fixed points

stimulus

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = au - w + I_0$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = cu - w$$

$$\lambda_{+/-} =$$



W

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = 0$$

$$I(t) = I_0$$

u

$$\frac{du}{dt} = 0$$