

Lecture 5 – Network of neurons and associative memory

- Introduction
- Classification by similarity
- Detour: magnetic materials
- Associative Memory
- Dense networks (mean-field)

Systems for computing and information processing



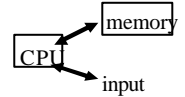
Brain

Computer



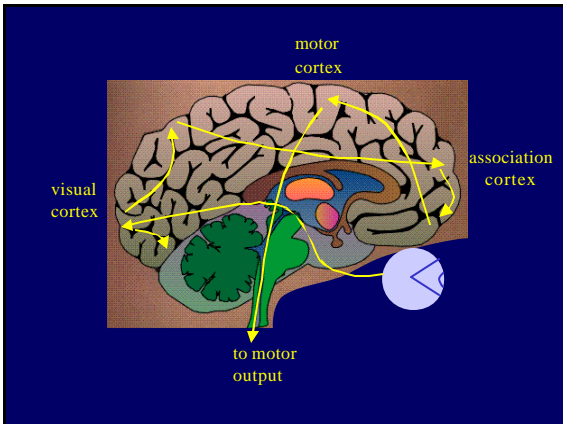
Distributed architecture

(10^{10} proc. Elements/neurons)
No separation of processing and memory



Von Neumann architecture

1 CPU
(10^{10} transistors)



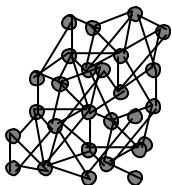
Imm 10^4 neurons
3 km wires

Signal: action potential (spike)

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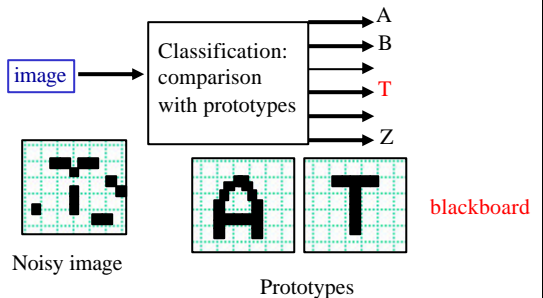


Distributed architecture

10^{10} neurons
 10^4 connections/neurons

No separation of processing and memory

- Classification by similarity: **pattern recognition**



- recognize/understand images:
pattern recognition Blackboard:

Classification by closest prototype

$$|x - p^T| \leq |x - p^A|$$

Noisy image Prototypes

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Noisy image → Associative memory/collective computation → Full image

Brain-style computation

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Noisy magnet → pure magnet

Detour: magnetism

Elementary magnet

- ↑ $S_i = +1$
- ↓ $S_i = -1$

Blackboard:
example

dynamics

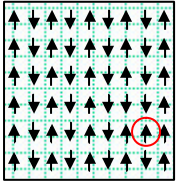
$$S_i(t+1) = \text{sgn}\left[\sum_j S_j(t)\right]$$

blackboard

Sum over all interactions with i

Detour: magnetism

Anti-ferromagnet



Elementary magnet

$$\uparrow S_i = +1 \quad \uparrow\uparrow w_{ij} = +1$$

$$\downarrow S_i = -1 \quad \uparrow\downarrow w_{ij} = -1$$

dynamics

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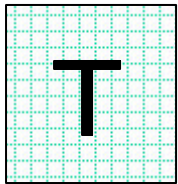
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Associative memory



Elementary pixel

$$\blacksquare S_i = +1 \quad \blacksquare\blacksquare w_{ij} = +1$$

$$\square S_i = -1 \quad \square\blacksquare w_{ij} = +1$$

$$\blacksquare\square w_{ij} = -1$$

dynamics

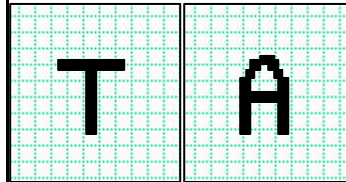
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Sum over all interactions with i

Hopfield model

Associative memory



interactions

$$w_{ij} = \sum_m p_i^m p_j^m$$

Sum over all prototypes

dynamics

Prototype

\vec{p}^1

Prototype

\vec{p}^2

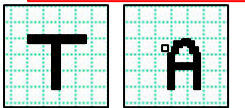
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Sum over all interactions with i

Hopfield model

Exercise now: learning of prototypes



Prototype

\vec{p}^1

Prototype

\vec{p}^2

interactions

$$(1) w_{ij} = \sum_m p_i^m p_j^m$$

Sum over all prototypes

a) Show that (1) corresponds to a rate learning rule

$$(2) \frac{d}{dt} w_{ij} = a_2^{corr} (\mathbf{n}_j^{pre} - J)(\mathbf{n}_i^{post} - J)$$

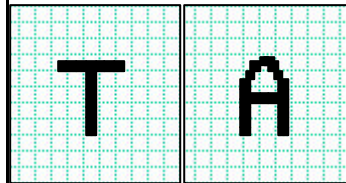
Assume that weights are zero at the beginning:

Each pattern is presented (enforced) during 0.5 sec (One after the other).

note that $p_j^m = \pm 1$ but $\mathbf{n}_j \geq 0$

b) Compare with: $\frac{d}{dt} w_{ij} = a_0 + a_1^{pre} \mathbf{n}_j^{pre} + a_1^{post} \mathbf{n}_i^{post} + a_2^{corr} \mathbf{n}_j^{pre} \mathbf{n}_i^{post} + \dots$

Associative memory



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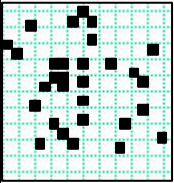
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Hopfield model

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Sum over all prototypes

This rule is optimal for **random** patterns

It does not work well for correlated patterns

Prototype \vec{p}^1

DEMO

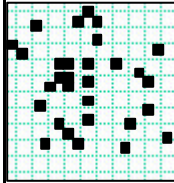
Hopfield model

dynamics

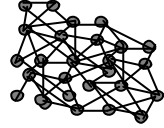
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Sum over all interactions with i

Associative memory



Interacting neurons



Prototype \vec{p}^1

Finds the prototype with maximal overlap

$$m^m = \sum_j p_j^m S_j$$

Hopfield model

Computation

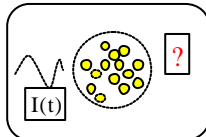
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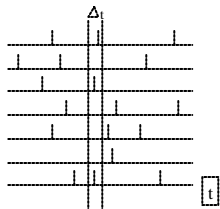
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Populations of spiking neurons




population dynamics?



population activity

$$A(t) = \frac{n(t; t + \Delta t)}{N \Delta t}$$

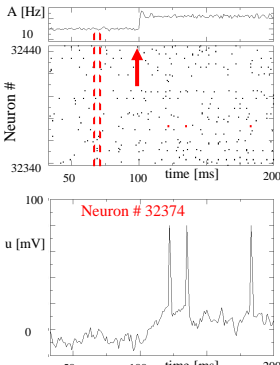
Activity in a populations of neurons



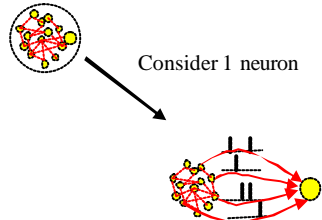
input { low rate, high rate

Population

- 50 000 neurons
- 20 percent inhibitory
- randomly connected

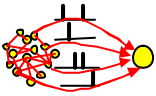


Homogeneous network (I&F)



Consider 1 neuron

Homogeneous network (I&F)



Assumption of Stochastic spike arrival:
network of exc. neurons,
total spike arrival rate $A(t)$

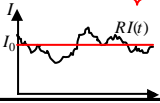
$$t \frac{d}{dt} u = -(u - u_{rest}) + RI(t) \quad \leftarrow \text{Passive membrane}$$

Synaptic current pulses of shape a

$$t \frac{d}{dt} u = -(u - u_{rest}) - \sum_k \frac{J_0}{N} \sum_f a(t - t_k^f)$$

EPSC

Blackboard:
sum of EPSCs



Homogeneous network (I&F)



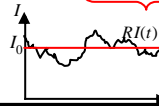
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$$RI(t) = R[I_0 + I_{noise}]$$

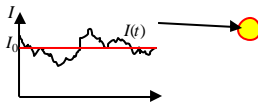
$$I_0 = g A_0$$

Population activity



Homogeneous network (I&F)

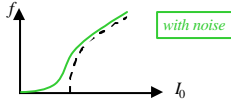
Step 1: Inject noise current



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

$$I(t) = [I_0 + I_{noise}]$$

Measure frequency



Step 2: consider 1 neuron in the network



$$t \frac{d}{dt} u = -(u - u_{rest}) + RI(t) \quad \leftarrow \text{integrated\&fire}$$

Synaptic current pulses of shape a

$$t \frac{d}{dt} u_i = -(u_i - u_{rest}) - \sum_k w_{ij} \sum_f a(t - t_k^f) \quad w_{ij} = \frac{J_0}{N}$$

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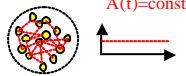
$$\sum_k \frac{J_0}{N} \sum_f a(t - t_k^f) = R[I_0 + I_{noise}]$$

All neurons receive the same input (mean field')

Step 3: assume Stationary State/Asynchronous State

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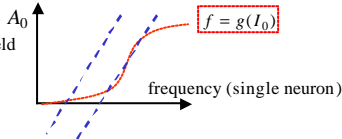
$$I_0 = g A_0 + I^{ext}$$



$$A_0 = \frac{1}{g} [I_0 - I^{ext}]$$

fully connected coupling J_0/N

typical mean field (Curie Weiss)



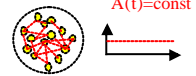
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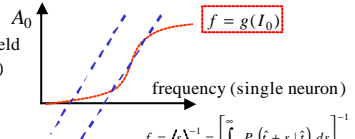
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$$f = \langle \xi \rangle^{-1} = \left[\int_0^{\infty} p_f(\tau + s | \tau) ds \right]^{-1}$$

Step 4: close equation - calculate A_0

Random Connectivity/Asynchronous State

C inputs per neuron $w_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{J_0}{C} & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 0 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$

mean drive $I_0 = g A_0 + I^{ext}$

variance $S^2 = b A_0$

$A(t) = \text{const}$

randomly connected

improved mean field $f = g(I_0, S)$

Analogous for column of 1 exc. + 1 inhib. Pop.

frequency (single neuron) $f = \langle s \rangle^{-1} = \left[\int_0^\infty P_{i,s} (f + s | i) ds \right]^{-1} = g(h_0, S)$

(Amit & Brunel 1997, Brunel 2000)

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Back to Associative memory

Interacting neurons

- Possible with spiking neurons
- Calculation: mean-field
- Prototypes = random patterns

Computation

- without CPU,
- without explicit memory unit

Associative memory - simple model

Interacting neurons

- Rate model
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rate model

$$f = g(I_0)$$

$$f_i = g \left(\sum_j w_{ij} f_j \right)$$

$$w_{ij} = \sum_m p_i^m p_j^m$$

Associative memory

For comparison with Spin $S_j = \pm 1$

$$m^m = \sum_j p_j^m S_j$$

Prototype \vec{p}^1

Task: Find the prototype with maximal overlap

$$m^m = \sum_j p_j^m (f_j - J)$$

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Associative memory

$$f_i = g \left(\sum_j w_{ij} f_j \right)$$

$$w_{ij} = \sum_m p_i^m p_j^m$$

$$f_i = g \left(\sum_j \sum_m p_i^m p_j^m f_j \right)^m$$

$$f_i = g \left(\sum_m p_i^m \sum_j p_j^m f_j \right)$$

$$f_i = g \left(\sum_m p_i^m m^m \right)$$

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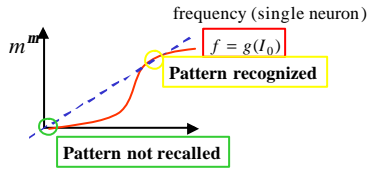
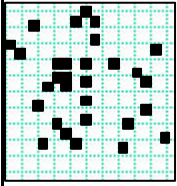
overlap

$$m^m = \sum_j p_j^m (f_j - J) = \sum_j p_j^m f_j - \sum_j p_j^m J$$

with prob. 0.5 +/-1

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Associative memory



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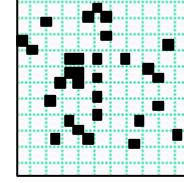
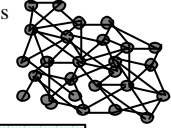
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Conclusion - Associative memory

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Interacting neurons



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The end