

# Scaling Properties of Coarse-Coded Symbol Memories

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## Abstract:

Abstract: Coarse-coded symbol memories have appeared in several neural network symbol processing models. In order to determine how these models would scale, one must first have some understanding of the mathematics of coarse-coded representations. We define the general structure of coarse-coded symbol memories and derive mathematical relationships among their essential parameters: memory size, symbol-set size and capacity. The computed capacity of one of the schemes agrees well with actual measurements of the coarse-coded working memory of DCPS, Touretzky and Hinton's distributed connectionist production system.