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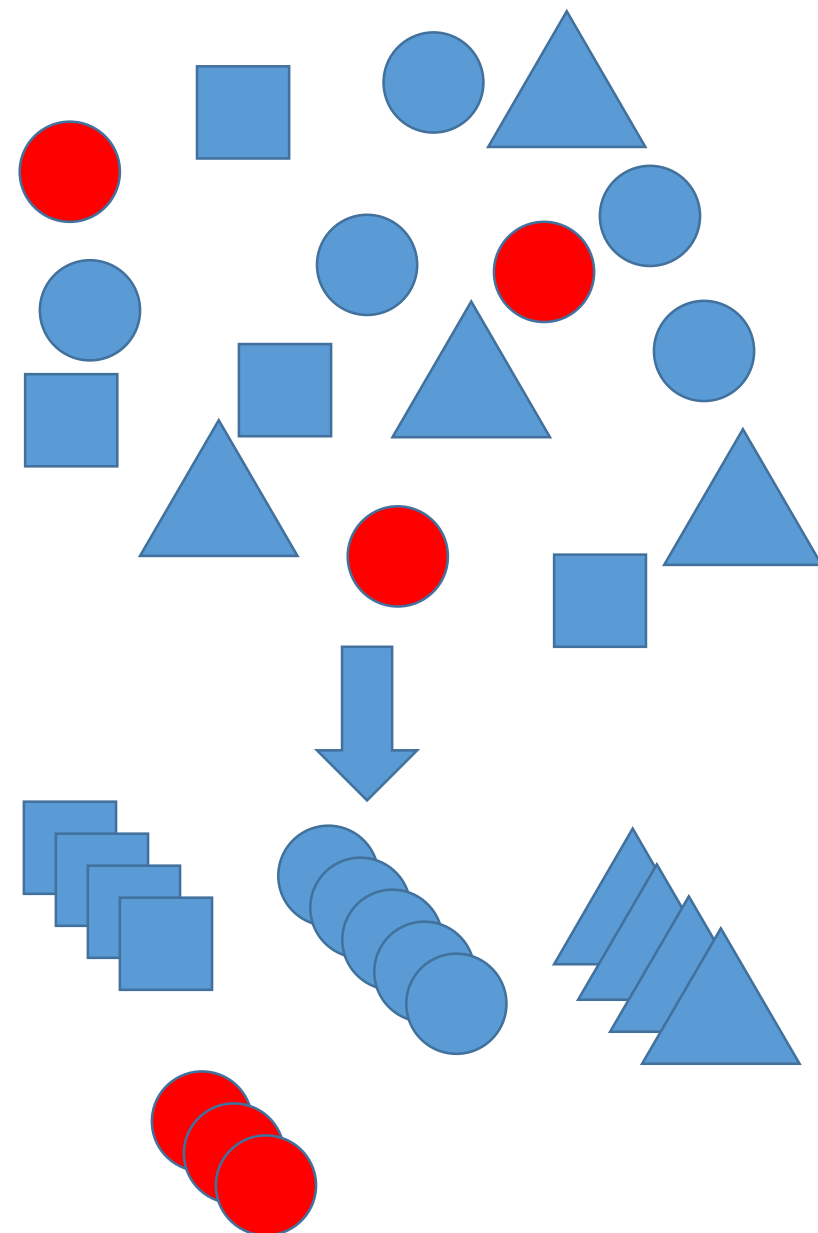
# Unsupervised learning neural networks

## Self organizing maps (SOM)

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# Unsupervised learning

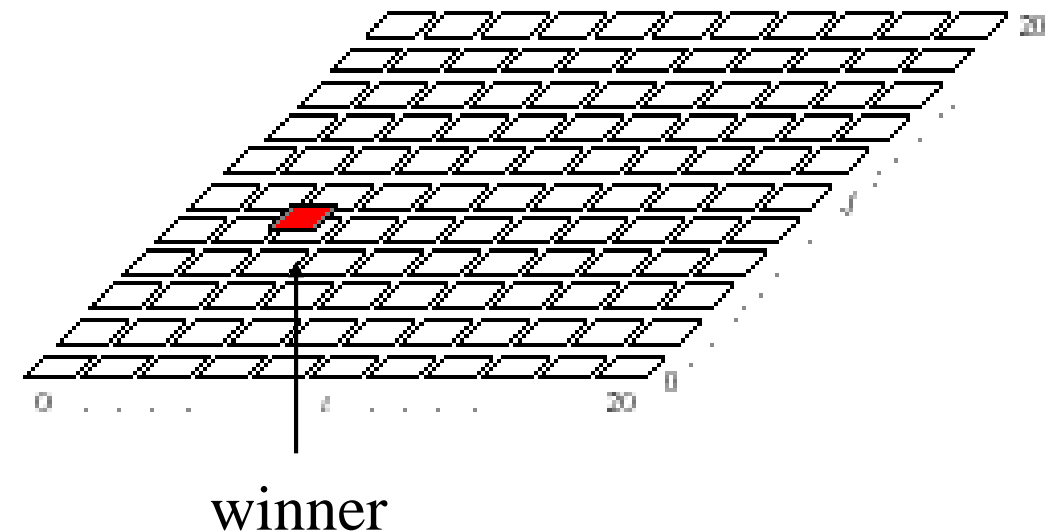
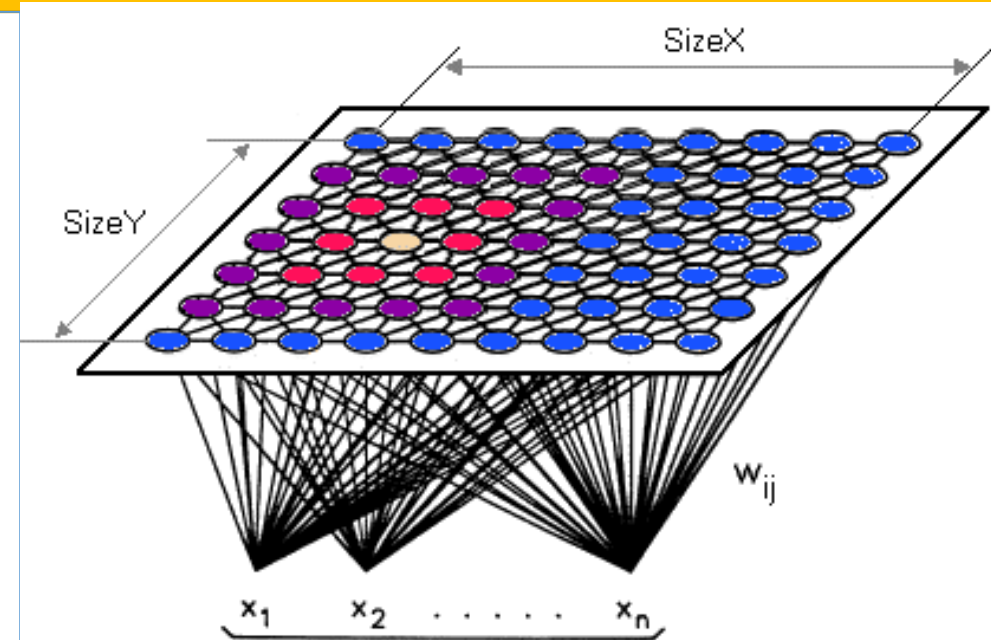
- Self-organizing neural (SOM) group similar input vectors together **without the use of target vectors**.
- **Only input vectors** are given to the network during training.
- The learning algorithm then modifies the network weights so that **similar input vectors** produce the same output vector.
- **Unsupervised training** is good for finding hidden structure or features within a set of patterns.
- E.g. the network is allowed to cluster without being biased towards looking for a pre-defined output or classification.
- What the network learns is entirely **data driven**.
- After learning it is often necessary to examine what the clusters or output units have come to mean.



# SOM

- SOM is based on the idea of unsupervised learning in which input is mapped to the **best matching unit**.
- Maps **n-dimensional** input space onto a **two dimensional map**.
- Preserves topological relationships in the data
- SOM seeks to find the **winning neuron** of the input layer: it's the neuron whose weights closest match the inputs.

$$Y_j = \arg \min_j \left( \sum \| X_i - W_{ij} \| \right)$$



# SOM- Kohonen Learning Algorithm

- KLA is the algorithm of learning unsupervised learning network (SOM) and is given in the following steps:

1. *Initialise weights (random values) and set topological neighbourhood and learning rate parameters*
2. *While stopping condition is false, do steps 3-8*

3. *For each input vector  $X$ , do steps 4-6*

4. *For each neuron  $j$ , compute Euclidean distance:*

$$Y_j = \arg \min_j (\sum \| X_i - W_{ij} \|)$$

5. *Find index  $j$  such that  $Y_j$  is a minimum*

6. *For all units  $j$  within a specified neighbourhood of  $j$ ,*  
$$W_{ij}(\text{new}) = W_{ij}(\text{old}) + \alpha h_{ij} (X(i) - W_{ij}(\text{old}))$$

7. *Update learning rate ( $\alpha$ )*

8. *Reduce topological neighbourhood at specified times*

9. *Test stopping condition.*

*and for all  $i$ :*

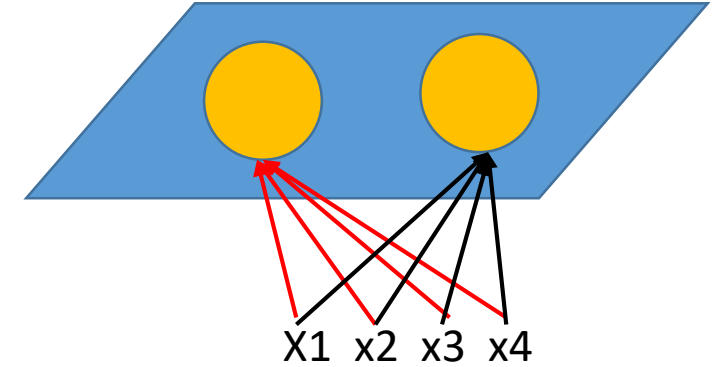
ملاحظة: يمثل التابع  $h$  تابع الجوار الطوبولوجي ويعطى الشكل الغوسي له وفق العلاقة:

$$h_{ij} = \exp(-d_{ij}^2 / 2\sigma^2)$$

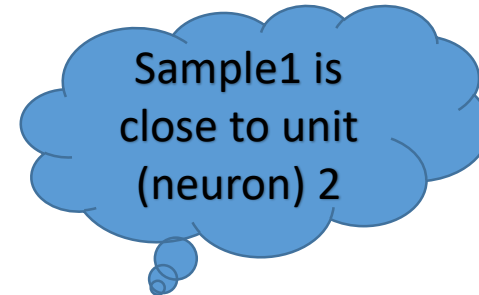
$h$  determines the degree to which extent each output node receives a training adjustment from the current training pattern.

# SOM- Kohonen Learning Algorithm- *Numerical Example*

- Consider two neurons (**m=2**) and the following input vectors  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (1, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1), (1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, 1)$
- $$W_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.8 \\ 0.6 & 0.4 \\ 0.5 & 0.7 \\ 0.9 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$
- Where  $j=2, i=4, \alpha=0.6, R=0, h=1$  and the decrement of learning rate is given as:  $\alpha(t+1)=0.5\alpha(t)$ . Update weights (two epochs)

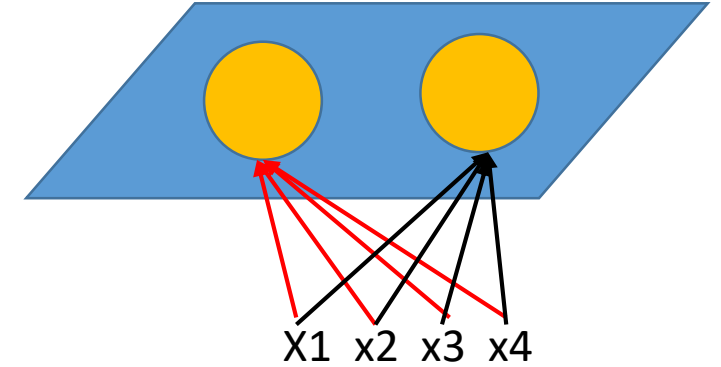


- Solution: **1. For the first input vector (1,1,0,0) compute distance:**
- $D(j) = \sum_j (W_{ij} - x_i)^2 \rightarrow$  Layer has two neurons  $\rightarrow$  We will get two values for D
- $D(1) = (W_{11} - x_1)^2 + (W_{21} - x_2)^2 + (W_{31} - x_3)^2 + (W_{41} - x_4)^2$
- $D(1) = (0.2 - 1)^2 + (0.6 - 1)^2 + (0.5 - 0)^2 + (0.9 - 0)^2 = 1.86$
- $D(2) = (W_{12} - x_1)^2 + (W_{22} - x_2)^2 + (W_{32} - x_3)^2 + (W_{42} - x_4)^2$
- $D(2) = (0.8 - 1)^2 + (0.4 - 1)^2 + (0.7 - 0)^2 + (0.3 - 0)^2 = 0.98$
- 2. Define winner:**  $D(2) < D(1) \rightarrow$  Input vector is closer to output node number 2  $\rightarrow J=2$  is the winner neuron (winner unit).
- 3. Define j units** located in the winner unit's neighborhood:  $\max(1, J-R) \leq j \leq \min(J+R, m)$
- $\max(1, 2-0) \leq j \leq \min(2+0, 2) \rightarrow 2 \leq j \leq 2 \rightarrow j=2$



# SOM- Kohonen Learning Algorithm- *Numerical Example*

- Consider two neurons ( $m=2$ ) and the following input vectors  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (1, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1), (1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, 1)$
- $W_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.8 \\ 0.6 & 0.4 \\ 0.5 & 0.7 \\ 0.9 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$
- Where  $j=2, i=4, \alpha=0.6, R=0$  and the decrement of learning rate
- is given as:  $\alpha(t+1)=0.5\alpha(t)$ . Update weights (two epochs)



- 4. Weights updates:** For all units  $j$  located in the neighborhood of  $J$  and for all  $i$ , update weights:

$$W_{ij}(\text{new}) = W_{ij}(\text{old}) + \alpha(X(i) - W_{ij}(\text{old}))$$

$$W_{i2}(\text{new}) = W_{i2}(\text{old}) + \alpha(X(i) - W_{i2}(\text{old}))$$

$$W_{i2}(\text{new}) = W_{i2}(\text{old}) + 0.6(X(i) - W_{i2}(\text{old}))$$

$$W_{i2}(\text{new}) = 0.4W_{i2}(\text{old}) + 0.6X(i)$$

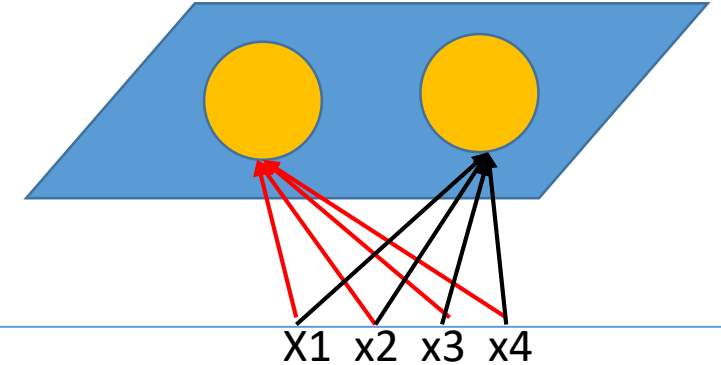
$$= 0.4 * \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 \\ 0.4 \\ 0.7 \\ 0.3 \end{bmatrix} + 0.6 * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.92 \\ 0.76 \\ 0.28 \\ 0.12 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{new weight matrix is: } W_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.92 \\ 0.6 & 0.76 \\ 0.5 & 0.28 \\ 0.9 & 0.12 \end{bmatrix}$$

# SOM- Kohonen Learning Algorithm- *Numerical Example*

- ( $m=2$ ) and the following input vectors  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (1, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1), (1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, 1)$

- $new\ W_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.92 \\ 0.6 & 0.76 \\ 0.5 & 0.28 \\ 0.9 & 0.12 \end{bmatrix}$

- Where  $j=2, i=4, \alpha=0.6, R=0$  and the decrement of learning rate is given as:  $\alpha(t+1)=0.5\alpha(t)$ .



- **5. Repeat** for the **second** input vector:  $(0, 0, 0, 1)$  compute distance:
- $D(1) = (0.2 - 0)^2 + (0.6 - 0)^2 + (0.5 - 0)^2 + (0.9 - 1)^2 = 0.66$
- $D(2) = (0.8 - 0)^2 + (0.4 - 0)^2 + (0.7 - 0)^2 + (0.3 - 1)^2 = 2.2768$
- Define winner:  $D(1) < D(2) \rightarrow$  Input vector is closer to output node number 1  $\rightarrow J=1$  is the winner neuron (winner unit).
- Define j units located in the winner unit's neighborhood:  $\max(1, J-R) \leq j \leq \min(J+R, m)$
- $\max(1, 1-0) \leq j \leq \min(1+0, 2) \rightarrow 1 \leq j \leq 1 \rightarrow j=1$
- Update weights:

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$$W_{i1}(new) = W_{i1}(old) + 0.6(X(i) - W_{i1}(old))$$

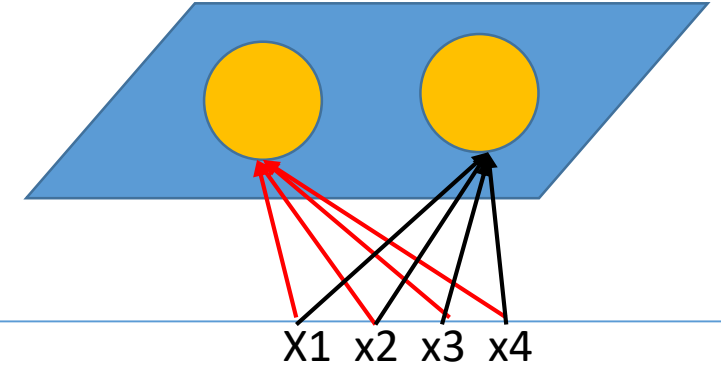
$$W_{i1}(new) = 0.4W_{i1}(old) + 0.6X(i) = 0.4 * \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 \\ 0.6 \\ 0.5 \\ 0.9 \end{bmatrix} + 0.6 * \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.08 \\ 0.24 \\ 0.2 \\ 0.96 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{new weight matrix is: } W_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.08 & 0.92 \\ 0.24 & 0.76 \\ 0.2 & 0.28 \\ 0.96 & 0.12 \end{bmatrix}$$

# SOM- Kohonen Learning Algorithm- *Numerical Example*

- (**m=2**) and the following input vectors  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (1, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1), (1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, 1)$

- New  $W_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.08 & 0.92 \\ 0.24 & 0.76 \\ 0.2 & 0.28 \\ 0.96 & 0.12 \end{bmatrix}$

- Where  $j=2, i=4, \alpha=0.6, R=0$  and the decrement of learning rate is given as:  $\alpha(t+1)=0.5\alpha(t)$ .



- **6. Repeat** for the **third** input vector:  $(1, 0, 0, 0)$  compute distance:
- $D(1) = (0.2 - 1)^2 + (0.6 - 0)^2 + (0.5 - 0)^2 + (0.9 - 0)^2 = 1.8656$
- $D(2) = (0.8 - 1)^2 + (0.4 - 0)^2 + (0.7 - 0)^2 + (0.3 - 0)^2 = 0.6768$
- **Define winner**:  $D(2) < D(1) \rightarrow$  Input vector is closer to output node number 1  $\rightarrow J=2$  is the winner neuron (winner unit).
- **Define j units** located in the winner unit's neighborhood:  $\max(1, J-R) \leq j \leq \min(J+R, m)$
- $\max(1, 2-0) \leq j \leq \min(2+0, 2) \rightarrow 2 \leq j \leq 2 \rightarrow j=2$
- Update weights:

Sample3 is close to unit (neuron) 2

$$W_{i2}(\text{new}) = W_{i2}(\text{old}) + 0.6(X(i) - W_{i2}(\text{old}))$$

$$W_{i2}(\text{new}) = 0.4W_{i2}(\text{old}) + 0.6X(i) = 0.4 * \begin{bmatrix} 0.92 \\ 0.76 \\ 0.28 \\ 0.12 \end{bmatrix} + 0.6 * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.968 \\ 0.304 \\ 0.112 \\ 0.048 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{new weight matrix is: } W_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.08 & 0.968 \\ 0.24 & 0.304 \\ 0.2 & 0.112 \\ 0.96 & 0.048 \end{bmatrix}$$

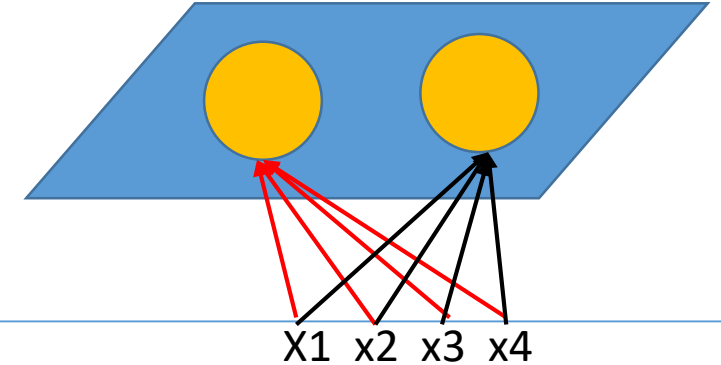


# SOM- Kohonen Learning Algorithm- *Numerical Example*

- (**m=2**) and the following input vectors  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (1, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1), (1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, 1)$

- New  $W_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.08 & 0.968 \\ 0.24 & 0.304 \\ 0.2 & 0.112 \\ 0.96 & 0.048 \end{bmatrix}$

- Where  $j=2, i=4, \alpha=0.6, R=0$  and the decrement of learning rate is given as:  $\alpha(t+1)=0.5\alpha(t)$ .



- **7. Repeat** for the **fourth** input vector:  $(0, 0, 1, 1)$  compute distance:
- $D(1) = (0.2 - 0)^2 + (0.6 - 0)^2 + (0.5 - 1)^2 + (0.9 - 1)^2 = 0.7056$
- $D(2) = (0.8 - 0)^2 + (0.4 - 0)^2 + (0.7 - 1)^2 + (0.3 - 1)^2 = 2.724$
- Define winner:  $D(1) < D(2) \rightarrow$  Input vector is closer to output node number 1  $\rightarrow J=1$  is the winner neuron (winner unit).
- Define j units located in the winner unit's neighborhood:  $\max(1, J-R) \leq j \leq \min(J+R, m)$
- $\max(1, 1-0) \leq j \leq \min(1+0, 2) \rightarrow 1 \leq j \leq 1 \rightarrow j=1$
- Update weights:

Sample4 is close to unit (neuron) 1

$$W_{i1}(new) = W_{i1}(old) + 0.6(X(i) - W_{i1}(old))$$

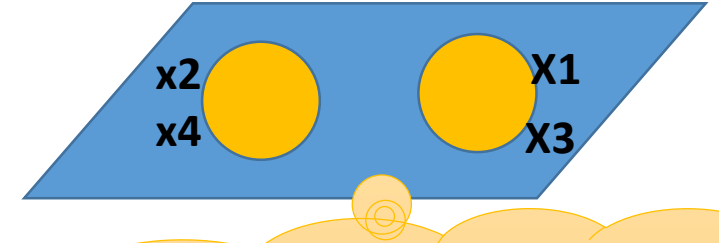
$$W_{i1}(new) = 0.4W_{i1}(old) + 0.6X(i) = 0.4 * \begin{bmatrix} 0.08 \\ 0.24 \\ 0.2 \\ 0.96 \end{bmatrix} + 0.6 * \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.032 \\ 0.096 \\ 0.68 \\ 0.984 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{new weight matrix is: } W_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.032 & 0.968 \\ 0.096 & 0.304 \\ 0.68 & 0.112 \\ 0.984 & 0.048 \end{bmatrix}$$

# SOM- Kohonen Learning Algorithm- *Numerical Example*

- ( $m=2$ ) and the following input vectors  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (1, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1), (1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, 1)$

- New  $W_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.032 & 0.968 \\ 0.096 & 0.304 \\ 0.68 & 0.112 \\ 0.984 & 0.048 \end{bmatrix}$

- Where  $j=2, i=4, \alpha=0.6, R=0$  and the decrement of learning rate is given as:  $\alpha(t+1)=0.5\alpha(t)$ .



At the end of epoch1,  $x_2$  and  $x_4$  are clustered together (unit1), while  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  are clustered together (unit 1)

- **The first training epoch has ended!**
- **8. Decrease learning rate:**
- $\alpha(t+1)=0.5\alpha(t) = 0.5*0.6 = 0.3 \rightarrow$  Repeat same steps of the first epoch taking into consideration that the weight update equation is now:

$$W_{ij}(new) = W_{ij}(old) + 0.6(X(i) - W_{ij}(old))$$

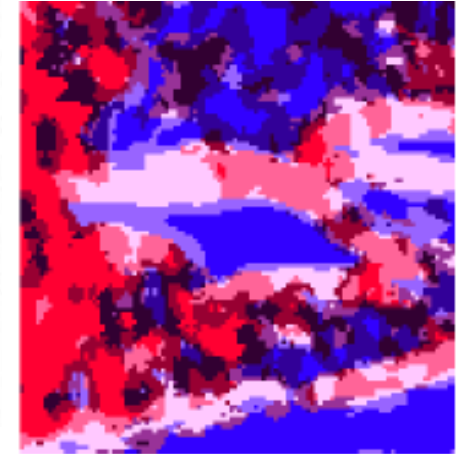
$$W_{ij}(new) = 0.7W_{i1}(old) + 0.3X(i)$$

$$W_{ij \text{ of epoch } 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0157 & 0.9843 \\ 0.047 & 0.359 \\ 0.6332 & 0.0549 \\ 0.9922 & 0.0235 \end{bmatrix}$$

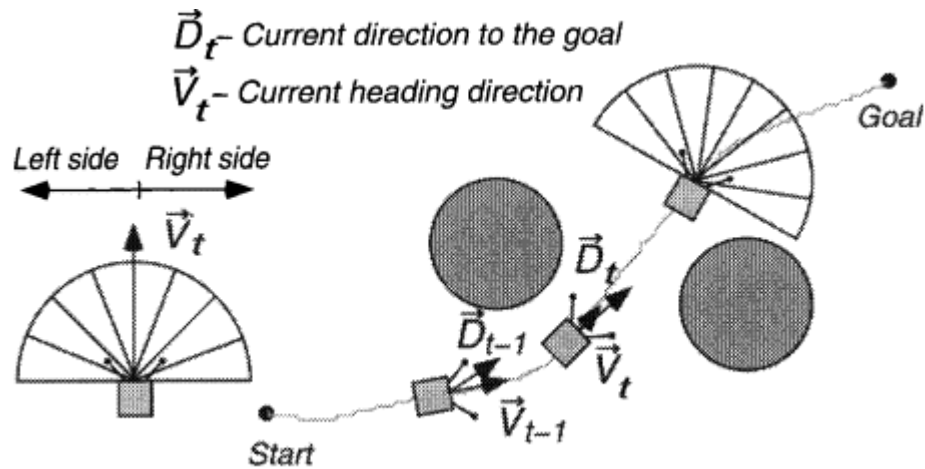
$$W_{ij \text{ of final epoch } 55} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# SOM- Applications

- Image Segmentation



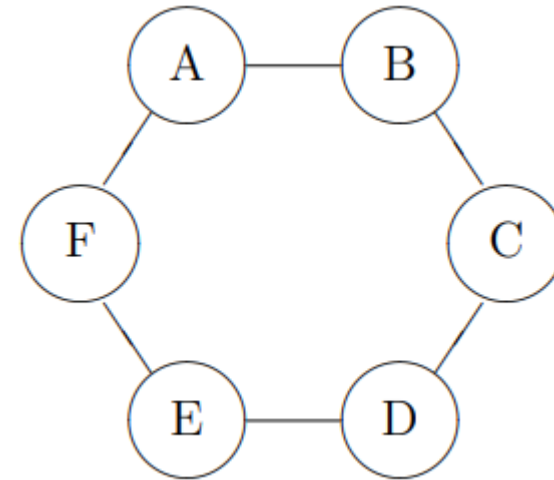
- Vision based autonomous robot navigation systems



# SOM- Example2 to be solved by students

- Consider the following self-organising map:
- Each of the output nodes has two inputs  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  (not shown on the diagram). Thus, each node has two weights corresponding to these inputs:  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ . The values of the weights for all output in the SOM nodes are given in the table below:

Node	A	B	C	D	E	F
$w_1$	-1	0	3	-2	3	4
$w_2$	2	4	-2	-3	2	-1



- For an input pattern  $x = (x_1, x_2)$  the winner is determined using Euclidean distance. Calculate which of the six output nodes is the winner if the input pattern is  $X=(2,-4)$

# SOM- **Example2** to be solved by students

• Solution:

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_A) = \sqrt{|2 + 1|^2 + |-4 - 2|^2} = \sqrt{9 + 36} = \sqrt{45}$$

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_B) = \sqrt{|2 - 0|^2 + |-4 - 4|^2} = \sqrt{4 + 64} = \sqrt{68}$$

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_C) = \sqrt{|2 - 3|^2 + |-4 + 2|^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_D) = \sqrt{|2 + 2|^2 + |-4 + 3|^2} = \sqrt{16 + 1} = \sqrt{17}$$

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_E) = \sqrt{|2 - 3|^2 + |-4 - 2|^2} = \sqrt{1 + 36} = \sqrt{37}$$

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_F) = \sqrt{|2 - 4|^2 + |-4 + 1|^2} = \sqrt{4 + 9} = \sqrt{13}$$

The winner is the node with the smallest distance from  $\mathbf{x}$ . Thus, in this case the **winner** is **node C** (because  $\sqrt{5}$  is the smallest distance here).

# SOM- **Example2-B** to be solved by students

- After the winner for a given input  $x$  has been identified, the weights of the nodes in SOM are adjusted using adaptation formula:

$$\mathbf{w}' = \mathbf{w} + \alpha h[\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{w}]$$

- where  $w_0$  is the new weight vector,  $\alpha$  is the learning rate,  $h$  is the neighborhood function. Let  $\alpha = 0.5$  and the neighborhood be defined as:

$$h = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the node is the winner} \\ 0.5 & \text{if the node is immediate neighbour of the winner} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Adjust the weights in the SOM.

Node	A	B	C	D	E	F
$w_1$	-1	0	3	-2	3	4
$w_2$	2	4	-2	-3	2	-1

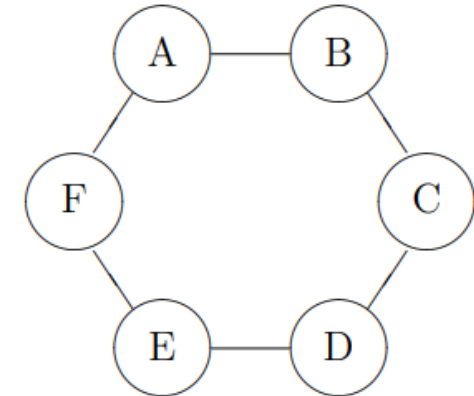
# SOM- Example2-B to be solved by students

- Example 2-B solution: since  $\mathbf{x}=(2,-4)$ , and  $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2$  for C node is  $(3,-2)$  which is the winner neuron  $\rightarrow$

$$\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{w}_C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha h[\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{w}_C] = 0.5 \cdot 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{w}'_C = \mathbf{w}_C + \alpha h[\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{w}_C] = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -0.5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2.5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$



Node	A	B	C	D	E	F
$w_1$	-1	0	3	-2	3	4
$w_2$	2	4	-2	-3	2	-1

- The immediate neighbors of node C are nodes B and D. The neighborhood  $h = 0.5$ . The new weights of node B and D are:

$$\mathbf{w}'_B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + 0.5 \cdot 0.5 \cdot \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{w}'_D = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + 0.5 \cdot 0.5 \cdot \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3.25 \end{pmatrix}$$

Rest of neurons (A,F,E) are not immediate neighbors of C so  $h=0$  and their weights are not updated