

Calculating of square-wave voltammograms—a practical on-line simulation platform-MATHCAD File

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MATHCAD File for calculating SW voltammograms

MATHCAD SIMULATION FILE

SQUARE-WAVE VOLTAMMETRY OF A QUASI-REVERSIBLE ELCTRODE REACTION OF A DISSOLVED REDOX COUPLE AT MACROSCOPIC PLANAR ELECTRODE

Definition of parameters of the potential modulation

$$E_s := -0.2 \quad \text{Starting potential vs. } E^{0'} \text{ (V)} \quad (1)$$

$$E_{sw} := 0.05 \quad \text{SW amplitude (V)} \quad (2)$$

$$dE := 0.01 \quad \text{Step potential increment (V)} \quad (3)$$

$$\Delta E := 0.4 \quad \text{Length of potential interval studied (V)} \quad (4)$$

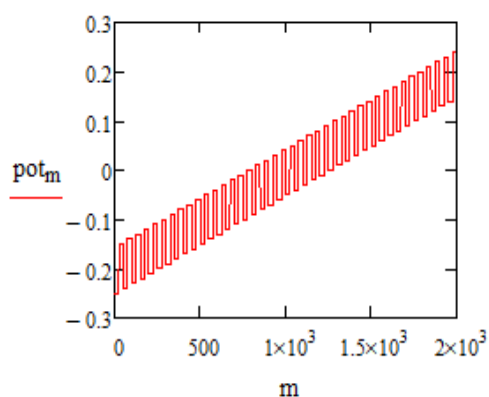
Serial number of time increments and potential modulation in SWV

$$m := 1.. \frac{\Delta E}{dE} \cdot 50 \quad \text{Serial number of time increments} \quad (5)$$

$$f := 10 \quad \text{Frequency of the potential modulation (Hz = 1/s)} \quad (6)$$

$$d := \frac{1}{50f} \quad \text{Time increment (s)} \quad (7)$$

$$pot_m := E_s - E_{sw} + \left[\left(\text{ceil} \left(\frac{m}{25} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) \cdot dE + \text{if} \left(\frac{\text{ceil} \left(\frac{m}{25} \right)}{2} = \text{ceil} \left(\frac{m}{25} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right), 1, -1 \right) \cdot E_{sw} + E_{sw} \right) - dE \right] \quad \text{SW potential modulation} \quad (8)$$



Graph (I)

Basic constants and dimensionless potential

$$\underline{F} := 96485 \quad \text{Faraday constant (C/mol)} \quad (9)$$

$$\underline{T} := 298.15 \quad \text{Thermodynamic temperature (K)} \quad (10)$$

$$\underline{R} := 8.314 \quad \text{Universal Gas constant (J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}) \quad (11)$$

$$\underline{\Phi}_m := \frac{F}{R \cdot T} \cdot \text{pot}_m \quad \text{Dimensionless potential} \quad (12)$$

Basic constants of the electrode reaction

$$D := 5 \cdot 10^{-6} \quad \text{Diffusion coefficient (cm}^2\text{/s)} \quad (13)$$

$$k_s := 0.005 \quad \text{Standard rate constant of electron transfer (cm/s)} \quad (14)$$

$$\alpha := 0.5 \quad \text{Electron transfer coefficient} \quad (15)$$

Dimensionless parameters

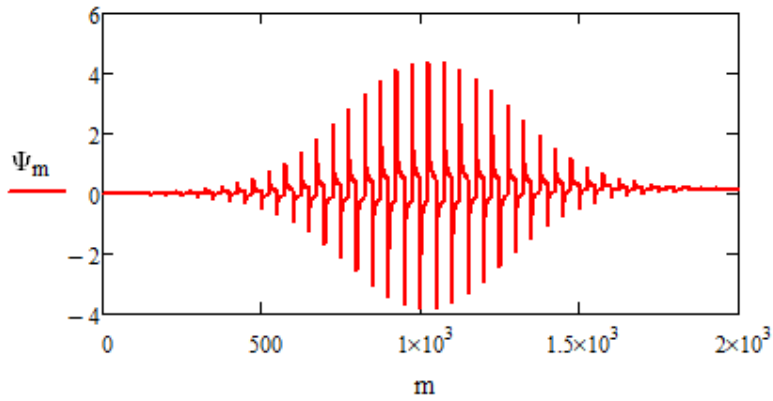
$$\kappa := \frac{k_s}{D \cdot f} \quad \text{Dimensionless electrode kinetic parameter} \quad (16)$$

$$\underline{S}_m := \sqrt{m} - \sqrt{m-1} \quad \text{Numerical integration parameter} \quad (17)$$

Recurent formula for calculation of the dimensionless current

$$\Psi_1 := \frac{\kappa \cdot e^{\alpha \cdot \Phi_1}}{1 + \frac{2 \cdot \kappa \cdot e^{\alpha \cdot \Phi_1}}{\sqrt{\pi \cdot 50}} \cdot (1 + e^{-\Phi_1})} \quad \text{Dimensionless current of the first time increment} \quad (18)$$

$$\Psi_m := \frac{\kappa \cdot e^{\alpha \cdot \Phi_m} \left[1 - \frac{2 \cdot (1 + e^{-\Phi_m})}{\sqrt{\pi \cdot 50}} \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} (\Psi_j \cdot S_{m-j+1}) \right]}{1 + \frac{2 \cdot \kappa \cdot e^{\alpha \cdot \Phi_m}}{\sqrt{\pi \cdot 50}} \cdot (1 + e^{-\Phi_m})} \quad \text{Dimensionless currents} \quad (19)$$



Graph (II)

Serial number of potential cycles in SWV and the mid-potential of each potential cycle
(i.e., the potential of underlying staircase ramp)

$$p := 0.. \left(\frac{\Delta E}{dE} \right) - 1 \quad \text{Serial number of a potential cycle} \quad (20)$$

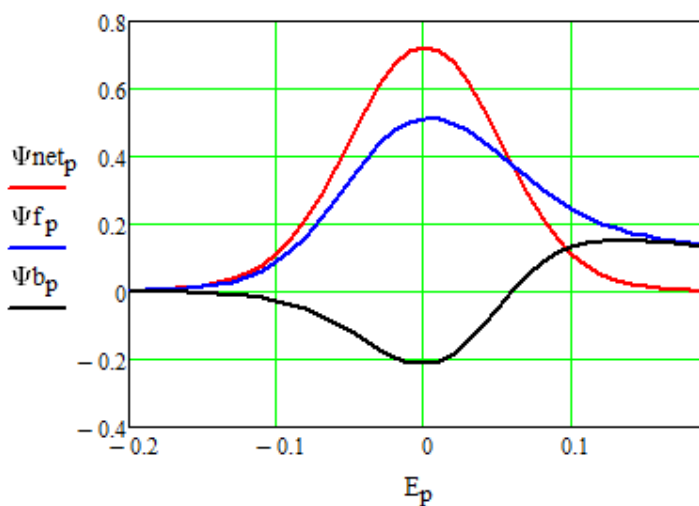
$$E_p := E_s + p \cdot dE \quad \text{Mid-potential of potential cycles vs. } E^{0'} \text{ (V)} \quad (21)$$

Dimensionless forward, backward (reverse) and the net current components

$$\Psi_{f_p} := \Psi_{(p+1) \cdot 50} \quad \text{Dimensionless forward currents} \quad (22)$$

$$\Psi_{b_p} := \Psi_{(50-p+25)} \quad \text{Dimensionless backward currents} \quad (23)$$

$$\Psi_{net_p} := \Psi_{f_p} - \Psi_{b_p} \quad \text{Net currents} \quad (23)$$



Graph (III)

Definition of the amperometric constant, real currents and potential

$$c := 1 \cdot 10^{-7} \quad \text{Bulk concentration of the initial reactant Red (mol/cm}^3\text{)} \quad (24)$$

$$A := 0.01 \quad \text{Electrode surface area (cm}^2\text{)} \quad (25)$$

$$C := F \cdot A \cdot c \cdot \sqrt{D \cdot t} \quad \text{Amperometric constant (A)} \quad (26)$$

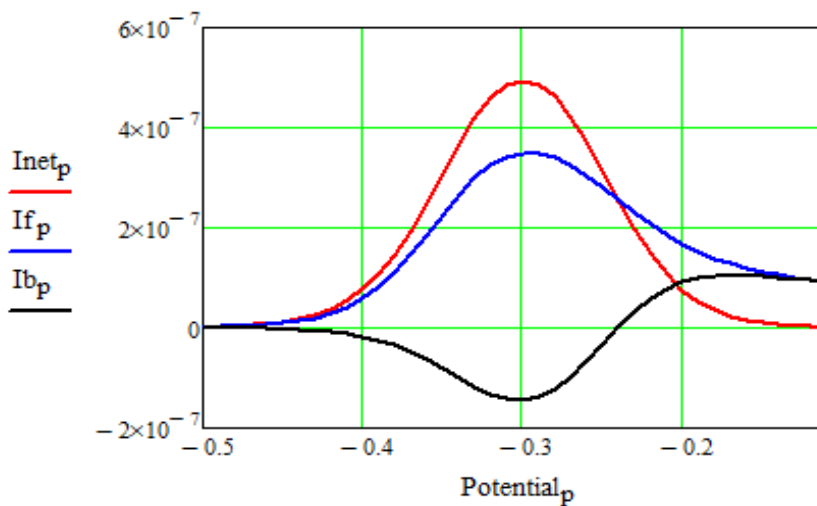
$$I_{f_p} := \Psi_{f_p} \cdot C \quad \text{Real forward currents} \quad (27)$$

$$I_{b_p} := \Psi_{b_p} \cdot C \quad \text{Real backward currents (A)} \quad (28)$$

$$I_{net_p} := \Psi_{net_p} \cdot C \quad \text{Real net currents (A)} \quad (29)$$

$$E_0 := -0.3 \quad \text{Formal potential vs. a given reference electrode (V)} \quad (30)$$

$$\text{Potential}_p := E_0 + E_p \quad \text{Real potential vs. a given reference electrode (V)} \quad (31)$$



Graph (IV)

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