

Week 5: Networks of Neurons-Introduction



Biological Modeling of Neural Networks

Week 5

**NETWORKS of NEURONS and
ASSOCIATIVE MEMORY**

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5.1 Introduction

- networks of neuron
- systems for computing
- associative memory

5.2 Classification by similarity

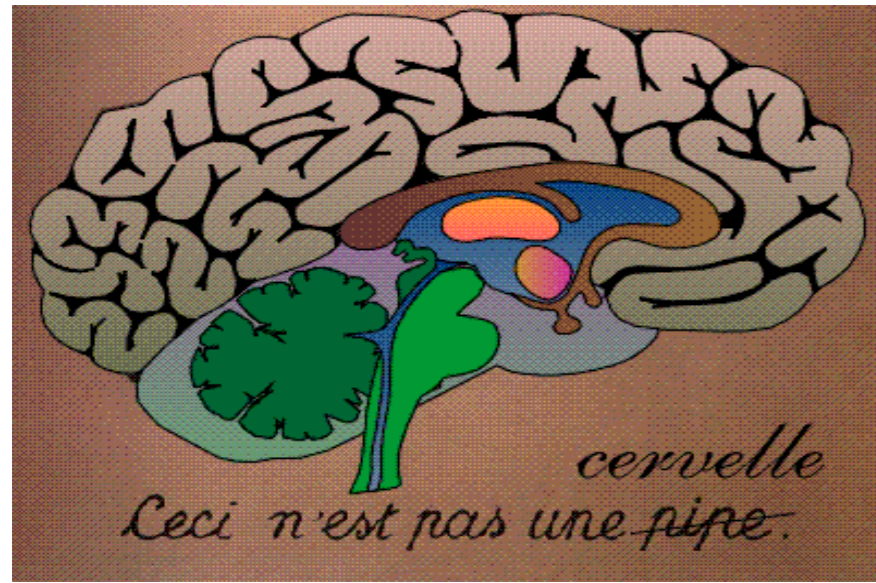
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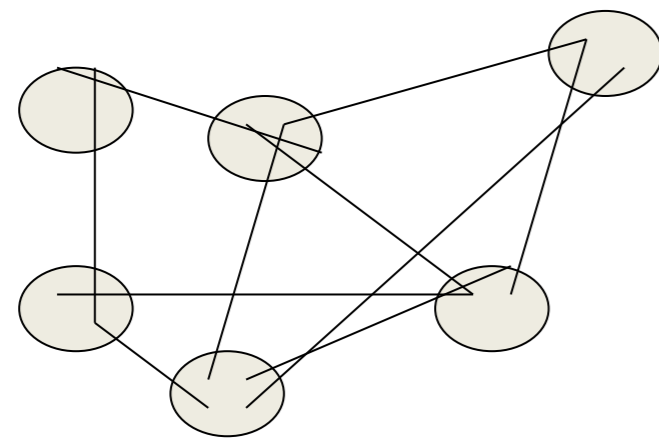
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Systems for computing and information processing



Brain

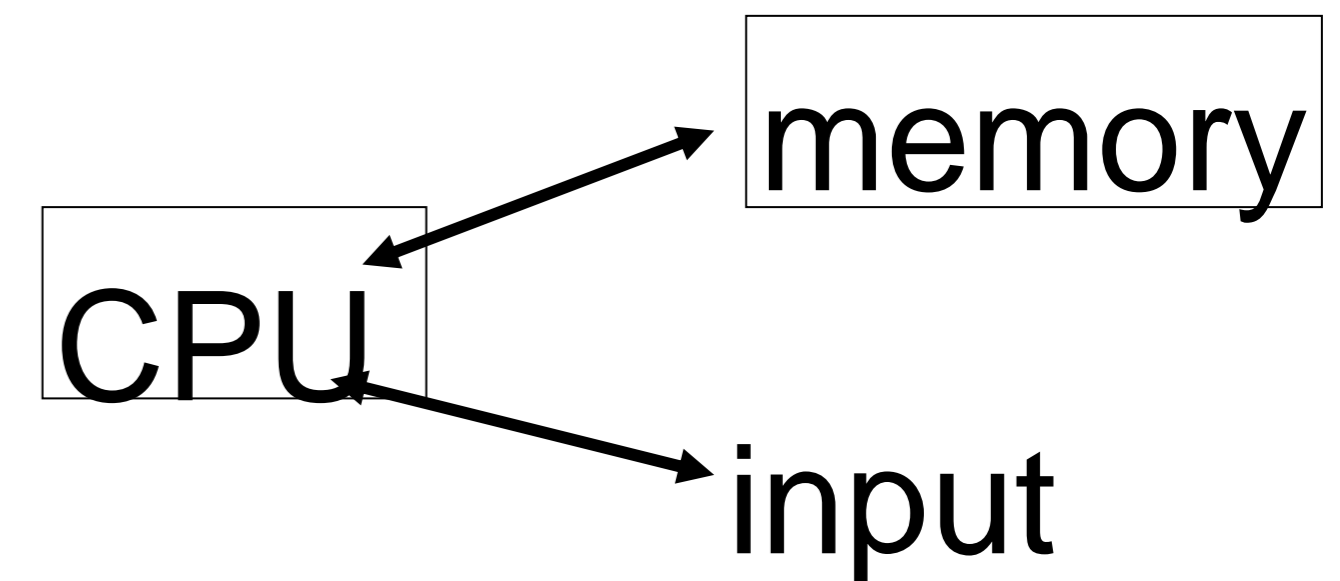
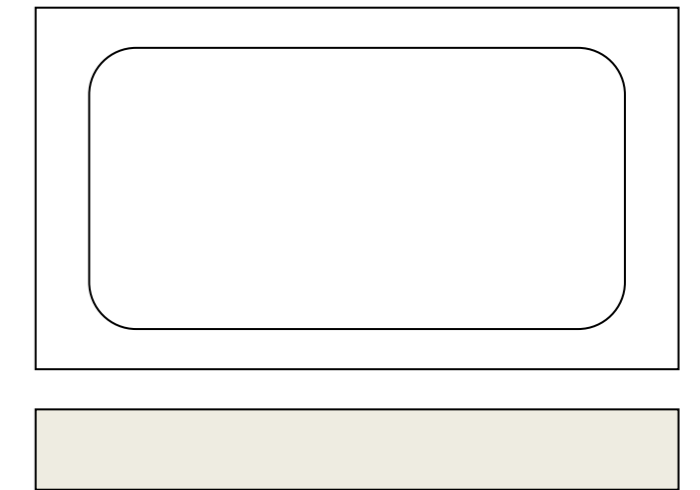


Distributed architecture

(10^{10} proc. Elements/neurons)

No separation of
processing and memory

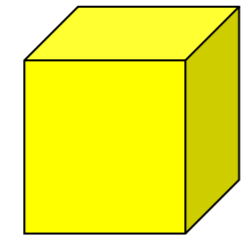
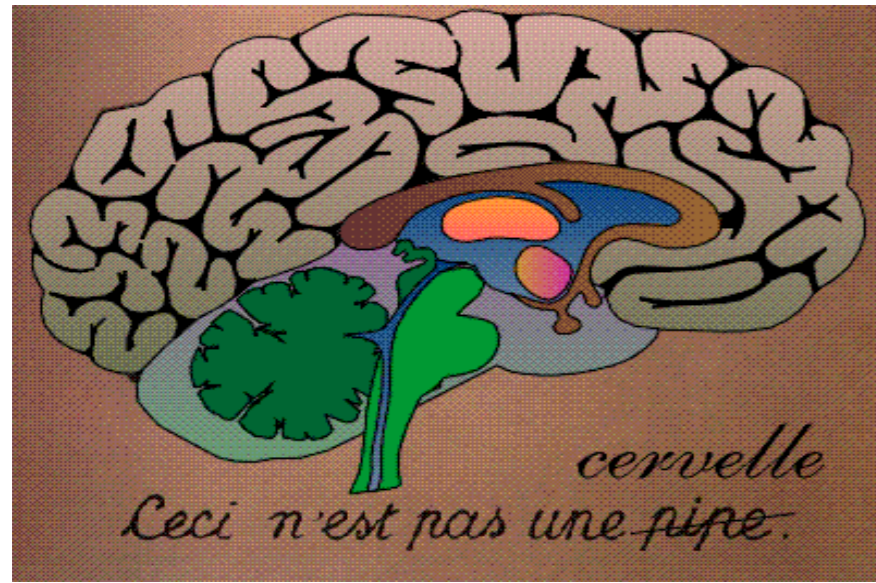
Computer



Von Neumann architecture

1 CPU
(10^{10} transistors)

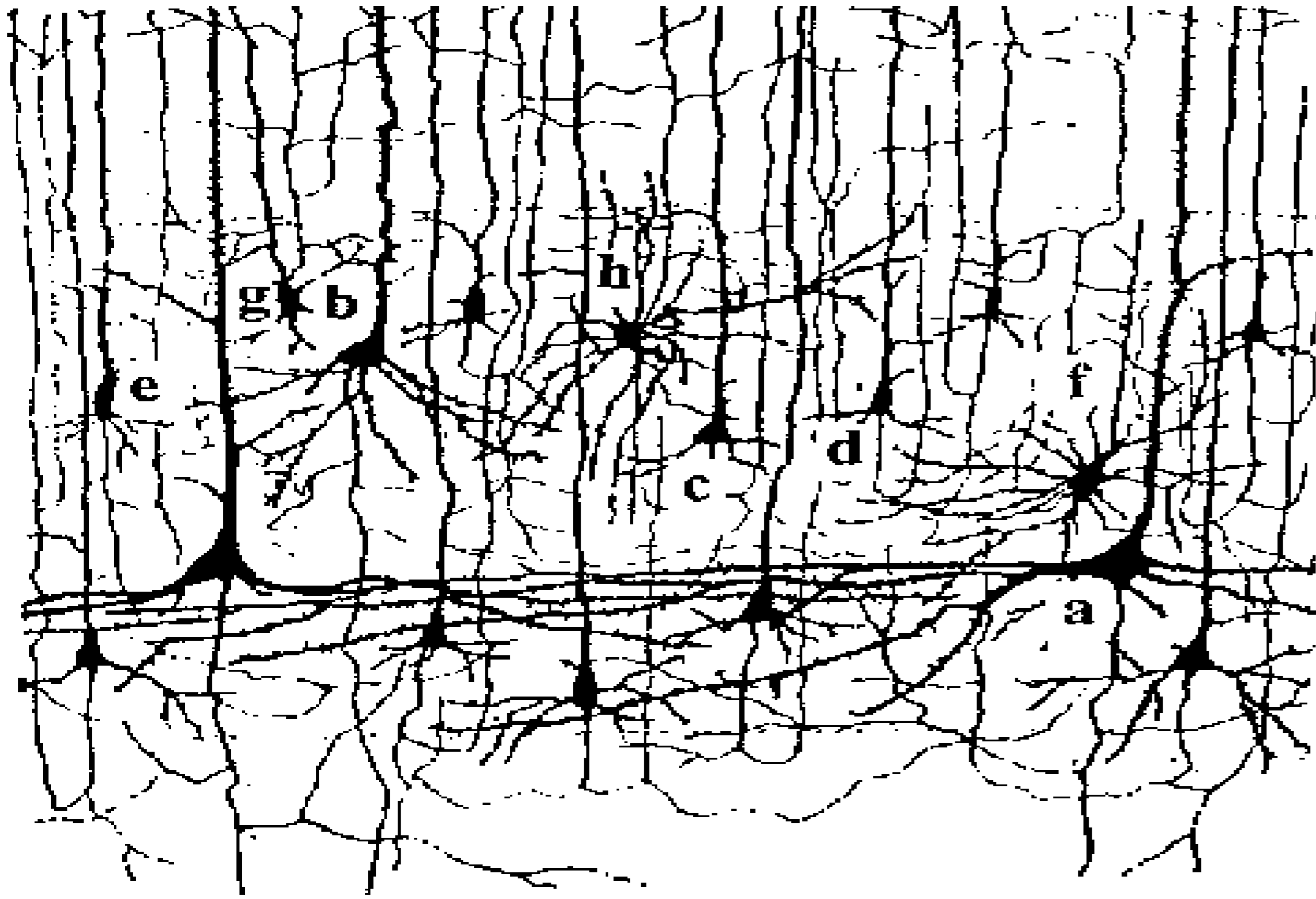
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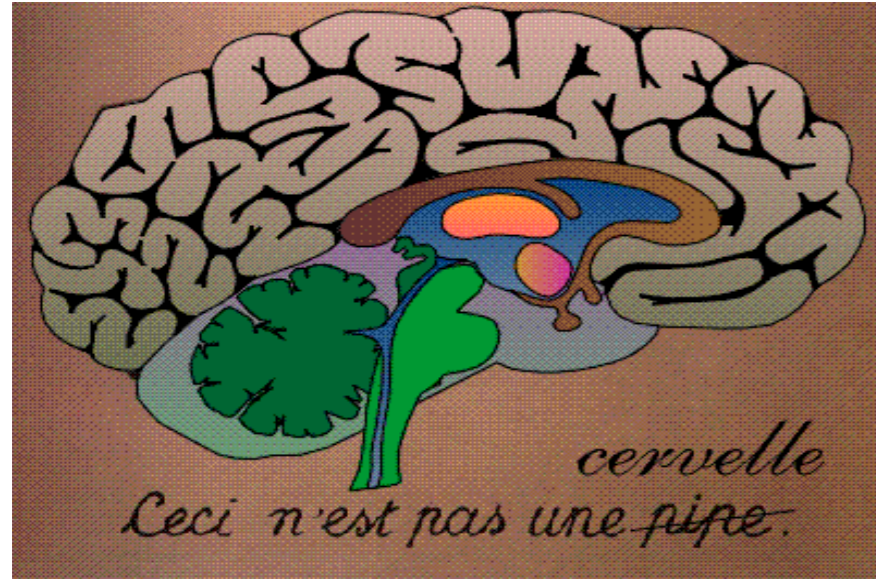
1mm

10 000 neurons

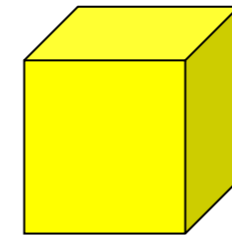
3 km wire



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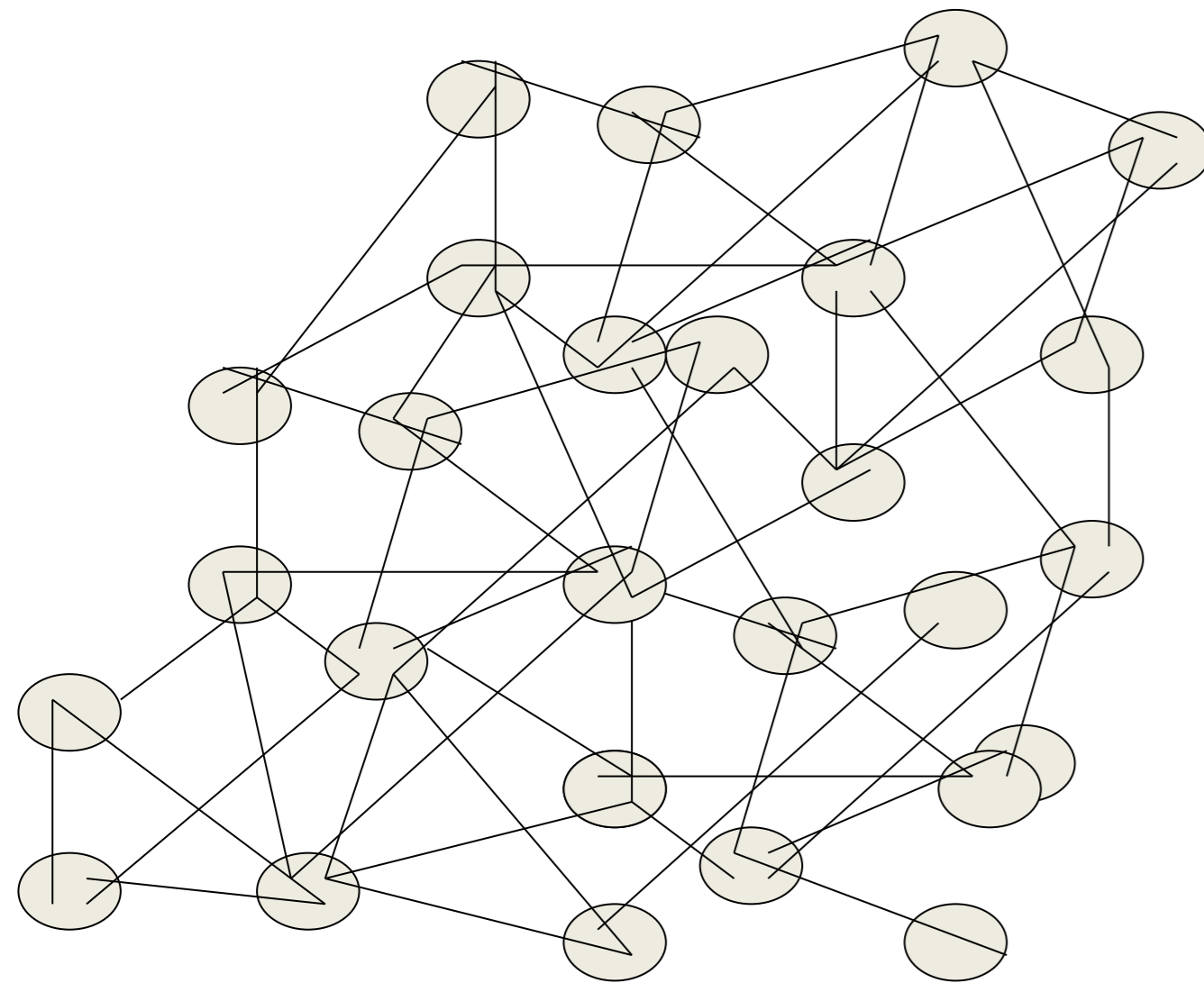
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10 000 neurons

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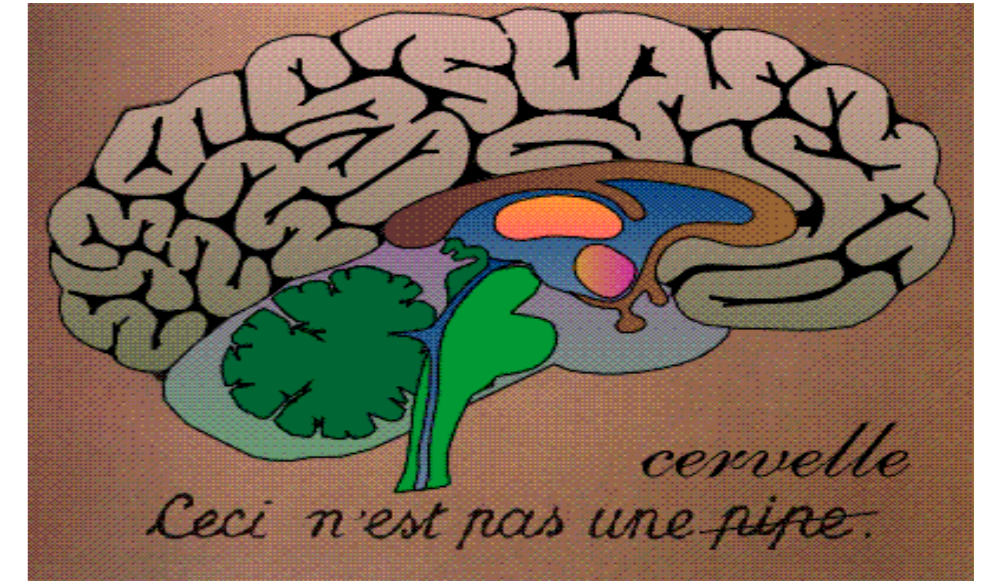
Distributed architecture

10^{10} neurons

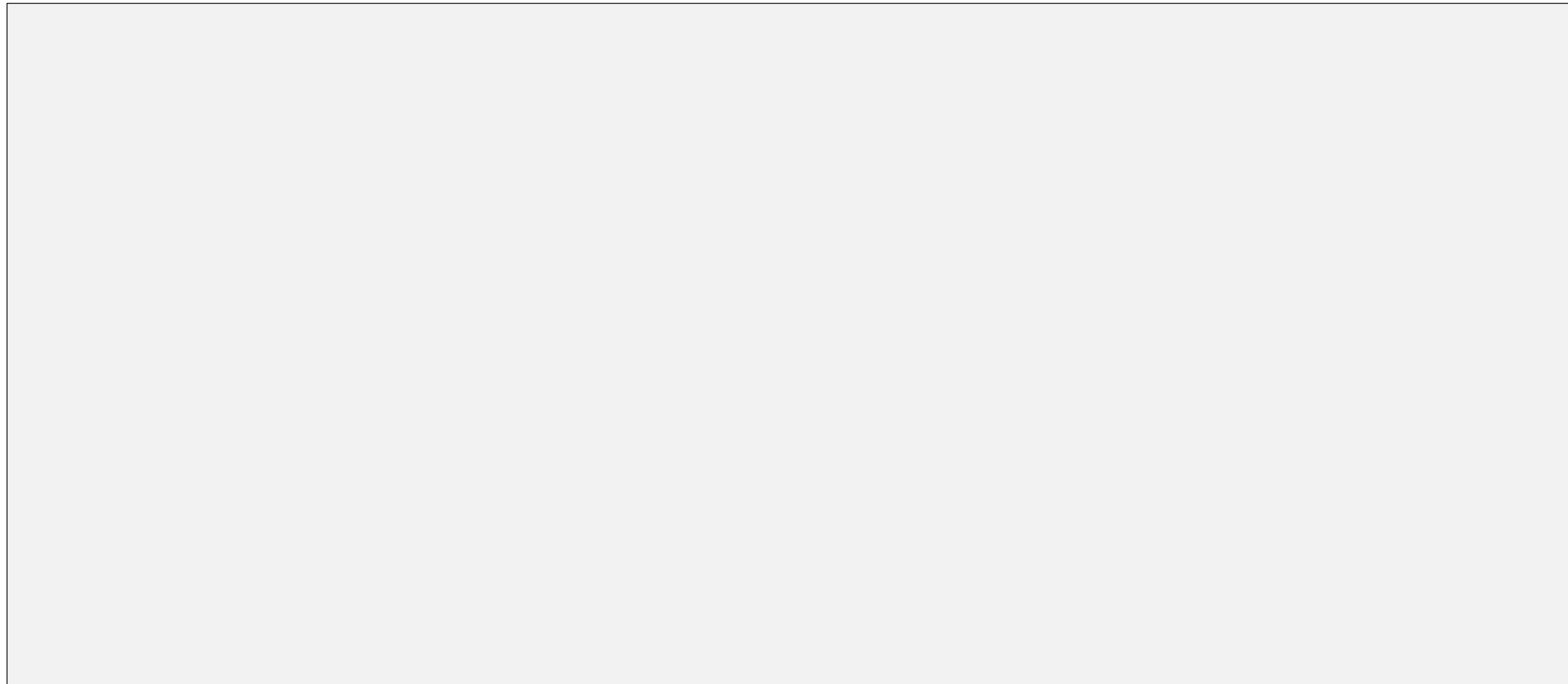
10^4 connections/neurons

**No separation of
processing and memory**

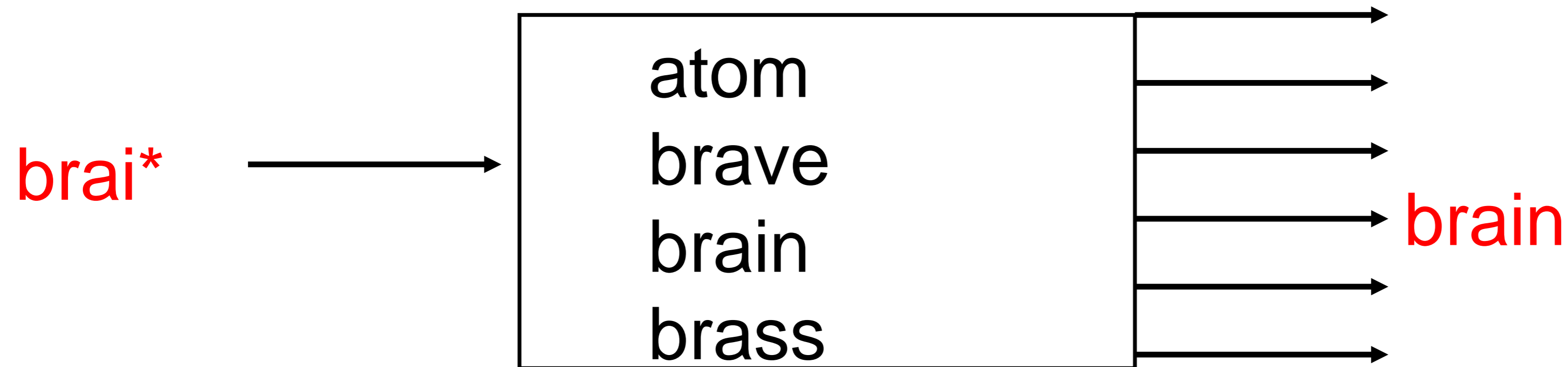
Associations, Associative Memory



*Read this text **NOW!***



pattern completion/word recognition



Noisy word

List of words

Output the closest one

***Your brain fills in missing information:
'associative memory'***

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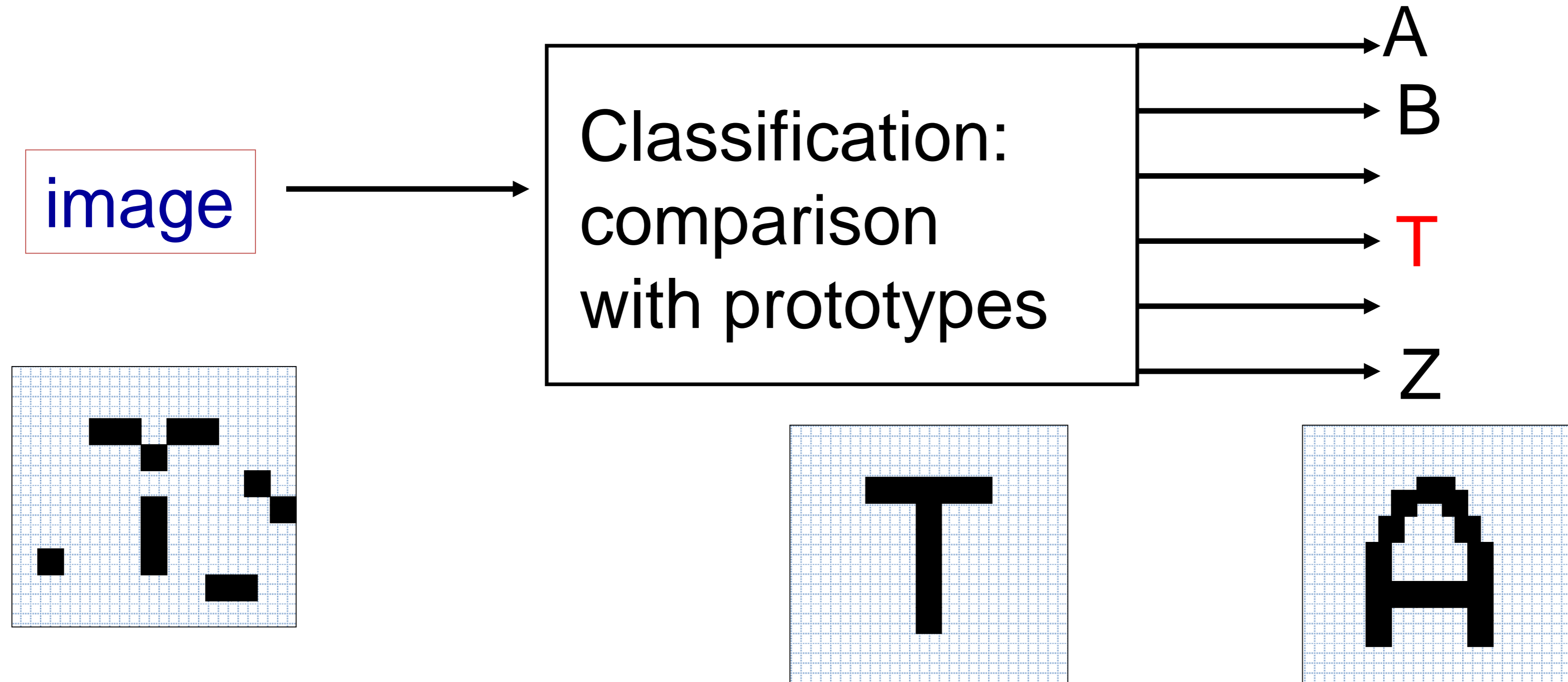
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5.2 Classification by similarity: **pattern recognition**



Noisy image

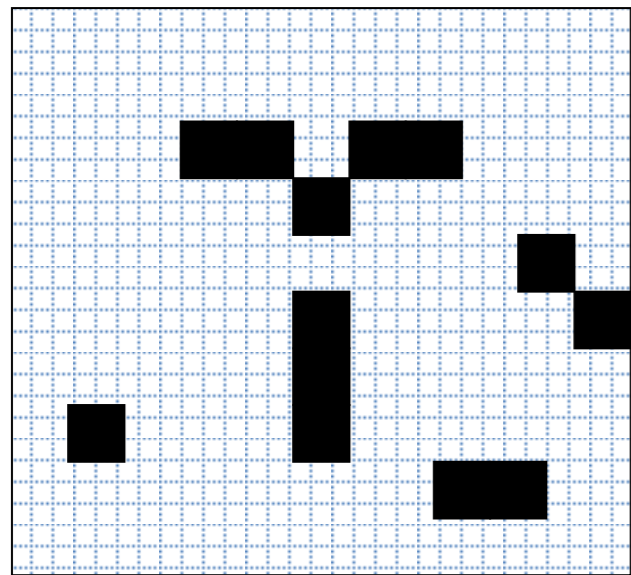
Prototypes

5.2 Classification by similarity: **pattern recognition**

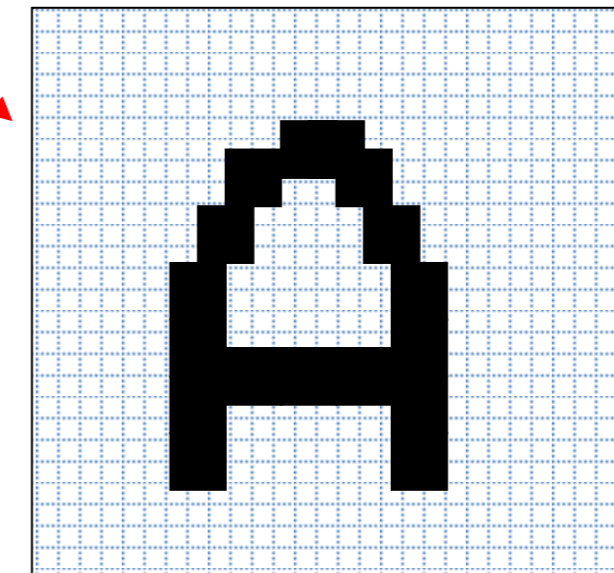
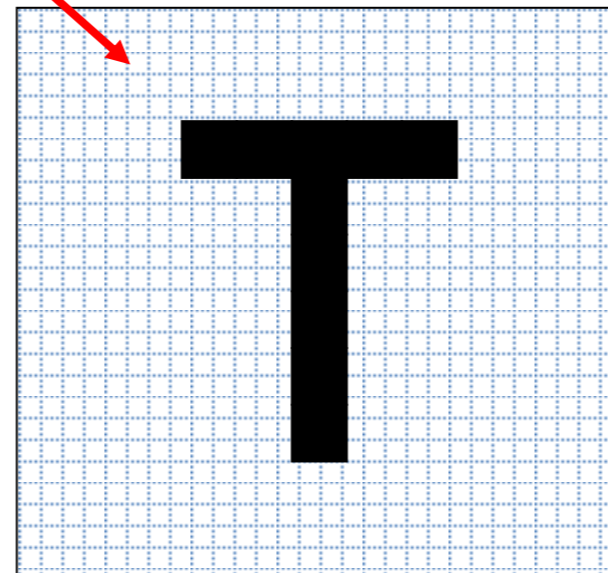
Classification by closest prototype

Blackboard:

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



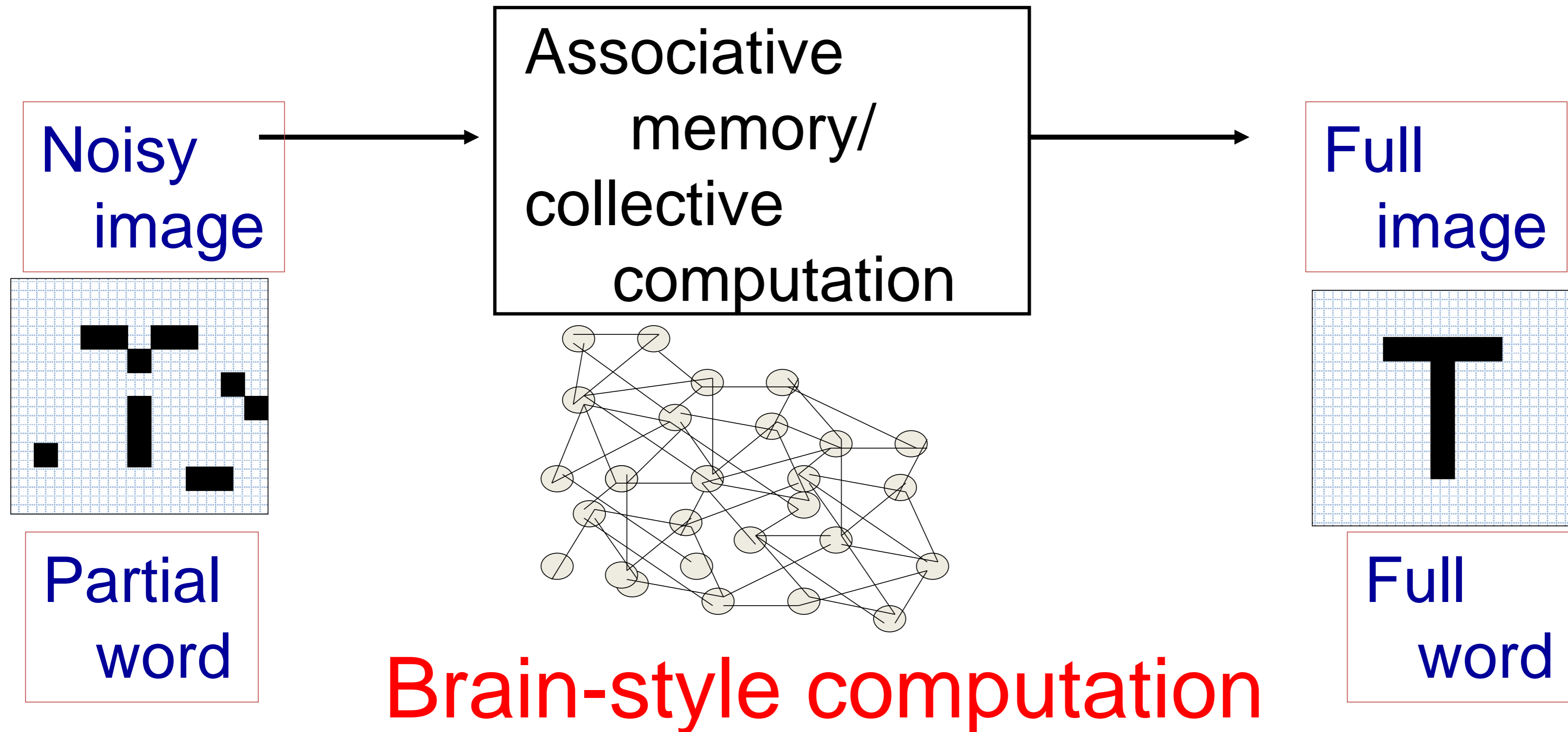
Noisy image



Prototypes

5.2 pattern recognition and Pattern completion

Aim: Understand Associative Memory



Quiz 5.1: Connectivity

A typical neuron in the brain makes connections

- To 6-20 neighbors
- To 100-200 neurons nearby
- To more than 1000 neurons nearby
- To more than 1000 neurons nearby or far away.

In a typical crystal in nature, each atom interacts

- with 6-20 neighbors
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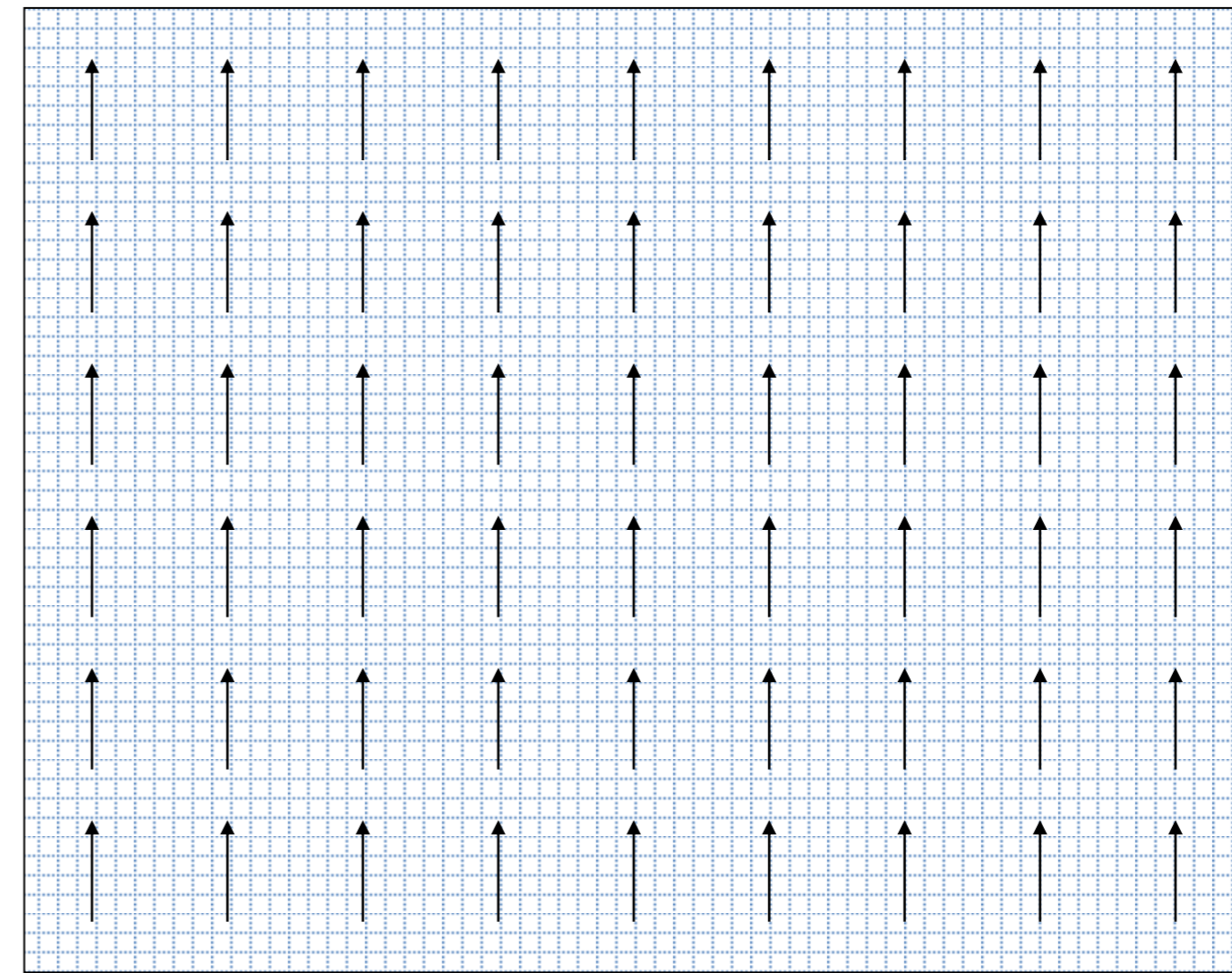
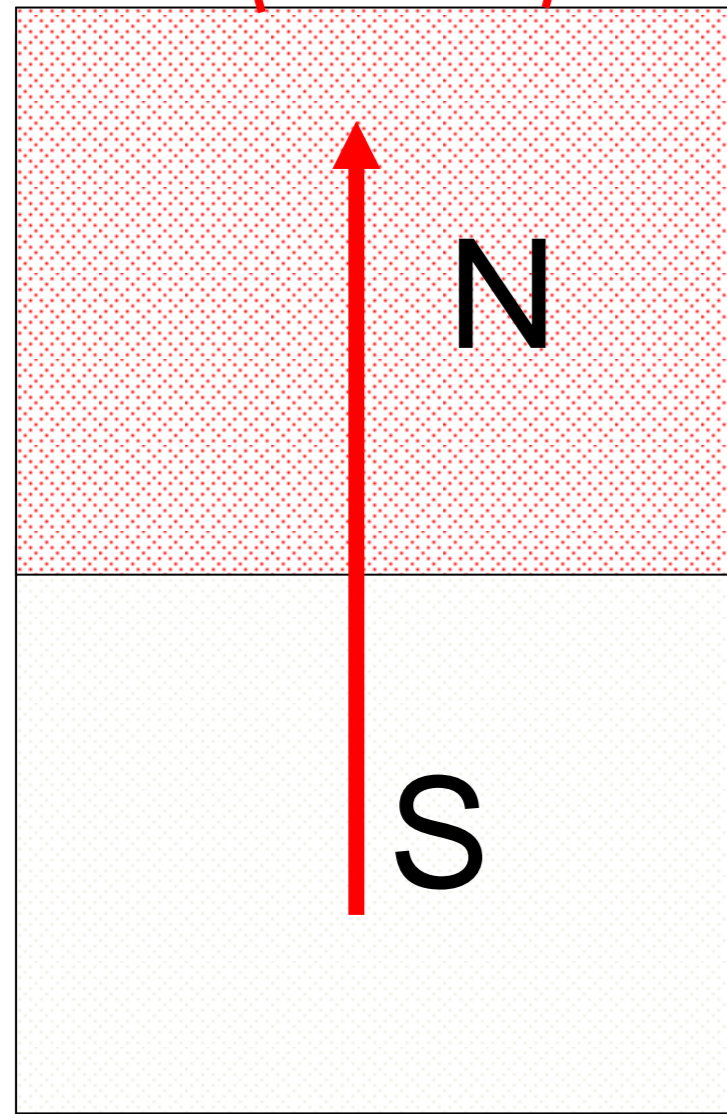
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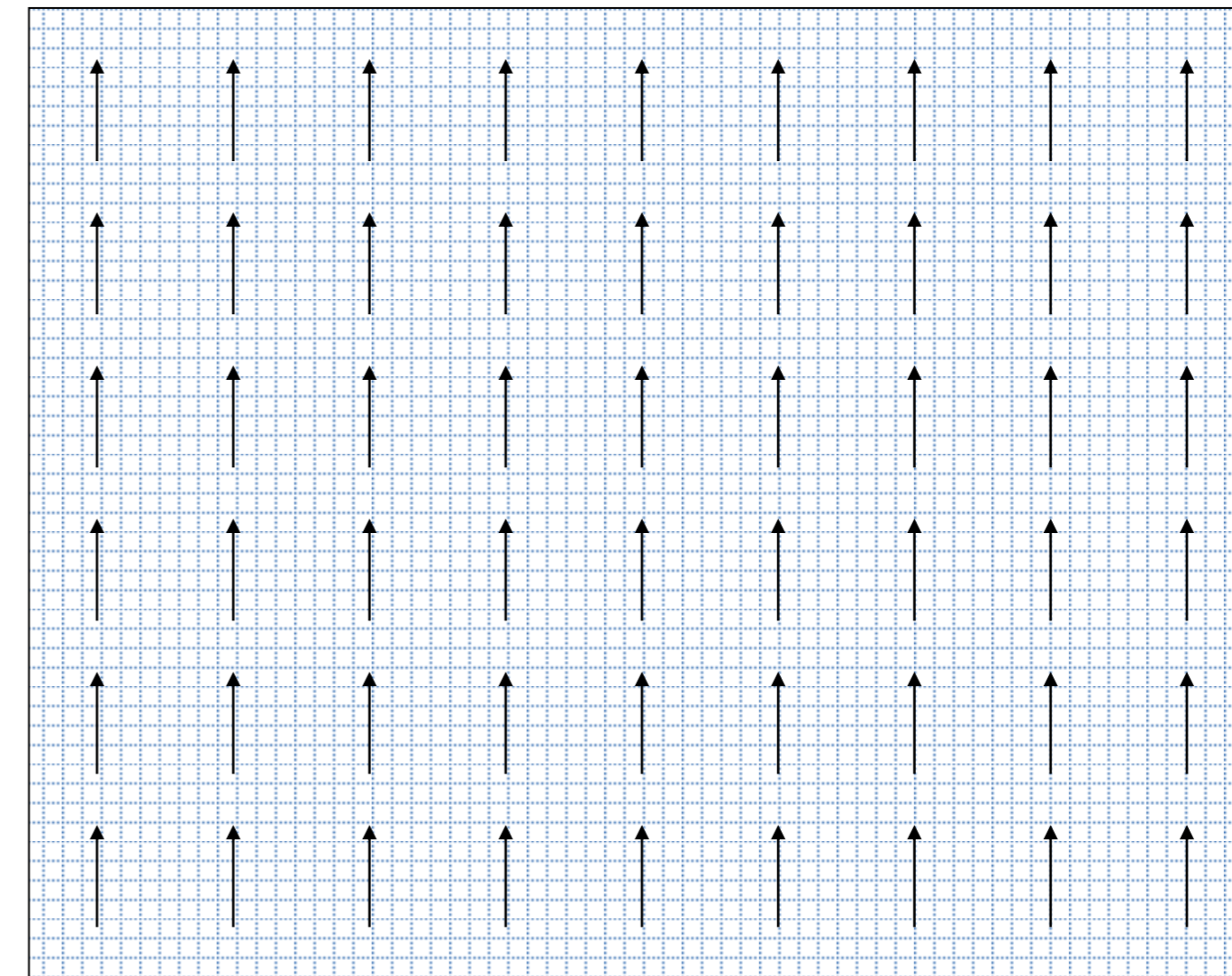
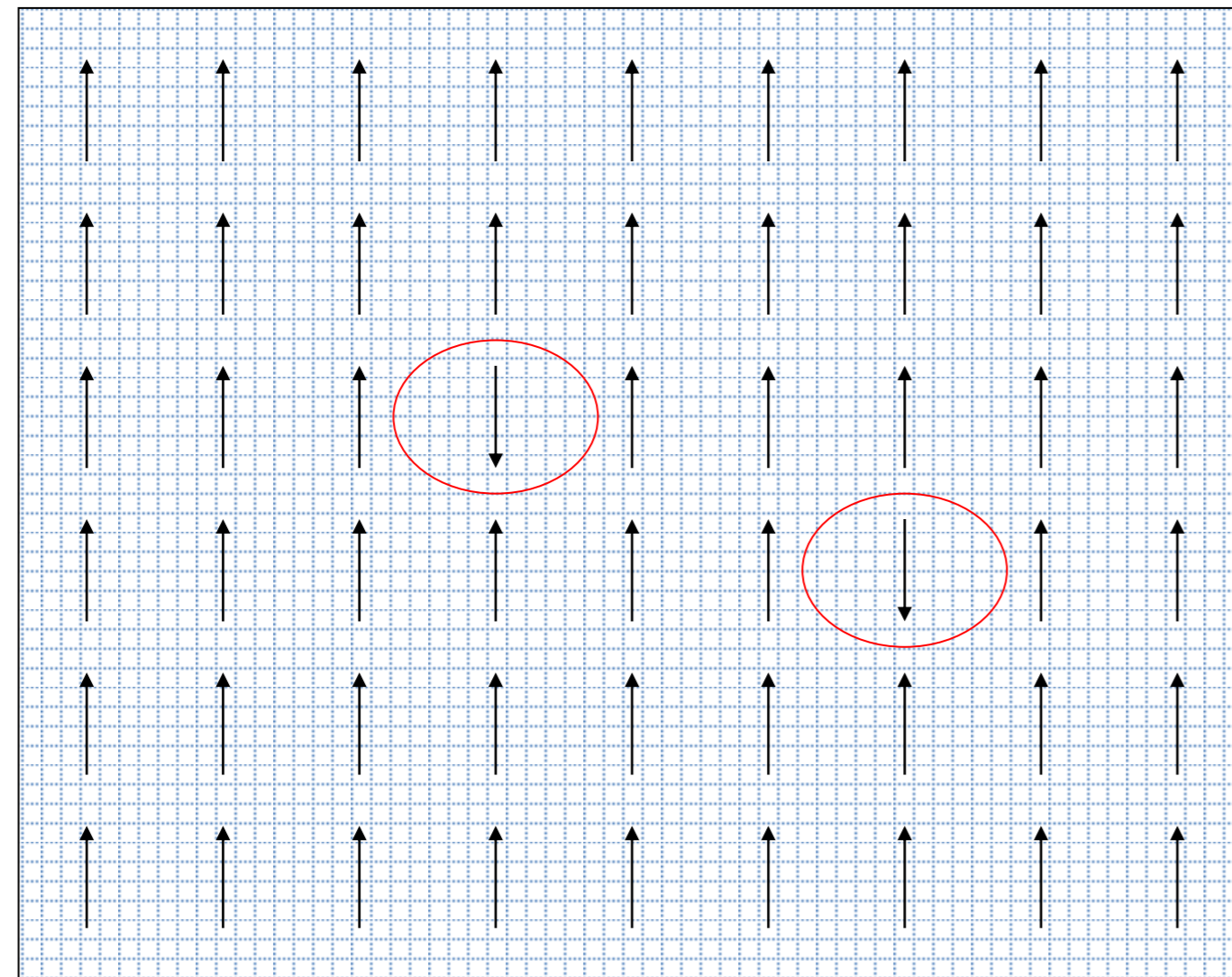
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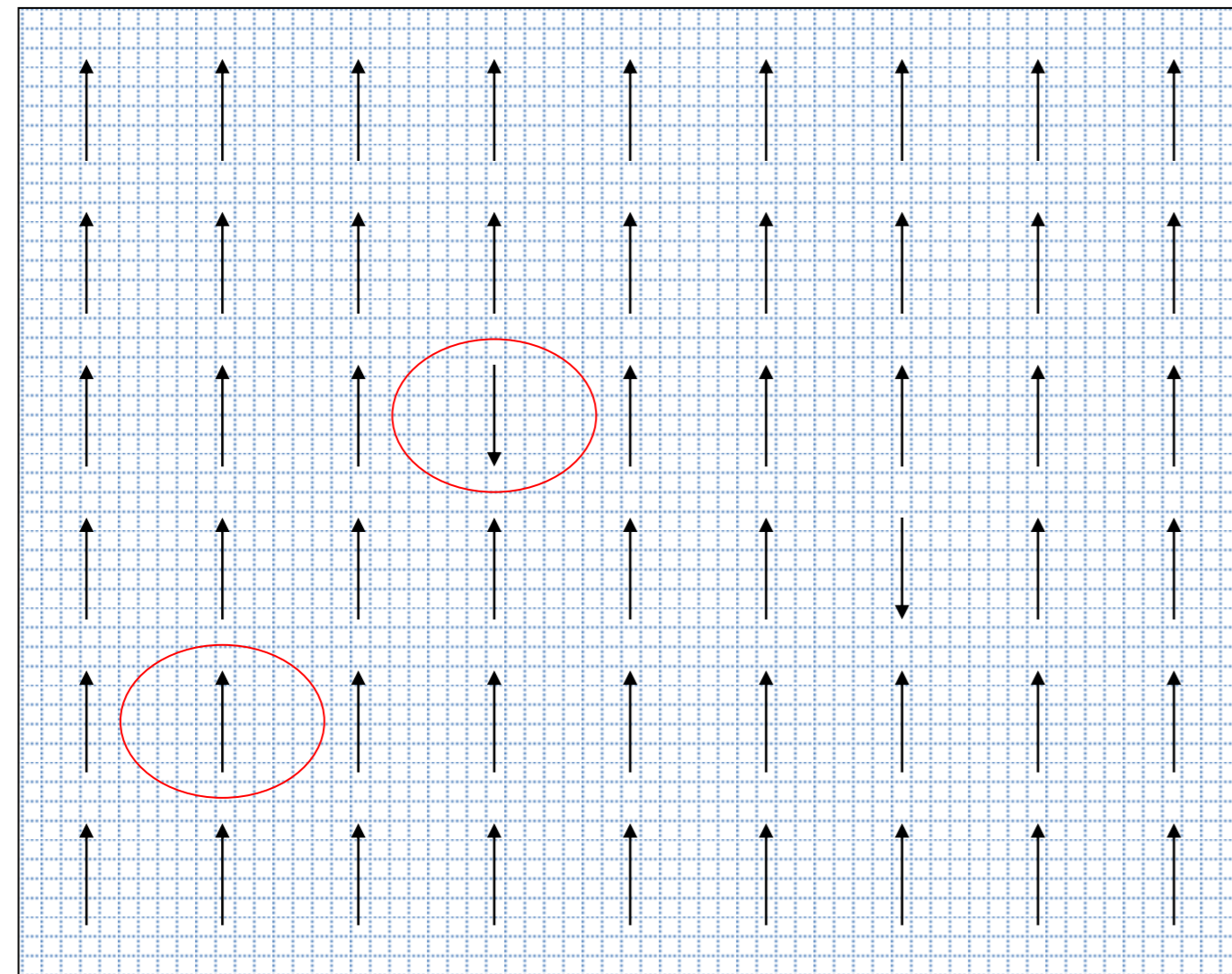


Noisy magnet



pure magnet

5.3 Detour: magnetism



Elementary magnet

$$\uparrow S_i = +1$$

$$\downarrow S_i = -1$$

*Blackboard:
example*

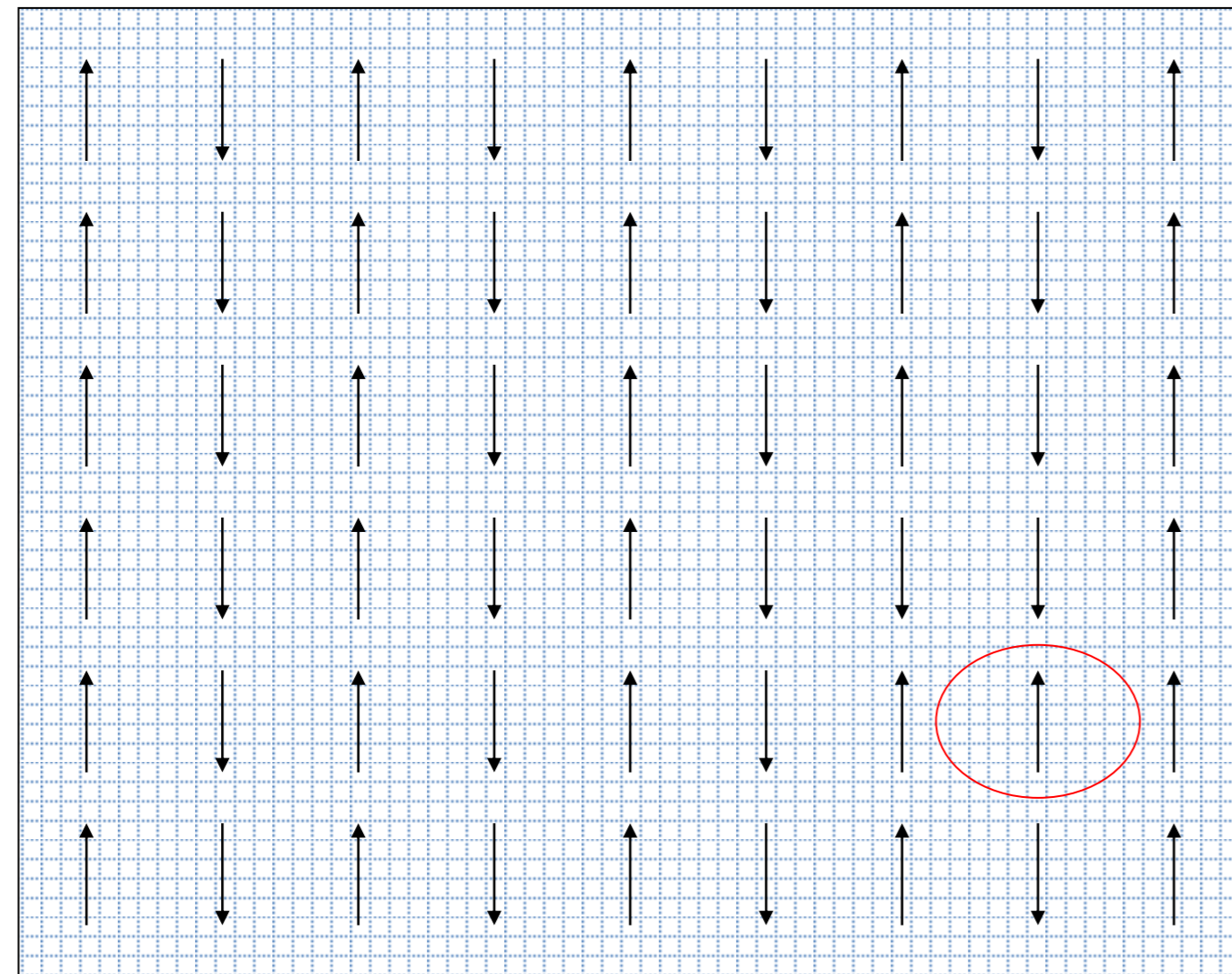
dynamics

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

Sum over all
interactions with i

5.3 Detour: magnetism

Anti-ferromagnet



blackboard

Elementary magnet

$$\uparrow S_i = +1$$

$$\downarrow S_i = -1$$

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

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

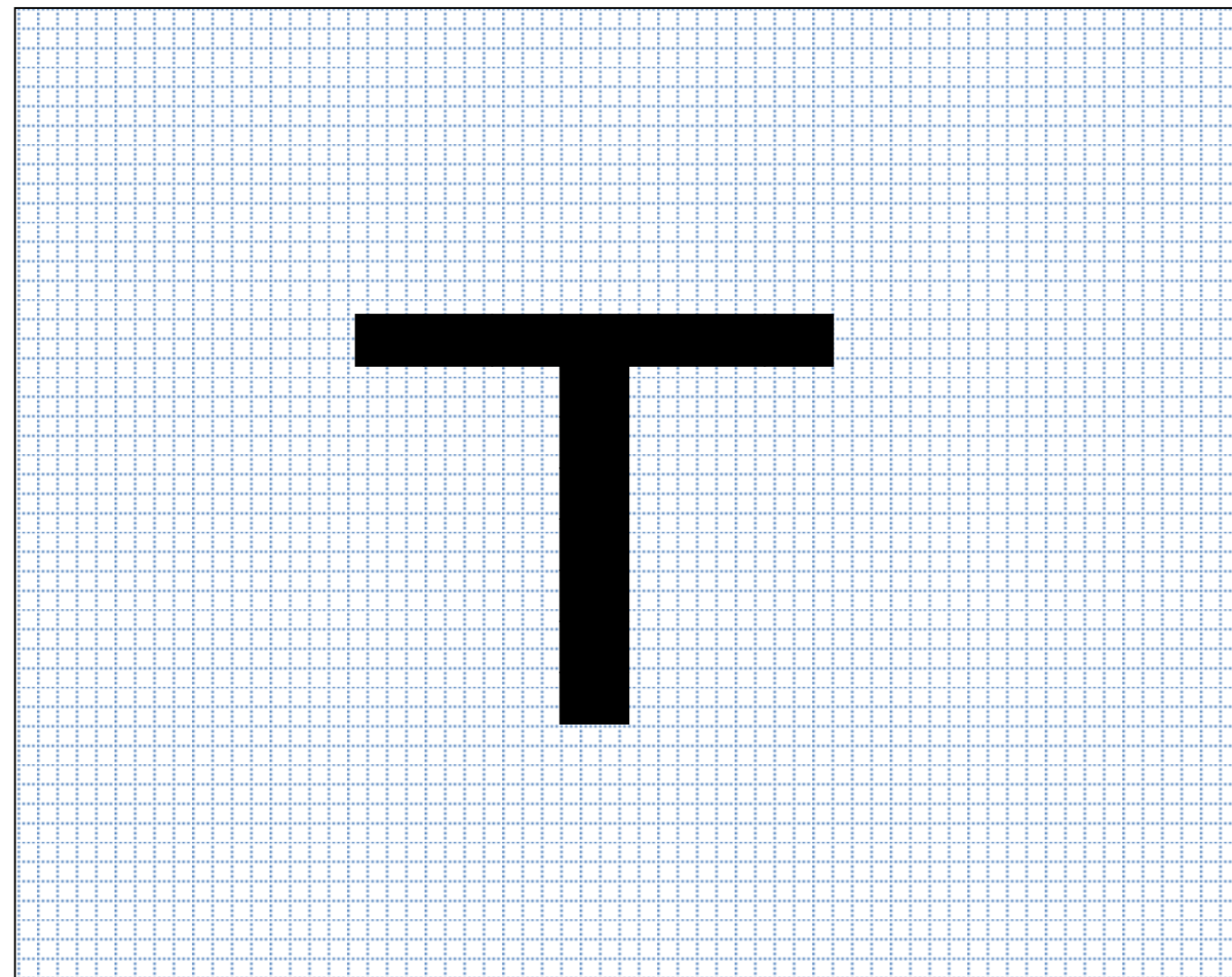
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5.3 Magnetism and memory patterns

blackboard



Hopfield model:
Several patterns \rightarrow next section

Elementary pixel

■ $S_i = +1$

□ $S_i = -1$

■ \leftrightarrow ■ $w_{ij} = +1$

□ \leftrightarrow □ $w_{ij} = +1$

□ \leftrightarrow ■ $w_{ij} = -1$

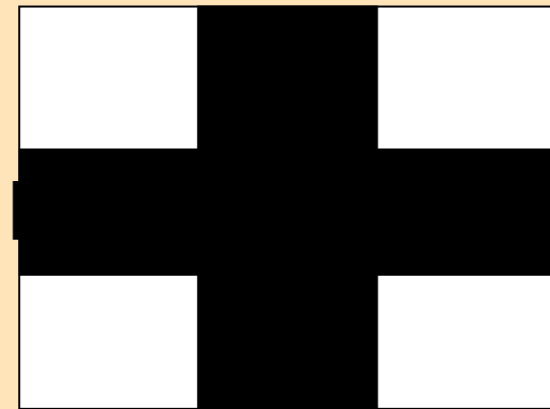
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Sum over all interactions with i

Exercise 1: Associative memory (1 pattern)

***Next lecture at
10h15***



Elementary pixel

■ $S_i = +1$

□ $S_i = -1$

■ ↔ ■ $w_{ij} = +1$
□ ↔ □ $w_{ij} = +1$

dynamics

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

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9 neurons

- define appropriate weights
- what happens if one neuron wrong?
- what happens if n neurons wrong?

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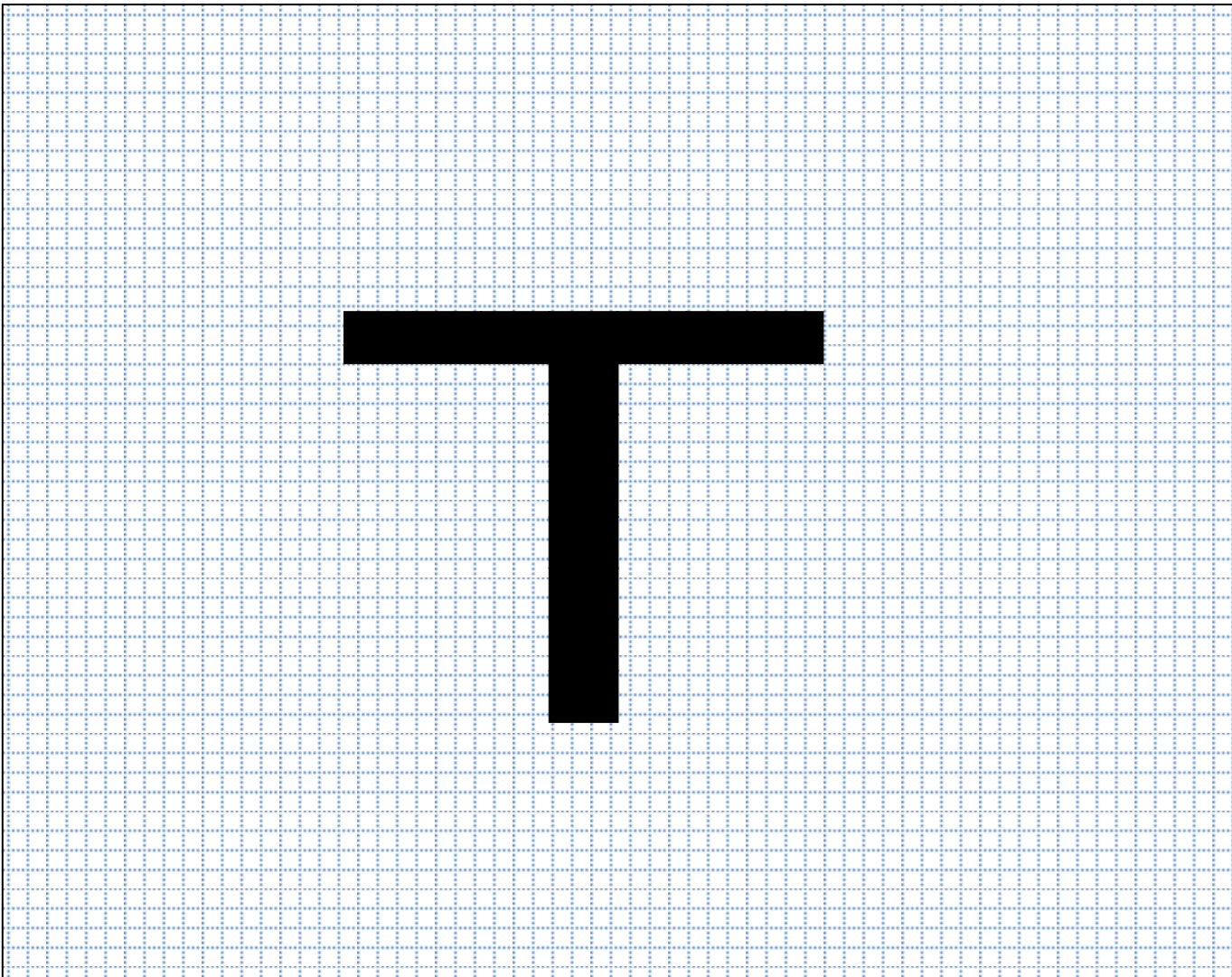
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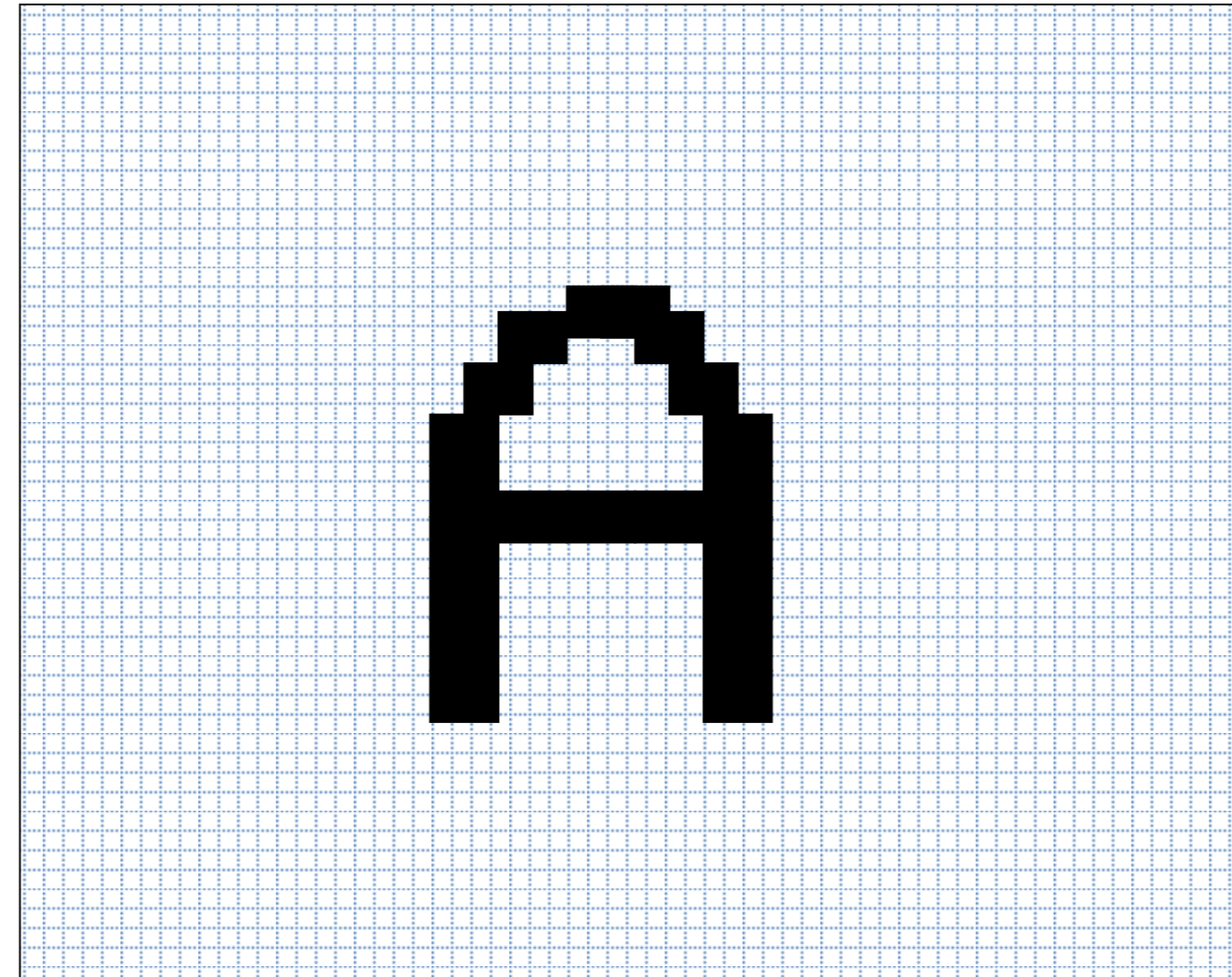
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5.4 Hopfield Model of Associative Memory



Prototype

$$\vec{p}^1$$



Prototype

$$\vec{p}^2$$

Hopfield model

interactions

$$w_{ij} = \sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} p_j^{\mu}$$

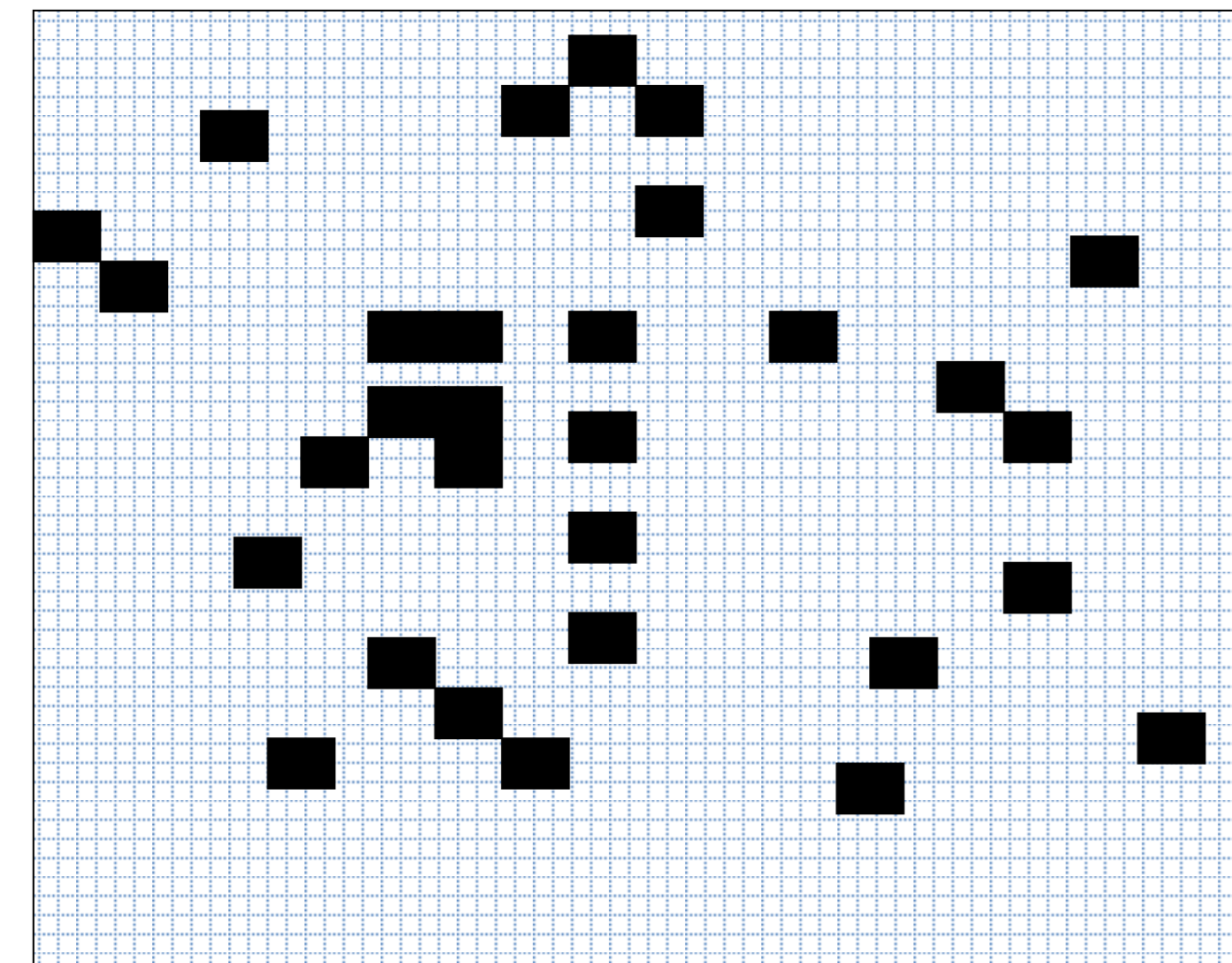
Sum over all
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Prototype

\vec{p}^1

DEMO

dynamics

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

j
all interactions with i

interactions

$$w_{ij} = \sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} p_j^{\mu}$$

Sum over all
prototypes

This rule
is very good
for **random**
patterns

It does not work well
for correlated patterns

**Random patterns, fully connected:
Hopfield model**

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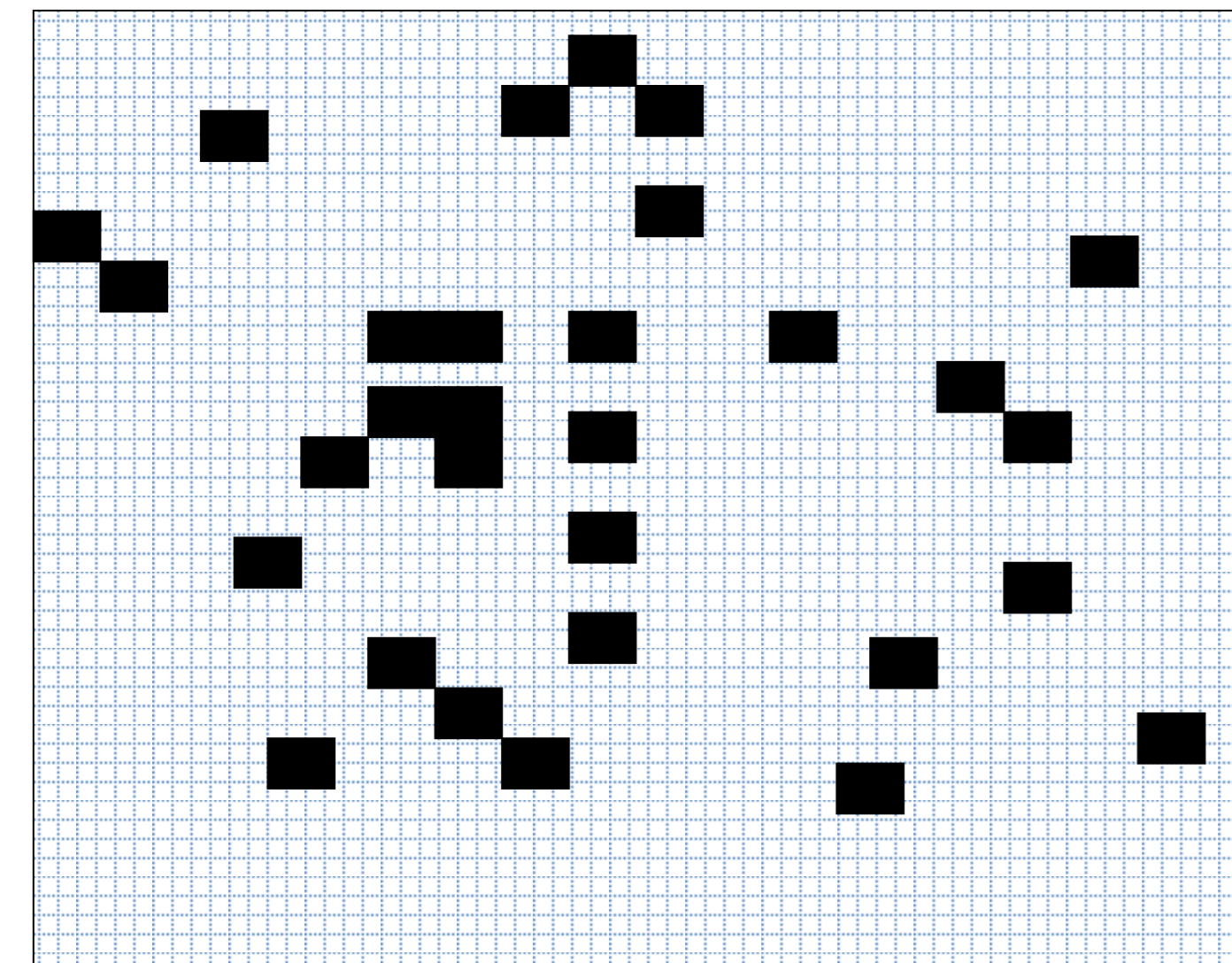
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Blackboard

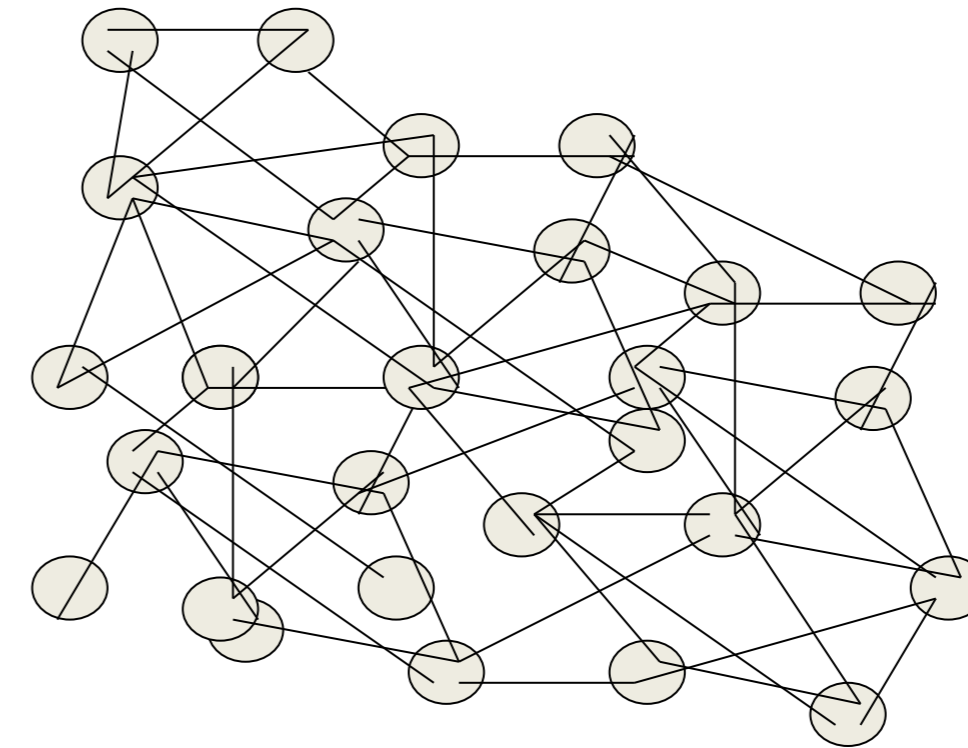
overlap $m^{\mu}(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j \xi^{\mu} S_j(t)$

$$m^{\mu}(t+1) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j \xi^{\mu} S_j(t+1)$$

5.4 Hopfield Model of Associative Memory



Interacting neurons



Prototype

$$\vec{p}^1$$

*Finds the closest prototype
i.e. maximal overlap
(similarity) m^μ*

Computation

- without CPU,
- without explicit memory unit

Hopfield model

Exercise 3 (now)

***Next lecture at
11h15***

$$w_{ij} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} p_j^{\mu}$$

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

Sum over all
interactions with i

Prototype

\vec{p}^1

Assume 4 patterns. At time $t=0$, overlap with Pattern 3, no overlap with other patterns.
discuss temporal evolution (of overlaps)
(assume that patterns are orthogonal)

Week 5-5: Learning of Associations



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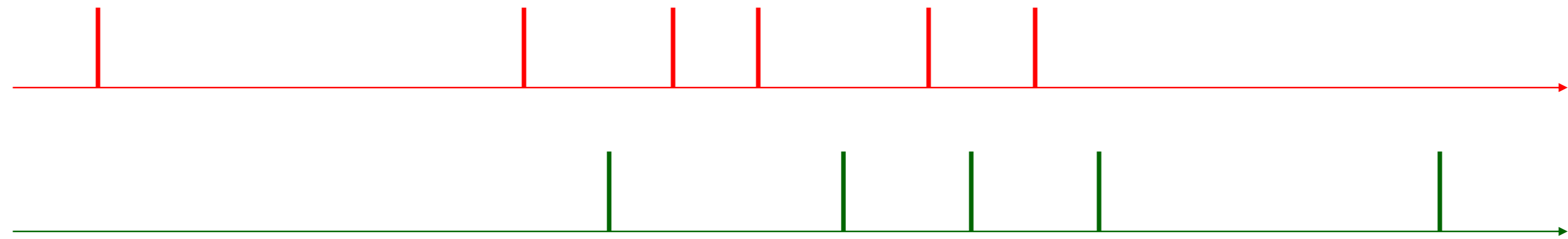
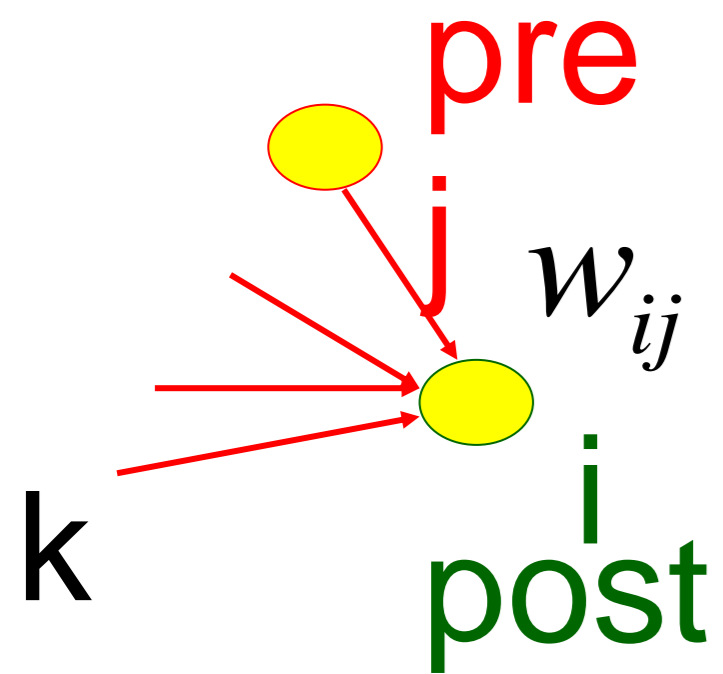
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5.5 Learning of Associations

Where do the connections come from?



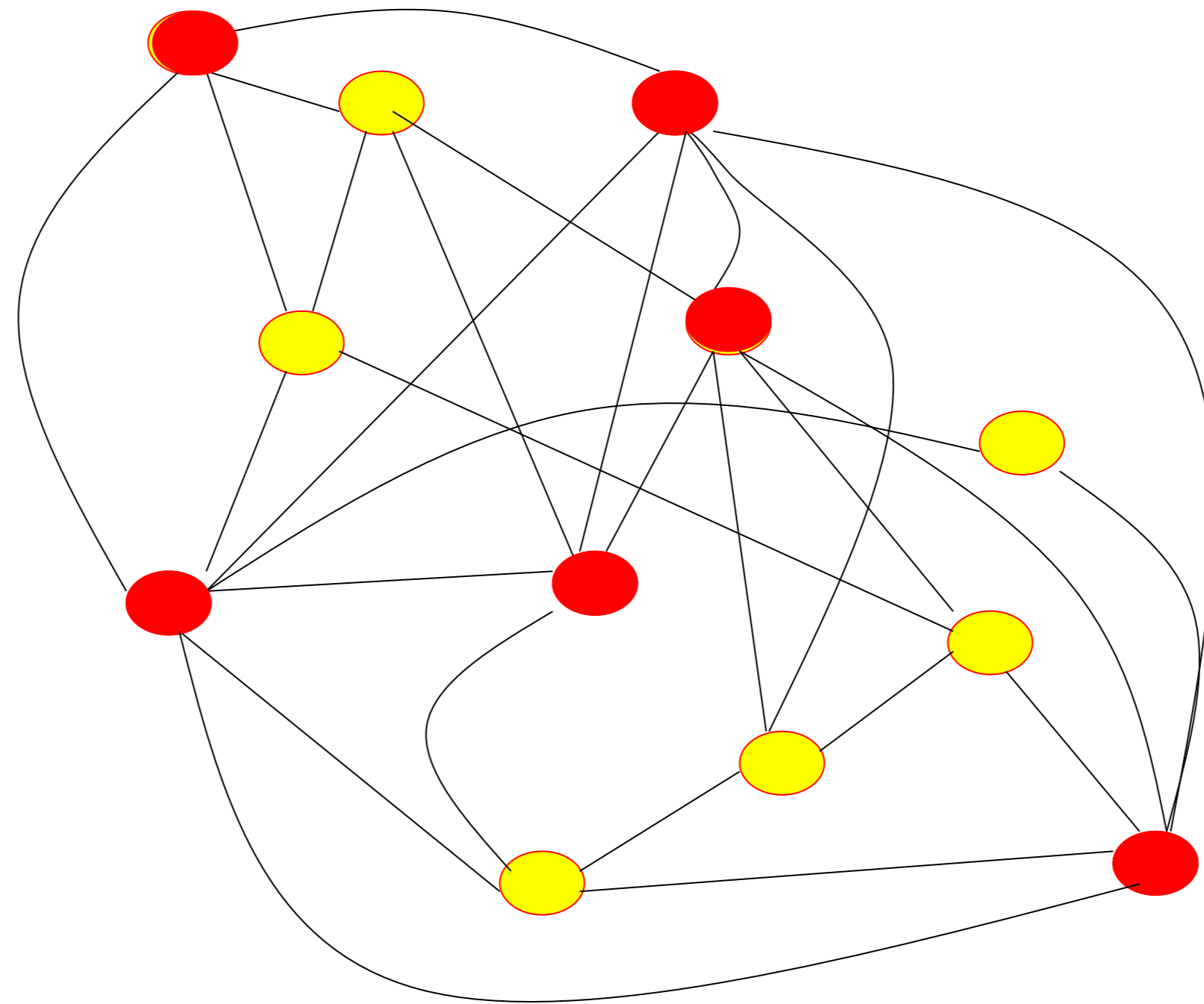
Hebbian Learning

When an axon of cell **j** repeatedly or persistently takes part in firing cell **i**, then **j**'s efficiency as one of the cells firing **i** is increased

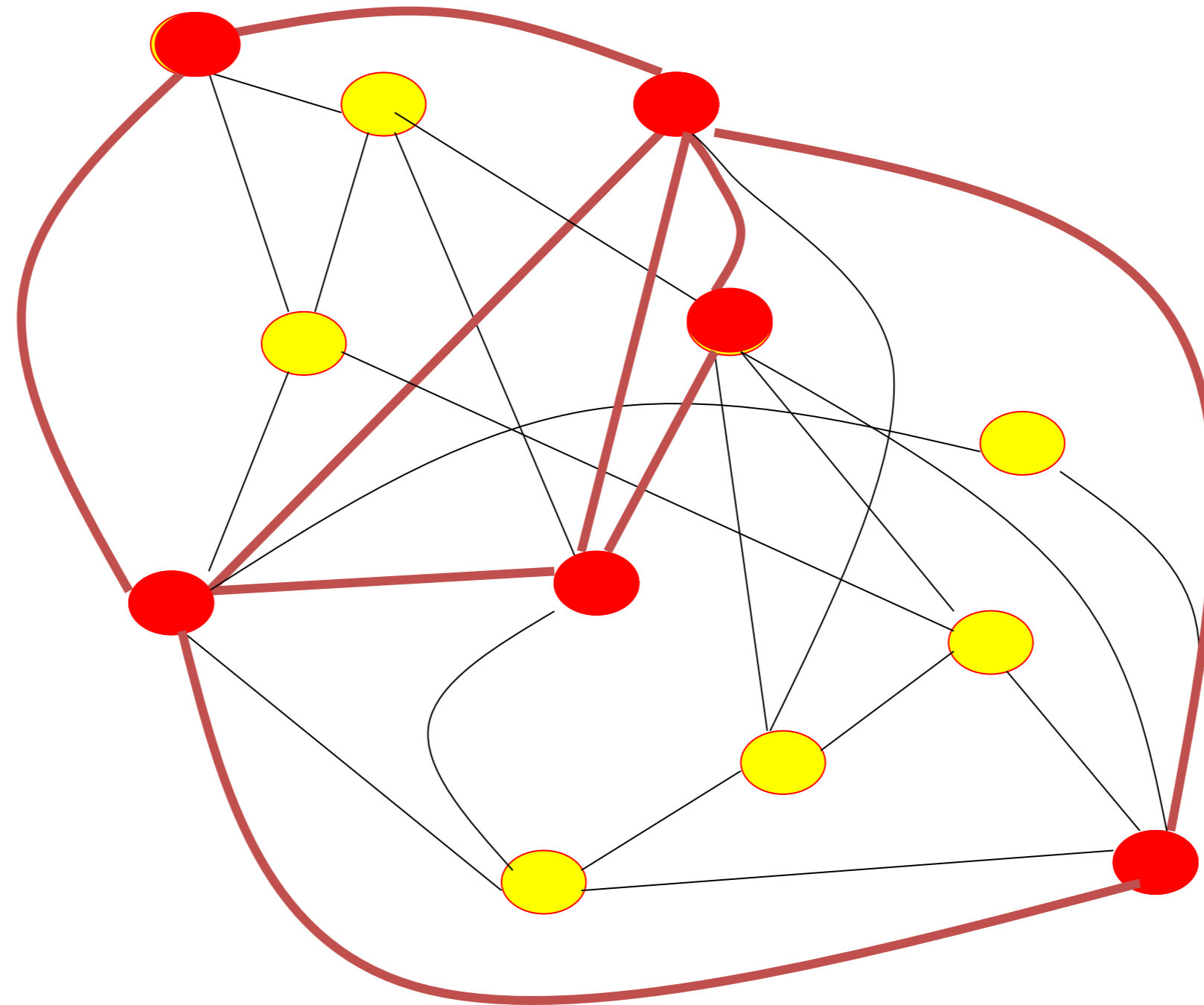
Hebb, 1949

- local rule
- simultaneously active (correlations)

5.5 Hebbian Learning of Associations



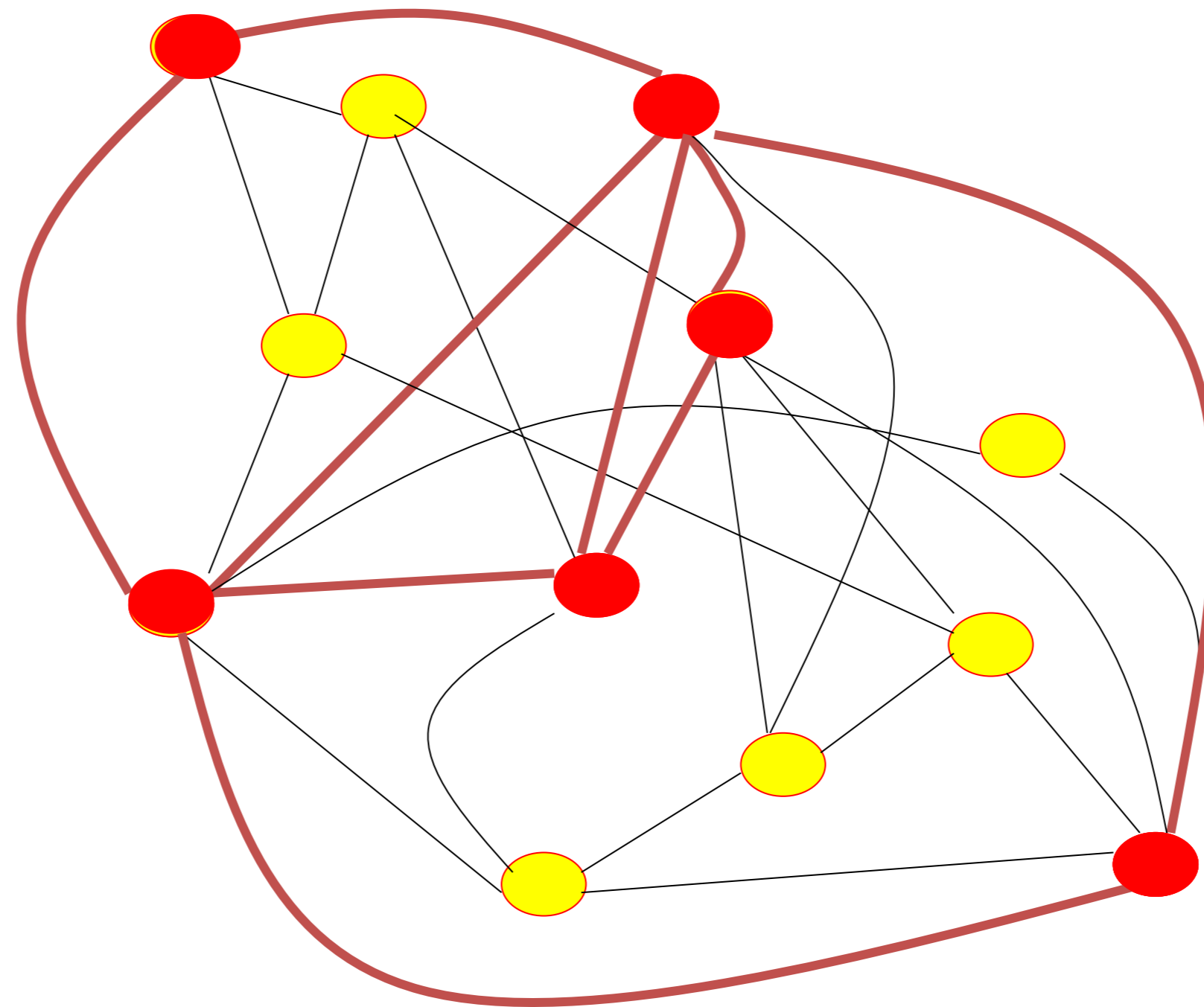
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item memorized

5.5 Hebbian Learning: Associative Recall

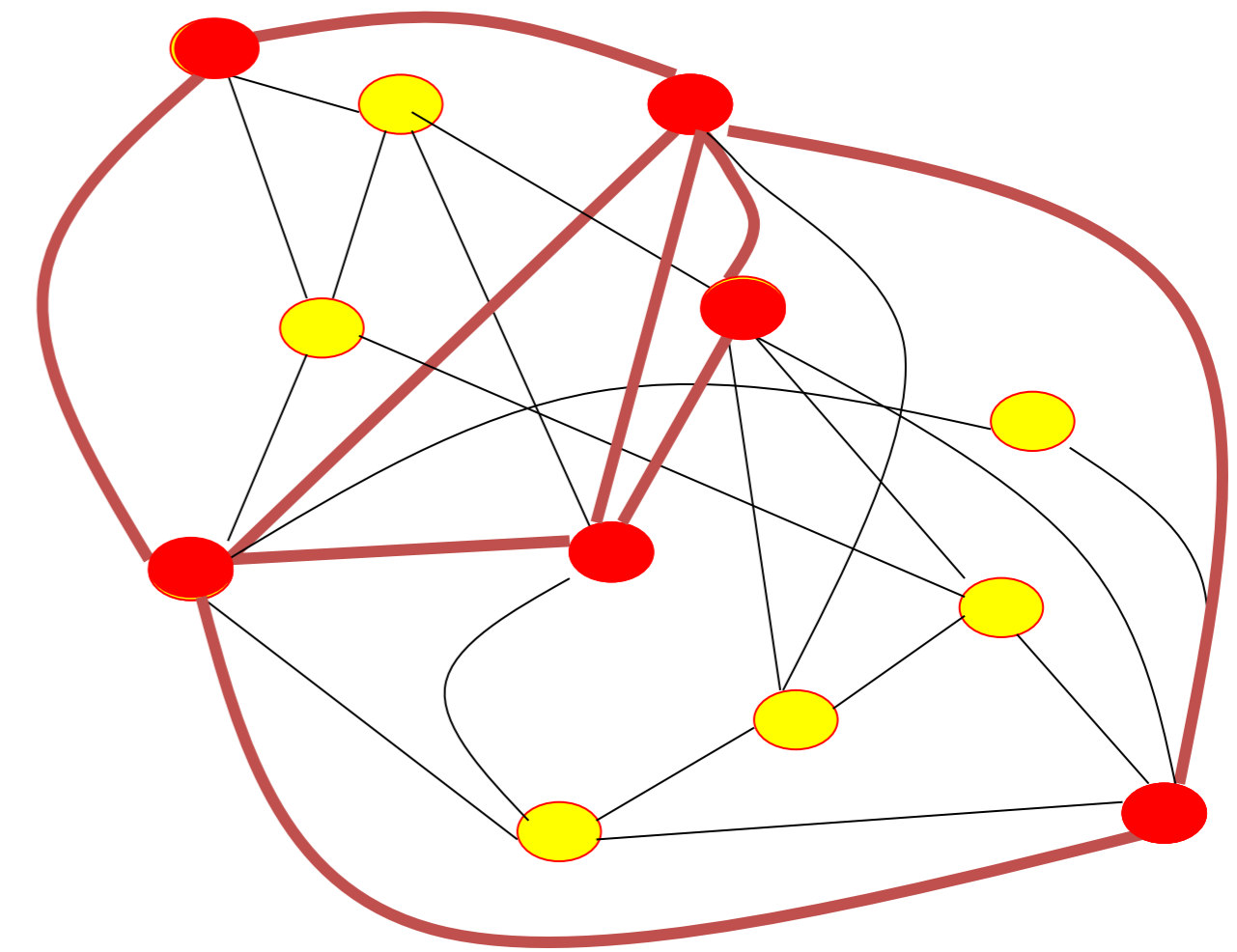
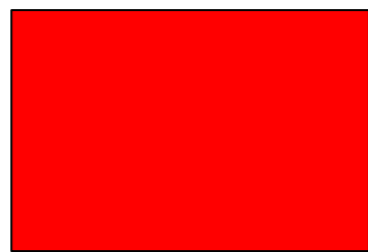
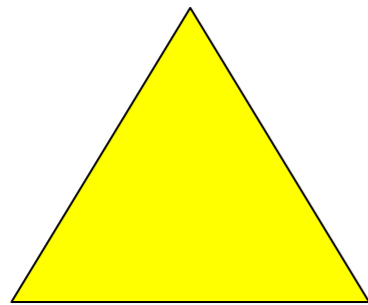
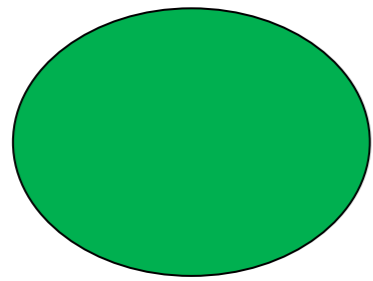
**Recall:
Partial info**



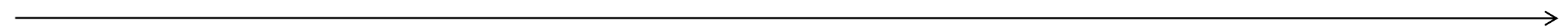
item recalled

5.5 Associative Recall

Tell me the ~~color~~ shape
for the following list of 5 items:
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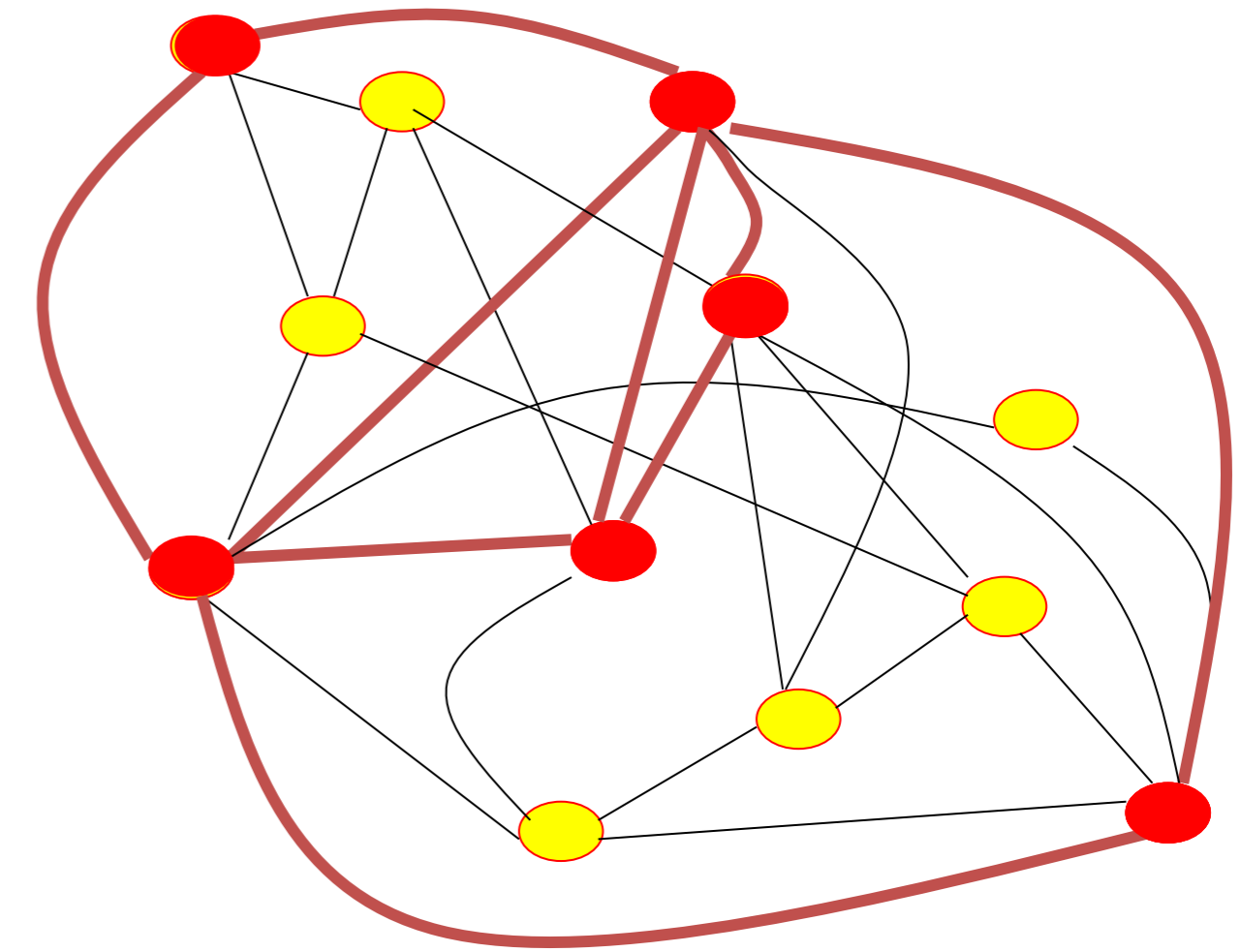
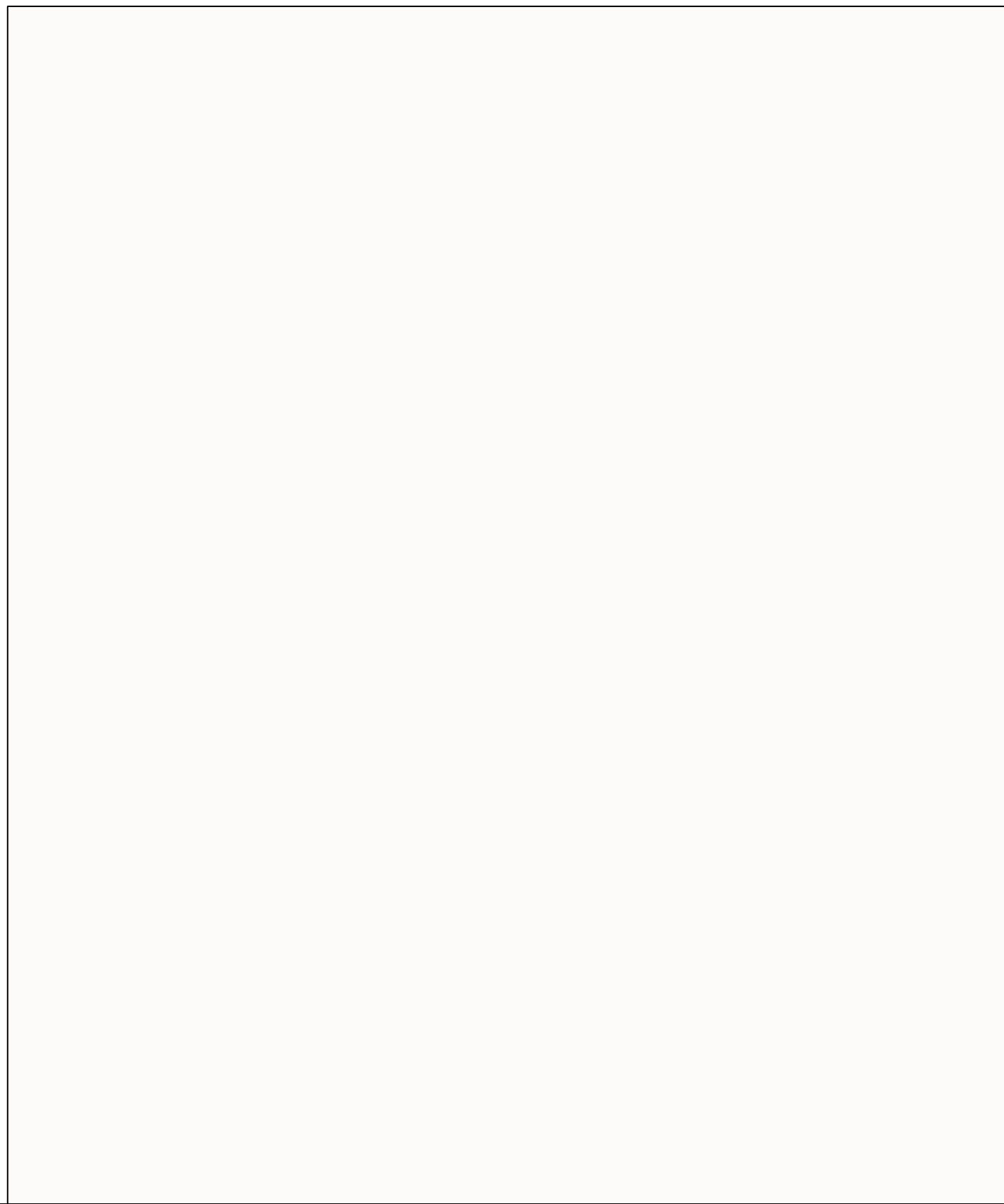
be as fast as possible:



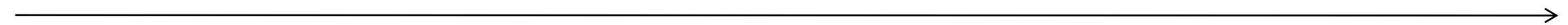
time

5.5 Associative Recall

Tell me the **color**
for the following list of 5 items:



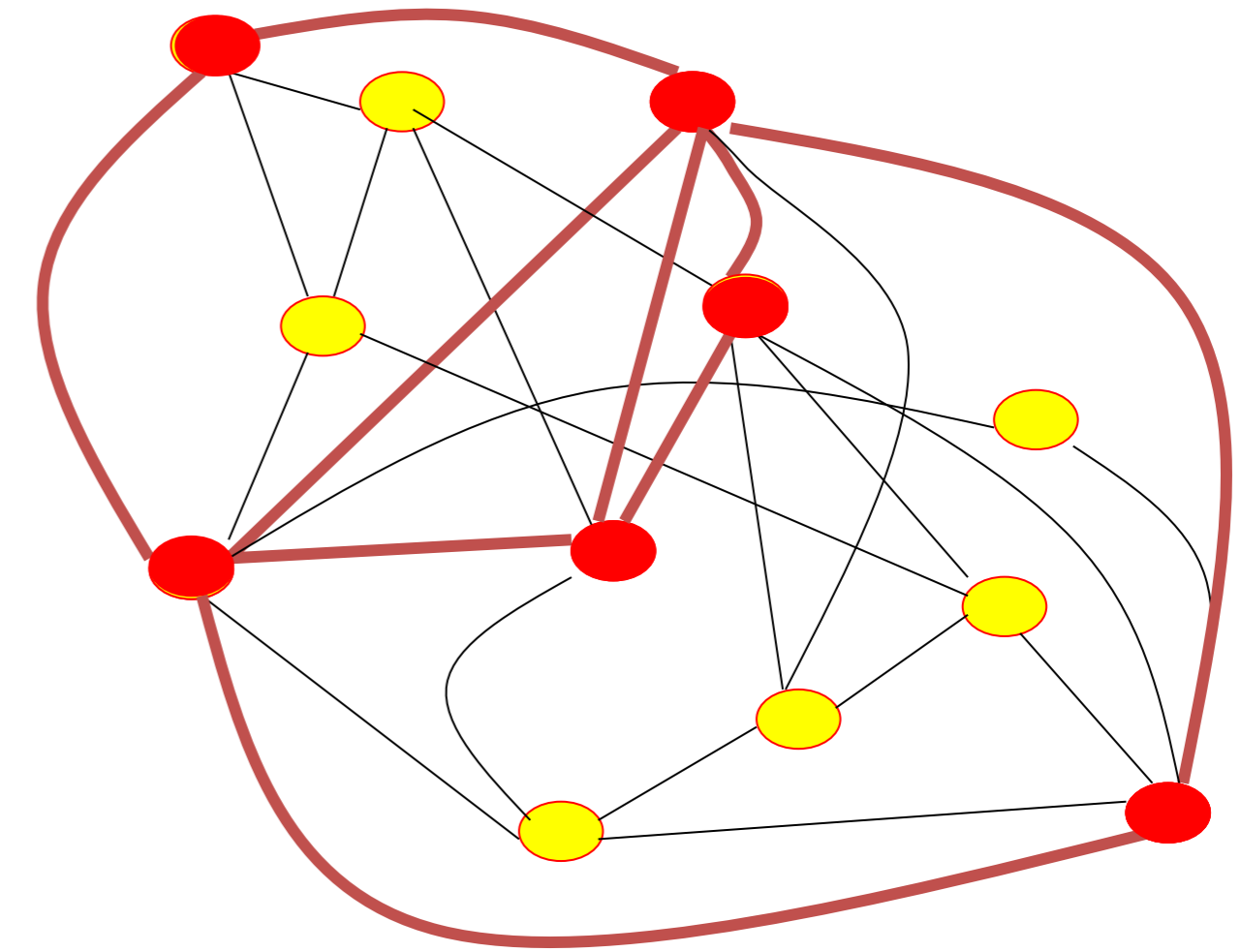
be as fast as possible:



Stroop effect: time
Slow response: hard to work
Against natural associations

5.5 Associative Recall

Hierarchical organization of
Associative memory



animals

birds

fish

Name as fast as possible

an example of a bird

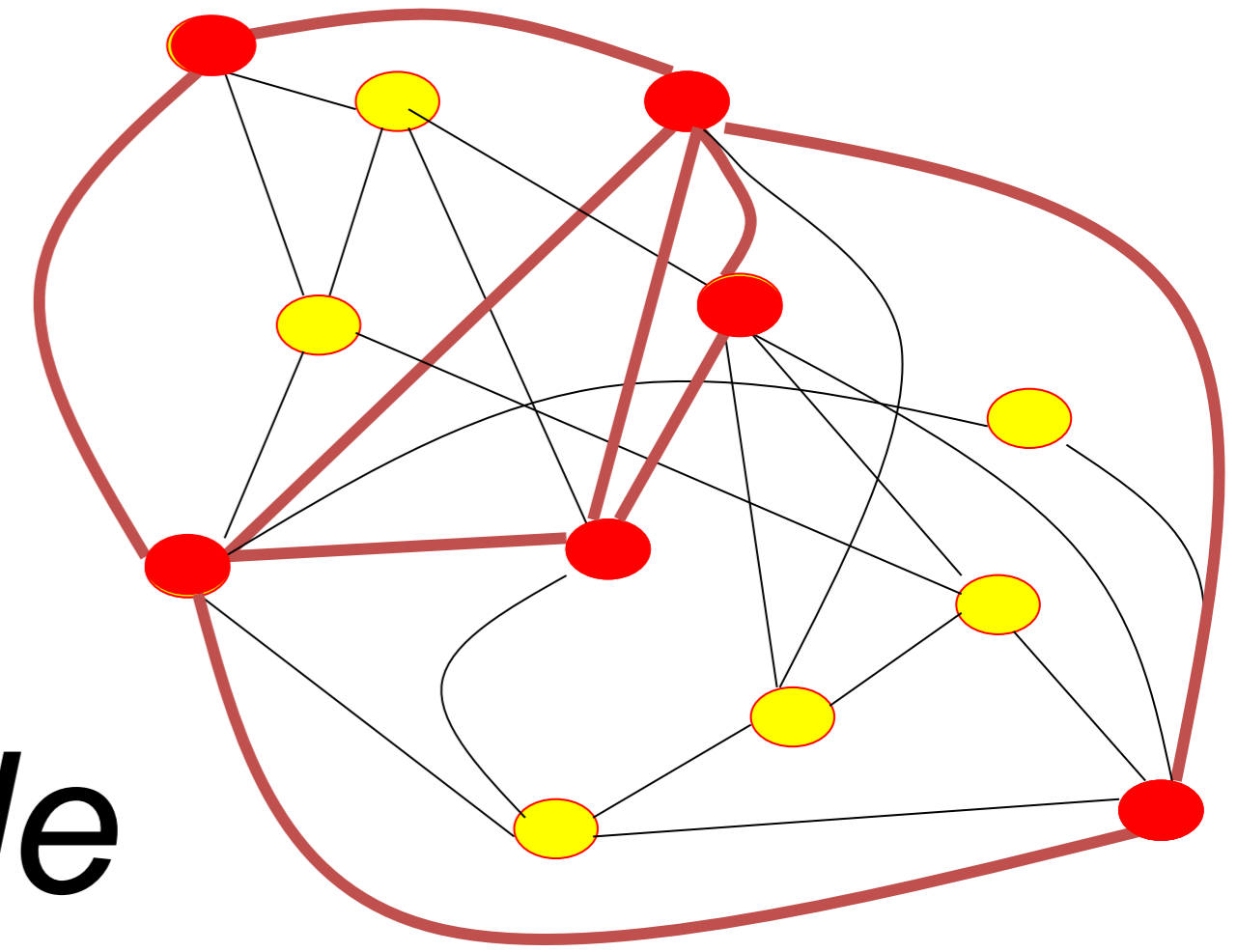
swan (or goose or raven or ...)

Write down first letter: *s* for *swan* or *r* for *raven* ...

5.5 Associative Recall

*Nommez au plus vite possible
un exemple d'un /d'une*

*name as fast as possible
an example of a*



outil

tool

couleur

color

fruit

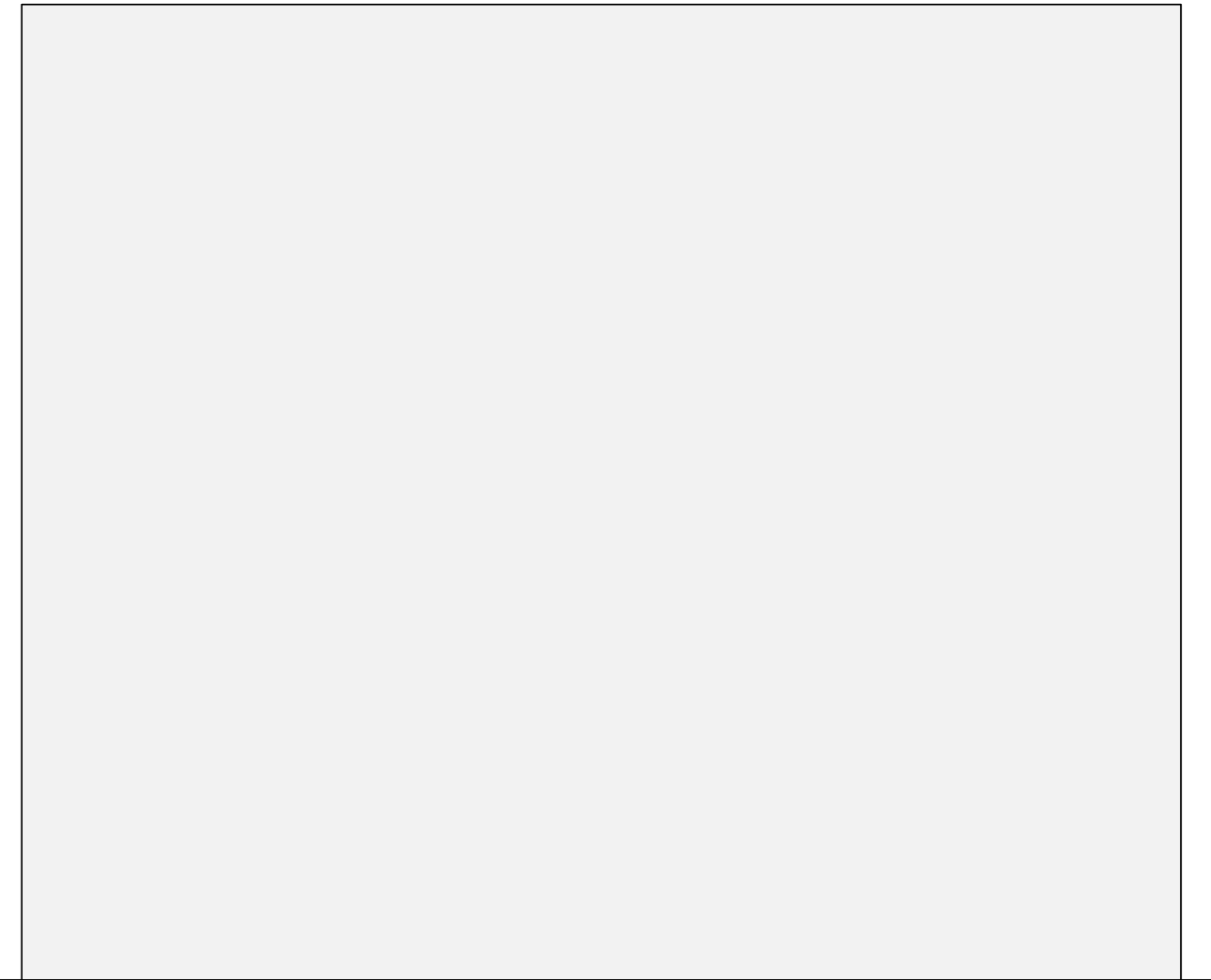
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de musique

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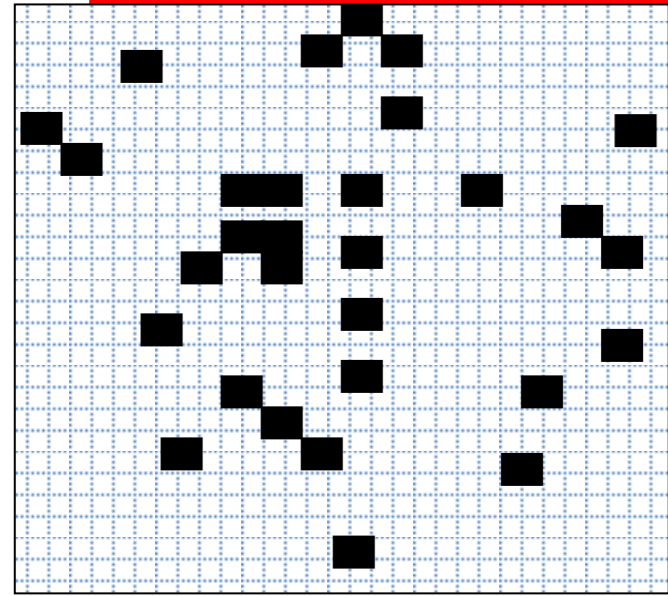
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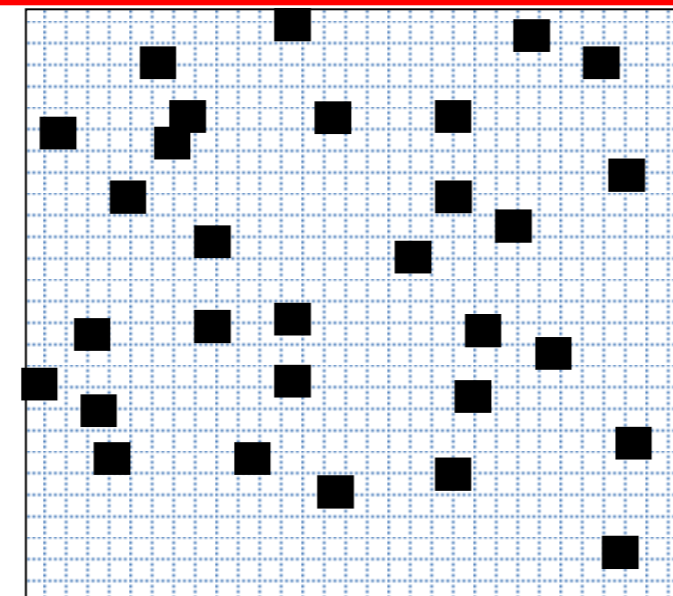
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learning of prototypes



Prototype
 \vec{p}^1



Prototype
 \vec{p}^2

interactions

$$(1) \quad w_{ij} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} p_j^{\mu}$$

Sum over all
prototypes

Q; How many prototypes can be stored?

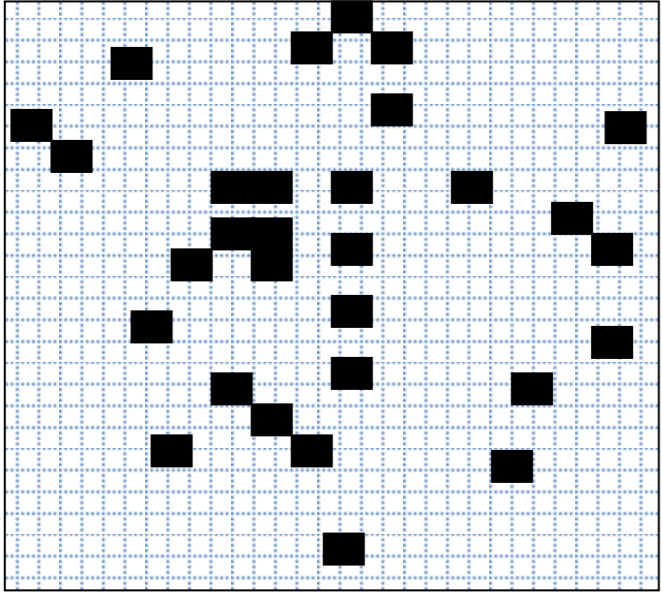
dynamics

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all interactions with i

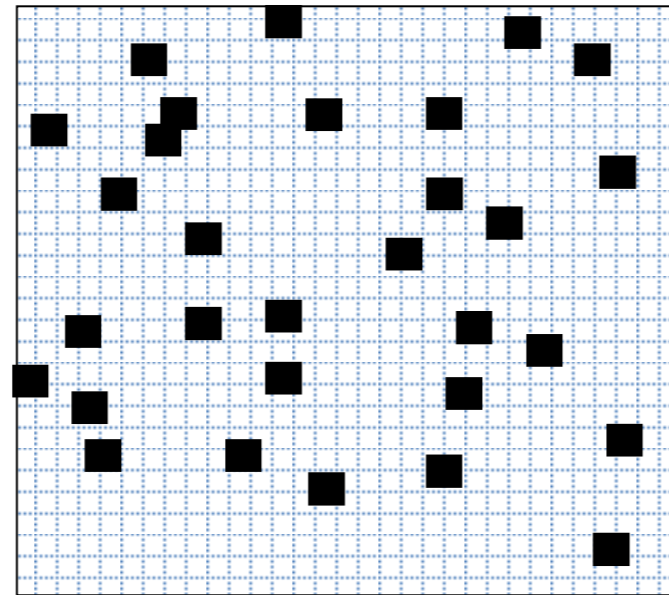
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blackboard



Prototype

\vec{p}^1



Prototype

\vec{p}^2

Random patterns

Interactions (1) $w_{ij} = \sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} p_j^{\mu}$

Dynamics (2)

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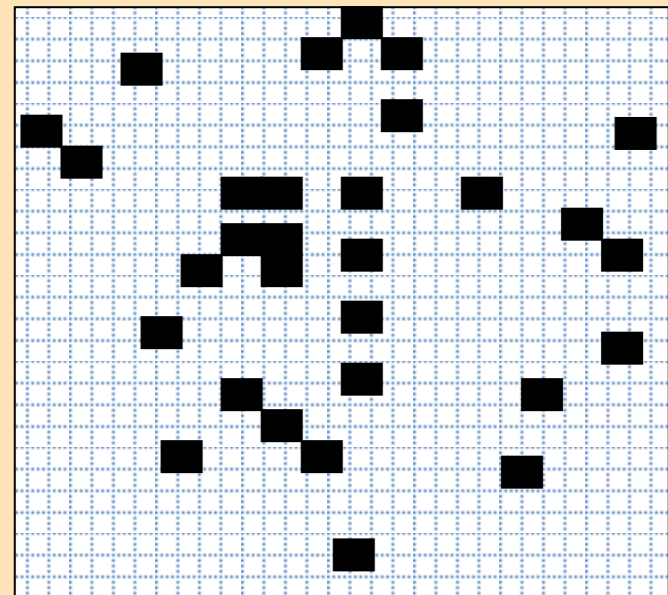
Minimal condition: pattern is fixed point of dynamics

- Assume we start directly in one pattern
- Pattern stays

Attention: Retrieval requires more (pattern completion)

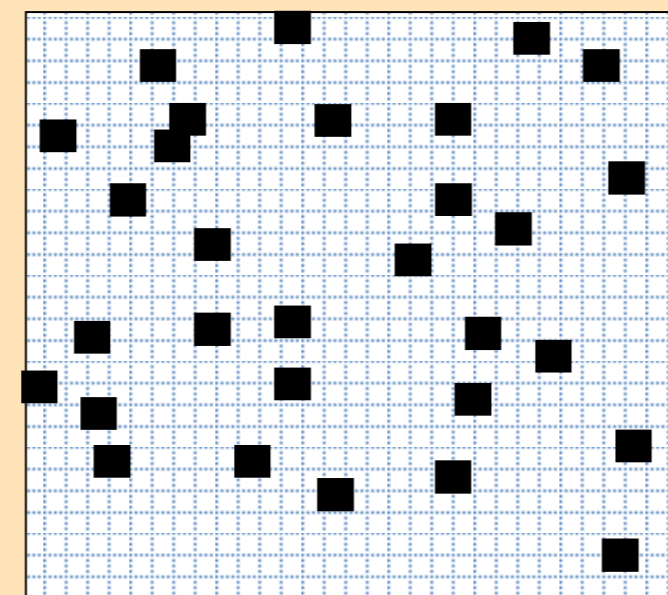
Exercise 4 now: Associative memory

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Prototype

\vec{p}^2

***End of lecture, exercise+
Computer exercise : 12:00***

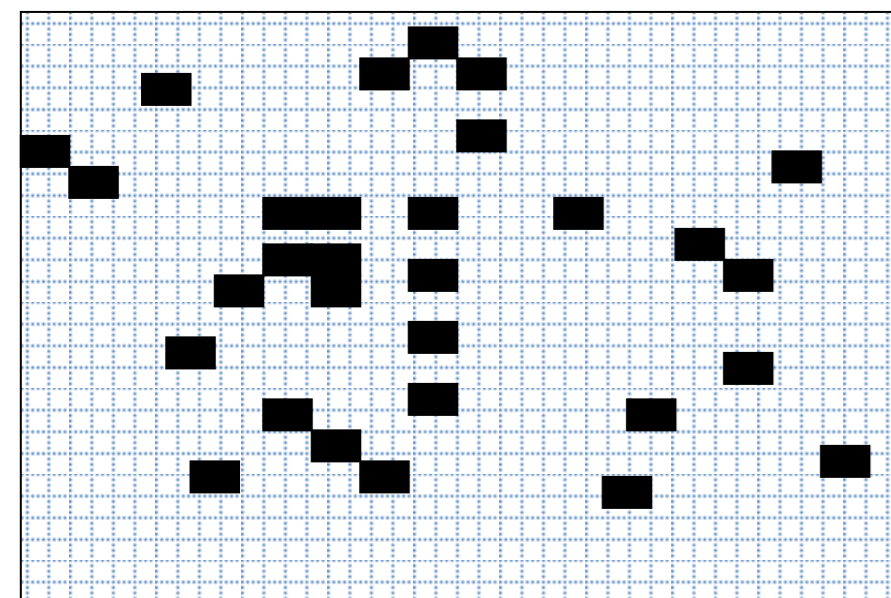
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Random patterns \rightarrow random walk

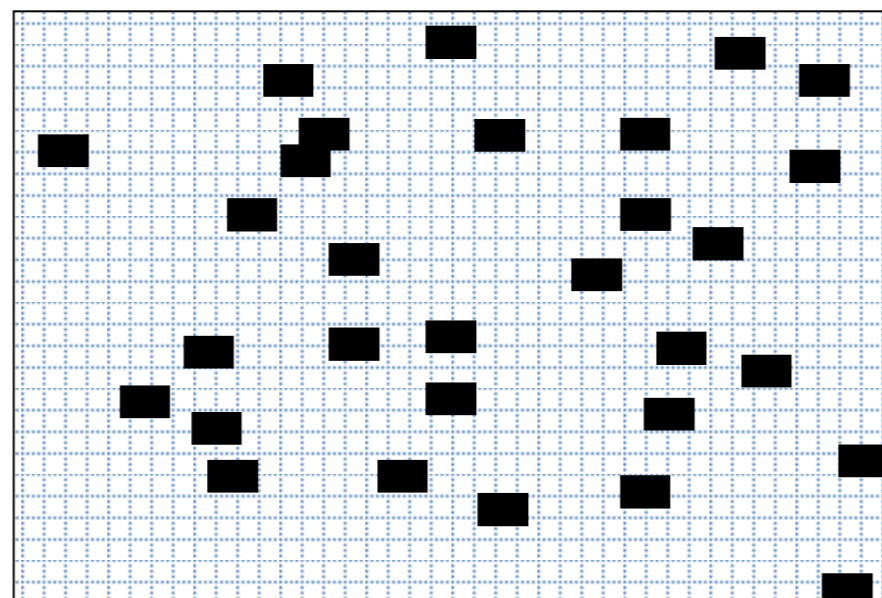
- a) show relation to erf function: importance of p/N
- b) network of 1000 neurons – allow at most 1 wrong pixel?
- c) network of N neurons – at most 1 promille wrong pixels?

Week 6 Review: storage capacity of Hopfield model



Prototype

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Prototype

\vec{p}^2

Random patterns

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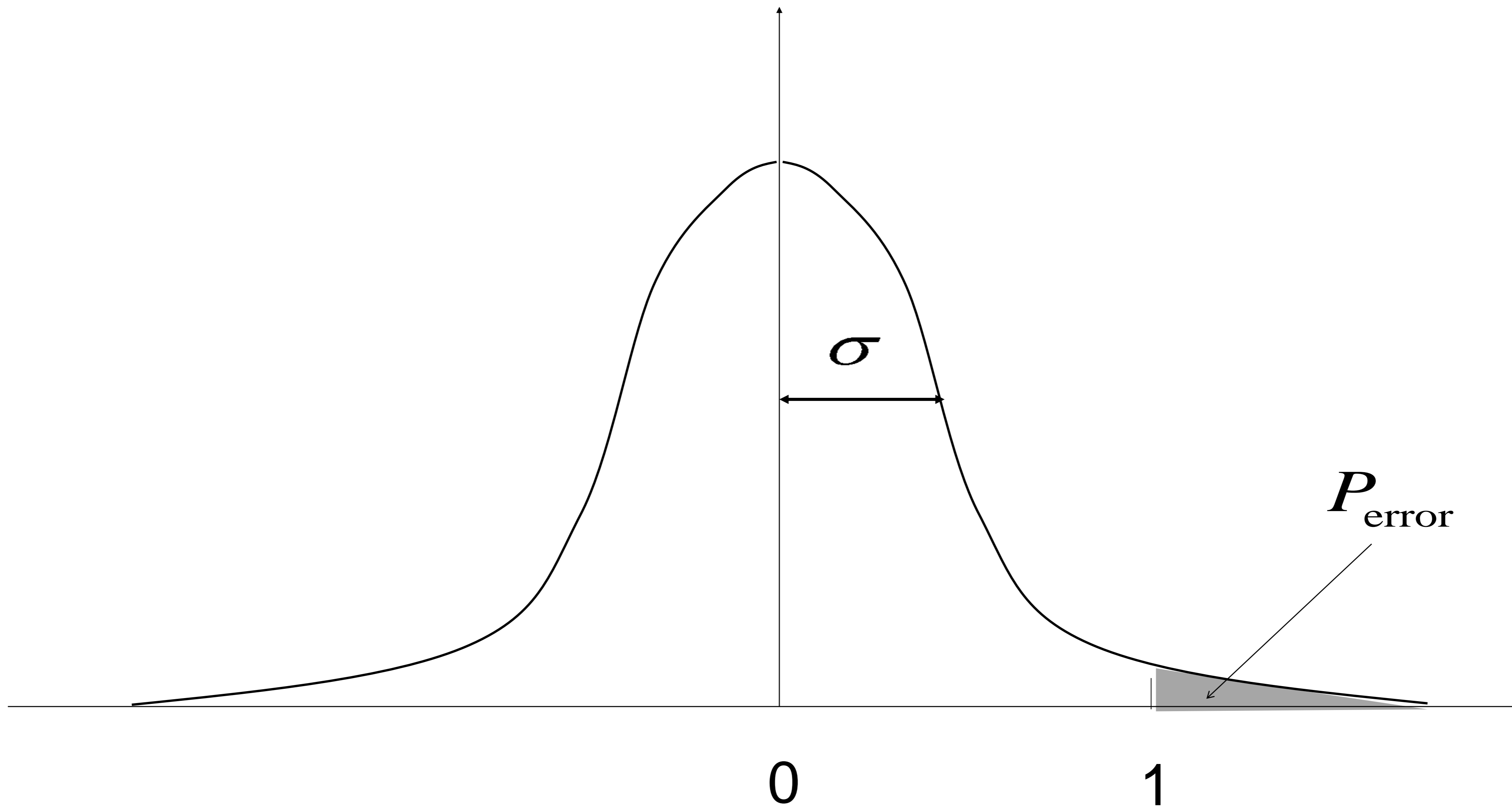
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Minimal condition: pattern is fixed point of dynamics

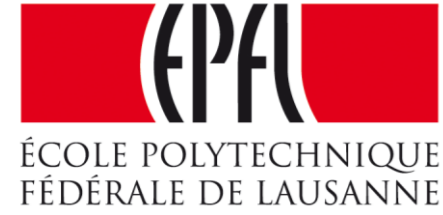
- Assume we start directly in one pattern
- Pattern stays

Attention: Retrieval requires more (pattern completion)

Q; How many prototypes can be stored?



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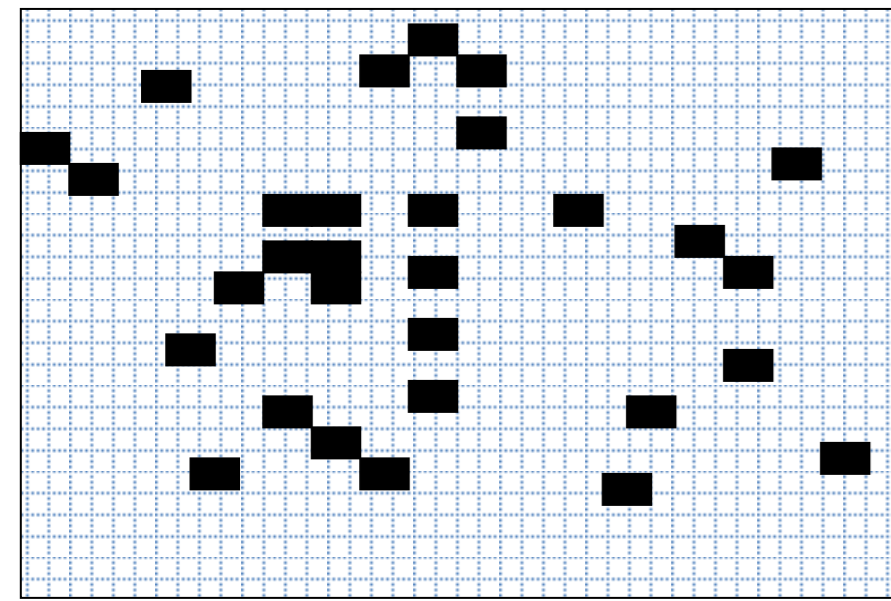
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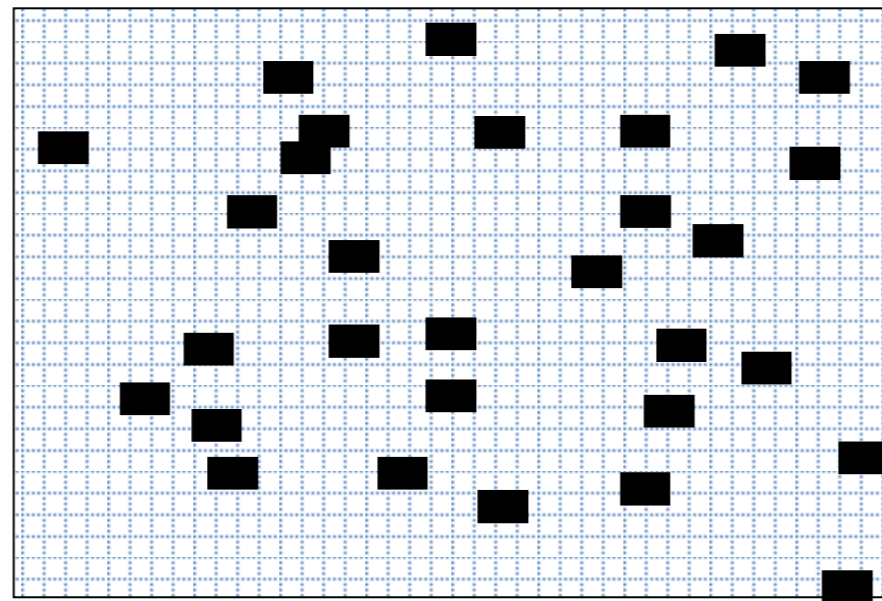
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6.1 Review: Hopfield model



Prototype
 \vec{p}^1



Prototype
 \vec{p}^2

Deterministic dynamics

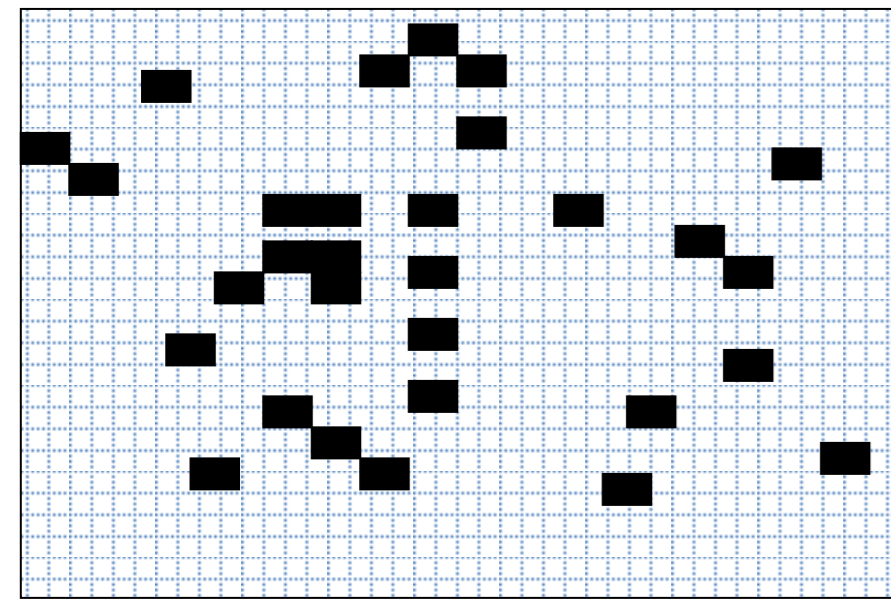
interactions

$$(1) \quad w_{ij} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} p_j^{\mu}$$

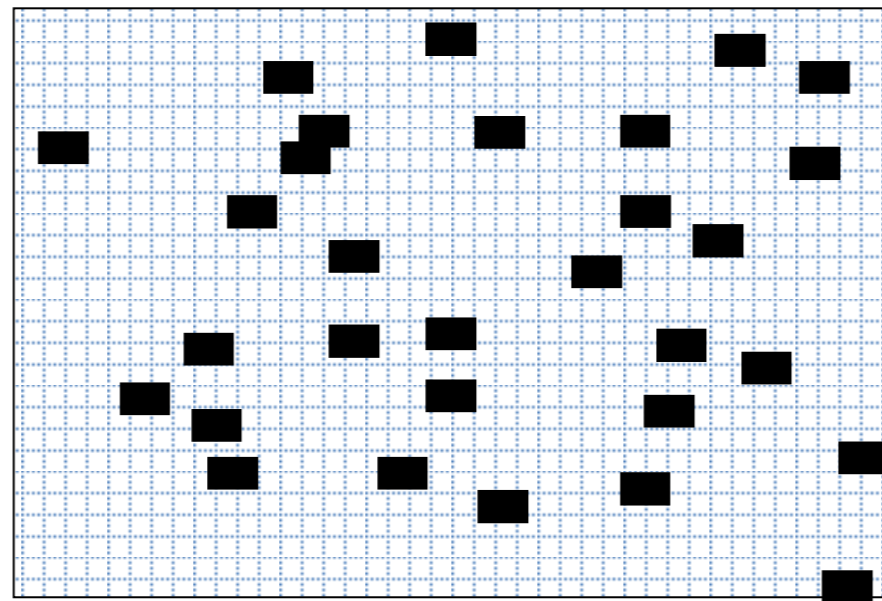
Sum over all
prototypes

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

6.1 Stochastic Hopfield model



Prototype
 \vec{p}^1



Prototype
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Random patterns

Interactions (1) $w_{ij} = \sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} p_j^{\mu}$

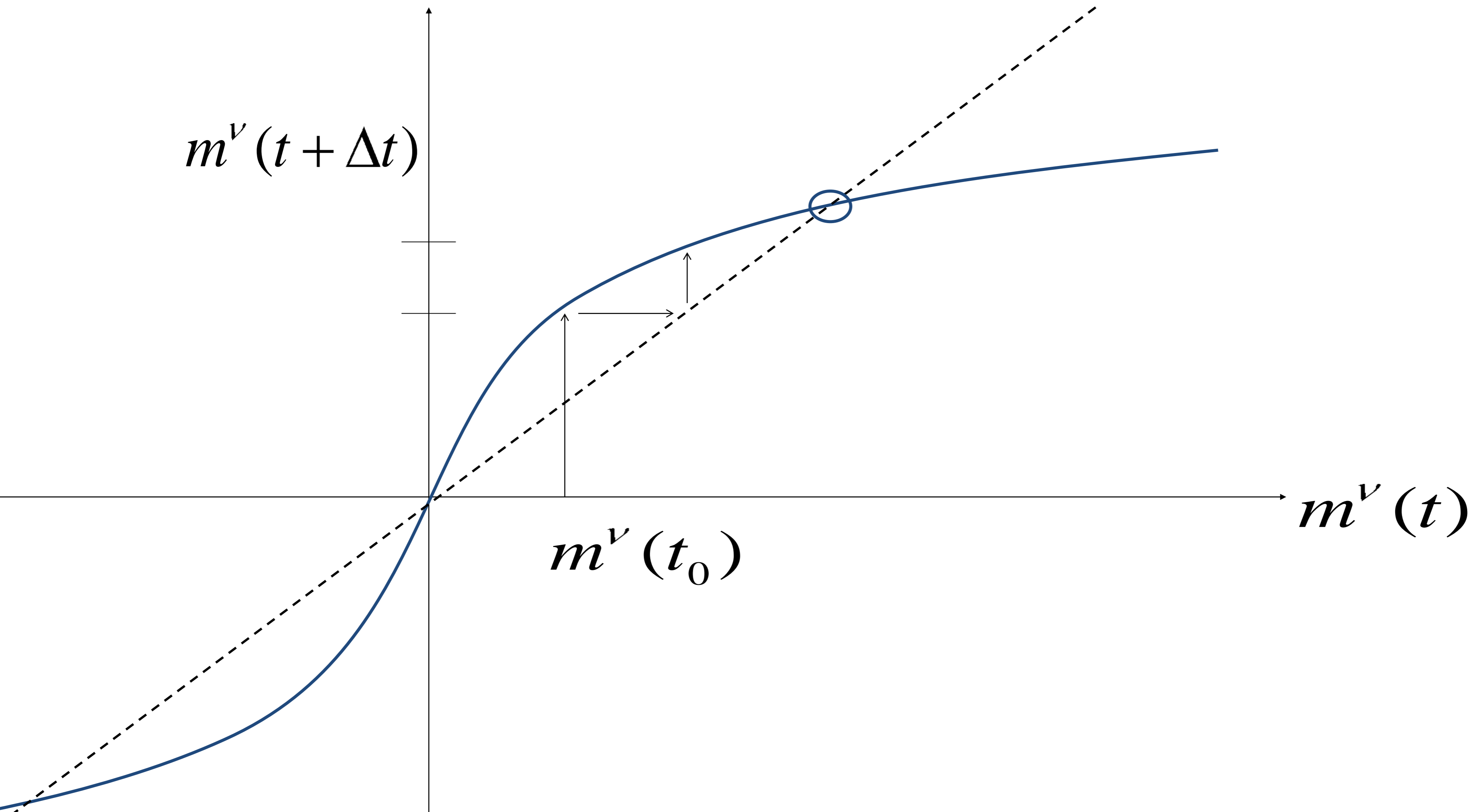
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$$\Pr\{S_i(t+1) = +1 | h_i\} = g[h_i] = g\left[\sum_j w_{ij} S_j(t)\right]$$

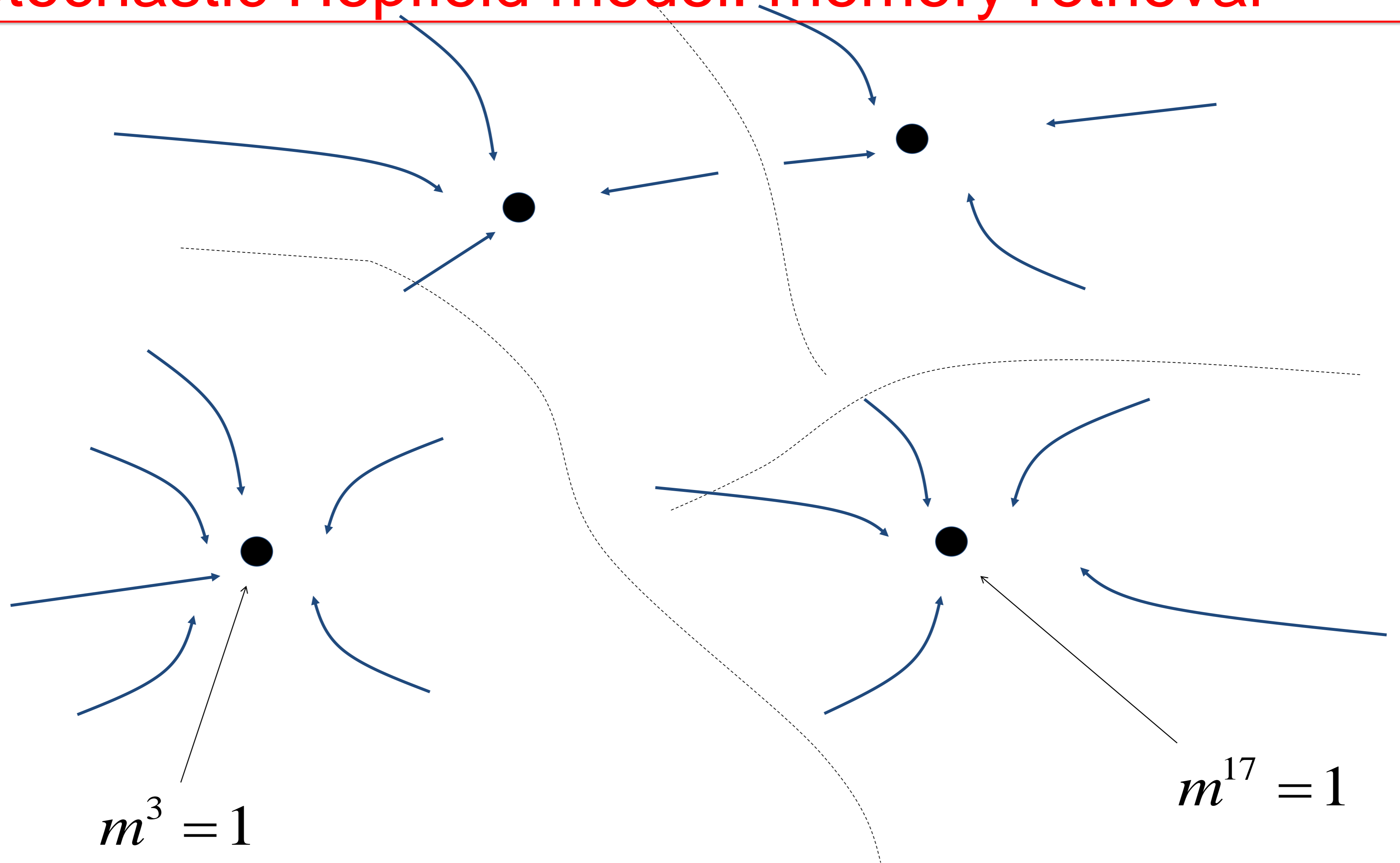
$$\Pr\{S_i(t+1) = +1 | h_i\} = g\left[\sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} m^{\mu}(t)\right]$$

blackboard

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Dynamics (2)

$$\Pr\{S_i(t+1) = +1 | h_i\} = g[h_i] = g\left[\sum_j w_{ij} S_j(t)\right]$$

$$\Pr\{S_i(t+1) = +1 | h_i\} = g\left[\sum_\mu p_i^\mu m^\mu(t)\right]$$

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Assume that there is only overlap with pattern 17:

two groups of neurons: those that should be 'on' and 'off'

$$\Pr\{S_i(t+1) = +1 | h_i = h^+\} = g\left[m^{17}(t)\right]$$

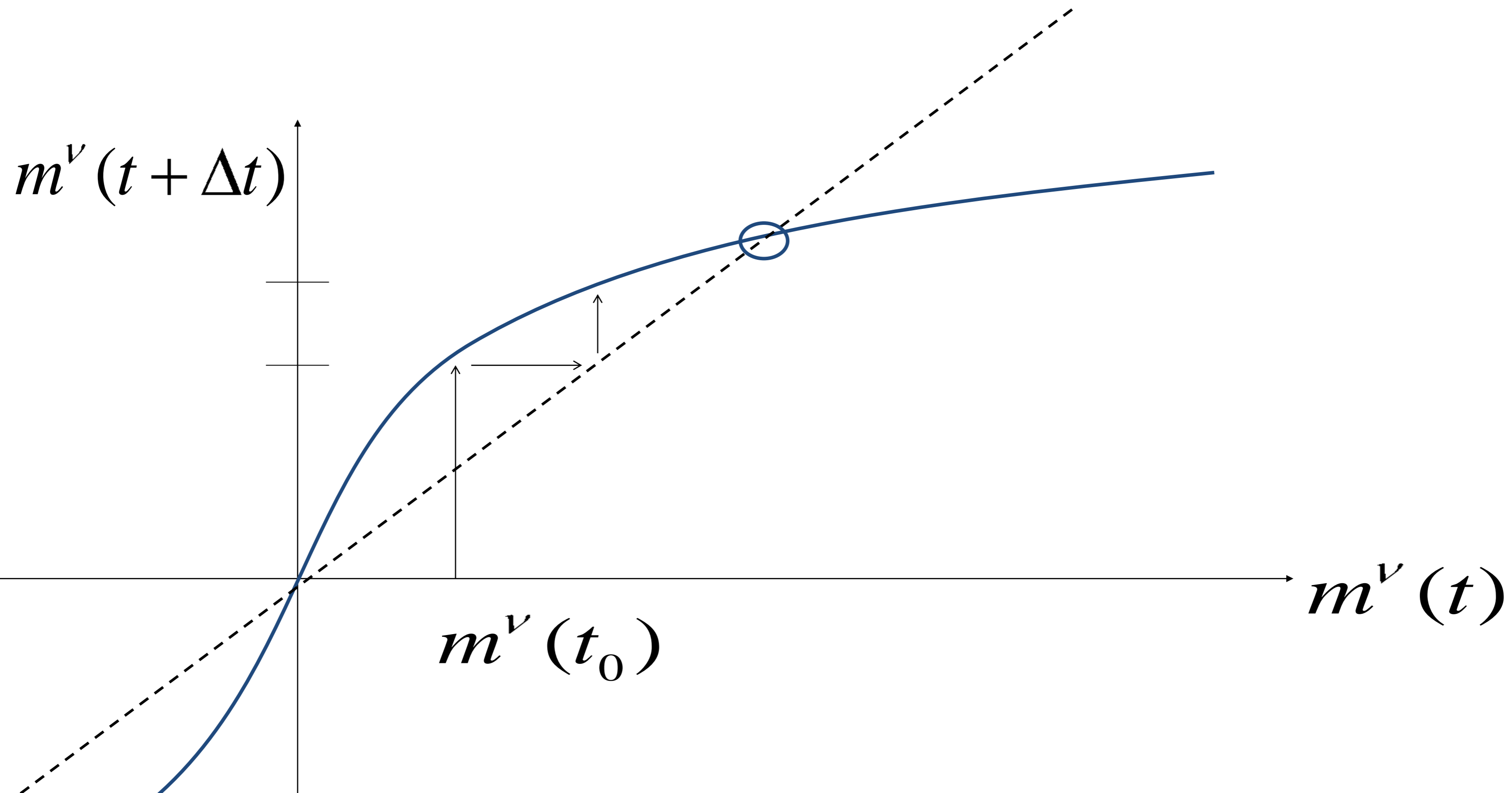
$$\Pr\{S_i(t+1) = +1 | h_i = h^-\} = g\left[-m^{17}(t)\right]$$

$$2m^{17}(t+1) = g\left[m^{17}(t)\right] + \{1 - g\left[-m^{17}(t)\right]\} - g\left[m^{17}(t)\right] - \{1 - g\left[-m^{17}(t)\right]\}$$

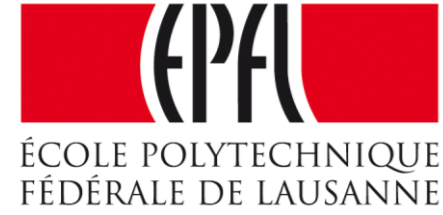
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$$m^{17}(t+1) = F \left[m^{17}(t) \right]$$



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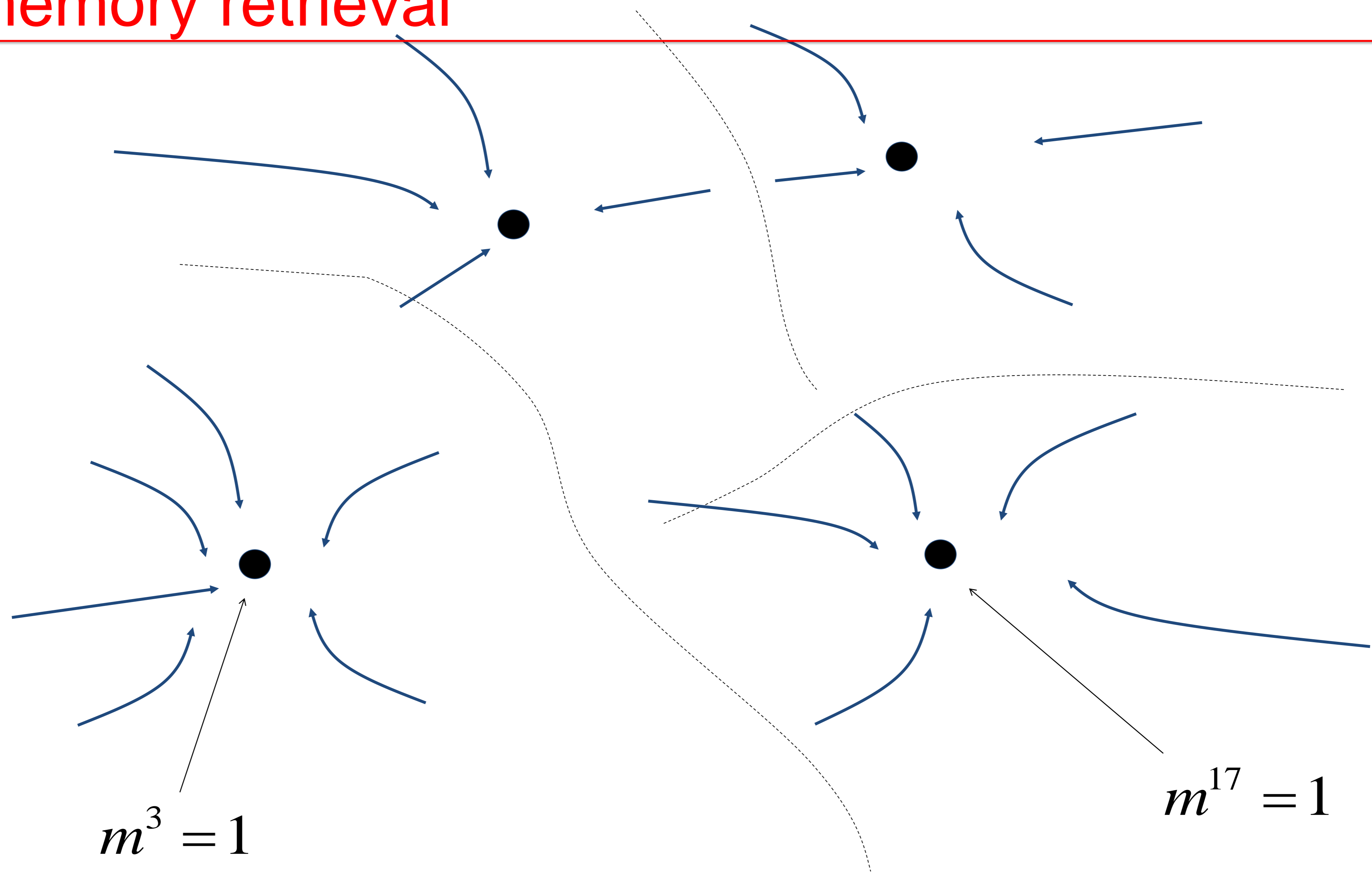
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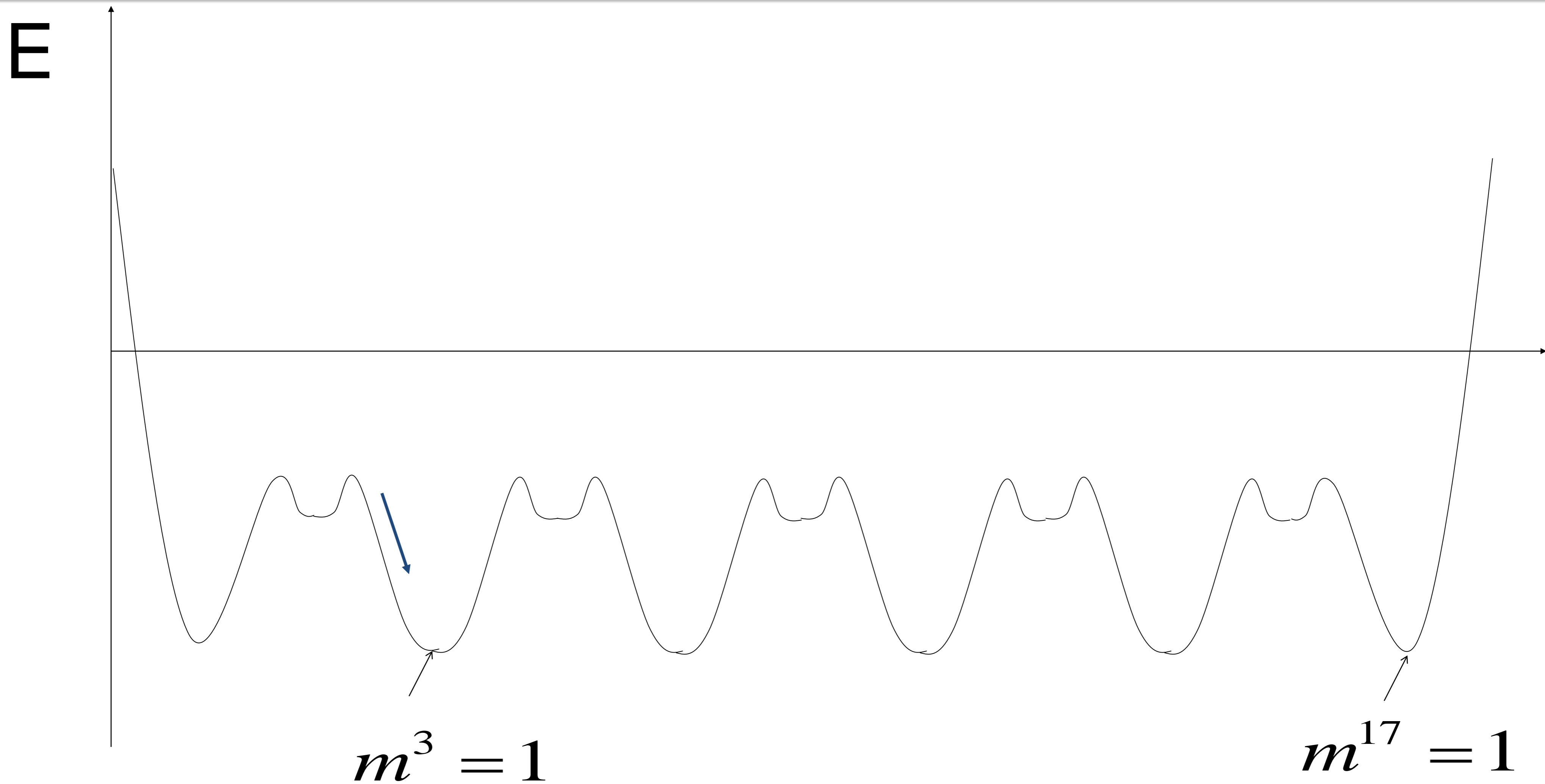
6.2 memory retrieval



$$m^3 = 1$$

$$m^{17} = 1$$

6.2 Symmetric interactions: Energy picture

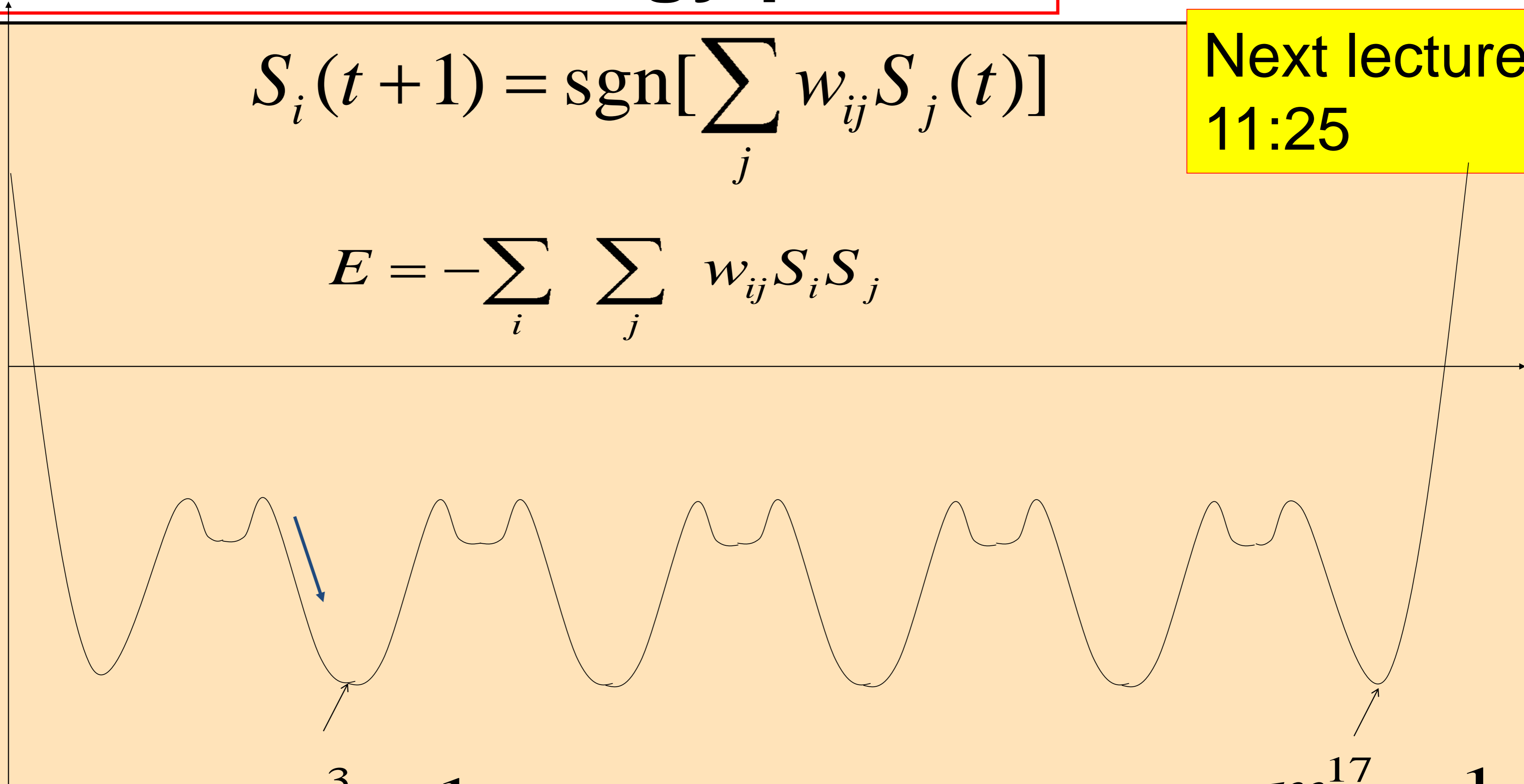


Exercise 2 now: Energy picture

Next lecture
11:25

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

$$E = -\sum_i \sum_j w_{ij} S_i S_j$$



$$m^3 = 1$$

$$m^{17} = 1$$

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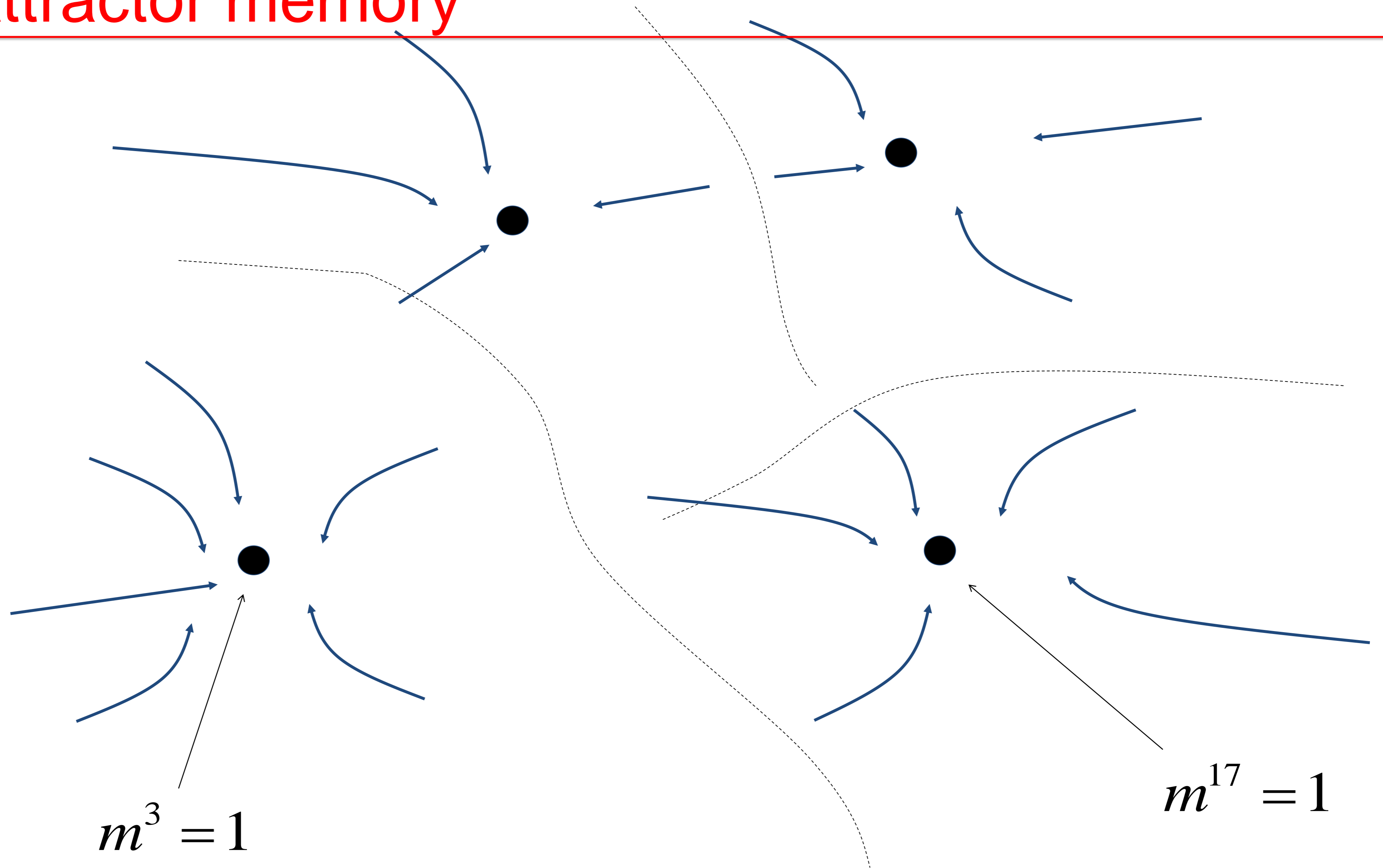
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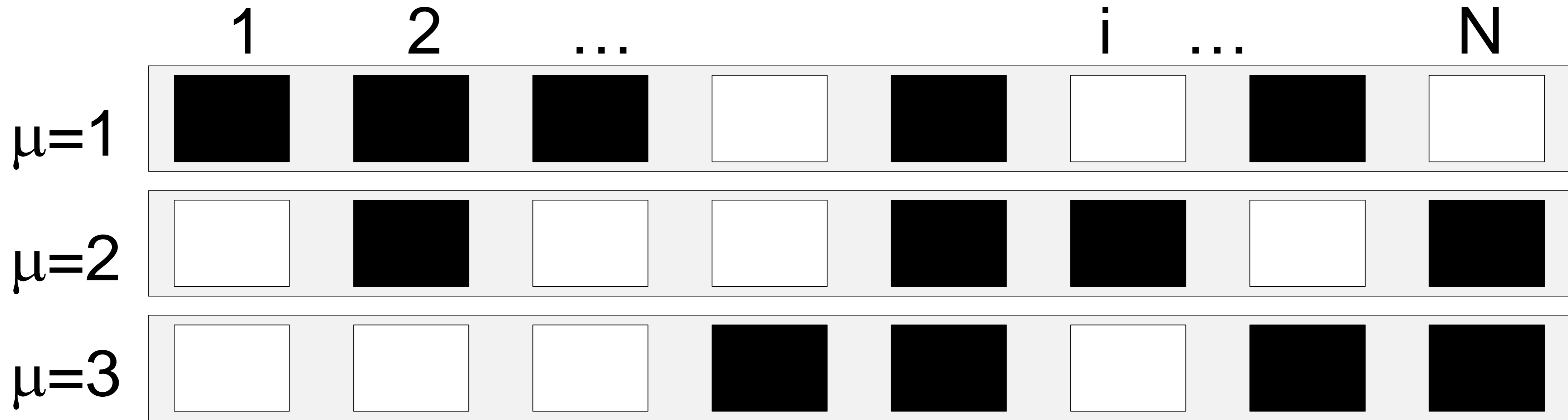


6.3 attractor memory with spiking neurons

Memory with spiking neurons

- Mean activity of patterns?
- Separation of excitation and inhibition?
- Modeling?
- Neural data?

6.3 attractor memory with low activity patterns



Random patterns ± 1 with zero mean \rightarrow

50 percent of neurons should be active in each pattern

$$w_{ij} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} p_j^{\mu}$$



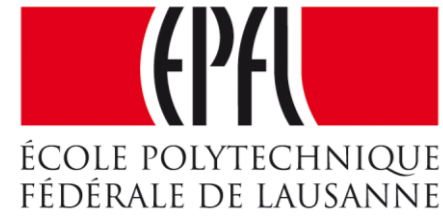
Random patterns +/-1 with **low activity (mean = $a < 0$)** →
 20 percent of neurons should be active in each pattern

$$w_{ij} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mu} (p_i^{\mu} - b)(p_j^{\mu} - a)$$

Some constant

activity

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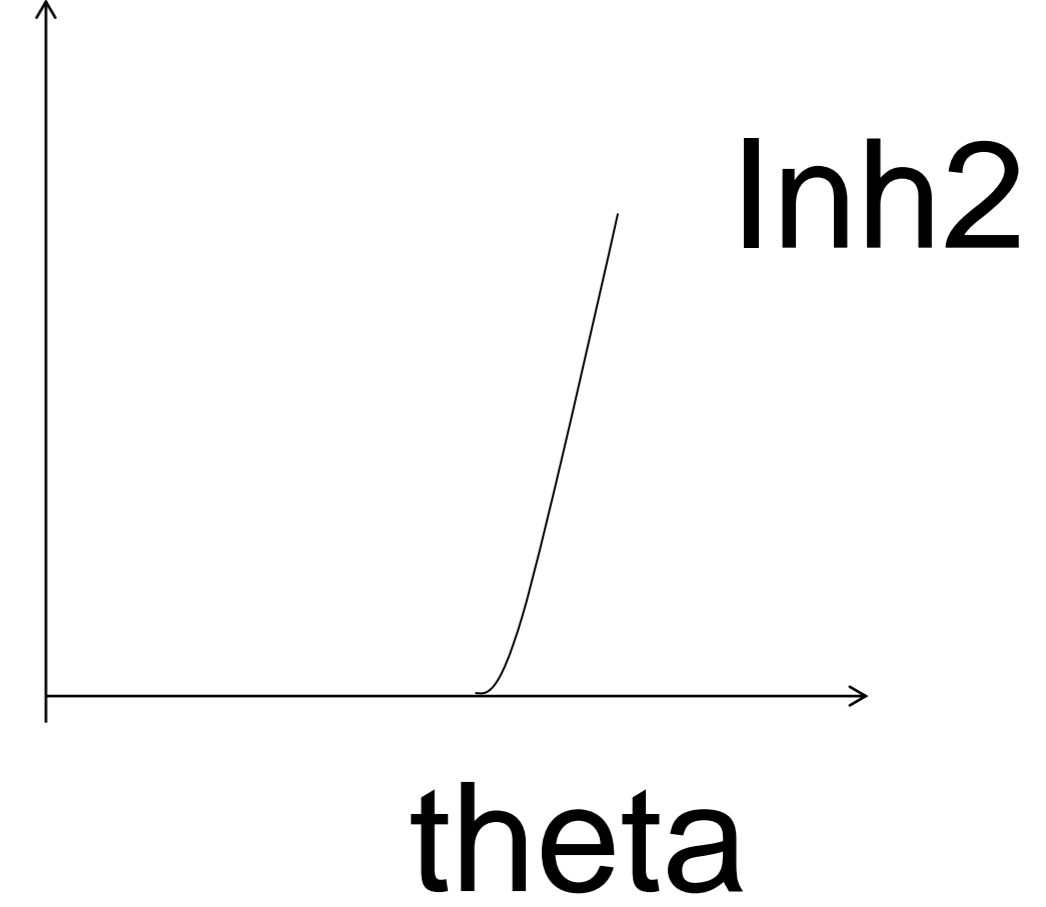
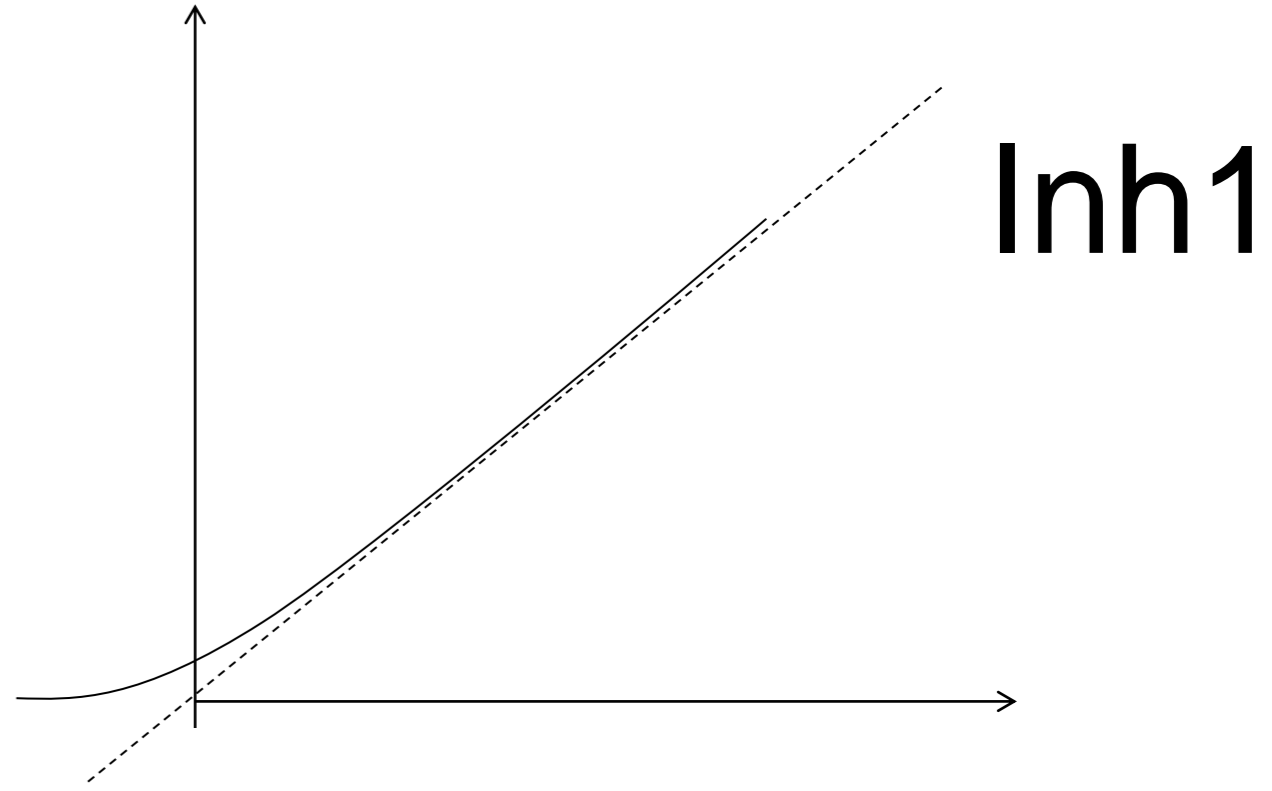
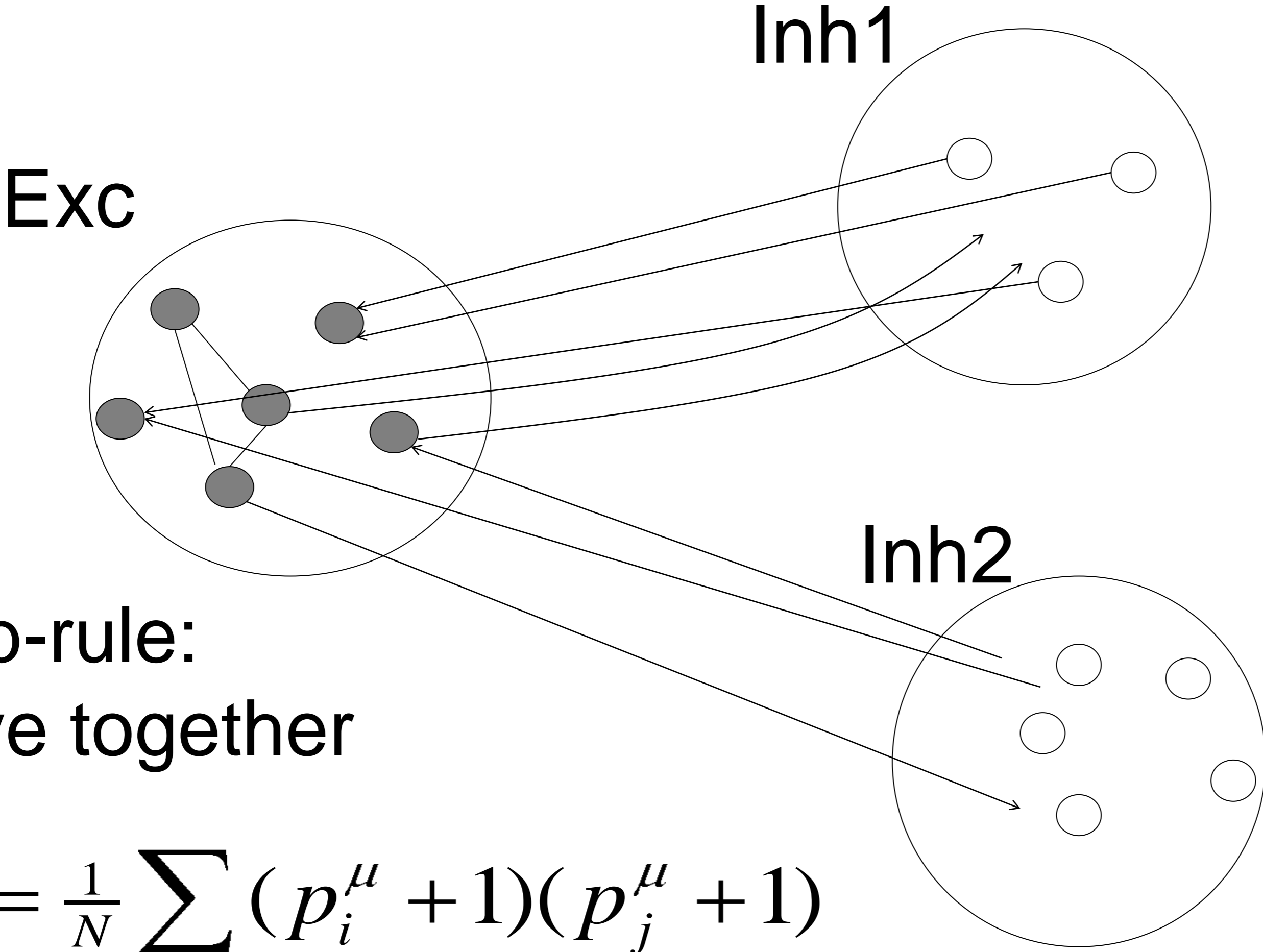
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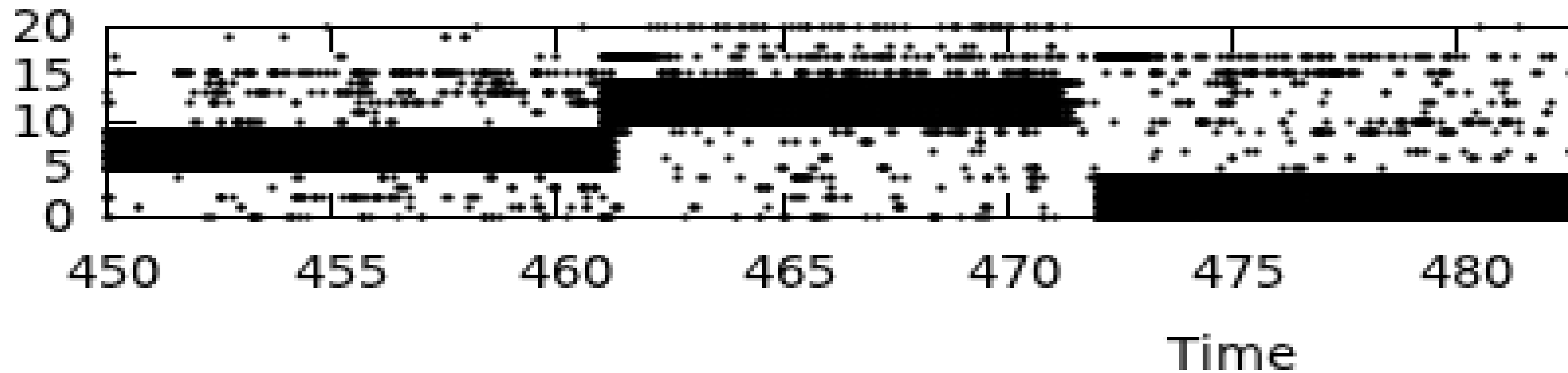
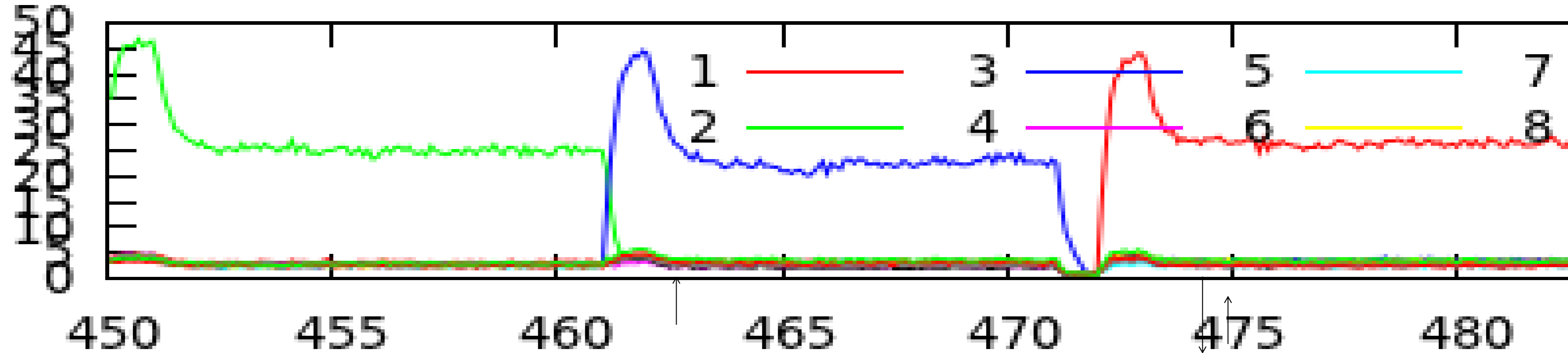
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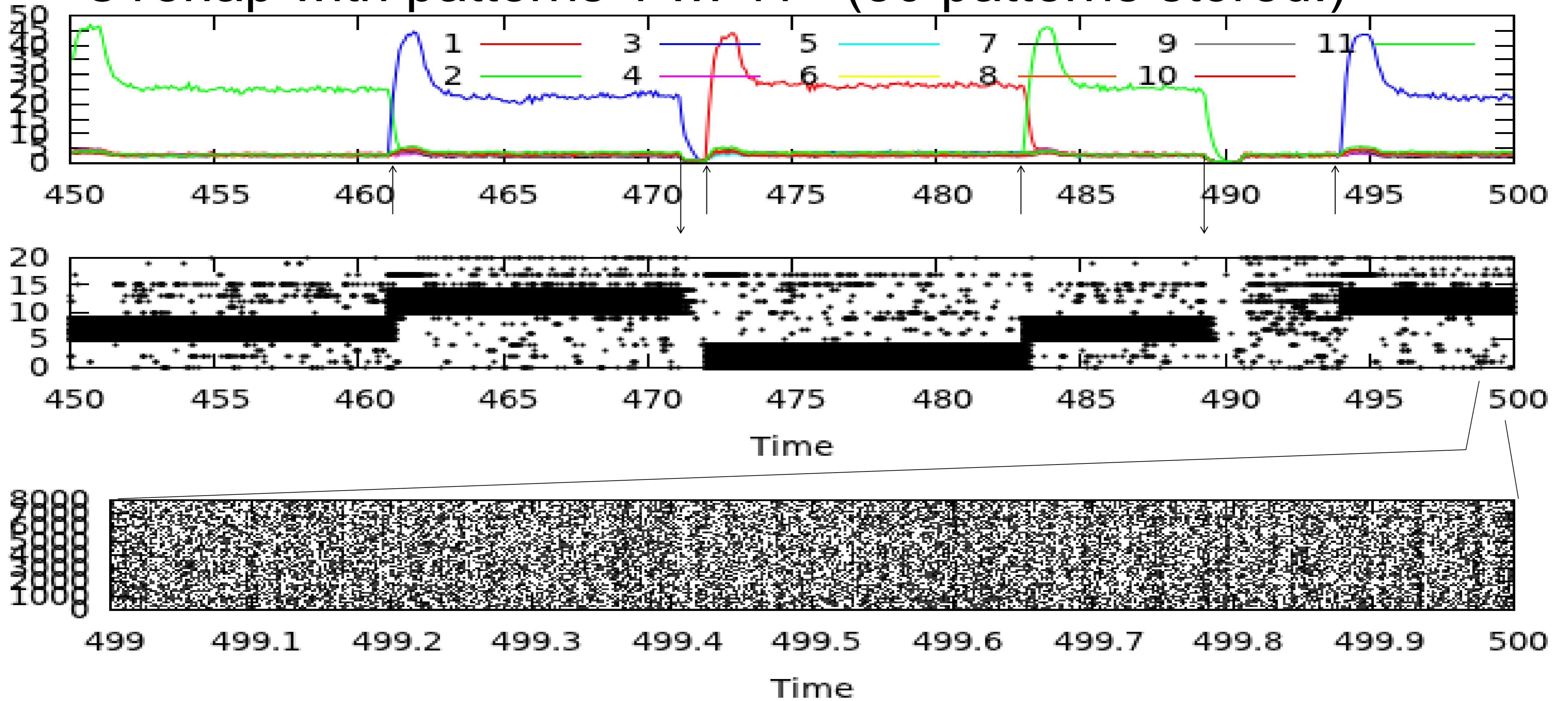
Hebb-rule:
Active together

$$w_{ij} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mu} (p_i^{\mu} + 1)(p_j^{\mu} + 1)$$

Overlap with patterns 1 ... 3



Overlap with patterns 1 ... 11 (80 patterns stored!)



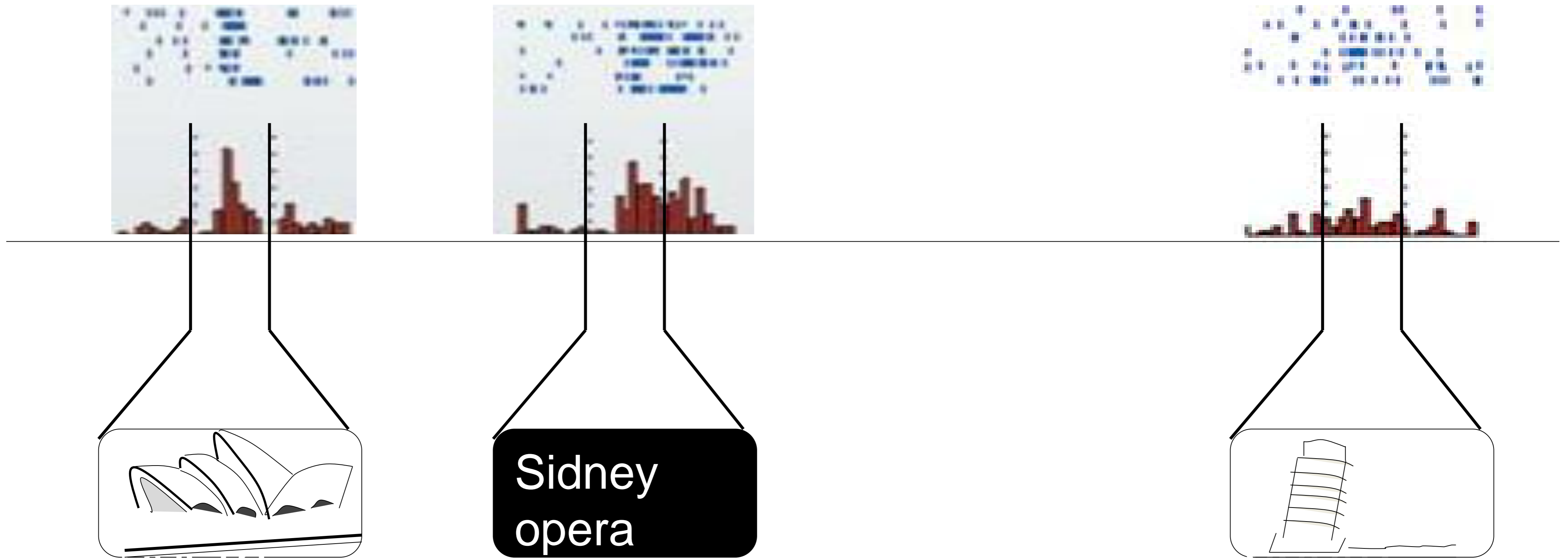
Memory with spiking neurons

- Low activity of patterns?
 - Separation of excitation and inhibition ?
 - Modeling?
- All possible

-Neural data?

6.4 memory data

Human Hippocampus



Quiroga, R. Q., Reddy, L., Kreiman, G., Koch, C., and Fried, I. (2005).
Invariant visual representation by single neurons in the human brain.
Nature, 435:1102-1107.

6.4 memory data

Delayed Matching to Sample Task

Animal experiments



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sample

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1s

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match



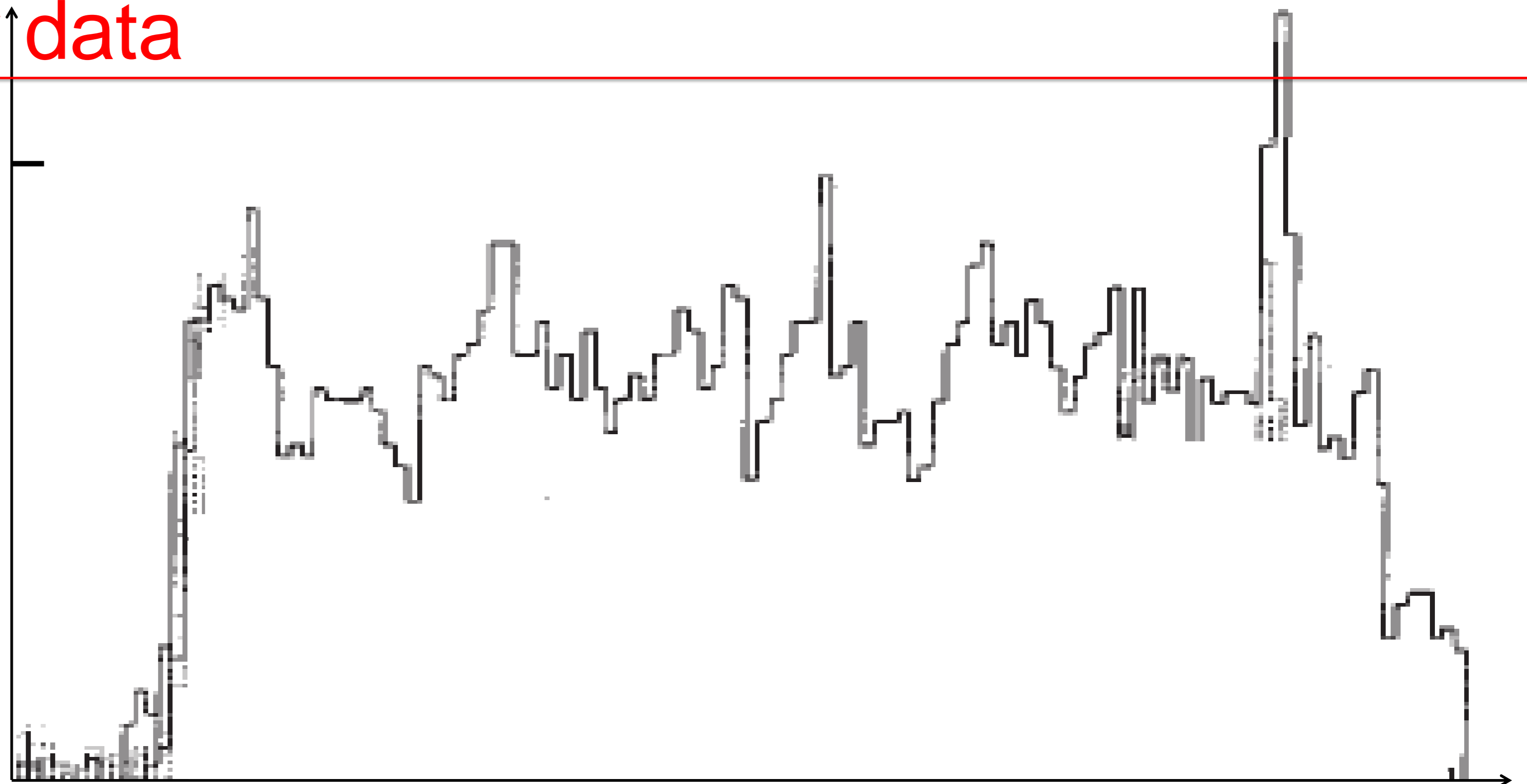
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match

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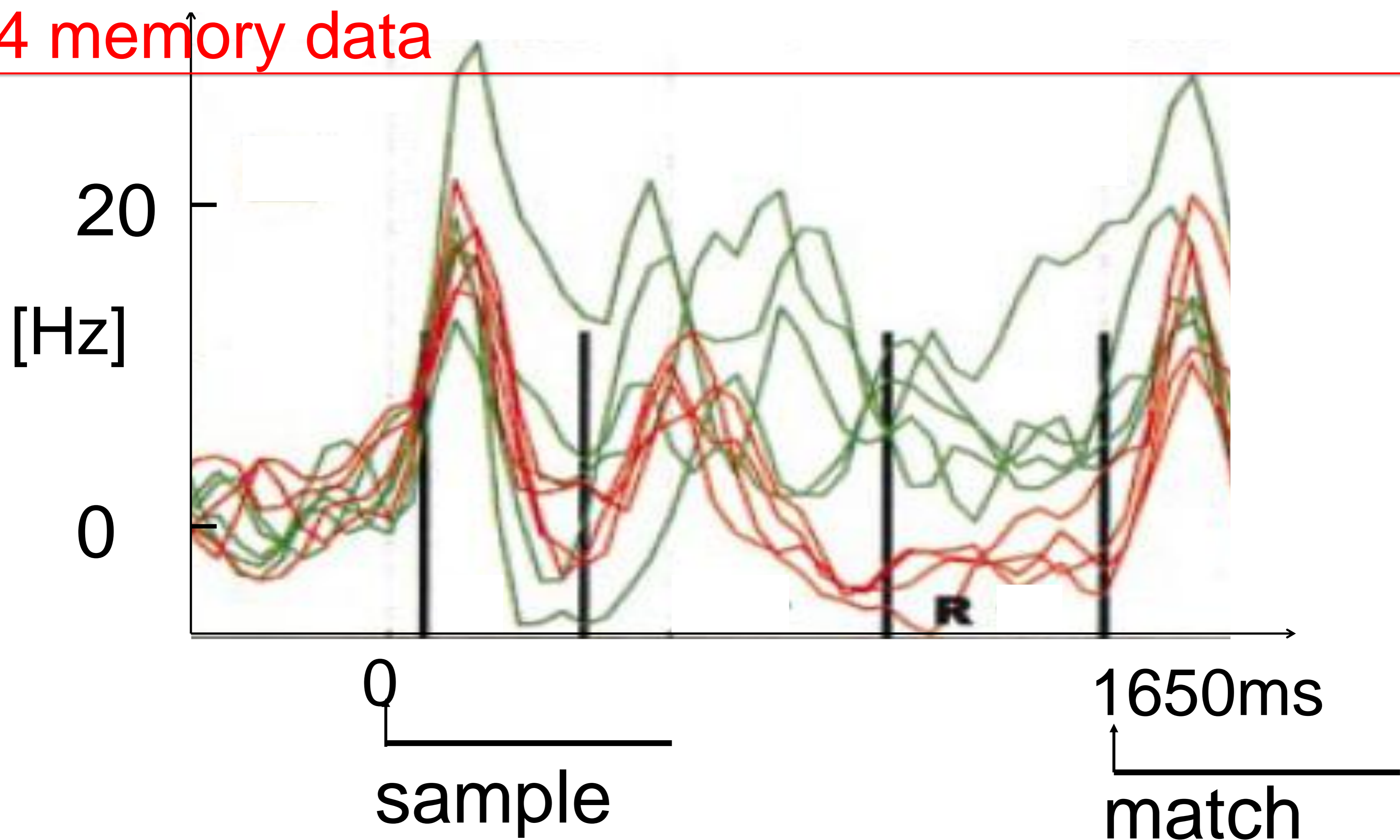
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Miyashita, Y. (1988). Neuronal correlate of visual associative long-term memory in the primate temporal cortex. *Nature*, 335:817-820.

6.4 memory data



Rainer and Miller (2002). Timecourse of object-related neural activity in the primate prefrontal cortex during a short-term memory task. *Europ. J. Neurosci.*, 15:1244-1254.

Exercise 3 NOW- from Hopfield to spikes

In the Hopfield model, neurons are characterized by a binary variable $S_i = +/-1$. For an interpretation in terms of spikes it is, however, more appealing to work with a binary variable x_i which is zero or 1.

(i) Write $S_i = 2x_i - 1$ and rewrite the Hopfield model in terms of x_i .

What are the conditions so that the input potential is

$$h_i = \sum_j w_{ij} x_j$$

(ii) Repeat the same calculation for low-activity patterns and weights

$$w_{ij} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mu} (p_i^{\mu} - b)(p_j^{\mu} - a)$$

with some constants a and b

The end