

FFR135  
Artificial Neural Networks  
Examples sheet 1

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## Problem 1(a)

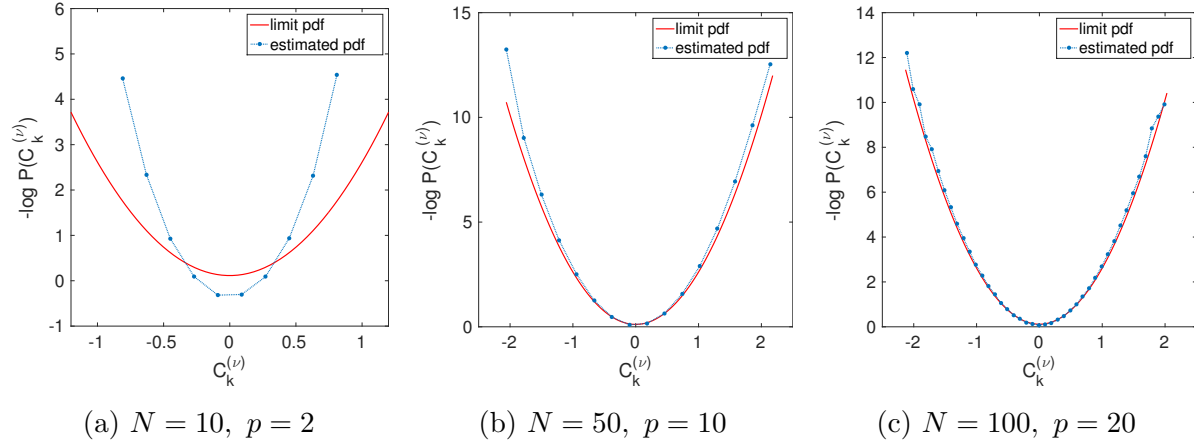


Figure 1: Blue dots and dashed line: numerically estimated pdf of the cross-talk terms in a deterministic synchronous Hopfield network. Red solid line: theoretical limit pdf.

## Discussion

A Hopfield network with synchronous deterministic update was implemented and used to numerically evaluate the distribution  $P(C_k^{(\nu)})$  of the cross-talk terms  $C_k^{(\nu)}$  for different values of  $N$  (number of bits) and  $p$  (number of patterns).

In Fig. 1, the obtained distributions are plotted and compared with the theoretical limit distribution

$$P(C_k^{(\nu)}) = \sqrt{\frac{N}{2\pi p}} \exp\left(-\frac{(C_k^{(\nu)})^2}{2p/N}\right), \quad \text{valid for } N \rightarrow \infty. \quad (1)$$

Here, since the ratio  $p/N$  is the same in the tree cases, the limit distribution is the same. Clearly, the agreement between the numerically estimated pdf and the limit pdf appears to increase as the number  $N$  of bits increases.

For low values of  $N$  (see e.g. the case  $N = 10$ ), the distribution is taller and narrower than the limit distribution, suggesting that the single-step error probability, i.e.  $P_{\text{error}} = P(C_k^{(\nu)} > 1)$ , is actually less than its corresponding theoretical value

$$P_{\text{error}}^{\text{th}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \text{erf}\left(\sqrt{\frac{N}{2p}}\right)\right) \quad (2)$$

in a deterministic Hopfield network of finite size, and tends to it as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

## Reference code

See MATLAB script `Exercise1a.m` and custom functions called in the script itself.

## Problem 1(b)

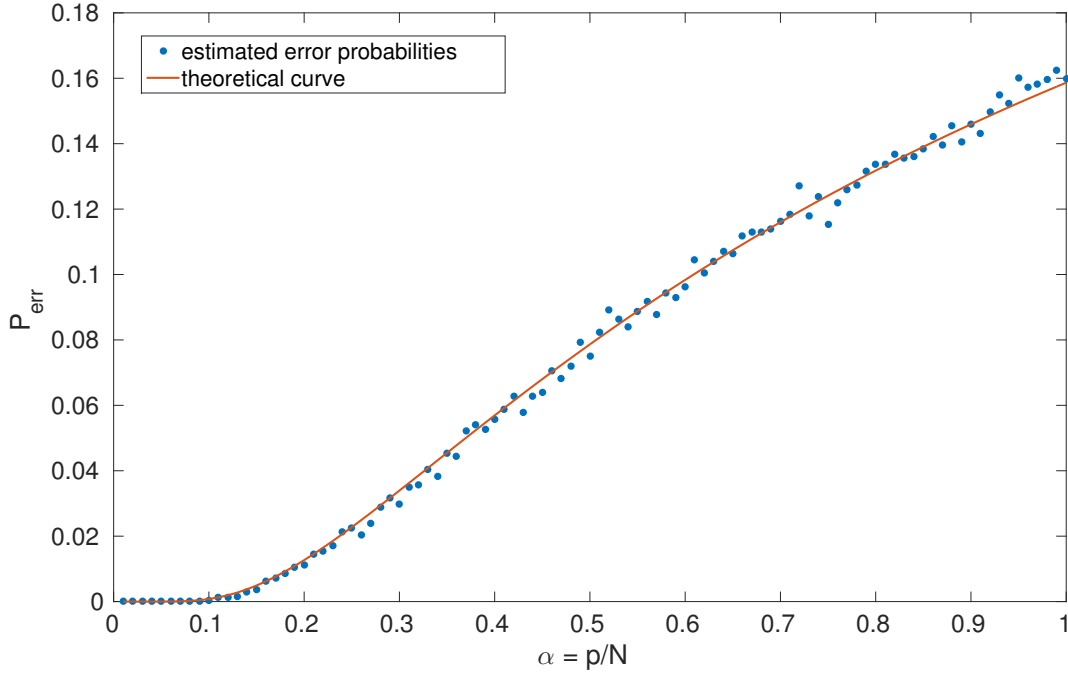


Figure 2: Blue dots: estimated one-step error probabilities in a deterministic Hopfield network with  $N = 100$  bits plotted against the ratio  $p/N$ . Red solid line: theoretical curve.

## Discussion

Here,  $P_{\text{error}}(\alpha)$  was estimated by keeping the number  $N$  of bits fixed ( $N = 100$ ) and increasing the number of patterns by one, starting from  $p = 1$  and going up to  $p = 100$ . For each value of  $p$ , the following procedure was repeated  $M = 10000$  times:

- Generate  $p$  random patterns and determine network weights using Hebb's rule.
- Set the initial state to be pattern  $\zeta^{(1)}$  and perform a **single** network update step.
- Check whether  $s_1(t = 1) = s_1(t = 0)$ . If not, then register an "error event".

At the end of this simulation,  $P_{\text{error}}(\alpha)$  is estimated by

$$P_{\text{error}}^{\text{est}} = \frac{\text{number of error events}}{M}.$$

In Fig. 2, the estimated probabilities are compared to the theoretical curve (see Equation 2), displaying a remarkably good agreement.

## Reference code

See MATLAB script `Exercise1b.m` and custom functions called in the script itself.

## Problem 2(a)

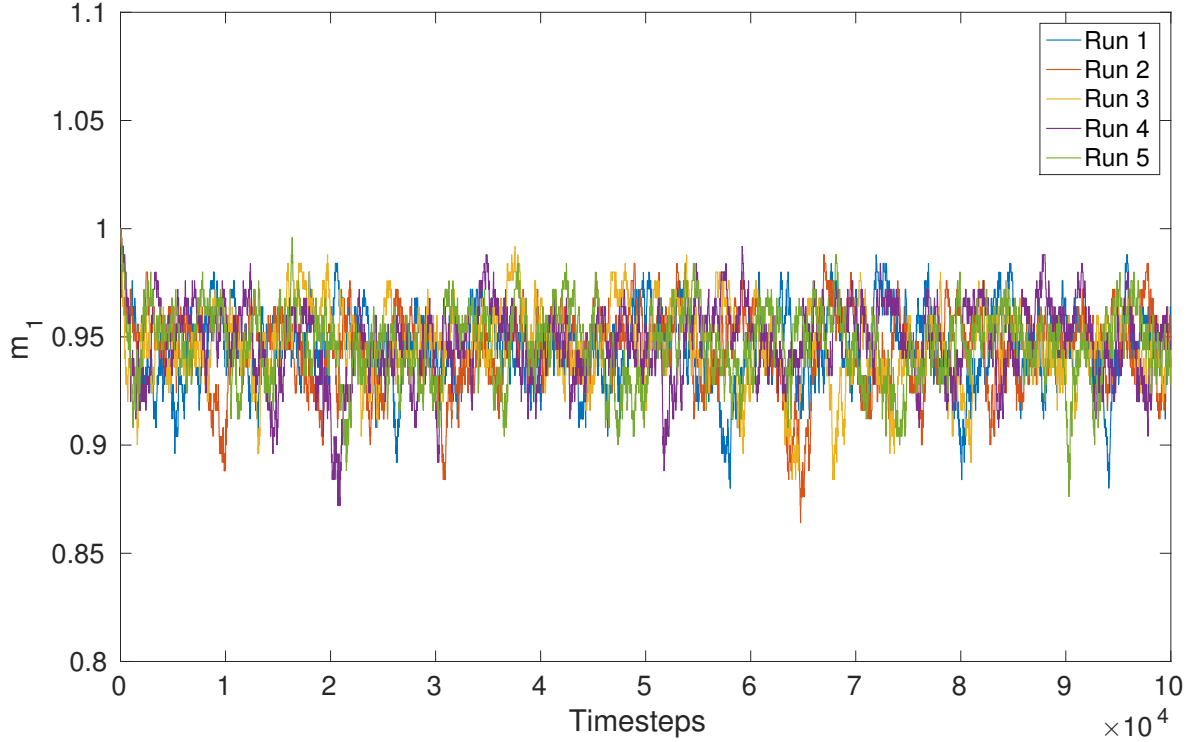


Figure 3: Evolution of a stochastic Hopfield network with  $N = 500$  bits and  $p = 10$  patterns. In all 5 runs, the initial configuration is the stored random pattern  $\zeta^{(1)}$  and the network is updated  $10^5$  times. Noise level is fixed  $\beta^{-1} = 0.5$ .

## Discussion

A Hopfield neural network with asynchronous stochastic updating was implemented and tested with a fixed noise level of  $\beta^{-1} = 0.5$  and a load parameter  $\alpha = 0.02$ , corresponding to  $N = 500$  bits and  $p = 10$  patterns. The stored pattern  $\zeta^{(1)}$  is fed as initial configuration, and the network is then run for  $10^5$  asynchronous updates. The whole process is repeated 5 times.

Fig. 3 shows that at this noise and load level the initial pattern  $\zeta^{(1)}$  is stable, as the order parameter  $m_1$  stabilises around a value of 0.95. This suggests that in this point  $(\beta^{-1}, \alpha)$  of the parameter space, the neural network can be used as a good memory device.

This simulation, however, does not allow us to give an estimate the burn-in time of the MCMC, as the equilibrium state is too close to the starting configuration.

## Reference code

See MATLAB script `Exercise_2a_2b.m` and custom functions called in the script itself.

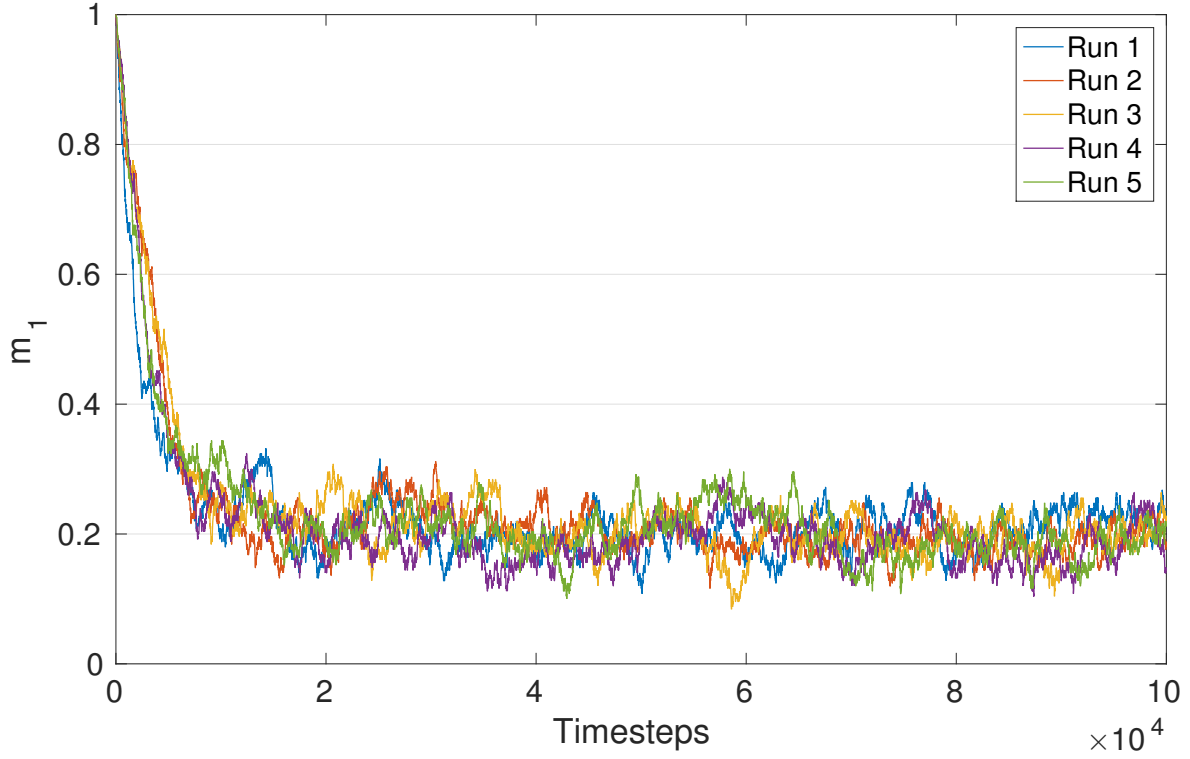
**Ex. 2 (b)**

Figure 4: Evolution of a stochastic Hopfield network with  $N = 500$  bits and  $p = 100$  patterns. In all 5 runs, the initial configuration is the stored random pattern  $\zeta^{(1)}$  and the network is updated  $10^5$  times. Noise level is fixed  $\beta^{-1} = 0.5$ .

**Discussion**

In this second case, the number of stored pattern is increased to  $p = 100$ , corresponding to a network load  $\alpha = 0.2$ .

As predicted by the theory, the order parameter converges to a lower value than that of the previous case, as the network load is much higher. The theory predicts in fact that, when the noise is fixed,  $\langle m_1(\alpha) \rangle$  is a monotonically decreasing function of  $\alpha$ .

With these parameters, the network cannot obviously be used as a memory device. However, the equilibrium value of the order parameter appears to be significantly different from zero, as the dimension of the network is finite. Some exploratory simulations with a much larger number of bits (up to  $N = 10000$ ) showed that indeed the order parameter converges to zero for  $\alpha = 0.2$ .

Furthermore, Fig. 4 suggests that for these values of  $\beta$ ,  $N$  and  $p$ , a burn-in time of around 50000 iterates is sufficient to allow the system to reach the "thermal" equilibrium.

**Reference code**

See MATLAB script `Exercise_2a_2b.m` and custom functions called in the script itself.

**Ex. 3 (a)**

$N = 500$	$\alpha = 0.025$	0.05	0.1	0.125	0.15	0.2
$\beta^{-1} = 0.1$	$1 \pm 2 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$1 \pm 3 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$1 \pm 3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$0.994 \pm 0.002$	$0.05 \pm 0.02$	$0.238 \pm 0.005$
0.2	$1 \pm 4 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$0.998 \pm 0.001$	$0.958 \pm 0.008$	$0.986 \pm 0.004$	$0.11 \pm 0.11$	$-0.2 \pm 0.02$
0.3	$0.996 \pm 0.001$	$0.988 \pm 0.003$	$0.971 \pm 0.004$	$0.075 \pm 0.019$	$-0.02 \pm 0.03$	$0.2 \pm 0.2$
0.4	$0.980 \pm 0.003$	$0.953 \pm 0.007$	$-0.003 \pm 0.014$	$0.11 \pm 0.07$	$0.15 \pm 0.04$	$0.12 \pm 0.02$
0.5	$0.943 \pm 0.006$	$0.91 \pm 0.01$	$0.02 \pm 0.03$	$0.19 \pm 0.02$	$0.07 \pm 0.02$	$0.12 \pm 0.04$
0.6	$0.87 \pm 0.01$	$0.06 \pm 0.07$	$0.06 \pm 0.08$	$0.10 \pm 0.02$	$-0.01 \pm 0.03$	$0.11 \pm 0.03$
0.7	$0.03 \pm 0.06$	$0.11 \pm 0.03$	$-0.06 \pm 0.13$	$0.13 \pm 0.03$	$0.0 \pm 0.1$	$0.22 \pm 0.03$
0.8	$0.08 \pm 0.04$	$0.01 \pm 0.10$	$-0.05 \pm 0.03$	$0.07 \pm 0.04$	$0.02 \pm 0.14$	$-0.06 \pm 0.10$

Table 1: Average value  $\langle m_1 \rangle$  of the order parameter in equilibrium.  $N = 500$ .

$N = 1000$	$\alpha = 0.025$	0.05	0.1	0.125	0.15	0.2
$\beta^{-1} = 0.1$	$1 \pm 2 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1 \pm 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$0.995 \pm 0.001$	$0.979 \pm 0.002$	$0.194 \pm 0.007$	$0.20 \pm 0.02$
0.2	$1 \pm 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$0.999 \pm 0.001$	$0.995 \pm 0.001$	$0.979 \pm 0.003$	$0.13 \pm 0.02$	$0.13 \pm 0.01$
0.3	$0.996 \pm 0.001$	$0.992 \pm 0.001$	$0.963 \pm 0.006$	$0.052 \pm 0.014$	$0.075 \pm 0.012$	$0.034 \pm 0.006$
0.4	$0.978 \pm 0.002$	$0.969 \pm 0.004$	$0.19 \pm 0.06$	$0.23 \pm 0.01$	$-0.09 \pm 0.05$	$0.19 \pm 0.02$
0.5	$0.936 \pm 0.004$	$0.90 \pm 0.01$	$-0.07 \pm 0.03$	$0.007 \pm 0.01$	$0.13 \pm 0.01$	$0.00 \pm 0.02$
0.6	$0.87 \pm 0.01$	$0.07 \pm 0.02$	$0.17 \pm 0.02$	$0.01 \pm 0.09$	$0.03 \pm 0.01$	$0.02 \pm 0.01$
0.7	$0.14 \pm 0.09$	$0.13 \pm 0.03$	$0.14 \pm 0.04$	$0.19 \pm 0.04$	$0.01 \pm 0.03$	$-0.01 \pm 0.02$
0.8	$0.19 \pm 0.07$	$-0.01 \pm 0.08$	$0.04 \pm 0.02$	$0.12 \pm 0.02$	$0.07 \pm 0.06$	$0.13 \pm 0.03$

Table 2: Average value  $\langle m_1 \rangle$  of the order parameter in equilibrium.  $N = 1000$ .**Discussion**

Using the asynchronously stochastic updating network of Problem 2, the parameter space  $(\alpha, \beta^{-1})$  was explored, computing the average value of the order parameter  $\langle m_1 \rangle$  in equilibrium.

Values in Table 1 (corresponding to a network of size  $N = 500$ ) were obtained by performing  $5 \cdot 10^6$  updates and acquiring samples for  $m_1$  every 500 steps, after a burn-in time of  $5 \cdot 10^5$  steps. These samples were then smoothed by using a moving average with a span of 100 values. Then, the resulting smoothed samples were averaged again to obtain the displayed values, and the 95% quantiles were used as statistical errors.

Values in Table 2 (corresponding to a network of size  $N = 1000$ ) were obtained in the same way, but sampling a value for  $m_1$  every 1000 steps instead.

Here, statistical errors are probably underestimated, because they are calculated on moving averages, instead of raw data.

**Reference code**

See MATLAB script `Exercise_3a.m` and custom functions called in the script itself.

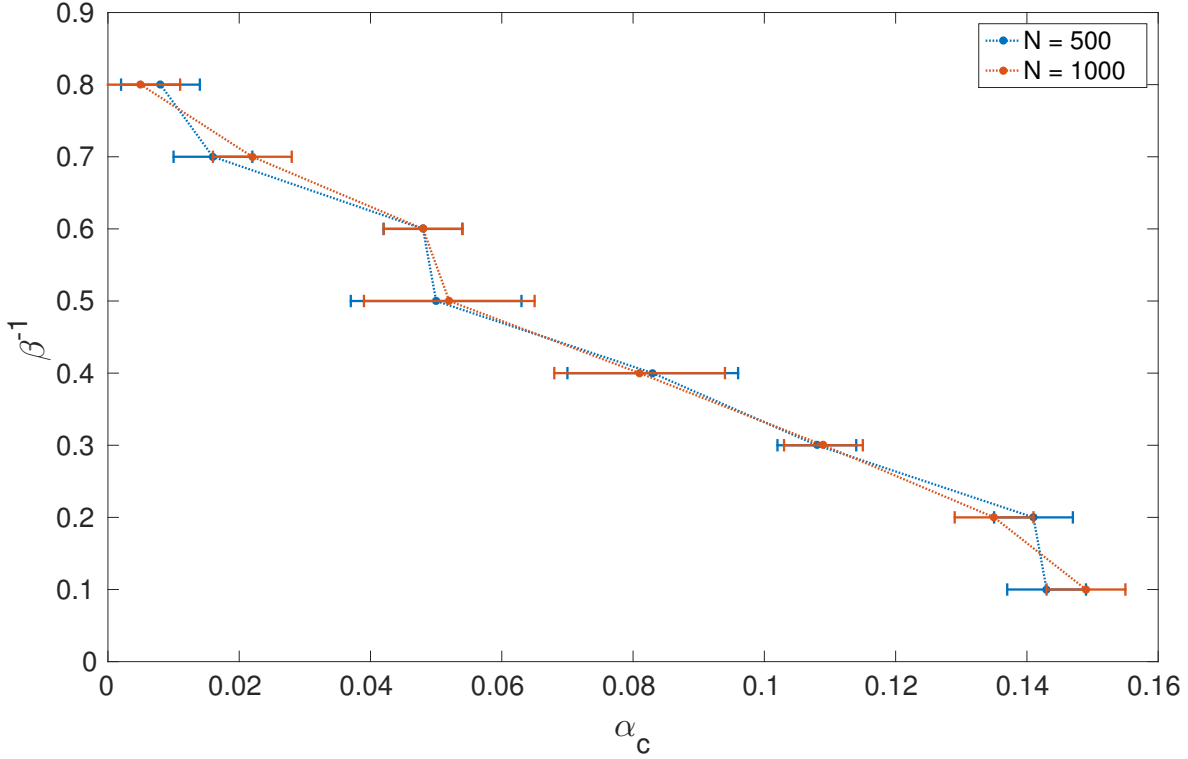
**Ex. 3 (b)**

Figure 5: Critical values  $\alpha_c$  (x-axis) as a function of  $\beta^{-1}$  (y-axis) in a stochastic Hopfield network with either  $N = 500$  bits (blue dots) or  $N = 1000$  bits (red dots).

Using the values in Table 1 and 2, for each value of  $N$  and  $\beta^{-1}$  the couple of values  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  corresponding to the largest drop of  $\langle m_1 \rangle$  were identified (e.g. for  $N = 500$  and  $\beta^{-1} = 0.1$ , the interval of interest is  $[\alpha_1, \alpha_2] = [0.125, 0.15]$ ). Then, for each such interval, additional simulations were run, for 3 more equally spaced values of  $\alpha$  inside interval  $[\alpha_1, \alpha_2]$ , acquiring average values of  $\langle m_1 \rangle$  in equilibrium ( $1 \cdot 10^6$  updates, burn-in of  $5 \cdot 10^5$ ).

The resulting set of 5 values  $\langle m_1(\alpha) \rangle$  were used for a spline interpolation, to find the value  $\alpha^*$  corresponding to  $\langle m_1(\alpha^*) \rangle = 0.5$ . This value is our estimate of  $\alpha_c(\beta^{-1})$ , and the difference between two consecutive sampled (and *not* interpolated) values of  $\alpha$  is used as statistical error.

The resulting curves  $\alpha_c(\beta^{-1})$  in Fig. 5 roughly reflect the shape of the phase diagram of the stochastic Hopfield model, and this is the reason why  $\alpha$  was kept on the x-axis and  $\beta$  on the y-axis in this plot.

However, a much larger network size  $N$  and longer simulation runtime (which would allow, for instance, to be able to acquire uncorrelated MCMC samples for the order parameter) are required to give better estimates of  $\alpha_c$ .

**Reference code**

See MATLAB script `Exercise_3b.m` and custom functions called in the script itself.

## Appendix: MATLAB code

### Exercisel1a.m

```

1 %EXERCISE1A
2 clear
3 clc
4 tic
5
6 % ===== %
7 % Parameters
8 % ===== %
9
10 nBits = 50;
11 nPatterns = 10;
12 nSamples = 4000;
13
14 % ===== %
15
16 % Initializations
17 crossTalkTerms = zeros(nBits, nPatterns, nSamples);
18
19 % Main loop
20 h = waitbar(0, 'Please wait...');
21 for sample = 1:nSamples
22
23     randomPatterns = GenerateRandomPatterns( nBits, nPatterns );
24     crossTalkTerms(:, :, sample) = ComputeCTT(randomPatterns);
25
26     waitbar(sample/nSamples, h);
27 end
28 close(h);
29
30 [h1 , f1] = PrettyPlotCTT(crossTalkTerms(:), nPatterns/nBits);
31 [h2 , f2] = LogPlotCTT(crossTalkTerms(:), nPatterns/nBits);
32 toc

```

### Exercisel1b.m

```

1 %EXERCISE1B
2 clear
3 clc
4 tic
5
6 % ===== %
7 % Parameters
8 % ===== %
9
10 nBits = 100;
11 nSamples = 10000;

```



```

12 maxNPatterns = 100;
13 patternID = 1; % first pattern by default
14 bitID = 1; % first bit by default
15
16 % ===== %
17
18 [errorProbs] = CheckBitStability( nBits, maxNPatterns, nSamples,
    patternID, bitID );
19
20 % plot estimated probabilities
21 alpha = (1:maxNPatterns)/maxNPatterns;
22 plot(alpha,errorProbs,'bo');
23 hold on
24
25 % plot theoretical error probabilities
26 theorVals = 1/2*(1-erf(sqrt(1./(2.*alpha))));
27 plot(alpha,theorVals,'r');
28 hold off
29
30 % plot settings
31 set(gcf,'color','w')
32 xlabel('\alpha = p/N');
33 ylabel('P_{err}');
34 pbaspect([1.618 1 1]);
35 set(gca,'fontsize', 24);
36 toc

```

### Exercise2a2b.m

```

1 %EXERCISE_2A_2B
2 clear
3 clc
4 tic
5
6 % ===== %
7 % Parameters
8 % ===== %
9
10 nBits = 500;
11 nPatterns = 100;
12 noise = 0.5;
13 tMax = 50000;
14 nRuns = 1;
15 patternID = 1;
16
17 % ===== %
18
19 % Initializations
20 orderParams = zeros(nRuns,tMax);
21 fig = figure;

```

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22
23 % Preliminary operations
24 beta = 1/noise;
25 randomPatterns = GenerateRandomPatterns( nBits, nPatterns );
26 weightMatrix = SetHebbsWeights( randomPatterns );
27 storedPattern = randomPatterns(:,patternID);
28
29 for jj = 1:nRuns
30
31     % Re-initialise network at each run
32     networkState = randomPatterns(:, patternID);
33
34     message = ['Please wait... Run ' num2str(jj) ' of ' num2str(
        nRuns)];
35     h = waitbar(0, message);
36
37     for tt = 1:tMax
38
39         % compute order parameter
40         orderParams(jj,tt) = ComputeOrderParam(storedPattern,
            networkState);
41
42         % update network
43         networkState = StochasticAsyncUpdate( networkState,
            weightMatrix, beta );
44
45         waitbar(tt/tMax,h);
46
47     end
48     close(h);
49
50     figure(fig);
51     plot(orderParams(jj,:), 'LineWidth', 1);
52     hold on;
53
54 end
55
56 % Plot settings
57 set(gcf, 'color', 'w');
58 f1 = plot(nan);
59 f2 = plot(nan);
60 f3 = plot(nan);
61 f4 = plot(nan);
62 f5 = plot(nan);
63 legend([f1,f2,f3,f4,f5], 'Run 1', 'Run 2', 'Run 3', 'Run 4', 'Run
    5')
64 pbaspect([1.618 1 1])
65 hold off;
66 toc

```

## Exercise3a.m

```

1 %EXERCISE3A
2 clear
3
4 % ===== %
5 % Parameters
6 % ===== %
7
8 noiseMax = 8; % using integer because of parfor loop
9 nBits = 500; % use 500 and 1000
10 nSweeps = 10000;
11 patternID = 1; % pattern to feed
12 alphaValues = [0.025, 0.05, 0.1, 0.125, 0.15, 0.2];
13 burnIn = 1000;
14
15 % ===== %
16
17 % Initializations
18 orderParamDataset = zeros(noiseMax,length(alphaValues),nSweeps);
19 alphaID = 1;
20
21 h = waitbar(0, 'Please wait...');
22
23 for alpha = alphaValues
24     tic
25
26     % compute number of patterns according to alpha
27     nPatterns = fix(nBits*alpha);
28
29     % initialize local variable to temporary store m values
30     orderParams = zeros(noiseMax,nSweeps);
31
32     % parallel loop over noise
33     parfor noise = 1:noiseMax
34
35         beta = 10/noise;
36
37         % generate random patterns and set weights
38         randomPatterns = GenerateRandomPatterns( nBits,
39             nPatterns );
40         weightMatrix = SetHebbsWeights( randomPatterns );
41
42         % Feed network with pattern # patternID (default 1)
43         networkState = randomPatterns(:, patternID);
44         % and define pattern to compare with the network state
45         storedPattern = randomPatterns(:,patternID);
46
47         for sweep = 1:nSweeps % run MCMC sweeps
48             for tt = 1:nBits % and in each sweep update the
49                 network nBits times

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49             % (so that on average each bit is
              updated once)
50         networkState = StochasticAsyncUpdate(
              networkState, weightMatrix, beta );
51     end
52
53     % then compute and store order parameter
54     orderParams(noise,sweep) = ComputeOrderParam(
              storedPattern, networkState);
55     end
56 end
57
58 % finally store order parameter samples in an outer 3D array
59 orderParamDataset(:,alphaID,:) = orderParams;
60 alphaID = alphaID +1;
61
62 waitbar(alphaID/length(alphaValues),h);
63 toc
64 end
65 close(h);
66
67 % smoothing
68 for ii = 1:noiseMax
69     for jj = 1:length(alphaValues)
70         orderParamDataset(ii,jj,:) = smooth(squeeze(
              orderParamDataset(ii,jj,:)),100);
71     end
72 end
73
74 % remove initial values (burnin)
75 dataset = dataset(:,:,burnIn+1:end);
76
77 meanValues = (mean(dataset,3));
78 lowerQuantiles = (quantile(dataset,0.05,3));
79 upperQuantiles = (quantile(dataset,0.95,3));
80 errors = max(upperQuantiles-meanValues,meanValues-lowerQuantiles
              );

```

### Exercise3b.m

```

1 %EXERCISE3B
2 clear
3 tic
4
5 % ===== %
6 % Parameters
7 % ===== %
8
9 noise = 0.1; % depending on this value, set alpha values below

```

```

10 howManyPoints = 5; % points to sample and then use for
    interpolation
11 alphaValues = linspace(0.125,0.15,howManyPoints); % alpha window
    of interest found in previous exercise (DEPENDS on noise!!)
12 nBits = 500; % use 500 and 1000
13 nSweeps = 1000;
14 patternID = 1; % pattern to feed
15 burnIn = 500;
16
17 % ===== %
18
19 % Initializations
20 orderParamDataset = zeros(length(alphaValues),nSweeps);
21 beta = 1/noise;
22
23 parfor alphaID = 1:howManyPoints
24
25     alpha = alphaValues(alphaID);
26     % compute number of patterns according to alpha
27     nPatterns = max(1,fix(nBits*alpha));
28
29     % generate random patterns and set weights
30     randomPatterns = GenerateRandomPatterns( nBits, nPatterns );
31     weightMatrix = SetHebbsWeights( randomPatterns );
32
33     % Feed network with pattern # patternID (default 1)
34     networkState = randomPatterns(:, patternID);
35     % and define pattern to compare with the network state
36     storedPattern = randomPatterns(:,patternID);
37
38     for sweep = 1:nSweeps % run MCMC sweeps
39
40         for tt = 1:nBits % and in each sweep update the network
            nBits times
41
42             % (so that on average each bit is
                updated once)
43             networkState = StochasticAsyncUpdate( networkState,
                weightMatrix, beta );
44
45         end
46
47         % then compute and store order parameter
48         orderParamDataset(alphaID,sweep) = ComputeOrderParam(
            storedPattern, networkState);
49
50     end
51
52 end
53
54 % remove initial values
nchorderParamDataset = orderParamDataset(:,burnIn+1:end);
55
56 % compute mean values

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55 meanOrderParam = mean(orderParamDataset,2);
56
57 % interpolation
58 xq = linspace(min(alphaValues),max(alphaValues),5*howManyPoints)
    ;
59 vq2 = interp1(alphaValues,meanOrderParam,xq,'spline');
60 tmp = abs(vq2-0.5);
61 [val , idx] = min(tmp);
62
63 alphaCrit = xq(idx)
64 error = alphaValues(2)-alphaValues(1)
65
66 toc

```

## Additional subroutines

```

1 function [ randomPatterns ] = GenerateRandomPatterns( nBits ,
    nPatterns )
2
3 if nargin < 2
4     nPatterns = 1;
5 end
6
7 randomPatterns = 2*round(rand(nBits,nPatterns))-1;
8
9 end

```

```

1 function [ crossTalkTerms ] = ComputeCTT( patterns )
2 %COMPUTECTT
3
4 nBits = size(patterns,1);
5 nPatterns = size(patterns,2);
6 crossTalkTerms = zeros(size(patterns));
7
8 muVals = 1:nPatterns;
9
10 for k= 1:nBits
11
12     %create temp matrix without j-th row (logical indexing for
        performance)
13     index = true(1, size(patterns, 1));
14     index(k) = false;
15     tempMatrix = patterns(index,:);
16
17     for nu = 1:nPatterns
18
19         % allowed values of mu (all but mu=nu)
20         allowedMus = muVals(muVals~=nu);

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21
22     for mu = allowedMus
23         crossTalkTerms(k,nu) = crossTalkTerms(k,nu) + ...
24             patterns(k,mu)*sum(tempMatrix(:,nu).*tempMatrix
25                 (:,mu));
26     end
27 end
28
29 % do not forget to multiply element-wise and divide by N
30 crossTalkTerms = -1/nBits*(crossTalkTerms.*patterns);
31 end

```

```

1 function [ histHandle, curveHandle ] = PrettyPlotCTT(
    crossTalkTerms , alpha)
2 %PRETTYPLOTCTT
3 % Remember that alpha = p/N
4
5 figure('units','normalized','outerposition',[0 0 1 1])
6
7 % plot histogram
8 histHandle = histogram(crossTalkTerms(:),16,'Normalization','pdf
9     ');
10 %histHandle.NumBins = round(histHandle.NumBins/20);
11
12 % create linspaceed x values for normal curve
13 xVals = linspace( min(-2,min(crossTalkTerms(:))), max(2,max(
14     crossTalkTerms(:))), 100);
15 yVals = normpdf(xVals, 0, sqrt(alpha));
16
17 % plot curve
18 hold on
19 curveHandle = plot(xVals,yVals,'r','LineWidth',2);
20 hold off
21
22 % additional settings
23 set(gcf,'color','w');
24 xlabel('C_k^{(\nu)}');
25 ylabel('-log P(C_k^{(\nu)})');
26 axis square;
27 set(gca,'fontsize', 30);
28 end

```

```

1 function [ histHandle, curveHandle ] = LogPlotCTT(
    crossTalkTerms , alpha)
2 %LOGPLOTCTT
3 % Remember that alpha = p/N

```

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4
5 figure('units','normalized','outerposition',[0 0 1 1])
6
7 % create and plotheistogram
8 %[binnedVals] = histcounts(crossTalkTerms(:));
9 %nBins = round(length(binnedVals)/23);
10 [estimatedProb,edges] = histcounts(crossTalkTerms(:),16,'
    Normalization','pdf');
11 binCenters = edges(1:end-1)+0.5*(edges(2)-edges(1));
12 histHandle = bar(binCenters,-log(estimatedProb));
13 hold on
14
15 % create normal curve points and plot them
16 xVals = linspace( min(-2,min(crossTalkTerms(:))), max(2,max(
    crossTalkTerms(:))), 100);
17 yVals = normpdf(xVals, 0, sqrt(alpha));
18 curveHandle = plot(xVals,-log(yVals),'r','LineWidth',2);
19 hold off
20
21 % plot settings
22 set(histHandle,'FaceColor', [0 0.4470 0.7410]);
23 set(gcf,'color','w');
24 xlabel('C_k^{(\nu)}');
25 ylabel('-log P(C_k^{(\nu)})');
26 axis square;
27 set(gca,'fontsize', 30);
28
29 end

```

```

1 function [errorProbs] = CheckBitStability( nBits, maxNPatterns,
    nSamples, patternID, bitID )
2 %CHECKBITSTABILITY
3
4 % initialize 2D logical array of errors
5 boolErrors = false(maxNPatterns,nSamples);
6
7 h = waitbar(0,'Please wait...');
8
9 for nPatterns = 1:maxNPatterns % run over different p/N ratios
10
11     parfor ii = 1:nSamples
12
13         % generate nPatterns new random patterns and train
            network
14         randomPatterns = GenerateRandomPatterns( nBits,
            nPatterns );
15         weightMatrix = SetHebbsWeights(randomPatterns);
16
17         % feed pattern # patternID and check stability of bit #
            bitID
18         outputPattern = DeterministicSyncUpdate(randomPatterns
            (:,patternID),weightMatrix);

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19         if outputPattern(bitID,patternID) ~= randomPatterns(
20             bitID,patternID)
21             boolErrors(nPatterns,ii) = true;
22         end
23     end
24     waitbar(nPatterns/maxNPatterns,h)
25 end
26 close(h);
27
28 errorProbs = mean(boolErrors,2); % average over samples
29
30 end

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1 function [ weightMatrix ] = SetHebbsWeights( patterns )
2 %SETHEBBSWEIGHTS
3
4 nBits = size(patterns,1);
5
6 % compute W matrix in a smart way
7 weightMatrix = 1/nBits*(patterns*patterns');
8
9 % set diagonal elements to zero
10 weightMatrix(logical(eye(size(weightMatrix)))) = 0;
11
12 end

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1 function [ orderParam ] = ComputeOrderParam( storedPattern,
2     networkState )
3 %COMPUTEORDERPARAM
4
5 orderParam = 1/length(storedPattern)*(storedPattern'*
6     networkState);
7
8 end

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1 function [ newNetworkState ] = DeterministicSyncUpdate(
2     networkState, weightMatrix )
3 %DETERMINISTICSYNCUPDATE
4
5 newNetworkState = sign(weightMatrix*networkState);
6 % ...as easy as that!
7
8 end

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1 function [ newNetworkState ] = StochasticAsyncUpdate(  
    networkState, weightMatrix, beta )  
2 %STOCHASTICASYNUPDATE  
3  
4 % Pick bit to update uniformly at random  
5 nBits = length(weightMatrix);  
6 ii = randi(nBits);  
7  
8 % Evaluate Boltzmann factor  
9 b_ii = weightMatrix(ii,:)*networkState;  
10 boltz = 1/(1+exp(-2*beta*b_ii));  
11  
12 % Update bit i  
13 newNetworkState = networkState;  
14 if rand() < boltz  
15     newNetworkState(ii) = +1;  
16 else  
17     newNetworkState(ii) = -1;  
18 end  
19  
20 end
```