

# Boltzmann Machine

## A Brief Introduction

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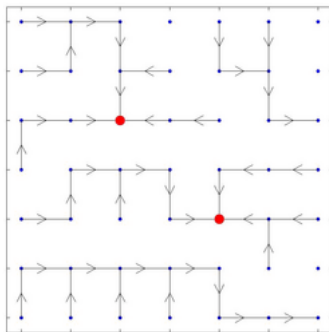


Figure: Two dimensional representation of motion in state space

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# Energy Function

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The **energy gap** is defined as -

$$\Delta E_i = E(s_i = 0) - E(s_i = 1) = b_i + \sum_j s_j w_{ij} \quad (2)$$

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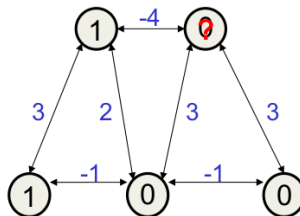
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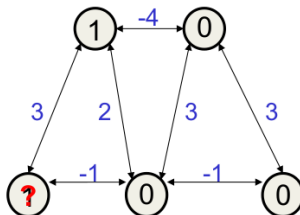
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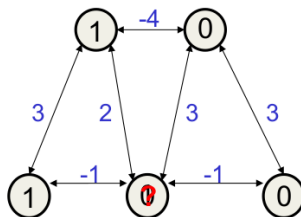
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- Using energy minima to represent memories gives a content-addressable memory.
  - ▶ An item can be accessed just by knowing parts of it.
  - ▶ It is robust against hardware damage.

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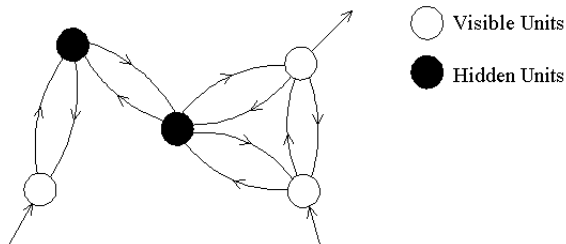
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$$p_i = p(\Delta E_i) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\Delta E_i/T}}$$

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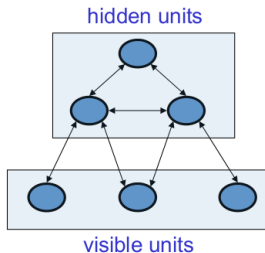
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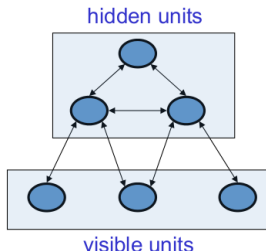
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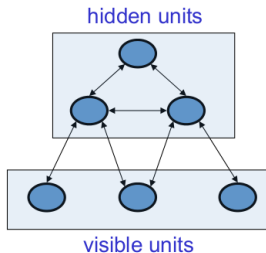
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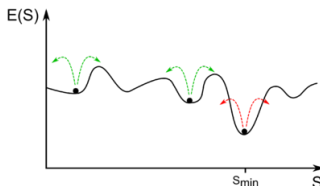
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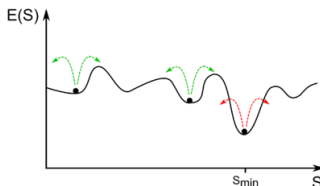
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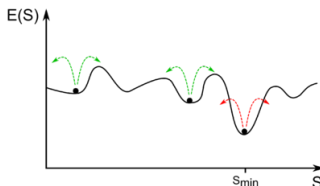
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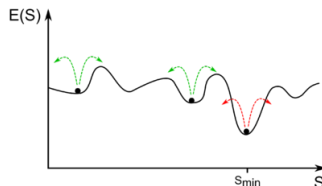
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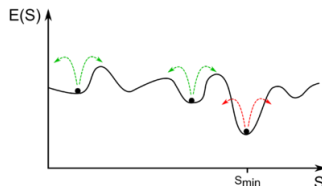
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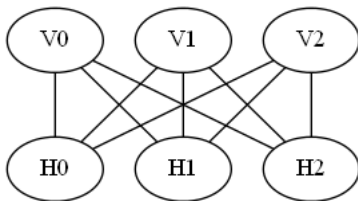
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$T = 0$	Deterministic (Hopfield Net)
$T \rightarrow \infty$	Complete Chaos
$T = 1$	Approaches Boltzmann Distribution

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Consider a physical system with large number of possible states and many degrees of freedom.

Let  $p_i$  be the occurrence probability of state  $i$

$$p_i \geq 0 \text{ for all } i \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_i p_i = 1.$$

At **thermal equilibrium** state  $i$  occurs with probability

$$p_i = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(-\frac{E_i}{k_B T}\right)$$

where  $E_i$  is the energy of the system

Boltzmann constant,  $k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}$  J/K

$\exp\left(-\frac{E_i}{k_B T}\right)$  is the Boltzmann Factor

Partition function, (Zustadsumme)

$$Z = \sum_i \exp\left(-\frac{E_i}{k_B T}\right)$$

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## Gibbs Distribution

- 1 States of low energy have a higher occurrence probability than states of high energy.
- 2 As  $T$  is reduced, the probability is concentrated on a smaller subset of low-energy states.

In the context of neural nets, the parameter  $T$  (which controls thermal fluctuations) represents the effect of **synaptic noise**. Hence  $k_B = 1$  is set and  $p_i$  and  $Z$  getting the form

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# What is Boltzmann Machine?

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A Hopfield Net consisting of Binary Stochastic Neuron with hidden units is called Boltzmann Machine.

A **Boltzmann Machine** is a network of symmetrically connected, neuron like units that make stochastic decisions about whether to be on or off.

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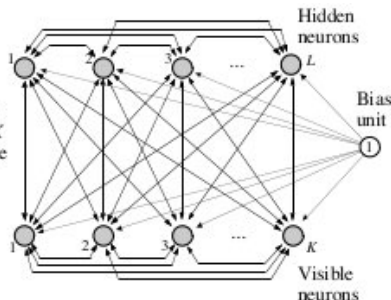
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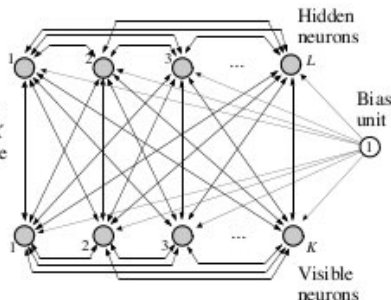
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- visible neurons provide an interface between the net and its environment.

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- the network can perform pattern completion: when a vector bearing part of the information is clamped onto a subset of the visible neurons, the network performs completion of the pattern on the remaining visible neurons (if it has learnt properly).

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# Modelling Binary Data

The objective of Boltzmann Machine is -

## Modelling Binary Data

Given a training set of binary vectors, fit the model that will assign a probability to every possible binary vector.

When unit  $i$  is given opportunity to update its state, it first computes its total input  $z_i$ ,

$$z_i = b_i + \sum_j s_j w_{ij} \quad (4)$$

Unit  $i$  turns on with probability -

$$\text{prob}(s_i = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z_i}} \quad (5)$$

If the units are updated sequentially in random order, the network will eventually reach a **Boltzmann Distribution**, also called its stationary distribution.

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# How Boltzmann Machine Generates Data

- It is **not** a causal generative model.

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$$-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = \sum_{i \in \text{vis}} v_i b_i + \sum_{k \in \text{hid}} h_k b_k + \sum_{i < j} v_i v_j w_{ij} + \sum_{i, k} v_i h_k w_{ik} + \sum_{k < l} h_k h_l w_{kl}$$

Diagram illustrating the energy function  $-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})$  for a Boltzmann Machine, with annotations:

- Energy with configuration  $\mathbf{v}$  on the visible units and  $\mathbf{h}$  on the hidden units** (points to the entire equation)
- binary state of unit  $i$  in  $\mathbf{v}$**  (points to  $v_i$  in the first term)
- bias of unit  $k$**  (points to  $b_k$  in the second term)
- indexes every non-identical pair of  $i$  and  $j$  once** (points to  $i < j$  in the third term)
- weight between visible unit  $i$  and hidden unit  $k$**  (points to  $w_{ik}$  in the fourth term)

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$$p(v, h) \propto e^{-E(v, h)} \quad (6)$$

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# An Example

$\mathbf{v}$	$\mathbf{h}$	$-E$	$e^{-E}$	$p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})$	$p(\mathbf{v})$
1 1	1 1	2	7.39	.186	0.466
1 1	1 0	2	7.39	.186	
1 1	0 1	1	2.72	.069	
1 1	0 0	0	1	.025	
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1 0	0 1	0	1	.025	
1 0	0 0	0	1	.025	
0 1	1 1	0	1	.025	0.144
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0 1	0 0	0	1	.025	
0 0	1 1	-1	0.37	.009	0.084
0 0	1 0	0	1	.025	
0 0	0 1	0	1	.025	
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39.70

An example of how weights define a distribution

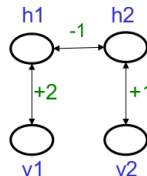


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# Boltzmann Learning

**“A surprising feature of this rule is that it uses only locally available information. The change of weight depends only on the behaviour of the two units it connects, even though the change optimizes a global measure.”**

- Ackley, Hinton 1985

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Learning Algorithm for Boltzmann Machine is an unsupervised learning algorithm. Unlike Backpropagation Algorithm, where the training set consists of input vector and desired output, in Boltzmann Machine only the input vector is provided.

- We want to maximize the product of the probabilities the Boltzmann Machine assigns to the binary vectors in training set.
- It is equivalent to maximizing the probability that we would obtain exactly the  $N$  training cases.

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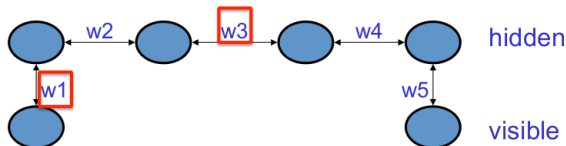
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# Why Learning could be difficult

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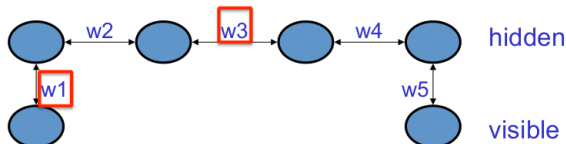
**Training:** We want the two visible units to be in opposite states.

**Solution:** The product of all the weights must be negative. If all are positive, then turning on one unit will turn on the next unit and eventually the two visible units will be in same state.

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**Difficulty:** To modify  $w_1$  and  $w_5$ , we need to know  $w_3$  (and the weights of other hidden units too).

Because, if  $w_3$  is negative, then we need to modify  $w_1$  in a different way than what we would do if  $w_3$  is positive.

*So to change one weight in a right direction, we need to know all the other weights.*

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$$\rho_{ji}^+ = \langle s_j s_i \rangle^+ \quad (j \neq i)$$

$$\text{here } \langle s_j s_i \rangle^+ = \sum_{\mathbf{s}_\alpha \in \mathfrak{S}} \sum_{\mathbf{s}_\beta} P(\mathbf{S}_\beta = \mathbf{s}_\beta | \mathbf{S}_\alpha = \mathbf{s}_\alpha) s_j s_i$$

where  $\mathbf{s}_\alpha$  and  $\mathbf{s}_\beta$  represents the vector of visible and hidden neurons respectively

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- 5 **Iteration:** Iterate steps 2 to 4 until the learning procedure converges with no more changes with synaptic weight  $w_{ji} \forall j, i$ .

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## Correlation

Everything that one weight needs to know of other weights and the data is contained in the difference of two correlations -

$$\frac{\partial \log p(v)}{\partial w_{ij}} = \langle s_i s_j \rangle_v - \langle s_i s_j \rangle_{model} \quad (7)$$

where  $\langle . \rangle$  is the expectation value.

- The first term in R.H.S. denotes the expectation value of product of states at equilibrium when the state vector (or data)  $v$  is clamped on the visible units.
- The second term in R.H.S. denotes the expectation value of product of states at equilibrium without any clamping.

So we can make the change in weight -

$$\Delta w_{ij} \propto \langle s_i s_j \rangle_v - \langle s_i s_j \rangle_{model} \quad (8)$$

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# Why is it so?

We know the probability of a global configuration **at equilibrium** is -

$$p(v, h) \propto e^{-E(v, h)}$$

So, the logarithm of probability is a linear function of the energy.

And energy, on its own term, is a linear function of weights and states.

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

Hence,

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{ij}} = -s_i s_j \quad (9)$$

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# Why is it so?

Differentiating equation 1, we get -

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{ij}} = -s_i s_j$$

- ❶ The process of settling to equilibrium state propagates information about the weights.
- ❷ No need of back-propagation.
- ❸ The following two stages are required -
  - ▶ The machine needs to settle to equilibrium with data.
  - ▶ The machine needs to settle to equilibrium without data.
- ❹ However, in both cases the learning process is similar with different boundary conditions.

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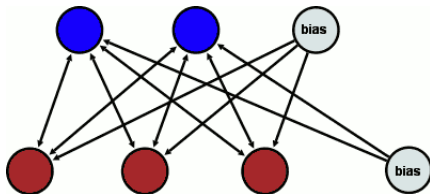
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# Restricted Boltzmann Machine

Restricted Boltzmann Machine is a stochastic neural network (random behaviour when activated). It consists of one layer of visible units (neurons) and one layer of hidden units. Units in each layer have no connections between them and are connected to all other units in other layer. Connections between neurons are bidirectional and symmetric. This means that information flows in both directions during the training and during the usage of the network and that weights are the same in both directions.



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- After the network is trained we can use it on new unknown data to make classification of the data (this is known as unsupervised learning)

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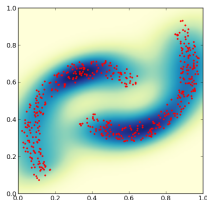
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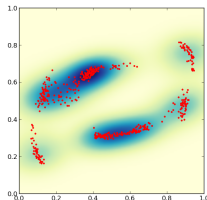
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# Continuous Restricted Boltzmann Machine

CRBM have very close implementation to original RBM with binomial neurons (0,1) as possible values of activation.







Training data<sup>2</sup>



Reconstructed data

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<sup>2</sup>500 training data were taken

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