## Attractor neural networks







from Marroquin (1976)

### Andy Goldsworthy artwork





Wallisch & Movshon (2008)





# Recurrent neuronal circuits in the neocortex (Douglas & Martin 2007)



(Binzegger, Douglas & Martin, 2004)

(Douglas and Martin, 2007)



$$U_i = \sum_j T_{ij} V_j$$
$$V_i = \operatorname{sign}(U_i)$$

Dynamics:

Energy function:

$$E = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j \neq i} T_{ij} V_i V_j$$

## Basins of attraction





→ recall input

## Outer-product (Hebb) rule

$$T_{ij} = \sum_{\alpha} P_i^{(\alpha)} P_j^{(\alpha)}$$
  
=  $P_i^{(1)} P_j^{(1)} + P_i^{(2)} P_j^{(2)} + P_i^{(3)} P_j^{(3)} + \dots$ 

or 
$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{P}^{(1)} \mathbf{P}^{(1)}^T + \mathbf{P}^{(2)} \mathbf{P}^{(2)}^T + \mathbf{P}^{(3)} \mathbf{P}^{(3)}^T + \dots$$

Thus

$$\mathbf{U} \cong (\mathbf{P}^{(1)} \mathbf{P}^{(1)^{T}} + \mathbf{P}^{(2)} \mathbf{P}^{(2)^{T}} + \mathbf{P}^{(3)} \mathbf{P}^{(3)^{T}} + \dots) \mathbf{V}$$
  
=  $\mathbf{P}^{(1)} (\mathbf{P}^{(1)} \cdot \mathbf{V}) + \mathbf{P}^{(2)} (\mathbf{P}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{V}) + \mathbf{P}^{(3)} (\mathbf{P}^{(3)} \cdot \mathbf{V}) + \dots$   
 $\mathbf{V} = \operatorname{sgn}(\mathbf{U})$ 

### Capacity vs. error rate



TABLE 2.1 Capacities

$P_{ m error}$	$p_{\max}/N$
0.001 0.0036 0.01	0.105 0.138 0.185
$\begin{array}{c} 0.05 \\ 0.1 \end{array}$	0.37 0.61

#### Hopfield network with analog units



$$\tau \, \dot{u}_i + u_i = \sum_{j \neq i} T_{ij} \, V_j + I_i$$
$$V_i = g(u_i)$$

#### Lyapunov function



#### From Lyapunov function to dynamics

$$E = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} \sum_{j \neq i} T_{ij} V_i V_j + \sum_{i} \int_0^{V_i} g^{-1}(V) dV - \sum_{i} V_i I_i$$

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$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial V_k} = -\sum_{j \neq k} T_{kj} V_j + g^{-1}(V_k) - I_k$$

 $0 \pi$ 

Let 
$$u_i = g^{-1}(V_i) \Rightarrow V_i = g(u_i)$$
  
 $\dot{u}_i \propto -\frac{\partial E}{\partial V_i} = \sum_{j \neq i} T_{ij} V_j + I_i - u_i$ 

Thus  $\dot{E} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial u} \dot{u} < 0$ 



 $V_1$ 



# Place cells, grid cells, head-direction cells and continuous attractor neural networks

