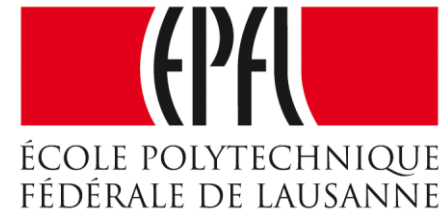


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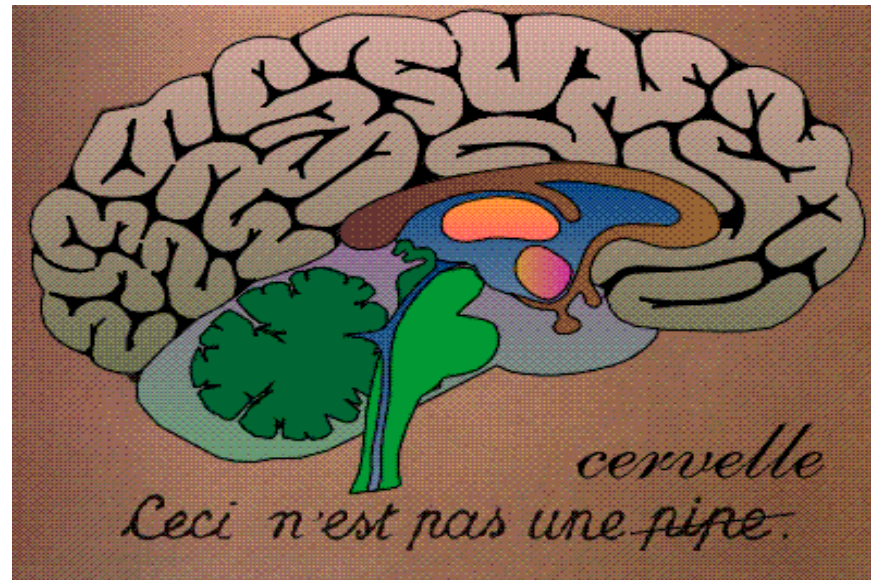
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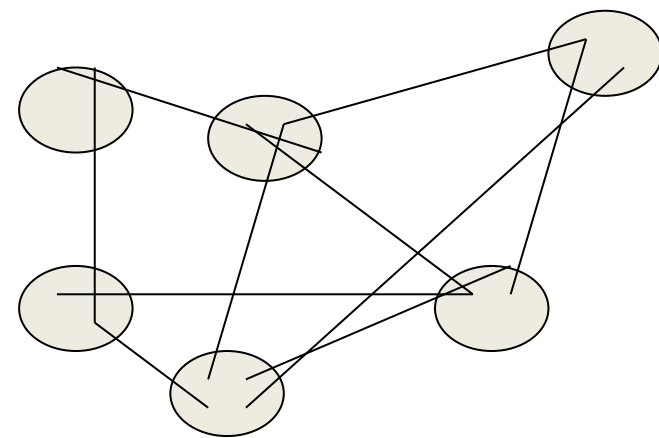
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Systems for computing and information processing



Brain

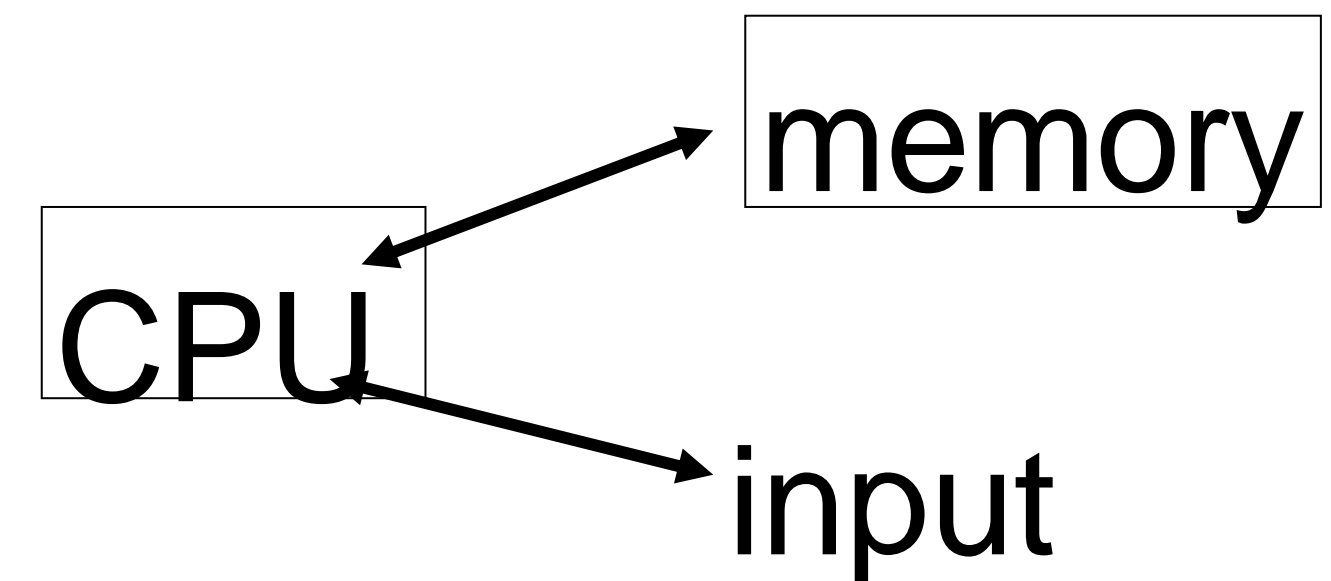
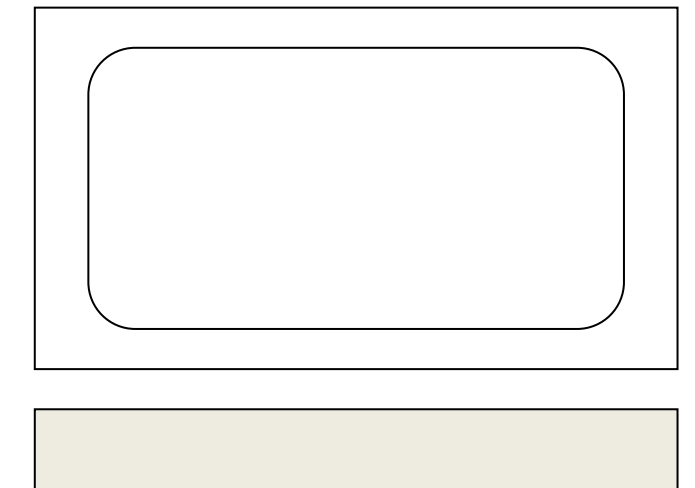


Distributed architecture

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

No separation of
processing and memory

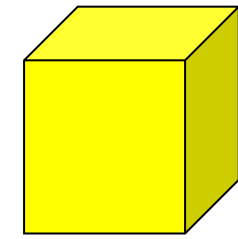
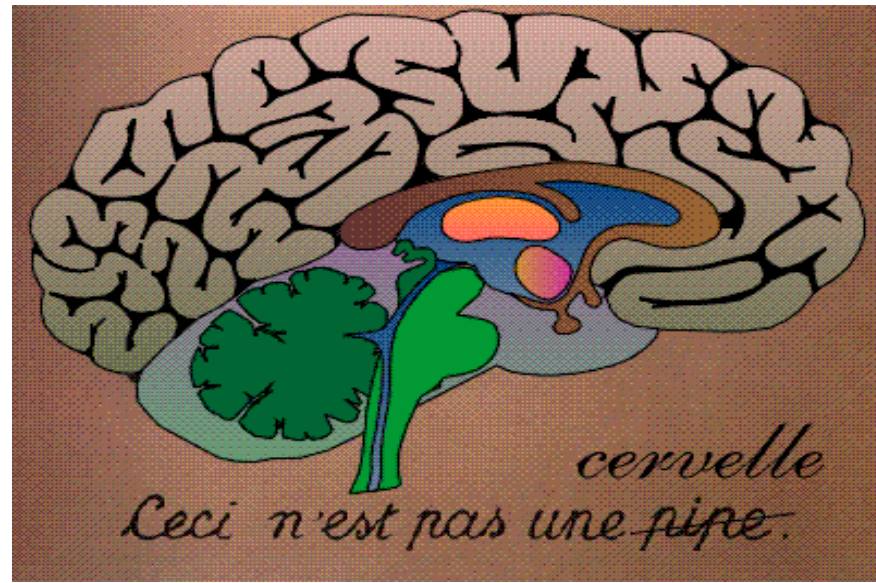
Computer



Von Neumann architecture

1 CPU
(10^{10} transistors)

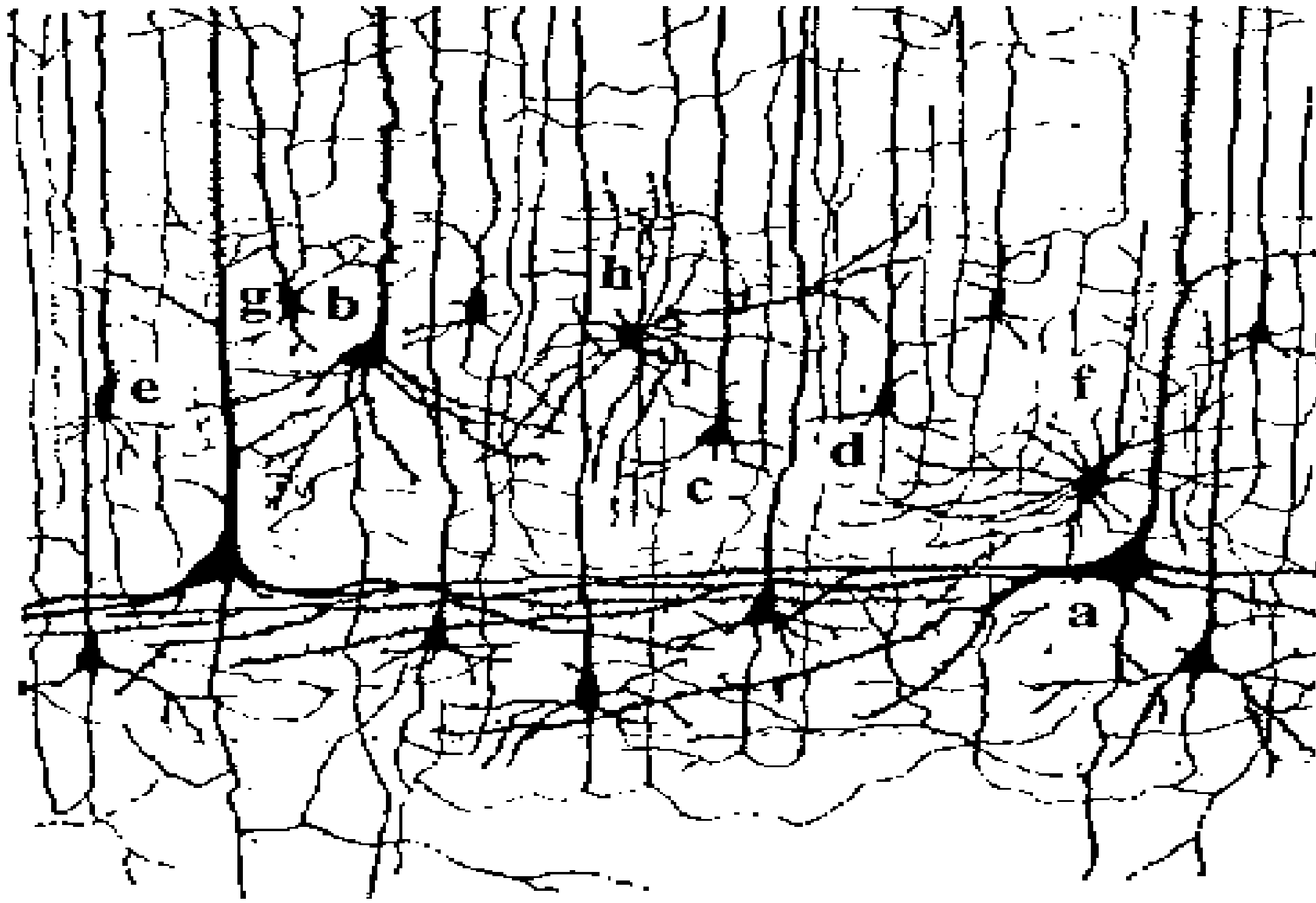
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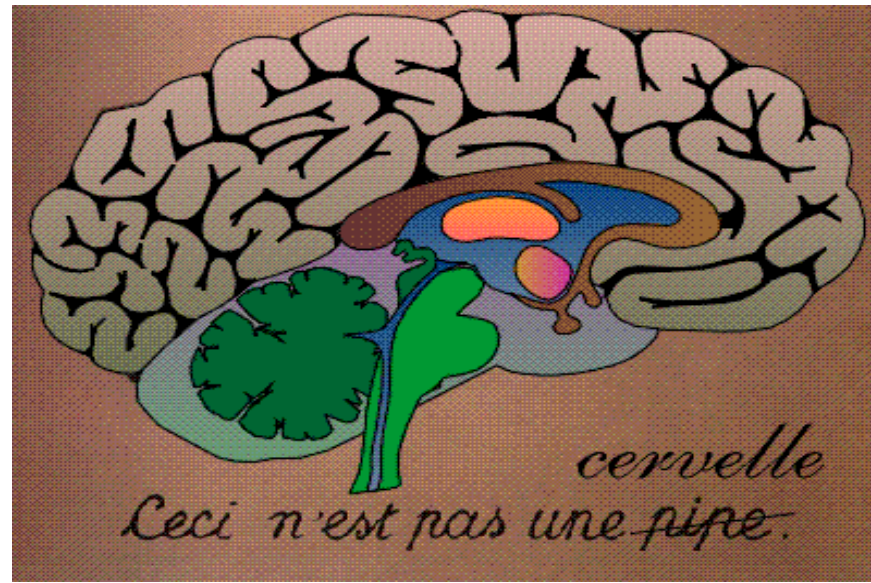
1mm

10 000 neurons

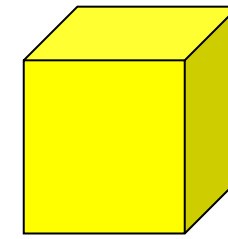
3 km wire



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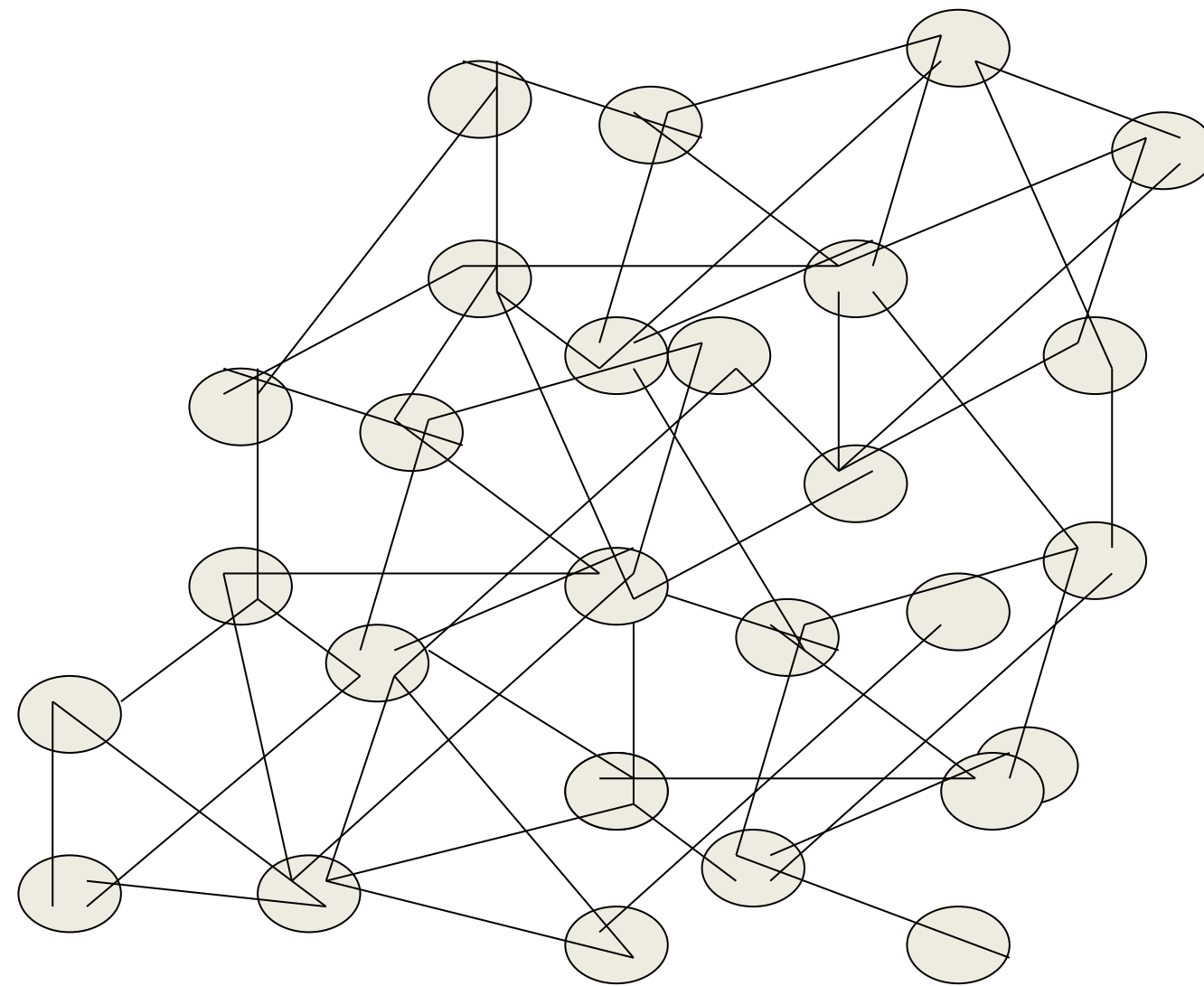


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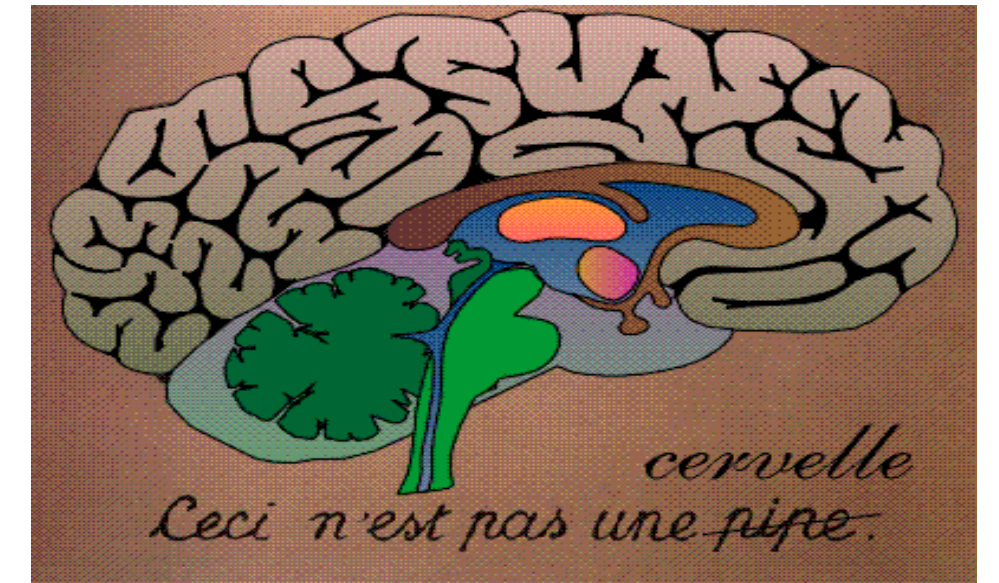
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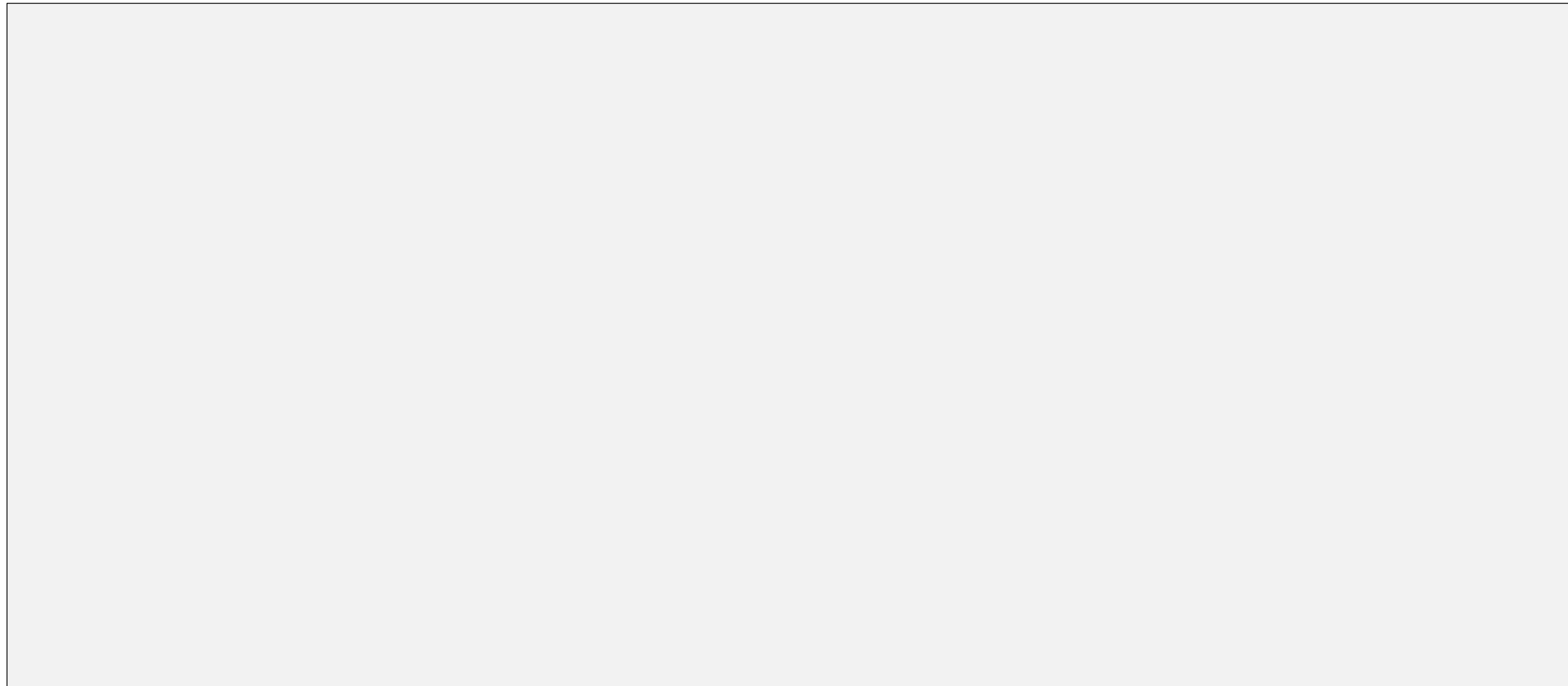
10^4 connections/neurons

**No separation of
processing and memory**

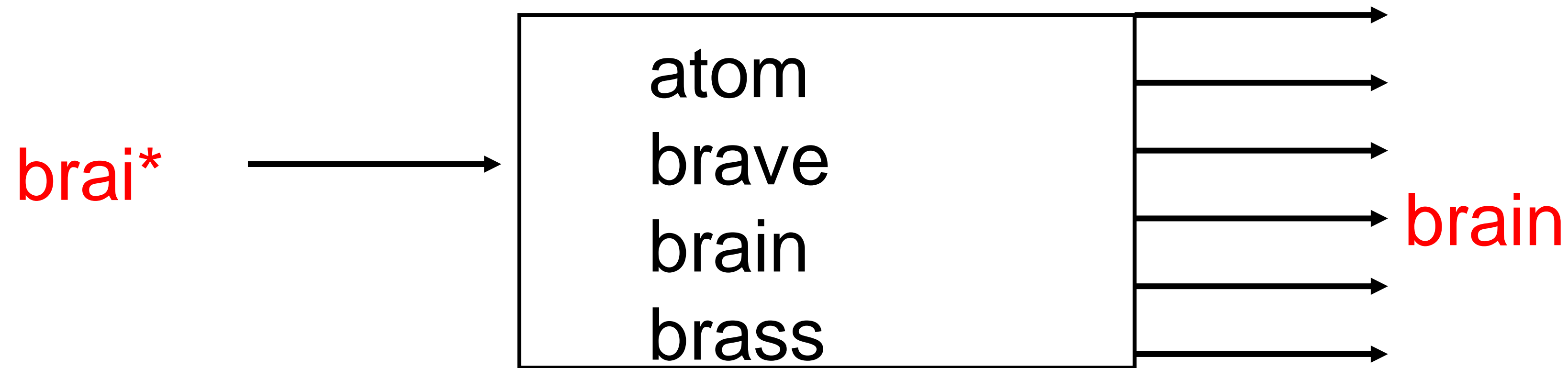
Associations, Associative Memory



*Read this text **NOW!***



pattern completion/word recognition



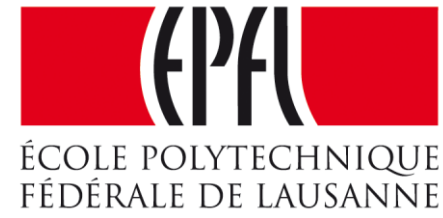
Noisy word

List of words

Output the closest one

***Your brain fills in missing information:
‘associative memory’***

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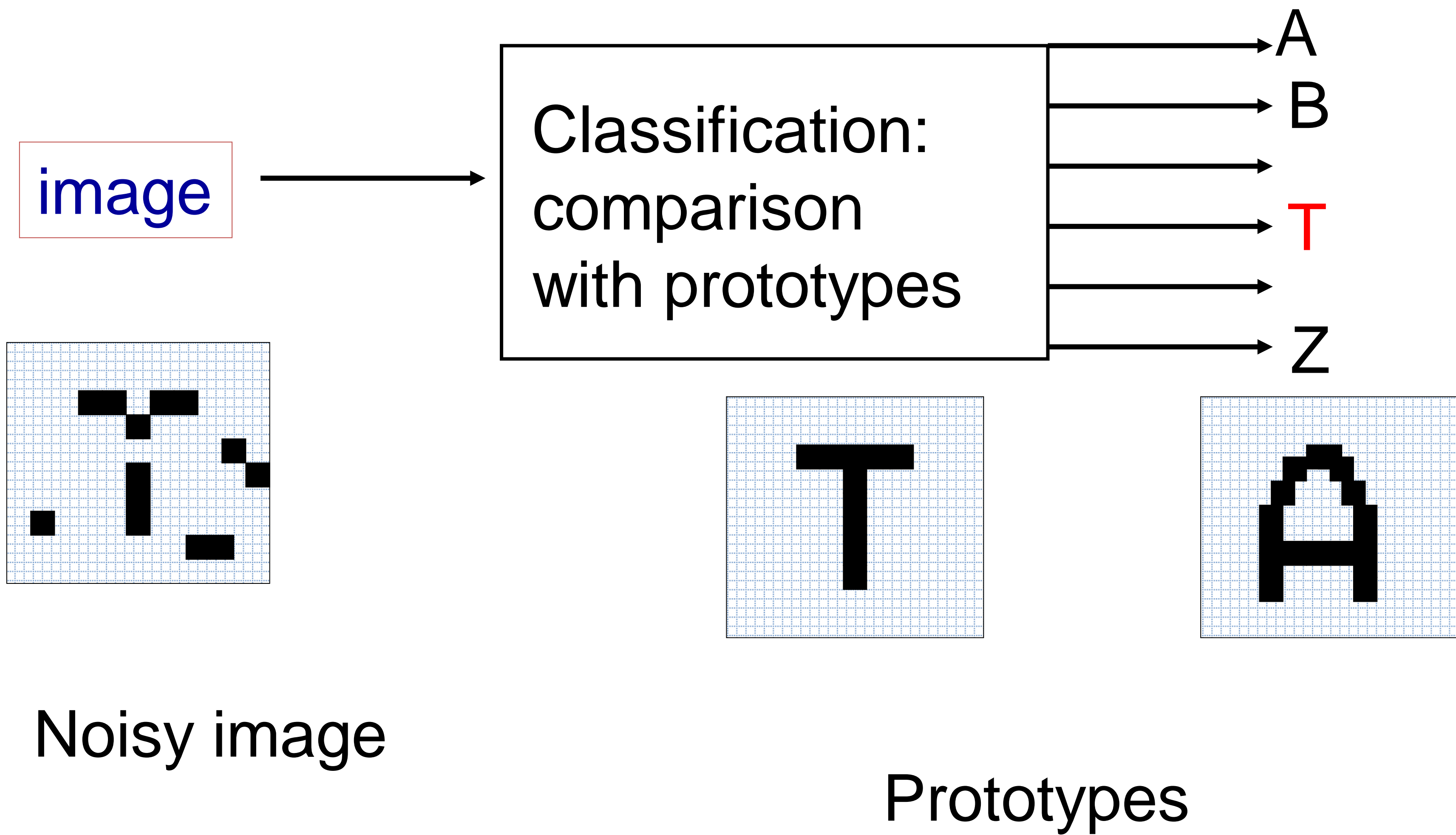
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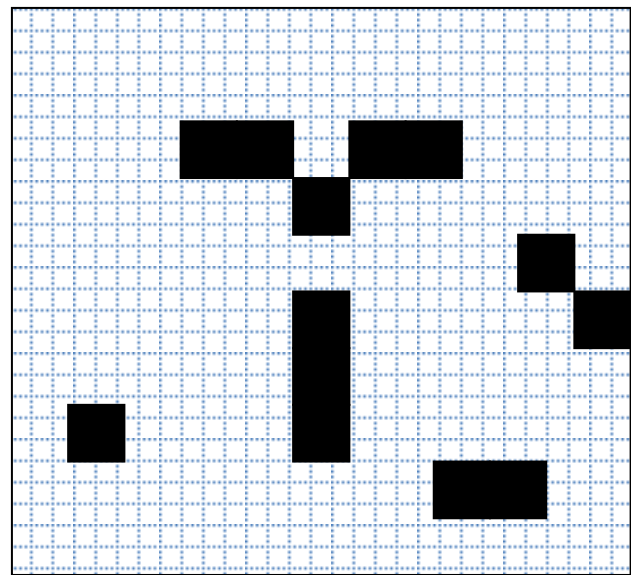


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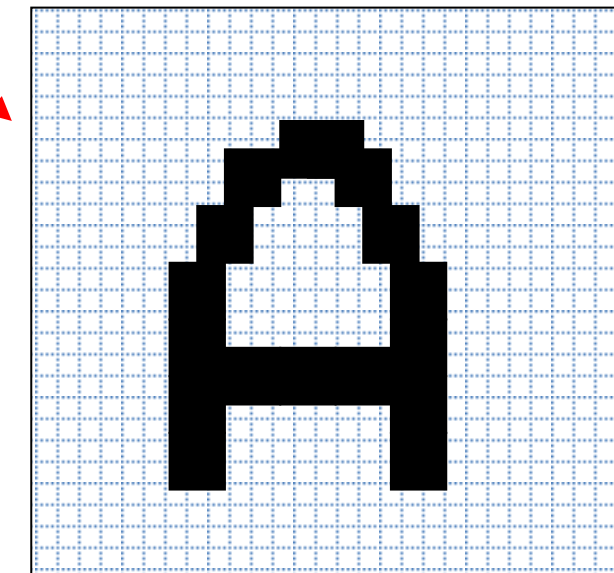
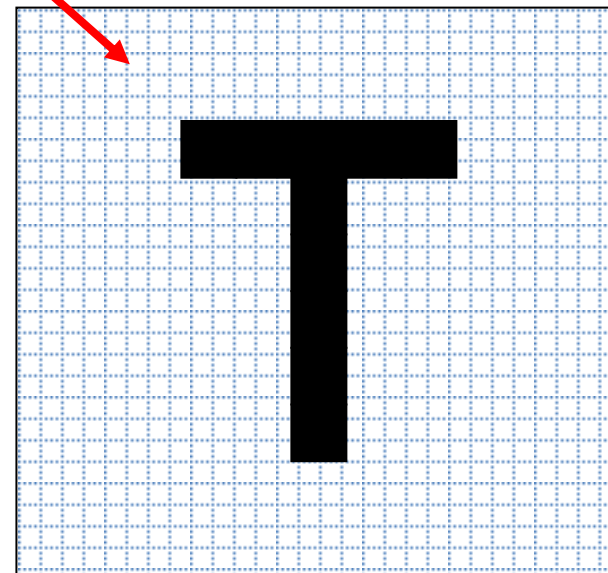
Classification by closest prototype

Blackboard:

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



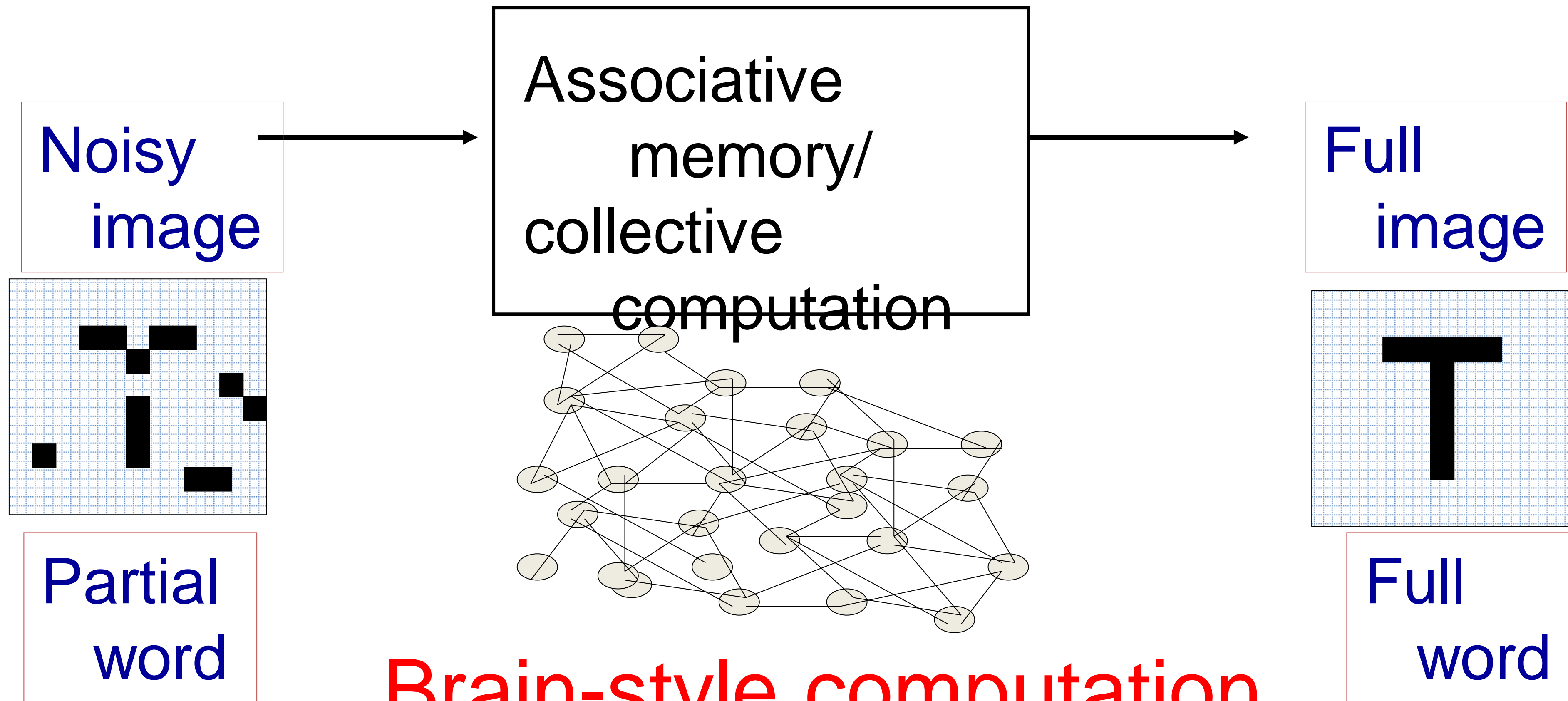
Noisy image



Prototypes

5.2 pattern recognition and Pattern completion

Aim: Understand Associative Memory



Brain-style computation

Quiz 5.1: Connectivity

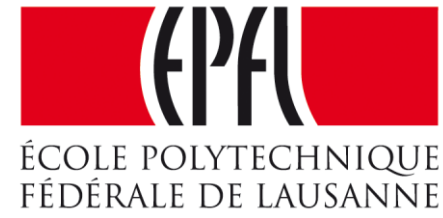
A typical neuron in the brain makes connections

- 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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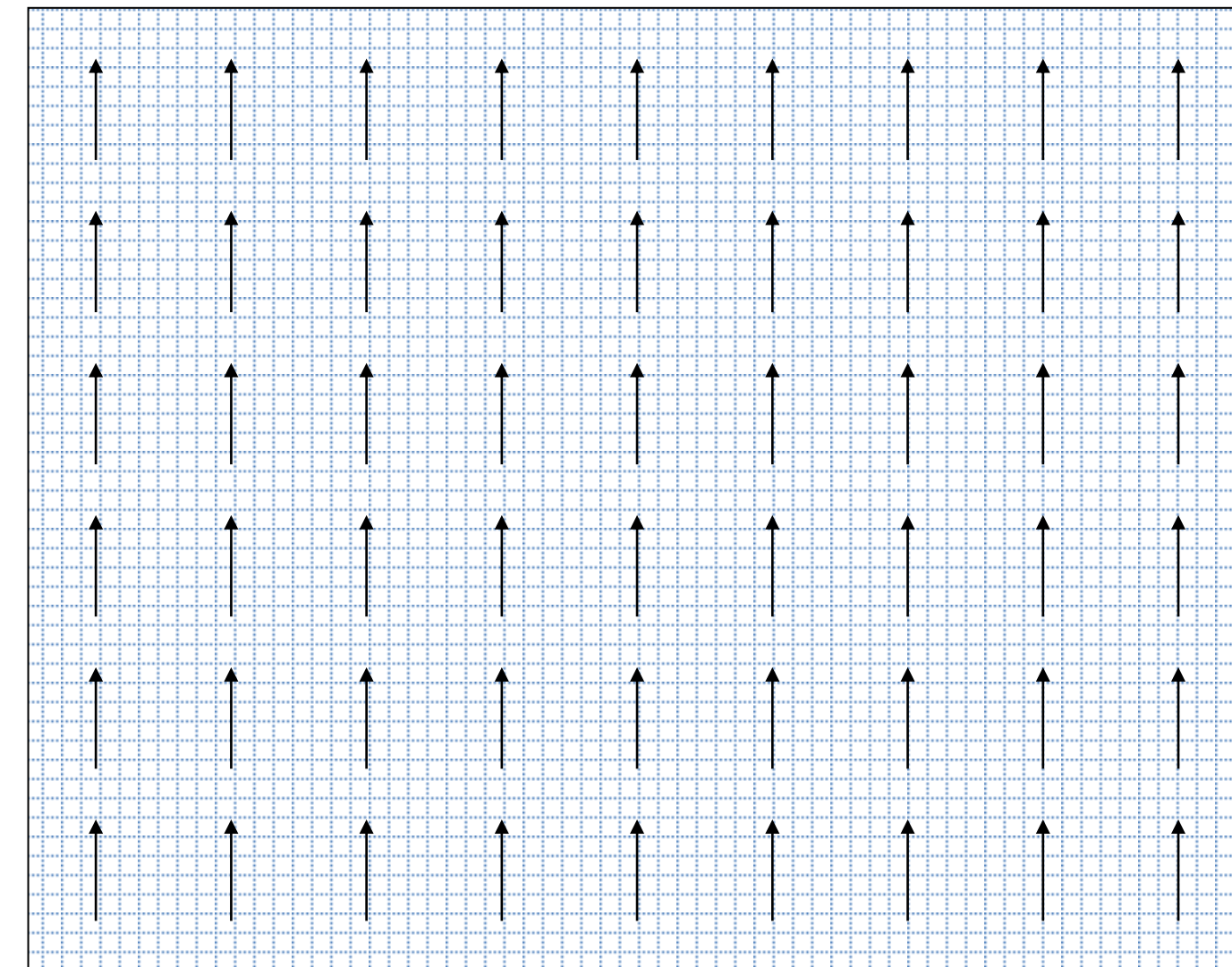
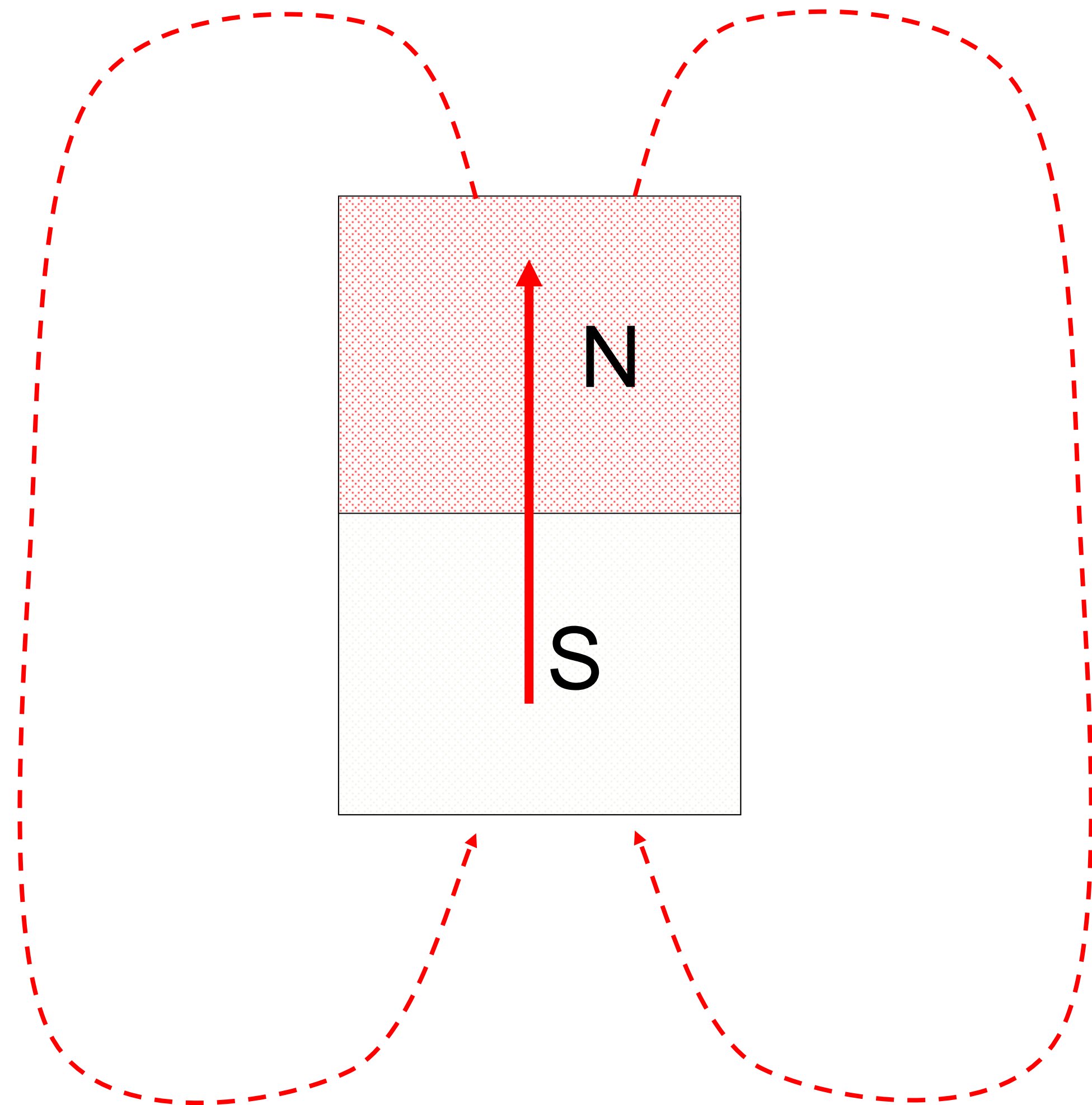
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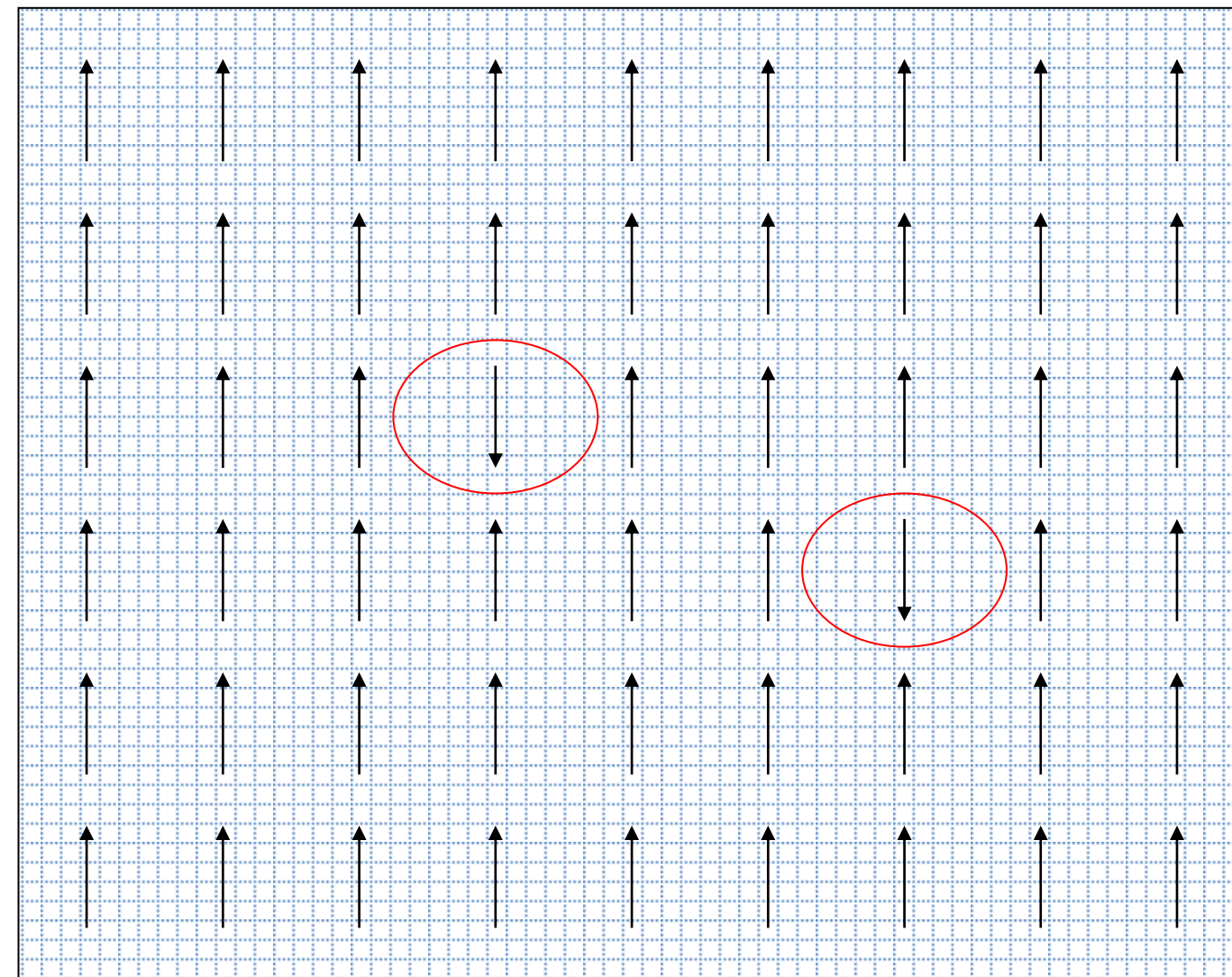
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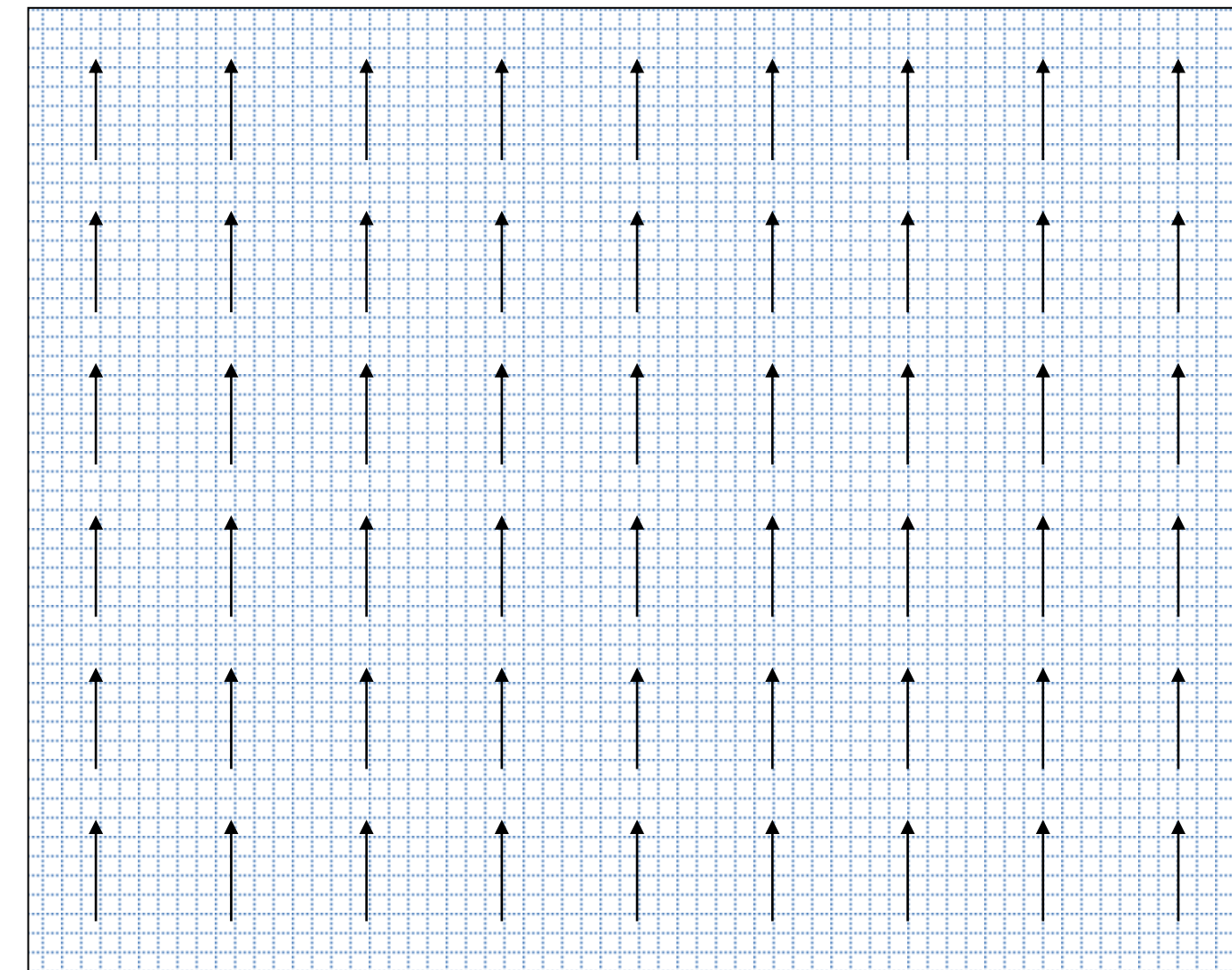
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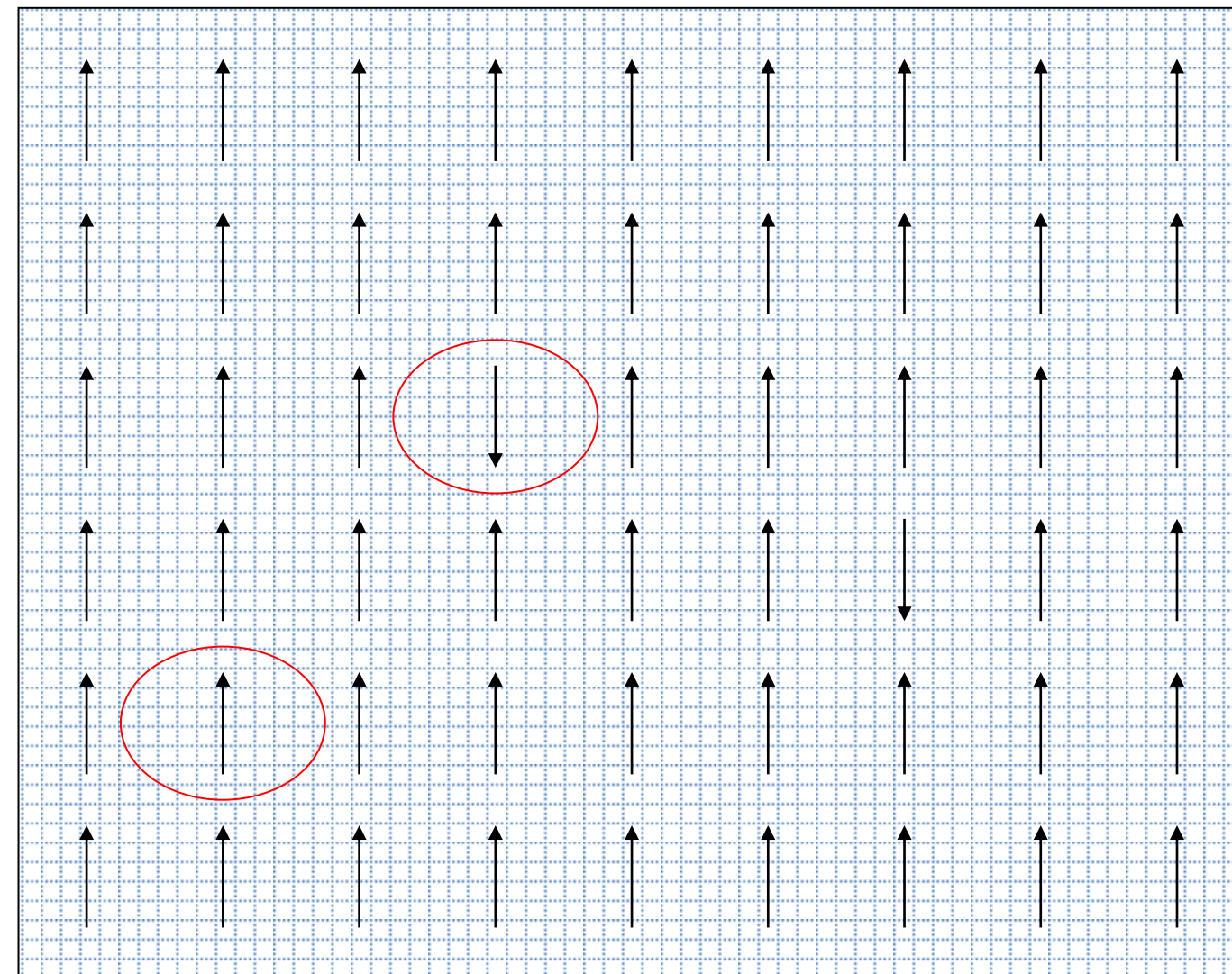


Noisy magnet



pure magnet

5.3 Detour: magnetism



Elementary magnet

$$\uparrow S_i = +1$$

$$\downarrow S_i = -1$$

*Blackboard:
example*

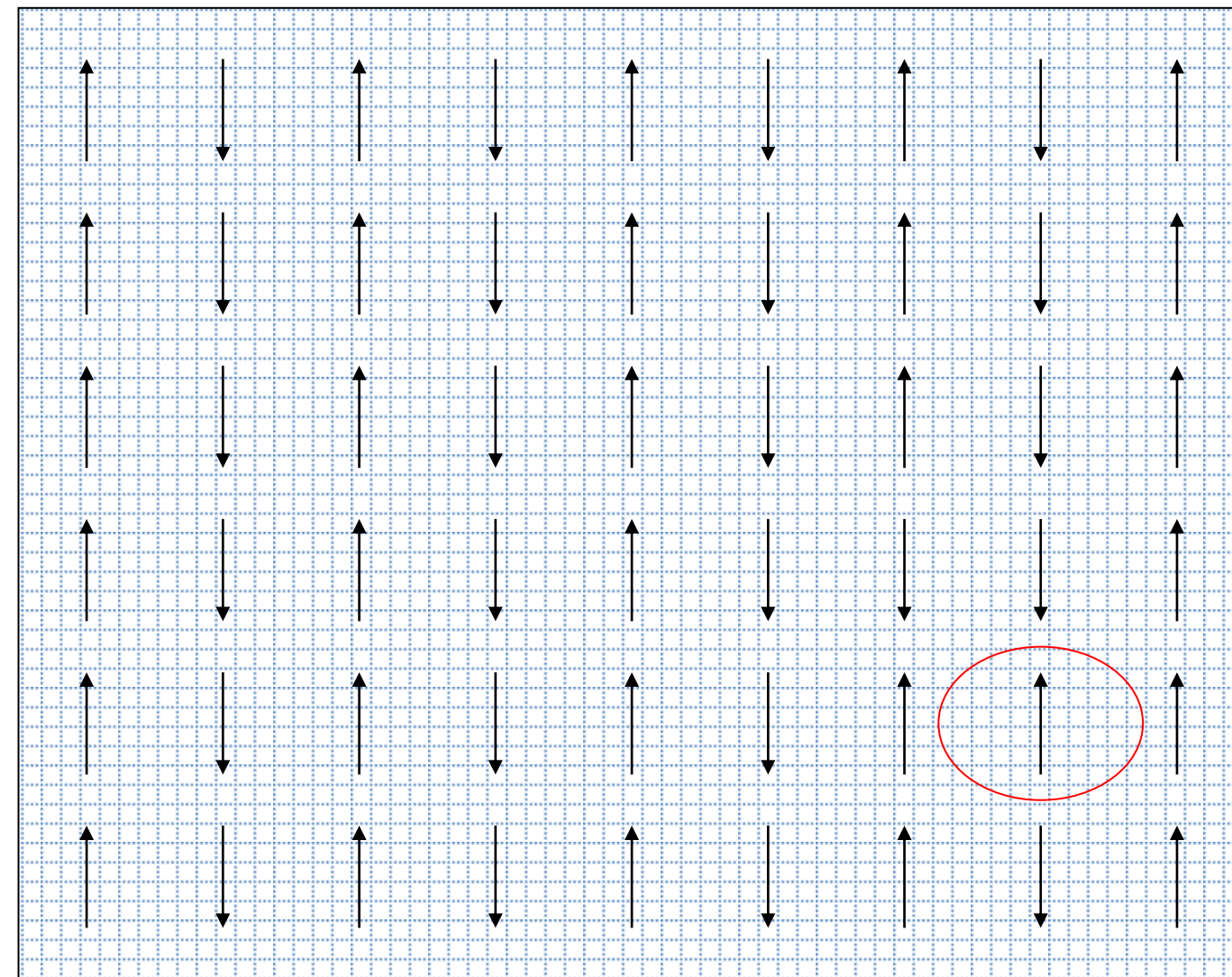
dynamics

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

Sum over all
interactions with i

5.3 Detour: magnetism

Anti-ferromagnet



blackboard

Elementary magnet

$$\uparrow S_i = +1$$

$$\downarrow S_i = -1$$

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

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

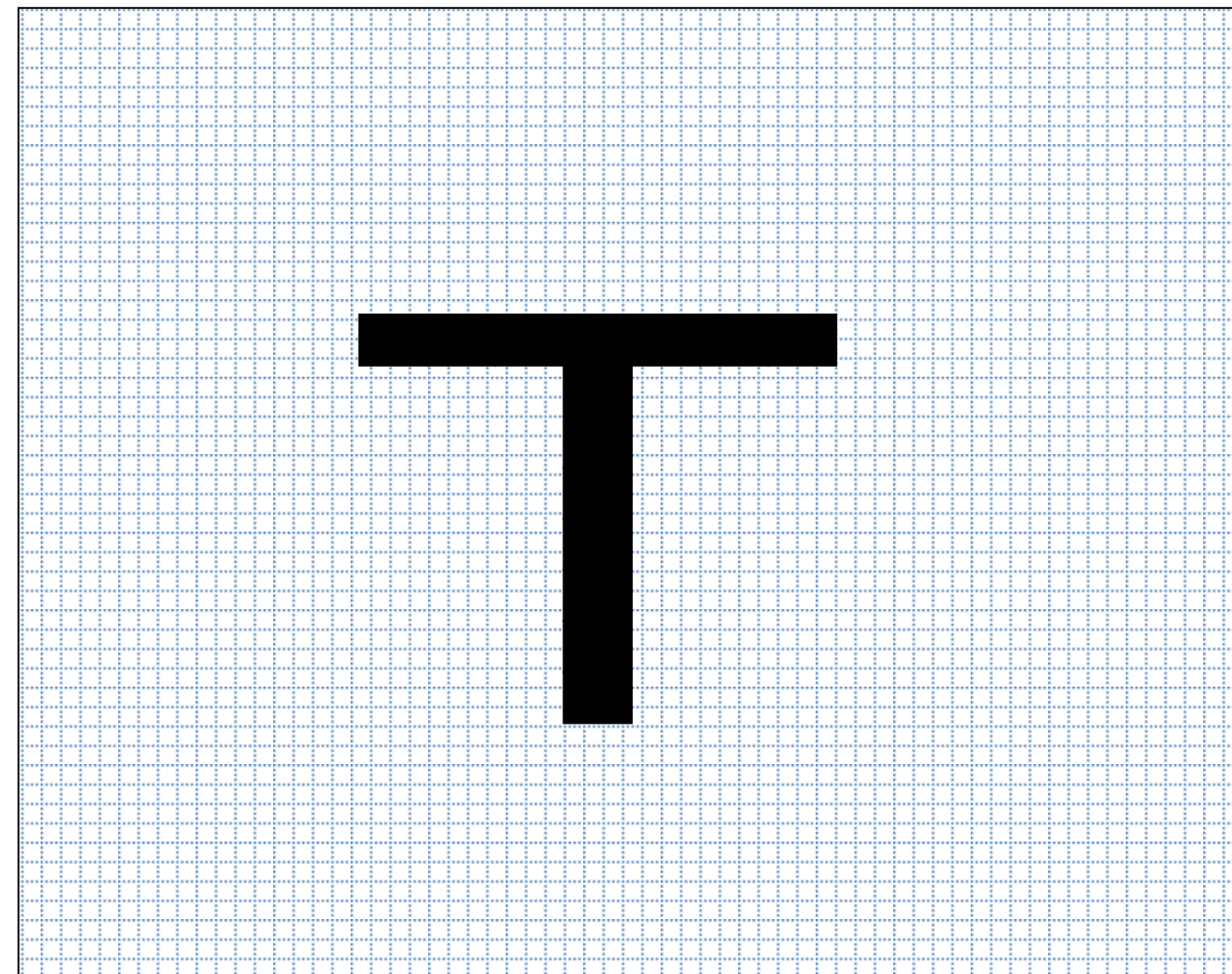
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Sum over all
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5.3 Magnetism and memory patterns

blackboard



Hopfield model:
Several patterns → next section

Elementary pixel

■ $S_i = +1$

□ $S_i = -1$

■ ↔ ■ $w_{ij} = +1$

□ ↔ □ $w_{ij} = +1$

□ ↔ ■ $w_{ij} = -1$

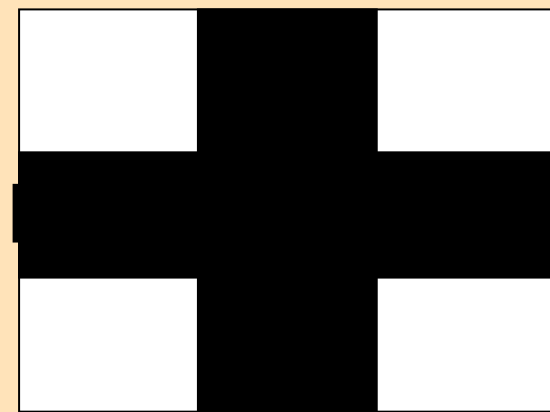
dynamics

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

Sum over all
interactions with i

Exercise 1: Associative memory (1 pattern)

***Next lecture at
10h15***



dynamics

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

Sum over all
interactions with i

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

Elementary pixel

■ $S_i = +1$

□ $S_i = -1$

■ ↔ ■ $w_{ij} = +1$

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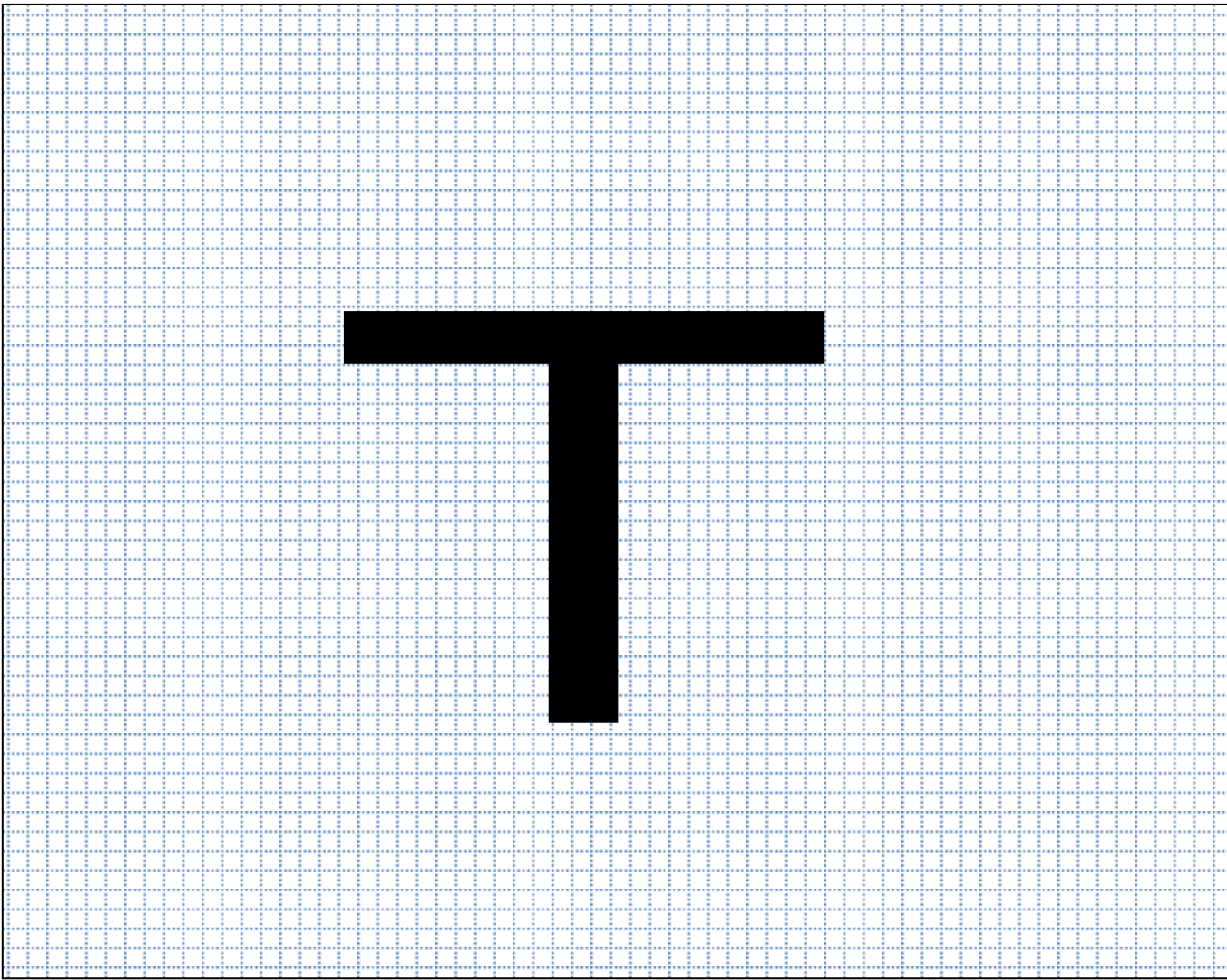
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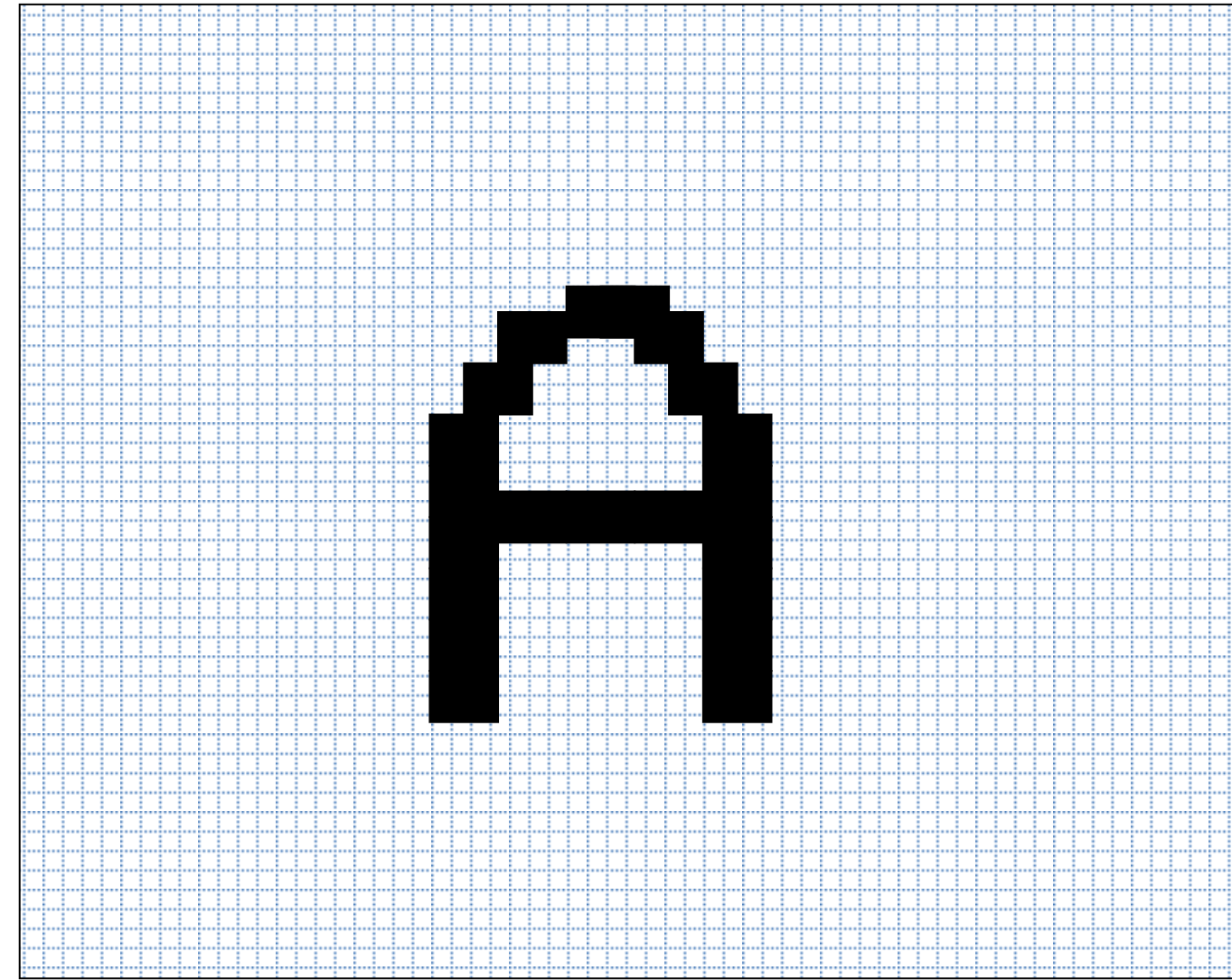
5.6 Storage Capacity

5.4 Hopfield Model of Associative Memory



Prototype

\vec{p}^1



Prototype

\vec{p}^2

Hopfield model

interactions

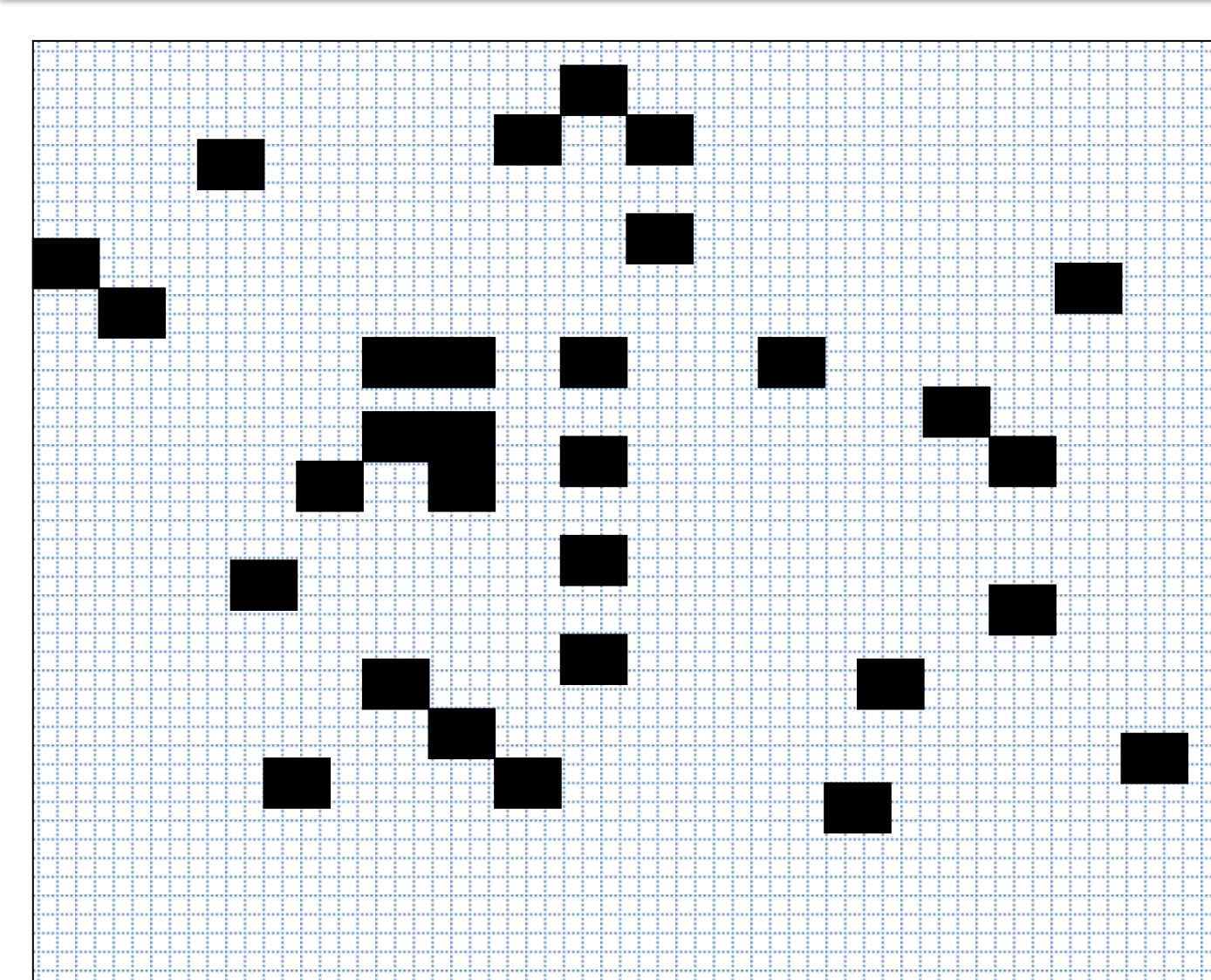
$$w_{ij} = \sum_{\mu} p_i^{\mu} p_j^{\mu}$$

Sum over all
prototypes
dynamics

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

Sum over all
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5.4 Hopfield Model of Associative Memory



Prototype

\vec{p}^1

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

DEMO

dynamics

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

all interactions with i

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

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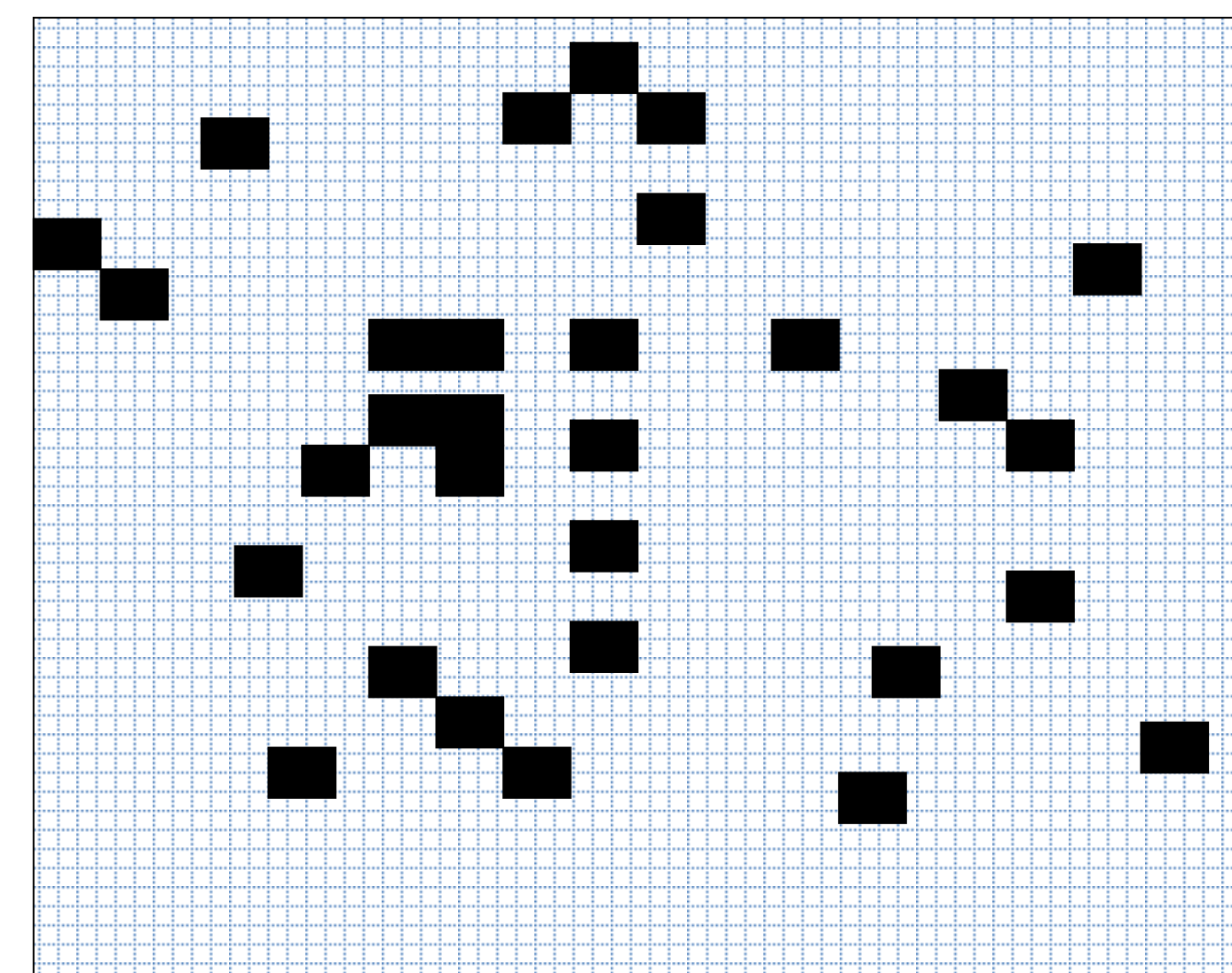
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Blackboard

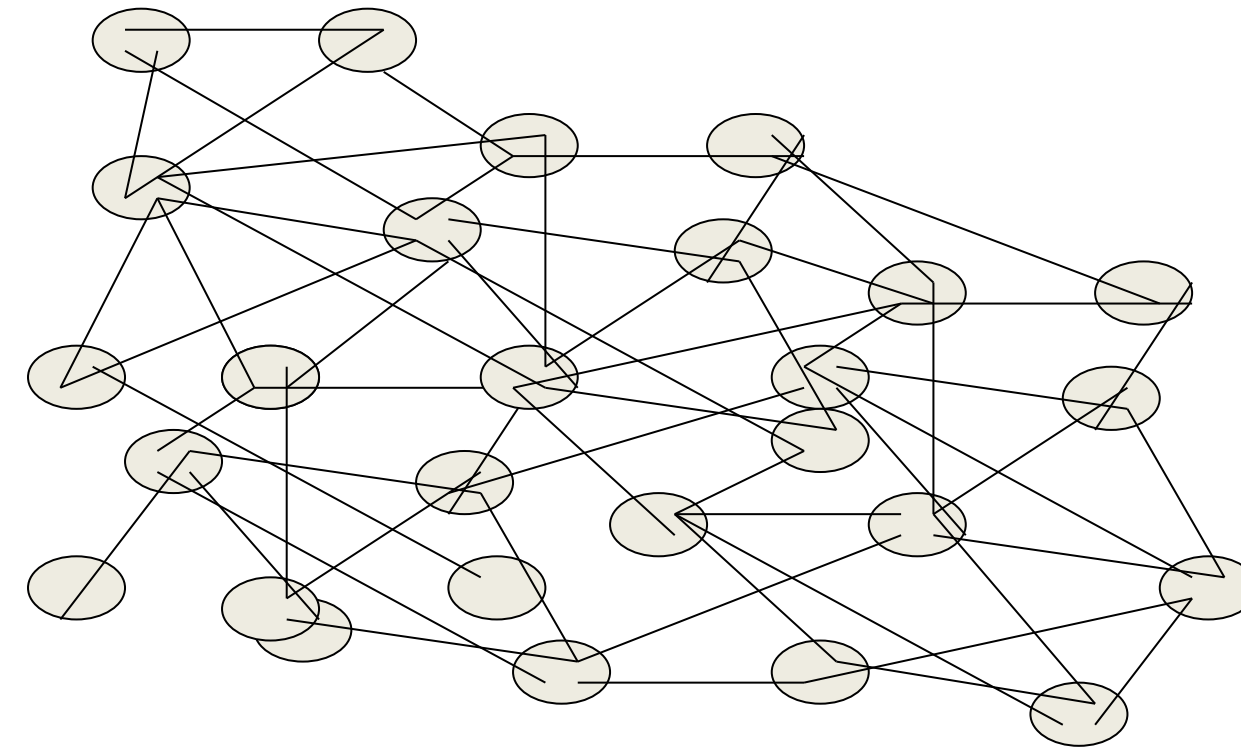
overlap $m^{\mu}(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j \xi^{\mu} S_j \quad t$

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

5.4 Hopfield Model of Associative Memory



Interacting neurons



Prototype

\vec{p}^1

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

Hopfield model

Computation

- without CPU,
- without explicit memory unit

Exercise 3 (now)

***Next lecture at
11h15***

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

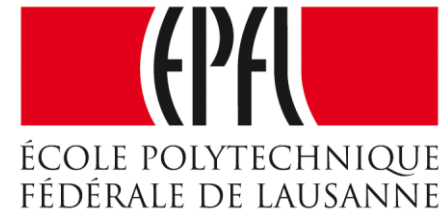
$$S_i(t+1) = \text{sgn} \left[\sum_j w_{ij} S_j \right]$$

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)

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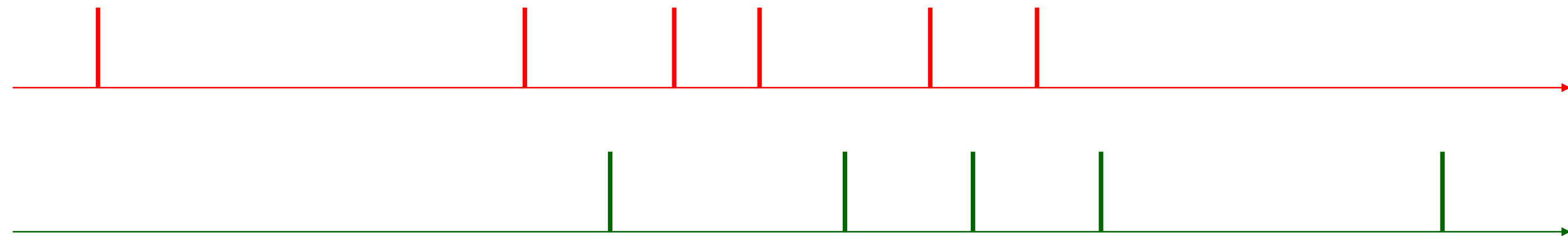
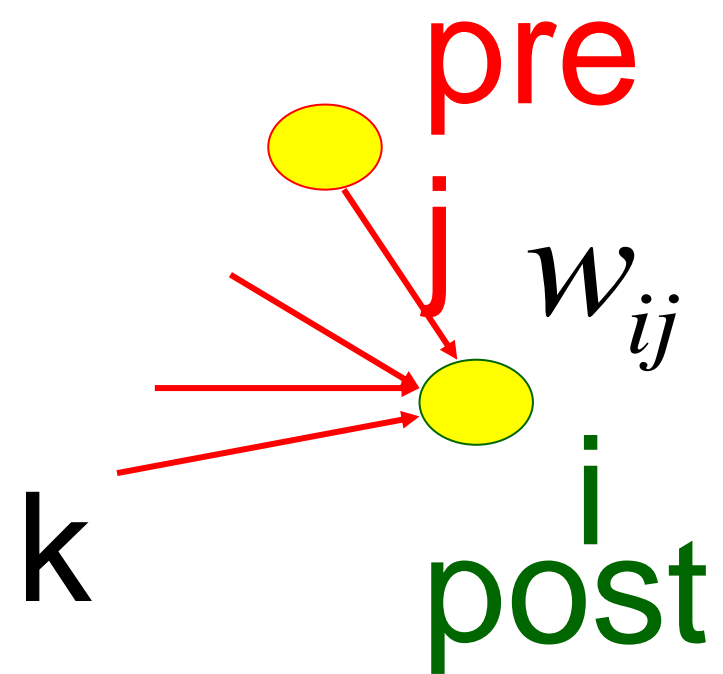
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5.5 Learning of Associations

Where do the connections come from?



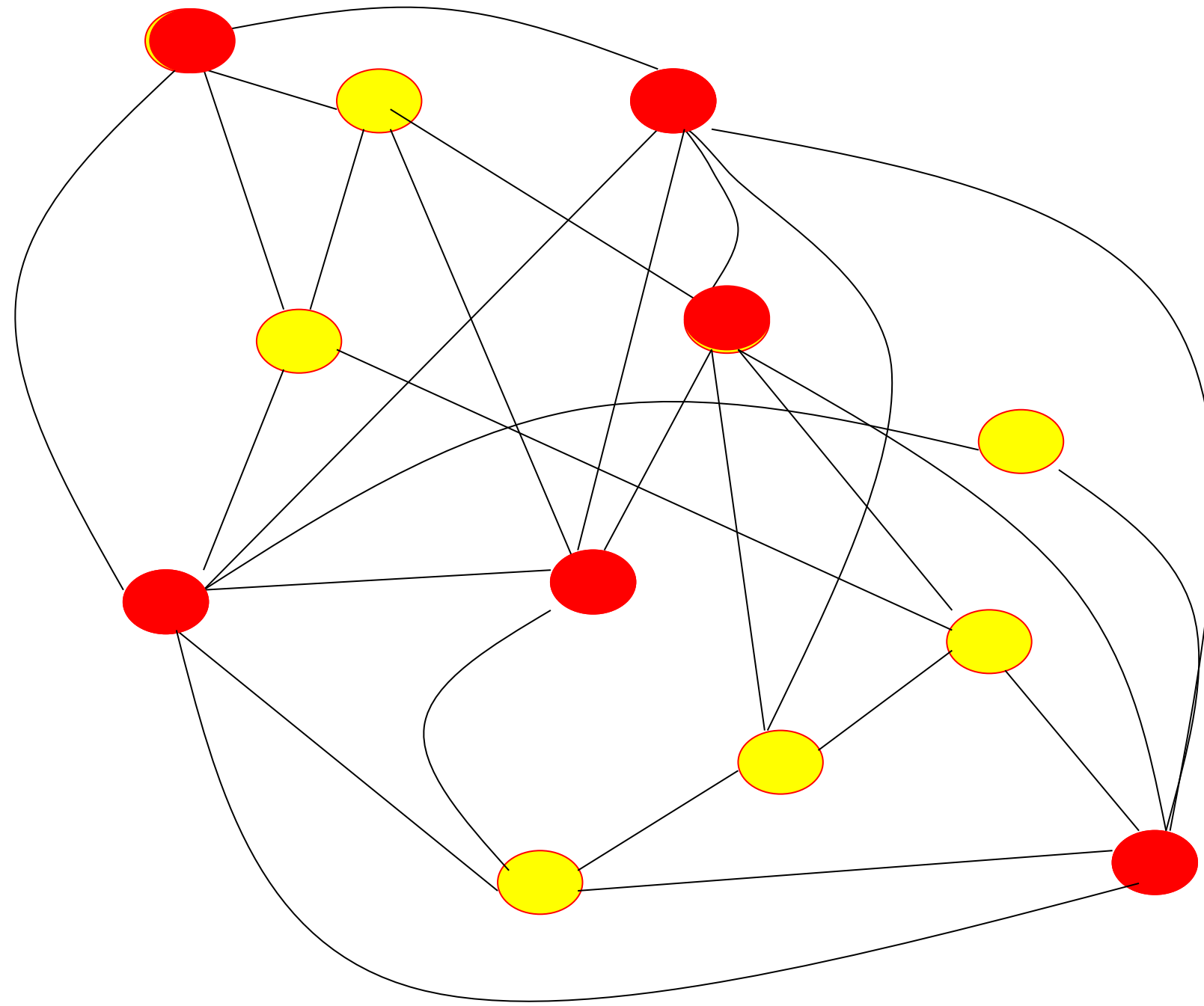
Hebbian Learning

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

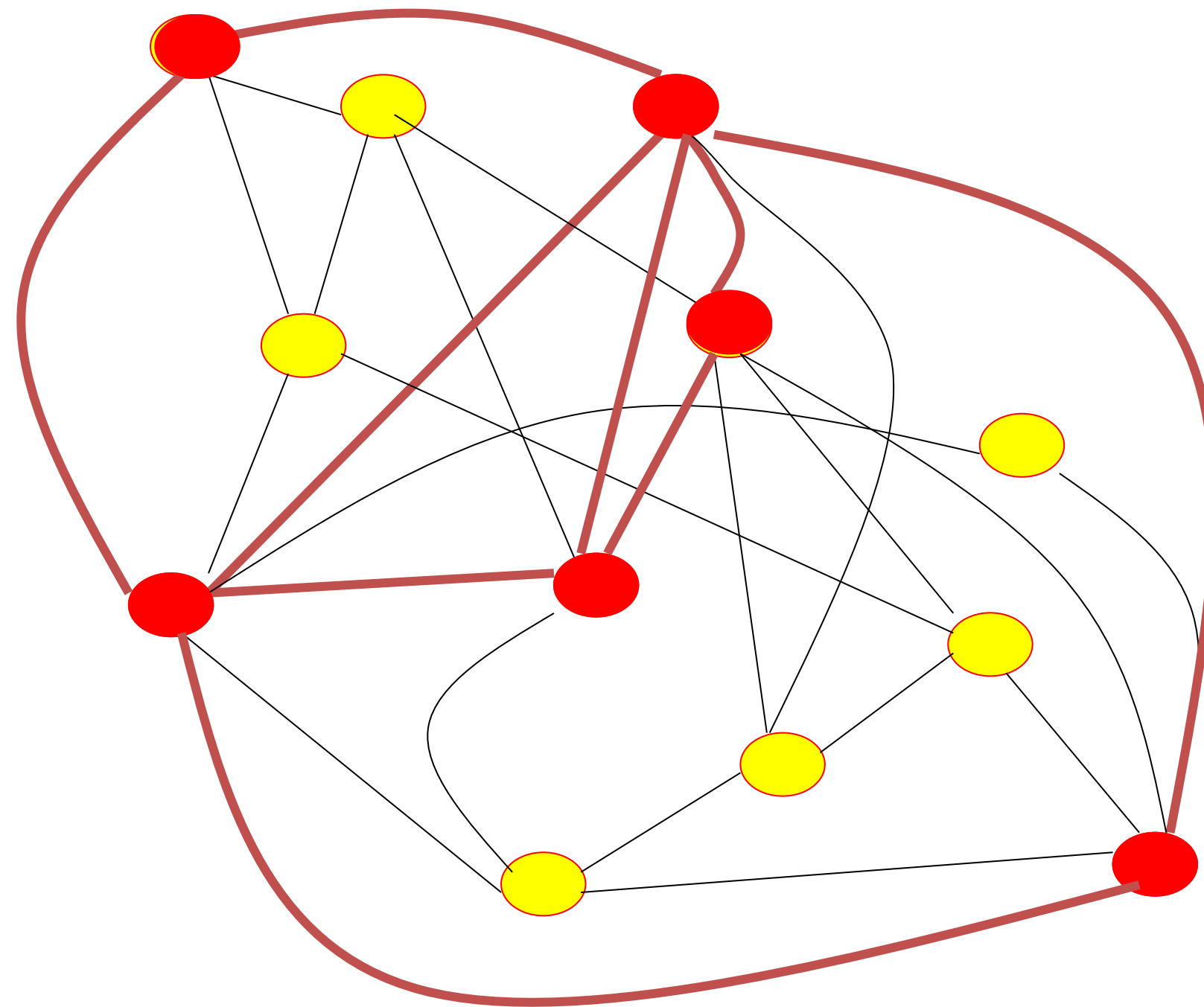
Hebb, 1949

- local rule
- simultaneously active (correlations)

5.5 Hebbian Learning of Associations



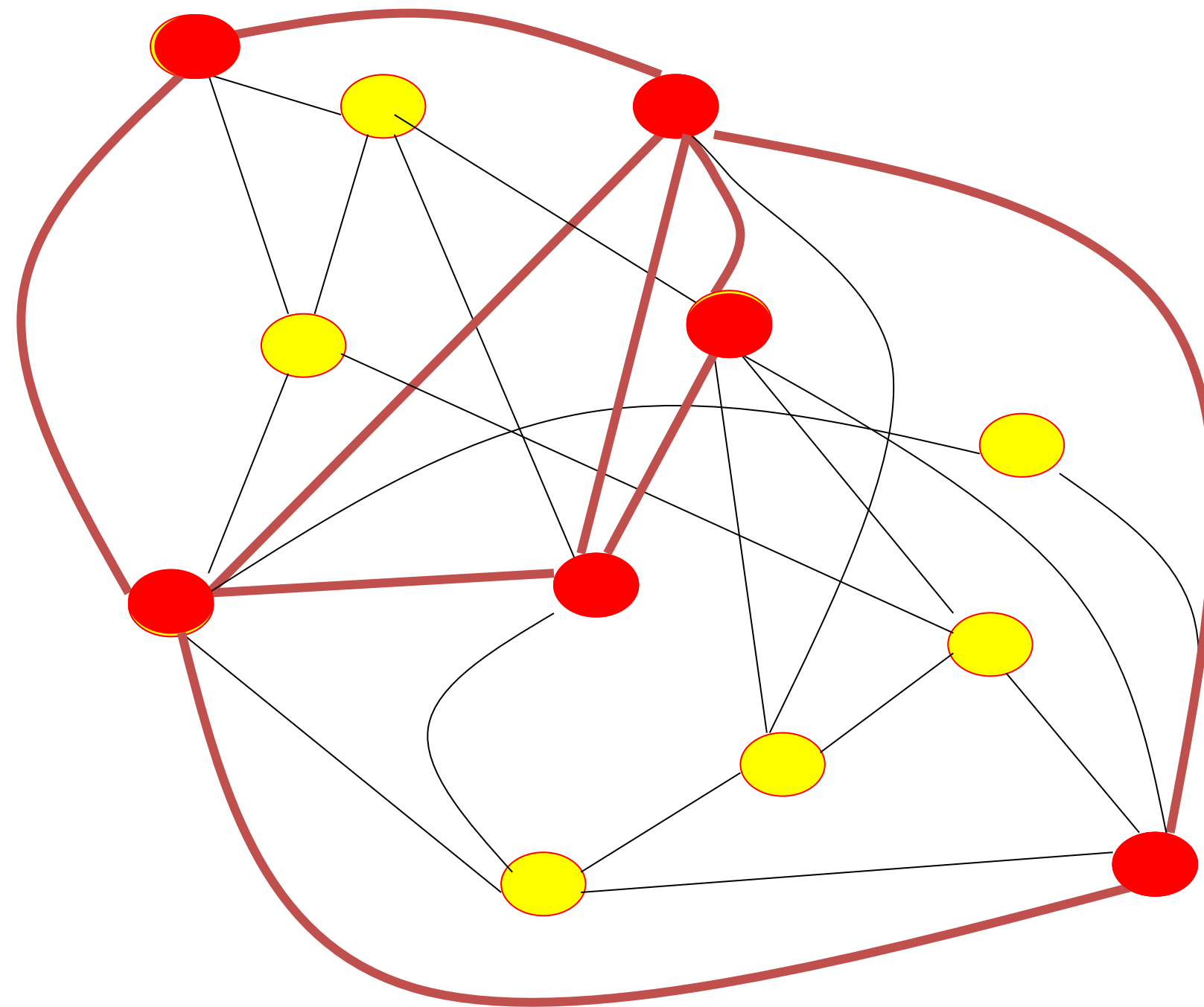
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item memorized

5.5 Hebbian Learning: Associative Recall

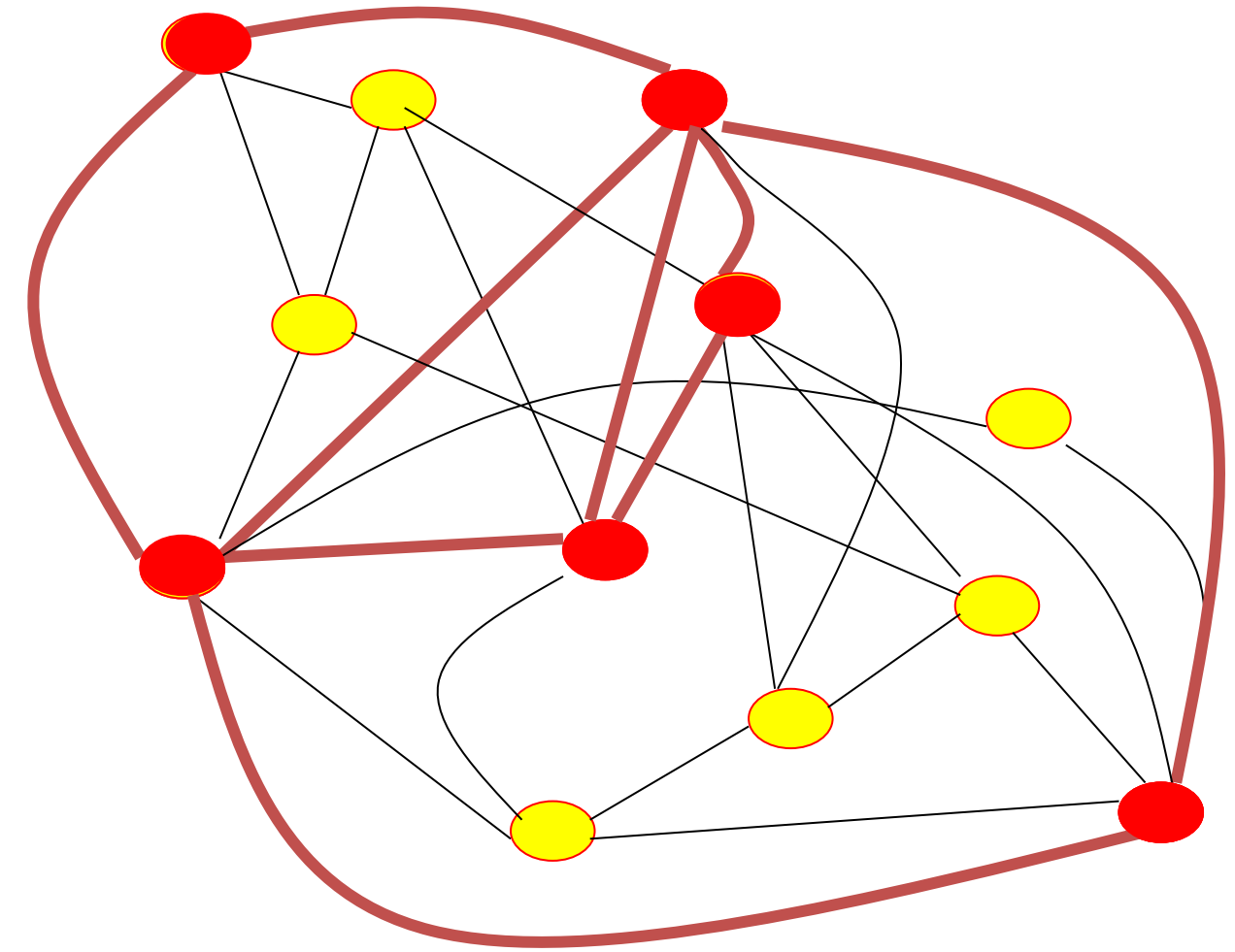
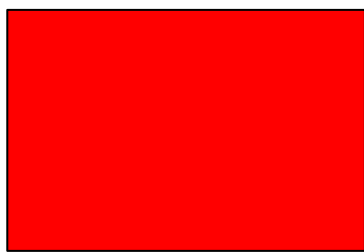
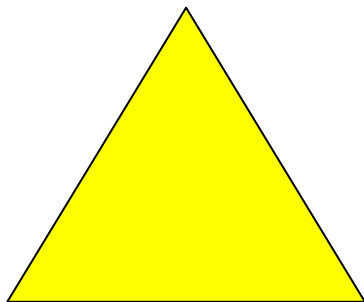
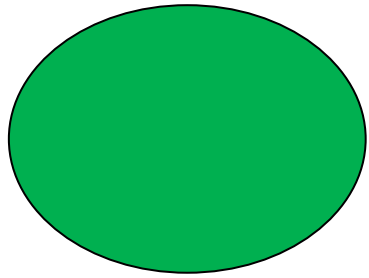
**Recall:
Partial info**



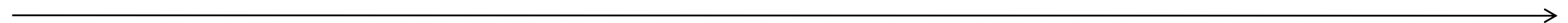
item recalled

5.5 Associative Recall

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



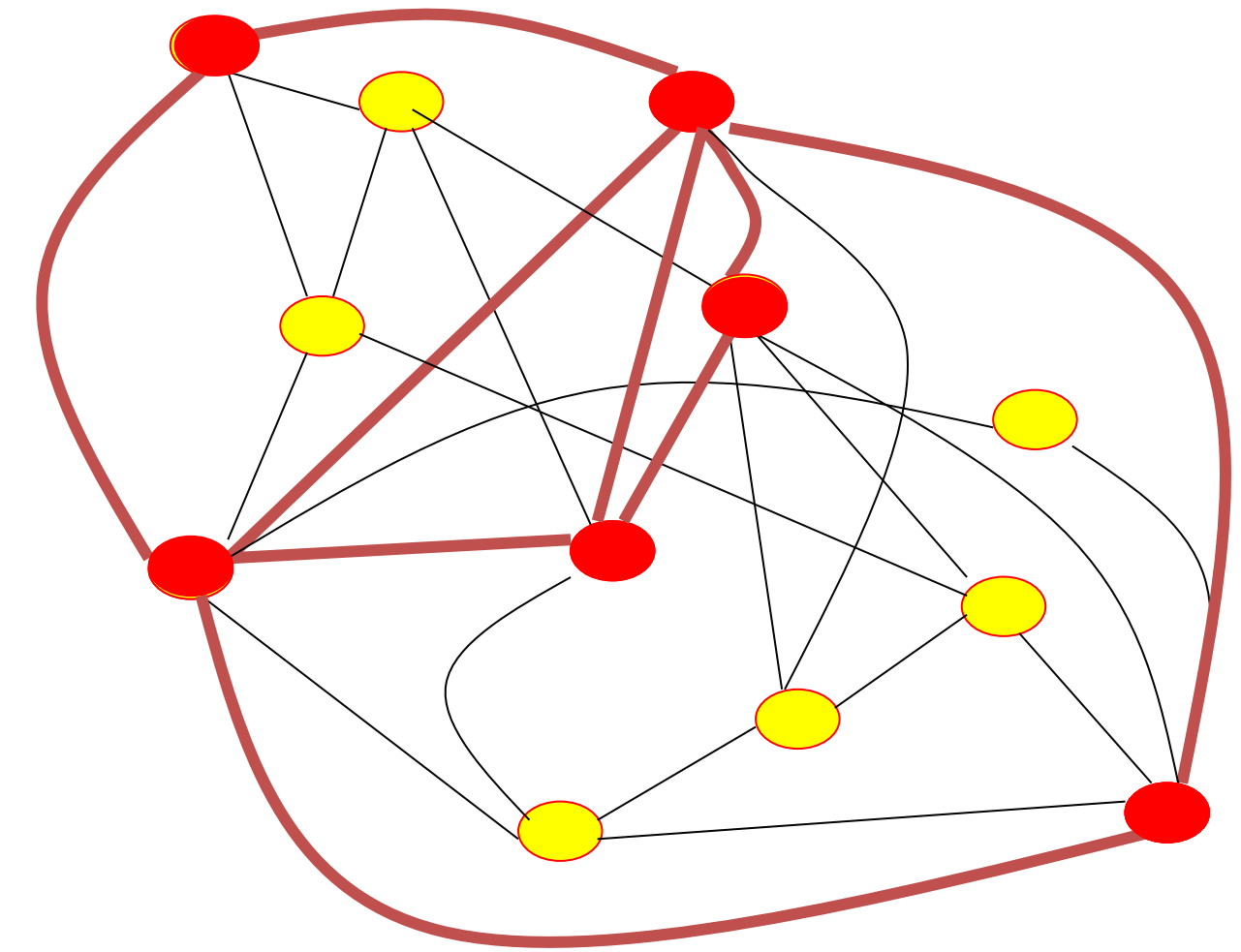
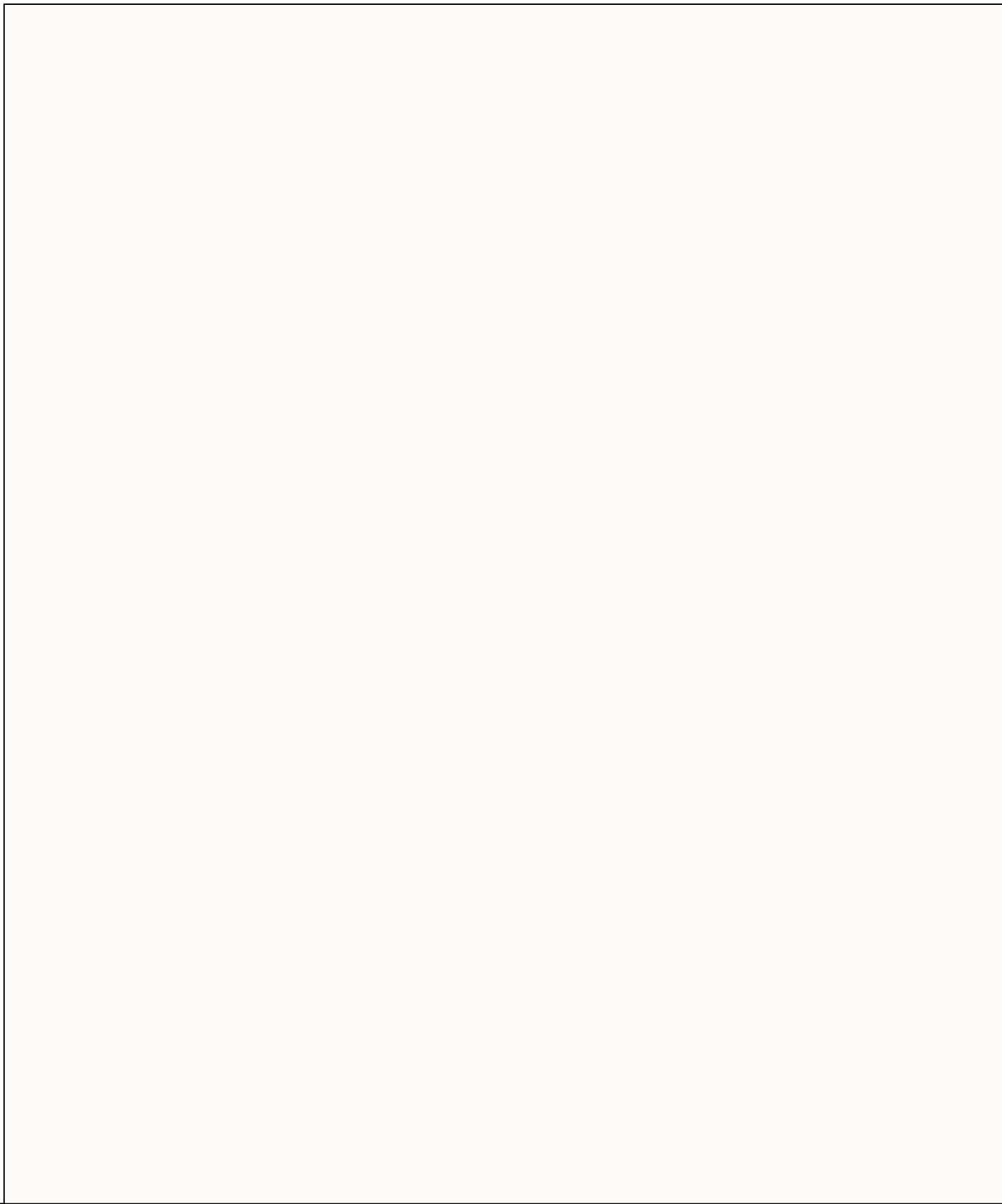
be as fast as possible:



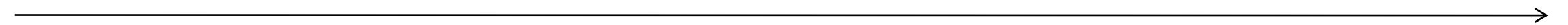
time

5.5 Associative Recall

Tell me the **color**
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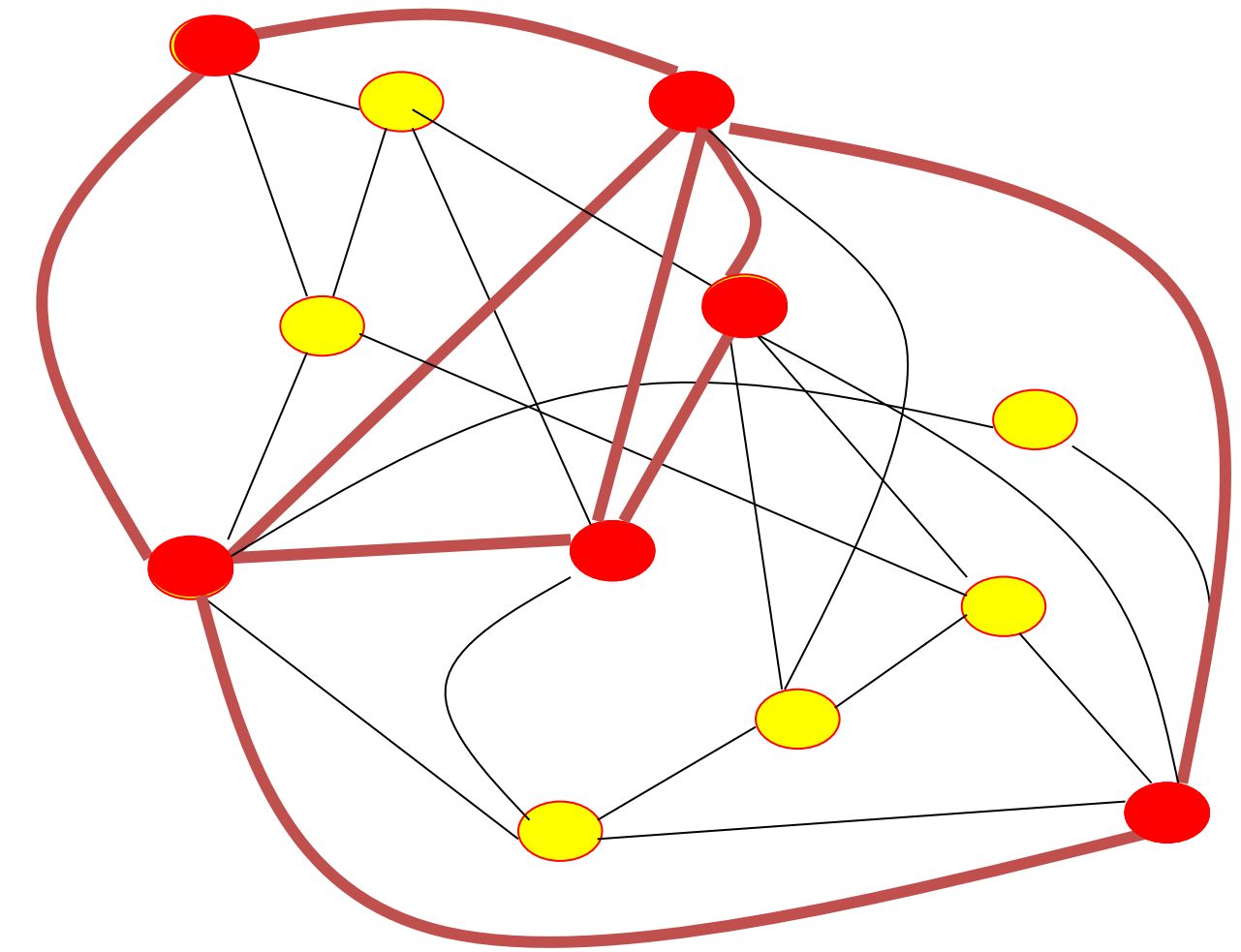
be as fast as possible:



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

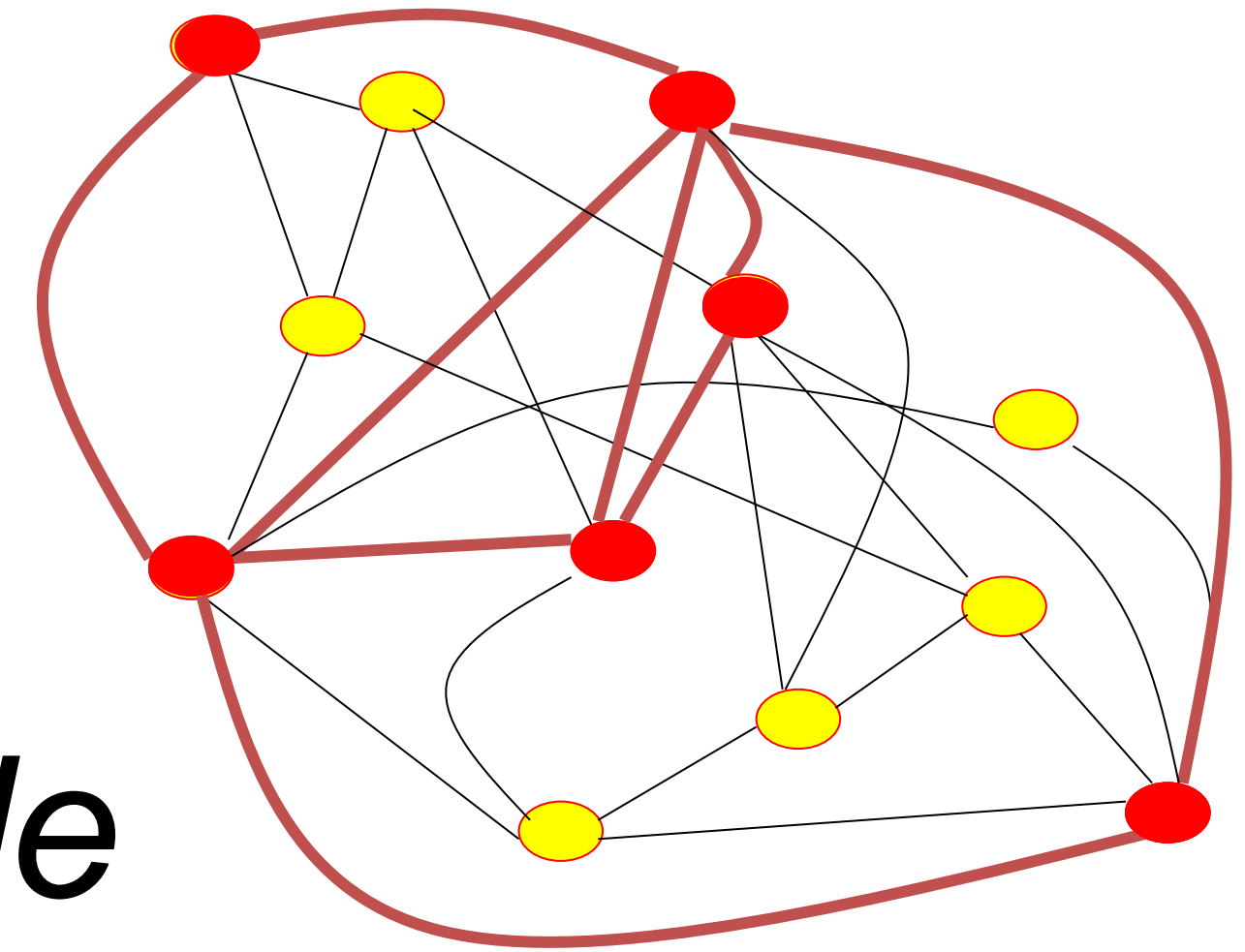
an example of a bird

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

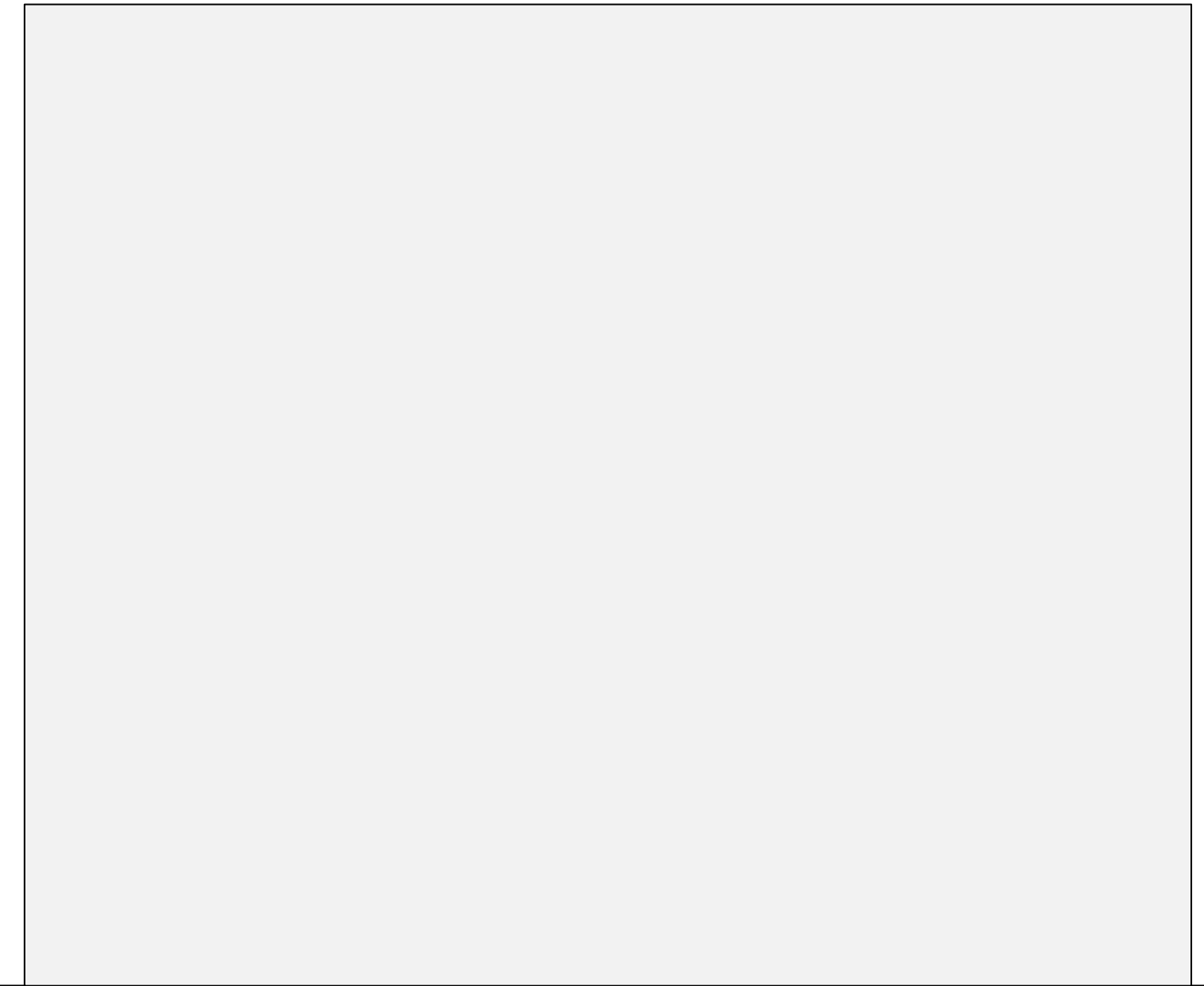
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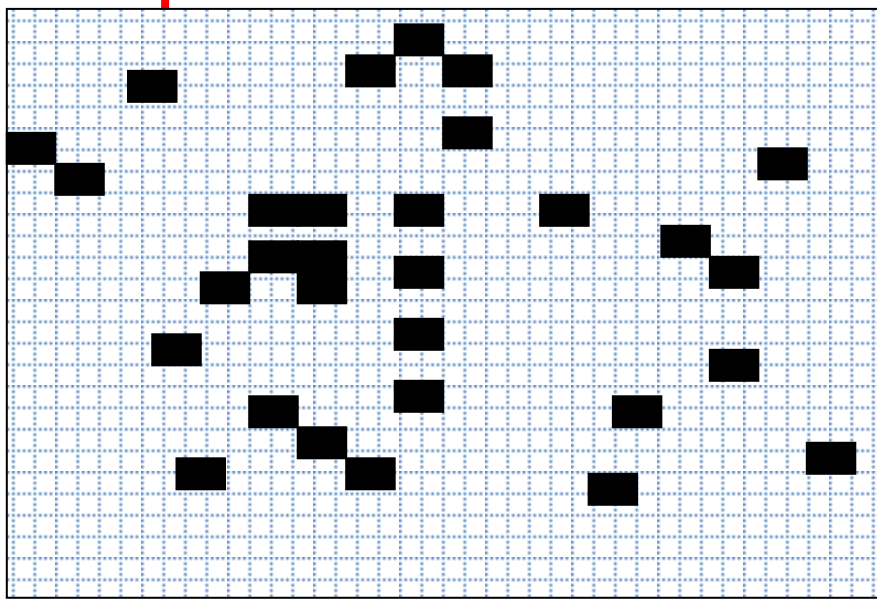
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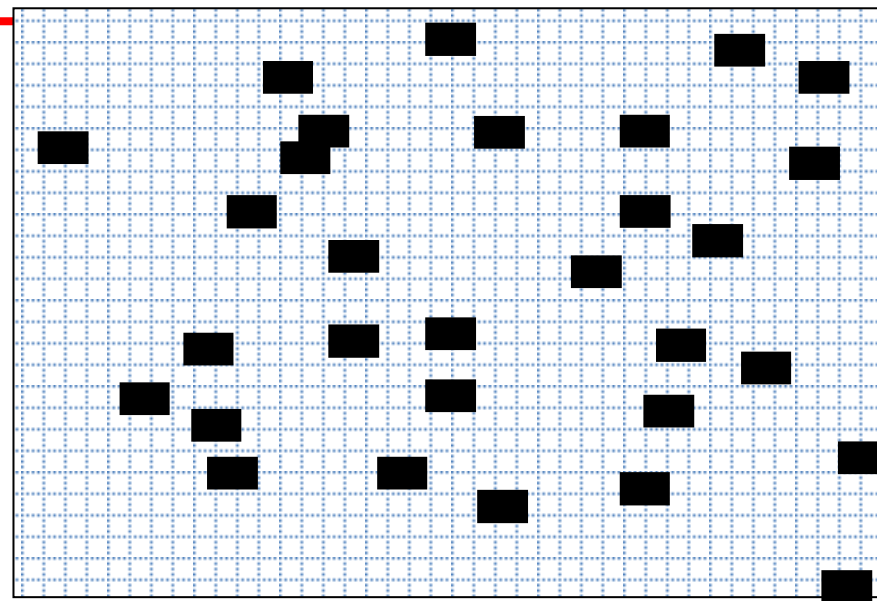
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learning of prototypes



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?

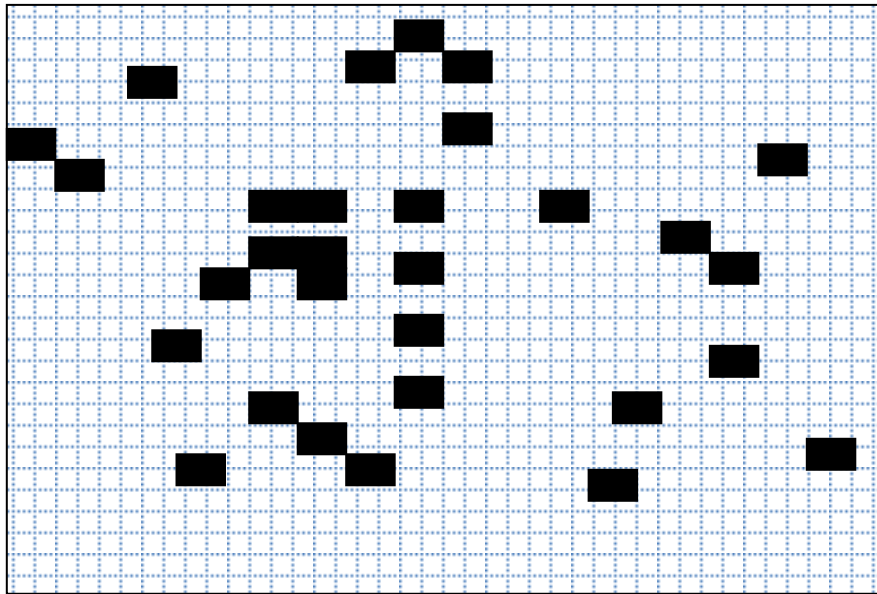
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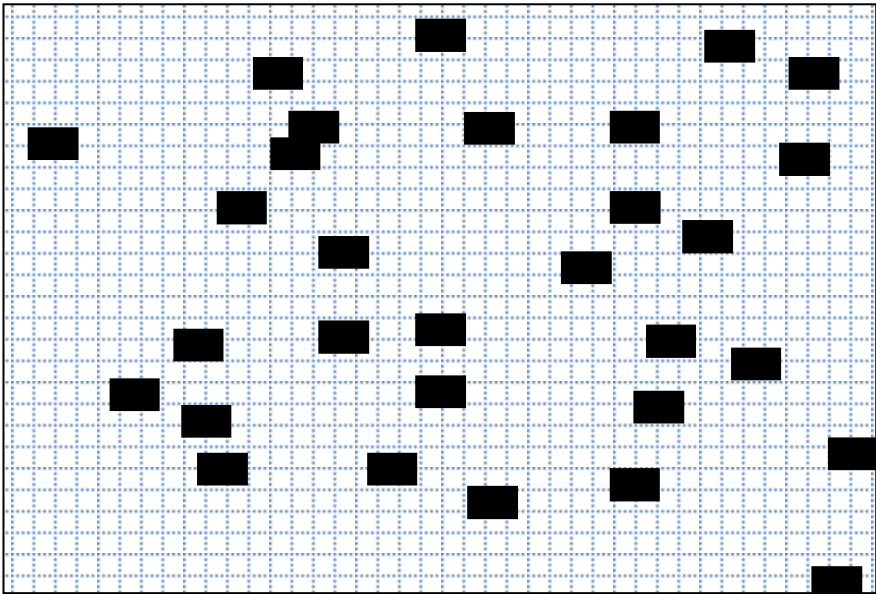
all interactions with i

Q; How many prototypes can be stored?

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)

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

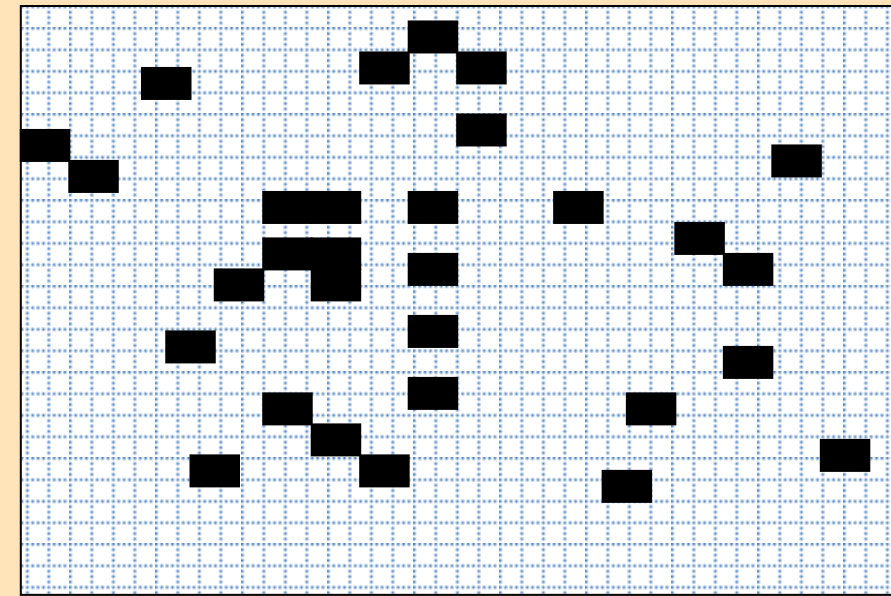
Minimal condition: pattern is fixed point of dynamics

- Assume we start directly in one pattern
- Pattern stays

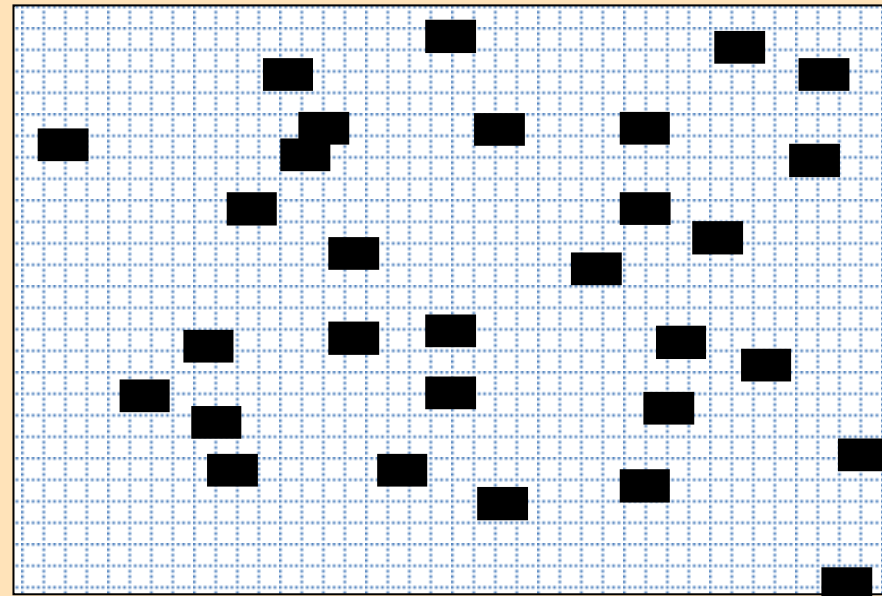
Attention: Retrieval requires more (pattern completion)

Exercise 4 now: Associative memory

Q; How many prototypes can be stored?



Prototype
 \vec{p}^1



Prototype
 \vec{p}^2

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

Random patterns

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

Dynamics (2)

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

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?

The end