



Neural Networks

Lecture 9

Hopfield Networks (2)

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Chapter: Hopfield Networks

- **This chapter covers the following topics:**
 - Introduction to Hopfield Networks
 - Basic Hopfield Net and How It Works
 - Updating Rule in Hopfield Network
 - **Discrete Hopfield Network**
 - Algorithm and Examples
 - **Continuous Hopfield Network**
 - Algorithm and Examples
 - **Applications**

Discrete Hopfield Network...

- A Hopfield network which operates in a discrete line fashion or in other words, it can be said the input and output patterns are discrete vector, which can be generally of two types in nature:
 - Binary $[0, 1]$
 - Bipolar $[-1, +1]$
- The weights associated with this network is symmetric with no self-connections and has the following properties.
 1. $w_{ij} = w_{ji}$
 2. $w_{ii} = 0$

Discrete Hopfield Network...

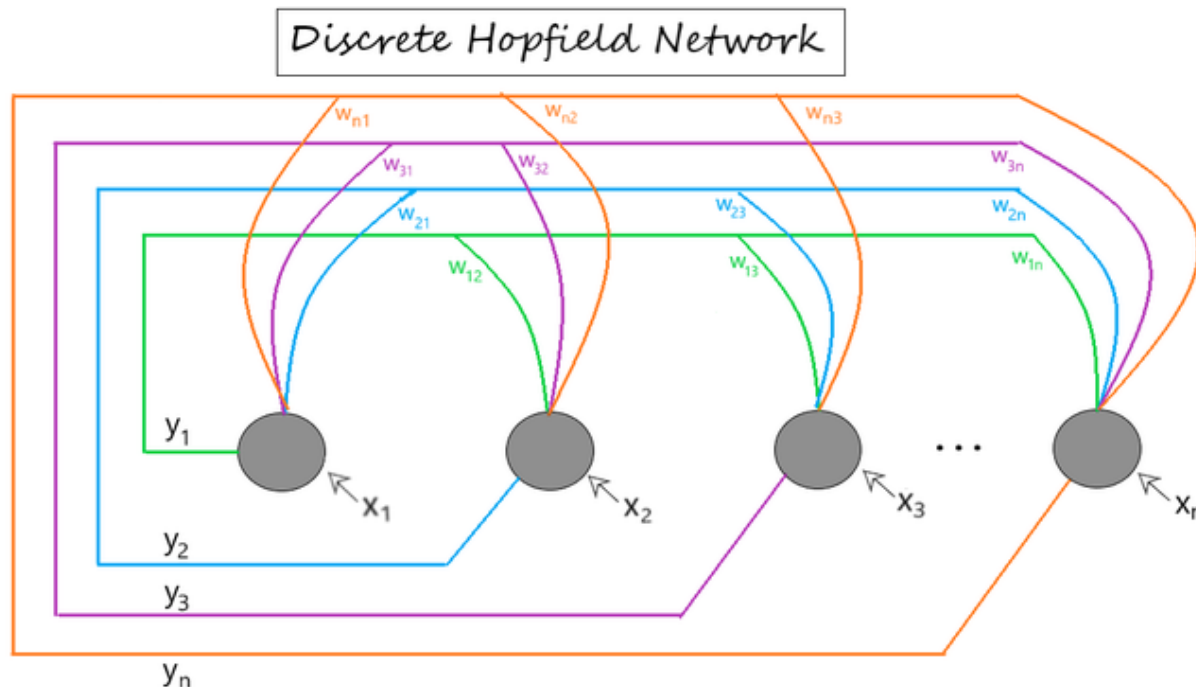
Architecture:

- Following are some important points to keep in mind about discrete Hopfield network –
 - This model consists of neurons with **one inverting and one non-inverting output**.
 - The output of each neuron should **be the input of other neurons but not the input of self**.
 - Weight/connection strength is represented by w_{ij} .
 - Connections can be **excitatory as well as inhibitory**. It would be excitatory, if the output of the neuron is same as the input, otherwise inhibitory.
 - **Weights should be symmetrical**, i.e. $w_{ij} = w_{ji}$

Discrete Hopfield Network...

Architecture:

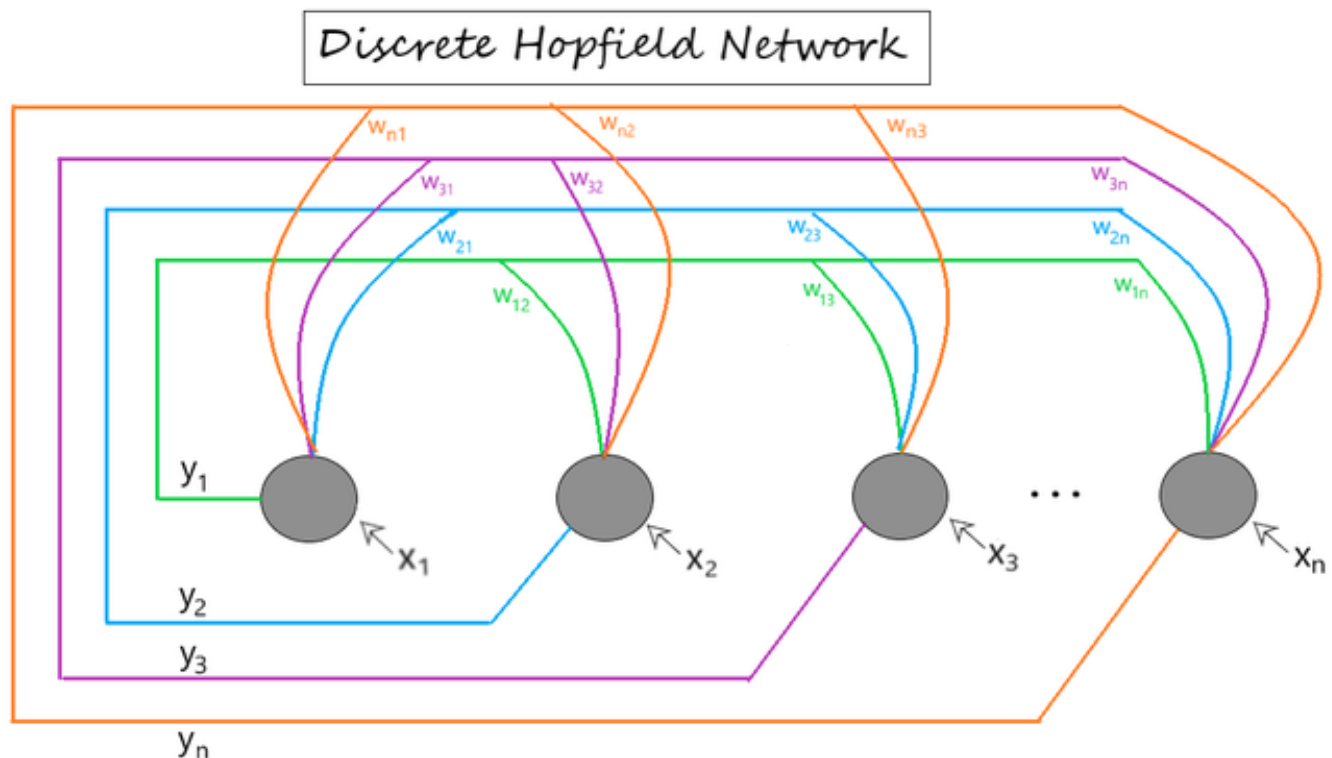
- $[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ → Input to the n given neurons.
- $[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n]$ → Output obtained from the n given neurons
- W_{ij} → weight associated with the connection between the i^{th} and the j^{th} neuron.



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Architecture:

- The output from Y_1 going to Y_2 , Y_i and Y_n have the weights w_{12} , w_{1i} and w_{1n} respectively. Similarly, other arcs have the weights on them.



Discrete Hopfield Network...

Training Algorithm:

- During the training of the discrete Hopfield network, weights will be updated. As we know, we can have **both binary and bipolar input vectors**.
- **In the case of Binary Input Patterns**, weight updates can be done with the following relation:

Case 1 – Binary input patterns

For a set of binary patterns \mathbf{s}^p , $p = 1$ to P

Here, $\mathbf{s}^p = s_1^p, s_2^p, \dots, s_i^p, \dots, s_n^p$

Weight Matrix is given by

$$w_{ij} = \sum_{p=1}^P [2s_i(p) - 1][2s_j(p) - 1] \quad \text{for } i \neq j$$

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Training Algorithm:

- In the case of Bipolar Input Patterns, weight updates can be done with the following relation:

Case 2 – Bipolar input patterns

For a set of binary patterns \mathbf{s}^p , $p = 1$ to P

Here, $\mathbf{s}^p = s_1^p, s_2^p, \dots, s_i^p, \dots, s_n^p$

Weight Matrix is given by

$$w_{ij} = \sum_{p=1}^P [s_i(p)][s_j(p)] \quad \text{for } i \neq j$$

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Testing Algorithm:

Step 1 – Initialize the weights, which are obtained from training algorithm by using Hebbian principle.

Step 2 – Perform steps 3-9, if the activations of the network is not consolidated.

Step 3 – For each input vector \mathbf{X} , perform steps 4-8.

Step 4 – Make initial activation of the network equal to the external input vector \mathbf{X} as follows –

$$y_i = x_i \text{ for } i = 1 \text{ to } n$$

Step 5 – For each unit Y_i , perform steps 6-9.

Step 6 – Calculate the net input of the network as follows –

$$y_{ini} = x_i + \sum_j y_j w_{ji}$$

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Testing Algorithm:

Step 7 – Apply the activation as follows over the net input to calculate the output –

$$y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y_{ini} > \theta_i \\ y_i & \text{if } y_{ini} = \theta_i \\ 0 & \text{if } y_{ini} < \theta_i \end{cases}$$

Here θ_i is the threshold.

Step 8 – Broadcast this output y_i to all other units.

Step 9 – Test the network for conjunction.

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Energy Function Evaluation:

- The Hopfield networks have an energy function associated with them. It either diminishes or remains unchanged after each iteration (feedback).
- An energy function is defined as a function that is bounded and a non-increasing function of the state of the system.
- Energy function E_f , also called **Lyapunov function**, determines the stability of the discrete Hopfield network, and is characterized as follows:

$$E_f = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n y_i y_j w_{ij} - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i y_i$$

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Energy Function Evaluation:

- **Condition** – In a stable network, whenever the state of node changes, the above energy function will decrease.
- Suppose when node i has changed state from $y_i^{(k)}$ to $y_i^{(k+1)}$, then the energy change ΔE_f is given by the following relation:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta E_f &= E_f(y_i^{(k+1)}) - E_f(y_i^{(k)}) \\ &= - \left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} y_j^{(k)} + x_i - \theta_i \right) (y_i^{(k+1)} - y_i^{(k)}) \\ &= - (net_i) \Delta y_i\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Here } \Delta y_i = y_i^{(k+1)} - y_i^{(k)}$$

- The change in energy depends on the fact that only one unit can update its activation at a time.

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Example Problem: Consider the following problem.

- We are required to create a Discrete Hopfield Network with bipolar representation of input vector as $[1 \ 1 \ 1 \ -1]$ or $[1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0]$ (in case of binary representation) is stored in the network.
- Test the Hopfield network with missing entries in the first and second components of the stored vector (i.e., $[0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]$).

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Step-by-Step Solution:

Step 1 - Given input vector, $x = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ -1]$ (bipolar), and we initialize the weight matrix (w_{ij}) as:

$$w_{ij} = \sum [s^T(p)t(p)]$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ -1] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2 – Weight matrix with no self-connection is given by:

$$w_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Step-by-Step Solution:

Step 3 - As per the question, input vector x with missing entries,

$$x = [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0] \ ([x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ x_4]) \ (\text{binary})$$

- Make $y_i = x = [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0] \ ([y_1 \ y_2 \ y_3 \ y_4])$

Step 4 - Choose unit y_i (order doesn't matter) to update its activation.

- Take the i^{th} column of the weight matrix for calculation.

(We will do the next steps for all values of y_i and check if there is convergence or not.)

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Step-by-Step Solution:

○ Step 4 –

$$\begin{aligned}y_{in_1} &= x_1 + \sum_{j=1}^4 [y_j w_{j1}] \\ &= 0 + [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 0 + 1 \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

*Applying activation, $y_{in_1} > 0 \implies y_1 = 1$
giving feedback to other units, we get*

$$y = [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]$$

which is not equal to input vector

$$x = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0]$$

Hence, no convergence.

For the next unit, we will use the updated value from feedback.

(i.e. $y = [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]$)

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Step-by-Step Solution:

○ Step 4 –

$$\begin{aligned}y_{in_3} &= x_3 + \sum_{j=1}^4 [y_j w_{j3}] \\ &= 1 + [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 1 + 1 \\ &= 2\end{aligned}$$

*Applying activation, $y_{in_3} > 0 \implies y_3 = 1$
giving feedback to other units, we get*

$$y = [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]$$

which is not equal to input vector

$$x = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0]$$

Hence, no convergence.

Now for next unit, we will take updated value via feedback.

(i.e. $y = [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]$)

Discrete Hopfield Network

Step-by-Step Solution:

○ Step 4 –

$$\begin{aligned}y_{in_2} &= x_2 + \sum_{j=1}^4 [y_j w_{j2}] \\ &= 0 + [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 0 + 1 + 1 \\ &= 2\end{aligned}$$

*Applying activation, $y_{in_2} > 0 \implies y_2 = 1$
giving feedback to other units, we get*

$$y = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0]$$

which is equal to input vector

$$x = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0]$$

Hence, convergence with vector x .

Continuous Hopfield Network...

- In comparison with the Discrete Hopfield network, the continuous network has time as a continuous variable.
- So, instead of getting binary/bipolar outputs, we can obtain values that lie between 0 and 1. It can be used to solve constrained optimization and associative memory problems.
- The output is defined as:

$$v_i = f(u_i)$$

where, v_i = output from the continuous Hopfield network.

u_i = internal activity of a node in a continuous Hopfield network.

- It is also used in auto association and optimization problems, such as travelling salesman problem.

Continuous Hopfield Network...

Key Idea:

- Neuron output is continuous:

$$v_i \in [0, 1] \quad \text{or} \quad (-1, 1)$$

- Uses a nonlinear activation function (typically sigmoid).
- Dynamics evolve over continuous time

Mathematical Model:

- Each neuron has: Internal state, u_i , and output, $v_i = f(u_i)$.
- Activation Function (Sigmoid):

$$v_i = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-u_i}}$$

Continuous Hopfield Network...

Dynamic Update Equation:

- The system evolves according to:
$$\frac{du_i}{dt} = -u_i + \sum_{j=1}^N w_{ij}v_j + I_i$$

- Where: u_i : internal potential
 v_i : output
 w_{ij} : weight
 I_i : external input

Energy Function:

$$E = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j w_{ij}v_i v_j + \sum_i \int_0^{v_i} f^{-1}(x) dx - \sum_i I_i v_i$$

- The network evolves to minimize this energy, reaching a stable equilibrium.

Continuous Hopfield Network...

Algorithm (Step-by-Step):

- Step 1: Initialize
 - Choose the number of neurons N .
 - Initialize: Weight, w_{ij} ; Inputs, I_i ; Initial State, $u_i(0)$.

- Step 2: Compute Outputs

$$v_i = f(u_i)$$

- Step 3: Update Internal States

$$u_i(t + \Delta t) = u_i(t) + \Delta t \left(-u_i + \sum_j w_{ij} v_j + I_i \right)$$

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Algorithm (Step-by-Step):

- Step 4: Iterate
 - Repeat Steps 2–3 until:
 - u_i converges (no significant change).
- Step 5: Output
 - Final v_i gives solution (often optimization result).

Continuous Hopfield Network...

Algorithm: Numerical Example (Simple)

○ Problem Setup:

- 2 neurons
- Weight matrix:

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

- No external input: $I_i = 0$

○ Initial State:

$$u_1 = 0.5, \quad u_2 = -0.5$$

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Algorithm: Numerical Example (Simple)

- Step 1: Compute Outputs

$$v_1 = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-0.5}} \approx 0.62$$

$$v_2 = \frac{1}{1 + e^{0.5}} \approx 0.38$$

- Step 2: Update u_1

$$\frac{du_1}{dt} = -0.5 + (1)(0.38) = -0.12$$

$$u_1^{new} = 0.5 + \Delta t(-0.12)$$

If $\Delta t = 1$:

$$u_1 = 0.38$$

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Algorithm: Numerical Example (Simple)

- Step 3: Update u_2

$$\frac{du_2}{dt} = -(-0.5) + (1)(0.62) = 0.5 + 0.62 = 1.12$$

$$u_2 = -0.5 + 1.12 = 0.62$$

- Step 4: Next Iteration

Now:

$$u = [0.38, 0.62]$$

Recompute:

$$v_1 \approx 0.59, \quad v_2 \approx 0.65$$

- Continue until values stabilize.

Applications

- **Applications of Discrete Hopfield Network (DHN):**
 - Associative memory (recall patterns from noisy input)
 - Pattern recognition (e.g., character recognition)
 - Image restoration (noise removal)
 - Error correction in communication systems
 - Simple optimization problems
- **Applications of Continuous Hopfield Network (CHN):**
 - Optimization problems (e.g., Traveling Salesman Problem)
 - Combinatorial optimization (scheduling, assignment)
 - Image processing (smoothing, segmentation)
 - Signal processing (noise filtering)
 - Resource allocation problems



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The End.