

Hopfield Networks is All You Need

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Attention Is All You Need

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Classical Binary Hopfield Networks

• The value of A, say V_A

 $= T (W_{AB} V_B + W_{AC} V_C + W_{AD} V_D + W_{AE} V_F)$ $T(0.5 + 0.5 + 0.5 - 0.5) = T(1)$

- In which $T(\cdot)$ is the thresholding function (e.g., $Sgn(\cdot)$). As a result, $V_A = 1$, which is consistent with the **GIVEN** value.
- **The value of a part is calculated by the other**

values.

Classical Binary Hopfield Networks

• When a part $= T(W_{AB}V_{AB})$ 10^{-1} 20

 $= T(-0.5$ $\sum_{\text{cleaned and Squared Picture}}$ Noisy Picture • It could be re appropriate $\sqrt{b^2 + b^2}$ $\frac{1}{30}$

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Classical Binary Hopfield Networks

- More complicated, patterns like (binary) images can be learned.
- Note that there are 2,500 pixels in each image, the size of the weight matrix will be 2500×2500 , but only learned by ONE image.
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https://github.com/nosratullah/hopfieldNeuralNetwork

Global Stable Patterns

• Classical binary Hopfield networks are energy-based models (EBMs) with an energy function like:

 $E = -X^TWX$

which is a convex function. $\nabla E = -2WX$ (a linear system).

• When $∇E = 0$, there will be infinite one point with the **GLOBAL** minimal energy. But due to the "**binary**"

requirement, this point might be unreachable, and so more than one patterns can be remembered.

Local Stable Patterns

• Attractors (energy minimums) are not necessarily global minimums. Local minimums will also work.

 $X = \{1, -1, -1, 1, \dots, -1, -1\}$

If a part of X is flipped, its energy should be larger when X is an attractor.

• It is also possible for two local minimums overlap. If $[1, -1]$ is an attractor, the energy of $[-1, -1]$, $[1,1]$

should be larger. But for $[-1,1]$, the same case. So, for $[1,1]$, it has two local energy minimum, which will

make both patterns ($[1, -1]$, $[-1, 1]$) not retrievable. As proved, only **0. 138N** (N is the number of neurons)

patterns can be remembered and retrieved with no errors, which is not a large number.

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Polynomial Energy Function

• The reason why 0.138N is the bound is because the gradient of the energy function is too "flat". So,

polynomial energy functions are proposed:

 $E(X) = -(WX)^n$

• And this limit is pushed to

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\frac{1}{2(2n-3)!!} \cdot \frac{N^{n-1}}{\ln(N)}
$$

which is an exponential function of N .

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Exponential Energy Function

• Naturally, people will think $\underline{\text{when }n \to \infty}$, what will the energy function be like? As proved, an exponential

energy function will work.

 $E(X) = -e^{WA}$

• This leads to the energy function (*lse* function, log-sum-exp) used in this work, in which β , c are constants,

 W^TW is the regularization.

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E(X) = -\beta^{-1} \log(\Sigma e^{\beta W X}) + W^T W + c
$$

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Continuous Hopfield Networks

• In binary conditions, we define "attractor" by *flipping each digit*. But for continuous conditions, we need a

new way to analyzing attractors.

• This leads to the Lyapunov analyzing.

Hebbian Learning & Self-Attention

• Classical Hopfield Networks are often learned by Hebbian Learning. The idea is that "Neurons that fire

together, wire together. – *Donald Hebb*". Say the weights prefers similar parts, which is similar with selfattention.

• Self attention.

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Attention = softmax\left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)V
$$

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Q = W_Q X, K = W_K X, V = W_V X
$$

Vaswani A, Shazeer N, Parmar N, et al. Attention is all you need[J]. Advances in neural information processing systems, 2017, 30.

Hebbian Learning & Self-Attention

- In which Q stands for Query, K stands for Key, and V stands for Value, which are linear transformations of X.
- This could be interpreted as "for several features of X (K), whether some features (Q) are similar, and this similarity ($Q K^T / \sqrt{d_k}$) can help get features of X (V)".

• Attention $\propto X X^T$, somehow like the Hebbian learning. In this paper, the parameter updating strategy is

literally a simplified self-attention.

 $W_{new} = X \cdot \text{softmax}(W^T X)$

Hopfield Networks in NNs

• When Hopfield networks (remember and retrieve patterns) and self-attention (distinct Q, K, V) are

considered together, Hopfield NN layers are created.

 Y is used twice, with two weight matrices. This is not only for retrieving, but also for transformation.

 $Z = \text{softmax}(R W_K^T Y^T) Y W_V$

- In self-attention, we have X and its three linear transformations Q, K, V . But here R and Y as two inputs can be different.
- Based on whether R , Y are trainable, 3 types of Hopfield NN layers are proposed: 1) **Hopfield**, with R , Y both

trainable, 2) **Hopfield pooling**, with Y trainable, R fixed, 3) **Hopfield layer**, with R trainable, Y fixed.

Hopfield Networks in NNs

- **Hopfield**, with R , Y both trainable. This is self-attention.
- *Hopfield pooling*, with Y trainable, R fixed. In this case, queries are fixed, if more inputs are similar with the queries, the result will be an average of these queries. (pattern pooling)
- *Hopfield layer*, with R trainable, Y fixed. In this case, the keys are fixed, which can be pre-learned (fixed)

patterns, or simply instances, and this layer will perform like KNN.

Experiments

- Multi instance learning (MIL) classification.
- MIL is a type of questions with instances capsuled as bags. There are many instances, but they are not assumed uniformly distributed in the sample space but grouped in bags.
- MIL classification requires to 1) find the bag of one label and 2) the instance in that bag with the label.
- E.g., keychains. To open a lock, which keychain and which key will I need?

Experiments

• This case is also applied for semantic

segmentation tasks.

• The major challenge of MIL tasks is that

these bags share different distributions

and so finding a unified model

modeling all instances (usually a lot

instances) is very hard.

Wu, Jiajun, et al. "Milcut: A sweeping line multiple instance learning paradigm for interactive image segmentation." Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition. 2014.

Immune Repertoire Classification (big data)

• This task needs to find few patterns from a large number of sequences, and different sequences are

enclosed in bags (each individual). This dataset has 300,000 instances in each repertoire.

• With sequences restored, patterns are queried and learned. The work proposed achieves AUC 0.832+0.022,

compared with 0.825+0.022 from SVM.

M. Widrich, B. Schäfl, M. Pavlovi´c, H. Ramsauer, L. Gruber, M. Holzleitner, J. Brandstetter, G. K. Sandve, V. Greiff, S. Hochreiter, and G. Klambauer. Modern Hopfield networks and attention for immune repertoire classification. ArXiv, 2007.13505, 2020a.

Image Classification (small data)

• An image classification problem.

• With 1,391 elephant images with 230 patterns, 1,320 fox images with 230 patterns, 1,220 tiger images with

230 features, and 2,002 UCSB breast cancer images with 58 objects.

Carbonneau, Marc-André, et al. "Multiple instance learning: A survey of problem characteristics and applications." Pattern Recognition 77 (2018): 329-353.

Small Datasets on UCI MLR Benchmarks

• Hopfield networks can also work well on small datasets, since it

can simply remember each data instance and perform KNN-like

functionalities.

• This work collects 75 small datasets (within 1,000 instances) and

45 large datasets (larger than 1,000 instances) on UCI MLR.

• Since there are many datasets for each ML schema to test, the author **ranks** each method as the following. Say Hopfield related methods are the best.

Discussion

- Patterns are remembered and retrieved in a distributed manner. Compositionality issues.
- Though the author provides an efficient way of updating (exponential retrieving error decreasing while training) the parameters of Hopfield layers, it is still in the training process of a NN, not real-time.
- When R , Y are not both trainable, fixed pre-learned data needs to be provided by the user. Can only be used

to remember individual training instances due to interpretability issues.

Toward a Broad AI

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Definition

• Definition, a more abstract way with considerably enhanced and broader capabilities for skill acquisition and

problem solving.

- Still capability-oriented.
- But different emphasis.

Properties Should Equipped

- Knowledge transfer and interaction.
- Adaptability (through few-shot learning and self-supervising) and robustness.
- Abstraction and advanced reasoning.
- Efficiency.

Properties Should Equipped

- By its own sensory perceptions.
- Context and short/long term memory (through the Hopfield networks mentioned).
- GNN (neural-symbolic reasoning).