

# Implementation of an Associative Memory using a Restricted Hopfield Network

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## Abstract

A trainable analog restricted Hopfield Network is presented in this paper. It consists of two layers of nodes, visible and hidden nodes, connected by weighted directional paths forming a bipartite graph with no intralayer connection. An energy or Lyapunov function was derived to show that the proposed network will converge to stable states. The proposed network can be trained using either the modified SPSA or BPTT algorithms to ensure that all the weights are symmetric. Simulation results show that the presence of hidden nodes increases the network's memory capacity. Using EXOR as an example, the network can be trained to be a dynamic classifier. Using A, U, T, S as training characters, the network was trained to be an associative memory. Simulation results show that the network can perform perfect re-creation of noisy images. Its recreation performance has higher noise tolerance than the standard Hopfield Network and the Restricted Boltzmann Machine. Simulation results also illustrate the importance of feedback iteration in implementing associative memory to re-create from noisy images.

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*Index terms*— hopfield network, restricted boltzmann machine, energy function, lyapunov function,

## 1 Introduction

In 1982, based on his studies of collective dynamical computation in neural networks, Hopfield [1,2,3] proposed an influential recurrent neural network with many potential applications such as content addressable memory and optimization engine for the traveling-salesman problem. He formulated an Energy function for the network using the Lyapunov Direct Method showing that the network converges to a stable state if it has symmetric weights. Each network node does not have self-feedback.

Hopfield network comes in two forms: analog or discrete. However, in either format, the network can only be programmed to memorize patterns using the Hebbian Rule and has a limited memory capacity to store  $0.15N$  patterns where  $N$  is the network's number of nodes. Many have tried to improve the network's memory capacity problem and trainability issue [4,5]. For example, instead of trying to memorize the patterns in one presentation cycle, Gardner [6,7,8] improved the network by presenting the training patterns repeatedly and using the perceptron convergence procedure to train each node to generate the correct state given the states of all the other nodes for a particular training vector.

A Boltzmann machine is a stochastic recurrent neural network with interconnected visible and hidden nodes introduced by Hinton [9,10]. Like a Hopfield network, a Boltzmann has a similar energy function when the weights are symmetric and converges to a stable state when an input vector is presented to the visible nodes. A Boltzmann machine takes a long time to train. As a result, a restricted Boltzmann machine (RBM) was introduced [11,12,13]. It consists of two layers of nodes,  $L$  visible and  $M$  hidden nodes, connected by symmetric weights with no intralayer connection. Each node makes probabilistic decisions to be either on or off. The connection restriction allows for more efficient training algorithms, notably the gradient-based contrastive divergence algorithm, to be developed. The network is capable of learning the probabilistic pattern of a set of inputs.

44 An analog restricted Hopfield network (RHN) is proposed in this paper to solve the memory capacity and the  
 45 trainability issue of the Hopfield network. Like an RBM, the architecture consists of two layers of nodes, visible  
 46 and hidden nodes, connected by directional weighted connection paths. The network is a fullyconnected bipartite  
 47 graph and has no intralayer connection. The visible nodes are classified into either input or output nodes to  
 48 manage the flow of information to/from the visible nodes. An energy or Lyapunov function was derived to prove  
 49 that the proposed network always converges to stable states when an input vector is presented. The proposed  
 50 network iterates, sending signals back and forth between the two layers until all its nodes reach an equilibrium  
 51 state based on the corresponding basin of attraction, generating the desired output vector.

52 Two training algorithms were used to train the proposed network: Simultaneous Perturbation Stochastic  
 53 Approximation (SPSA) [14,15] and Back propagation Through Time (BPTT) [16,17]. The SPSA algorithm was  
 54 introduced by Spall and is simple to implement. It can estimate the gradient of the error function using only  
 55 two final error values of the function. Therefore, the merit of this training rule was demonstrated to train the  
 56 proposed network. The BPTT algorithm, on the other hand, is based on the fact that the temporal operation of  
 57 an RHN may be unfolded into a multilayer perceptron so that a standard back propagation algorithm could  
 58 be applied.

59 Simulation results show that the proposed network can be trained to implement a dynamic classifier  
 60 implementing an EXOR function. Using A, U, T, S as training characters, the network was trained to be  
 61 an associative memory. Simulation results show that the network performs perfect re-creation of these images  
 62 even when the input image is noisy. The results also show that the proposed network performs better than the  
 63 standard Hopfield Network and RBM.

64 The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 presents the background work on Hopfield Network and Restricted  
 65 Boltzmann Machine. An RHN with hidden nodes function is presented in section 3. In section 4, two algorithms  
 66 to train the network are introduced. Section 5 presents some simulation results on the performance of the RHN.

## 67 2 II.

### 68 3 Background a) Hopfield Network

69 An analog Hopfield network consists of fully interconnected nodes modeled as amplifiers, in conjunction with  
 70 feedback circuits comprises of wires, resistors, and capacitors, as shown in Figure ??.

### 71 4 Figure 1: An analog Hopfield network

72 The dynamics of the network can be described by the following differential equations:

73 Where  $N$  is the number of nodes in the network,  $u_i$  is the input voltage of the amplifier,  $T_{ij}$  is the weight or  
 74 conductance connecting the output of node  $j$  to the input of node  $i$ ,  $V_j$  is the output of node  $j$ ,  $RC$  is the time  
 75 constant of the network,  $I_i$  is the input to node  $i$ , and  $g()$  is the output function of a node.

76 The following energy function for the network was derived by Hopfield using the Lyapunov Direct Method  
 77 if the network has symmetric weights and each network node does not have self-feedback. For the initial-value  
 78 problem,  $I_i$  input is applied to node  $i$  at  $t = 0$  and then allow the network to evolve. The integration of the above  
 79 differential equations provides the network states' evolution. With the energy function's existence, the network  
 80 will always converge to a stable state.

81 Hopfield networks can only be programmed to memorize patterns using the Hebbian Rule. When the output  
 82 function  $g()$  is a sigmoid function, the network transforms the initial input vector iteratively and continuously  
 83 into the output vector in the range  $[0, 1]$ . To program the network to memorize specific binary input vectors  
 84  $(S(p), p = 1 \dots P)$ , the weight or conductance  $T_{ij}$  is determined by the following formula:

85 When the output function  $g()$  is a hyperbolic tangent function, the network transforms the initial input  
 86 vector  $du_i/dt = \sum_{j=1}^N T_{ij} v_j - u_i + I_i = RC \frac{du_i}{dt}$   $V_i = g(u_i)$  (1)  $E = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N T_{ij} V_i V_j - \sum_{i=1}^N V_i u_i$  (2)  $T_{ij} = \sum_{p=1}^P (2S_i(p) - 1)(2S_j(p) - 1)(3)$

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 89 specific binary input vectors  $(S(p), p = 1 \dots P)$ , the weight or conductance  $T_{ij}$  is determined by the following  
 90 formula:

### 91 5 b) Restricted Boltzmann Machine (RBM)

92 A restricted Boltzmann machine (RBM) is a stochastic recurrent neural network [4,9,10] consisting of two layers  
 93 of nodes,  $L$  visible and  $M$  hidden nodes, connected by symmetric weights with no intralayer connection. Each  
 94 node makes probabilistic decisions to be either on or off. The network is capable of learning the probabilistic  
 95 pattern of a set of inputs.

96 The following differential equations can describe the dynamics of the network: In the forward path:

97 Where  $\sum_{i=1}^M u_i$  is the sum of all inputs to the hidden node  $i$ ,  $w_{ij}$  is the weight connecting the  
 98 output of visible node  $j$  to the input of hidden node  $i$ ,  $v_j$  is the output of visible node  $j$ ,  $\theta_i$  is the  
 99 threshold of hidden node  $i$ ,  $h_i$  is the output of hidden node  $i$ ,  $g()$  is the Sigmoid logistic output function  
 100 of hidden node  $i$ . In the backward path:



161  $dV H_i dt du H_i dt$  (18) $dE dt = ? M_{i=1} dV H_i du H_i dt du H_i dt dE dt = ? M_{i=1} dV H_i du H_i ($   
 162  $du H_i dt ) 2(19)V H_i = g(u H_i )(20) dV HF$

163 Assume that all the weights are symmetric, then:

164 Therefore, Equation 12 can be reduced to the following:

165 and can be simplified to:

166 Further simplified to:

167 Using Chain Rule:

168 Since:

169 If the output function is a Sigmoid or hyperbolic tangent function, then:

170 Then:

171 The proposed RHN is a dynamic system. Therefore, it has attractors toward which a system tends to evolve  
 172 for a wide variety of the system's initial conditions. The existence of a basin of attraction for each attractor  
 173 guarantees that any initial condition in the nearby region will iterate to the attractor. When an input vector in  
 174 a specific basin of attraction is presented, the proposed network sends signals back and forth between the hidden  
 175 and visible layers until all the nodes reach an equilibrium state minimizing the energy function above, generating  
 176 the desired output vector.

177 The visible nodes can be divided into either A input and B output nodes, as shown in Figure 3. In the forward  
 178 computation path, each node in the hidden layer receives the weighted output of both the input and output  
 179 nodes of the visible layer. In the backward computation direction, only the output nodes receive the weighted  
 180 output of the hidden nodes. Therefore, when an input vector is presented to the input nodes, signals are sent  
 181 back and forth between the hidden and output nodes until an equilibrium state is reached. $w_{H_{ij}} = w_{V_{ji}}$  (22)  
 182  $dE dt = ? L_{j=1} M_{i=1} w_{V_{ji}} dV_{V_j} dt V_{H_i} ? L_{j=1} dV_{V_j} dt ? V_j (23)dE dt = ? L_{j=1} dV_{V_j} dt ( M$   
 183  $j=1 w_{V_{ji}} V_{H_i} + ? V_j )(24)dE dt = ? L_{i=1} dV_{V_j} dt du_{V_j} dt (25)dE dt = ? L_{j=1} dV_{V_j} du_{V_j} du_{V_j}$   
 184  $dt du_{V_j} dt dE dt = ? L_{j=1} dV_{V_j} du_{V_j} ( du_{V_j} dt ) 2$

185 (26) $V_{V_j} = g(u_{V_j})(27)dV_{V_j} du_{V_j}$

186 is always positive  $dE dt$  is always negative in the backward path The following differential equations describe  
 187 the dynamics of the network: In the forward path:

## 188 9 Initial conditions:

189 Where  $?? ?? ??$  is the sum of all inputs to the hidden nodes,  $?? ???? ??$  is the weight connecting the output of  
 190 output node  $j$  to the input of hidden node  $i$ ,  $?? ?? ??$  is the output of output node  $j$ ,  $?? ???? ??$  is the weight  
 191 connecting the output of input node  $k$  to the input of hidden node  $i$ ,  $I_k$  is the output of input node  $k$ ,  $?? ??$   
 192  $??$  is the threshold of hidden node  $i$ ,  $?? ?? ??$  is the output of hidden node  $i$ , and  $g()$  is the output function of  
 193 hidden node  $i$ .

## 194 10 In the backward path:

195 Where  $?? ?? ??$  is the sum of all inputs to the output nodes,  $?? ???? ??$  is the weight connecting the output of  
 196 hidden node  $i$  to the input of output node  $j$ ,  $?? ?? ??$  is the output of hidden node  $i$ ,  $?? ?? ??$  is the threshold  
 197 of output node  $j$ ,  $?? ?? ??$  is the output of output node  $j$ , and  $g()$  is the output function of output node  $j$ .

198 The proposed RHN always generates analog outputs between 0 and 1 when  $g()$  is a sigmoid function or between  
 199  $?1$  and  $1$  when  $g()$  is a hyperbolic tangent function.

200 Using the Lyapunov Direct Method, it can be shown that Eqn. 31 is the energy or Lyapunov functions of the  
 201 proposed network.

202 Differentiating  $E$ , we get: Expanding all the above terms in Eqn.32, we get: Then: $du_{H_i} dt = ? B_{j=1} w_{H_{ij}} V_{O_j} + H_{k=1} w_{H_{ik}} I_k + ? H_i V_{H_i} = g(u_{H_i})(28)V_{O_j} (0) = 0 V_{H_i} (0) = 0 (29) du_{O_j} dt = M_{i=1}$   
 203  $w_{O_{ji}} V_{H_i} + ? O_j V_{O_j} = g(u_{O_j})(30)E = ? 1 2 M_{i=1} B_{j=1} w_{H_{ij}} V_{H_i} V_{O_j} ? 1 2 B_{j=1} M_{i=1} w_{O_{ji}} V_{O_j} V_{H_i} ? M_{i=1} A_{k=1} w_{H_{ik}} V_{H_i} I_k ? M_{i=1} V_{H_i} ? H_i ? B_{i=1} V_{O_i} ? O_i (31) dE dt = ? d dt ($   
 204  $1 2 M_{i=1} B_{j=1} w_{H_{ij}} V_{H_i} V_{O_j} ) ? d dt ( 1 2 B_{j=1} M_{i=1} w_{O_{ji}} V_{O_j} V_{H_i} ) ? d dt ( M_{i=1} A_{k=1} w_{H_{ik}} V_{H_i} I_k ) ? d dt ( M_{i=1} V_{H_i} ? H_i ) ? d dt ( B_{i=1} V_{O_i} ? O_i )(32$   
 205  $H_{ik} V_{H_i} I_k ) ? d dt ( M_{i=1} V_{H_i} ? H_i ) ? d dt ( B_{i=1} V_{O_i} ? O_i )(32$

206 For the rest of the terms, we get:

207 Now consider the forward path: Because the outputs of visible nodes are constant in the backward path, then:

208 Assume that all the weights are symmetric, then:

209 Therefore, Equation 32 can be reduced to:

210 and can be simplified to:

211 Further simplified to:

212 Using Chain Rule:

213 Since:

214 If the output function is a sigmoid or hyperbolic tangent function, then: $d dt ( 1 2 M_{i=1} B_{j=1} w_{H_{ij}} V_{H_i}$   
 215  $V_{O_j} ) = 1 2 M_{i=1} B_{j=1} w_{H_{ij}} dV_{H_i} dt V_{O_j} + 1 2 M_{i=1} B_{j=1} w_{H_{ij}} V_{H_i} dV_{O_j} dt d dt ( 1 2 B_{j=1}$   
 216  $M_{i=1} w_{O_{ji}} V_{O_j} V_{H_i} ) = 1 2 B_{j=1} M_{i=1} w_{O_{ji}} dV_{O_j} dt V_{H_i} + 1 2 B_{j=1} M_{i=1} w_{O_{ji}} V_{O_j} dV_{H_i}$   
 217  $dt d dt ( M_{i=1} A_{k=1} w_{H_{ik}} V_{H_i} I_k ) = M_{i=1} A_{k=1} w_{H_{ik}} dV_{H_i} dt I_k + M_{i=1} A_{k=1} w_{H_{ik}} V_{H_i}$   
 218  $dI_k dt (33) dI_k dt = 0 (34) d dt ( M_{i=1} A_{k=1} w_{H_{ik}} V_{H_i} I_k ) = M_{i=1} A_{k=1} w_{H_{ik}} dV_{H_i} dt I_k (35)$

221  $d dt M_{i=1} V H_i ? H_i = M_{i=1} dV H_i dt ? H_i d dt B_{i=1} V O_i ? O_i = B_{i=1} dV O_i dt ? O_i$  (36)  $dV O_j$   
 222  $dt = 0(37)w H_{ij} = w O_{ji}$  (38)  $dE dt = ? M_{i=1} B_{j=1} w H_{ij} dV H_i dt V O_j ? M_{i=1} A_{k=1} w H_{ik} dV H$   
 223  $i dt I_k ? M_{i=1} dV H_i dt ? H_i$  (39)  $dE dt = ? M_{i=1} dV H_i dt ( B_{j=1} w H_{ij} V O_j + A_{k=1} w H_{ik} I_k$   
 224  $+ ? H_i)(40)dE dt = ? M_{i=1} dV H_i dt du H_i dt (41)dE dt = ? M_{i=1} dV H_i du H_i du H_i dt du H_i dt$   
 225  $dE dt = ? M_{i=1} dV H_i du H_i ( du H_i dt )^2(42)V H_i = g(u H_i) (43)dV H_i du H_i$  is always positive (44)  
 226 Volume Xx XI Issue II V ersion I Global Journal of Researches in Engineering ( ) F a) SPSA Algorithm

227 As mentioned earlier (Equations 3 and 4), the conventional Hebbian rule is not suitable for training the  
 228 proposed network because the outputs of the hidden nodes are unknown, and the equations cannot handle analog  
 229 quantities.

230 The simultaneous perturbation stochastic approximation (SPSA) algorithm uses a gradient approximation  
 231 that requires only 2N objective function measurements over all N iterations regardless of the optimization  
 232 network's dimension [4,9]. Therefore, the SPSA algorithm, as shown in the following formulae, is suited for  
 233 a high-dimensional optimization problem of minimizing an objective function dependent on multiple adjustable  
 234 symmetric weights.

235 At each iteration, a simultaneous perturbation delta vector with mutually independent zero-mean random  
 236 variables is generated; each element  $\delta_{ij}(k)$  in  $\delta(k)$  matrix is generated with a probability of 0.5 of being either  
 237 +1 or 1. Two weight matrices  $W_+$  and  $W_-$  are calculated by adding and subtracting the  $\delta(k)$  matrix scaled by  
 238 gain sequence  $c(k)$  to/from the current weight matrix  $W(k)$  to compute their respective contributions  $J(W_+)$   
 239 and  $J(W_-)$  to the objective function. Dependent on the outcome of the evaluation and scaled by gain sequences  
 240  $a(k)$  and  $c(k)$ , the current weight matrix  $W$  is updated accordingly. The gain sequences  $a(k)$  and  $c(k)$  decrease  
 241 as the number of iterations  $k$  increases, will converge to 0 as  $k$  approaches  $\infty$ .

242 The objective function  $J$  used for the optimization of the proposed RHN is:

243 Where  $i_j$  is the  $j$ th element of the desired output vector  $i$ ,  $o_j(k)$  is the output value of the  $j$   
 244 th output node when training pattern  $i$  is presented,  $B$  is the number of output nodes, and  $P$  is the number of  
 245 training patterns.

## 246 11 b) Backward Propagation Through Time (BPTT) Algorithm

247 For simplicity and the ability to apply BPTT training algorithm, the proposed network in Figure 3 can be  
 248 transformed into a discrete-time system and unfolded in time, as shown in Figure 4. The error function  $J$  used  
 249 for the optimization of the proposed RHN is:  $J(W_{ij}) = J(W(k) + c(k)\delta(k)) - J(W(k) - c(k)\delta(k)) / 2c(k)\delta_{ij}(k)$   
 250  $W_{ij}(k+1) = W_{ji}(k+1) = W_{ij}(k) + a(k)\delta_{ij}(k)$  (55)  $J = \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{j=1}^B (D_{ij} - V O_{ij}(k))^2$  (56)

251 Where  $p_j$  is the  $j$ th element of the desired output vector  $k$ ,  $V O_j(T)$  is the output value of the  $j$ th  
 252 output node when training pattern  $p$  is presented,  $B$  is the number of output nodes, and  $P$  is the number of  
 253 training patterns.  $J = \sum_{p=1}^P \sum_{j=1}^B (D_{pj} - V O_{pj}(T))^2$  (57)

254 Applying the BPTT algorithm, Where the deltas are:

255 Since the weights are symmetric, then:

256  $V$ .

## 257 12 Simulation Results

### 258 13 a) Comparison of Hopfield Network and RHN

259 Let us consider storing 3 vectors ([1100], [0110], [0101]) in a Hopfield network. Hopfield network can be  
 260 programmed to memorize these three vector patterns using Hebbian Rule, and the weight matrix is:  $W O_{ji}$   
 261  $= \sum_{p=1}^3 (O_{pj} V H_{pj}(T) + \sum_{q=1}^3 H_{2pj} V H_i(T - 1))$  (58)

262 For  $j = 1 \dots A$ :  $W H_{ij} = \sum_{p=1}^3 (H_{1pi} + \sum_{q=1}^3 H_{3pi}) I O_{pj}$  (59)

263 For  $j = A + 1 \dots A + B$ ,  $k = 1 \dots B$ :  $W H_{ij} = \sum_{p=1}^3 (H_{1pi} V O_{pk}(T - 1) + \sum_{q=1}^3 H_{3pi} V O_{pk}(T - 2))$  (60)  
 264  $\sum_{p=1}^3 O_{pj} = g(u O_{pj}(T)) (D_{pj} - V O_{pj}(T))$   $\sum_{p=1}^3 H_{1pi} = g(u H_{pi}(T)) \sum_{p=1}^3 O_{pj} W O_{ji} - \sum_{p=1}^3 H_{2pj}$   
 265  $= g(u O_{pj}(T - 1)) \sum_{p=1}^3 H_{1pj} W H_{ij} - \sum_{p=1}^3 H_{3pi} = g(u H_{pj}(T - 1)) \sum_{p=1}^3 H_{2pj} W O_{ji}$  (61)  $W O_{ji}(T$   
 266  $+ 1) = w H_{ij}(T + 1) = w O_{ji}(T) + \sum_{p=1}^3 W O_{ji} + \sum_{p=1}^3 W H_{ij}$  (62)

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268 The weight matrix will generate the correct output vector when the corresponding input vector with noise is  
 269 provided.

270 Let us consider storing the fourth vector [1111] in the network. The weight matrix to store vector [1111] is:

271 Adding this new weight matrix to the previous weight matrix of the Hopfield network programmed to store 3  
 272 vectors ([1100], [0110], [0101]) yields a weight matrix with zero elements, erasing all the previous programming,  
 273 as shown in the following. Therefore, the Hopfield network cannot be programmed to remember all four vectors  
 274 ([1100], [0110], [0101], [1111]) using Hebbian rule. However, by introducing five hidden nodes in the proposed  
 275 RHN, all the vectors can be easily stored and recalled correctly. The simulation shows that it is possible to  
 276 increase the Hopfield network's memory capacity by using more hidden nodes. By increasing the number of  
 277 hidden nodes to 50, the proposed network can remember all 16 binary vectors.

14 b) EXOR Problem

The EXOR or exclusive-or problem is a classical problem in neural network research. It is a problem of using a neural network to predict EXOR logic gates' outputs given two binary inputs. The network should return a "1" if the two inputs are not equal and a "0" if they are similar. The EXOR problem appears to be simple. However, Minsky and Papert in 1969 showed that this was a big problem for neural network architectures of the 1960s, providing a good test for the proposed network [18].

Using an RHN with input and output nodes, as shown in Figure 3, is used. An RHN with 2 input nodes, one output node, and four hidden nodes was created. It was trained to learn the EXOR problem. Figure 6 shows the training curve of the network using the SPSA algorithm described earlier. The network is trained after 1000 training iterations. An RHN with 35 input nodes, 35 output nodes, and ten hidden nodes is created. The network is then trained to perform auto-encoding of A, U, T, S characters, each with 5 7 pixels. The input characters are distorted by changing some of the pixels to test the network's ability to re-create the characters in the presence of noise. 0 1 ?1 ?1 1 0 ?1 ?1 ?1 ?1 0 1 ?1 ?1 1 0 ? ? ? + ? ? ? ? 0 ?1 ?1 1 ?1 0 1 ?1 ?1 1 0 ?1 1 ?1 ?1 0 ? ? ? + ? ? ? ? 0 ?1 1 ?1 ?1 0 ?1 1 ?1 ?1 1 ?1 0 ? ? ? = ? ? ? ? 0 ?1 ?1 ?1 ?1 0 ?1 ?1 ?1 ?1 0 ?1 ?1 ?1 ?1 0 ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? 0 ?1 ?1 ?1 ?1 0 ?1 ?1 ?1 ?1 0 ?1 ?1 ?1 ?1 0 ? ? ? + ? ? ? ? 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 ? ? ? ? = ? ? ? ? 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ? ? ? ?

In Figure 9, the distorted images of A, U, T, S are on the left and re-created images are on the right. The figure shows that the network can perform perfect re-creation of these images even when distorted images with the Hamming distance of 13 are presented. As shown in Figure 10, an RHN trained with the BPTT algorithm can re-create the images with an average error rate of 2.4% when the Hamming distance is 5. The result is significantly improved compared with the RHN trained with the SPSA algorithm resulting in an error pattern of more than 4.4% for the same input. The classical Hopfield network and RBM can only achieve an error rate of 22.6% and 13.4%, respectively, for input vectors with the same Hamming distance. The RHN performs better compared to the Hopfield network and RBM.

15 d) Creating an Associative Memory Model of Hand Written Digits

The MNIST handwritten digit classification problem is a standard dataset used in computer vision and deep learning. The dataset contains 60,000 images, typically split into 50,000 training images and 10,000 validation images.

In this example, instead of performing handwritten classification, some of the 50,000 MNIST images are used as training inputs to associate with 3 5 pixel models representing handwritten digits, as shown in Figure 11. All 10,000 validation MNIST images will be used as test images to verify the network's associative function. The Input layer will hold the raw pixel values of the image, in this case, an image of width 28, height 28;

The 2D-Convolution layer will compute the output of. The Max-pooling layer will perform a downsampling operation along the spatial dimensions (width, height), resulting in a smaller volume of  $7 \times 7 \times 4$ .

The Matrix to Vector layer will convert a volume of. An RHN with 196 input nodes, 100 hidden nodes, and 15 output nodes will be trained using the BPTT algorithm to associate an input image with a digit model of  $3 \times 5$  pixels.

The network architecture was inspired by the visual cortex's organization, having a similar connectivity pattern of the retina, ganglion cells, and neurons in a human brain. Individual neurons respond to stimuli only in a restricted region of the visual field known as the receptive field. A collection of such fields overlap to cover the entire image area. created as outputs at iteration 0. The network generated correct models of "0" and "4" after the first iteration. When input image "1" is presented, it takes two feedback iterations to generate the correct model of "1". When input image "6" is presented, the network first generated a wrong model of "5" and then corrected its output to generate the correct model of "6" after the first feedback iteration. The effect of feedback iterations on the performance of an RHN is illustrated in Figure 14. The figure shows that the network can re-create half of the models correctly without any feedback iteration. However, the network's performance can be improved by applying one or more feedback iterations. This result illustrates the importance of feedback iteration in implementing an associative memory using the proposed RHN.

Figure 15 shows a network's performance after being trained using only 500 and 5000 training images. The graph shows that the network could re-create 6674 of the images perfectly when 500 training images were used, while the network can re-create 7849 of the images perfectly when 5000 training images were used.

16 Conclusion

A trainable analog Restricted Hopfield Network is presented in this paper. An energy or Lyapunov function was derived to show that the proposed network will converge to stable states when an input vector is introduced. The proposed network can be trained using either the modified SPSA or BPTT algorithms to ensure that all the weights are symmetric. Simulation results show that the presence of hidden nodes increases the network's memory capacity. Using A, U, T, S as training characters, the network can be trained to be an associative memory. Simulation results show that the network can perform perfect re-creation of noisy images and perform

337 better than the standard Hopfield Network and RBM. Simulation results also illustrate the importance of feedback iteration in implementing associative memory to re-create from noisy images.<sup>1 2</sup>

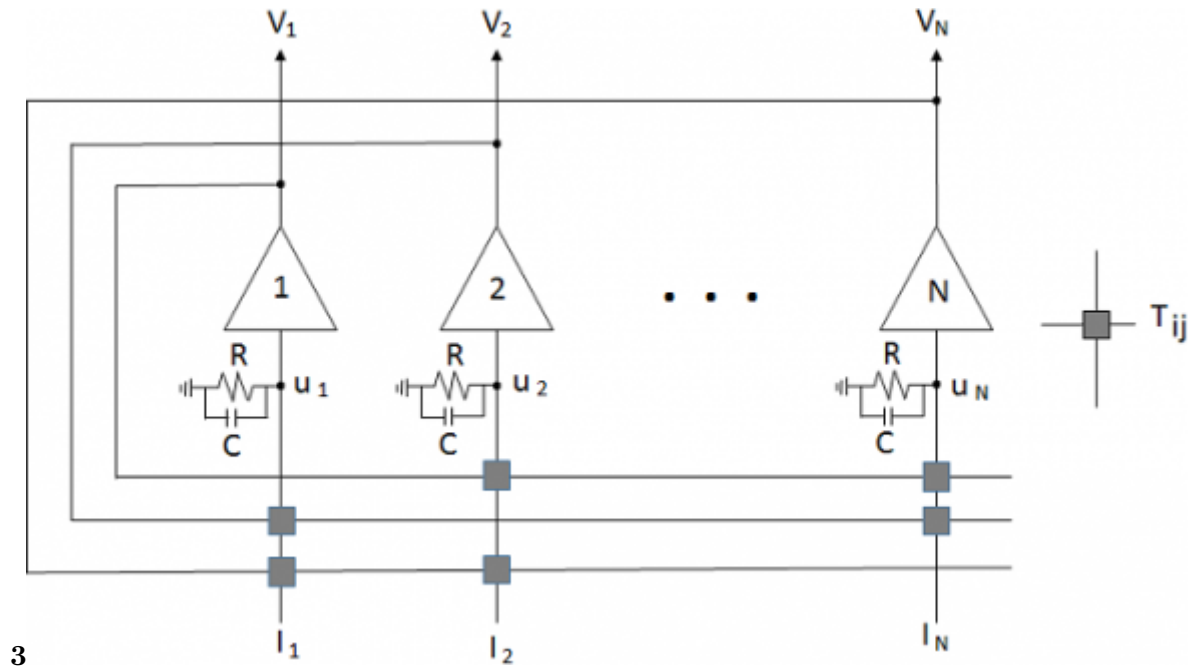


Figure 1: Figure 3 :

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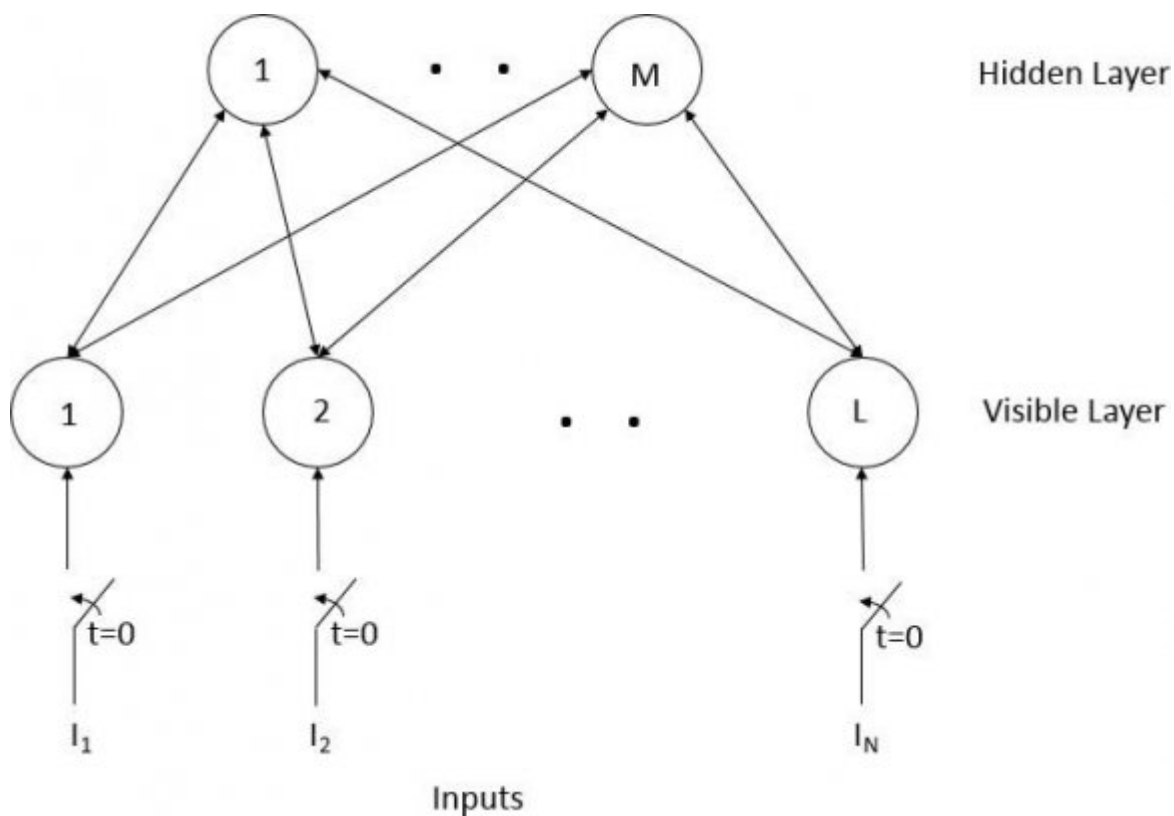


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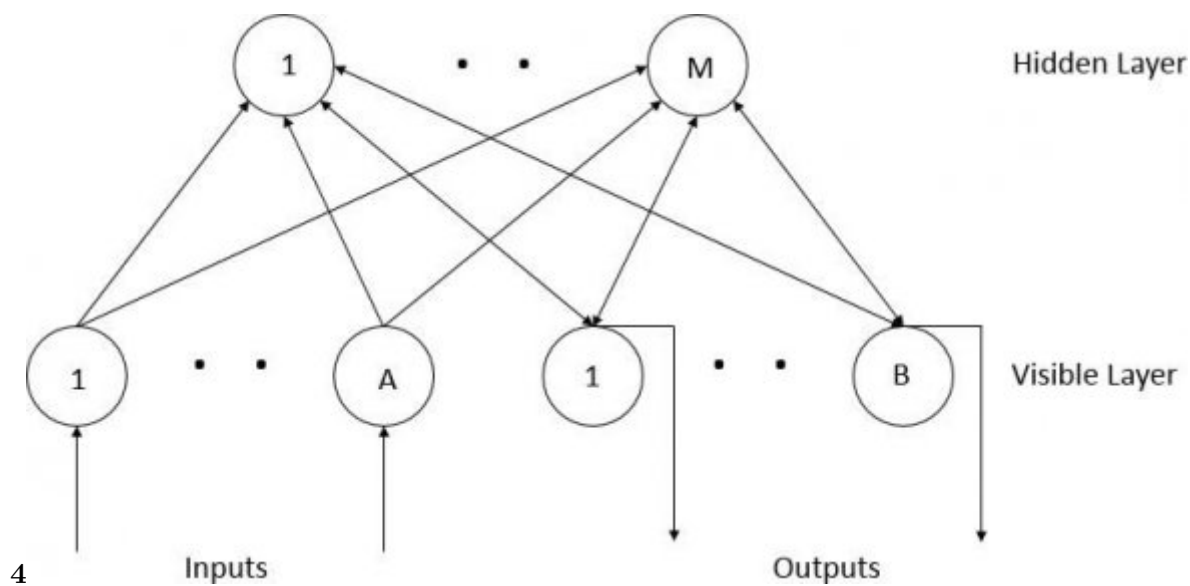
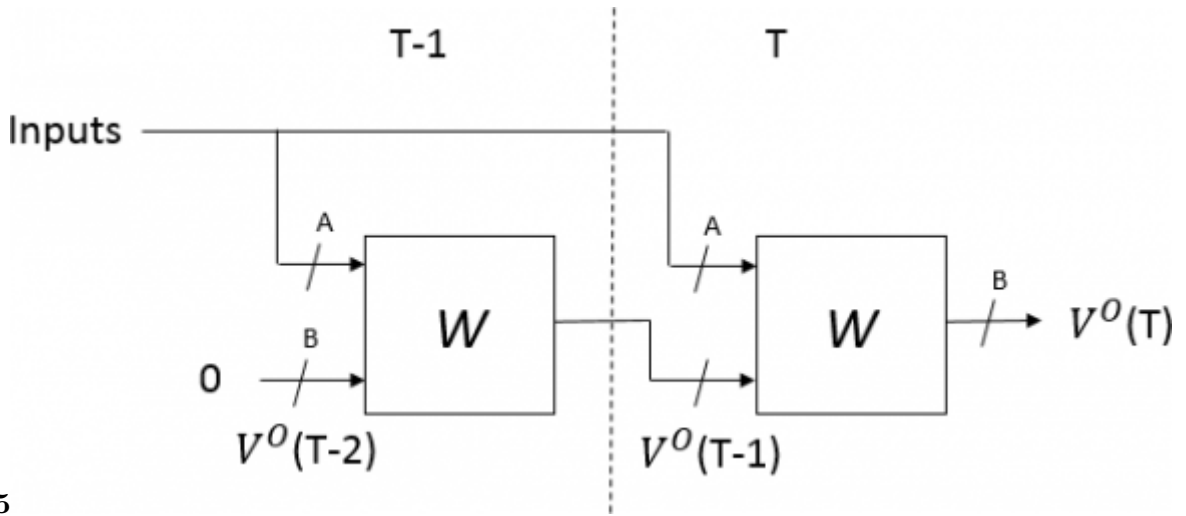
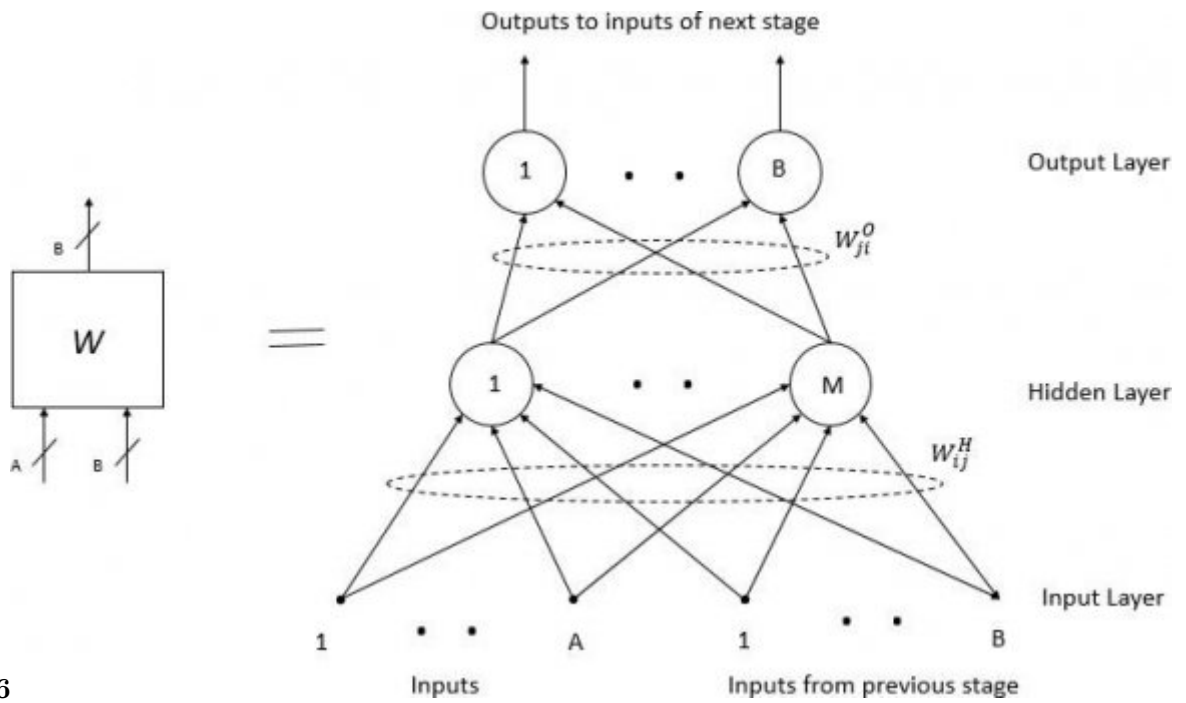


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Figure 4: Figure 5 :



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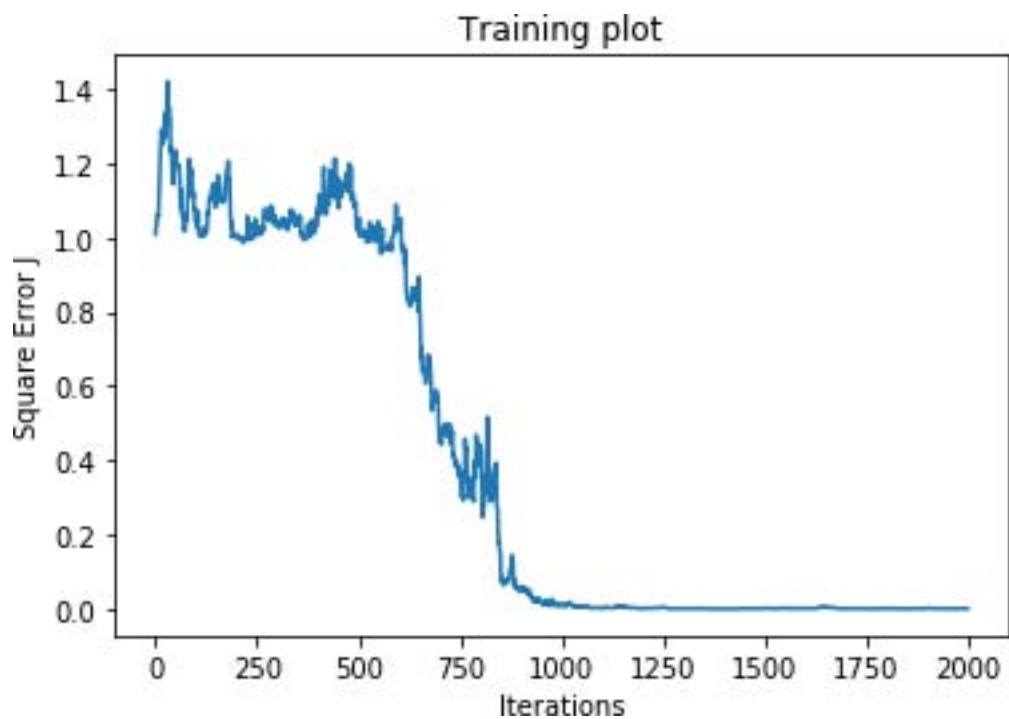
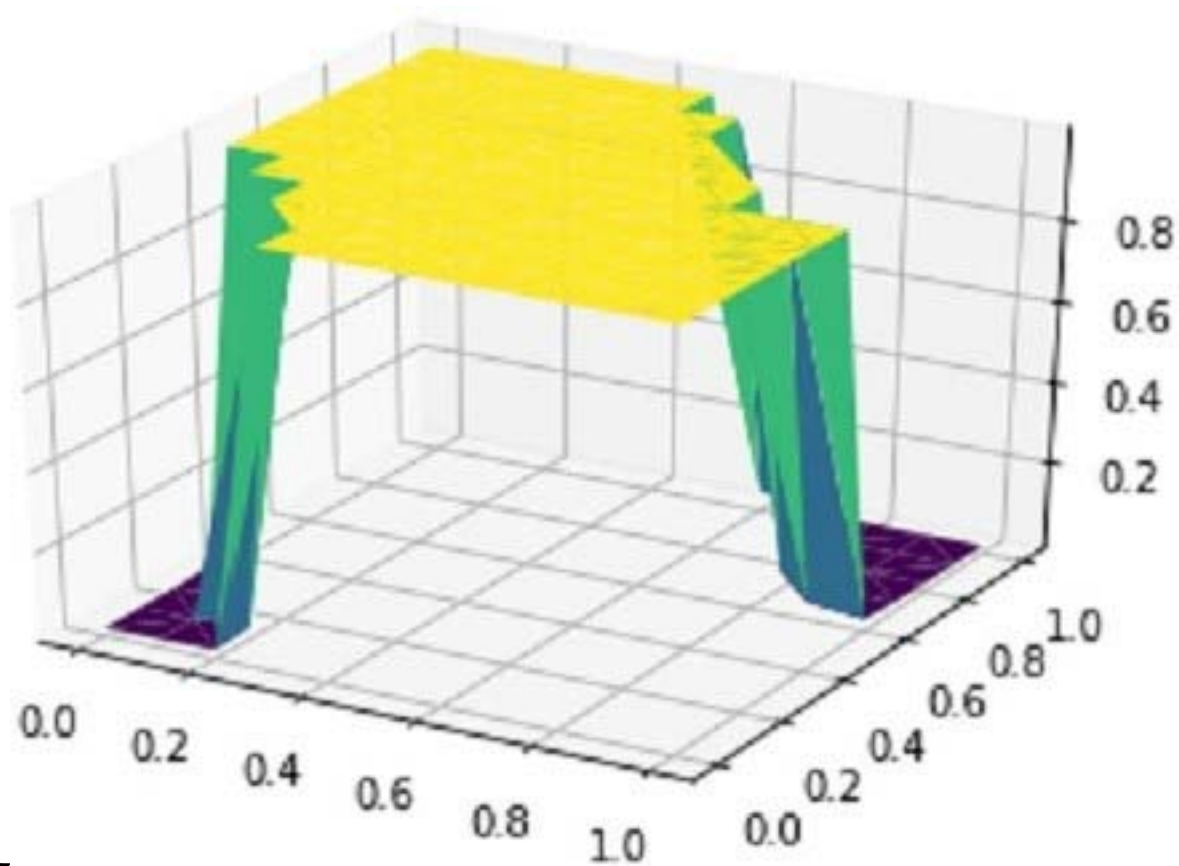
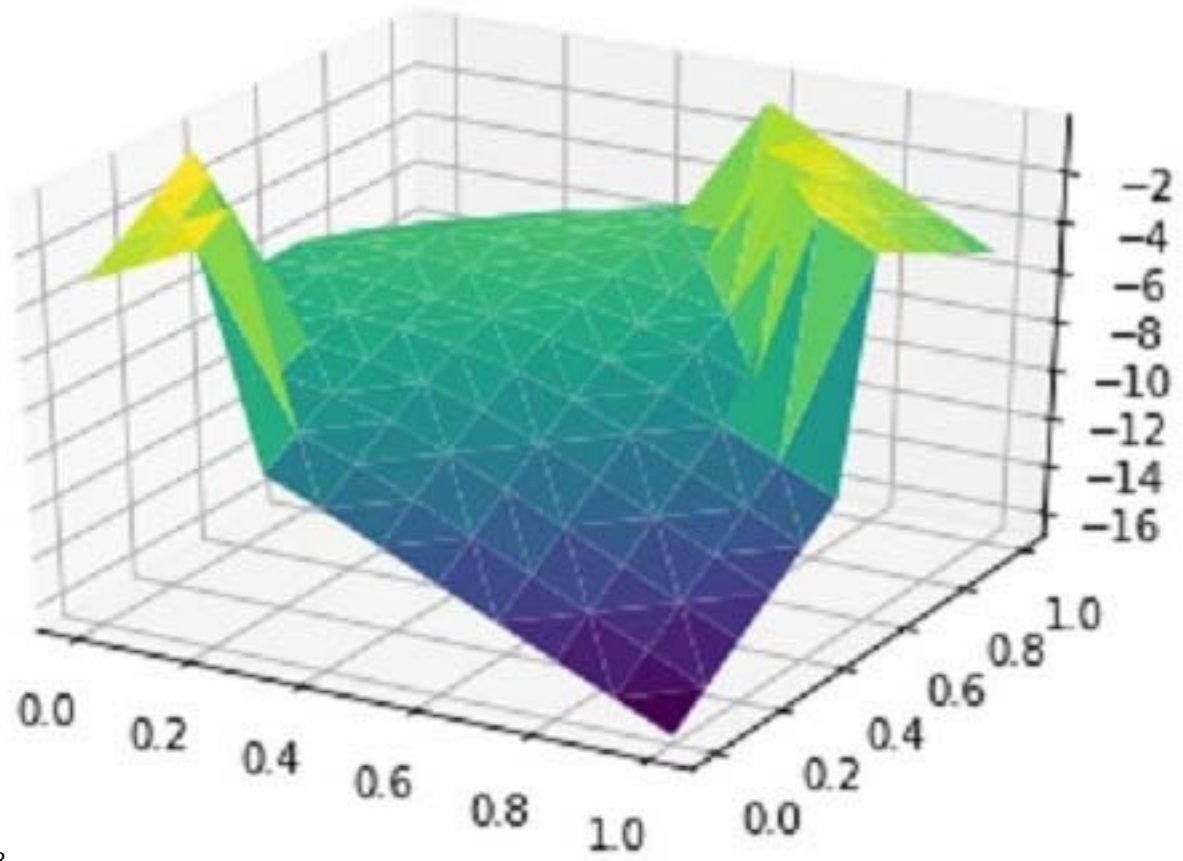


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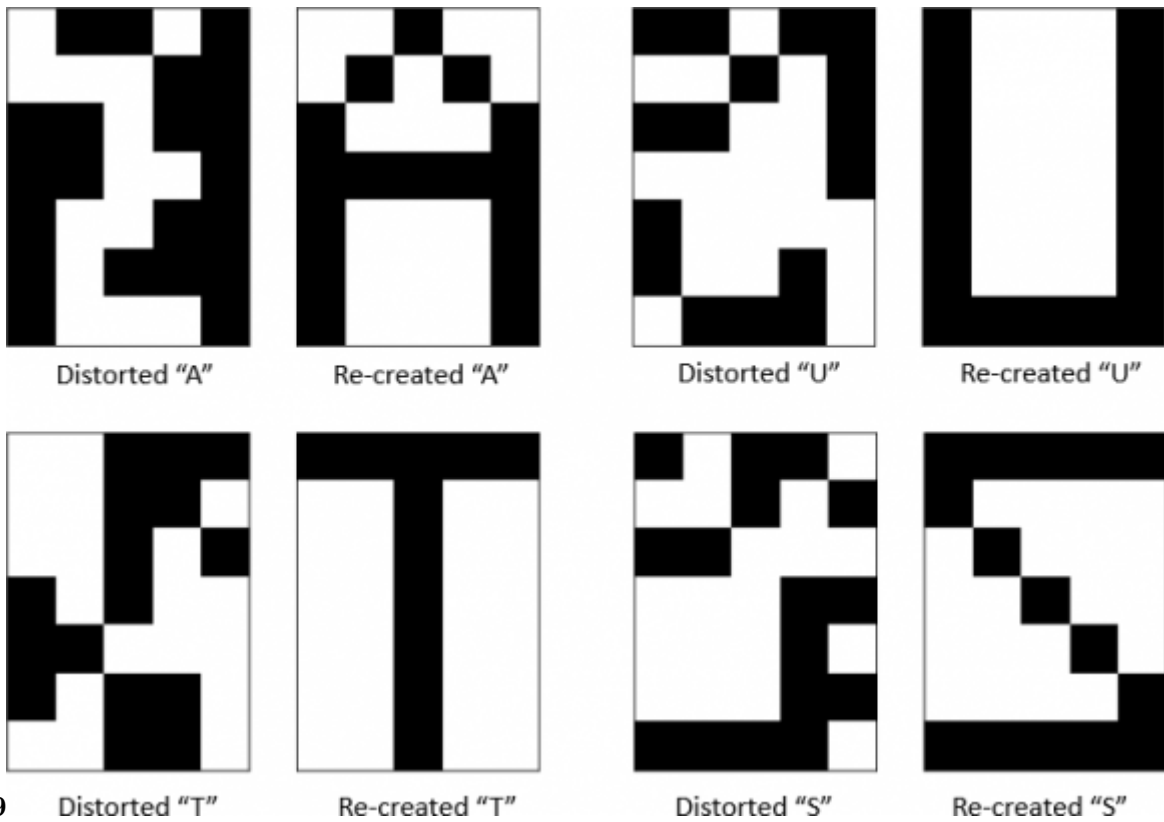
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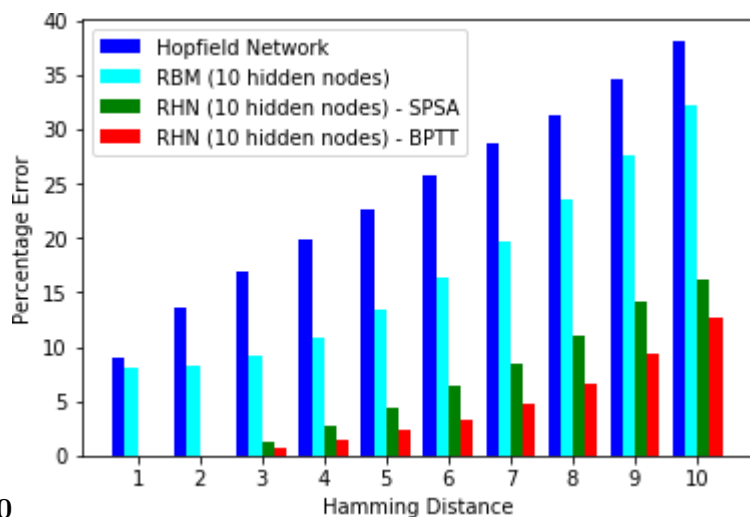
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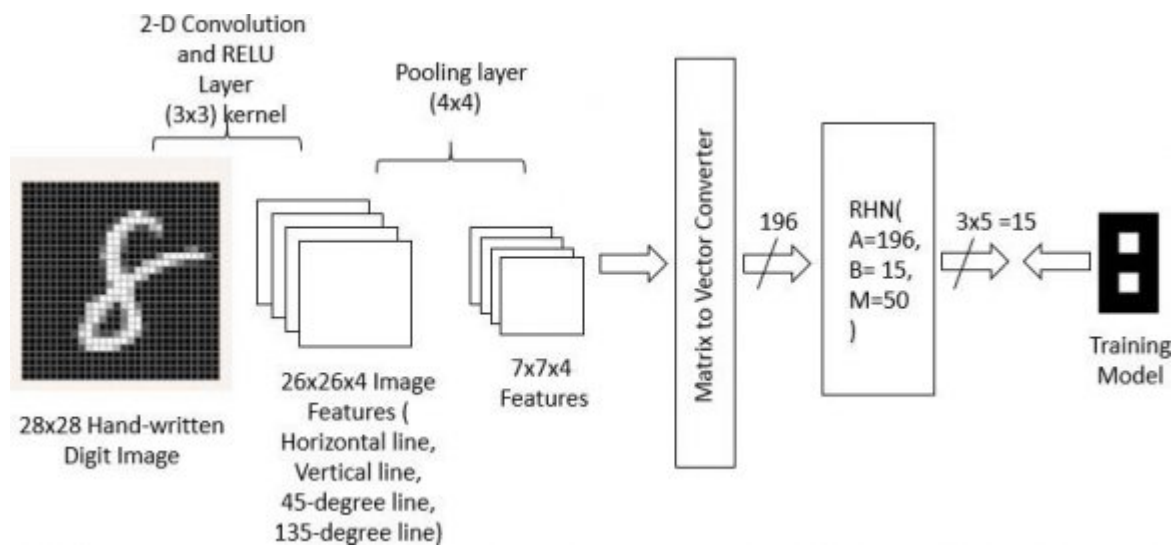


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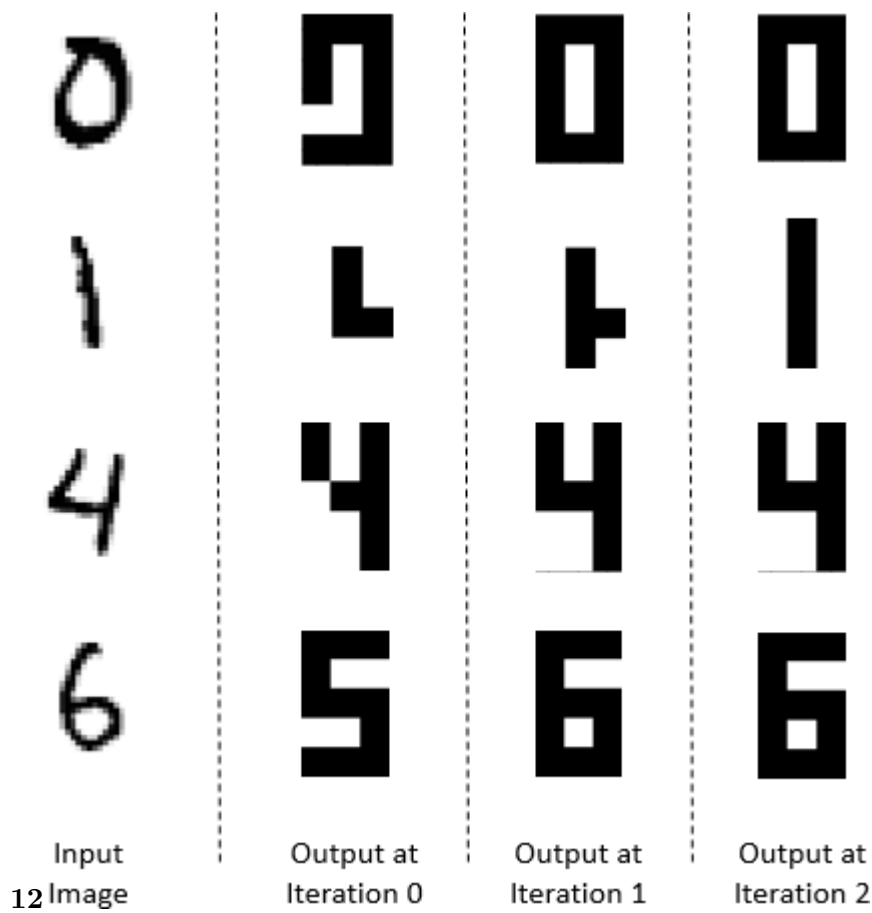


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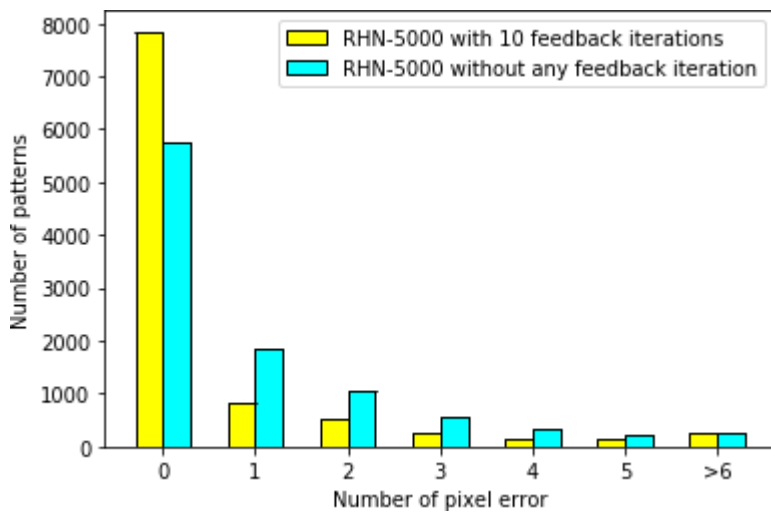
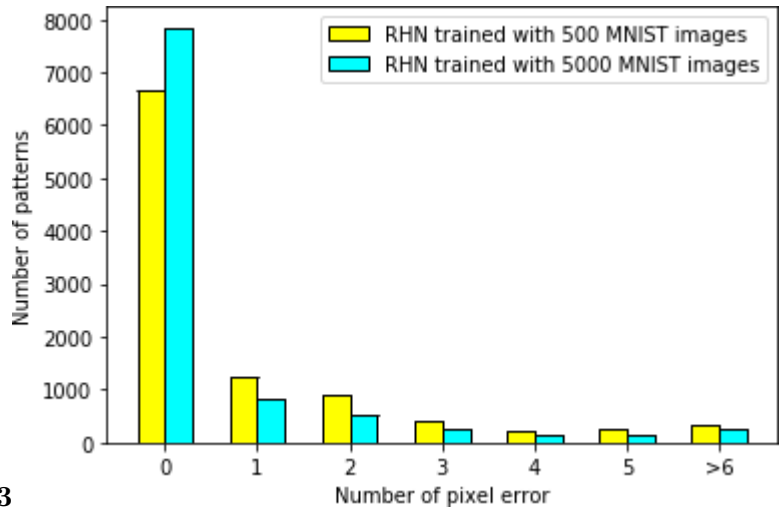


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Figure 15: Figure 13 :

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Input	T	T = 1	Output at each iteration	T = 2	T = 3	T = 5	T
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0	0	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004
0	1	0.258	0.510	0.638	0.847	0.990	0.990
1	0	0.316	0.521	0.851	0.990	0.990	0.990
1	1	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003

c) Associative Memory Problem

Figure 16: Table 1 :

339 The proposed RHN is a dynamic system. When an input vector is presented to the input nodes, and the input  
 340 vector is in a specific basin of attraction, the proposed network sends signals back and forth between the hidden  
 341 and output nodes until the network reaches an equilibrium state or the corresponding attractor.

## 342 .1 IV.

## 343 .2 Training of Proposed RHN

344 The proposed network can be trained using either the modified SPSA or BPTT algorithms to ensure that all the  
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