

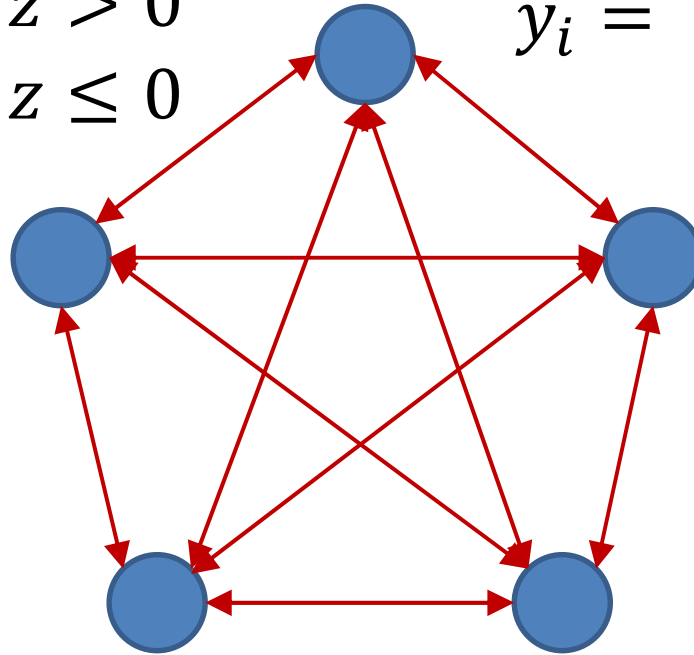
Neural Networks

Hopfield Nets and Boltzmann Machines

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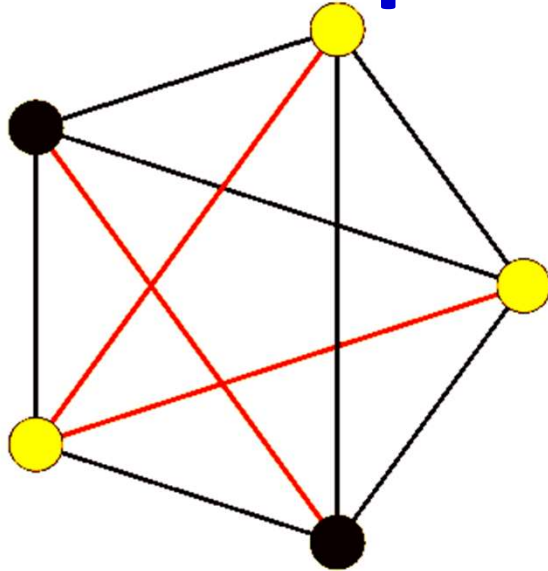
Recap: Hopfield network

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- ***Symmetric loopy network***
- Each neuron is a perceptron with +1/-1 output

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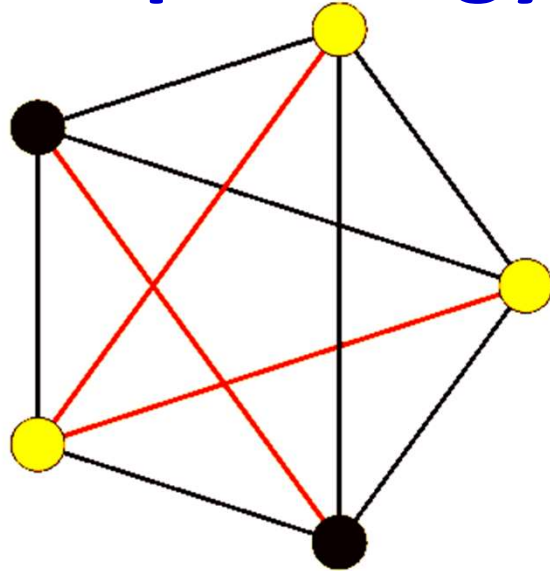


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- At each time each neuron receives a “field” $\sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i$
- If the sign of the field matches its own sign, it does not respond
- If the sign of the field opposes its own sign, it “flips” to match the sign of the field

Recap: Energy of a Hopfield Network



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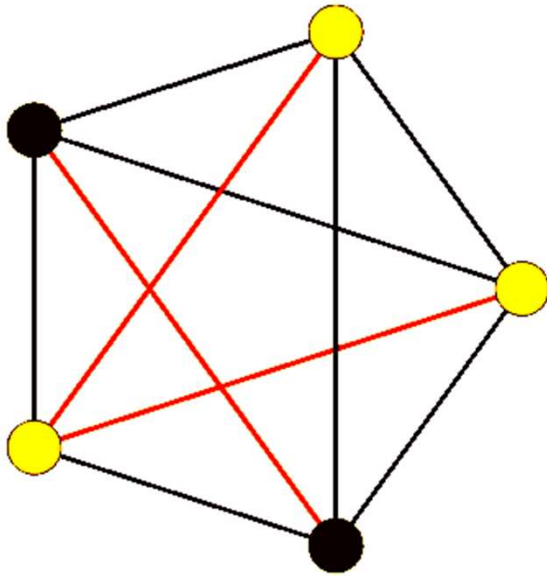
Not assuming node bias

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

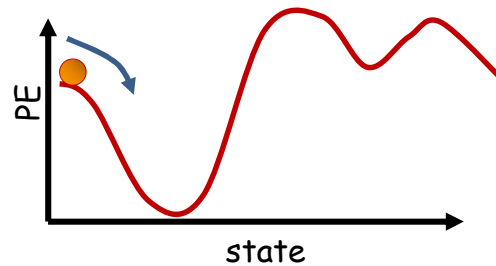
- The system will evolve until the energy hits a local minimum
- In vector form, including a bias term (not typically used in Hopfield nets)

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

Recap: Evolution

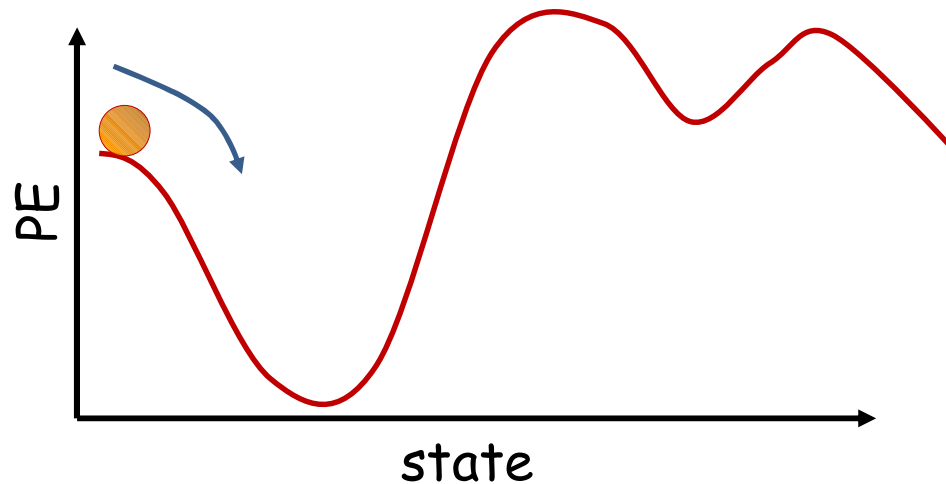
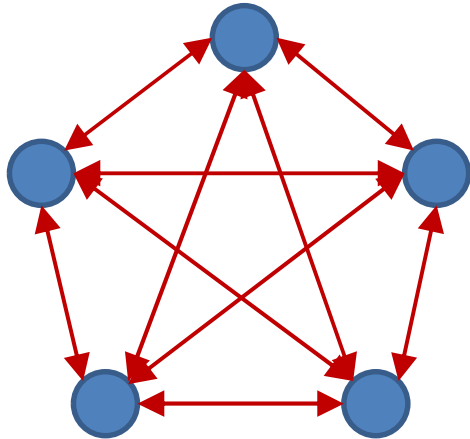


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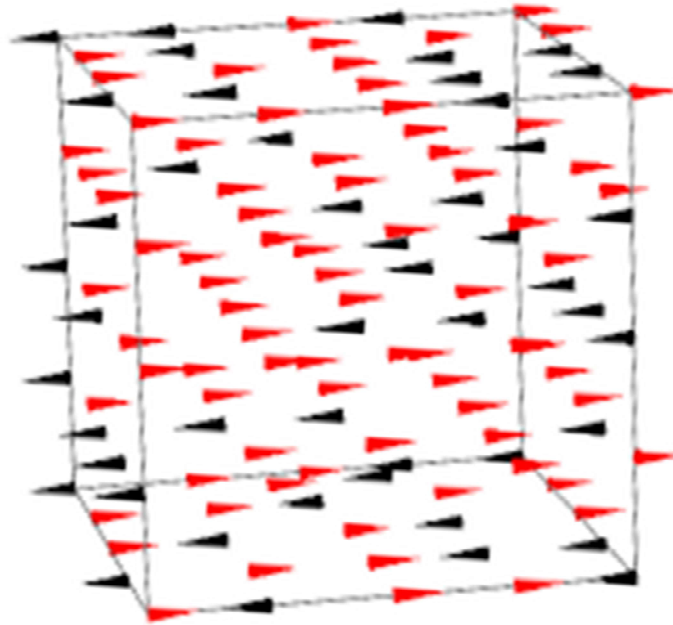
- The network will evolve until it arrives at a local minimum in the energy contour

Recap: Content-addressable memory



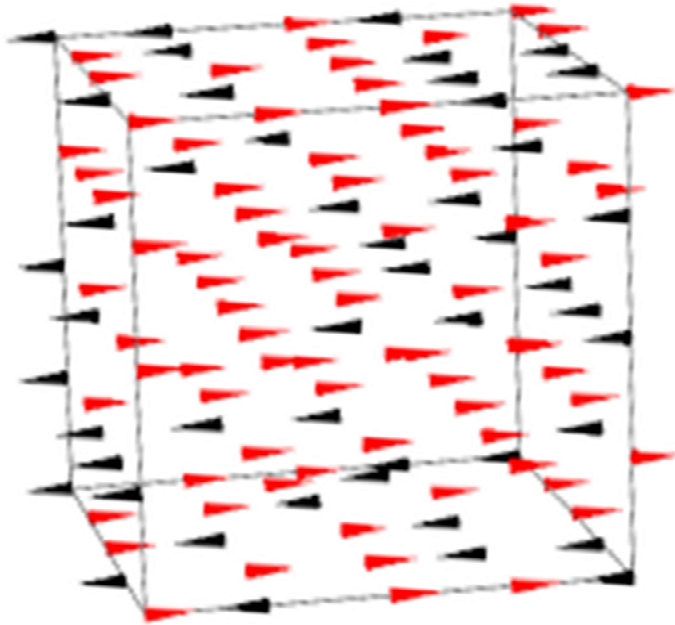
- Each of the minima is a “stored” pattern
 - If the network is initialized close to a stored pattern, it will inevitably evolve to the pattern
- **This is a content addressable memory**
 - Recall memory content from partial or corrupt values
- Also called **associative memory**

Recap – Analogy: Spin Glasses



- Magnetic dipoles
- Each dipole tries to *align* itself to the local field
 - In doing so it may flip
- This will change fields at *other* dipoles
 - Which may flip
- Which changes the field at the current dipole...

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 dipole

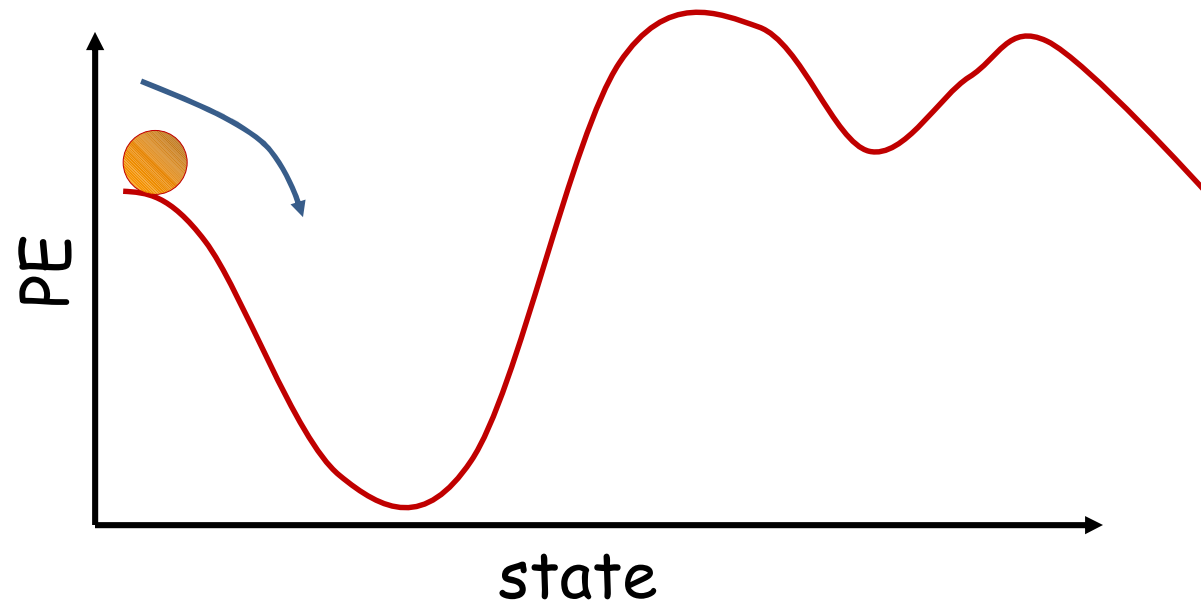
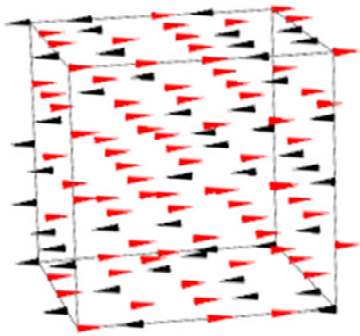
$$x_i = \begin{cases} x_i & \text{if } \text{sign}(x_i f(p_i)) = 1 \\ -x_i & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- 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

Recap : Spin Glasses



- The system stops at one of its *stable* configurations
 - Where energy is a local minimum
- Any small jitter from this stable configuration *returns it* to the stable configuration
 - I.e. the system *remembers* its stable state and returns to it

Recap: Hopfield net computation

1. Initialize network with initial pattern

$$y_i(0) = x_i, \quad 0 \leq i \leq N - 1$$

2. Iterate until convergence

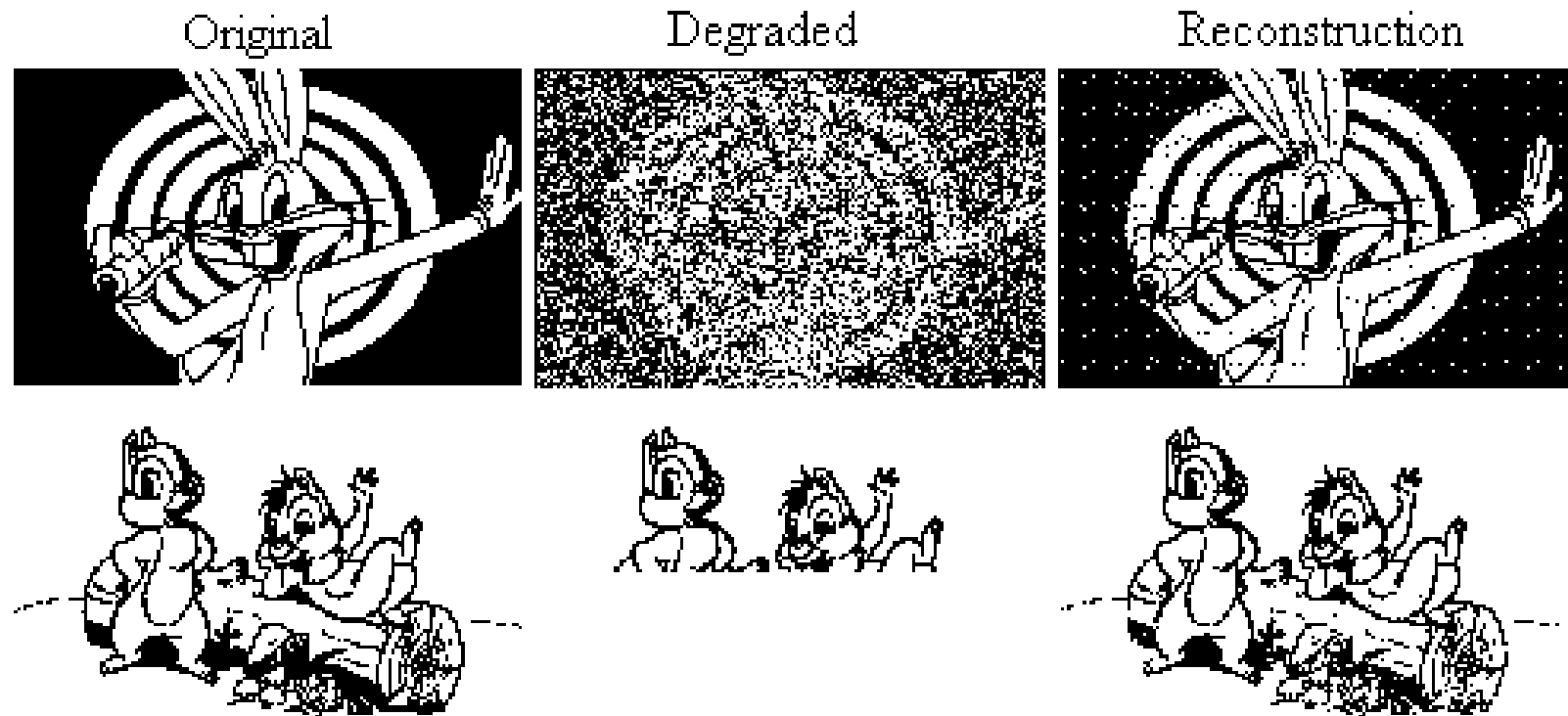
$$y_i(t + 1) = \Theta \left(\sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j \right), \quad 0 \leq i \leq N - 1$$

- Very simple
- Updates can be done sequentially, or all at once
- Convergence

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

does not change significantly any more

Examples: Content addressable memory



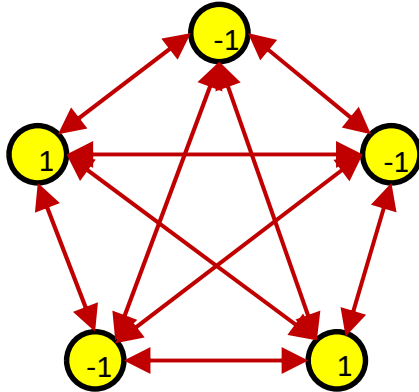
Hopfield network reconstructing degraded images
from noisy (top) or partial (bottom) cues.

- <http://staff.itee.uq.edu.au/janetw/cmc/chapters/Hopfield/>₁₁

“Training” the network

- How do we make the network store *a specific* pattern or set of patterns?
 - Hebbian learning
 - Geometric approach
 - Optimization
- Secondary question
 - How many patterns can we store?

Recap: Hebbian Learning to Store a Specific Pattern



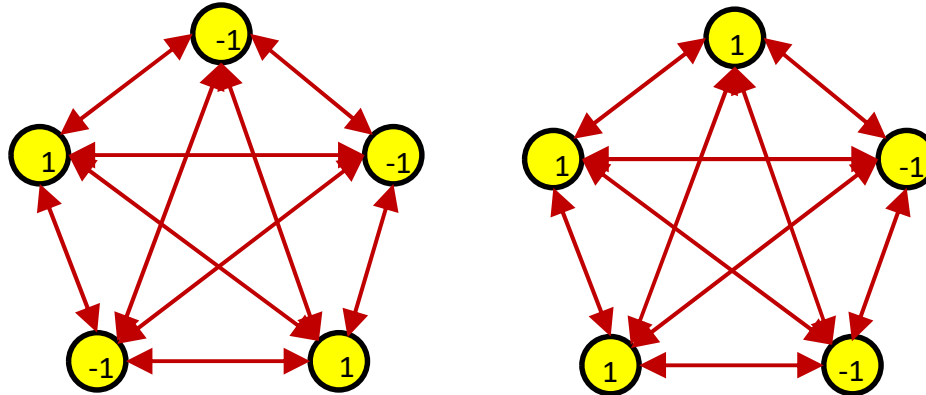
HEBBIAN LEARNING:

$$w_{ji} = y_j y_i$$

$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{y}_p \mathbf{y}_p^T - \mathbf{I}$$

- For a single stored pattern, Hebbian learning results in a network for which the target pattern is a global minimum

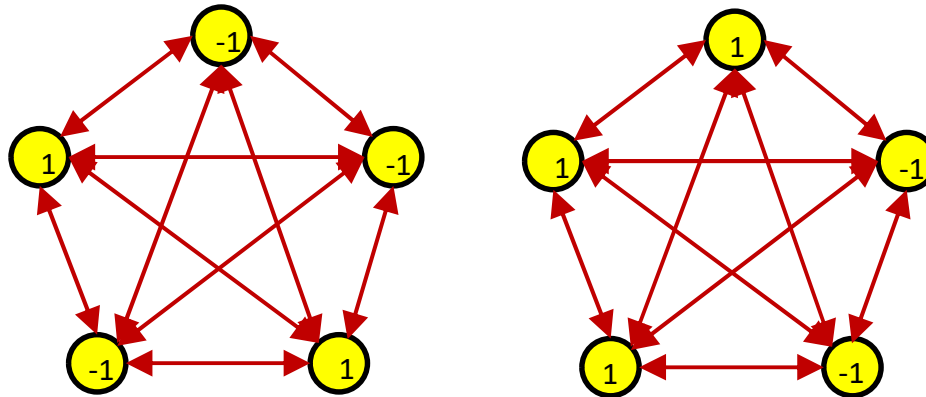
Storing multiple patterns



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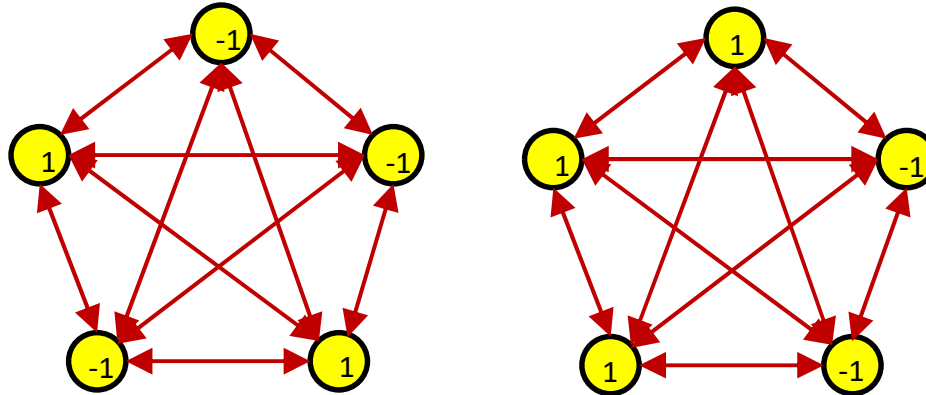


- Let \mathbf{y}_p be the vector representing p -th pattern
- Let $\mathbf{Y} = [\mathbf{y}_1 \mathbf{y}_2 \dots]$ be a matrix with all the stored patterns
- Then..

$$\mathbf{W} = \sum_p (\mathbf{y}_p \mathbf{y}_p^T - \mathbf{I}) = \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{Y}^T - N_p \mathbf{I}$$

Number of patterns

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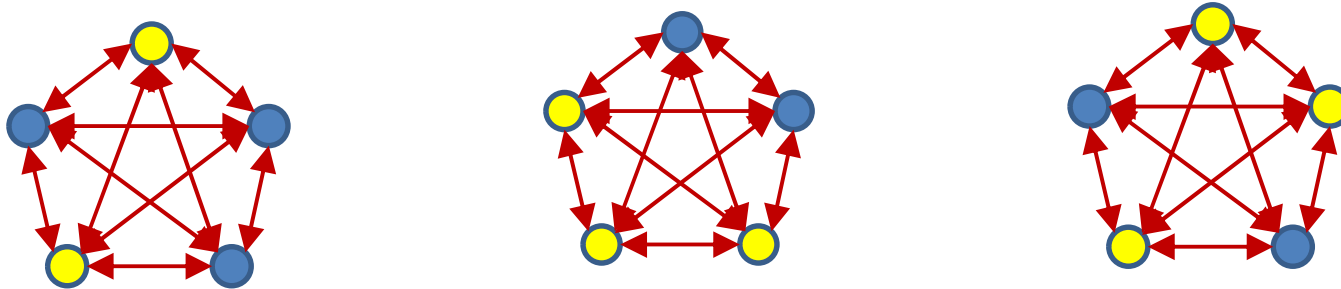


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- N_p is the number of patterns to store

How many patterns can we store?



- Hopfield: For a network of N neurons can store up to $0.14N$ random patterns
- In reality, seems possible to store $K > 0.14N$ patterns
 - i.e. obtain a weight matrix W such that $K > 0.14N$ patterns are stationary

Bold Claim

- I can *always* store (upto) N orthogonal patterns such that they are stationary!
 - Although not necessarily stable
- Why?

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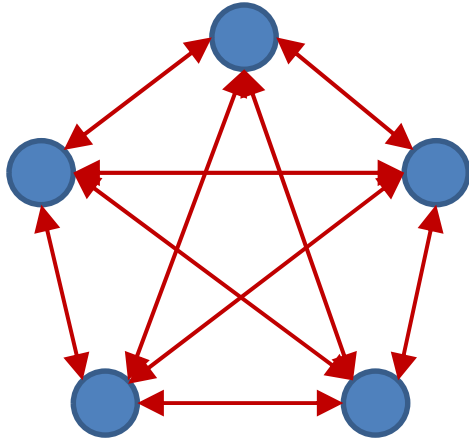
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- NOTE: This is a positive semidefinite matrix

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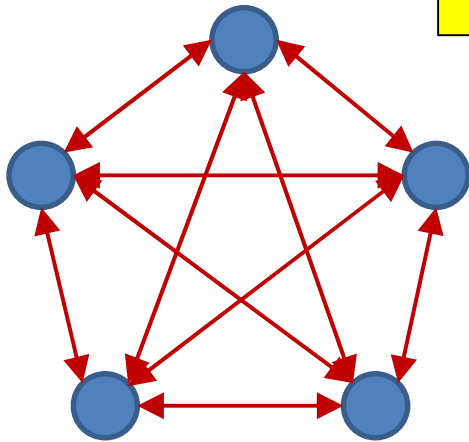
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$$E = -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y}$$

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Consider the energy function



This is a quadratic!

For Hebbian learning
 W is positive semidefinite

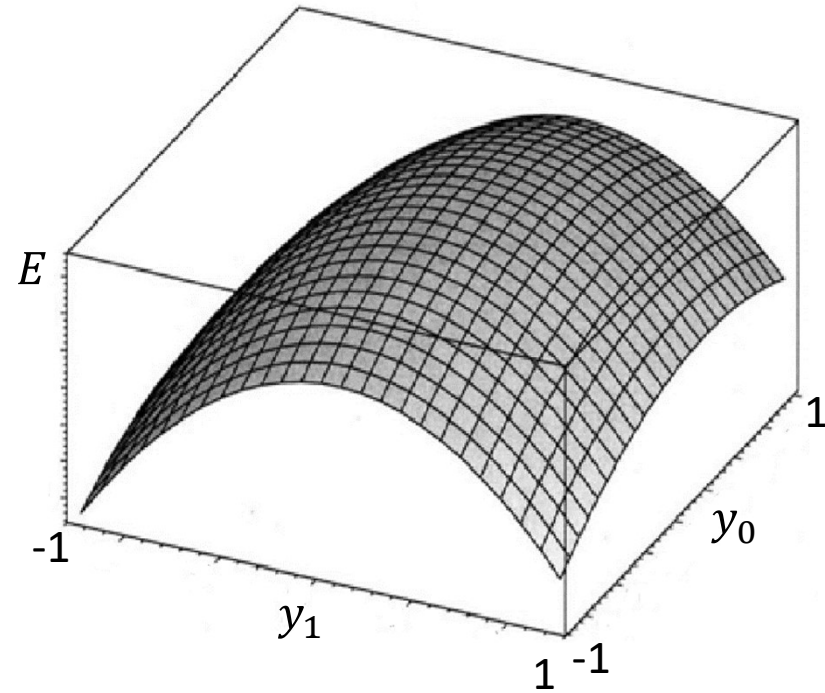
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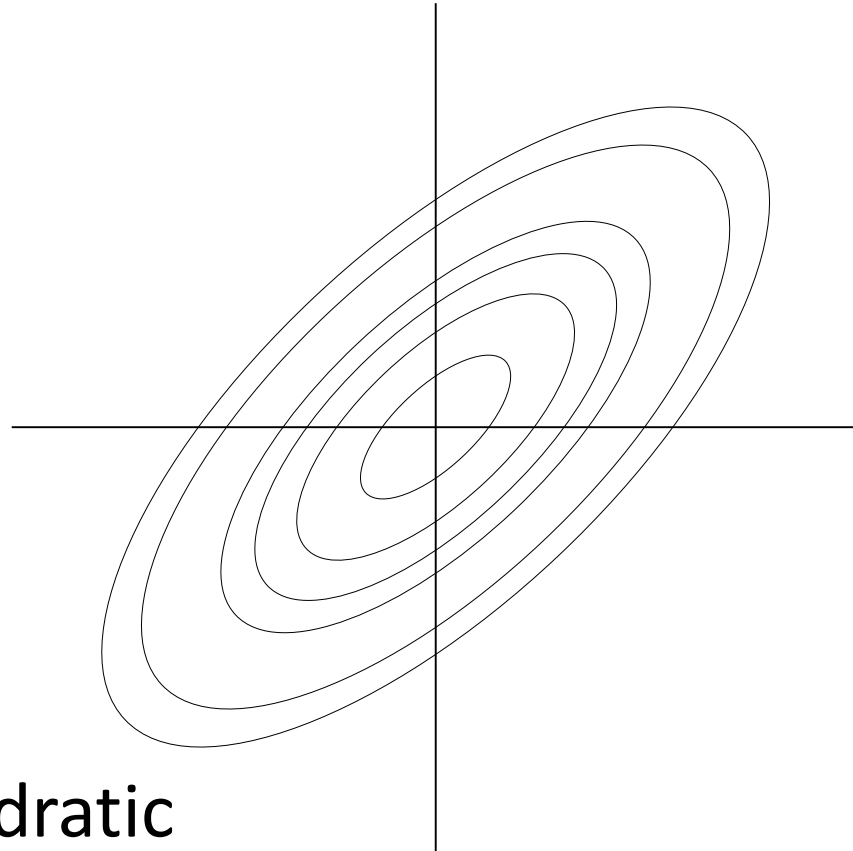
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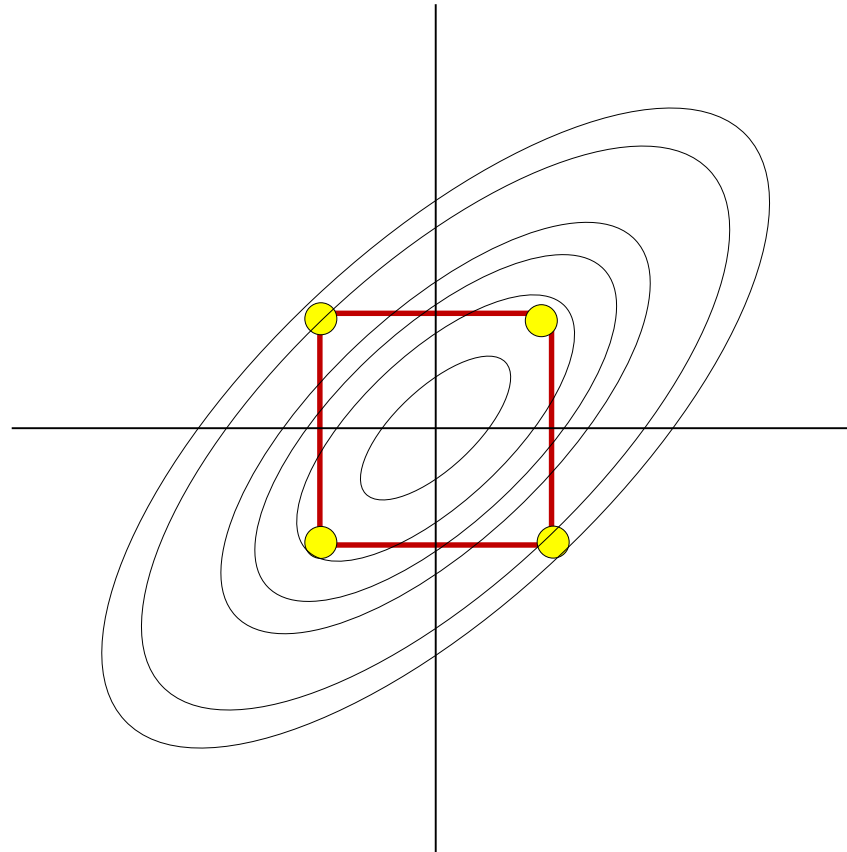
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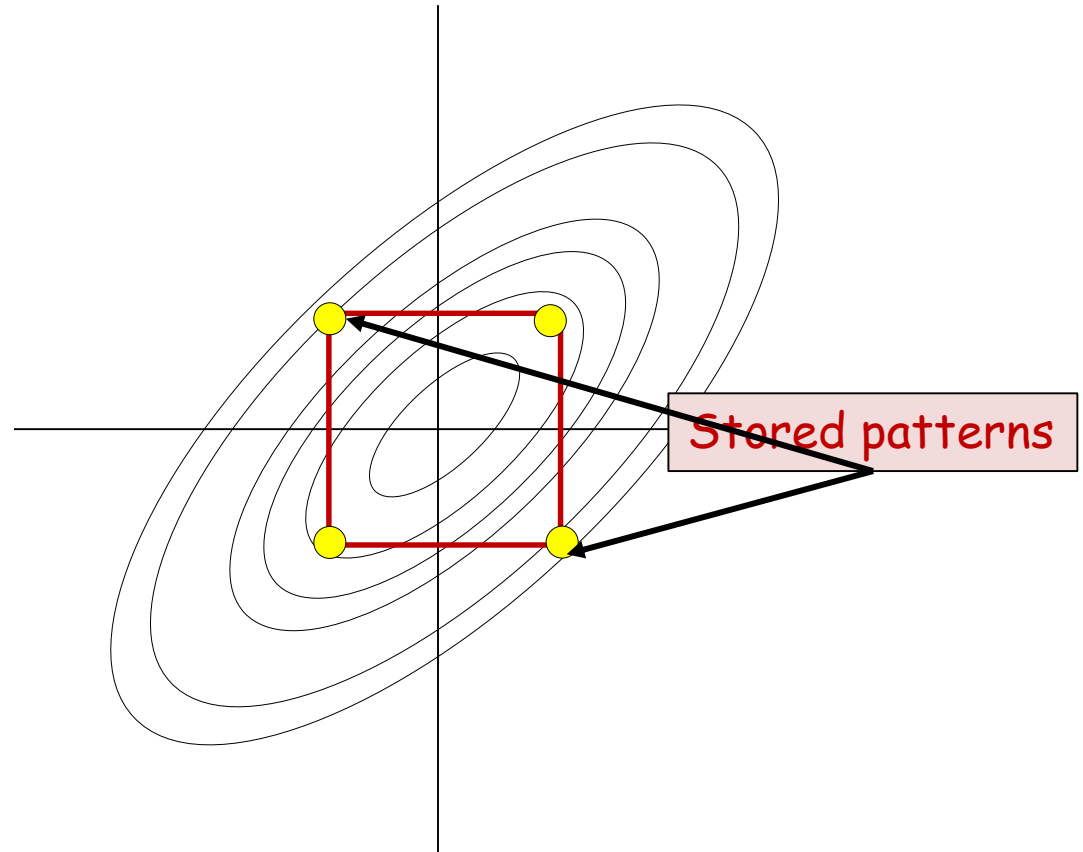
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- E is a concave quadratic
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- The minima will lie on the boundaries of the hypercube
 - But components of \mathbf{y} can only take values ± 1
 - I.e. \mathbf{y} lies on the corners of the unit hypercube

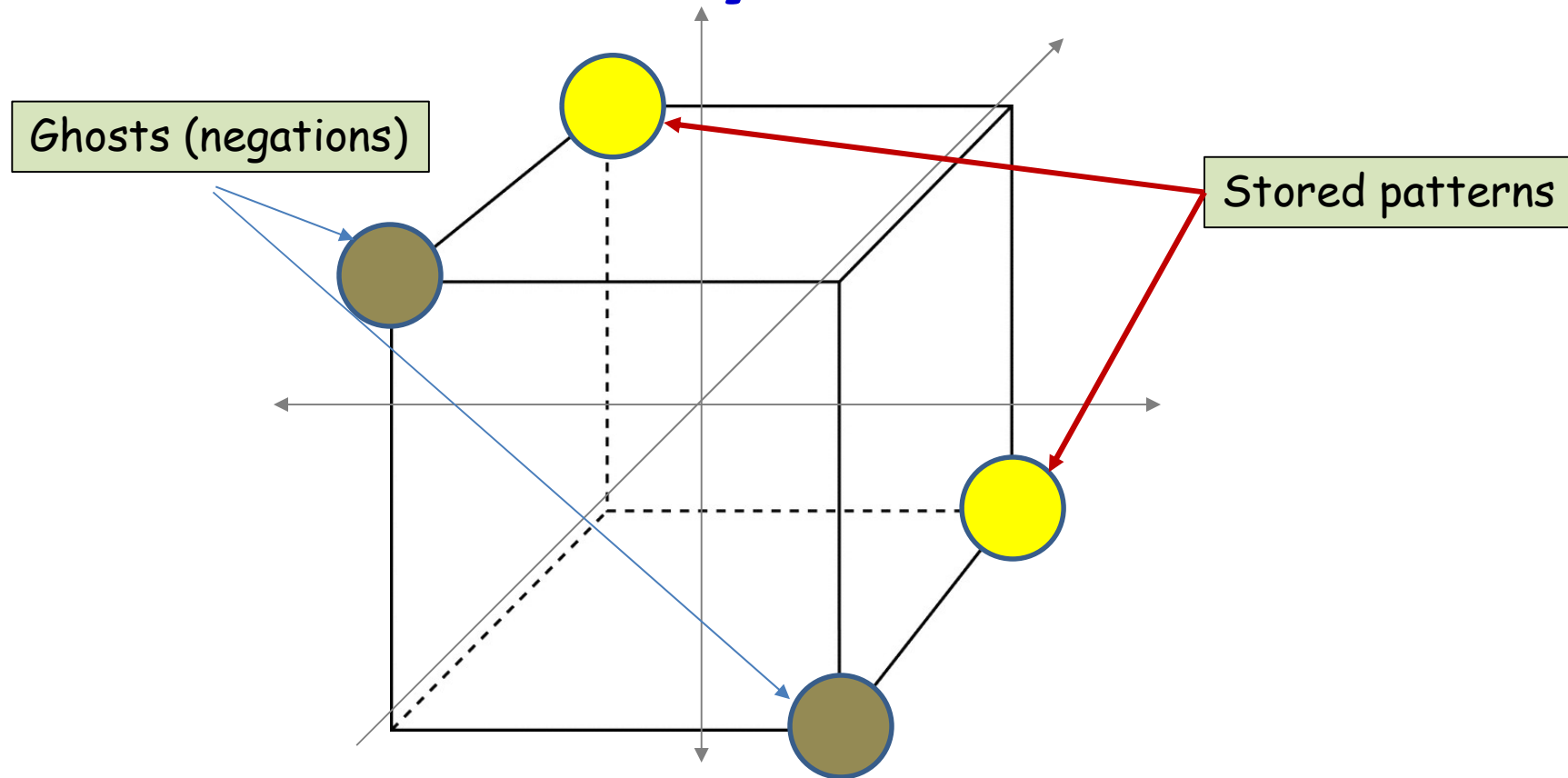
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- The stored values of \mathbf{y} are the ones where all adjacent corners are lower on the quadratic

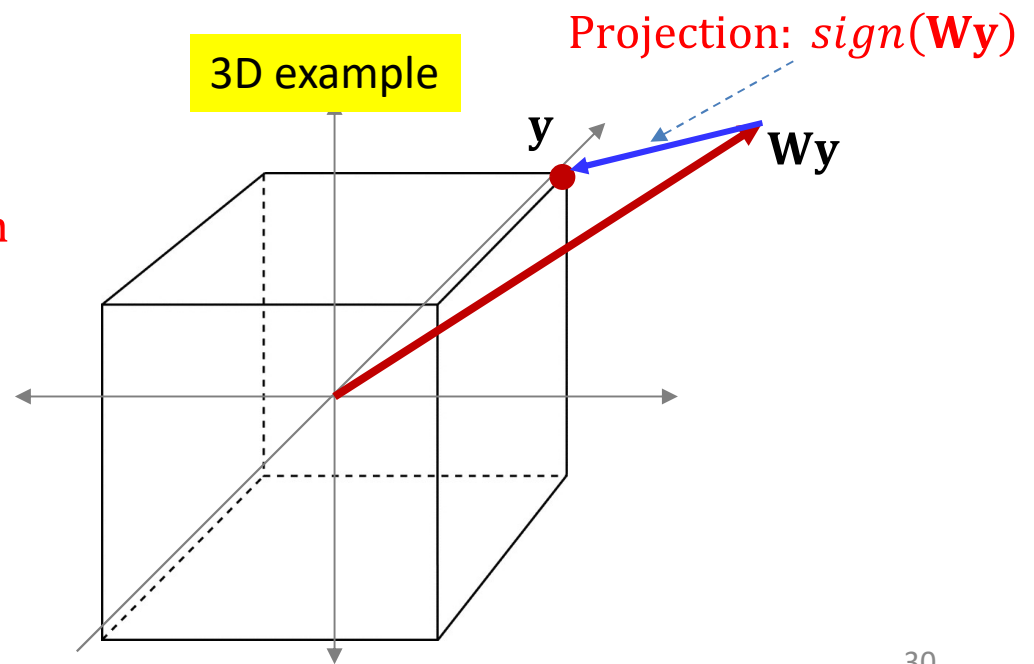
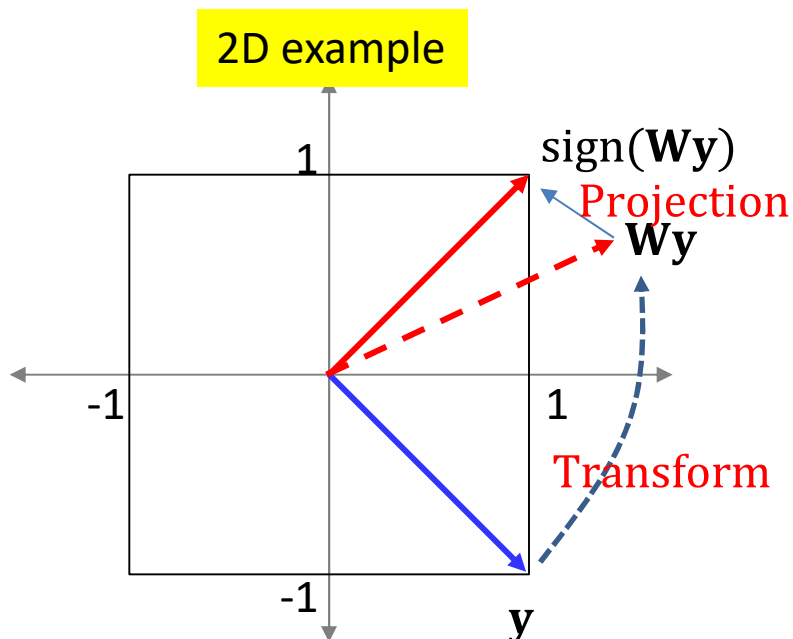
Patterns you can store



- All patterns are on the corners of a hypercube
 - If a pattern is stored, it's “ghost” is stored as well
 - Intuitively, patterns must ideally be maximally far apart
 - Though this doesn't seem to hold for Hebbian learning

Evolution of the network

- Note: for real vectors $sign(\mathbf{y})$ is a projection
 - Projects \mathbf{y} onto the nearest corner of the hypercube
 - It “quantizes” the space into orthants
- Response to field: $\mathbf{y} \leftarrow sign(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y})$
 - Each step rotates the vector \mathbf{y} and then projects it onto the nearest corner



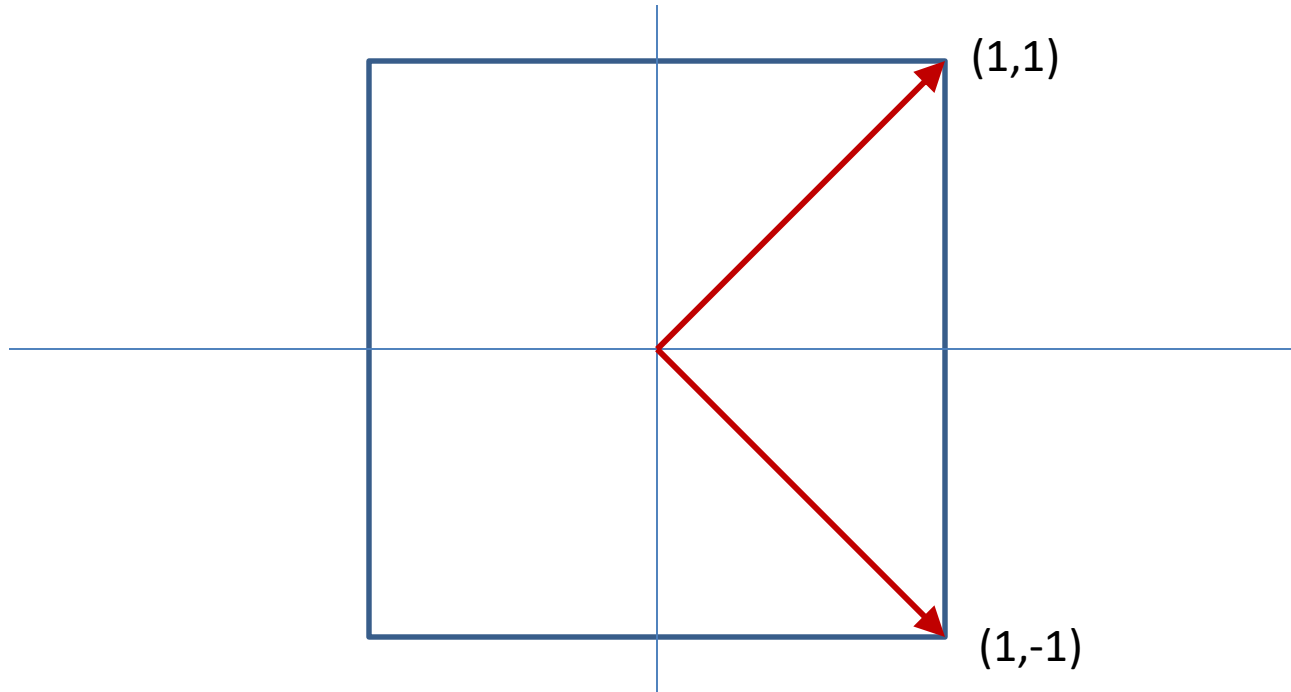
Storing patterns

- A pattern \mathbf{y}_p is stored if:
 - $\text{sign}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}_p) = \mathbf{y}_p$ for all target patterns
- Training: Design \mathbf{W} such that this holds
- Simple solution: \mathbf{y}_p is an Eigenvector of \mathbf{W}
 - And the corresponding Eigenvalue is positive
$$\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}_p = \lambda\mathbf{y}_p$$
 - More generally $\text{orthant}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}_p) = \text{orthant}(\mathbf{y}_p)$
- How many such \mathbf{y}_p can we have?

Random fact that should interest you

- Number of ways of selecting two N -bit binary patterns \mathbf{y}_1 and \mathbf{y}_2 such that they differ from one another in exactly $N/2$ bits is $\mathcal{O}\left(2^{\frac{3N}{2}}\right)$
- The size of the largest set of N -bit binary patterns $\{\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \dots\}$ that *all* differ from one another in exactly $N/2$ bits is at most N
 - Trivial proof.. 😊

Only N patterns?



- Patterns that differ in $N/2$ bits are orthogonal
- You can have max N orthogonal vectors in an N -dimensional space

random fact that should interest you

- The Eigenvectors of any symmetric matrix \mathbf{W} are orthogonal
- The *Eigenvalues* may be positive or negative

Storing more than one pattern

- Requirement: Given $\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \dots, \mathbf{y}_P$
 - Design \mathbf{W} such that
 - $\text{sign}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}_p) = \mathbf{y}_p$ for all target patterns
 - There are no other *binary* vectors for which this holds
- What is the largest number of patterns that can be stored?

Storing K orthogonal patterns

- Simple solution: Design \mathbf{W} such that $\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \dots, \mathbf{y}_K$ are the Eigen vectors of \mathbf{W}
 - Let $\mathbf{Y} = [\mathbf{y}_1 \ \mathbf{y}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{y}_K]$

$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{Y}\Lambda\mathbf{Y}^T$$

- $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K$ are positive
 - For $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_K = 1$ this is exactly the Hebbian rule
- The patterns are provably stationary

Hebbian rule

- In reality

– Let $\mathbf{Y} = [\mathbf{y}_1 \ \mathbf{y}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{y}_K \ \mathbf{r}_{K+1} \ \mathbf{r}_{K+2} \ \dots \ \mathbf{r}_N]$

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– $\mathbf{r}_{K+1} \ \mathbf{r}_{K+2} \ \dots \ \mathbf{r}_N$ are orthogonal to $\mathbf{y}_1 \ \mathbf{y}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{y}_K$

– $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \dots = \lambda_K = 1$

– $\lambda_{K+1}, \dots, \lambda_N = 0$

Storing N orthogonal patterns

- When we have N orthogonal (or near orthogonal) patterns $\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \dots, \mathbf{y}_N$

$$- Y = [\mathbf{y}_1 \ \mathbf{y}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{y}_N]$$

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$$- \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \dots = \lambda_N = 1$$

- The Eigen vectors of \mathbf{W} span the space
- Also, for any \mathbf{y}_k

$$\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{y}_k$$

Storing N orthogonal patterns

- The N orthogonal patterns $\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \dots, \mathbf{y}_N$ *span the space*
- Any pattern \mathbf{y} can be written as

$$\mathbf{y} = a_1\mathbf{y}_1 + a_2\mathbf{y}_2 + \dots + a_N\mathbf{y}_N$$

$$\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y} = a_1\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}_1 + a_2\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}_2 + \dots + a_N\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}_N$$

$$= a_1\mathbf{y}_1 + a_2\mathbf{y}_2 + \dots + a_N\mathbf{y}_N = \mathbf{y}$$

- *All patterns are stable*
 - Remembers everything
 - ***Completely useless network***

Storing K orthogonal patterns

- Even if we store fewer than N patterns

- Let $Y = [\mathbf{y}_1 \ \mathbf{y}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{y}_K \ \mathbf{r}_{K+1} \ \mathbf{r}_{K+2} \ \dots \ \mathbf{r}_N]$

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- Any pattern that is *entirely* in the subspace spanned by $\mathbf{y}_1 \ \mathbf{y}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{y}_K$ is also stable (same logic as earlier)
- Only patterns that are *partially* in the subspace spanned by $\mathbf{y}_1 \ \mathbf{y}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{y}_K$ are unstable
 - Get projected onto subspace spanned by $\mathbf{y}_1 \ \mathbf{y}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{y}_K$

Problem with Hebbian Rule

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- $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \dots = \lambda_K = 1$

- Problems arise because Eigen values are all 1.0
 - Ensures stationarity of vectors in the subspace
 - All stored patterns are equally important
 - What if we get rid of this requirement?

Hebbian rule and general (non-orthogonal) vectors

$$w_{ji} = \sum_{p \in \{p\}} y_i^p y_j^p$$


- What happens when the patterns are *not* orthogonal
- What happens when the patterns are presented *more* than once
 - Different patterns presented different numbers of times
 - Equivalent to having unequal Eigen values..
- Can we predict the evolution of any vector **y**
 - Hint: For real valued vectors, use Lanczos iterations
 - Can write $\mathbf{Y}_p = \mathbf{U}_p \Lambda \mathbf{V}_p^T$, $\rightarrow \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{U}_p \Lambda^2 \mathbf{U}_p^T$
 - Tougher for binary vectors (NP)

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- With a network of N units (i.e. N -bit patterns)
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 - E.g. when we had the Hebbian net with N orthogonal base patterns, *all* patterns are stationary
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Can we do something about this?

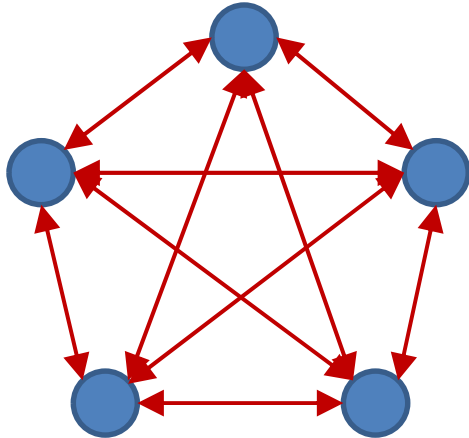
Story so far

- Hopfield nets with N neurons can store up to $0.14N$ random patterns through Hebbian learning with 0.996 probability of recall
 - The recalled patterns are the Eigen vectors of the weights matrix with the highest Eigen values
- Hebbian learning assumes all patterns to be stored are equally important
 - For orthogonal patterns, the patterns are the Eigen vectors of the constructed weights matrix
 - All Eigen values are identical
- In theory the number of stationary states in a Hopfield network can be exponential in N
- The number of *intentionally* stored patterns (stationary *and* stable) can be as large as N
 - But comes with many parasitic memories

A different tack

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Consider the energy function

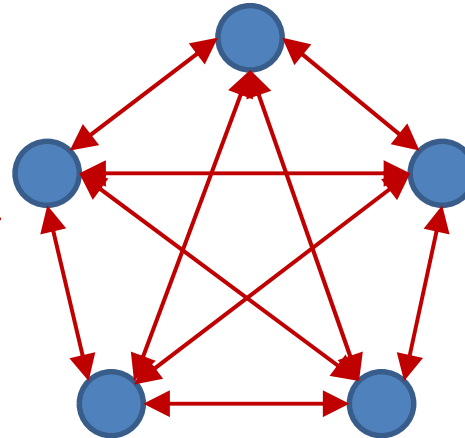


$$E = -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y}$$

- This must be *maximally* low for target patterns
- Must be *maximally* high for *all other patterns*
 - So that they are unstable and evolve into one of the target patterns

Alternate Approach to Estimating the Network

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



- Estimate **W** (and **b**) such that
 - E is minimized for $\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \dots, \mathbf{y}_P$
 - E is maximized for all other \mathbf{y}
- Caveat: Unrealistic to expect to store more than N patterns, but can we make those N patterns *memorable*

Optimizing W (and b)

$$E(\mathbf{y}) = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{y} \quad \hat{\mathbf{W}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{W}} \sum_{\mathbf{y} \in Y_P} E(\mathbf{y})$$

The bias can be captured by another fixed-value component

- Minimize total energy of target patterns
 - Problem with this?

Optimizing W

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- Minimize total energy of target patterns
- Maximize the total energy of all *non-target* patterns

Optimizing \mathbf{W}

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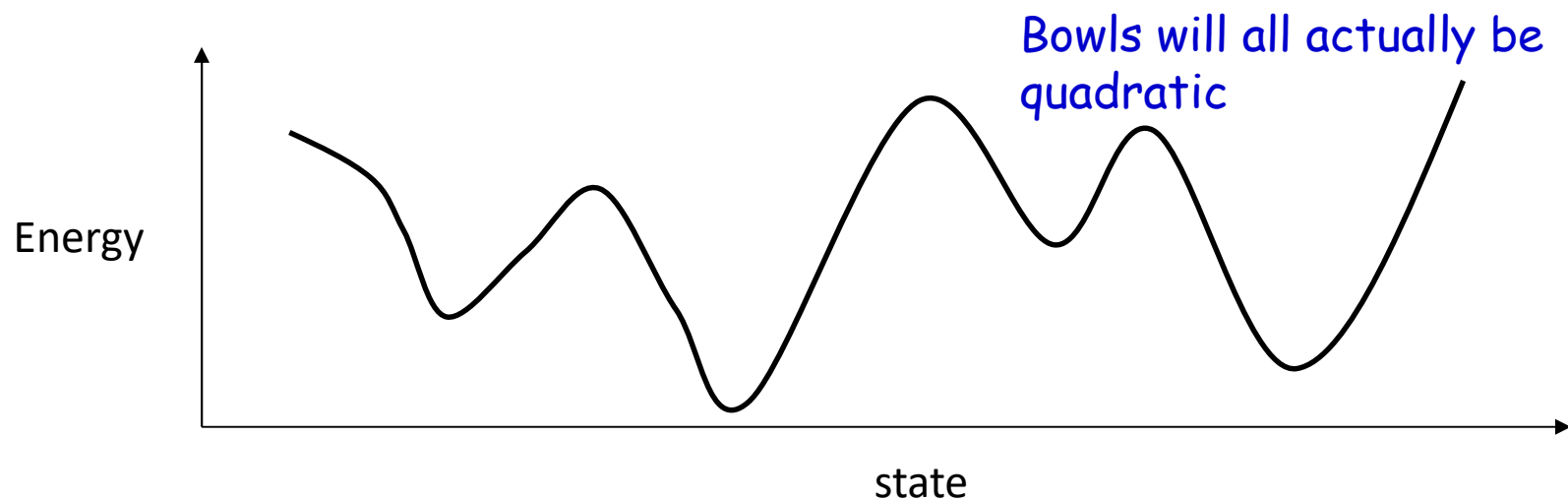
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 - More repetitions \rightarrow greater emphasis
- How many of these?
 - Do we need to include *all* of them?
 - Are all equally important?

The training again..

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

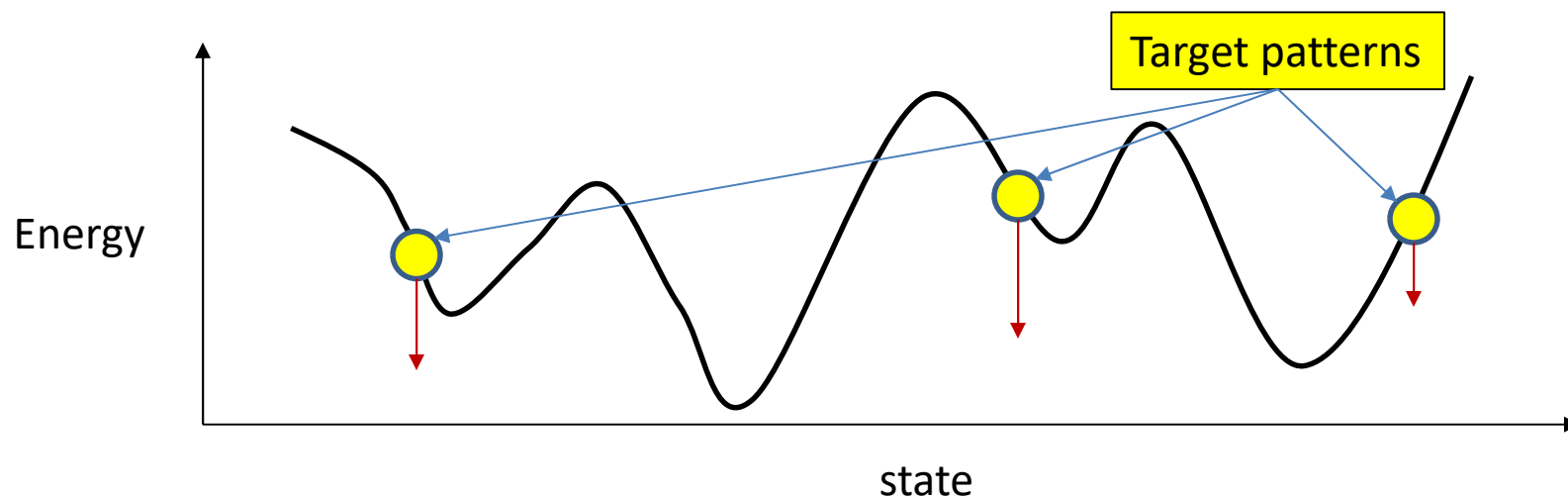
- Note the energy contour of a Hopfield network for any weight \mathbf{W}



The training again

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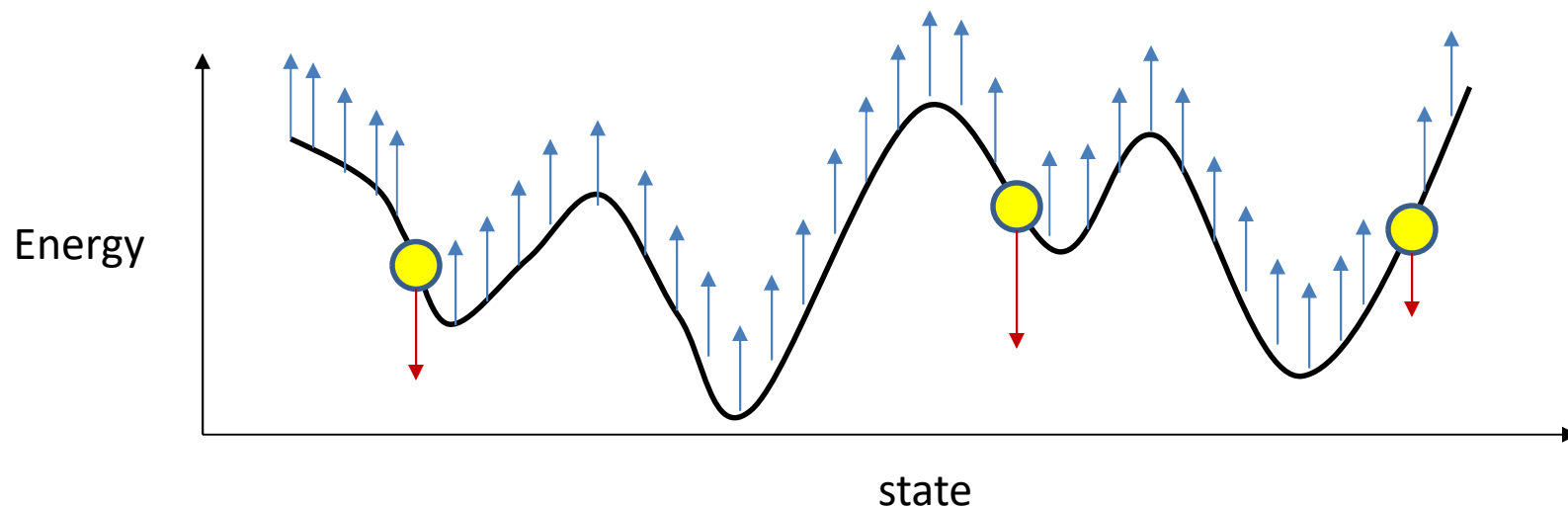
- The first term tries to *minimize* the energy at target patterns
 - Make them local minima
 - Emphasize more “important” memories by repeating them more frequently



The negative class

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

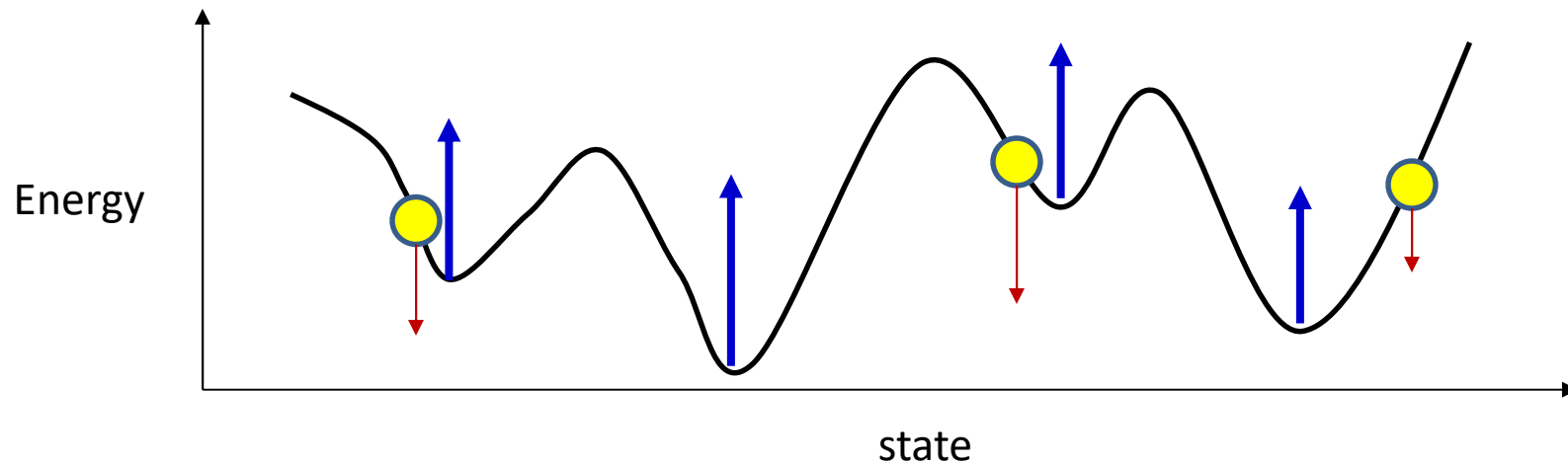
- The second term tries to “raise” all non-target patterns
 - Do we need to raise *everything*?



Option 1: Focus on the valleys

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

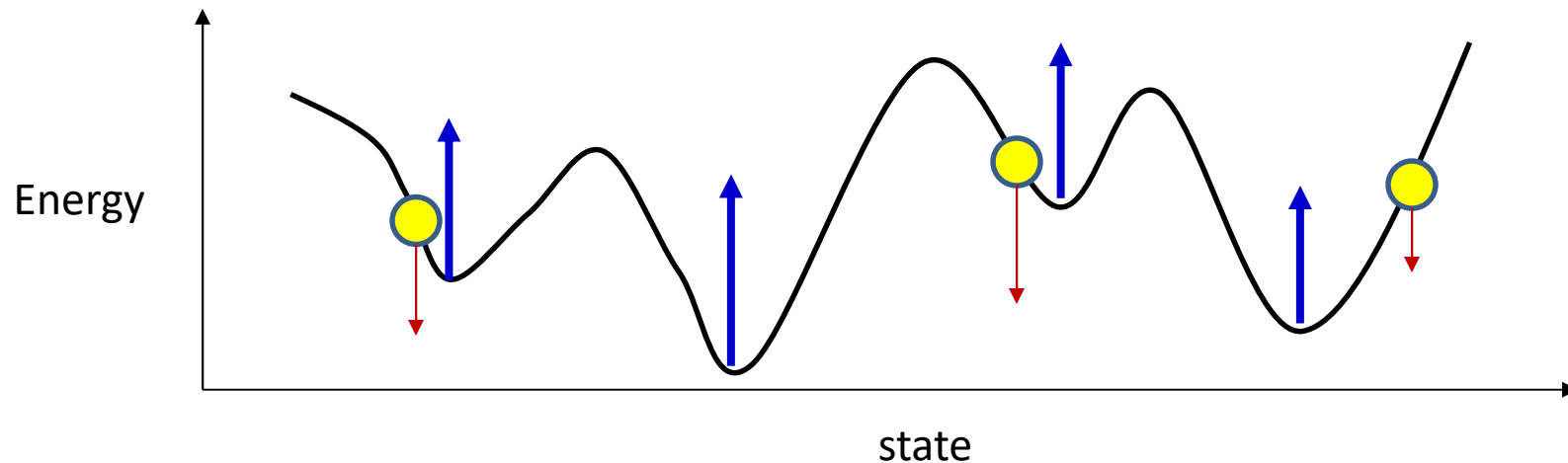
- Focus on raising the valleys
 - If you raise *every* valley, eventually they'll all move up above the target patterns, and many will even vanish



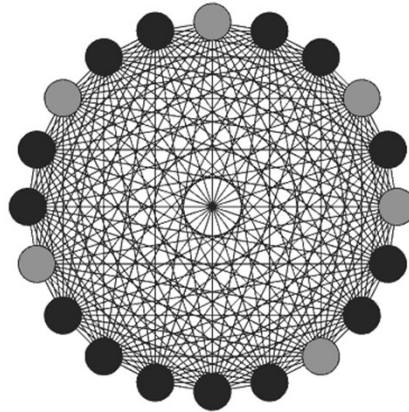
Identifying the valleys..

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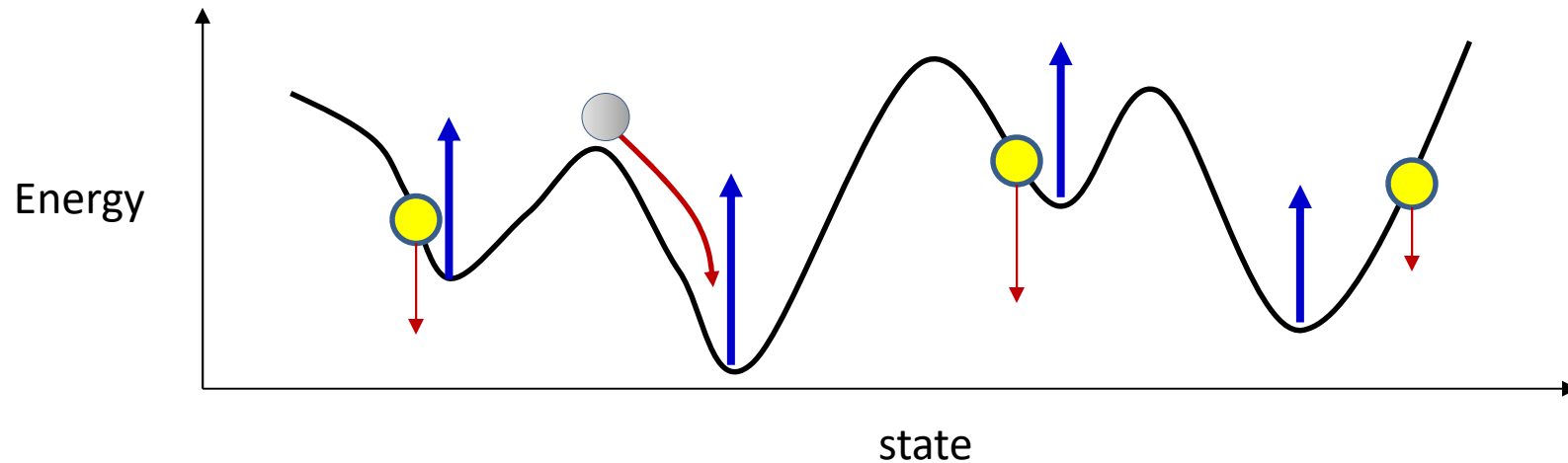
- Problem: How do you identify the valleys for the current \mathbf{W} ?



Identifying the valleys..



- Initialize the network randomly and let it evolve
 - It will settle in a valley



Training the Hopfield network

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- Initialize \mathbf{W}
- Compute the total outer product of all target patterns
 - More important patterns presented more frequently
- Randomly initialize the network several times 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

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- 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
 - Randomly initialize the network and let it evolve
 - And settle at a valley \mathbf{y}_v
 - Update weights
 - $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W} + \eta(\mathbf{y}_p\mathbf{y}_p^T - \mathbf{y}_v\mathbf{y}_v^T)$

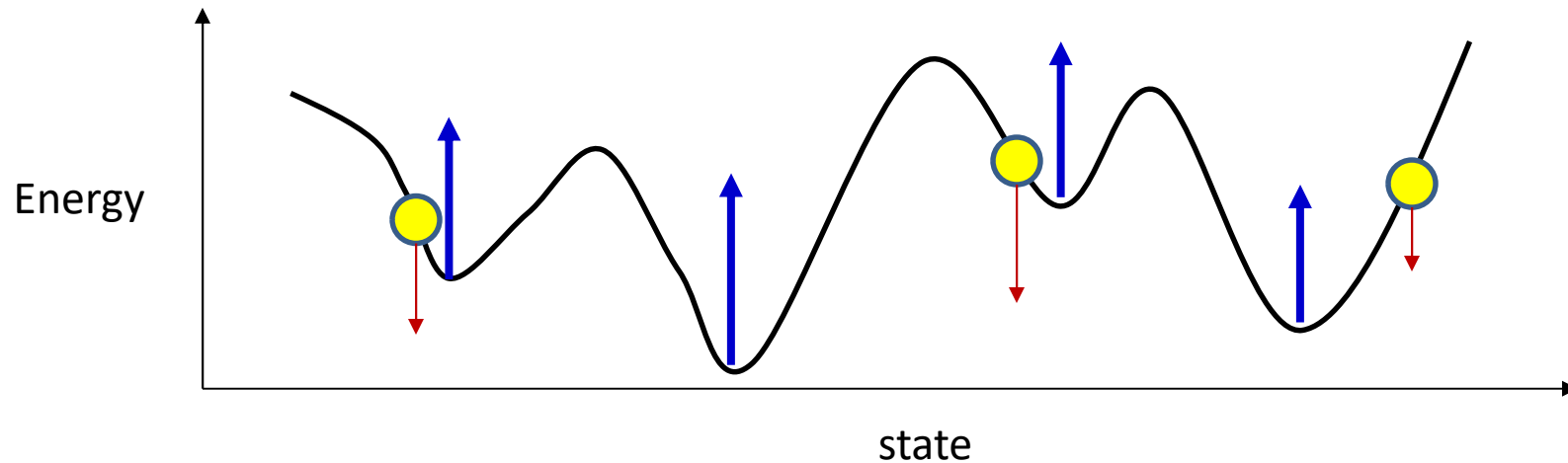
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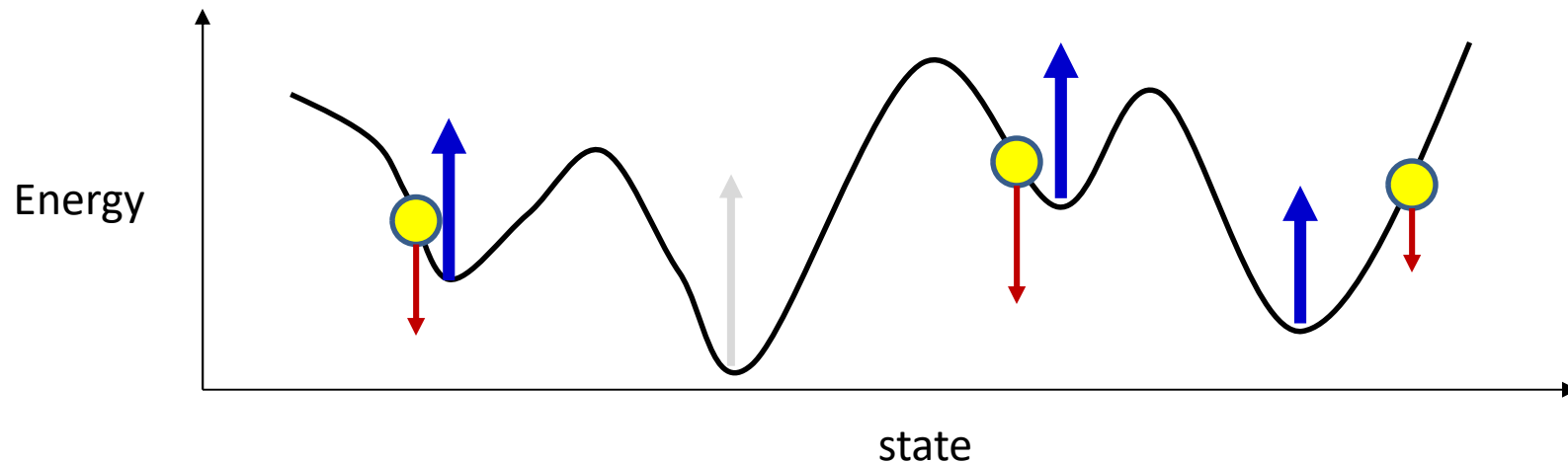
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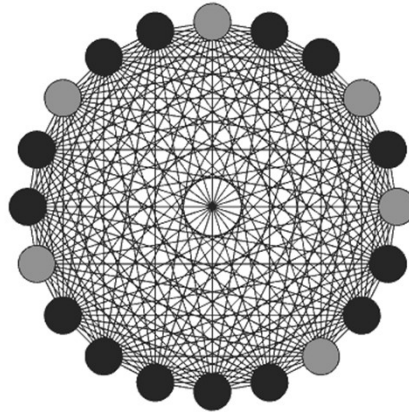


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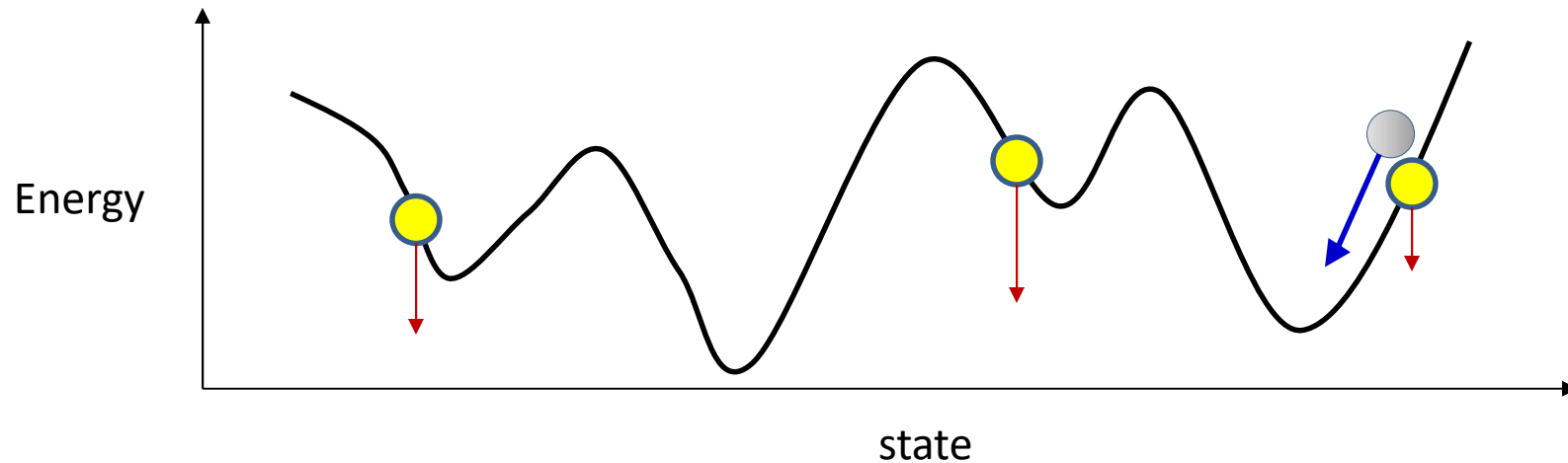
- Should we *randomly* sample valleys?
 - Are all valleys equally important?
- Major requirement: memories must be stable
 - They *must* be broad valleys
- Spurious valleys in the neighborhood of memories are more important to eliminate



Identifying the valleys..



- 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



Training the Hopfield network

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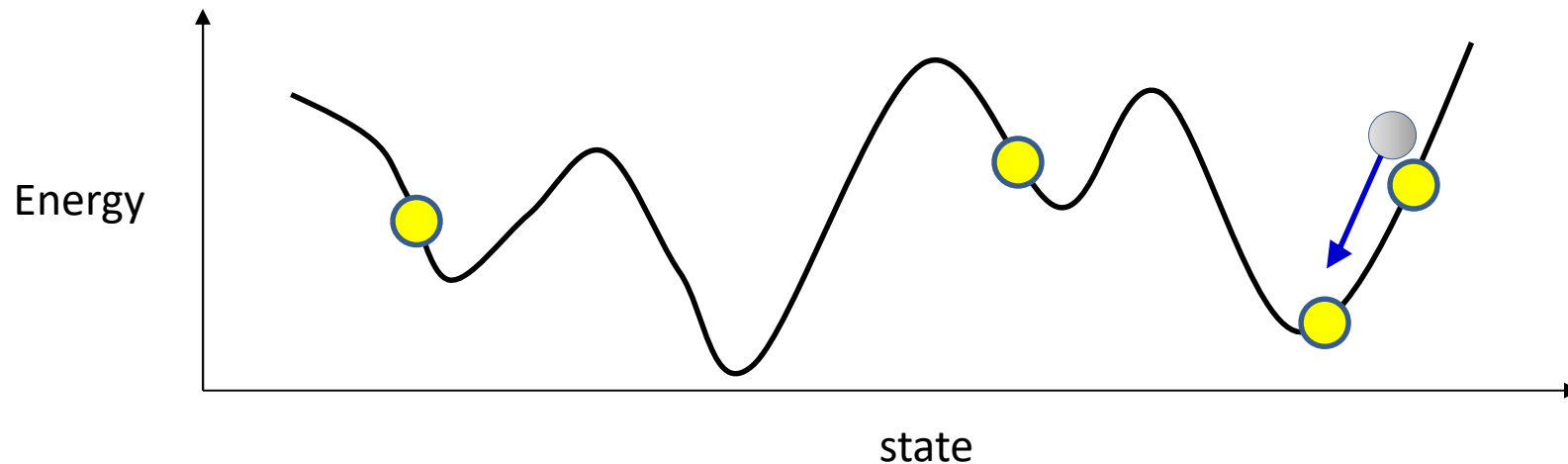
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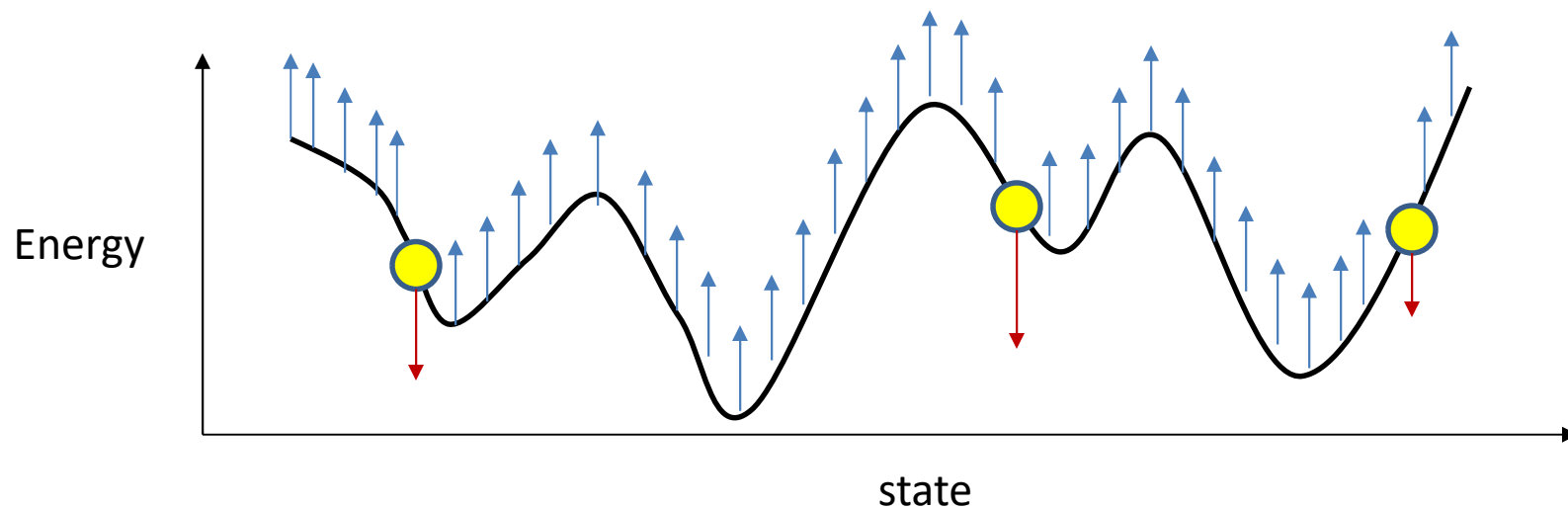
A possible problem

- What if there's another target pattern downvalley
 - Raising it will destroy a better-represented or stored pattern!



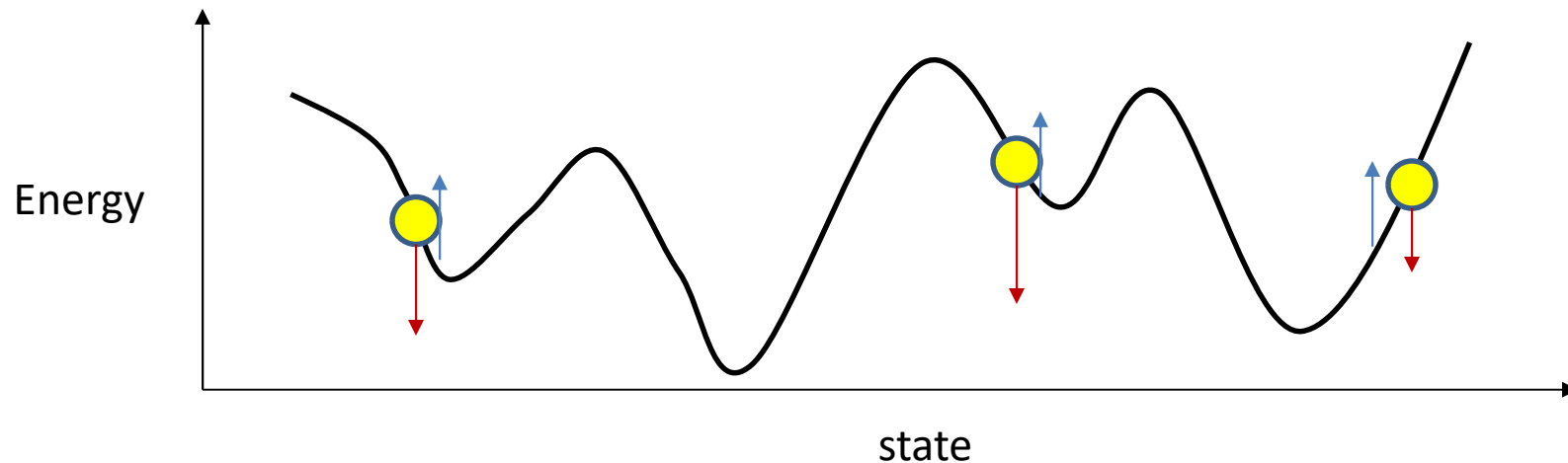
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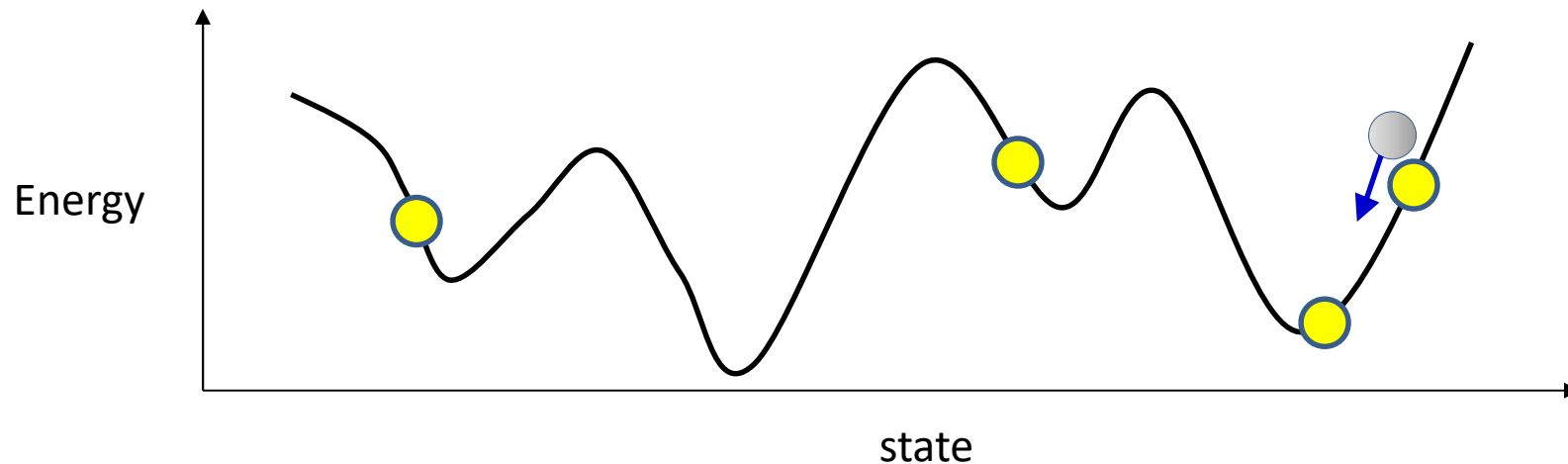
A related issue

- 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



Raising the neighborhood

- Starting from a target pattern, let the network evolve only a few steps
 - Try to raise the resultant location
- Will raise the neighborhood of targets
- Will avoid problem of down-valley targets



Training the Hopfield network: SGD version

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 - And arrive at a down-valley position \mathbf{y}_d
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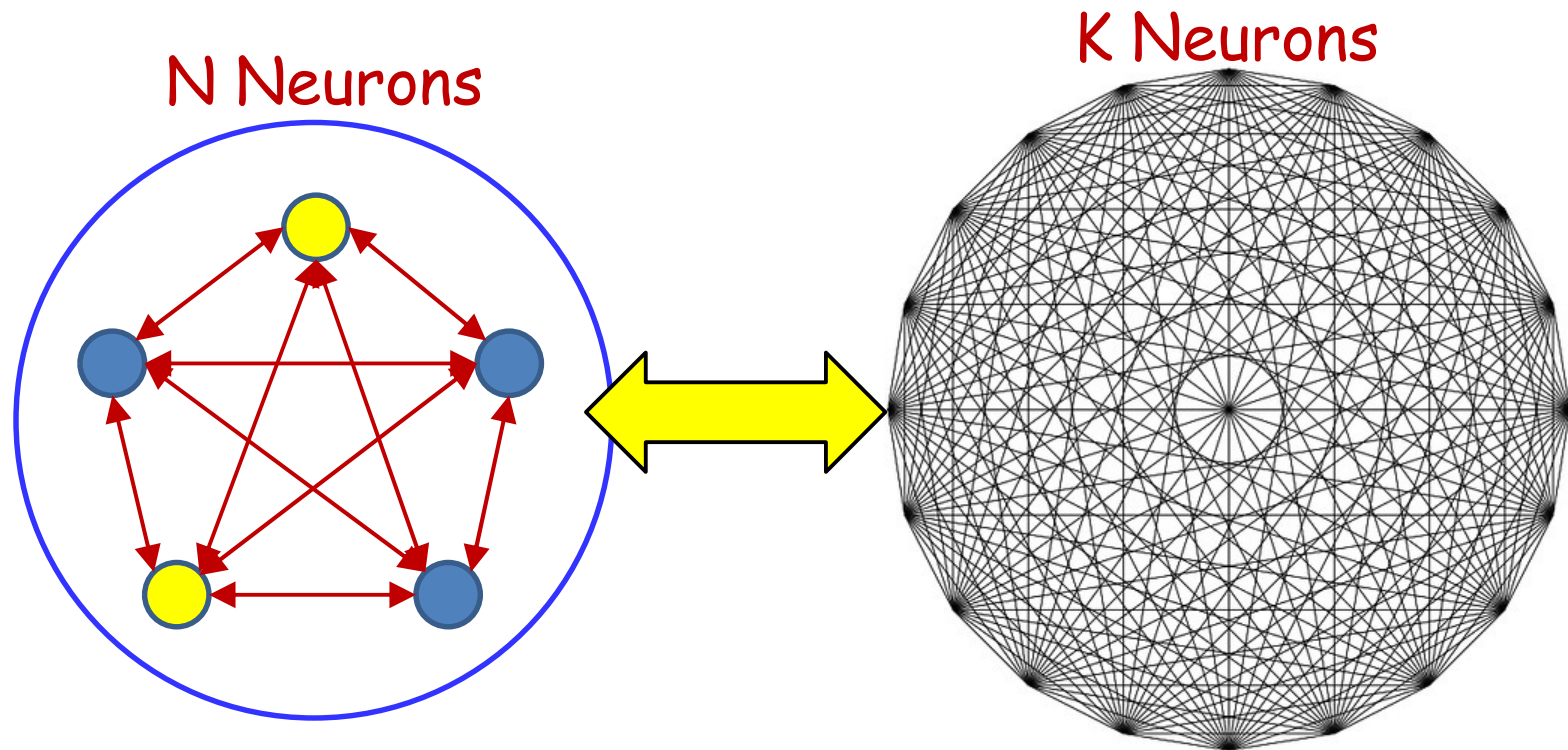
Story so far

- Hopfield nets with N neurons can store up to $0.14N$ patterns through Hebbian learning
 - Issue: Hebbian learning assumes all patterns to be stored are equally important
- In theory the number of *intentionally* stored patterns (stationary *and* stable) can be as large as N
 - But comes with many parasitic memories
- Networks that store $O(N)$ memories can be trained through optimization
 - By minimizing the energy of the target patterns, while increasing the energy of the neighboring patterns

Storing more than N patterns

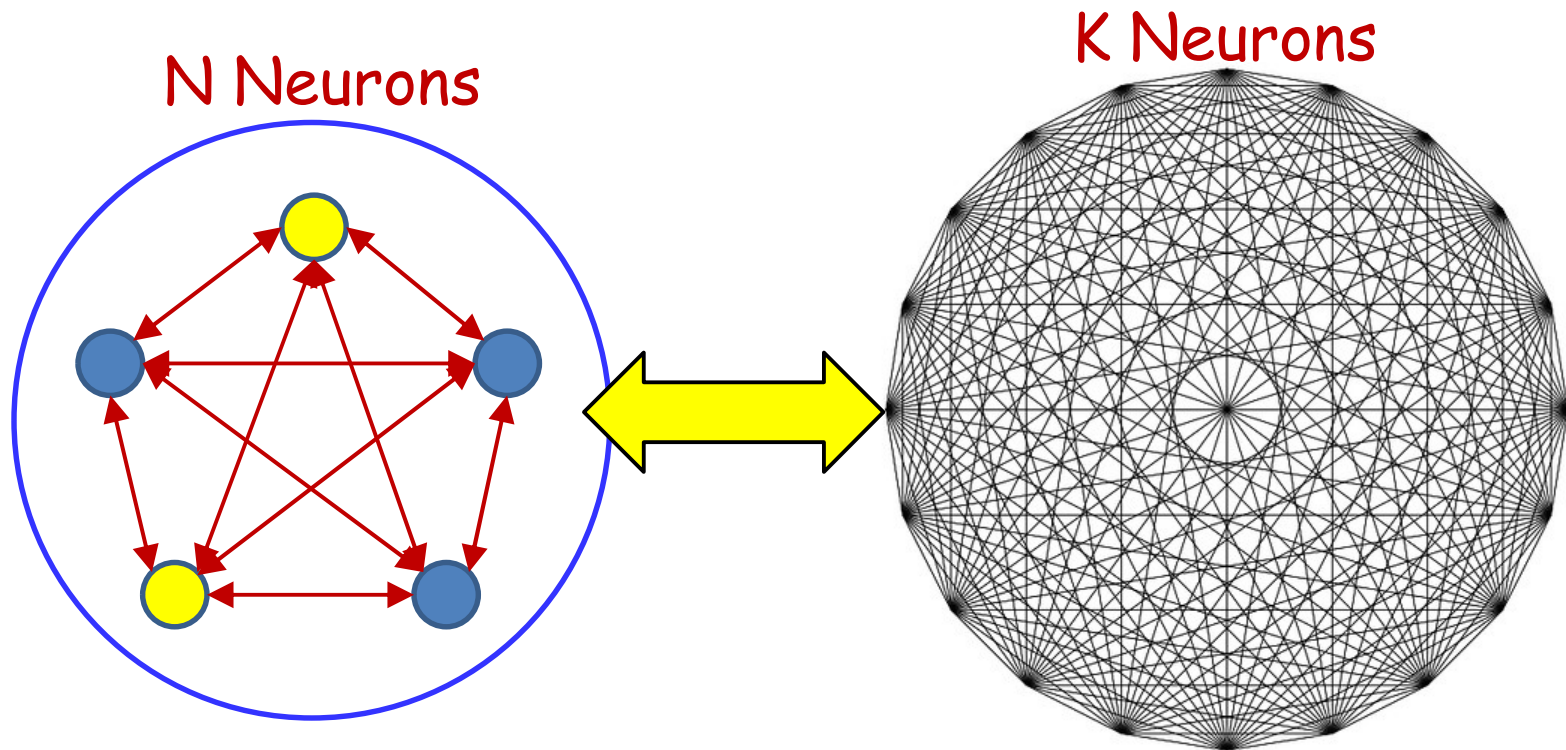
- The memory capacity of an N -bit network is at most N
 - Stable patterns (not necessarily even stationary)
 - Abu Mustafa and St. Jacques, 1985
 - Although “information capacity” is $\mathcal{O}(N^3)$
- How do we increase the capacity of the network
 - How to store more than N patterns

Expanding the network



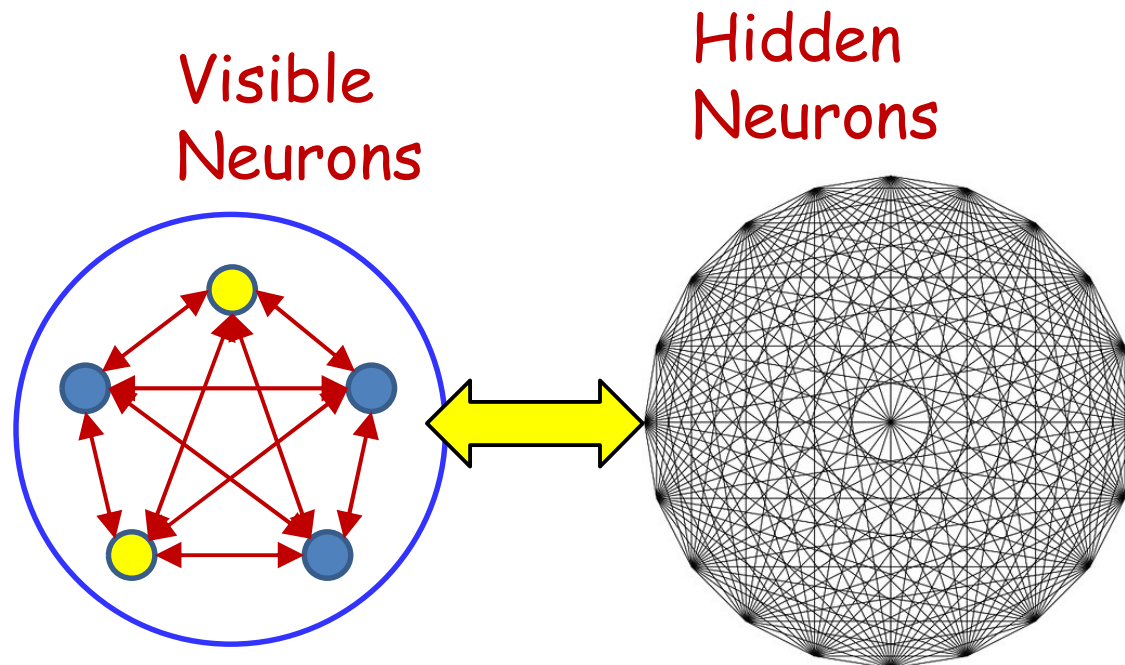
- Add a large number of neurons whose actual values you don't care about!

Expanded Network



- 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

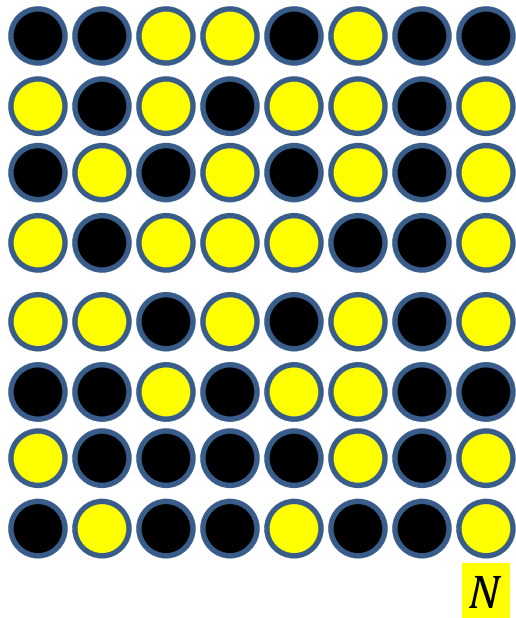
Terminology



- 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

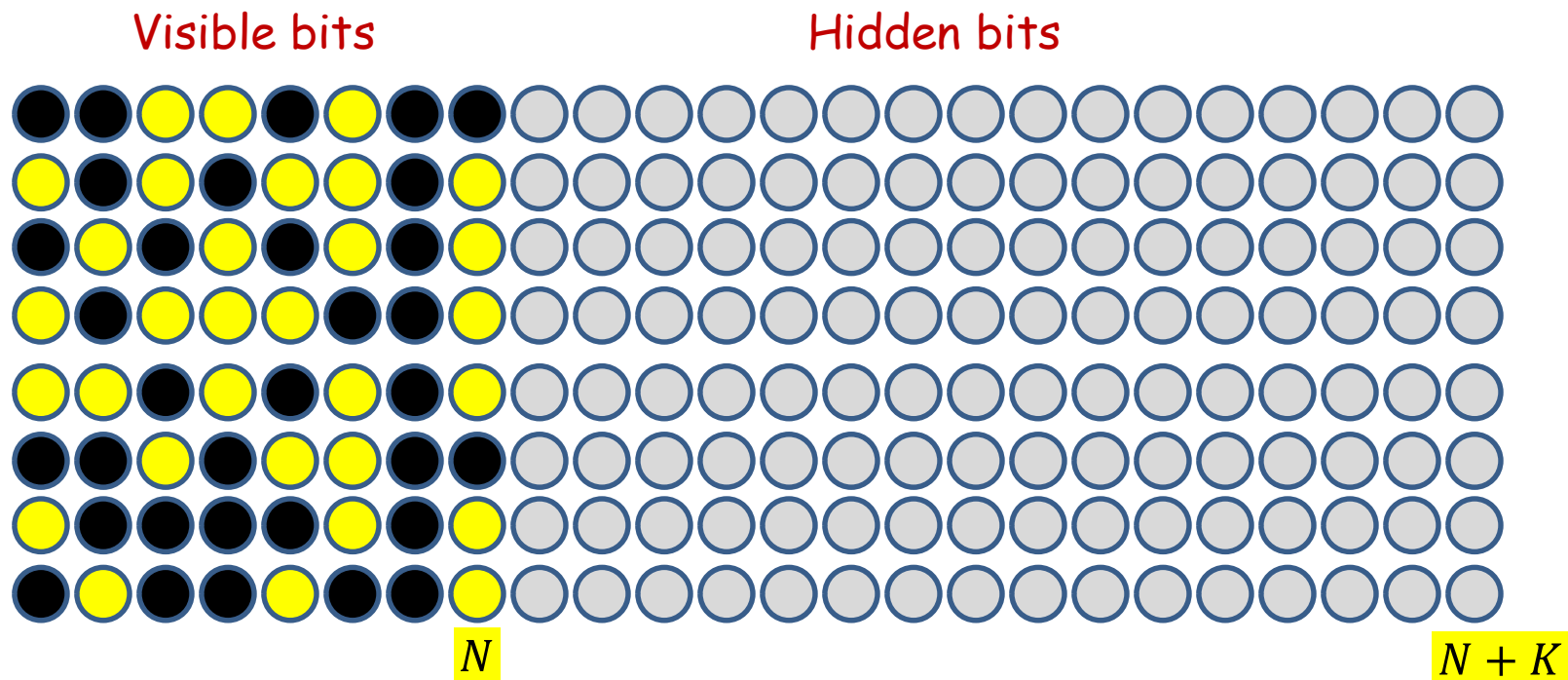
Increasing the capacity: bits view

Visible bits



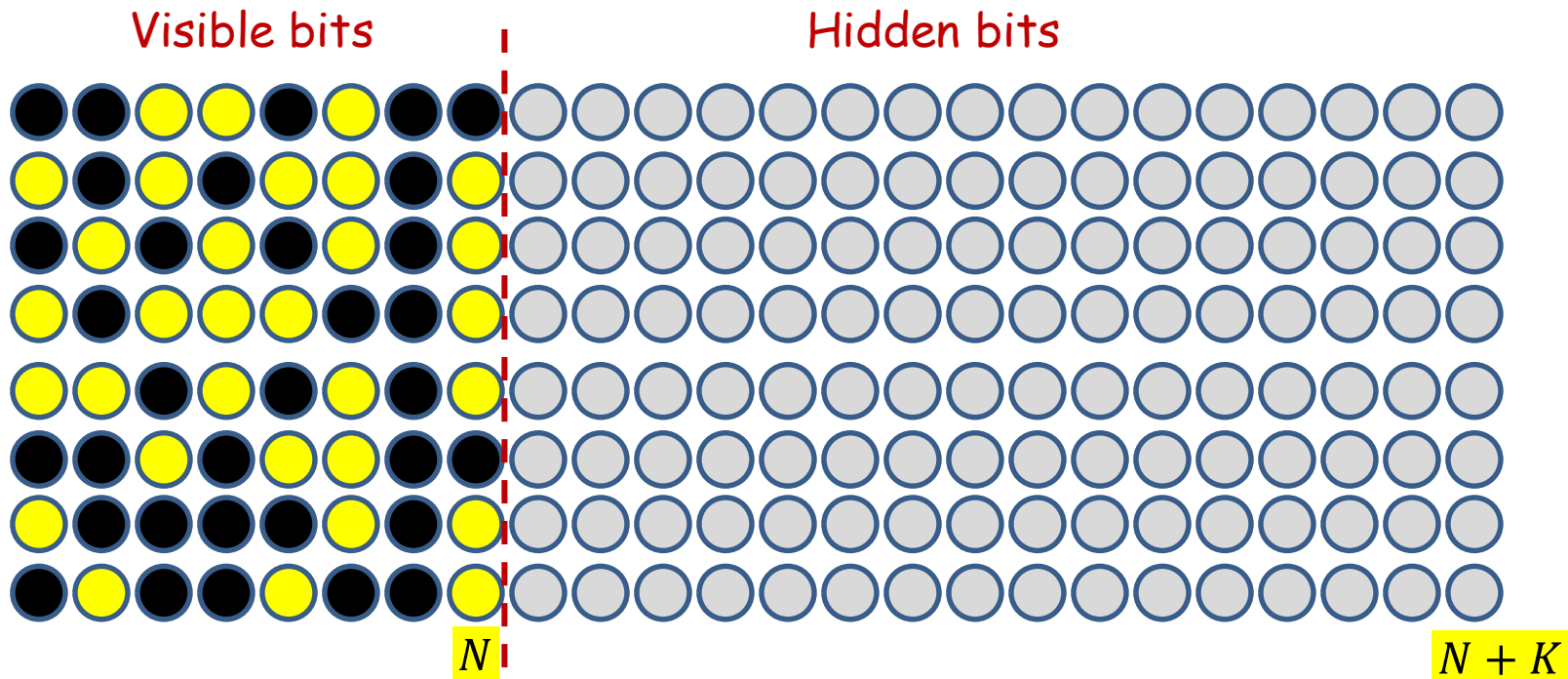
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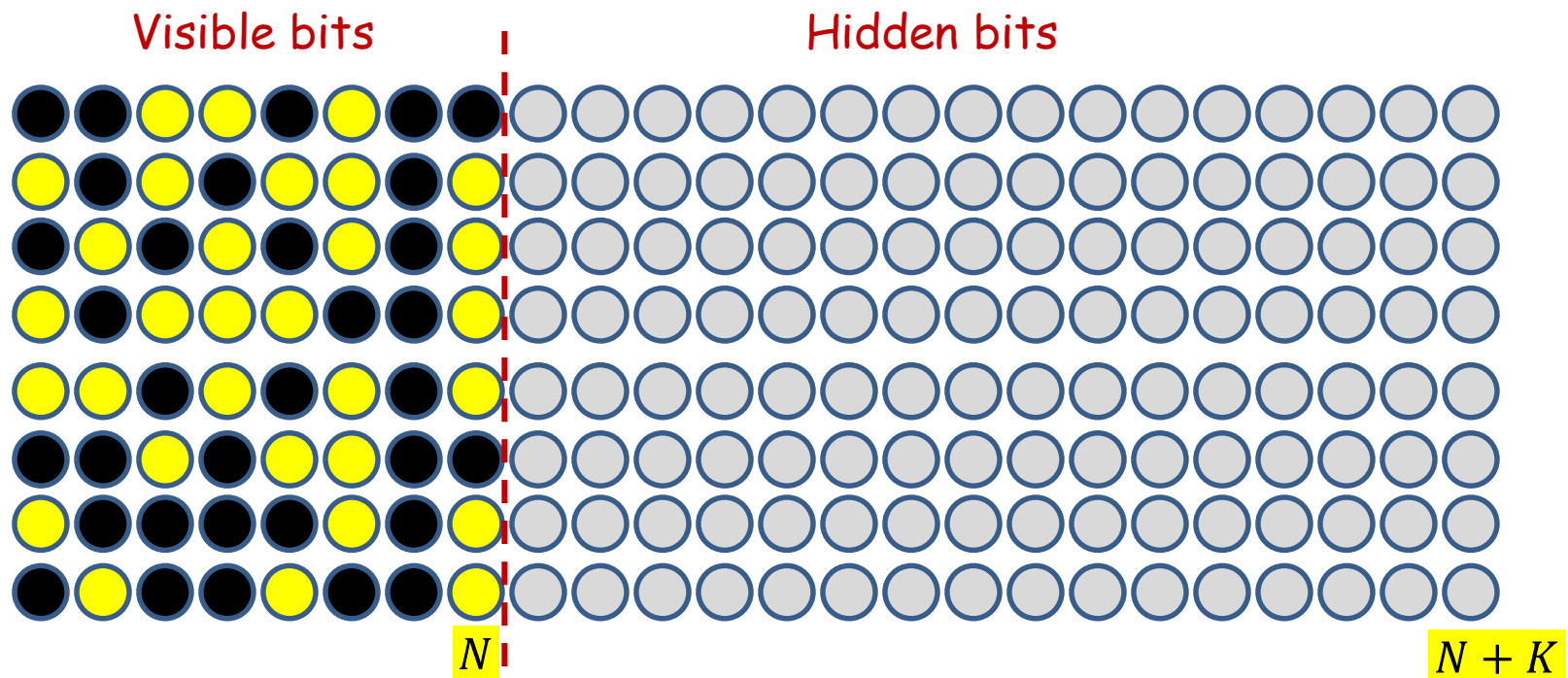
- The maximum number of patterns the net can store is bounded by the width N of the patterns..
- So lets *pad* the patterns with K “don’t care” bits
 - The new width of the patterns is $N+K$
 - Now we can store $N+K$ patterns!

Issues: Storage



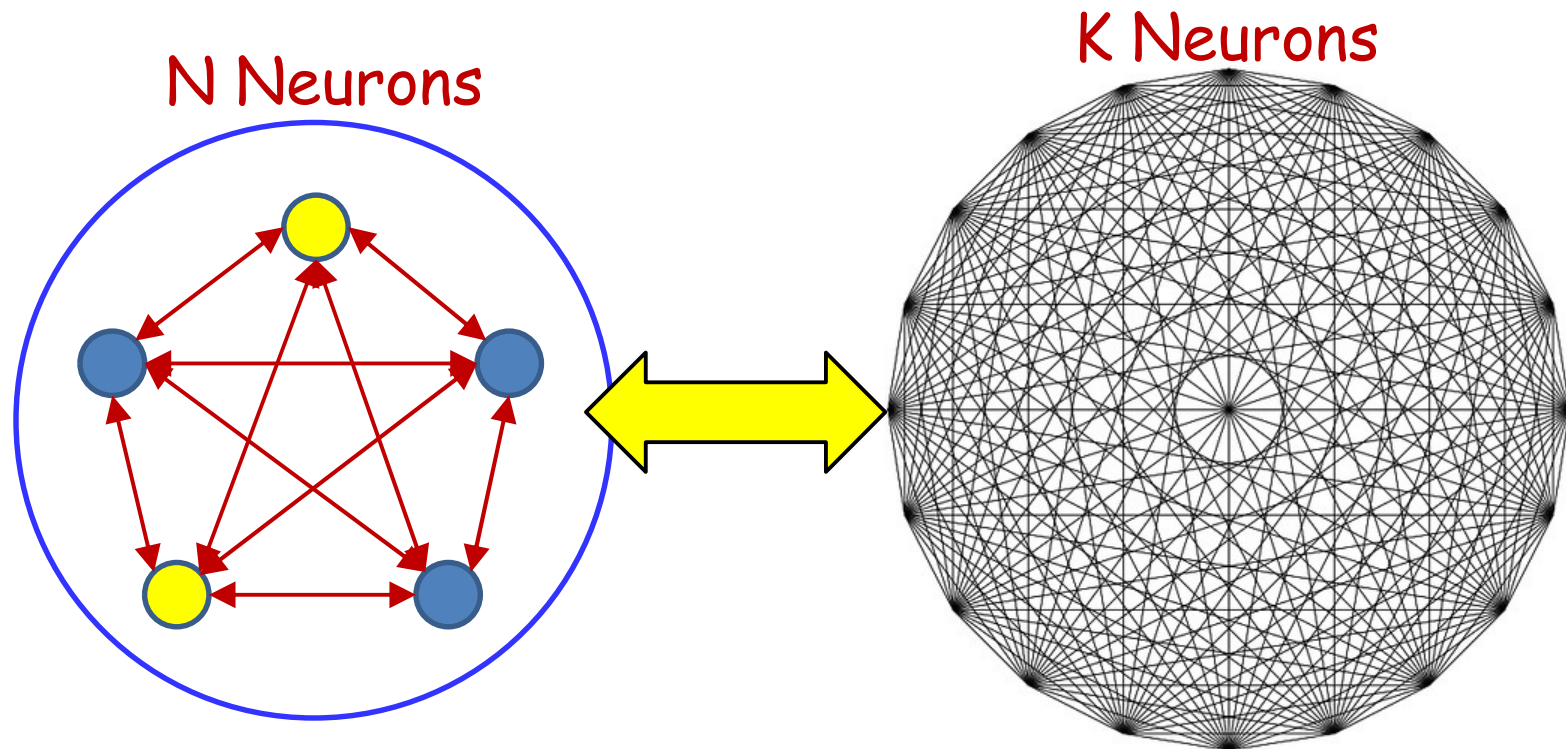
- What patterns do we fill in the don't care bits?
 - Simple option: Randomly
 - Flip a coin for each bit
 - We could even compose *multiple* extended patterns for a base pattern to increase the probability that it will be recalled properly
 - Recalling any of the extended patterns from a base pattern will recall the base pattern
- How do we store the patterns?
 - Standard optimization method should work

Issues: Recall



- How do we retrieve a memory?
- Can do so using usual “evolution” mechanism
- But this is not taking advantage of a key feature of the extended patterns:
 - Making errors in the don’t care bits doesn’t matter

Robustness of recall



- The value taken by the K hidden neurons during recall doesn't really matter
 - Even if it doesn't match what we actually tried to store
- Can we take advantage of this somehow?

Taking advantage of don't care bits

- Simple random setting of don't care bits, and using the usual training and recall strategies for Hopfield nets should work
- However, it doesn't sufficiently exploit the redundancy of the don't care bits
- To exploit it properly, it helps to view the Hopfield net differently: as a probabilistic machine

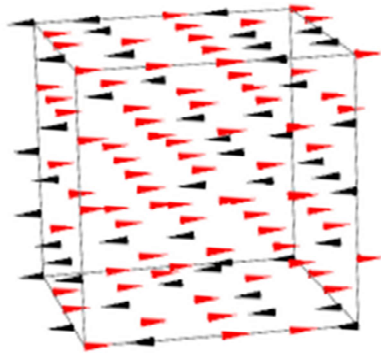
A probabilistic interpretation of Hopfield Nets

- For *binary* \mathbf{y} the energy of a pattern is the analog of the negative log likelihood of a *Boltzmann distribution*
 - **Minimizing energy maximizes log likelihood**

$$E(\mathbf{y}) = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y} \quad P(\mathbf{y}) = C\exp(-E(\mathbf{y}))$$

The Boltzmann Distribution

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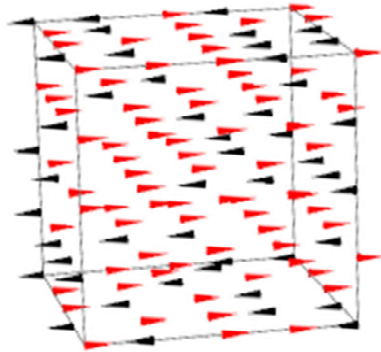


$$C = \frac{1}{\sum_{\mathbf{y}} \exp\left(\frac{-E(\mathbf{y})}{kT}\right)}$$

- k is the Boltzmann constant
- T is the temperature of the system
- The energy terms are the negative loglikelihood of a Boltzmann distribution at $T = 1$ to within an additive constant
 - Derivation of this probability is in fact quite trivial..

Continuing the Boltzmann analogy

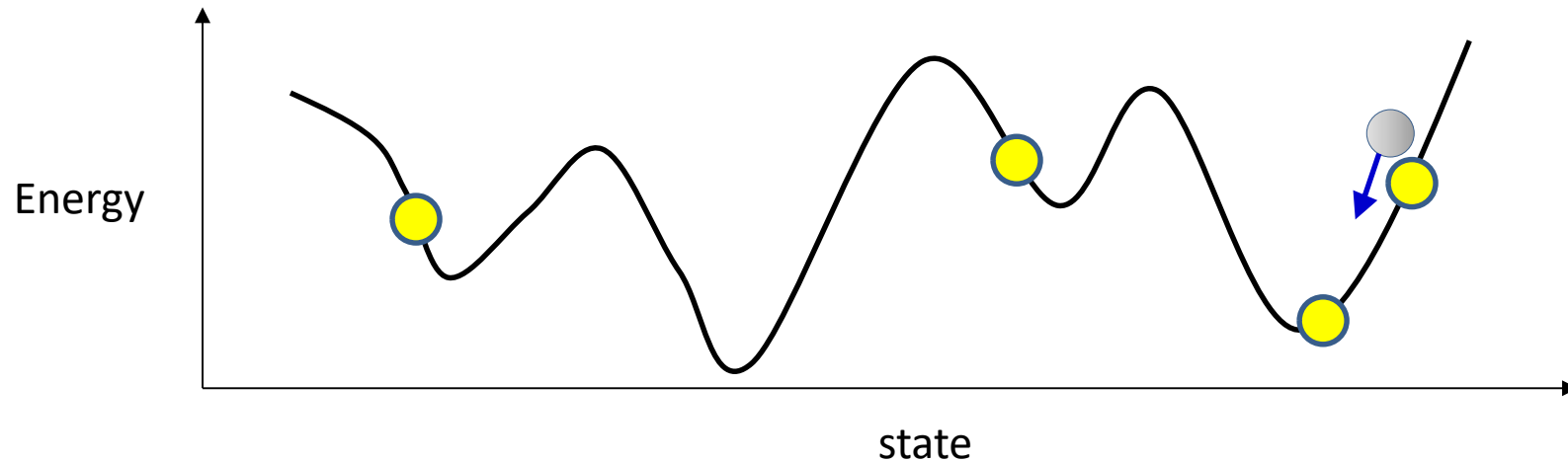
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$$C = \frac{1}{\sum_{\mathbf{y}} \exp\left(\frac{-E(\mathbf{y})}{kT}\right)}$$

- The system *probabilistically* selects states with lower energy
 - With infinitesimally slow cooling, at $T = 0$, it arrives at the global minimal state

Spin glasses and the Boltzmann distribution



- Selecting a next state is analogous to drawing a sample from the Boltzmann distribution at $T = 1$, in a universe where $k = 1$
 - Energy landscape of a spin-glass model: Exploration and characterization, Zhou and Wang, Phys. Review E 79, 2009

Hopfield nets: Optimizing W

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More importance to more attractive spurious memories

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THIS LOOKS LIKE AN EXPECTATION!

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- Update rule

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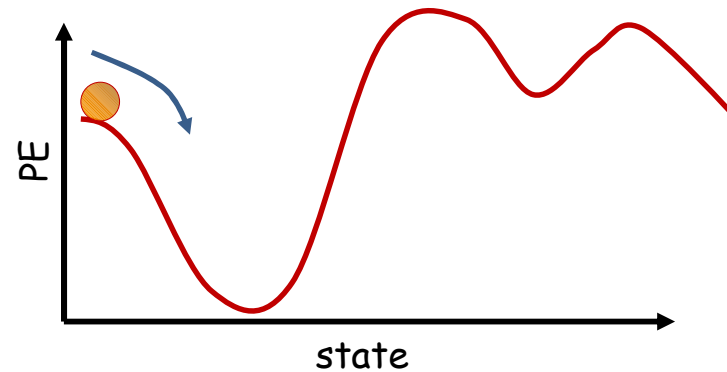
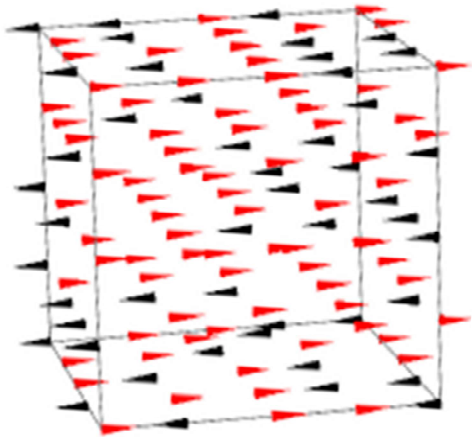
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Natural distribution for variables: The Boltzmann Distribution

From Analogy to Model

- The behavior of the Hopfield net is analogous to annealed dynamics of a spin glass characterized by a Boltzmann distribution
- So lets explicitly model the Hopfield net as a distribution..

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
 - And the *expected* value of the state

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*

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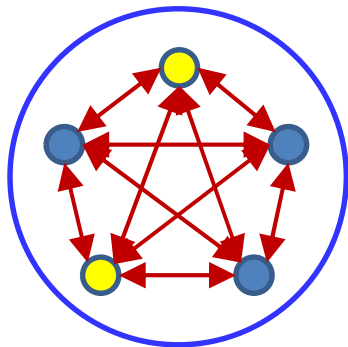
- Minimizing this w.r.t $P_T(s)$, we get

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

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

The Energy of the Network

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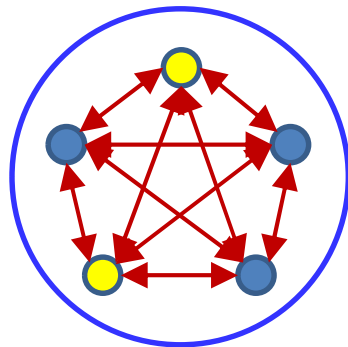
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$$P(S) = \frac{\exp(-E(S))}{\sum_{S'} \exp(-E(S'))}$$

- We can define the energy of the system as before
- Since neurons are stochastic, there is disorder or entropy (with $T = 1$)
- The *equilibrium* probability distribution over states is the Boltzmann distribution at $T=1$
 - This is the probability of different states that the network will wander over *at equilibrium*

The Hopfield net is a distribution

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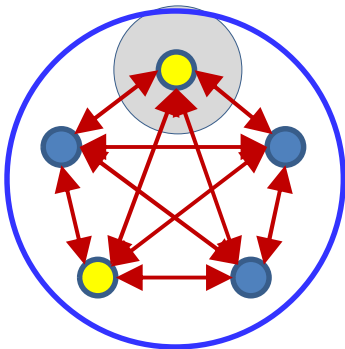
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- The stochastic Hopfield network models a **probability distribution** over states
 - Where a state is a binary string
 - Specifically, it models a *Boltzmann distribution*
 - **The parameters of the model are the weights of the network**
- The probability that (at equilibrium) the network will be in any state is $P(S)$
 - It is a *generative* model: generates states according to $P(S)$

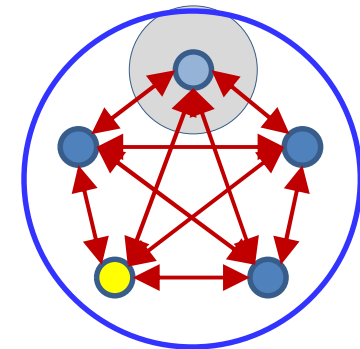
The field at a single node

- 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



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

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

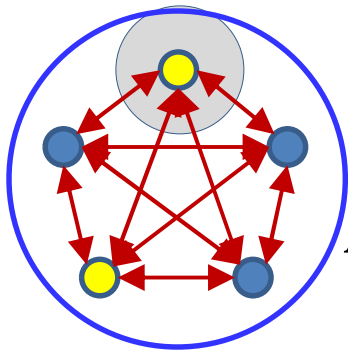


$$\log P(S) - \log P(S') = \log P(s_i = 1 | s_{j \neq i}) - \log P(s_i = -1 | s_{j \neq i})$$

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

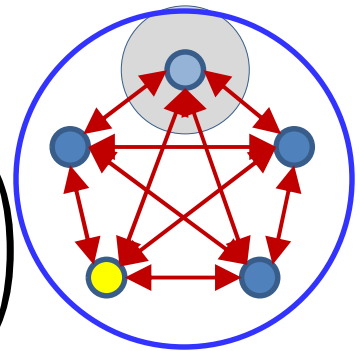
The field at a single node

- Let S and S' be the states with the i th bit in the $+1$ and -1 states



$$\log P(S) = -E(S) + C$$

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



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

- $\log P(S) - \log P(S') = E(S') - E(S) = \sum_{j \neq i} w_j s_j + b_i$

The field at a single node

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

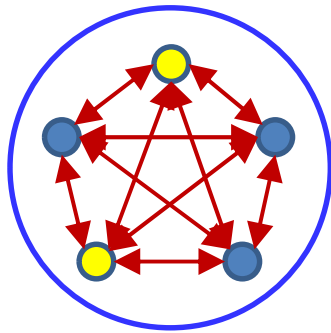
- Giving us

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

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

Redefining the network

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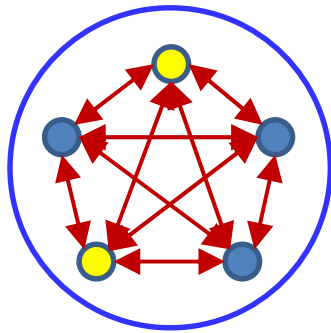
$$z_i = \sum_j w_{ji} s_j + b_i$$

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

- 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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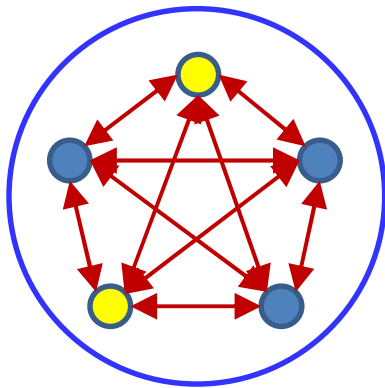
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- The Hopfield net is a probability distribution over binary sequences
 - The Boltzmann distribution
- The *conditional* distribution of individual bits in the sequence is a logistic

Running the network

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

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

- Initialize the neurons
- Cycle through the neurons and randomly set the neuron to 1 or -1 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

Exploiting the probabilistic view

- Next class..