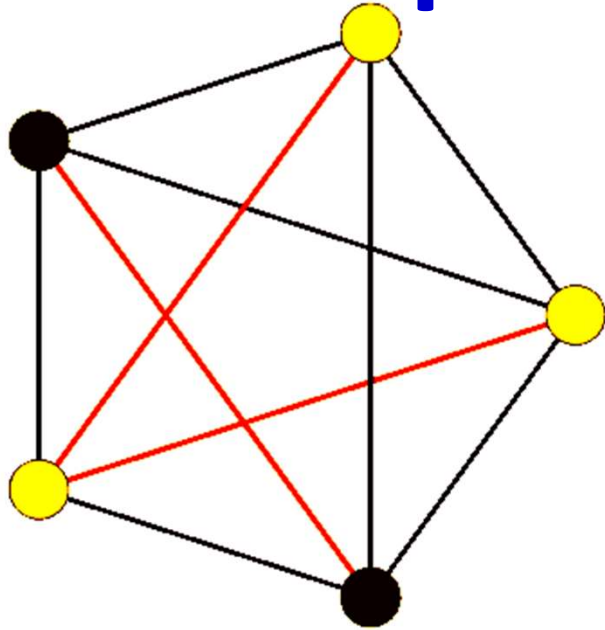# Neural Networks

Hopfield Nets and Boltzmann Machines

Recap: Hopfield network
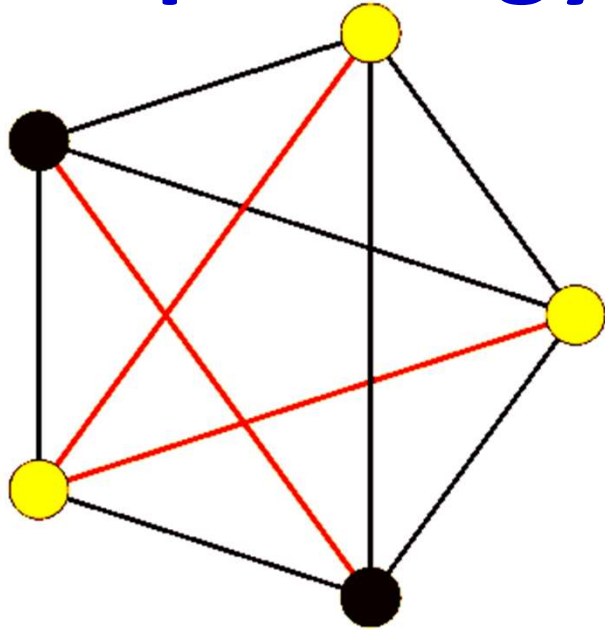
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$$\Theta(z) = \begin{cases} +1 \; if \; z > 0 \\ -1 \; if \; z \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

- At each time each neuron receives a "field" $\sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i$

- If the sign of the field matches its own sign, it does not respond

- If the sign of the field opposes its own sign, it "flips" to match the sign of the field

Recap: Energy of a Hopfield Network

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

- The system will evolve until the energy hits a local minimum

- In vector form

  – Bias term may be viewed as an extra input pegged to 1.0

$$E = -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y}$$

Recap: Hopfield net computation

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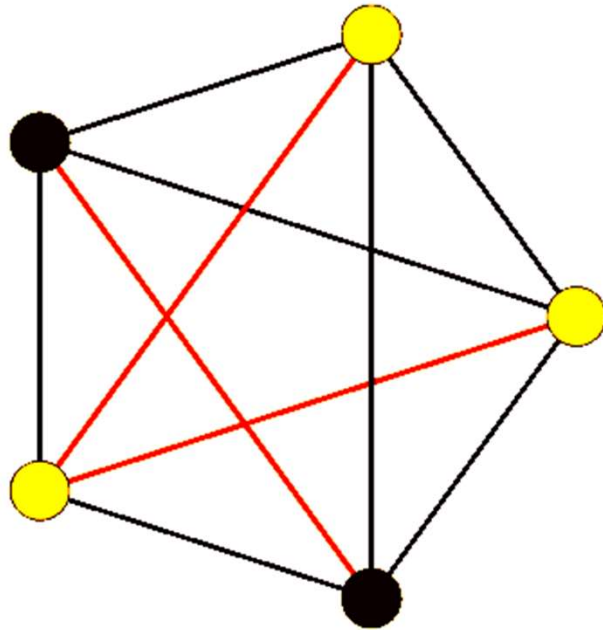$$y_i(0) = x_i, \qquad 0 \le i \le N - 1$$

2. Iterate until convergence

$$y_i(t + 1) = \Theta\left(\sum_{j \ne i} w_{ji} y_j\right), \qquad 0 \le i \le N - 1$$

- Very simple
- Updates can be done sequentially, or all at once
- Convergence
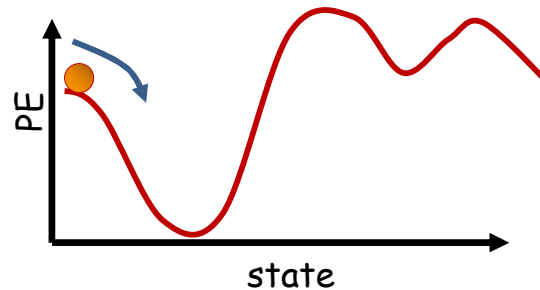
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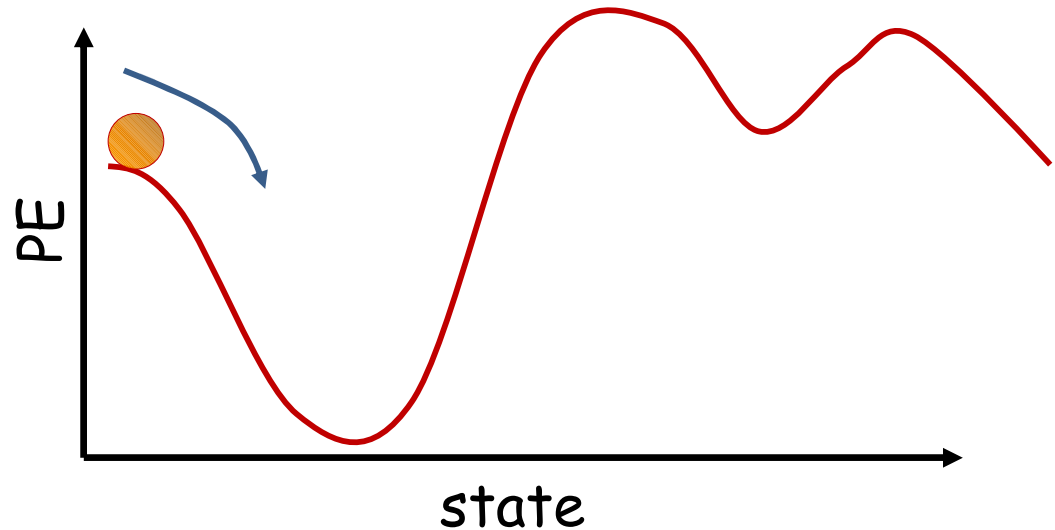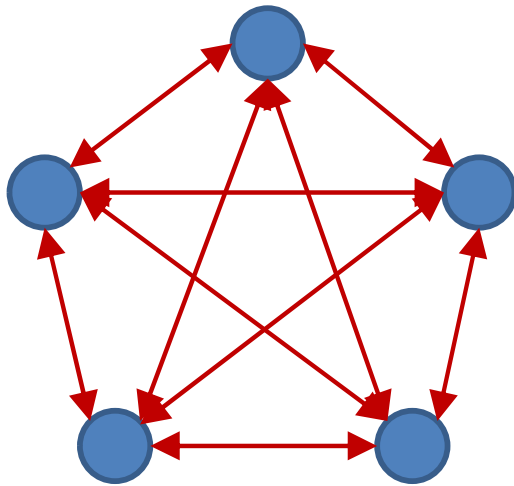does not change significantly any more

Recap: Evolution

$$E = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}$$

- The network will evolve until it arrives at a local minimum in the energy contour

Recap: Content-addressable memory

- Each of the minima is a "stored" pattern
  - If the network is initialized close to a stored pattern, it will inevitably evolve to the pattern
- **This is a *content addressable memory***
  - Recall memory content from partial or corrupt values
- Also called *associative memory*
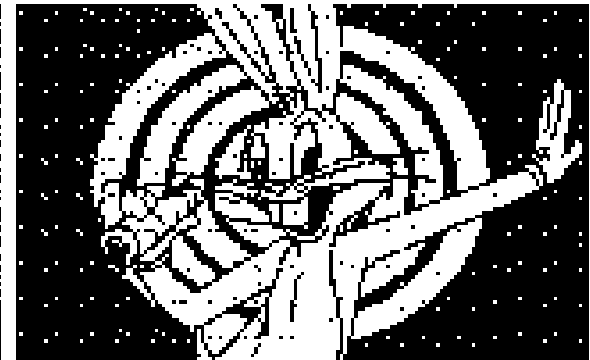
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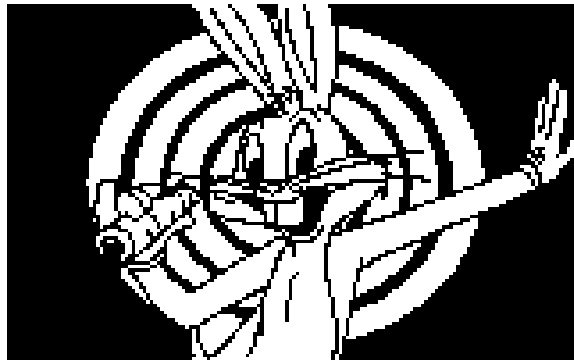
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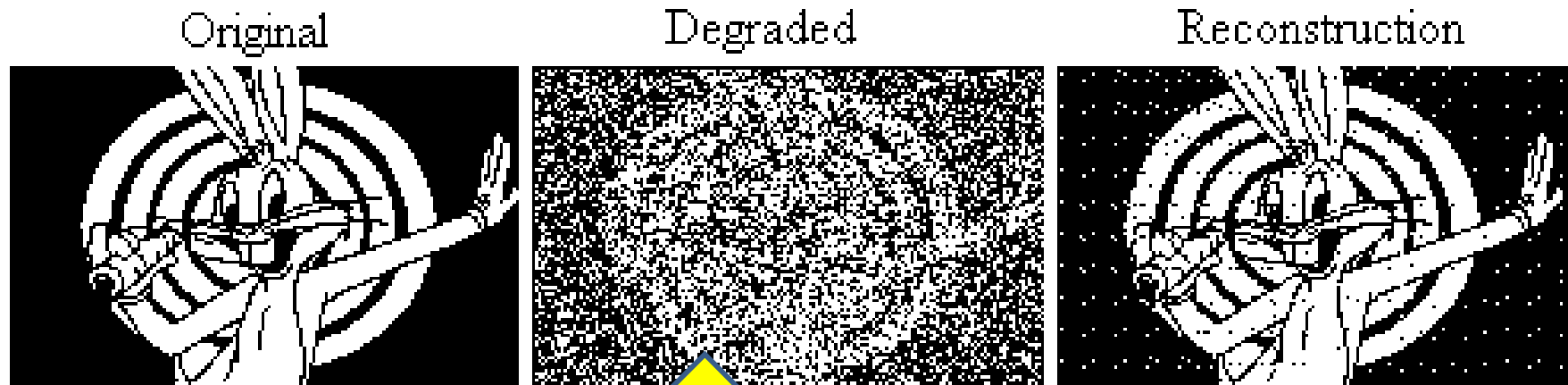
Noisy pattern completion: Initialize the entire network and let the entire network evolve

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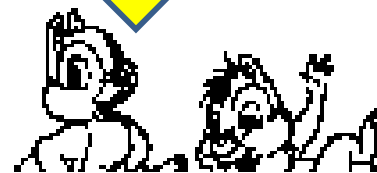Original   Degraded   Reconstruction

Pattern completion: Fix the "seen" bits and only let the "unseen" bits evolve

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Training a Hopfield Net to "Memorize" target patterns

- The Hopfield network can be *trained* to remember specific "target" patterns
  - E.g. the pictures in the previous example

- This can be done by setting the weights **W** appropriately

Random Question:
Can you use *backprop* to train Hopfield nets?

Hint: Think unwrapping…

# Training a Hopfield Net to "Memorize" target patterns

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  - E.g. the pictures in the previous example

- A Hopfield net with N neurons can designed to store up to N target N-bit memories
  - But can store an exponential number of unwanted "parasitic" memories along with the target patterns

- **Training the network:** Design weights matrix $\mathbf{W}$ such that the energy of …
  - Target patterns is minimized, so that they are in energy wells
  - *Other untargeted* potentially parasitic patterns is maximized so that they don't become parasitic

Training the network

$$\widehat{\mathbf{W}} = \underset{\mathbf{W}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{Y}_P} E(\mathbf{y}) - \sum_{\mathbf{y} \notin \mathbf{Y}_P} E(\mathbf{y})$$

Minimize energy of target patterns

Maximize energy of all other patterns

Energy

state
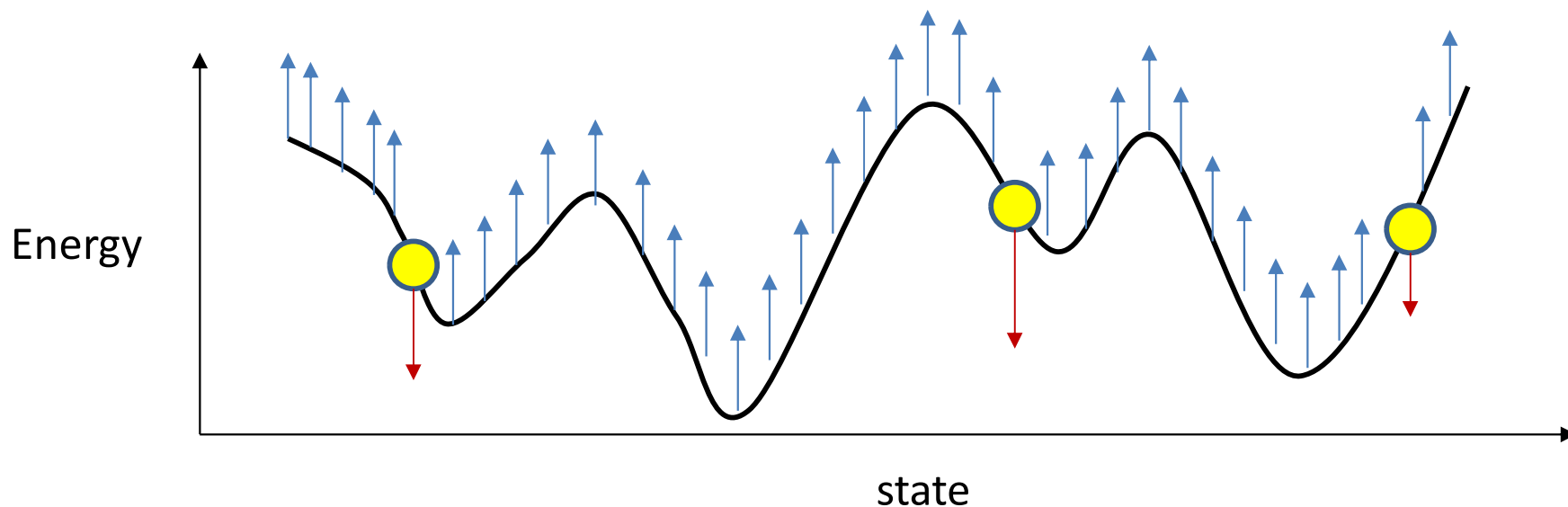
Optimizing W

$$E(\mathbf{y}) = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y} \qquad \widehat{\mathbf{W}} = \operatorname*{argmin}_{\mathbf{W}} \sum_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{Y}_P} E(\mathbf{y}) - \sum_{\mathbf{y} \notin \mathbf{Y}_P} E(\mathbf{y})$$

- Simple gradient descent:

$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W} + \eta \left(\sum_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{Y}_P} \mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^T - \sum_{\mathbf{y} \notin \mathbf{Y}_P} \mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^T \right)$$
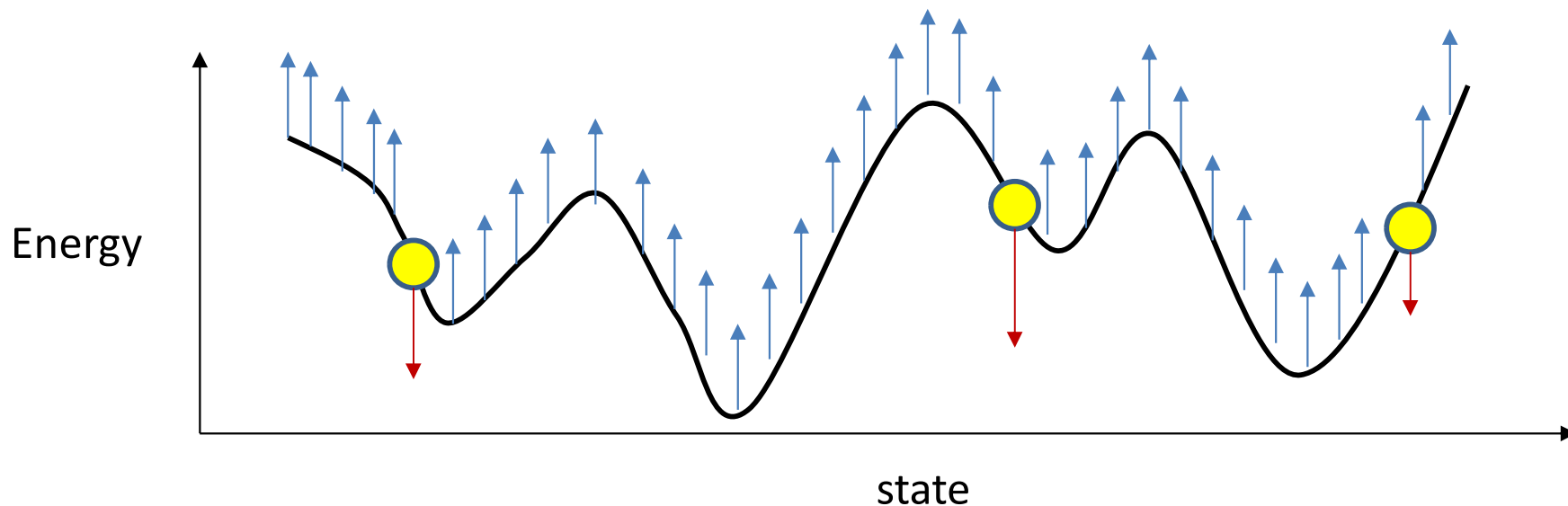
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Simpler: Focus on confusing parasites

$$W = W + \eta \left(\sum_{y \in Y_P} yy^T - \sum_{y \notin Y_P \& y = valley} yy^T \right)$$

- Focus on minimizing parasites that can prevent the net from remembering target patterns
  - Energy valleys in the neighborhood of target patterns

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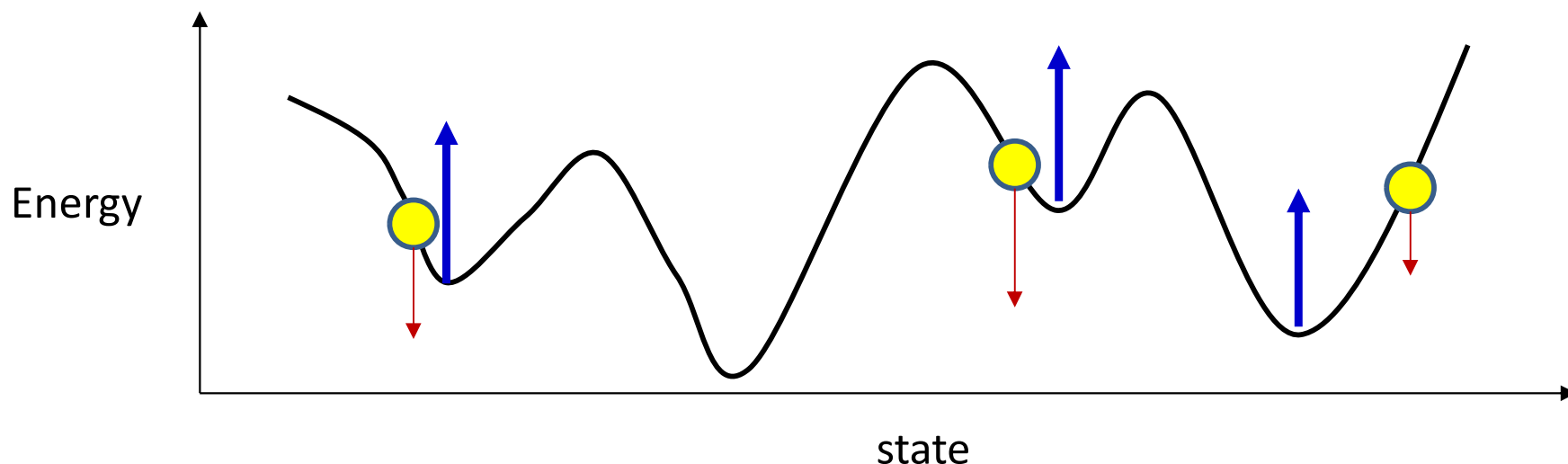
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$$W = W + \eta \left(\sum_{y \in Y_P} yy^T - \sum_{y \notin Y_P \& y = valley} yy^T \right)$$

- Lower energy at valid memories
- Initialize the network at valid memories and let it evolve
  - It will settle in a valley. If this is not the target pattern, raise it

Energy

state

Training the Hopfield network

$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W} + \eta\left(\sum_{\mathbf{y}\in\mathbf{Y}_P}\mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^T - \sum_{\mathbf{y}\notin\mathbf{Y}_P\&\mathbf{y}=valley}\mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^T\right)$$

- Initialize **W**
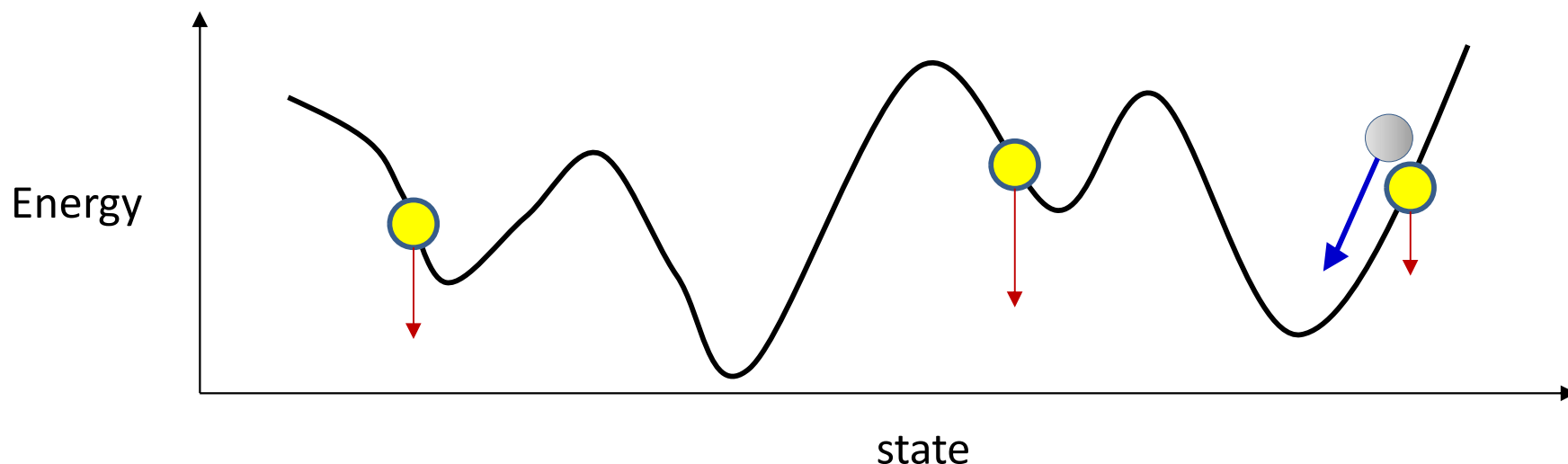- Compute the total outer product of all target patterns
  - More important patterns presented more frequently
- Initialize the network with each target pattern and let it evolve
  - And settle at a valley
- Compute the total outer product of valley patterns
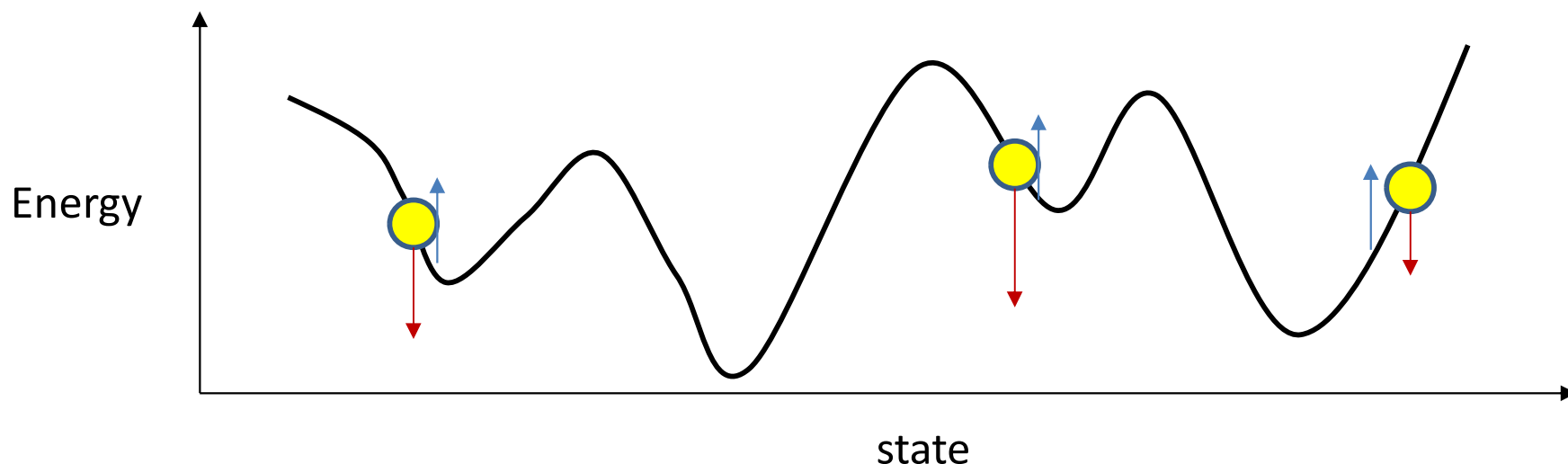- Update weights

Training the Hopfield network: SGD version

$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W} + \eta \left(\sum_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{Y}_P} \mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^T - \sum_{\mathbf{y} \notin \mathbf{Y}_P \& \mathbf{y} = valley} \mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^T \right)$$

- Initialize $\mathbf{W}$
- Do until convergence, satisfaction, or death from boredom:
  - Sample a target pattern $\mathbf{y}_p$
    - Sampling frequency of pattern must reflect importance of pattern
  - Initialize the network at $\mathbf{y}_p$ and let it evolve
    - And settle at a valley $\mathbf{y}_v$
  - Update weights
    - $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W} + \eta \left(\mathbf{y}_p \mathbf{y}_p^T - \mathbf{y}_v \mathbf{y}_v^T \right)$

More efficient training

- Really no need to raise the entire surface, or even every valley

- Raise the *neighborhood* of each target memory
  - Sufficient to make the memory a valley
 - The broader the neighborhood considered, the broader the valley

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- Do until convergence, satisfaction, or death from boredom:

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  - Initialize the network at $\mathbf{y}_p$ and let it evolve *a few steps (2-4)*

    - And arrive at a down-valley position $\mathbf{y}_d$

  - Update weights

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Problem with Hopfield net

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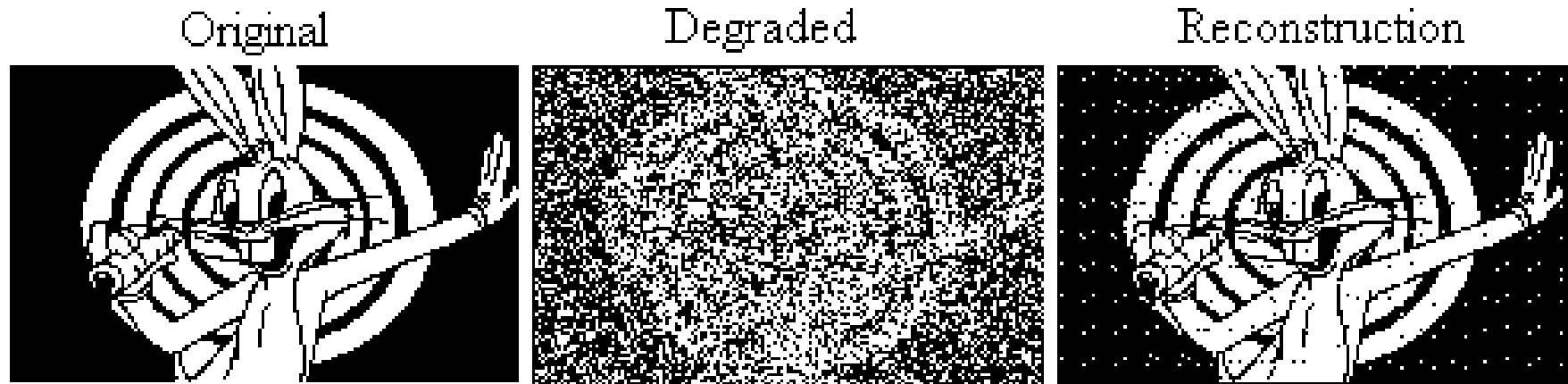
- Why is the recalled pattern not perfect?

A Problem with Hopfield Nets
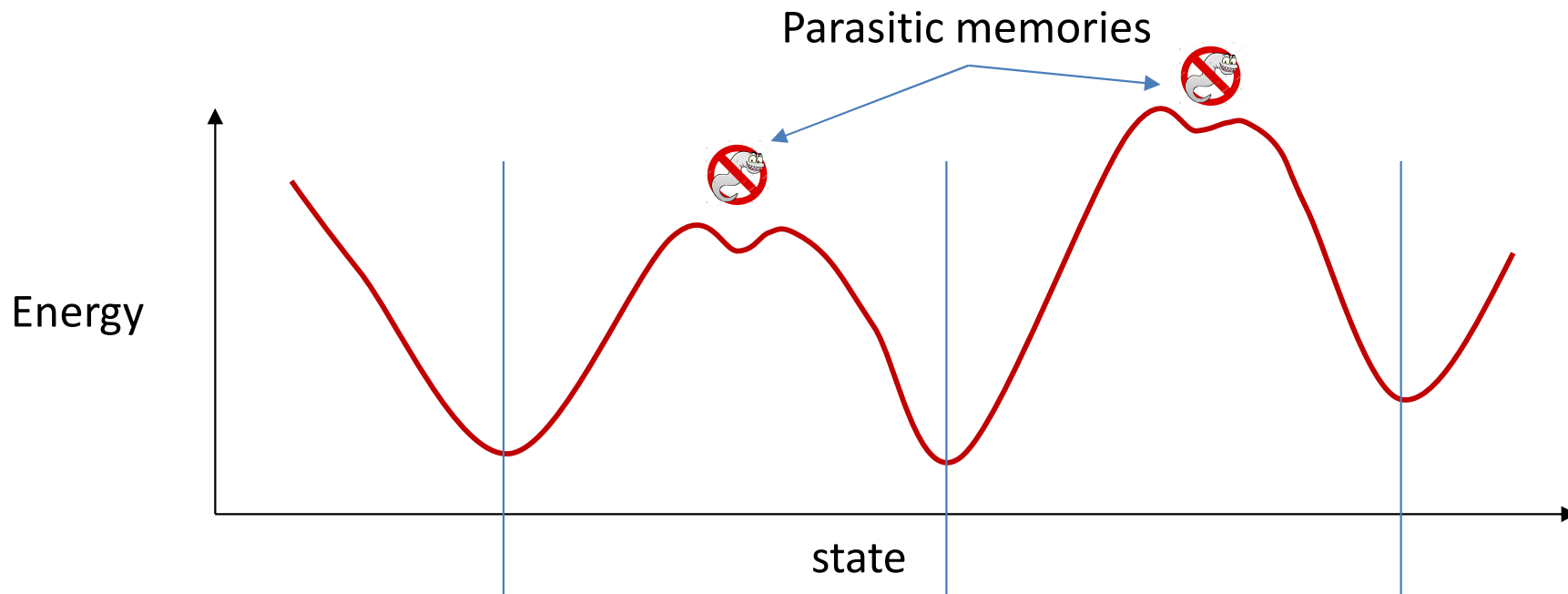
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Recap – Analogy: Spin Glasses
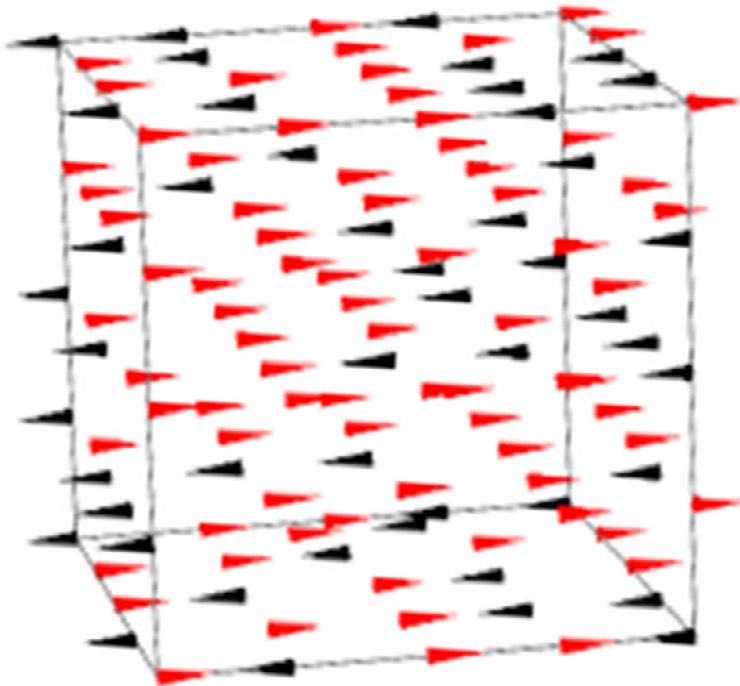
Total field at current dipole:

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

Response of current diplose

$$x_i = \begin{cases} x_i \ if \ sign(x_i \ f(p_i)) = 1 \\ \quad -x_i \ otherwise \end{cases}$$

- The total energy of the system

$$E(s) = C - \frac{1}{2}\sum_i x_i f(p_i) = -\sum_i \sum_{j>i} J_{ij} x_i x_j - \sum_i b_i x_j$$

- The system *evolves* to minimize the energy
  - Dipoles stop flipping if flips result in increase of energy

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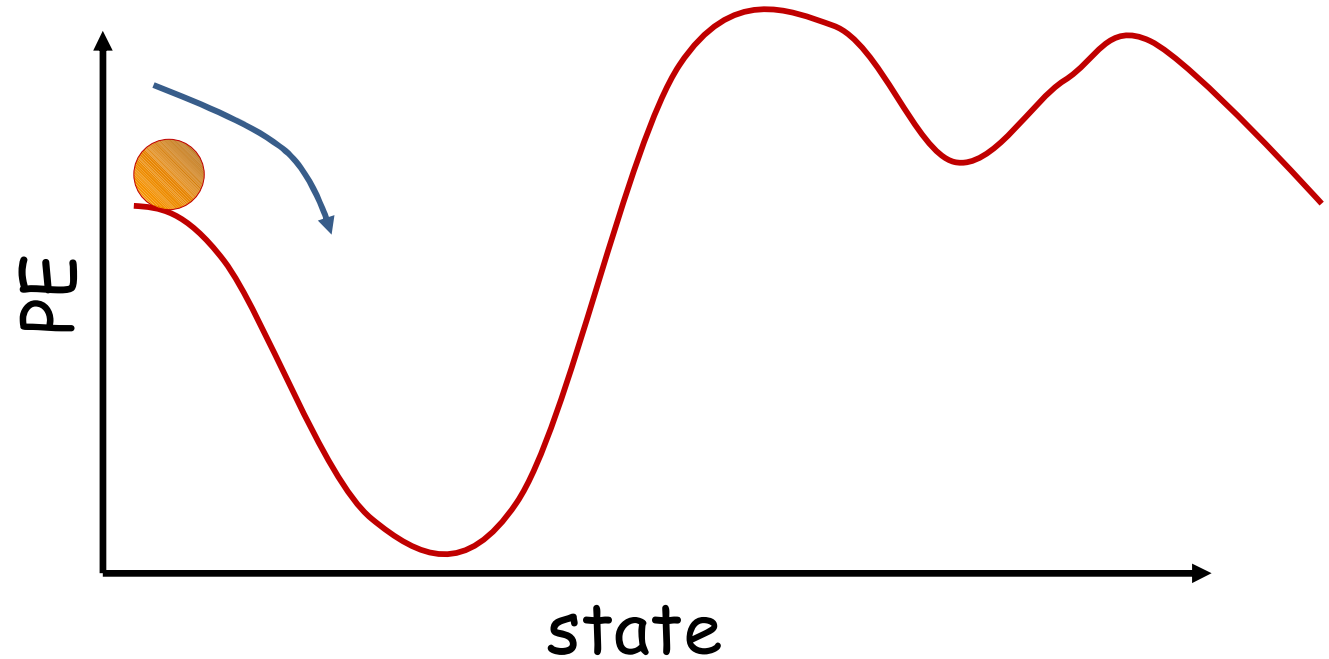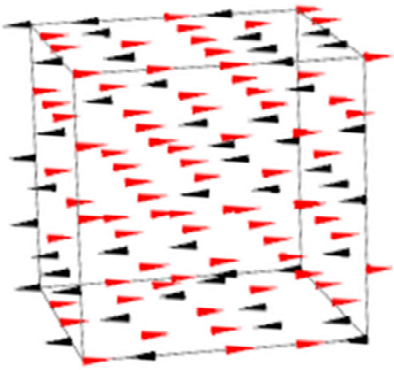
- The system stops at one of its *stable* configurations
  - Where energy is a local minimum

Revisiting Thermodynamic Phenomena
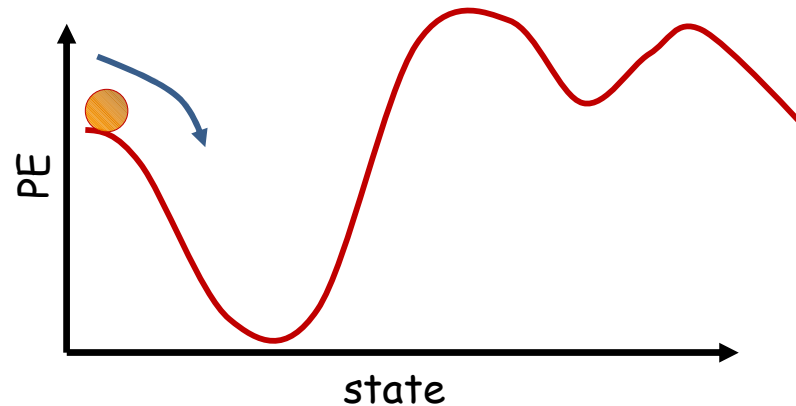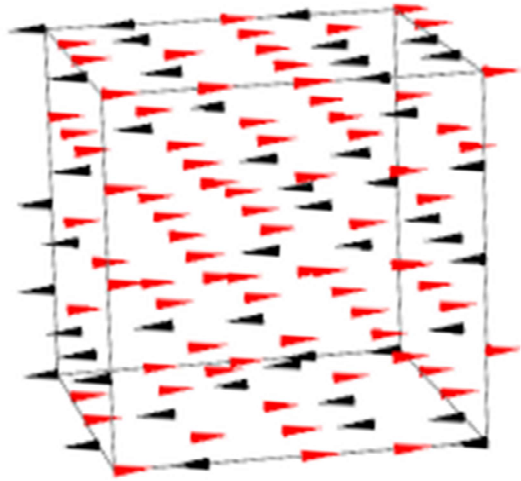
- Is the system actually in a specific state at any time?
- No – the state is actually continuously changing
  - Based on the temperature of the system
    - At higher temperatures, state changes more rapidly
- What is actually being characterized is the *probability* of the state at equilibrium
  - The system "prefers" low energy states
  - Evolution of the system favors transitions towards lower-energy states

The Helmholtz Free Energy of a System

- A thermodynamic system at temperature T can exist in one of many states
  - Potentially infinite states
  - At any time, the probability of finding the system in state s at temperature T is $P_T(s)$
- At each state s it has a potential energy E_s
- The *internal energy* of the system, representing its capacity to do work, is the average:

$$U_T = \sum_s P_T(s)\, E_s$$

The Helmholtz Free Energy of a System

- The capacity to do work is counteracted by the internal disorder of the system, i.e. its entropy

$$H_T = -\sum_s P_T(s) \log P_T(s)$$

- The *Helmholtz* free energy of the system measures the *useful* work derivable from it and combines the two terms

$$F_T = U_T + kTH_T$$

$$= \sum_s P_T(s) E_s - kT \sum_s P_T(s) \log P_T(s)$$

The Helmholtz Free Energy of a System

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- A system held at a specific temperature *anneals* by varying the rate at which it visits the various states, to reduce the free energy in the system, until a minimum free-energy state is achieved

- The probability distribution of the states at steady state is known as the *Boltzmann distribution*

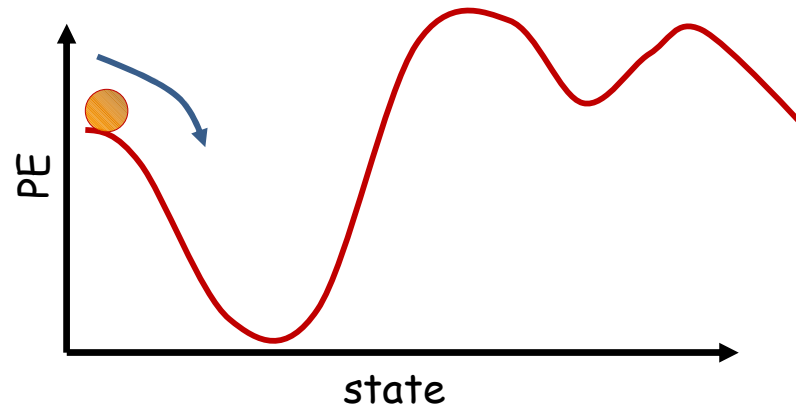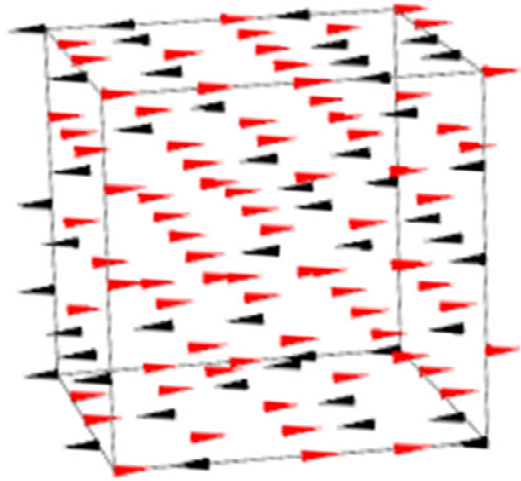# The Helmholtz Free Energy of a System

$$F_T = \sum_s P_T(s)\, E_s - kT \sum_s P_T(s) \log P_T(s)$$

- Minimizing this w.r.t $P_T(s)$, we get

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

   - Also known as the *Gibbs* distribution
   - Z is a normalizing constant
   - Note the dependence on T
   - A $T = 0$, the system will always remain at the lowest-energy configuration with prob = 1.

Revisiting Thermodynamic Phenomena

- The evolution of the system is actually *stochastic*
- At equilibrium the system visits various states according to the Boltzmann distribution
    - The probability of any state is inversely related to its energy
        - and also temperatures: $P(s) \propto exp\left(\frac{-E_s}{kT}\right)$
- The most likely state is the lowest energy state

Returning to the problem with Hopfield Nets
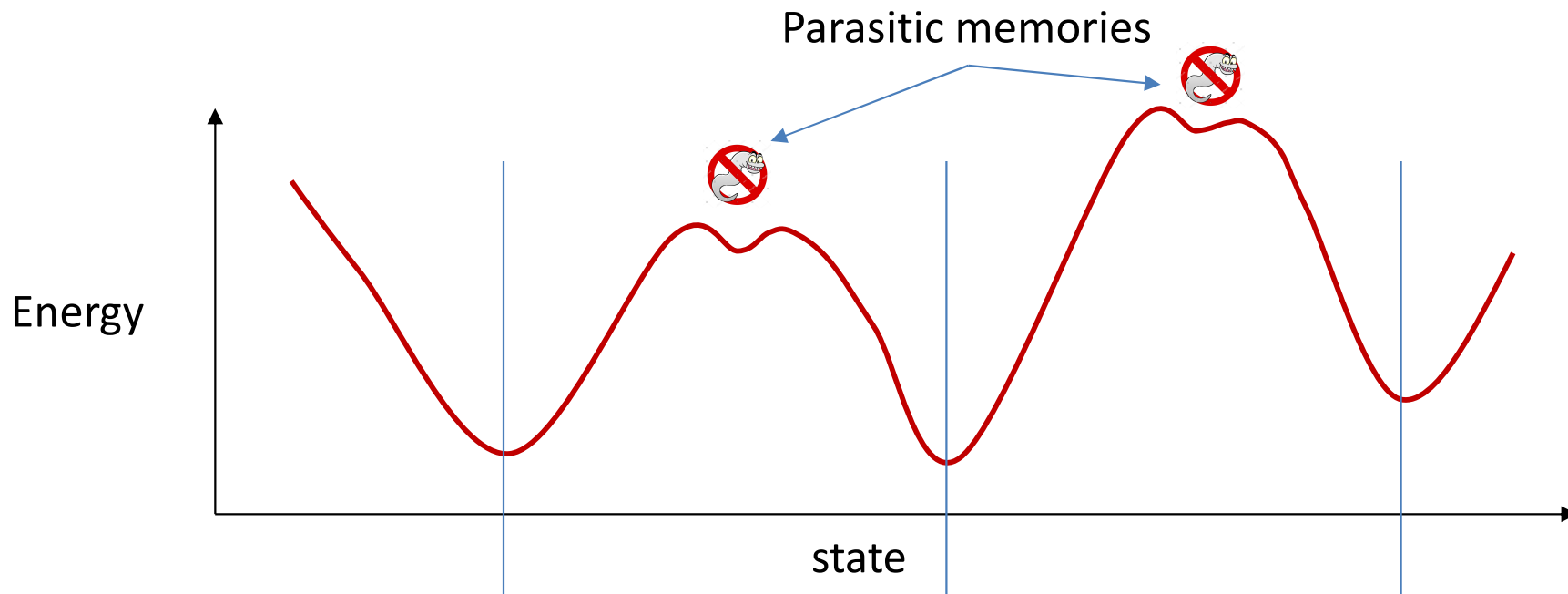
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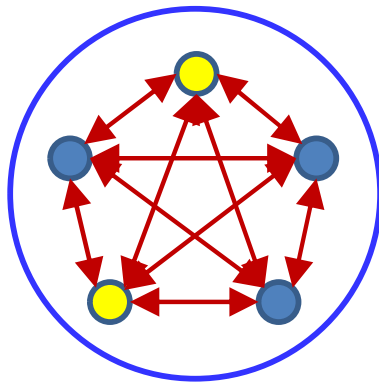
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The Hopfield net as a distribution

Visible Neurons

$$E(S) = -\sum_{i<j} w_{ij}s_i s_j - b_i s_i$$

$$P(S) = \frac{exp(-E(S))}{\sum_{S'} exp(-E(S'))}$$

- Mimics the Spin glass system
- The stochastic Hopfield network models a ***probability distribution*** over states
  - Where a state is a binary string
  - Specifically, it models a *Boltzmann distribution*
  - **The parameters of the model are the weights of the network**

- The probability that (at equilibrium) the network will be in any state is $P(S)$
  - It is a *generative* model: generates states according to $P(S)$

The field at a single node

- Let S and S' be otherwise identical states that only differ in the i-th bit
  - S has i-th bit = $+1$ and S' has i-th bit = -1
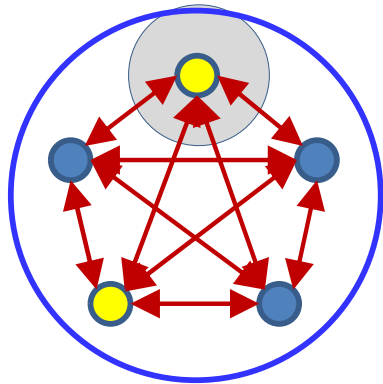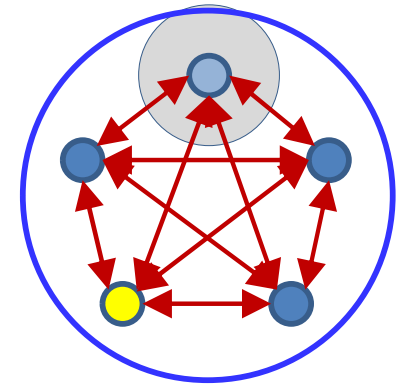
$$P(S) = P\big(s_i = 1\big|s_{j\neq i}\big)P(s_{j\neq i})$$

$$P(S') = P\big(s_i = -1\big|s_{j\neq i}\big)P(s_{j\neq i})$$

$$logP(S) - logP(S') = logP\big(s_i = 1\big|s_{j\neq i}\big) - logP\big(s_i = -1\big|s_{j\neq i}\big)$$

$$logP(S) - logP(S') = log\frac{P\big(s_i = 1\big|s_{j\neq i}\big)}{1 - P\big(s_i = 1\big|s_{j\neq i}\big)}$$

The field at a single node

- Let S and S' be the states with the ith bit in the $+1$ and -1 states
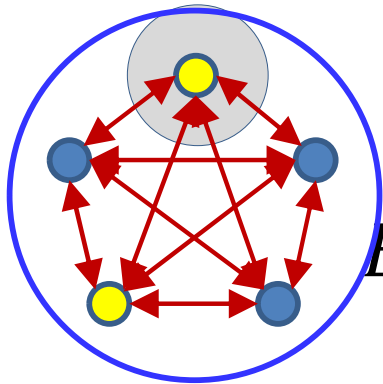
$$\log P(S) = -E(S) + C$$

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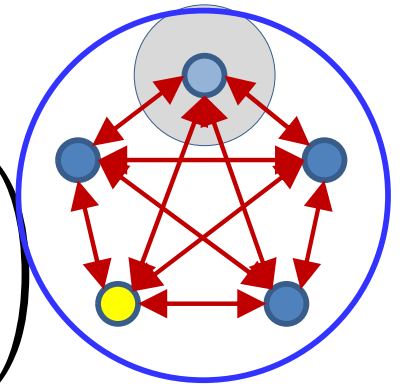
$$E(S') = -\frac{1}{2}\left(E_{not\ i} - \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij}s_j - b_i\right)$$

- $logP(S) - logP(S') = E(S') - E(S) = \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij}s_j + b_i$

The field at a single node

$$log\left(\frac{P(s_i = 1 | s_{j \neq i})}{1 - P(s_i = 1 | s_{j \neq i})}\right) = \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij} s_j + b_i$$

- Giving us

$$P(s_i = 1 | s_{j \neq i}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\left(\sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij} s_j + b_i\right)}}$$

- The probability of any node taking value 1 given other node values is a logistic

Redefining the network

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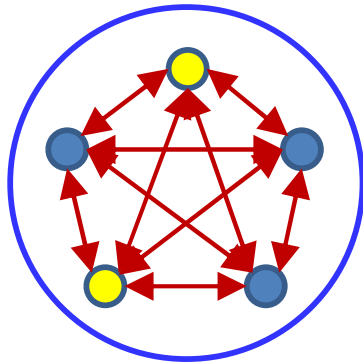
$$z_i = \sum_j w_{ij} s_j + b_i$$

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

- First try: Redefine a regular Hopfield net as a stochastic system

- Each neuron is *now a stochastic unit* with a binary state s_i, which can take value 0 or 1 with a probability that depends on the local field

  - Note the slight change from Hopfield nets
  - Not actually necessary; only a matter of convenience

The Hopfield net is a distribution

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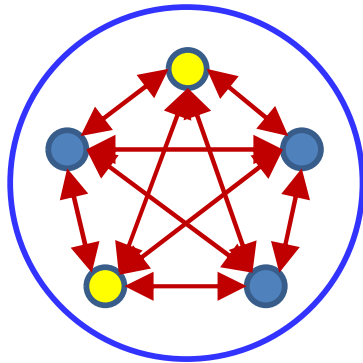
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- The Hopfield net is a probability distribution over binary sequences
  – The Boltzmann distribution

- The *conditional* distribution of individual bits in the sequence is a logistic

Running the network

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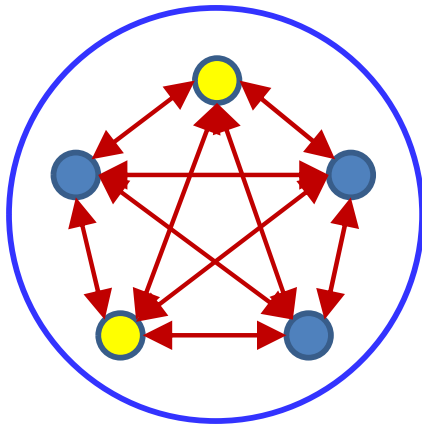
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- Initialize the neurons
- Cycle through the neurons and randomly set the neuron to 1 or 0 according to the probability given above
  - Gibbs sampling: Fix N-1 variables and sample the remaining variable
  - As opposed to energy-based update (mean field approximation): run the test $z_i > 0$?

- After many many iterations (until "convergence"), *sample* the individual neurons

Evolution of a stochastic Hopfield net

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2. Iterate $0 \le i \le N - 1$

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$$y_i(t + 1) \sim Binomial(P)$$

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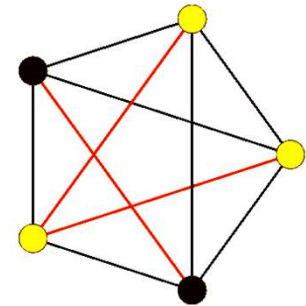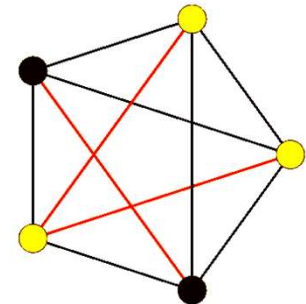
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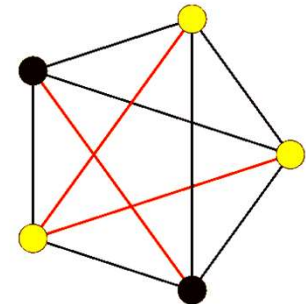1. Initialize network with initial pattern

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2. For $T = T_0 \; down \; to \; T_{min}$

<mark>Noisy pattern completion: Initialize the entire network and let the entire network evolve</mark>

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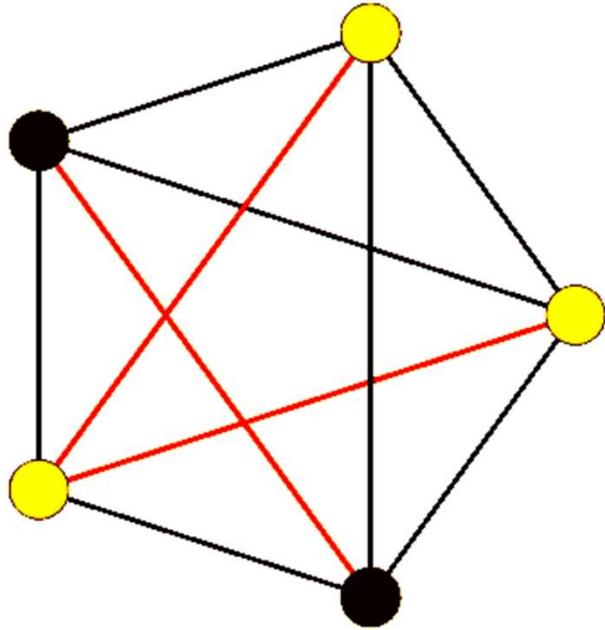
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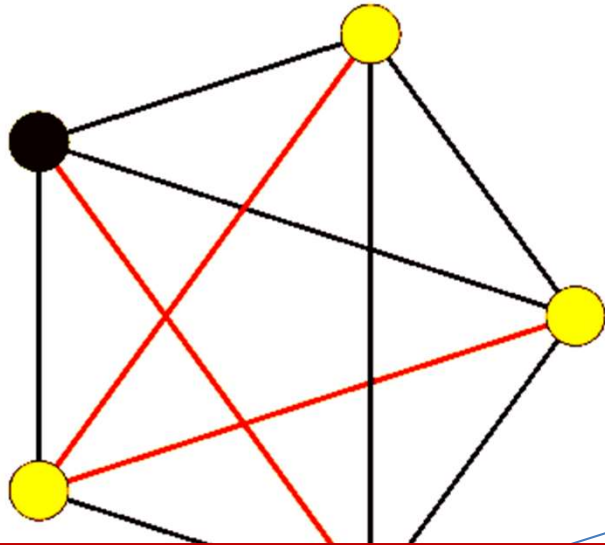
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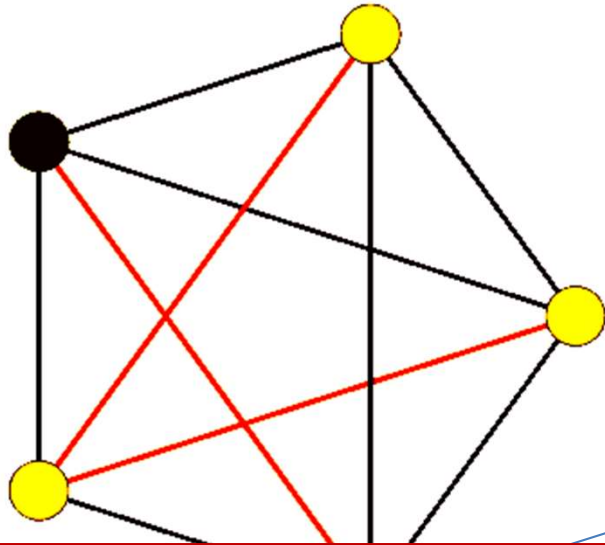The field quantifies the energy difference obtained by flipping the current unit

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At T=1.0 we get the traditional definition of field and energy
At T = 0, we get deterministic Hopfield behavior

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Annealing

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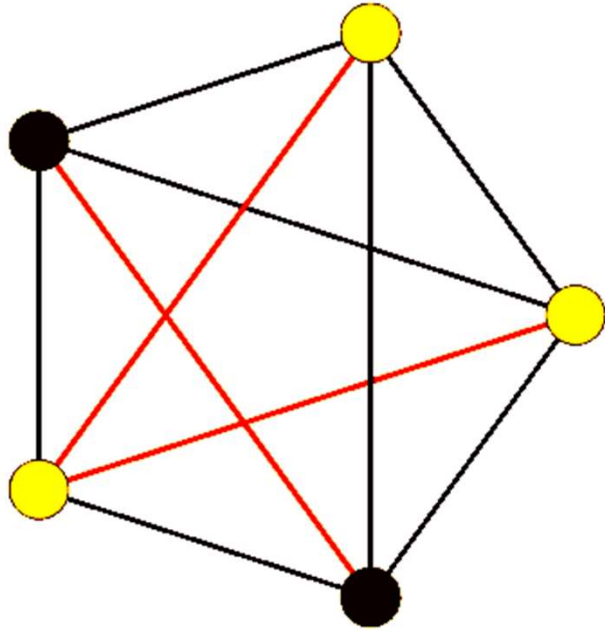
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- When do we stop?

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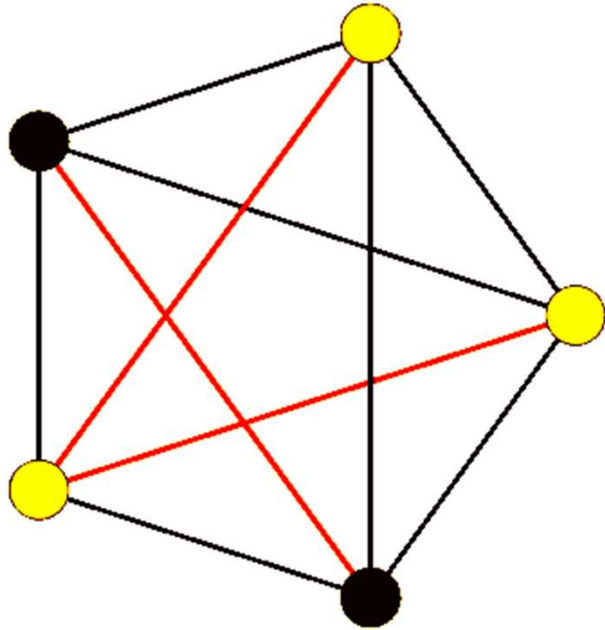
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$$P(y_i = 1 | y_{j \neq i}) = \sigma(z_i)$$

- The probability of each neuron is given by a *conditional* distribution

- What is the overall probability of *the entire set of neurons* taking any configuration **y**

The overall probability
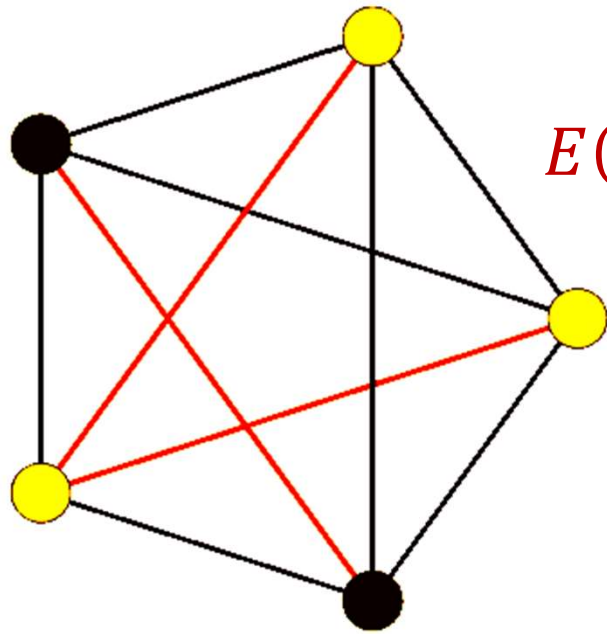

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- The probability of any state **y** can be shown to be given by the *Boltzmann distribution*

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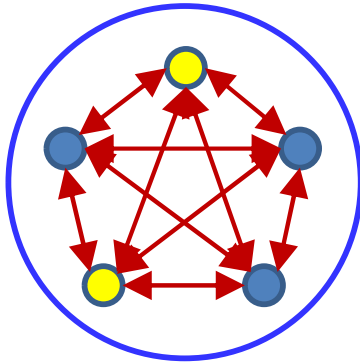
 – Minimizing energy maximizes log likelihood

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- Stop when the running average of the log probability of patterns stops increasing

  – I.e. when the (running average) of the energy of the patterns stops decreasing

The Hopfield net is a distribution

$$z_i = \frac{1}{T} \sum_j w_{ji} s_j$$

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- The Hopfield net is a probability distribution over binary sequences
  - The Boltzmann distribution

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$$P(\mathbf{y}) = C \exp\left(-\frac{E(\mathbf{y})}{T}\right)$$

  - The parameter of the distribution is the weights matrix $\mathbf{W}$

- The *conditional* distribution of individual bits in the sequence is a logistic
- We will call this a Boltzmann machine

The Boltzmann Machine
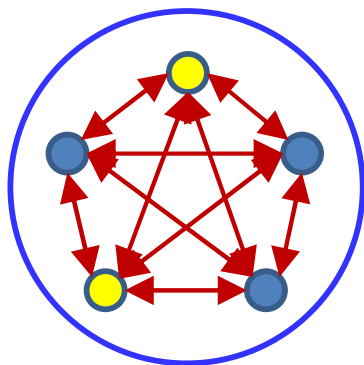
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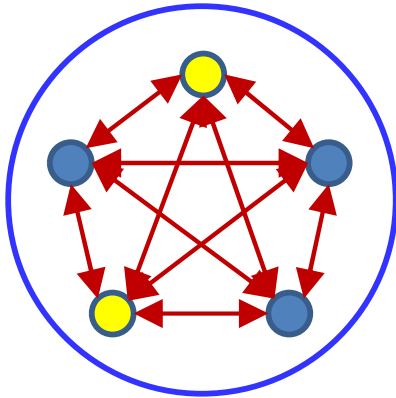$$P(s_i = 1 | s_{j \neq i}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z_i}}$$

- The entire model can be viewed as a *generative model*
- Has a probability of producing any binary vector **y**:

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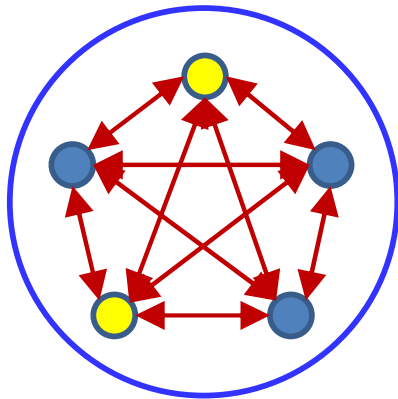# *Training* the network

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- Training a Hopfield net: Must learn weights to "remember" target states and "dislike" other states
  - **"State" == binary pattern of all the neurons**

- Training Boltzmann machine: Must learn weights to assign a desired probability distribution to states
  - (vectors **y**, which we will now calls S because I'm too lazy to normalize the notation)
  - This should assign more probability to patterns we "like" (or try to memorize) and less to other patterns

Training the network

Visible Neurons

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- Must train the network to assign a desired probability distribution to states

- Given a set of "training" inputs $S_1, \dots, S_N$
  - Assign higher probability to patterns seen more frequently
  - Assign lower probability to patterns that are not seen at all

- Alternately viewed: *maximize likelihood of stored states*

Maximum Likelihood Training

$$\log(P(S)) = \left(\sum_{i<j} w_{ij} s_i s_j \right) - \log \left(\sum_{S'} exp \left(\sum_{i<j} w_{ij} s_i' s_j' \right) \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{S \in \mathbf{S}} \log(P(S))$$

Average log likelihood of training vectors (to be maximized)

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{S} \left(\sum_{i<j} w_{ij} s_i s_j \right) - \log \left(\sum_{S'} exp \left(\sum_{i<j} w_{ij} s_i' s_j' \right) \right)$$

- Maximize the average log likelihood of all "training" vectors $\mathbf{S} = \{S_1, S_2, \ldots, SN\}$
  - In the first summation, s_i and s_j are bits of S
  - In the second, s_i' and s_j' are bits of S'

Maximum Likelihood Training

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$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dw_{ij}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{S} s_i s_j - ???$$

- We will use gradient ascent, but we run into a problem..
- The first term is just the average $s_i s_j$ over all training patterns
- But the second term is summed over *all* states
  - Of which there can be an exponential number!

The second term

$$\frac{d\log\left(\sum_{S'} exp\left(\sum_{i<j} w_{ij} s_i' s_j'\right)\right)}{dw_{ij}} = \frac{1}{\sum_{S''} exp\left(\sum_{i<j} w_{ij} s_i'' s_j''\right)} \frac{d\log \sum_{S'} exp\left(\sum_{i<j} w_{ij} s_i' s_j'\right)}{dw_{ij}}$$

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$P(S')$

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- The second term is simply the *expected value* of $s_i s_j$, over all possible values of the state
- We cannot compute it exhaustively, but we can compute it by sampling!

Estimating the second term

$$\frac{d\log\left(\sum_{S'} exp\left(\sum_{i<j} w_{ij} s_i' s_j'\right)\right)}{dw_{ij}} = \sum_{S'} P(S') s_i' s_j'$$

$$\sum_{S'} P(S') s_i' s_j' \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{S' \in \mathbf{S}_{samples}} s_i' s_j'$$

- The expectation can be estimated as the average of samples drawn from the distribution

- Question: How do we draw samples from the Boltzmann distribution?
  - How do we draw samples from the network?

The simulation solution
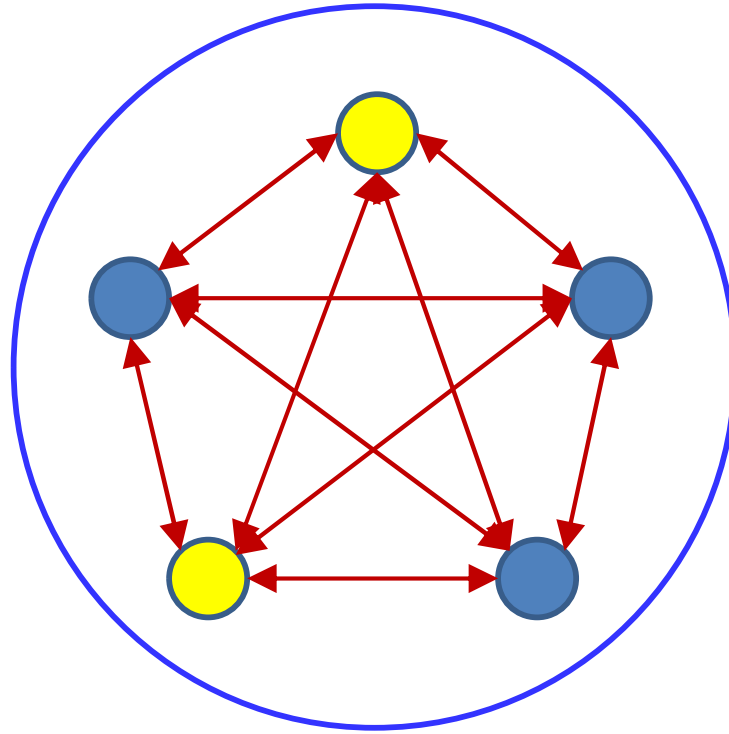
- Initialize the network randomly and let it "evolve"
  - By probabilistically selecting state values according to our model
- After many many epochs, take a snapshot of the state
- Repeat this many many times
- Let the collection of states be

$$\mathbf{S}_{simul} = \{S_{simul,1}, S_{simul,1=2}, \dots, S_{simul,M}\}$$

The simulation solution for the second term

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- The second term in the derivative is computed as the average of sampled states when the network is running "freely"

Maximum Likelihood Training

Sampled estimate

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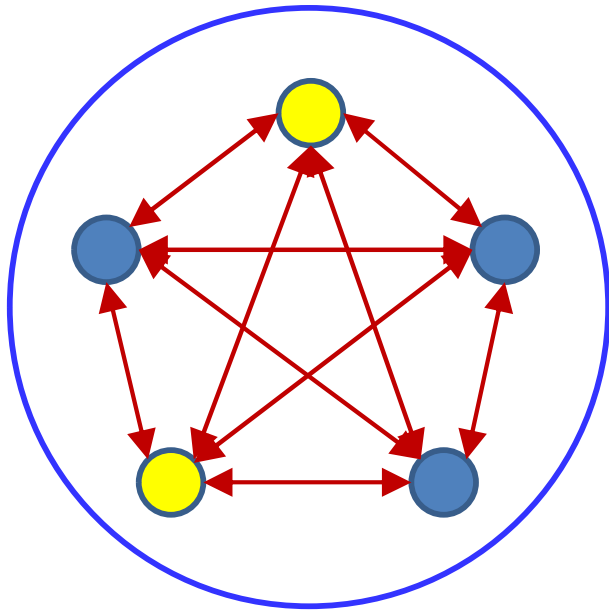- The overall gradient ascent rule

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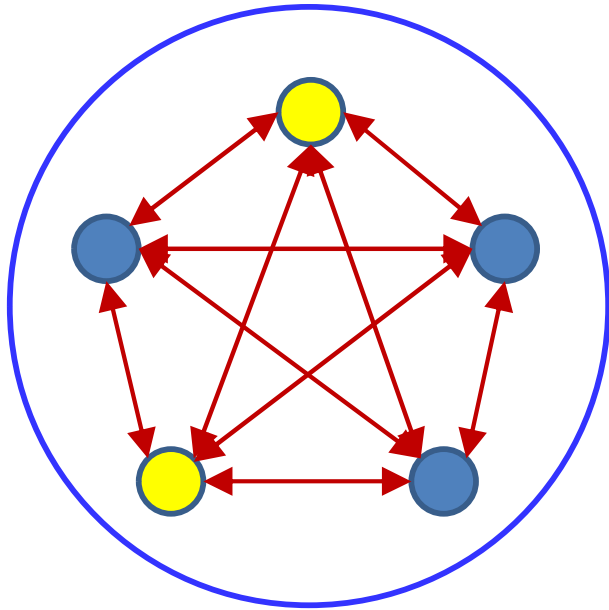
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- Initialize weights

- Let the network run to obtain simulated state samples

- Compute gradient and update weights

- Iterate
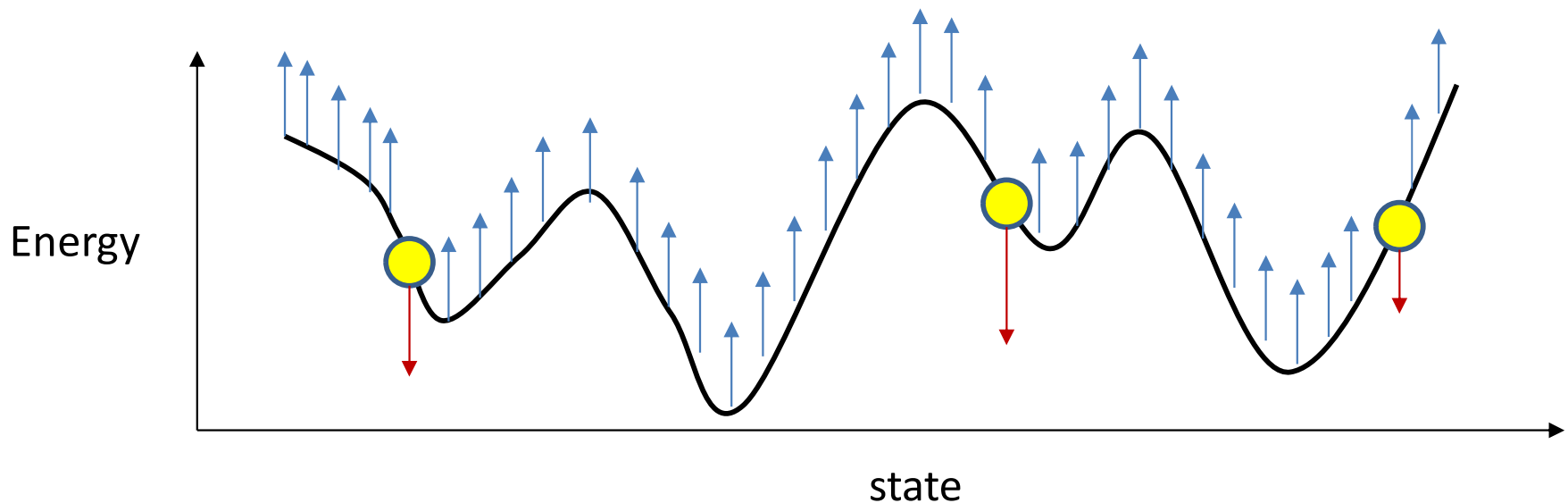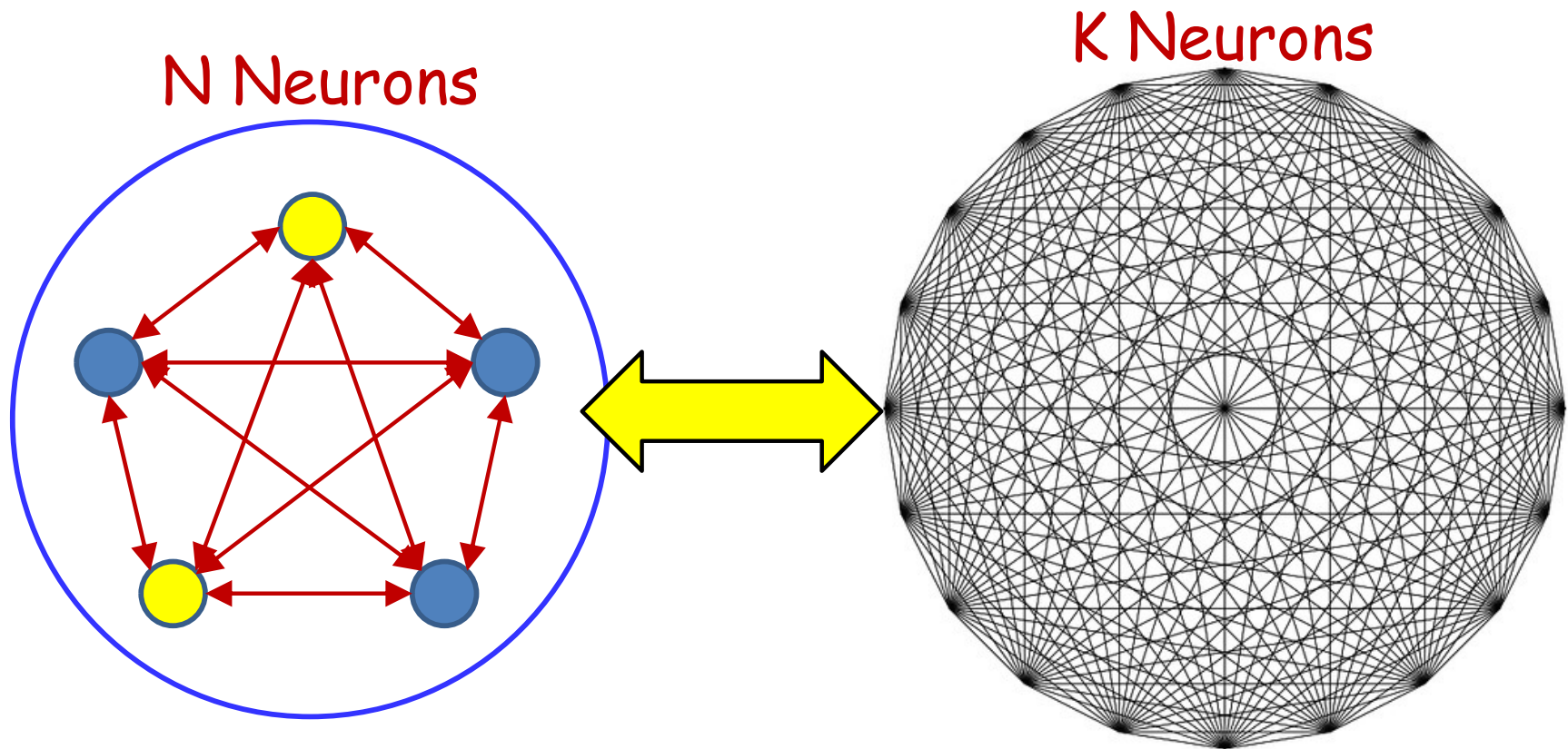
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Note the similarity to the update rule for the Hopfield network

Energy

state

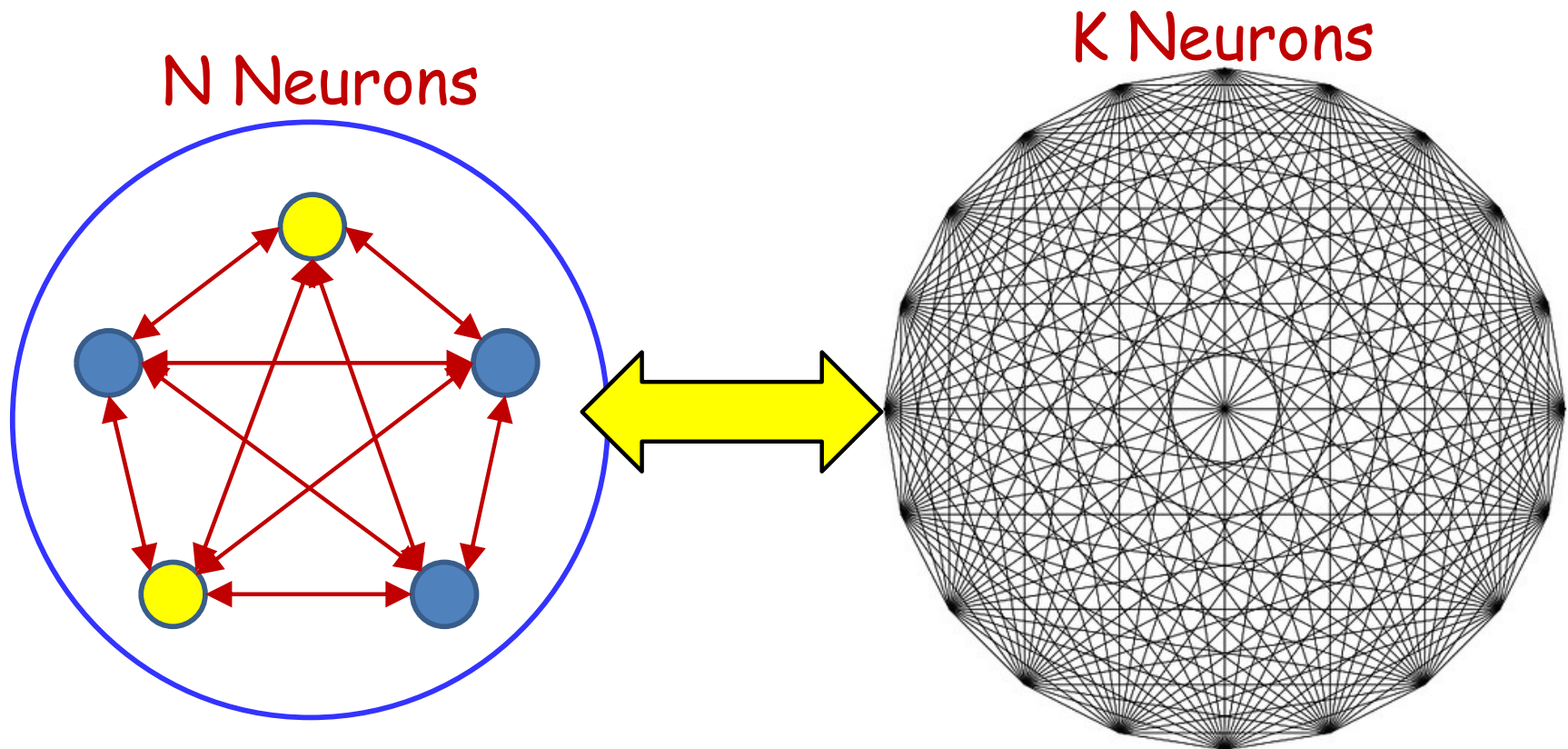# Adding Capacity to the Hopfield Network / Boltzmann Machine

- The network can store up to N N-bit patterns

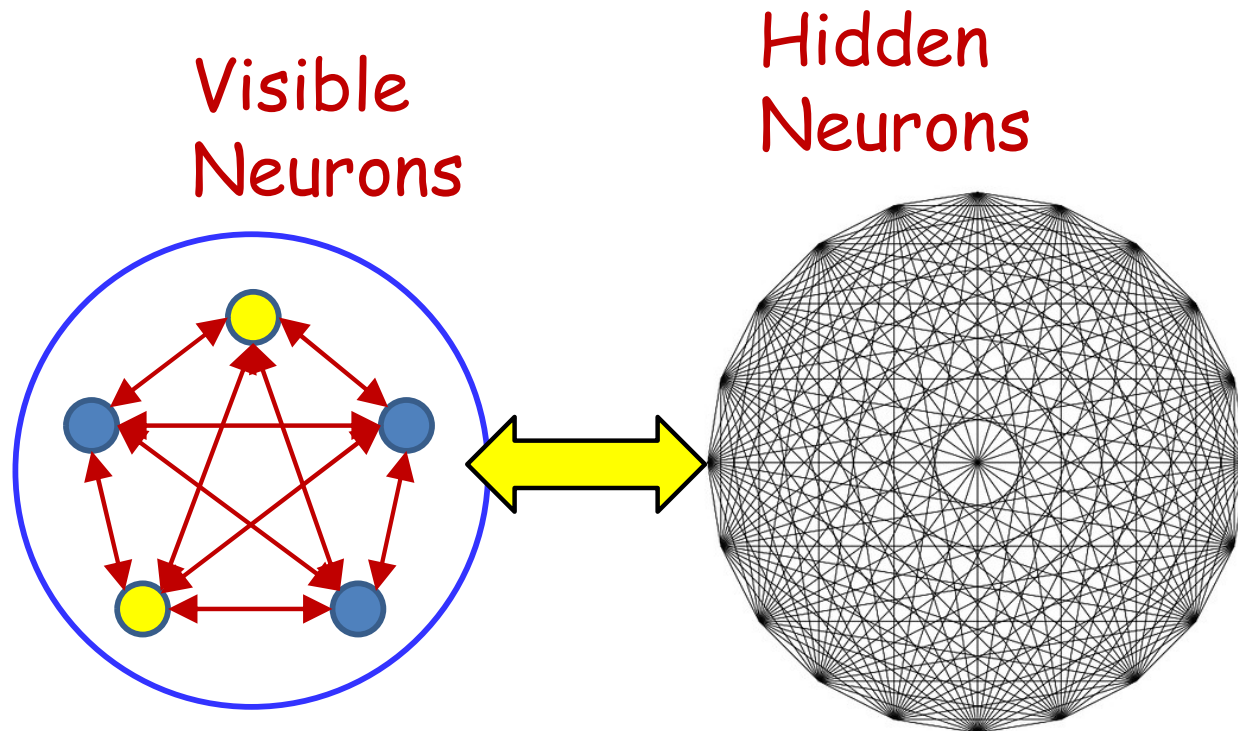- How do we increase the capacity

Expanding the network

N Neurons

K Neurons

- Add a large number of neurons whose actual values you don't care about!

Expanded Network

N Neurons

K Neurons

- New capacity: $\sim(N + K)$ patterns
  - Although we only care about the pattern of the first N neurons
  - We're interested in *N-bit* patterns

Terminology

Visible Neurons

Hidden Neurons

- Terminology:
  - The neurons that store the actual patterns of interest: *Visible neurons*
  - The neurons that only serve to increase the capacity but whose actual values are not important: *Hidden neurons*
  - These can be set to anything in order to store a visible pattern

Training the network

Visible Neurons
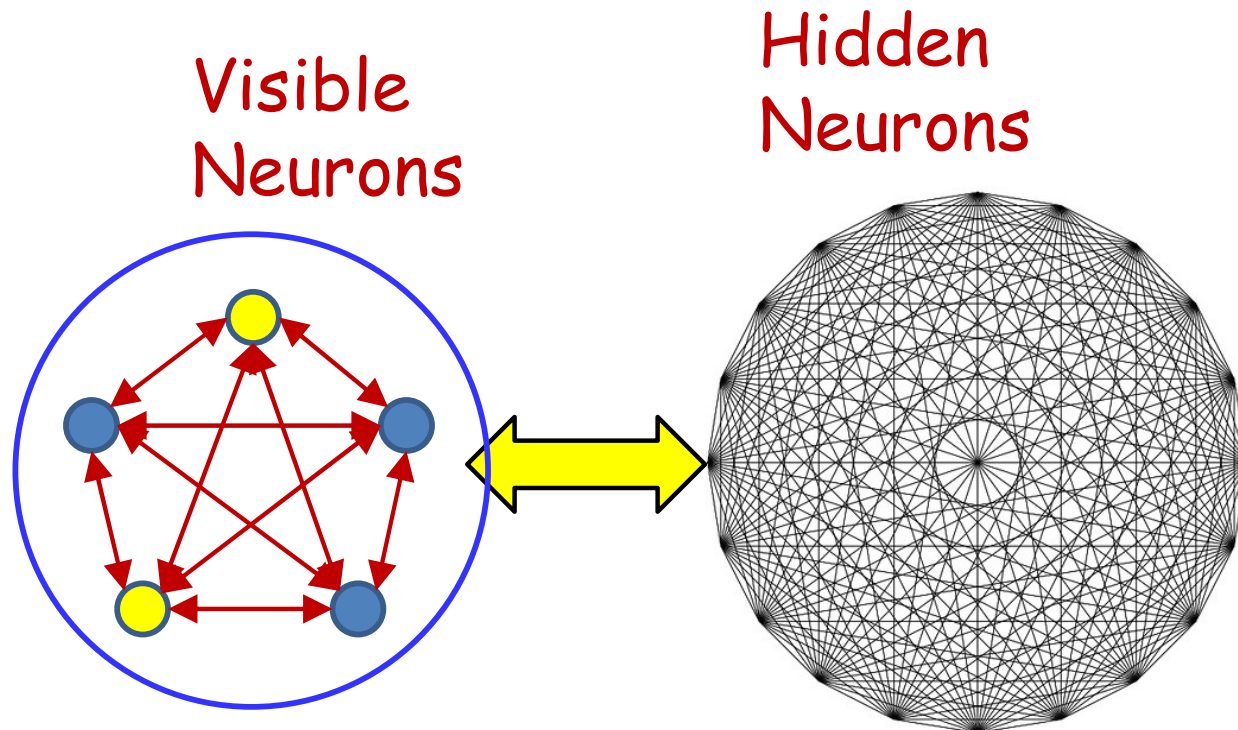
Hidden Neurons

- For a given pattern of *visible* neurons, there are any number of *hidden* patterns (2^K)

- Which of these do we choose?
  - Ideally choose the one that results in the lowest energy
  - But that's an exponential search space!

The patterns

- In fact we could have *multiple* hidden patterns coupled with any visible pattern
  - These would be multiple stored patterns that all give the same visible output
  - How many do we permit

- Do we need to specify one or more particular hidden patterns?
  - How about *all* of them
  - What do I mean by this bizarre statement?
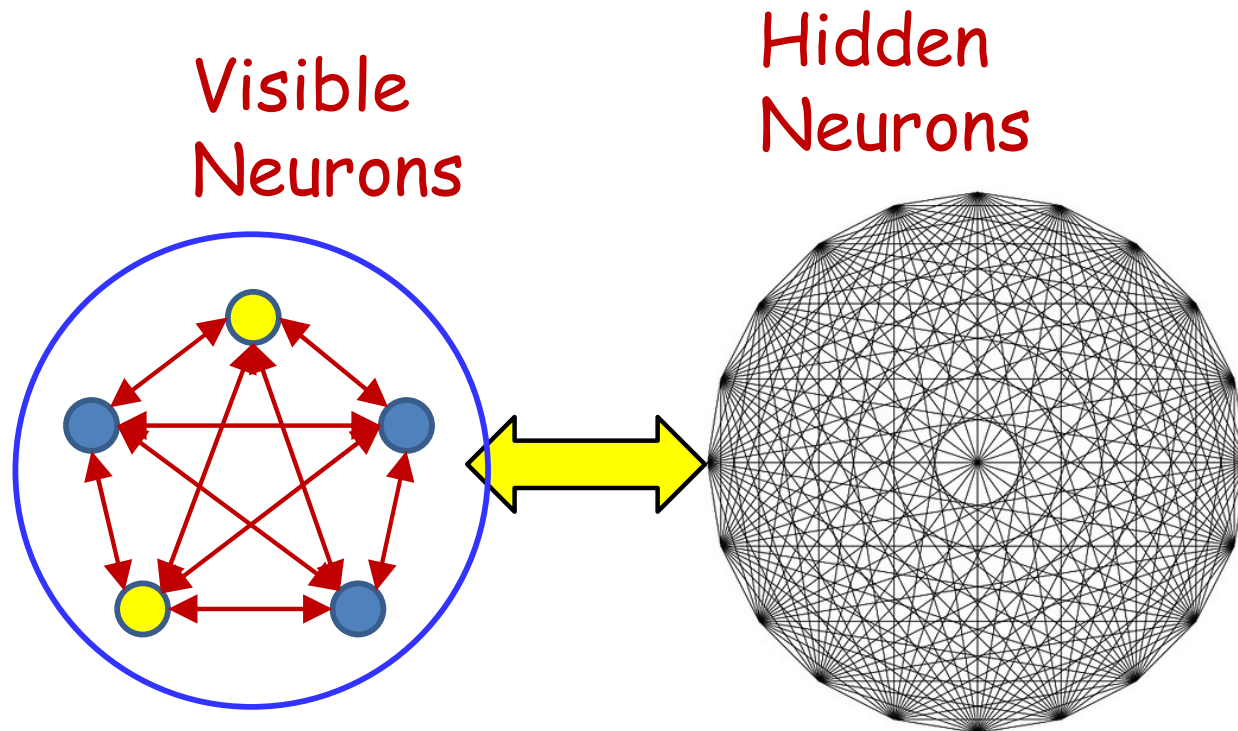
Boltzmann machine without hidden units
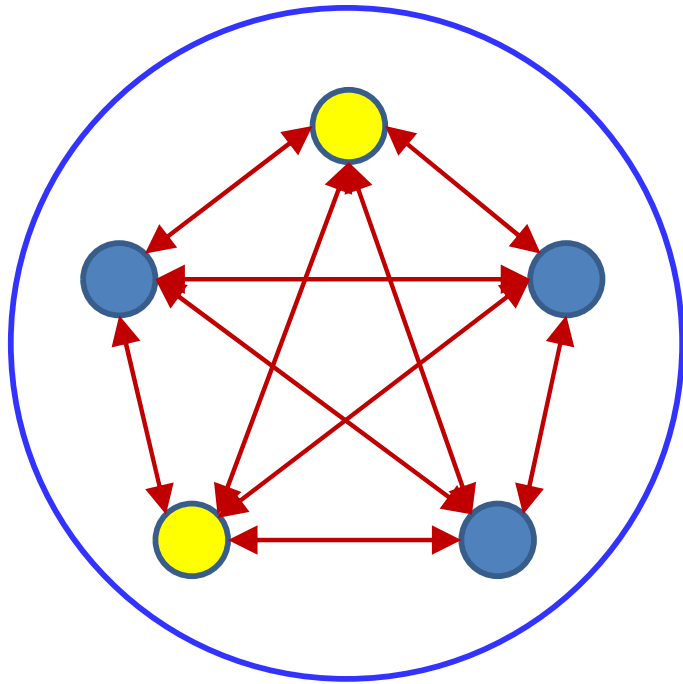
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- This basic framework has no hidden units
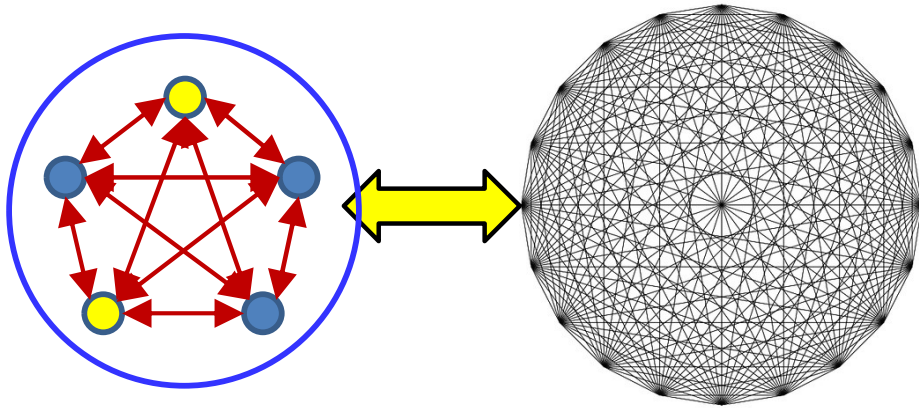
- Extended to have hidden units

With hidden neurons

Visible
Neurons

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- Now, with hidden neurons the complete state pattern for even the *training* patterns is unknown
  - Since they are only defined over visible neurons

With hidden neurons

Visible Neurons

Hidden Neurons

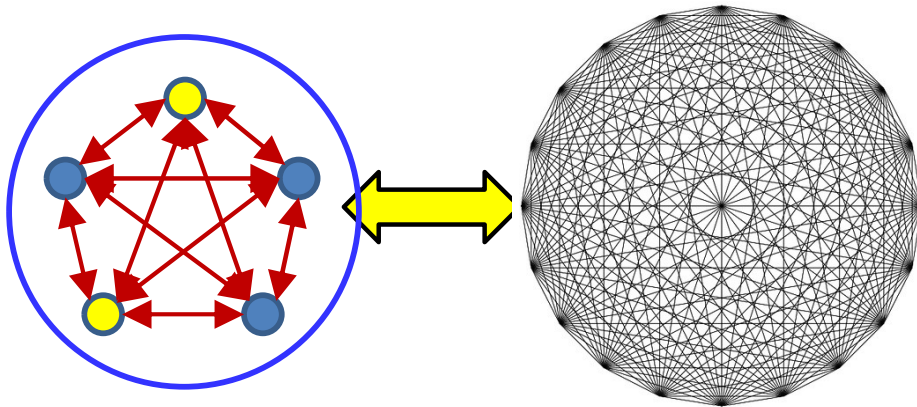$$P(S) = \frac{exp(-E(S))}{\sum_{S'} exp(-E(S'))}$$
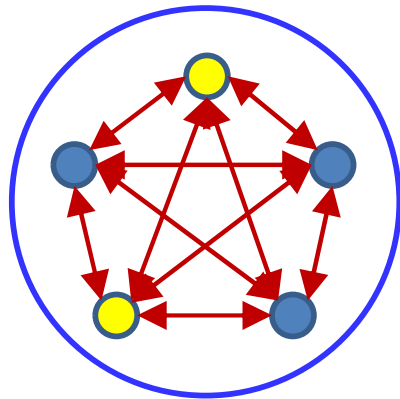
$$P(S) = P(V, H)$$

$$P(V) = \sum_{H} P(S)$$

- We are interested in the *marginal* probabilities over *visible* bits
  - We want to learn to represent the visible bits
  - The hidden bits are the "latent" representation learned by the network

- $S = (V, H)$
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  - H = hidden bits

With hidden neurons

Visible Neurons

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Must train to maximize probability of desired patterns of *visible* bits

Training the network

$$E(S) = -\sum_{i<j} w_{ij} s_i s_j$$

Visible Neurons

$$P(S) = \frac{exp\left(\sum_{i<j} w_{ij} s_i s_j\right)}{\sum_{S'} exp\left(\sum_{i<j} w_{ij} s_i' s_j'\right)}$$

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- Must train the network to assign a desired probability distribution to *visible* states

- Probability of visible state sums over all hidden states

Maximum Likelihood Training

$$\log(P(V)) = \log\left(\sum_{H} exp\left(\sum_{i<j} w_{ij}s_i s_j\right)\right) - \log\left(\sum_{S'} exp\left(\sum_{i<j} w_{ij}s_i' s_j'\right)\right)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{V\in\mathbf{V}} \log(P(V))$$ Average log likelihood of training vectors (to be maximized)

$$= \frac{1}{N}\sum_{V\in\mathbf{V}} \log\left(\sum_{H} exp\left(\sum_{i<j} w_{ij}s_i s_j\right)\right) - \log\left(\sum_{S'} exp\left(\sum_{i<j} w_{ij}s_i' s_j'\right)\right)$$

- Maximize the average log likelihood of all visible bits of "training" vectors $\mathbf{V} = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_N\}$
  - The first term also has the same format as the second term
    - Log of a sum
  - Derivatives of the first term will have the same form as for the second term

Maximum Likelihood Training

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{V \in \mathbf{V}} \log \left(\sum_{H} exp \left(\sum_{i<j} w_{ij} s_i s_j \right) \right) - \log \left(\sum_{S'} exp \left(\sum_{i<j} w_{ij} s_i' s_j' \right) \right)$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dw_{ij}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{V \in \mathbf{V}} \sum_{H} \frac{exp(\sum_{k<l} w_{kl} s_k s_l)}{\sum_{H'} exp(\sum_{k<l} w_{kl} s_k'' s_l'')} s_i s_j - \sum_{S'} \frac{exp(\sum_{k<l} w_{kl} s_k' s_l')}{\sum_{S''} exp(\sum_{k<l} w_{ij} s_k'' s_l'')} s_i' s_j'$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dw_{ij}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{V \in \mathbf{V}} \sum_{H} P(S|V) s_i s_j - \sum_{S'} P(S') s_i' s_j'$$

- We've derived this math earlier
- But now *both* terms require summing over an exponential number of states
  - The first term fixes visible bits, and sums over all configurations of hidden states for each visible configuration in our training set
 - But the second term is summed over *all* states

The simulation solution

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dw_{ij}} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{V \in \mathbf{V}}\sum_{H} P(S|V)s_i s_j - \sum_{S'} P(S')s_i' s_j'$$

$$\sum_{H} P(S|V)s_i s_j \approx \frac{1}{K}\sum_{H \in \mathbf{H}_{simul}} s_i s_j$$

$$\sum_{S'} P(S')s_i' s_j' \approx \frac{1}{M}\sum_{S' \in \mathbf{S}_{simul}} s_i' s_j'$$

- The first term is computed as the average sampled *hidden* state with the visible bits fixed
- The second term in the derivative is computed as the average of sampled states when the network is running "freely"

More simulations

Visible Neurons

Hidden Neurons
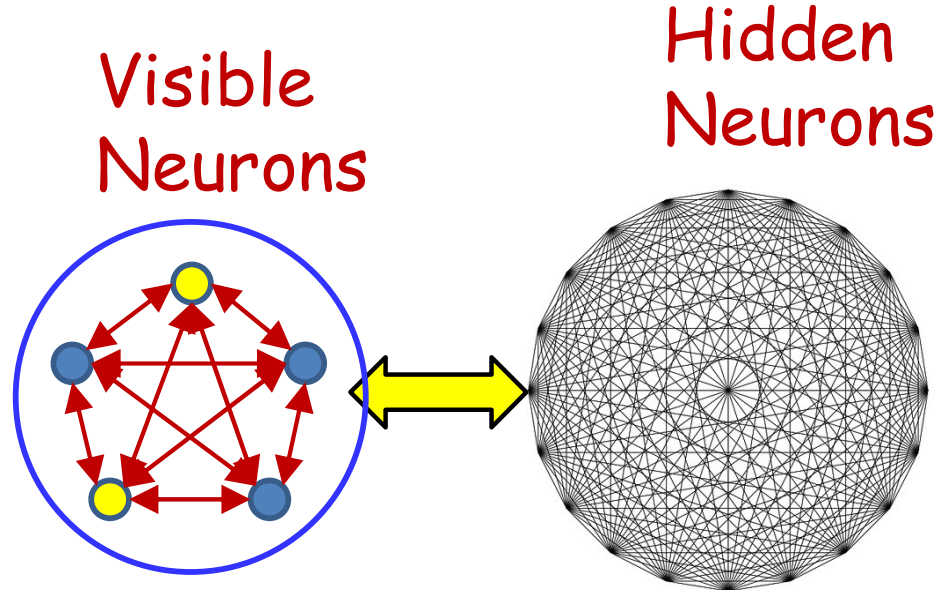
$$P(S) = \frac{exp(-E(S))}{\sum_{S'} exp(-E(S'))}$$

$$P(V) = \sum_H P(S)$$

- Maximizing the marginal probability of V requires summing over all values of H
  - An exponential state space
  - So we will use simulations again

Step 1

Visible Neurons   Hidden Neurons
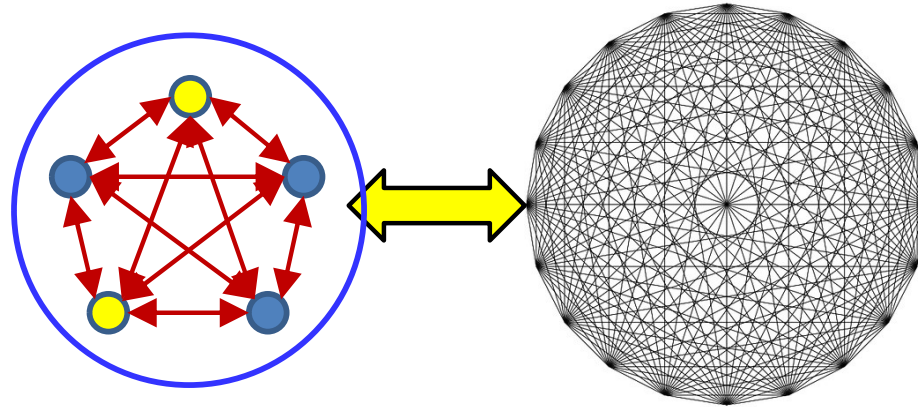
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Step 2
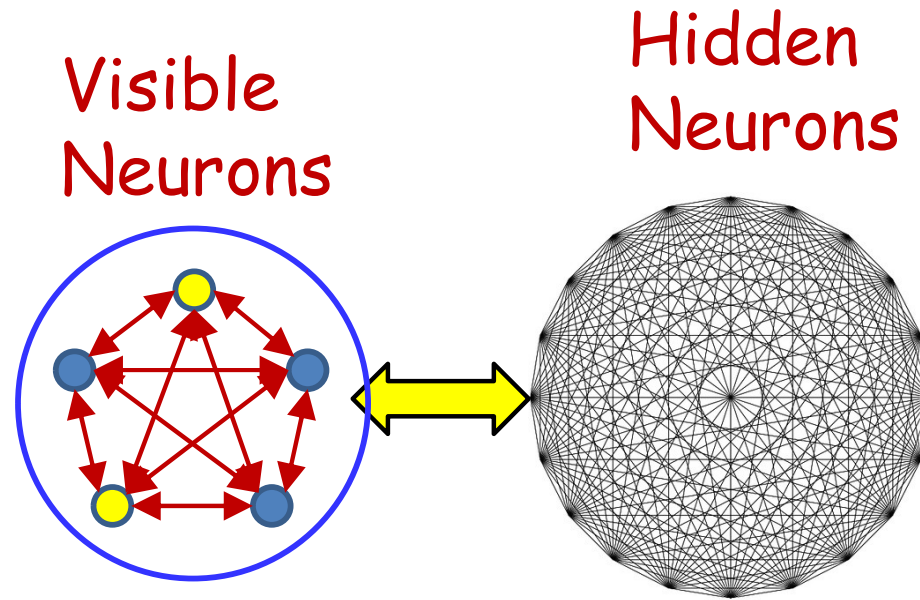
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Hidden Neurons

- Now *unclamp* the visible units and let the entire network evolve several times to generate

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Gradients
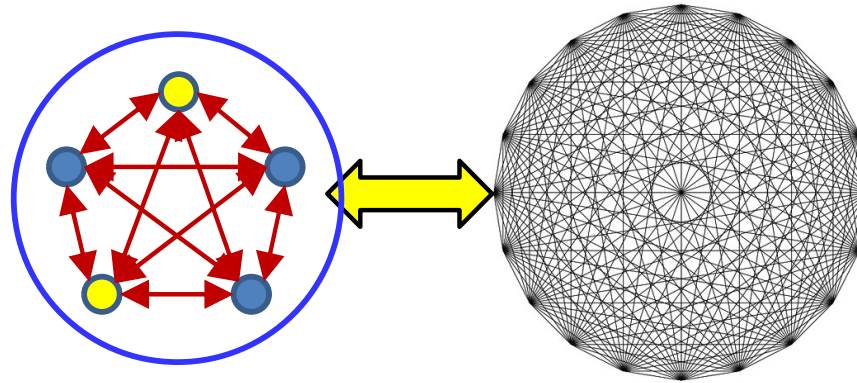
$$\frac{d\langle \log(P(\mathbf{S}))\rangle}{dw_{ij}} = \frac{1}{NK}\sum_{\mathbf{S}} s_i s_j - \frac{1}{M}\sum_{\mathbf{S}' \in \mathbf{S}_{simul}} s_i' s_j'$$

- Gradients are computed as before, except that the first term is now computed over the *expanded* training data

Overall Training

$$\frac{d\langle\log(P(\mathbf{S}))\rangle}{dw_{ij}} = \frac{1}{NK}\sum_{\mathbf{S}} s_i s_j - \frac{1}{M}\sum_{S'\in\mathbf{S}_{simul}} s_i' s_j'$$
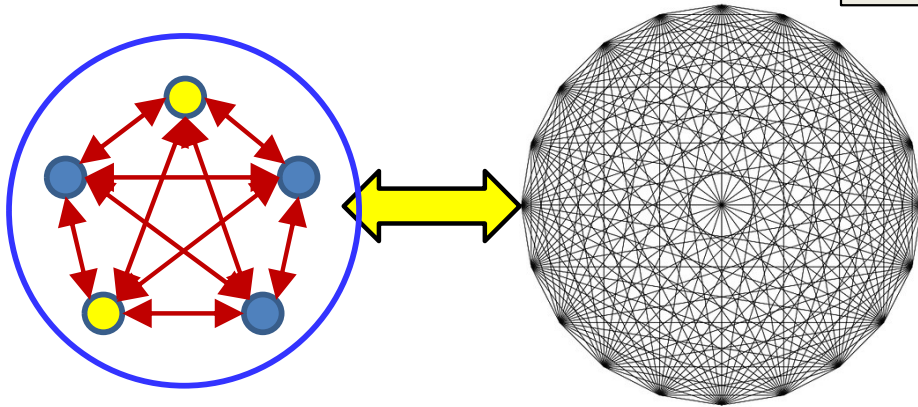
$$w_{ij} = w_{ij} - \eta\frac{d\langle\log(P(\mathbf{S}))\rangle}{dw_{ij}}$$

- Initialize weights
- Run simulations to get clamped and unclamped training samples
- Compute gradient and update weights
- Iterate

Boltzmann machines

- Stochastic extension of Hopfield nets

- Enables storage of many more patterns than Hopfield nets

- But also enables computation of probabilities of patterns, and completion of pattern

Boltzmann machines: Overall

$$z_i = \sum_j w_{ji} s_i + b_i$$

$$P(s_i = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z_i}}$$

$$\frac{d\langle \log(P(\mathbf{S})) \rangle}{dw_{ij}} = \frac{1}{NK} \sum_S s_i s_j - \frac{1}{M} \sum_{S' \in \mathbf{S}_{simul}} s_i' s_j'$$

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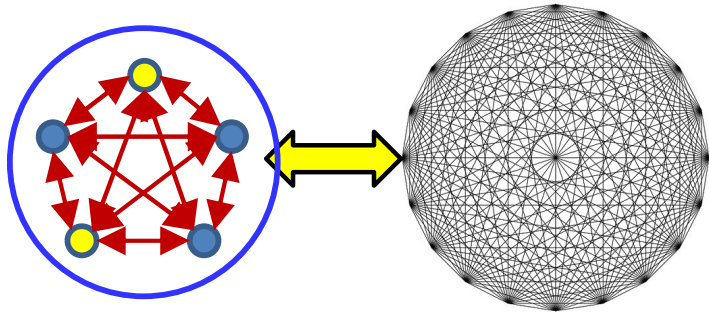
- **Training:** Given a set of training patterns
  - Which could be repeated to represent relative probabilities
- Initialize weights
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- Compute gradient and update weights
- Iterate

Boltzmann machines: Overall
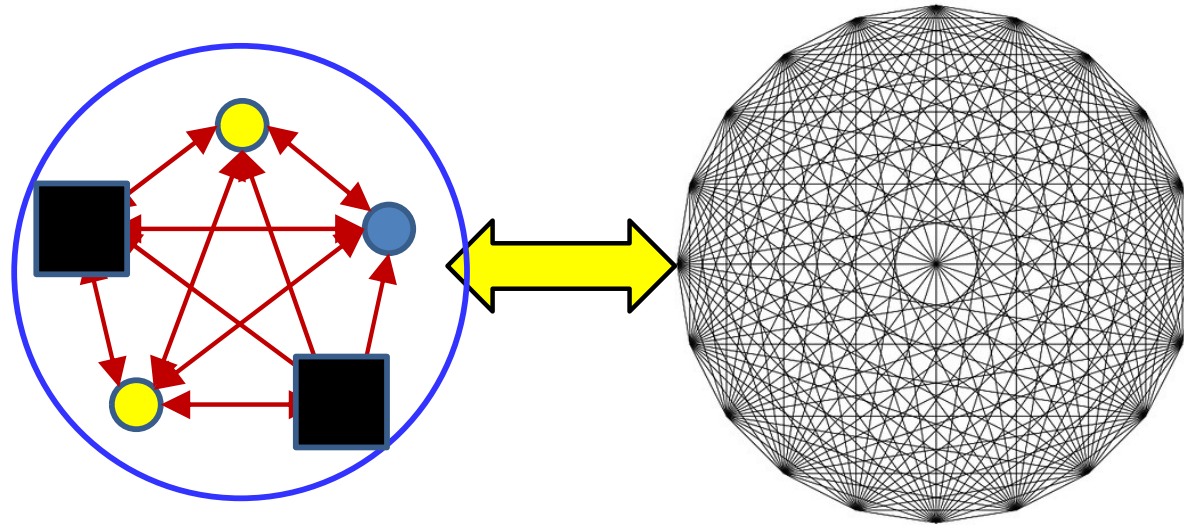
- Running: Pattern completion
  - "Anchor" the *known* visible units
  - Let the network evolve
  - Sample the unknown visible units
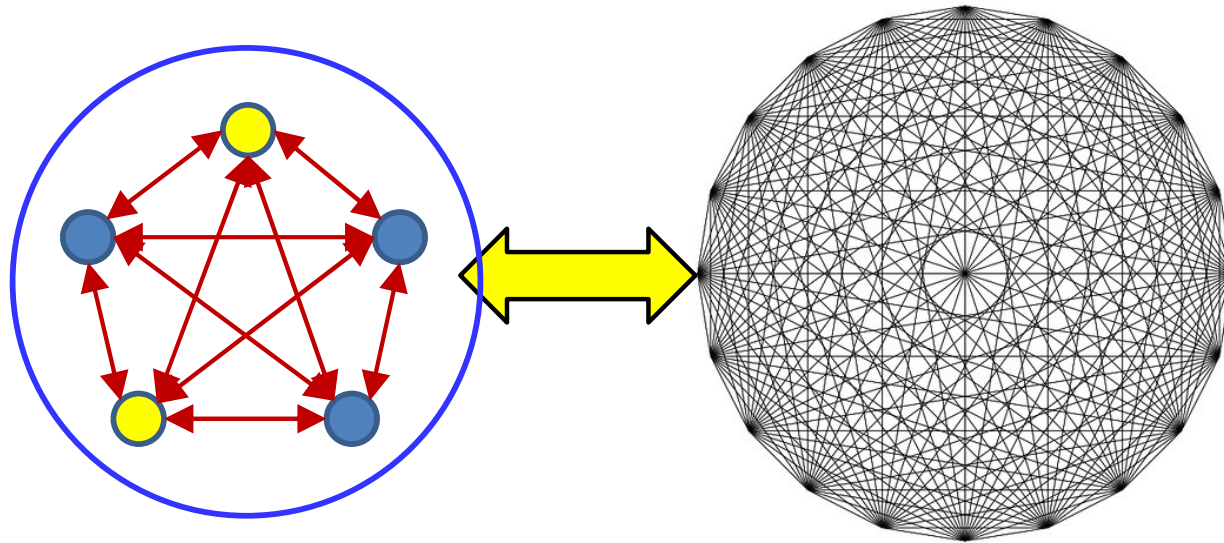   - Choose the most probable value

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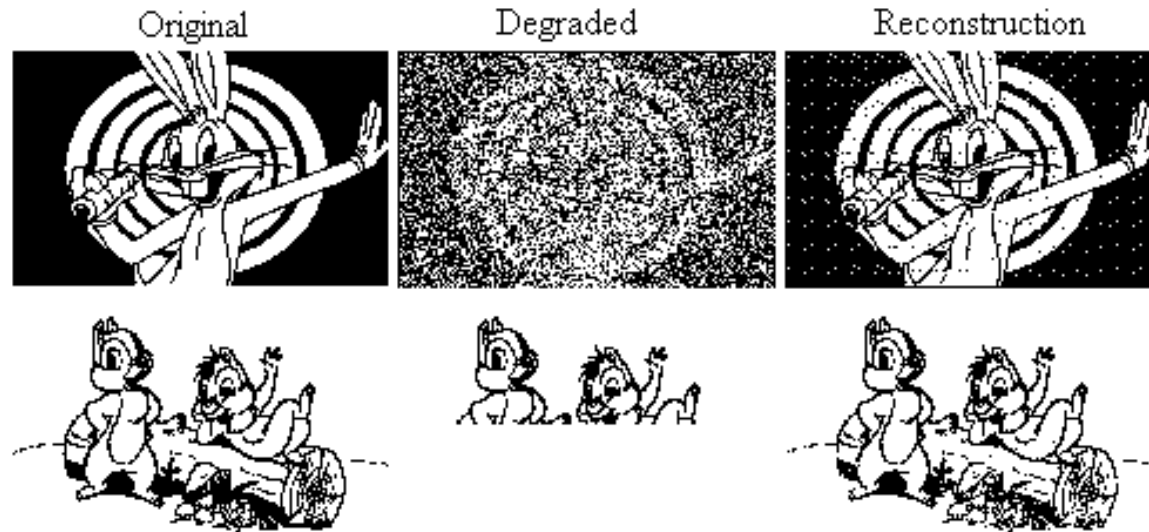
Hopfield network reconstructing degraded images
from noisy (top) or partial (bottom) cues.

- Filling out patterns
- Denoising patterns
- *Computing conditional probabilities of patterns*
- ***Classification!!***
 - *How?*

Boltzmann machines for classification

- Training patterns:
  - [f_1, f_2, f_3, …. , class]
  - Features can have binarized or continuous valued representations
  - Classes have "one hot" representation
- Classification:
  - Given features, anchor features, estimate a posteriori probability distribution over classes
    - Or choose most likely class
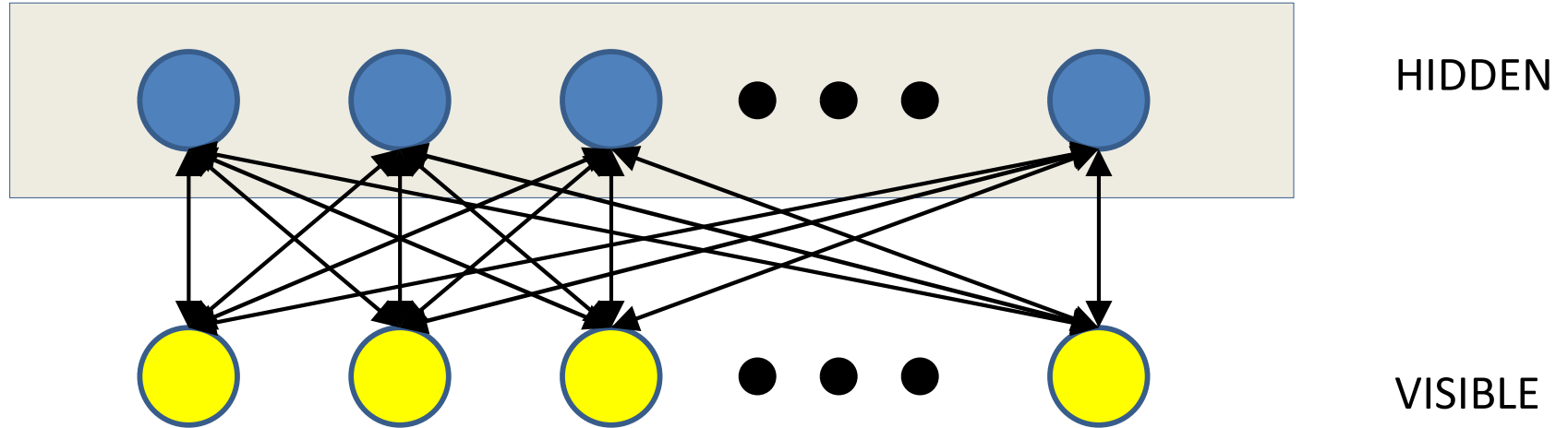
Boltzmann machines: Issues

- Training takes for ever
- Doesn't really work for large problems
  - A small number of training instances over a small number of bits

Solution: *Restricted* Boltzmann Machines
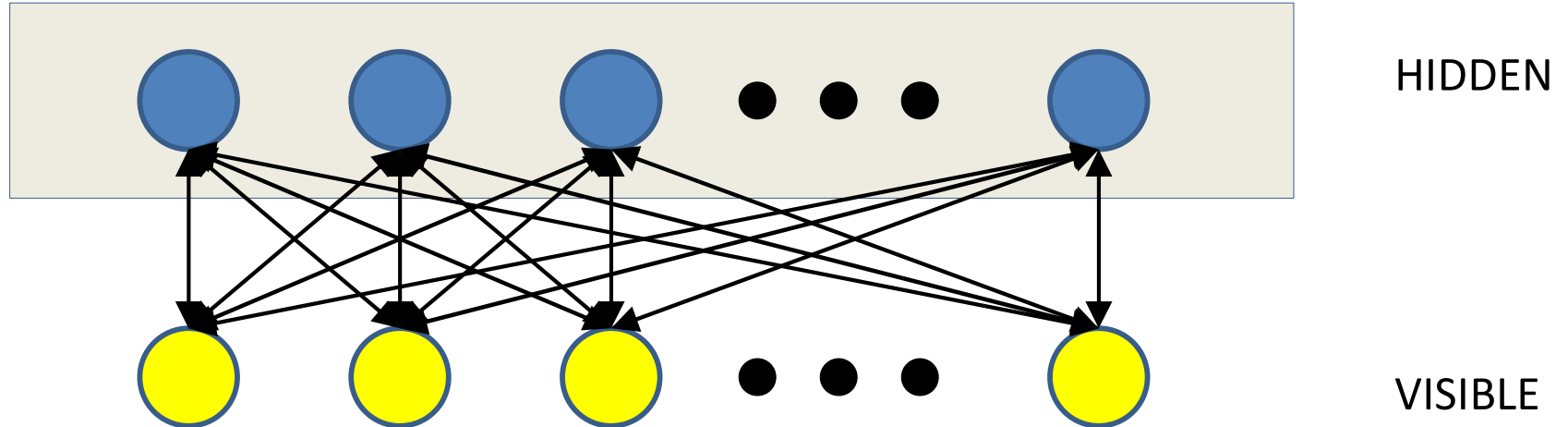
- Partition visible and hidden units
  - Visible units ONLY talk to hidden units
  - Hidden units ONLY talk to visible units

- Restricted Boltzmann machine..
  - **Originally proposed as "Harmonium Models" by Paul Smolensky**
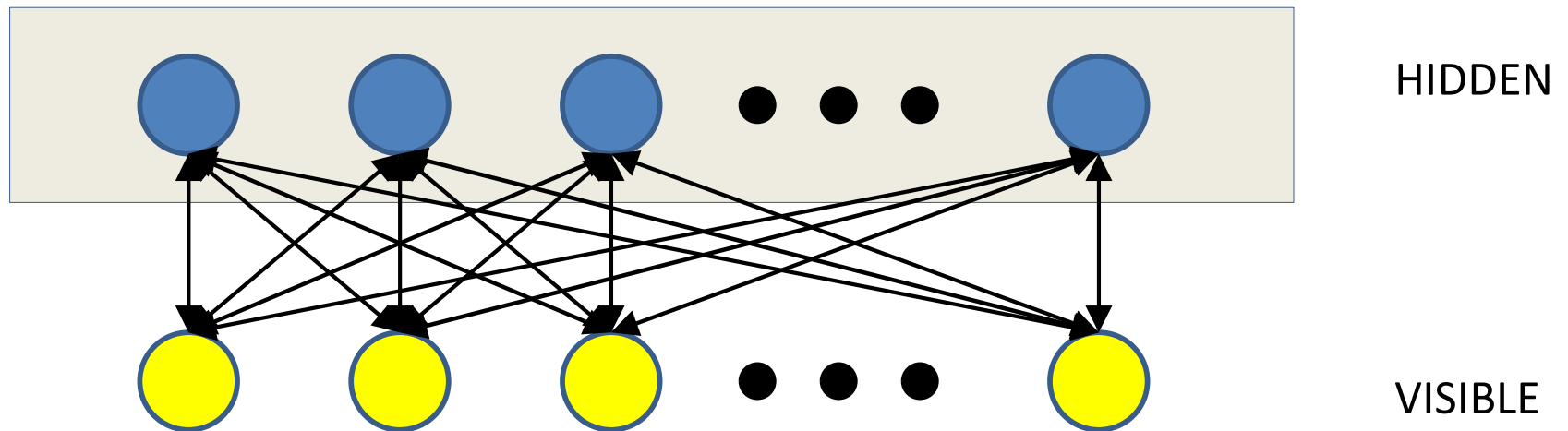
Solution: *Restricted* Boltzmann Machines

HIDDEN

VISIBLE

$$z_i = \sum_j w_{ji} s_i + b_i$$

$$P(s_i = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z_i}}$$

- Still obeys the same rules as a regular Boltzmann machine
- But the modified structure adds a big benefit..

Solution: *Restricted* Boltzmann Machines
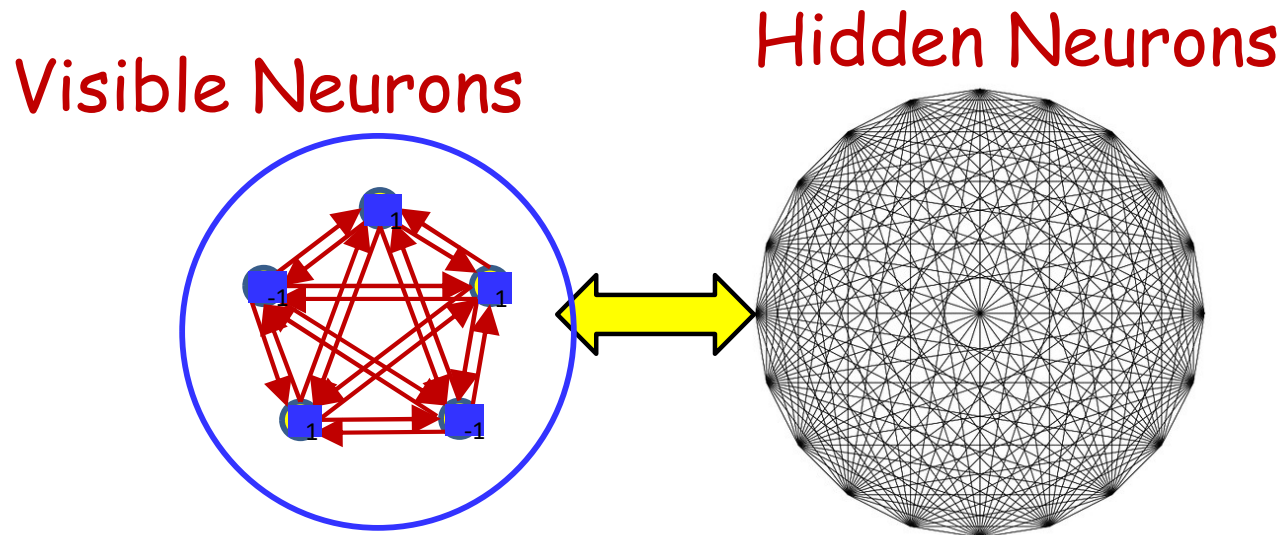

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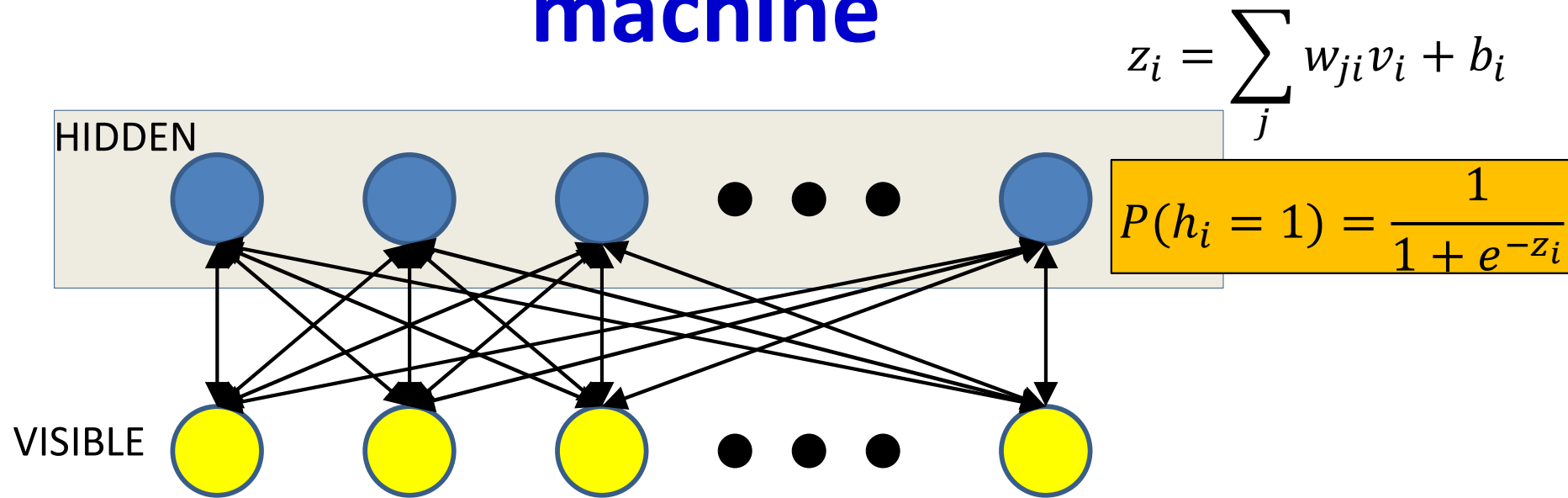
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$$y_i = \sum_j w_{ji} h_i + b_i$$

$$P(v_i = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-y_i}}$$

# Recap: Training full Boltzmann machines: Step 1

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Sampling: Restricted Boltzmann machine

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- For each sample:
  - Anchor visible units
  - Sample from hidden units
  - No looping!!

Recap: Training full Boltzmann machines: Step 2
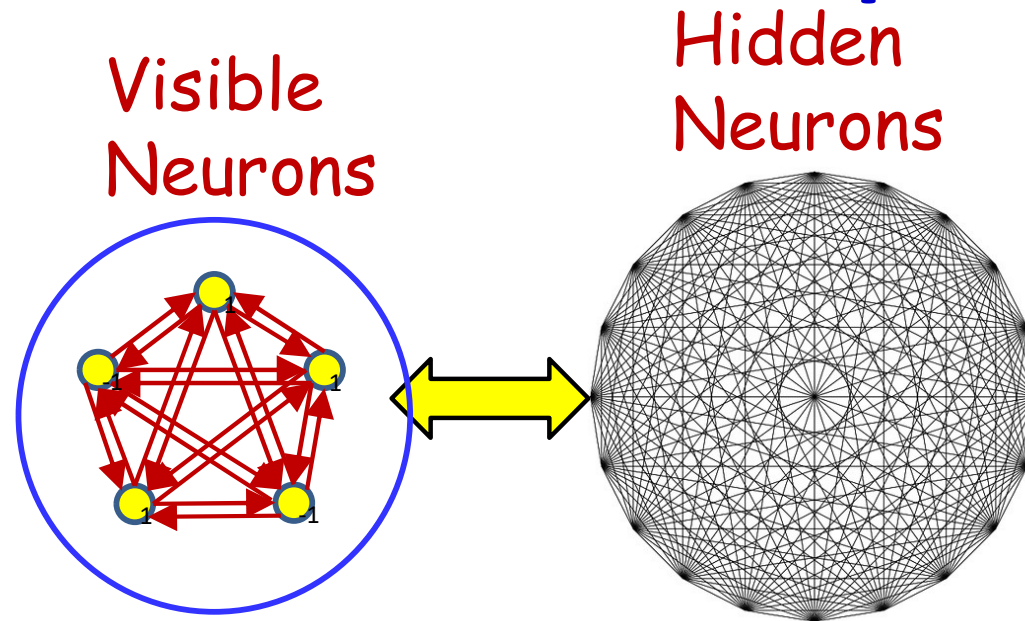
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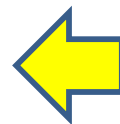# Sampling: Restricted Boltzmann machine
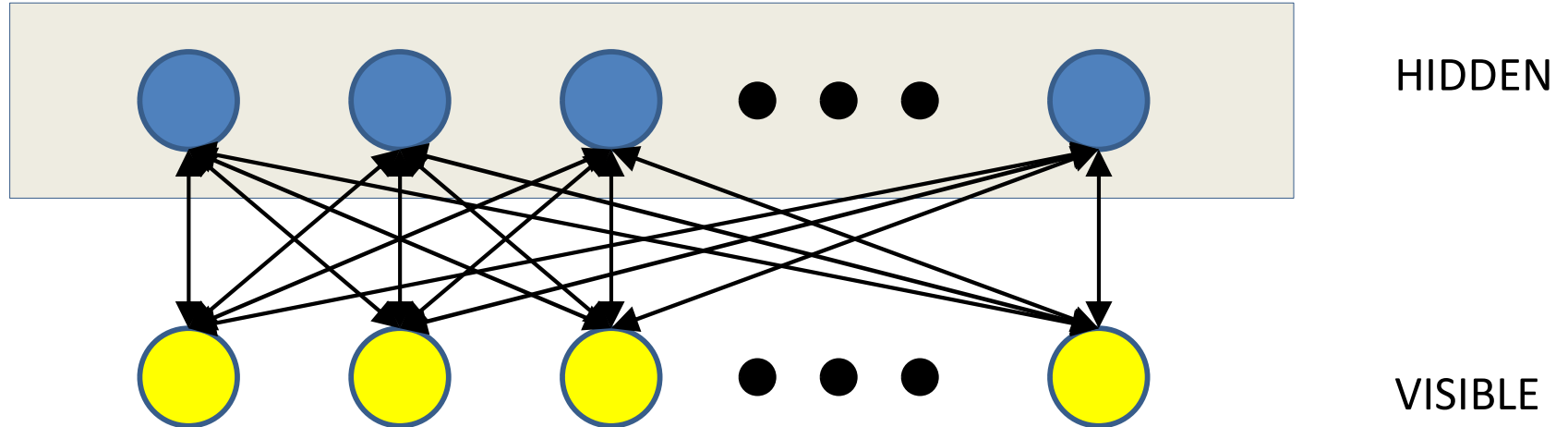
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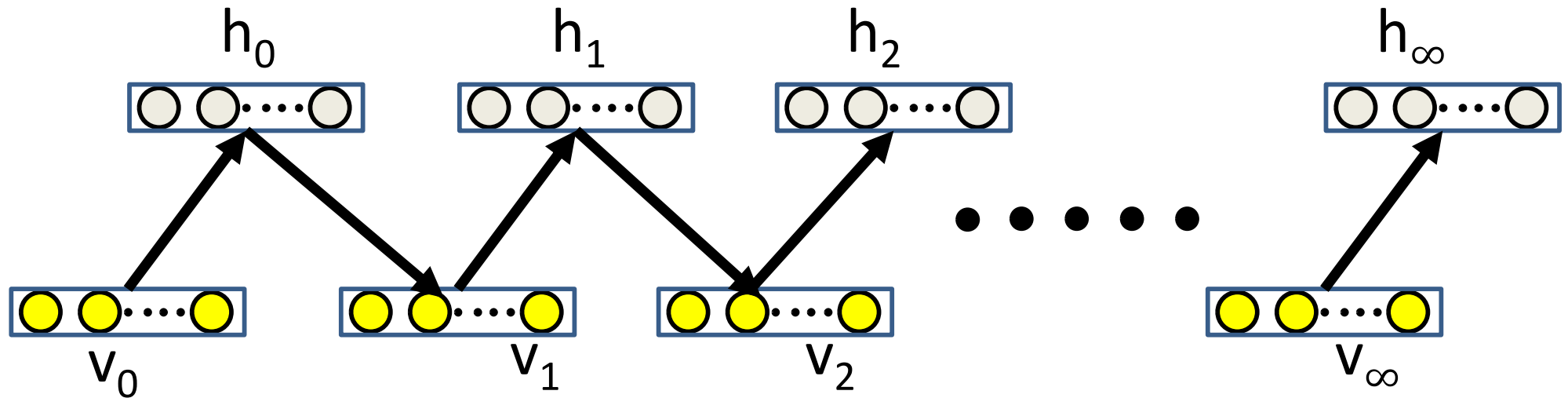$$P(h_i = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z_i}}$$
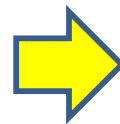
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- For each sample:
  - Iteratively sample hidden and visible units for a long time
  - Draw final sample of both hidden and visible units

Pictorial representation of RBM training

- For each sample:
  - Initialize V_0 (visible) to training instance value
  - Iteratively generate hidden and visible units
    - For a very long time

# Pictorial representation of RBM training
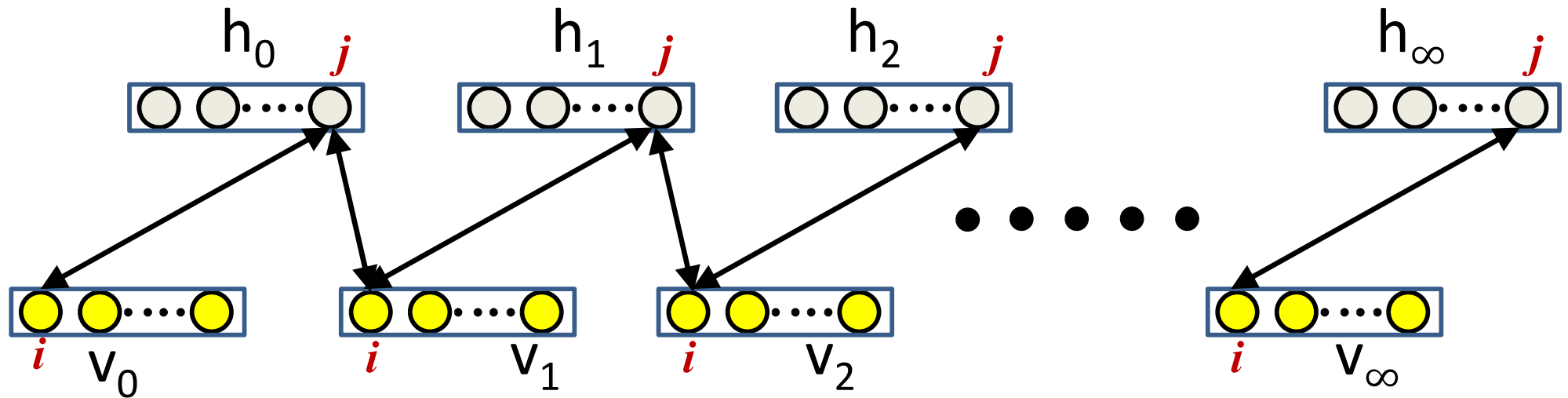
- Gradient (showing only one edge from visible node i to hidden node j)

$$\frac{\partial \log p(v)}{\partial w_{ij}} = <v_i h_j>^0 - <v_i h_j>^\infty$$

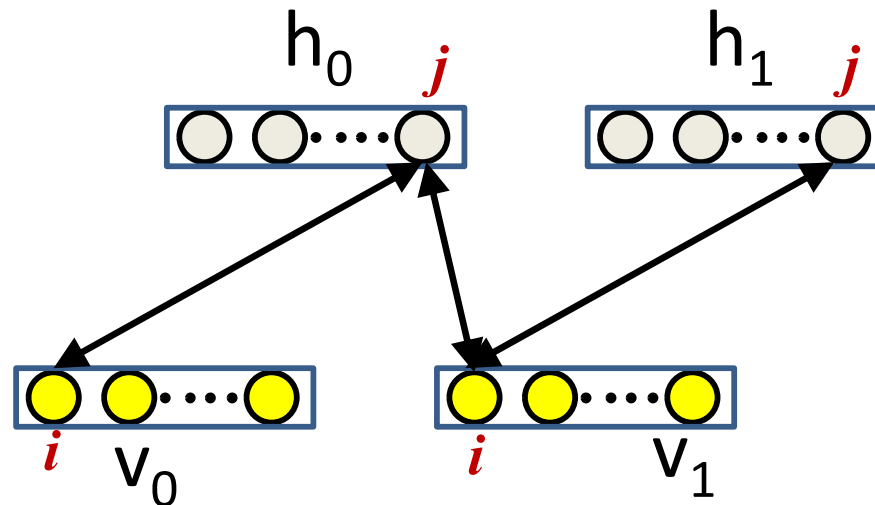- $<v_i, h_j>$ represents average over many generated training samples

Recall: Hopfield Networks

- Really no need to raise the entire surface, or even every valley

- Raise the *neighborhood* of each target memory
  - Sufficient to make the memory a valley
  - The broader the neighborhood considered, the broader the valley

Energy

state
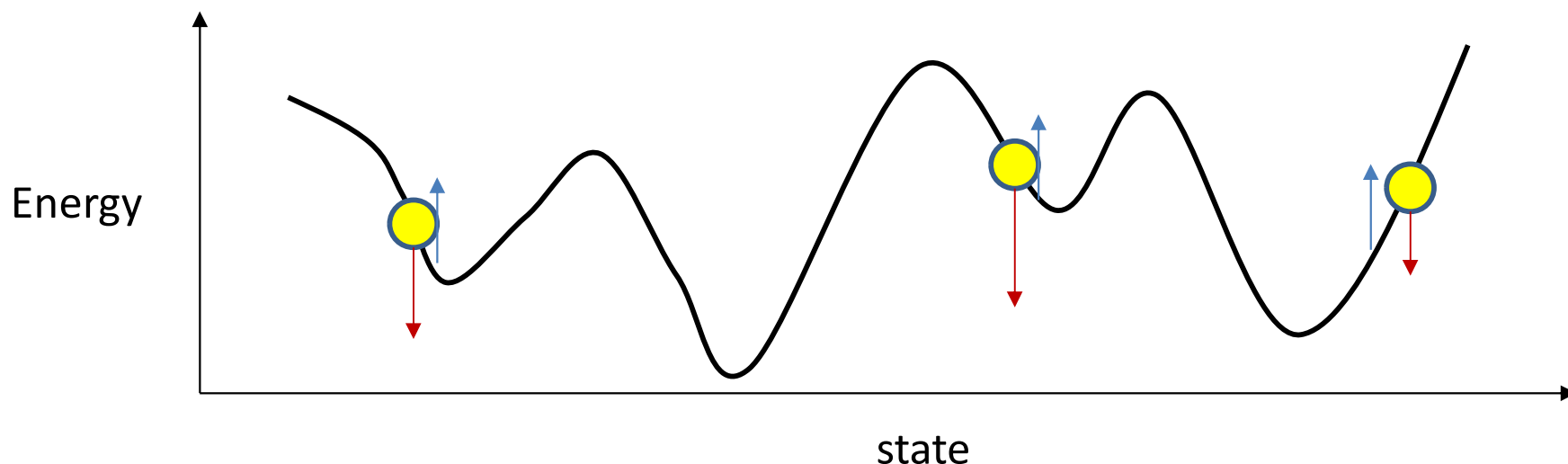
A Shortcut: Contrastive Divergence


- Sufficient to run one iteration!

$$\frac{\partial \log p(v)}{\partial w_{ij}} = <v_i h_j>^0 - <v_i h_j>^1$$

- This is sufficient to give you a good estimate of the gradient

Restricted Boltzmann Machines

- Excellent generative models for binary (or binarized) data

- Can also be extended to continuous-valued data
  - "Exponential Family Harmoniums with an Application to Information Retrieval", Welling et al., 2004

- Useful for classification and regression
  - How?
  - More commonly used to *pretrain* models

Continuous-values RBMs
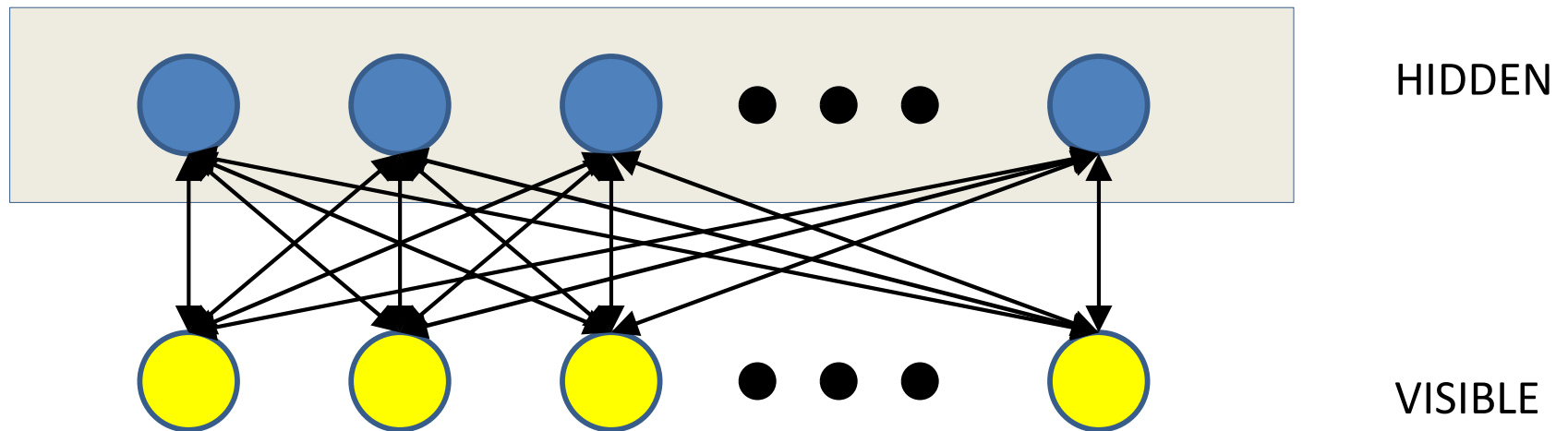
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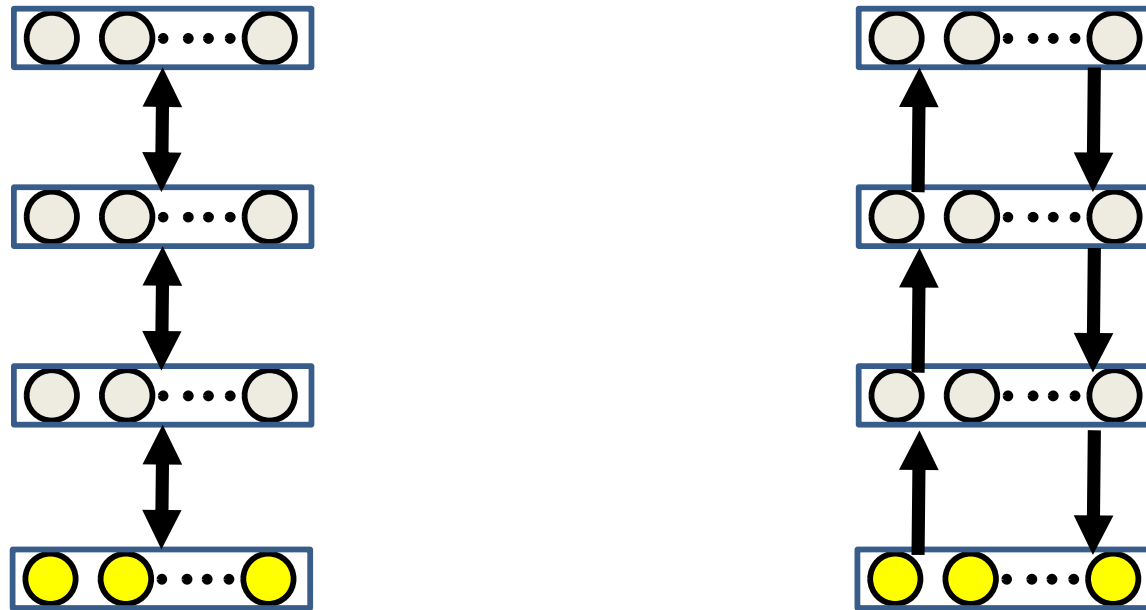
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$$y_i = \sum_j w_{ji} h_i + b_i$$

$$P(v_i) = r(y_i) exp(y_i)$$

Hidden units may also be continuous values

Other variants

- Left: "Deep" Boltzmann machines
- Right: Helmholtz machine
  - Trained by the "wake-sleep" algorithm

Topics missed..

- Other algorithms for Learning and Inference over RBMs
  - Mean field approximations
- RBMs as feature extractors
  - Pre training
- RBMs as generative models
- More structured DBMs
- ...