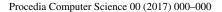


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# Hybrid learning net: a novel architecture for fast learning

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#### **Abstract**

Currently, neural networks have succeeded in object recognition tasks based on images, natural language translation, and voice recognition, to name a few. However, neural nets are customly built for different applications and vary a lot in achitectures and model hyperparameters like learning rate and parameter initialization method. To make it worse, these hyperparameter settings generally play a big role in performances of training and testing, and the best settings for specific applications are so far only available by manually trying different configurations which is really huge work.

We, thereby, present a novel neural network achitecture with Self Organizing Maps(SOMs) aided, to achieve a much faster net learning for general applications with good robustness to a few key hyperparameters. We've also experimented our architecture over the MNIST dataset, it has proved the surprising improvement on both training and testing phases of general applications, and we have unexpectedly discovered some interesting facts about neural network trainings, such as neuron activation sparsity is somehow strongly related to the training loss within certain cases.

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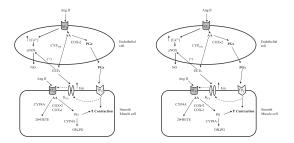


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