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# Introduction to Neural Networks

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Module 9.1: Hopfield Memory Capacity

# What We've Covered So Far...

- Learned about the Hopfield Network
  - Hebbian Learning
    - Recurrent neural networks
    - Matrix/vector representation of a recurrent network
    - Heat death
  - Excitation and Inhibition in Hopfield Networks via bi-polar values
  - Possibility of cycling in Hopfield networks in part because of inhibition and excitation.
- In this sub-module
  - We examine how many exemplars a Hopfield network can 'reasonably' store.

# H-N Function Never Increases

- This means, the  $H$  value can only decrease and since there is a lower bound, it will eventually converge such that

$$f_h \left( \sum_j w_{ij} x_j \right) = \mathbf{x}$$

Cannot oscillate between solutions.

# The Hopfield Outerproduct

Recall

$$w_{ij} = \begin{cases} \sum_{s=1}^P x_i^s x_j^s & i \neq j \\ 0 & i = j \end{cases}$$

Let  $\mathbf{x}^r = (x_1^r, x_2^r, \dots, x_n^r)$

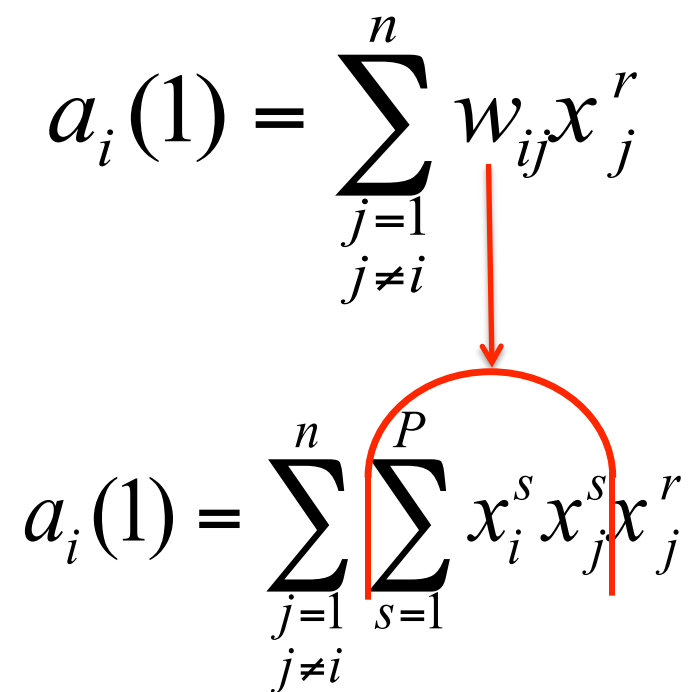
This corresponds to the  $r^{\text{th}}$  exemplar.

# Memory Recall/Completion

Activity of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  neuron  
at the end of the first  
iteration.

$$a_i(1) = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n w_{ij} x_j^r$$

Substituting in the  
expression for  $w_{ij}$

$$a_i(1) = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \sum_{s=1}^P x_i^s x_j^s x_j^r$$


# Memory Recall/Completion

From previous slide:

$$a_i(1) = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \sum_{s=1}^P x_i^s x_j^s x_j^r$$

Let's do some mathematical tricks and break up the double sum:

$$a_i(1) = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \left[ \underbrace{x_i^r x_j^r x_j^r}_{\substack{s=r^{\text{th}} \\ \text{term}}} + \sum_{\substack{s=1 \\ s \neq r}}^P x_i^s x_j^s x_j^r \right]$$

# Memory Recall/Completion

Some further manipulations:

$$\begin{aligned} a_i(1) &= \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \left[ \underbrace{x_i^r x_j^r x_j^r}_{s=r^{\text{th}} \text{ term}} + \sum_{\substack{s=1 \\ s \neq r}}^P x_i^s x_j^s x_j^r \right] \\ &= \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n x_i^r x_j^r x_j^r + \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \sum_{\substack{s=1 \\ s \neq r}}^P x_i^s x_j^s x_j^r \end{aligned}$$

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So ...

$$a_i(1) = x_i^r (n-1) + N_i$$

Call this  $S_i$





# Memory Recall/Completion

$$\begin{aligned} a_i(1) &= x_i^r \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n x_j^r x_j^r + \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \sum_{\substack{s=1 \\ s \neq r}}^P x_i^s x_j^s x_j^r \\ &= x_i^r (n-1) + N_i \end{aligned}$$

If the noise term is 0 and we put this into the hard-limiting function

$$\begin{aligned} f_h(a_i(1)) &= f_h(x_i^r (n-1) + N_i) \\ &= f_h(x_i^r (n-1)) \\ &= x_i^r \end{aligned}$$

# When is the *Noise* term likely to be 0?

When two different exemplars are *statistically independent*.

What does that mean?

No significant correlations between two exemplars regarding corresponding vector elements.

Roughly, each set of corresponding vector elements has approximately a 50% chance of having the same value.

We can simply say therefore that the sum of the products of the corresponding elements have an expectation value of 0!

$$A = (1, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1)$$

$$B = (-1, 1, 1, -1, -1, 1)$$

$$-1 + 1 - 1 - 1 + 1 + 1 = 0$$

# Memory Recall/Completion

What if  $N_i$  is not zero? Let's make some quick, hand-waving arguments:

Let's assume that the exemplars are “statistically independent”.  
Therefore:

$$N_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2) \text{ that is } \mu(N_i) = 0$$

$$\text{and } \sigma^2(N_i) = (n-1)(P-1)$$

Recall that for a normally distributed random variable, 99.5% of all events lie within  $3\sigma$ .

# Memory Recall/Completion

We want to ensure that  $|S_i| > |N_i|$

$$|S_i| = n - 1 \geq 3\sigma = 3\sqrt{(n-1)(P-1)}$$

$n - 1 \geq 3\sqrt{(n-1)(P-1)}$  and squaring both sides...

$$(n-1)^2 \geq 9(n-1)(P-1)$$

$$n-1 \geq 9(P-1)$$

Or roughly  $P \approx n/9$ .



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Module 9.2: Binary Associative Memories

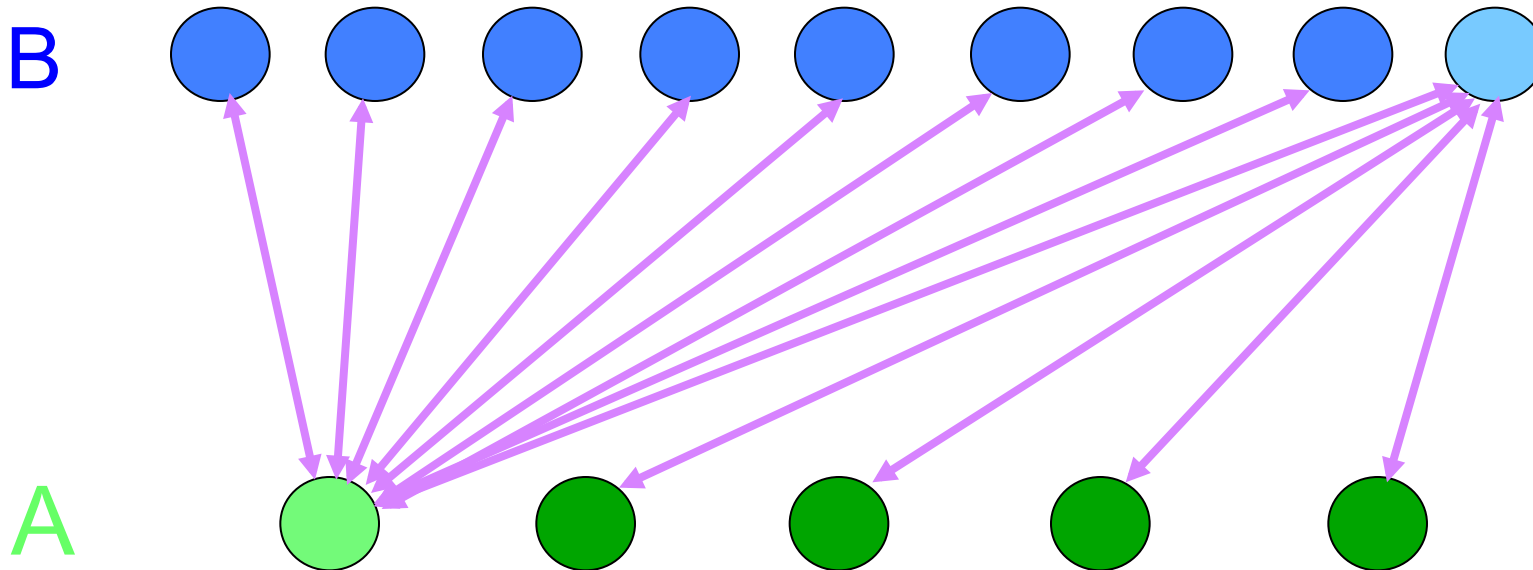
# In this sub-module...

- We will learn about Binary Associative Memories (BAMs)
  - Based on *Adaptive Resonance Theory*
  - Another example of *unsupervised learning*
  - Restricted form of a Hopfield network
- We will also learn about
  - Concepts such as *Feature Detectors*
  - Matrix/vector analysis of BAMs.

# Binary Associative Memories

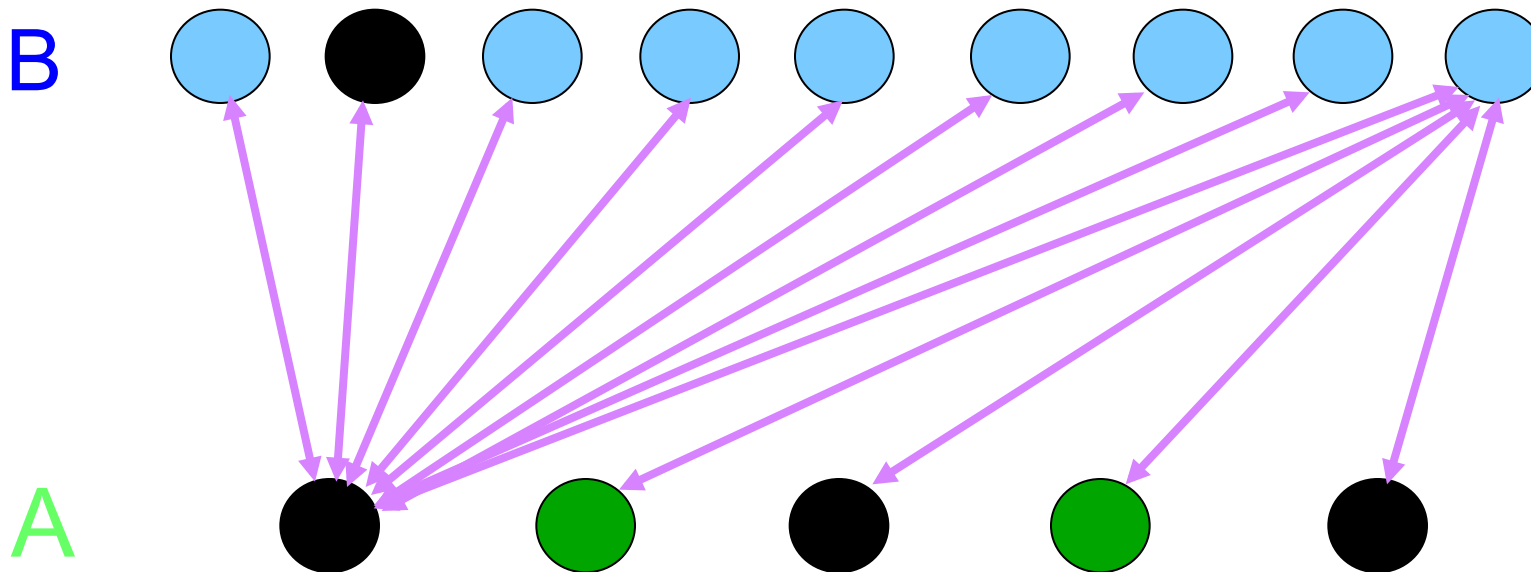
- Based on a bi-partite graph
- All nodes from one layer connect to all nodes in a second layer.
- No nodes in the same layer connect to each other.
- Connections are bi-directional.
- Same weights in each direction (more general examples don't have this.)

# Binary Associative Memories

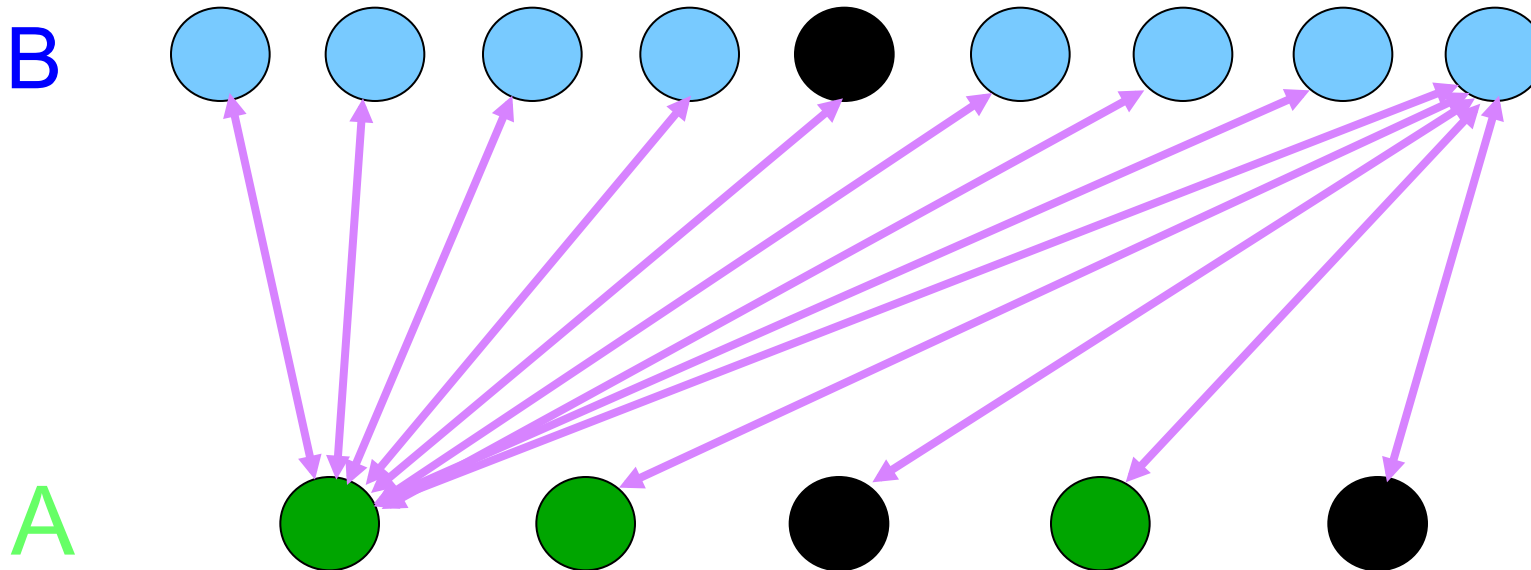




# Binary Associative Memories as Feature Detectors

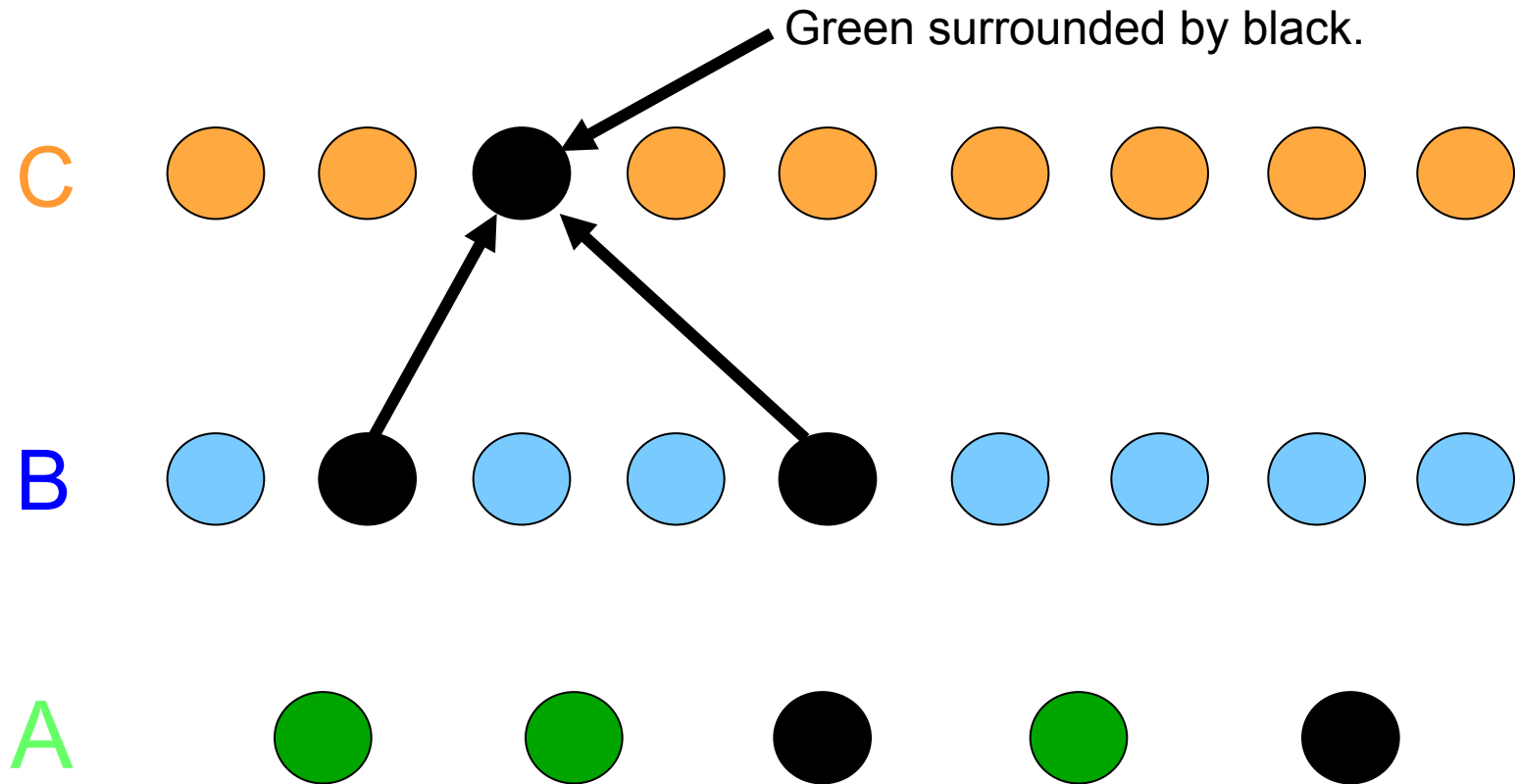


# Binary Associative Memories as Feature Detectors



# Binary Associative Memories

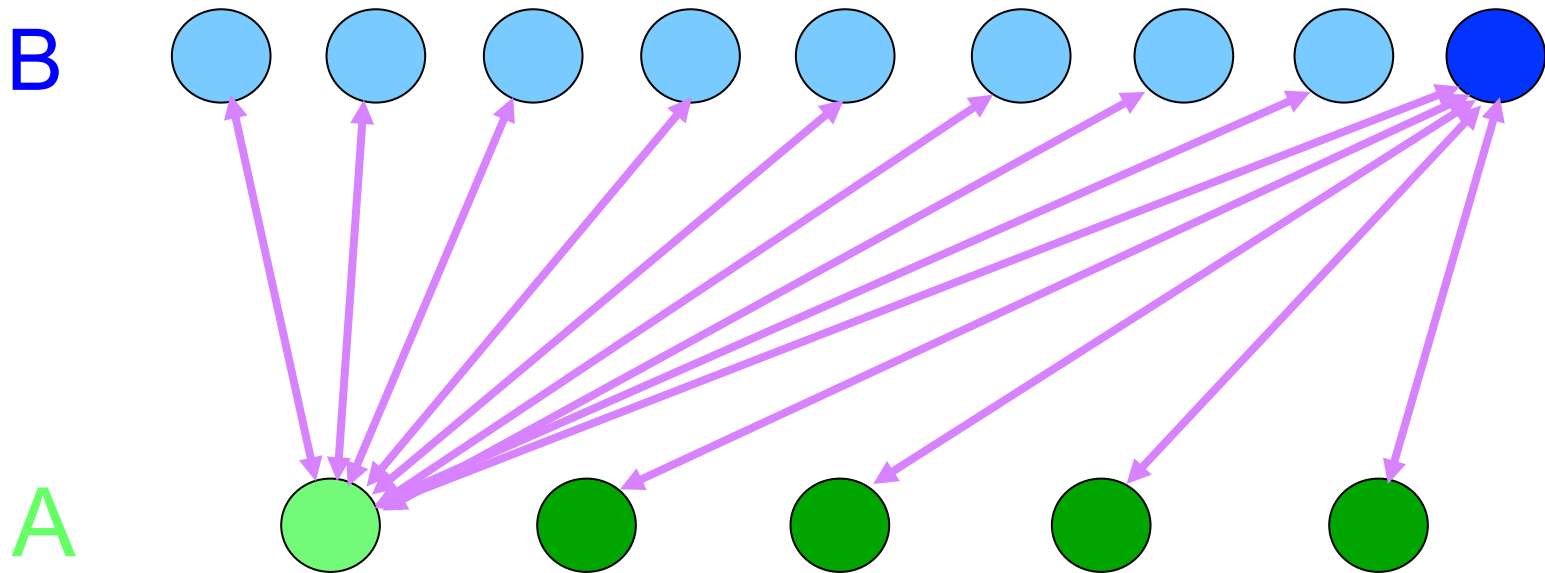
## Features of Features



# Binary Associative Memories

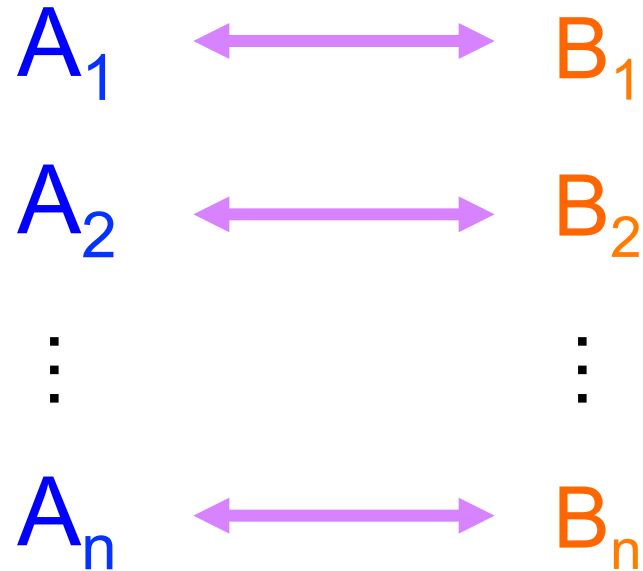
- More layers, more feature generalizations, more abstractions.
- More layers, more versatility, more weights to train.
- For now we'll only consider two layers.

# Binary Associative Memories



We can use this topology to train the network  
with two sets of **associated** exemplars.

# Binary Associative Memories



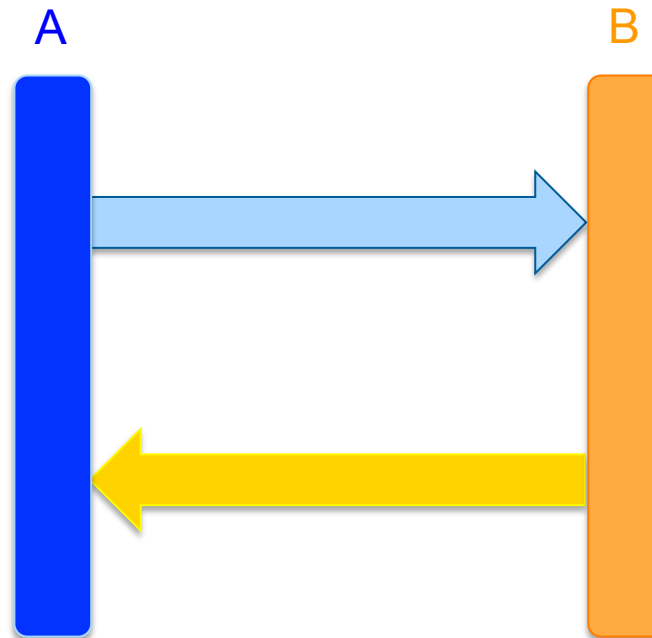
Goal: Noisy  $A_1$  produces a correct  $B_1$  which then produces a correct  $A_1$ .

$$\tilde{A}_1 \rightarrow B_1 \rightarrow A_1$$

# Binary Associative Memories

- Present a noisy  $A$  as input to the  $A$  nodes.
- The  $A$  nodes produce outputs and are presented to the  $B$  nodes.
- The  $B$  nodes produce outputs and are presented back to the  $A$  nodes.

# Binary Associative Memories





# Binary Associative Memories

An example:

$$\mathbf{A}_1^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1, & -1, & 1, & -1, & 1, & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_2^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1, & 1, & 1, & -1, & -1, & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_1^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1, & 1, & -1, & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_2^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1, & -1, & 1, & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Want to associate  $A_1 \Leftrightarrow B_1$  and  $A_2 \Leftrightarrow B_2$

# Binary Associative Memories

Create a weight matrix ala Hopfield thusly:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{W}_{6 \times 4} &= \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{B}_1^T + \mathbf{A}_2 \mathbf{B}_2^T \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# Binary Associative Memories

$$\mathbf{W}_{6 \times 4} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{W}_{6 \times 4} = \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{B}_1^T + \mathbf{A}_2 \mathbf{B}_2^T$$

$$[1 \times 6] \times [6 \times 4] = [1 \times 4]$$

# Binary Associative Memories

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}}_1^T \mathbf{W} = \begin{pmatrix} -1, & -1, & 1, & -1, & 1, & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

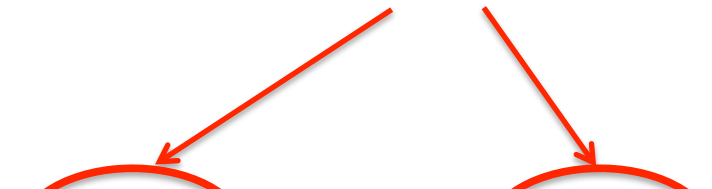
$$\begin{pmatrix} 4, & 4, & -4, & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \hat{\mathbf{b}}^T$$

$$f_h(\hat{\mathbf{b}}^T) = \begin{pmatrix} 1, & 1, & -1, & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{B}_1^T$$



# Binary Associative Memories

Just some integer value!


$$\hat{\mathbf{A}}_1^T \mathbf{W} = \hat{\mathbf{A}}_1^T \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{B}_1^T + \hat{\mathbf{A}}_1^T \mathbf{A}_2 \mathbf{B}_2^T$$

How do we analyze this multiplication?  
Why does this work the way it does?

So what do these integers evaluate to?

# Binary Associative Memories

When  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}_1^T$  is not too different from  $\mathbf{A}_1^T$ , then most of the vector elements will be the same and

$\hat{\mathbf{A}}_1^T \mathbf{A}_1$  will be a positive number while  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}_1^T \mathbf{A}_2$  will tend to be ... ?

$$(1) \quad f_h(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \geq 1 \\ 0 & -1 < x < 1 \\ -1 & x \leq -1 \end{cases}$$

where  $n$  is the vector length

$$(2) \quad f_h(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \geq n/2 \\ 0 & -n/2 < x < n/2 \\ -1 & x \leq -n/2 \end{cases}$$