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# Introduction to Neural Networks

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Module 8.3: Hopfield Networks

# This Sub-Module Covers ...

- We've examined Hebbian Learning and the notion of 'heat death'.
- Now we examine ways that can provide inhibition and not just excitation to recurrent networks using bipolar values.

# Beyond The Hebbian Paradigm

- Node states should **reinforce** each other if their pattern elements are the same.
- Node states should also **inhibit** each other if their pattern elements are different.

Here, 'reinforce' means increasing the magnitude of their connecting weights. Inhibition means increasing the magnitude of their connecting weights, **but in a negative or opposite direction.**

How can this be effected?

# The Hopfield Algorithm

$$x_i \in \{-1, 1\}, \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \geq 0 \\ -1 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Initialize with  $M$  Exemplars and  $1 \leq i, j \leq M$ :

$$w_{ij} = \begin{cases} \sum_{m=1}^M x_i^{[m]} x_j^{[m]} & i \neq j \\ 0 & i = j \end{cases}$$

$x_i(0) = x_i^*$  for all inputs  $i$ ,

$$x_j(t+1) = f \left[ \sum_{i=1}^M w_{ij} x_i(t) \right]$$

Instead of using binary values, let's use “bi-polar” values.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{p} &= \{\oplus \cdots | \cdot \oplus \cdot | \cdots \oplus\} \\ &= (1 -1 -1 \quad -1 \ 1 -1 \quad -1 -1 \ 1) \\ \mathbf{q} &= \{\cdots | \oplus \oplus \oplus | \cdots\} \\ &= (-1 -1 -1 \quad 1 \ 1 \ 1 \quad -1 -1 -1)\end{aligned}$$

$$F_h(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ -1, & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

# Benefits of Bipolar Values

- They magically provide inhibition *and* reinforcement:
- Consider:  $I/O_A \times \text{link weight} = I/O_B$ 
  - If we want to *reinforce* negative values:
    - $-1 \times 1 = -1$
  - If we want to *reinforce positive values*:
    - $1 \times 1 = 1$
  - If we want to *inhibit* negative values:
    - $-1 \times -1 = 1$
  - If we want to *inhibit* positive values:
    - $1 \times -1 = -1$

$$\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{p}\mathbf{p}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} (1 -1 -1 -1 1 -1 -1 -1 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Each row is either  $\mathbf{p}$  or  $-\mathbf{p}$ .



$$\Delta \mathbf{W} = \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{W}} - \mathbf{I}_9 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{W}_{\text{new}} = \Delta \mathbf{W} + \mathbf{W}_{\text{old}}$$

and so

$$F_h(\mathbf{W}_{\text{new}} \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{p}$$



Whereas before we had:

$$\begin{aligned} F_h(\mathbf{W}_{\text{new}}\mathbf{p}) &= F_h[\mathbf{p}\mathbf{p}^T\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}] \\ &= F_h[d\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}] \\ &= F_h[(d-1)\mathbf{p}] \end{aligned}$$

Remember that

$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{p}\mathbf{p}^T - \mathbf{I}^*$$

Now, we have this:

$$\begin{aligned} F_h(\mathbf{W}_{\text{new}}\mathbf{p}) &= F_h[\mathbf{p}\mathbf{p}^T\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}] \\ &= F_h[n\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}] \\ &= F_h[(n-1)\mathbf{p}] \end{aligned}$$

where  $n$  is the size (length) of the vector  $\mathbf{p}$ .

Do you see where the difference comes from?

And for the second exemplar...

$$\mathbf{q}\mathbf{q}^T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{W}}$$

And for the second exemplar...

$$Z(\mathbf{q}\mathbf{q}^T) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

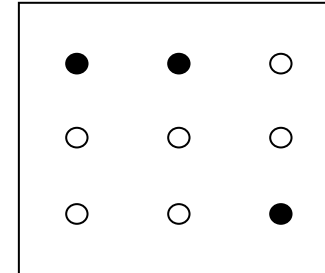
$$\Delta \mathbf{W}$$

$$\mathbf{W}_{\text{new}} = \mathbf{W}_{\text{old}} + \Delta \mathbf{W}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Now examine a noisy representation of  $\mathbf{p}$ .



$$\tilde{\mathbf{p}}^T = (1 \ 1 \ -1 \ -1 \ -1 \ -1 \ -1 \ -1 \ 1)$$

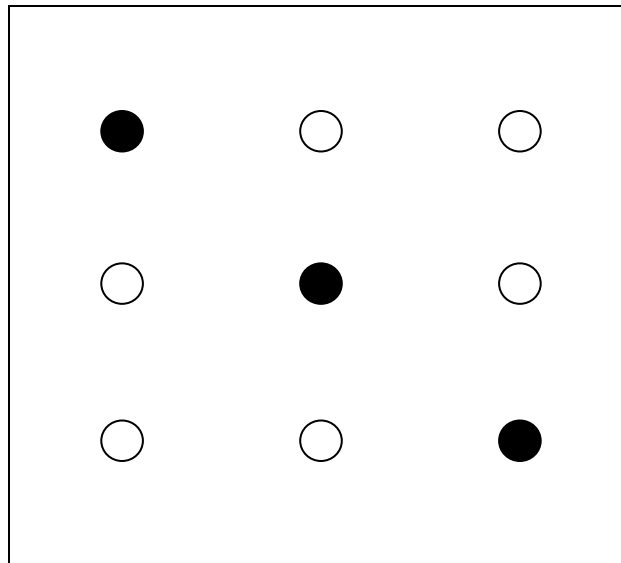
$$F_h(\mathbf{W}\tilde{\mathbf{p}}) = \mathbf{p}'_1$$

$$F_h(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{p}'_1) = \mathbf{p}'_2$$

$$\vdots$$

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This will converge to exemplar 1 after only two iterations and does not reflect “heat death”.



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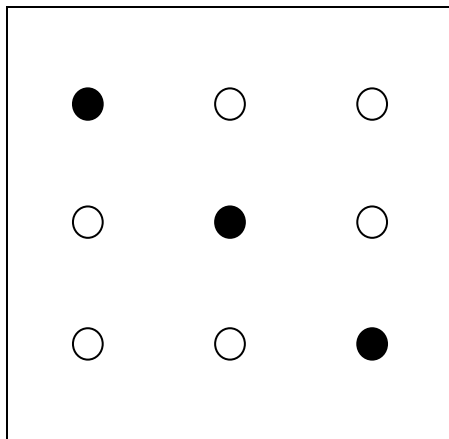
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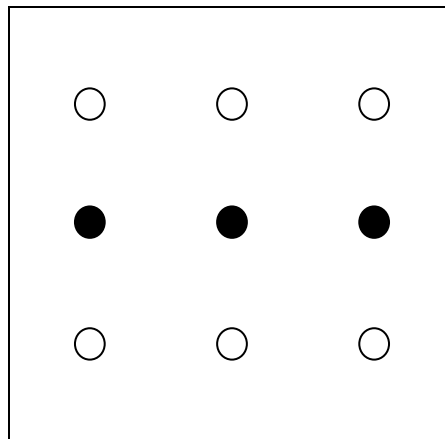
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**Suppose we have the following three exemplars.**

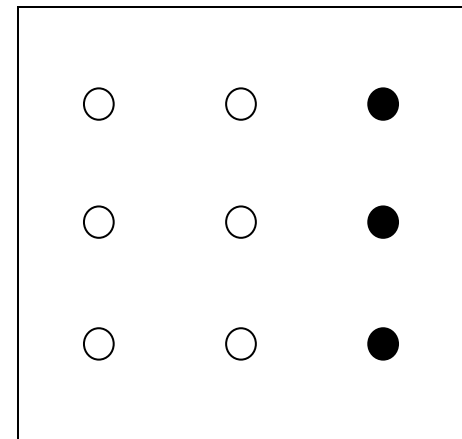
**p**



**q**



**r**



How do you think a Hopfield network trained with these three exemplars will evolve given some part of one of them?



The weight matrix for the first two exemplars was ...

$$\mathbf{W}_{\text{new}} = \mathbf{W}_{\text{old}} + \Delta \mathbf{W}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

And for the third exemplar...the weight matrix is...

$$\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}^T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

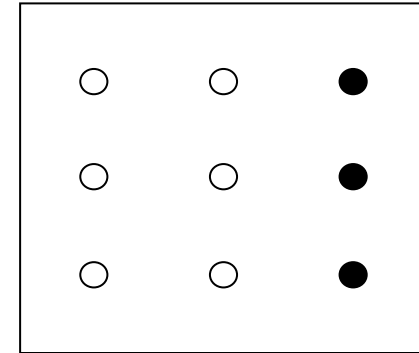
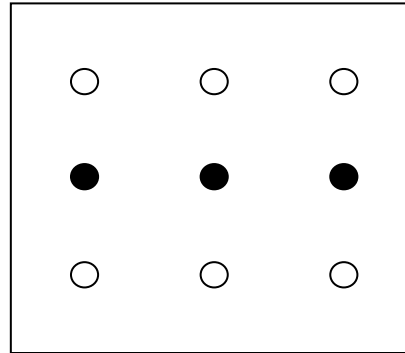
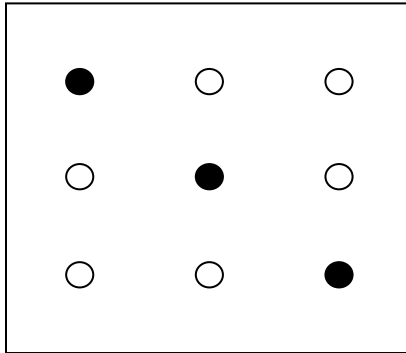
Zeroing out the diagonal ...

$$Z(\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}^T) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

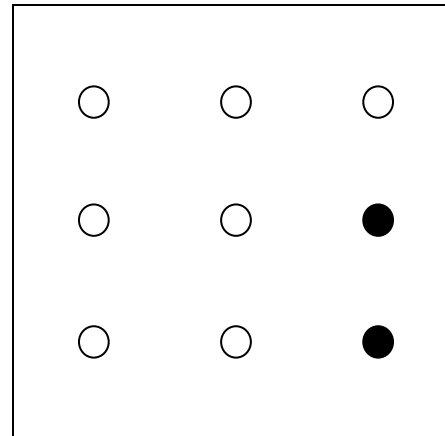
and adding it to the weight matrix for the first two exemplars, we get...

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 3 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -3 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & -1 & -3 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -3 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -3 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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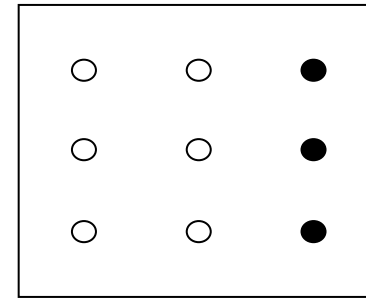
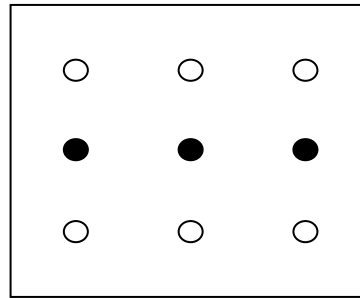
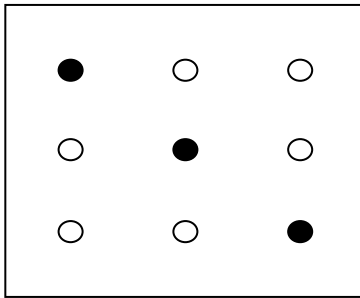


Suppose we present the following pattern to the net.

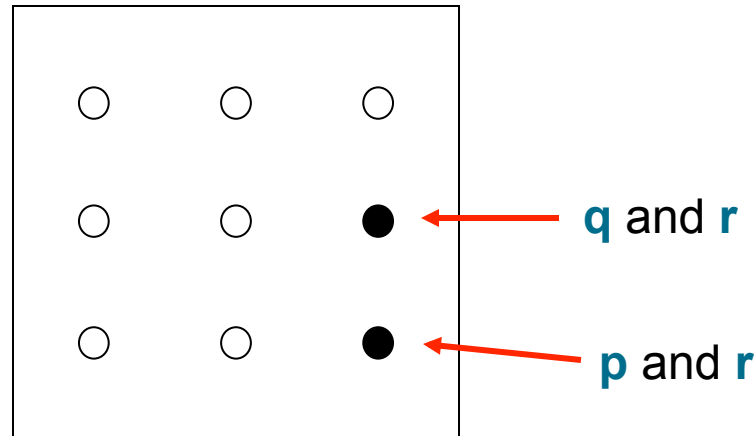


What can we expect the net to converge to? What are some intelligent guess?

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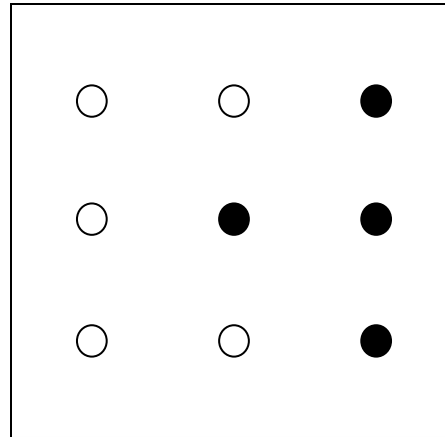


What can we expect the net to converge to? What are some intelligent guess?

and adding it to the weight matrix for the first two exemplars, we get...

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and that vector corresponds to this pattern...

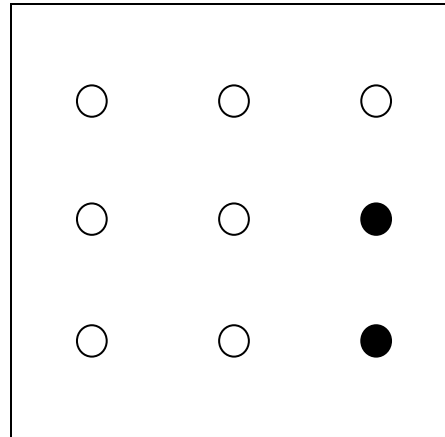




doing another iteration with the last output vector...

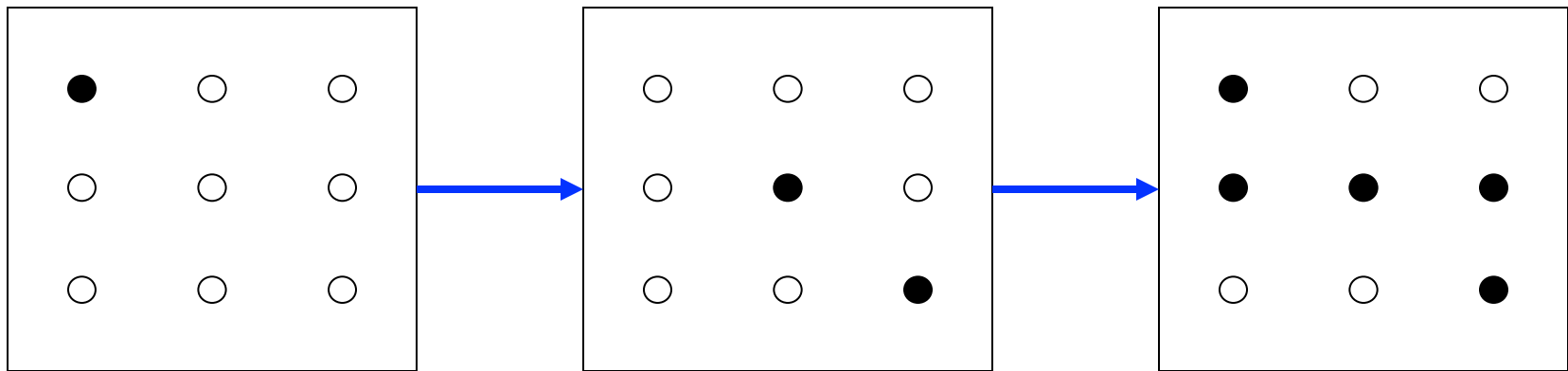
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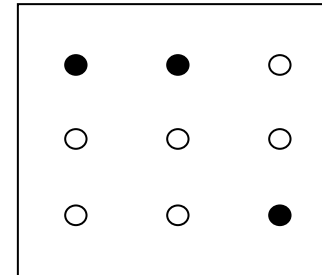
Hmmmm.... what's going on here?

Recall from using the binary values, the net exhibited “heat death”



All exemplar patterns “on”.

Recall a noisy representation of  $\mathbf{p}$ .



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# Convergence of Hopfield Nets

- Obviously, there is a cycle.
- Why are there chapters concerning convergence of Hopfield Nets?
- If there is a cycle, there is no ‘universal’ convergence.
- Can we consider other modalities?