

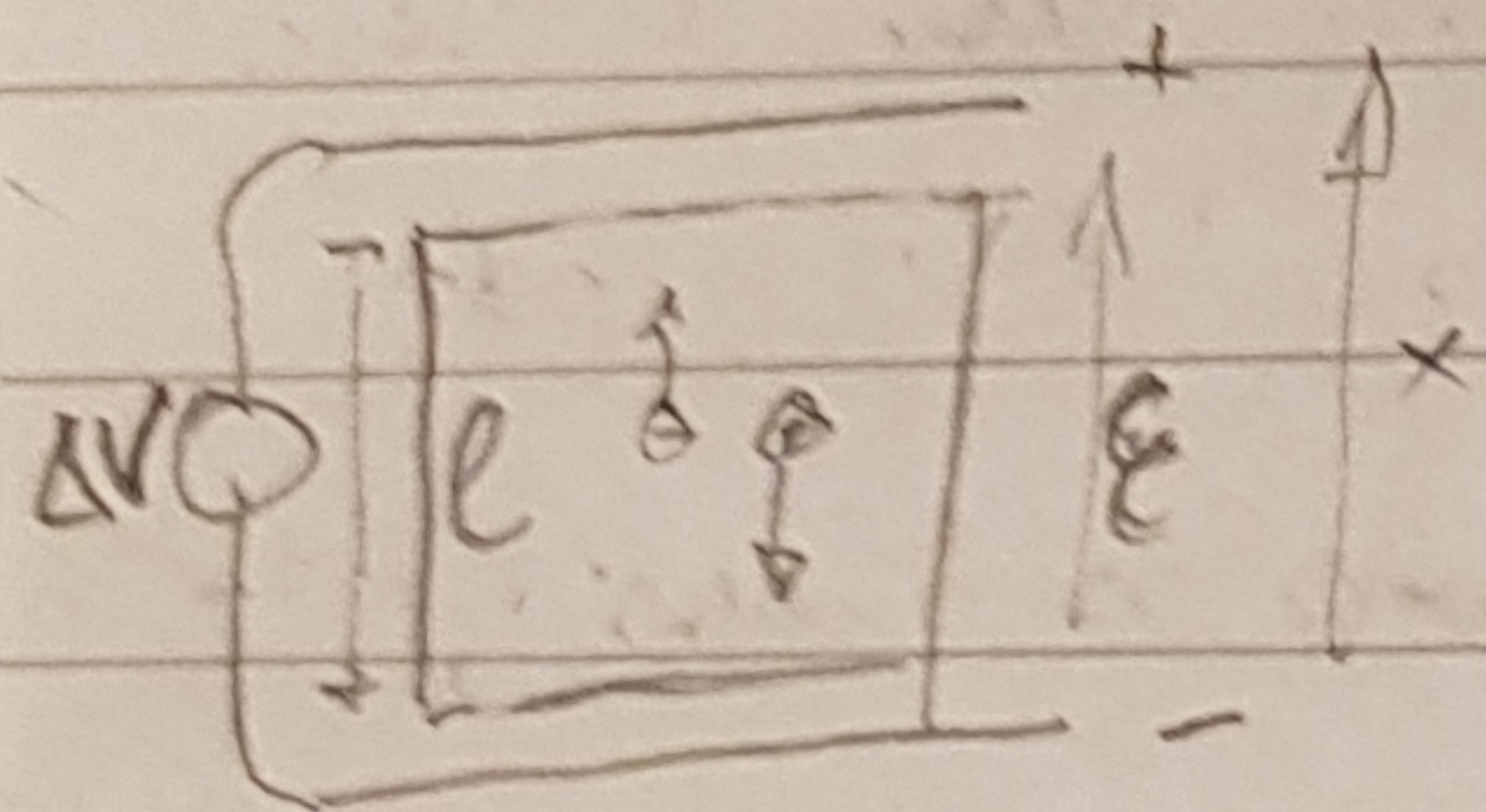
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Machines in membranes

Electric field $E = \frac{-\Delta V}{l}$

Potential energy of charge:

$$U(x) = -qEx, \quad \Delta V = \frac{\Delta U}{q}$$



Force $F = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = -qE$ causes drift

velocity $v = \frac{F}{\zeta} = -\frac{D}{kT} qE$

that causes concentration gradient

Total chemical potential

$$\mu = \mu_{int} + \mu_{ext} = \mu_0 + kT \ln c_0 - qEx$$

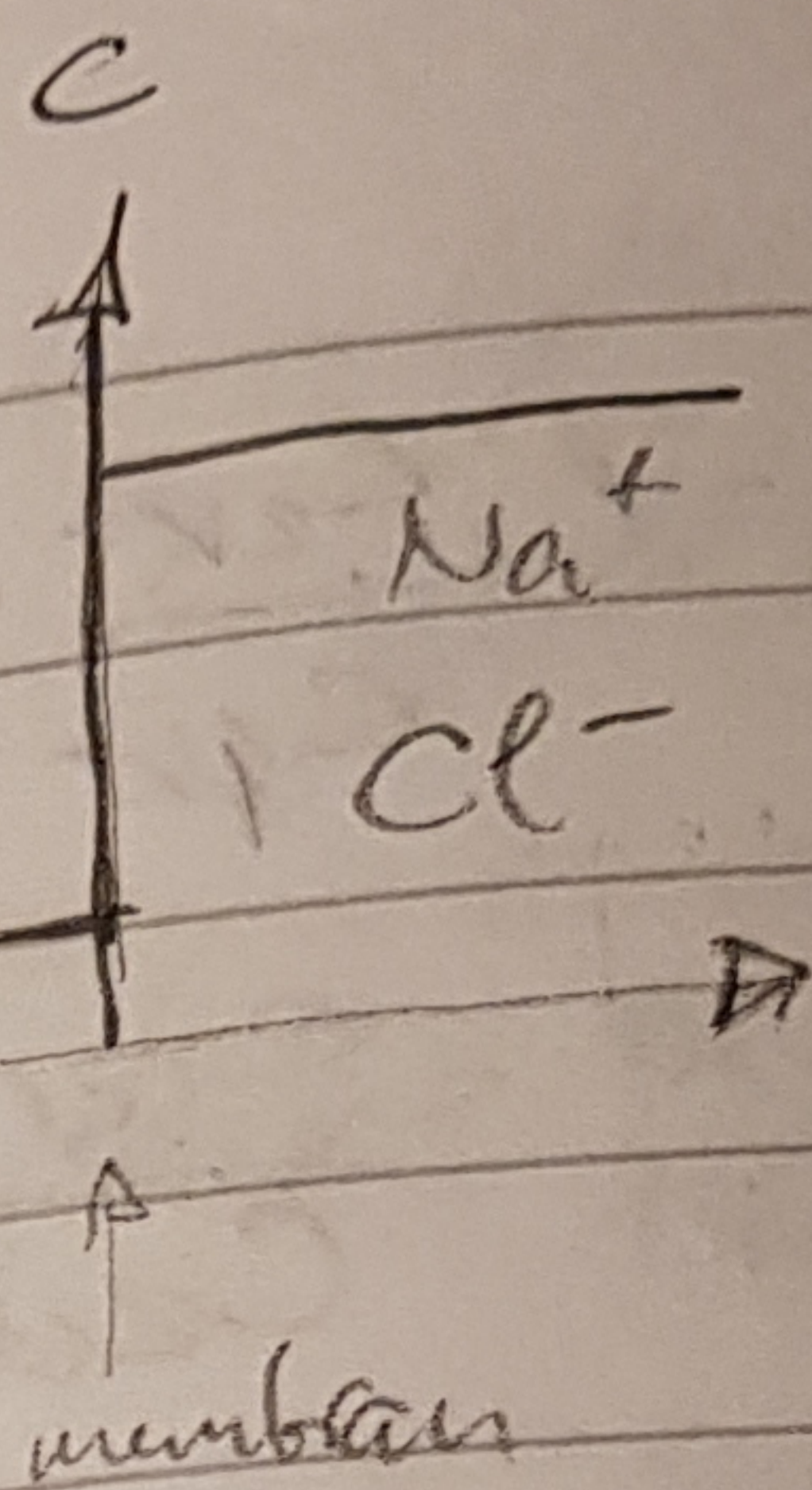
Flux $j = -D \nabla \mu$

Equilibrium $j = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial x} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow kT \frac{\partial \ln c}{\partial x} = qE \quad \cdot dx$$

$$kT \frac{\partial \ln c}{\partial x} = qEl = -q\Delta V$$

Nernst Potential



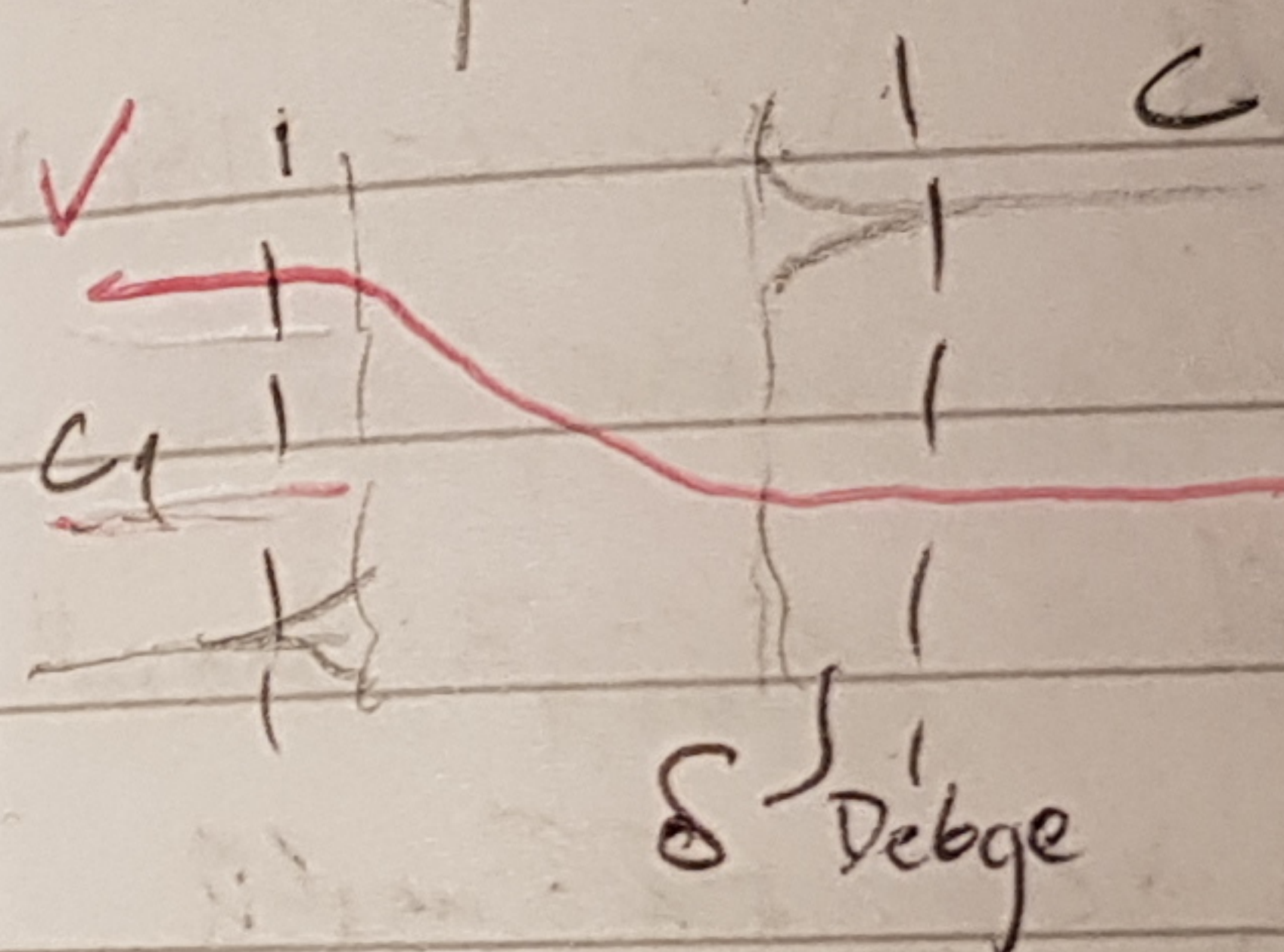
What happens when?

1 - no ions permeate

2 - only one ion permeates

3 - both ions permeate

2: equilibrium: $\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial x} = 0$



$$\Delta V = V_{Nernst} = \frac{kT}{q} \ln \frac{c_2}{c_1}$$

$$\left(\frac{kT}{e} = \frac{1}{40} \text{ Volt} \right)$$

Multicomponent mixtures

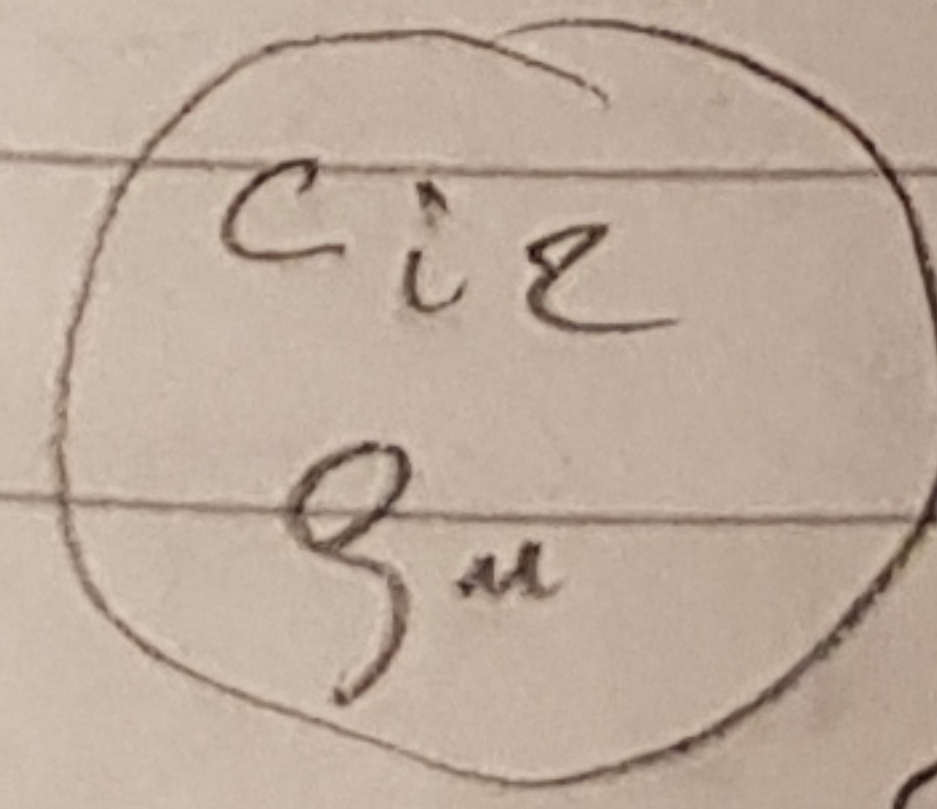
- negatively charged macromolecules. Charge dens ρ_{mac}

- K^+ C_{K^+} : $C_{K^+} = 10 \text{ mM}$ $\rho_{mac}/e = 125 \text{ mM}$

- Na^+ C_{Na^+} $C_{Na^+} = 140 \text{ mM}$

- Cl^- C_{Cl^-} $C_{Cl^-} = 150 \text{ mM}$

Charge neutrality: $C_{Na^+} + C_{K^+} - C_{Cl^-} = 0$ outside
 $C_{2Na^+} + C_{2K^+} - C_{Cl^-} + \rho_{mac}/e = 0$ inside



$$\rho_{mac} = 0$$

Why are macromol. charges not balanced?

For all permeable species

Nernst equilib: $\frac{e}{kT} \Delta V = \ln \frac{C_2 Na^+}{C_1 Na^+} = \ln \frac{C_2 K^+}{C_1 K^+} = \ln \frac{C_1 Cl^-}{C_2 Cl^-}$
 (Donnan potential)

=> Donnan equilibrium $\frac{C_2 Na^+}{C_1 Na^+} = \frac{C_2 K^+}{C_1 K^+} = \frac{C_1 Cl^-}{C_2 Cl^-}$

Solve for C_{2i} : $C_{2Na^+} = 210 \text{ mM}$ $C_{1Na^+} = 140 \text{ mM}$
 $C_{2K^+} = 15 \text{ mM}$ $C_{1K^+} = 10 \text{ mM}$
 $C_{2Cl^-} = 100 \text{ mM}$ $C_{1Cl^-} = 150 \text{ mM}$

few macromolecules each highly charged $C_{gpm} \approx 1 \text{ mM}$
 $C_{tot,2} = 325 \text{ mM}$ $C_{tot,1} = 300 \text{ mM}$

$\Delta \mu_{osm} = \sum_i \mu_i = kT \Delta C_{tot}$ $\Delta C_{tot} = 25 \text{ mM}$
 $\Delta V_{Donnan} = -10 \text{ mV}$ $\Delta p = kT \Delta C_{tot} = 6 \cdot 10^4 \text{ Pa} = 0.6 \text{ bar}$

Plants, algae, fungi, bacteria : cells rigid wall to withstand pressure

ion pumping $J_{i,pump}$

Nernst eq. Donnan : $J_i = L_i \nabla \mu_i + L_{pi} \nabla T + \dots$
 linear if $\nabla \mu_i$ reversibility (very seldom not)

$\Delta \mu_i = kT \Delta \ln c_i + \sigma_{mi} \Delta p + q(\Delta V - V_i^{Nernst})$

$J_i = L_{ij} \Delta \mu_j$ Book $L_{ij} = g_i$ conductance

steady state $J_{i,pump} = -J_i$ power series??

$\frac{J_{i,pump}}{g_i} = kT \Delta \ln c_i + \sigma_{mi} \Delta p + q(\Delta V - V_i^{Nernst})$
 (without pump $\Delta \mu = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta p \text{ large}$)

Dissipative steady state :

Entropy production rate $\sigma = \sum J_i \Delta \mu_i$

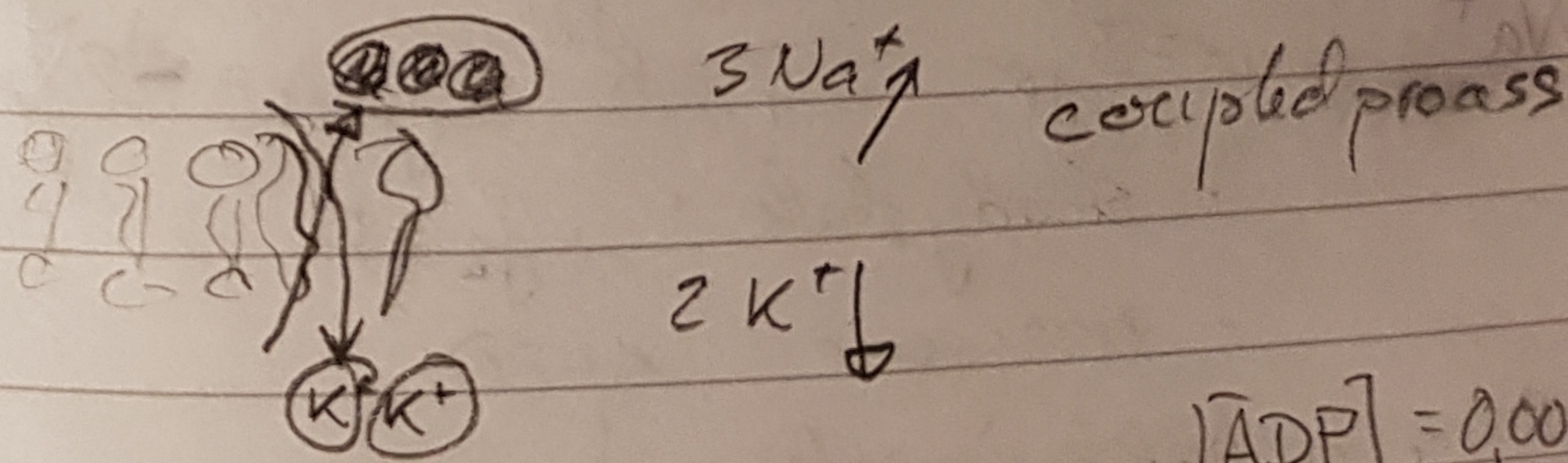
=> energy dissipation rate $\frac{dQ}{dt} = T\sigma$

=> Energy must be taken from somewhere

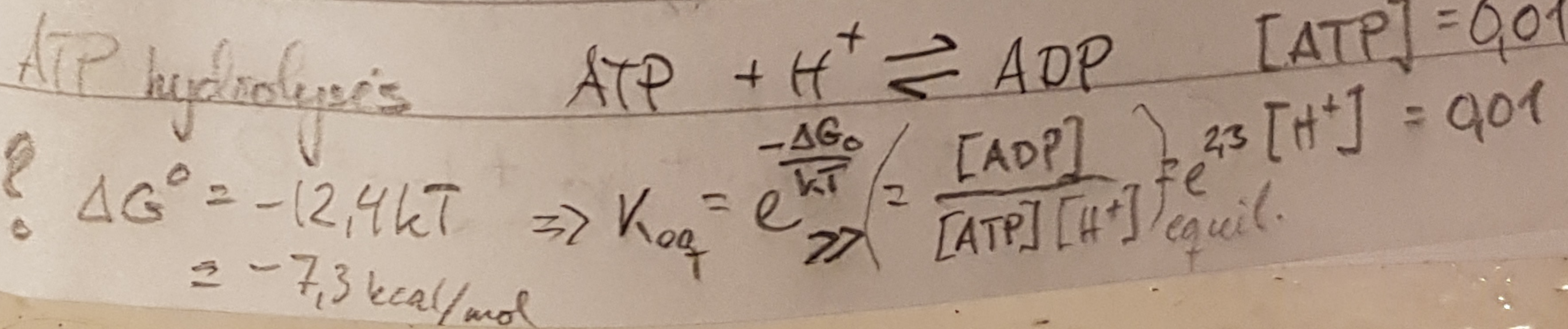
Sketch :

Na⁺K⁺ ATPase

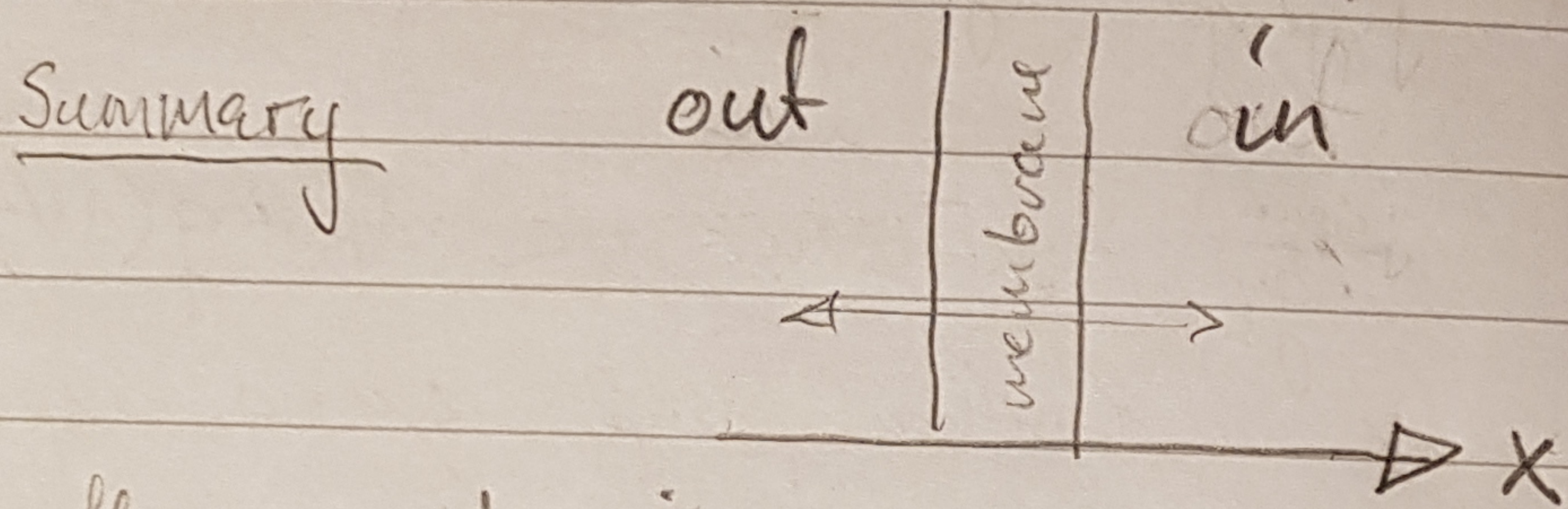
(can be put in non-living liposomes)



$[ADP] = 0.001$



Ion pumping → sodium anomaly in all animal cells



fluxes out → in positive

forces in → out positive

$\Delta \mu_i, \Delta V, \Delta p$

linear transport

① $J_i = J_{pi} - g_i \Delta \mu_i$

(passive membrane is linear !!)

flux of ion i

② $J_i = J_{pi} - g_i kT \ln \frac{c_{i0}}{c_{ii}} - g_i \Delta \mu_i - g_i q_i \Delta V$

g_i - conductance through membrane

$\Delta \mu_i$ - molecular volume of ion i

q_i - charge of ion i

J_{pi} - ion pump flux = $\alpha_i j_p$, $j_p > 0$

Na^+

$J_{p,Na^+} = 3 j_p$

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K^+ : $J_{p,K^+} = -2 j_p$

- steady state: $J_i = 0$

- assume $\Delta p = 0$

charge neutrality inside:

$c_{Na^+} + c_{K^+} - c_{Cl^-} - \left| \frac{\sum q_i}{e} \right| = 0$

③

$\Rightarrow J_{Na^+} + J_{K^+} + J_{Cl^-} = 0$

Na^+

②

$\frac{3 j_p}{J_{Na^+}} = kT \ln \frac{c_{Na^+}^o}{c_{Na^+}^i} + e \Delta V$

K^+

③

$-\frac{2 j_p}{J_{K^+}} = kT \ln \frac{c_{K^+}^o}{c_{K^+}^i} + e \Delta V$

Cl^-

④

$0 = kT \ln \frac{c_{Cl^-}^o}{c_{Cl^-}^i} - e \Delta V$

4 equations

- c_{i0} fixed

- j_p, g_i, g_{pm} fixed

unknown:

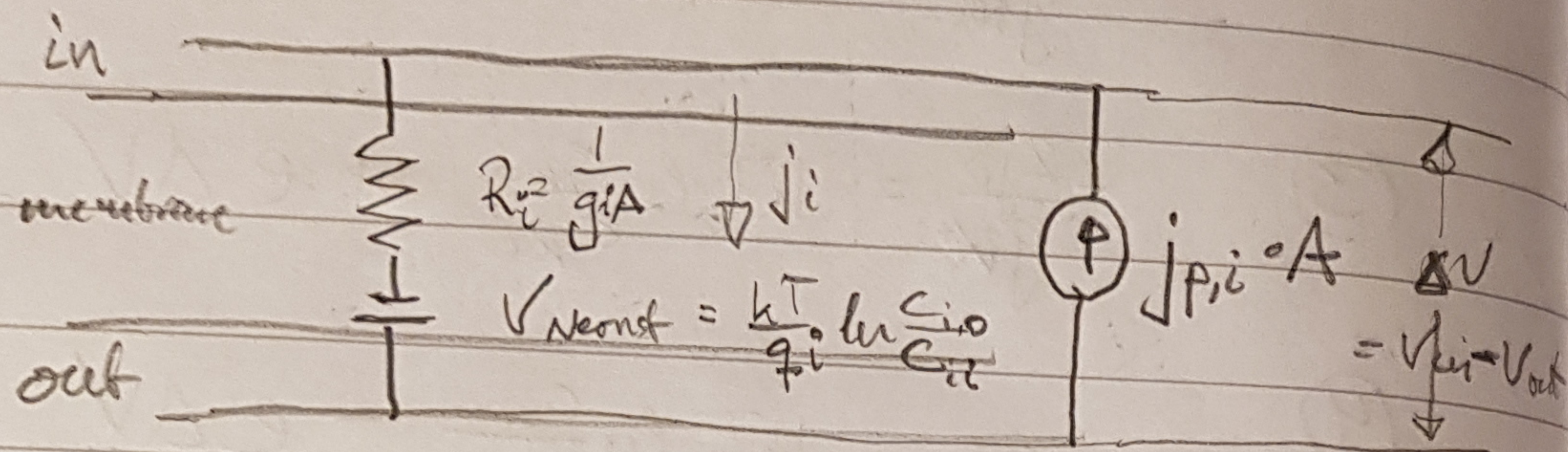
$c_{ii}, \Delta V$

Actual membrane potential $\Delta V = \Delta V^{Nernst} = \frac{kT \ln \frac{c_{i0}}{c_{ii}}}{q}$
only for ions that permeate, but are not pumped
(here: Cl^-)

Steady state $\Delta V = V^0$ is called resting potential

Beware: my $g_i = q_i = g_i$ in book

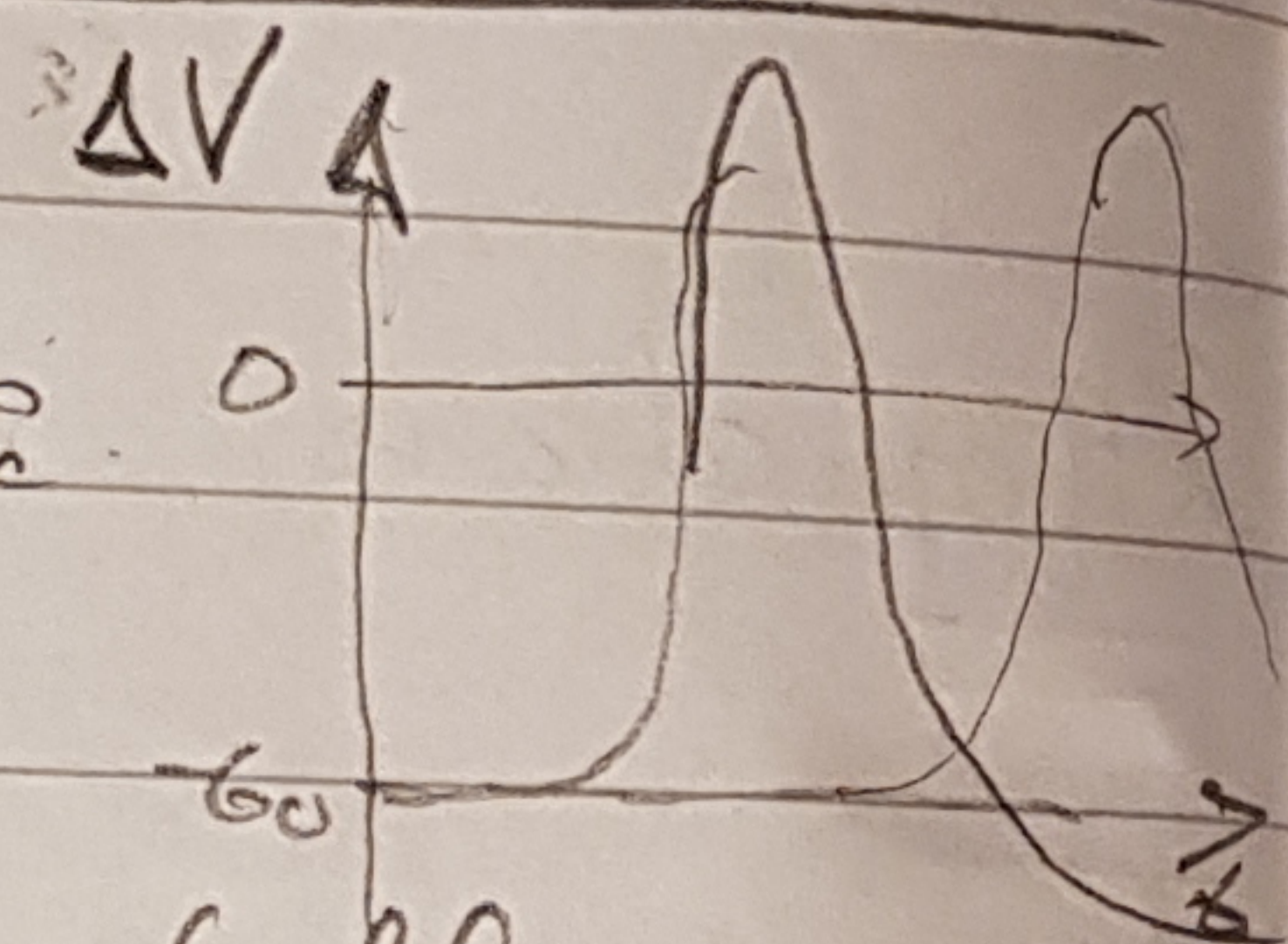
Equivalent circuit



The electrophysiology of the axon:

The action potential

- When stimulated beyond a threshold the axon changes polarization for a short while and this potential pulse travels along the axon. The peak & shape is independent of the exact triggering pulse
- Travels along the axon at constant speed (0.5 - 120 m/s)
- Peak potential independent of distance
- Shape preserving pulse
- after hyperpolarization at the end
- harder to stimulate new pulse during refractory period



Numerical example: Squid giant axon

	$C_{i0}, [mM]$	$C_{it}, [mM]$	V_i^N, mV	g_i/g_{K^+}
K^+	20	400	-75	1
Na^+	440	50	+54	$\frac{1}{25}$
Cl^-	560	52	-59	$\frac{1}{2}$

↑
measured by diffusion of radioactive ions

equations (2) & (3) \Rightarrow eliminate j_p

$$\Delta V = -\frac{kT}{e} \left(3g_{K^+} \ln \frac{C_{K^+0}}{C_{K^+i}} + 2g_{Na^+} \ln \frac{C_{Na^+0}}{C_{Na^+i}} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{3g_{K^+} V_{K^+}^N + 2g_{Na^+} V_{Na^+}^N}{2g_{Na^+} + 3g_{K^+}} = -72 mV$$

according to eq (4) $V_{Cl^-}^N = \Delta V$
but $-59 \neq -72$

effect of charge balance: $j_{Na^+} + j_{K^+} - j_{Cl^-} = 0$
 \Rightarrow correction of (4) $\Rightarrow \frac{j_p}{e g_{Cl^-}} = \Delta V - V_{Cl^-}^N \rightarrow -\Delta V > 100 mV$

according to book "actual resting potential"
 $\Delta V^{actual} = -60 mV$

Equation (1) is not really correct.

charge imbalance $\Rightarrow \Delta V$ is changed.
+ other ions are present, (and permeable?)

NB $g_i = g_i \cdot q_i$

Equation (0), $\Delta p = 0$

$$j_i = j_{pi} - g_i (V_i^{Nernst} - \Delta V)$$

steady state $j_i = j_{pi} - g_i (V_i^N - V^0)$

short time: neglect j_{pi} ($j_{pi} \ll g_i (V^0 - \Delta V)$)

charge balance (4) $\Rightarrow \sum j_i = 0 = \sum g_i (V^0 - \Delta V)$

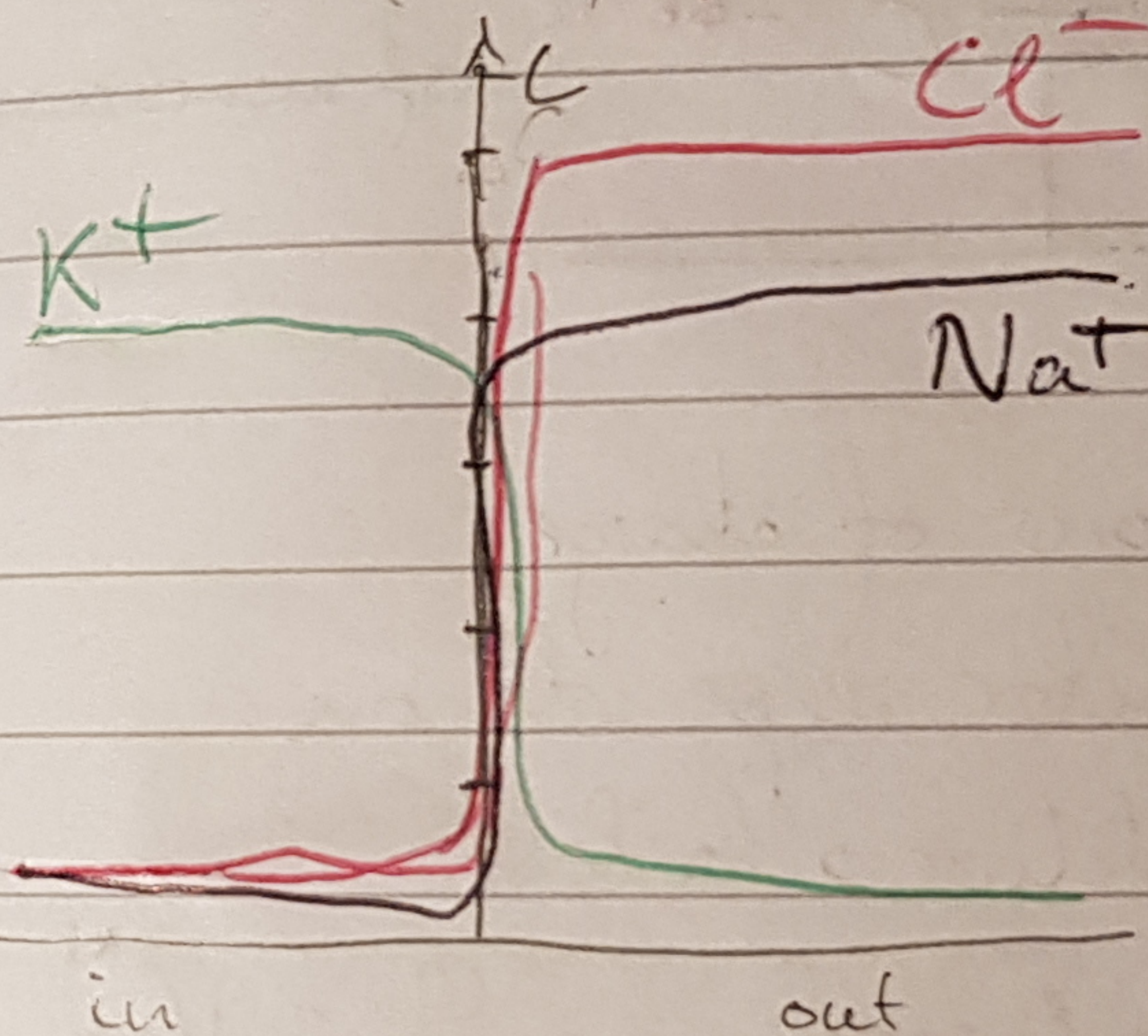
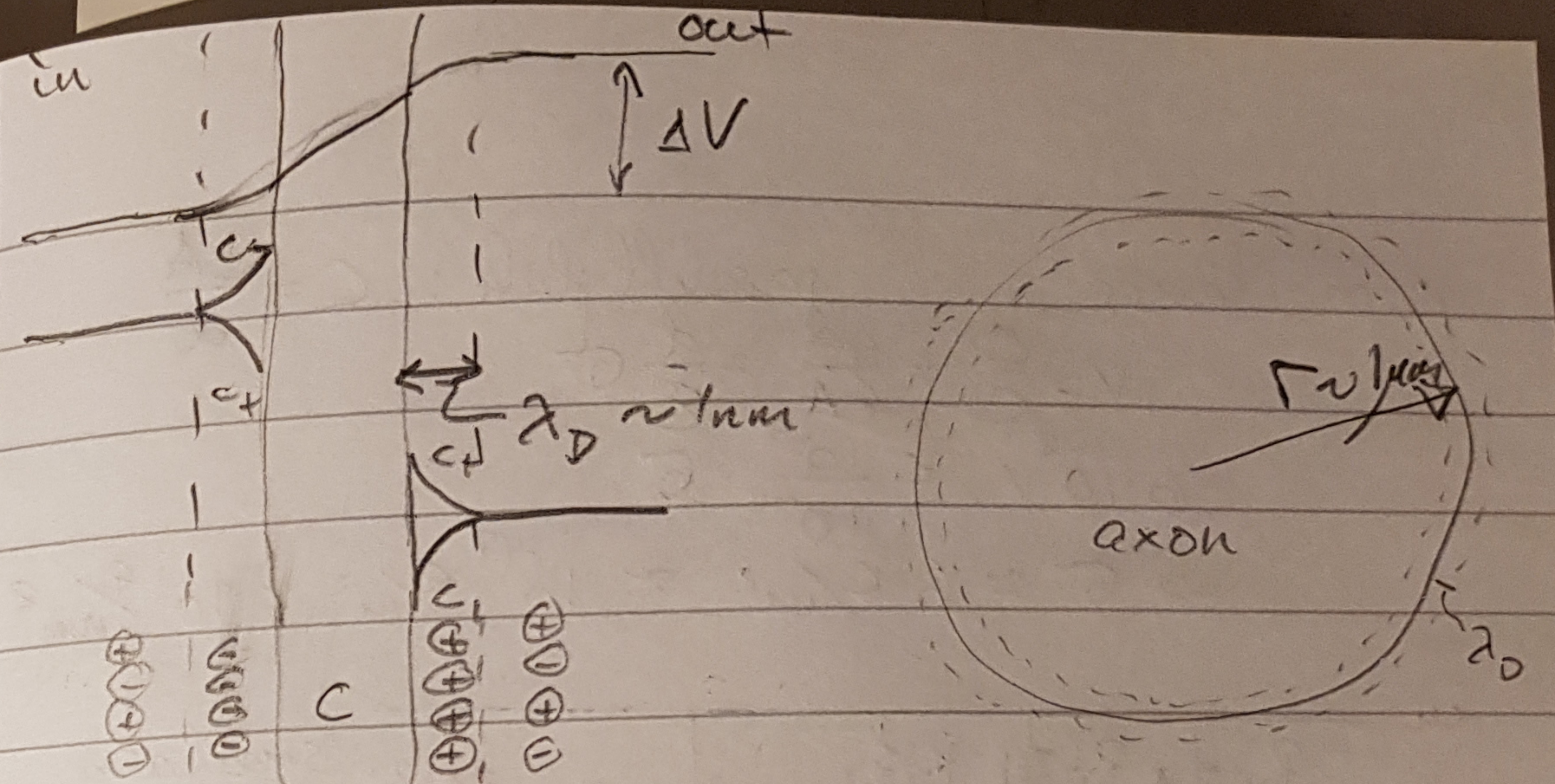
$g_{tot} = \sum g_i \Rightarrow$ (5) $V^0 = \sum \frac{g_i}{g_{tot}} V_i^{Nernst}$ chood conductance formula

$\Rightarrow V^0 = -66 \text{ mV}$

V^0 dominated by Nernst potential of ion with largest g_i

\Rightarrow Different assumption adjusted steady state result from $\Delta V = V_{cc}^N = -59 \text{ mV}$ and (2) & (3) $\Rightarrow \Delta V = -72 \text{ mV}$

to an intermediate value



$\frac{\text{Volume ions}}{\text{Volume double layer}} \sim \frac{\lambda_D \sim 10^{-8}}{r}$
 (squid giant axon $r \sim 1 \text{ mm}$)

$(\text{Volume ions}) \cdot \Delta C_i = \text{energy store}$

ions needed to move to change $\Delta V \propto$ volume of double layer!

Main mechanism of action potential: δ (see fig 12.15)

$\frac{g_{Na^+}}{g_{K^+}} \sim \frac{1}{25}$ ~ 200 times higher

$\Rightarrow V^0 = \frac{1}{g_{tot}} (g_{Na^+} V_{Na^+}^N + g_{K^+} V_{K^+}^N + g_{Cl^-} V_{Cl^-}^N)$
 $= \frac{1}{1 + 8 + \frac{1}{2}} (8 \cdot 54 - 75 - \frac{59}{2}) = \underline{\underline{34 \text{ mV}}}$

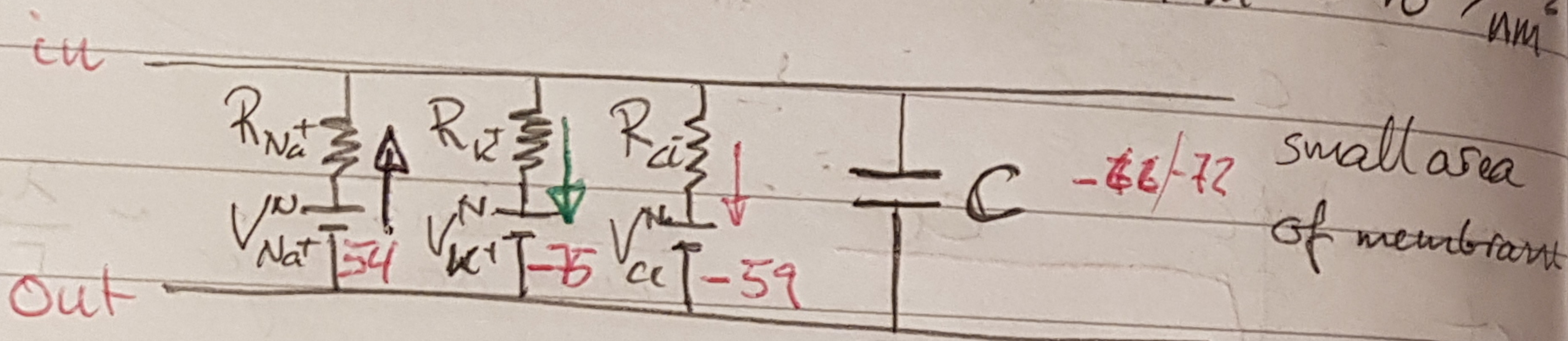
capacitance

parallel plate: $C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d}$

$$V = \frac{Q}{C} = \frac{q d}{\epsilon A} = \frac{d}{\epsilon} \sigma$$

$$6 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ V} = \frac{10^{-9}}{10^{-11}} \sigma$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma \approx 6 \text{ C/m}^2 \approx 10^{-19} \text{ e/m}^2 \approx 10 \text{ e/nm}^2$$

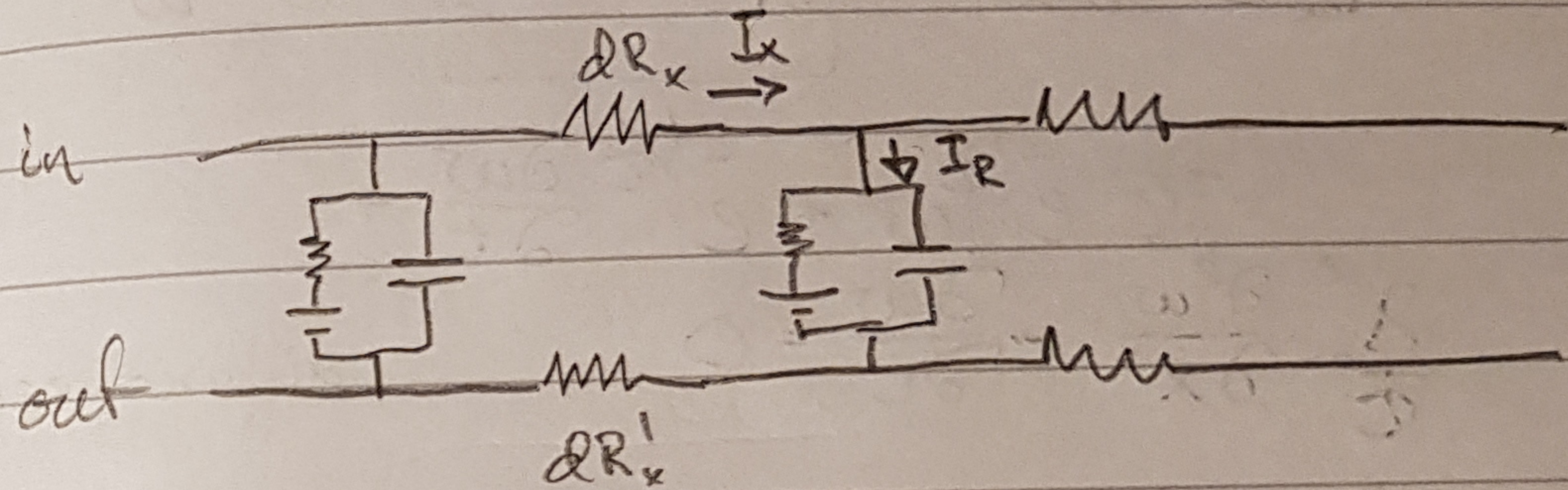
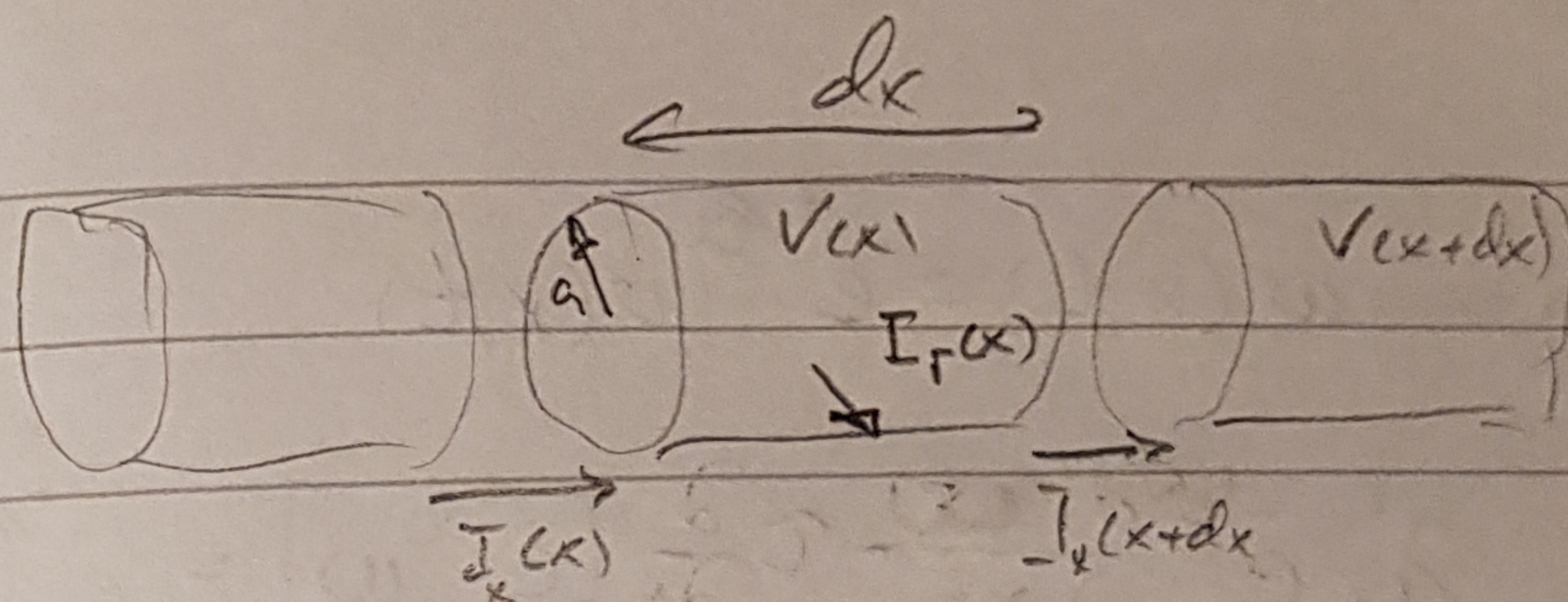


- constant (small) flow of charge
- charging of capacitor depends on which channel delivers fastest

- rest state: g_{K^+} largest $\Rightarrow \frac{Q}{C} \approx V_{K^+}$

- activated state g_{Na^+} largest $\Rightarrow \frac{Q}{C} \approx V_{Na^+}$

- Time constant of RC circuit $\tau = R \cdot C = C / g_{tot}$



charge balance

change in axial current = radial current + charge buildup

$$-\frac{dI_x}{dx} \cdot dx = 2\pi a \left(j_{r,r}(x) + C \frac{dV}{dt} \right) dx$$

$$\pi a^2 H \frac{d^2 V}{dx^2} = 2\pi a \left(j_{r,c} + C \frac{dV}{dt} \right)$$

$$j_{r,r} = (V - V^0) g_{tot} = \sigma g_{tot} \quad (= \sigma g_{tot}(V))$$

\Rightarrow non-linear

$$\tau = RC = C / g_{tot}$$

$$\lambda_{ax} = \sqrt{aH / 2g_{tot}}$$

H - conductivity

$$\Rightarrow \left[\lambda_{ax}^2 \frac{d^2 V}{dx^2} - \tau \frac{dV}{dt} = V \right] \text{ linear cable equation}$$

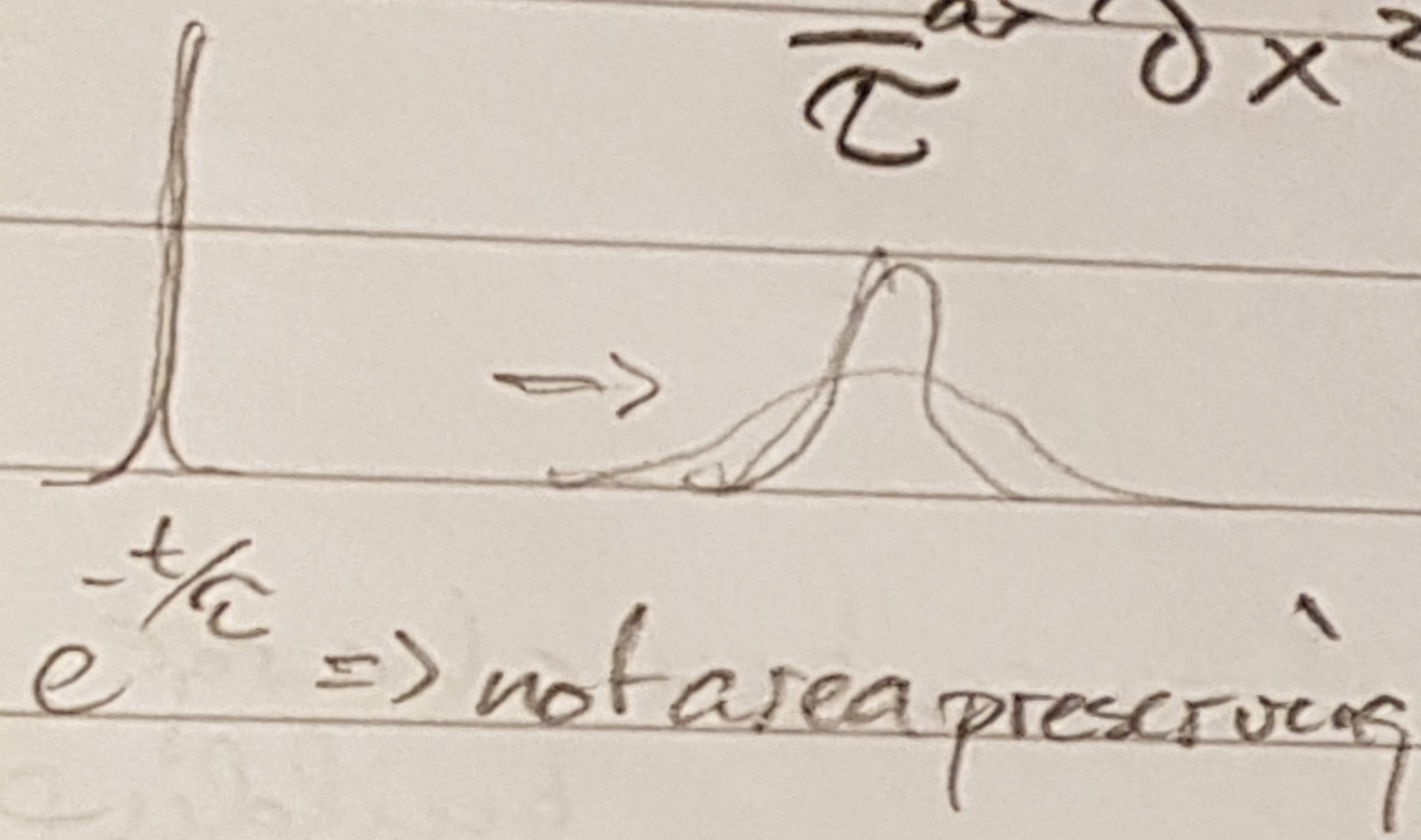
Solution $w(x,t) = e^{-t/\tau} v(x,t)$

$$\lambda_{ax} e^{-t/\tau} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - \tau \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [e^{-t/\tau} w] = e^{-t/\tau} w$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\tau} e^{-t/\tau} w + e^{-t/\tau} \frac{\partial w}{\partial t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\lambda_{ax}^2}{\tau} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = 0$$

diffusion eq.

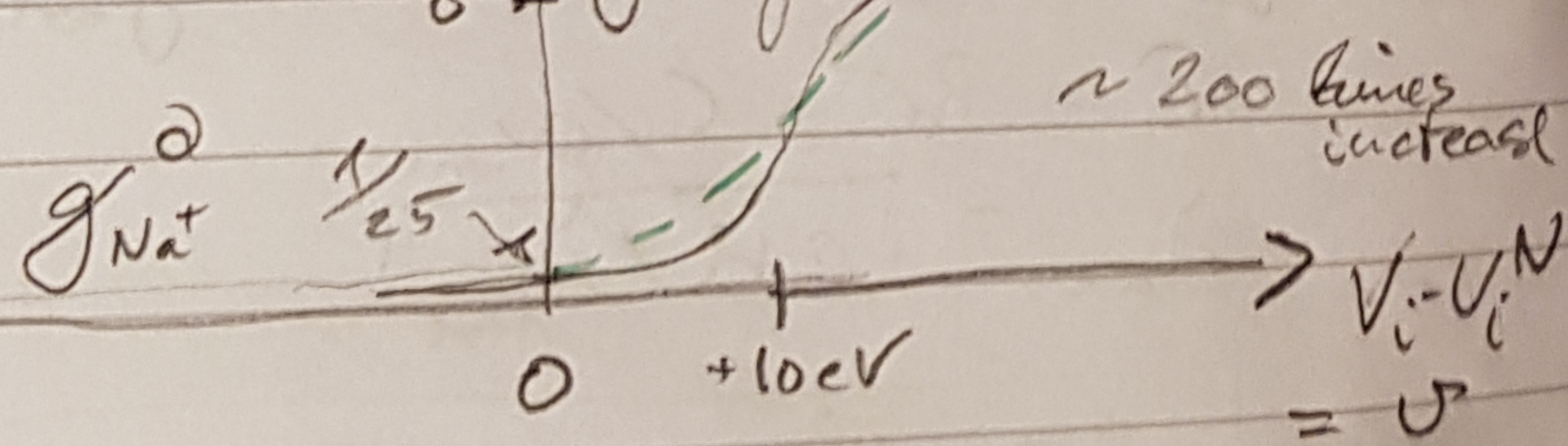


$$v(x,t) = \frac{c \cdot e^{-t/\tau}}{\sqrt{t}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t \lambda_{ax}^2}}$$

$e^{-t/\tau} \Rightarrow$ not area preserving

Voltage gating

$$j_{gr} = \sum_i (v - v_i^N) g_i(v) \sim Bv^2 + g_{Na}^0$$

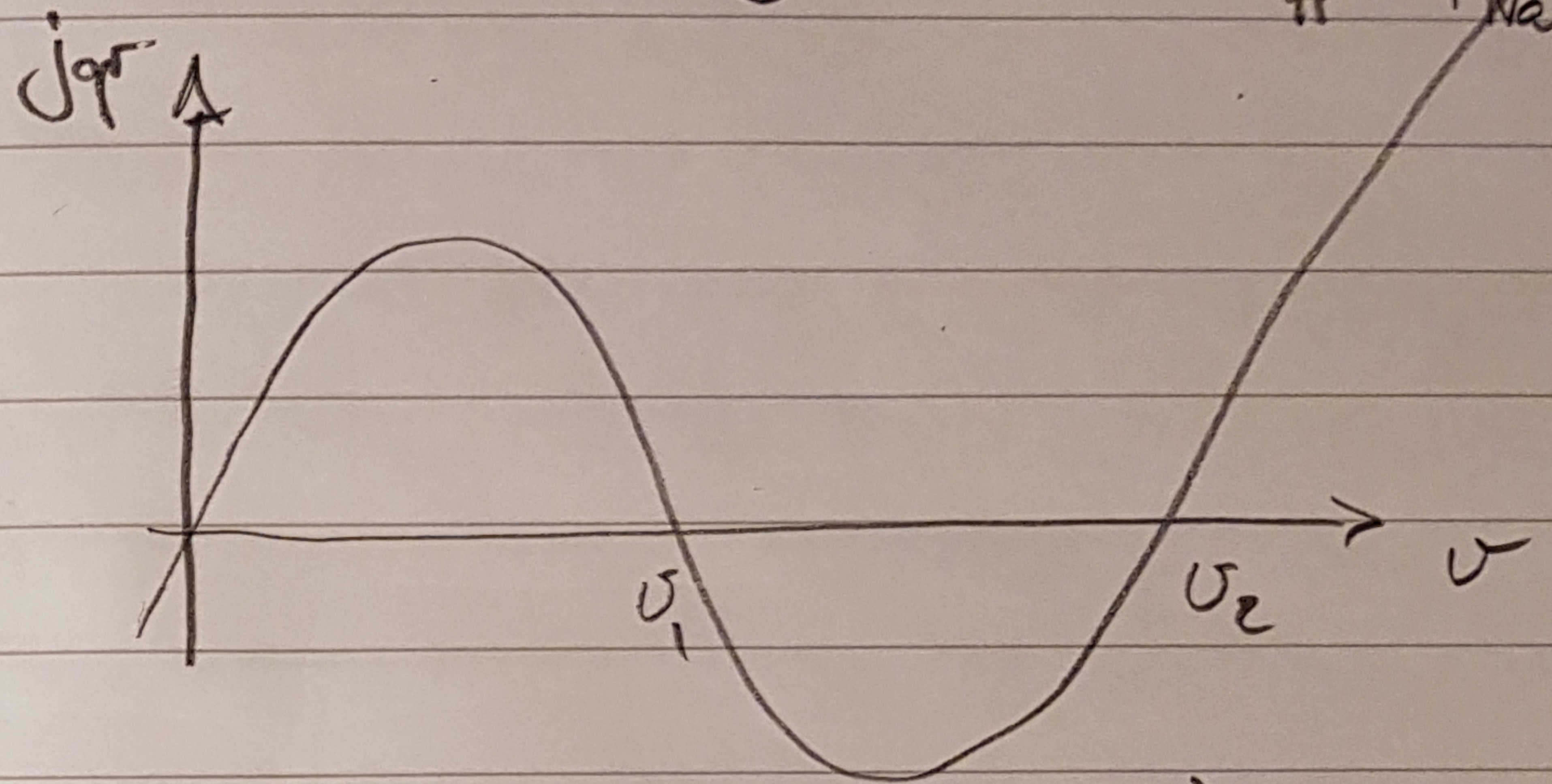


$$g_{Na}^0(v) = g_{Na}^0 + Bv^2$$

$$\Rightarrow j_{gr} = \sum_i (v - v_i^N) g_i^0 + (v - v_{Na}^N) Bv^2$$

$$\Rightarrow j_{gr} = v g_{tot}^0 + (v - H) Bv^2$$

$$H = v_{Na}^N - v^0$$



$$v_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} (H \pm \sqrt{H^2 - 4g_{tot}^0/B})$$

$$v_1 v_2 = \frac{g_{tot}^0}{B}$$

nonlinear

\Rightarrow cable equation

$$\lambda_{ax}^2 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} - \tau \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \frac{v(v - v_1)(v - v_2)}{(v_1 v_2)}$$