

# Memory span of recurrent neural nets

Master Thesis

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1. SOM
2. Recurrent SOM
3. Merge SOM
4. SRN - Elman network

**SOM**

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- Self organizing map
- Biologically motivated model
- Unsupervised competitive learning
- Clustering
- Preserving topological features
- Quantization error

Find Winner

$$i^* = \operatorname{argmin}_i ||x - w_i||$$

Rule for update weights

$$w_i(t+1) = w_i(t) + \alpha(t)h(i^*, i)([x(t) - w_i(t)])$$

# Recurrent SOM

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# Recurrent SOM

Self organizing map with context from previous steps

- RecSom - context is copy of whole map from previous step
- Many attributes

Weights update

$$w_i(t+1) = w_i(t) + zh_{ik}[s(t) - w_i(t)]$$

$$c_i(t+1) = c_i(t) + zh_{ik}[y(t-1) - c_i(t)]$$

$$y_i = \exp(-d_i)$$

Distance

$$d_i(t) = \alpha \|x(t) - w_i\|^2 + \beta \|r(t) - c_i\|^2$$

Recursive context

$$r(t) = [y_i(t-1), \dots, y_N(t-1)]$$

# Merge SOM

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# Merge SOM

- In Merge SOM **context is not** copy of whole map from previous step
- Fewer parameters than RecSOM
- $\gamma_1$   $\gamma_2$  - learning rates
- $h_\sigma$  - Gaussian shaped function
- $d_N$  - neighborhood function

Weights update

$$\Delta w_i = \gamma_1 \cdot h_\sigma(d_N(i, l_t)) \cdot (x^t - w^i)$$

$$\Delta c_i = \gamma_2 \cdot h_\sigma(d_N(i, l_t)) \cdot (c^t - c^i)$$

Distance

$$d_i(t) = (1 - \alpha) \cdot \|x^t - w^i\|^2 + \alpha \cdot \|c^t - c^i\|^2$$

Recursive context

$$c^t = (1 - \beta) \cdot w^{l_{t-1}} + \beta \cdot c^{l_{t-1}}$$

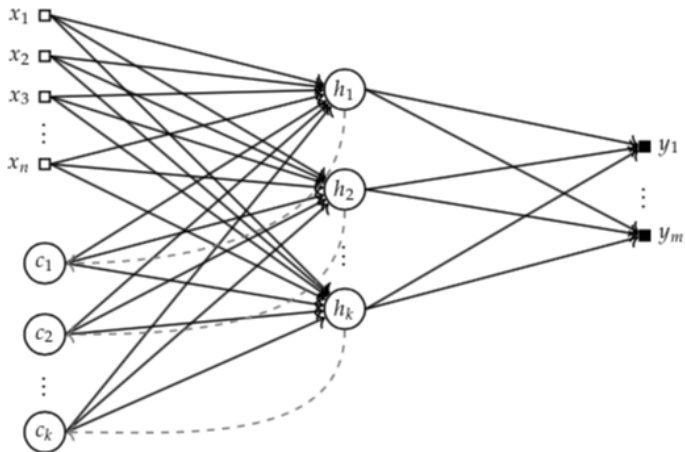


## SRN - Elman network

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- Elman recurrent network
- Training with backpropagation through time
- Supervised learning
- Context layer

# SRN - Elman network



# Measuring memory span

- Words sequences
- Every neuron will have set of letters
- If this neuron is winner, it will save letter to its set of letters (receptive field)
- Neuron saves  $n$  previous letters in its receptive field
- We can then find longest common sub-sequence and calculate weighted average
- This will be our measure of memory span

# Example of receptive field

T. Voegtlin / Neural Networks 15 (2002) 979–991





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to	so	lo	o	ho	ie	me	me	me	ee	ne	ne	ne	it	lit	s	rs	aw	dow	tw
to	ro	co	wo	te	ite	e	e	e	lle	ine	ine	were	there		was	ss	sw	w	x
to	do	no	o	te	te	be	be	we	we	ore	re	re	re	is	was	ls		ew	ex
they	they		fo		se	se	are	see	we	here	re	are		his	es	us	rs	ds	ow
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th	h	with	e	the	she	od	and	id	ad	k	k	int	ght	wit	et	an	an	n	wn
th	h	er	be	ve	ad	ted	id	ard	hed	el	out	t	it	it	wan	men	an	n	n
wer	er	er	der	rd	ther	had	ld	od	d	d	wl	t	int	on	wher	han	then	ten	wen
ber	for	ter	rr	fr	r		tl		cl	cl	bel	all	on	in	fin	len	nn	un	
or	her	tr	ar	str	dr	si	i	l	al	bl	sl	ll	all	lon	in	j	men	un	
wer	wer	ur	r	br	z		ni	l	l	el	il	il	ul	om	ven	en	then	kn	con
pr	thr	their	ab	b	b	fi	ati	wi	hi	pi	ci	al	al	him	them	alp	up	sn	ep
ther	for	if		b	i	ri	ti	whi	di	bi	mi	al	sm	em	em		op	sp	ap
dr	af	f	of		hi	i	i	thi	li	li	ili	m	m	com	him	dl	ep	rep	p

Fig. 2. Receptive fields of a two-dimensional recursive SOM trained on English text. A receptive field is defined as the intersection of all the sequences that trigger selection of the corresponding unit. Receptive fields are displayed in natural reading order. Topographic organization is observed, principally based on most recent letters.

- Read 3 articles
- Working implementation of non-recursive SOM as base for RecSOM and mSOM implementations
- Working implementation of simple SRN without backpropagation through time

**Questions?**

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