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Unit-5

Unsupervised Learning Network Paradigms

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Topic to be Covered: **Unit 5 - Unsupervised Learning Network Paradigms**

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- Adaptive Resonance Theory (ART)
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- Training of SOM
- Learning Process in ART
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- Learning Rate vs Neighborhood
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- Applications of SOM
- Restricted Boltzmann Machine (RBM)





1. Self-Organizing Feature Maps (SOM) - (Also called **Kohonen Self-Organizing Map**, 1970s)

Concept

A **Self-Organizing Map (SOM)** is an **unsupervised neural network** used for:

- Clustering
 - Dimensionality reduction
 - Visualization of high-dimensional data
- It maps high-dimensional input data into a **low-dimensional (usually 2D) grid** while preserving **topological relationships**.

Key Idea

- Similar inputs → mapped close together
- Dissimilar inputs → mapped far apart





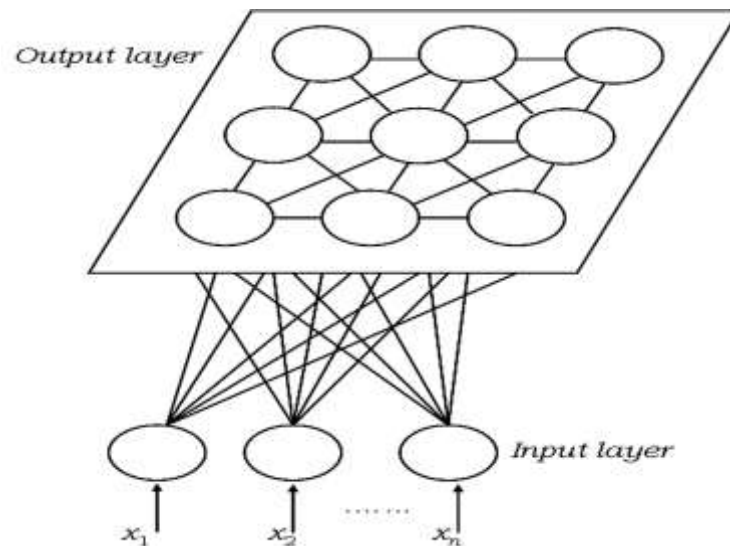
2. Structure of SOM

Architecture

- Input Layer: n-dimensional vector
- Output Layer: 2D grid of neurons

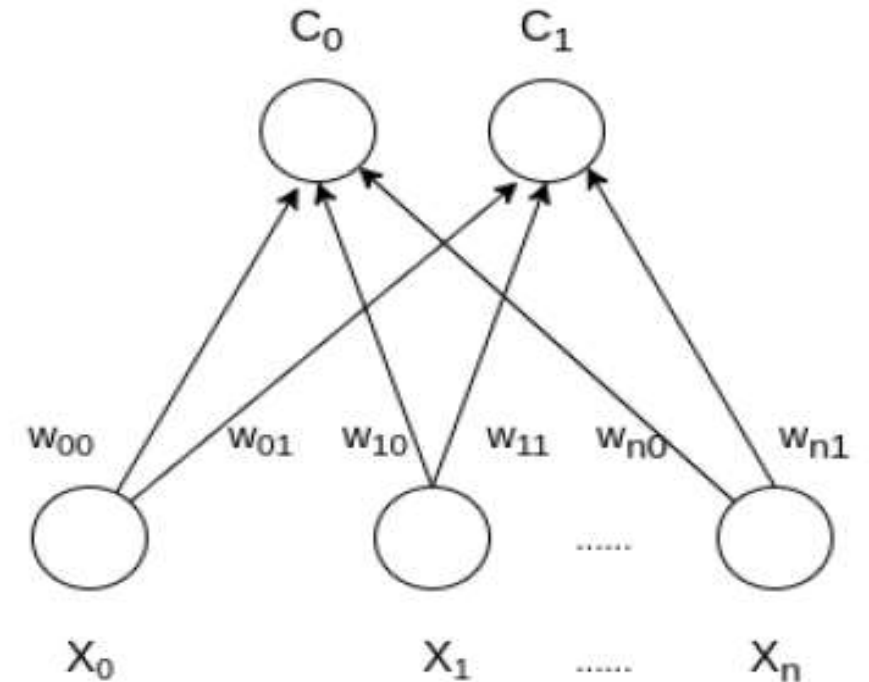
Each neuron has:

- Weight vector (same dimension as input)



Components

1. Input vector: $X = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$
2. Weight vector: $W_i = [w_{i1}, w_{i2}, \dots, w_{in}]$
3. Grid structure (rectangular or hexagonal)





3. Training of SOM

❖ Steps

Step 1: Initialization

- Random weights

Step 2: Competition

- Find **Best Matching Unit (BMU)** using distance

➤ Common metric:

- **Euclidean Distance**

Step 3: Cooperation

- Neighbors of BMU are identified

Step 4: Adaptation

Update weights:

$$W_i(t + 1) = W_i(t) + \alpha(t) \cdot h_{ci}(t) \cdot (X - W_i(t))$$

$$\text{Formula: } w_{ij}^{(new)} = w_{ij}^{(old)} + \alpha \cdot (x_i - w_{ij}^{(old)})$$

where

- α is the learning rate
- x_i is the input feature.

❑ Learning Phases

- Ordering phase (large neighborhood)
- Convergence phase (small neighborhood)





4. Topology & Neighborhood Function

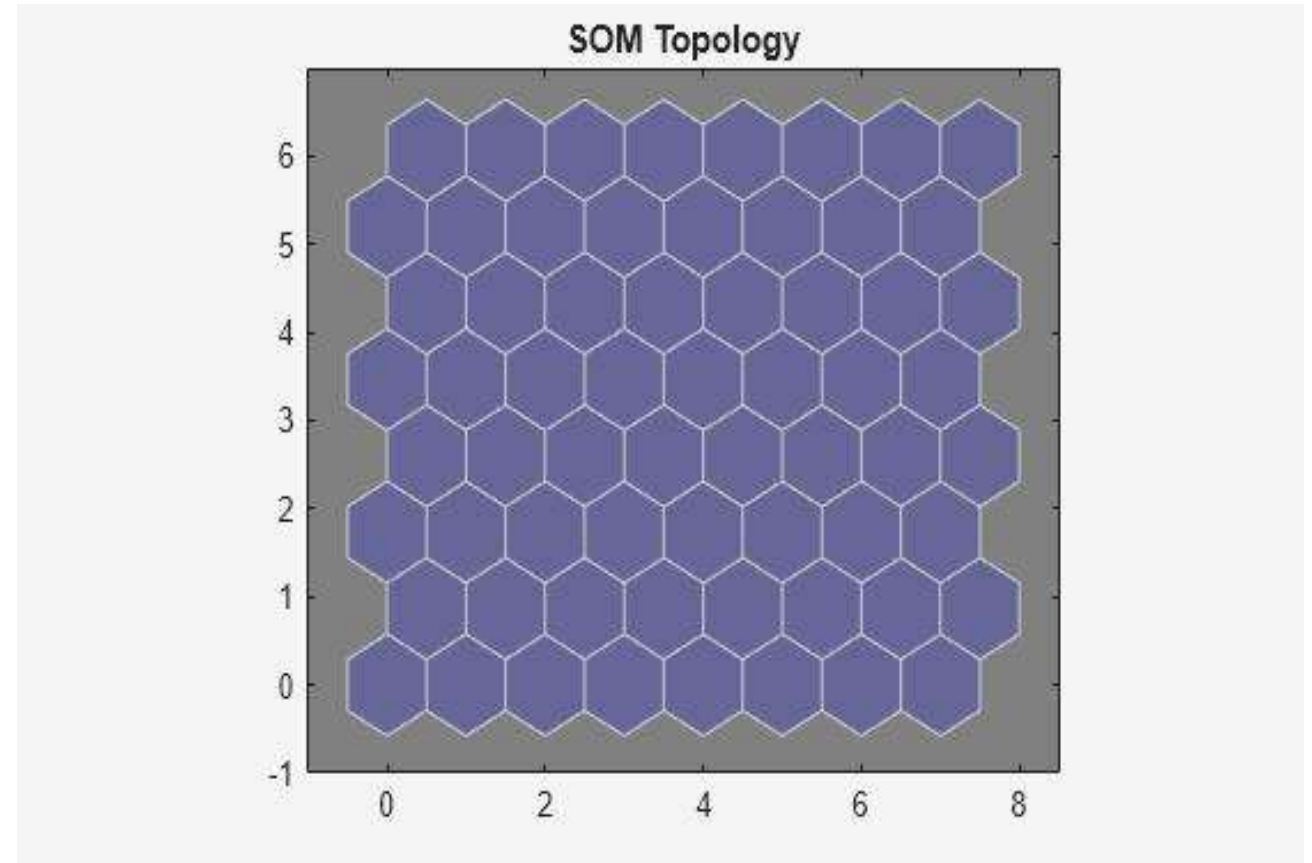
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- Hexagonal grid

□ Neighborhood Function $h_{ci}(t)$

Common types:

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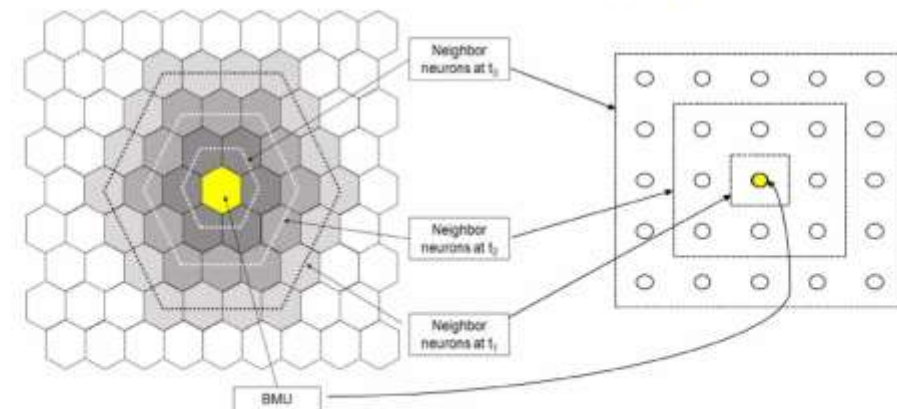
Self Organizing Maps(SOM)

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- Common neighborhood function

$$h_{ci}(t) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|r_c - r_i\|^2}{2\sigma^2(t)}\right) \quad \sigma(t): \text{defines the radius of the neighborhood around the BMU}$$

- **Note:** $\|r_c - r_i\|$ is measured in the **output space**



Hexagonal SOM grid

Rectangular SOM grid



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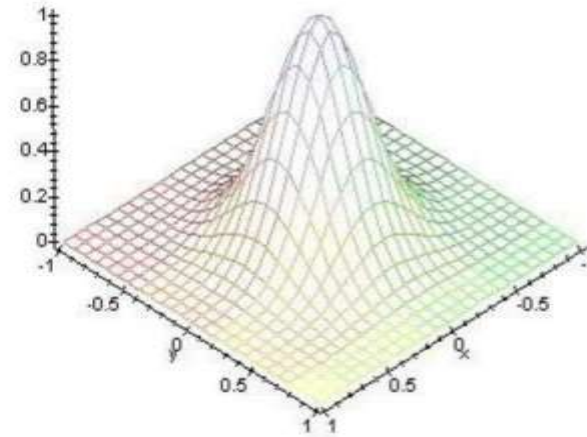
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SOM: Gaussian neighborhood function

$$h_{ci} = \exp\left(-\frac{\|r_c - r_i\|^2}{2\sigma_t^2}\right)$$





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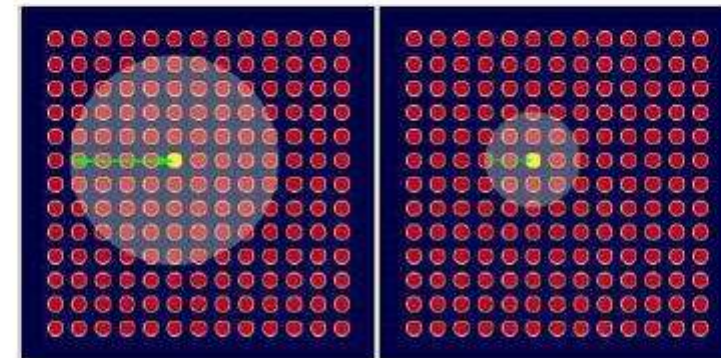
$$\sigma(t) = \sigma_0 \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\lambda}\right)$$

σ_0 = the width of lattice at time zero

t = the current time step

λ = the time constant

The value of λ depends on σ_0 and the chosen number of iterations for algorithm.



Size of the neighborhood around the BMU shrinks





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5. Distance Functions in SOM

Common distance measures:

- Euclidean distance
- Manhattan distance
- Cosine similarity



6. Learning Rate vs Neighborhood

□ Key Relationship

- Learning rate $\alpha(t)$ ↓ over time
- Neighborhood radius ↓ over time

□ Early stage:

- Large learning rate
- Large neighborhood → global ordering

□ Later stage:

- Small learning rate
- Small neighborhood → fine tuning





7. Applications of SOM

- Data visualization
- Image compression
- Pattern recognition
- Clustering in bioinformatics
- Market segmentation



8. Adaptive Resonance Theory (ART)

Concept

Proposed by **Stephen Grossberg**

ART solves:

Stability-Plasticity dilemma

- Stability → retain old knowledge
- Plasticity → learn new patterns

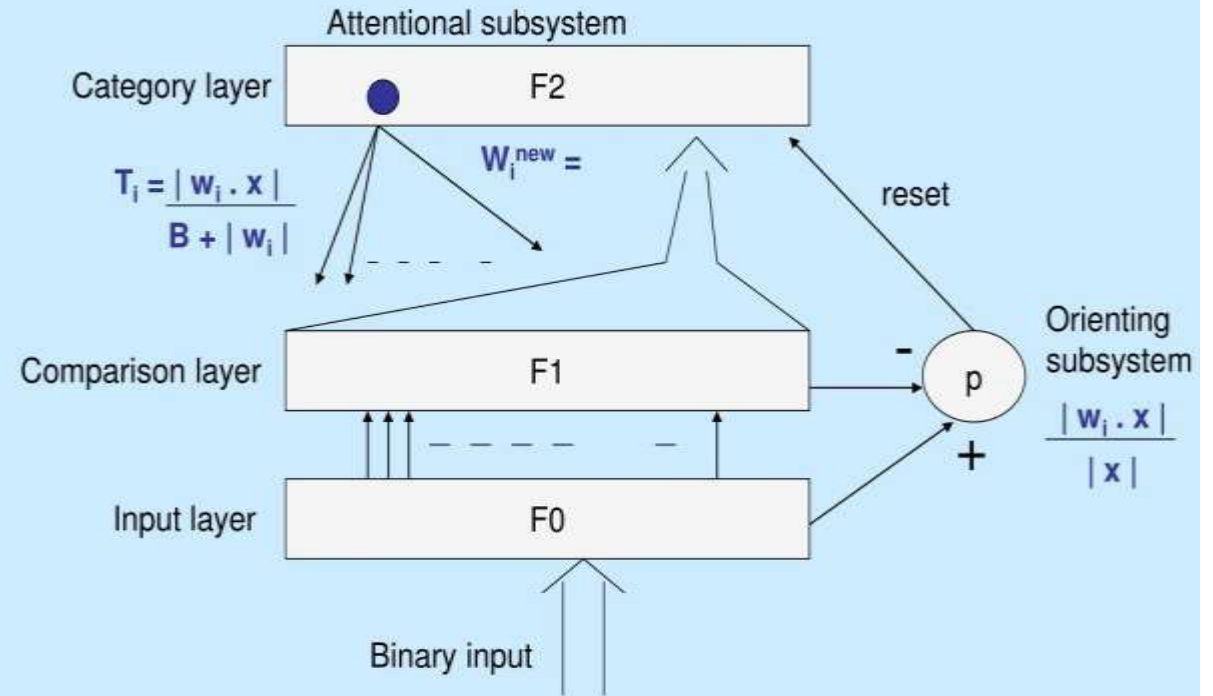


9. Structure of ART Network

Layers

- 1. F1 Layer → Input representation
- 2. F2 Layer → Category layer
- 3. Vigilance parameter (ρ)

Adaptive Resonance Theory(ART1)

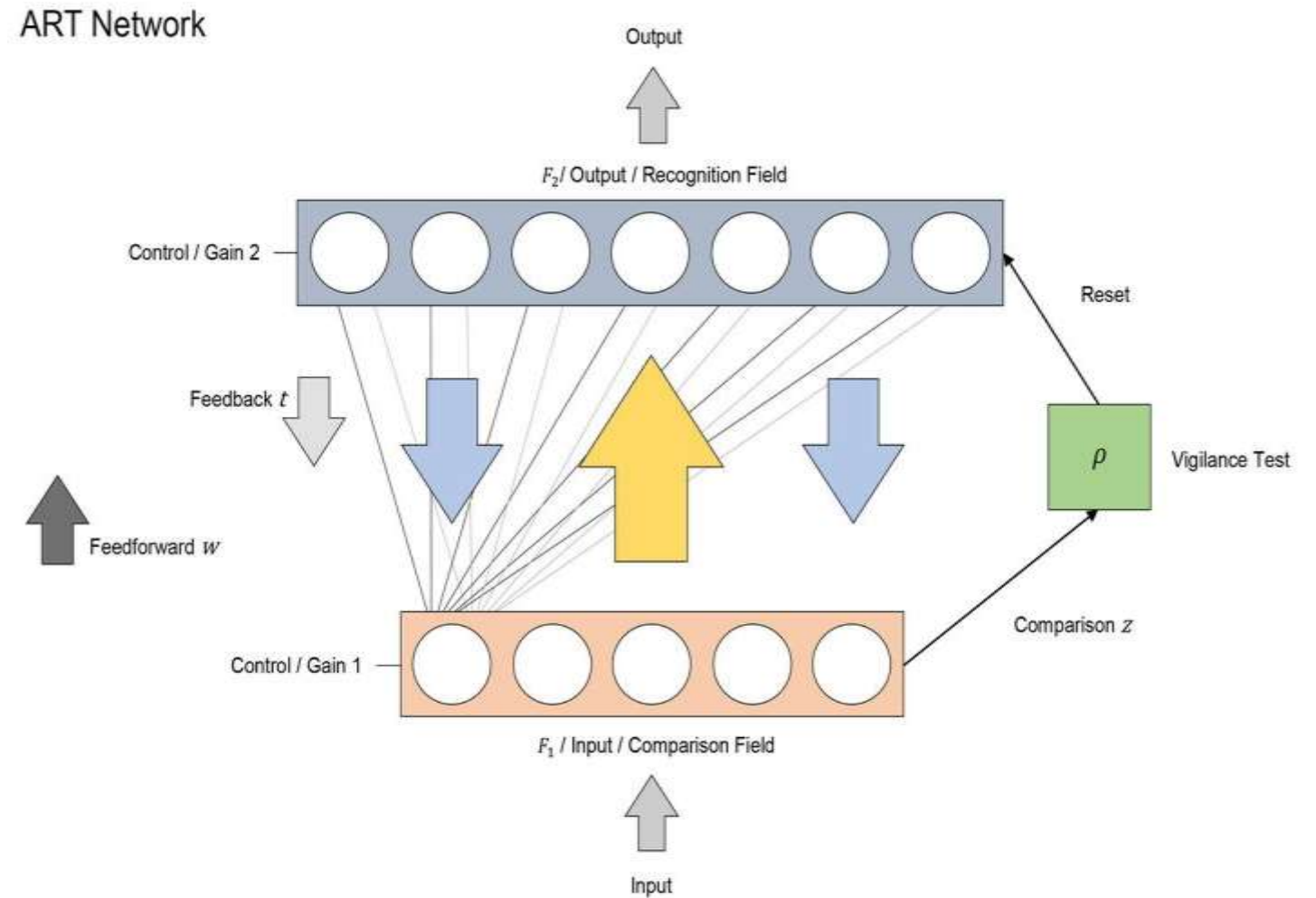




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10. Learning Process in ART

Two Types of Learning

Bottom-Up Learning

- Input \rightarrow category
- Feature extraction

Top-Down Learning

- Category \rightarrow expectation
- Pattern matching

Matching Process

- Compare input with stored pattern
- If match \geq vigilance \rightarrow learn
- Else \rightarrow reset and search new category





11. ART Extensions

Types

- ART1 → Binary inputs
- ART2 → Continuous inputs
- ART3 → Biologically inspired
- Fuzzy ART → Fuzzy logic based



12. Hopfield Network

Concept

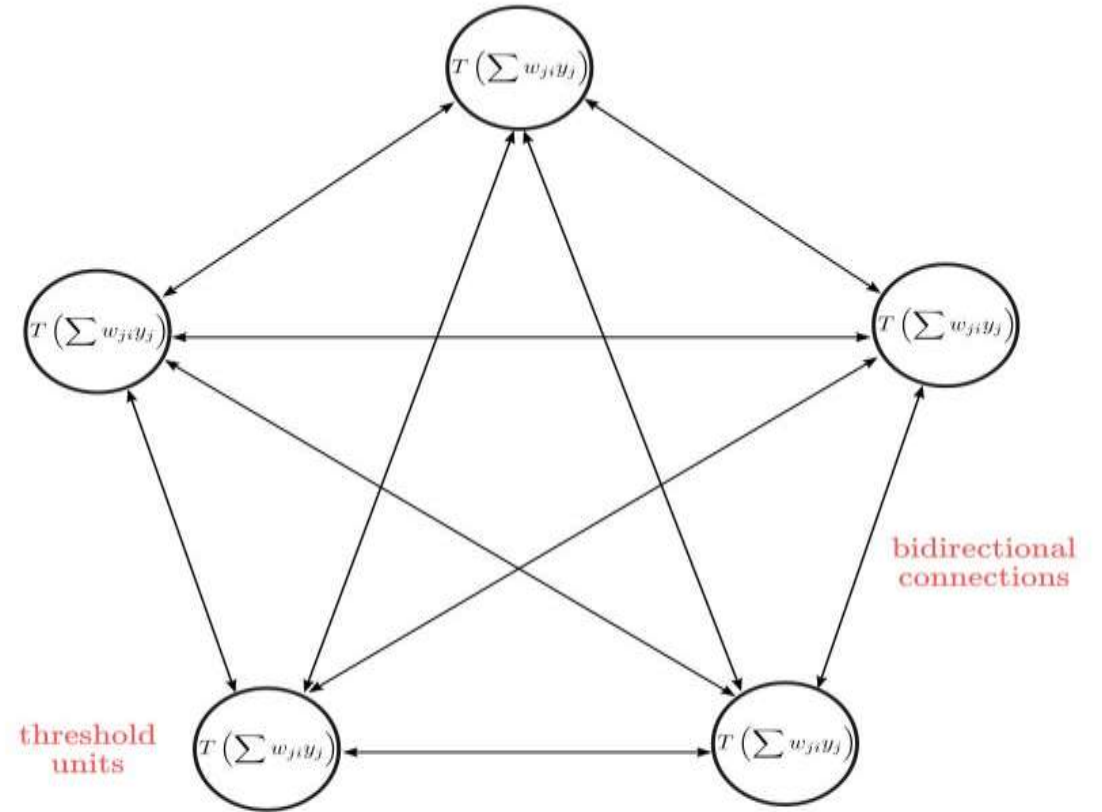
A Hopfield Network is:

- Recurrent neural network
- Used for associative memory

Features

- Fully connected network
- Symmetric weights
- Energy function minimization

$$E = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j w_{ij} x_i x_j$$



energy function

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

weight update

$$\Delta w_{ji} = y_j y_i$$



13. Associative Networks

Types

□ Homogeneous Associative Network

- Input = Output type
- Example: Auto-associative memory

□ Heterogeneous Associative Network

- Input \neq Output
- Example: Pattern translation

□ Applications

- Pattern completion
- Noise removal
- Memory recall



14. Restricted Boltzmann Machine (RBM)

Concept

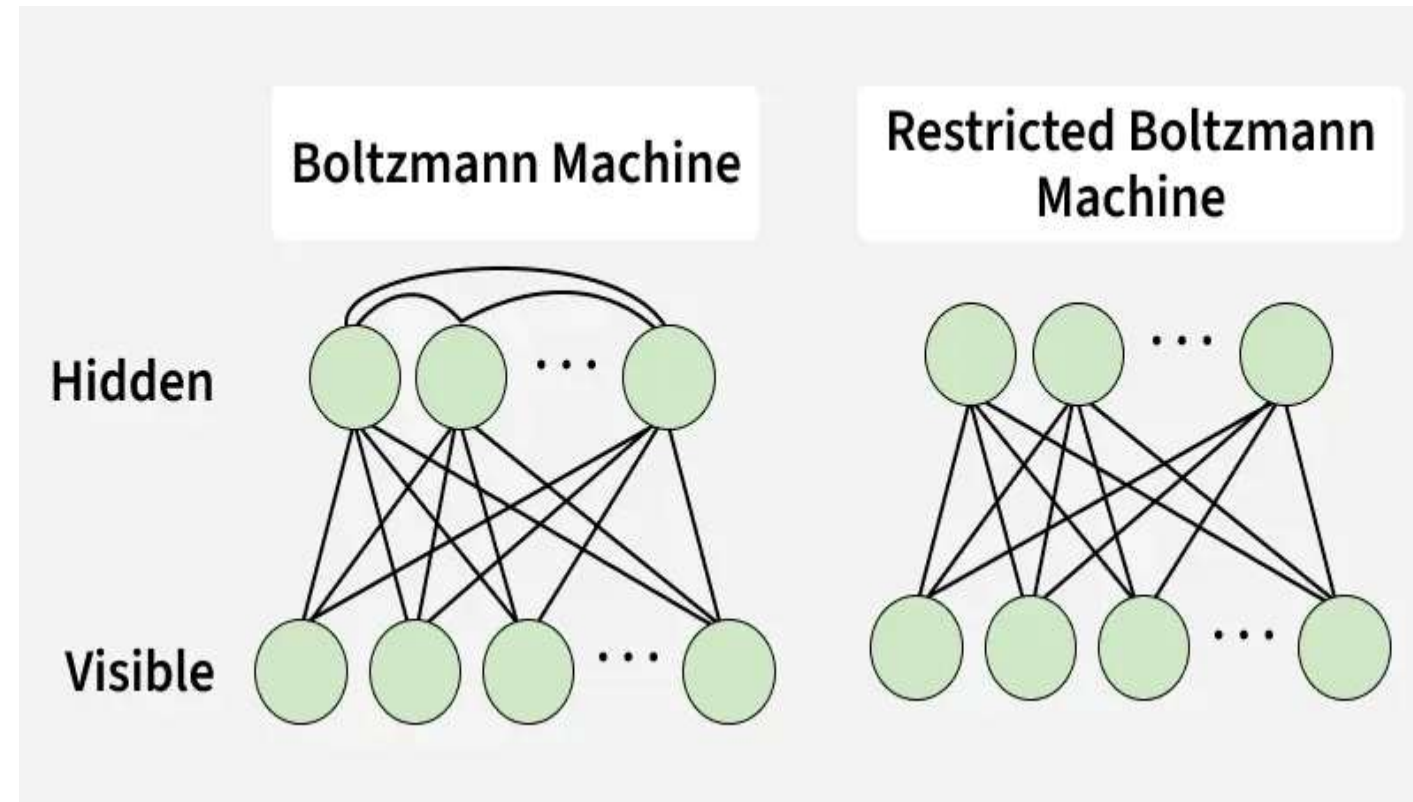
A **Restricted Boltzmann**

Machine is:

- Generative model
- Two-layer network

Structure

- Visible layer (input)
- Hidden layer
- No intra-layer connections

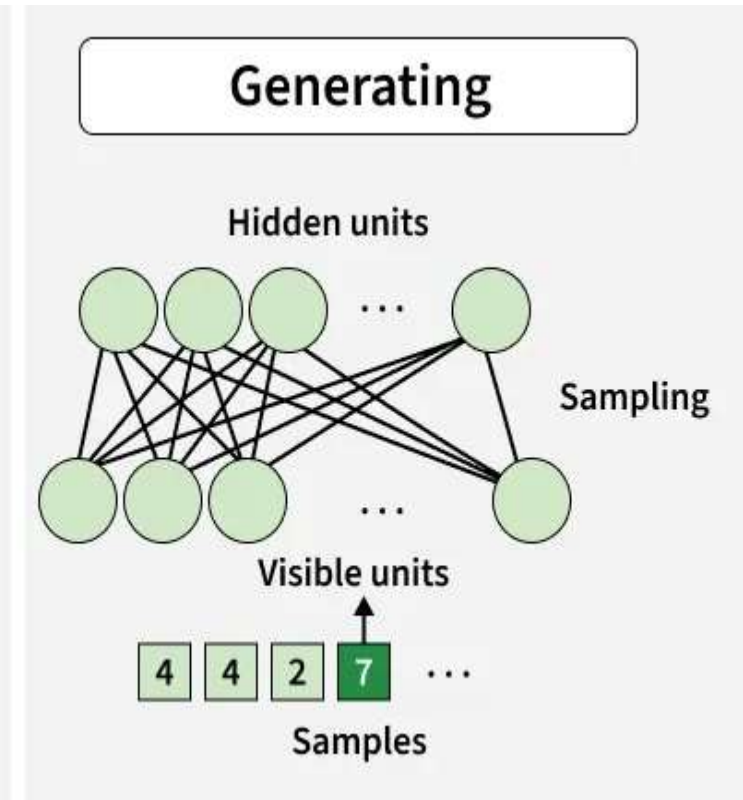
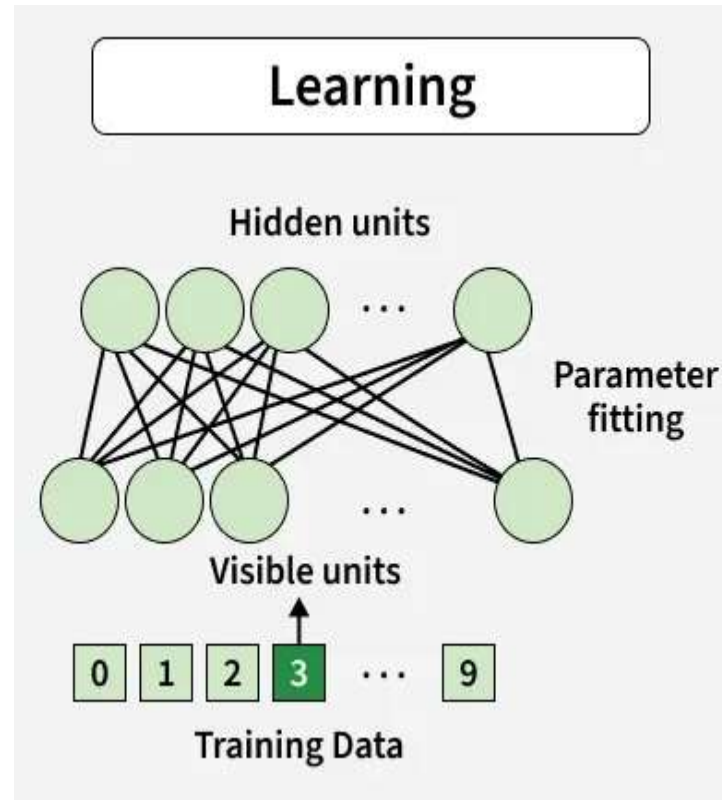




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A Restricted Boltzmann Machine (RBM) is a generative stochastic neural network consisting of two layers a visible layer and a hidden layer.

The term restricted means there are no connections within the same layer only between visible and hidden units.





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RBM Architecture

- **Visible units (v):** Represent the input data

$$v = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$

- **Hidden units (h):** Capture latent features

$$h = (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_m)$$

- **Weights (W):** Connections between visible and hidden units. W_{ij} connects v_i and h_j .

- **Biases:** Visible bias b_i and hidden bias c_j





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Energy Function:

$$E(v, h) = - \sum_i a_i v_i - \sum_j b_j h_j - \sum_{i,j} v_i w_{ij} h_j$$

Where,

- v_i :state of visible unit i
- h_j :state of hidden unit j
- W_{ij} :weight between visible unit i and hidden unit j

Lower energy leads to higher probability.





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Learning Process of Restricted Boltzmann Machine:

The learning process of an RBM aims to reduce the **reconstruction error**. This is achieved by **iteratively updating the weights** so that the reconstructed data becomes closer to the original data distribution.

1. Reconstruction Error

Reconstruction error is define by:

$$v^{(0)} - v^{(1)}$$

Where,

- $v^{(0)}$:original input (visible units)
- $v^{(1)}$:reconstructed input

The goal of learning is to minimize this error over successive training iterations by adjusting the weights W .





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Learning Process of Restricted Boltzmann Machine:

2. Forward Pass

In the forward pass, we compute the probability of activating hidden units given the visible input $v^{(0)}$

$$P(h_j = 1 | v^{(0)}) = \sigma \left(c_j + \sum_{i=1}^n W_{ij} v^{(0)} \right)$$

3. Backward Pass

In the backward pass, the RBM reconstructs the input using the hidden activations

$$P(v_i = 1 | h) = \sigma \left(b_i + \sum_{j=1}^m W_{ij} h_j \right)$$





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Learning Process of Restricted Boltzmann Machine:

4. Joint Probability Distribution (Gibbs Distribution)

The joint probability of a visible–hidden configuration is:

$$P(v, h) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(-E(v, h))$$

where the partition function is:





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Learning Process of Restricted Boltzmann Machine:

5. Generative Learning Perspective

RBM performs reconstruction, not classification or regression.

- It does not map inputs to labels
- Instead, it learns the probability distribution of the input data

Hence, RBM is a generative model, unlike discriminative models used in classification.





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Learning Process of Restricted Boltzmann Machine:

6. Error Minimization Using KL-Divergence

The difference between distributions represents the learning error and is measured using Kullback–Leibler (KL) divergence:

$$D_{KL}(p \parallel q) = \sum_x p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$$

Where,

- $p(x)$: true data distribution
- $q(x)$: model's reconstructed distribution

KL-divergence measures how much information is lost when $q(x)$ approximates $p(x)$





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Learning Process of Restricted Boltzmann Machine:

7. Weight Update Rule (Contrastive Divergence)

To reduce the KL-divergence RBM updates weights using:

$$\Delta W_{ij} = \eta \left(\langle v_i h_j \rangle_{data} - \langle v_i h_j \rangle_{model} \right)$$

where

- η : Learning Rate
- $\langle v_i h_j \rangle_{data}$: expectation from real data
- $\langle v_i h_j \rangle_{model}$: expectation from reconstructed data

Ref: <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/machine-learning/restricted-boltzmann-machine/>

