

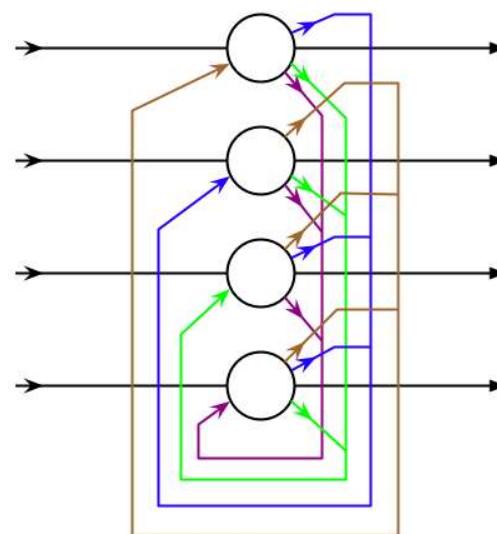
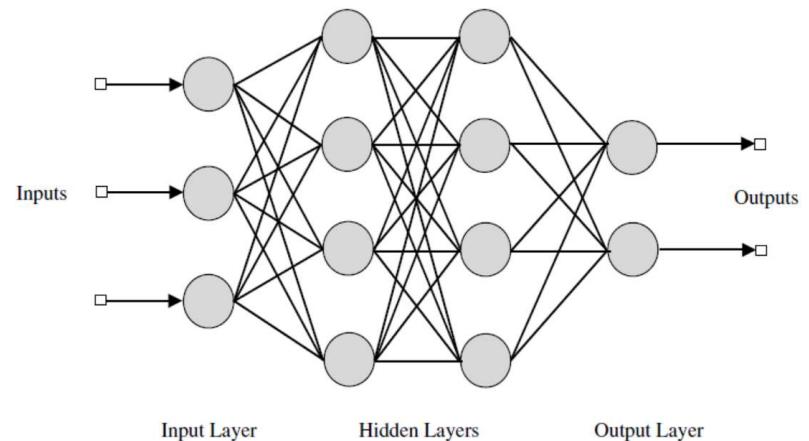
# **Neural Networks**

**Hopfield Nets, Auto Associators,  
Boltzmann machines**

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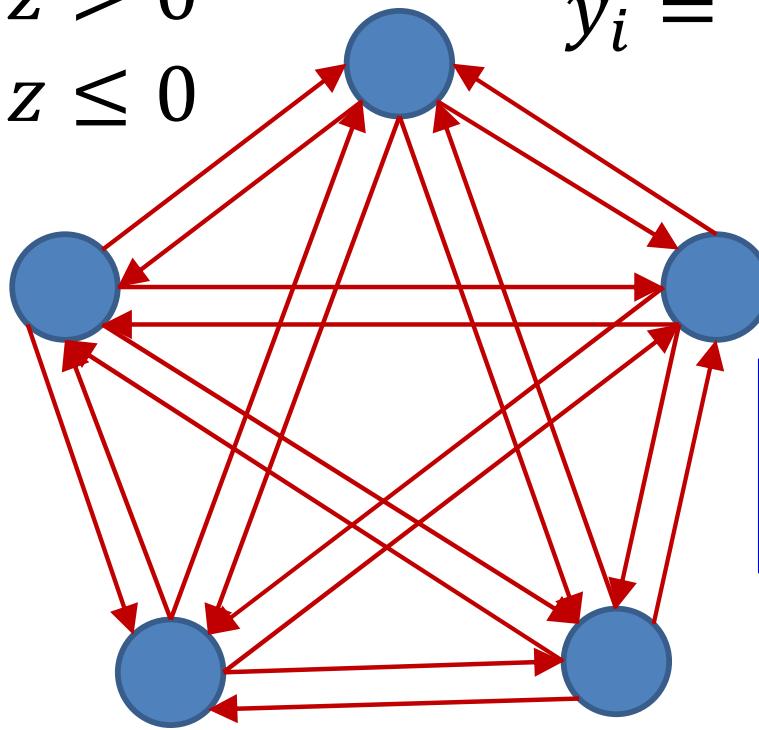
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- Neural networks for computation
- All feedforward structures
- But what about..



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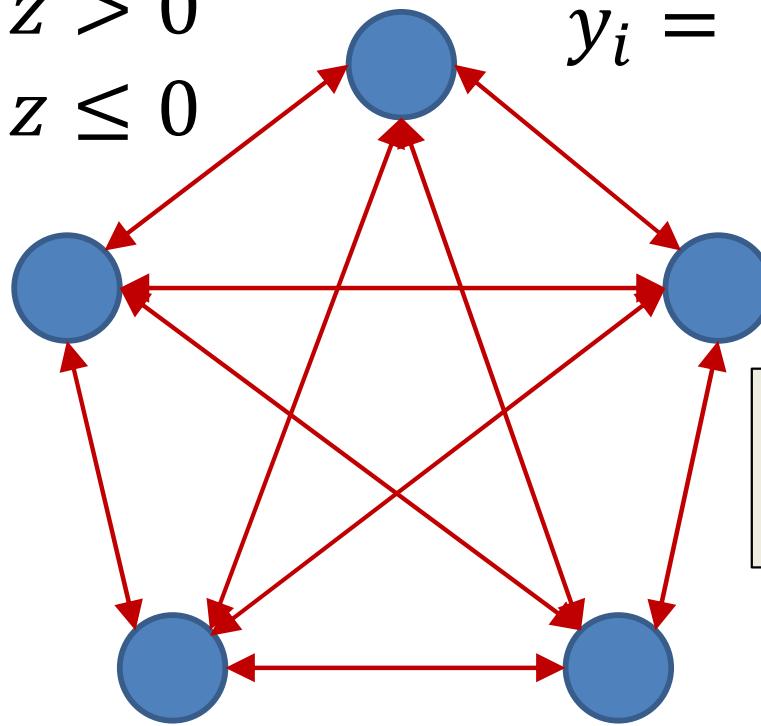


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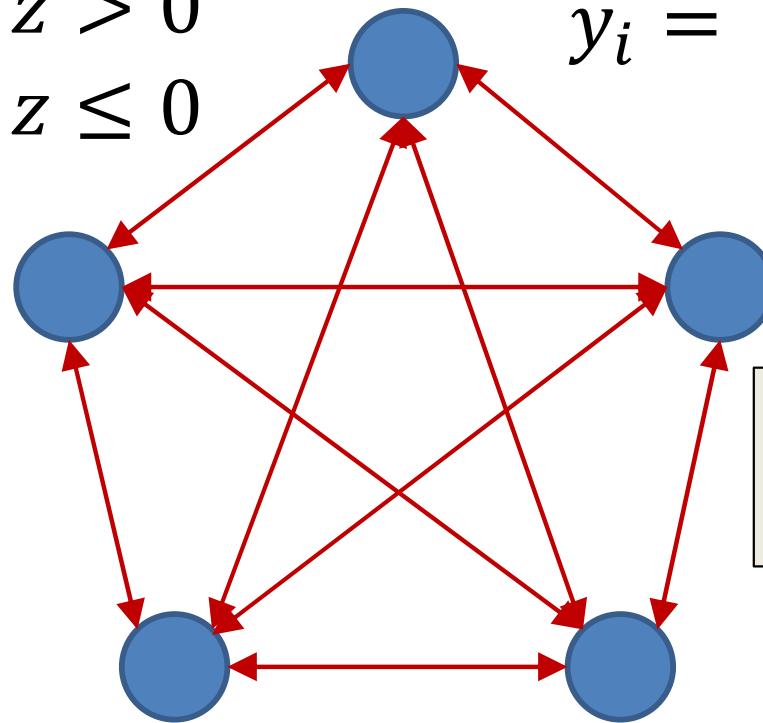


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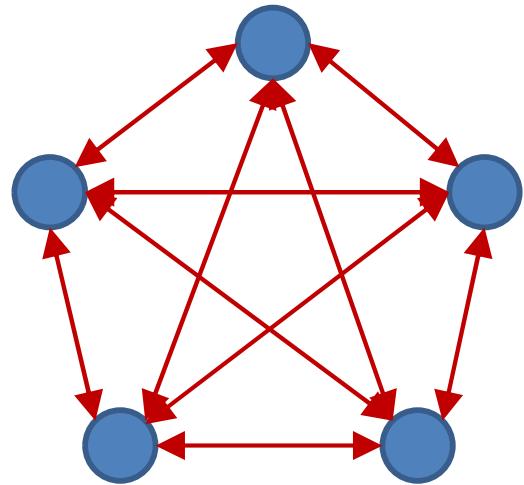
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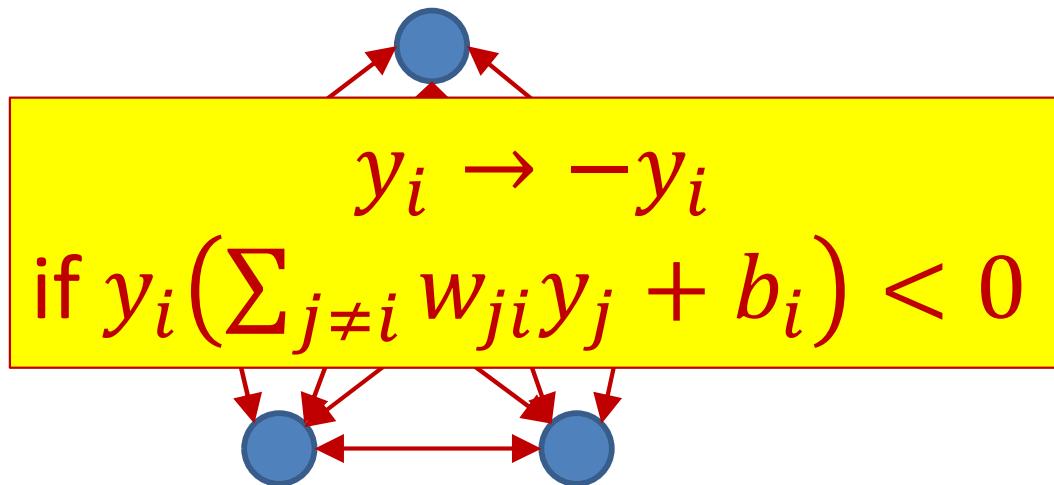


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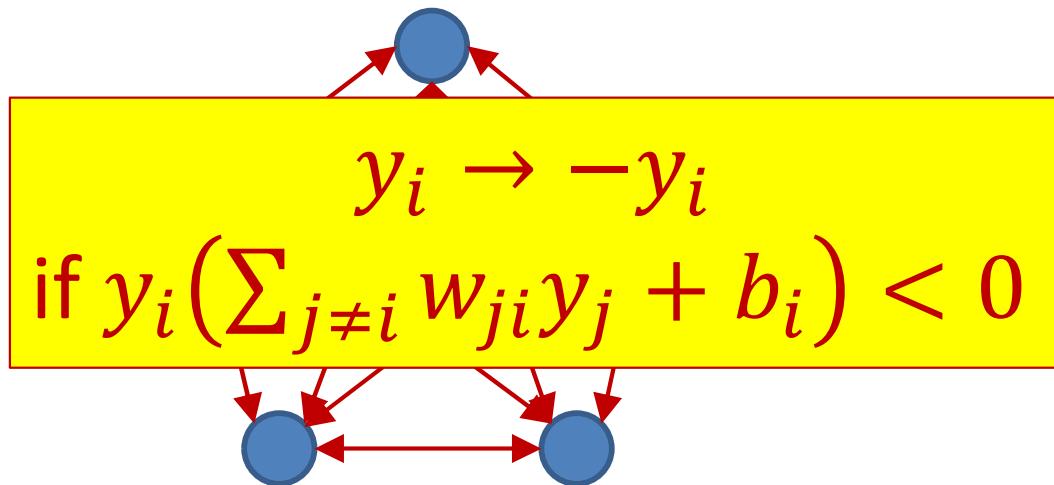


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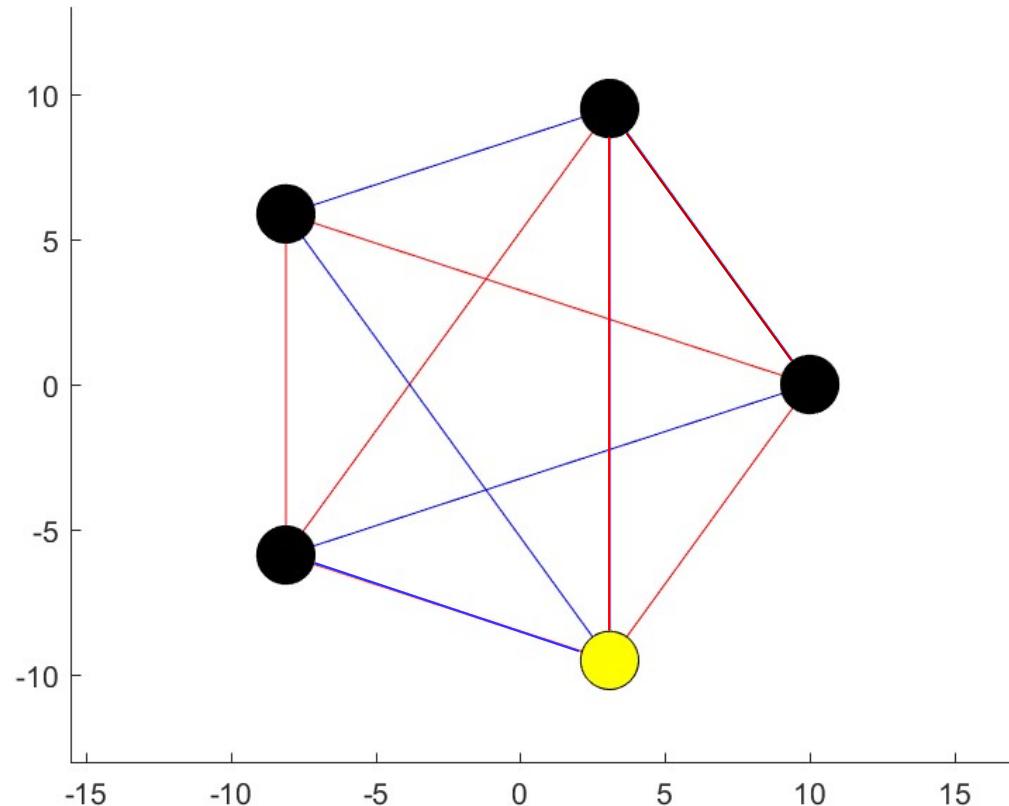
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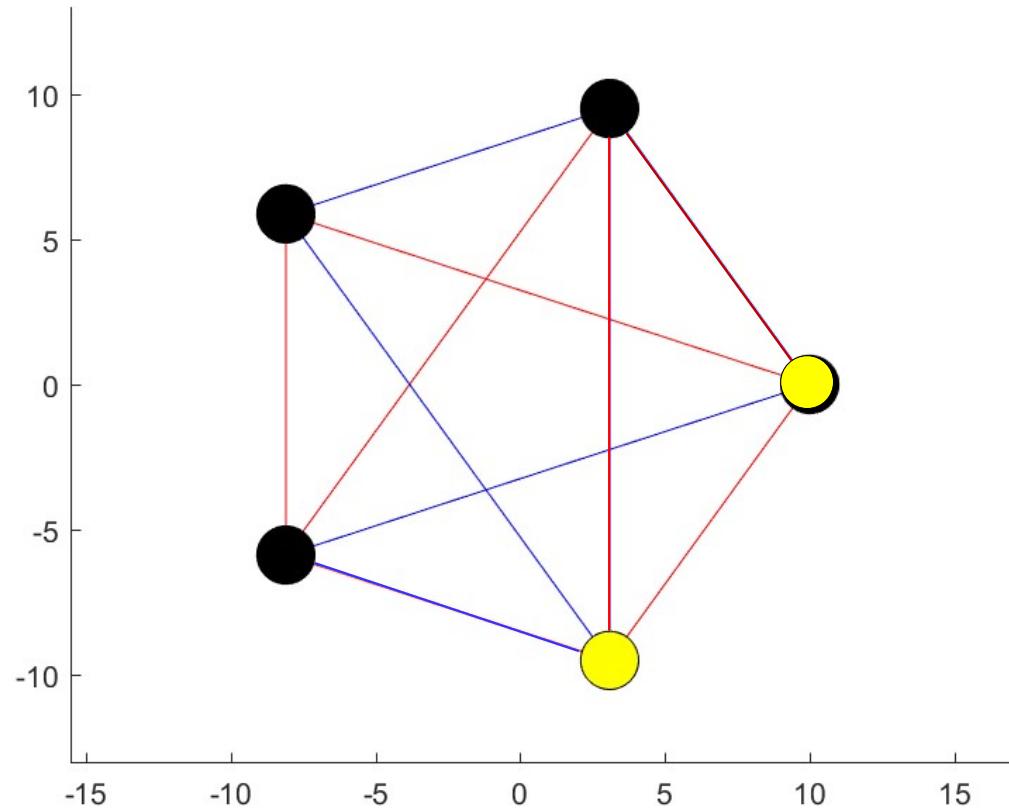
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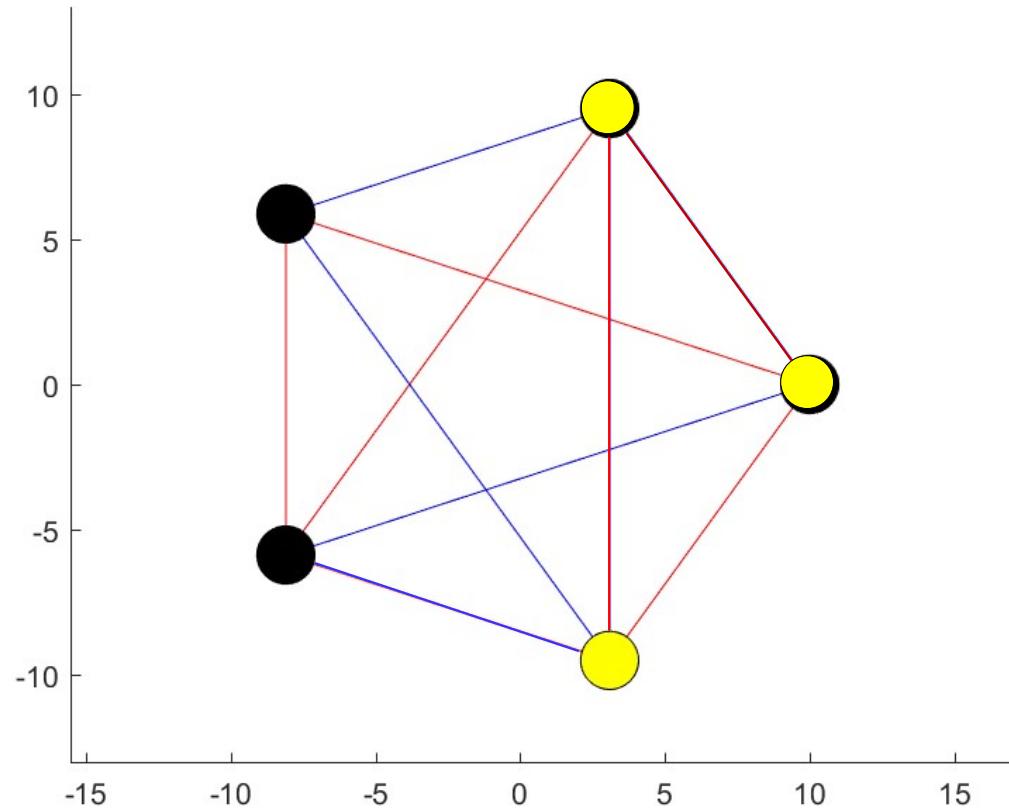
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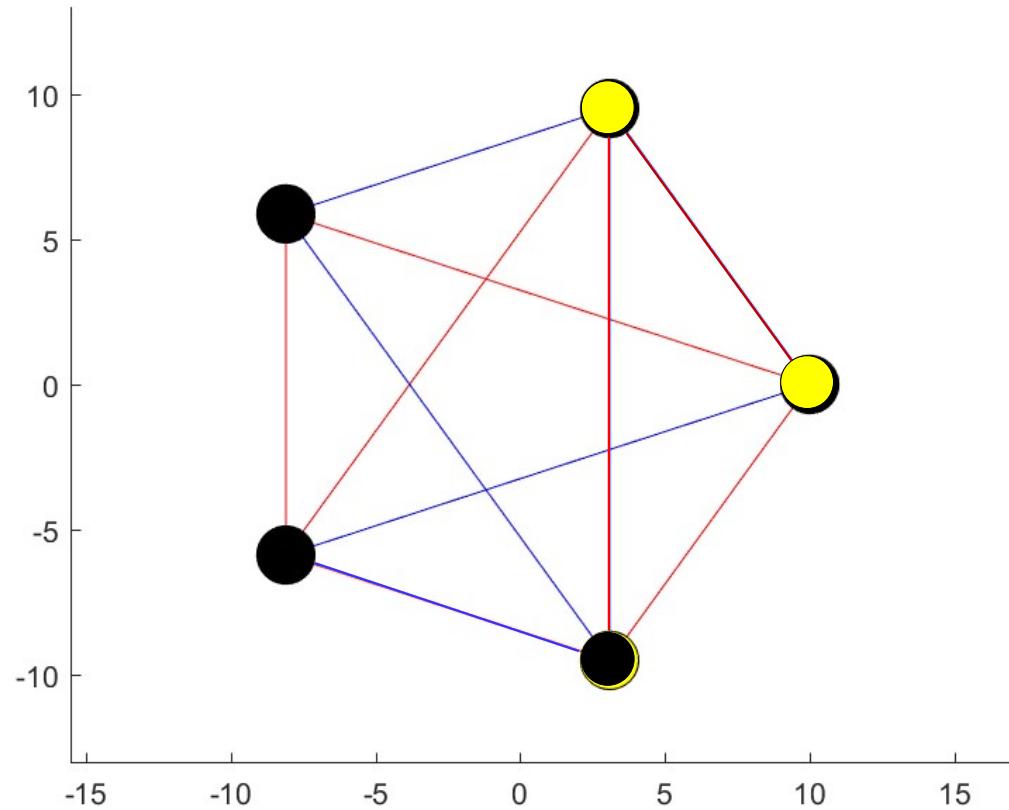
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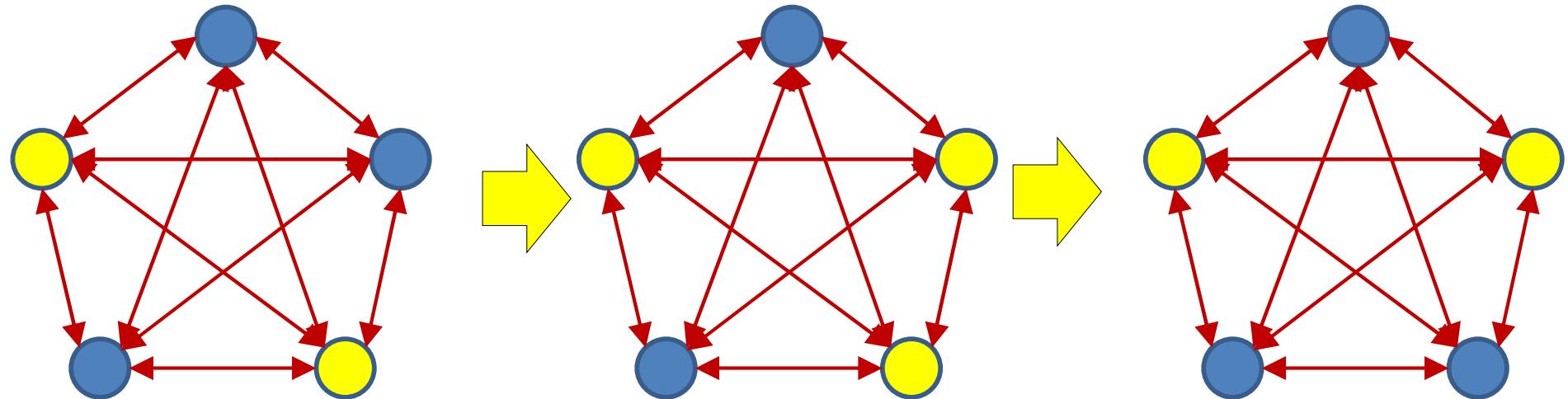
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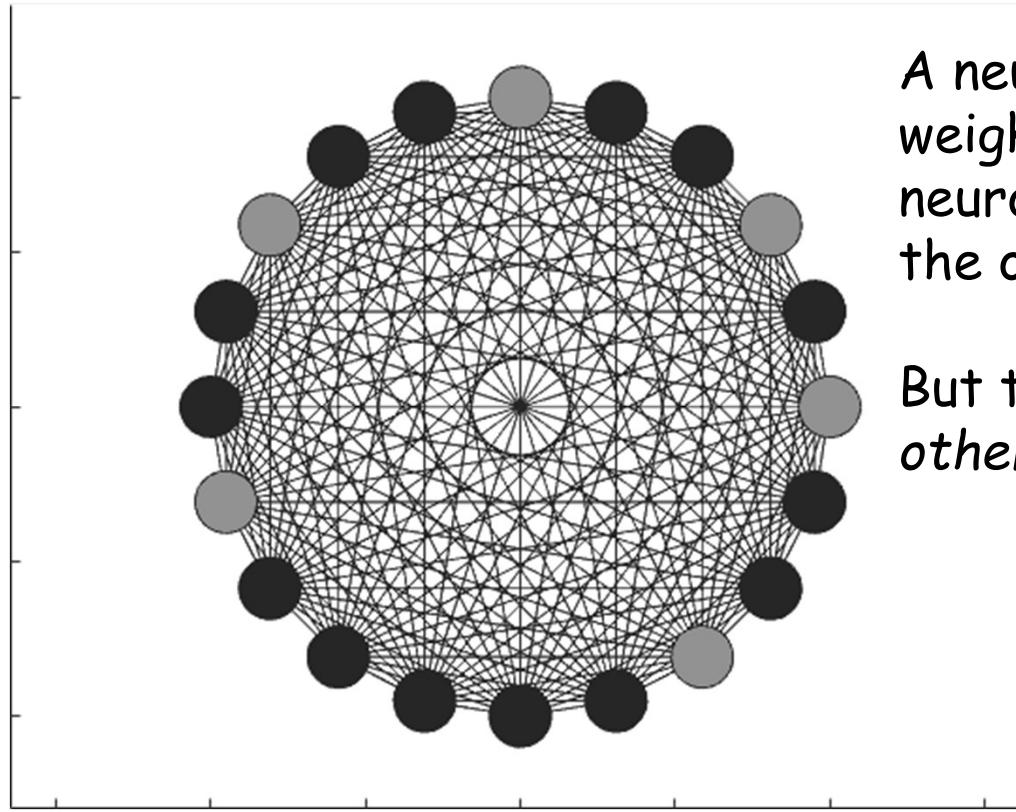


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        - » And so on...

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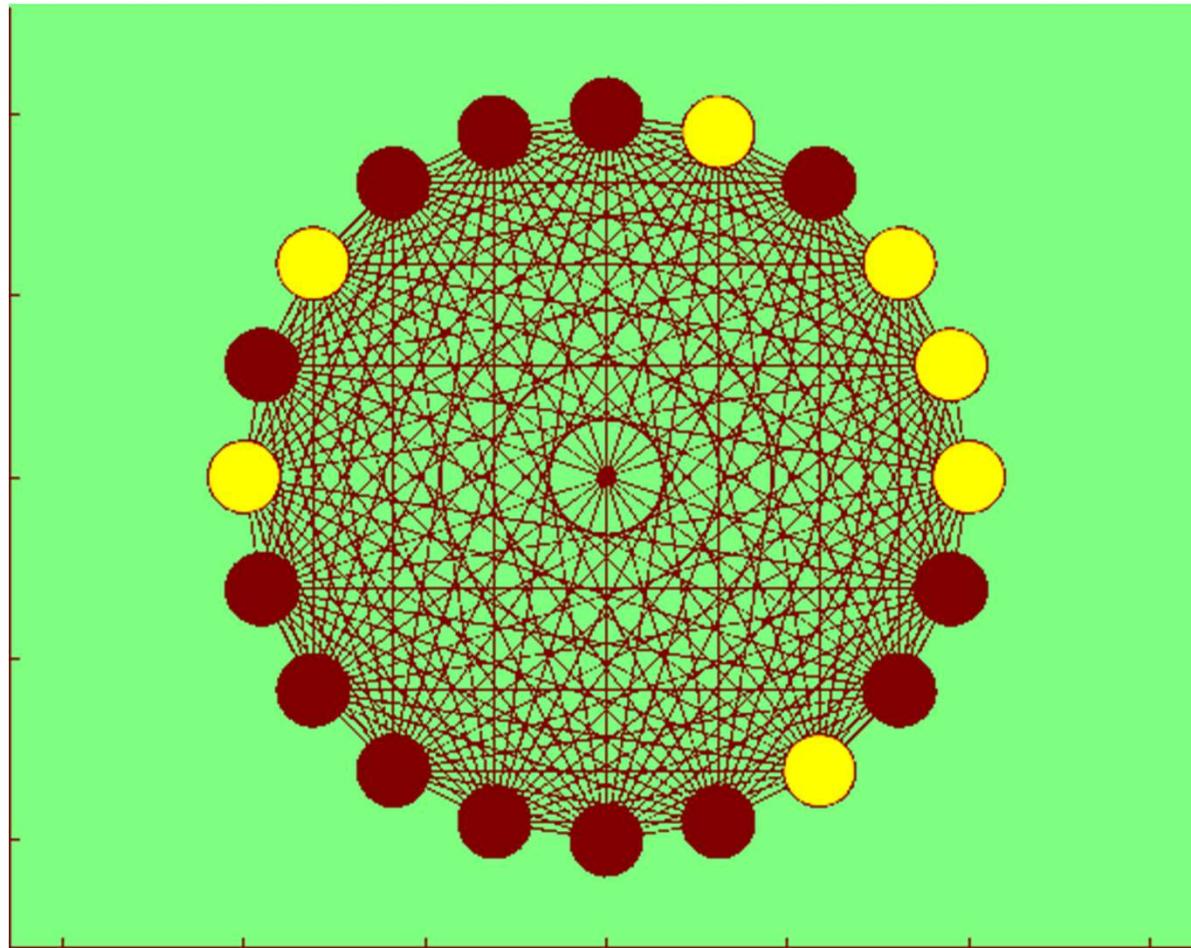


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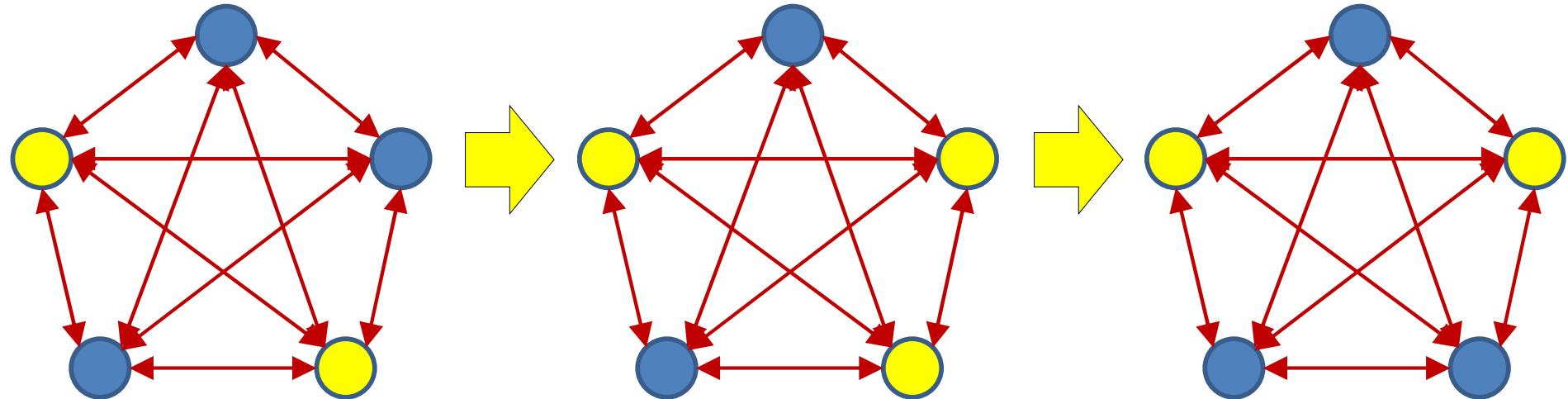
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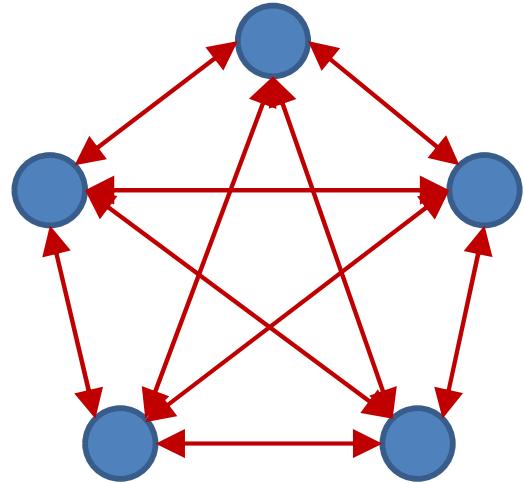
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- *Will this behavior continue for ever??*

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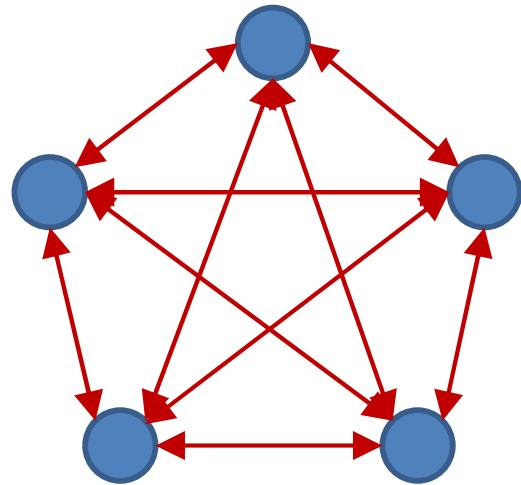
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- If  $y_i^- = \text{sign}(\sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i)$ , then  $y_i^+ = y_i^-$ 
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$$y_i^+ \left( \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i \right) - y_i^- \left( \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i \right) = 0$$

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– This term is always positive!

- *Every flip of a neuron is guaranteed to locally increase*

$$y_i \left( \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i \right)$$

# Globally

- Consider the following sum across *all* nodes

$$\begin{aligned} D(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N) &= \sum_i y_i \left( \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i \right) \\ &= \sum_{i,j \neq i} w_{ij} y_i y_j + \sum_i b_i y_i \end{aligned}$$

- Assume  $w_{ii} = 0$
- For any unit  $k$  that “flips” because of the local field

$$\Delta D(y_k) = D(y_1, \dots, y_k^+, \dots, y_N) - D(y_1, \dots, y_k^-, \dots, y_N)$$

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# Upon flipping a single unit

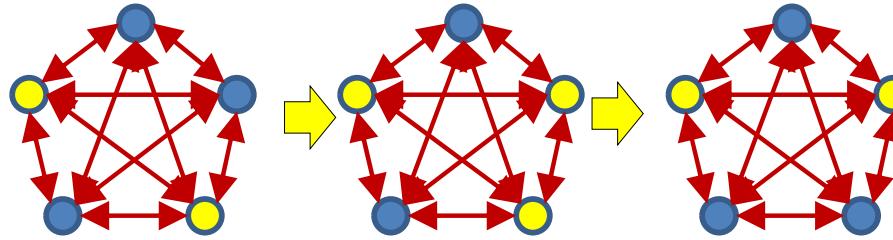
$$\Delta D(y_k) = D(y_1, \dots, y_k^+, \dots, y_N) - D(y_1, \dots, y_k^-, \dots, y_N)$$

- Expanding

$$\Delta D(y_k) = (y_k^+ - y_k^-) \left( \sum_{j \neq k} w_{jk} y_j + b_k \right)$$

- All other terms that do not include  $y_k$  cancel out
- This is always positive!
- *Every flip of a unit results in an increase in  $D$*

# Hopfield Net



- Flipping a unit will result in an increase (non-decrease) of

$$D = \sum_{i,j \neq i} w_{ij} y_i y_j + \sum_i b_i y_i$$

- $D$  is bounded

$$D_{max} = \sum_{i,j \neq i} |w_{ij}| + \sum_i |b_i|$$

- The minimum increment of  $D$  in a flip is

$$\Delta D_{min} = \min_{i, \{y_i, i=1..N\}} 2 \left| \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i \right|$$

- Any sequence of flips must converge in a finite number of steps

# The Energy of a Hopfield Net

- Define the *Energy* of the network as

$$E = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i,j \neq i} w_{ij} y_i y_j - \sum_i b_i y_i \right)$$

- Just 0.5 times the negative of  $D$ 
  - The 0.5 is only needed for convention
- The evolution of a Hopfield network constantly decreases its energy

# Story so far

- A Hopfield network is a loopy binary network with symmetric connections
- Every neuron in the network attempts to “align” itself with the sign of the weighted combination of outputs of other neurons
  - The local “field”
- Given an initial configuration, neurons in the net will begin to “flip” to align themselves in this manner
  - Causing the field at other neurons to change, potentially making them flip
- Each evolution of the network is guaranteed to decrease the “energy” of the network
  - The energy is lower bounded and the decrements are upper bounded, so the network is guaranteed to converge to a stable state in a finite number of steps

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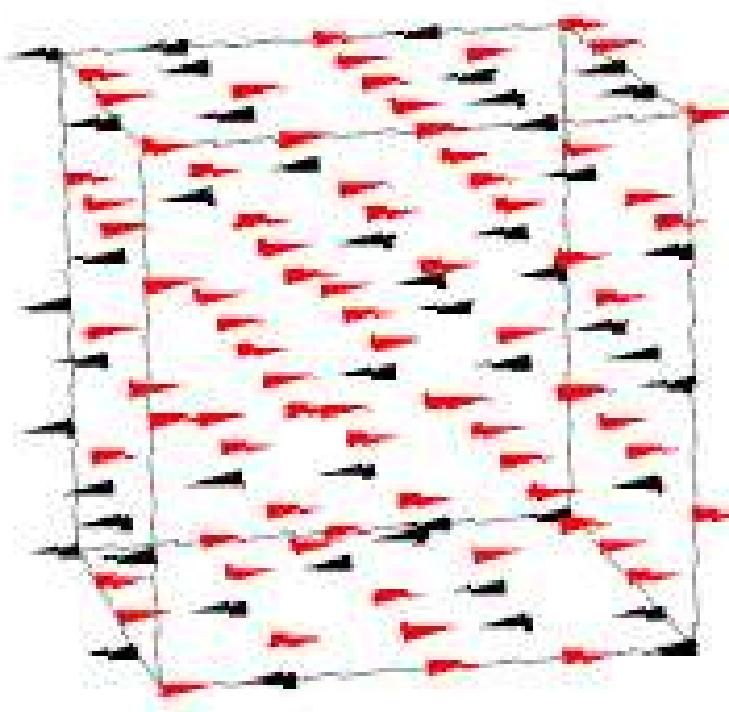
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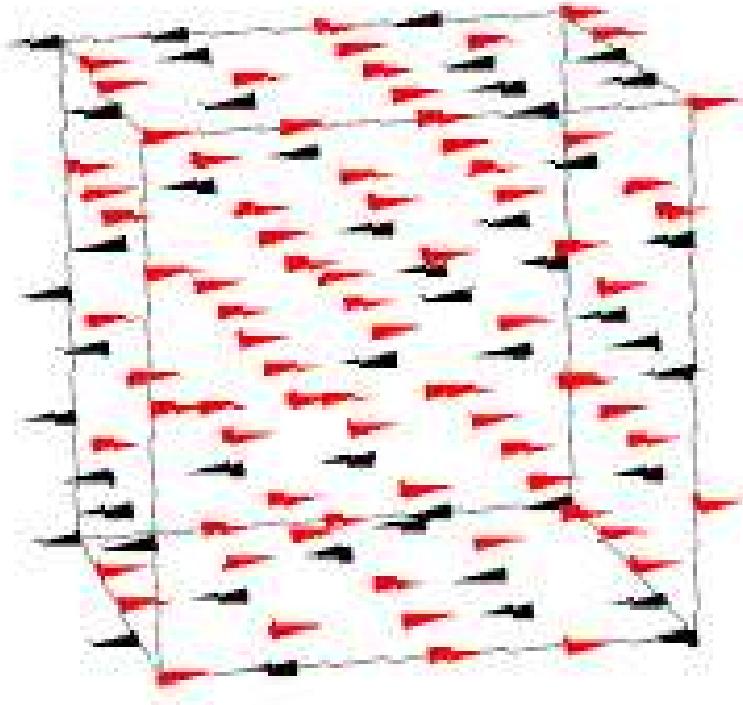
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- Where did this “energy” concept suddenly sprout from?

# Analogy: Spin Glass



- Magnetic dipoles in a disordered magnetic material
- Each dipole tries to *align* itself to the local field
  - In doing so it may flip
- This will change fields at *other* dipoles
  - Which may flip
- Which changes the field at the current dipole...

# Analogy: Spin Glasses



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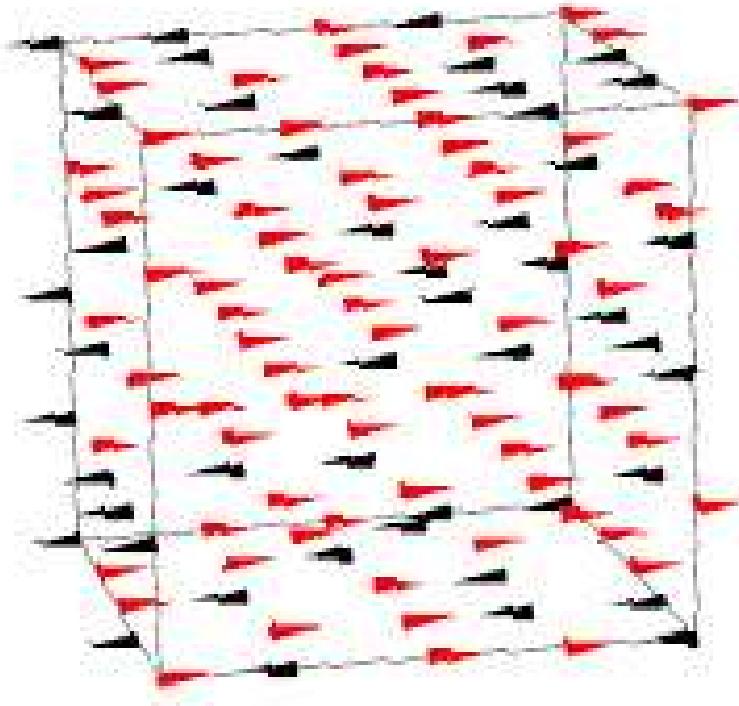
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intrinsic

external

- $p_i$  is vector position of  $i$ -th dipole
- The field at any dipole is the sum of the field contributions of all other dipoles
- The contribution of a dipole to the field at any point depends on interaction  $J$ 
  - Derived from the “Ising” model for magnetic materials (Ising and Lenz, 1924)

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- A Dipole flips if it is misaligned with the field in its location

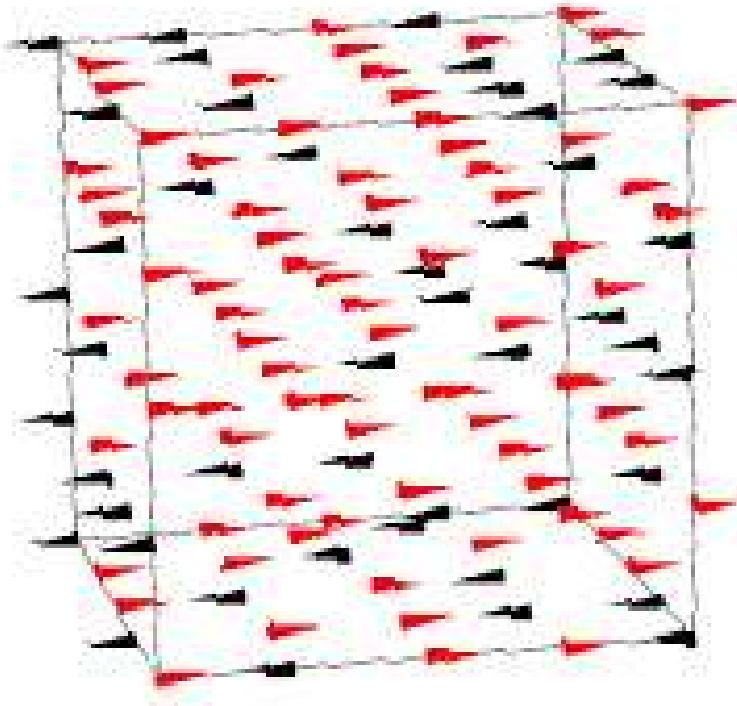
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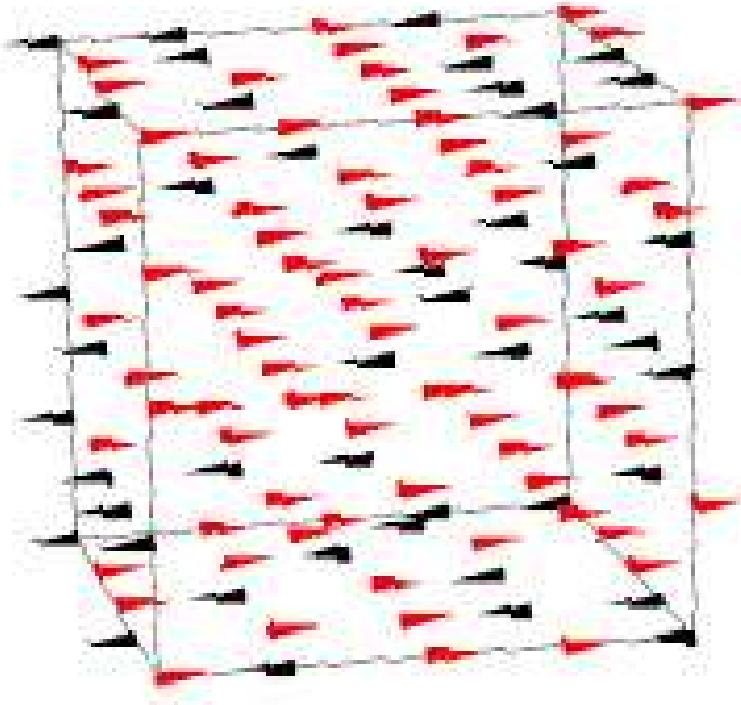
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- Dipoles will keep flipping
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  - Etc..

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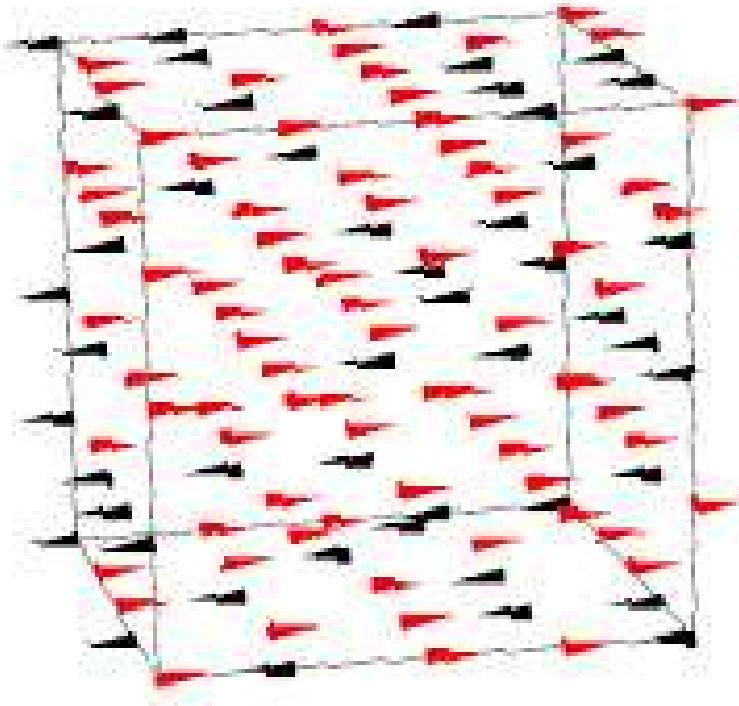
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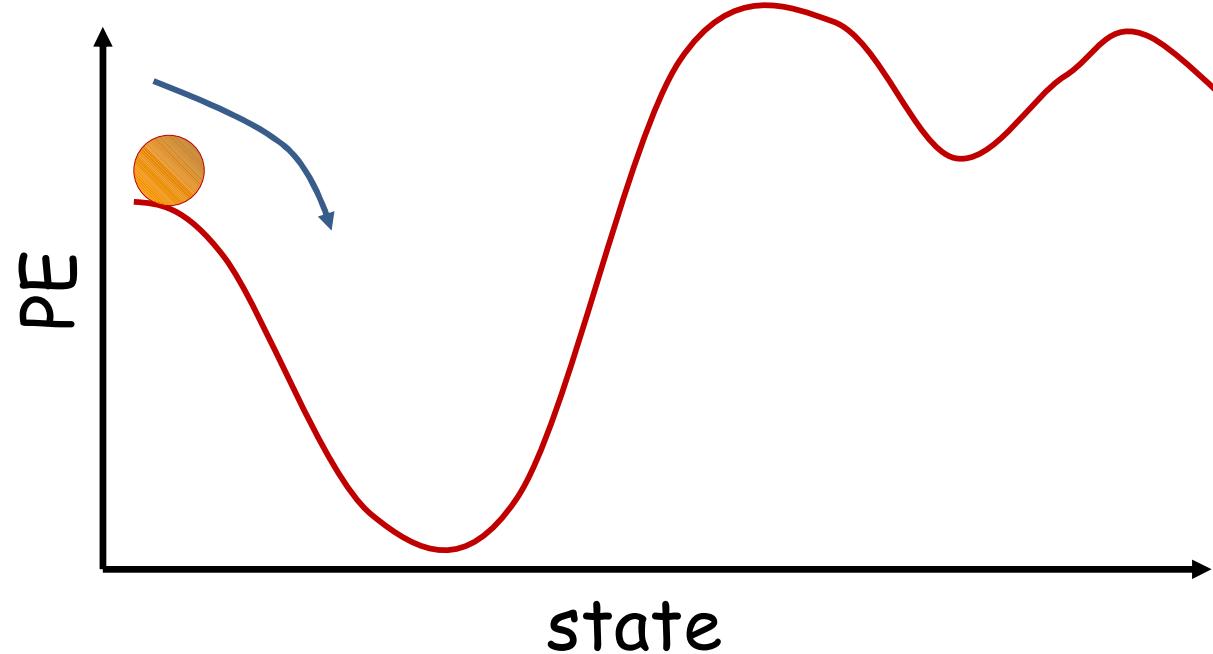
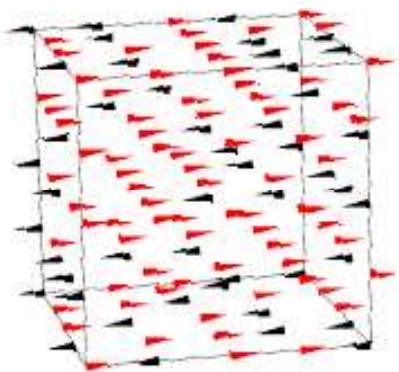
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- The “Hamiltonian” (total energy) of the system

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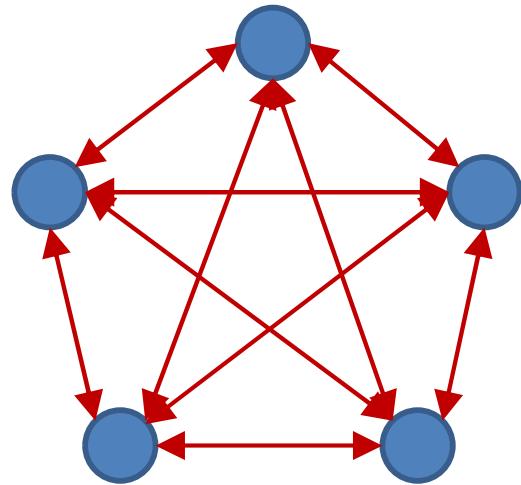
- The system *evolves* to minimize the energy
  - Dipoles stop flipping if any flips result in increase of energy

# Spin Glasses



- The system stops at one of its *stable* configurations
  - Where energy is a local minimum
- Any small jitter from this stable configuration *returns it* to the stable configuration
  - I.e. the system *remembers* its stable state and returns to it

# Hopfield Network



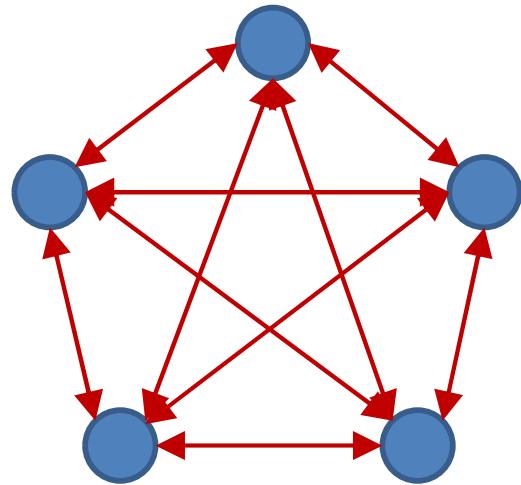
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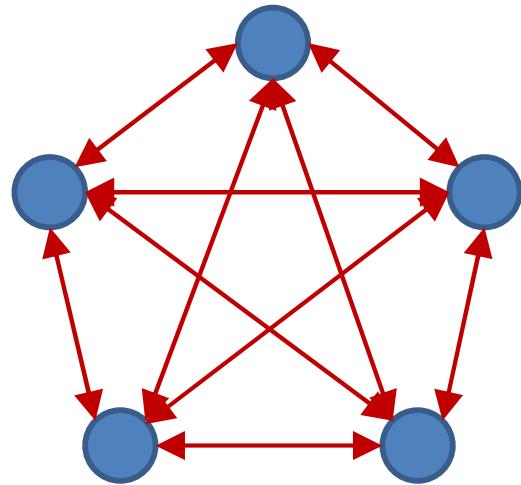
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The bias is equivalent to having a single extra unit pegged at 1

We will not always explicitly show the bias

Often, in fact, a bias is not used, although in our case we are just being lazy in not showing it explicitly

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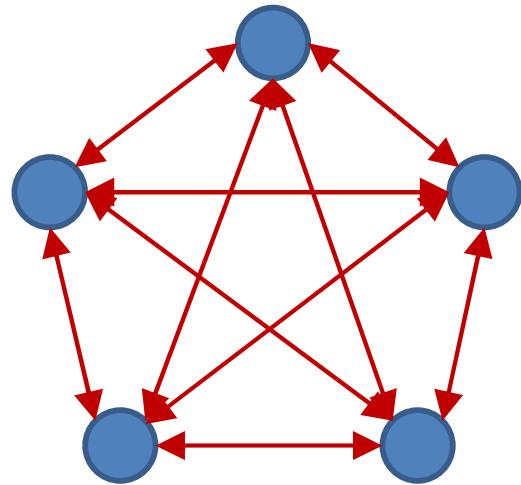
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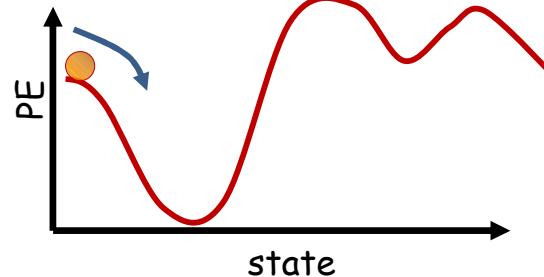
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    - Above equation is a factor of 0.5 off from earlier definition for conformity with thermodynamic system

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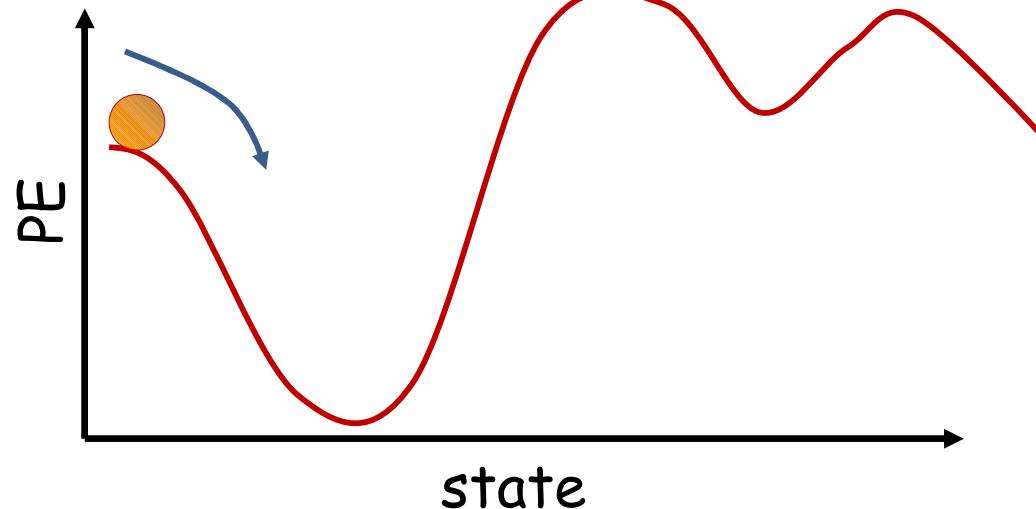
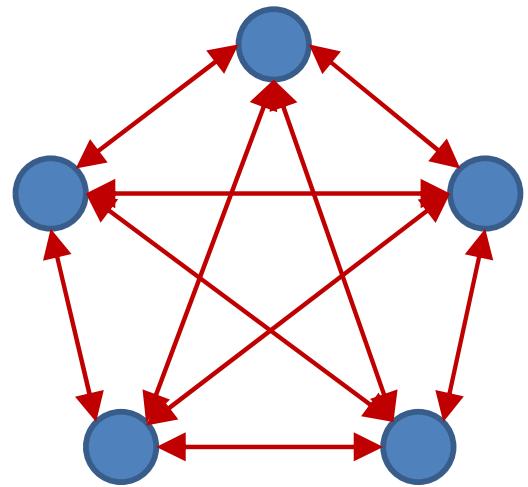


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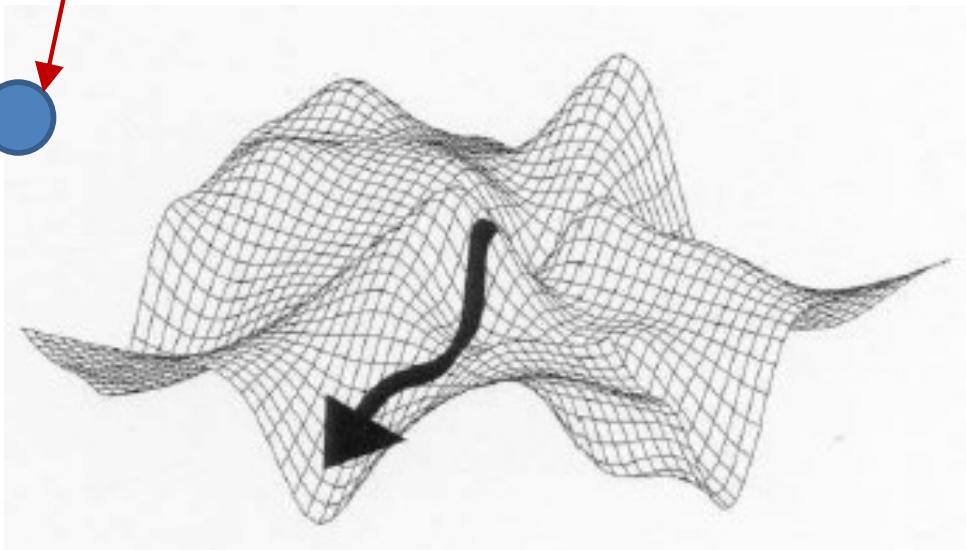
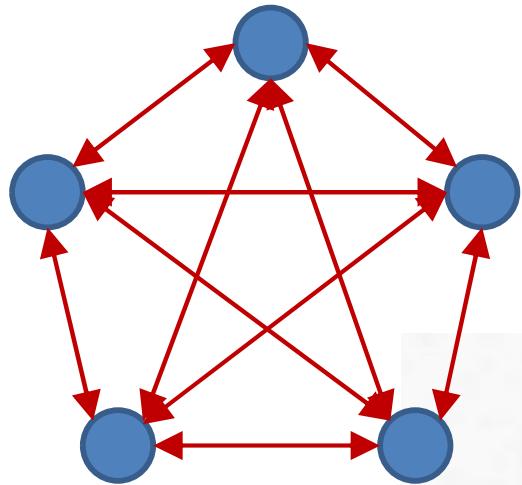
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# **Content-addressable memory**



- Each of the minima is a “stored” pattern
  - If the network is initialized close to a stored pattern, it will inevitably evolve to the pattern
- **This is a *content addressable memory***
  - Recall memory content from partial or corrupt values
- Also called ***associative memory***

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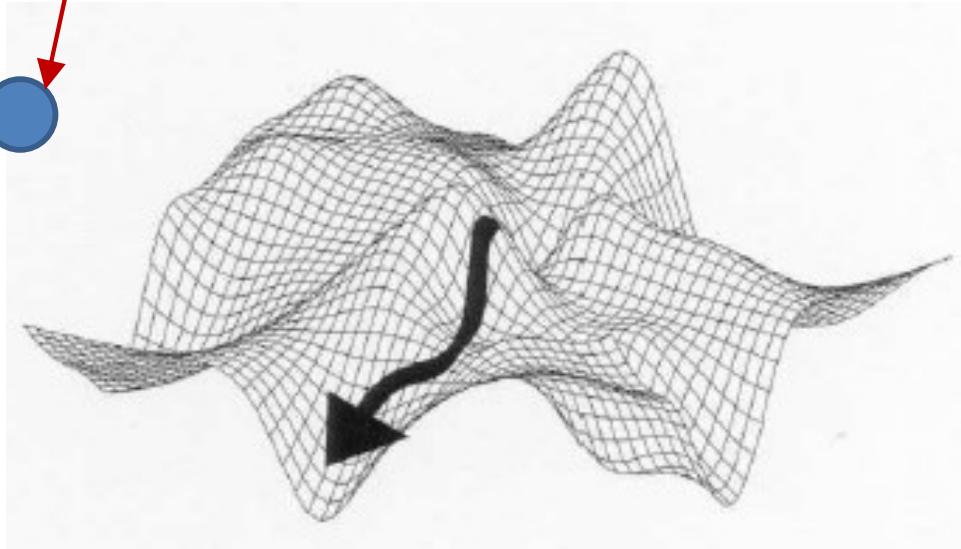
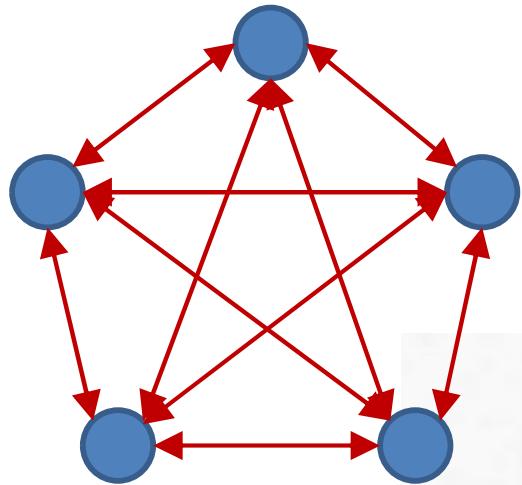


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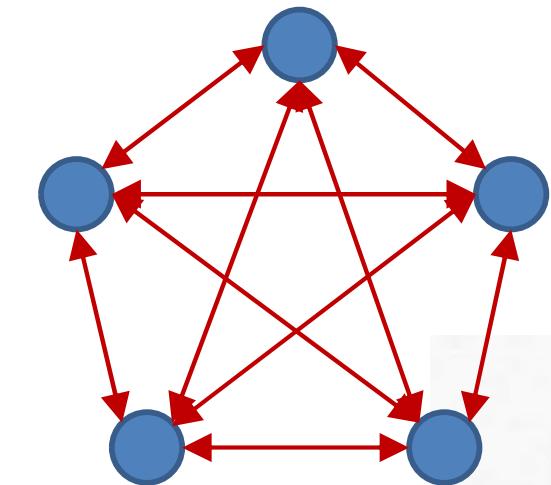
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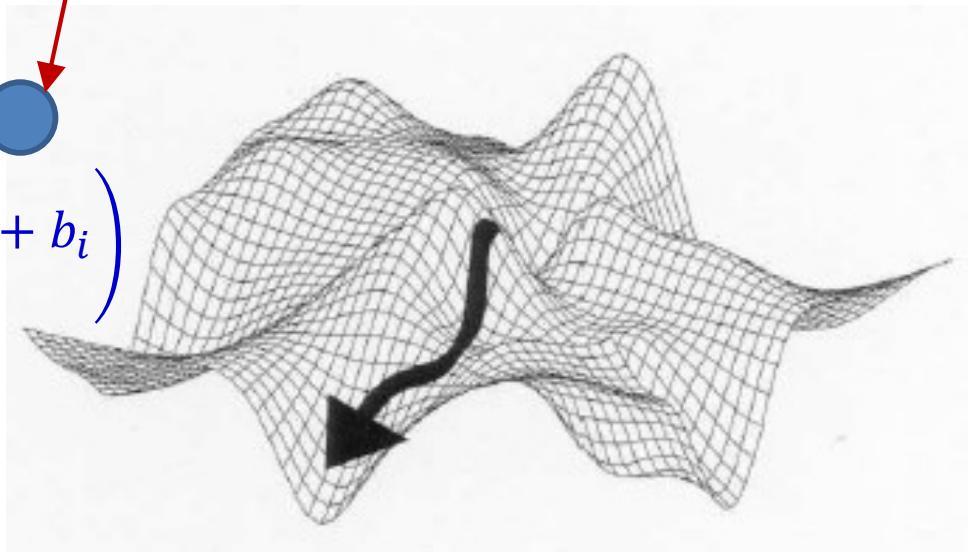
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- We proved that *every* change in the network will result in *decrease* in energy
  - So path to energy minimum is monotonic

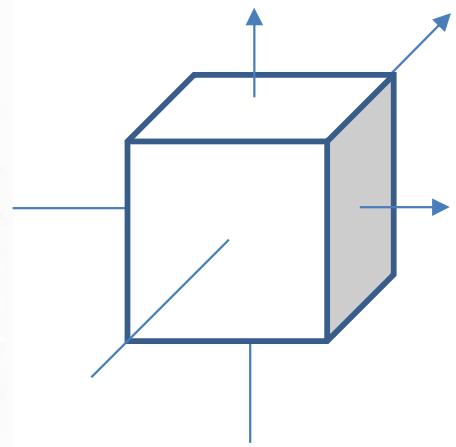
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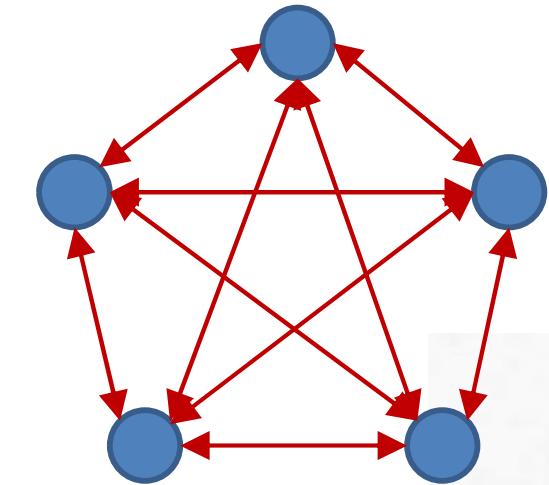


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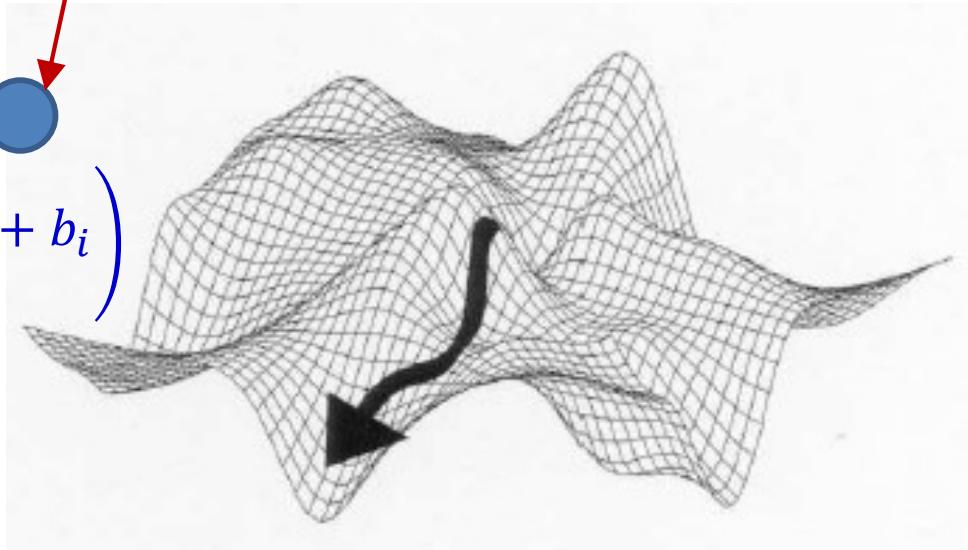


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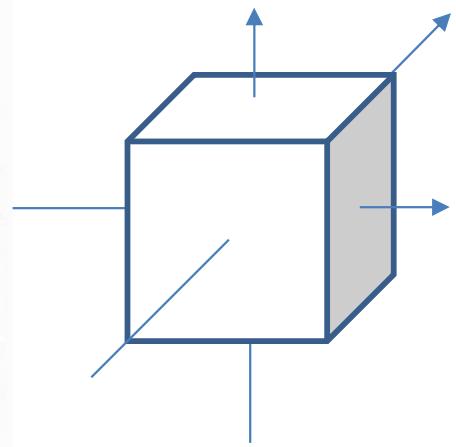
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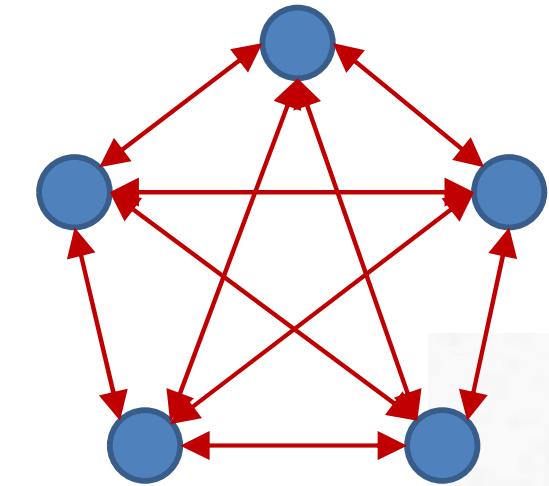


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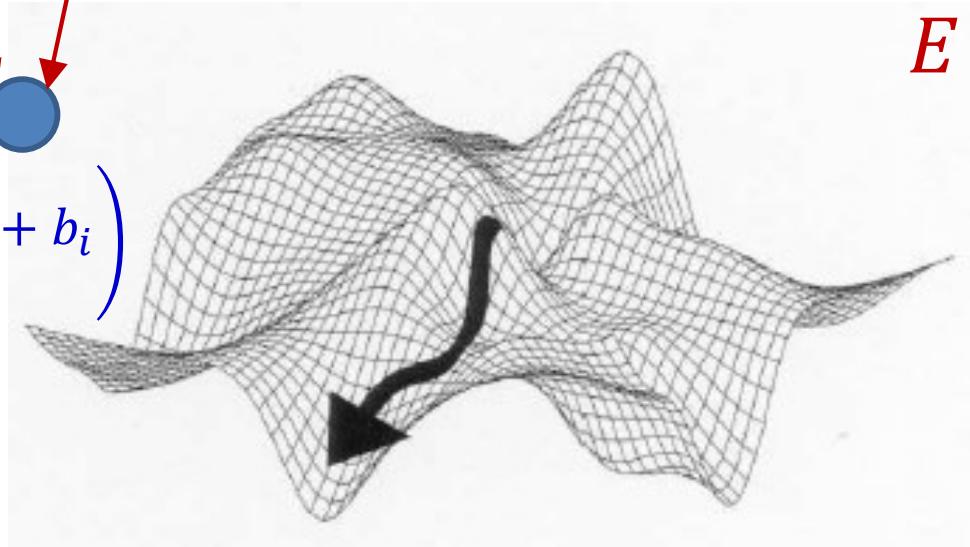


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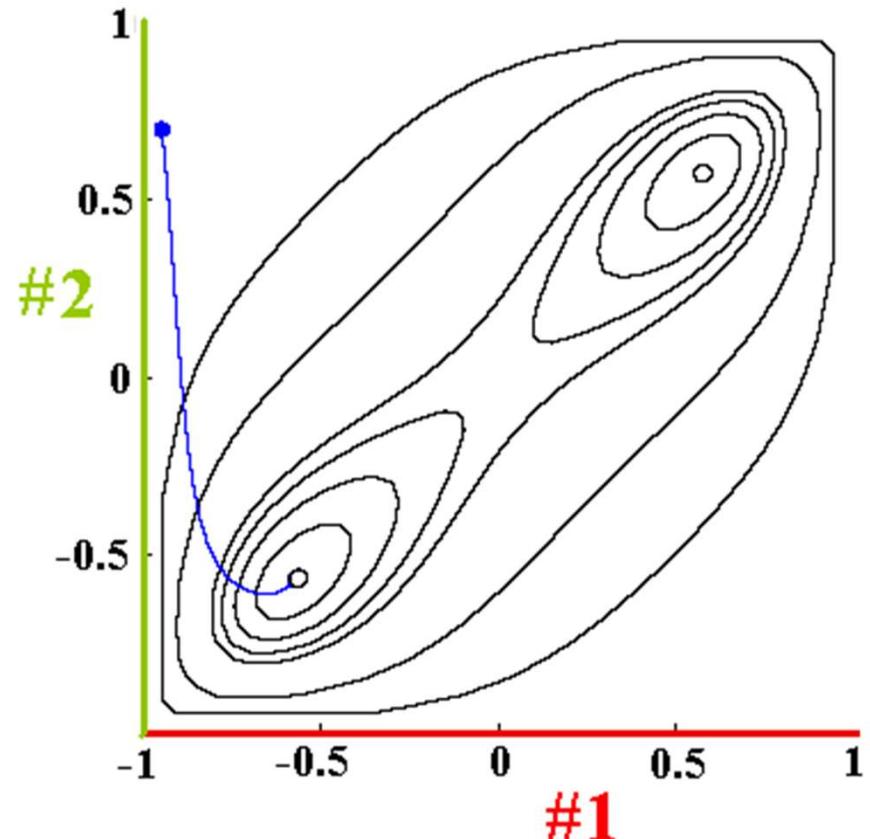
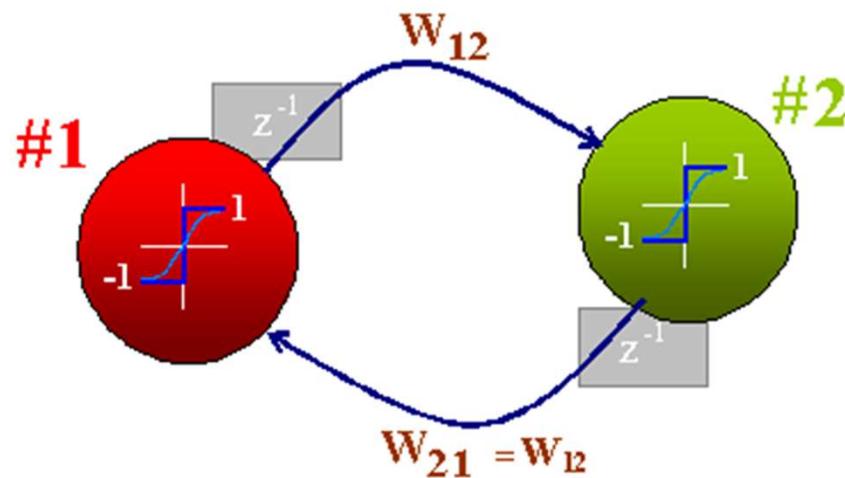
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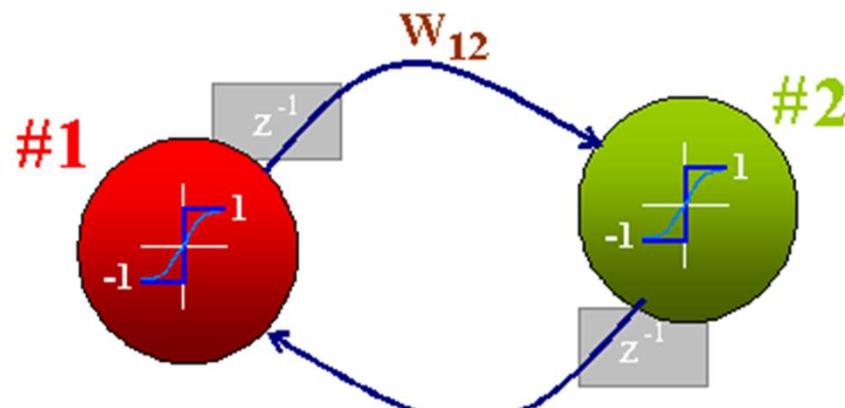
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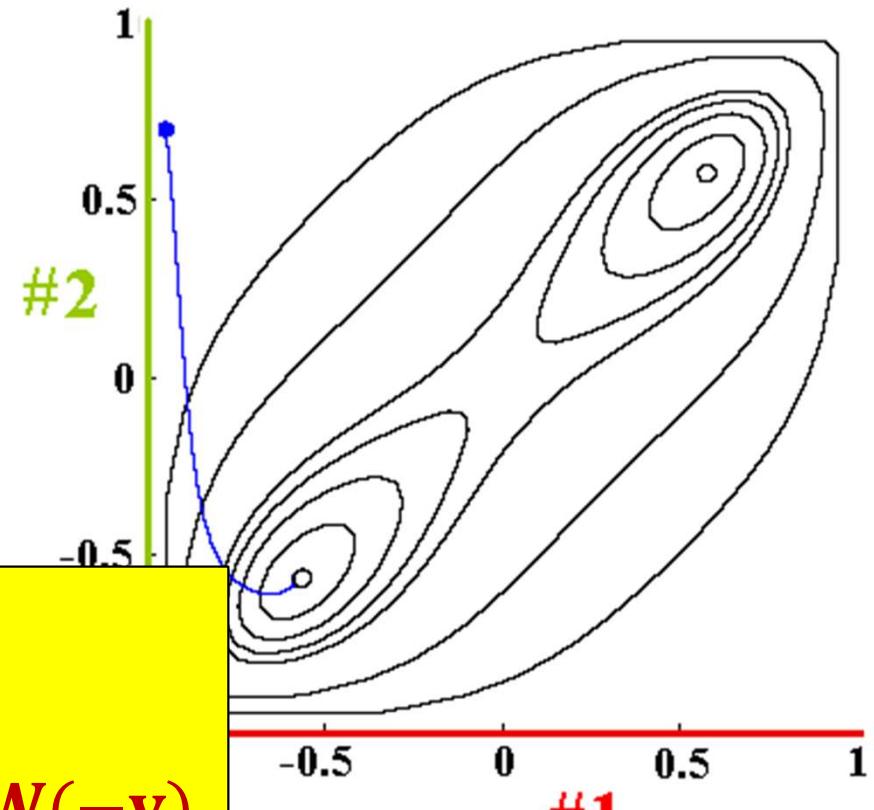
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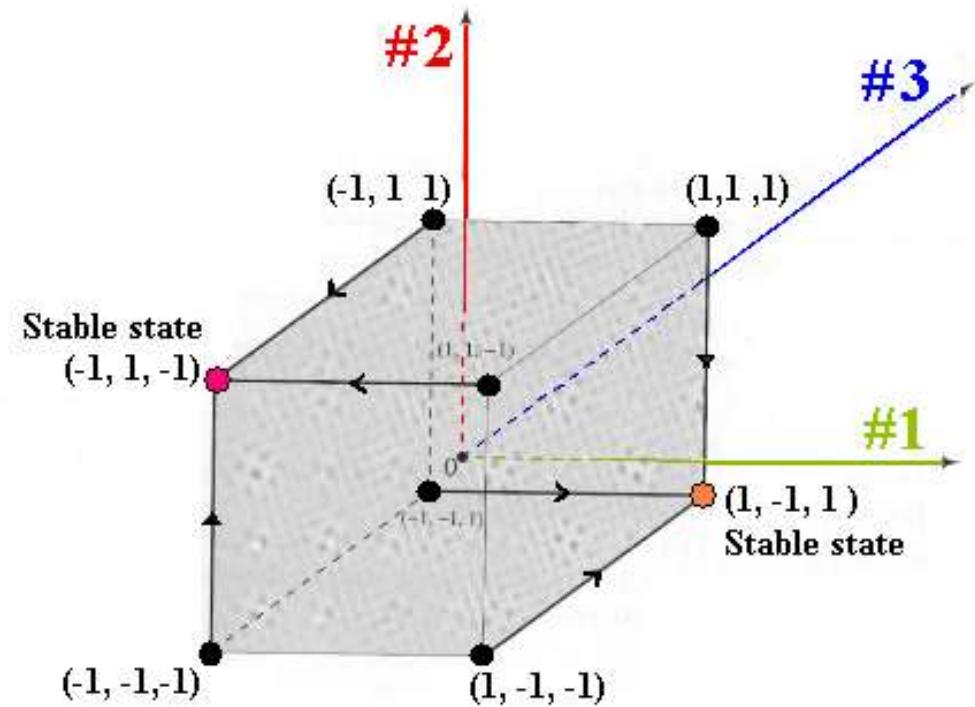
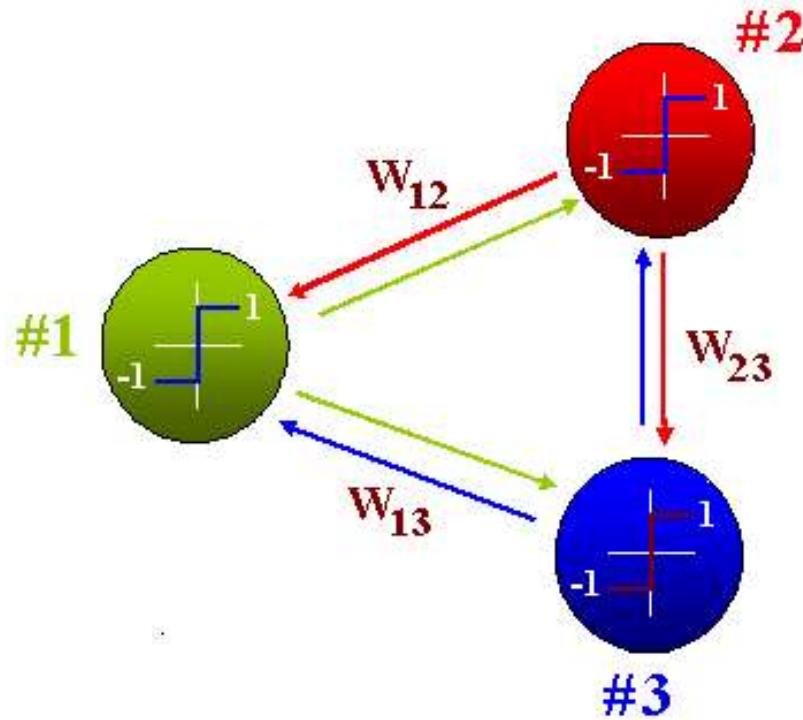
Because  $-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{y} = -\frac{1}{2} (-\mathbf{y})^T \mathbf{W} (-\mathbf{y})$

If  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is a local minimum, so is  $-\hat{\mathbf{y}}$



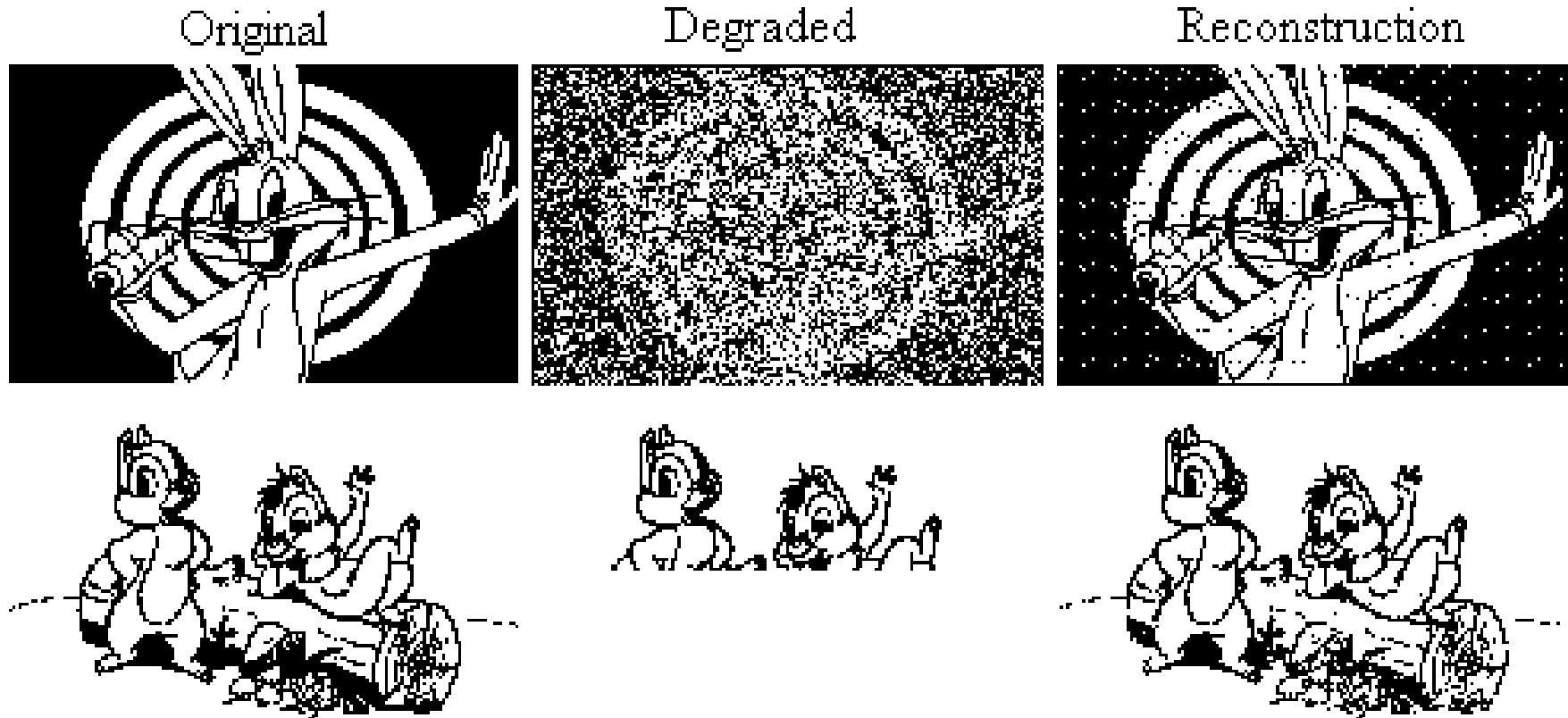
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# 3-neuron net



- 8 possible states
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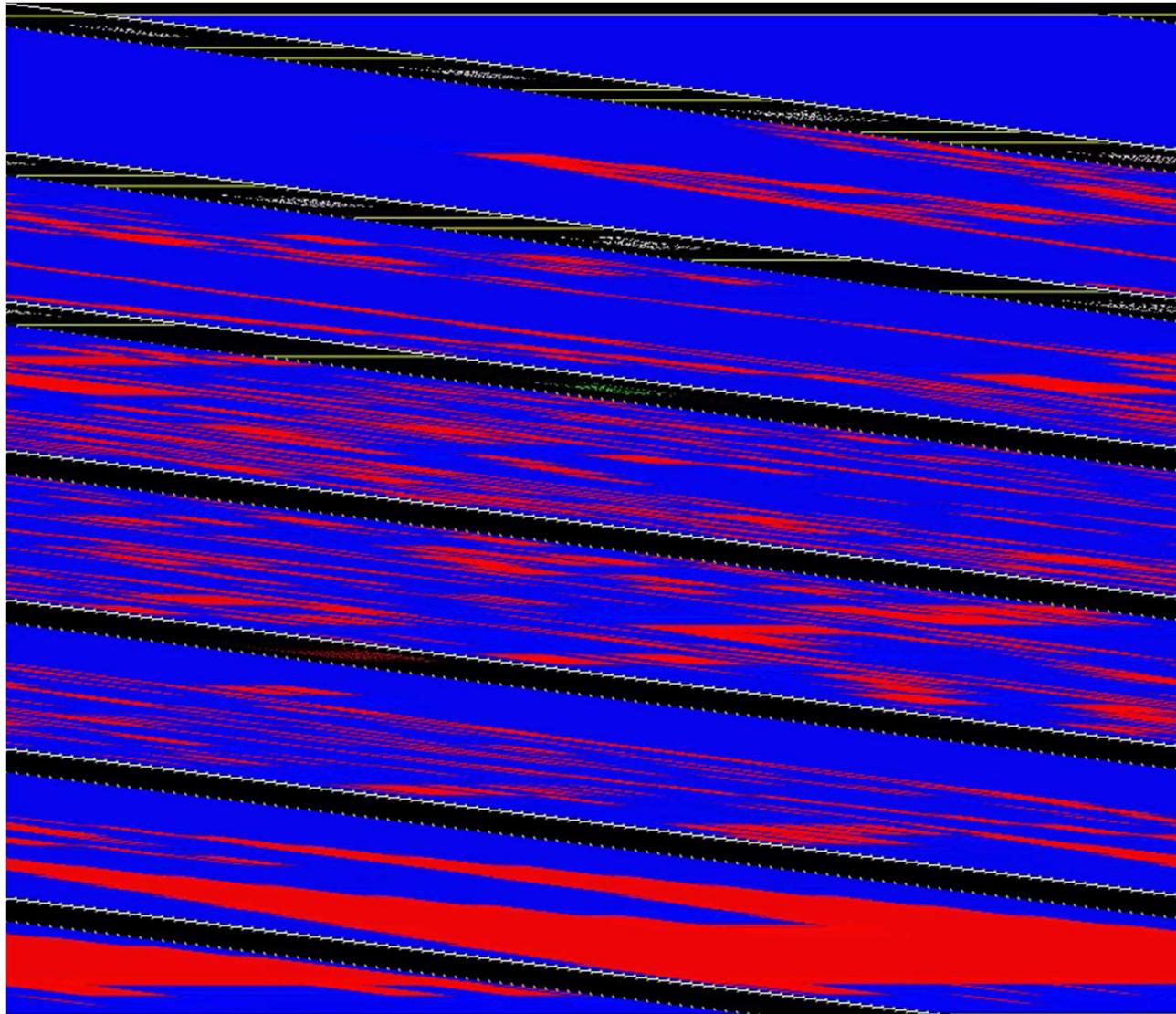
# Examples: Content addressable memory



Hopfield network reconstructing degraded images  
from noisy (top) or partial (bottom) cues.

- <http://staff.itee.uq.edu.au/janetw/cmc/chapters/Hopfield/> <sub>47</sub>

# Hopfield net examples



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Writing  $\mathbf{y} = [y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_N]^\top$   
and arranging the weights as a matrix  $\mathbf{W}$

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$$E = -0.5\mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}$$

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# Story so far

- A Hopfield network is a loopy binary network with symmetric connections
  - Neurons try to align themselves to the local field caused by other neurons
- Given an initial configuration, the patterns of neurons in the net will evolve until the “energy” of the network achieves a local minimum
  - The evolution will be monotonic in total energy
  - The dynamics of a Hopfield network mimic those of a spin glass
  - The network is symmetric: if a pattern  $Y$  is a local minimum, so is  $-Y$
- The network acts as a *content-addressable* memory
  - If you initialize the network with a somewhat damaged version of a local-minimum pattern, it will evolve into that pattern
  - Effectively “recalling” the correct pattern, from a damaged/incomplete version

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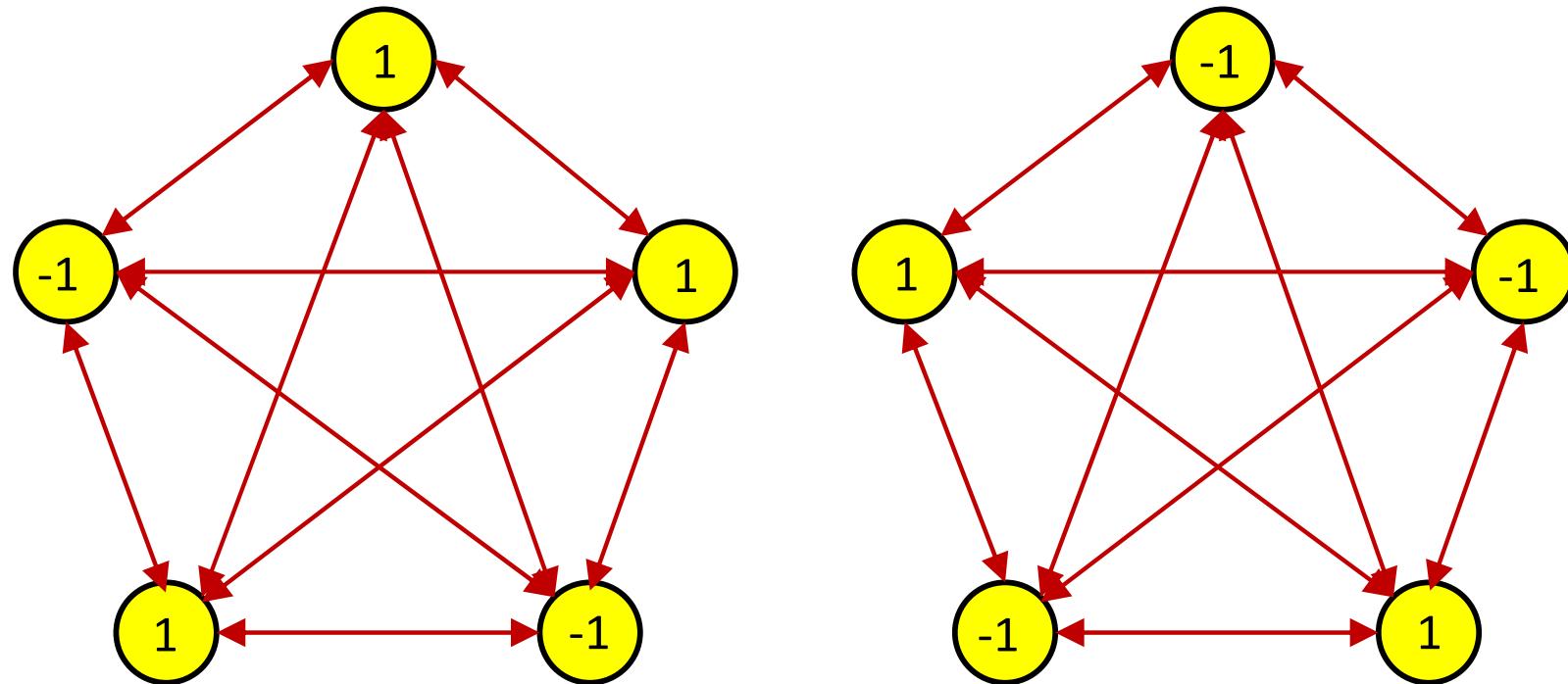
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# How do we remember a *specific* pattern?

- How do we teach a network to “remember” this image
- For an image with  $N$  pixels we need a network with  $N$  neurons
- Every neuron connects to every other neuron
- Weights are symmetric (not mandatory)
- $\frac{N(N-1)}{2}$  weights in all



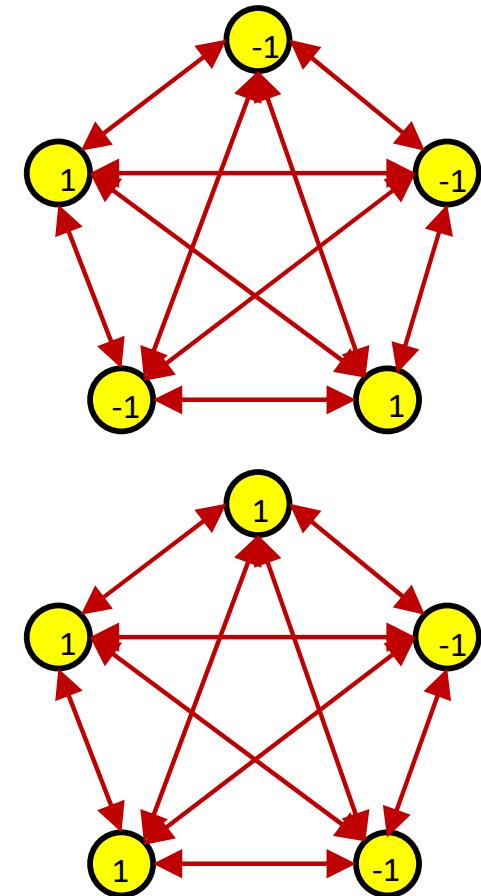
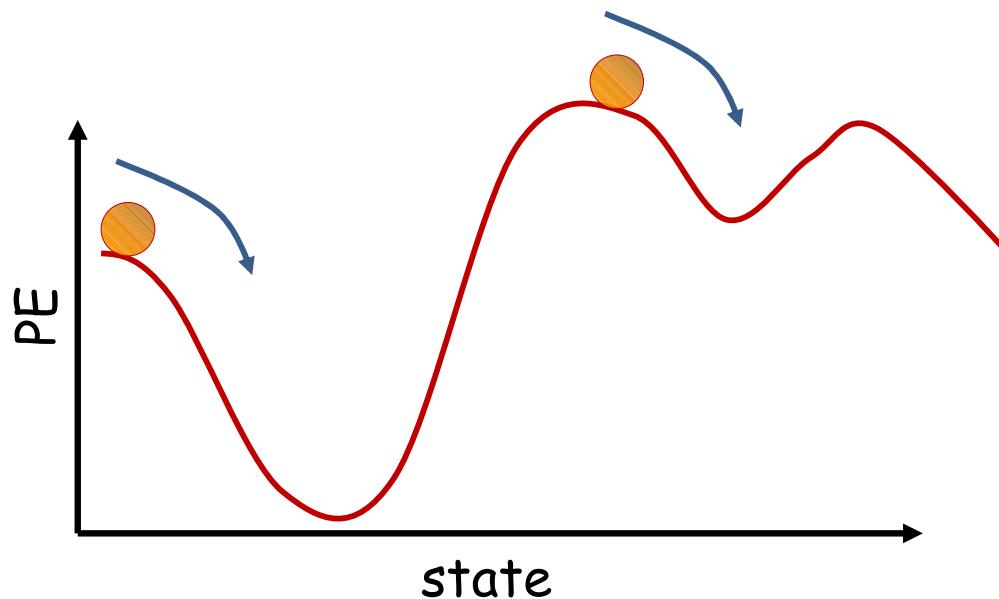
# Storing patterns: Training a network



- A network that stores pattern  $P$  also naturally stores  $-P$ 
  - Symmetry  $E(P) = E(-P)$  since  $E$  is a function of  $y_i y_j$

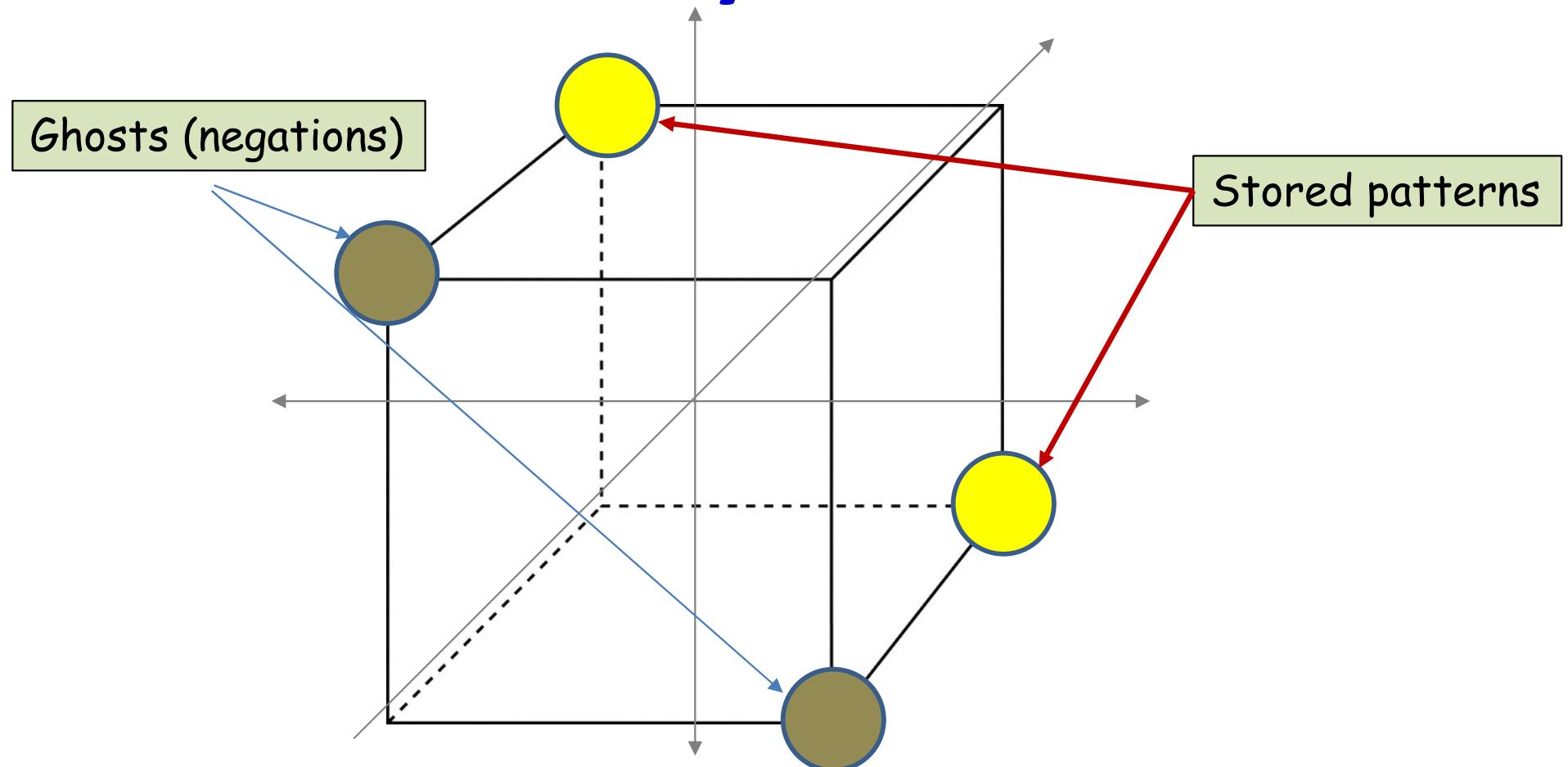
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# A network can store *multiple* patterns



- Every stable point is a stored pattern
- So, we could design the net to store multiple patterns
  - Remember that every stored pattern  $P$  is actually *two* stored patterns,  $P$  and  $-P$
- **How many patterns can we store intentionally?**

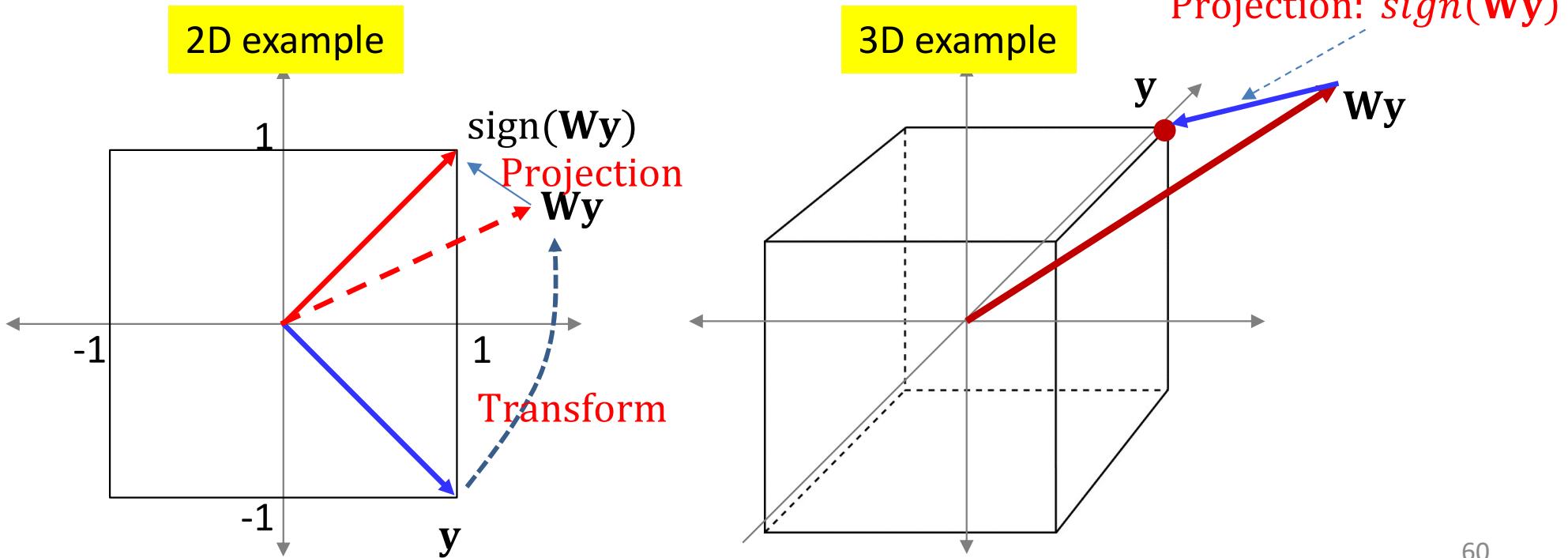
# Patterns you can store



- All patterns are on the corners of a hypercube
  - If a pattern is stored, its “ghost” is stored as well
  - Intuitively, patterns must ideally be maximally far apart

# Evolution of the network

- Note: for real vectors  $sign(\mathbf{y})$  is a projection
  - Projects  $\mathbf{y}$  onto the nearest corner of the hypercube
  - It “quantizes” the space into orthants
- Response to field:  $\mathbf{y} \leftarrow sign(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y})$ 
  - Each step rotates the vector  $\mathbf{y}$  and then projects it onto the nearest corner



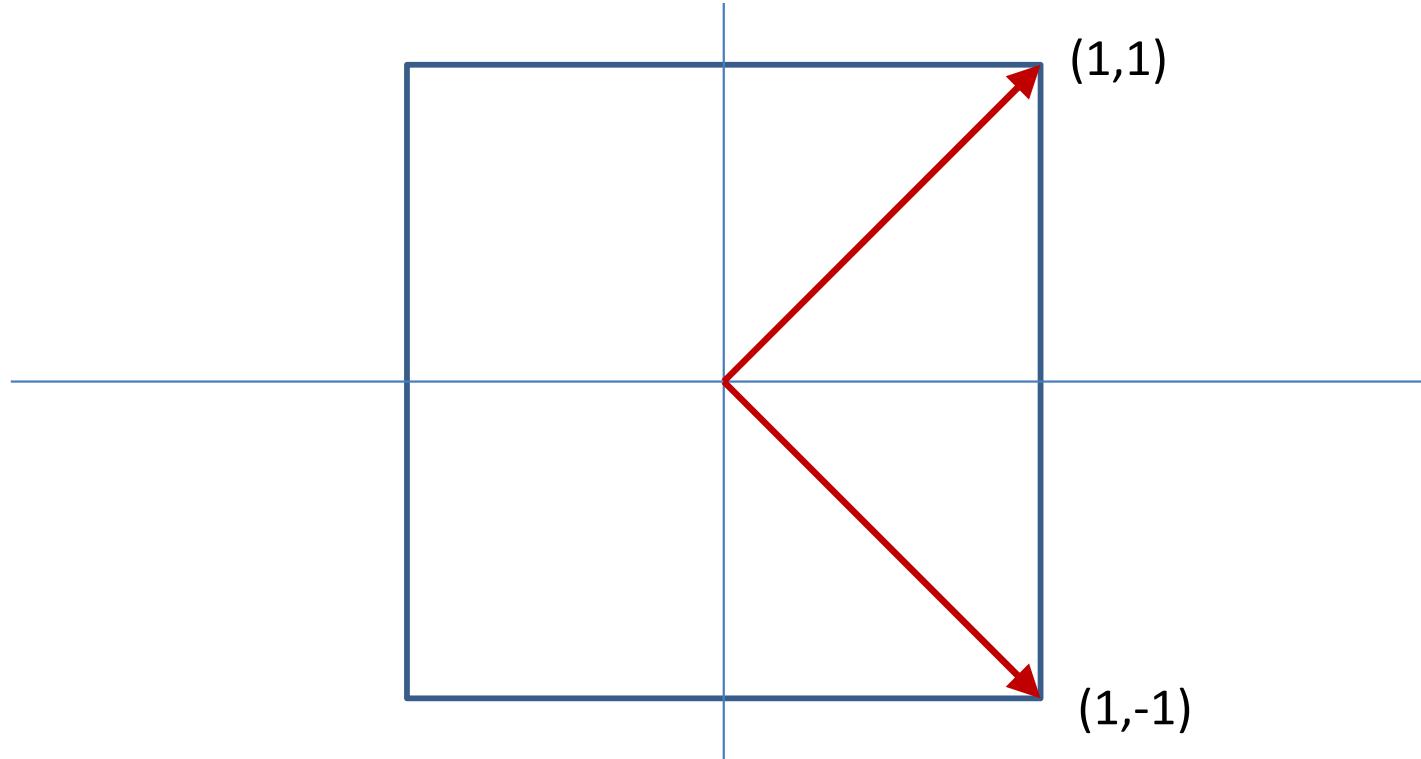
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- A pattern  $\mathbf{y}_P$  is stored if:
  - $sign(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}_p) = \mathbf{y}_p$  for all target patterns
    - $\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}_p$  is in the same orthant as  $\mathbf{y}_p$
- Training: Design  $\mathbf{W}$  such that this holds
- Simple solution:  $\mathbf{y}_p$  is an Eigenvector of  $\mathbf{W}$ 
  - And the corresponding Eigenvalue is positive
$$\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}_p = \lambda\mathbf{y}_p$$
  - More generally  $orthant(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}_p) = orthant(\mathbf{y}_p)$
- How many such  $\mathbf{y}_p$  can we have?

# Random fact that should interest you

- Number of ways of selecting two  $N$ -bit binary patterns  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  such that they differ from one another in exactly  $N/2$  bits is  $\mathcal{O}(2^{\frac{3N}{2}})$
- The size of the largest set of  $N$ -bit binary patterns  $\{y_1, y_2, \dots\}$  that *all* differ from one another in exactly  $N/2$  bits is at most  $N$ 
  - Trivial proof.. ☺

# Only N patterns?



- Symmetric weight matrices have orthogonal Eigen vectors
- You can have max  $N$  orthogonal vectors in an  $N$ -dimensional space

# random fact that should interest you

- The Eigenvectors of any symmetric matrix  $W$  are orthogonal
- The Eigenvalues may be positive or negative

# Storing more than one pattern

- Requirement: Given  $\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \dots, \mathbf{y}_P$ 
  - Design  $\mathbf{W}$  such that
    - $sign(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}_p) = \mathbf{y}_p$  for all target patterns
    - There are no other *binary* vectors for which this holds
- What is the largest number of patterns that can be stored?

# Storing patterns

- Any (binary) eigen vector with a real eigen value is stored

$$\mathbf{y}_p \leftarrow \text{sign}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}_p) = \text{sign}(\lambda\mathbf{y}_p) = \pm\mathbf{y}_p$$

- A square matrix  $\mathbf{W}$  can have up to  $N$  eigen vectors
  - So, we can “intentionally” store up to  $N$  patterns
- Problem?

# Storing $N$ orthogonal patterns

- The  $N$  Eigenvectors  $\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \dots, \mathbf{y}_N$  *span the space*
- Any pattern  $\mathbf{y}$  can be written as

$$\mathbf{y} = a_1 \mathbf{y}_1 + a_2 \mathbf{y}_2 + \cdots + a_N \mathbf{y}_N$$

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- Many of these will have the form

$$\text{sign}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{y}$$

- ***Spurious memories***
- *The fewer memories we store, and the more distant they are, the more likely we are to eliminate spurious memories*

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  - McEliece and Posner, 84'
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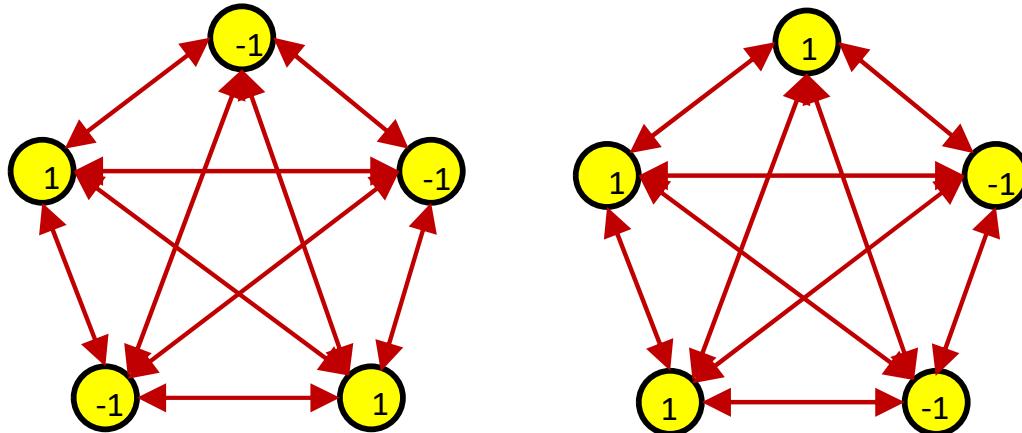
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Can we do something about this?

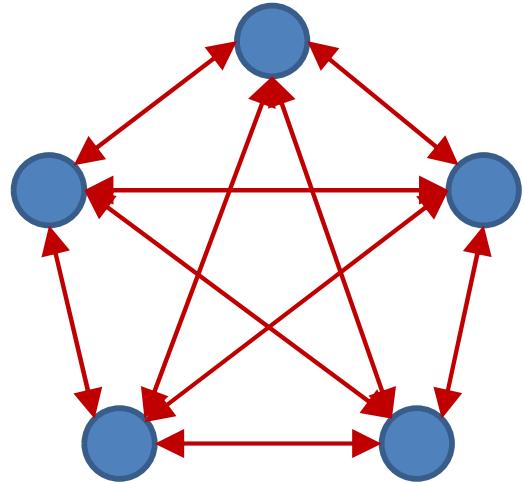
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# Consider the energy function

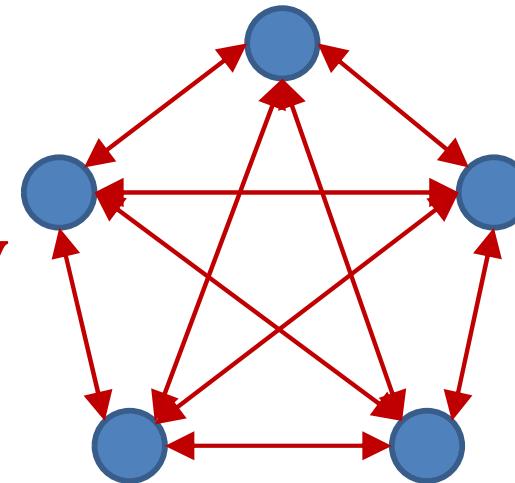


$$E = -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y}$$

- This must be *maximally* low for target patterns
- Must be *maximally* high for *all other patterns*
  - So that they are unstable and evolve into one of the target patterns

# Estimating the Network

$$E(\mathbf{y}) = -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y}$$



- Estimate  $\mathbf{W}$  (and  $\mathbf{b}$ ) such that
  - $E$  is minimized for  $\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \dots, \mathbf{y}_P$
  - $E$  is maximized for all other  $\mathbf{y}$
- Caveat: Unrealistic to expect to store more than  $N$  patterns, but can we make those  $N$  patterns *memorable*

# Optimizing W (and b)

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The bias can be captured by another fixed-value component

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- Simple gradient descent:

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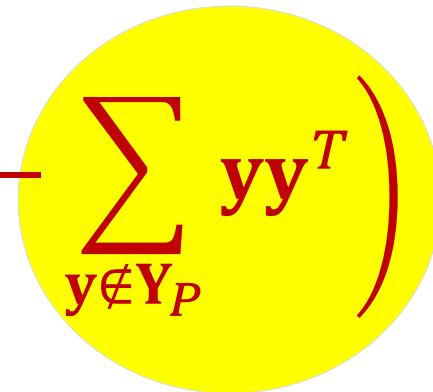
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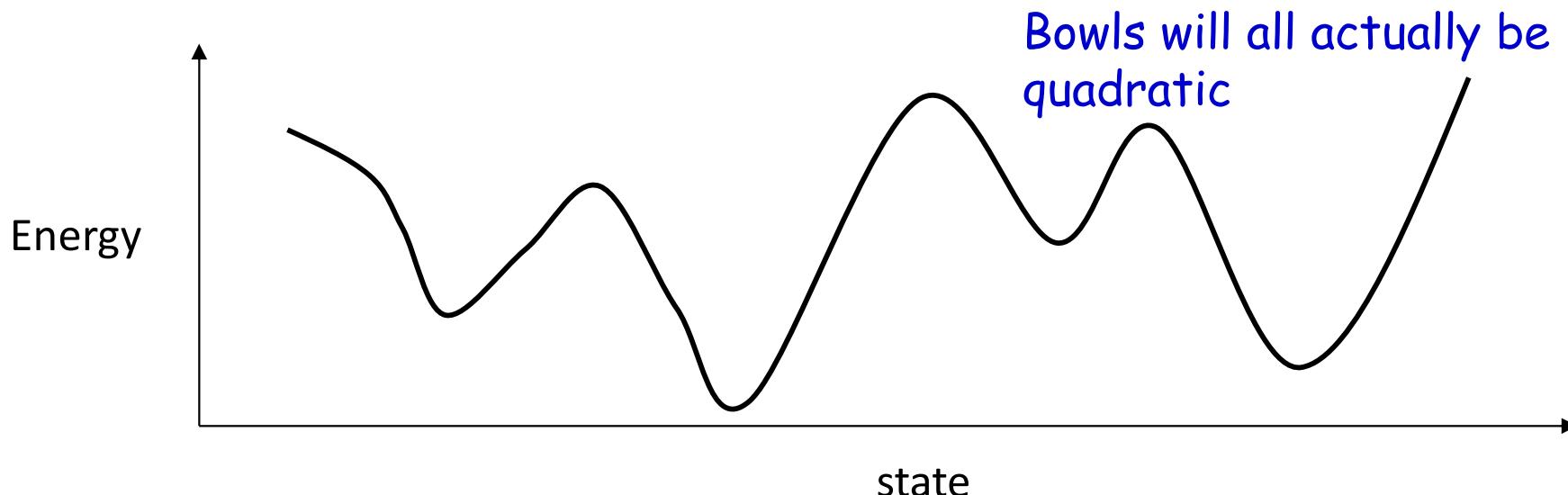


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  - Do we need to include *all* of them?
  - Are all equally important?

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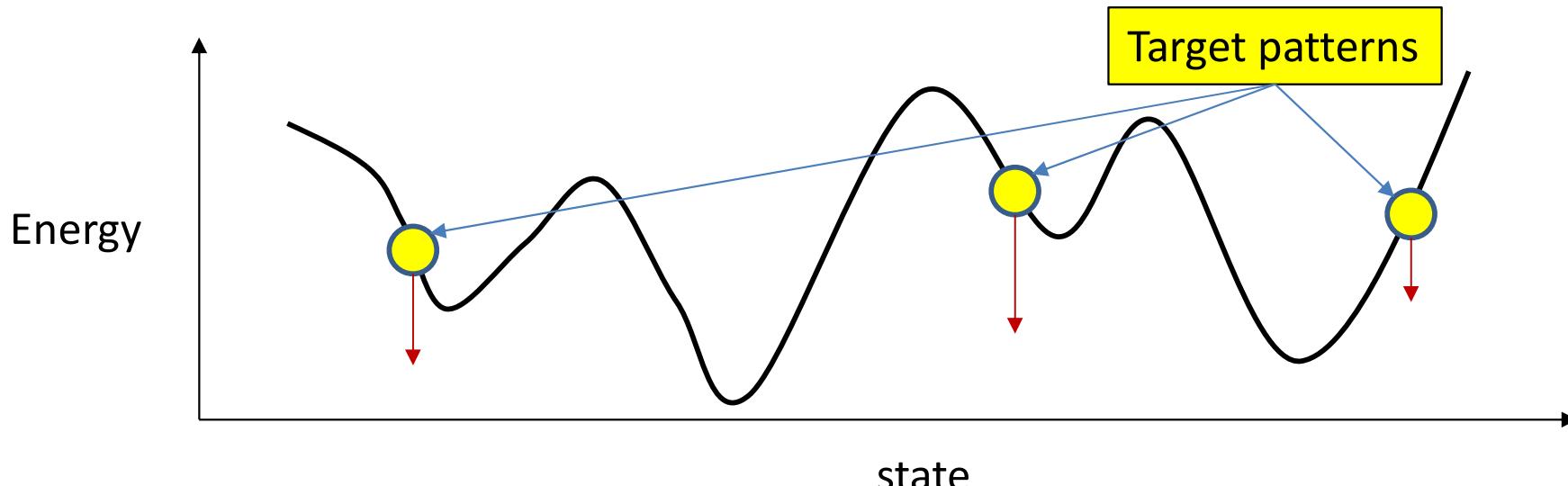
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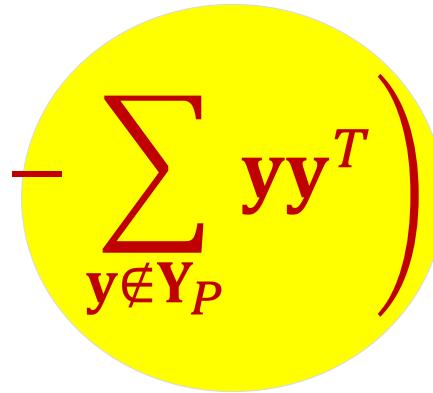
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- The first term tries to *minimize* the energy at target patterns
  - Make them local minima
  - Emphasize more “important” memories by repeating them more frequently

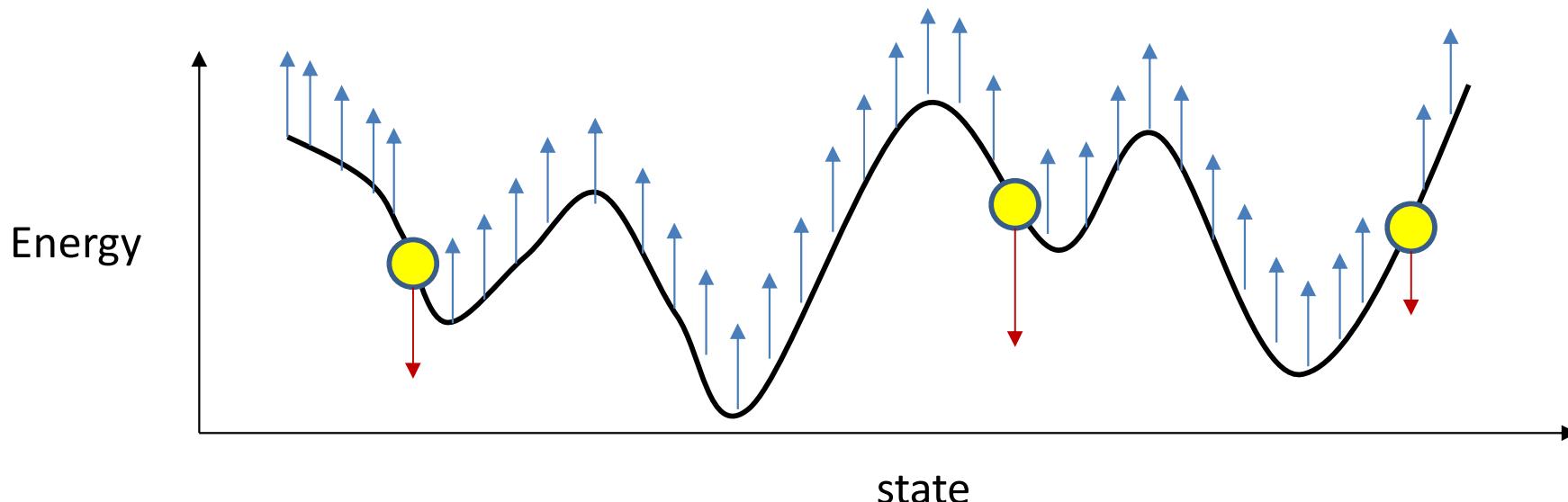


# The negative class

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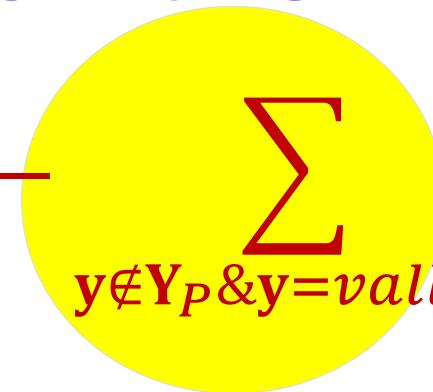


- The second term tries to “raise” all non-target patterns
  - Do we need to raise *everything*?

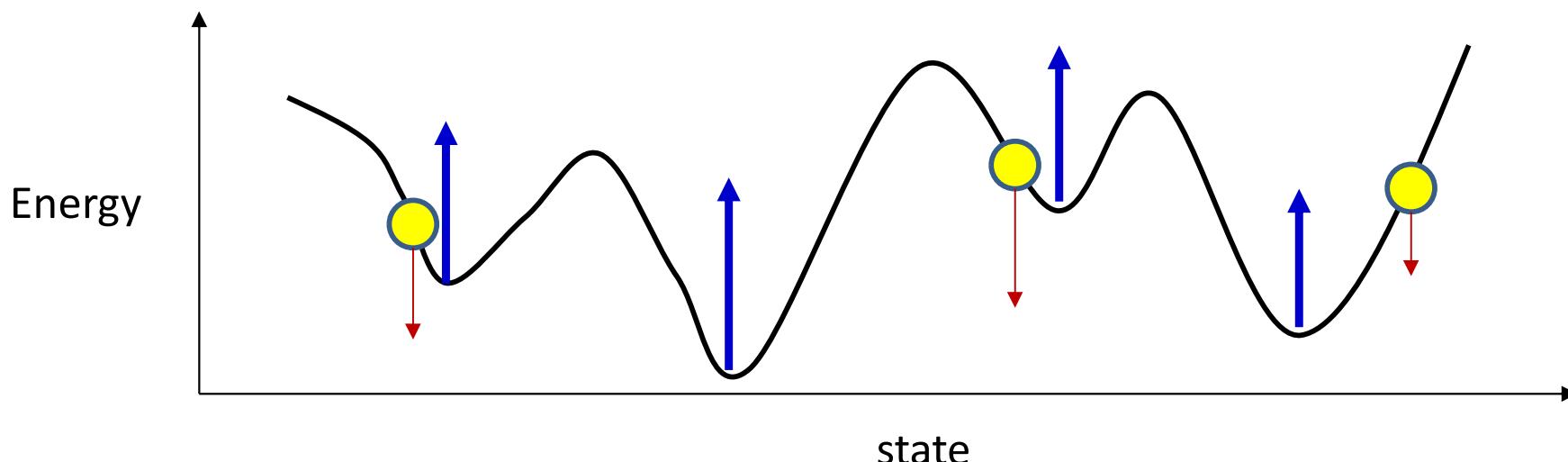


# Option 1: Focus on the valleys

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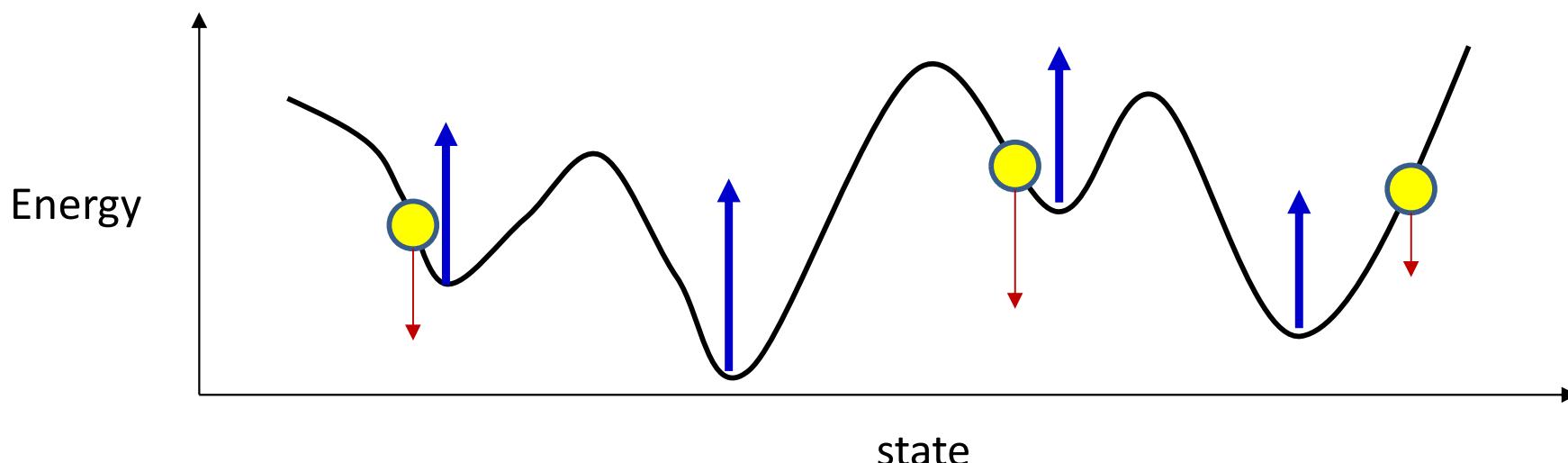
- Focus on raising the valleys
  - If you raise *every* valley, eventually they'll all move up above the target patterns, and many will even vanish



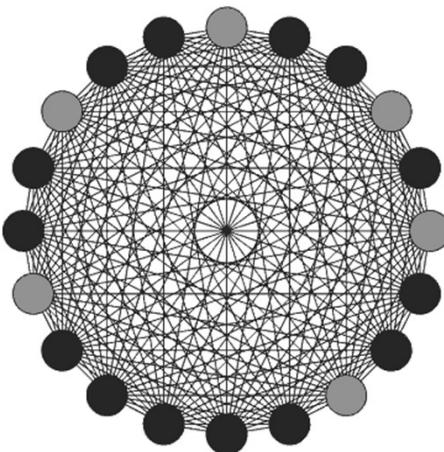
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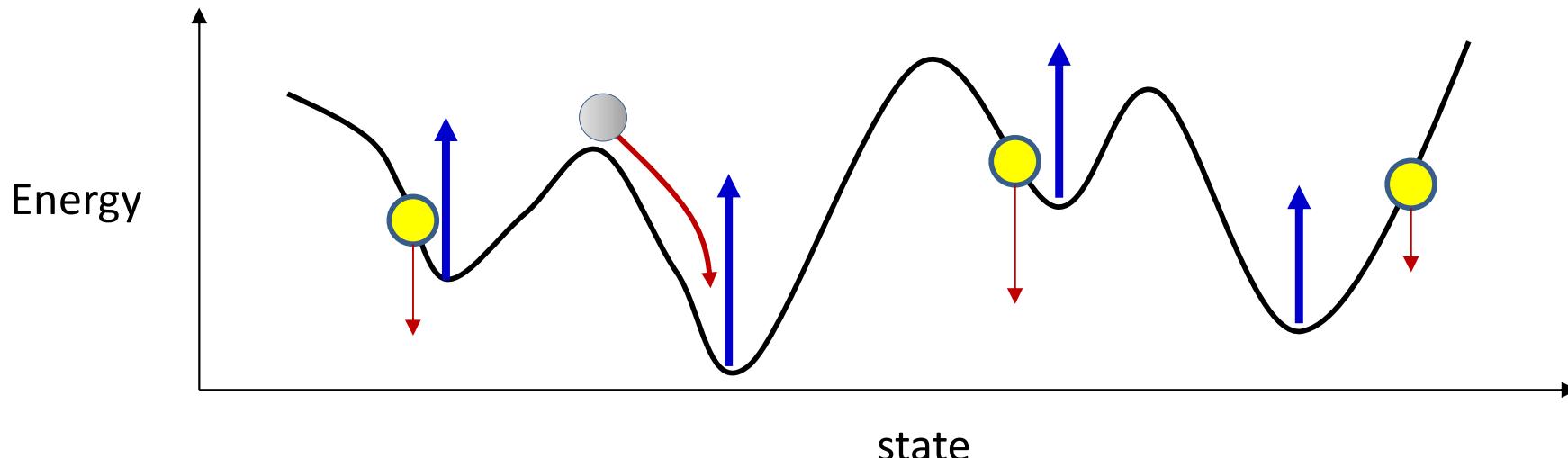
- Problem: How do you identify the valleys for the current  $\mathbf{W}$ ?



# Identifying the valleys..



- Initialize the network randomly and let it evolve
  - It will settle in a valley



# Training the Hopfield network

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- Initialize  $\mathbf{W}$
- Compute the total outer product of all target patterns
  - More important patterns presented more frequently
- Randomly initialize the network several times and let it evolve
  - And settle at a valley
- Compute the total outer product of valley patterns
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# Training the Hopfield network: SGD version

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- Initialize  $\mathbf{W}$
- Do until convergence, satisfaction, or death from boredom:
  - Sample a target pattern  $\mathbf{y}_p$ 
    - Sampling frequency of pattern must reflect importance of pattern
  - Randomly initialize the network and let it evolve
    - And settle at a valley  $\mathbf{y}_v$
  - Update weights
    - $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W} + \eta(\mathbf{y}_p\mathbf{y}_p^T - \mathbf{y}_v\mathbf{y}_v^T)$

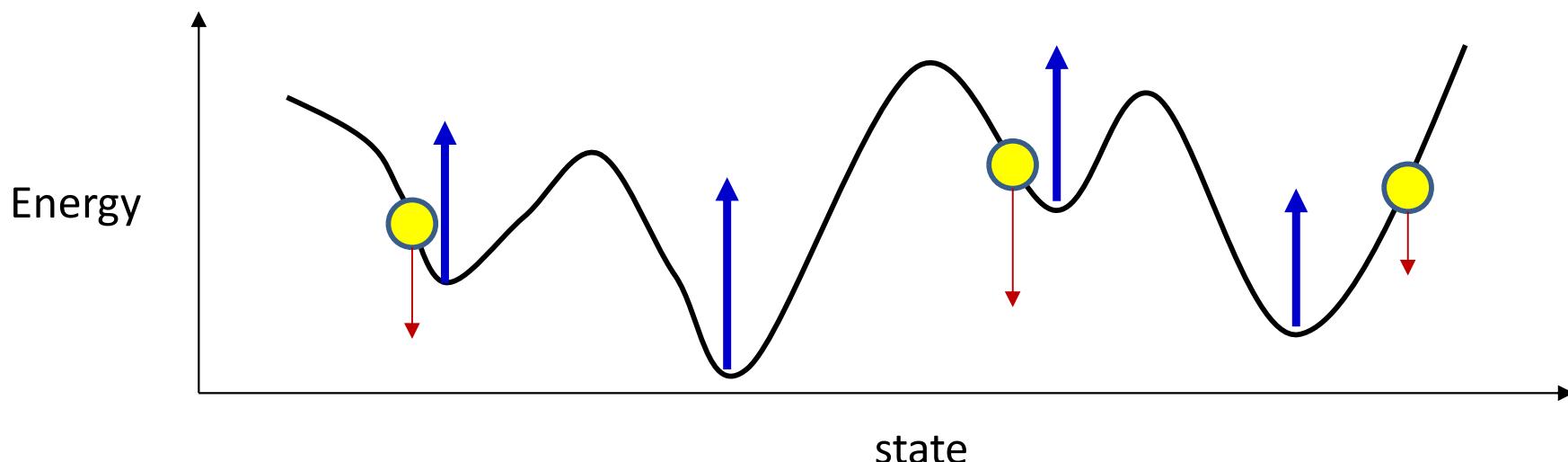
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    - Sampling frequency of pattern must reflect importance of pattern
  - Randomly initialize the network and let it evolve
    - And settle at a valley  $\mathbf{y}_v$
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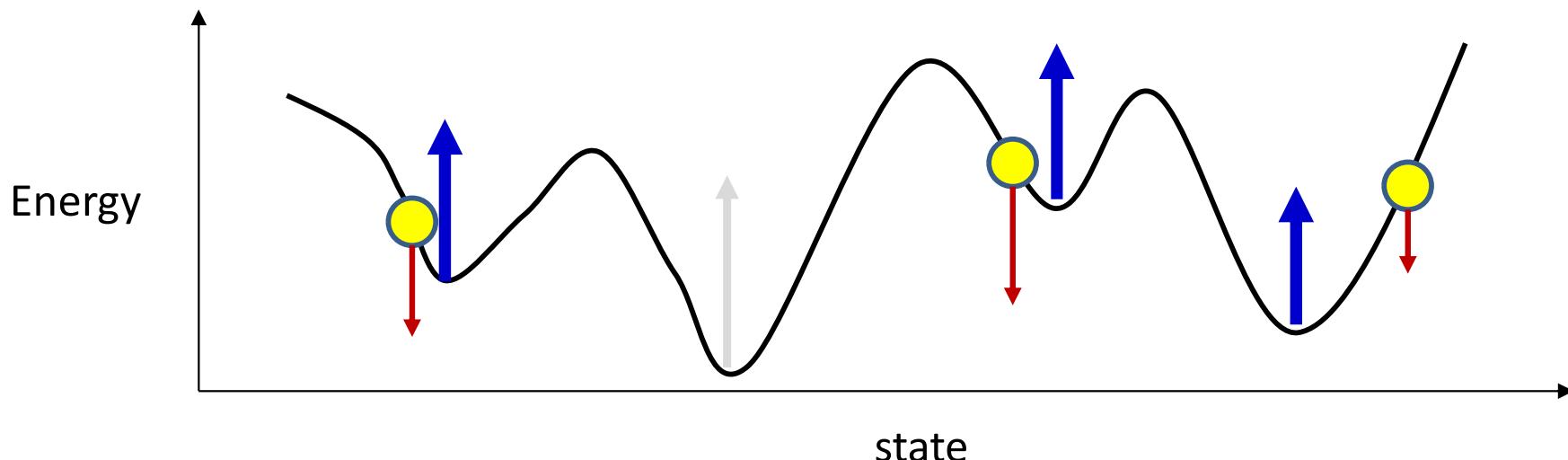
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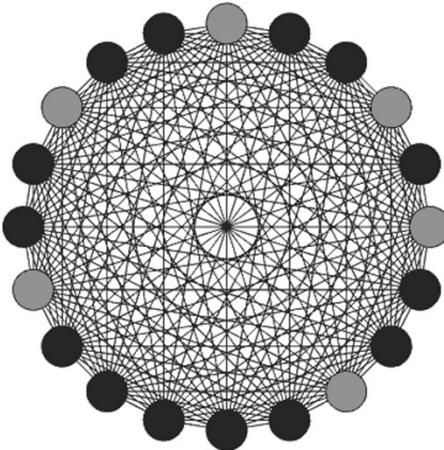


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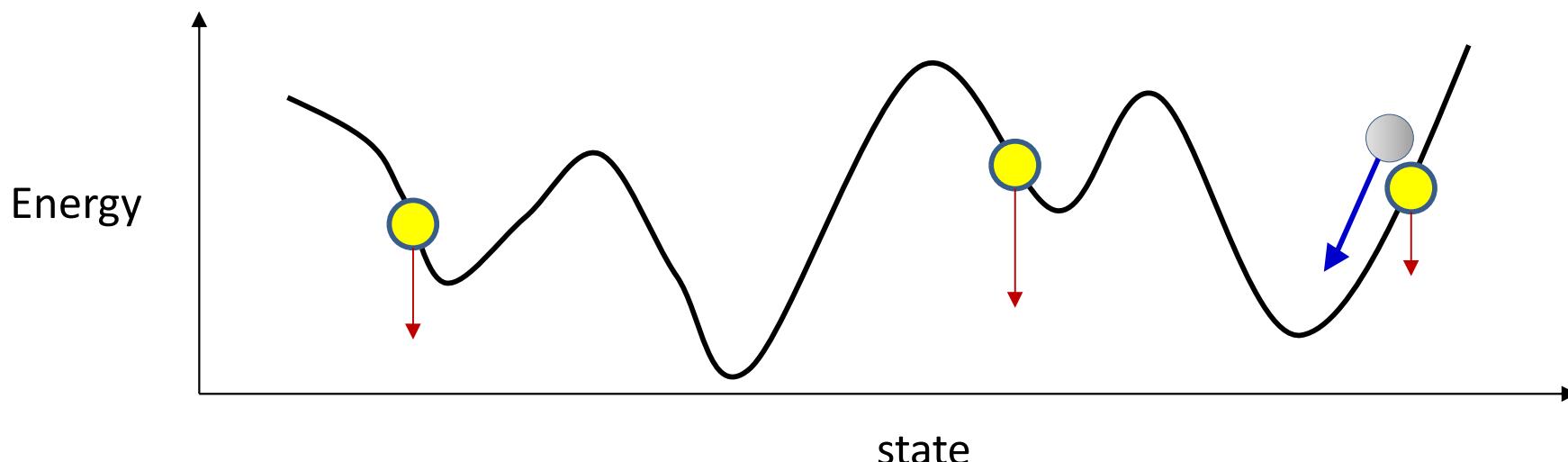
- Should we *randomly* sample valleys?
  - Are all valleys equally important?
- Major requirement: memories must be stable
  - They *must* be broad valleys
- Spurious valleys in the neighborhood of memories are more important to eliminate



# Identifying the valleys..



- Initialize the network at valid memories and let it evolve
  - It will settle in a valley. If this is not the target pattern, raise it



# Training the Hopfield network

$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W} + \eta \left( \sum_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{Y}_P} \mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^T - \sum_{\mathbf{y} \notin \mathbf{Y}_P \& \mathbf{y} = \text{valley}} \mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^T \right)$$

- Initialize  $\mathbf{W}$
- Compute the total outer product of all target patterns
  - More important patterns presented more frequently
- Initialize the network with each target pattern and let it evolve
  - And settle at a valley
- Compute the total outer product of valley patterns
- Update weights

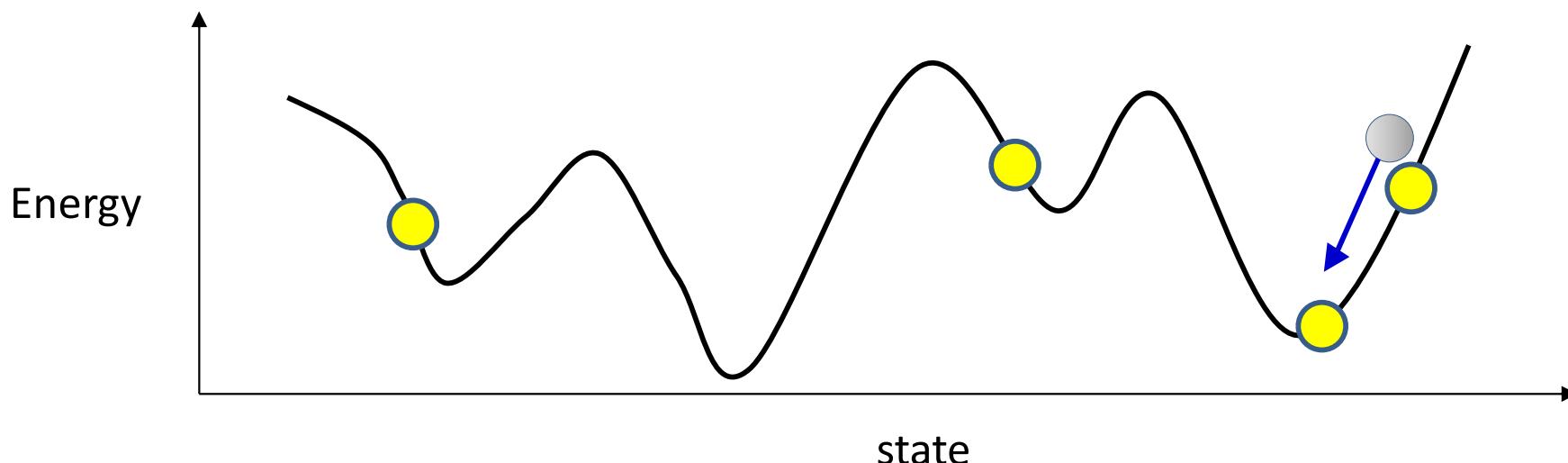
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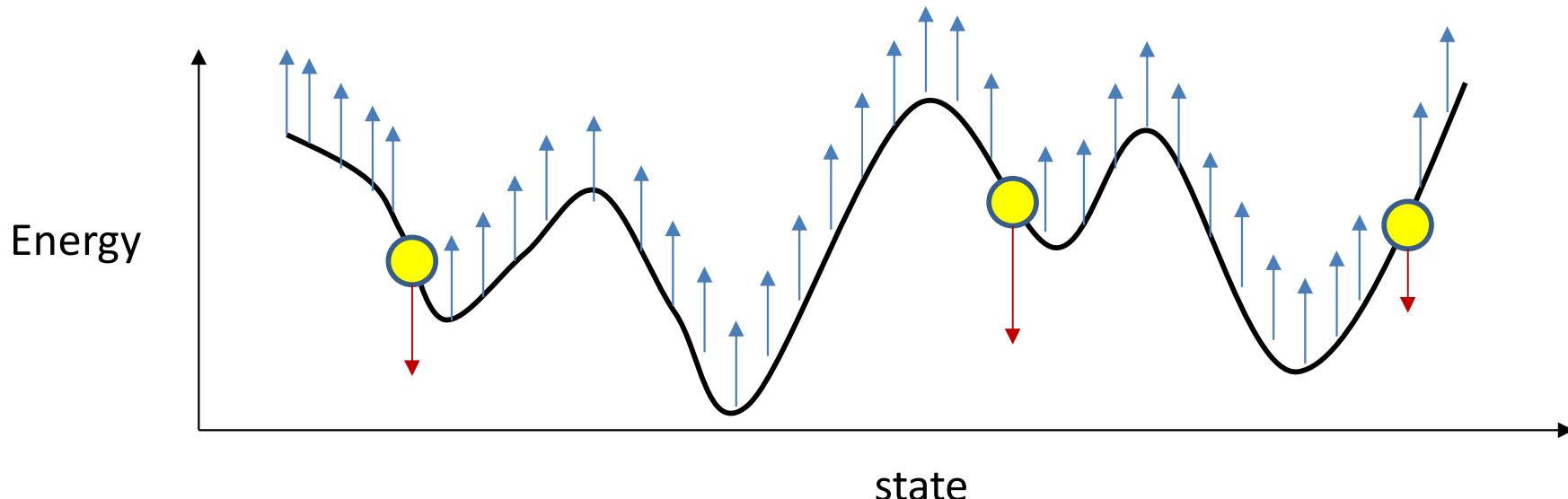
# A possible problem

- What if there's another target pattern downvalley
  - Raising it will destroy a better-represented or stored pattern!



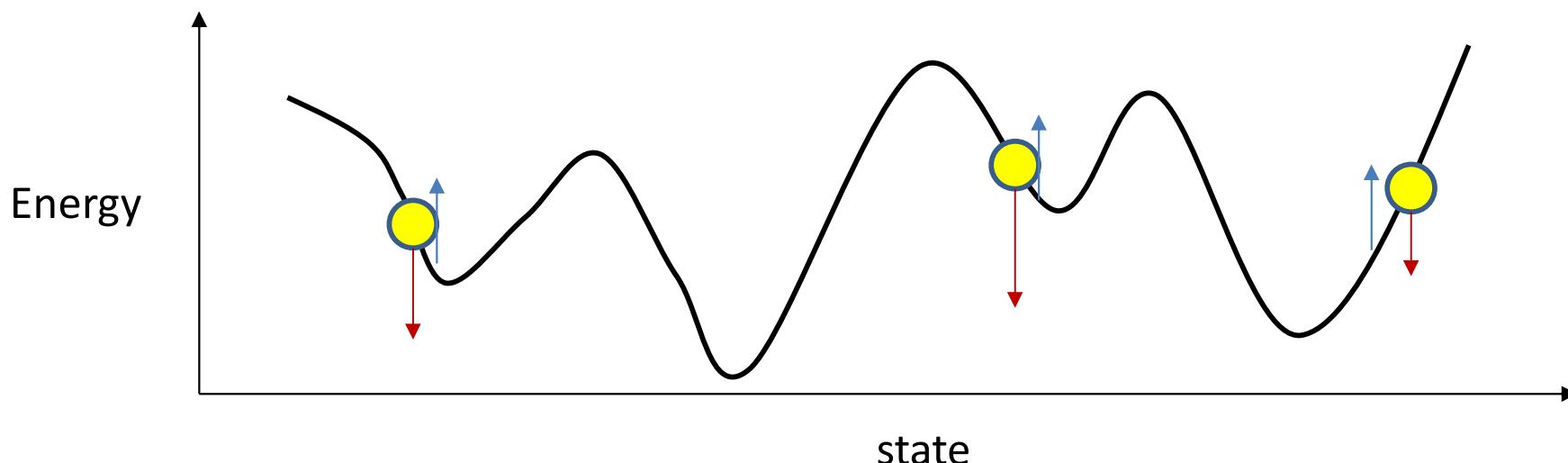
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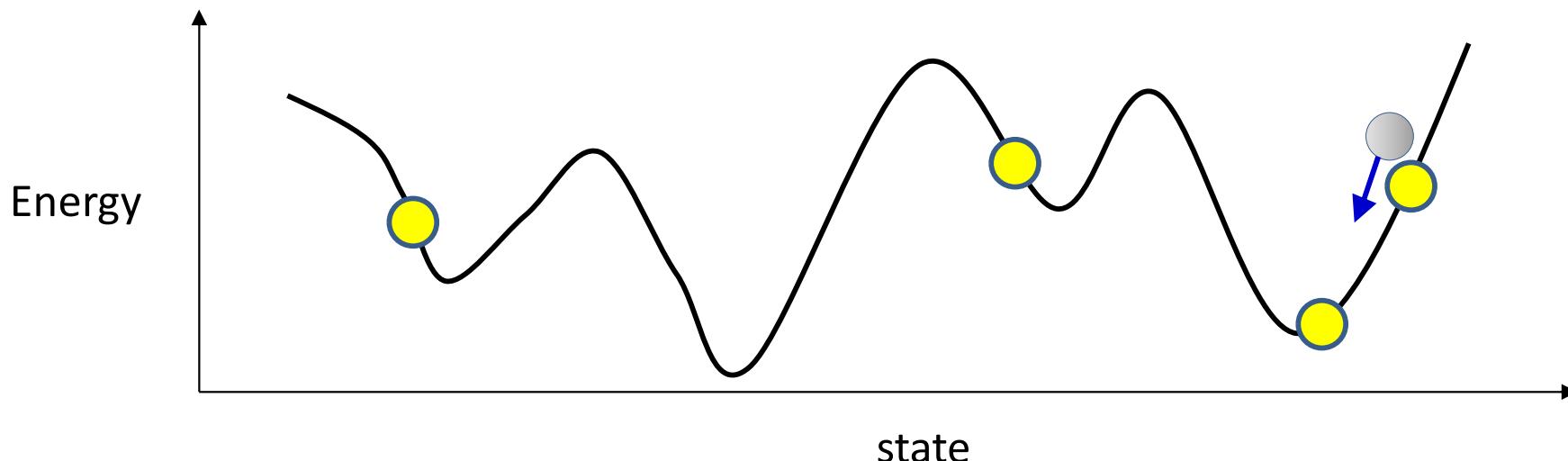
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- Really no need to raise the entire surface, or even every valley
- Raise the *neighborhood* of each target memory
  - Sufficient to make the memory a valley
  - The broader the neighborhood considered, the broader the valley



# Raising the neighborhood

- Starting from a target pattern, let the network evolve only a few steps
  - Try to raise the resultant location
- Will raise the neighborhood of targets
- Will avoid problem of down-valley targets



# Training the Hopfield network: SGD version

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    - And arrive at a down-valley position  $\mathbf{y}_d$
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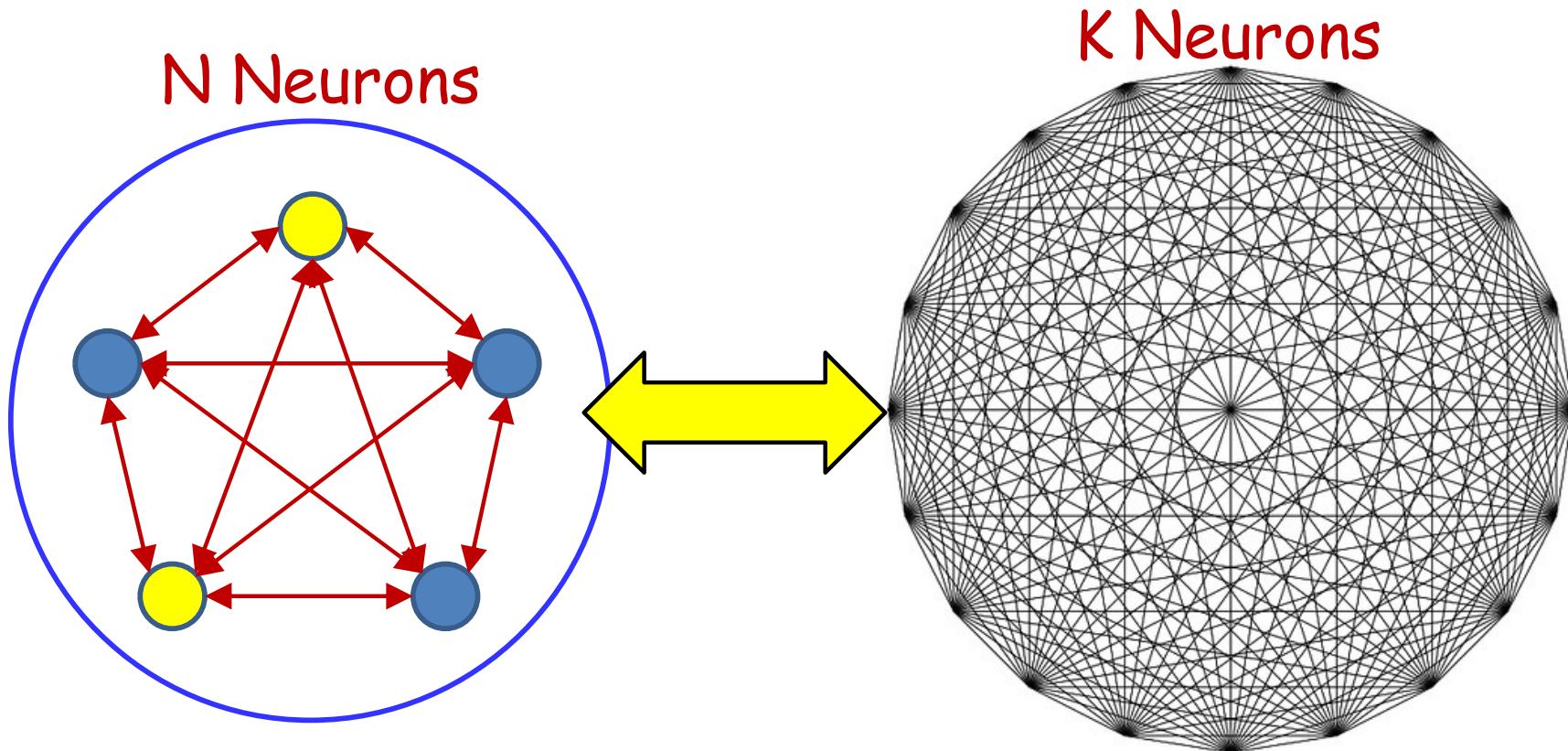
# Story so far

- Hopfield nets with  $N$  neurons can store up to  $N$  random patterns
  - But comes with many parasitic memories
- Networks that store  $O(N)$  memories can be trained through optimization
  - By minimizing the energy of the target patterns, while increasing the energy of the neighboring patterns

# Storing more than $N$ patterns

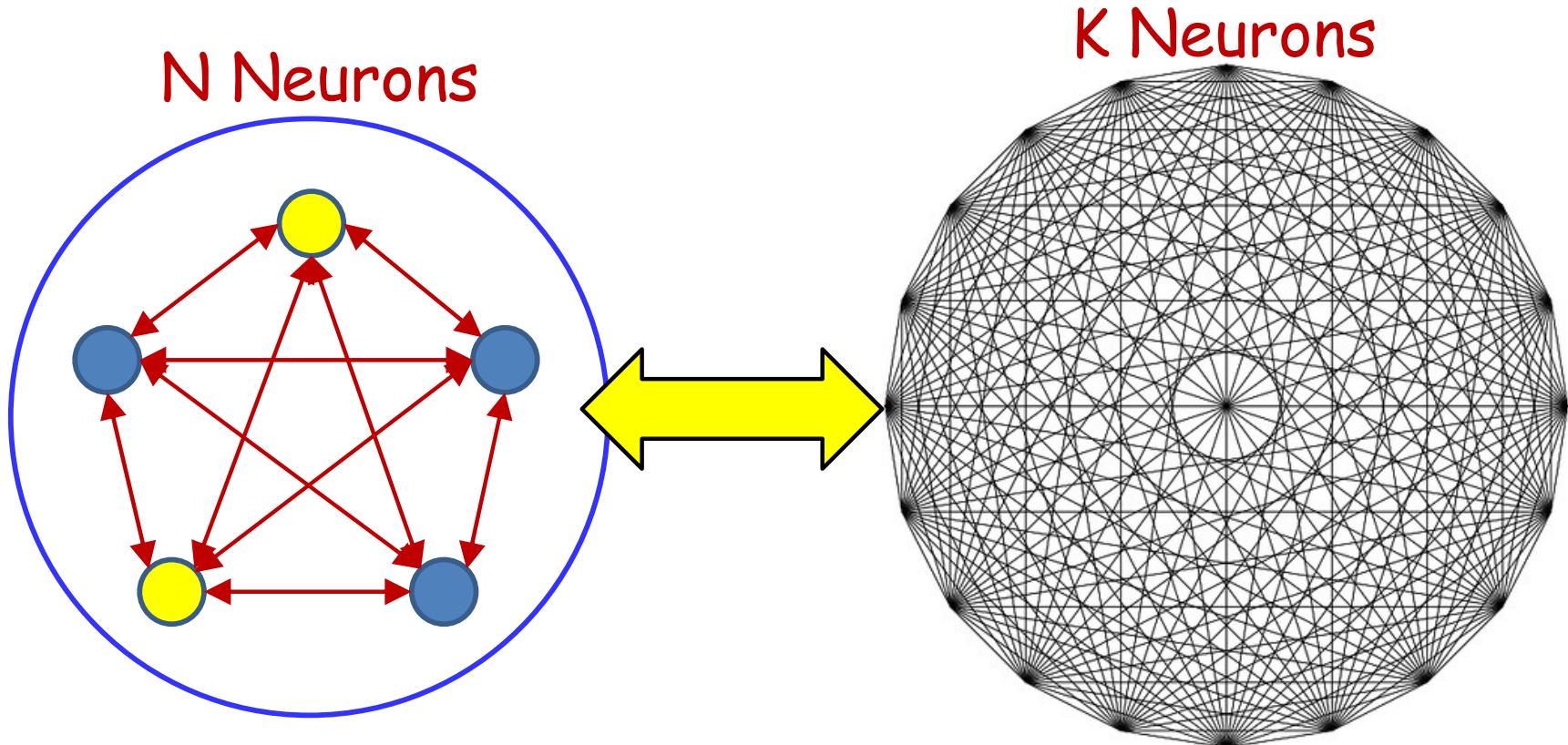
- The memory capacity of an  $N$ -bit network is at most  $N$ 
  - Stable patterns (not necessarily even stationary)
    - Abu Mustafa and St. Jacques, 1985
    - Although “information capacity” is  $\mathcal{O}(N^3)$
- How do we increase the capacity of the network
  - How to store more than  $N$  patterns

# Expanding the network



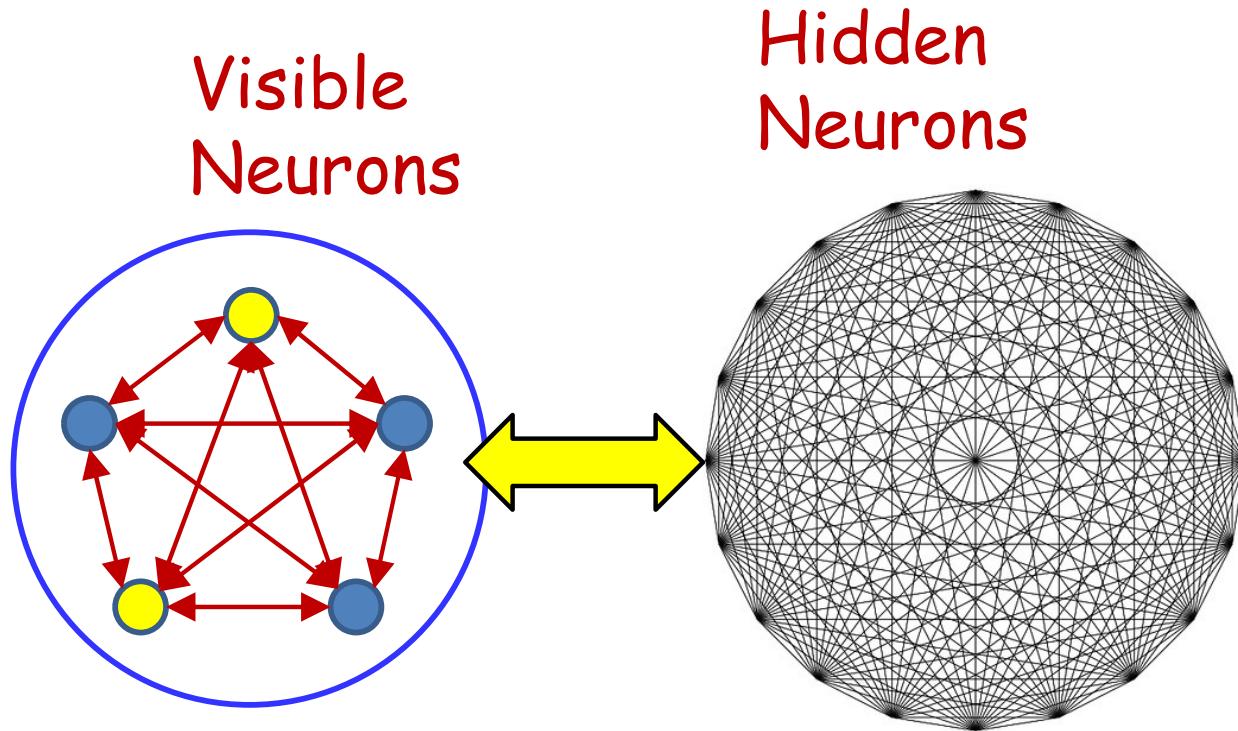
- Add a large number of neurons whose actual values you don't care about!

# Expanded Network



- New capacity:  $\sim(N + K)$  patterns
  - Although we only care about the pattern of the first  $N$  neurons
  - We're interested in  $N$ -bit patterns

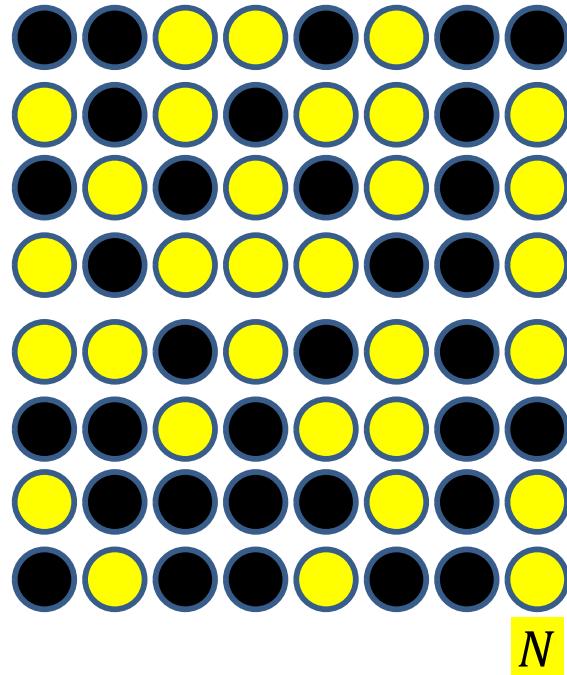
# Terminology



- Terminology:
  - The neurons that store the actual patterns of interest: *Visible neurons*
  - The neurons that only serve to increase the capacity but whose actual values are not important: *Hidden neurons*
  - These can be set to anything in order to store a visible pattern

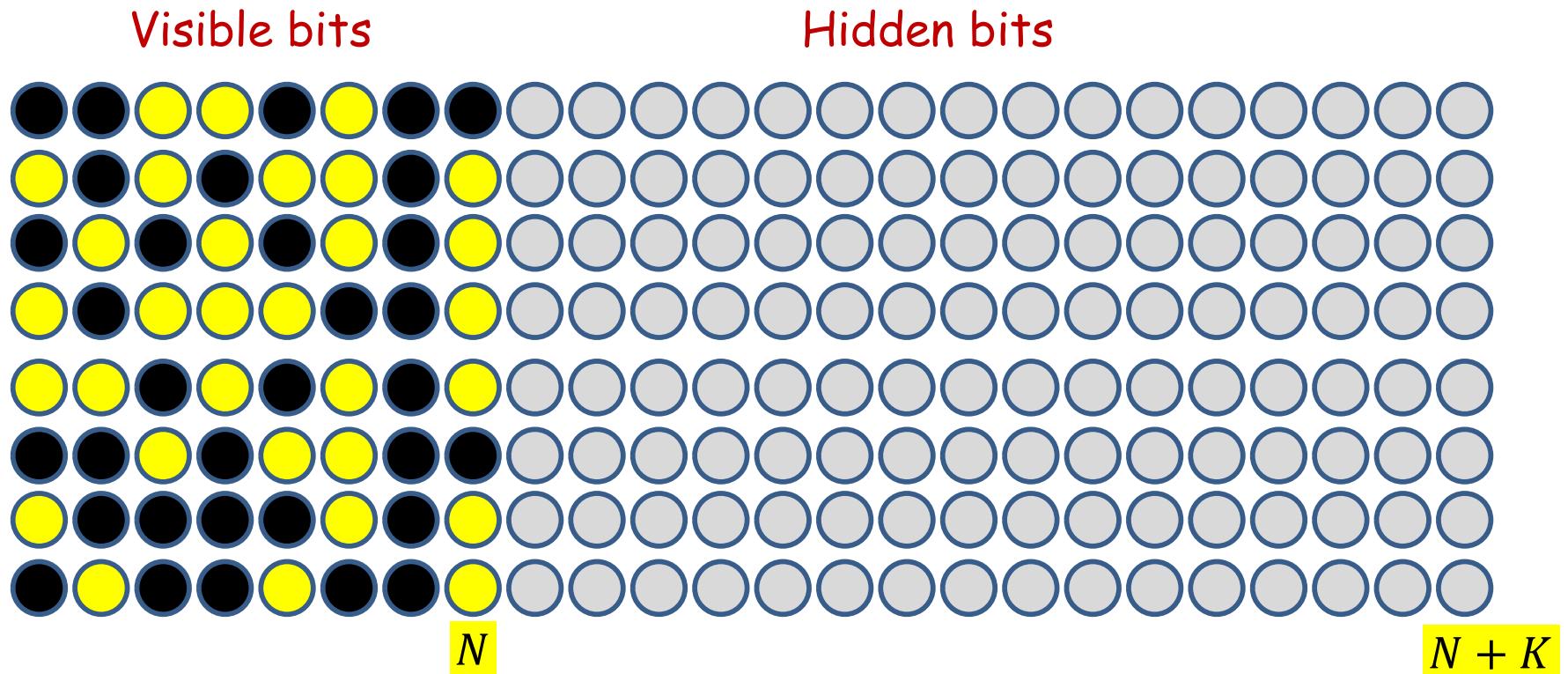
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Visible bits



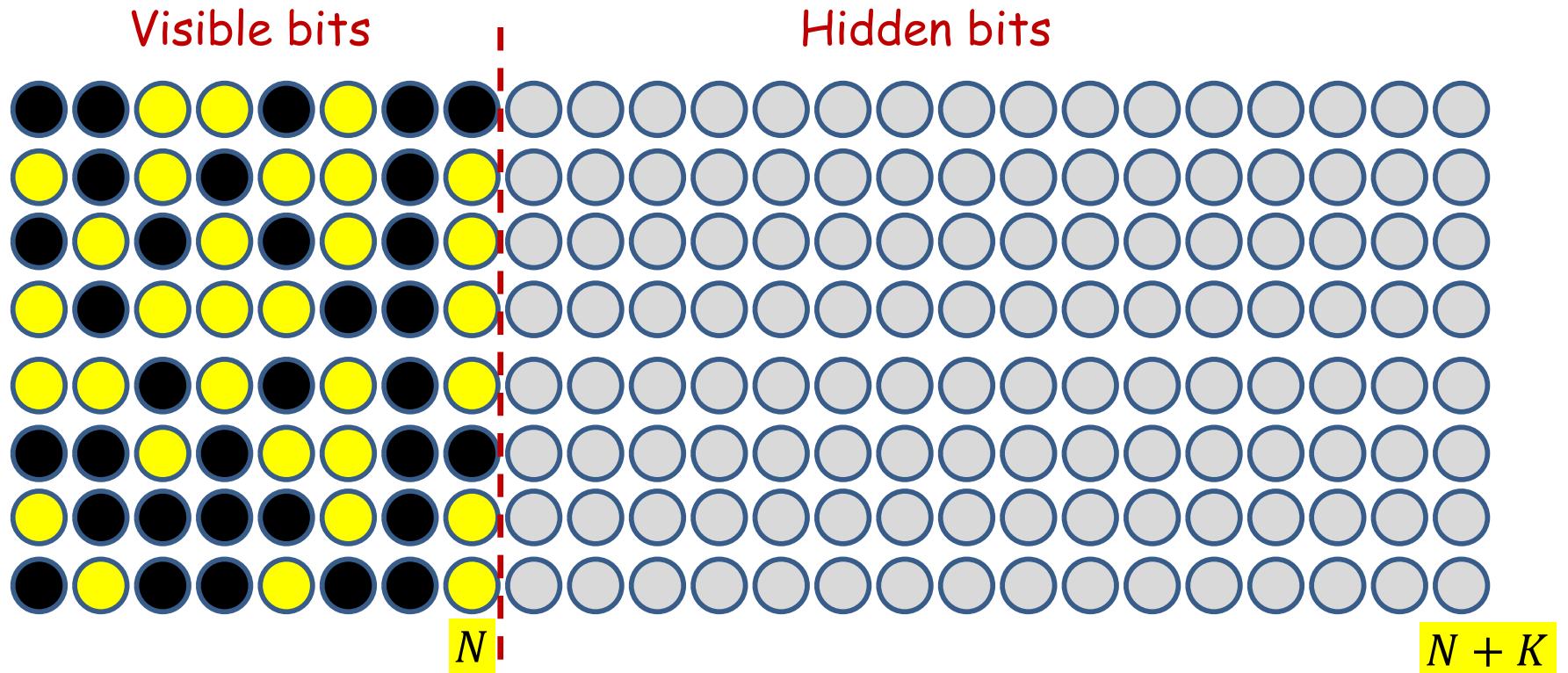
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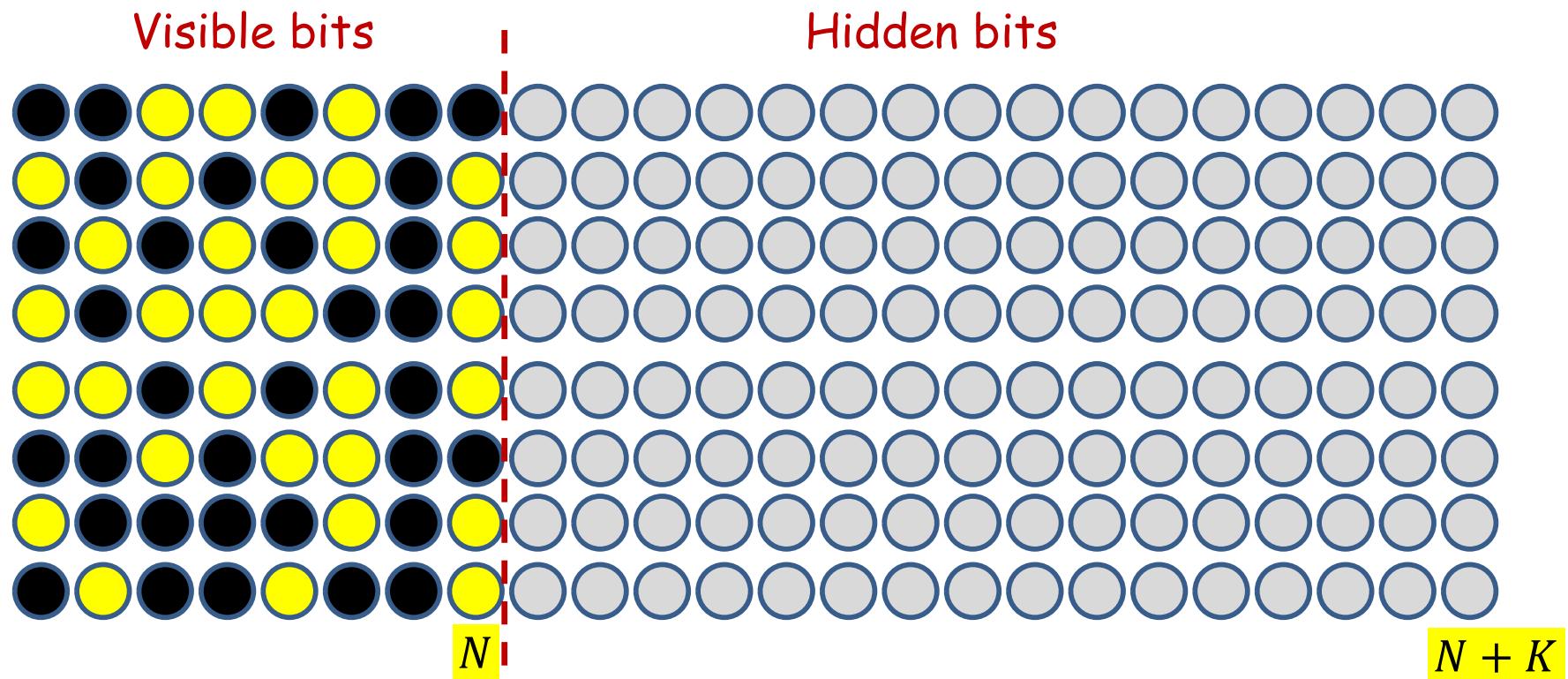
- The maximum number of patterns the net can store is bounded by the width  $N$  of the patterns..
- So, let's *pad* the patterns with  $K$  "don't care" bits
  - The new width of the patterns is  $N+K$
  - Now we can store  $N+K$  patterns!

# Issues: Storage



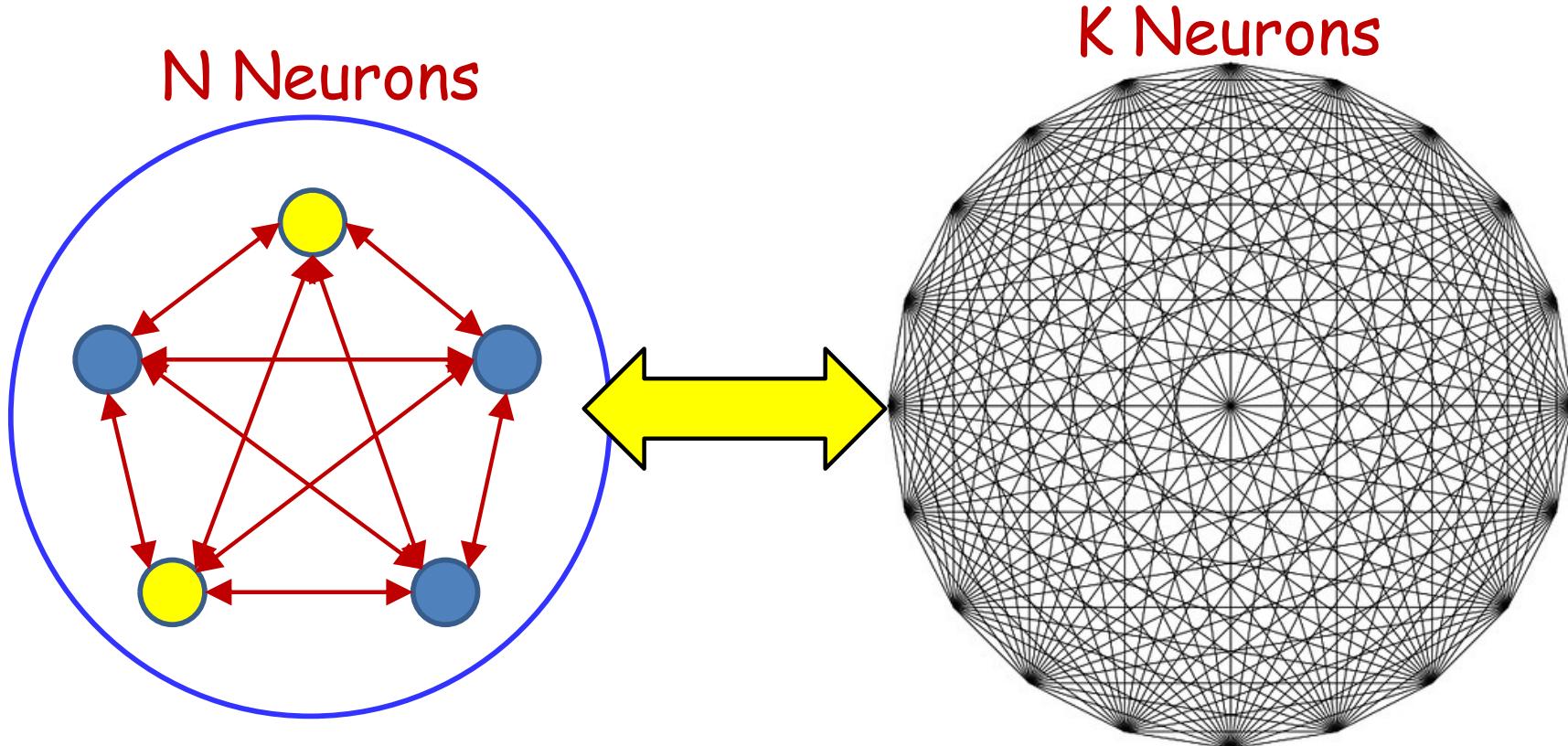
- What patterns do we fill in the don't care bits?
  - Simple option: Randomly
    - Flip a coin for each bit
  - We could even compose *multiple* extended patterns for a base pattern to increase the probability that it will be recalled properly
    - Recalling any of the extended patterns from a base pattern will recall the base pattern
- How do we store the patterns?
  - Standard optimization method should work

# Issues: Recall



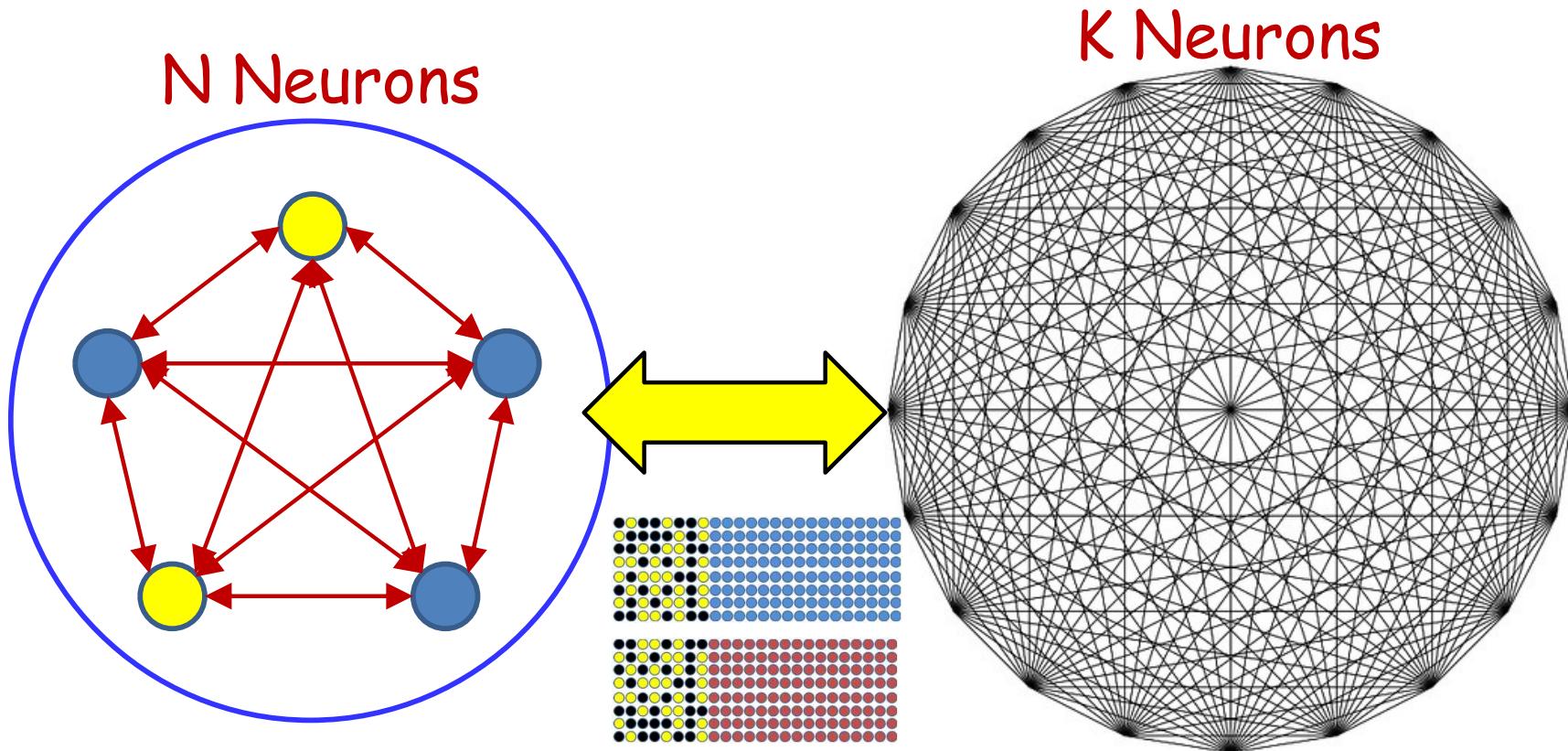
- How do we retrieve a memory?
- Can do so using usual “evolution” mechanism
- But this is not taking advantage of a key feature of the extended patterns:
  - Making errors in the don’t care bits doesn’t matter

# Robustness of recall



- The value taken by the  $K$  hidden neurons during recall doesn't really matter
  - Even if it doesn't match what we actually tried to store
- Can we take advantage of this somehow?

# Robustness of recall



- Also, we can have multiple extended patterns with the same pattern over visible bits
  - Can we exploit this somehow?

# Taking advantage of don't care bits

- Simple random setting of don't care bits, and using the usual training and recall strategies for Hopfield nets should work
- However, it doesn't sufficiently exploit the redundancy of the don't care bits
  - Possible to set the don't care bits such that the overall pattern (and hence the "visible" bits portion of the pattern) is more memorable
  - Also, may have multiple don't-care patterns for a target pattern
    - Multiple valleys, in which the visible bits remain the same, but don't care bits vary
- To exploit it properly, it helps to view the Hopfield net differently: as a probabilistic machine

# A probabilistic interpretation of Hopfield Nets

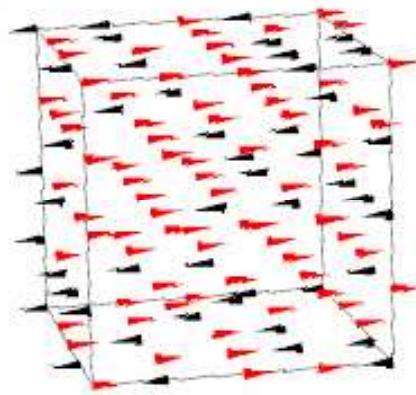
- For *binary*  $y$  the energy of a pattern is the analog of the negative log likelihood of a *Boltzmann distribution*
  - **Minimizing energy maximizes log likelihood**

$$E(y) = -\frac{1}{2}y^T W y \quad P(y) = C \exp(-E(y))$$

# The Boltzmann Distribution

$$E(\mathbf{y}) = -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y}$$

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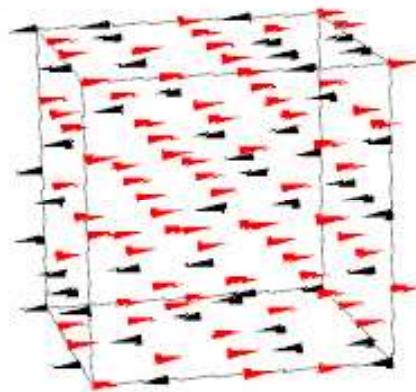
$$C = \frac{1}{\sum_{\mathbf{y}} \exp\left(\frac{-E(\mathbf{y})}{kT}\right)}$$

- $k$  is the Boltzmann constant
- $T$  is the temperature of the system
- The energy terms are the negative loglikelihood of a Boltzmann distribution at  $T = 1$  to within an additive constant
  - Derivation of this probability is in fact quite trivial..

# Continuing the Boltzmann analogy

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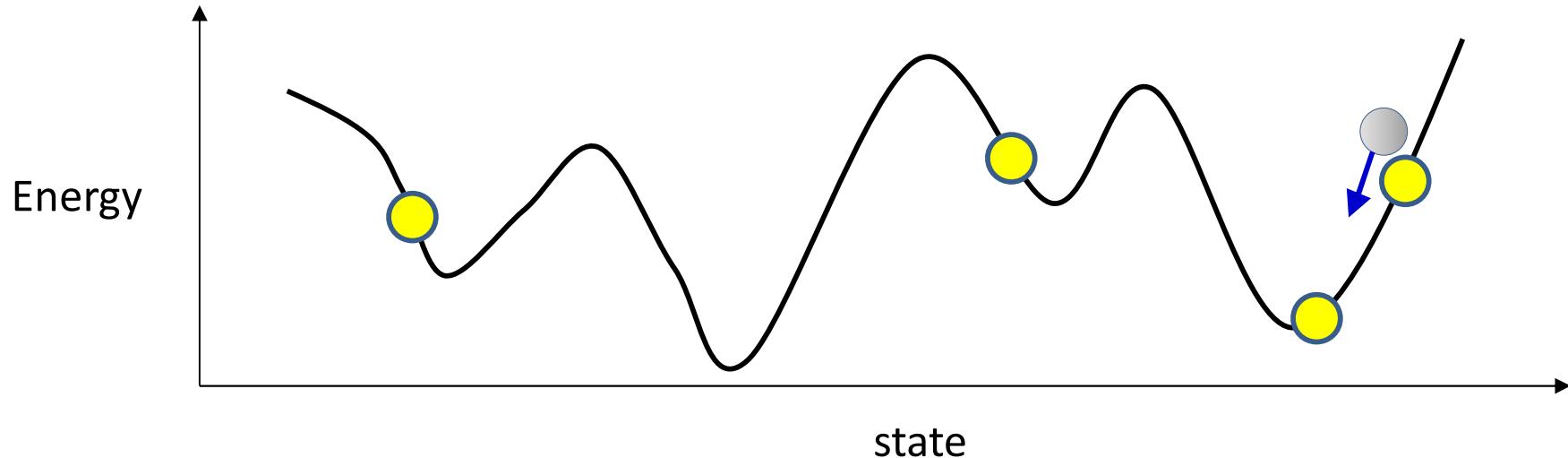
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- The system *probabilistically* selects states with lower energy
  - With infinitesimally slow cooling, at  $T = 0$ , it arrives at the global minimal state

# Spin glasses and the Boltzmann distribution



- Selecting a next state is analogous to drawing a sample from the Boltzmann distribution at  $T = 1$ , in a universe where  $k = 1$ 
  - Energy landscape of a spin-glass model: Exploration and characterization, Zhou and Wang, Phys. Review E 79, 2009

# Hopfield nets: Optimizing W

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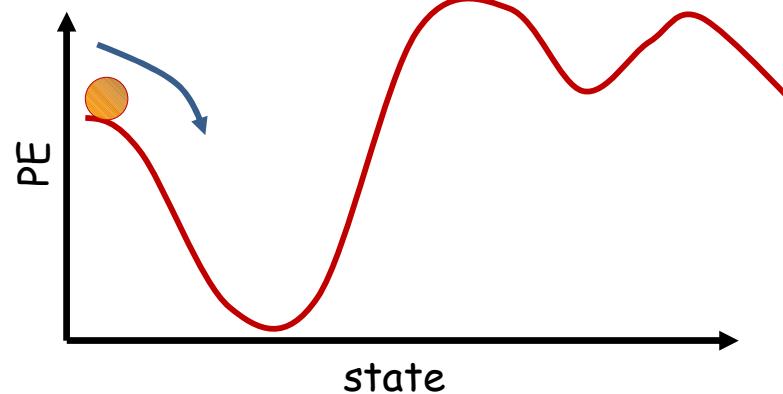
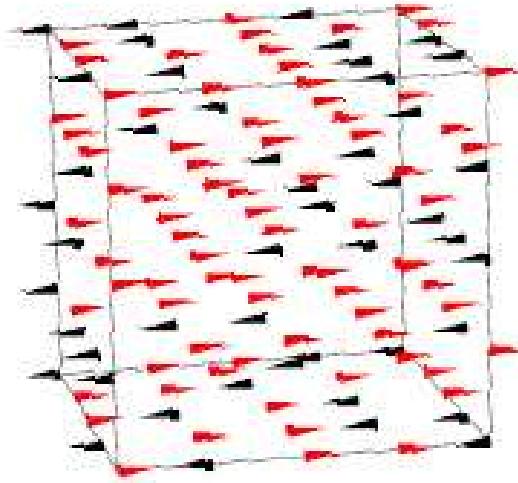
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Natural distribution for variables: The Boltzmann Distribution

# From Analogy to Model

- The behavior of the Hopfield net is analogous to annealed dynamics of a spin glass characterized by a Boltzmann distribution
- So, let's explicitly model the Hopfield net as a distribution..

# Revisiting Thermodynamic Phenomena



- Is the system actually in a specific state at any time?
- No – the state is actually continuously changing
  - Based on the temperature of the system
    - At higher temperatures, state changes more rapidly
- What is actually being characterized is the *probability* of the state
  - And the *expected* value of the state

# The Helmholtz Free Energy of a System

- A thermodynamic system at temperature  $T$  can exist in one of many states
  - Potentially infinite states
  - At any time, the probability of finding the system in state  $s$  at temperature  $T$  is  $P_T(s)$
- At each state  $s$  it has a potential energy  $E_s$
- The *internal energy* of the system, representing its capacity to do work, is the average:

$$U_T = \sum_s P_T(s) E_s$$

# The Helmholtz Free Energy of a System

- The capacity to do work is counteracted by the internal disorder of the system, i.e. its entropy

$$H_T = - \sum_s P_T(s) \log P_T(s)$$

- The *Helmholtz* free energy of the system combines the two terms

$$F_T = U_T + kT H_T$$

$$= \sum_s P_T(s) E_s - kT \sum_s P_T(s) \log P_T(s)$$

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- A system held at a specific temperature *anneals* by varying the rate at which it visits the various states, to reduce the free energy in the system, until a minimum free-energy state is achieved
- The probability distribution of the states at steady state is known as the *Boltzmann distribution*

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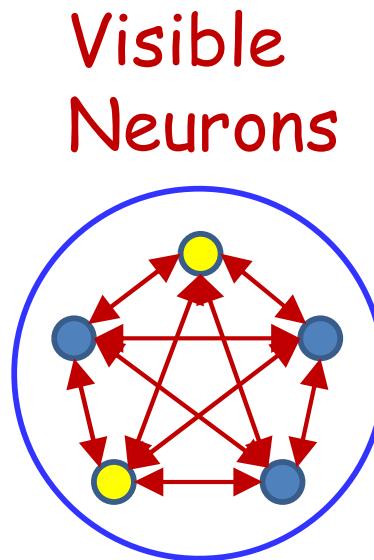
$$F_T = \sum_s P_T(s) E_s - kT \sum_s P_T(s) \log P_T(s)$$

- Minimizing this w.r.t  $P_T(s)$ , we get

$$P_T(s) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(\frac{-E_s}{kT}\right)$$

- Also known as the *Gibbs* distribution
- $Z$  is a normalizing constant
- Note the dependence on  $T$
- At  $T = 0$ , the system will always remain at the lowest-energy configuration with prob = 1.

# The Energy of the Network

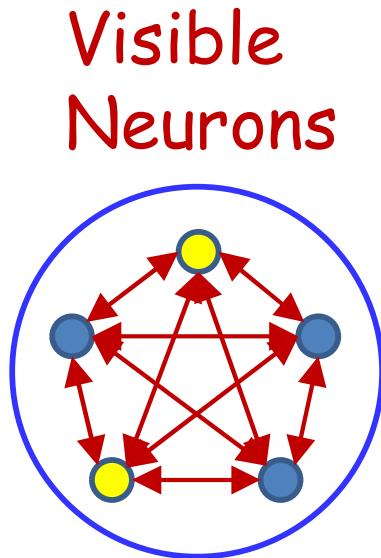


$$E(S) = - \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s_i s_j - b_i s_i$$

$$P(S) = \frac{\exp(-E(S))}{\sum_{S'} \exp(-E(S'))}$$

- We can define the energy of the system as before
- *Neurons are stochastic*, with disorder or entropy
- The *equilibrium* probability distribution over states is the Boltzmann distribution at  $T=1$ 
  - This is the probability of different states that the network will wander over *at equilibrium*

# The Hopfield net is a distribution



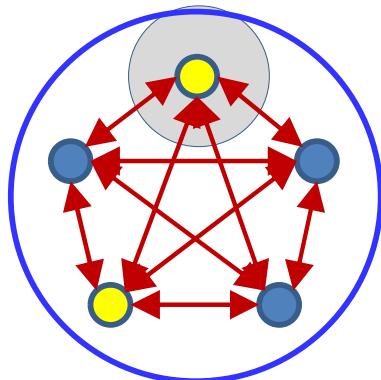
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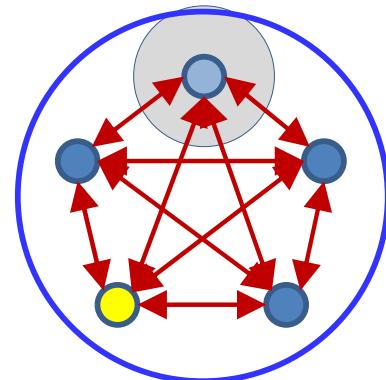
- The stochastic Hopfield network models a ***probability distribution*** over states
  - Where a state is a binary string
  - Specifically, it models a *Boltzmann distribution*
  - **The parameters of the model are the weights of the network**
- The probability that (at equilibrium) the network will be in any state is  $P(S)$ 
  - It is a *generative* model: generates states according to  $P(S)$

# The field at a single node

- Let  $S$  and  $S'$  be otherwise identical states that only differ in the  $i$ -th bit
  - $S$  has  $i$ -th bit = +1 and  $S'$  has  $i$ -th bit = -1



$$P(S) = P(s_i = 1 | s_{j \neq i}) P(s_{j \neq i})$$
$$P(S') = P(s_i = -1 | s_{j \neq i}) P(s_{j \neq i})$$

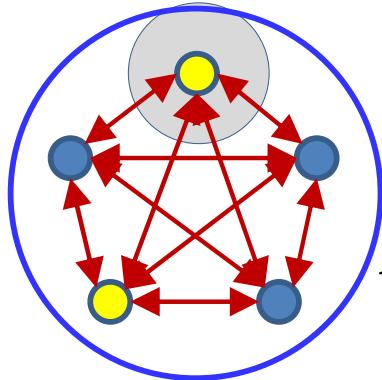


$$\log P(S) - \log P(S') = \log P(s_i = 1 | s_{j \neq i}) - \log P(s_i = -1 | s_{j \neq i})$$

$$\log P(S) - \log P(S') = \log \frac{P(s_i = 1 | s_{j \neq i})}{1 - P(s_i = 1 | s_{j \neq i})}$$

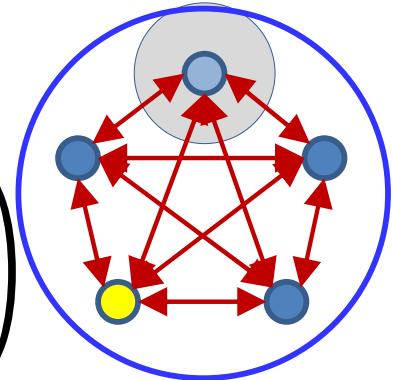
# The field at a single node

- Let  $S$  and  $S'$  be the states with the  $i$ th bit in the  $+1$  and  $-1$  states



$$\log P(S) = -E(S) + C$$

$$E(S) = -\frac{1}{2} \left( E_{not\ i} + \sum_{j \neq i} w_j s_j + b_i \right)$$



$$E(S') = -\frac{1}{2} \left( E_{not\ i} - \sum_{j \neq i} w_j s_j - b_i \right)$$

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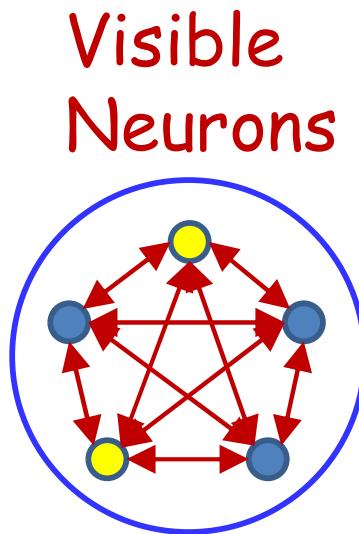
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- Giving us

$$P(s_i = 1 | s_{j \neq i}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\sum_{j \neq i} w_j s_j + b_i)}}$$

- The probability of any node taking value 1 given other node values is a logistic

# Redefining the network

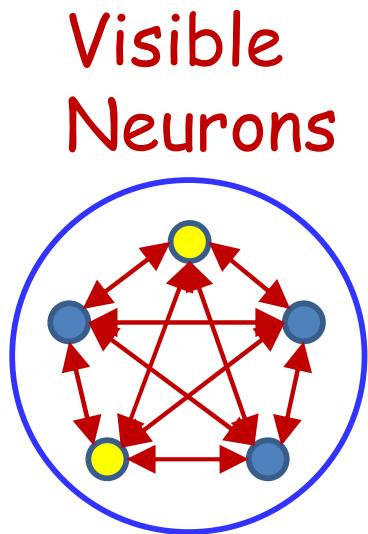


$$z_i = \sum_j w_{ji} s_j + b_i$$

$$P(s_i = 1 | s_{j \neq i}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z_i}}$$

- First try: Redefine a regular Hopfield net as a stochastic system
- Each neuron is *now a stochastic unit* with a binary state  $s_i$ , which can take value 0 or 1 with a probability that depends on the local field
  - Note the slight change from Hopfield nets
  - Not actually necessary; only a matter of convenience

# The Hopfield net is a distribution

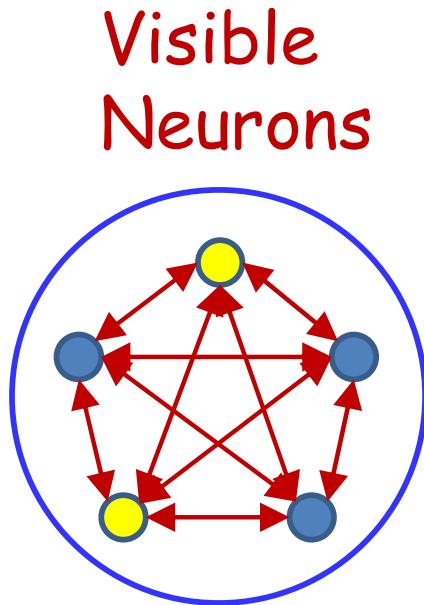


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- The Hopfield net is a probability distribution over binary sequences
  - The Boltzmann distribution
- The *conditional* distribution of individual bits in the sequence is a logistic

# Running the network



$$z_i = \sum_j w_{ji} s_j + b_i$$

$$P(s_i = 1 | s_{j \neq i}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z_i}}$$

- Initialize the neurons
- Cycle through the neurons and randomly set the neuron to 1 or -1 according to the probability given above
  - Gibbs sampling: Fix  $N-1$  variables and sample the remaining variable
  - As opposed to energy-based update (mean field approximation): run the test  $z_i > 0$  ?
- After many many iterations (until “convergence”), *sample* the individual neurons

# Evolution of a stochastic Hopfield net

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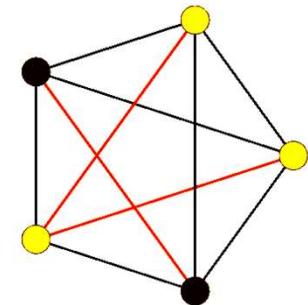
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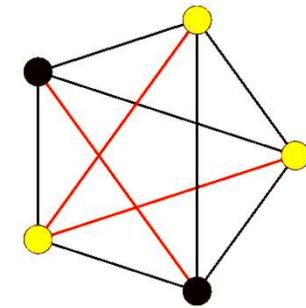
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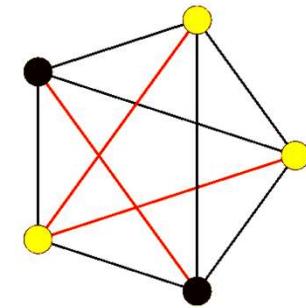
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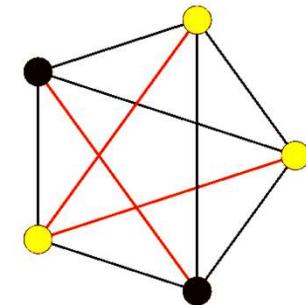
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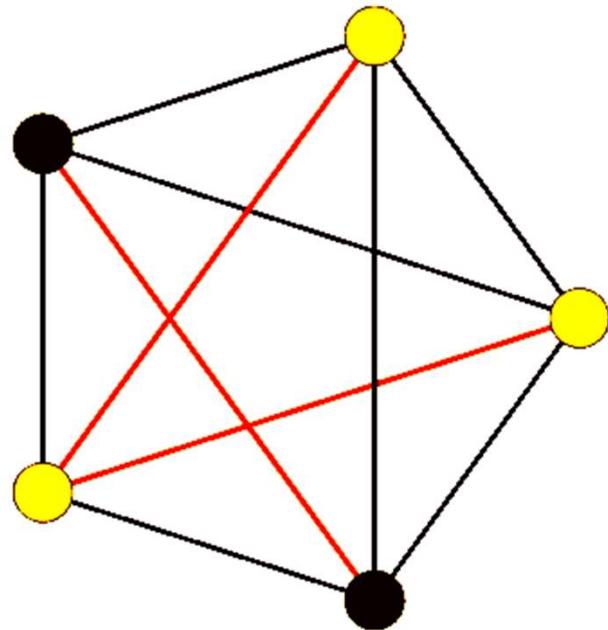
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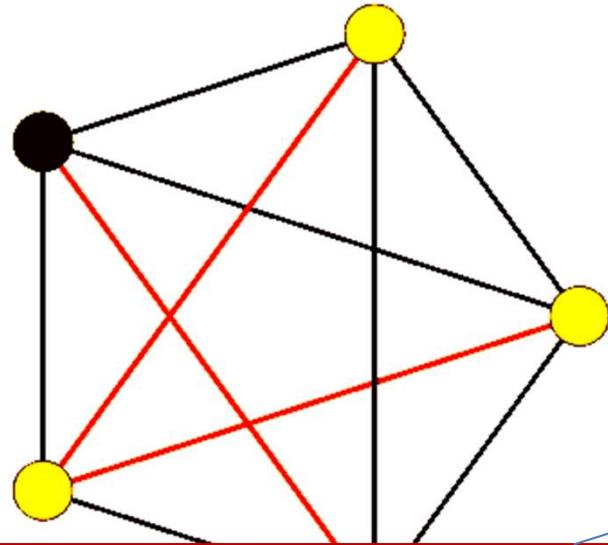
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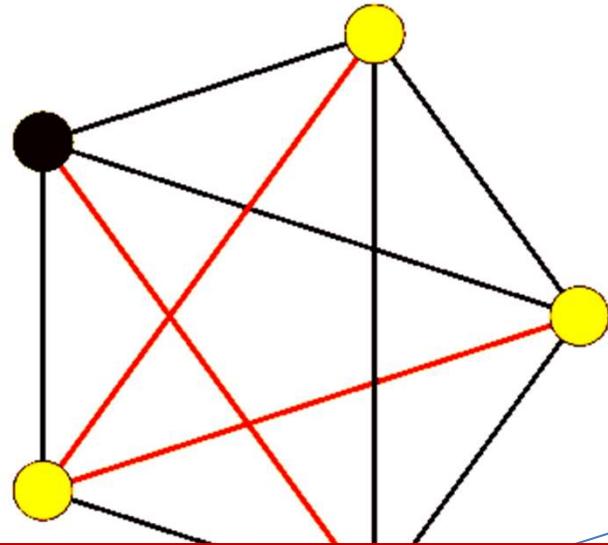
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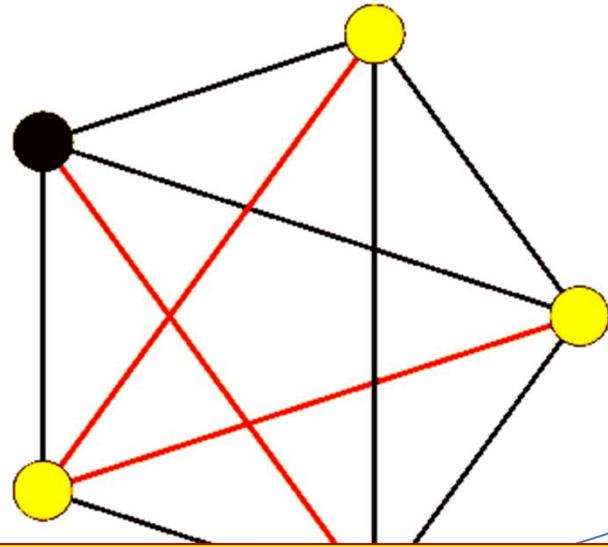
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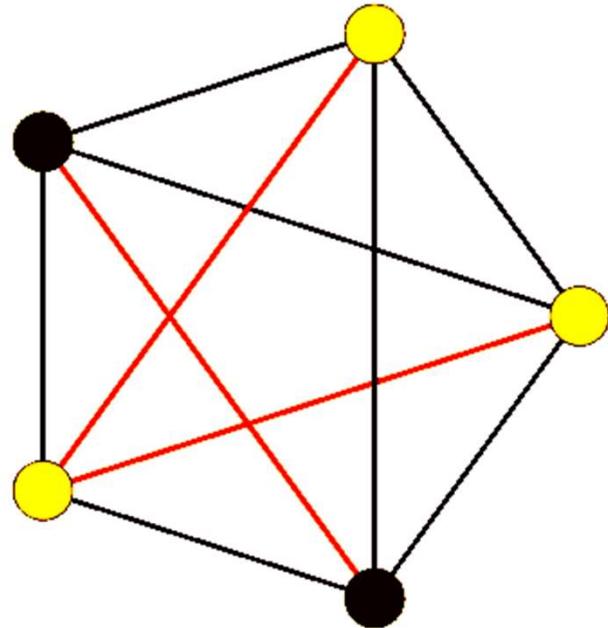
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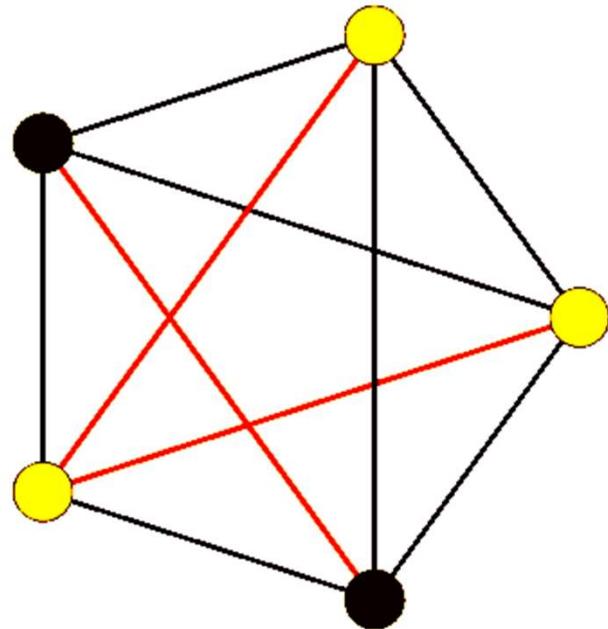


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- The probability of each neuron is given by a *conditional* distribution
- What is the overall probability of *the entire set of neurons* taking any configuration  $\mathbf{y}$

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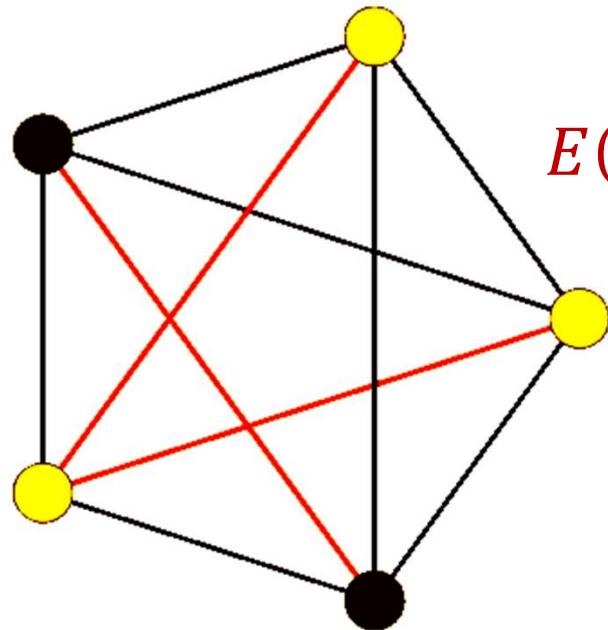
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- The probability of any state  $\mathbf{y}$  can be shown to be given by the *Boltzmann distribution*

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- Minimizing energy maximizes log likelihood

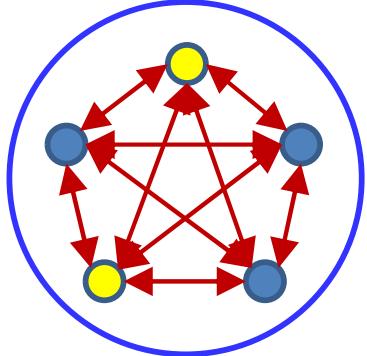
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# The Hopfield net is a distribution

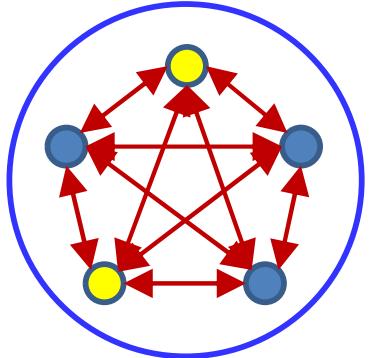


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- The Hopfield net is a probability distribution over binary sequences
  - The Boltzmann distribution
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$$P(\mathbf{y}) = C \exp\left(-\frac{E(\mathbf{y})}{T}\right)$$
  - The parameter of the distribution is the weights matrix  $\mathbf{W}$
- The *conditional* distribution of individual bits in the sequence is a logistic
- We will call this a Boltzmann machine

# The Boltzmann Machine



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- The entire model can be viewed as a *generative model*
- Has a probability of producing any binary vector  $\mathbf{y}$ :

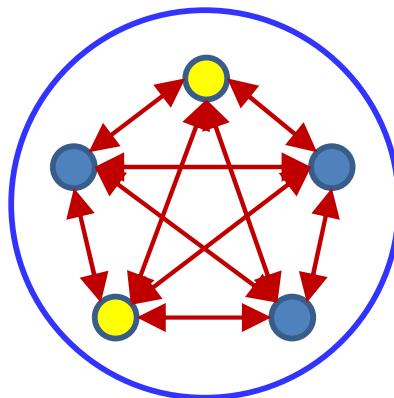
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- How does the probabilistic view affect how we train the model?
- Not much...

# *Training* the network



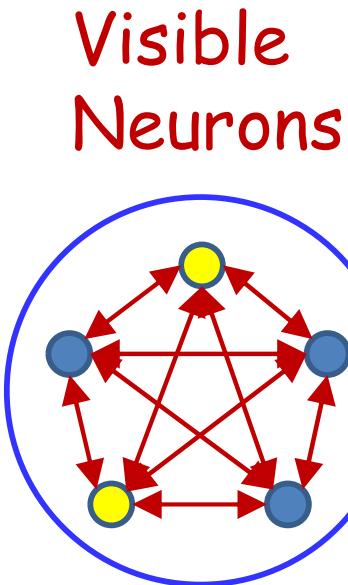
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- Training a Hopfield net: Must learn weights to “remember” target states and “dislike” other states
  - “State” == **binary pattern of all the neurons**
- Training Boltzmann machine: Must learn weights to assign a desired probability distribution to states
  - (vectors  $y$ , which we will now call  $S$  because I’m too lazy to normalize the notation)
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- Given a set of “training” inputs  $S_1, \dots, S_N$ 
  - Assign higher probability to patterns seen more frequently
  - Assign lower probability to patterns that are not seen at all
- Alternately viewed: *maximize likelihood of stored states*

# Maximum Likelihood Training

$$\log(P(S)) = \left( \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s_i s_j \right) - \log \left( \sum_{S'} \exp \left( \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s'_i s'_j \right) \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{S \in S} \log(P(S))$$

Average log likelihood of training vectors  
(to be maximized)

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- Maximize the average log likelihood of all “training” vectors  $S = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_N\}$ 
  - In the first summation,  $s_i$  and  $s_j$  are bits of  $S$
  - In the second,  $s'_i$  and  $s'_j$  are bits of  $S'$

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$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dw_{ij}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_S s_i s_j - ? ? ?$$

- We will use gradient ascent, but we run into a problem..
- The first term is just the average  $s_i s_j$  over all training patterns
- But the second term is summed over *all* states
  - Of which there can be an exponential number!

## *The second term*

$$\frac{d \log(\sum_{S'} \exp(\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s'_i s'_j))}{dw_{ij}} = \frac{1}{\sum_{S''} \exp(\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s''_i s''_j)} \frac{d \sum_{S'} \exp(\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s'_i s'_j)}{dw_{ij}}$$

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- We cannot compute it exhaustively, but we can compute it by sampling!

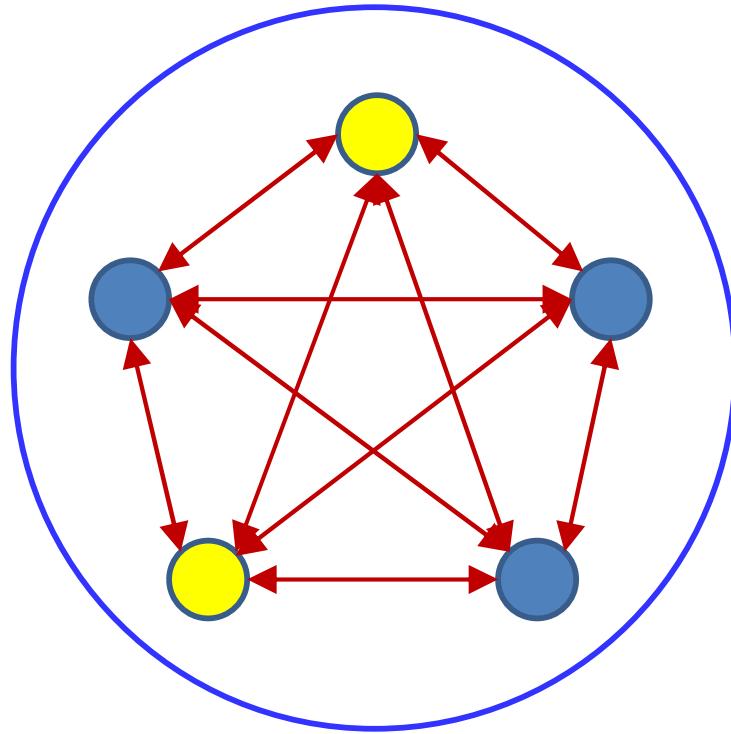
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$$\sum_{S'} P(S') s'_i s'_j \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{S' \in S_{samples}} s'_i s'_j$$

- The expectation can be estimated as the average of samples drawn from the distribution
- Question: How do we draw samples from the Boltzmann distribution?
  - How do we draw samples from the network?

# *The simulation solution*



- Initialize the network randomly and let it “evolve”
  - By probabilistically selecting state values according to our model
- After many many epochs, take a snapshot of the state
- Repeat this many many times
- Let the collection of states be

$$\mathbf{S}_{simul} = \{S_{simul,1}, S_{simul,1=2}, \dots, S_{simul,M}\}$$

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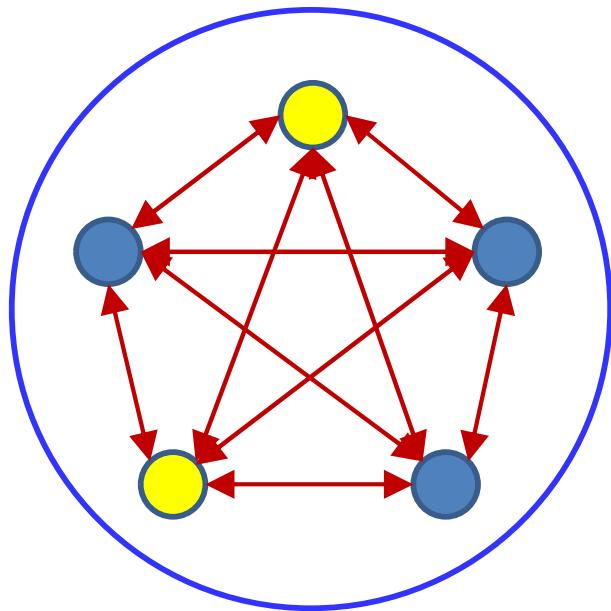
Sampled estimate

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- The overall gradient ascent rule

# *Overall Training*

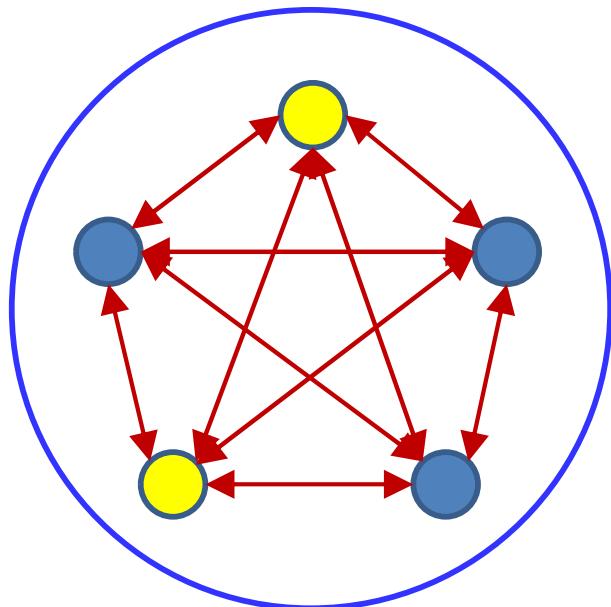


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- Iterate

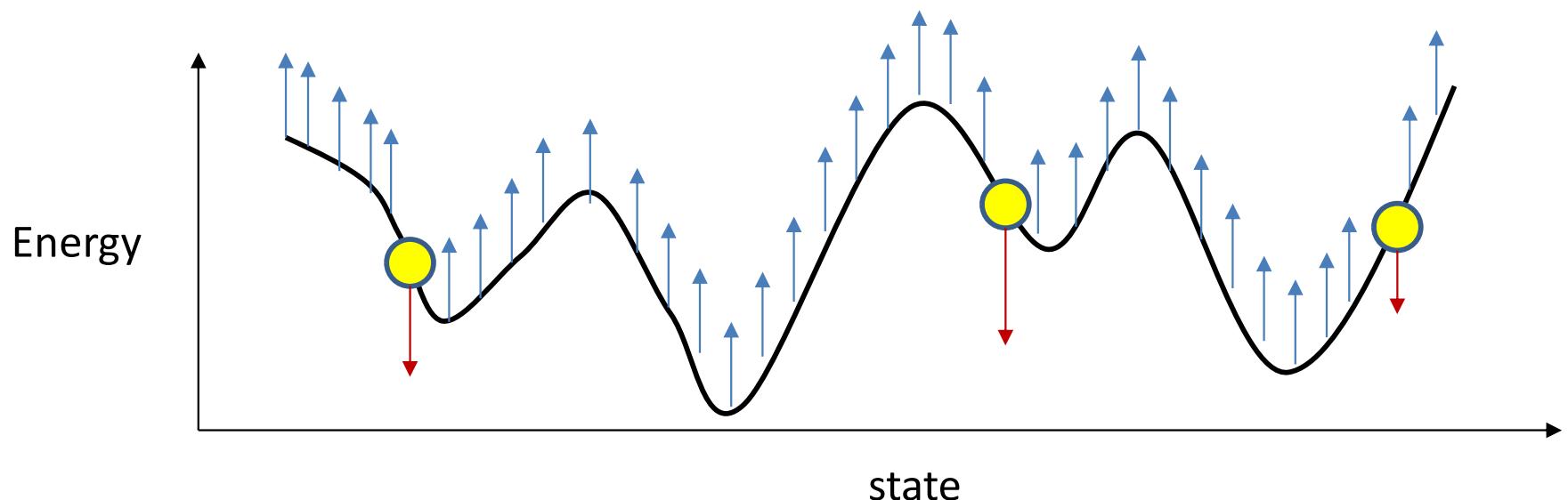
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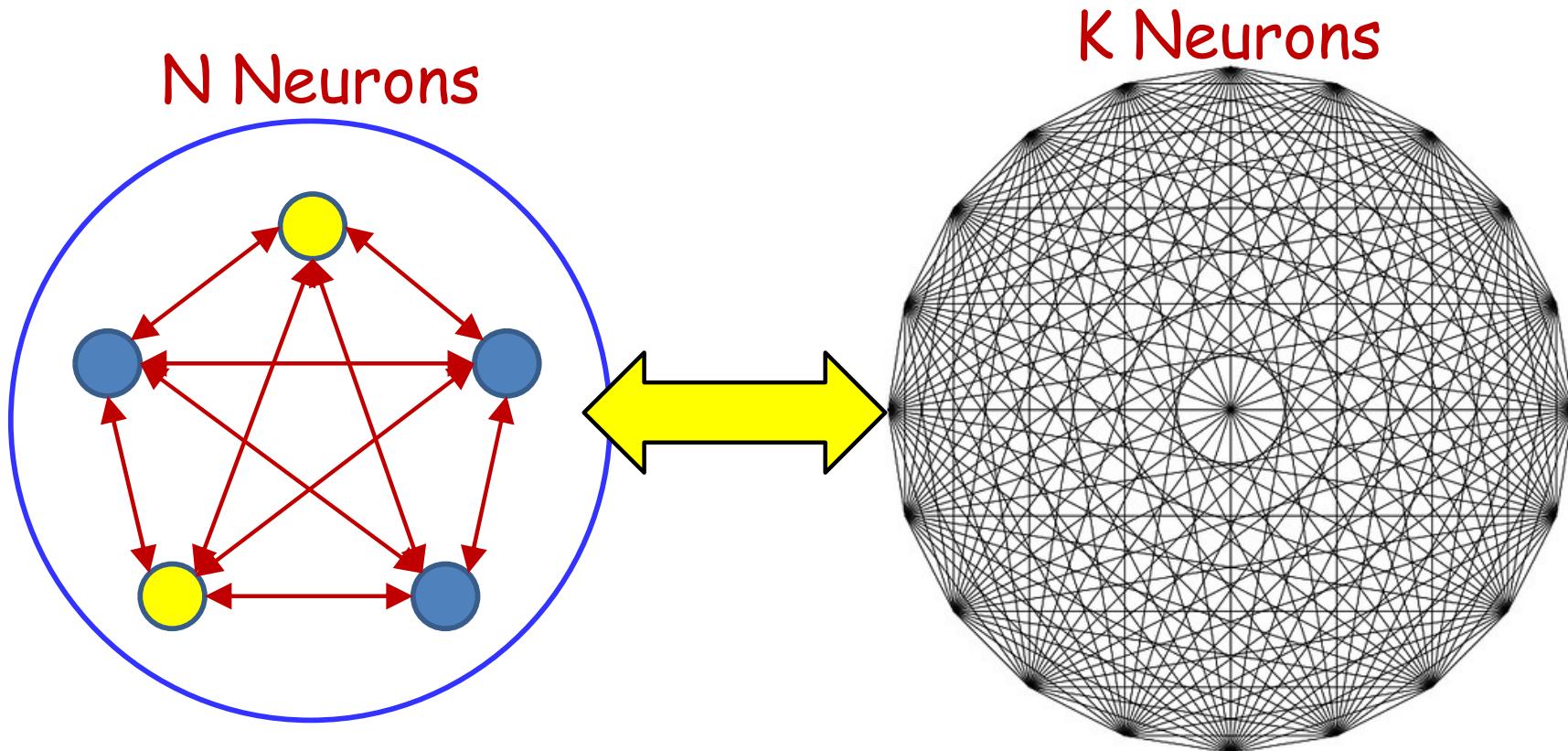
Note the similarity to the update rule for the Hopfield network



# **Adding Capacity to the Hopfield Network / Boltzmann Machine**

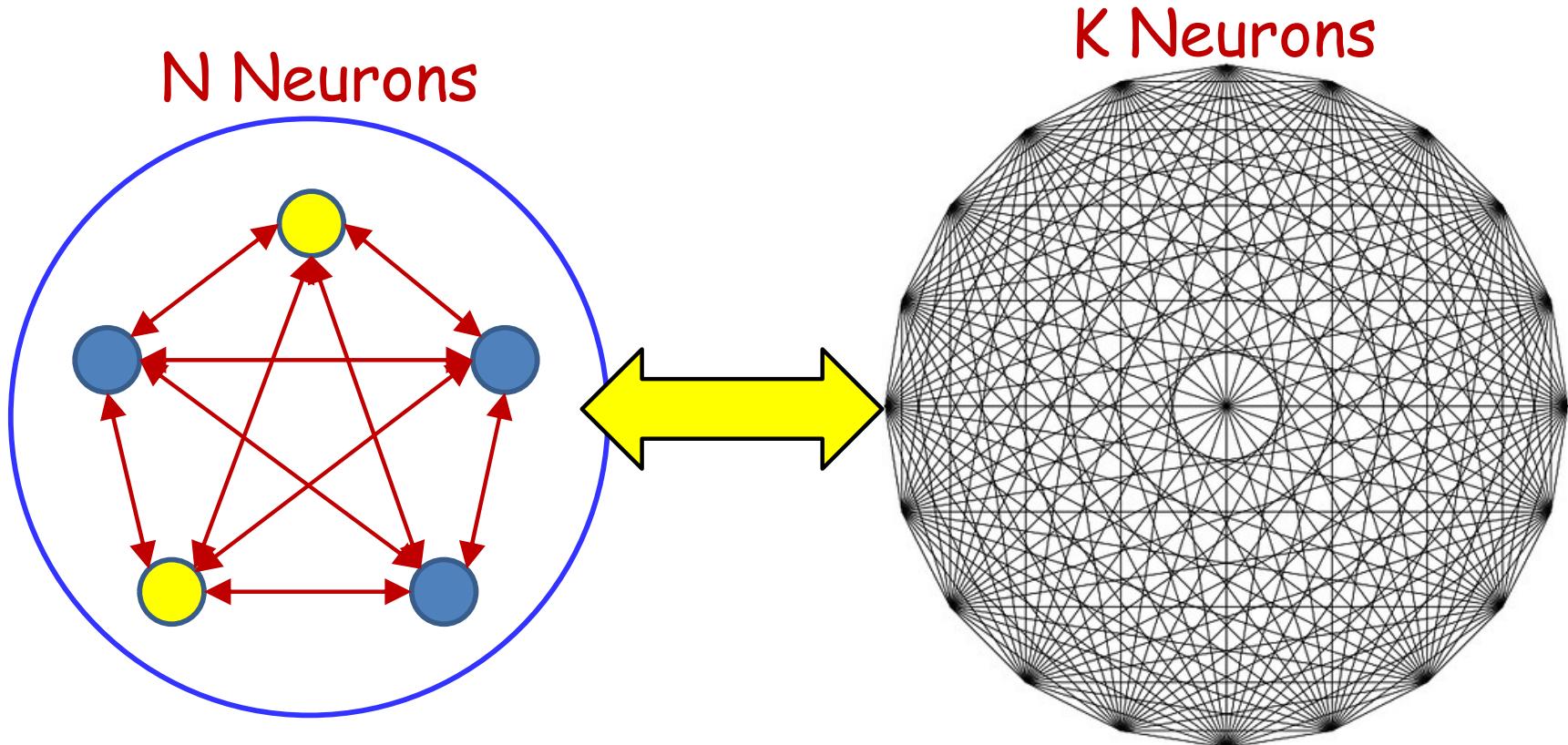
- The network can store up to  $N$   $N$ -bit patterns
- How do we increase the capacity

# Expanding the network



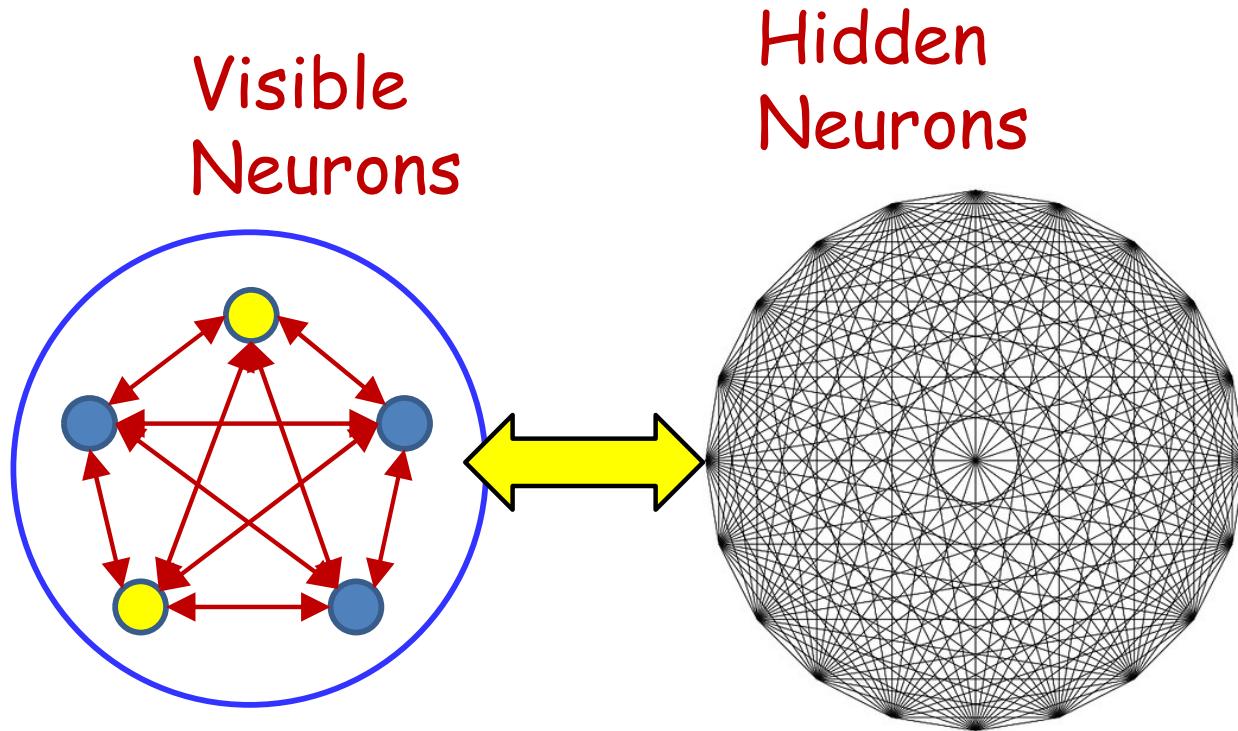
- Add a large number of neurons whose actual values you don't care about!

# Expanded Network



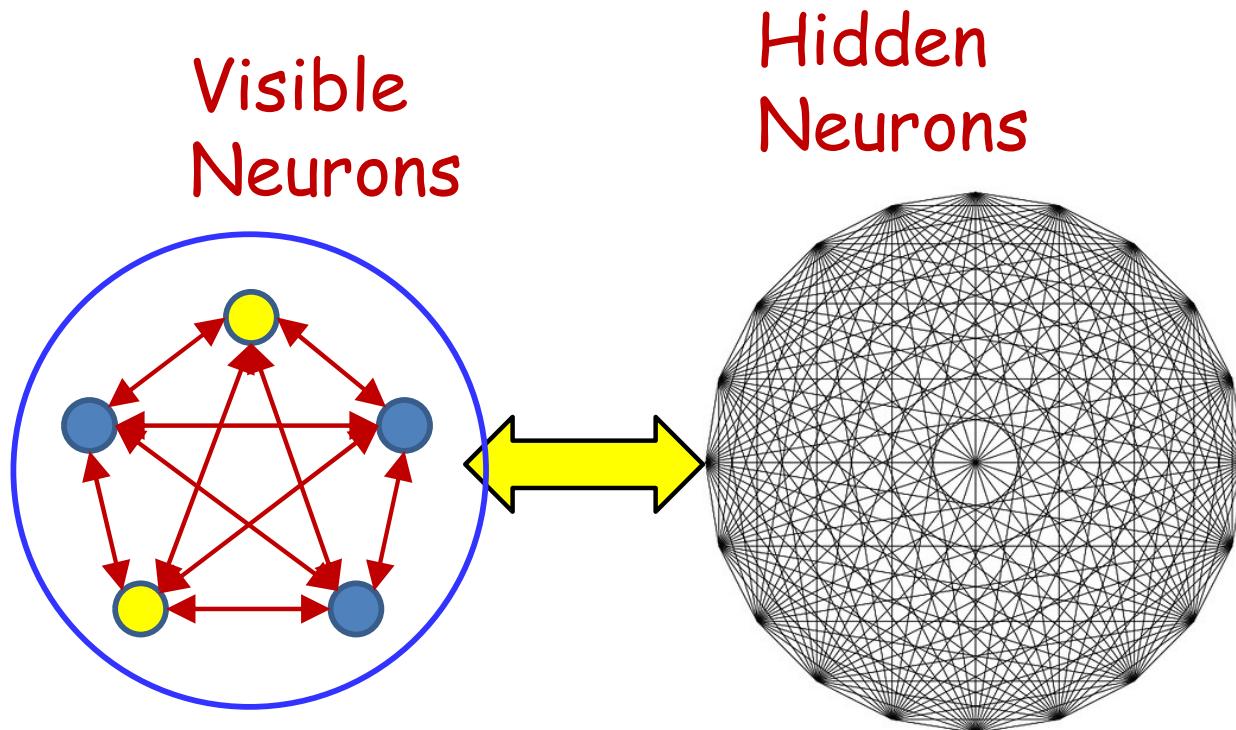
- New capacity:  $\sim(N + K)$  patterns
  - Although we only care about the pattern of the first  $N$  neurons
  - We're interested in  $N$ -bit patterns

# Terminology



- Terminology:
  - The neurons that store the actual patterns of interest: *Visible neurons*
  - The neurons that only serve to increase the capacity but whose actual values are not important: *Hidden neurons*
  - These can be set to anything in order to store a visible pattern

# *Training* the network

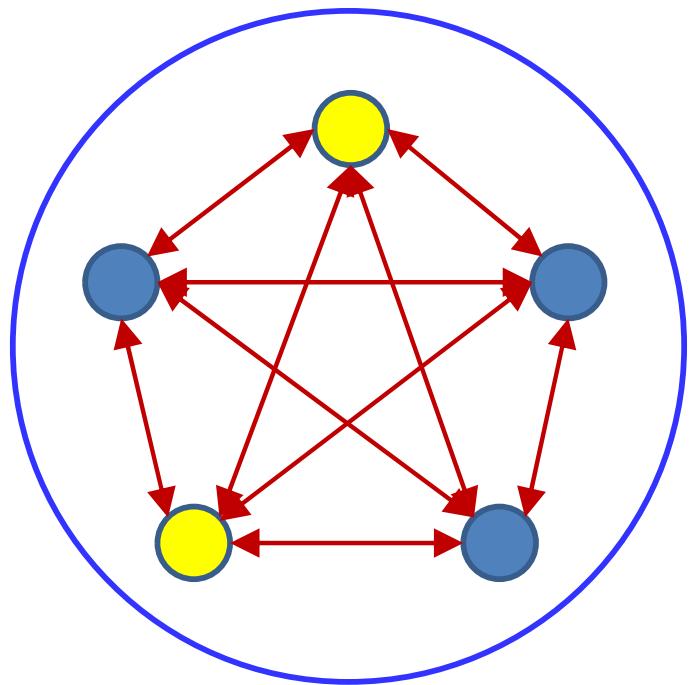


- For a given pattern of *visible* neurons, there are any number of *hidden* patterns ( $2^K$ )
- Which of these do we choose?
  - Ideally choose the one that results in the lowest energy
  - But that's an exponential search space!

# The patterns

- In fact we could have *multiple* hidden patterns coupled with any visible pattern
  - These would be multiple stored patterns that all give the same visible output
  - How many do we permit
- Do we need to specify one or more particular hidden patterns?
  - How about *all* of them
  - What do I mean by this bizarre statement?

# Boltzmann machine without hidden units

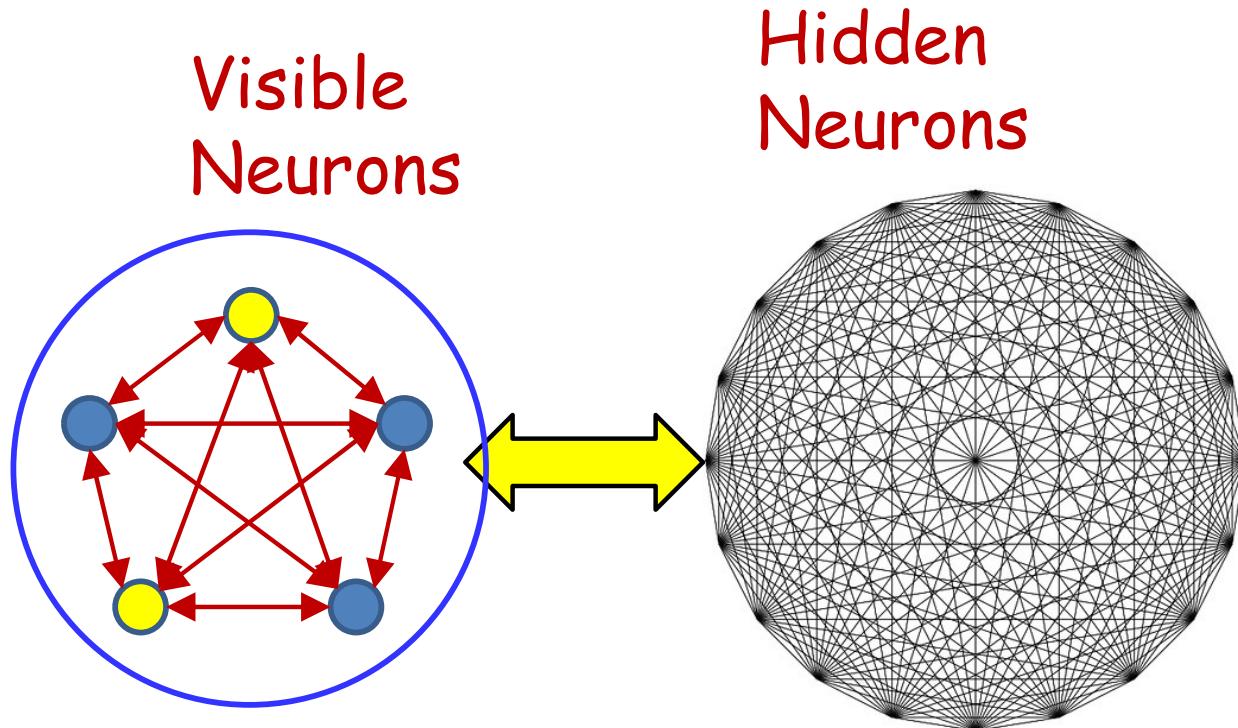


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- This basic framework has no hidden units
- Extended to have hidden units

# With hidden neurons

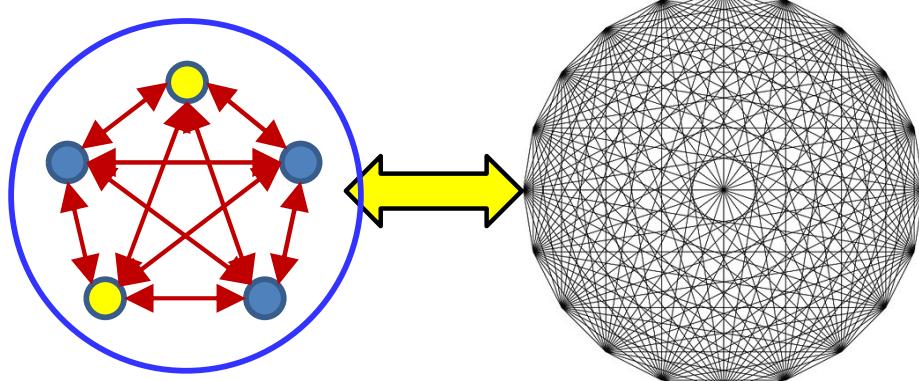


- Now, with hidden neurons the complete state pattern for even the *training* patterns is unknown
  - Since they are only defined over visible neurons

# With hidden neurons

Visible  
Neurons

Hidden  
Neurons



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$$P(S) = P(V, H)$$

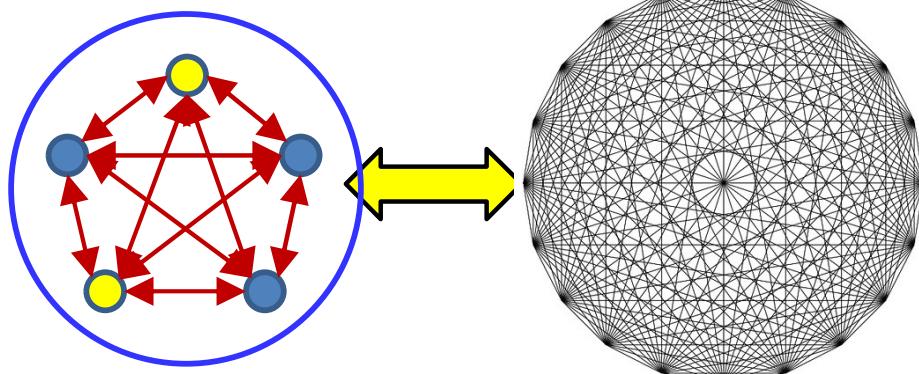
$$P(V) = \sum_H P(S)$$

- We are interested in the *marginal* probabilities over *visible* bits
  - We want to learn to represent the visible bits
  - The hidden bits are the “latent” representation learned by the network
- $S = (V, H)$ 
  - $V$  = visible bits
  - $H$  = hidden bits

# With hidden neurons

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Hidden  
Neurons



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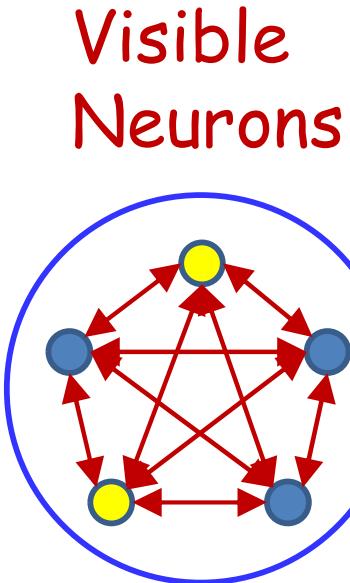
$$P(S) = P(V, H)$$

$$P(V) = \sum_H P(S)$$

- We are interested in the *marginal* probabilities over *visible* bits
  - We want to learn to represent the visible bits
  - The hidden bits are the “latent” representation learned by the network
- $S = (V, H)$ 
  - $V$  = visible bits
  - $H$  = hidden bits

Must train to maximize probability of desired patterns of *visible* bits

# *Training* the network



$$E(S) = - \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s_i s_j$$

$$P(S) = \frac{\exp(\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s_i s_j)}{\sum_{S'} \exp(\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s'_i s'_j)}$$

$$P(V) = \sum_H \frac{\exp(\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s_i s_j)}{\sum_{S'} \exp(\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s'_i s'_j)}$$

- Must train the network to assign a desired probability distribution to *visible* states
- Probability of visible state sums over all hidden states

# Maximum Likelihood Training

$$\log(P(V)) = \log\left(\sum_H \exp\left(\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s_i s_j\right)\right) - \log\left(\sum_{S'} \exp\left(\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s'_i s'_j\right)\right)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{V \in \mathbf{V}} \log(P(V))$$

Average log likelihood of training vectors  
(to be maximized)

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{V \in \mathbf{V}} \log\left(\sum_H \exp\left(\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s_i s_j\right)\right) - \log\left(\sum_{S'} \exp\left(\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s'_i s'_j\right)\right)$$

- Maximize the average log likelihood of all visible bits of “training” vectors  $\mathbf{V} = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_N\}$ 
  - The first term also has the same format as the second term
    - Log of a sum
  - Derivatives of the first term will have the same form as for the second term

# Maximum Likelihood Training

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{V \in \mathbf{V}} \log \left( \sum_H \exp \left( \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s_i s_j \right) \right) - \log \left( \sum_{S'} \exp \left( \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s'_i s'_j \right) \right)$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dw_{ij}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{V \in \mathbf{V}} \sum_H \frac{\exp(\sum_{k < l} w_{kl} s_k s_l)}{\sum_{H'} \exp(\sum_{k < l} w_{kl} s''_k s''_l)} s_i s_j - \sum_{S'} \frac{\exp(\sum_{k < l} w_{kl} s'_k s'_l)}{\sum_{S''} \exp(\sum_{k < l} w_{ij} s''_k s''_l)} s'_i s'_j$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dw_{ij}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{V \in \mathbf{V}} \sum_H P(S|V) s_i s_j - \sum_{S'} P(S') s'_i s'_j$$

- We've derived this math earlier
- But now *both* terms require summing over an exponential number of states
  - The first term fixes visible bits, and sums over all configurations of hidden states for each visible configuration in our training set
  - But the second term is summed over *all* states

# *The simulation solution*

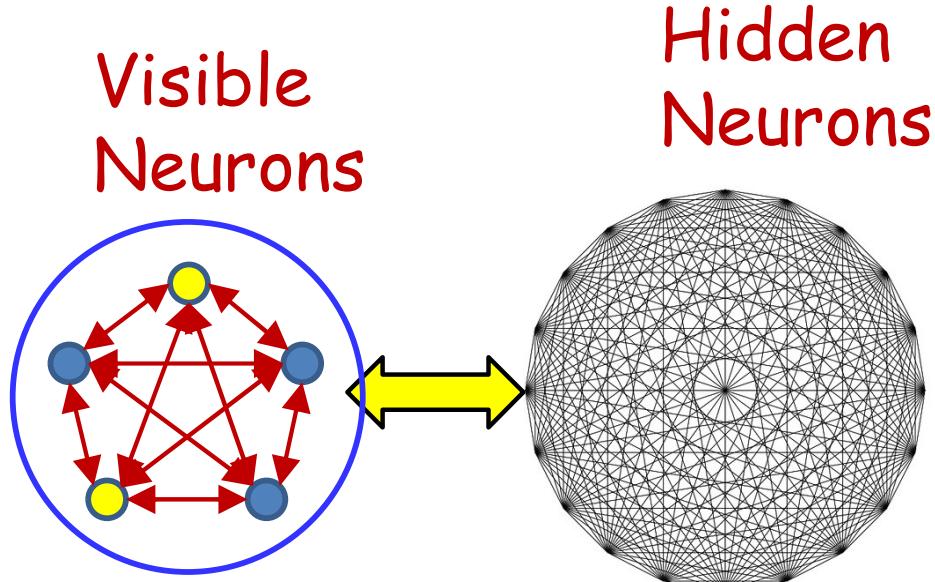
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$$\sum_H P(S|V) s_i s_j \approx \frac{1}{K} \sum_{H \in \mathbf{H}_{simul}} s_i s_j$$

$$\sum_{S'} P(S') s'_i s'_j \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{S' \in \mathbf{S}_{simul}} s'_i s'_j$$

- The first term is computed as the average sampled *hidden* state with the visible bits fixed
- The second term in the derivative is computed as the average of sampled states when the network is running “freely”

# More simulations

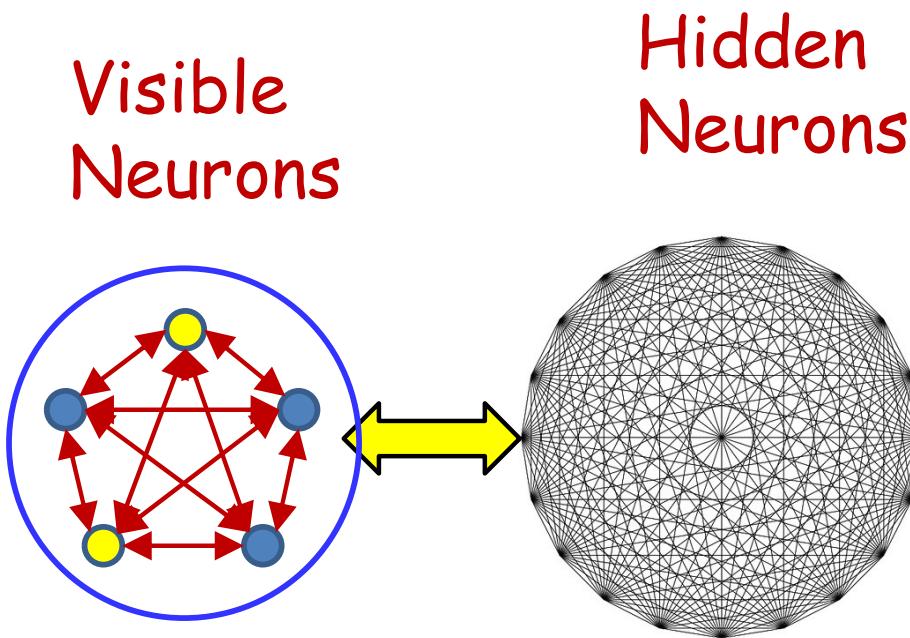


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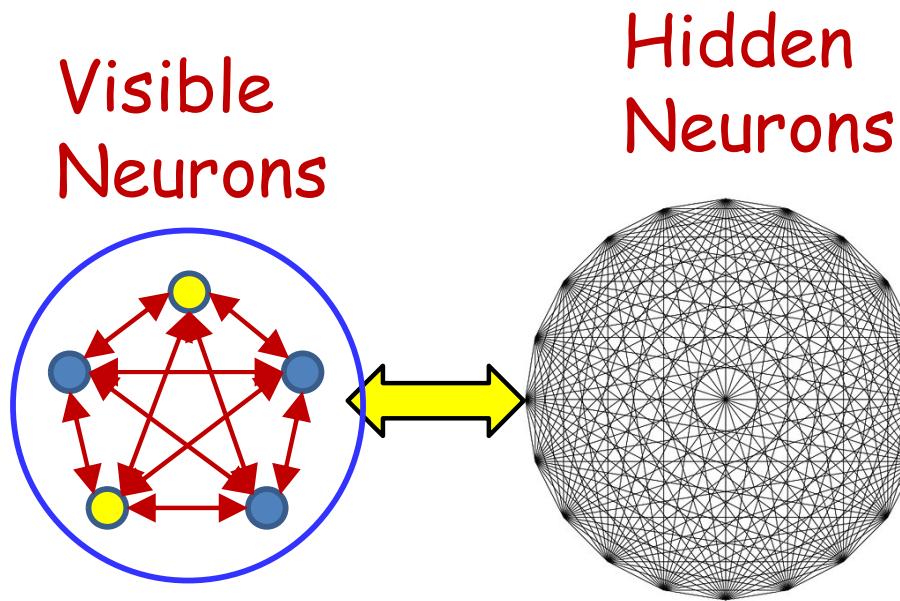
- Maximizing the marginal probability of  $V$  requires summing over all values of  $H$ 
  - An exponential state space
  - So we will use simulations again

# Step 1



- For each training pattern  $V_i$ 
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- Repeat K times to generate synthetic training  
$$S = \{S_{1,1}, S_{1,2}, \dots, S_{1K}, S_{2,1}, \dots, S_{N,K}\}$$

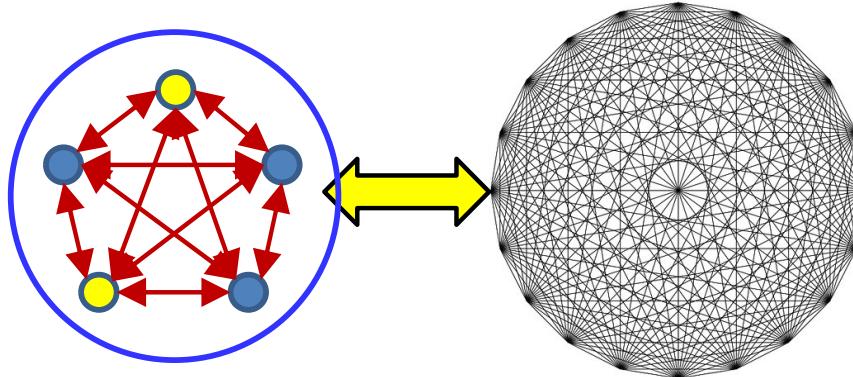
# Step 2



- Now *unclamp* the visible units and let the entire network evolve several times to generate

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# Gradients

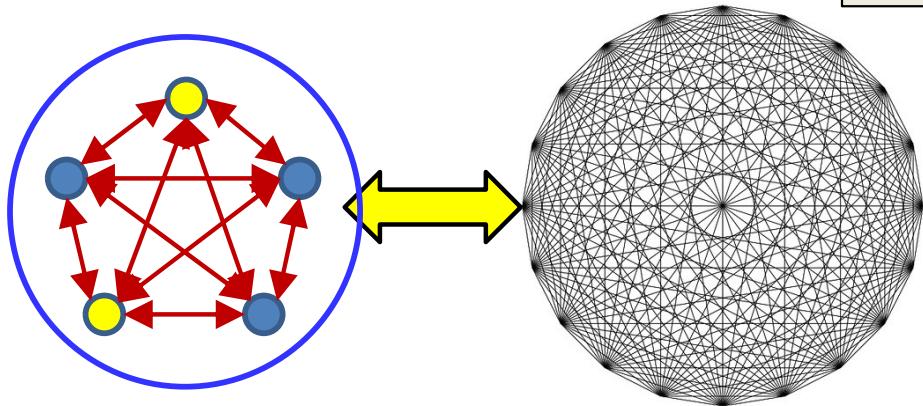


$$\frac{d\langle \log(P(\mathbf{S})) \rangle}{dw_{ij}} = \frac{1}{NK} \sum_S s_i s_j - \frac{1}{M} \sum_{S' \in \mathbf{S}_{simul}} s'_i s'_j$$

- Gradients are computed as before, except that the first term is now computed over the *expanded* training data

# *Overall Training*

$$\frac{d\langle \log(P(\mathbf{S})) \rangle}{dw_{ij}} = \frac{1}{NK} \sum_{\mathbf{S}} s_i s_j - \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\mathbf{S}' \in \mathcal{S}_{simul}} s'_i s'_j$$



$$w_{ij} = w_{ij} - \eta \frac{d\langle \log(P(\mathbf{S})) \rangle}{dw_{ij}}$$

- Initialize weights
- Run simulations to get clamped and unclamped training samples
- Compute gradient and update weights
- Iterate

# Boltzmann machines

- Stochastic extension of Hopfield nets
- Enables storage of many more patterns than Hopfield nets
- But also enables computation of probabilities of patterns, and completion of pattern

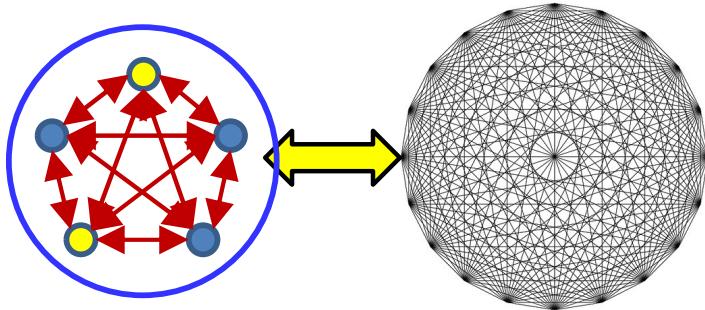
# Boltzmann machines: Overall

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$$P(s_i = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z_i}}$$

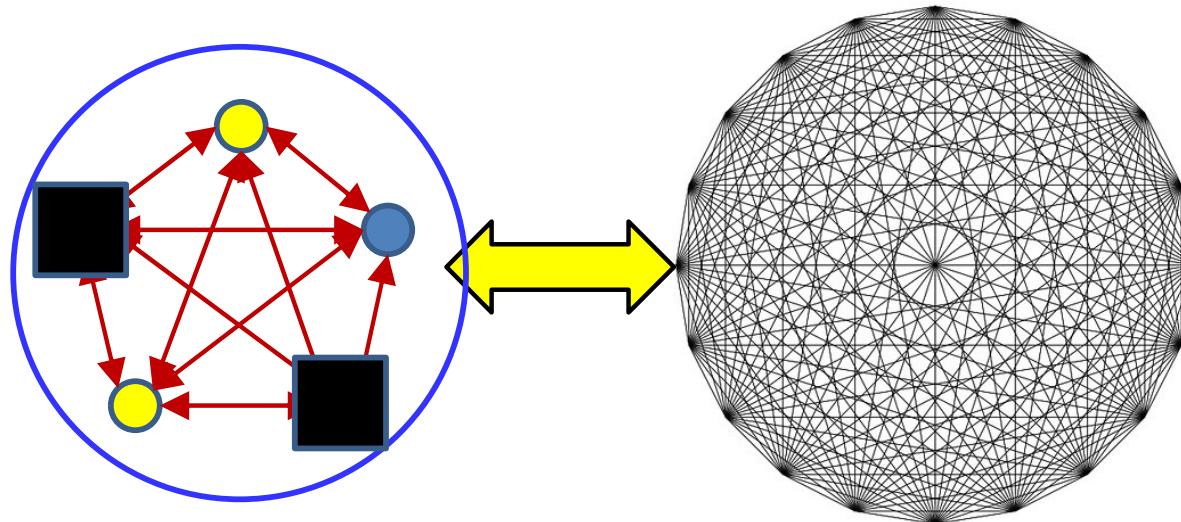
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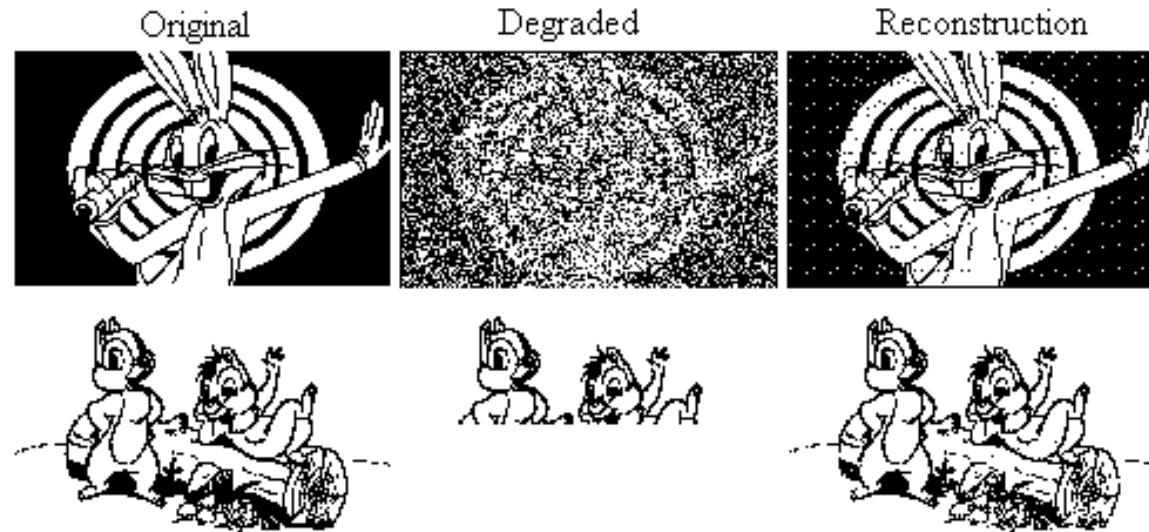
- **Training:** Given a set of training patterns
  - Which could be repeated to represent relative probabilities
- Initialize weights
- Run simulations to get clamped and unclamped training samples
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# Boltzmann machines: Overall



- Running: Pattern completion
  - “Anchor” the *known* visible units
  - Let the network evolve
  - Sample the unknown visible units
    - Choose the most probable value

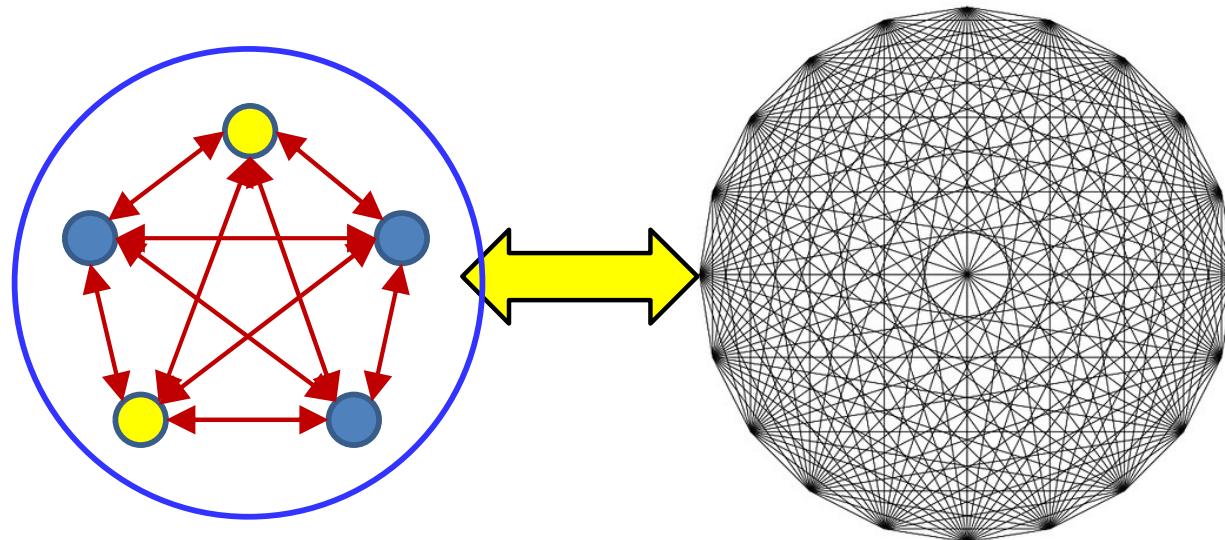
# Applications



Hopfield network reconstructing degraded images  
from noisy (top) or partial (bottom) cues.

- Filling out patterns
- Denoising patterns
- *Computing conditional probabilities of patterns*
- ***Classification!!***
  - How?

# Boltzmann machines for classification

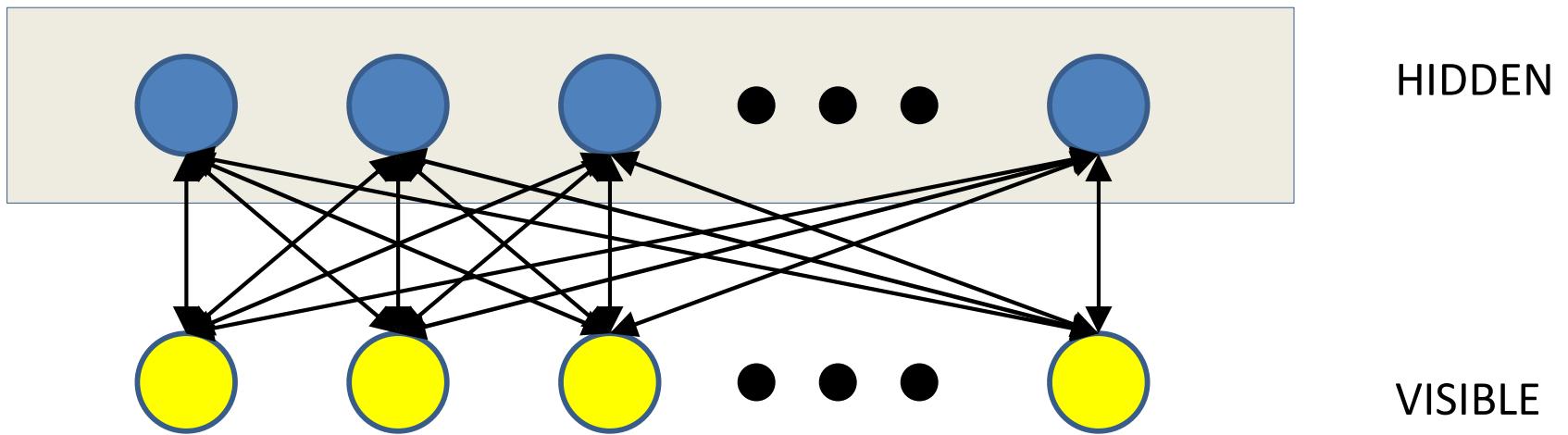


- Training patterns:
  - $[f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, \text{class}]$
  - Features can have binarized or continuous valued representations
  - Classes have “one hot” representation
- Classification:
  - Given features, anchor features, estimate a posteriori probability distribution over classes
    - Or choose most likely class

# Boltzmann machines: Issues

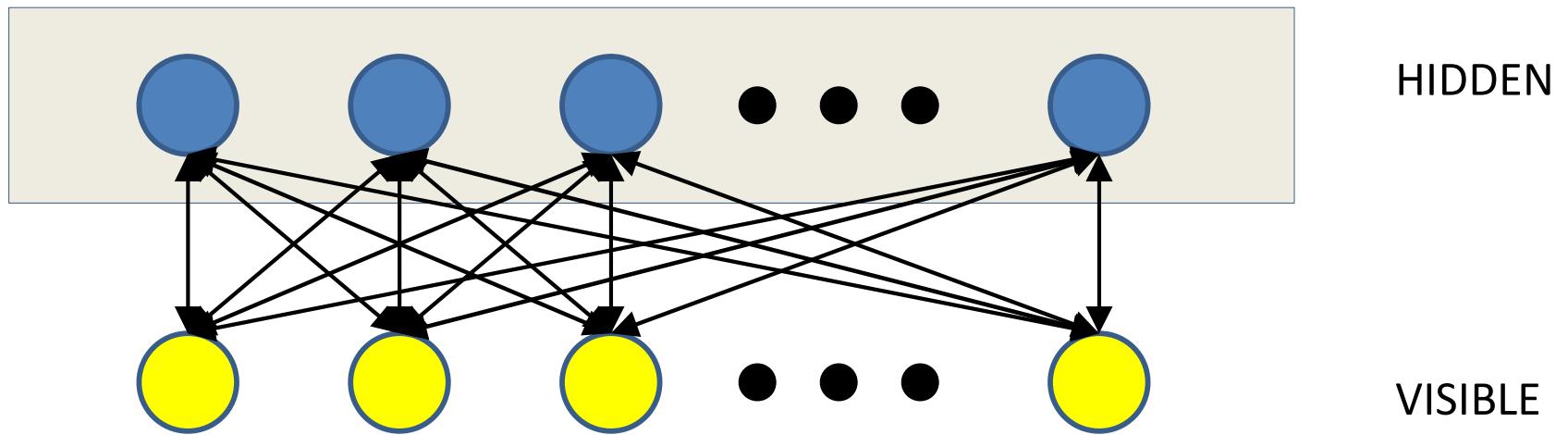
- Training takes for ever
- Doesn't really work for large problems
  - A small number of training instances over a small number of bits

# Solution: *Restricted* Boltzmann Machines



- Partition visible and hidden units
  - Visible units ONLY talk to hidden units
  - Hidden units ONLY talk to visible units
- Restricted Boltzmann machine..
  - Originally proposed as “Harmonium Models” by Paul Smolensky

# Solution: *Restricted* Boltzmann Machines

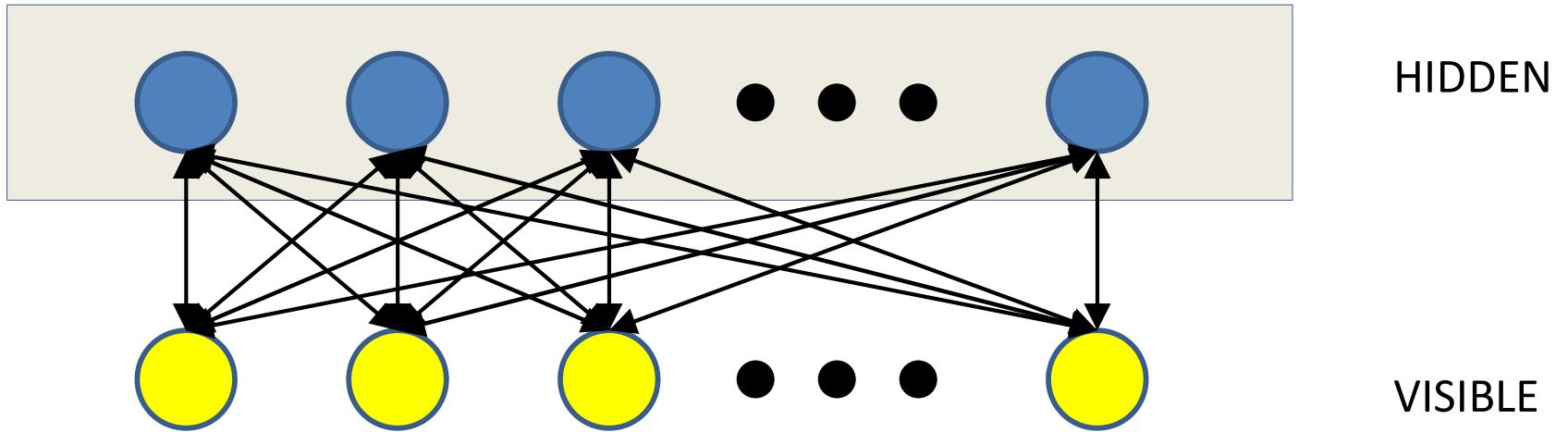


$$z_i = \sum_j w_{ji} s_i + b_i$$

$$P(s_i = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z_i}}$$

- Still obeys the same rules as a regular Boltzmann machine
- But the modified structure adds a big benefit..

# Solution: *Restricted* Boltzmann Machines



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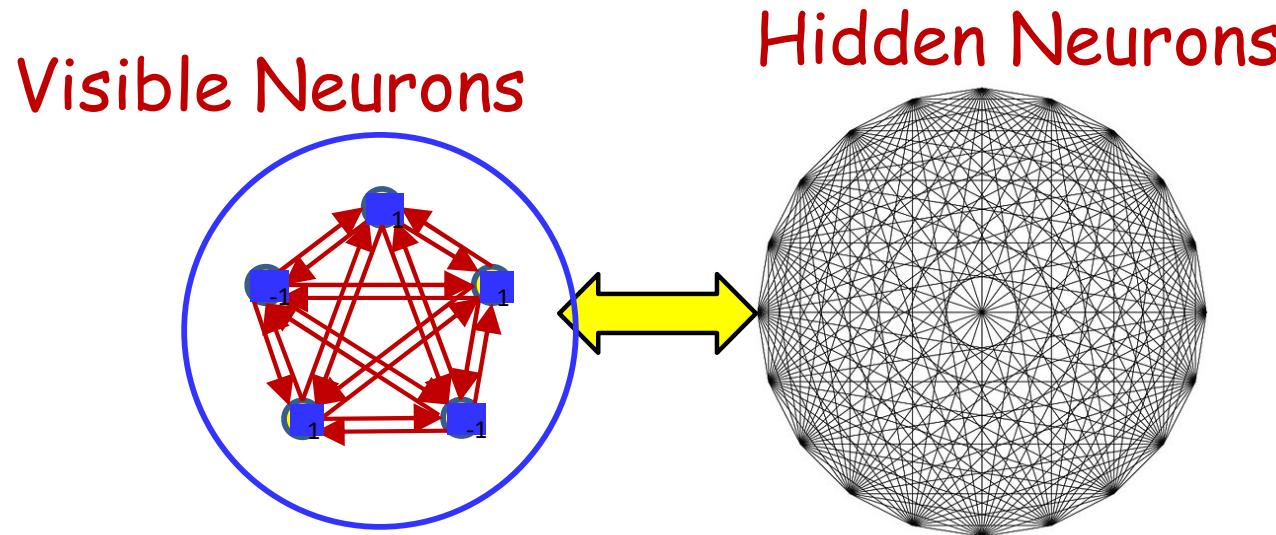
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VISIBLE

$$y_i = \sum_j w_{ji} h_i + b_i$$

$$P(v_i = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-y_i}}$$

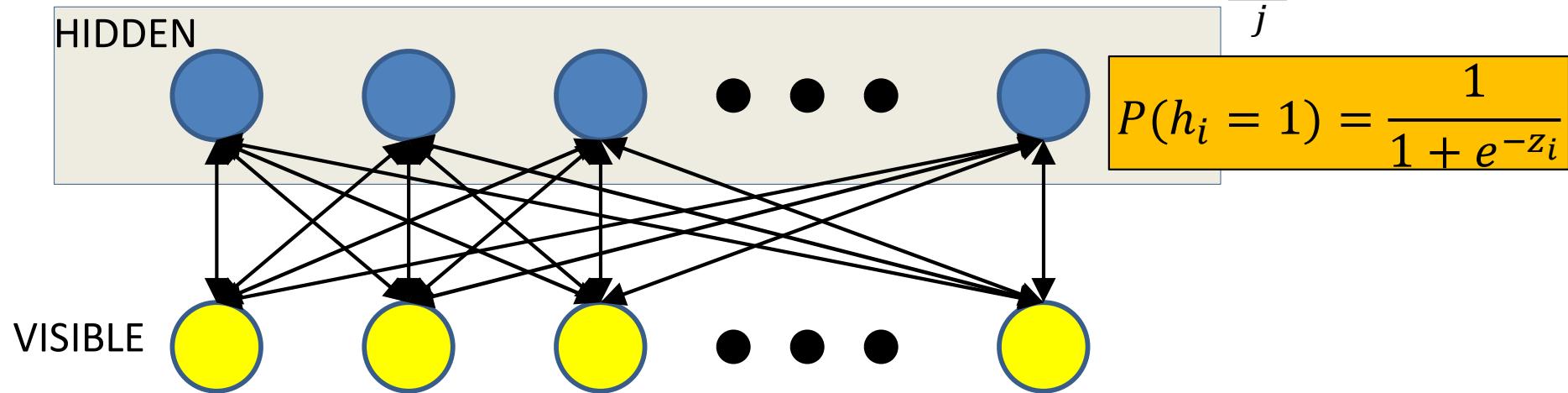
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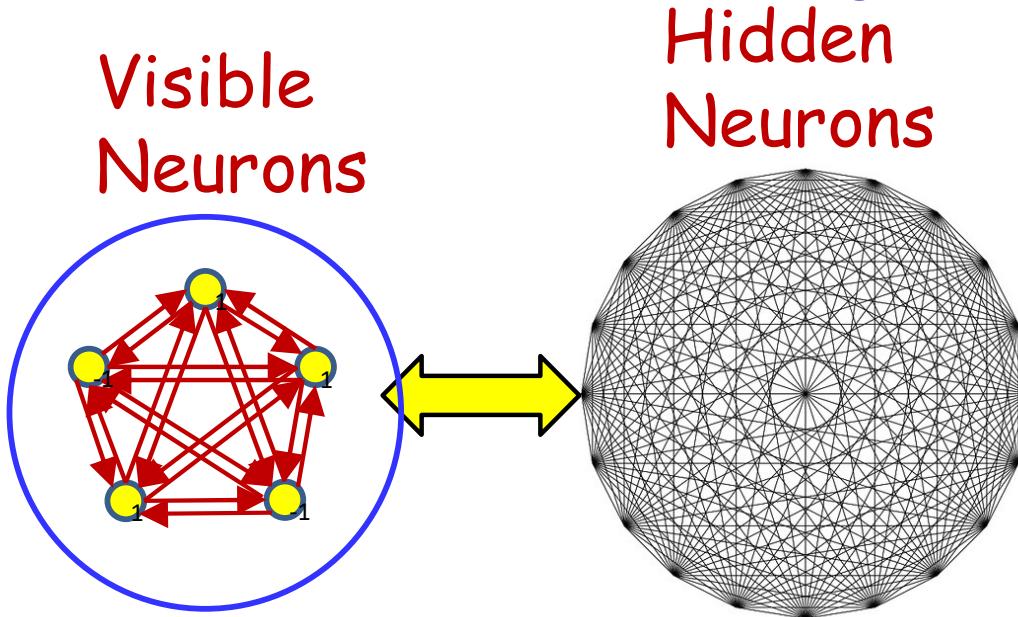
# Sampling: Restricted Boltzmann machine

$$z_i = \sum_j w_{ji} v_i + b_i$$



- For each sample:
  - Anchor visible units
  - Sample from hidden units
  - No looping!!

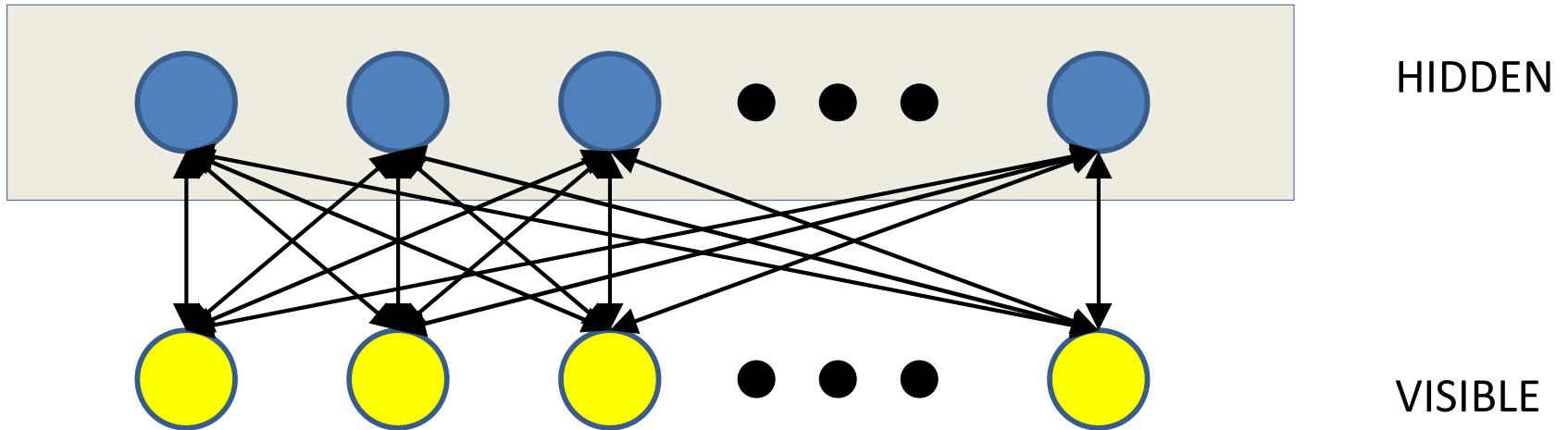
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# Sampling: Restricted Boltzmann machine



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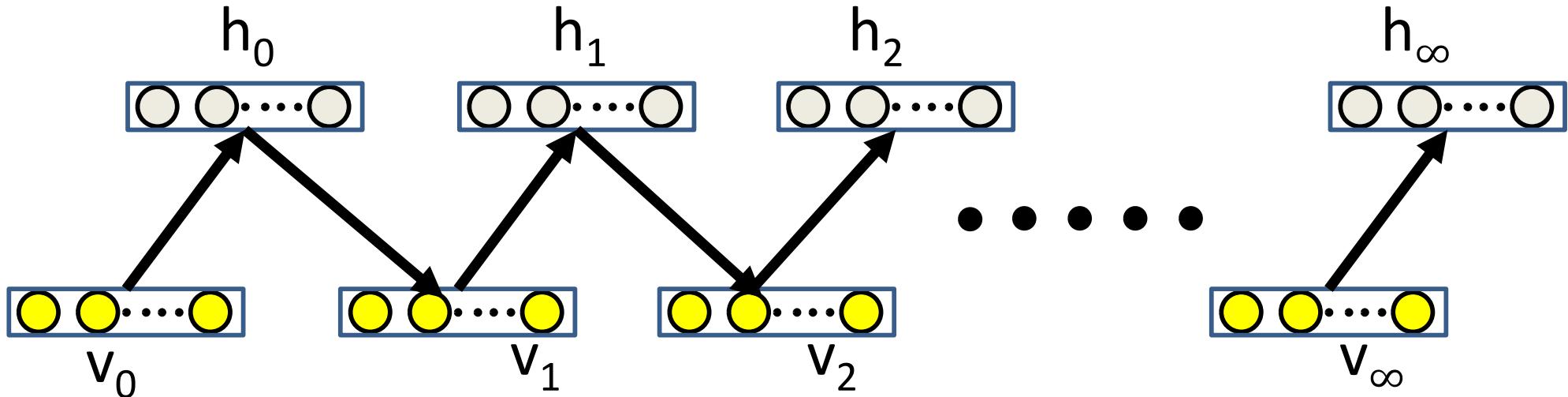
$$P(h_i = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z_i}}$$

$$y_i = \sum_j w_{ji} h_i + b_i$$

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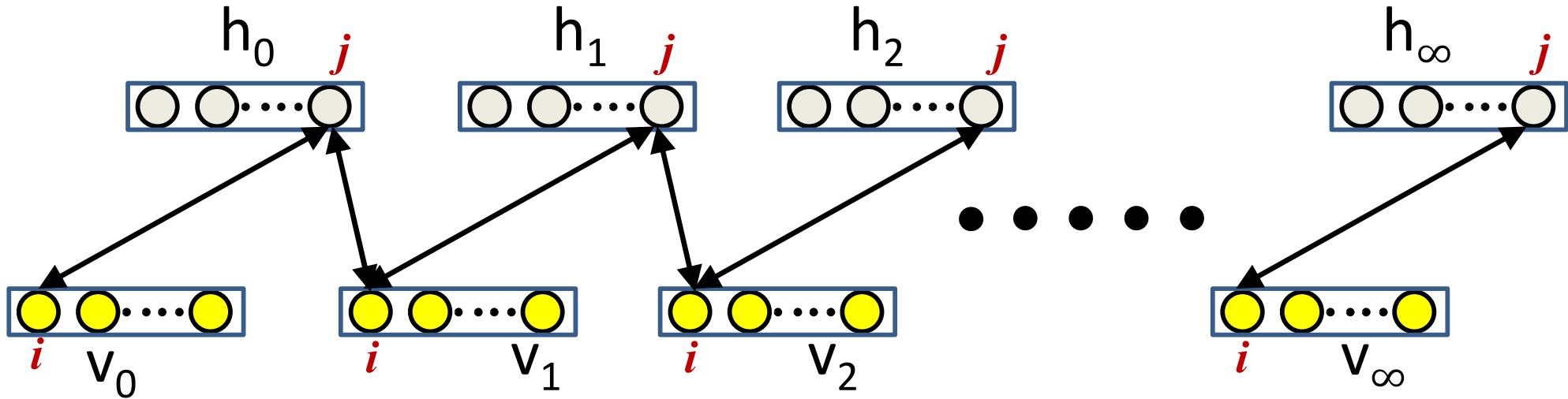
- For each sample:
  - Iteratively sample hidden and visible units for a long time
  - Draw final sample of both hidden and visible units

# Pictorial representation of RBM training



- For each sample:
  - Initialize  $V_0$  (visible) to training instance value
  - Iteratively generate hidden and visible units
    - For a very long time

# Pictorial representation of RBM training



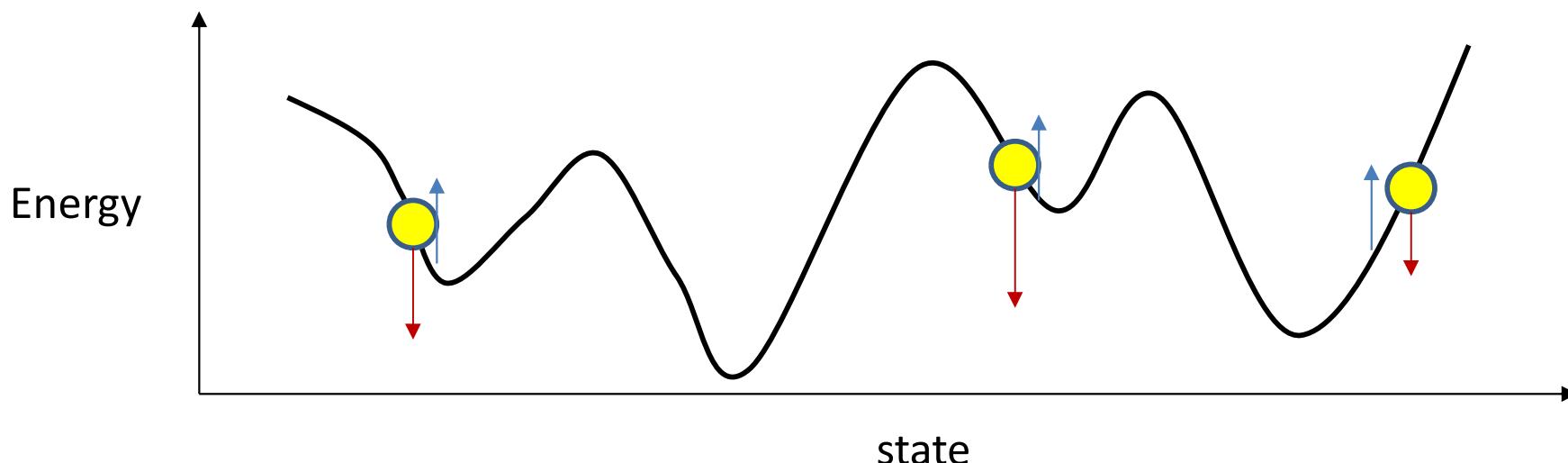
- Gradient (showing only one edge from visible node  $i$  to hidden node  $j$ )

$$\frac{\partial \log p(v)}{\partial w_{ij}} = \langle v_i h_j \rangle^0 - \langle v_i h_j \rangle^\infty$$

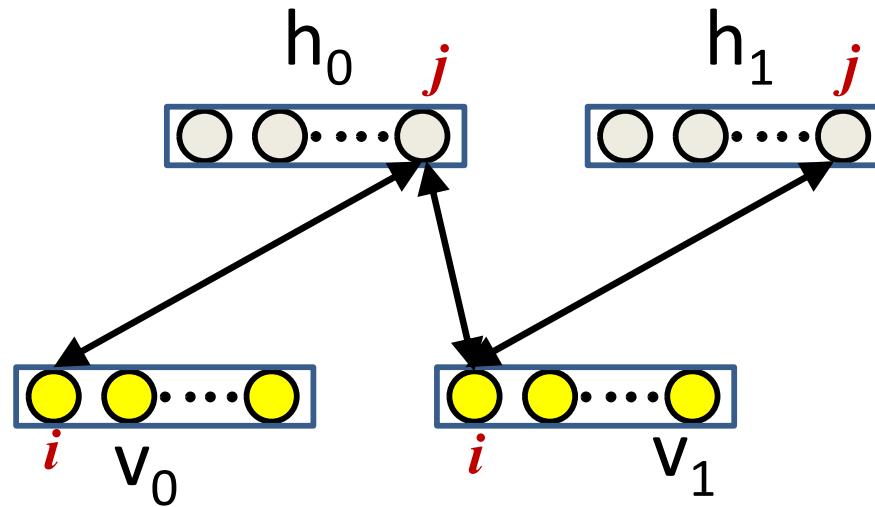
- $\langle v_i, h_j \rangle$  represents average over many generated training samples

# Recall: Hopfield Networks

- Really no need to raise the entire surface, or even every valley
- Raise the *neighborhood* of each target memory
  - Sufficient to make the memory a valley
  - The broader the neighborhood considered, the broader the valley



# A Shortcut: Contrastive Divergence



- Sufficient to run one iteration!

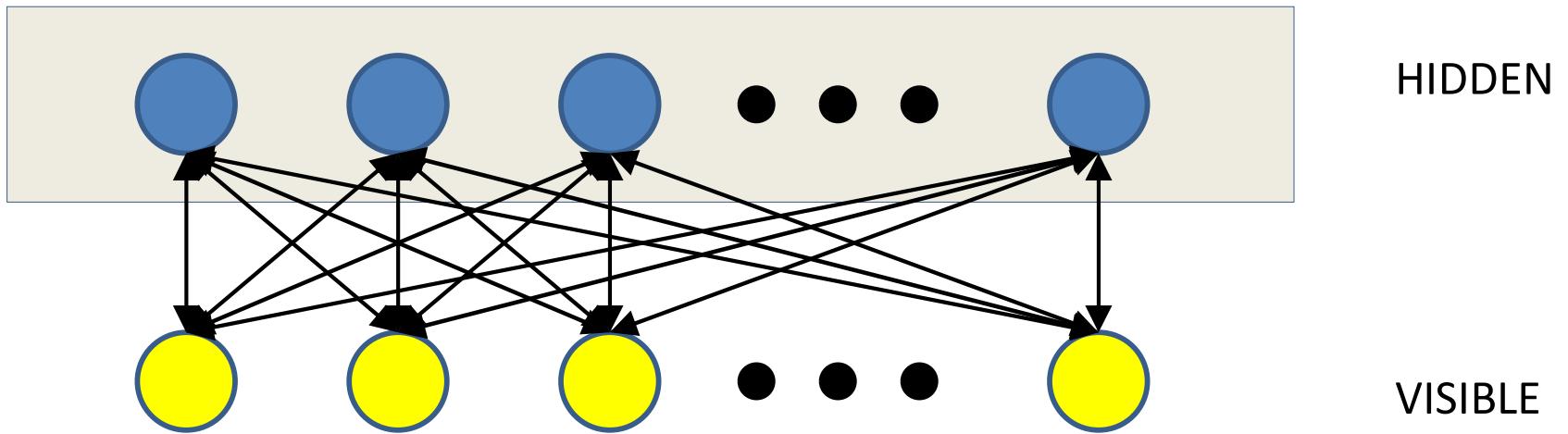
$$\frac{\partial \log p(v)}{\partial w_{ij}} = \langle v_i h_j \rangle^0 - \langle v_i h_j \rangle^1$$

- This is sufficient to give you a good estimate of the gradient

# Restricted Boltzmann Machines

- Excellent generative models for binary (or binarized) data
- Can also be extended to continuous-valued data
  - “Exponential Family Harmoniums with an Application to Information Retrieval”, Welling et al., 2004
- Useful for classification and regression
  - How?
  - More commonly used to *pretrain* models

# Continuous-values RBMs



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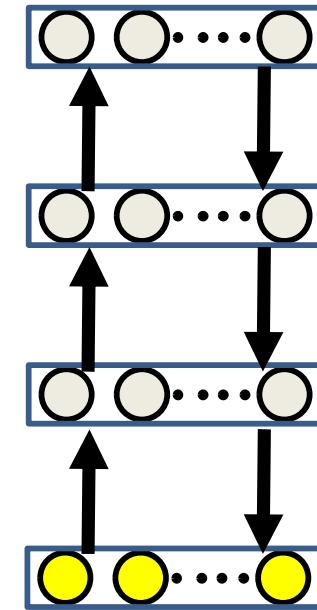
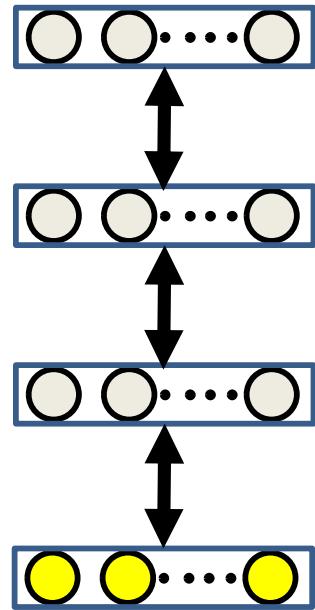
VISIBLE

$$y_i = \sum_j w_{ji} h_i + b_i$$

$$P(v_i) = r(y_i) \exp(y_i)$$

Hidden units may also be continuous values

# Other variants



- Left: “Deep” Boltzmann machines
- Right: Helmholtz machine
  - Trained by the “wake-sleep” algorithm

# Topics missed..

- Other algorithms for Learning and Inference over RBMs
  - Mean field approximations
- RBMs as feature extractors
  - Pre training
- RBMs as generative models
- More structured DBMs
- ...