


9.5.3 - Coarse Coding

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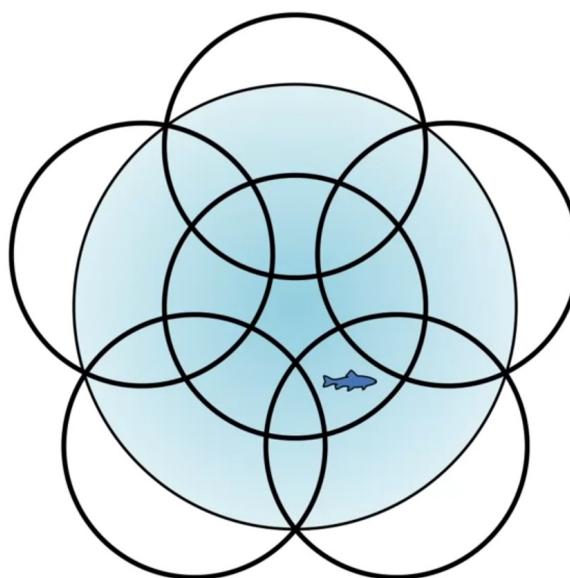
e.g. Continuous 2D space, circles represent features in state space.

↳ If state is inside a circle, the feature has value 1 and is **present**.

↳ Otherwise feature is 0 and **absent**.

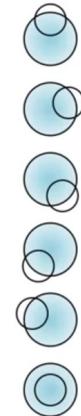
Representing a state w/ overlapping features this way is **coarse coding**.

↳ i.e. Generalization between different states depends on the number of their features whose receptive fields overlap.



$$x(s)$$

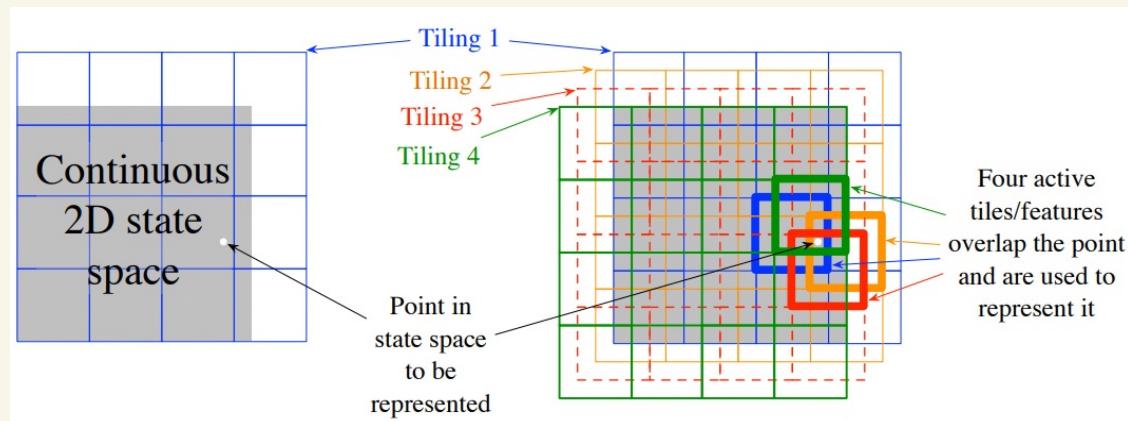
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



9. S, f - Tile Coding

Tile coding is a form of coarse coding for non-2D, multi-dimensional continuous spaces,

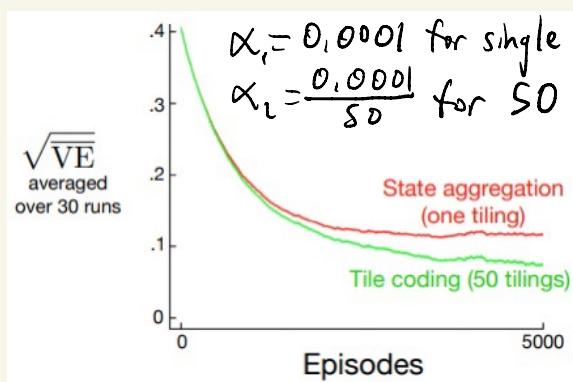
- ↳ Receptive fields of features are grouped into partitions of the state space.
- ↳ Each partition is a tiling, and each element of the partition is a tile.



⊗ Total # features present is always the same as the # tilings.

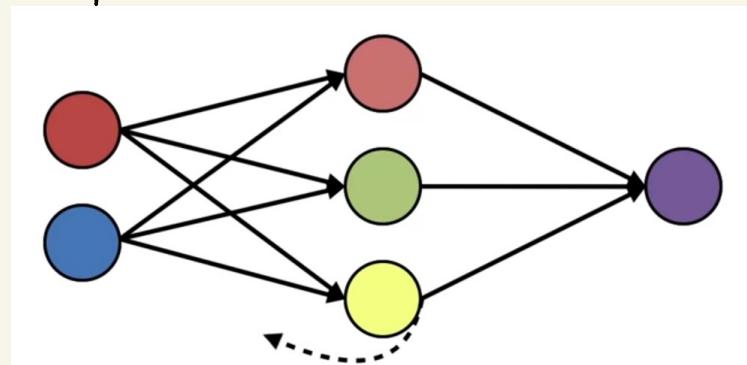
↳ Allows α to be chosen easily and intuitively.

e.g., $\alpha = \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow$ one-trial learning
 $n = \# \text{tilings}$



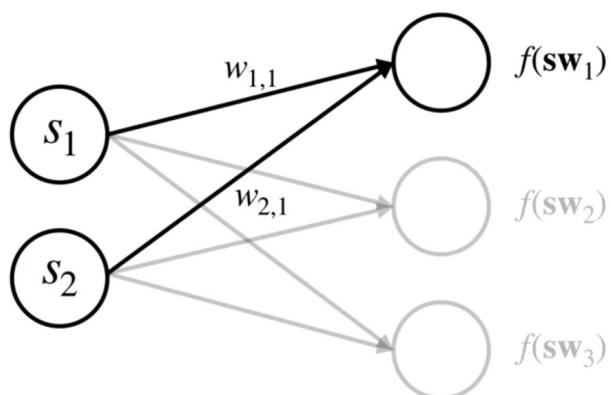
• Tile coding achieves better discrimination than state aggregation due to the small intersections created by overlapping tiles.

Simple Neural Network:



Input Layer Hidden Layer Output Layer

Implementation:



$$\mathbf{s} = [s_1, s_2]$$

$$\mathbf{w}_1 = [w_{1,1}, w_{2,1}]^T$$

$$\mathbf{s} = [s_1, s_2]$$

$$\mathbf{W} = [\mathbf{w}_1 \quad \mathbf{w}_2 \quad \mathbf{w}_3]$$

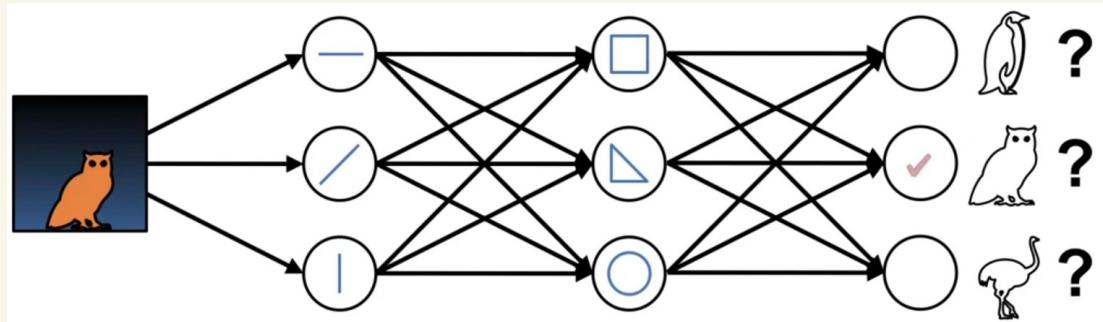
$$= \begin{bmatrix} w_{1,1} & w_{2,1} & w_{3,1} \\ w_{1,2} & w_{2,2} & w_{3,2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{outputs} = f(\mathbf{s}\mathbf{W})$$

Neural Networks Utilize Compositional Features:

Each layer has a different level of abstraction,

↳ Deeper networks facilitate better composition and abstraction.



Deriving Gradient Descent for NN's:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_k, \mathbf{y}_k)}{\partial \mathbf{B}_{jk}} &= \frac{\partial L(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_k, \mathbf{y}_k)}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{y}}_k} \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{y}}_k}{\partial \mathbf{B}_{jk}} \\ &= \frac{\partial L(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_k, \mathbf{y}_k)}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{y}}_k} \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{B}}(\theta_k)}{\partial \theta_k} \frac{\partial \theta_k}{\partial \mathbf{B}_{jk}} \\ &= \frac{\partial L(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_k, \mathbf{y}_k)}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{y}}_k} \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{B}}(\theta_k)}{\partial \theta_k} \mathbf{x}_j \quad \delta_k^{\mathbf{B}} = \frac{\partial L(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_k, \mathbf{y}_k)}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{y}}_k} \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{B}}(\theta_k)}{\partial \theta_k} \\ &= \delta_k^{\mathbf{B}} \mathbf{x}_j \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi &\equiv s \vec{A} \\ \vec{x} &\equiv f_{\vec{A}}(\Psi) \\ \Theta &\equiv \vec{x} \vec{B} \\ \vec{y} &\equiv f_{\vec{B}}(\Theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_k, \mathbf{y}_k)}{\partial \mathbf{A}_{ij}} &= \delta_k^{\mathbf{B}} \mathbf{B}_{jk} \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{A}}(\psi_j)}{\partial \psi_j} \mathbf{s}_i \quad \delta_j^{\mathbf{A}} = (\mathbf{B}_{jk} \delta_k^{\mathbf{B}}) \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{A}}(\psi_j)}{\partial \psi_j} \\ &= \delta_j^{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{s}_i \end{aligned}$$

$\nabla \in A \in x \in B \in \hat{y}$

$$\frac{\partial L(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_k, \mathbf{y}_k)}{\partial \mathbf{A}_{ij}} = \delta_j^{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{s}_i$$

$$\frac{\partial L(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_k, \mathbf{y}_k)}{\partial \mathbf{B}_{jk}} = \delta_k^{\mathbf{B}} \mathbf{x}_j$$

Pseudocode:

for each (s, y) **in** D :

$$\delta_k^{\mathbf{B}} = \frac{\partial L(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_k, \mathbf{y}_k)}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{y}}_k} \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{B}}(\theta_k)}{\partial \theta_k}$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{B}}^{jk} = \delta_k^{\mathbf{B}} \mathbf{x}_j$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} - \alpha_{\mathbf{B}} \nabla_{\mathbf{B}}$$

$$\delta_j^{\mathbf{A}} = (\mathbf{B}_{jk} \delta_k^{\mathbf{B}}) \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{A}}(\psi_j)}{\partial \psi_j}$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{A}}^{ij} = \delta_j^{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{s}_i$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} - \alpha_{\mathbf{A}} \nabla_{\mathbf{A}}$$

Optimization Strategies for NN's:

Weight Initialization:

$\vec{w}_{\text{init}} \sim \frac{N(0, 1)}{\sqrt{N_{\text{inputs}}}}$ → initialize from normal distribution
→ scale w/ increasing nodes

Momentum:

$$\vec{w}_{t+1} \leftarrow \vec{w}_t - \alpha \nabla_{\vec{w}} L(\vec{w}_t) + \gamma M_t$$

$$M_{t+1} \leftarrow \gamma M_t - \alpha \nabla_{\vec{w}} L$$