

# Boltzmann machines (BM)

## Lecture 22

Consider

$$\begin{cases} E(\vec{x}) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} x_i w_{ij} x_j = -\frac{1}{2} \vec{x}^T W \vec{x} \\ P(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-E(\vec{x})} \end{cases}$$

Stochastic Hopfield network (aka Boltzmann machine, BM) ← actually implements Boltzmann distr'n

Activity rule:

$$a_i = \sum_j w_{ij} x_j$$

$$x_i = \begin{cases} +1, & \text{prob. } q_i = \frac{1}{1+e^{-2a_i}} = \frac{e^{a_i}}{e^{a_i}+e^{-a_i}} \\ -1, & \text{prob. } 1-q_i = \frac{e^{-a_i}}{e^{a_i}+e^{-a_i}} \end{cases}$$

→ stochastic update

Gibbs sampling

cf. p. 402 31.1

Consider

$$E(\vec{x}) = -\frac{1}{2} J \sum_{\substack{m,n \\ m \neq n}} x_m x_n - H \sum_n x_n$$

→ spin glass

Then  $b_n = J \sum_{\substack{m \\ m \neq n}} x_m + H$  is the local field for spin  $n$ .

Indeed, for 2 spins

$$\begin{aligned} E &= -\frac{J}{2} (x_1 x_2 + x_2 x_1) - H(x_1 + x_2) = \\ &= -x_2 (Jx_1 + H) - Hx_1 = \\ &= -x_1 (Jx_2 + H) - Hx_2 \end{aligned}$$

In general,  
 $E = -x_n b_n + \text{const}(x_n)$

Gibbs sampling: select spin  $n$  at random

$$P(S_n = +1 | b_n) = \frac{e^{+\beta b_n}}{e^{+\beta b_n} + e^{-\beta b_n}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-2\beta b_n}}$$

↑  
all other spins  
fixed

$$P(S_n = -1 | b_n) = 1 - P(S_n = +1 | b_n)$$

Use these probabilities to set the spin state:  $\pm 1$ .

This converges to Boltzmann equilibrium.

Metropolis sampling:

Compute  $\Delta E = \begin{cases} x_n = 1 \Rightarrow x_n = -1 : E = -b_n + \text{const} \Rightarrow b_n + \text{const} : \Delta E = -2b_n \\ x_n = -1 \Rightarrow x_n = 1 : E = b_n + \text{const} \Rightarrow -b_n + \text{const} : \Delta E = 2b_n \end{cases}$

So,  $\Delta E = 2b_n x_n$ .

$P(\text{accept spin flip}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \Delta E \leq 0 \\ e^{-\beta \Delta E} & \Delta E > 0 \end{cases}$   
This converges to Boltzmann eq'm as well.

Now, given a set of  $N$  examples  $\{\vec{x}^{(n)}\}_{n=1}^N$ , we might adjust weights  $w$  s.t. the likelihood of generating those examples from the Boltzmann distribution  $P(\vec{x})$  is maximized:

$$\mathcal{Z} = \prod_{n=1}^N P(\vec{x}^{(n)}) \quad , \quad \text{or}$$

$$\log \mathcal{Z} = \sum_{n=1}^N \log P(\vec{x}^{(n)}) = \sum_n \left[ \frac{1}{2} \vec{x}^{(n)T} W \vec{x}^{(n)} - \log Z \right].$$

We need

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{ij}} \log Z &= \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{ij}} \left\{ \sum_{\vec{x}} e^{-\beta E(\vec{x})} \right\} = \\ &= - \sum_{\vec{x}} P(\vec{x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{ij}} E(\vec{x}) = \sum_{\vec{x}} x_i x_j P(\vec{x}) = \\ &= \langle x_i x_j \rangle_P. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{ij}} \log \mathcal{Z} &= \underbrace{\sum_n x_i^{(n)} x_j^{(n)}}_{N \langle x_i x_j \rangle_D} - N \langle x_i x_j \rangle_P = \\ &= N \left[ \underbrace{\langle x_i x_j \rangle_D}_{\text{empirical 2-point correl'n}} - \underbrace{\langle x_i x_j \rangle_P}_{\text{model 2-point correl'n}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{If } \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{ij}} \log \mathcal{Z} = 0 \Rightarrow \langle x_i x_j \rangle_D = \langle x_i x_j \rangle_P.$$

↑ compute directly
↑ estimate by gibbs sampling

otherwise,

$\langle x_i x_j \rangle_D - \langle x_i x_j \rangle_P$  provides the gradient for optimization algorithms.

Note that if  $W=0 \Rightarrow E(\bar{x})=0, \forall \bar{x}$ .

Then

$$\langle x_i x_j \rangle_P = \langle x_i \rangle_P \langle x_j \rangle_P = 0,$$

since all spins are equally likely to be up or down.

↑  
like the  $\beta=0$   
limit  
(infinite T)

If the weights are adjusted by the gradient descent,

$$w_{ij}^{(\tau+1)} = w_{ij}^{(\tau)} + \eta \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{ij}} \log Z \Big|_{w_{ij}^{(\tau)}}$$

↑  
learning rate,  $>0$   
guaranteed to increase  $\log Z$  if

the step is small:

$$\log Z(w_{ij}^{(\tau+1)}) \approx \log Z(w_{ij}^{(\tau)}) +$$

$$+ \eta \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial w_{ij}} \log Z \Big|_{w_{ij}^{(\tau)}} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{ij}} \log Z \Big|_{w_{ij}^{(\tau)}}}_{\geq 0}$$

$\geq 0$  if  $\eta > 0$

Thus in the  $W=0$  case,

$$w_{ij}^{(1)} = \underbrace{w_{ij}^{(0)}}_{=0, \text{ say}} + \eta \sum_n x_i^{(n)} x_j^{(n)}$$

Hebbian learning rule is recovered in 1 iteration

# Poetic interpretation of BM learning:

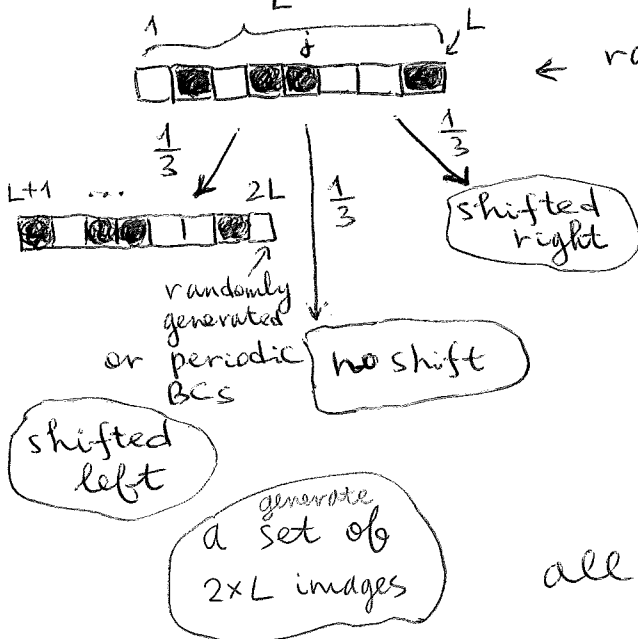
When the BM is "awake", it measures

(i.e. ↑ gets input from the world)

real-world correlations  $\langle x_i x_j \rangle_D$  & uses them to adjust the weights  
 When it is "asleep", it does not adjust the weights - it "dreams" about the world & computes  $\langle x_i x_j \rangle_P$  (i.e., its "idea" of the world). When  $\langle x_i x_j \rangle_D = \langle x_i x_j \rangle_P$ , the two views are balanced.

However, the "world" is represented by just two-point correlations  $\langle x_i x_j \rangle_D$ , seems to be too poor to really capture the richness of the world.

For example, consider a "shifter ensemble" of images:



Then, away from the boundaries:

$$\begin{cases} \langle x_j x_{j+L} \rangle = \frac{1}{3} & \text{unshifted} \\ \langle x_j x_{j+L-1} \rangle = \frac{1}{3} & \text{left} \\ \langle x_j x_{j+L+1} \rangle = \frac{1}{3} & \text{right} \end{cases}$$

all others are = 0

This seems too poor to describe the images  $\Rightarrow$  need higher-order statistics:

$$P(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} w_{ij} x_i x_j + \frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijk} v_{ijk} x_i x_j x_k + \dots}$$

$\uparrow$   
higher-order BM

Can get  $\frac{\partial}{\partial w_{ij}} \log Z$ ,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial v_{ijk}} \log Z$ , etc.  
do gibbs sampling

[ But there are too many parameters ]  
in general.

Idea: (due to Hinton & Sejnowski, 1986)  
introduce hidden variables to  
model higher-order correlations.

BM with hidden units [restricted BM]

$\vec{y} = \begin{cases} \vec{x} \\ \vec{h} \end{cases}$  visible nodes state  $(M_1)$  vector  
hidden nodes state  $(M_2)$  vector  
 $\uparrow$  node state  $\vec{y}$ , either visible or hidden  
 $(M_1 + M_2)$  vector

In particular, when visible nodes are "clamped" at  $\vec{x}^{(n)} \Rightarrow \vec{y}^{(n)} \equiv (\vec{x}^{(n)}, \vec{h})$ .

Then  $P(\vec{x}^{(n)}) = \sum_{\vec{h}} P(\vec{x}^{(n)}, \vec{h}) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\vec{h}} e^{\frac{1}{2} \vec{y}^{(n)T} W \vec{y}^{(n)}}$

$$Z = \sum_{\vec{x}, \vec{h}} e^{\frac{1}{2} \vec{y}^T W \vec{y}}$$

$\equiv \leftarrow$  partide partition function

As before, consider

$$\frac{\partial \log \mathcal{Z}}{\partial w_{ij}} = \sum_n \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{ij}} \left\{ \log Z_{\vec{x}^{(n)}} - \log Z \right\} \quad \text{⊖}$$

$$\mathcal{Z} = \prod_{n=1}^N P(\vec{x}^{(n)})$$

$$\text{⊖} \sum_n \left\{ \frac{1}{Z_{\vec{x}^{(n)}}} \sum_{\vec{h}} y_i^{(n)} y_j^{(n)} e^{\frac{1}{2} \vec{y}^{(n)T} W \vec{y}^{(n)}} - \underbrace{\langle x_i x_j \rangle_{P(\vec{x}, \vec{h})}}_{\text{as before}} \right\} \quad \text{⊖}$$

$$\frac{\sum_{\vec{h}} y_i^{(n)} y_j^{(n)} e^{\frac{1}{2} \vec{y}^{(n)T} W \vec{y}^{(n)}}}{\sum_{\vec{h}} e^{\frac{1}{2} \vec{y}^{(n)T} W \vec{y}^{(n)}}} = \sum_{\vec{h}} y_i^{(n)} y_j^{(n)} P(\vec{h} | \vec{x}^{(n)}) = \langle y_i y_j \rangle_{P(\vec{h} | \vec{x}^{(n)})}$$

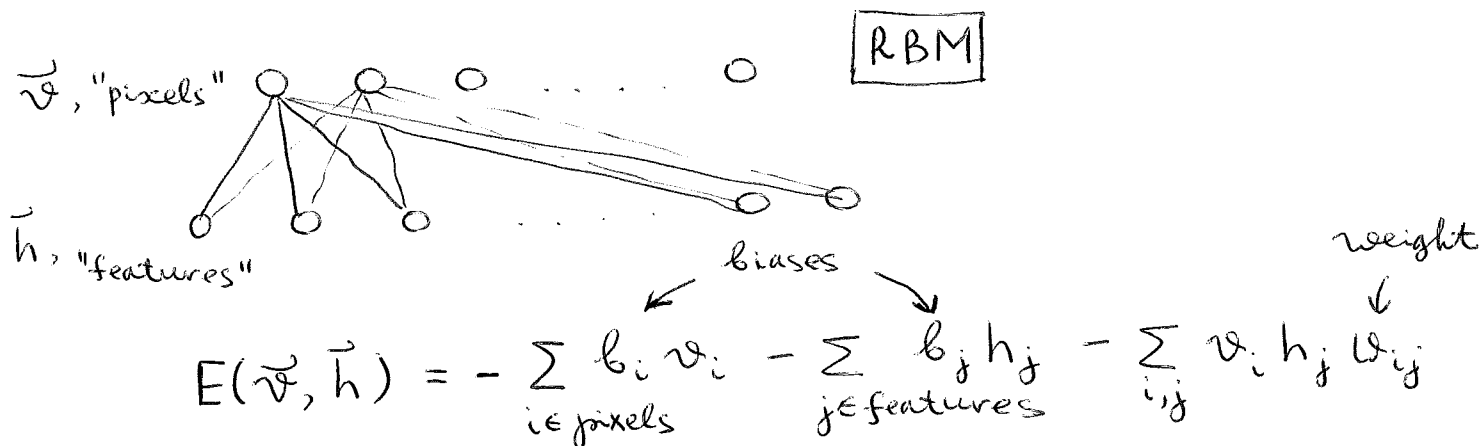
$$\text{⊖} \sum_n \left\{ \underbrace{\langle y_i y_j \rangle_{P(\vec{h} | \vec{x}^{(n)})}}_{\text{estimate by gibbs sampling with } \vec{x}^{(n)} \text{ fixed (only hidden spins flipped)}} - \underbrace{\langle y_i y_j \rangle_{P(\vec{x}, \vec{h})}}_{\text{estimate by unrestricted gibbs sampling (both visible \& hidden spins flipped)}} \right\}$$

# Application of BM in neural networks (NN)

Hinton & Salakhutdinov,  
Science 2006

Idea: build a multi-layer NN, pre-train intermediate layers using BMs, then refine the weights by backpropagation.

Consider data that can be represented as binary vectors, e.g. images.  
(0,1) (or vector of spins)



given pixel states,

$$(1) \quad \text{driven by data} \quad h_j = \begin{cases} 1, & \sigma(b_j + \sum_i v_i w_{ij}) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

record  $v_i h_j$

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

$$(2) \quad \text{"confabulation"} \quad v_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \sigma(b_i + \sum_j h_j w_{ij}) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (**)$$

$w_{ij} = w_{ji}$



(3) 
$$h_j = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } (b_j + \sum_i v_i w_{ij}) > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

driven by confabulation record  $v_i h_j$

Repeat many times, compute  $\langle v_i h_j \rangle_{\text{data}}$  &  $\langle v_i h_j \rangle_{\text{recon}}$

Finally, adjust weights:

$$\Delta w_{ij} = \eta (\langle v_i h_j \rangle_{\text{data}} - \langle v_i h_j \rangle_{\text{recon}})$$

learning rate

— 0 —

Iterate to convergence.

[ Next, make the hidden units the visible units of the next RBM. ]

Note: 
$$E(\vec{v}, \vec{h}) = - \sum_i v_i \left[ b_i + \underbrace{\sum_j h_j w_{ij}}_{\text{local field for } v_i} \right] + \text{const}(\vec{v})$$

Then

$$P(v_i = +1) = \frac{e^{b_i + \sum_j h_j w_{ij}}}{e^{b_i + \sum_j h_j w_{ij}} + 1}$$

all other spins fixed

$\uparrow$   $v_i = 1$  state       $\uparrow$   $v_i = 0$  state

$$= \sigma(b_i + \sum_j h_j w_{ij})$$

$$P(v_i = 0) = 1 - P(v_i = +1)$$

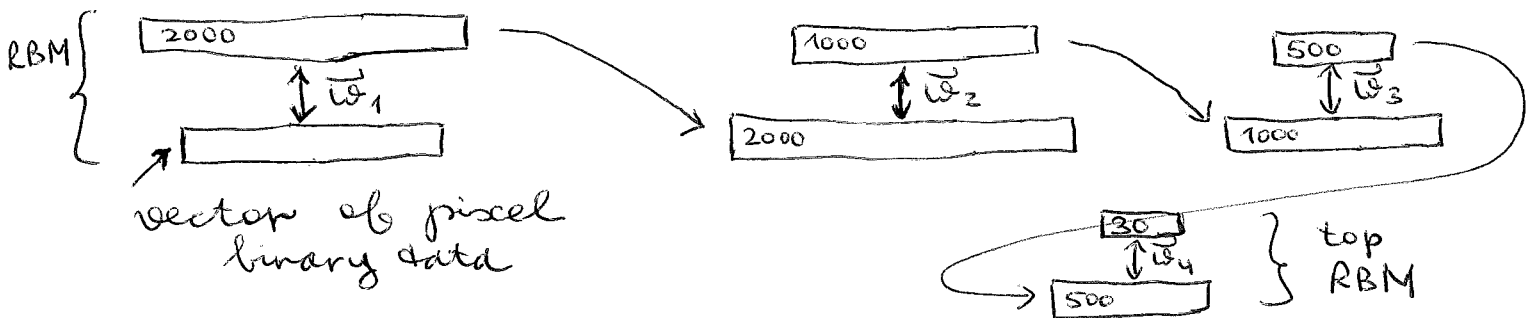
Same as (\*\*)

Likewise,

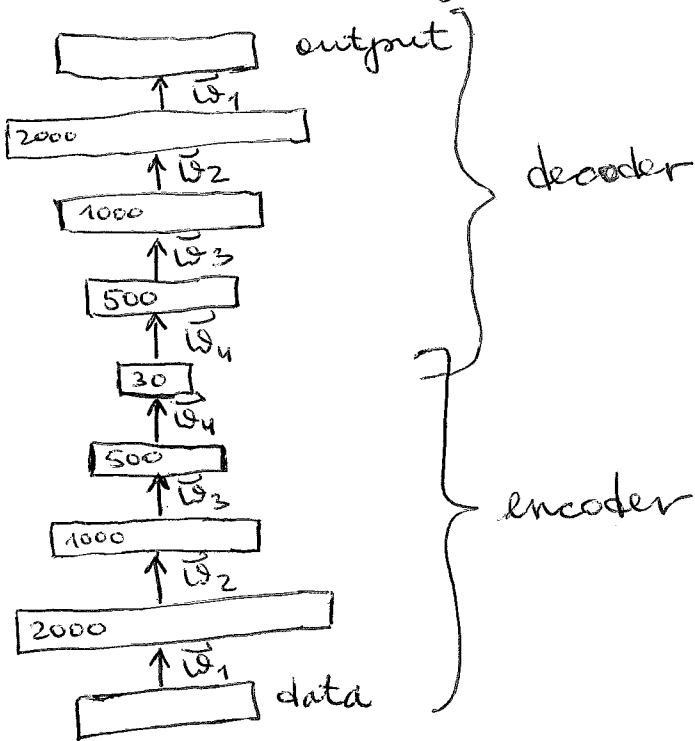
$$E(\vec{v}, \vec{h}) = - \sum_j h_j \left[ b_j + \underbrace{\sum_i v_i w_{ij}}_{\text{local field for } h_j} \right] + \text{const}(\vec{h})$$

leading to (\*)

Finally, the whole architecture:



Unrolling:



For backpropagation, replace stochastic units with  $\delta$ -units with local fields as activations

Minimize the error between output & data by backpropagation with conjugate gradients used on 10<sup>3</sup> data vectors at a time.