

A HYBRID NEURAL NETWORK OF ADDRESSABLE AND CONTENT-ADDRESSABLE MEMORY

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Keywords: Forward neural network; addressable memory; content-addressable memory; associative memory; Hebbian learning; competitive learning.

1. Introduction

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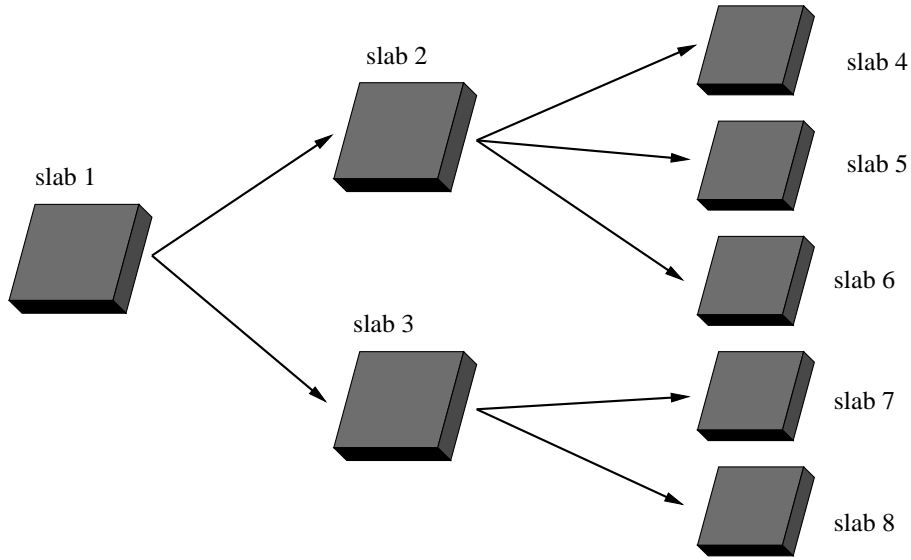


Fig. 1. The architecture sketch of a simple hybrid neural network.

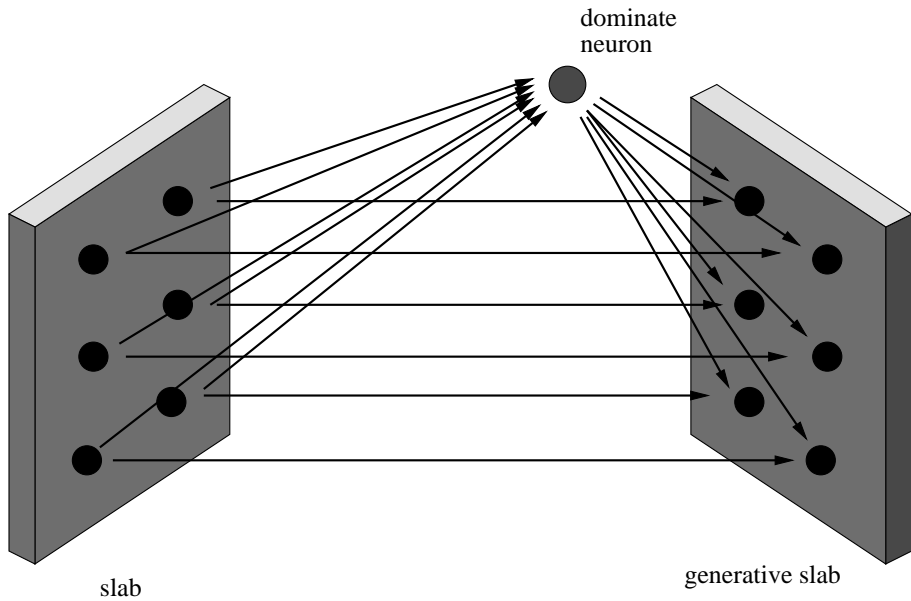


Fig. 2. The sketch of the connections from a slab to its generative slab.

The neural network consists of a sequence of slabs. The first slab is connected to the second and third slabs. The second slab is connected to the fourth, fifth, and sixth slabs. The third slab is connected to the seventh and eighth slabs. The connections are shown as arrows pointing from the source slab to the target slab.

The connections between the slab and the generative slab are shown in Figure 2. The slab is connected to the generative slab through a dominate neuron. The connections are shown as arrows pointing from the slab to the dominate neuron and from the dominate neuron to the generative slab.

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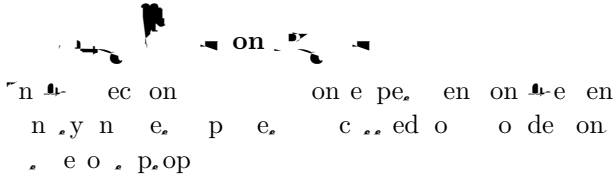
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Fig. 3. The ten binary numeral patterns for the simulation experiment.



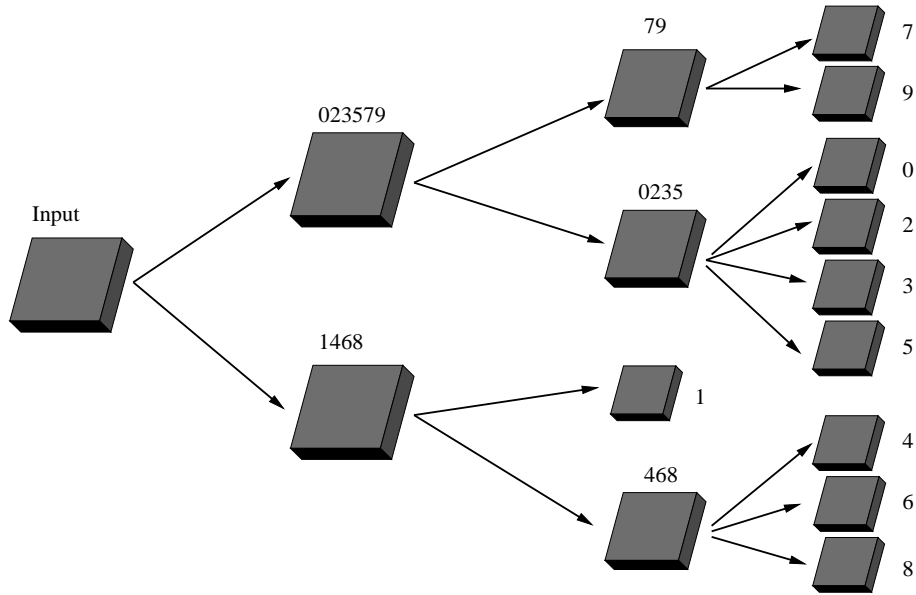


Fig. 4. The structure of the trained hybrid neural network for the ten binary numeral patterns. The numerals over each hidden slab represent the binary numeral patterns the slab wins. The slab with a single numeral is just the SMNN slab of this binary numeral pattern.

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 c on of V^k n y fo j fo $1, 2, \dots$ e
 c n e t_k^* e e po e d of c on
 of V^k
 B ed on e on e e e
 ed e e t_i^* fo o

$$(t_0^*, t_1^*, t_2^*, t_3^*, t_4^*, t_5^*, t_6^*, t_7^*, t_8^*, t_9^*)$$

By co p n t_k^* t_k^* e nd e en n y
 n e p e n c n e e on y e ed fo
 e y d ne e n e y e n no y
 e on en d nce $t_k^* - t_k^* \leq e t_k^* c o e o t_k^*$
 f e o n e e e o f e d o
 n e n e on o ned fo e co p e e e n n
 e on e nd o fo e n e p e n
 o e e n e n ed on y fo e p c
 n e p e n n e y pec on
 e n p n y p e n V doe no e on o
 ny $N_{t_k^*}(V^k)$ e y d ne e o y e
 on e e o e q e cen e
 SMNN e non e p e n e ed

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e e e ed e e o y c e nd e
 n e n n e n e d n e
 SMNN e e o y n n e n e
 p o p ed y d ne e o of d d e e nd
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^aIf the number of all the input in binary patterns with Hamming distance being j from V^k is less than \dots we will use all the possible input in binary patterns

any person engaged in reading should be encouraged. By the way, the evidence for the theory of the connectionist model of the mind is not as strong as it is often claimed to be. The model of the mind is not as simple as it is often claimed to be. The model of the mind is not as simple as it is often claimed to be.

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