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Connectivity Versus Entropy

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Abstract:

How does the connectivity of a neural network (number of synapses per neuron) relate to the complexity of the problems

it can handle (measured by the entropy)? Switching theory would suggest no relation at all, since all Boolean functions

can

be implemented using a circuit with very low connectivity (e.g., using two-input NAND gates). However, for a network

that learns

a problem from examples using a local learning rule, we prove that the entropy of the problem becomes a lower

bound for the connectivity of the network.

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