

Deep Learning lecture 4

Energy-Based Model

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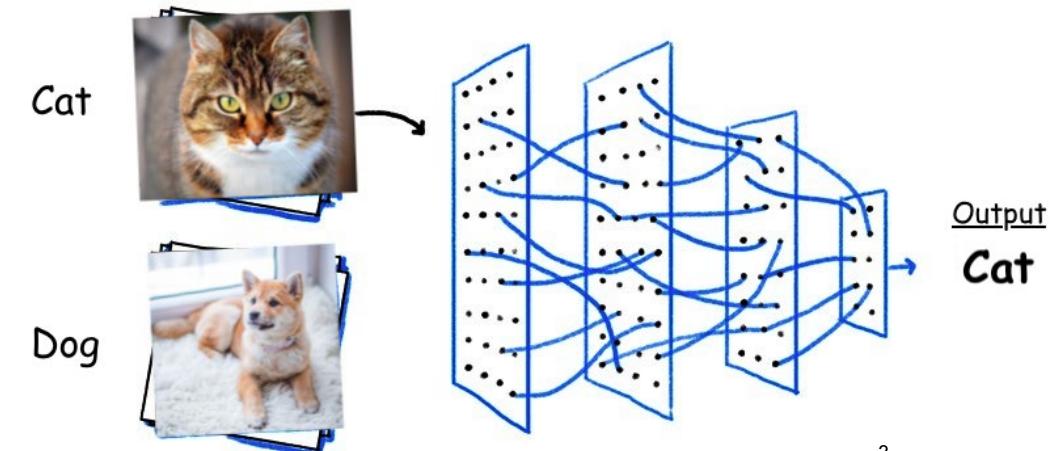
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Logistics

- Coding Project 2 due in 1 week
 - Use local compute for coding & Colab for testing
 - Cloud for long-term training
 - Any questions can be posted in Dingding channel
 - Be aware of your model size and computation (flops)!
 - Check out those famous models and works!

Story So Far

- History
 - Lecture 1
 - first neural network (1943) to recent advances in deep learning
- Supervised Learning (Classification)
 - Lecture 2
 - MLP and basic components; Backpropagation
 - Lecture 3
 - Algorithms, Tricks and Architecture
- Discriminative Model
 - $P(y|X)$
 - Labeled data; $X \rightarrow y$



Afterwards

- What if we want to generate X ?

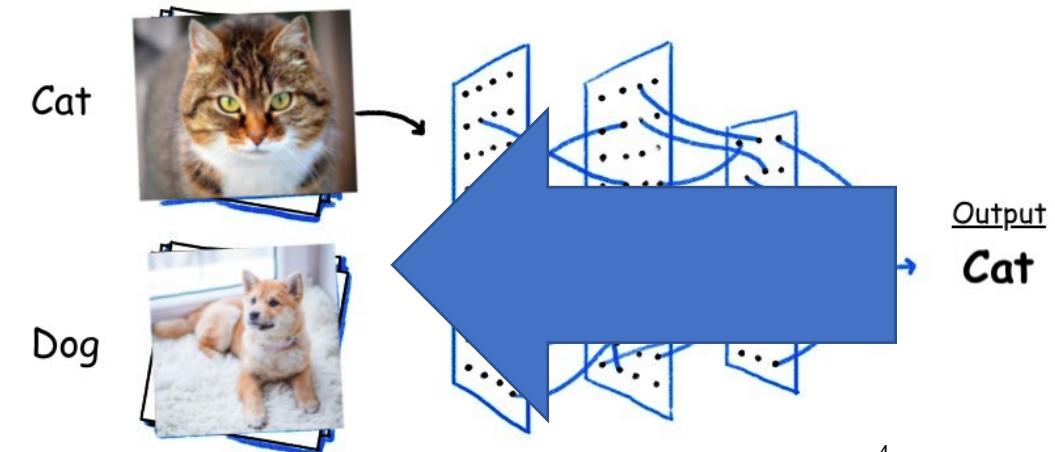
- E.g., Ask the neural network to generate a cat!

- Generative Model

- $P(X, y) = P(y) * P(X|y)$
 - Or just $P(X)$

- Lecture 4~7

- Deep Generative Models
 - Different approaches to model $P(X)$



Today's Lecture: Energy-Based Models

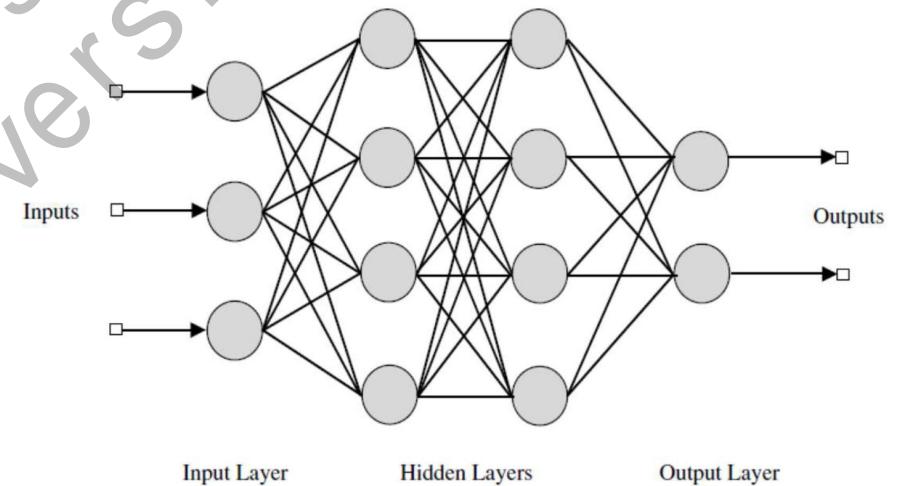
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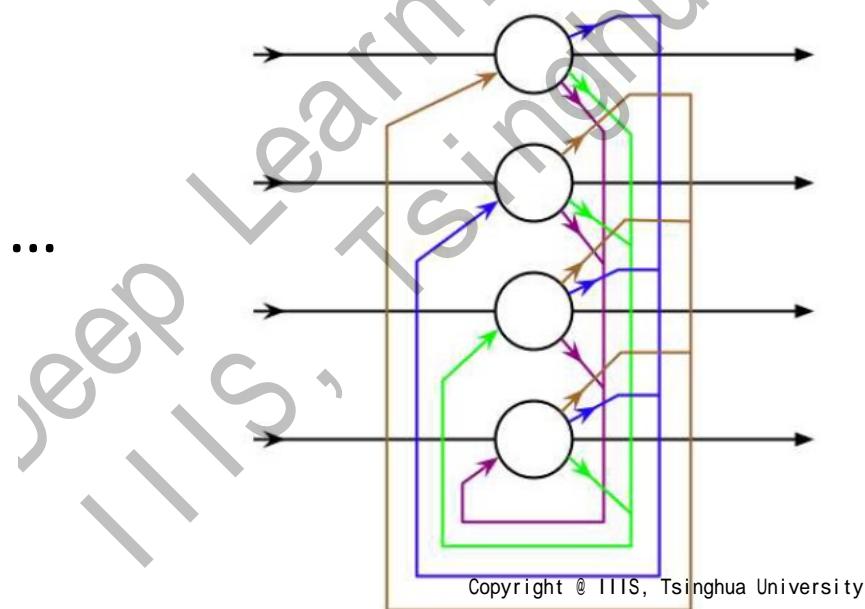
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Classification

- Recap: Classification
 - Layer-by-layer computation
 - Computation Graph: Directed Acyclic Graph
 - Feedforward networks



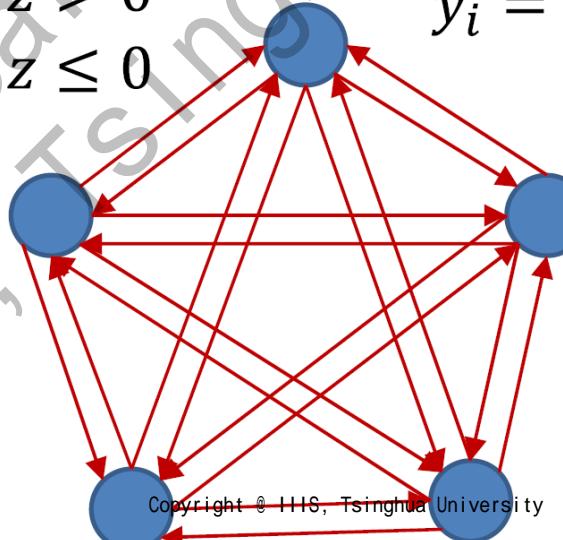
- What about ...
 - Loops!



A Loopy Network

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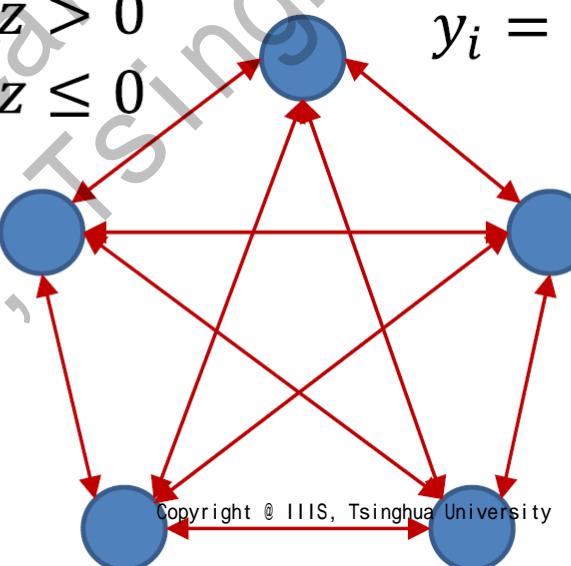
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Hopfield Network

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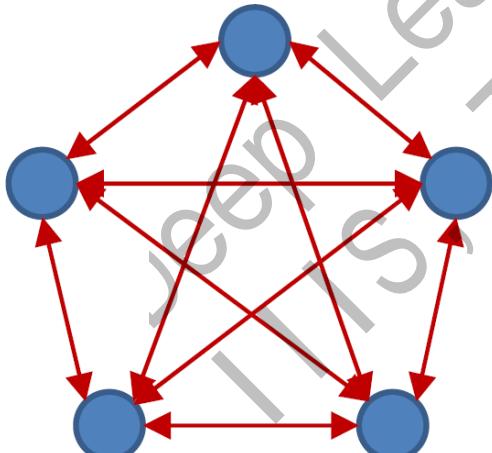
A symmetric network:
 $w_{ij} = w_{ji}$

Hopfield Network

- A Hopfield Network may not be stable!
 - At each time each neuron receives a “field” $z_i = \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji}y_j + b_i$
 - If the sign of neuron matches the sign of the field, it flips

$$y_i \leftarrow -y_i \text{ if } y_i \left(\sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji}y_j + b_i \right) < 0$$

- This can further cause other neurons to flip!



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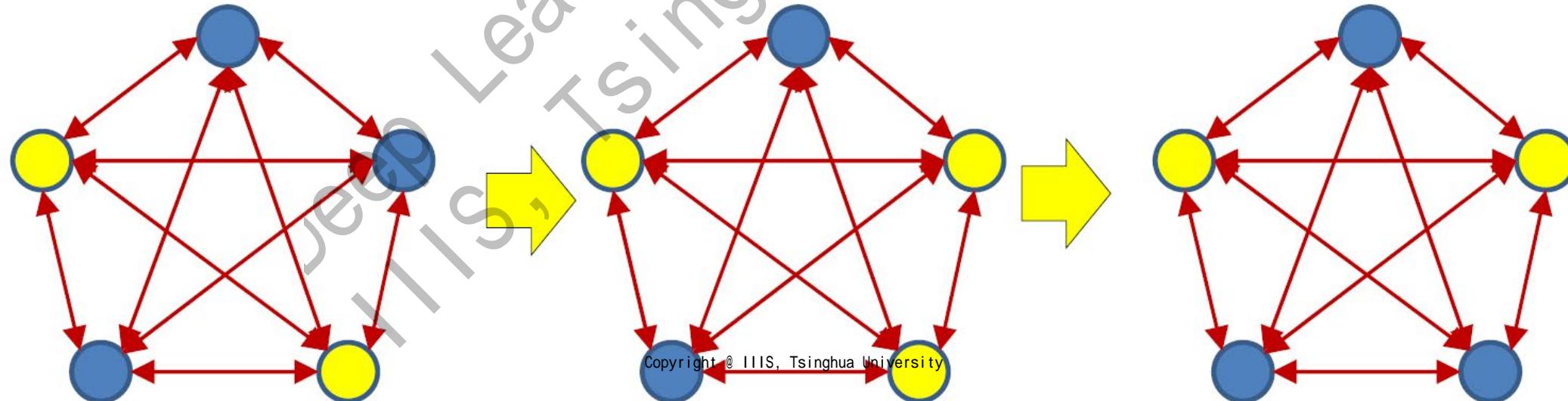
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Hopfield Network

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 - Repeat until no neuron flips
 - Will this process converge?

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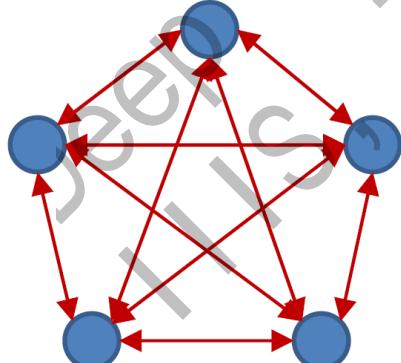
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Hopfield Network

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$$y_i^+ \left(\sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i \right) - y_i^- \left(\sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i \right) = 0$$

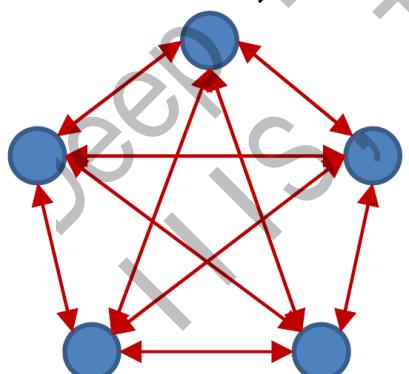


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- $$y_i^+ \left(\sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i \right) = -y_i^- \left(\sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i \right) = 2y_i^+ \left(\sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i \right)$$
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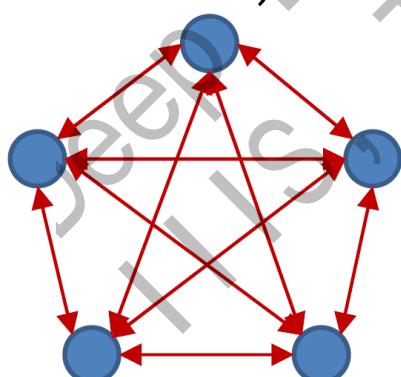
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*Every flip increases
 $2y_i (\sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i)$*

$$y_i^+ \left(\sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i \right) = 2y_i^+ \left(\sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i \right) \quad \text{Positive!}$$

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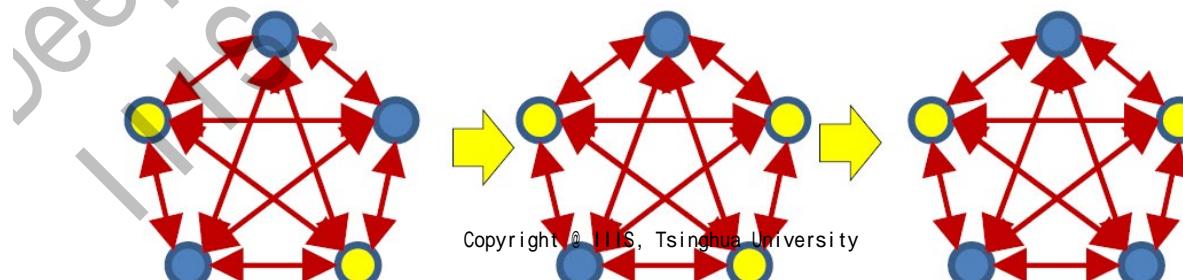
- Consider the sum over every pair of neurons (assume $w_{ii} = 0$)

$$D(y_1, \dots, y_N) = \sum_{i < j} y_i w_{ij} y_j + y_i b_i$$

- Any flip that changes y_i^- to y_i^+ increases $D(y_1, \dots, y_N)$

$$\Delta D = D(\dots, y_i^+, \dots) - D(\dots, y_i^-, \dots) = 2y_i^+ \left(\sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i \right) > 0$$

- Convergence?



Hopfield Network

- D is upper-bounded (we only change y_i)

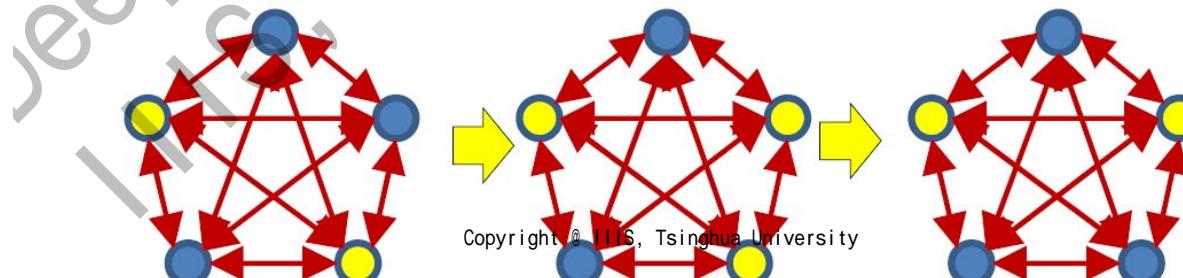
$$D(y_1, \dots, y_N) = \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} y_i y_j + \sum_i b_i y_i \leq \sum_{i < j} |w_{ij}| + \sum_i |b_i|$$

- ΔD is lower-bounded

$$\Delta D_{\min} = \min_{i, \{y_j\}} 2 \left| \sum_j w_{ij} y_j + b_i \right| > 0$$

- $\{y_i\}$ converges with a finite number of iterations!

- $\{y_i\}$: state



Hopfield Network

- The ***Energy*** of Hopfield Network

$$E = -D = - \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} y_i y_j - \sum_i b_i y_i$$

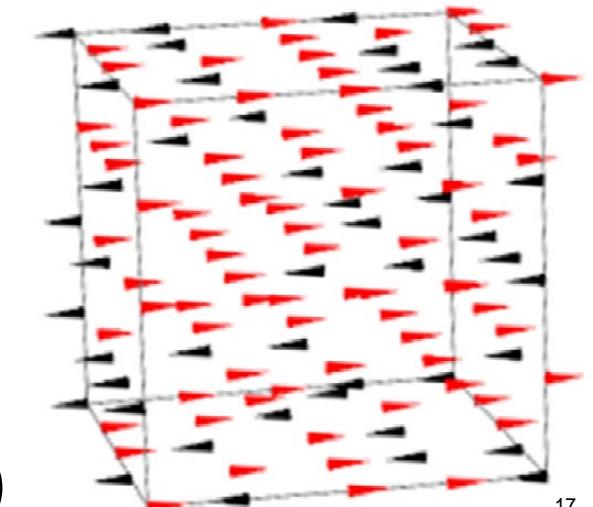
- The evolution of Hopfield network always decreases its energy!

- The concept of ***Energy***

- Magnetic dipoles in a disordered magnetic material
- Each dipole tries to align itself to the local field
- Field at a particular dipole $f(p_i)$, p_i is the position of x_i

$$f(p_i) = \sum_{j \neq i} J_j x_j + b_i$$

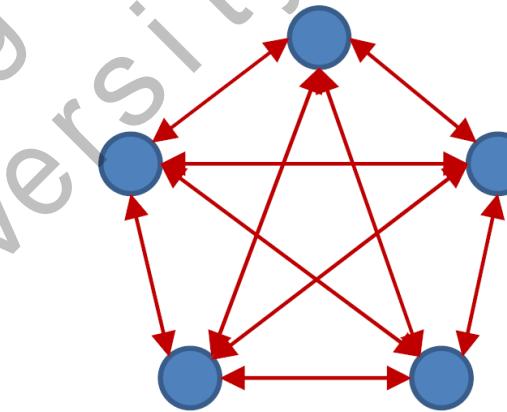
- ***Ising model*** of magnetic materials (Ising and Lenz, 1924)



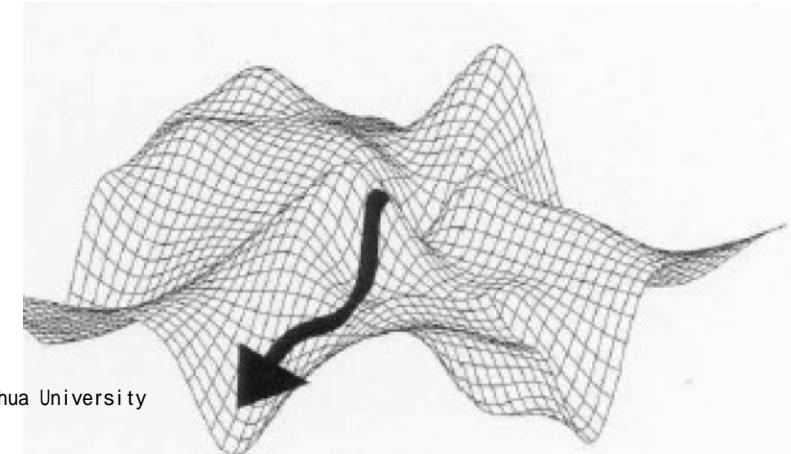
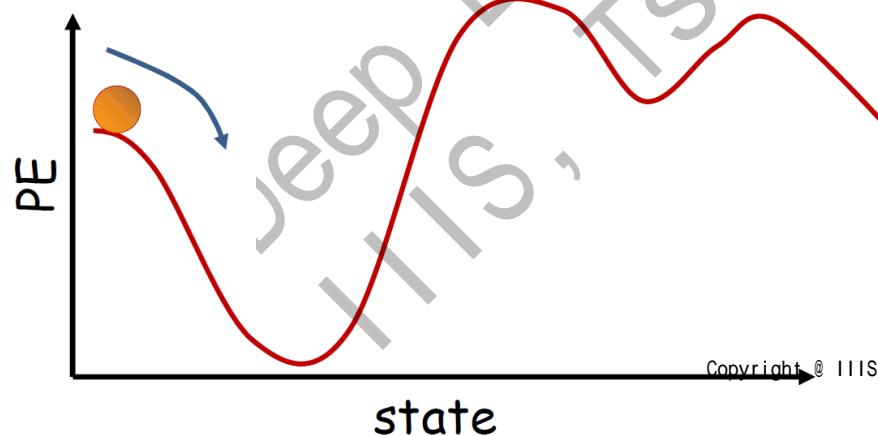
Hopfield Network: Pattern Generation

- The Hopfield network (simplified)

$$E = - \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} y_i y_j$$



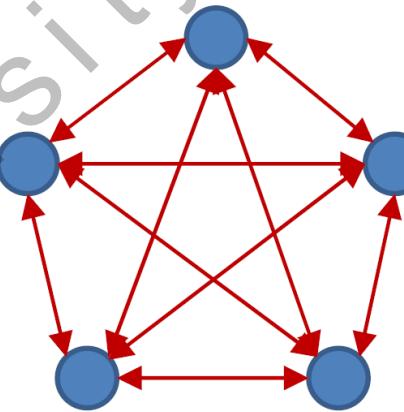
- Network evolution arrives at a local optimum in the energy contour
 - Every change in the network state Y decreases the energy E
- Any small jitter from this stable state returns it to the stable state***



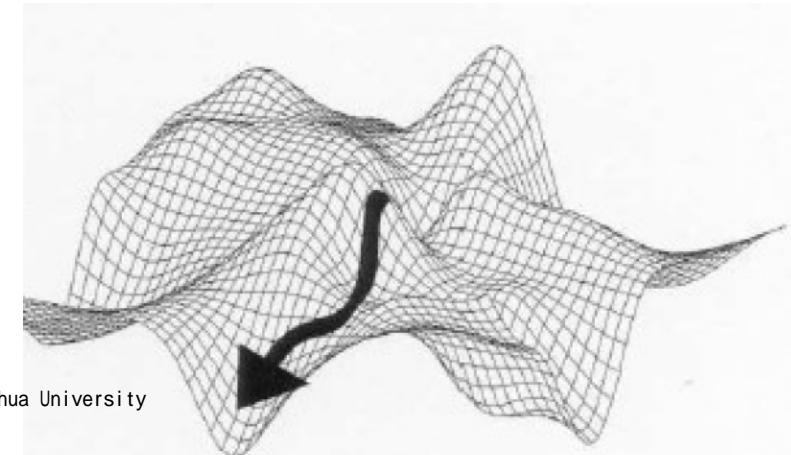
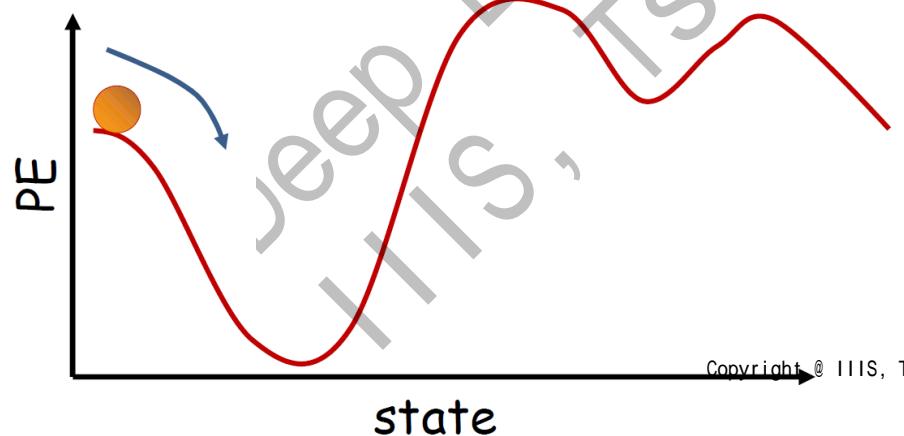
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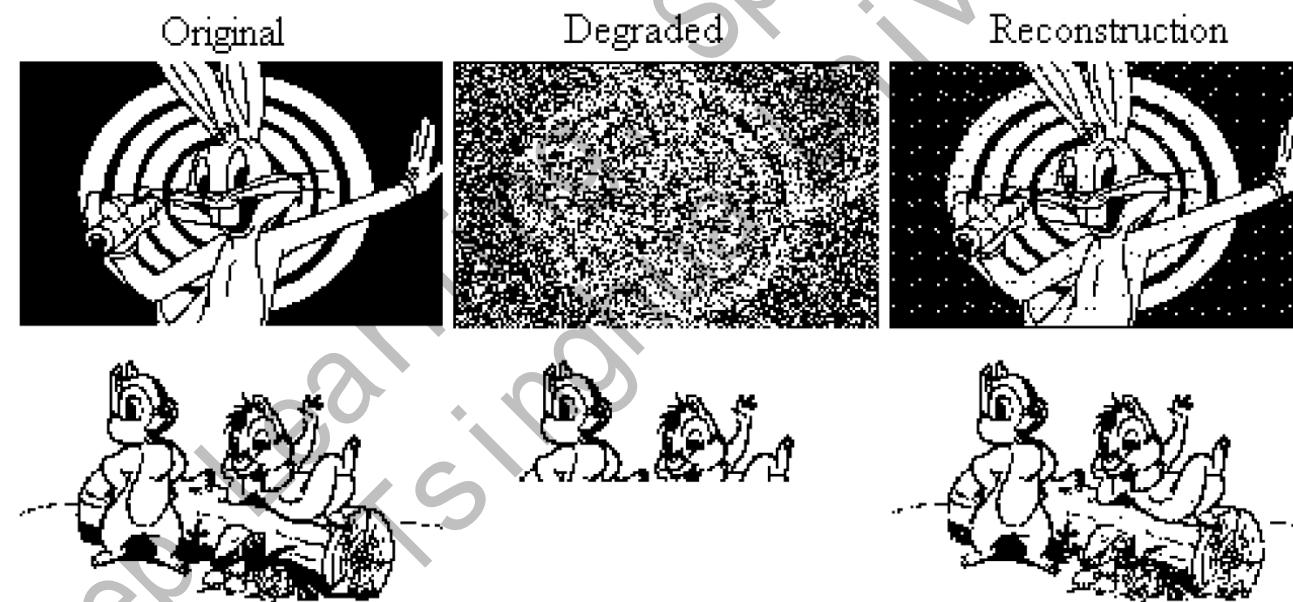


- Each local optimum state is a “stored” pattern
 - If the network is initialized close to a stored pattern, it evolves to the pattern
- *Associated Memory (content addressable memory)*



Hopfield Network: Pattern Generation

- Image Reconstruction by Hopfield Network (1982)



Hopfield network reconstructing degraded images
from noisy (top) or partial (bottom) cues.

- *How can we store the desired patterns?*

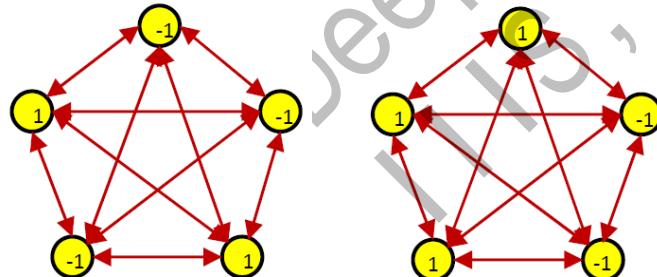
Hopfield Network: Training

- Let's teach the network to store this image
 - N pixels $\rightarrow N$ neurons
 - Symmetric weights $\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}N(N - 1)$ parameters to learn
 - We omit bias terms for simplicity
- Design $\{w_{ij}\}$ such that the energy is at a local minimum for a desired pattern y
 - Hebbian Learning Rule $w_{ij} \leftarrow y_i y_j$ (1949)
 - $E = -\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} y_i y_j = -\frac{1}{2}N(N - 1) \rightarrow$ lowest possible energy!

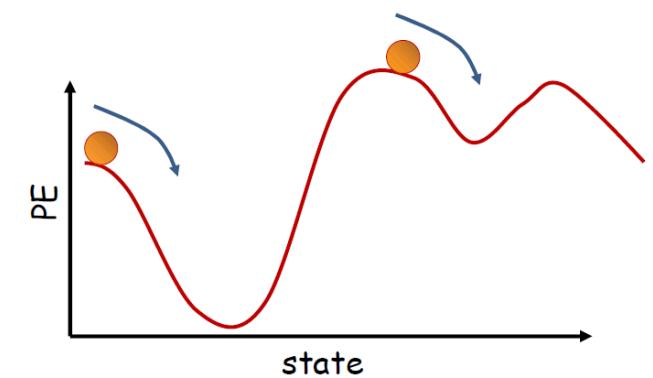


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 - Redundancy!** y & $-y$ will be both stored



$$E = - \sum_i \sum_{j < i} w_{ji} y_j y_i$$



Hopfield Network: Training

- What if we want to store ***multiple*** patterns?

- $P = \{y^p\}$ N_p patterns
- Hebbian Learning Rule

$$w_{ij} = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_p y_i^p y_j^p$$

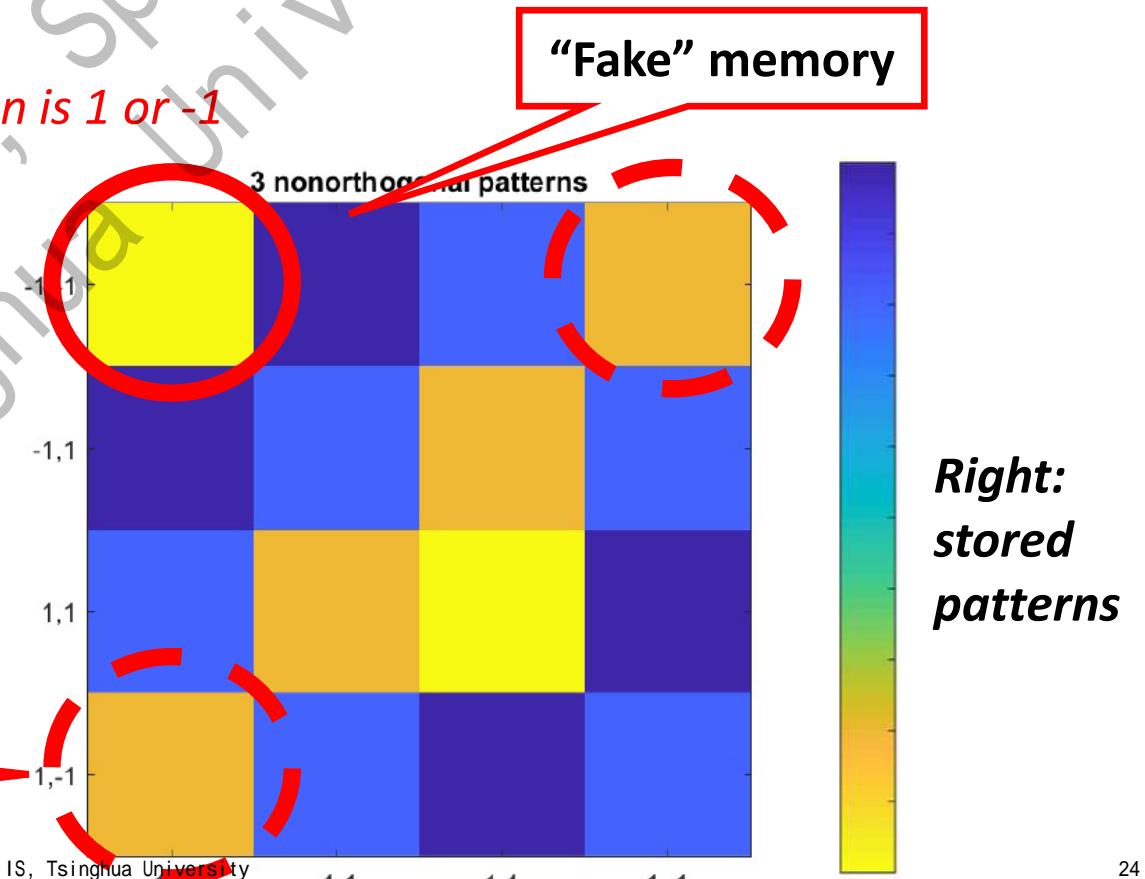
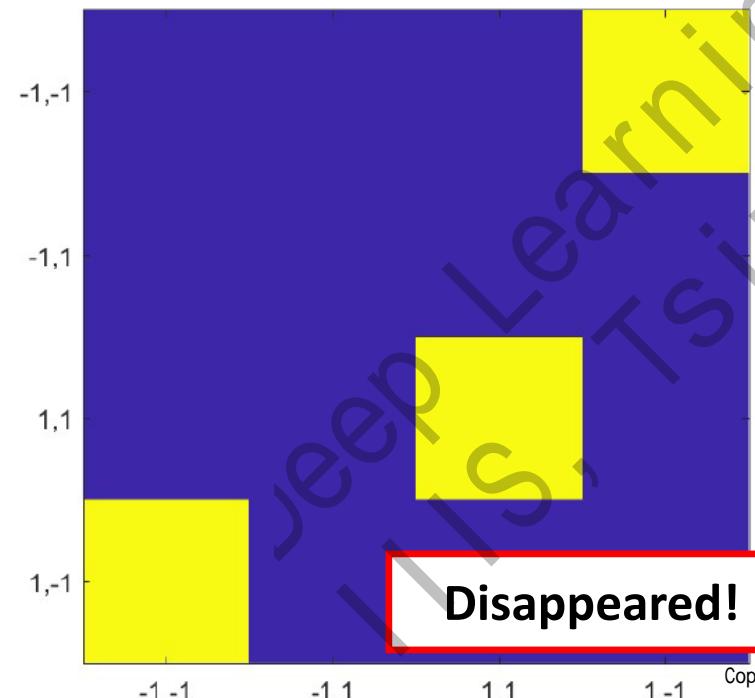
- The issue of Hebbian Learning

- Spurious local optima

Hopfield Network: Training

- Example: 4-dimensional Hopfield Network with Hebbian Learning
 - Three patterns to store
 - *Let's assume the value of each neuron is 1 or -1*

Left:
desired
patterns



Hopfield Network: Training

- We want to construct a network with desired **stable** local optimum
 - A pattern can be recovered after 1-bit change
- For a specific set of K patterns, we can always build a network for which all patterns are stable provided $K \leq N$
 - Mostafa and St. Jacques (1985)
 - For large N , the upper bound on K is actually $\frac{N}{4} \log N$
 - McEliece et. al. (1987)
 - Still possible with undesired local minimum
- **How can we find the weights?**
 - K patterns to be stored
 - Avoid undesired local minimum as much as we can

Hopfield Network: Optimization

- Problem Formulation
 - Desired patterns $P = \{y^p\}$
 - Energy function $E(y) = -\frac{1}{2}y^T W y$, (we omit bias term for simplicity)
- Objective for W
 - Minimize E for all y^p
 - It should also maximize E for all non-desired patterns!

$$W = \arg \min_W \sum_{y \in P} E(y) - \sum_{y' \notin P} E(y')$$

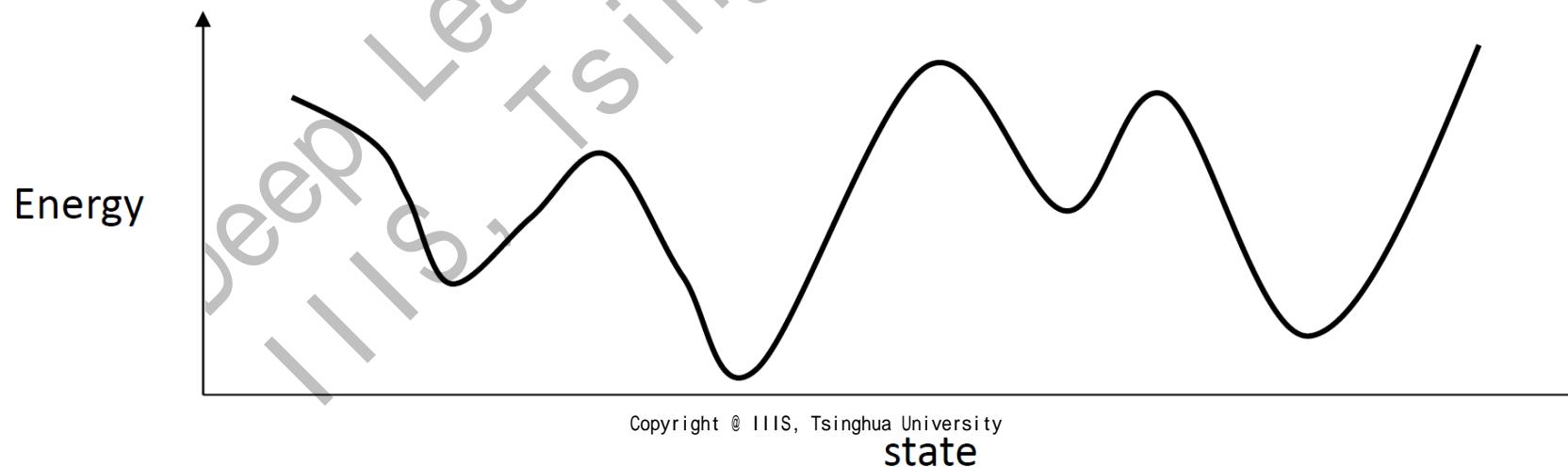
- Gradient Descent

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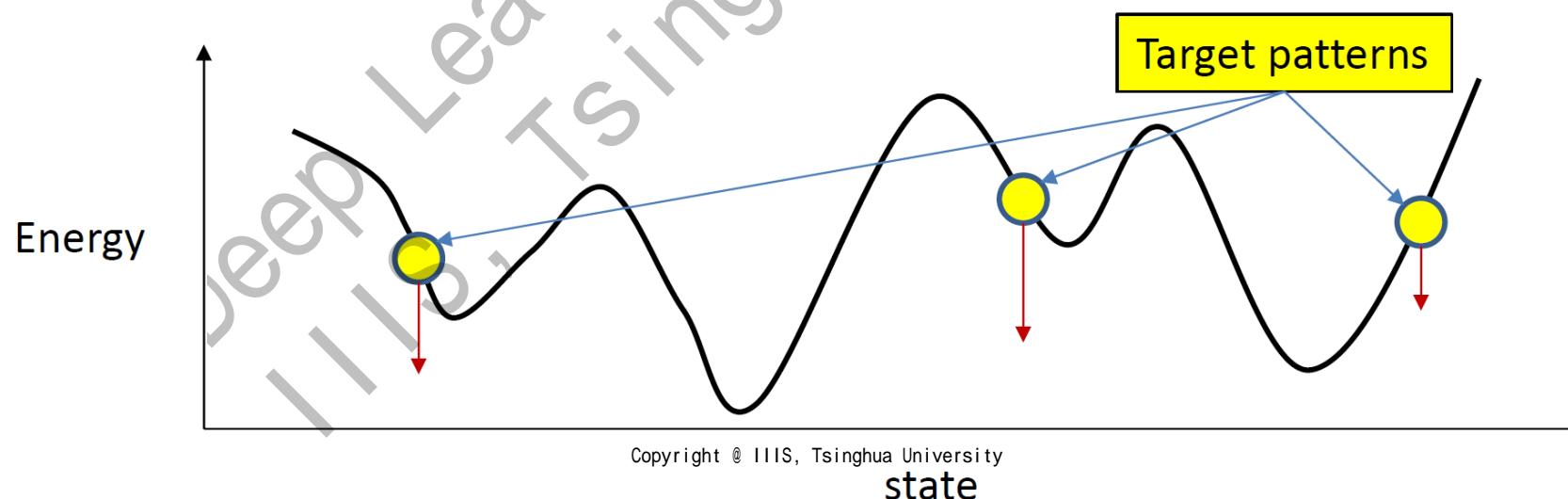


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- The first term is minimizing the energy of desired patterns!

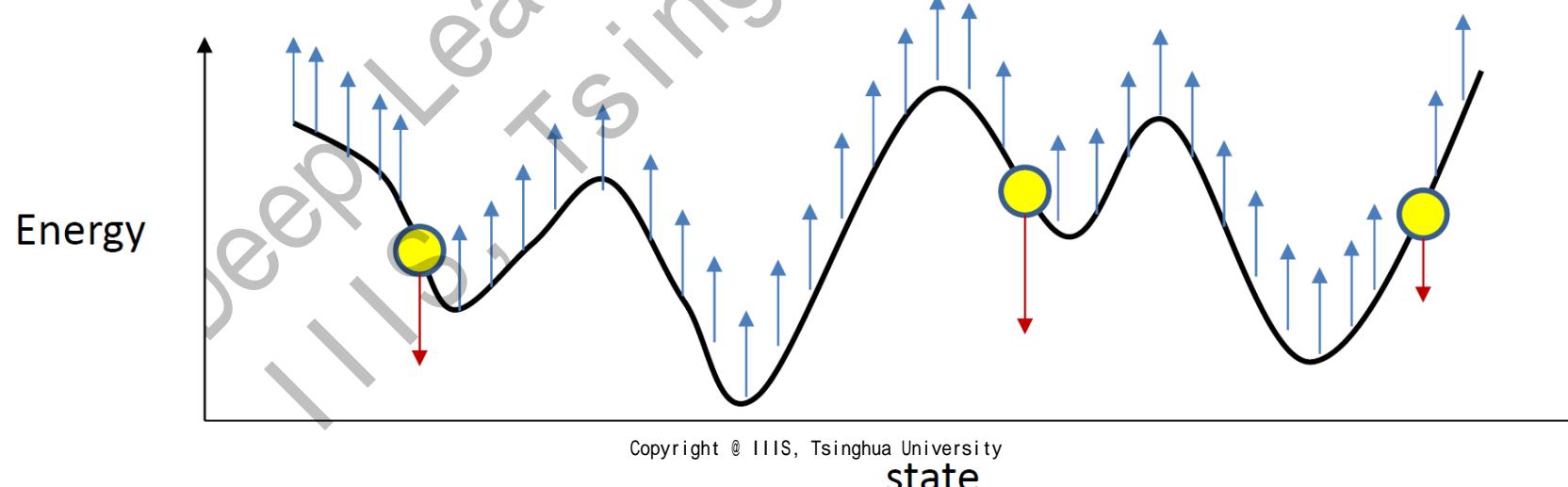


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- The second term essentially raises all the patterns in the space
 - **Issue??**

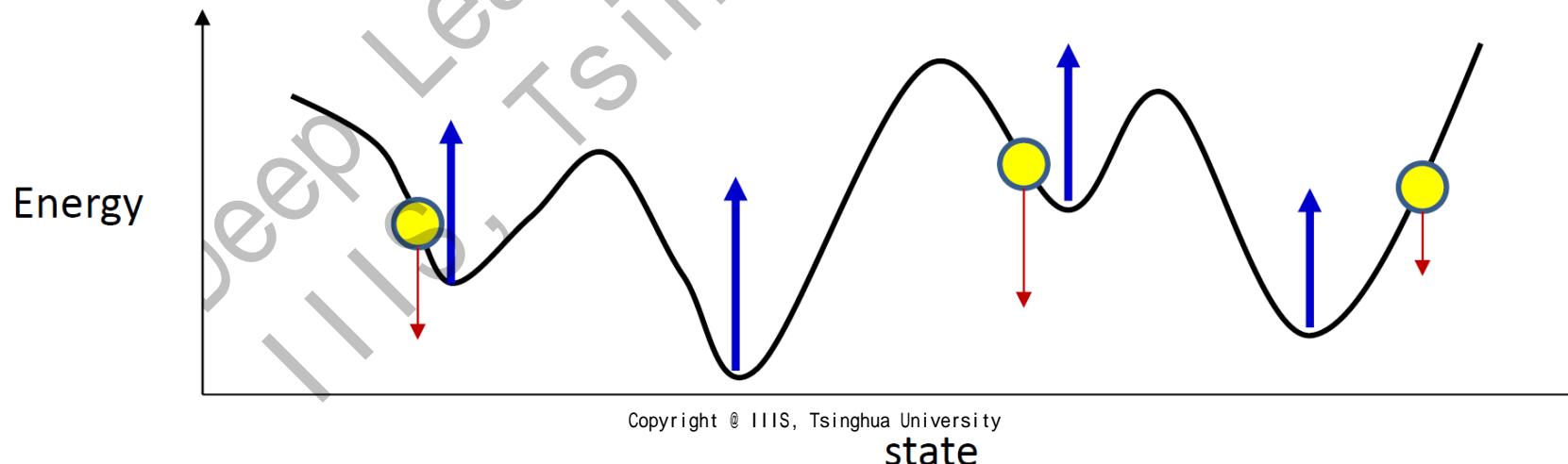


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- Update rule for W

$$W \leftarrow W - \eta \left(\sum_{y \in P} yy^T - \sum_{y' \notin P \text{ & } y' \in \text{Valley}} y'y'^T \right)$$

- Let's just focus on the valleys!

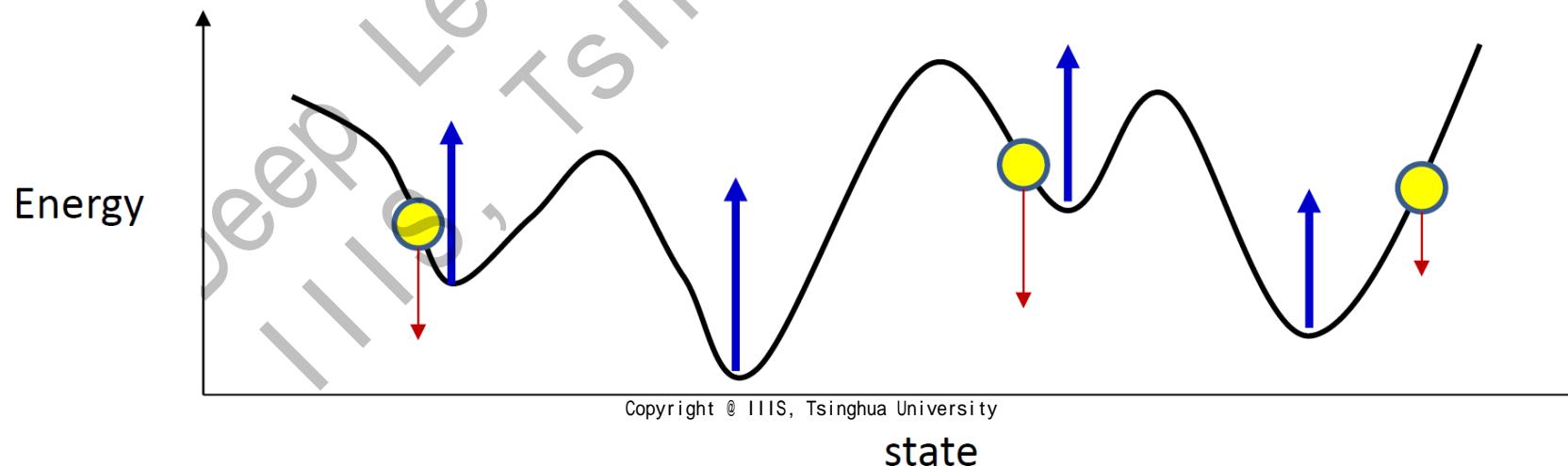


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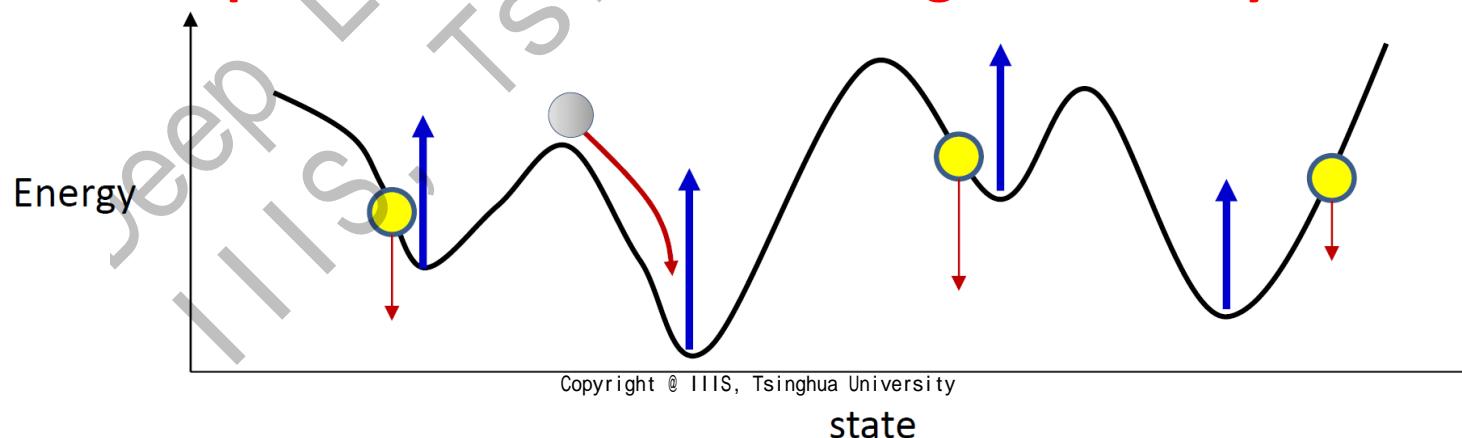


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- **Evolution of Hopfield Network will converge to a valley**



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- Compute gradient and update W

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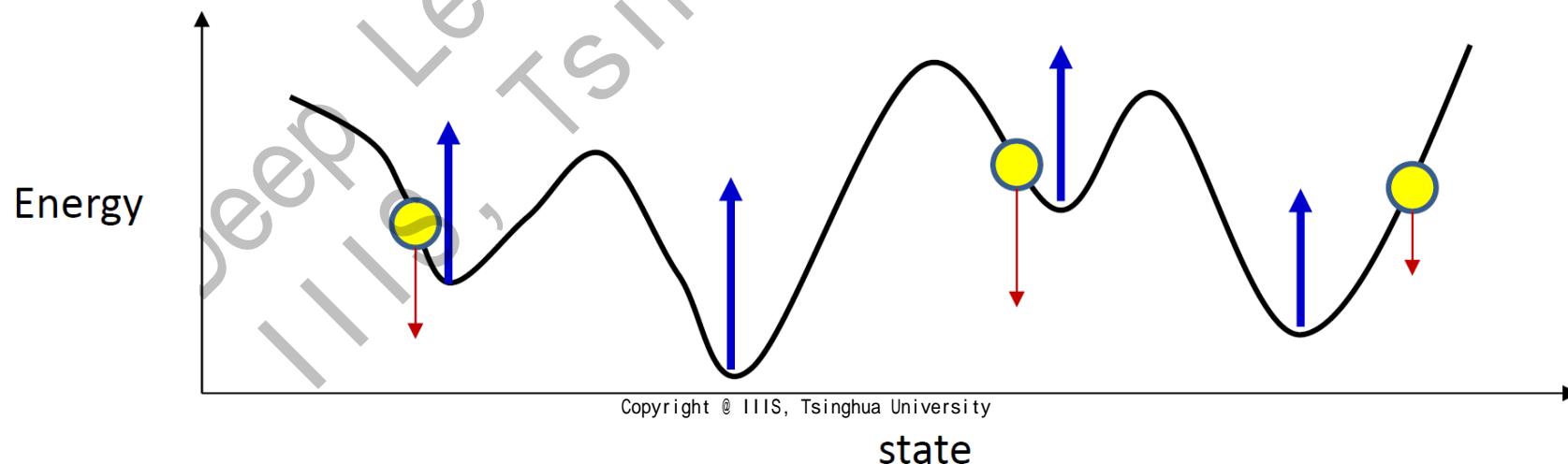
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- **Valleys are NOT equivalently important...**

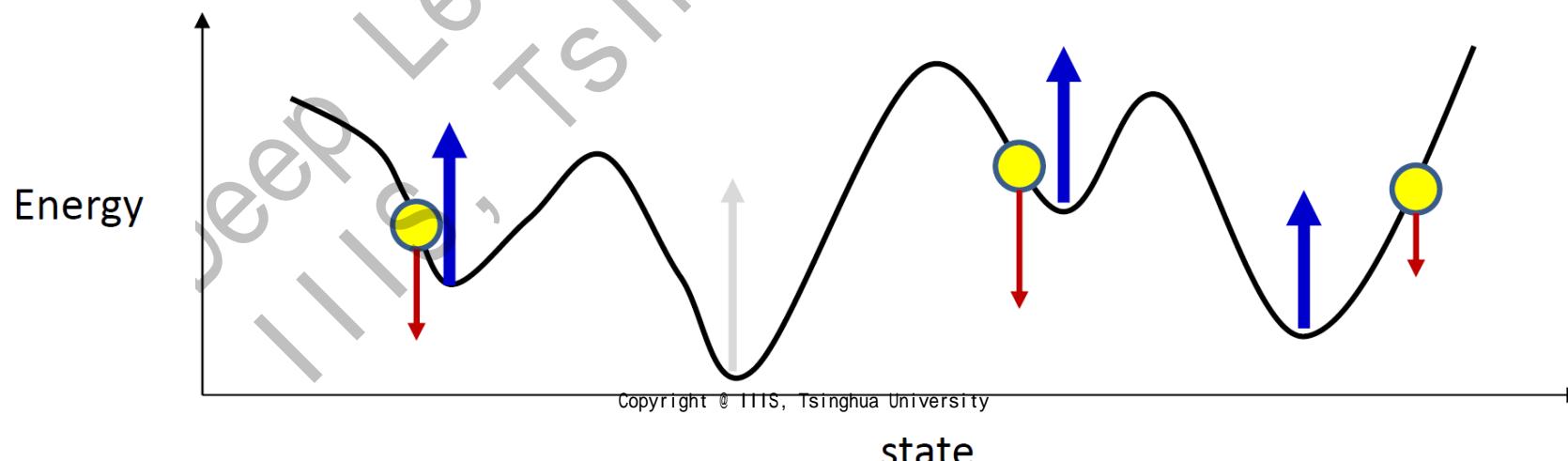
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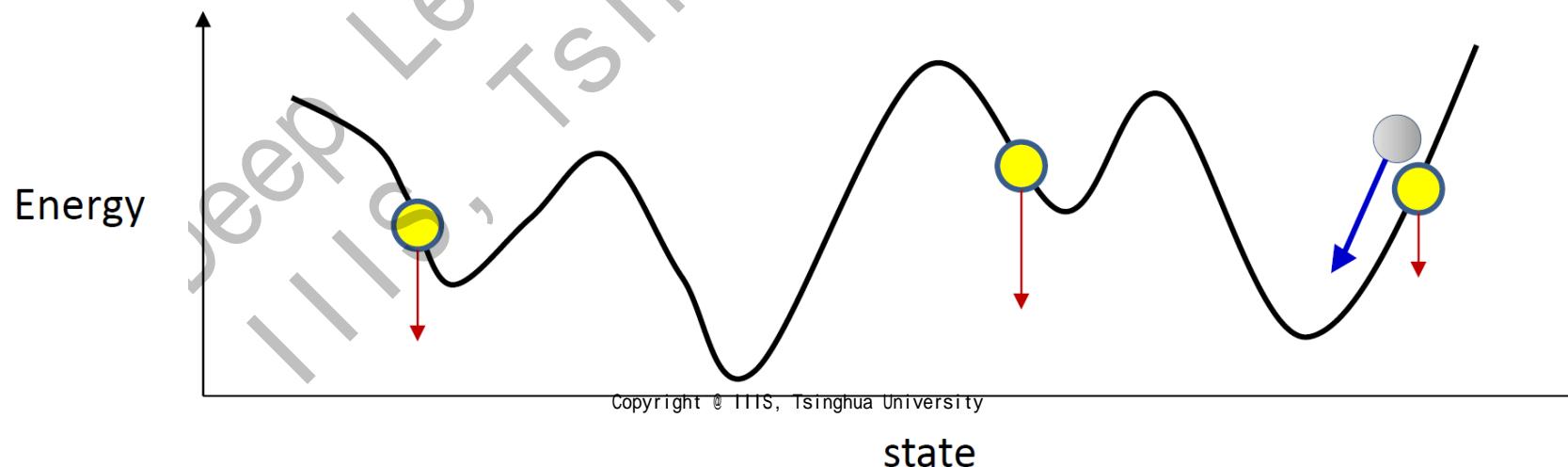
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 - **Evolution from desired patterns**



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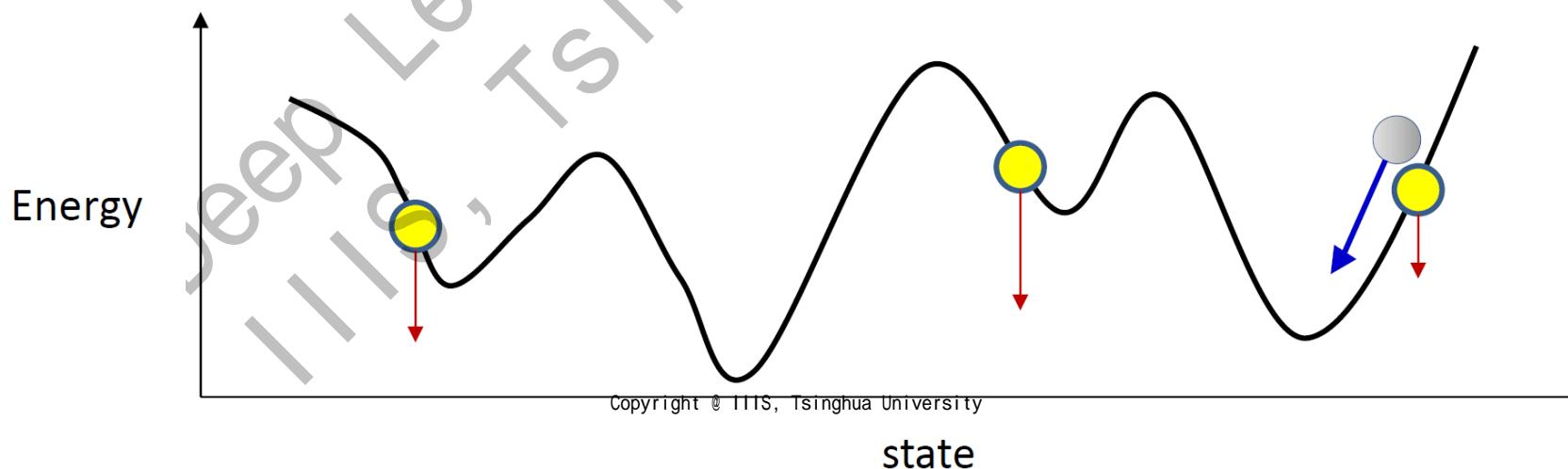
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- **Still issues?**

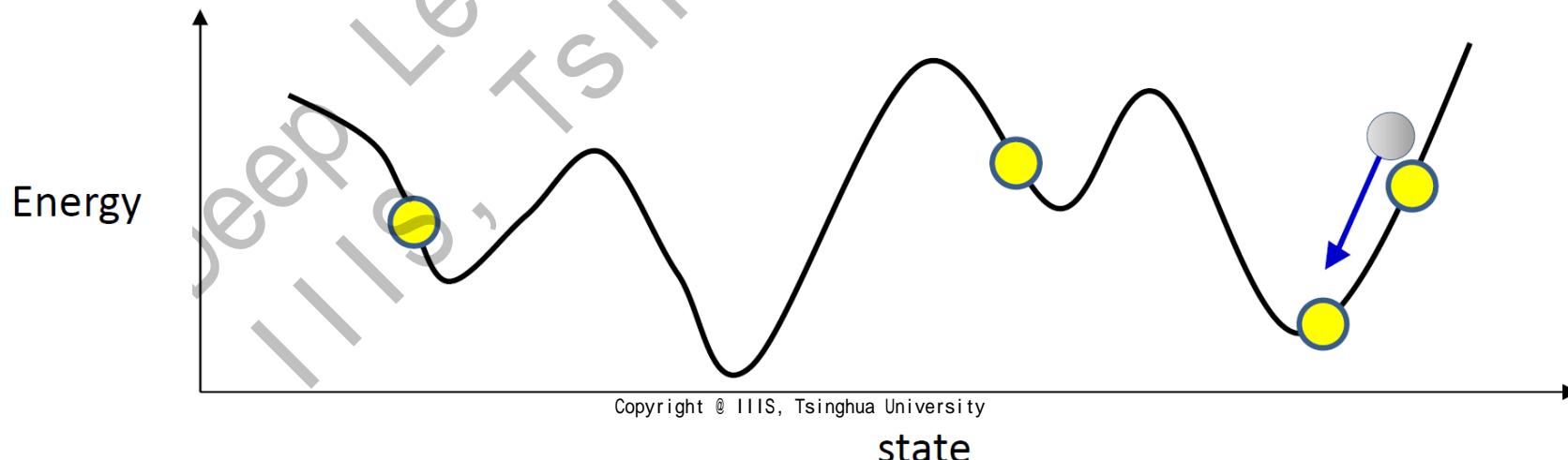
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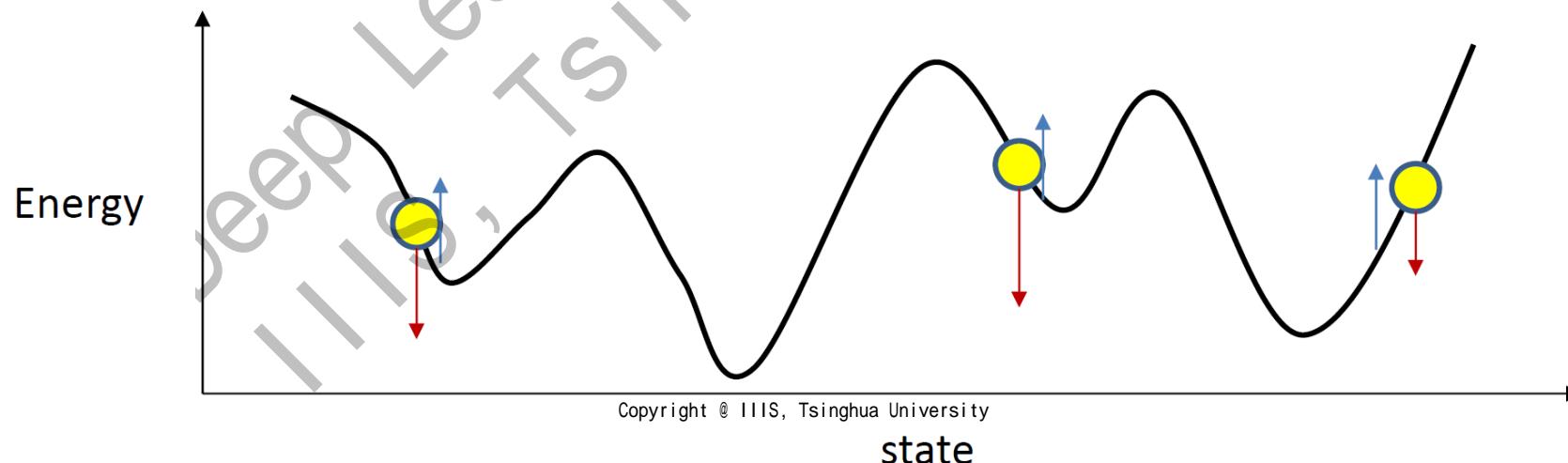
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- Recap: we raise the valleys next to the desired patterns
- What if a pattern is close to the valley?
 - Naively forcing a valley to raise may hurt the learned representation
 - Particularly challenging when y are continuously valued (e.g., tanh activation)



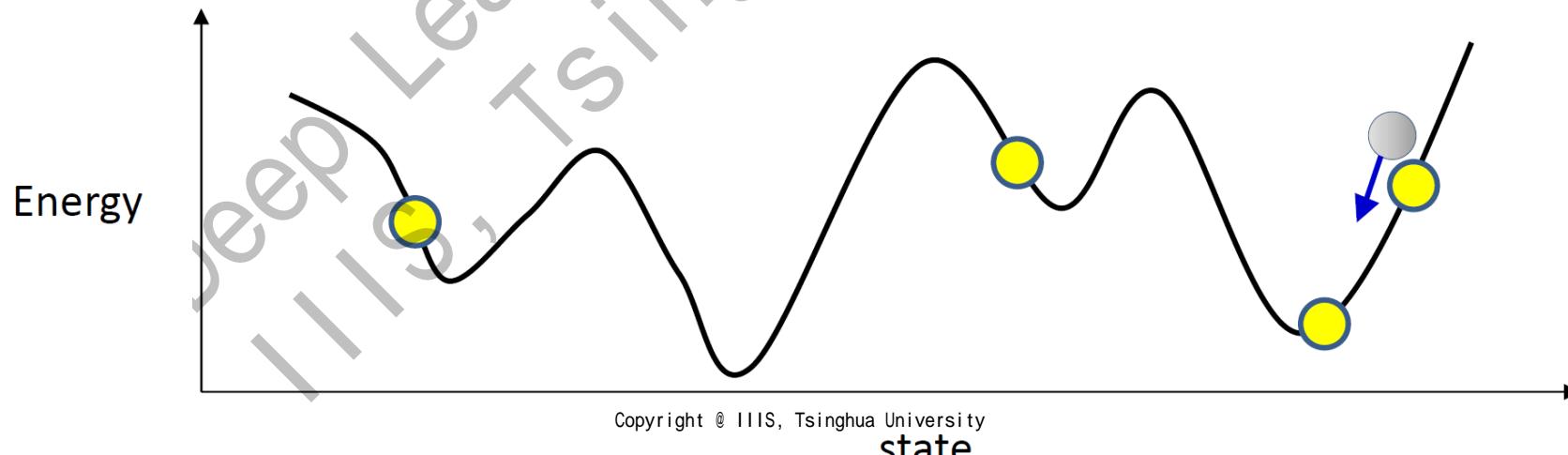
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- Implementation
 - We initialize y' by the desired patterns
 - **Only perform evolution for a few steps!**



Hopfield Network: SGD Optimization

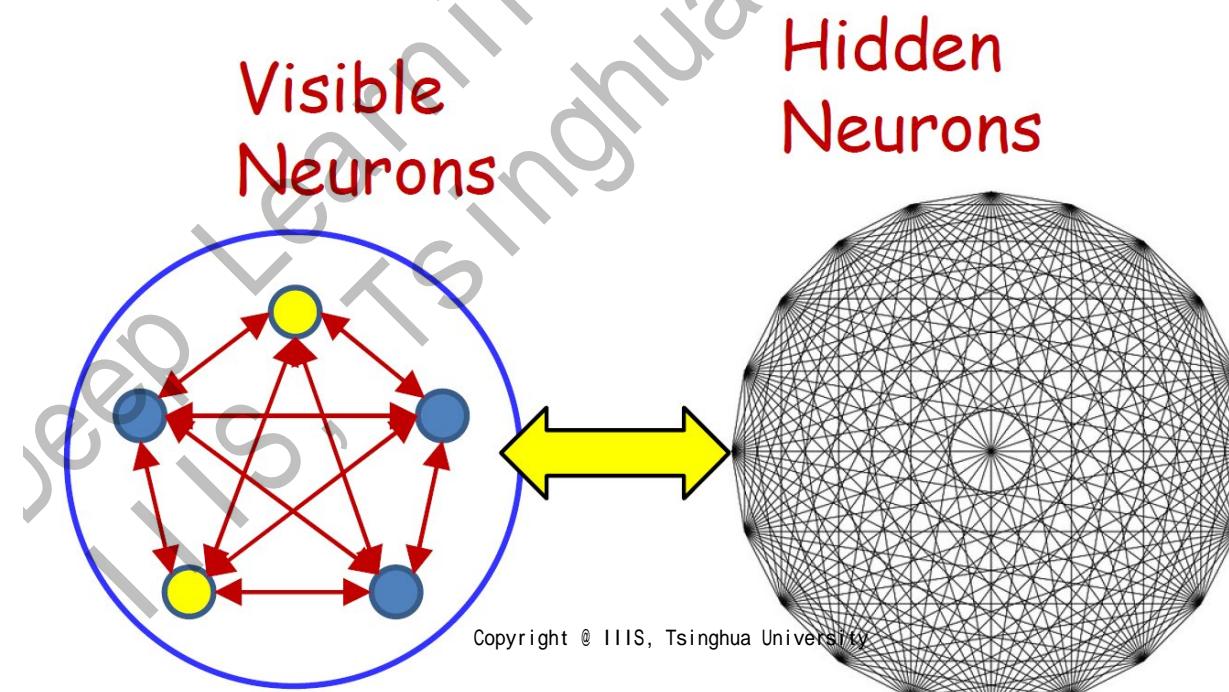
- SGD update rule for W

$$W \leftarrow W - \eta \left(\mathbb{E}_{y \in P} [yy^T] - \mathbb{E}_{y'} [y'y'^T] \right)$$

- Compute outer-products of random desired pattern y
- Initialize y' by a random desired pattern
 - Run evolution for random y' for a few timesteps (2~4)
 - Calculate outer-product of y'
- Compute gradient and update W
- In theory, $O(N)$ patterns can be stored in the network (with undesired valleys)
 - How to store more patterns?

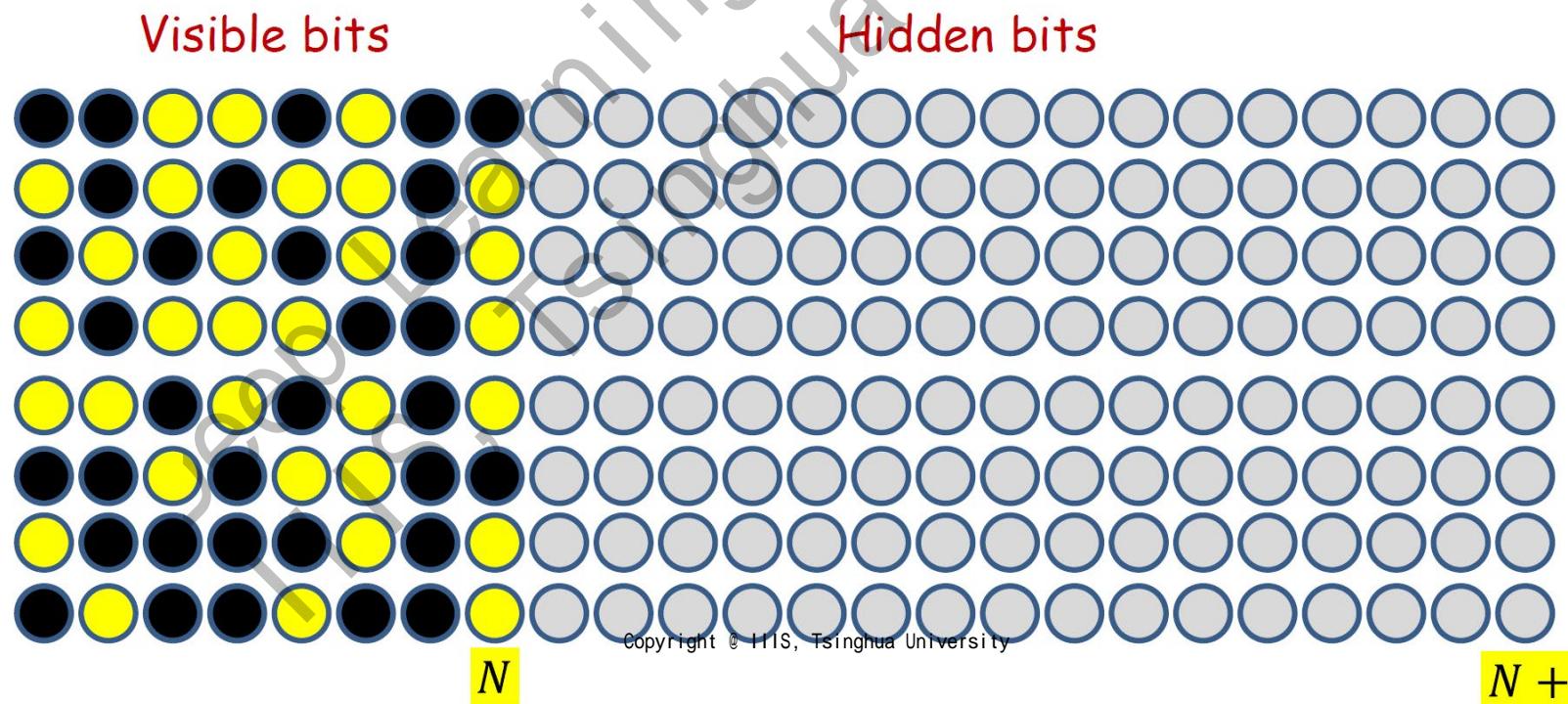
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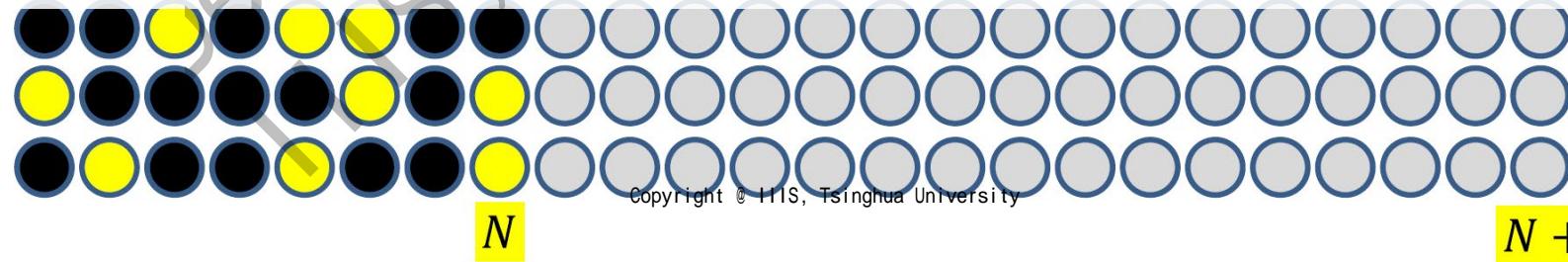


The Expanded Network

- N dimensional pattern $\rightarrow N + K$ dimension
 - Q1: How can we store the patterns with K additional units? (random filling?)
 - Q2: How to retrieve the desired patterns? (perform evolution?)



We will have an elegant solution by converting a Hopfield network to a probabilistic model $P(v, h)!$

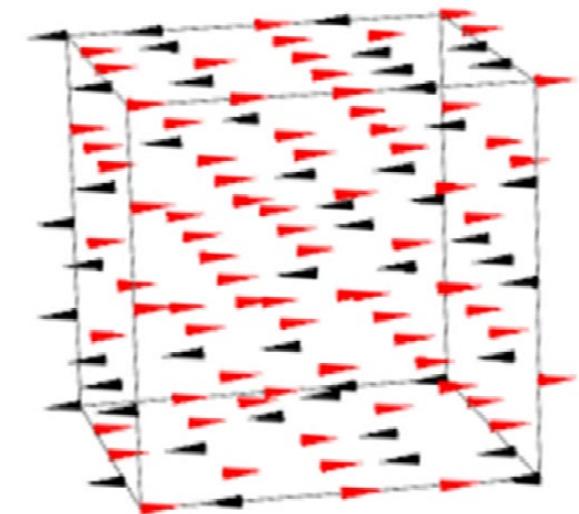


Today's Lecture: Energy-Based Models

- A particularly flexible and general form of ***generative model***
- Part 1: Hopfield Network
 - The simplest model that can memorize and generate patterns
- Part 2: Boltzmann Machine
 - The first deep generative model
- Part 3: General Energy-Based Models & Sampling Methods

The Helmholtz Free Energy

- Recap: A thermodynamic (热力学) system
 - A probabilistic system
 - Hopfield network is a simplified deterministic version
- A thermodynamic system at temperature T
 - $P_T(S)$ the probability of the system at state S
 - $E_T(S)$ the potential energy at state S
 - U_T the internal energy, the capability to do work
 - H_T the entropy, internal disorder of the system
 - k Boltzmann constant
 - **Free energy** $F_T = U_T - kT H_T$



The Helmholtz Free Energy

- Free energy

$$F_T = \sum_S P_T(S) E_T(S) + kT \sum_S P_T(S) \log P_T(S)$$

- Boltzmann distribution (also known as Gibbs distribution)

$$P_T(S) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(-\frac{E_T(S)}{kT}\right)$$

- Minimum Free-Energy Principle: minimize F_T w.r.t. $P_T(S)$
- The probability distribution of states at equilibrium
- Z normalizing constant

Given an energy function $E_T(S)$, if we follow a proper physical evolution process, the system state will converge to the Boltzmann distribution

Stochastic Hopfield Network

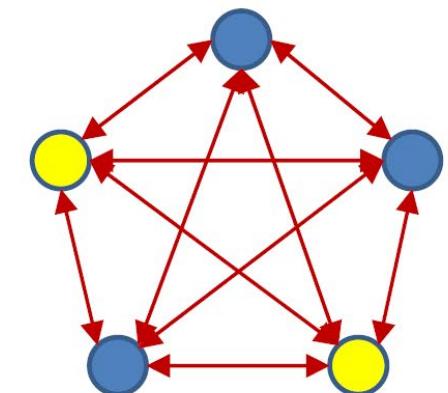
- Let's model our Hopfield network as a thermodynamic system
 - $T = k = 1$ for simplicity
 - Energy

$$E(y) = - \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} y_i y_j - b_i y_i$$

- Boltzmann Probability

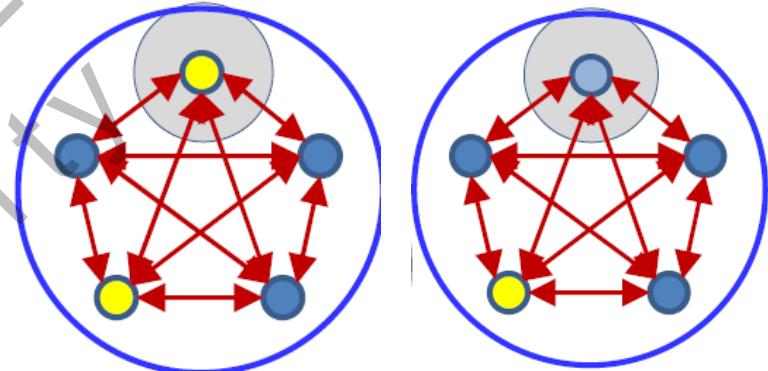
$$P(y) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(-E(y)) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left(\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} y_i y_j + b_i y_i \right)$$

- Stochastic Hopfield Network
 - $P(y)$ models the stationary probability distribution of states y given $E(y)$
 - We generate patterns by sampling from $P(y)$



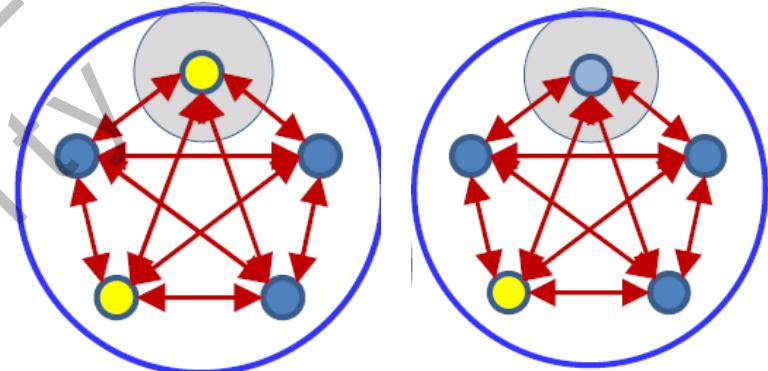
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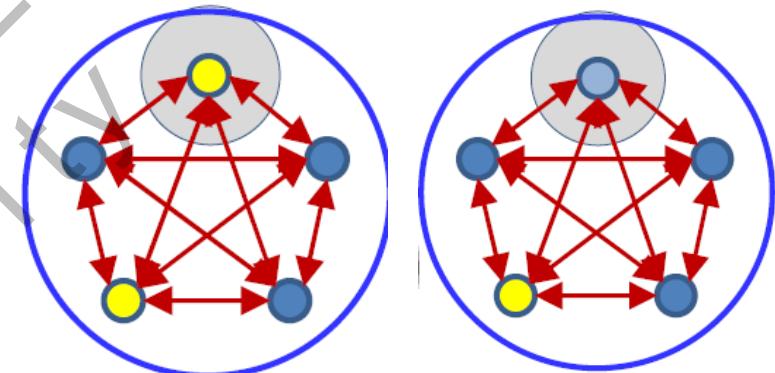
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- A sigmoid conditional: $P(y_i = 1 | y_{j \neq i}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\sum_j w_{ij} y_j - 2b_i)}$



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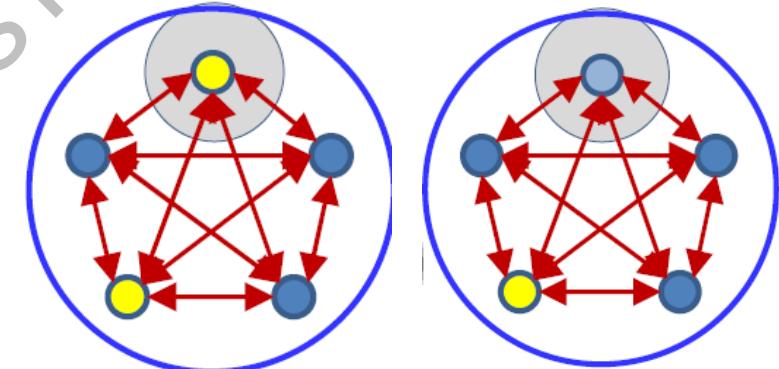
- The whole update rule
 - Field at y_i : $z_i = \sum_j w_{ij} y_j + 2b_i$
 - $P(y_i = 1 | y_{j \neq i}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z_i)} = \sigma(z_i)$
- Evolving the network
 - Randomly initialize y
 - Cycle over y_i , fixed other variables fixed and sample y_i according to the conditional probability
 - After “convergence”, we can get samples of y according to $P(y)$
 - *This sampling procedure is called Gibbs sampling*
 - **How can we retrieve a stored pattern???**
 - **This is a stochastic process!**



Field quantifies the
delta energy of flip

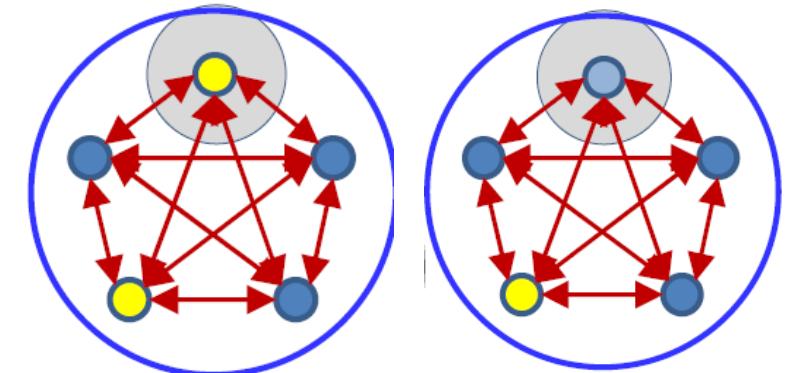
Stochastic Hopfield Network

- Network evolution
 - initialize y_0
 - For $1 \leq i \leq N$, $y_i(t + 1) \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\sigma(z_i(t)))$
 - Until convergence
- Retrieve a stored (low energy / high probability) pattern y
 - Given sequence of samples y_0, \dots, y_L
 - Simply take the average of final M samples
$$y_i = I \left[\frac{1}{M} \sum_{t=L-M+1}^L y_i(t) > 0 \right]$$
 - If you want a probability instead of a single vector, you can use the frequency derived from $\{y_{L-M+1}, \dots, y_L\}$ to approximate the stationary distribution
 - **In many applications, we simply take $M = 1$ (output y_L)**



Stochastic Hopfield Network: Annealing

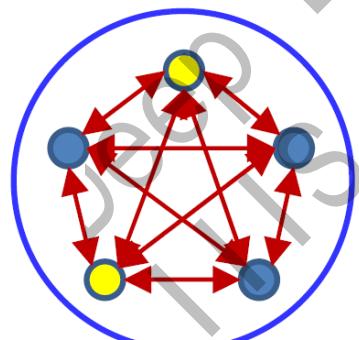
- Find the state with lowest energy?
- Network evolution with temperature annealing
 - initialize $y_0, T \leftarrow T_{\max}$
 - Repeat
 - Repeat a few cycles
 - For $1 \leq i \leq N, y_i(T) \sim \text{Bernoulli} \left(\sigma \left(\frac{1}{T} z_i(T) \right) \right)$
 - $y_i(\alpha T) \leftarrow y_i(T); T \leftarrow \alpha T$
 - Until convergence
 - Final state as the retrieved pattern
 - With temperature annealing, the system will converge to the most likely state
 - Possibly local minimum in practice



Boltzmann Machine

- A generative Model (simplified)
 - $E(y) = -\frac{1}{2}y^T W y$
 - $P(y) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(-\frac{E(y)}{T}\right)$
 - Parameter W
- It has a probability for producing any binary pattern y
 - We assume $y_i = 0$ or 1 (or ± 1)

How to learn W for desired patterns?



$$z_i = \frac{1}{T} \sum_j w_{j,i} y_j$$

$$P(y_i = 1 | y_{j \neq i}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z_i}}$$

Boltzmann Machine: Training

- Goal
 - Remember a set of desired patterns $P = \{y^p\}$
 - Now we have a probability distribution $P(y)$ with parameter W
- Objective: maximum likelihood learning (assume $T = 1$)
 - Probability of a particular pattern

$$P(y) = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{1}{2}y^T W y\right)}{\sum_{y'} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}y'^T W y'\right)}$$

- Maximize log-likelihood

$$L(W) = \frac{1}{N_P} \sum_{y \in P} \frac{1}{2} y^T W y - \log \sum_{y'} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}y'^T W y'\right)$$

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Exponentially many terms!

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- $\nabla_{w_{ij}} L = \frac{1}{N_P} \sum_{y \in P} y_i y_j - \mathbb{E}_{y'} [y'_i y'_j]$ **Monte-Carlo Approximation**

- Draw a set of samples S for y' according to the probability,

- $\nabla_{w_{ij}} L = \frac{1}{N_P} \sum_{y \in P} y_i y_j - \frac{1}{|S|} \sum_{y' \in S} y'_i y'_j$

Boltzmann Machine: Training

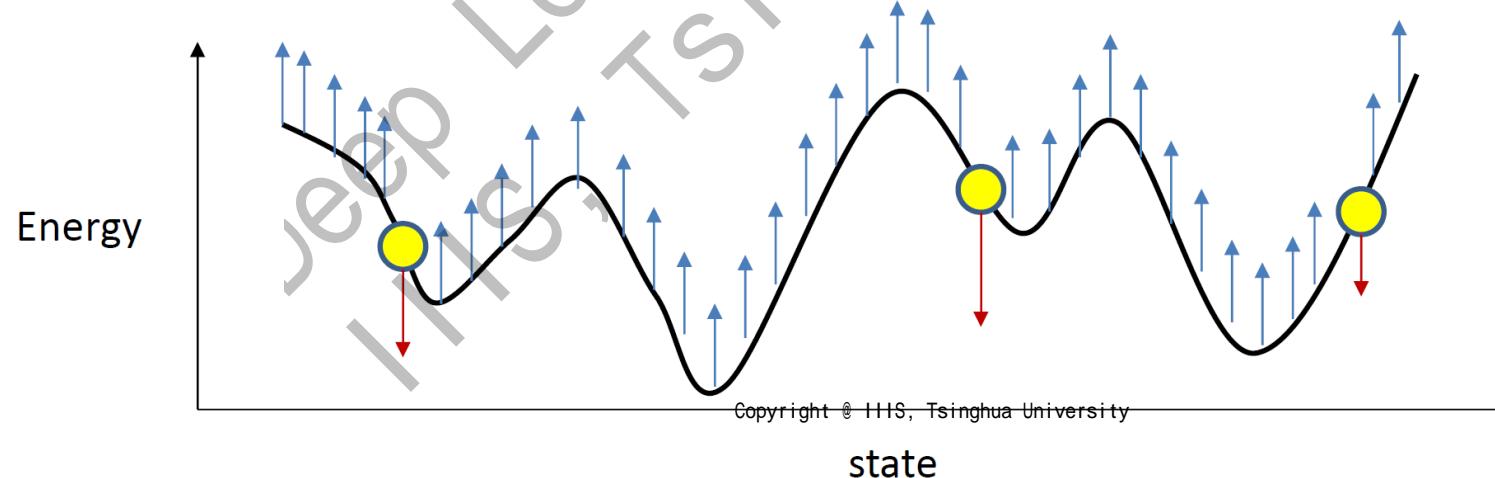
- Maximize log-likelihood with M Monte-Carlo samples

$$\nabla_{w_{ij}} L(W) = \frac{1}{N_P} \sum_{y \in P} y_i y_j - \frac{1}{M} \sum_{y' \in S} y'_i y'_j$$

- How to draw samples from $P(y)$?
 - Running the stochastic network (Gibbs sampling)
 - Randomly initialize $y(0)$
 - Cycle over $y_i(t)$, sampling according to $P(y_i(t)|y_{j \neq i}(t))$
 - After convergence, we get a sequence of samples $\{y(0), \dots, y(L)\}$
 - Get the final M states as samples $S = \{y(L - M + 1), \dots, y(L)\}$

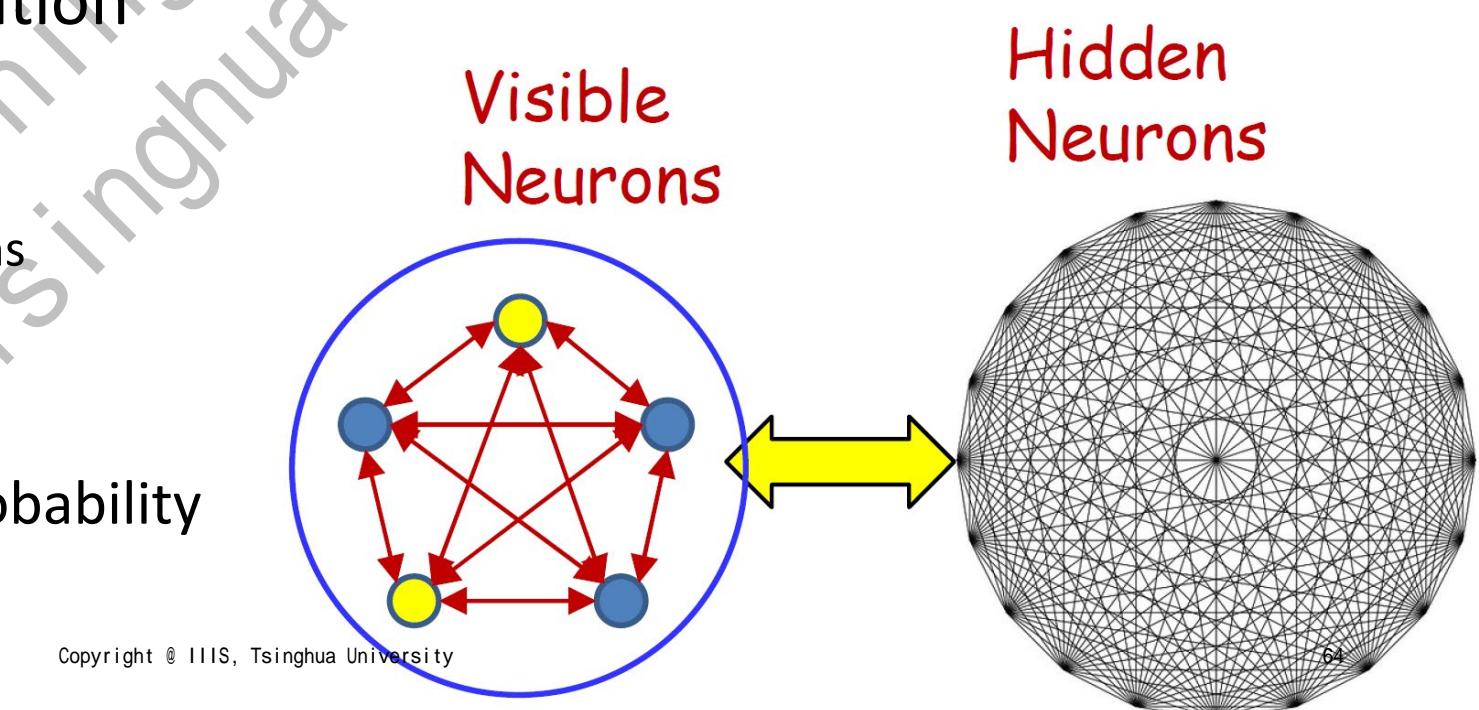
Boltzmann Machine: Training

- Overall Training
 - Initialize W
 - Maximize log-likelihood with M Monte-Carlo samples
- $w_{ij} \leftarrow w_{ij} + \eta \nabla_{w_{ij}} L(W)$ (*we are maximizing likelihood*)



Boltzmann Machine with Hidden Neurons

- Let's get back to hidden neurons!
 - v visible neurons (visible patterns), h hidden neurons (latent variables)
 - $y = (v, h)$
- A joint probability distribution
 - $P(y) = P(v, h)$
 - $P(v) = \sum_h P(v, h)$
 - We only care about patterns
 - **The marginal distribution!**
- New objective
 - Maximize the marginal probability



Boltzmann Machine with Hidden Neurons

- Maximum log-likelihood learning

$$P(v) = \sum_h P(v, h) = \sum_h \frac{\exp(y^T W y)}{\sum_{y'} \exp(y'^T W y')}$$
$$L(W) = \frac{1}{|P|} \sum_{v \in P} \log \left(\sum_h \exp(y^T W y) \right) - \log \left(\sum_{y'} \exp(y'^T W y') \right)$$

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Monte-Carlo Estimate!

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- Gradient $\nabla L(W)$?
 - The first term is also in the form of log-sum
 - Monte Carlo estimates for each $v \in P$!

Boltzmann Machine with Hidden Neurons

- Maximum log-likelihood learning

$$\nabla_{w_{ij}} L(W) = \frac{1}{|P|} \sum_{v \in P} E_h[y_i y_j] - E_{y'}[y'_i y'_j]$$

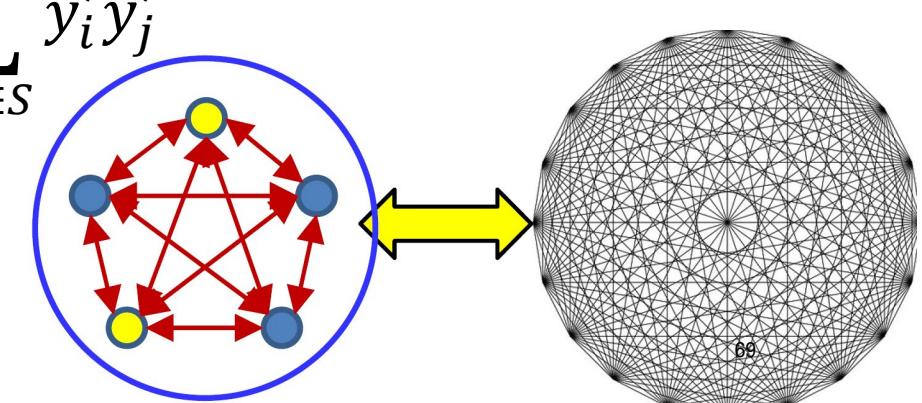
- Second term
 - Freely generate samples w.r.t. $p(y)$
 - Random initialization, cyclic Gibbs sampling
- First term
 - Generate samples w.r.t. $p(y)$ conditioned on a fixed v
 - Randomly initialize h , run Gibbs sampling over h

Boltzmann Machine with Hidden Neurons

- Overall Training
 - Initialize W
 - For $v \in P$, fix the visible neurons, run Gibbs sampling to get K samples
 - Collect all conditioned samples as S_c
 - Randomly initialize all neurons, run Gibbs sampling to get M samples
 - Collect free samples as S
 - Maximize log-likelihood with $N_p K + M$ Monte-Carlo samples

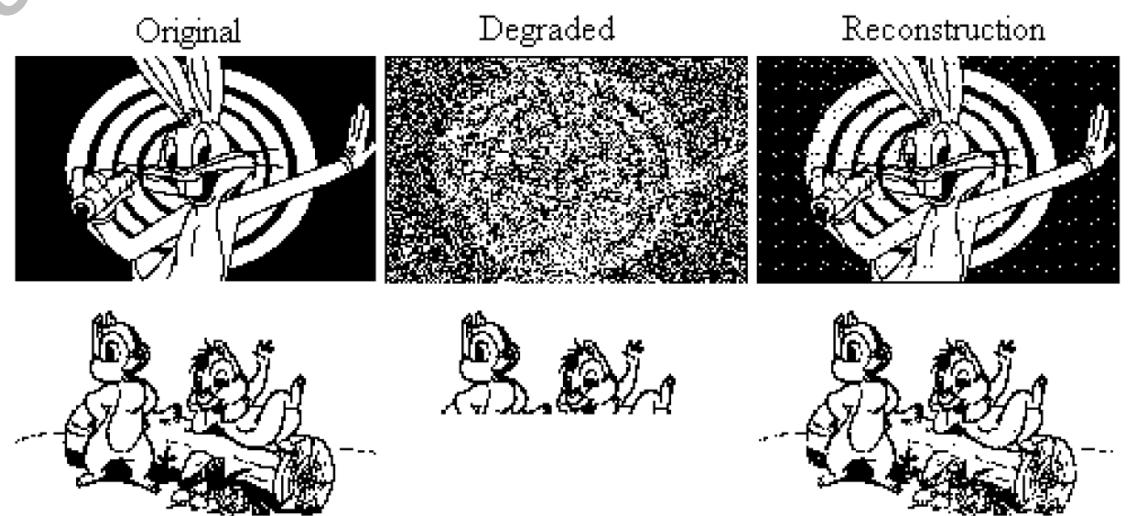
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$$\bullet w_{ij} \leftarrow w_{ij} + \eta \nabla_{w_{ij}} L(W)$$



Boltzmann Machine

- Summary
 - A stochastic version of Hopfield Network
 - Nice mathematical properties
 - Large capacity for storing patterns (with hidden neurons)
 - Pattern generation
 - Gibbs sampling
 - Pattern completion
 - Conditioned Gibbs sampling
 - **Classification??**
 - $y = (v, h, c)$, c is label
 - c as a one-hot vector (0-1 variables)
 - Posterior $P(c|v)$
 - Even conditional generation: $P_{\text{Copy}}(v|c)$!



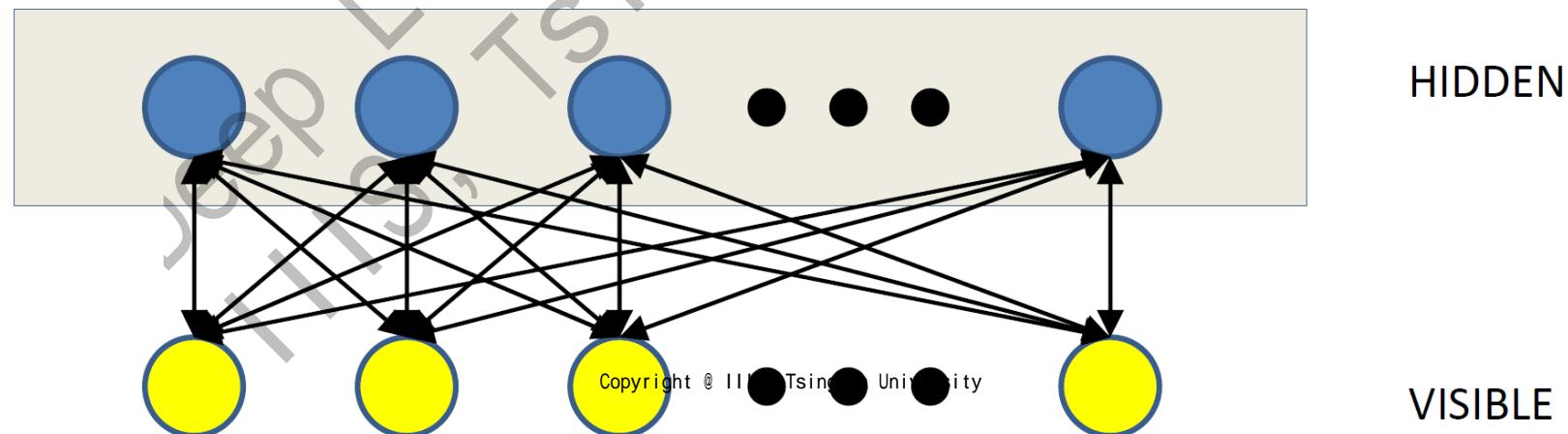
Hopfield network reconstructing degraded images from noisy (top) or partial (bottom) cues.

Boltzmann Machine

- The issue
 - Training is hard!
 - Gibbs sampling may take a very long time to converge
 - also called *mixing-time*
 - Not really applicable for large problems
- Can we design a better structure for faster Gibbs sampling mixing?

Restricted Boltzmann Machine

- A particularly structured Boltzmann Machine
 - A partitioned structure
 - Hidden neurons are only connected to visible neurons
 - No intra-layer connections
 - *Invented under the name Harmonium by Paul Smolensky in 1986*
 - *Became promise after Hinton invented fast learning algorithms in mid-2000*



Restricted Boltzmann Machine

- Computation Rules: same as Boltzmann machine

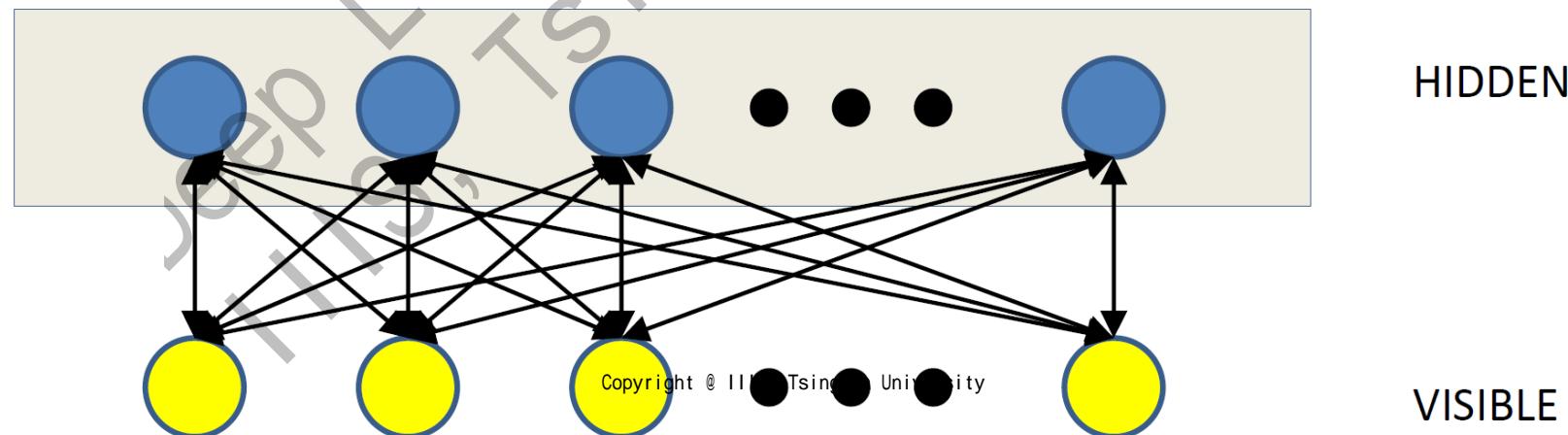
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- Visible neurons v_j

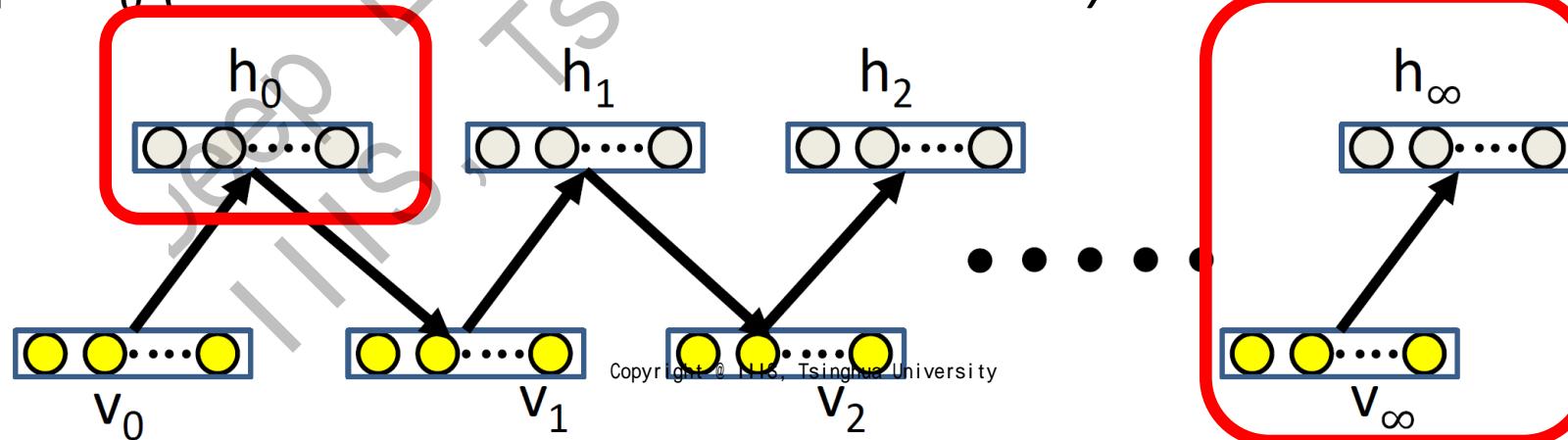
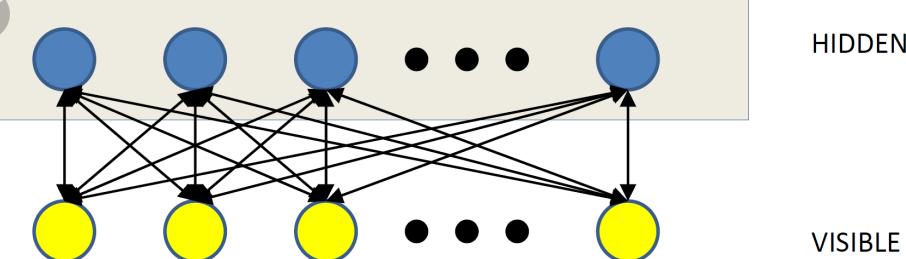
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↔ Iterative Sampling!



Restricted Boltzmann Machine

- Sampling
 - Randomly initialize visible neurons v_0
 - Iterative between hidden and visible neurons
 - Get final sample (v_∞, h_∞)
- Conditioned sampling?
 - Initialize v_0 as the desired pattern
 - Sample h_0 (*the conditional distribution is exact!*)

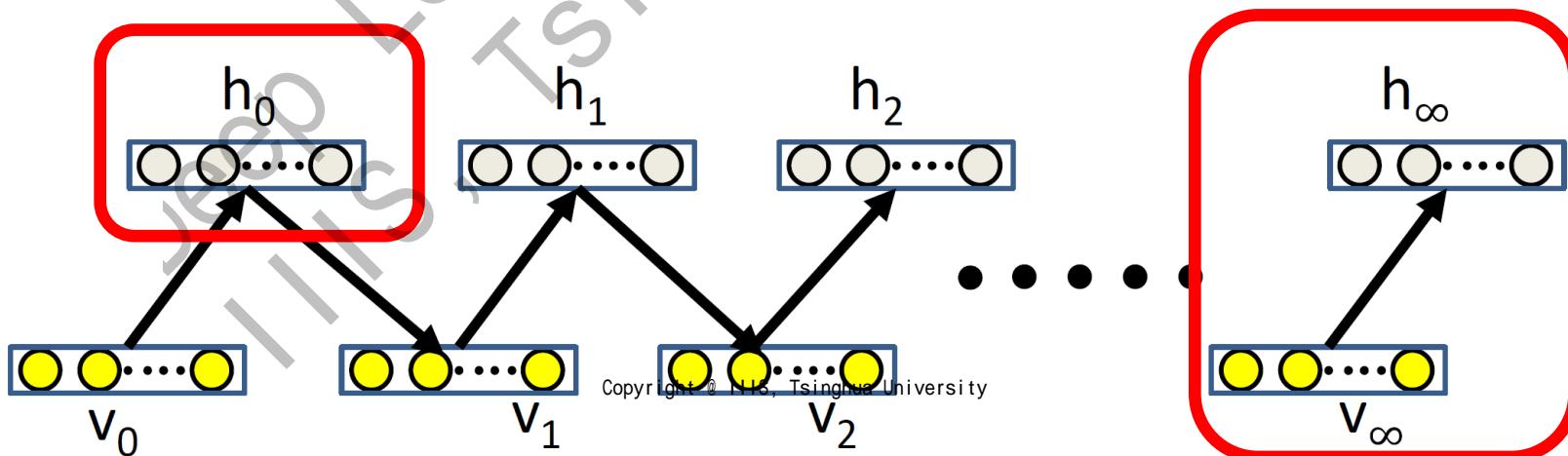


Restricted Boltzmann Machine

- Maximum Likelihood Estimate

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- No need to lift up the entire energy landscape ... (recap)

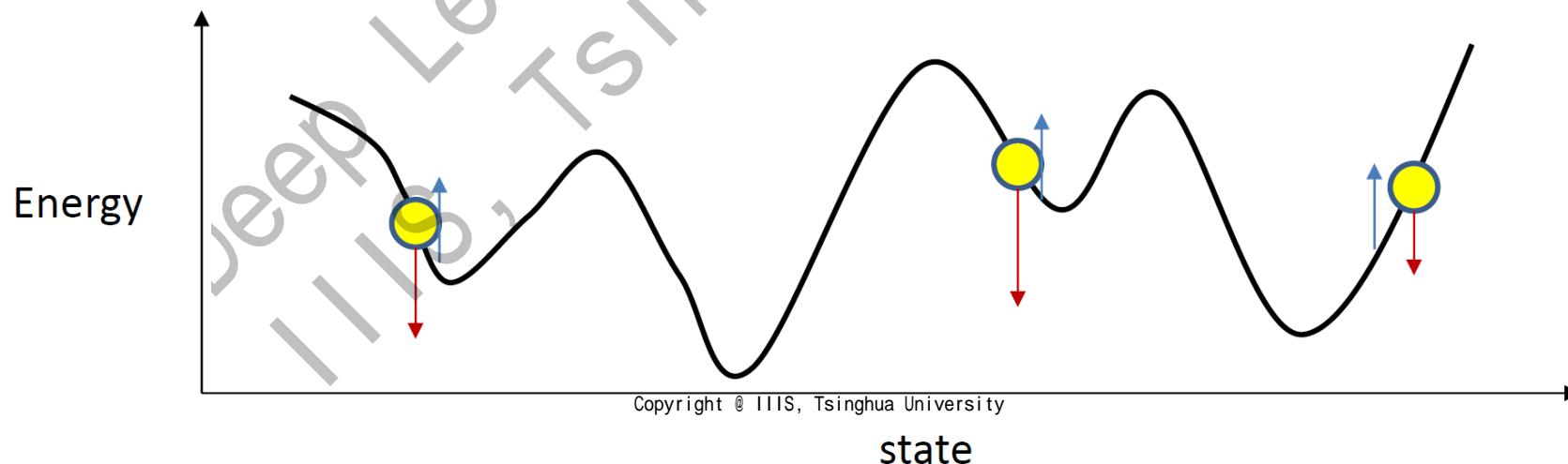


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- We can start sampling with a given v_0
 - Raising the neighborhood of the desired patterns will be sufficient

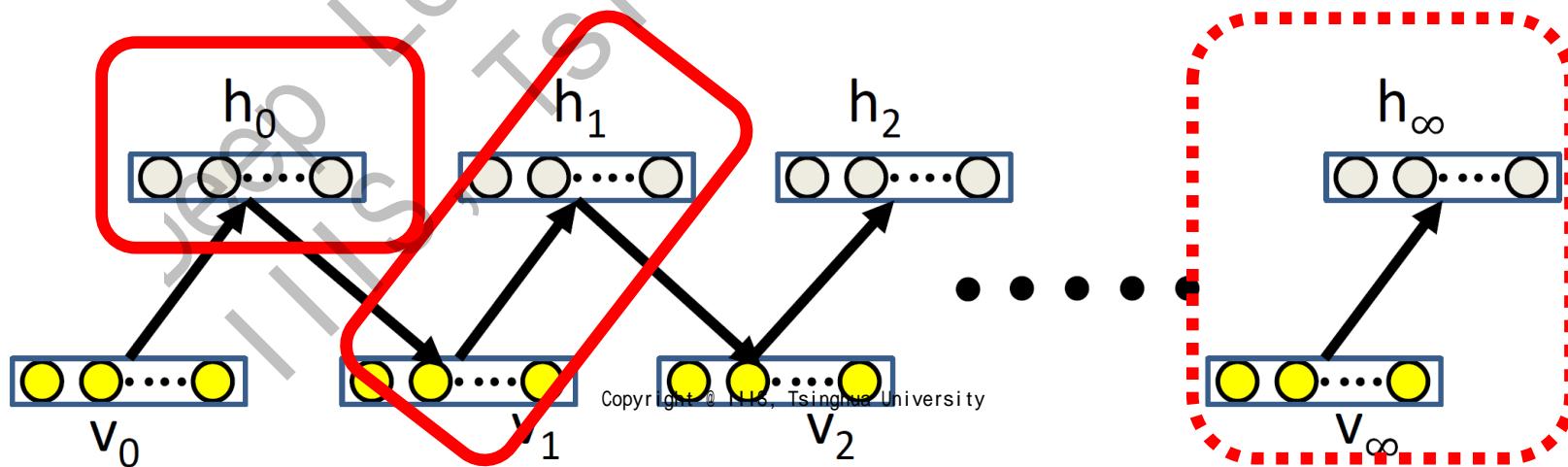


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- Directly run Gibbs sampling from v_0 for 3 steps will be sufficient!



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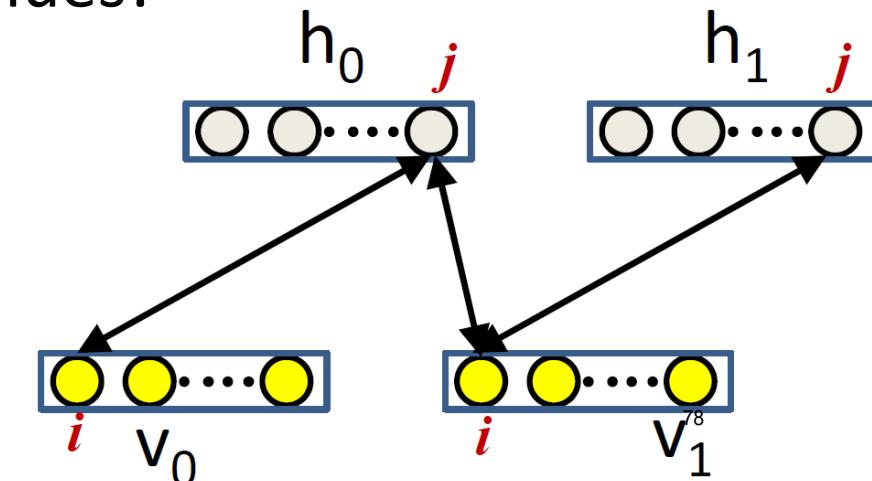
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- Only 3 Gibbs sampling steps are needed!

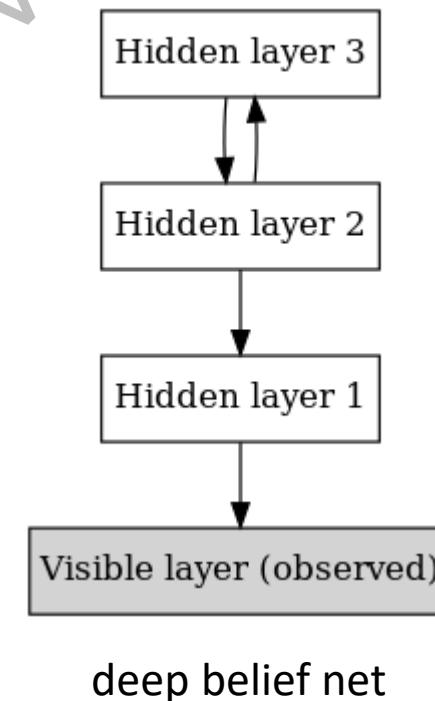
- We can also extend (R)BMs to continuous values!

- If we can explicitly sample from $P(y_i | y_{j \neq i})$
- Exponential family! (FYI 😊)
 - “Exponential Family Harmoniums with an Application to Information Retrieval”, Welling et al., 2004

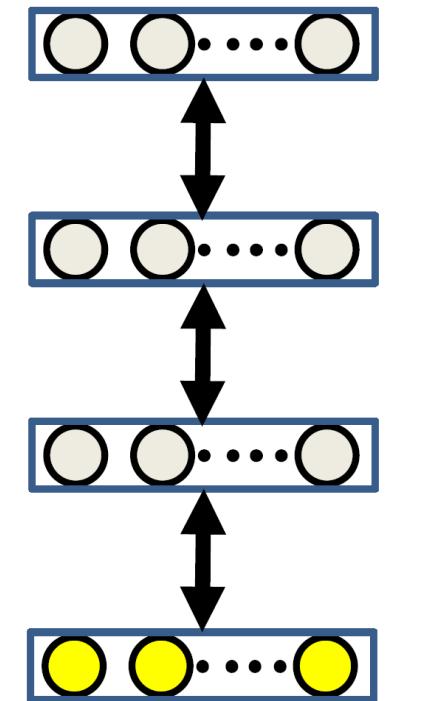


Deep Boltzmann Machine

- Can we have a ***deep*** version of RBM?
 - Deep Belief Net (2006)
 - Deep Boltzmann Machine (2009)
- Sampling?
 - Forward pass: bottom-up
 - Backward pass: top-down
 - Practical Trick: Layer-by-layer pretraining
- “Deep Boltzmann Machine”, AISTATS 2009
 - The very first deep generative model
 - Ruslan Salakhutdinov & Geoffrey Hinton



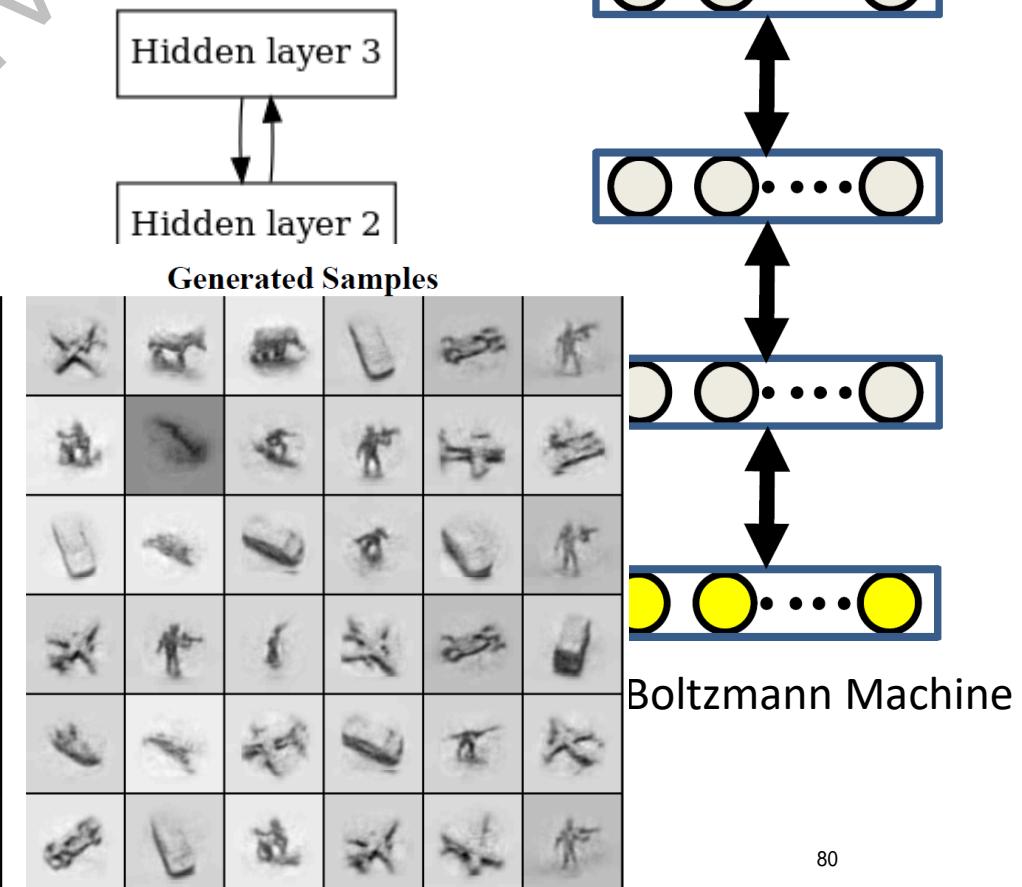
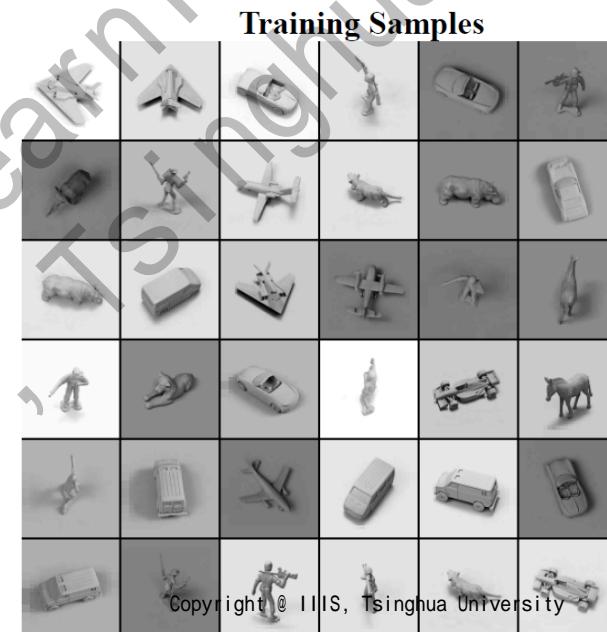
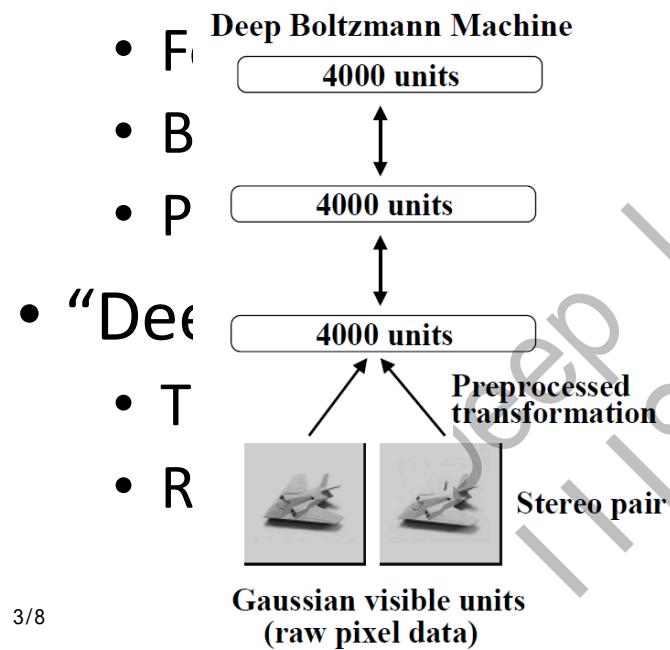
deep belief net



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Energy-Based Model

- Goal of generative model
 - A probability distribution of “patterns” $P(x)$
- Requirement
 - $P(x) \geq 0$ (non-negative)
 - $\int_x P(x)dx = 1$ (sum to 1)
- Energy-Based Model
 - Energy function: $E(x; \theta)$ parameterized by θ
 - $P(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(-E(x; \theta))$
 - $Z = \int_x \exp(-E(x; \theta)) dx$ *partition function*

Why use $\exp()$ function?
e.g. $|x|$ or $|x|^2$

Energy-Based Model

- A particular class of density function

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(-E(x; \theta))$$

- Pros
 - Common in statistical physics
 - Compatible with log-probability measure to capture large variations
 - Exponential family (e.g., Gaussian)
 - Extremely flexible, i.e., use any $E(x)$ you like (e.g., any $f(x): \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, even CNNs)
- Cons
 - Non-trivial to sample and train due to the partition function Z

Energy-Based Model: Training

- A particular class of density function

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(-E(x; \theta))$$

- Maximum Likelihood Training

- $L(\theta) = \log P(x) = -E(x; \theta) - \log Z(\theta)$
 - Monte-Carlo estimates for partition function $Z(\theta)$

- Contrastive Divergence Algorithm

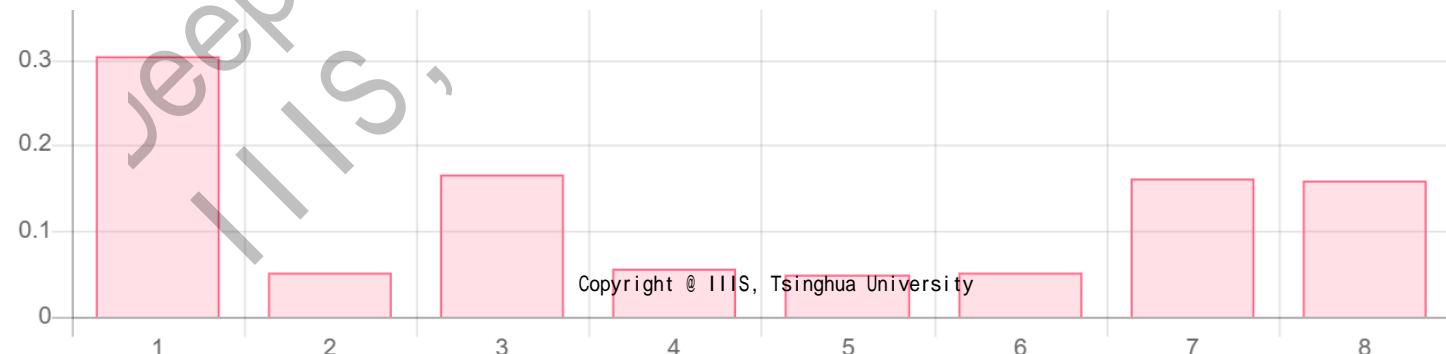
- $\nabla_{\theta} L(\theta) \approx \nabla_{\theta} (-E(x_{train}; \theta) + E(x_{sample}; \theta))$
 - Generating samples is the foundation for both training and generation!

- How to sample from an general energy-based model?

- Or in general: sample from an arbitrary distribution $p(x)$

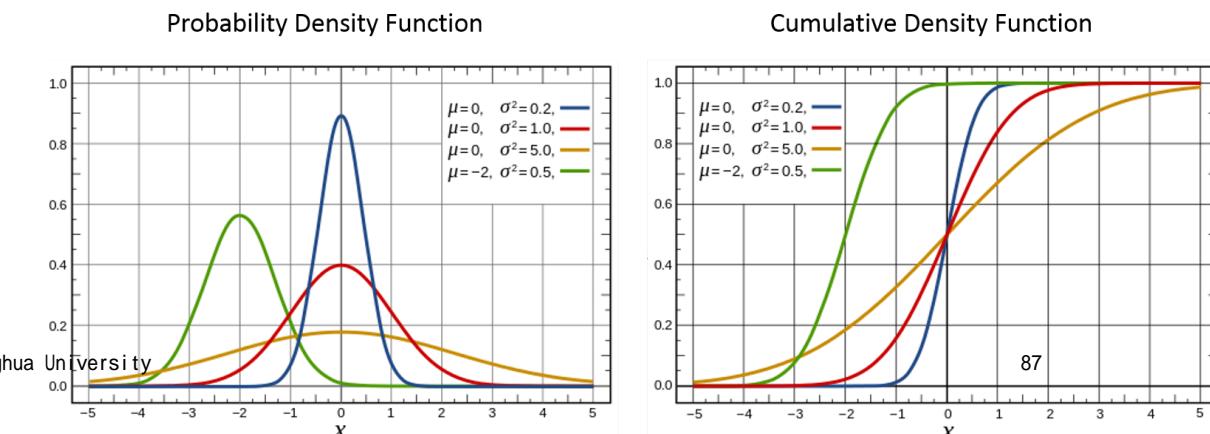
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 - Solution: uniform sampling, find the category with cumulative density
 - *The mapping from CDF to value is called Inverse distribution function (quantile function)*



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 - $S_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$
 - As $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\sqrt{N}(S_N - 0.5) \sim N(0, 0.5^2)$



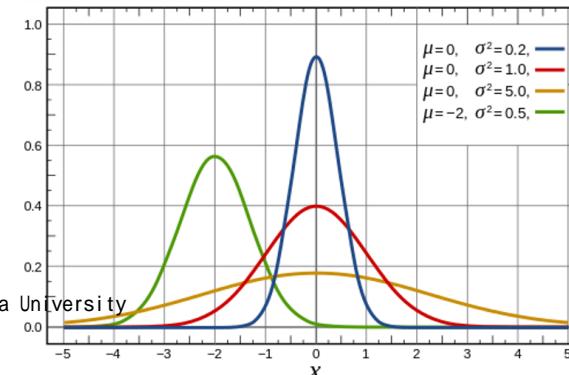
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 - Most practical method (FYI)
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 - Polar form transformation

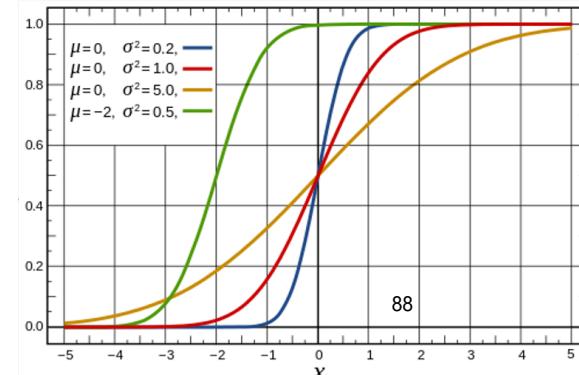
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Probability Density Function



Cumulative Density Function



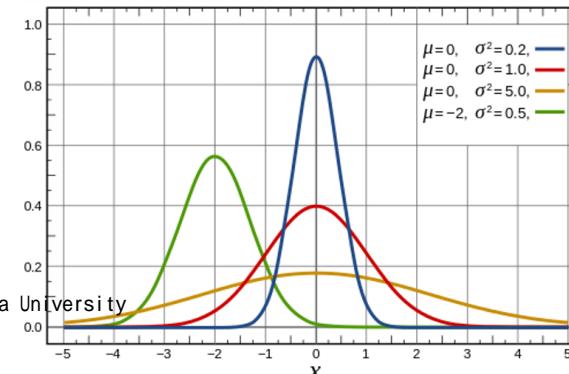
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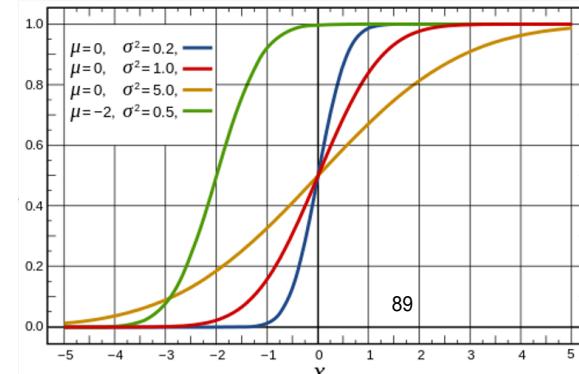
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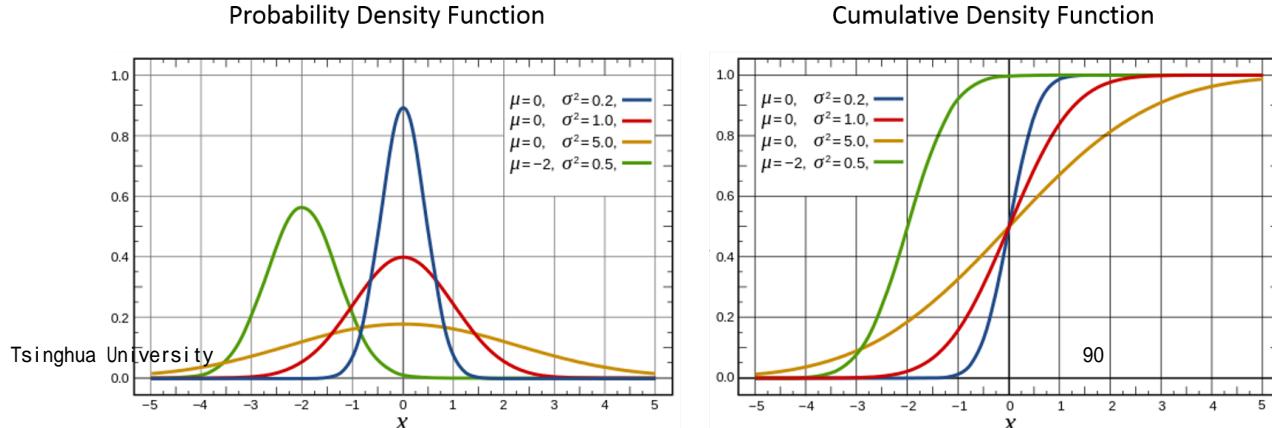
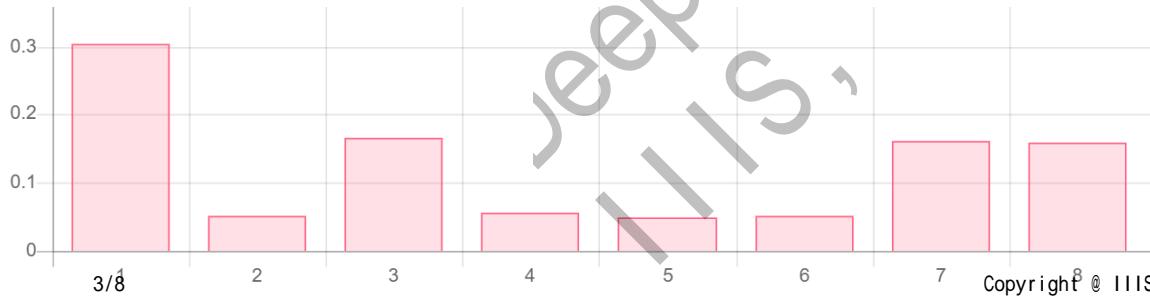


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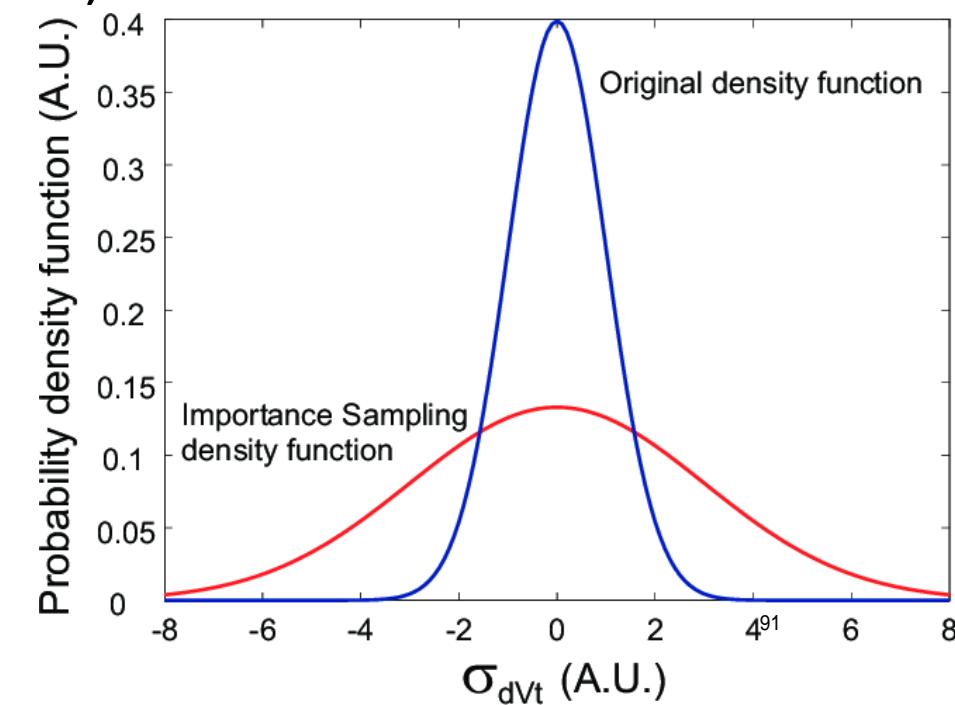
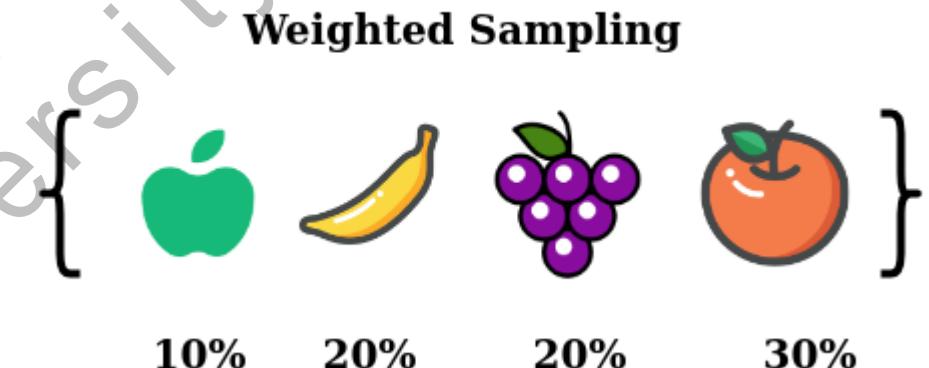
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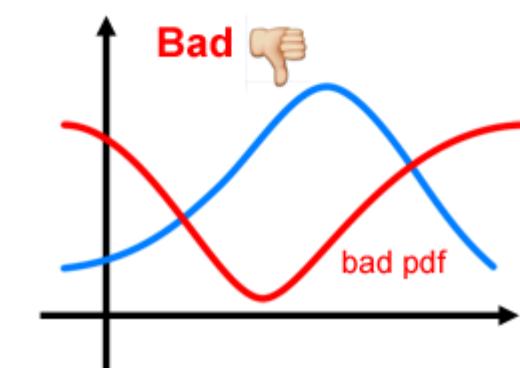
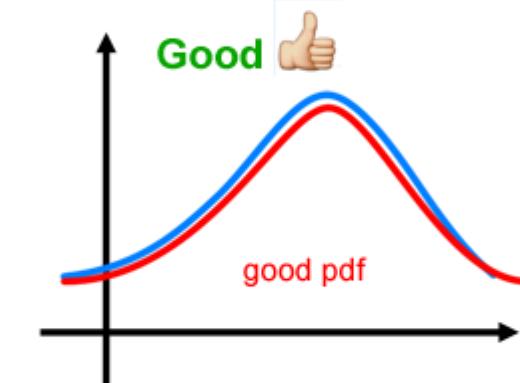
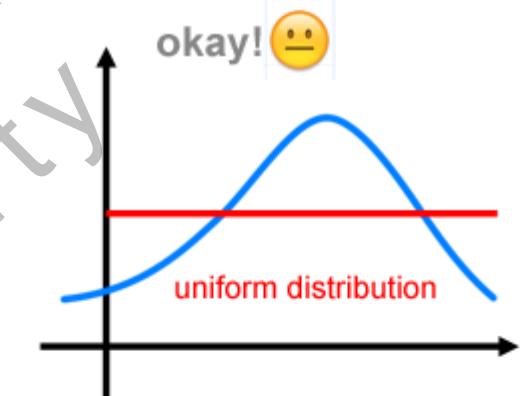
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 - $q(x)$ proposal distribution
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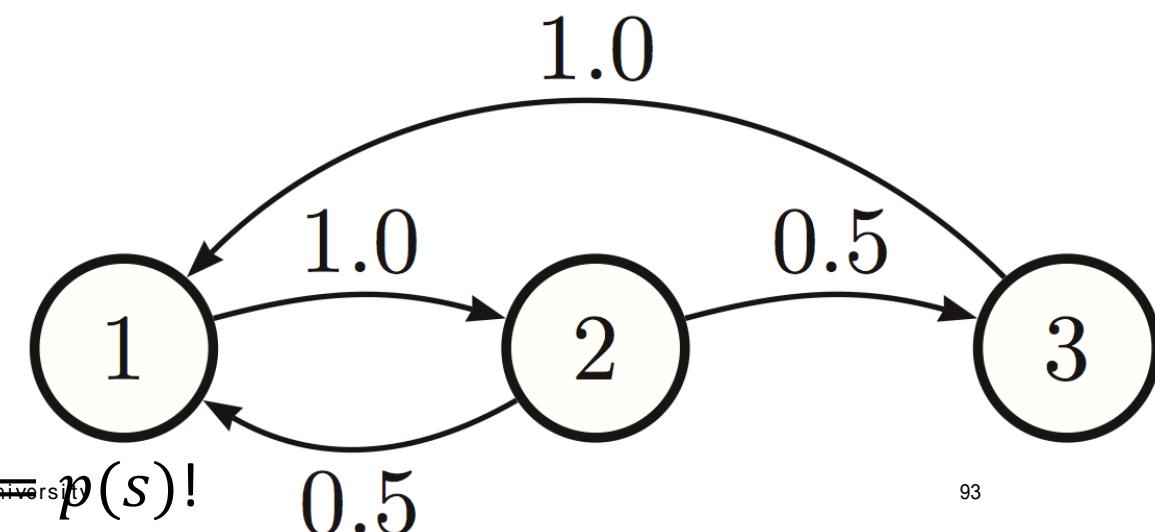
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 - Your homework ☺

What if we don't have a universally good proposal?



Markov Chain Monte-Carlo

- Markov Chain
 - A state space S , a transition probability $P(s_j|s_i) = T_{ij}$
 - T is the transition matrix
 - We also use $T(s_i \rightarrow s_j)$ to denote T_{ij}
- A Markov Chain has a stationary distribution with a proper T
 - Current distribution over states π_t
 - Single step transition $\pi_{t+1} = T\pi_t$
 - Stationary distribution $\pi = T^\infty \pi_0$
- Sampling is easy!
- Goal: construct a Markov Chain
 - With a desired stationary distribution $\pi = p(s)!$



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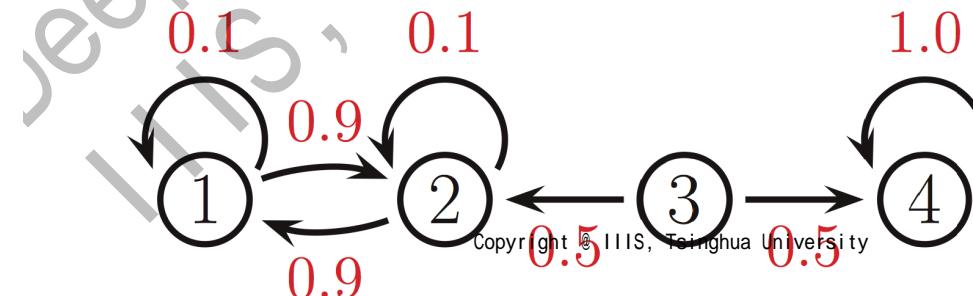
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- How to ensure a **unique** stationary distribution exist?

- The Markov chain is ergodic (遍历性) !

$$\min_z \min_{z':\pi(z')>0} \frac{T(z \rightarrow z')}{\pi(z')} = \delta > 0$$

Intuitively: you can visit any desired state with positive probability from any state

- Examples:



$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Metropolis Hastings Algorithm

- Construct a valid Markov Chain $T(s' \rightarrow s)$ for distribution $p(s)$
 - Detailed balance: $p(s)T(s \rightarrow s') = p(s')T(s' \rightarrow s)$
 - Ergodicity
- Metropolis Hastings Algorithm
 - A proposal distribution $q(s'|s)$ to produce next state s' based on s
 - Draw $s' \sim q(s'|s)$
 - $\alpha = \min\left(1, \frac{p(s')q(s' \rightarrow s)}{p(s)q(s \rightarrow s')}\right)$ ($q(s \rightarrow s')$ to denotes $q(s'|s)$ for simplicity)
 - Transition to s' (**accept**) with probability α (**acceptance ratio**);
 - O.w., stays at s (**reject**)
- MH constructs a valid Markov chain with a proper proposal q !
 - Homework ☺

Metropolis Hastings Algorithm: Example

- Choice of $q(s \rightarrow s')$
 - Random proposal $q(s \rightarrow s') = s + \text{noise}$ (i.e., Gaussian/Uniform Noise)
- Acceptance ratio for $s \rightarrow s'$
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 - If $E(s') < E(s^t)$; then accept $s^{t+1} \leftarrow s'$
 - Else accept $s^{t+1} \leftarrow s'$ with probability $\exp(E(s^t) - E(s'))$
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Gibbs Sampling

- Gibbs sampling
 - $s = (s_0, s_1, \dots, s_N)$, we construct a coordinate-wise $q(s_i \rightarrow s'_i)$
 - $q(s_i \rightarrow s'_i) = p(s'_i | s_{j \neq i})$ (conditional distribution)
- Dimensionality
 - Sample a single coordinate per step.
- Gibbs sampling always get accepted!
 - Acceptance ratio is always 1, $\alpha(s_i \rightarrow s'_i) = 1$ Prove it in your homework 😊
- Assumption
 - An easy to sample conditional distribution
 - Conjugate Prior and Exponential Family (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conjugate_prior)
 - What if no closed-form posterior?
 - Learn a neural proposal to approximate the true posterior! 😊
(meta-learning MCMC proposals, Wang, Wu, et al NIPS2018)

Sampling Methods

- What we have learned so far ...
 - Importance Sampling
 - Simplest solution by any proposal distribution
 - Metropolis-Hastings algorithm
 - Good local proposal \rightarrow high acceptance ratio
 - Gibbs sampling
 - Posterior is easy-to-sample
 - The “default” method for machine learning among 2002~2012
- General Issues for MCMC methods
 - Slow convergence due to sampling (recap: SGD v.s. GD)
 - Can we use gradient information for MCMC?
 - Energy function is differentiable!

Stochastic Gradient MCMC

- MCMC with Langevin dynamics
 - “Bayesian learning via stochastic gradient langevin dynamics”
 - ICML 2011, Max Welling & Yee Whye Teh (ICML 2021 test-of-time award)
 - Given N data X_1, \dots, X_N , define $p(\theta \rightarrow \theta')$ by
$$\theta' \leftarrow \theta + \frac{\epsilon_t}{2} \left(\nabla_{\theta} \log p(\theta) + \sum_i \nabla_{\theta} \log P(x_i | \theta) \right) + N(0, \epsilon_t I)$$
 - Condition for a valid Markov Chain
 - $\sum_t \epsilon_t = \infty$ and $\sum_t \epsilon_t^2 < \infty$
 - Interpretation
 - (stochastic) gradient descent first (∇_{θ} is large); MCMC around local minimum ($\nabla_{\theta} \approx 0$)
 - No need of MH acceptance rule
- Additional Reading:
 - Hamiltonian Monte Carlo (SGD with momentum): <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1701.02434.pdf>
 - https://arogozhnikov.github.io/2016/12/19/markov_chain_monte_carlo.html

Summary

- Hopfield Network
 - The first generative neural network
 - Undirected complete graph
- Boltzmann Machine
 - A probabilistic interpretation of Hopfield Network
 - The first deep generative model
- Energy-Based
 - Extremely flexible and powerful, designed to be multi-modal
 - Hard to sample and learn
 - **Sampling is the core challenge!!**

What's Next: Non-Sampling Methods

- Approximate Bayesian Inference
 - Variational Inference (next lecture ☺)
 - Learn an parameterized distribution to approximate the true posterior
- Design a model from which we can easily draw sample!
 - Lectures 6 & 7a
- Modern energy-based models
 - Scoring matching
 - Lecture 7b



Song et. al., 2021
OpenAI Blog: <https://openai.com/blog/energy-based-models/>

Thanks!

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