



An Example of Competitive Learning

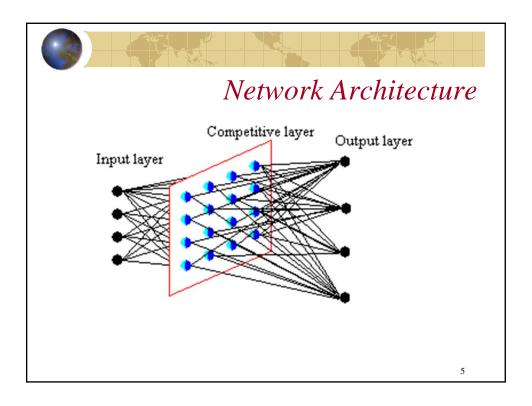
Goal : To construct a neural network where each of the output neurons fires under a class of input patters

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Structure

- Output (post-synaptic) neurons are organized in a spatial pattern (typically 1-D, 2-D or 3-D) corresponding to spatial characteristics of the problem domain
- The learning process has TWO steps
- ✓ A specialization step where each neuron is trained to a specific class of inputs
- ✓ A re-organization step where the neurons of the output layer are "placed" so they correspond spatially to the problem domain





Input Layer

- accepts multidimensional input pattern from the environment
- an input pattern is represented by a vector.
- e.g. a sound may consist of pitch, background noise, intensity, etc.
- each neuron in the input layer represents one dimension of the input pattern
- an input neuron distributes its assigned element of the input vector to the competitive layer



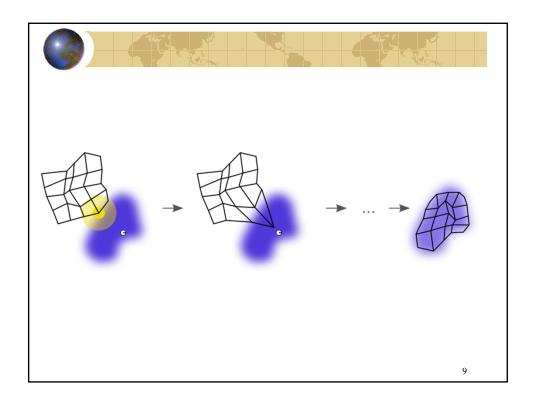
Competitive Layer

- each neuron in the competitive layer receives a sum of weighted inputs from the input layer
- every neuron in the competitive layer is associated with a collection of other neuron which make up its 'neighbourhood'
- competitive Layer can be organized in 1 dimension,2 dimensions, or ... n dimensions
- typical implementations are 1 or 2 dimensions.
- upon receipt of a given input, some of the neuron will be sufficiently excited to fire. this event can have either an inhibitory, or an excitatory effect on its neighbourhood



Output Layer

organization of the output layer is application-dependent





Learning Process

- Competitive Step
- Cooperation Step
- Synaptic modification step
- Convergence Step



Competitive Step

- For each of the output neurons, compute the output
- Declare the neuron with the maximum output to be the winner

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Cooperative Step

- Define a topological neighborhood around the winning neuron
- The topological neighborhood can be defined using any reasonable 'closeness' measure
- A Gaussian distribution is typically used for the proximity measure
- The neighborhood reach should be diminished through the iterations of the learning process



Synaptic Modification Step

- For all neurons in the neighborhood of the winning neuron, modify the synaptic weights according to the rule
 - For Learning Rule details refer Haykin's Book

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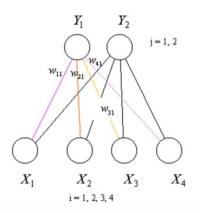


Self Organizing Map - Example

Step	Action					
0	Initialize weights. Set max value for R , set learning rate α .					
1	While stopping condition false do steps 2 to 8					
2	For each input vector x do steps 3 to 5					
3	For each j neuron, compute the Euclidean distance $D(j) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - w_{ij})^2}$					
4	Find the index J such that $D(J)$ is a minimum					
5	For all neurons j within a specified neighbourhood of J and for all i $w_{ij}(new) = w_{ij}(old) + a(x_i - w_{ij}(old))$					
6	Update learning rate α . It is a decreasing function of the number of epochs.					
7	Reduce radius of topological neighbourhood at specified times					



To make the problem very simple, suppose that there are only two neurons in the output layer as shown below:



Let the initial weight matrix be

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_{11} & w_{12} \\ w_{21} & w_{22} \\ w_{31} & w_{32} \\ w_{41} & w_{42} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.8 \\ 0.6 & 0.4 \\ 0.5 & 0.7 \\ 0.9 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$



x_1	\boldsymbol{x}_2	<i>x</i> ₃	<i>x</i> ₄
1	1	O	0
O	0	0	1
1	0	0	0
0	0	1	1

Consider a simple example in which there are only **4 input training patterns**.

Let the learning rate at time
$$t+1$$
 be given by and suppose $a(t=0)=0.6$
Let topological radius $R=0$.

Following the algorithm presented in the previous algorithm:



For vector 1100 (We are using the Euclidean distance squared for convenience)

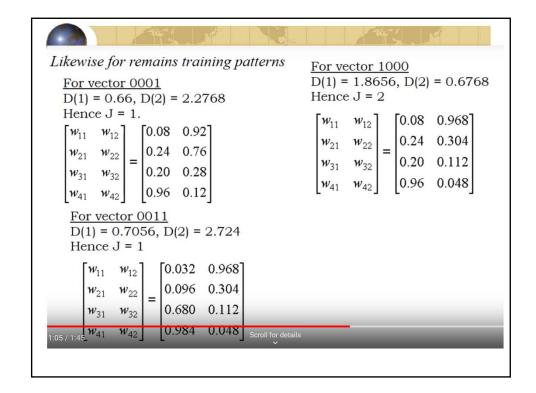
$$D(1) = (1-0.2)^2 + (1-0.6)^2 + (0-0.5)^2 + (0-0.9)^2 = 1.86$$

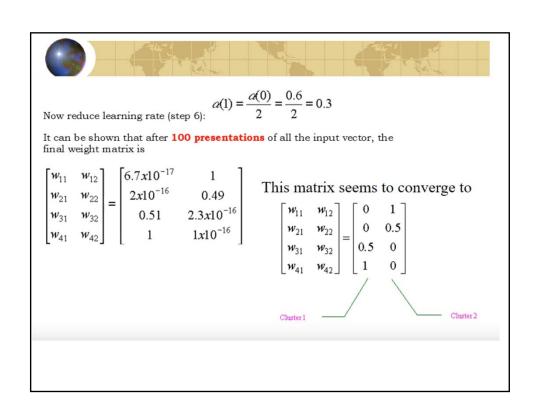
$$D(1) = 1.86, D(2) = 0.98$$

Hence J = 2. Note that R = 0, so we need not update the weights of any neighboring neurons.

Using
$$w_{ij}(new) = w_{ij}(old) + a(x_i - w_{ij}(old))$$
, the new weight matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_{11} & w_{12} \\ w_{21} & w_{22} \\ w_{31} & w_{32} \\ w_{41} & w_{42} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.92 \\ 0.6 & 0.76 \\ 0.5 & 0.28 \\ 0.9 & 0.12 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{w_{12}(new) = w_{12}(old) + \alpha(x_1 + w_{12}(old))} = 0.8 + 0.6(1 - 0.8) = 0.92$$







TEST NETWORK

$$D(j) = (w_{1j} - x_1)^2 + (w_{2j} - x_2)^2 + (w_{3j} - x_3)^2 + (w_{4j} - x_4)^2$$

$$D(1) = (0 - 1)^2 + (0 - 1)^2 + (0.5 - 0)^2 + (1 - 0)^2 = 3.25$$

$$D(2) = (1-1)^2 + (0.5-1)^2 + (0-0)^2 + (0-0)^2 = 0.25$$

Thus neuron 2 is the "winner", and is the localized active region of the SOM. Notice that we may label this input pattern to belong to cluster 2.

For all the other patterns, we find the clusters are as listed below.

	11	12				
2	w_{21}	w_{22}	_	0	0.5	
	w_{31}	w_{32}	-	0.5	0	
	w_{41}	W42_		1	0	
	Cluster 1	2	_/		\	Cluster

x_1	x_2	x_3	<i>x</i> ₄	Cluster
1	1	0	0	2
0	0	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	2
0	0	1	1	1

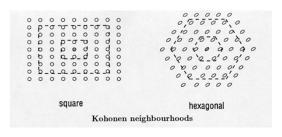
Convergence Step

- Fix the learning rate and the variance at the final values obtained from the adaptation step
- Continue the training process until reasonable convergence is achieved.



Convergence

- Decreasing the neighbor ensures progressively finer features are encoded
- gradual lowering of the learn rate ensures stability

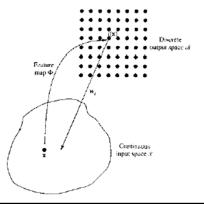


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Feature Mapping

A Mapping from continuous input space to a discrete output space.





Feature Map Properties

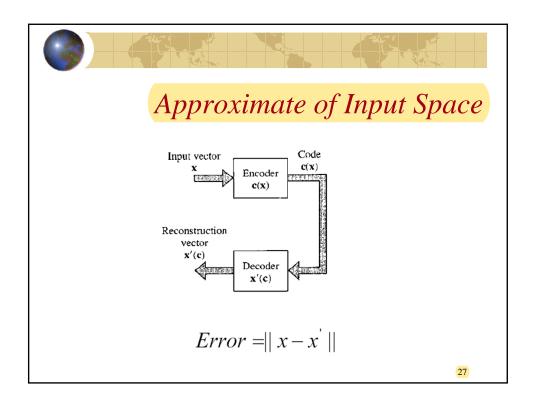
- Approximation of input space
- Topological ordering
- Density Matching
- Feature Selection

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Approximation of Input Space

- The SOM mapping is an approximation of the input space
- Desirable property: Dimensionality reduction
- If a perfect decoder of the encoded signal is to be designed, reconstructed vector will involve some error





Topological Ordering

- The spatial distribution of the output neurons topologically corresponds to the different features of the input space
- Logically, this is equivalent to physically moving the neurons to correspond to the input space.



Density Matching

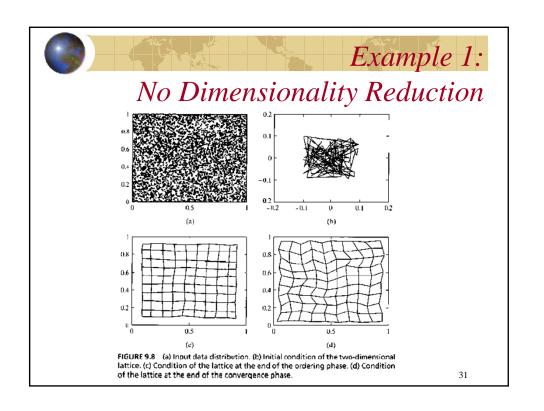
- The density of the output neurons matches the probability distribution of the input space, i.e. there are more output neurons representing regions where there are more training vectors resulting in better accuracy for these regions
- If there are huge variations of input density, very low density areas will be overrepresented, and very high density areas will be under-represented.

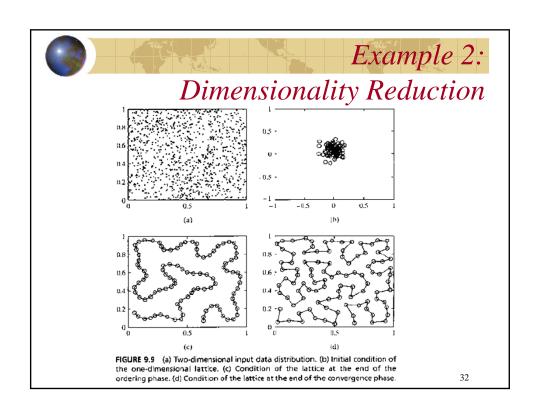
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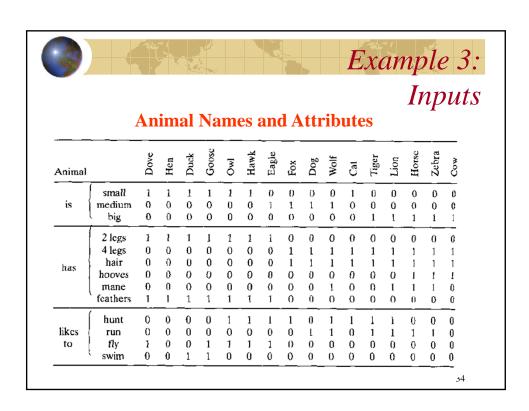
- SOM networks extract the principal features of the input space
- SOM networks can be viewed as a generalization of Principal Components Analysis to include non-linear principal features.

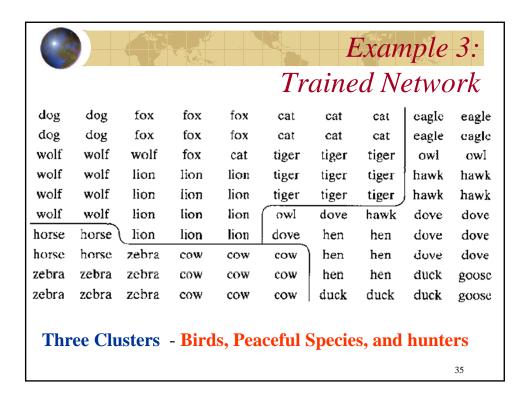


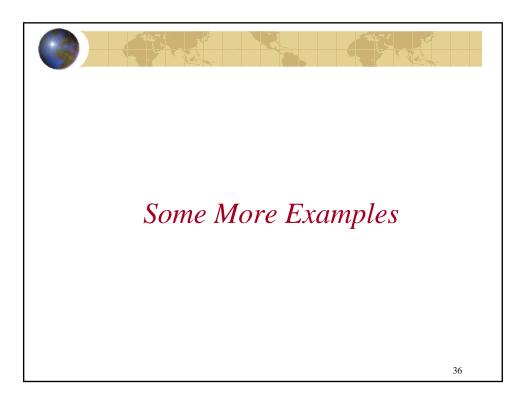




Starting with a set of Animals and Characteristics, train a network to extract the relevance "features"









Letter and Word recognition Rumelhart & Zipser (1986)

- Training set {AA, AB, BA, BB}
 - 2 units learn to detect either A or B in an particular serial position
 - 4 units learn the pairs : word detector
- Training set {AA, AB, AC, AD, BA, BB, BC, BD}
 - 2 units learn to respond pairs start with A or B
 - 4 units learn to recognize pairs end with A, B, C, or D
 - 8 units learn to learn the pairs

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