



DD2437 – Artificial Neural Networks and Deep Architectures (annda)

Lecture 8: Hopfield networks

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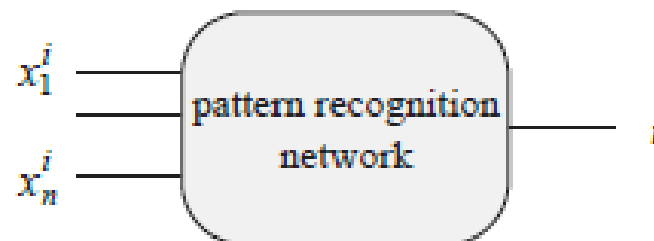
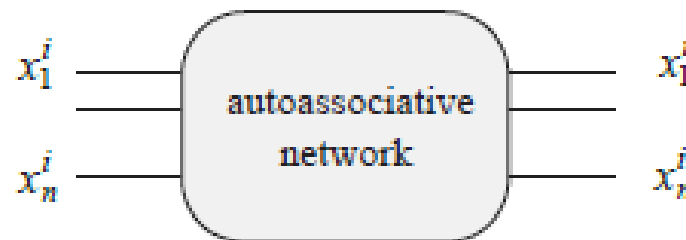
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Lecture overview

- Associative memory, learning
- Hopfield networks
- Storage capacity
- Optimisation with Hopfield networks

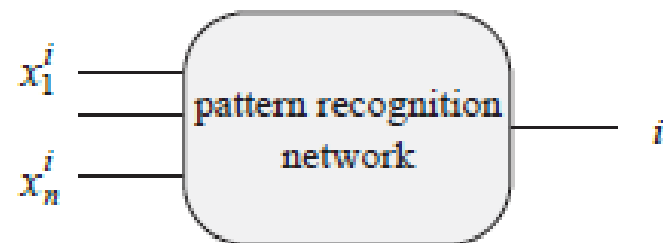
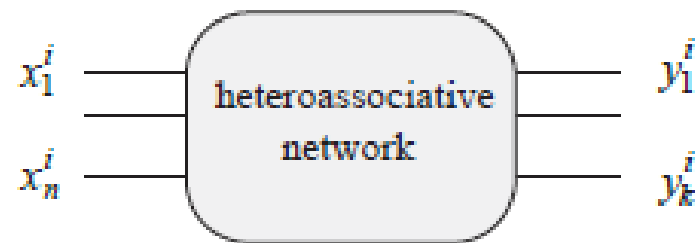
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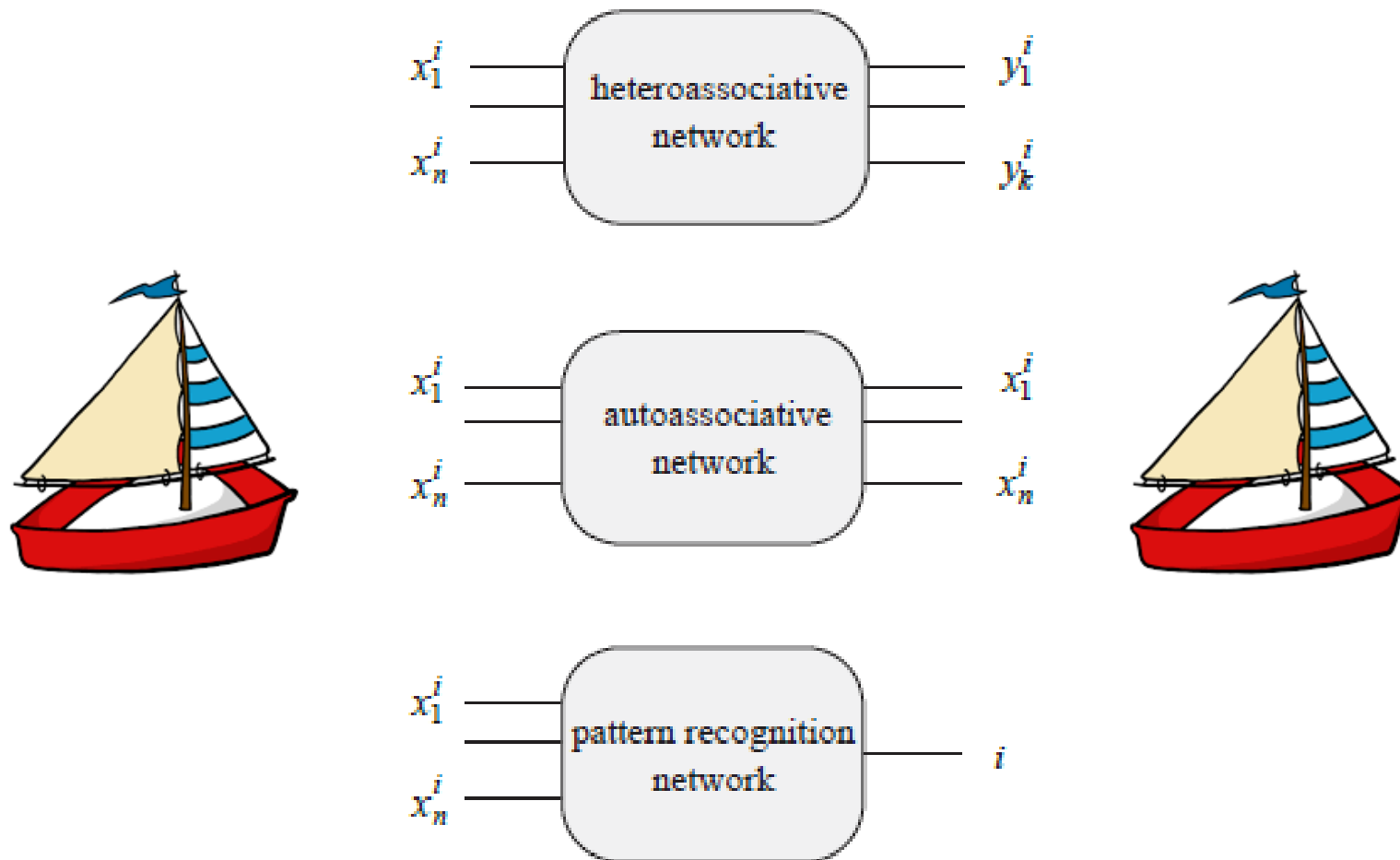


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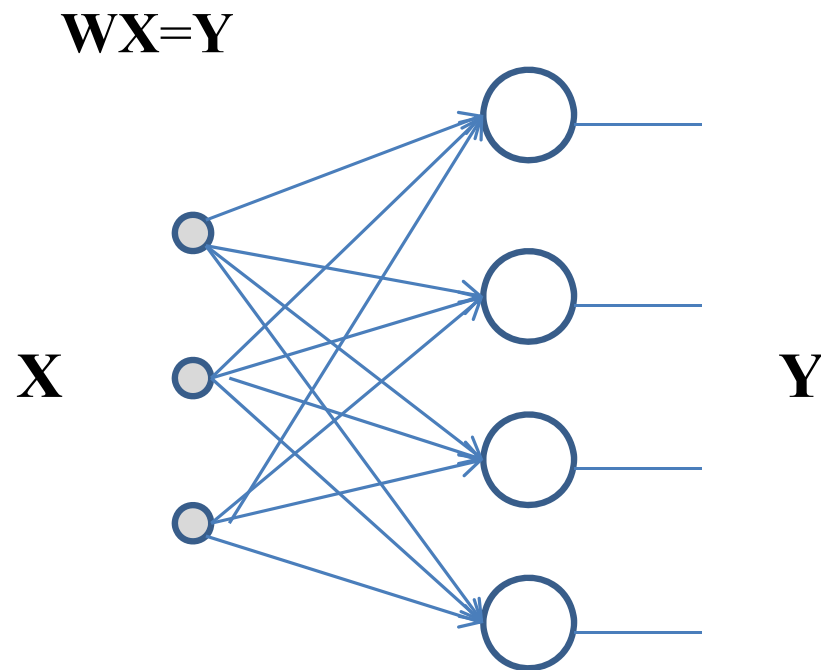
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- Single layer networks (see lecture 2, correlation memory)



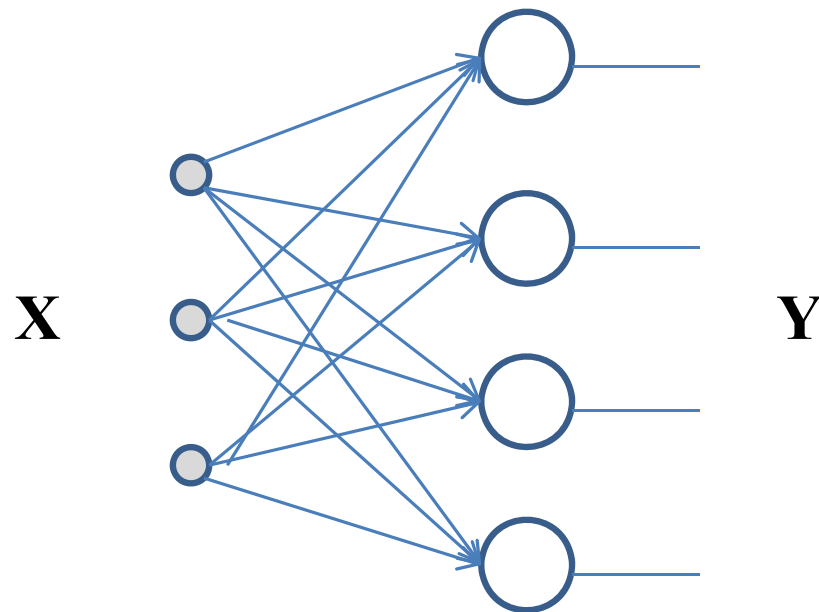
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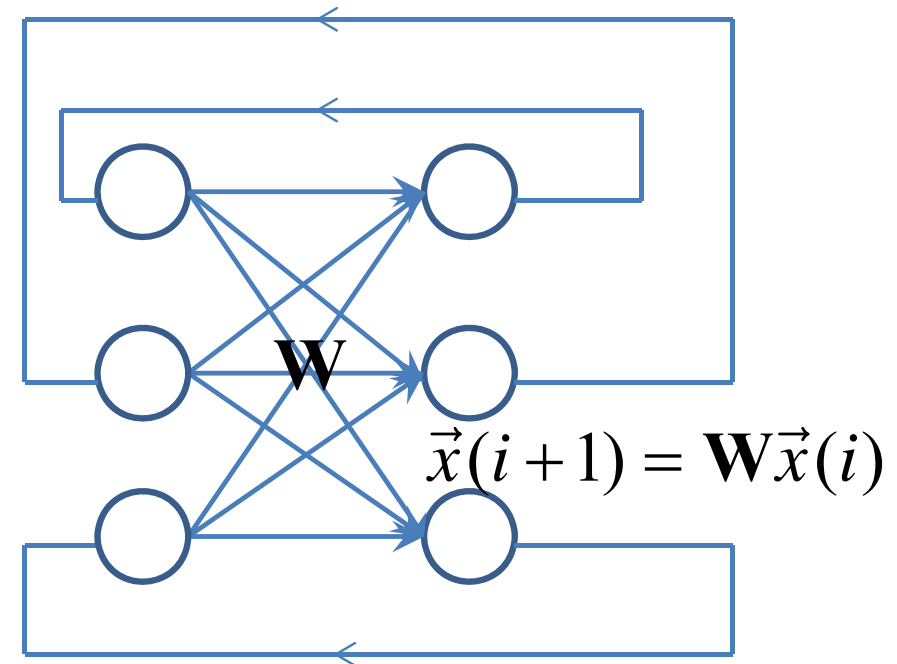
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- Simple single layer or recurrent networks

$$\mathbf{W}\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{Y}$$



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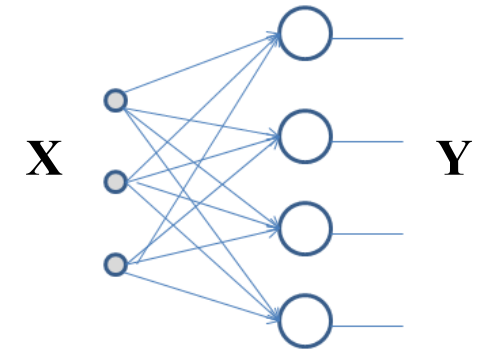
autoassociative recurrent network, with feedback
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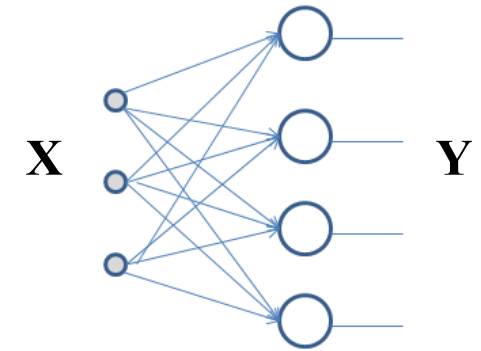


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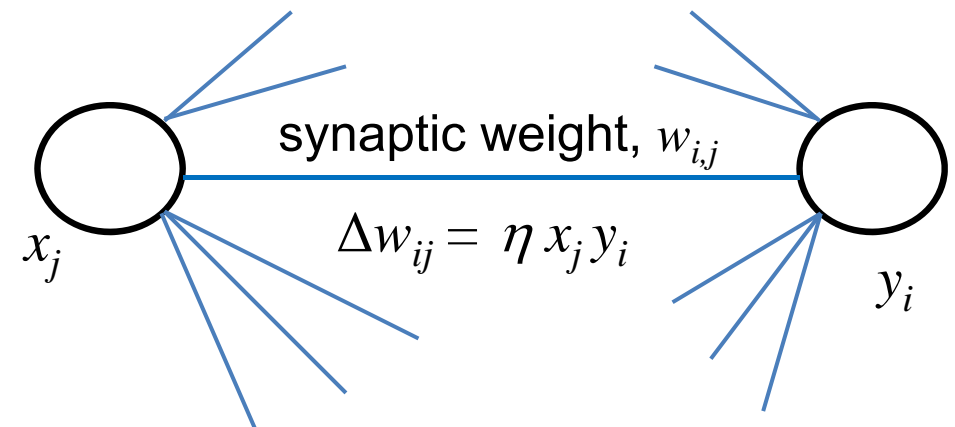
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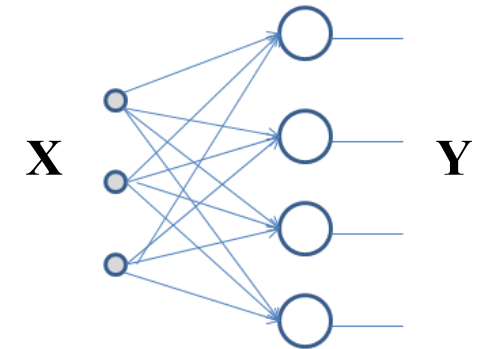


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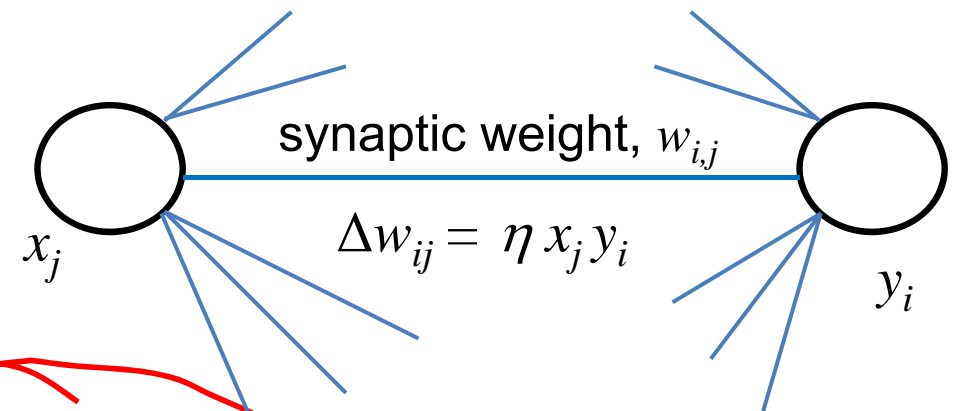
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$$\vec{y}_p (\vec{x}_p^T \vec{x}_p) + \sum_{p \neq k}^m \vec{y}_k (\vec{x}_p^T \vec{x}_k)$$

crosstalk

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but we do not want $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{I}$ as a trivial solution of $\text{sgn}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{X}$

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For orthogonal \mathbf{X} (or nearly),
 $\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}$ is a scaled identity \mathbf{I} matrix

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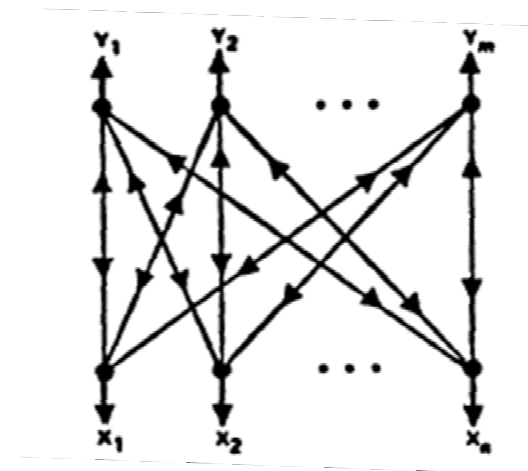
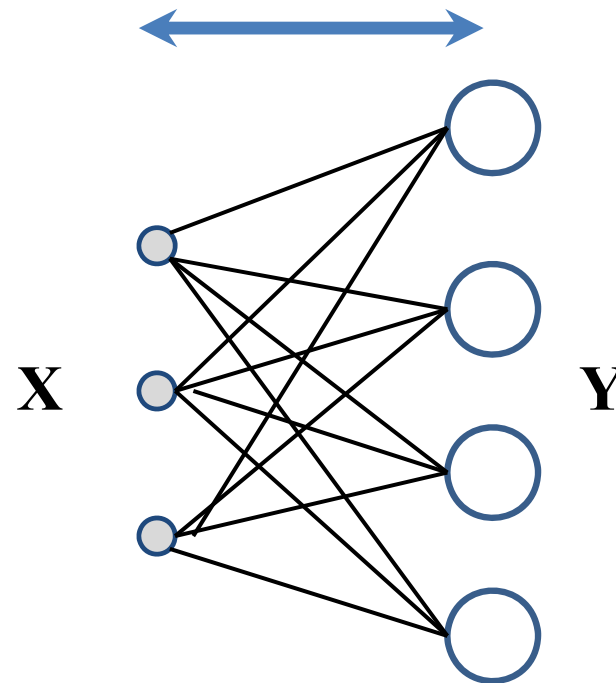
\mathbf{W} describes *non-orthogonal* projection on the subspace spanned by \vec{x} .

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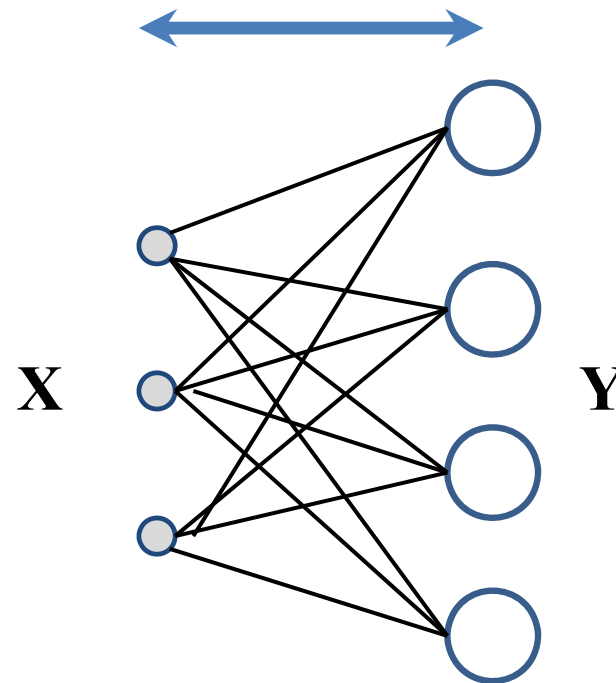
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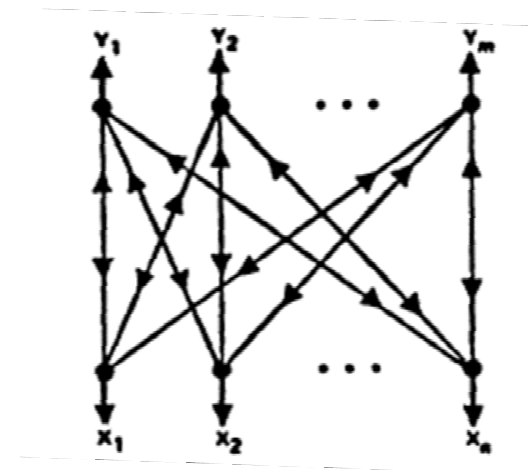
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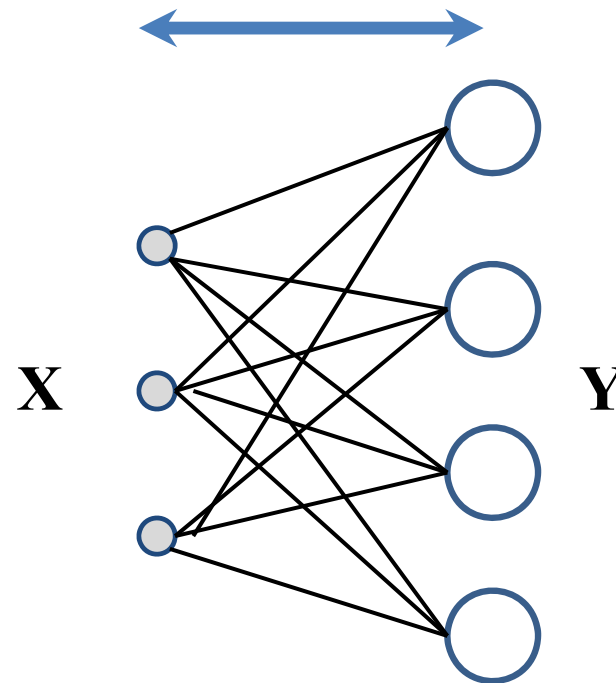
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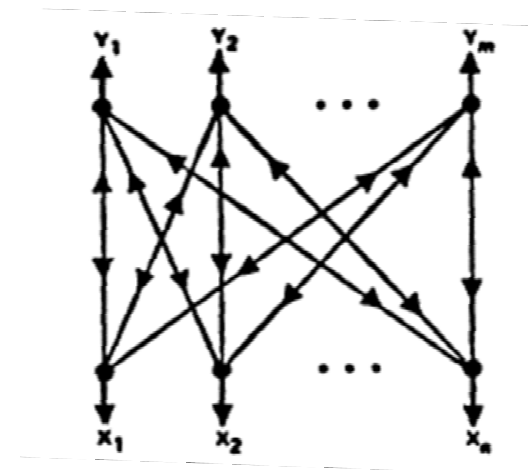
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Does it converge?
What are stable points?

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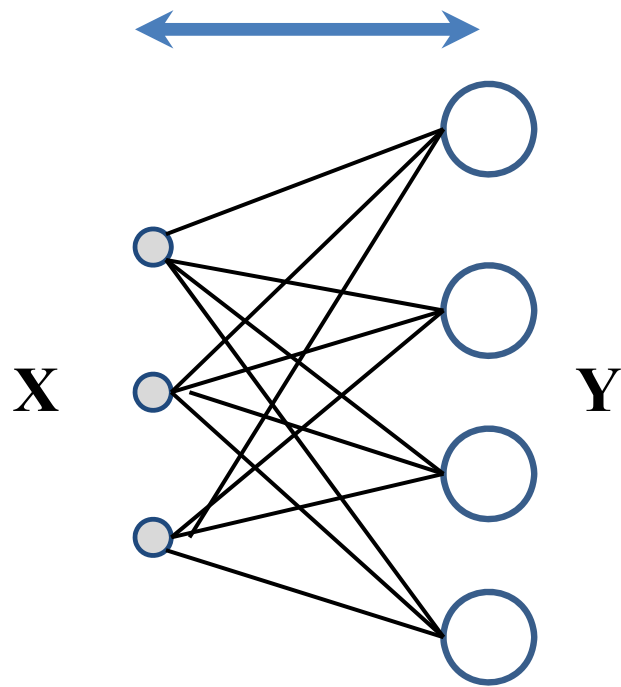
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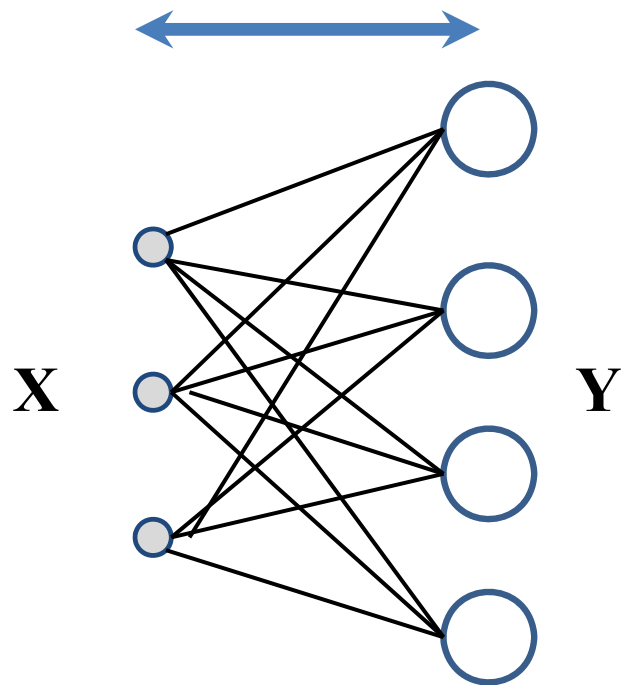
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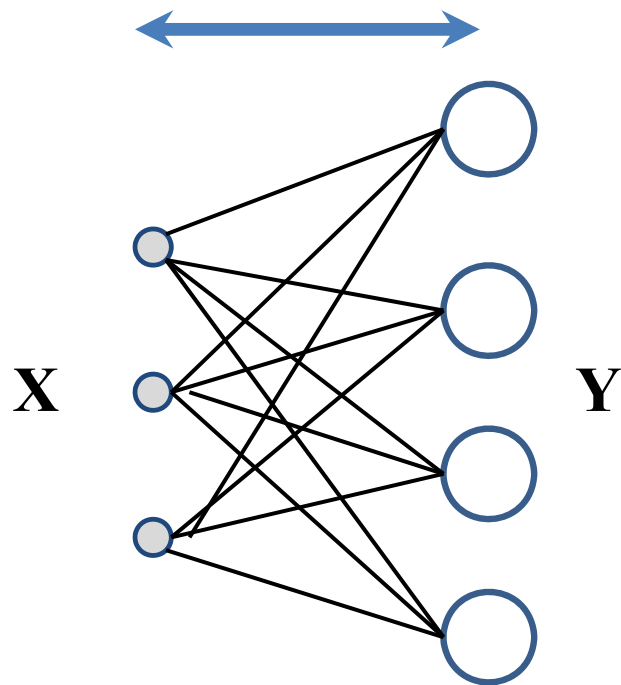
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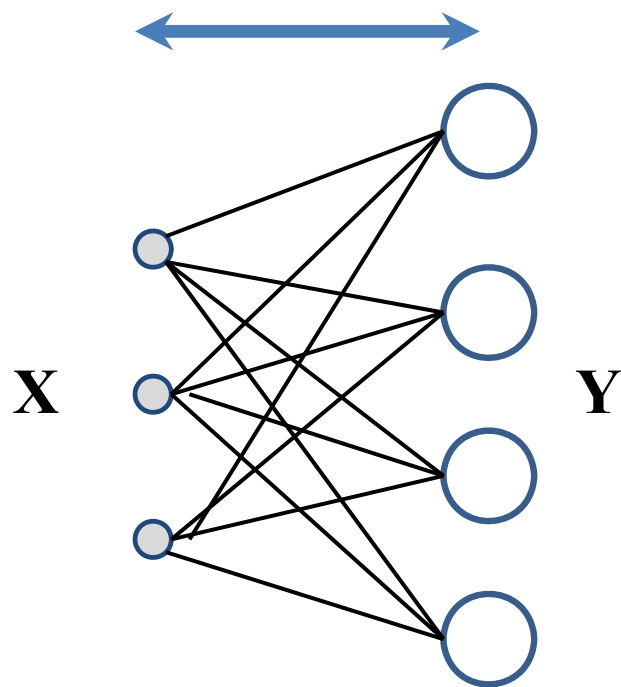
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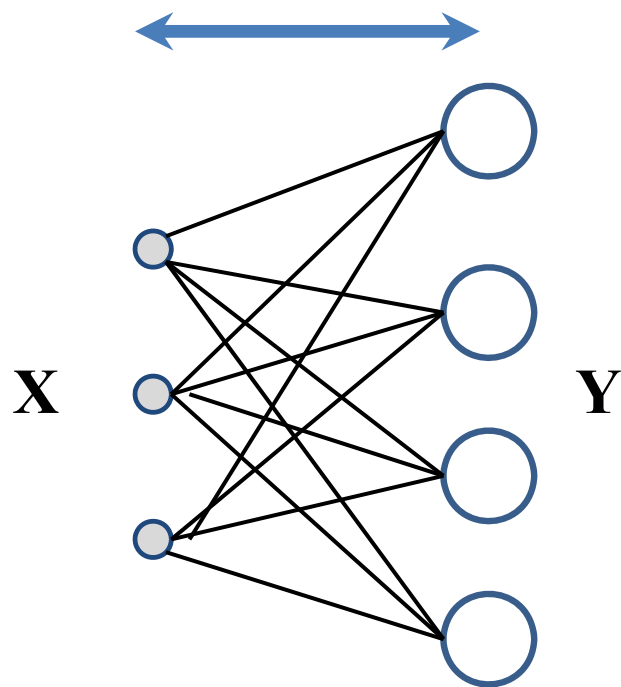
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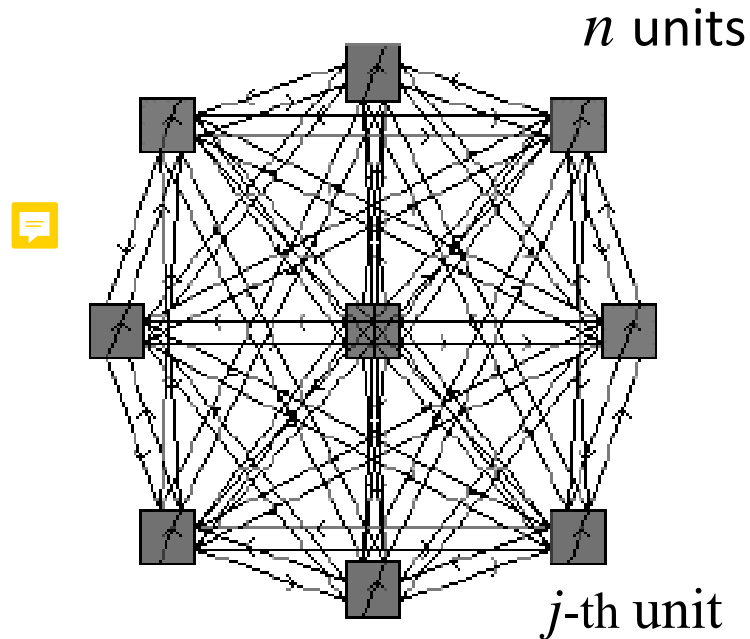
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If bias is added

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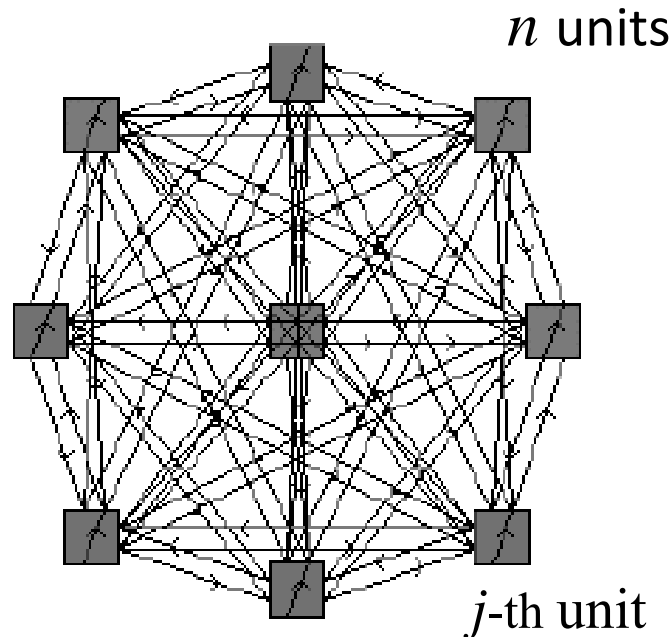
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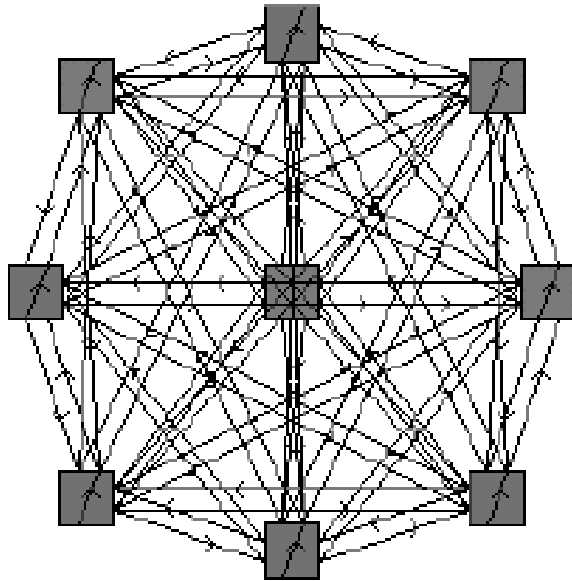
Iterative recall with asynchronous update

- 1) Apply input probe $\xi_p = [\xi_{1,p}, \xi_{2,p}, \dots, \xi_{n,p}]$, i.e. $x_j(0) = \xi_{j,p}$
- 2) Iterate *asynchronous* update until convergence (until the state \mathbf{x} remains unchanged)

$$x_j(t+1) = \text{sgn}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_{j,i} x_i(t)\right) \quad j=1,\dots,n \text{ is randomly selected one at a time}$$

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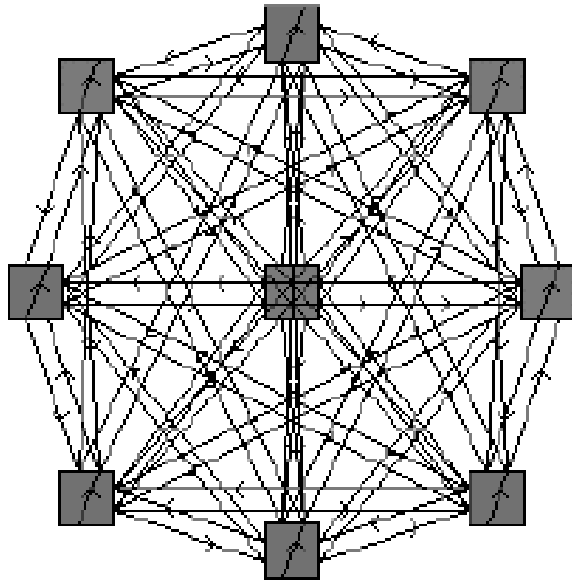
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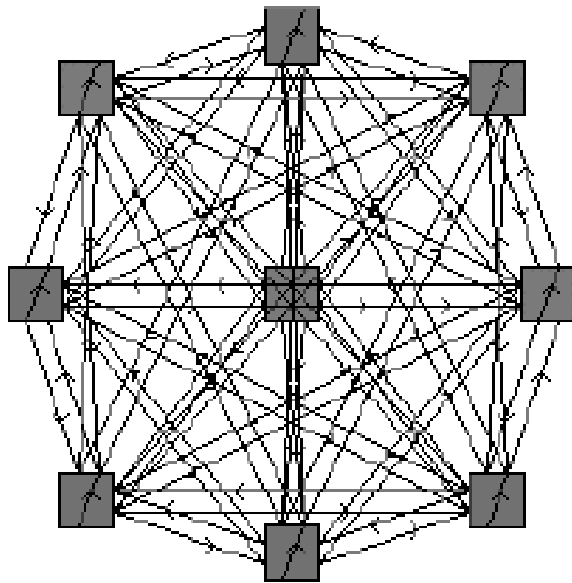
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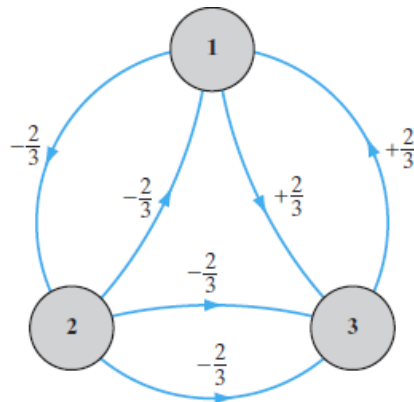
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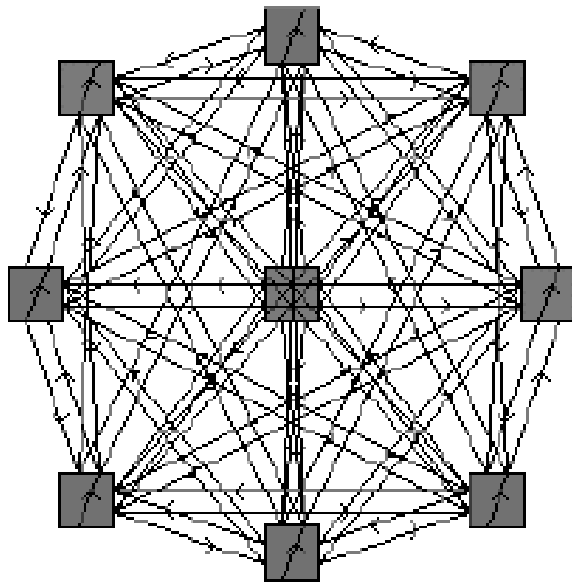
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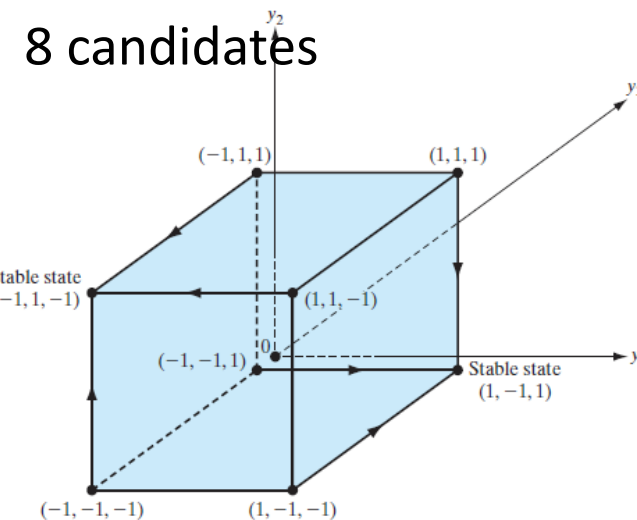
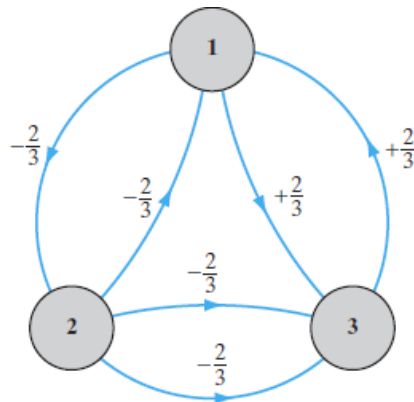


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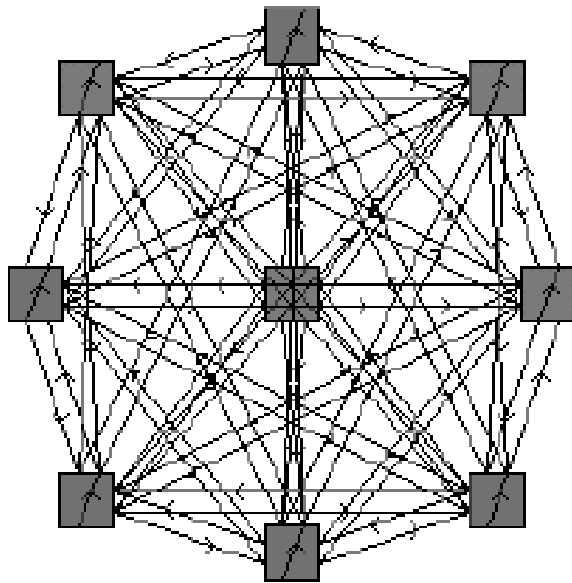
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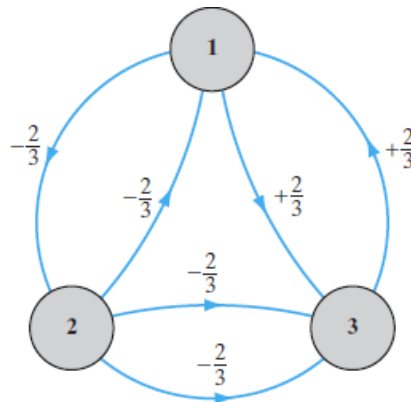


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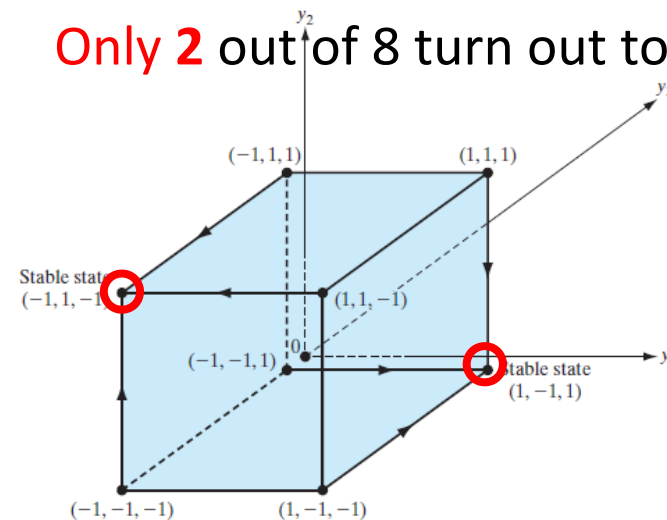
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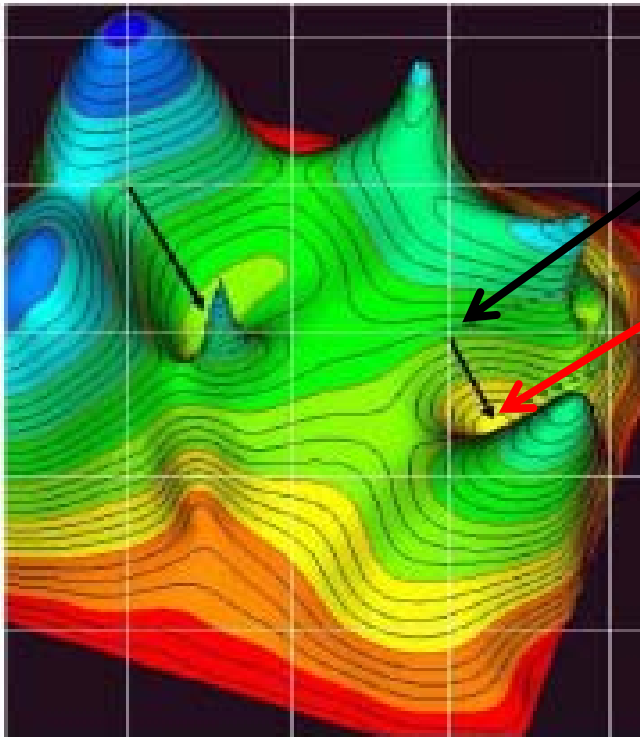


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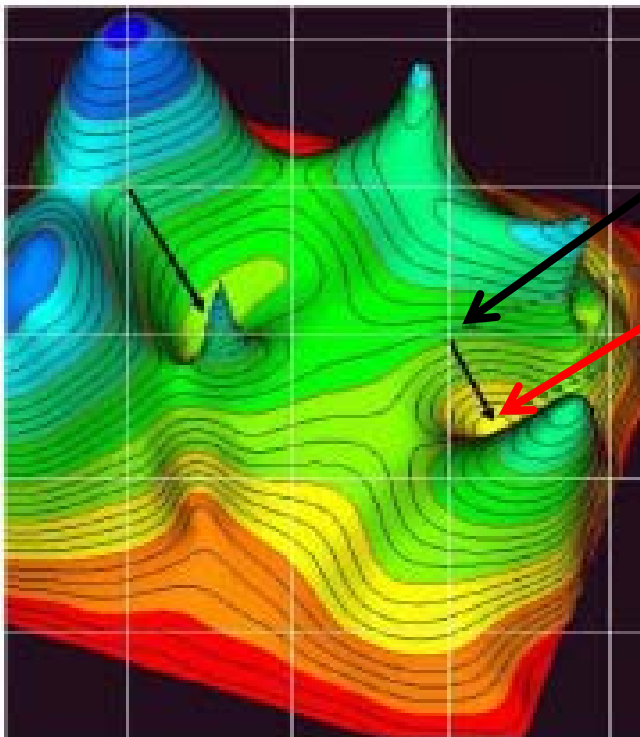
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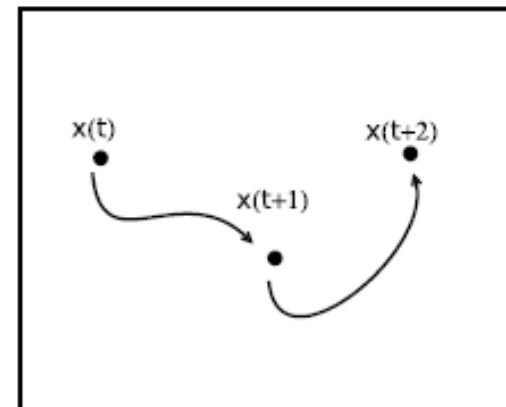
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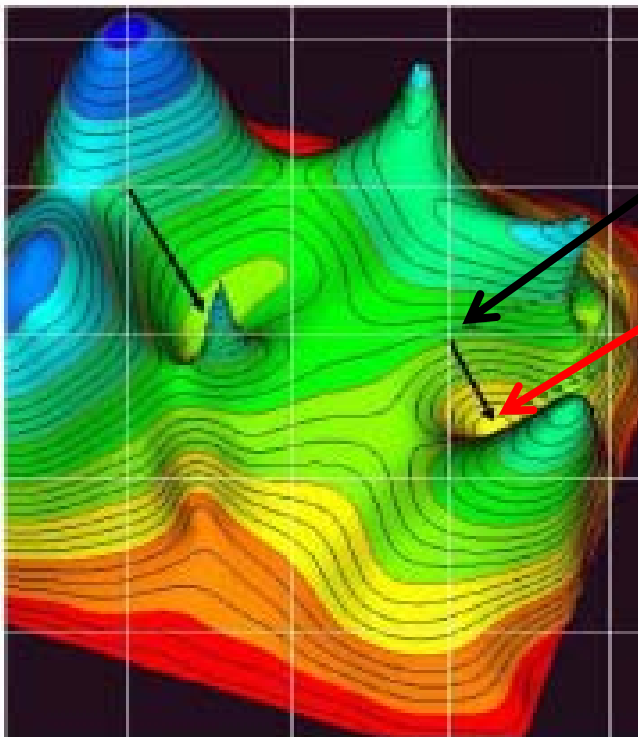
Dynamics travelling in the energy landscape and attracted to the energy minimum



In *discrete* Hopfield network, the energy landscape is discrete!

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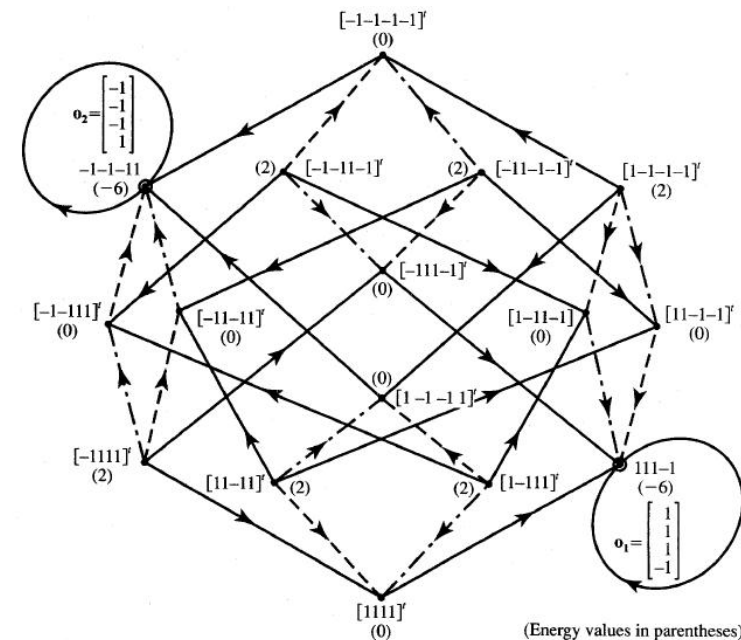
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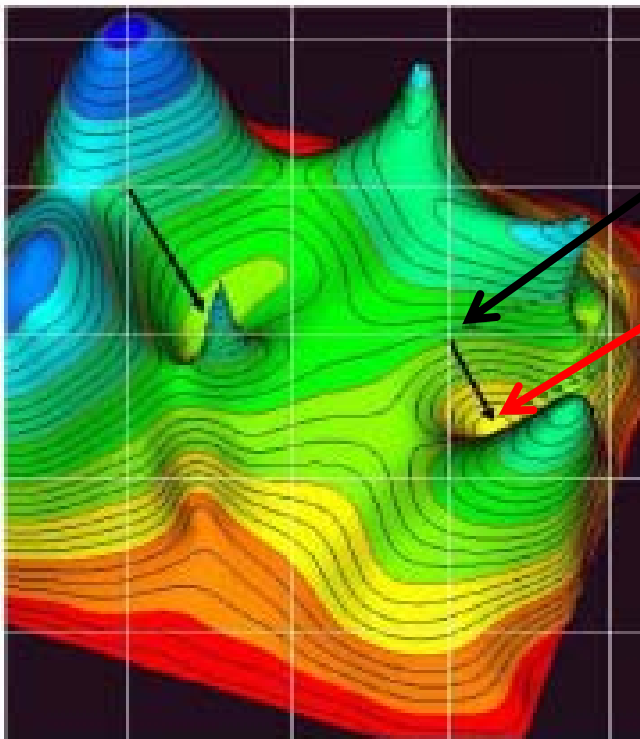
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In *discrete* Hopfield network, the energy landscape is discrete!



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Attractor dynamics



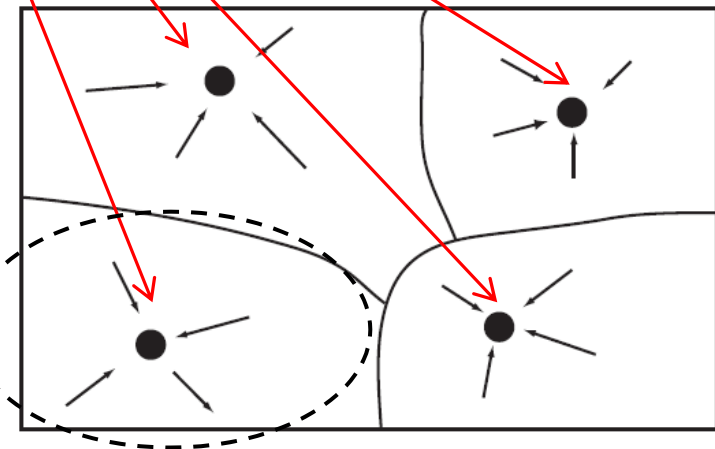
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Around each fixed point (attractor), there is
a ***basin of attraction***



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How do we learn memories for storage?

Hopfield network as a content addressable memory

A set of memory patterns $\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_M\}$ to be learnt.

$$\xi_k = [\xi_{k,1}, \xi_{k,2}, \dots, \xi_{k,n}], \quad k=1, \dots, M$$

Outer product rule (Hebbian-like learning) is used to compute **W**:

$$w_{j,i} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^M \xi_{k,j} \cdot \xi_{k,i}, & j \neq i \\ 0, & j = i \end{cases}$$

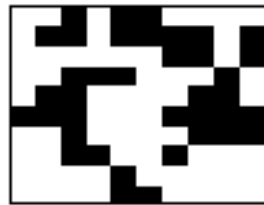
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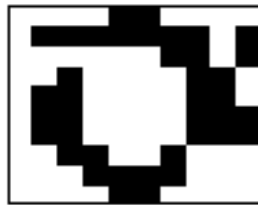
- ▶ The following patterns ξ^1 , ξ^2 , ξ^3 were stored in the weight matrix W :



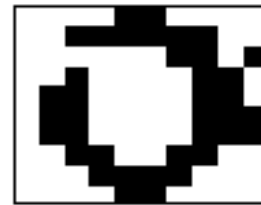
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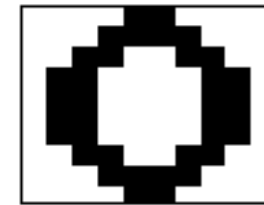
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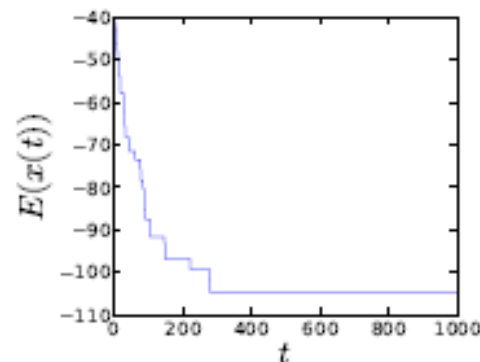


$t = 100$



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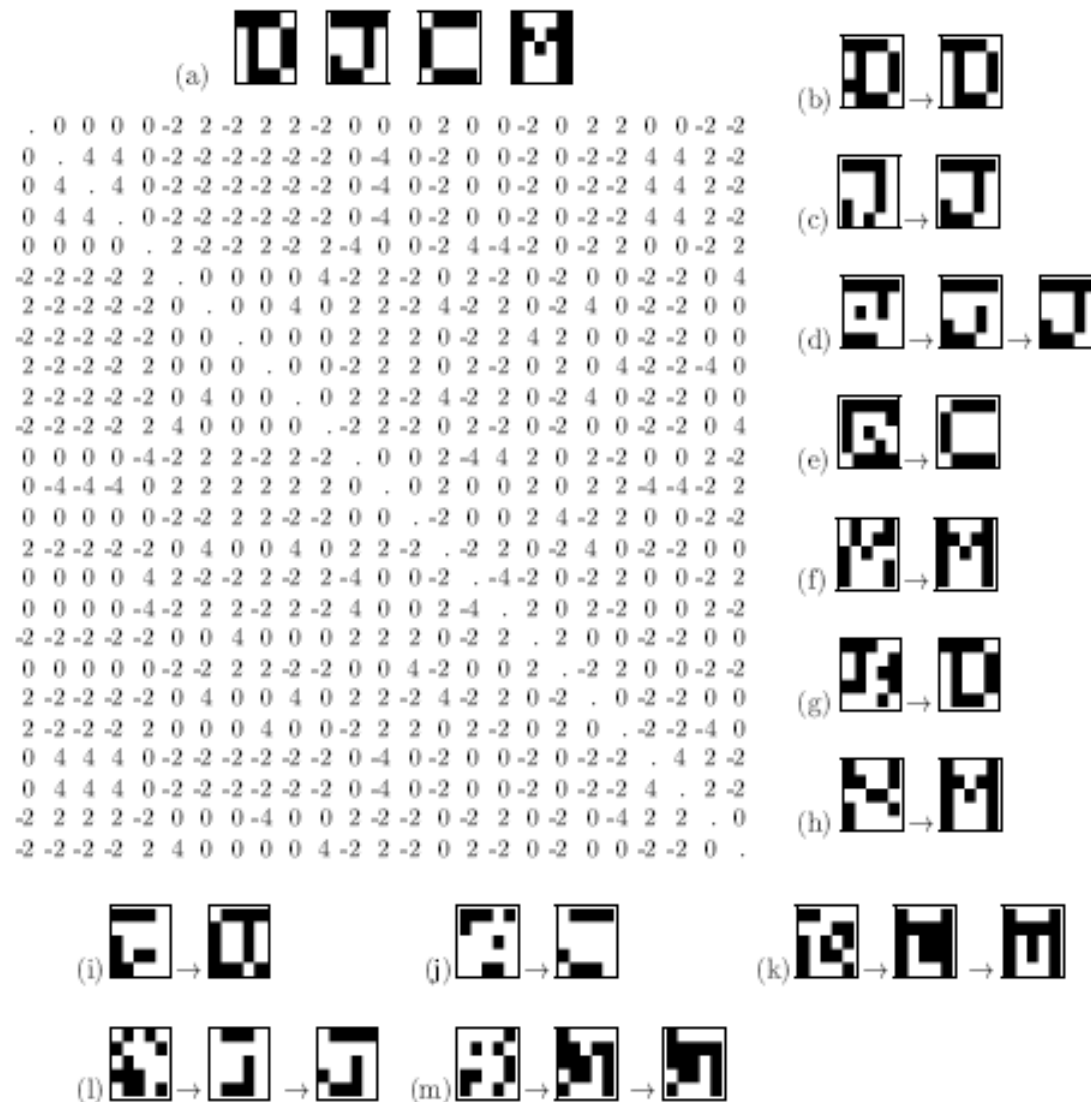
- ▶ Evolution of the energy $E(x(t))$:



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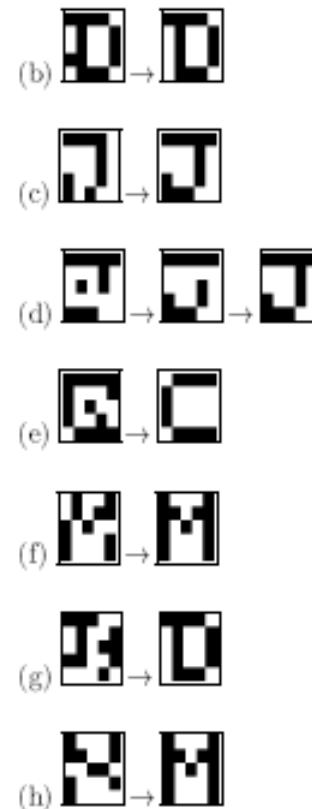
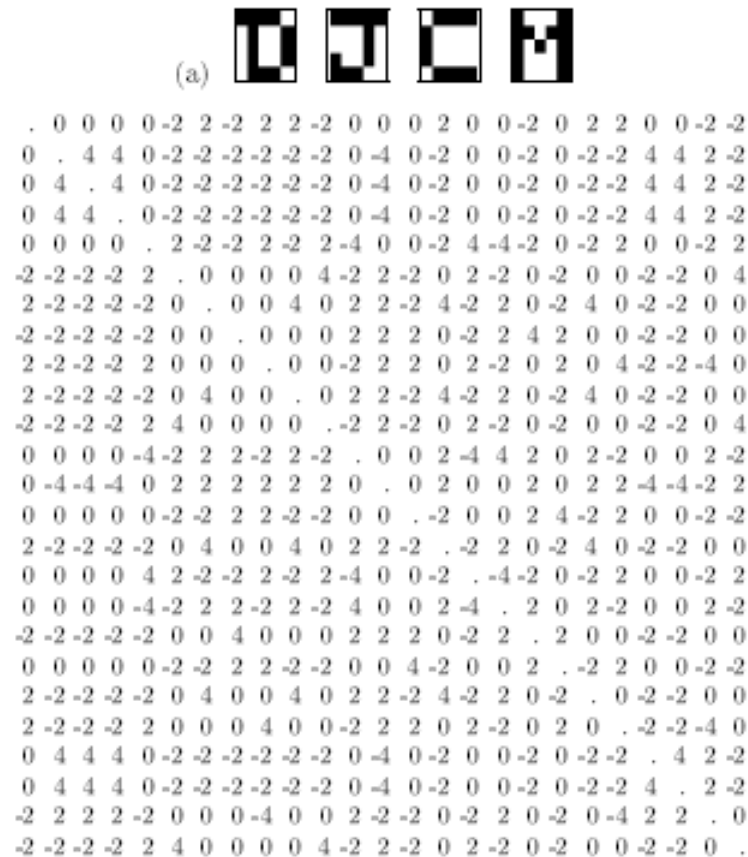
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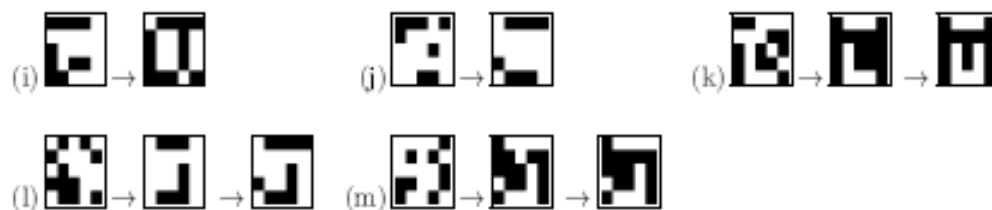
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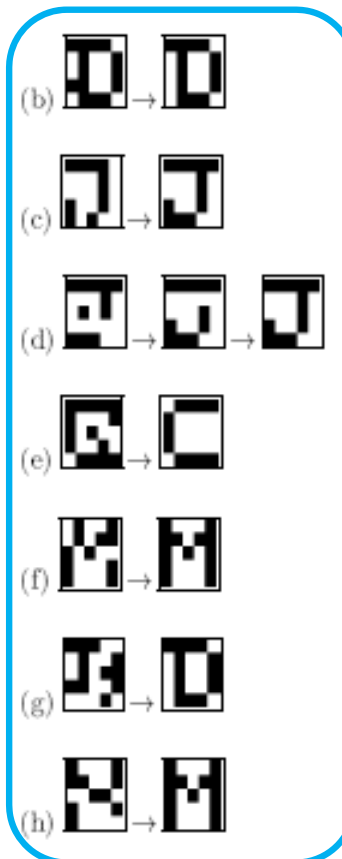
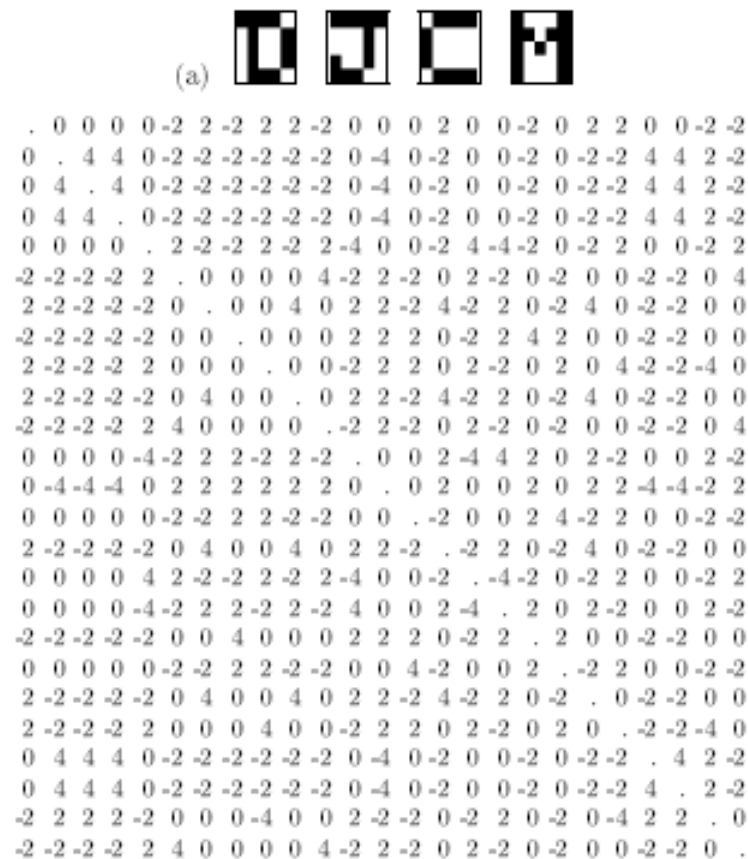
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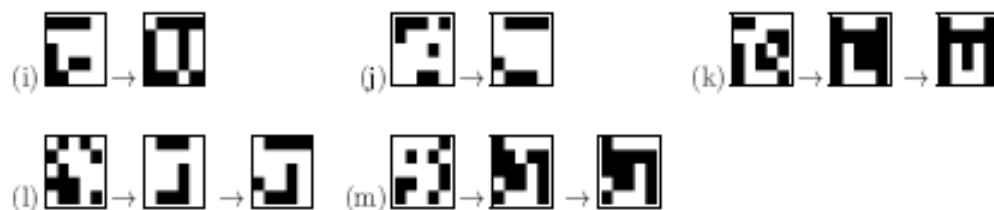
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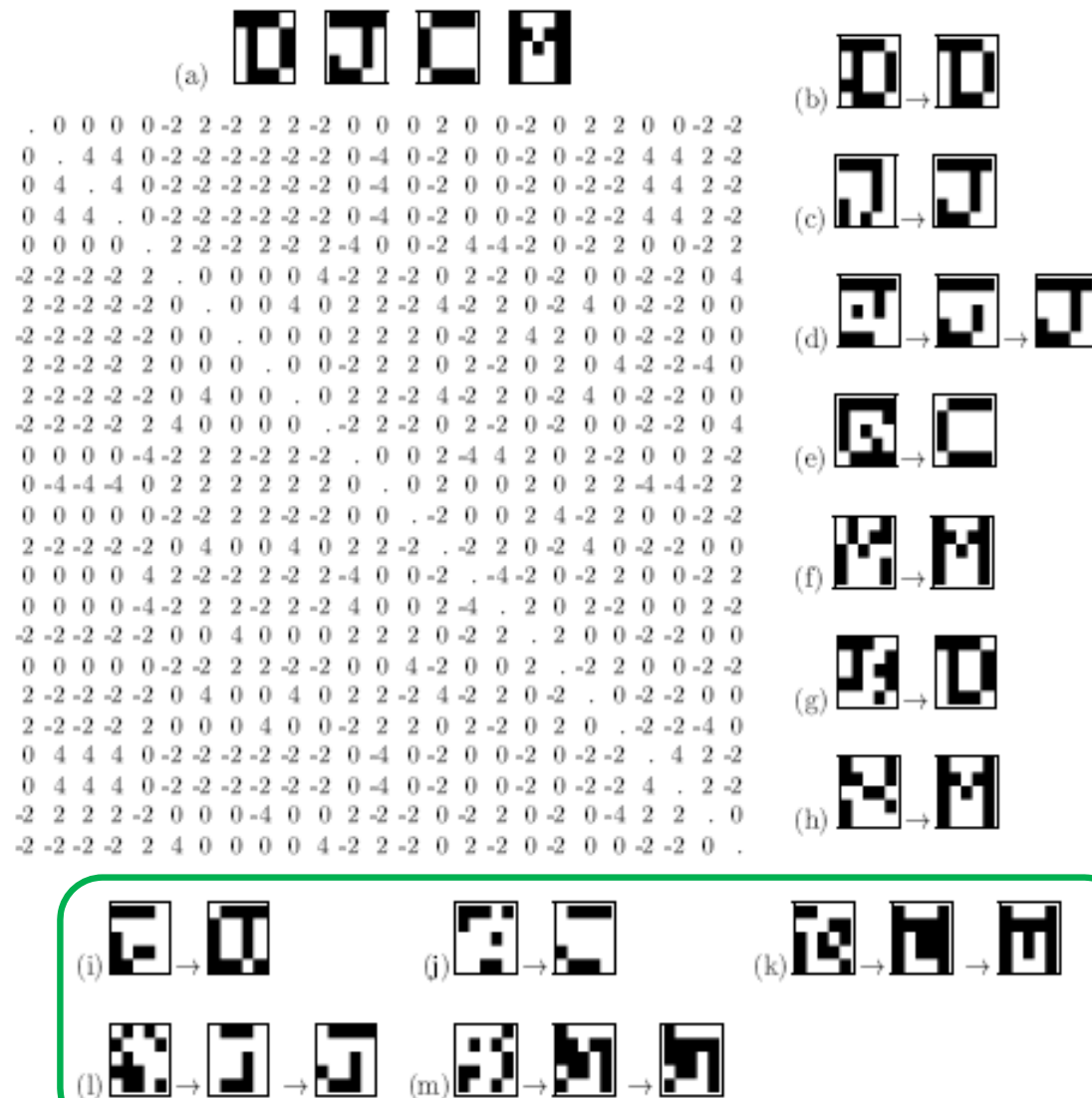
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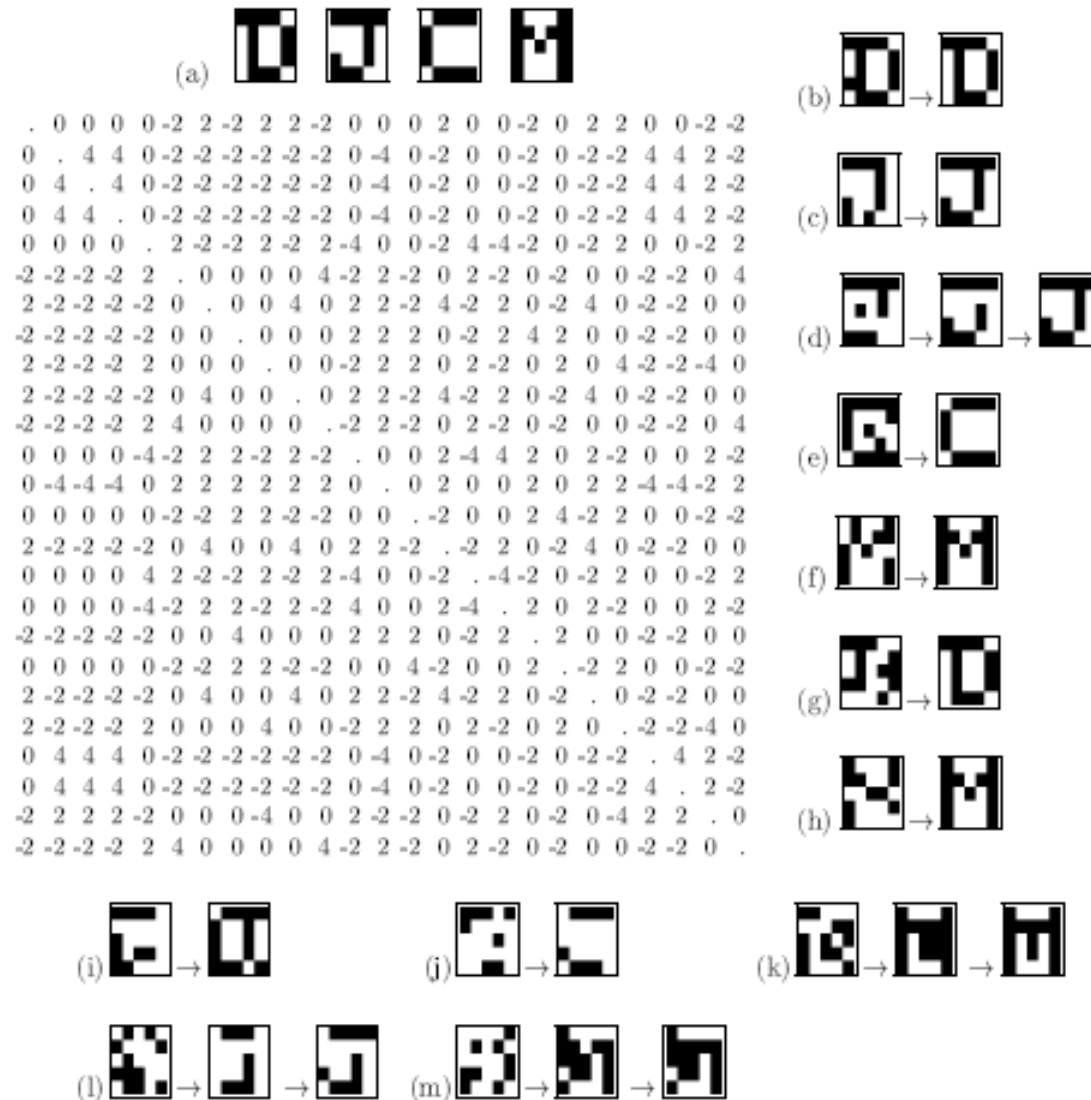
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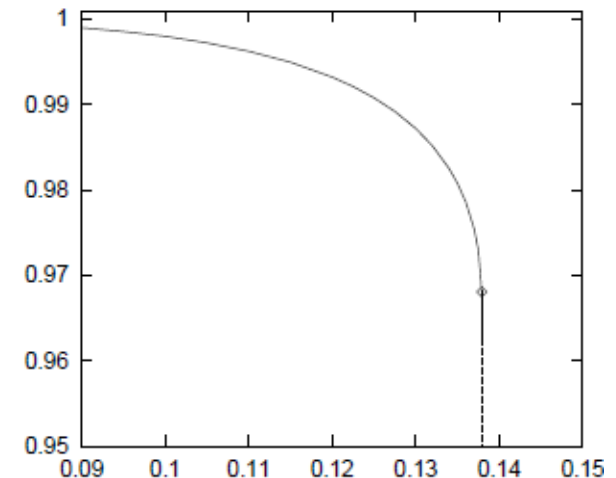
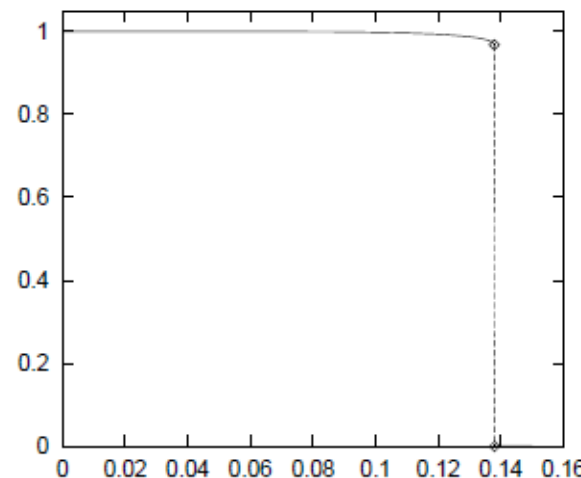


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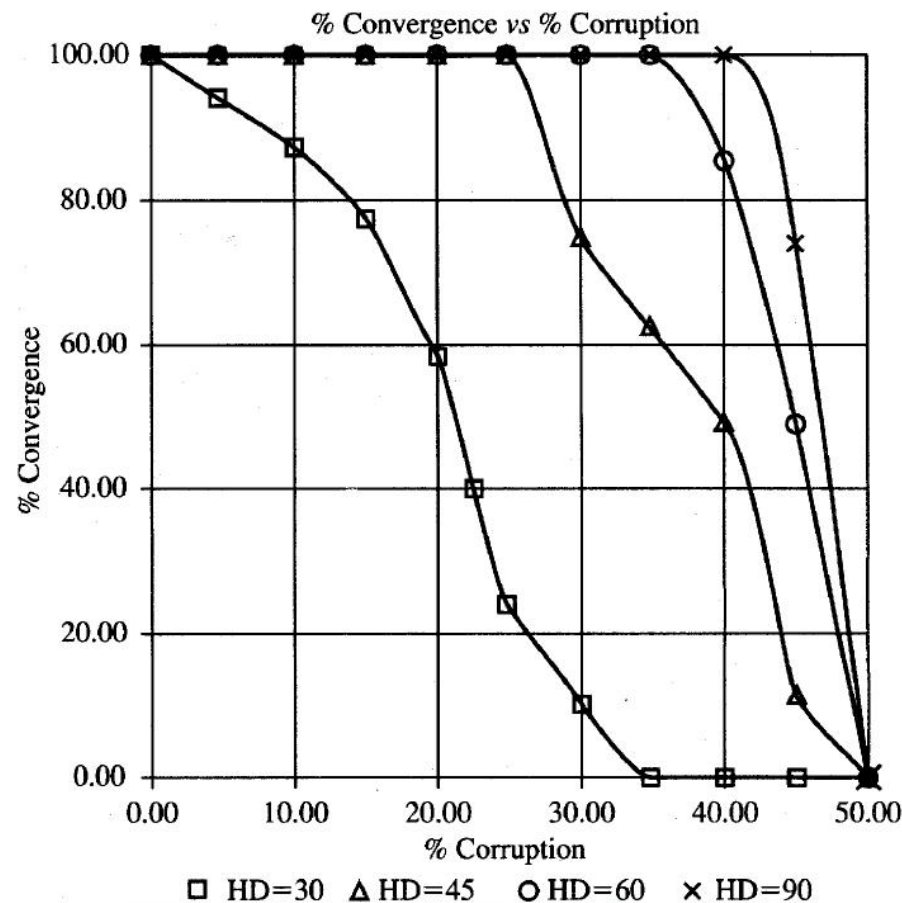
- Cross-talk between memory patterns is key to limited capacity
- Memory capacity is usually tested on independent random patterns
 - Hopfield network can store roughly $M \leq 0.138 n$ of such random patterns (sharp discontinuity)
 - for large M/n , unstable bits may unfold into an avalanche effect
 - for sparse patterns in the order of $n \cdot \log(n)$
- To guarantee stability of all patterns with high probability, we must ensure

$$M \leq \frac{n}{4 \ln n}$$



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Catastrophic forgetting effect



Convergence rate is defined based on the convergence criterion, often expressed as the upper bound on *Hamming distance*.

Network properties are not robust for synchronous updates.

Also, problems for continuous networks.

$$a_i = \sum_j w_{ij} x_j \quad x_i = \tanh(a_i).$$

Better behaviour for continuous continuous –time Hopfield network

$$a_i(t) = \sum_j w_{ij} x_j(t). \quad \frac{d}{dt} x_i(t) = -\frac{1}{\tau} (x_i(t) - f(a_i)),$$

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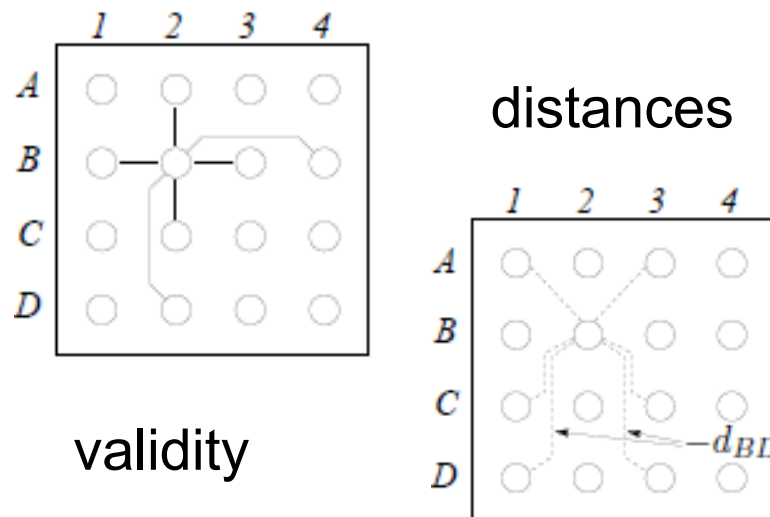
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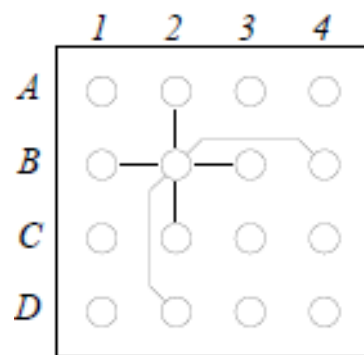


$$E = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j,k} d_{ij} x_{ik} x_{j,k+1}}_{\text{sum of distances}} + \underbrace{\frac{\gamma}{2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} - 1 \right)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} - 1 \right)^2 \right)}_{\text{validity: single 1s in each column and row}}$$

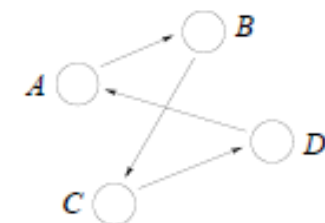
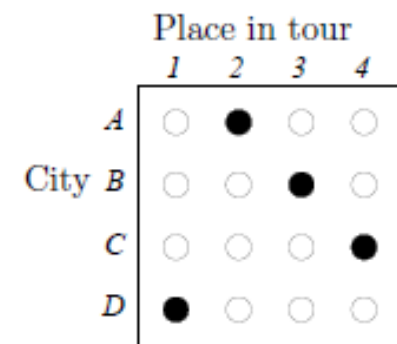
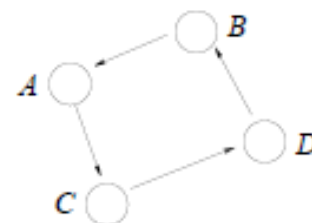
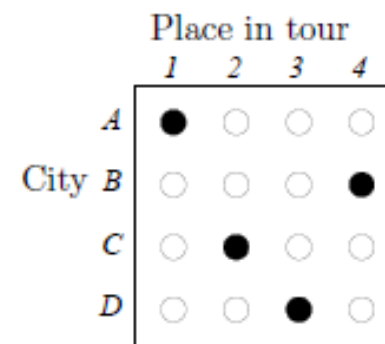
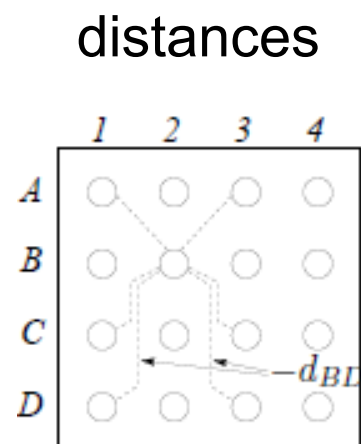
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In summary

- Hopfield network is a nice model for memory with biological features including Hebbian learning
- It is a very simple, stable and mathematically tractable model
- It has limited capacity and assumes near orthogonal patterns
- It does not allow for storing time series
- The attractor dynamics is limited to fixed points