NEURAL NETWORKS

Bidirectional Associative Memory Neural Networks

Lecture 9

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BIDIRECTIONAL ASSOCIATIVE MEMORY(BAM) NEURAL NETWORKS

- BAM Neural Networks were first introduced by Bart Kosko (1987, 1988).
- BAM Neural Networks are recurrent network designed to work as heteroassociative memory.

- A BAM Neural Network is composed of neurons arranged in two layers.
- The neurons in one layer are fully interconnected to the neurons in the second layer.
- There is no interconnection among neurons in the same layer.
- The weight from layer A to layer B is same as the weights from layer B to layer A.

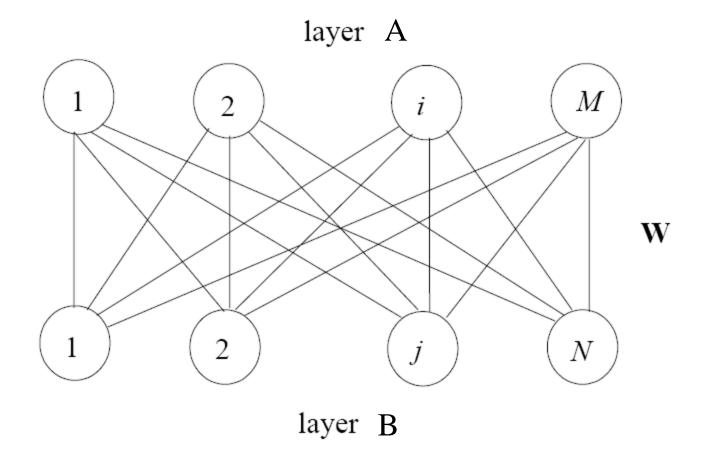


Figure 1. Bidirectional Associative Memory: Basic Simple Diagram

- ☐ It is a heteroassociative, content-addressable memory consisting of two layers.
- It uses the forward and backward information flow to produce an associative search for stored stimulusresponse association.
- The network's dynamics involves two layers of interaction.
- ☐ The stability corresponds to a local energy minimum.
- □ The basic architectural diagram of the Bidirectional associative memory is shown in Figure 2.
- ☐ The patterns are $\{(a^{(1)}, b^{(1)}), (a^{(2)}, b^{(2)}), ..., (a^{(p)}, b^{(p)})\}$
- Let us assume that an initializing vector **b** is applied at the input to the layer A of neurons.

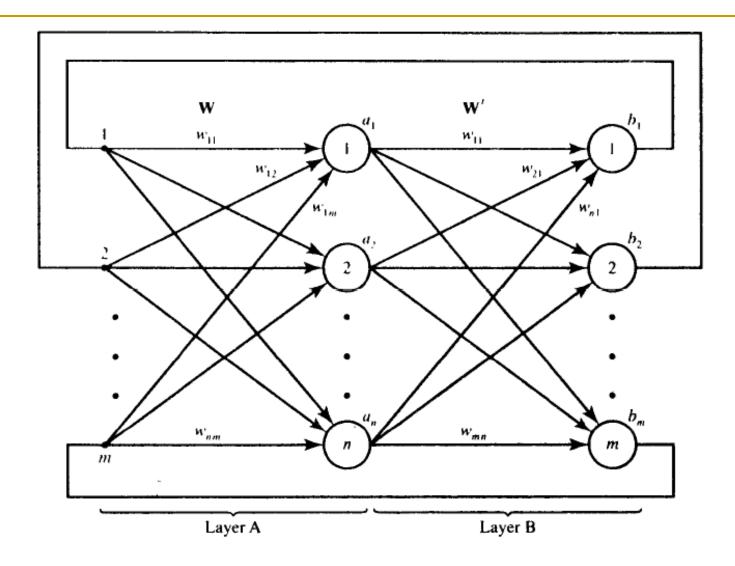


Figure 2. Bidirectional Associative Memory: General Arcitectural Graph

- ☐ Figure 3. shows the simplified diagram of the Bidirectional associative memory often encountered in the literature.
- Layer A and B operate in an alternate fashionfirst transferring the neuron's output signals towards the right by using matrix **W**, and then toward the left by using the matrix **W**^T, respectively.

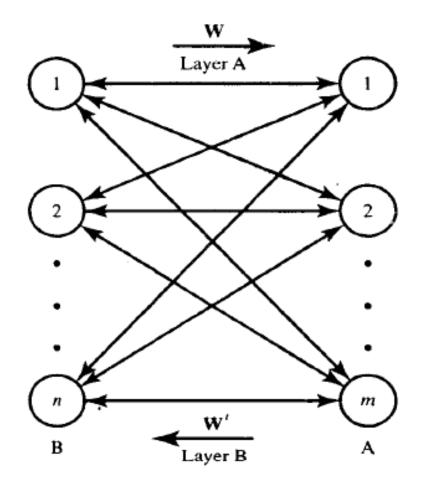


Figure 3. Bidirectional Associative Memory: Simplified Arcitectural Graph

- The Hopfield unidirectional auto-associators have been discussed in previous lecture.
- Kosko extended this network to two layer, bidirectional structure which can achieve hetero-association.

Definition: If the associated pattern pairs (X,Y) are different and if the model recalls a pattern Y given a pattern X or vice-versa, then it is termed as hetero-associate memory.

The Bidirectional associative memory maps bipolar binary vectors

$$a^k = [a_1 \ a_2 \ ... \ a_n]^t, \ a_i = \pm 1 \ , i = 1, 2, ..., n,$$

into vectors

$$b^k = [b_1 \ b_2 \ ... b_m]^t$$
, $b_i = \pm 1$, $i = 1, 2, ..., m$, or vise-versa.

Where **a**^k and **b**^k are bipolar binary vectors, which are members of the *k*'th pair.

How to Use a BAM?

Phase 1: Storage Process

Store all pattern pairs into the network by finding the weight matrix.

Phase 2: Retrieval Process

Recall a pattern when an input is given as the initial state.

Storage Process

Step 1: The associations between pattern pairs are stored in the memory in the form of bipolar binary vectors with entries -1 and 1.

$$\{(a^{(1)}, b^{(1)}), (a^{(2)}, b^{(2)}), \dots, (a^{(p)}, b^{(p)})\}$$

Vector a store pattern and is n-dimensional, **b** is m-dimensional which stores associated output.

Step 2: The Weight Matrix is calculated by

$$W = \sum_{i=1}^{p} a^{(i)} (b^{(i)})^{T}$$

Retrieval Process

Input: Pattern (often noisy/corrupted)

Output: Corresponding pattern (complete / relatively noise-free)

Process:

- 1. Load input pattern onto core group of highly-interconnected neurons.
- 2. Run core neurons until they reach a steady state.
- 3. Read output off of the states of the core neurons.

Retrieval Process

Assume an initializing vector b is applied at the input (layer A). So,

$$a^1 = \Gamma[Wb^0]$$

➤ Now vector a¹ is applied to Layer B. So,

$$b^2 = \Gamma[W^T a^1]$$

Here,

$$a^{k+1} = \Gamma(Wb^k)$$

corresponds the equation:

$$a^{k+1} = sgn(Wb^k)$$

So the procedure can be shown as

- If the network is stable the procedure stop at an equilibrium pair like (a⁽ⁱ⁾, b⁽ⁱ⁾).
- This means that the updates continue and the memory comes to its equilibrium if

$$a^{k+2} = a^k$$

for the updates

$$(a^k \rightarrow b^{k+1} \rightarrow a^{k+2})$$

This corresponds to the energy function reaching one of its minima.

Summary

Retrieve the nearest of (Ai, Bi) pattern pair, given any pair (α , β).

The methods and the equations for retrieve are:

- start with an initial condition which is any given pattern pair (α, β),
- determine a finite sequence of pattern pairs (α', β') , (α'', β'') until an equilibrium point (α_f, β_f) is reached, where

$$\beta' = \Phi \left(\alpha \, M \,\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha' = \Phi \left(\beta' \, \stackrel{T}{M} \right)$$

$$\beta'' = \Phi \left(\alpha' \, M \,\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha'' = \Phi \left(\beta'' \, \stackrel{T}{M} \right)$$

$$\Phi \left(F\right) = G = g_1, g_2, \dots, g_r,$$

$$F = \left(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_r\right)$$

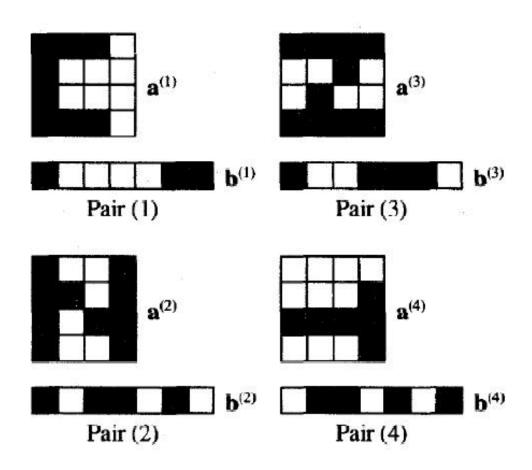
$$M \quad \text{is correlation matrix}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 1 & \text{if } fi > 0 \\ 0 \text{ (binary)} \end{array} \right.$$

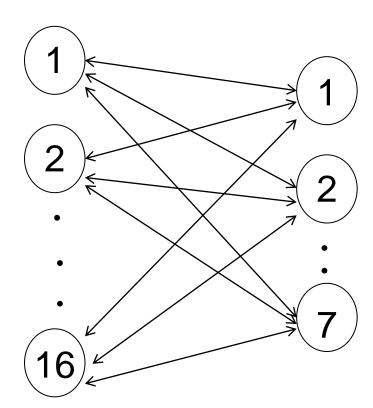
$$g_i = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 1 & \text{if } fi > 0 \\ -1 \text{ (bipolar)} \\ \text{previous } g_i, & \text{fi } = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Example for Storage Phase

Stored association pairs:



- a_i , i=1,...,n. n=16 b_i , i=1,...,m. m=7



Storing four pair of associations as vector pairs:

$$V = \sum_{i=1}^{p} a^{(i)} b^{(i)T}$$

Weight matrix is obtained as:

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 & -2 & 2 & -2 & 4 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 2 & -2 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & -2 & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -2 & 0 \\ 4 & -4 & -2 & 2 & -2 & 4 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}_{16}$$

> Example for Retrieval Phase

Assume a key vector a^1 at the memory input is a distorted prototype of $a^{(2)}$, $HD(a^{(2)}, a^1) = 4$:

$$a^1 = [-1 -1 -1 1 -1 1 -1 1 1 -1 1 1 -1 1 1]^T$$

► Therefore:

► $HD(a^{(1)}, a^1) = 12$, $HD(a^{(2)}, a^1) = 4$, $HD(a^{(3)}, a^1) = 10$, $HD(a^{(4)}, a^1) = 4$

Example for Retrieval Phase

Four steps of retrieval of pair 4:

