SuperNeuroMAT

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SuperNeuroMAT is a fast and scalable simulator for spiking neural networks (SNNs). It is meant to be run on multi-core systems. SuperNeuroMAT models SNN computations using matrix and vector operations.

Key features of SuperNeuroMAT include: 1. Support for Leaky Integrate and Fire (LIF) neuron model 2. Support for Spike-Timing-Dependent Plasticity (STDP) learning mechanism

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SUPERNEUROMAT PACKAGE

1.1 Module contents

class superneuromat.SNN(backend='cpu', num_mpi_ranks=1)

Bases: object

Defines a spiking neural network (SNN) with neurons and synapses

num_neurons

Number of neurons in the SNN

Type

int

neuron_thresholds

List of neuron thresholds

Type

list

neuron_leaks

List of neuron leaks, defined as the amount by which the internal states of the neurons are pushed towards the neurons' reset states

Type

list

neuron_reset_states

List of neuron reset states

Type

list

neuron_refractory_periods

List of neuron refractory periods

Type

list

num_synapses

Number of synapses in the SNN

Type

int

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pre_synaptic_neuron_ids
     List of pre-synaptic neuron IDs
         Type
             list
post_synaptic_neuron_ids
     List of post-synaptic neuron IDs
         Type
             list
synaptic_weights
     List of synaptic weights
         Type
             list
synaptic_delays
     List of synaptic delays
         Type
             list
enable_stdp
     List of Boolean values denoting whether STDP learning is enabled on each synapse
         Type
             list
input_spikes
     Dictionary of input spikes indexed by time
         Type
             dict
spike_train
     List of spike trains for each time step
         Type
             list
stdp
     Boolean parameter that denotes whether STDP learning has been enabled in the SNN
         Type
             bool
stdp_time_steps
     Number of time steps over which STDP updates are made
         Type
             int
stdp_Apos
     List of STDP parameters per time step for excitatory update of weights
         Type
             list
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stdp_Aneg

List of STDP parameters per time step for inhibitory update of weights

Type

list

create_neuron()

Creates a neuron in the SNN

create_synapse()

Creates a synapse in the SNN

add_spike()

Add an external spike at a particular time step for a given neuron with a given value

stdp_setup()

Setup the STDP parameters

setup()

Setup the SNN and prepare for simulation

simulate()

Simulate the SNN for a given number of time steps

print_spike_train()

Print the spike train

Caution

- 1. Delay is implemented by adding a chain of proxy neurons. A delay of 10 between neuron A and neuron B would add 9 proxy neurons between A and B.
- 2. Leak brings the internal state of the neuron back to the reset state. The leak value is the amount by which the internal state of the neuron is pushed towards its reset state.
- 3. Deletion of neurons is not permitted
- 4. Multiple synapses from one neuron to any another neuron are not permitted
- 5. Input spikes can have a value
- 6. All neurons are monitored by default

add_spike(*time*: *int*, *neuron_id*: *int*, *value*: float = 1.0) \rightarrow None

Adds an external spike in the SNN

Parameters

- **time** (*int*) The time step at which the external spike is added
- $neuron_id(int)$ The neuron for which the external spike is added
- value (float) The value of the external spike (default: 1.0)

Raises

TypeError if -

1. time is not an int 2. neuron_id is not an int 3. value is not an int or float

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count_spikes()

Returns the spike count

create_neuron(threshold: float = 0.0, leak: float = inf, $reset_state$: float = 0.0, $refractory_period$: int = 0) \rightarrow int

Create a neuron

Parameters

- **threshold** (*float*) Neuron threshold; the neuron spikes if its internal state is strictly greater than the neuron threshold (default: 0.0)
- **leak** (*float*) Neuron leak; the amount by which by which the internal state of the neuron is pushed towards its reset state (default: np.inf)
- **reset_state** (*float*) Reset state of the neuron; the value assigned to the internal state of the neuron after spiking (default: 0.0)
- **refractory_period** (*int*) Refractory period of the neuron; the number of time steps for which the neuron remains in a dormant state after spiking

Returns

Returns the neuron ID

Raises

- TypeError if -
- 1. threshold is not an int or a float 2. leak is not an int or a float 3. reset_state is not an int or a float 4. refractory_period is not an int
- ValueError if -
 - 1. leak is less than 0.0 2. refractory period is less than 0

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create_synapse(pre\_id: int, post\_id: int, weight: float = 1.0, delay: int = 1, stdp\_enabled: bool = False) \rightarrow None
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Creates a synapse in the SNN from a pre-synaptic neuron to a post-synaptic neuron with a given set of synaptic parameters (weight, delay and enable_stdp)

Parameters

- **pre_id** (*int*) ID of the pre-synaptic neuron
- **post_id** (*int*) ID of the post-synaptic neuron
- **weight** (*float*) Synaptic weight; weight is multiplied to the incoming spike (default: 1.0)
- **delay** (*int*) Synaptic delay; number of time steps by which the outgoing signal of the syanpse is delayed by (default: 1)
- **enable_stdp** (*boo1*) Boolean value that denotes whether or not STDP learning is enabled on the synapse (default: False)

Raises

- TypeError if -
- 1. pre_id is not an int 2. post_id is not an int 3. weight is not a float 4. delay is not an int 5. enable_stdp is not a bool
- ValueError if -
- 1. pre id is less than 0.2. post id is less than 0.3. delay is less than or equal to 0.

• RuntimeError if -

1. A synapse with the same (pre_id, post_id) already exists

print_spike_train()

Prints the spike train

reset(internal_states=True, refractory_periods=True, internal_spikes=True, stdp_enabled_weights=True, spike_train=True, spike_count=True, input_spikes=True) \rightarrow None

Resets the state of the simulator

Parameters

- **internal_states** (*bool*) Set to True if internal states of neurons should be reset, otherwise False (default: True)
- **refractory_periods** (*boo1*) Set to True if refractory periods of neurons should be reset, otherwise False (default: True)
- **internal_spikes** (*bool*) Set to True if internal spikes of neurons should be reset, otherwise False (default: True)
- **stdp_enabled_weights** (*boo1*) Set to True if STDP enabled synaptic weights should be reset, otherwise False (default: True)
- **spike_train** (*bool*) Set to True if spike train should be reset, otherwise False (default: True)
- **spike_count** (*bool*) Set to True if spike count should be reset, otherwise False (default: True)
- input_spikes (boo1) Set to True if input spikes should be reset, otherwise False (default: True)

Raises

- TypeError if -
- 1. internal_states is not bool 2. refractory_periods is not bool 3. internal_spikes is not bool 4. stdp_enabled_weights is not bool 5. spike_train is not bool 6. spike_count is not bool 7. input_spikes is not bool
- Value error if -
 - internal_states is neither True nor False 2. refractory_periods is neither True nor False
 internal_spikes is neither True nor False 4. stdp_enabled_weights is neither True nor False 5. spike_train is neither True nor False 6. spike_count is neither True nor False 7. input_spikes is neither True nor False

setup(*sparse='auto'*, *dtype=64*)

Choose the appropriate setup function based on backend

Parameters

- sparse (bool) If True, forces simulation to use sparse computations (default: "auto")
- **dtype** (*int*) 32 or 64 for single or double precision operation (default: 64)

Raises

- TypeError if –
- 1. sparse is not a bool 2. dtype is not an int
- ValueError if -

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1. dtype is not 32 or 64

simulate(*time steps: int* = 1000) \rightarrow None

Simulate the spiking neural network

Parameters

- time_steps (int) Number of time steps for which the SNN is to be simulated
- **backend** (*string*) Backend is either cpu or frontier

Raises

- TypeError if -
- 1. time_steps is not an int 2. backend is not a string
- ValueError if -
- 1. time_steps is less than or equal to zero 2. backend is not one of the following values: cpu, frontier

 $stdp_setup(time_steps: int = 3, Apos: list = [1.0, 0.5, 0.25], Aneg: list = [1.0, 0.5, 0.25], positive_update: bool = True, negative_update: bool = True) <math>\rightarrow$ None

Choose the appropriate STDP setup function based on backend

Parameters

- time_steps (int) Number of time steps over which STDP learning occurs (default: 3)
- **Apos** (*1ist*) List of parameters for excitatory STDP updates (default: [1.0, 0.5, 0.25]); number of elements in the list must be equal to time_steps
- **Aneg** (*1ist*) List of parameters for inhibitory STDP updates (default: [1.0, 0.5, 0.25]); number of elements in the list must be equal to time steps
- positive_update (boo1) Boolean parameter indicating whether excitatory STDP update should be enabled
- negative_update (boo1) Boolean parameter indicating whether inhibitory STDP update should be enabled

Raises

- TypeError if -
- 1. time_steps is not an int 2. Apos is not a list 3. Aneg is not a list 4. positive_update is not a bool 5. negative_update is not a bool
- ValueError if -
- 1. time_steps is less than or equal to zero 2. Number of elements in Apos is not equal to the time_steps 3. Number of elements in Aneg is not equal to the time_steps 4. The elements of Apos are not int or float 5. The elements of Aneg are not int or float 6. The elements of Apos are not greater than or equal to 0.0 7. The elements of Apos are not greater than or equal to 0.0
- RuntimeError if -
- 1. enable_stdp is not set to True on any of the synapses

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