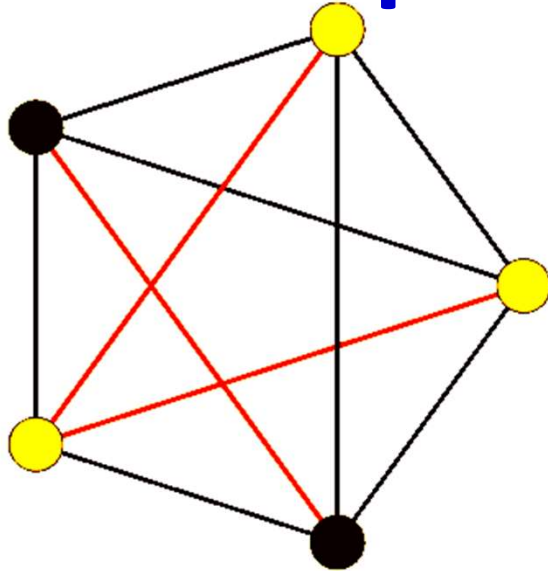


# Neural Networks

## Hopfield Nets and Boltzmann Machines

# Recap: Hopfield network

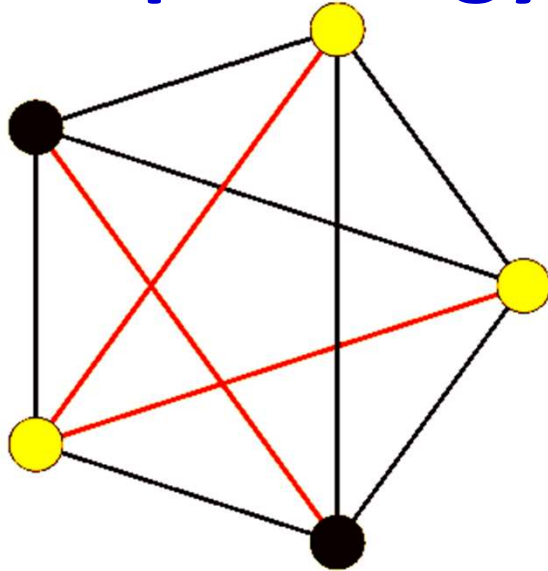


$$y_i = \Theta \left( \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j + b_i \right)$$

$$\Theta(z) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } z > 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } z \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

- 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



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

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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

1. Initialize network with initial pattern

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

2. Iterate until convergence

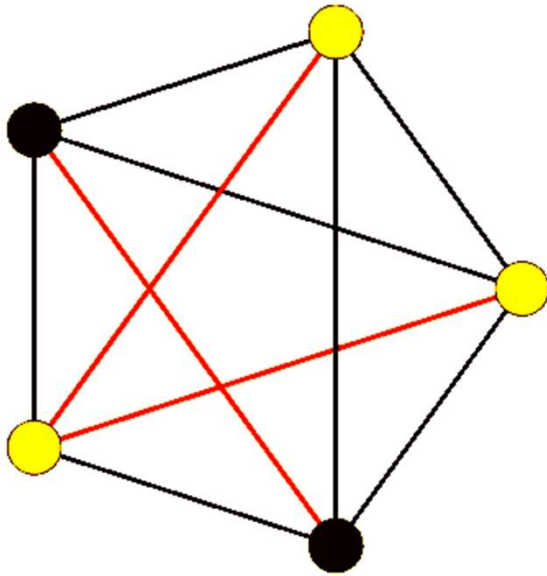
$$y_i(t + 1) = \Theta \left( \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j \right), \quad 0 \leq i \leq N - 1$$

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

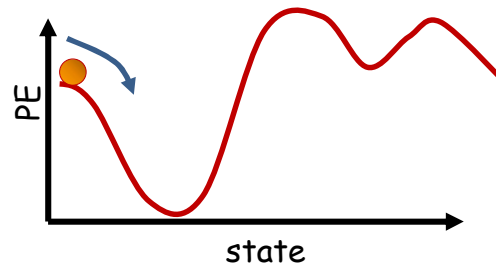
$$E = - \sum_i \sum_{j > i} w_{ji} y_j y_i$$

does not change significantly any more

# Recap: Evolution

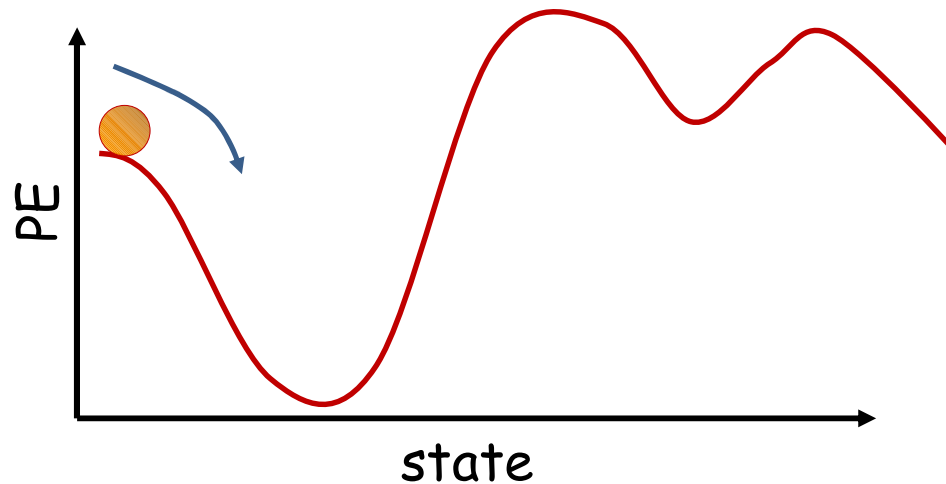
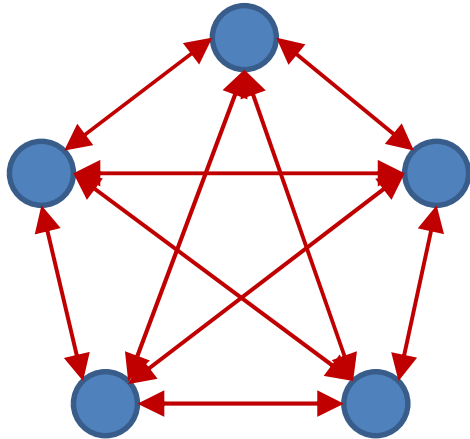


$$E = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{y}$$



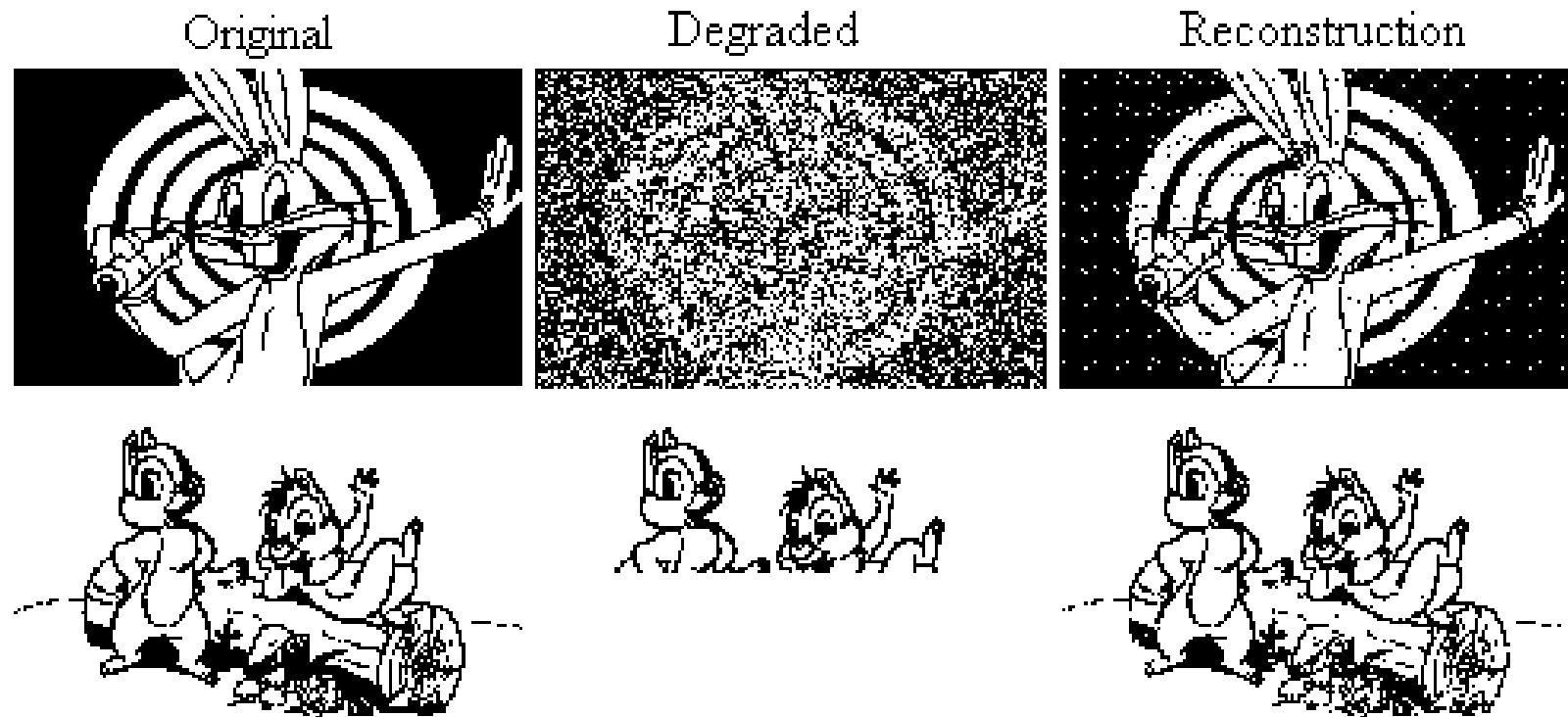
- The network will evolve until it arrives at a local minimum in the energy contour

## *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***

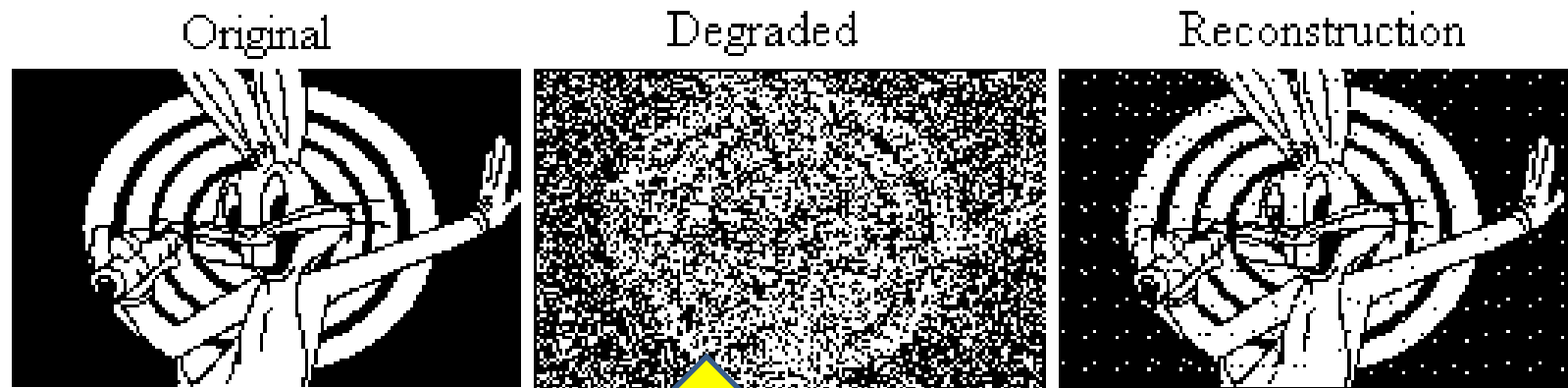
# Examples: Content addressable memory



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

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# Examples: Content addressable memory



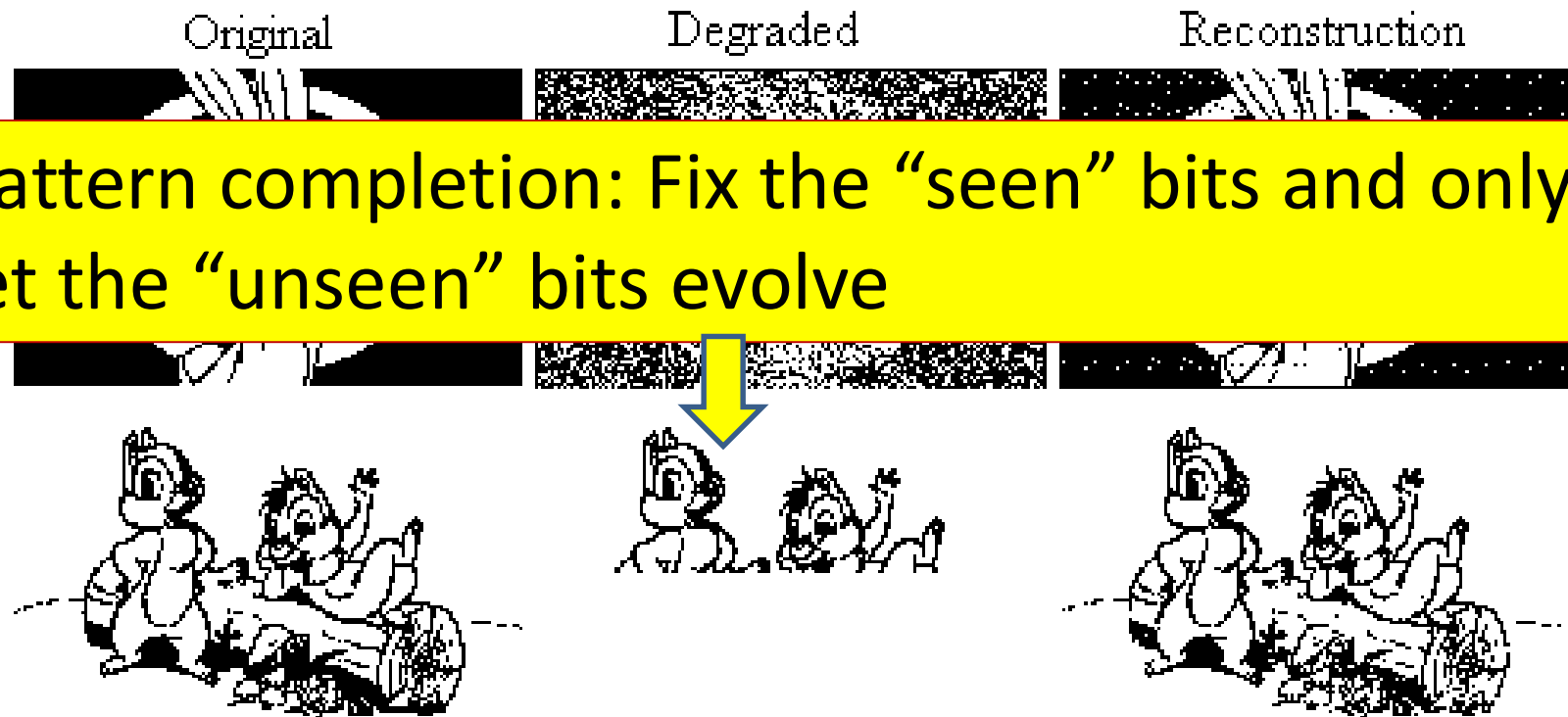
Noisy pattern completion: Initialize the entire network and let the entire network evolve

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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

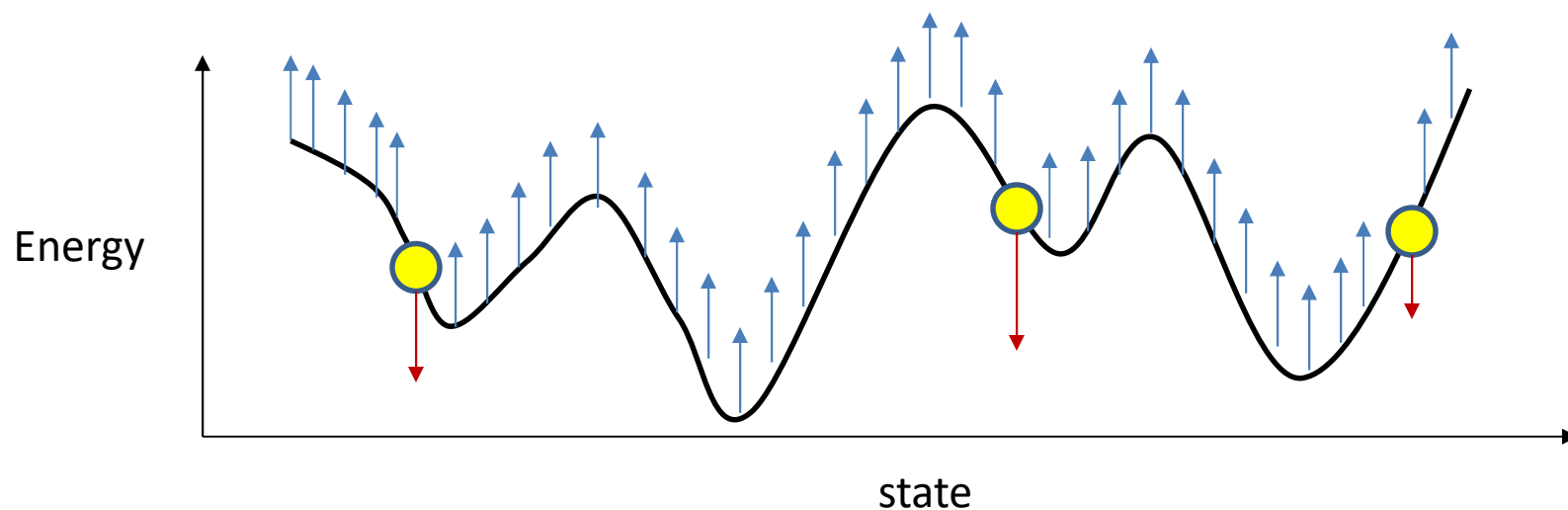
- The Hopfield network can be *trained* to remember specific “target” patterns
  - E.g. the pictures in the previous example
- A Hopfield net with  $N$  neurons can be designed to store up to  $N$  target  $N$ -bit memories
  - But can store an exponential number of unwanted “parasitic” memories along 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

$$\hat{\mathbf{W}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{W}} \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{Y}_P} E(\mathbf{y})}_{\text{Minimize energy of target patterns}} - \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{y} \notin \mathbf{Y}_P} E(\mathbf{y})}_{\text{Maximize energy of all other patterns}}$$

Minimize energy of target patterns

Maximize energy of all other patterns



# Optimizing $\mathbf{W}$

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

- Simple gradient descent:

$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W} + \eta \left( \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{Y}_P} \mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^T}_{\text{Minimize energy of target patterns}} - \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{y} \notin \mathbf{Y}_P} \mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^T}_{\text{Maximize energy of all other patterns}} \right)$$

Minimize energy of  
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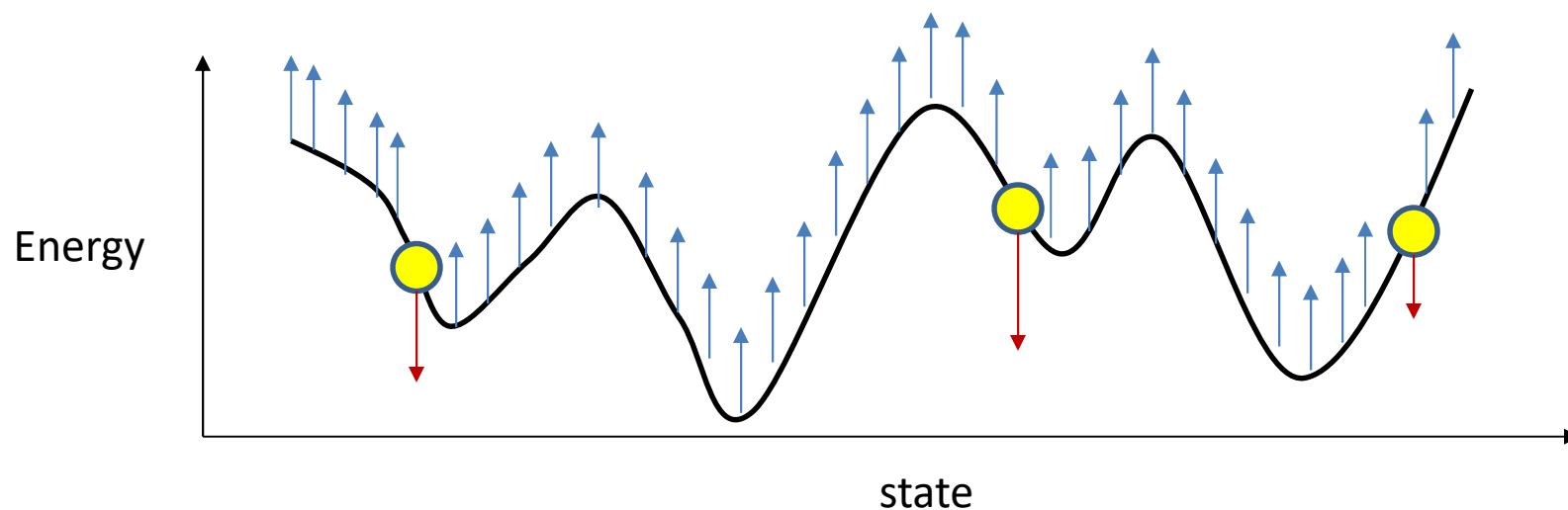
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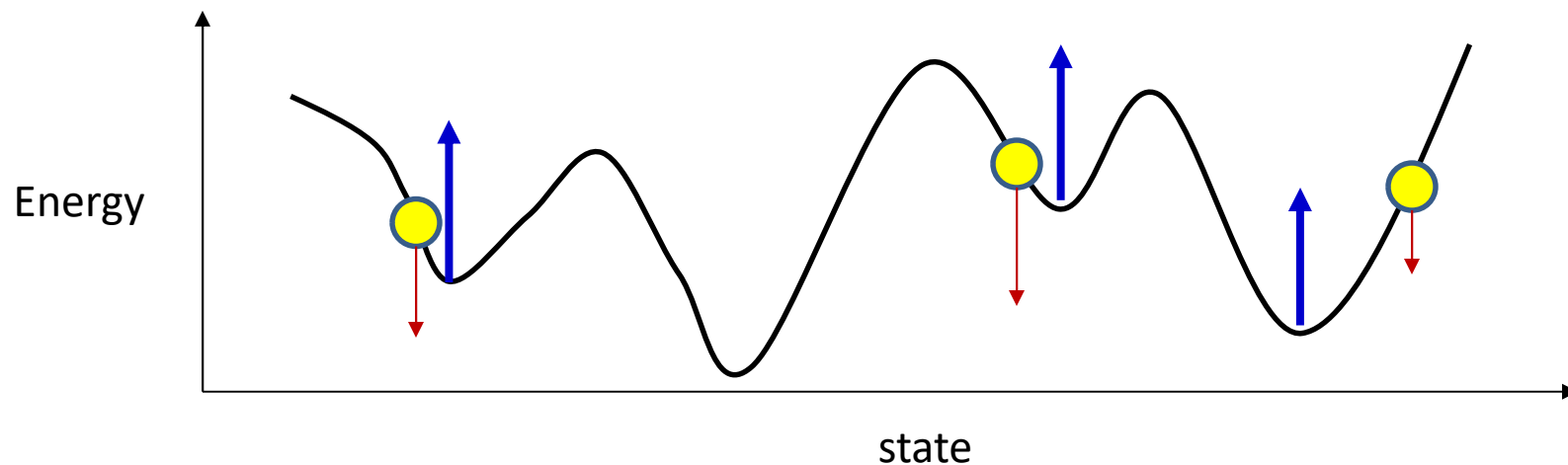
Maximize energy of all other patterns



# Simpler: Focus on confusing parasites

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

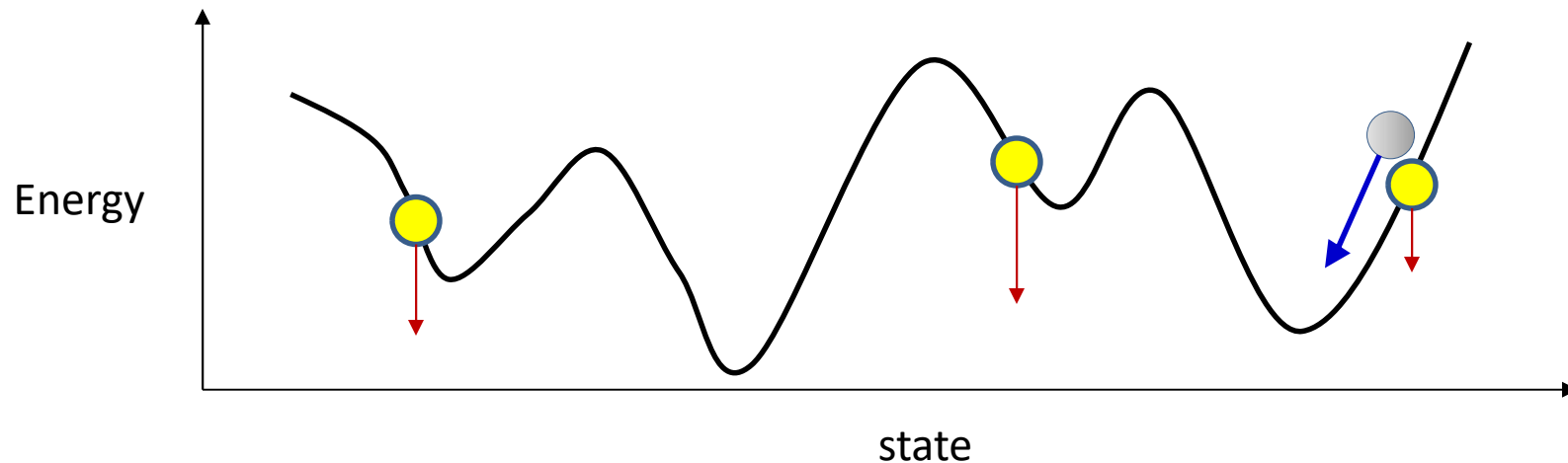
- Focus on minimizing parasites that can prevent the net from remembering target patterns
  - Energy valleys in the neighborhood of target patterns



# Simpler: Focus on confusing patterns

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- 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





# Training the Hopfield network

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

- Initialize  $\mathbf{W}$
- 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

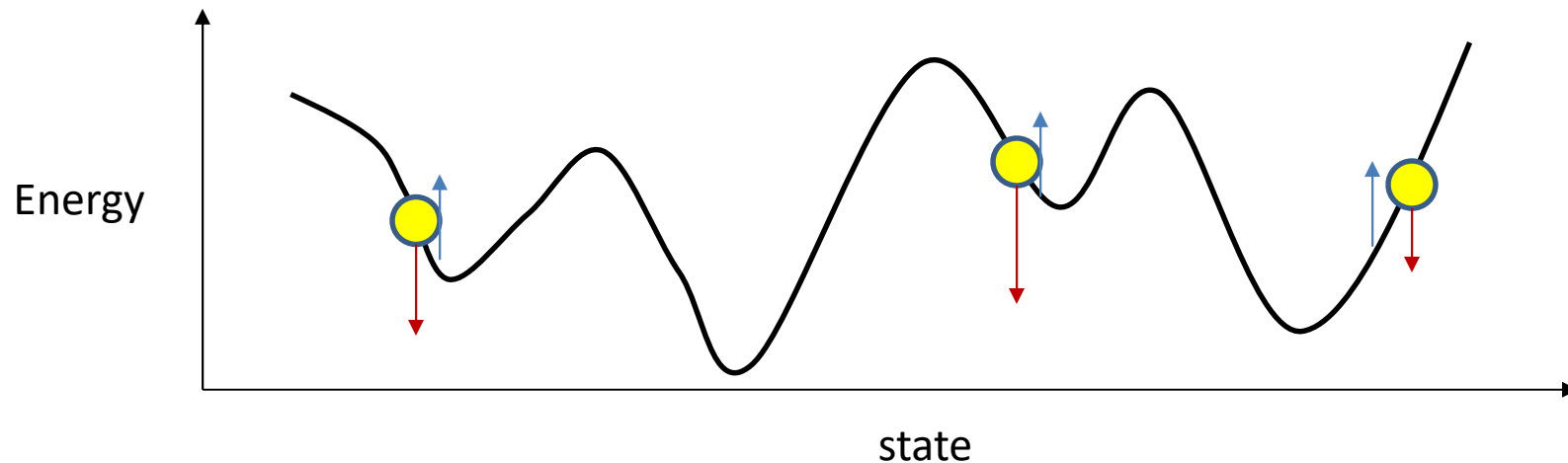
# Training the Hopfield network: SGD version

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

- 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
    - $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W} + \eta(\mathbf{y}_p\mathbf{y}_p^T - \mathbf{y}_v\mathbf{y}_v^T)$

# 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

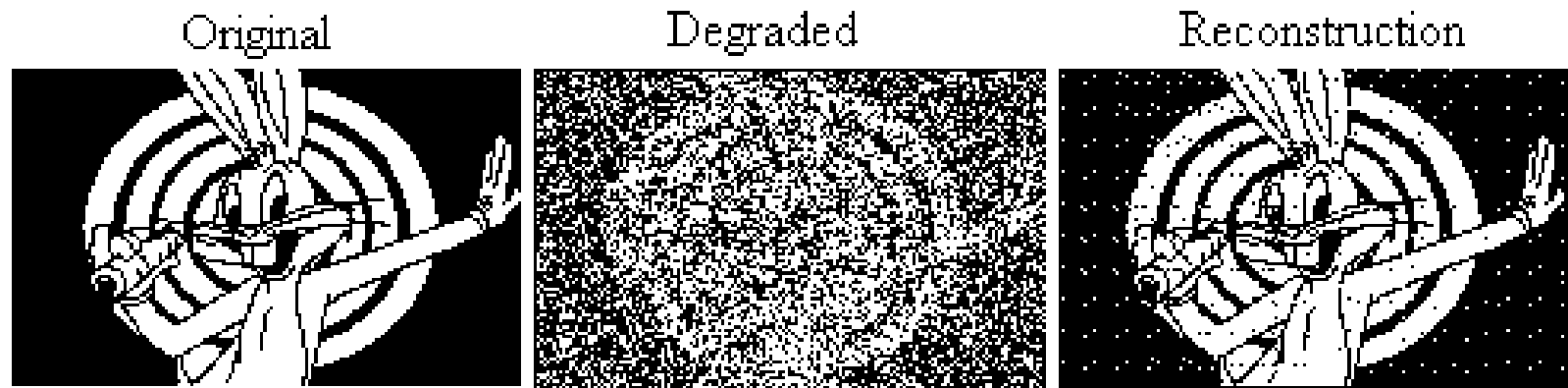


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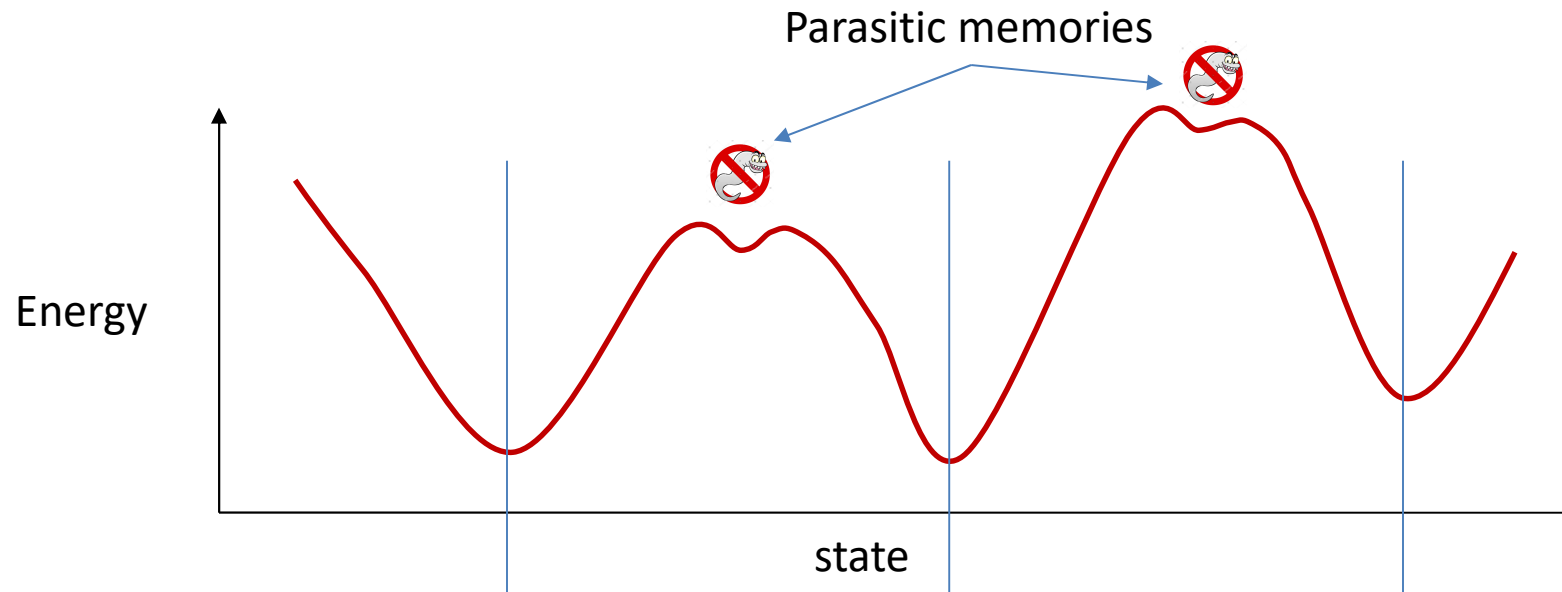
- Initialize  $\mathbf{W}$
- Do until convergence, satisfaction, or death from boredom:
  - Sample a target pattern  $\mathbf{y}_p$ 
    - Sampling frequency of pattern must reflect importance of pattern
  - Initialize the network at  $\mathbf{y}_p$  and let it evolve *a few steps (2-4)*
    - And arrive at a down-valley position  $\mathbf{y}_d$
  - Update weights
    - $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W} + \eta(\mathbf{y}_p\mathbf{y}_p^T - \mathbf{y}_d\mathbf{y}_d^T)$

# Problem with Hopfield net



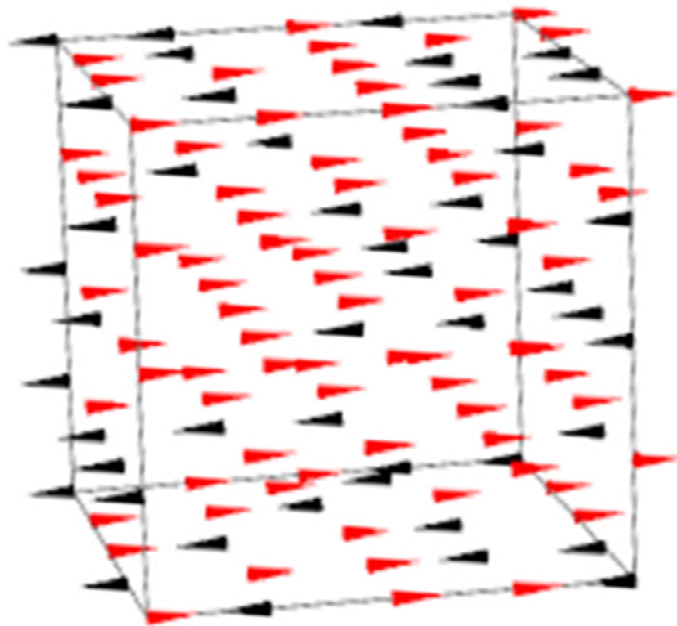
- Why is the recalled pattern not perfect?

# A Problem with Hopfield Nets



- Many local minima
  - Parasitic memories
- May be escaped by adding some *noise* during evolution
  - Permit changes in state even if energy increases..
    - Particularly if the increase in energy is small

# 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

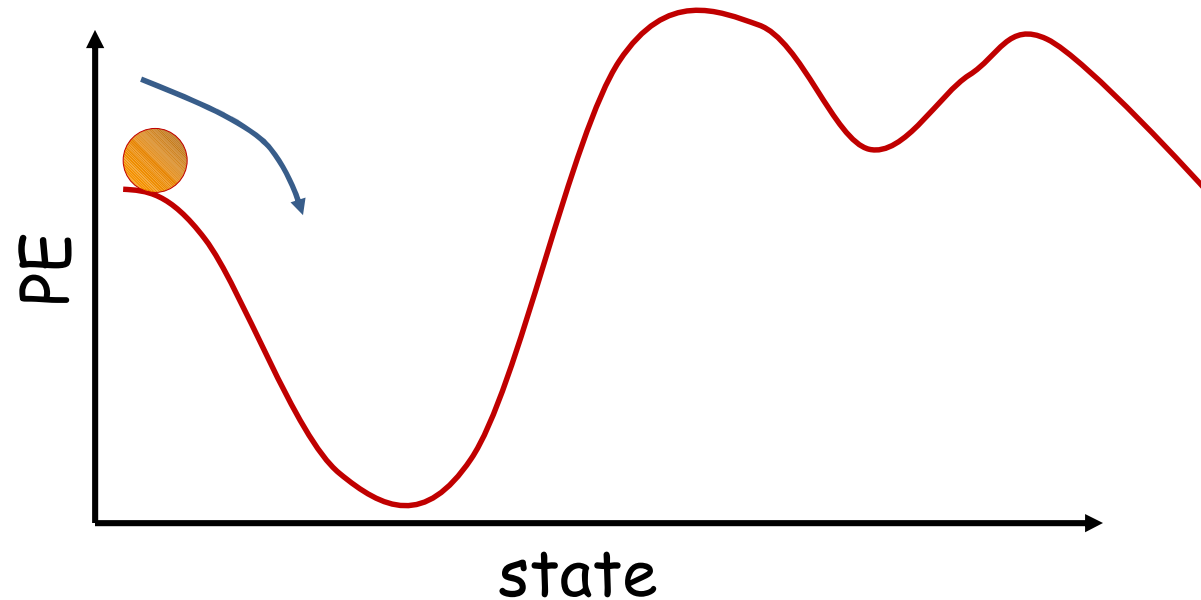
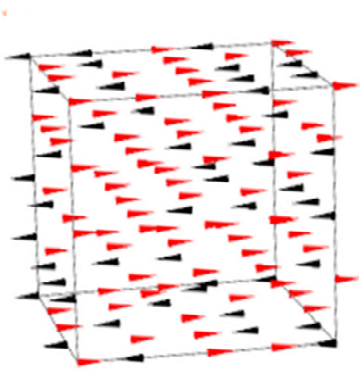
$$x_i = \begin{cases} x_i & \text{if } \text{sign}(x_i f(p_i)) = 1 \\ -x_i & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- The total energy of the system

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

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

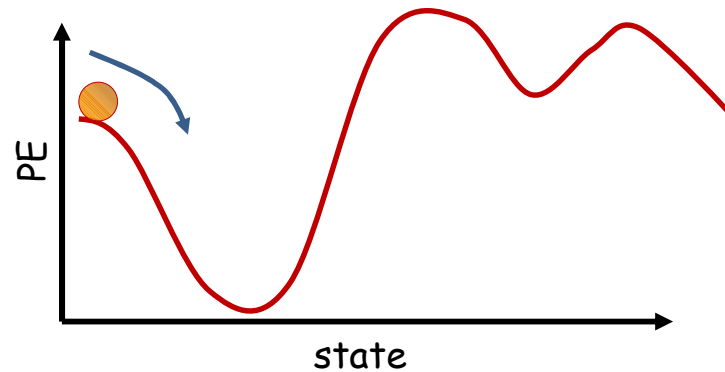
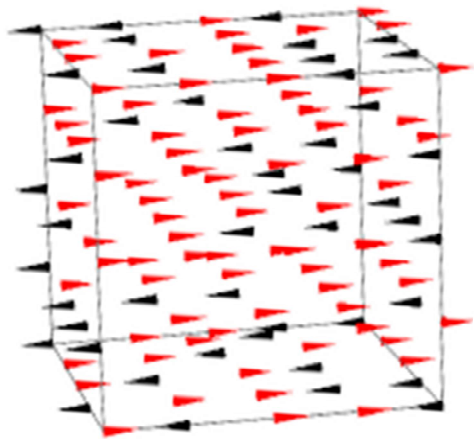
# Recap : Spin Glasses



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



# 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

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

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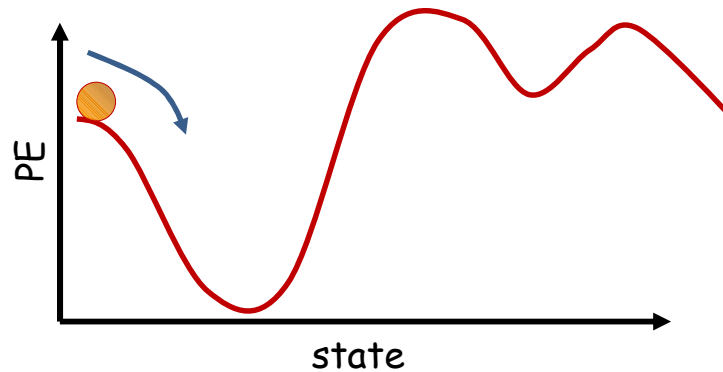
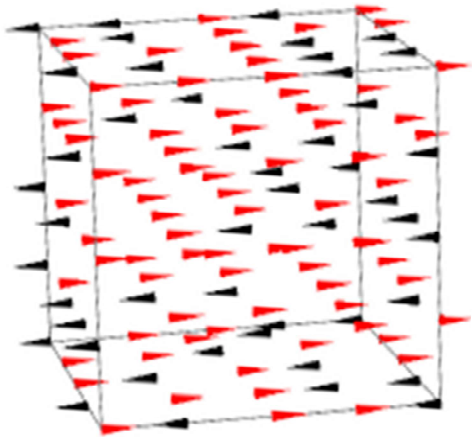
$$F_T = \sum_s P_T(s) E_s - kT \sum_s P_T(s) \log P_T(s)$$

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

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

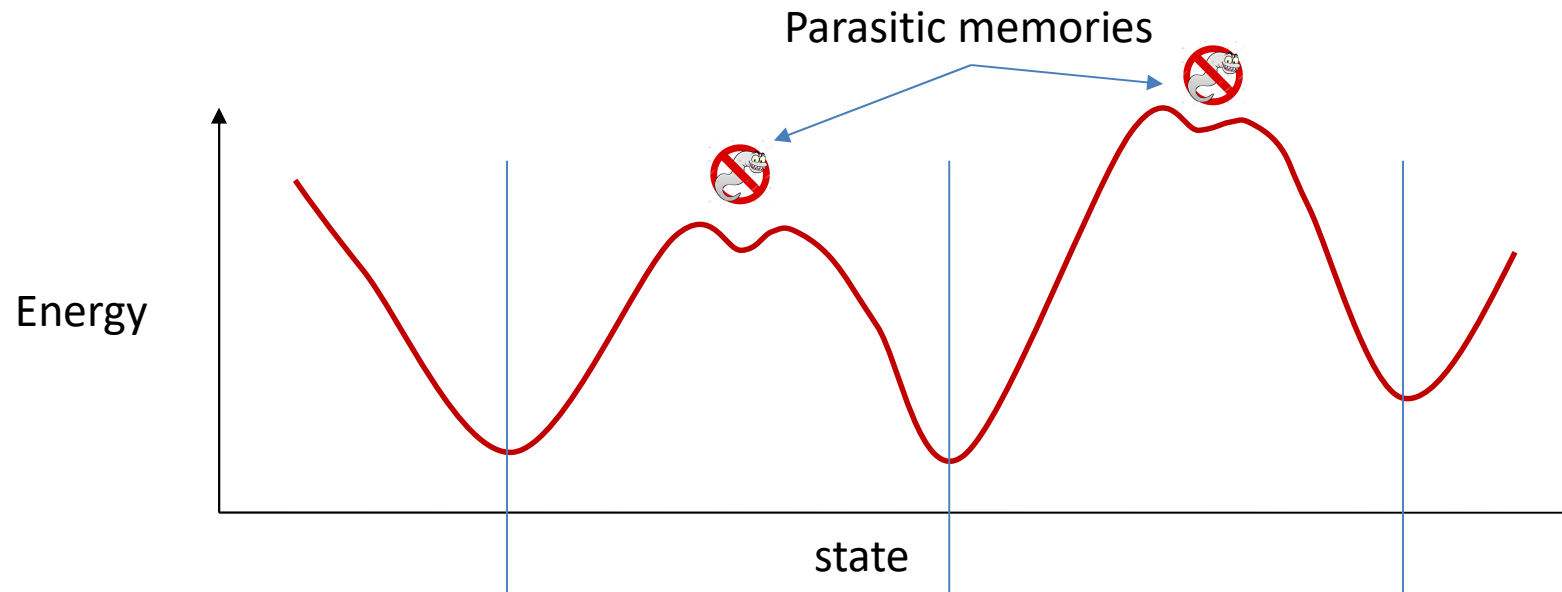
- Also known as the *Gibbs* distribution
- $Z$  is a normalizing constant
- Note the dependence on  $T$
- At  $T = 0$ , the system will always remain at the lowest-energy configuration with prob = 1.

# 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

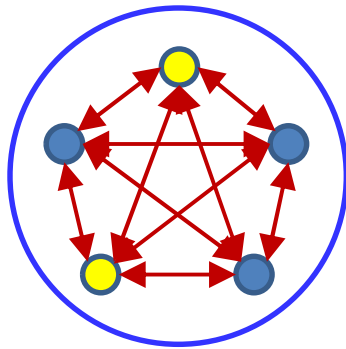
# Returning to the problem with Hopfield Nets



- Many local minima
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# The Hopfield net as a distribution

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Neurons



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

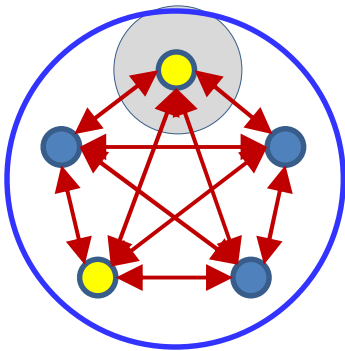
$$P(S) = \frac{\exp(-E(S))}{\sum_{S'} \exp(-E(S'))}$$

- 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  $P(S)$



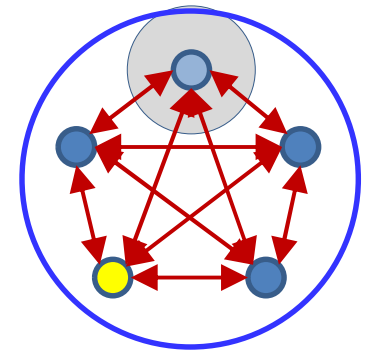
# The field at a single node

- 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 =  $-1$



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

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

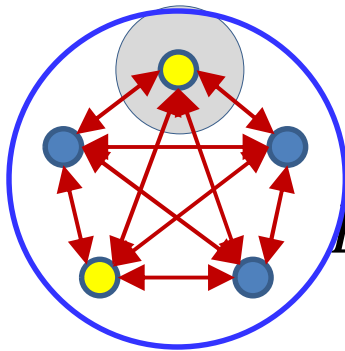


$$\log P(S) - \log P(S') = \log P(s_i = 1 | s_{j \neq i}) - \log P(s_i = -1 | s_{j \neq i})$$

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

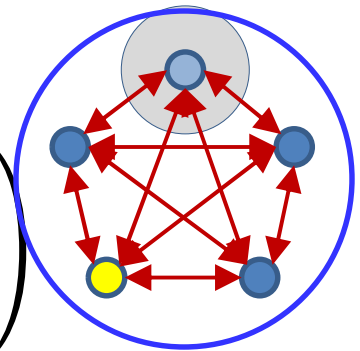
# The field at a single node

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



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

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



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

- $\log P(S) - \log P(S') = E(S') - E(S) = \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij} S_j + b_i$

# The field at a single node

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

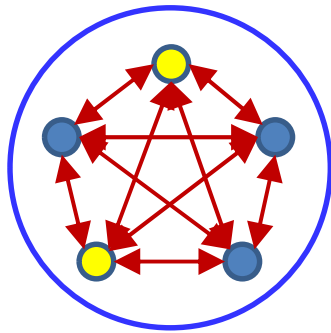
- Giving us

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

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

# Redefining the network

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Neurons



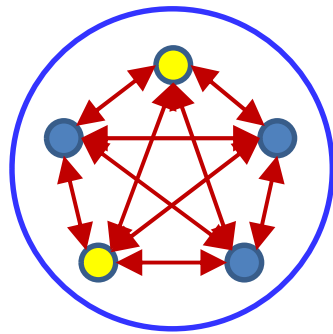
$$z_i = \sum_j w_{ij} s_j + b_i$$

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

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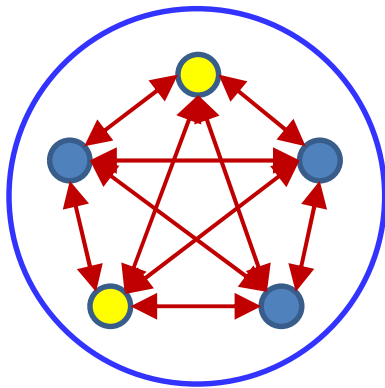
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- The Hopfield net is a probability distribution over binary sequences
  - The Boltzmann distribution
- The *conditional* distribution of individual bits in the sequence is a logistic

# Running the network

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Neurons



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

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

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

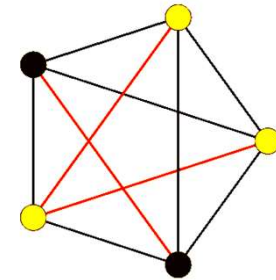
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$$y_i(0) = x_i, \quad 0 \leq i \leq N - 1$$

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

$$P = \sigma \left( \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ji} y_j \right)$$
$$y_i(t + 1) \sim \text{Binomial}(P)$$

Assuming  $T = 1$



# Evolution of a stochastic Hopfield net

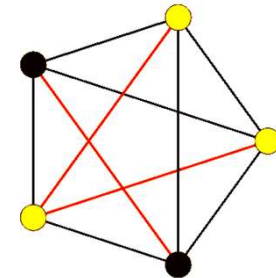
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- When do we stop?
- What is the final state of the system
  - How do we “recall” a memory?



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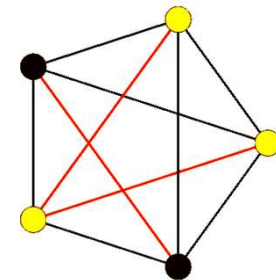
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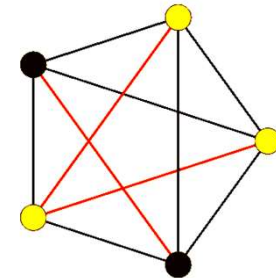
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- Estimates the probability that the bit is 1.0.
- If it is greater than 0.5, sets it to 1.0

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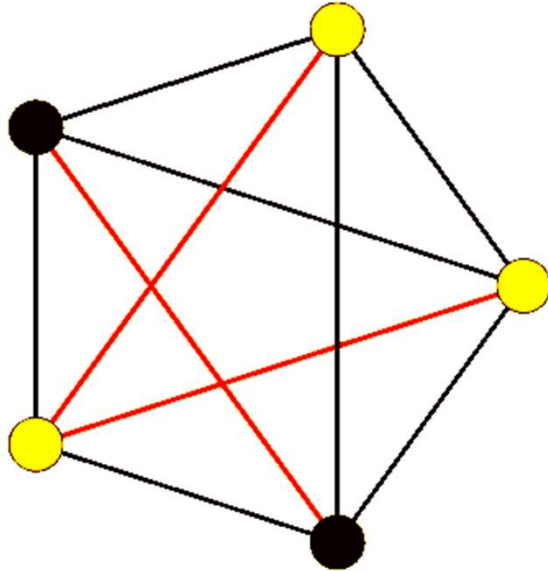
Noisy pattern completion: Initialize the entire network and let the entire network evolve

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

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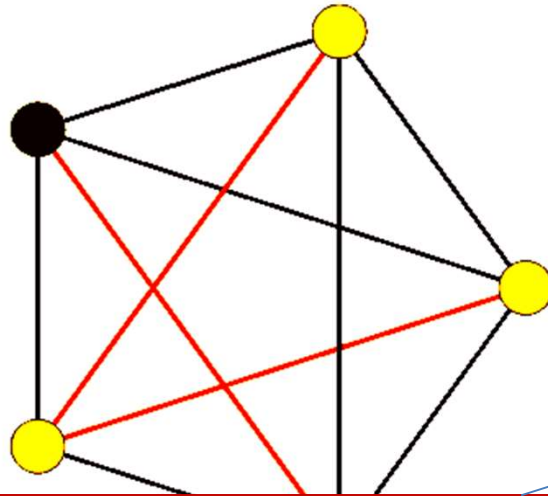
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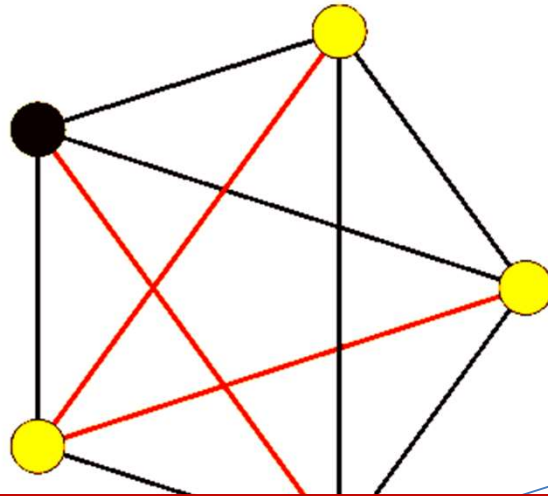
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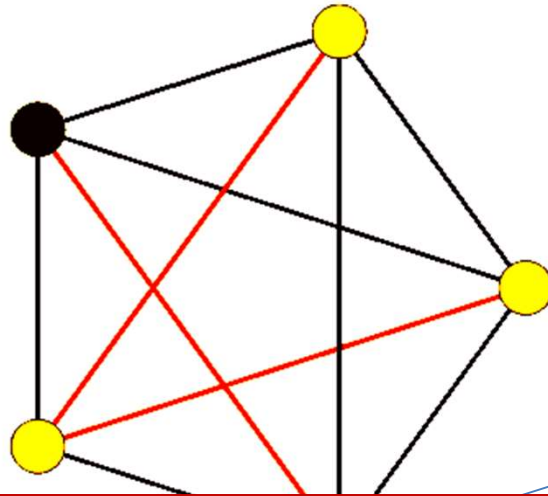
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T is a "temperature" parameter: increasing it moves the probability of the bits towards 0.5

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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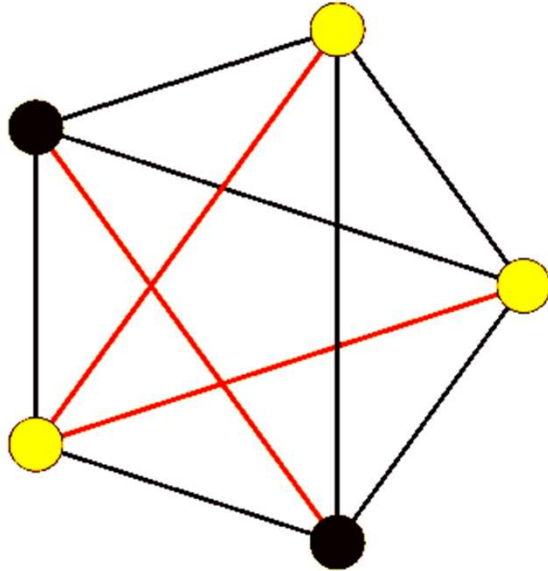
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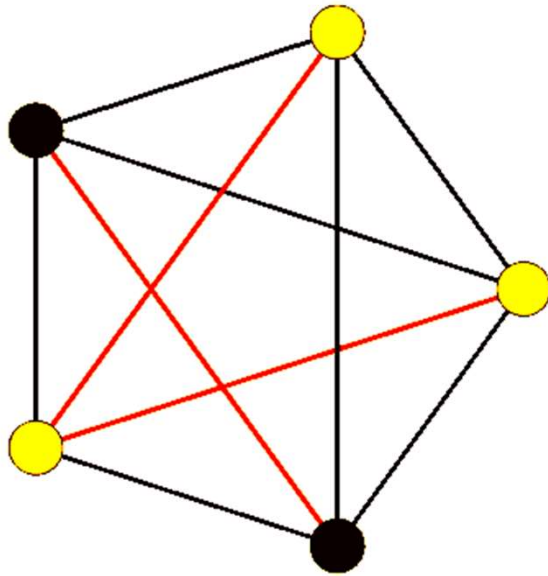


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$$P(y_i = 1 | y_{j \neq i}) = \sigma(z_i)$$

- 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  $\mathbf{y}$

# The overall probability



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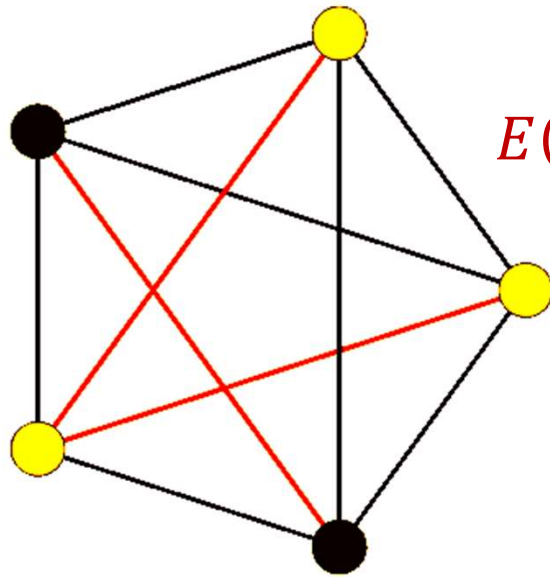
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- The probability of any state  $\mathbf{y}$  can be shown to be given by the *Boltzmann distribution*

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- Minimizing energy maximizes log likelihood

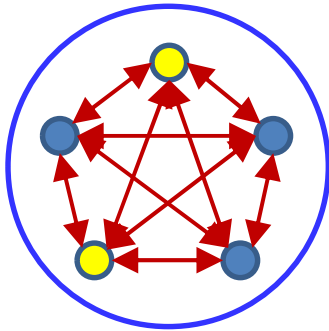
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- Stop when the running average of the log probability of patterns stops increasing
  - I.e. when the (running average) of the energy of the patterns stops decreasing

# The Hopfield net is a distribution



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

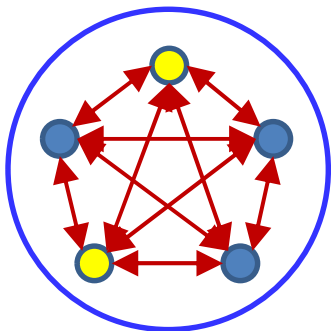
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- The Hopfield net is a probability distribution over binary sequences
  - The Boltzmann distribution

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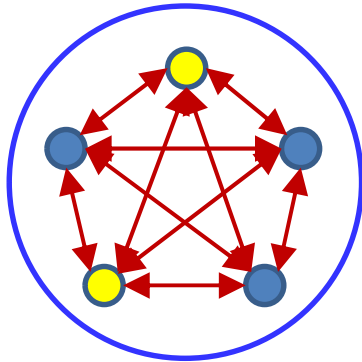
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- The entire model can be viewed as a *generative model*
- Has a probability of producing any binary vector  $\mathbf{y}$ :

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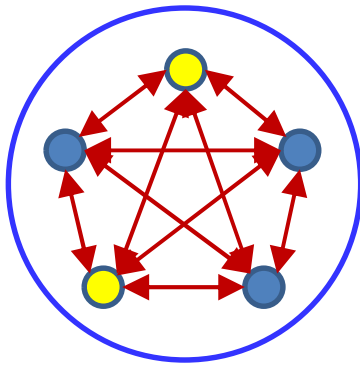
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- Training a Hopfield net: Must learn weights to “remember” target states and “dislike” other states
  - **“State” == binary pattern of all the neurons**
- Training Boltzmann machine: Must learn weights to assign a desired probability distribution to states
  - (vectors  $\mathbf{y}$ , which we will now call  $S$  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

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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  $\mathbf{S} = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_N\}$ 
  - In the first summation,  $s_i$  and  $s_j$  are bits of  $S$
  - In the second,  $s'_i$  and  $s'_j$  are bits of  $S'$

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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*

$$\frac{d \log(\sum_{S'} \exp(\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s'_i s'_j))}{dw_{ij}} = \frac{1}{\sum_{S''} \exp(\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s''_i s''_j)} \frac{d \log \sum_{S'} \exp(\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s'_i s'_j)}{dw_{ij}}$$

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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!

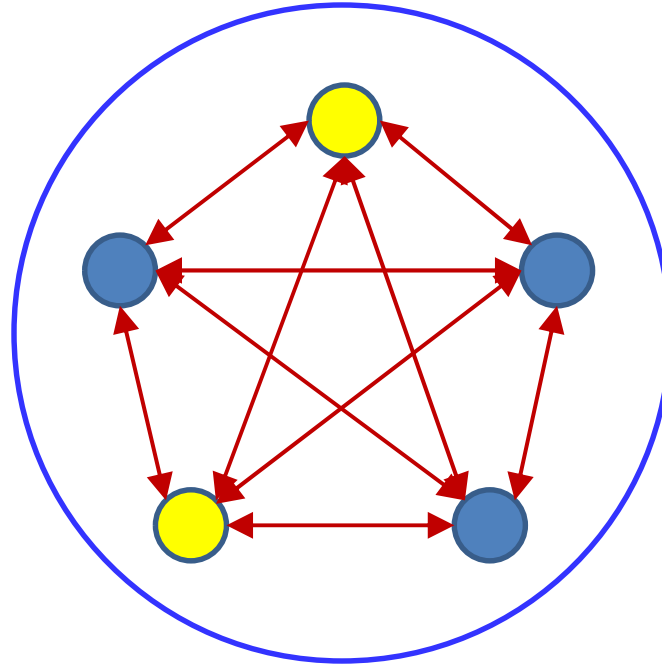
## *Estimating the second term*

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- 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”

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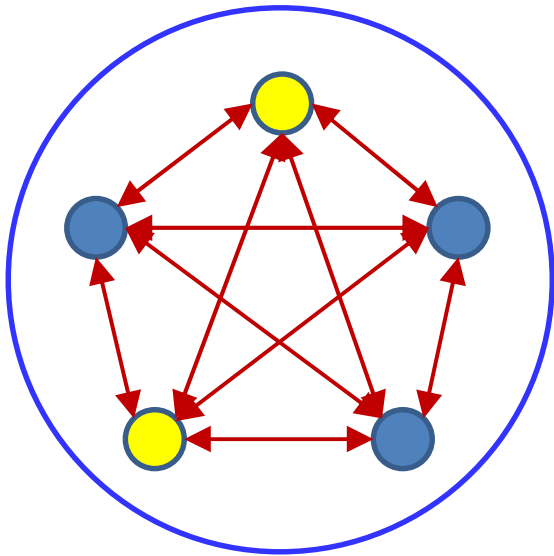
Sampled estimate

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- The overall gradient ascent rule

# Overall Training

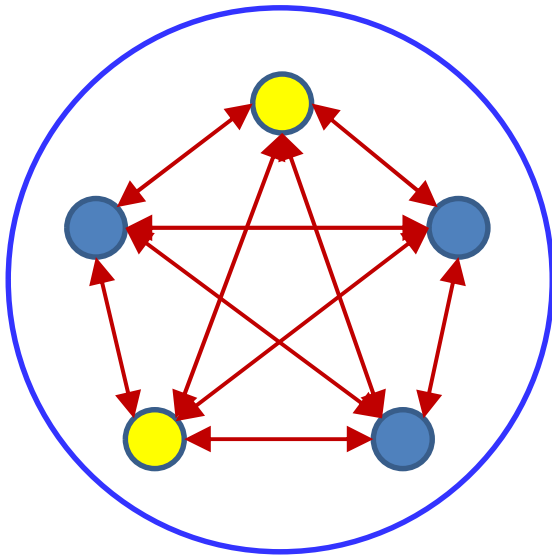


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- Let the network run to obtain simulated state samples
- Compute gradient and update weights
- Iterate

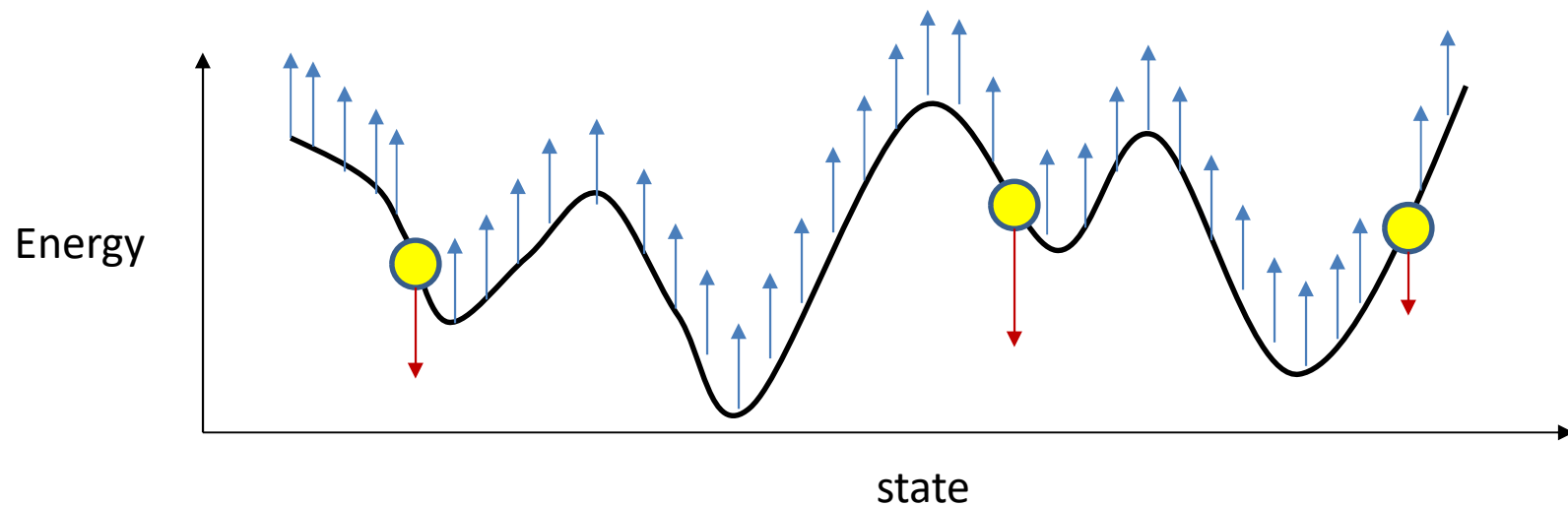
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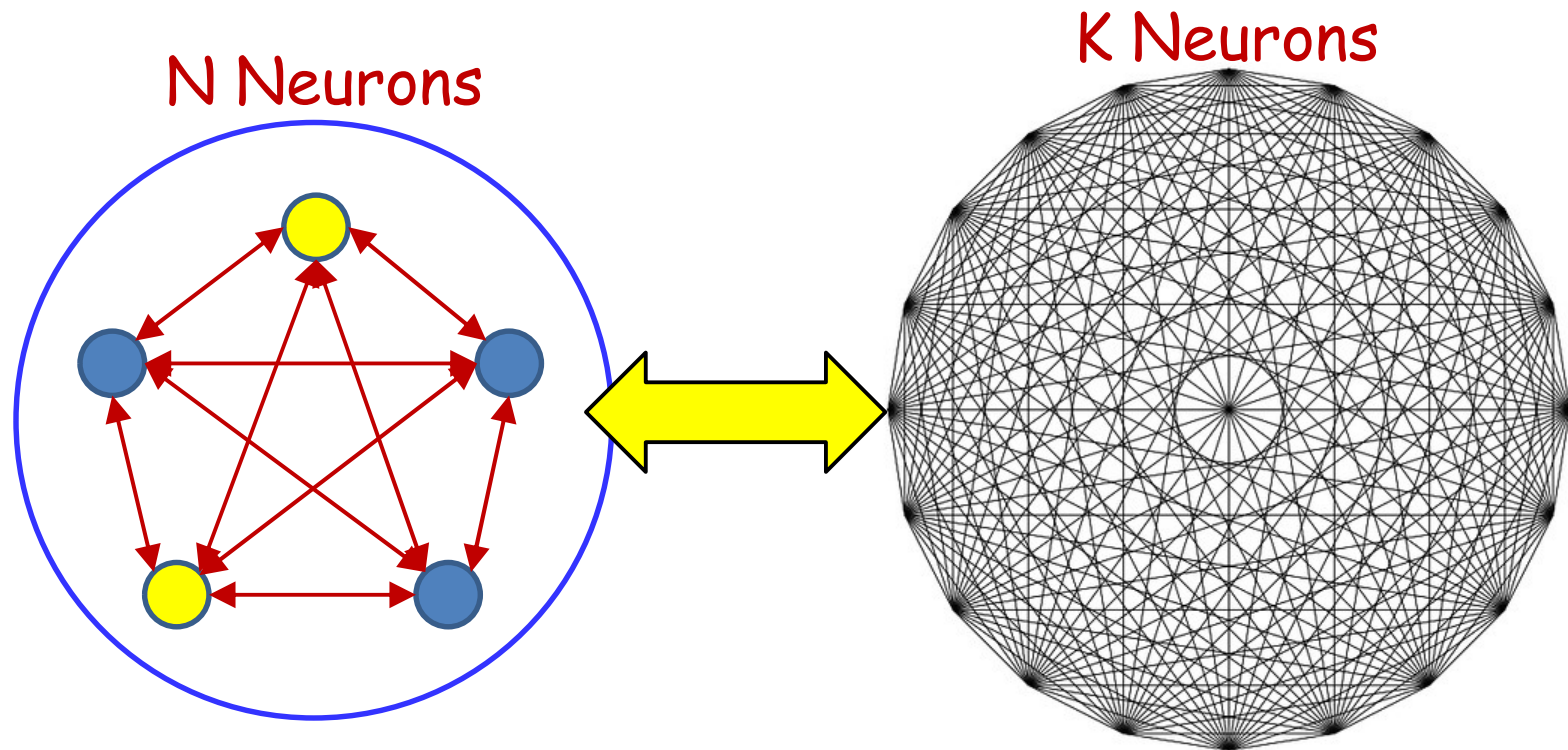
Note the similarity to the update rule for the Hopfield network



# Adding Capacity to the Hopfield Network / Boltzmann Machine

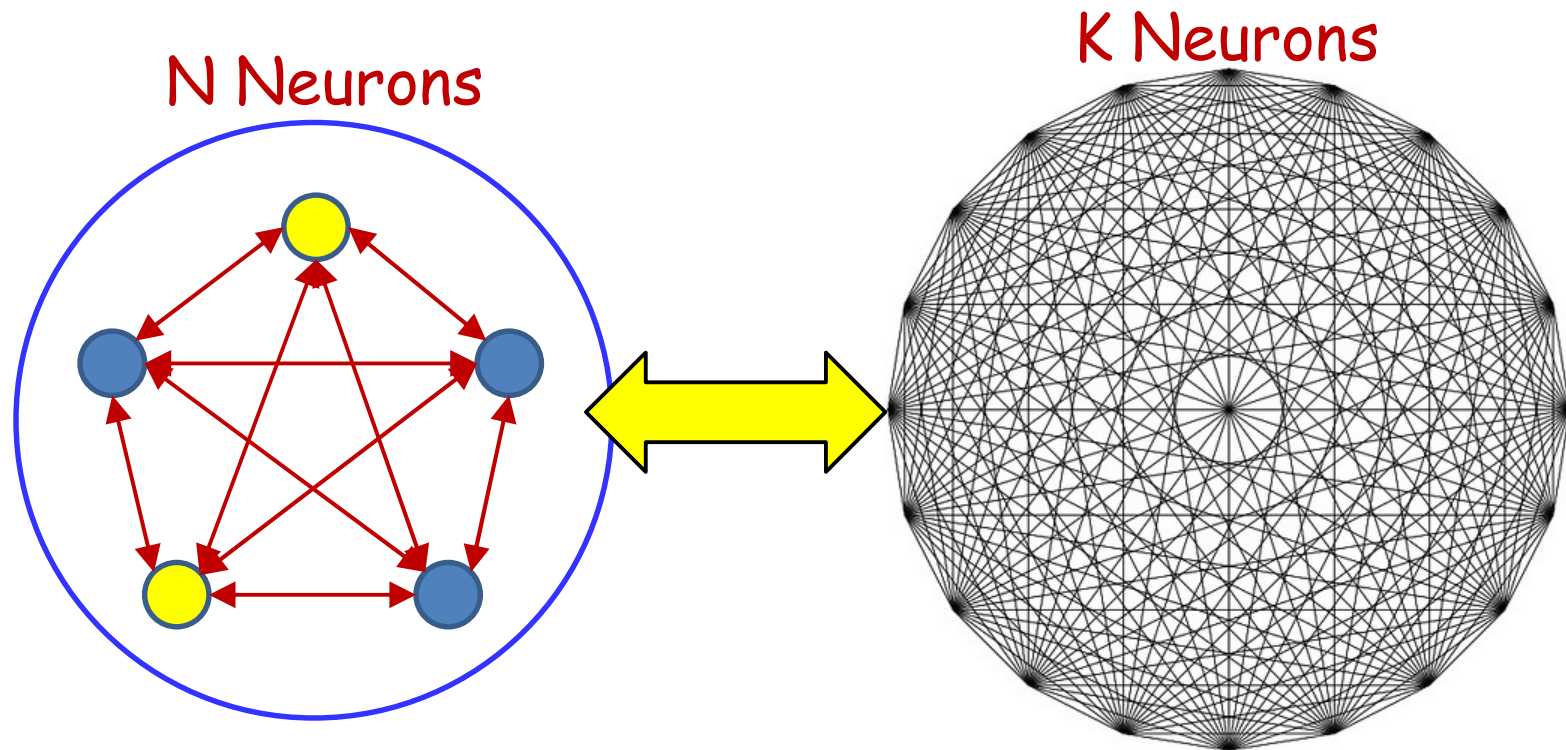
- The network can store up to  $N$   $N$ -bit patterns
- How do we increase the capacity

# Expanding the network



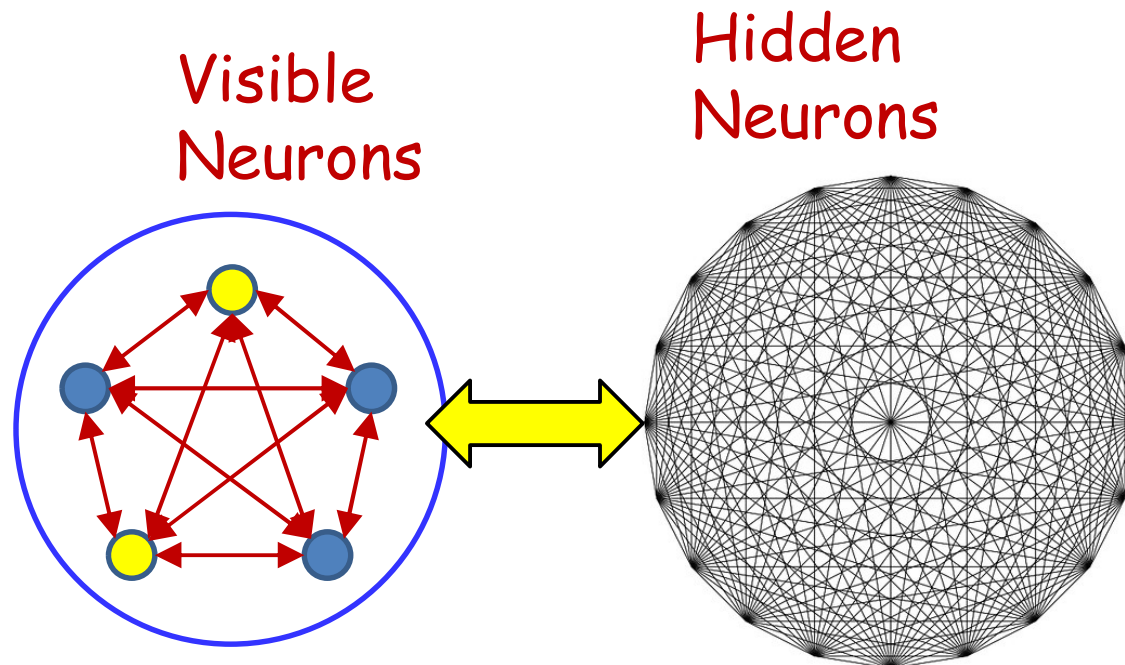
- Add a large number of neurons whose actual values you don't care about!

# 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

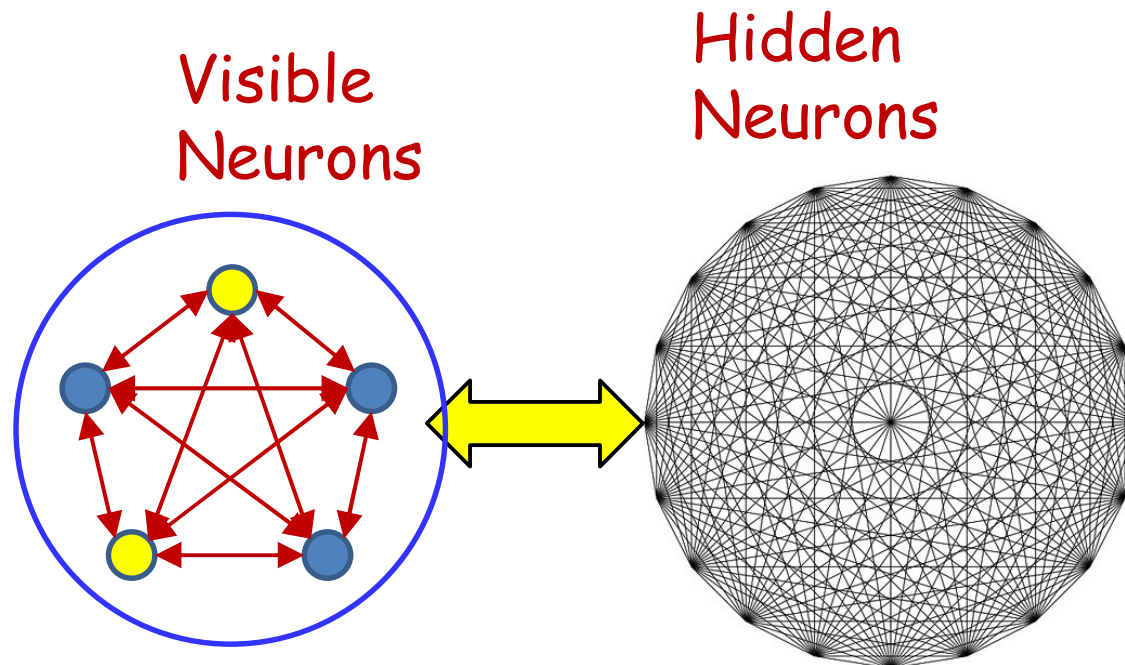
# Terminology



- 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



# Training the network

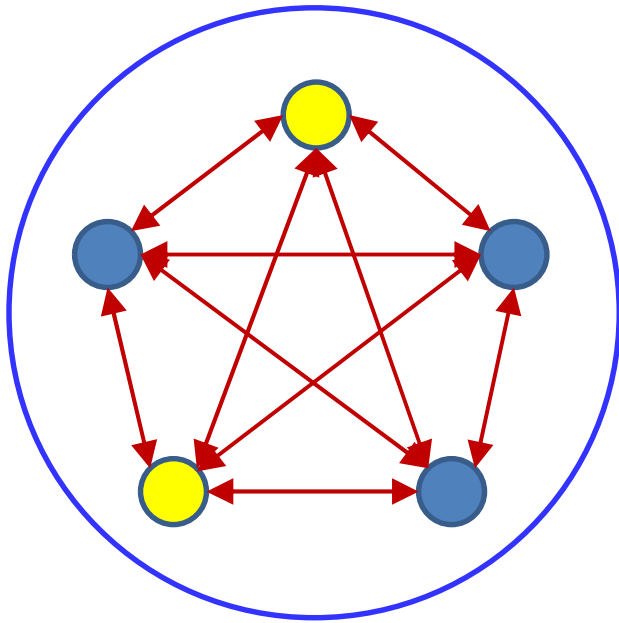


- For a given pattern of *visible* neurons, there are any number of *hidden* patterns ( $2^K$ )
- Which of these do we choose?
  - Ideally choose the one that results in the lowest energy
  - But that's an exponential search space!

# 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

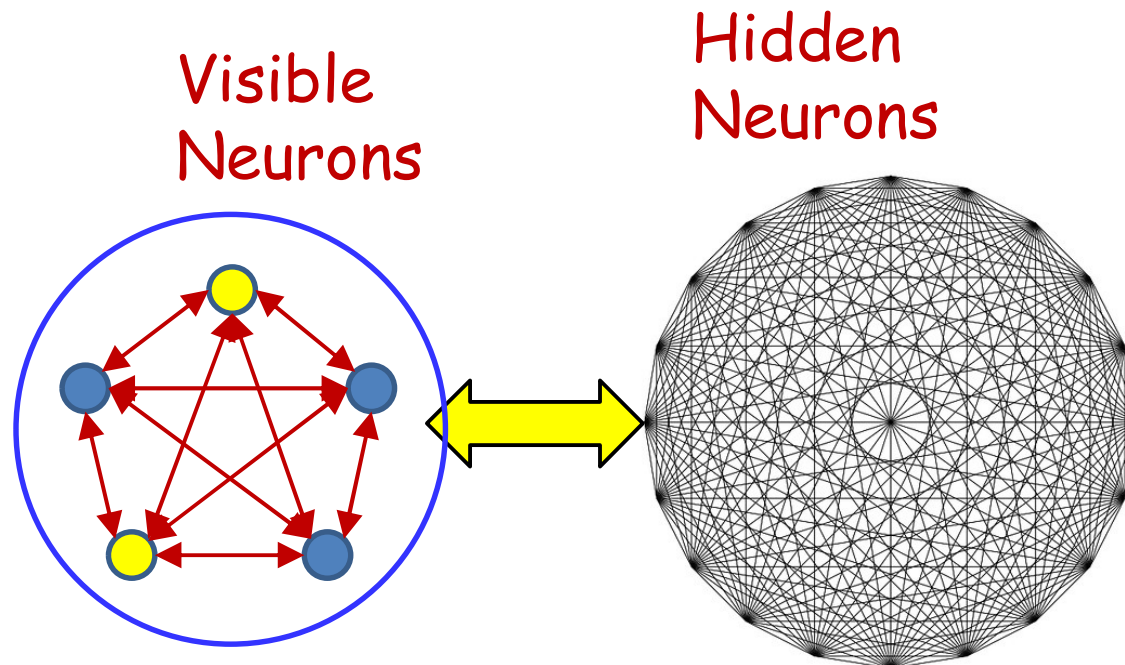


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- This basic framework has no hidden units
- Extended to have hidden units

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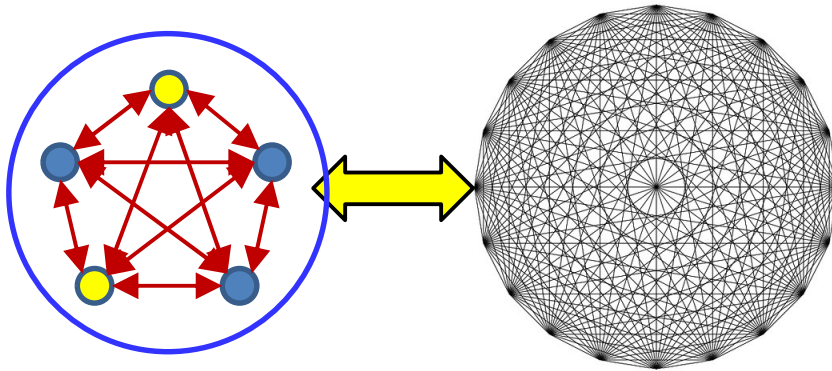


- Now, with hidden neurons the complete state pattern for even the *training* patterns is unknown
  - Since they are only defined over visible neurons

# With hidden neurons

Visible  
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Hidden  
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$$P(S) = P(V, H)$$

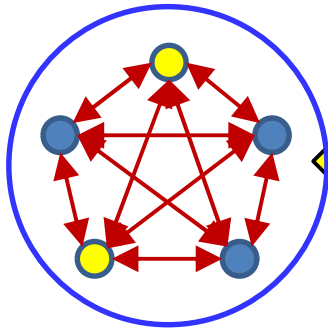
$$P(V) = \sum_H P(S)$$

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  - $H$  = hidden bits

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$$P(S) = P(V, H)$$

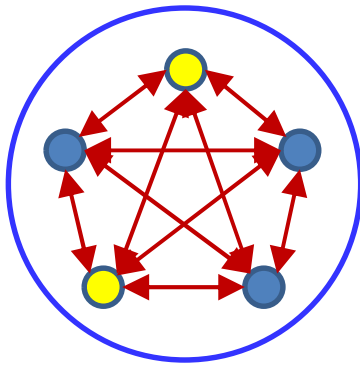
$$P(V) = \sum_H P(S)$$

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

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

# *Training* the network

Visible  
Neurons



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

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

$$P(V) = \sum_H \frac{\exp(\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s_i s_j)}{\sum_{S'} \exp(\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} s'_i s'_j)}$$

- 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

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

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

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

- 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*

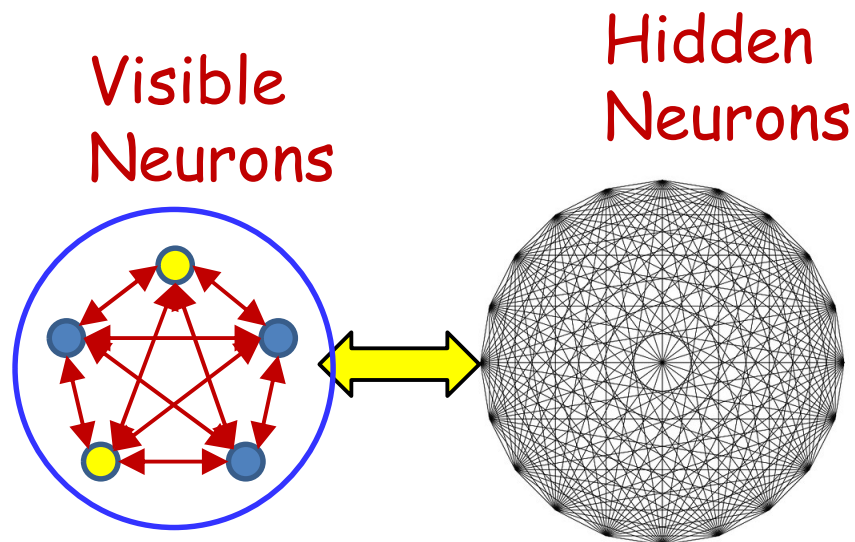
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$$\sum_H P(S|V) s_i s_j \approx \frac{1}{K} \sum_{H \in \mathbf{H}_{simul}} s_i s_j$$

$$\sum_{S'} P(S') s'_i s'_j \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{S' \in \mathbf{S}_{simul}} s'_i s'_j$$

- 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

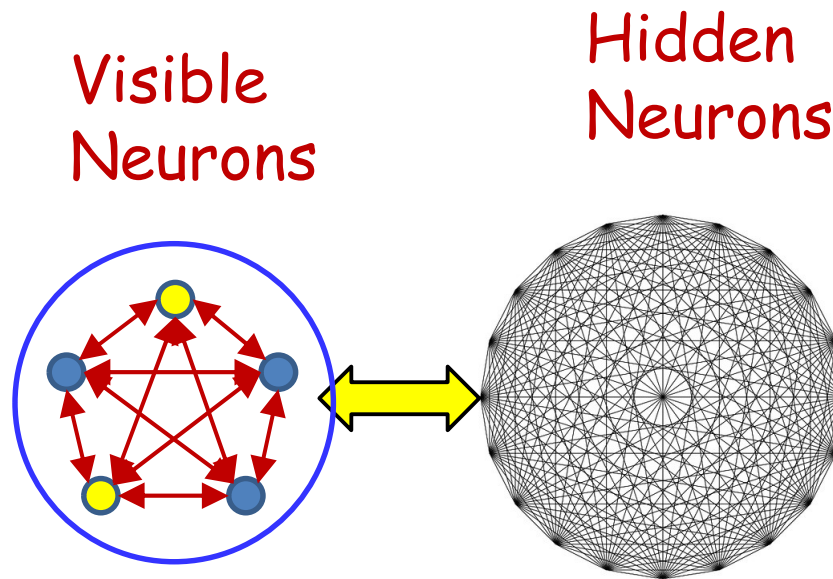


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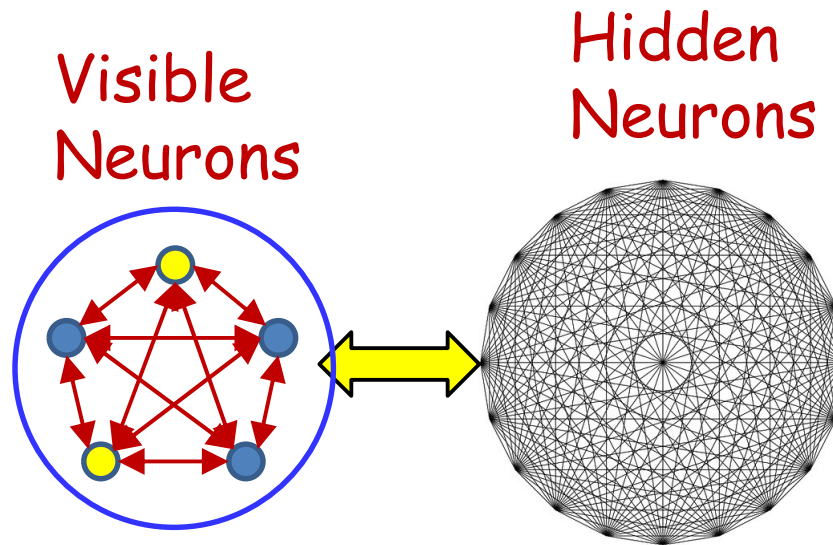
- Maximizing the marginal probability of  $V$  requires summing over all values of  $H$ 
  - An exponential state space
  - So we will use simulations again

# Step 1



- For each training pattern  $V_i$ 
  - Fix the visible units to  $V_i$
  - Let the hidden neurons evolve from a random initial point to generate  $H_i$
  - Generate  $S_i = [V_i, H_i]$
- Repeat K times to generate synthetic training  
$$\mathbf{S} = \{S_{1,1}, S_{1,2}, \dots, S_{1K}, S_{2,1}, \dots, S_{N,K}\}$$

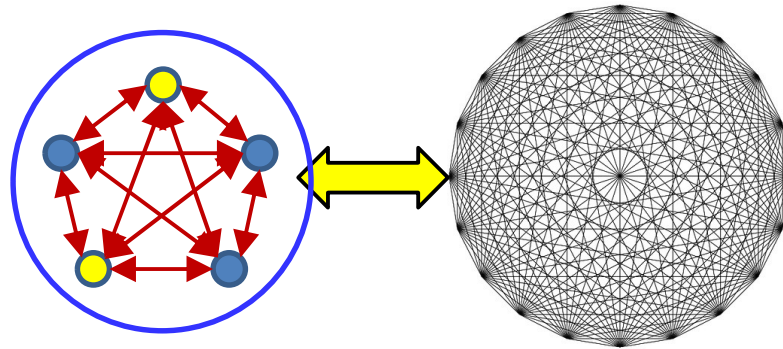
## Step 2



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

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# Gradients

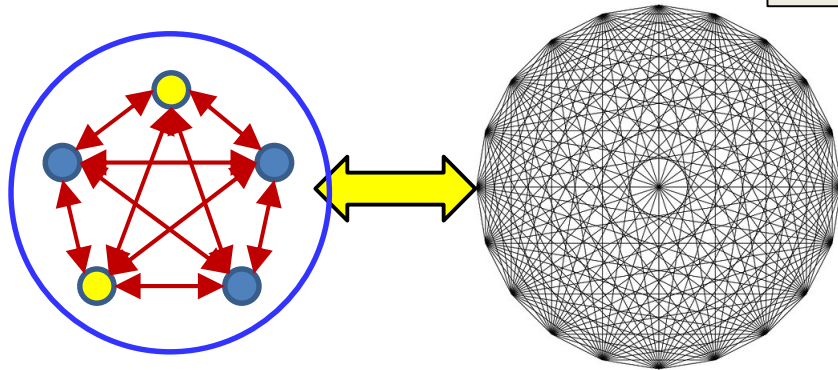


$$\frac{d\langle \log(P(\mathbf{S})) \rangle}{dw_{ij}} = \frac{1}{NK} \sum_{\mathbf{S}} s_i s_j - \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\mathbf{S}' \in \mathbf{S}_{simul}} s'_i s'_j$$

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

# Overall Training

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



$$w_{ij} = w_{ij} - \eta \frac{d\langle \log(P(\mathbf{S})) \rangle}{dw_{ij}}$$

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

# Boltzmann machines

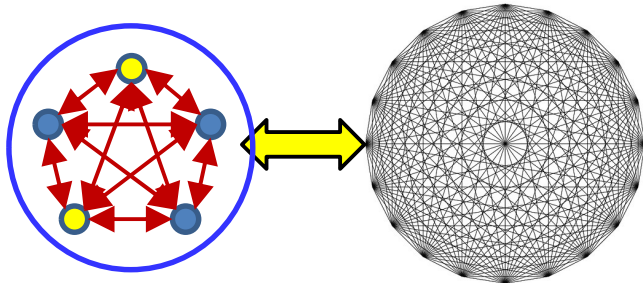
- Stochastic extension of Hopfield nets
- Enables storage of many more patterns than Hopfield nets
- But also enables computation of probabilities of patterns, and completion of pattern



# Boltzmann machines: Overall

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

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

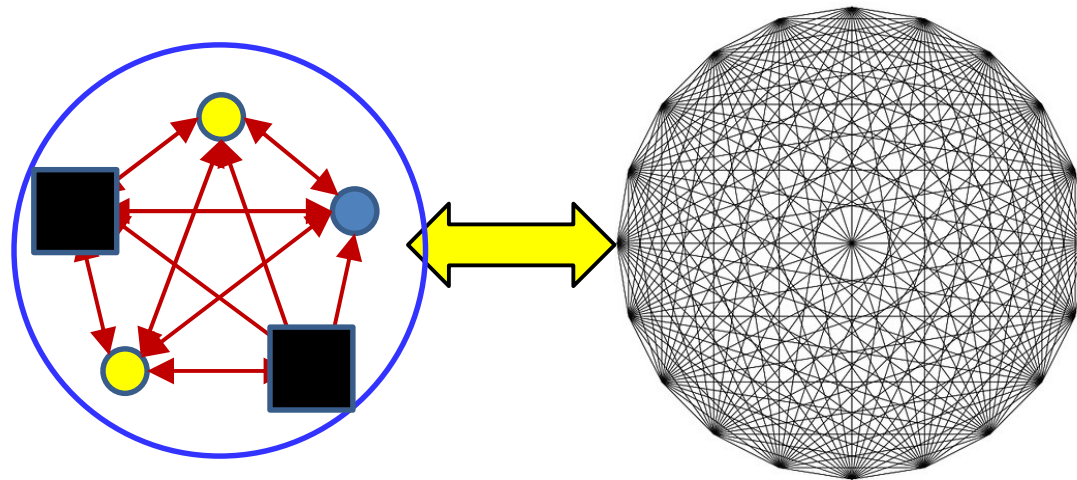


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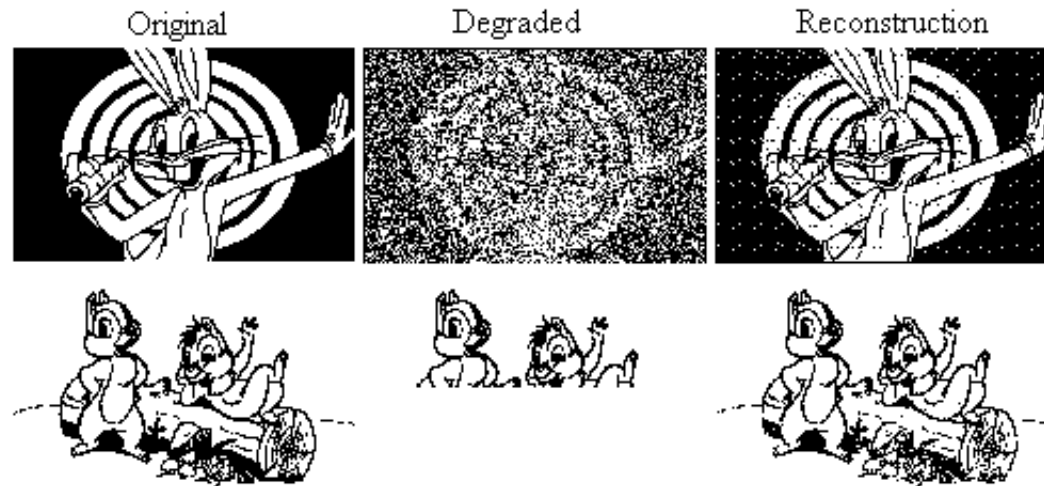
- **Training:** Given a set of training patterns
  - Which could be repeated to represent relative probabilities
- Initialize weights
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- Compute gradient and update weights
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# Boltzmann machines: Overall



- Running: Pattern completion
  - “Anchor” the *known* visible units
  - Let the network evolve
  - Sample the unknown visible units
    - Choose the most probable value

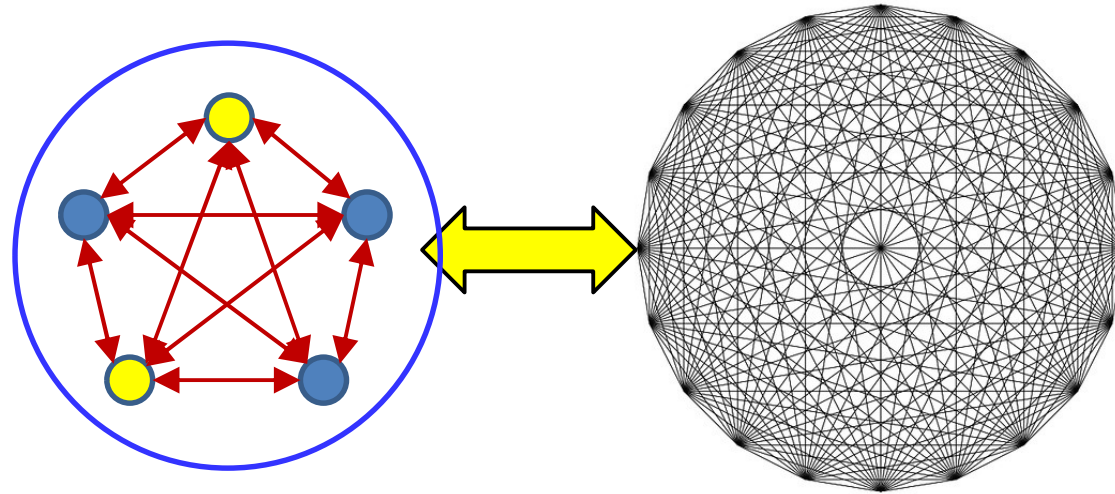
# Applications



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

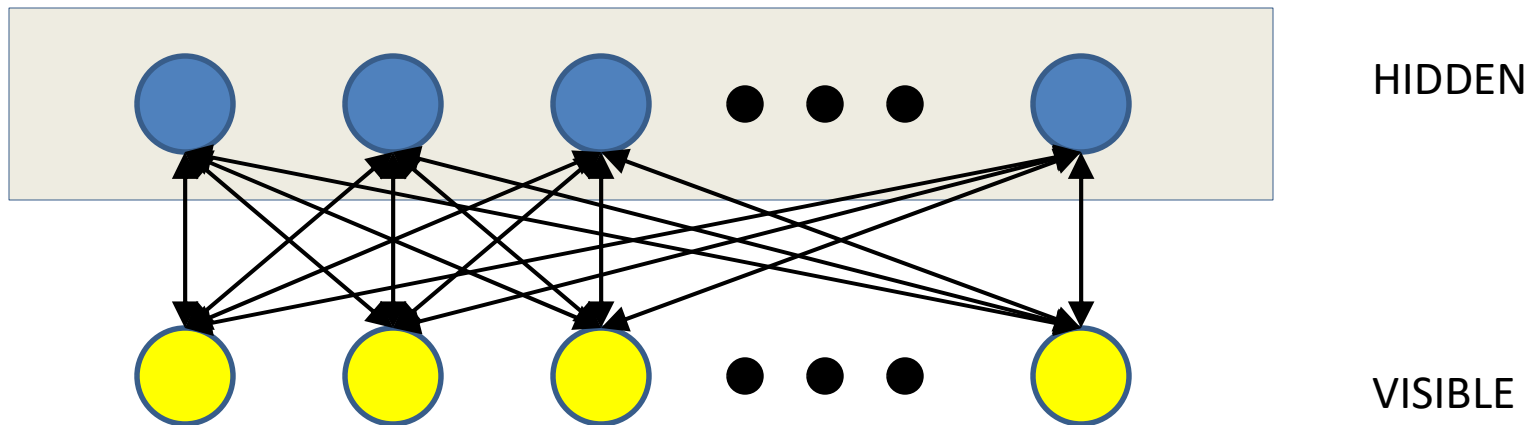


- Training patterns:
  - $[f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, \text{class}]$
  - Features can have binarized or continuous valued representations
  - Classes have “one hot” representation
- Classification:
  - Given features, anchor features, estimate a posteriori probability distribution over classes
    - Or choose most likely class

# Boltzmann machines: Issues

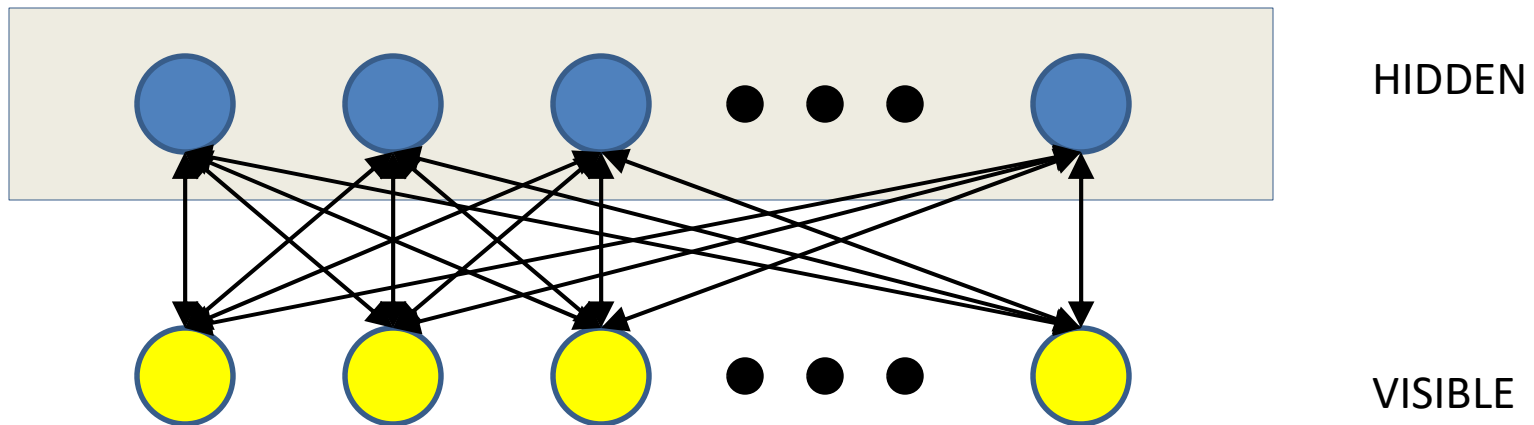
- Training takes for ever
- Doesn't really work for large problems
  - A small number of training instances over a small number of bits

# 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*

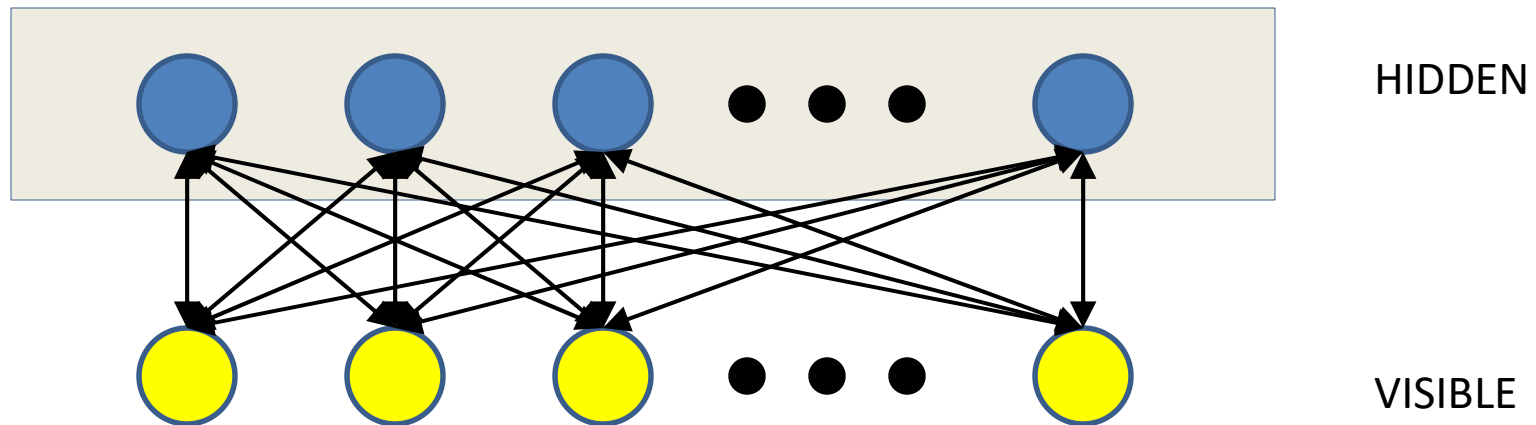


$$z_i = \sum_j w_{ji} s_i + b_i$$

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

- 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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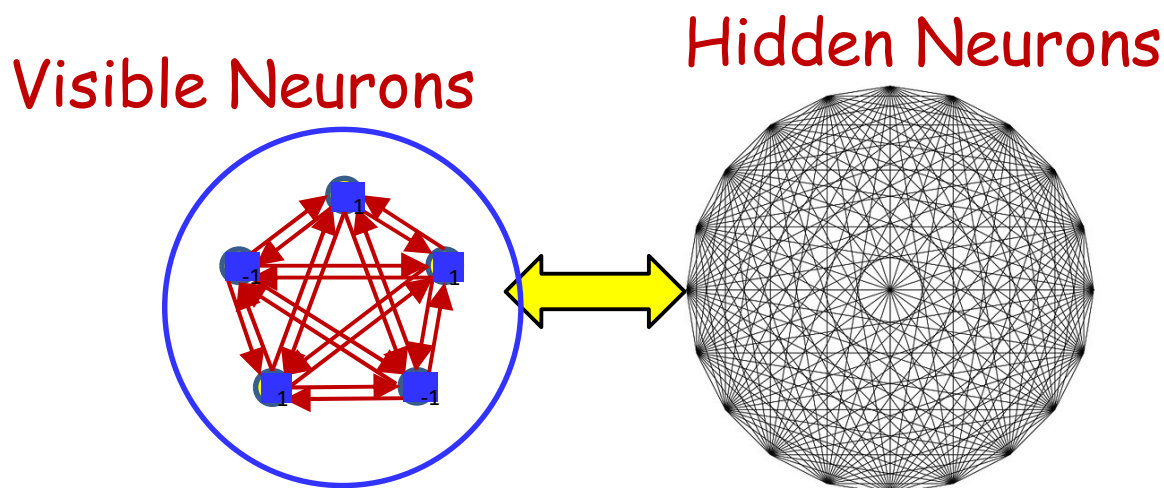
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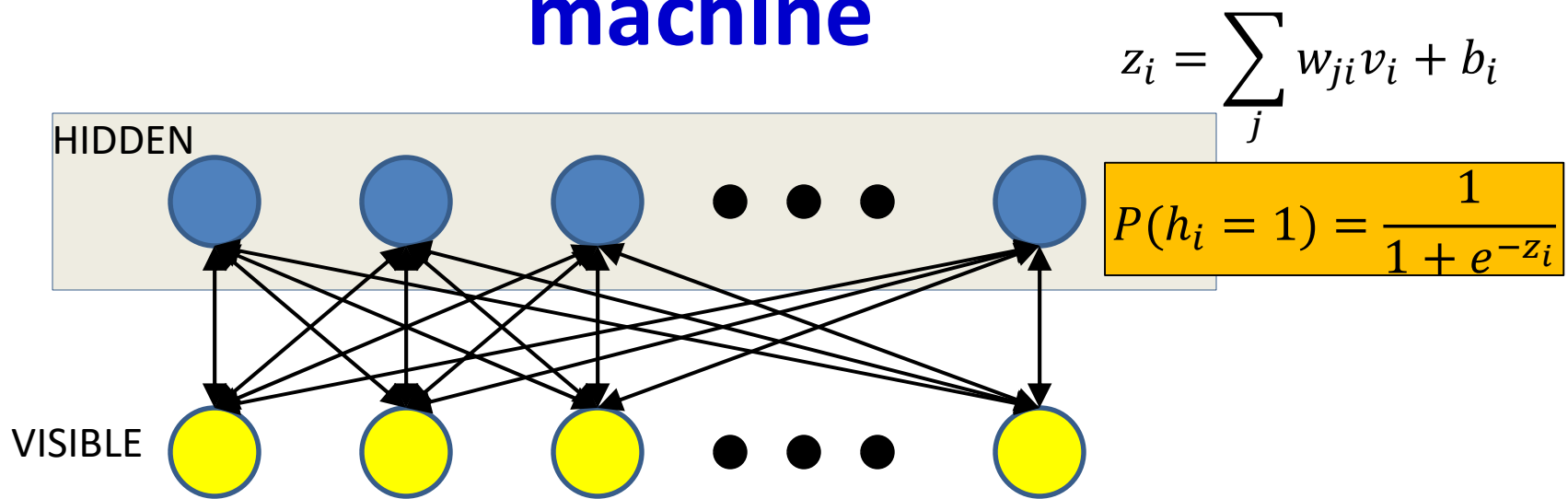


# Recap: Training full Boltzmann machines: Step 1



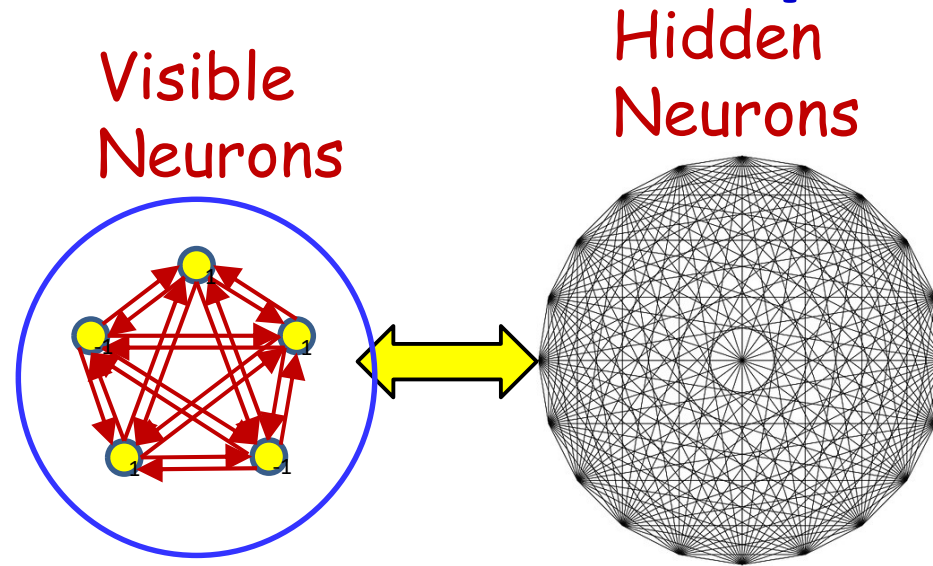
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# Sampling: Restricted Boltzmann machine



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

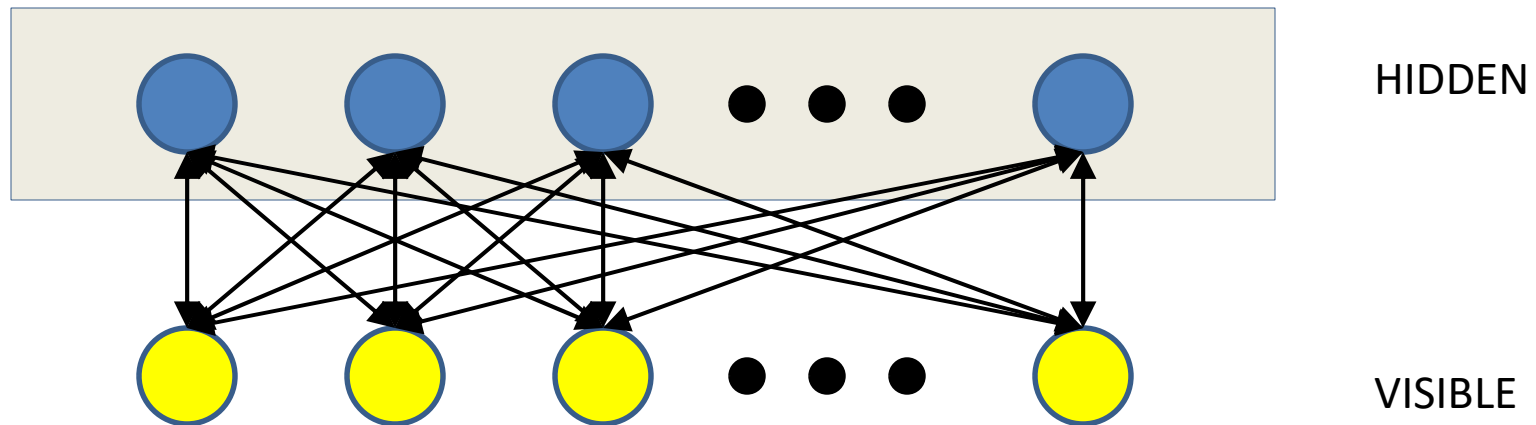
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# Sampling: Restricted Boltzmann machine



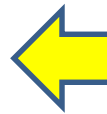
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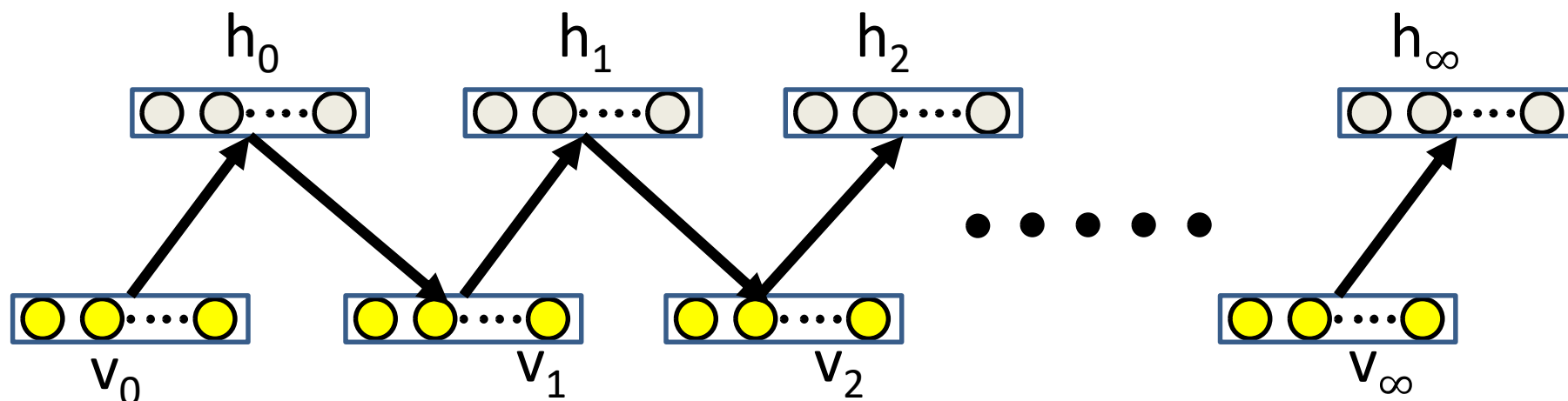
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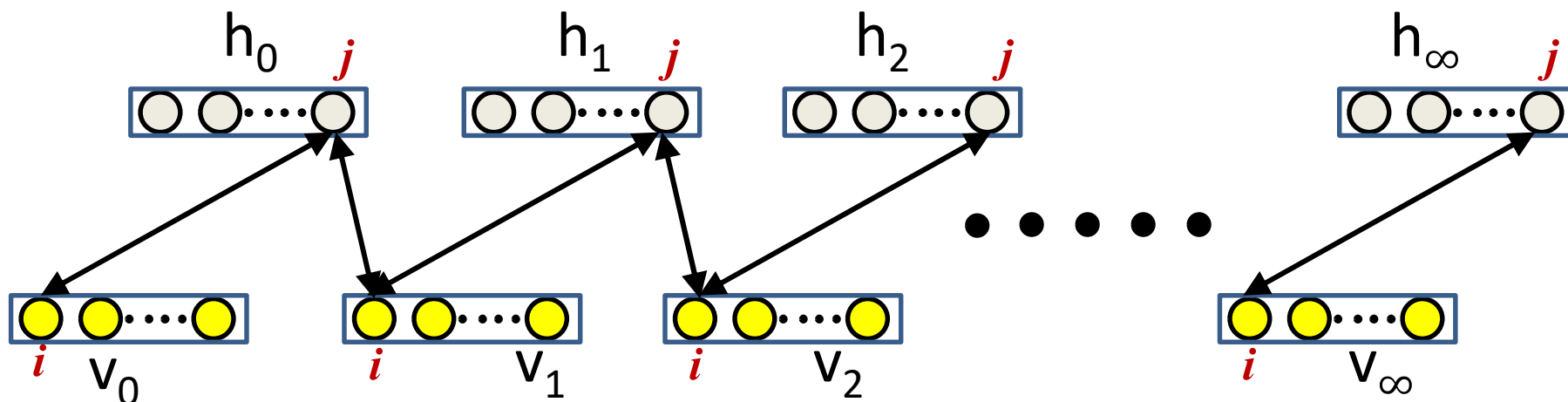
- For each sample:
  - Iteratively sample hidden and visible units for a long time
  - Draw final sample of both hidden and visible units

# 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



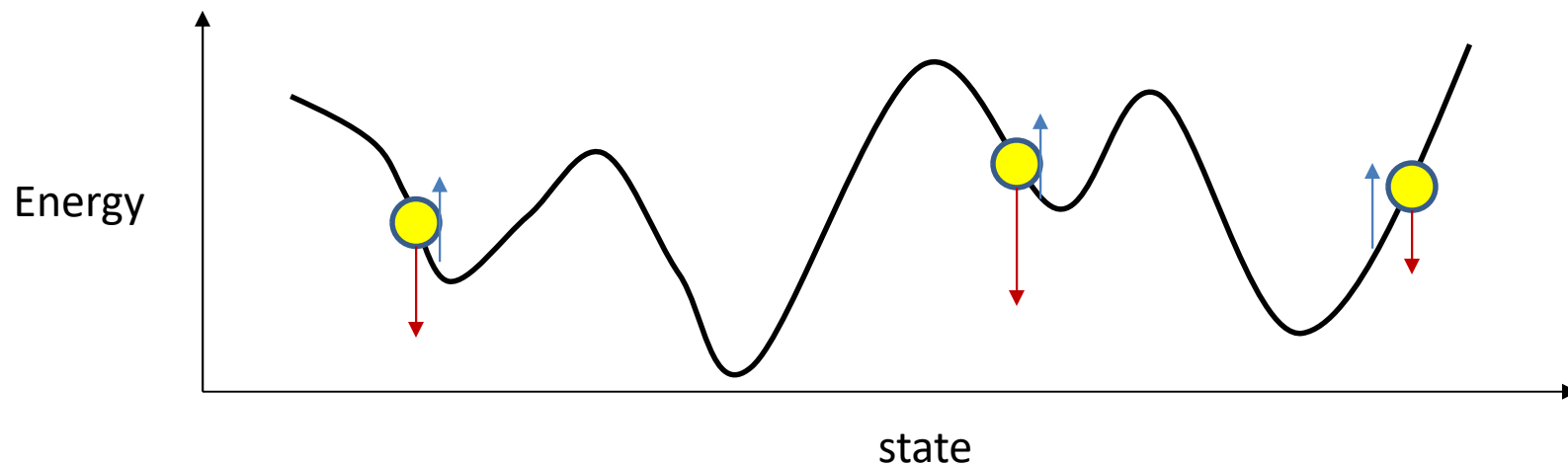
- Gradient (showing only one edge from visible node  $i$  to hidden node  $j$ )

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

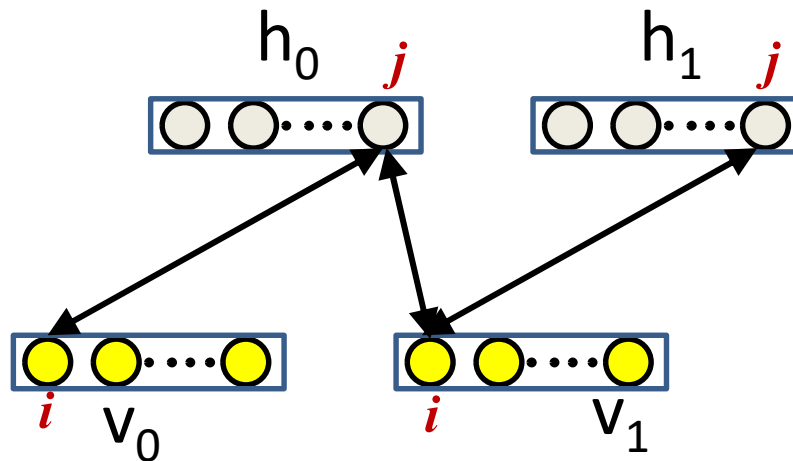
- $\langle v_i, h_j \rangle$  represents average over many generated training samples

# 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



# A Shortcut: Contrastive Divergence



- Sufficient to run one iteration!

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

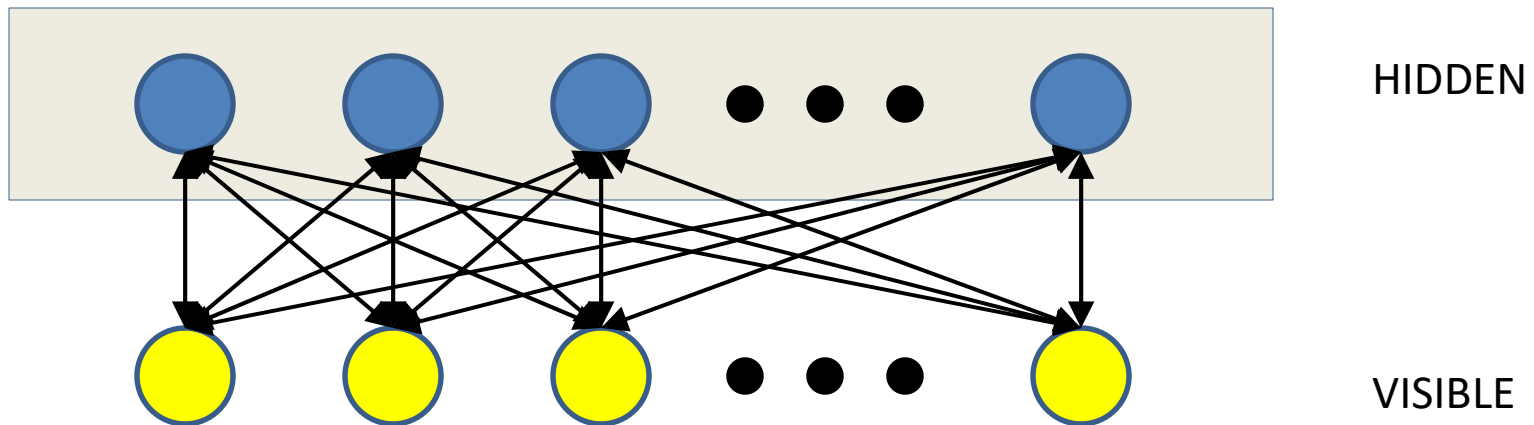
- This is sufficient to give you a good estimate of the gradient



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

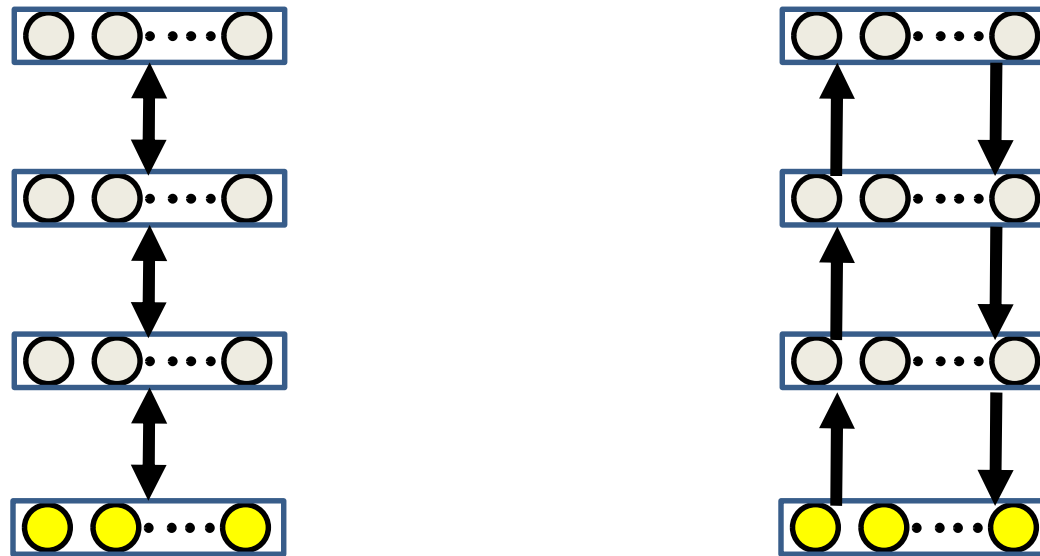
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$$y_i = \sum_j w_{ji} h_i + b_i$$

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

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
- ...