### Abstract

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Index terms— associative memory, error correcting code

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## II Networks of neural cliques

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less biologically plausible rule same algorithmic complexity

# III Retrieval performance

#### 1 Analytical results

number of neurons per cluster lnumber of clusters cnumber of erased clusters  $c_e$ number of messages : mnumber of activities per cluster : adensity : dedge : (i,j) probability for i and j to be active in their respective clusters for one message :  $\frac{a}{I}$ 

probability of the edge not being added in the network for one message :  $1 - \left(\frac{a}{l}\right)^2$ 

$$d = 1 - \left(1 - \left(\frac{a}{l}\right)^2\right)^m$$

gap with density in simulations : under 1 percent

probability for a vertex v to achieve the maximum score, that is to mean  $a(c-c_e)$ :  $d^{a(c-c_e)}$ 

probability for a vertex v not to achieve the maximum :  $1-d^{a(c-c_e)}$ 

probability for none of the vertices of one erased cluster, excepting the correct ones, to achieve the maximum:  $(1 - d^{a(c-c_e)})^{l-a}$ 

probability for none of the vertices in any erased cluster, excepting the correct ones, to achieve the maximum in their respective cluster :  $(1 - d^{a(c-c_e)})^{c_e(l-a)}$ 

Whence error rate is:

$$P_{err} = 1 - \left(1 - d^{a(c - c_e)}\right)^{c_e(l - a)}$$

#### 2 Simulations

Improves the retrieval rate for multiple iterations and/or corrupted messages.

The simulations agree with the analytical results for density and error rate.

For one iteration (for erasures, not for errors), winner takes all is the same as a-winners take all.

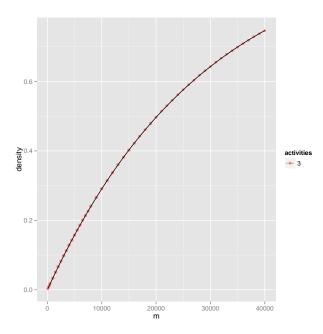


Figure 1: Theoretical and empirical densities

For multiple iterations a-winners take all is a significant improvement.

"a-winners take all" better than "winner takes all" with errors instead of erasures, even for one iteration.

For errors: only better than only 1 activity per cluster if multiple iterations of the a-winners take all rule. For one iteration, it is less efficient.

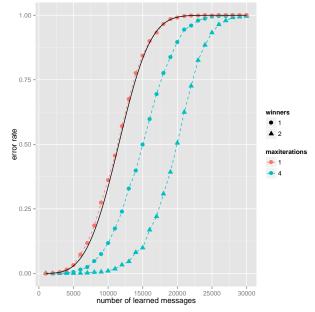


Figure 2: 2 activities per cluster, 4 clusters, 512 neurons per cluster, two erasures, each point is the mean of 5 networks with 1000 sampled messages, analytical result in continuous black

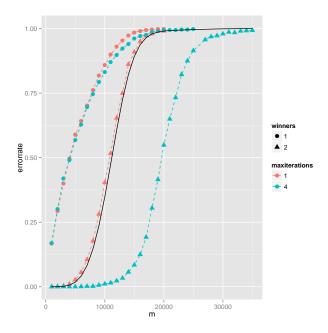


Figure 3: 2 activities per cluster, 4 clusters, 512 neurons per cluster, one erroneous cluster, each point is the mean of 5 networks with 1000 sampled messages, analytical result in continuous black

Spéculations en Français:

Peut-être un intérêt pour cluter based associative memories build from unreliable storage : si une arête porte moins d'info, on peut peut-être en supprimer plus (mais rajout ?!)

Marche mieux pour des bruits importants

$$P(n_{v_c} = n_0) = {ac_k \choose n_0} (1 - \psi)^{n_0} \psi^{ac_k - n_0}$$

$$P_+ = \psi(1 - d) + (1 - \psi)d$$

$$P(n_v = x) = {ac_k \choose x} P_+^x (1 - P_+)^{ac_k - x}$$

Sans tenir compte du choix au hasard si plus sont activés.

a priori for noise on edges:

$$P(\text{no other vertex activated in this cluster}) = \sum_{n=1}^{ac_k} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^a \binom{a}{k} P(n_{v_c} = n)^k P(n_{v_c} > n)^{a-k} \right] \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} P(n_v = x) \right]^{l-a}$$

a

$$P(\text{no other vertex activated in any cluster}) = \left(\sum_{n=1}^{ac_k} \left[\sum_{k=1}^a \binom{a}{k} P(n_{v_c} = n)^k P(n_{v_c} > n)^{a-k}\right] \left[\sum_{x=0}^{n-1} P(n_v = x)\right]^{l-a}\right)^{c_e}$$

Formula for errors insted of erasures:

gc : good (à remplacer par right) neuron in correct cluster

ge: good neuron in erroneous cluster

 ${\bf abe}:\,{\bf bad}$  activated neuron in erroneous cluster

be: others bad (à remplacer par wrong ou incorrect etc.) neurons in erroneous cluster

bc : bad neuron in correct cluster

$$P(n_{gc} = (c - c_e - 1) + \gamma + x) = {\binom{c_e}{x}} d^x (1 - d)^{ce - x}$$

$$P(n_{ge} = (c - c_e) + \gamma + x) = {\binom{c_e - 1}{x}} d^x (1 - d)^{c_e - 1}$$

$$P(n_{abe} = \gamma + x) = {\binom{c-1}{x}} d^x (1 - d)^{c-1-x}$$

$$P(n_{be} = x) = P(n_{bc} = x) = {\binom{c-1}{x}} d^x (1 - d)^{c-1-x}$$

$$d)^{c-1-x}$$

#### IV Conclusion

#### References

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$$P_{retrieve} = \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{c-1+\gamma} P(n_{gc} = n) \left[ \sum_{x=0}^{n-1} P(n_{bc} = x) \right]^{l-1} \right]^{c-c_e} \times \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{c-1+\gamma} P(n_{ge} = n) \left[ \sum_{x=0}^{n-1} P(n_{bc} = x) \right]^{l-2} \left[ \sum_{x=0}^{n-1} P(n_{abc} = x) \right] \right]^{c_e}$$

generalisation to multiple activities per cluster

 $P(n_{gc} = a(c - c_e - 1) + \gamma + x) = {ac_e \choose x} d^x (1 - d)^{ace - x}$   $P(n_{ge} = a(c - c_e) + x) = {a(c_e - 1) \choose x} d^x (1 - d)^{a(c_e - 1) - x}$   $P(n_{abe} = \gamma + x) = {a(c - 1) \choose x} d^x (1 - d)^{a(c - 1) - x}$   $P(n_{be} = x) = P(n_{bc} = x) = {a(c - 1) \choose x} d^x (1 - d)^{a(c - 1) - x}$   $d)^{a(c - 1) - x}$ 

$$P_{retrieve} = \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{a(c-1)+\gamma} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{a} \binom{a}{k} P(n_{gc} = n)^k P(n_{gc} > n)^{a-k} \right] \left[ \sum_{x=0}^{n-1} P(n_{bc} = x) \right]^{l-a} \right]^{c-c_e} \times \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{a(c-1)+\gamma} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{a} \binom{a}{k} P(n_{ge} = n)^k P(n_{ge} > n)^{a-k} \right] \left[ \sum_{x=0}^{n-1} P(n_{bc} = x) \right]^{l-2a} \left[ \sum_{x=0}^{n-1} P(n_{abc} = x) \right]^a \right]^{c_e} P_{err} = 1 - P_{retrieve}$$