

Monadic Memory - Getting Started

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Monadic Memory is a new auto-associative memory for binary Sparse Distributed Representations (SDRs).

It can be used for clean up, clustering or pooling of a sequence of tokens.

This algorithm takes an SDR x as input and searches the memory for a similar (as measured by Hamming distance) SDR. If a similar SDR has been stored before, that earlier version is returned, otherwise the result is taken to be x .

Therefore the algorithm always returns a value similar to the input,

The implementation combines two mirrored Dyadic Memory instances which share a common hidden layer comprised of random SDRs r , storing $x \rightarrow r$ in the one memory and $r \rightarrow x$ in the other memory. As expected from an associative memory, a roundtrip $x \rightarrow r \rightarrow x'$ produces a “cleaner” version x' of x .

Monadic Memory has the same capacity as Dyadic Memory. For typical values $n=1000$ and $p=10$, it can hold around 500k random patterns.

Monadic Memory Algorithm

```

MonadicMemory[f_Symbol, {n_Integer, p_Integer}] :=
Module[ {D1, D2, items = 0},

  DyadicMemory[ D1, {n, p}];
  DyadicMemory[ D2, {n, p}];

  (* random SDR *)
  f[] := SparseArray[ RandomSample[ Range[n], p] → Table[1, p], {n}];

  (* store and recall x *)
  f[x_SparseArray] := Module[ {r, hidden},

    r = D2[D1[D2[D1[x]]]]; (* two roundtrips *)

    If[ HammingDistance[x, r] < p / 2 , Return[r]];

    items++;
    hidden = f[];
    D1[ x → hidden]; D2[ hidden → x];

    x (* return input value *)
  ];

  f["Items"] := items;
];

```

Noise

Adding salt or pepper noise to an SDR.

```

SDRNoise[x_SparseArray, bits_Integer] := Module[ {p},

  If[bits ≥ 0,
    (* salt noise, adding bits *)
    p = Union[Flatten[x["NonzeroPositions"]],
      Table[ RandomInteger[{1, Length[x]}], bits]];
    SparseArray[ p → Table[1, Length[p]], {Length[x]} ],

    (* pepper noise, removing bits *)
    p = Most[ArrayRules[x]];
    SparseArray[ RandomSample[ p, Length[p] + bits], Length[x]]
  ]
];

```

Visualization

Plot an SDR as a square image, padding with zeros if necessary.

```
SDRPlot[ x_SparseArray ] :=
Module[ {w, d},
  w = Ceiling[Sqrt[Length[x]]];
  d = Partition[PadRight[Normal[x], w^2], {w}] /.
    {1 -> {0.04, 0.18, 0.42}, 0 -> {0.79, 0.86, 1.0}};
  Image[d, ImageSize -> 2 * w]
]
```

Configuration

```
Get[ $UserBaseDirectory <> "/TriadicMemory/dyadicmemoryC.m"]

(* use Mathematica code if the C command line tool is unavailable:
  Get[ $UserBaseDirectory <> "/TriadicMemory/dyadicmemory.m"]
*)

n = 1000;
p = 10;

MonadicMemory[ M, {n, p}];
```

Store and recall a random SDR

```
SDRPlot [x = M[]]
```



```
SDRPlot[M[x]]
```



Recall the stored value from noisy input

```
SDRPlot[M[SDRNoise[x, 1 - p / 2]] (* remove bits -- pepper noise *)
```



```
SDRPlot [M[SDRNoise[x, p / 2 - 2]] (* add bits -- salt noise *)
```



```
M["Items"]
1
```

Capacity testing: Store random tokens

For $n = 1000$ and $p = 10$, the algorithm can store about 500k random tokens.

```
k = 500 000;
data = Table[M[], k];
M /@ data; // AbsoluteTiming
{816.594, Null}

M["Items"]
499 998
```

Recall stored patterns and calculate retrieval accuracy

```
out = HammingDistance[M[#, #] & /@ data; // AbsoluteTiming
{636.609, Null}
```

The number of stored items has not (significantly) increased, while the algorithm keeps learning during recall.

```
M["Items"]
500 001
```

Most tokens were perfectly recalled, a few have small errors.

```
Sort[Tally[out]]
{{0, 499 998}, {1, 1}, {2, 1}}
```

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```
SDRPlot[M[x]]
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