

## 0.1 Hopfield Model - part 2

We arrived at:

$$Z = \sum_{\{S_1, \dots, S_N\}} \exp \left( \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} S_i S_j \right) \quad S_i = \{-1, +1\}$$

and, for the Hopfield model:

$$J_{ij} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mu=1}^p \xi_1^\mu \xi_j^\mu$$

where  $\xi^\mu = \{\xi_1^\mu, \dots, \xi_N^\mu\}$ , with  $\mu = 1, \dots, p$  are  $p$  *patterns* that are initially stored in the network.

We rewrote the partition function as:

$$Z = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \prod_{\mu=1}^d dq_\mu \exp(-\beta N u(q_1, \dots, q_p))$$

$$u(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu=1}^p q_\mu^2 - \frac{1}{\beta N} \sum_{i=1}^N \underbrace{\ln [2 \cosh(\beta \mathbf{q} \cdot \xi_i)]}_{\ln 2 + \ln(\cosh \dots)} \quad \mathbf{q} \cdot \xi_i = \sum_{\mu=1}^p q_\mu \xi_i^\mu$$

To compute these integrals we use the *saddle point approximation*. So we look for the configuration  $\mathbf{q}^* = \{q_1^*, \dots, q_p^*\}$  that *minimizes*  $u(\mathbf{q})$ :

$$\mathbf{q}^* = \min_{\mathbf{q}} u(\mathbf{q}) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial q_1} = 0, \frac{\partial u}{\partial q_2} = 0, \dots, \frac{\partial u}{\partial q_p} = 0 \quad (1)$$

Then, applying the approximation:

$$Z = e^{-\beta N u(q_1^*, \dots, q_p^*)}$$

And finally we can compute the *free energy*:

$$f = -\frac{1}{N\beta} \log(Z) = u(q_1^*, \dots, q_p^*)$$

So all that's left is to solve the  $p$  equations in (1):

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial q_\nu} = q_\nu - \frac{1}{\beta N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\sinh(\beta \mathbf{q} \cdot \xi_i)}{\cosh(\beta \mathbf{q} \cdot \xi_i)} \beta \xi_i^\nu \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow q_\nu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \tanh(\beta \mathbf{q} \cdot \xi_i) \xi_i^\nu$$

In vector notation:

$$\mathbf{q} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \tanh(\beta \mathbf{q} \cdot \boldsymbol{\xi}_i) \boldsymbol{\xi}_i$$

We are interested in the case with *many neurons*, that is the limit for  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . So:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(\xi) = \langle f \rangle = \int d\xi p(\xi) f(\xi)$$

and we know that  $\xi_i = -1, +1$  with the same  $1/2$  probability. This means:

$$= \int d\xi p(\xi) \left( \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x=\{\pm 1\}} \delta(x - \xi) \right)$$

leading to:

$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbb{E}[\tanh(\beta \mathbf{q} \cdot \boldsymbol{\xi}) \boldsymbol{\xi}] \Rightarrow q_\mu = \mathbb{E}[\tanh(\beta \mathbf{q} \cdot \boldsymbol{\xi}_i) \xi_i^\mu]$$

To find the physical interpretation of  $\mathbf{q}$ , recall, from the previous steps, that:

$$Z = \sum_{\{S_1, \dots, S_N\}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \prod_{\mu=1}^p dq_\mu \exp(-\beta N \tilde{u}(\mathbf{q}; S_1, \dots, S_N))$$

$$\tilde{u}(\mathbf{q}, S_1, \dots, S_N) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu=1}^p q_\mu^2 - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mu=1}^p q_\mu \sum_{i=1}^N S_i \xi_i^\mu$$

where we have also the *physical* parameters  $S_i$  (network's state). If we now repeat the previous steps, looking for the minimum of the exponential, we get:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial q_\nu} = 0 \Rightarrow q_\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N S_i \xi_i^\mu$$

So we can interpret the  $q_\mu$  as the *overlap* of the network's state with the  $\mu$ -th pattern of the neural network.

Suppose now  $\mathbf{q} = (q_1, 0, \dots, 0)$  (vector with only the first component non-zero). Plugging it in the equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{First eq.: } q_1 &= \mathbb{E}[\tanh(\beta q_1 \xi^1) \xi^1] \\ \text{Last } p-1 \text{ eqs.: } q_\nu &= \mathbb{E}[\tanh(\beta q_1 \xi^1) \xi^\nu] \quad \nu \neq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Note that:

$$\begin{aligned} q_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \tanh(\beta q_1) \cdot 1 - \frac{1}{2} \tanh(\beta q_1) (-1) \\ q_\nu &= \sum_{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_p} p(\xi_1) \cdots p(\xi_p) \tanh(\beta \xi^1) \xi^\nu \end{aligned}$$

So the last  $p - 1$  equations are satisfied by  $q_\nu = 0$ , and we are left with the *first equation*  $q = \tanh(\beta q)$ , which is similar to the equation for the magnetization in the Ising model:  $m = \tanh(\beta m)$ . We then observe that, if we sample configurations with a Boltzmann-probability:

$$\exp\left(\beta \sum_{ij} J_{ij} S_i S_j\right)$$

for  $T < T_c$ , where  $T_c$  is a certain *critical temperature*, we have a non-zero probability to sample a network configuration that is *strongly (anti)correlated* with one of the patterns. [Insert fig.1]

## 0.2 Sherrington-KirkPatrick Model

The SK model is a network *without any pattern embedded inside*. We start by recalling the energy function for the Hopfield Model:

$$H = - \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} S_i S_j \quad S_i = \{-1, +1\}$$

However, we now pick the  $J_{ij}$  weights *at random*, according to a Gaussian distribution:

$$p(J_{ij}) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{N}{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{N}{2\sigma^2} J_{ij}^2\right)$$

Each spin  $S_i$  interacts with *all other spins* (**long range interaction model**) with a *random strength*. Note that:

$$\langle J^2 \rangle \sim \frac{1}{N}$$

This choice will lead to an *extensive* total free energy, that is:

$$F = \frac{1}{\beta} \log(Z_J) \sim N$$

$$Z_J = \sum_{\{S_1, \dots, S_N\}} \exp(-\beta H_J[S_1, \dots, S_N])$$

Note that now the partition function *explicitly depends* on the system's realization (the choice of  $J_{ij}$ ). Also, the number of *connections* is in the order of  $O(N^2)$ , while in the Ising's model (local interactions) we had  $O(N)$ .

We can check that  $F$  is linear in  $N$  by doing a *high-temperature expansion* (small  $\beta$  expansion) of  $Z$ :

$$Z_J = \sum_{\{S_1, \dots, S_N\}} \exp\left(\beta \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} S_i S_j\right) =$$

$$\approx \sum_{\{S_1, \dots, S_N\}} \left(1 + \beta \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} S_i S_j + \frac{\beta^2}{2} \sum_{i < j} \sum_{k < l} J_{ij} J_{kl} S_i S_j S_k S_l\right)$$

Note that if we have a product of  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  spins, with an odd number of copies of index  $k$ , their sum over *all states* will be 0:

$$\sum_{S_{i_k}=\{\pm 1\}} S_{i_1} S_{i_2} \cdots \overbrace{S_{i_k} \cdots S_{i_k}}^{2m+1} \cdots S_{i_p} = 0$$

Also:

$$\sum_{\{S_1, \dots, S_N\}} 1 = 2^N$$

So we can expand  $Z_J$ :

$$\begin{aligned} Z_J &\approx 2^N + \underbrace{\sum_{\{S_1, \dots, S_N\}} \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} S_i S_j}_{=0} + \frac{\beta^2}{2} \underbrace{\sum_{i < j} \sum_{k < l} J_{ij} J_{kl} S_i S_j S_k S_l}_{\sum_{i < j} J_{ij}^2} \\ &= 2^N \left( 1 + \frac{\beta^2}{2} \sum_{i < j} J_{ij}^2 + O(\beta^3) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Taking the logarithm:

$$\begin{aligned} \log(Z_J) &= N \log(2) + \log \left( 1 + \frac{\beta^2}{2} \sum_{i < j} J_{ij}^2 + O(\beta^3) \right) = \\ &= N \log(2) + \frac{\beta^2}{2} \underbrace{\sum_{i < j} J_{ij}^2}_{\sim N^2 \langle J^2 \rangle} + O(\beta^3) = \\ &= N \log(2) + \frac{\beta^2}{2} N^2 \langle J^2 \rangle + \dots \sim F \end{aligned}$$

So to have  $F \sim N$  we need  $\langle J^2 \rangle = 1/N$ , confirming the choice we made before. Now, consider again the free energy:

$$f_J = -\frac{1}{N\beta} \log \left( \sum_{\{S\}} \exp \left( \beta \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} S_i S_j \right) \right) = -\frac{1}{N\beta} \ln(Z_J)$$

And we are interested in the  $N \rightarrow \infty$  limit. We would like that, in this limit, the result will not depend on the specific choice of  $J_{ij}$ , meaning that *averages over disorder* make sense. This happens with free energy, and we say that it is *self-averaging*, that is:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\overline{[F_J^2]} - \overline{[F_J]}^2}{\overline{[F_J]}^2} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

where  $[\dots]$  denotes an *average over disorder*:

$$[\overline{f_J}] = \int \prod_{i < j} dJ_{ij} p(J_{ij}) f(\{J_{ij}\}_{i < j})$$

In other words, this means that the *free energy* takes a *more and more* “definite” value (i.e. its distribution  $p(f)$  has a smaller width) as we consider a larger and larger system:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{N\beta} \log(Z_J) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{N\beta} \overline{\log(Z_J)} = f$$

[Insert fig.2] However, if we write that integral:

$$\overline{[f_J]} = \int \prod_{i < j} dJ_{ij} p(J_{ij}) \left( -\frac{1}{N\beta} \right) \log \left( \sum_{\{\mathbf{S}\}} \exp \left( \beta \sum_{i < j} S_i S_j J_{ij} \right) \right)$$

we note that the  $J_{ij}$  appears both as the variables of integration, and as terms of the sum over all states, leading to a very difficult expression to evaluate. To simplify the problem we use the **Replica trick**, that involves rewriting the logarithm in terms of its Taylor expansion:

$$\log(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^n - 1}{n}$$

Then:

$$\log \left( \sum_{\{\mathbf{S}\}} \exp \left( \beta \sum_{i < j} S_i S_j J_{ij} \right) \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sum_{\{\mathbf{S}\}} \exp \left( \beta \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} S_i S_j \right)^n - 1}{n}$$

Let's focus on the power term:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \prod_{i < j} dJ_{ij} p(J_{ij}) \sum_{\substack{\{S_i^\alpha, \dots, S_N^\alpha\} \\ \alpha=1, \dots, n}} \exp \left( \beta \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} S_i^\alpha S_j^\alpha \right) \quad (2)$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  for all the intermediate steps, but at the end we take  $n \rightarrow 0$  as if it were a real parameter. The index  $\alpha$  *labels* the *replicas* of the system, that is the elements of a set of  $n$  copies of the original system.

Note now that:

1. Replicas are uncoupled: there are no products  $S_i^\alpha S_j^\beta$  with  $\alpha \neq \beta$  (replicas *do not interact*)
2. Spins are coupled: there are products of spins carrying different indexes, such as  $S_i^\alpha S_j^\alpha$

By performing a *Gaussian integration* we can *move* the coupling from spins to replicas, so that:

1. Replicas become coupled
2. Spins become uncoupled

The idea is that the energy will form a *many valleys landscape*. If we now consider two copies (replicas) evolving in this landscape, they will *behave* as *non-interacting particles* if the temperature is high enough, but will *strongly interact* when the temperature is low. This is the meaning of “coupled replicas”, as we will now mathematically derive.

We start by integrating a single term of (2):

*This part may contain errors!*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dJ_{ij} \exp \left( -\frac{N}{2\sigma^2} J_{ij}^2 + \beta J_{ij} \sum_{\alpha=1}^n S_i^\alpha S_j^\alpha \right) &= \exp \left( \frac{\beta^2 \sigma^2}{2N} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^n S_i^\alpha S_i^\beta S_j^\alpha S_j^\beta \right) = \\ &= \exp \left( \frac{\beta^2 \sigma^2}{\textcolor{red}{2} \cdot 2N} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^n \textcolor{red}{\sum_{i \neq j}} S_i^\alpha S_j^\beta \right) = \\ &\approx \exp \left( \frac{\beta^2 \sigma^2}{4N} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^N S_i^\alpha S_i^\beta \right)^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

and then:

$$\overline{\log(Z_J)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{\overline{Z^n} - 1}{n} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \overline{Z^n}$$

and so:

$$\overline{Z^n} = \sum_{\substack{\{S_1^\alpha, \dots, S_N^\alpha\} \\ \alpha=1, \dots, n}} \exp \left( \frac{\beta^2 \sigma^2}{4N} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^N S_i^\alpha S_i^\beta \right)^2 \right)$$