

# Computational Intelligence

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- Radial Basis Function Nets (RBF Nets)
  - Model
  - Training
  
- Hopfield Networks
  - Model
  - Optimization

**Definition:**

A function  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is termed **radial basis function** iff  $\exists \varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \phi(x; c) = \varphi(\|x - c\|)$ .  $\square$

**Definition:**

**RBF local** iff  $\varphi(r) \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$   $\square$

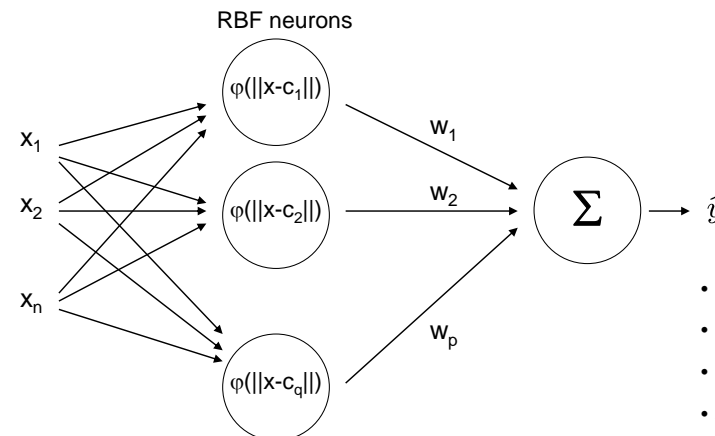
typically,  $\|x\|$  denotes Euclidean norm of vector  $x$

**examples:**

$\varphi(r) = \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{\sigma^2}\right)$	Gaussian	unbounded	} local
$\varphi(r) = \frac{3}{4}(1 - r^2) \cdot 1_{\{r \leq 1\}}$	Epanechnikov	bounded	
$\varphi(r) = \frac{\pi}{4} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}r\right) \cdot 1_{\{r \leq 1\}}$	Cosine	bounded	

**Definition:**

A function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is termed **radial basis function net (RBF net)** iff  $f(x) = w_1 \varphi(\|x - c_1\|) + w_2 \varphi(\|x - c_2\|) + \dots + w_p \varphi(\|x - c_q\|)$   $\square$



- layered net
- 1st layer fully connected
- no weights in 1st layer
- activation functions differ

given : N training patterns  $(x_i, y_i)$  and q RBF neurons  
 find : weights  $w_1, \dots, w_q$  with minimal error

**solution:**

we know that  $f(x_i) = y_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$  and therefore we insist that

$$\sum_{k=1}^q w_k \cdot \underbrace{\varphi(\|x_i - c_k\|)}_{P_{ik}} = y_i$$

↓ unknown     ↓ known value     ↓ known value

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^q w_k \cdot P_{ik} = y_i \quad \Rightarrow N \text{ linear equations with } q \text{ unknowns}$$

**in matrix form:**  $P w = y$  with  $P = (p_{ik})$  and  $P: N \times q, y: N \times 1, w: q \times 1,$

**case  $N = q$ :**  $w = P^{-1} y$  if P has full rank

**case  $N < q$ :** many solutions but of no practical relevance

**case  $N > q$ :**  $w = P^+ y$  where  $P^+$  is Moore-Penrose pseudo inverse

$$P w = y \quad | \cdot P' \text{ from left hand side } (P' \text{ is transpose of } P)$$

$$P' P w = P' y \quad | \cdot (P' P)^{-1} \text{ from left hand side}$$

$$\underbrace{(P' P)^{-1}}_{\text{unit matrix}} \underbrace{P' P w}_{P^+} = \underbrace{(P' P)^{-1} P'}_{P^+} y \quad | \text{ simplify}$$

- existence of  $(P'P)^{-1}$  ?
- numerical stability ?

**Tikhonov Regularization (1963)**

idea:  
 choose  $(P'P + h I_q)^{-1}$  instead of  $(P'P)^{-1}$  ( $h > 0, I_q$  is q-dim. unit matrix)

excursion to linear algebra:

Def : matrix A positive semidefinite (p.s.d) iff  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x' A x \geq 0$   
 Def : matrix A positive definite (p.d.) iff  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} : x' A x > 0$   
 Thm : matrix A :  $n \times n$  regular  $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(A) = n \Leftrightarrow A^{-1}$  exists  $\Leftrightarrow A$  is p.d.

Lemma :  $a, b > 0, A, B : n \times n, A$  p.d. and  $B$  p.s.d.  $\Rightarrow a \cdot A + b \cdot B$  p.d.

Proof :  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} : x'(a \cdot A + b \cdot B)x = \underbrace{a \cdot x' A x}_{> 0} + \underbrace{b \cdot x' B x}_{\geq 0} > 0$  q.e.d.

Lemma :  $P : n \times q \Rightarrow P' P$  p.s.d.

Proof :  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x'(P' P)x = (x' P') \cdot (P x) = (P x)' (P x) = \|P x\|_2^2 \geq 0$  q.e.d.

**Tikhonov Regularization (1963)**

$\Rightarrow (P'P + h I_q)$  is p.d.  $\Rightarrow (P'P + h I_q)^{-1}$  exists

question: how to justify this particular choice?

$$\|Pw - y\|^2 + h \cdot \|w\|^2 \rightarrow \min_w!$$

interpretation: minimize TSSE and prefer solutions with small values!

avoid overfitting

$$\frac{d}{dw} [(Pw - y)'(Pw - y) + h \cdot w'w] =$$

$$\frac{d}{dw} [(w' P' P w - w' P' y - y' P w + y' y + h \cdot w' w)] =$$

$$2 P' P w - 2 P' y + 2 h w = 2 (P' P + h I_q) w - 2 P' y \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow w^* = (P' P + h I_q)^{-1} P' y$$

$$\frac{d}{dw} [2 (P' P + h I_q) w - 2 P' y] = 2 (P' P + h I_q) \text{ is p.d. } \Rightarrow \text{minimum}$$

## Tikhonov Regularization (1963)

question: how to find appropriate  $h > 0$  in  $(P'P + hI_q)$  ?

let  $\text{PERF}(h; T)$  with  $\text{PERF} : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  measure the performance of RBF net for positive  $h$  and given training set  $T$

find  $h^*$  such that  $\text{PERF}(h^*; T) = \max\{\text{PERF}(h; T) : h \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$

→ several approaches in use  
→ **here: grid search** and **crossvalidation**

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(1) choose  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $h_1, \dots, h_n \in (0, H] \subset \mathbb{R}^+$ ; set  $p^* = 0$ 
(2) for  $i = 1$  to  $n$ 
(3)    $p_i = \text{PERF}(h_i; T)$ 
(4)   if  $p_i > p^*$ 
(5)      $p^* = p_i; k = i;$ 
(6)   endif
(7) endfor
(8) return  $h_k$ 
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grid search

## Crossvalidation

choose  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $k < |T|$   
let  $T_1, \dots, T_k$  be partition of training set  $T$

$$T_1 \cup \dots \cup T_k = T$$

$$T_i \cap T_j = \emptyset \text{ for } i \neq j$$

$\text{PERF}(h; T) =$

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(1) set  $err = 0$ 
(2) for  $i = 1$  to  $k$ 
(3)   build matrix  $P$  and vector  $y$  from  $T \setminus T_i$ 
(4)   get weights  $w = (P'P + hI)^{-1}P'y$ 
(5)   build matrix  $P$  and vector  $y$  from  $T_i$ 
(6)   get error  $e = (Pw - y)'(Pw - y)$ 
(7)    $err = err + e$ 
(8) endfor
(9) return  $1/err$ 
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## complexity (naive)

$$w = (P'P)^{-1} P' y$$

$P'P$ :  $N^2 q$       inversion:  $q^3$        $P'y$ :  $qN$       multiplication:  $q^2$

$O(N^2 q)$  elementary operations

**remark:** if  $N$  large then inaccuracies for  $P'P$  likely

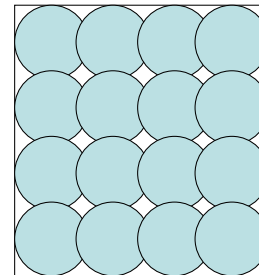
⇒ first analytic solution, then gradient descent starting from this solution

requires differentiable basis functions!

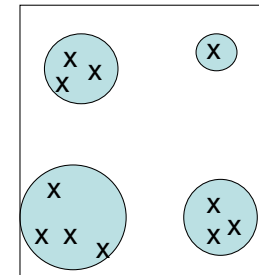
**so far:** tacitly assumed that RBF neurons are given

⇒ center  $c_k$  and radii  $\sigma$  considered given and known

**how to choose  $c_k$  and  $\sigma$  ?**



uniform covering



if training patterns inhomogeneously distributed then first cluster analysis

choose center of basis function from each cluster, use cluster size for setting  $\sigma$

**advantages:**

- additional training patterns → only local adjustment of weights
- optimal weights determinable in polynomial time
- regions not supported by RBF net can be identified by zero outputs  
(if output close to zero, verify that output of each basis function is close to zero)

**disadvantages:**

- number of neurons increases exponentially with input dimension
- unable to extrapolate (since there are no centers and RBFs are local)

**Example: XOR via RBF**

training data: (0,0), (1,1) with value -1  
(0,1), (1,0) with value +1

$$\varphi(r) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\sigma^2} r^2\right)$$

choose Gaussian kernel; set  $\sigma = 1$ ; set centers  $c_i$  to training points

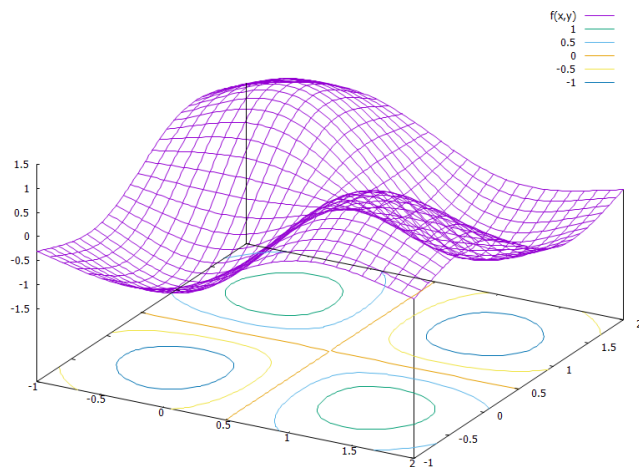
$$\hat{f}(x) = w_1 \varphi(\|x - c_1\|) + w_2 \varphi(\|x - c_2\|) + w_3 \varphi(\|x - c_3\|) + w_4 \varphi(\|x - c_4\|)$$

$\hat{f}(0,0)$	=	$w_1$	+	$e^{-1} \cdot w_2$	+	$e^{-1} \cdot w_3$	+	$e^{-2} \cdot w_4$	$\stackrel{!}{=} -1$
$\hat{f}(0,1)$	=	$e^{-1} \cdot w_1$	+	$w_2$	+	$e^{-2} \cdot w_3$	+	$e^{-1} \cdot w_4$	$\stackrel{!}{=} 1$
$\hat{f}(1,0)$	=	$e^{-1} \cdot w_1$	+	$e^{-2} \cdot w_2$	+	$w_3$	+	$e^{-1} \cdot w_4$	$\stackrel{!}{=} 1$
$\hat{f}(1,1)$	=	$e^{-2} \cdot w_1$	+	$e^{-1} \cdot w_2$	+	$e^{-1} \cdot w_3$	+	$w_4$	$\stackrel{!}{=} -1$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & e^{-1} & e & e^{-2} \\ e^{-1} & 1 & e^{-2} & e^{-1} \\ e^{-1} & e^{-2} & 1 & e^{-1} \\ e^{-2} & e^{-1} & e^{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad y = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad w^* = P^{-1} y = \frac{e^2}{(e-1)^2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Example: XOR via RBF**

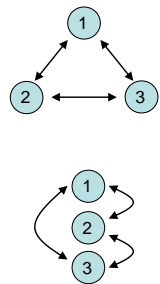
$$\hat{f}(x) = \frac{e^2}{(e-1)^2} \cdot \left[ -e^{-x_1^2 - x_2^2} + e^{-x_1^2 - (x_2-1)^2} + e^{-(x_1-1)^2 - x_2^2} - e^{-(x_1-1)^2 - (x_2-1)^2} \right]$$



proposed 1982

**characterization:**

- neurons preserve state until selected at random for update
- bipolar states:  $x \in \{-1, +1\}^n$
- n neurons fully connected
- symmetric weight matrix
- no self-loops (→ zero main diagonal entries)
- thresholds  $\theta$ , neuron i fires if excitations larger than  $\theta_i$



**transition:** select index k at random, new state is  $\tilde{x} = \text{sgn}(xW - \theta)$

$$\text{where } \tilde{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, \tilde{x}_k, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\text{energy of state } x \text{ is } E(x) = -\frac{1}{2} xWx' + \theta x'$$

## Fixed Points

## Definition

$x$  is **fixed point** of a Hopfield network iff  $x = \text{sgn}(x' W - \theta)$ .  $\square$

## Example:

Set  $W = x x'$  and choose  $\theta$  with  $|\theta_i| < n$ , where  $x \in \{-1, +1\}^n$ .

$$\rightarrow \text{sgn}(x' W - \theta) = \text{sgn}(x' (x x')) = \text{sgn}(x' x x' - \theta) = \text{sgn}(\|x\|^2 x' - \theta)$$

Note that  $\|x\|^2 = n$  for all  $x \in \{-1, +1\}^n$ .

$$\rightarrow x_i = +1: \text{sgn}(n \cdot (+1) - \theta_i) = +1 \text{ iff } +n - \theta_i \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \theta_i \leq +n$$

$$\rightarrow x_i = -1: \text{sgn}(n \cdot (-1) - \theta_i) = -1 \text{ iff } -n - \theta_i < 0 \Leftrightarrow \theta_i > -n$$

## Theorem:

If  $W = x x'$  and  $|\theta_i| < n$  then  $x$  is fixed point of a Hopfield network.  $\square$

## Concept of Energy Function

given: HN with  $W = x x'$   $\Rightarrow x$  is stable state of HN

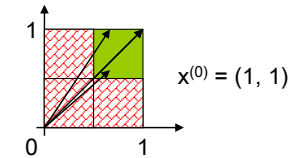
starting point  $x^{(0)}$   $\Rightarrow x^{(1)} = \text{sgn}(x^{(0)'} W - \theta)$

$\Rightarrow$  excitation  $e = W x^{(1)} - \theta$

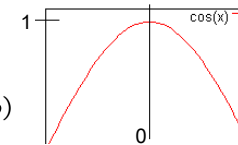
$\Rightarrow$  if  $\text{sign}(e) = x^{(0)}$  then  $x^{(0)}$  stable state

small angle between  $e'$  and  $x^{(0)}$

$\Leftarrow$  true if  $e'$  close to  $x^{(0)}$



recall:  $\frac{ab'}{\|a\| \cdot \|b\|} = \cos \angle(a, b)$



small angle  $\alpha \Rightarrow$  large  $\cos(\alpha)$

## Concept of Energy Function

## required:

small angle between  $e = W x^{(0)} - \theta$  and  $x^{(0)}$

$\Rightarrow$  larger cosine of angle indicates greater similarity of vectors

$\Rightarrow \forall e'$  of equal size: try to maximize  $x^{(0)'} e' = \underbrace{\|x^{(0)}\|}_{\text{fixed}} \cdot \underbrace{\|e'\|}_{\text{fixed}} \cdot \underbrace{\cos \angle(x^{(0)}, e')}_{\rightarrow \text{max!}}$

$\Rightarrow$  maximize  $x^{(0)'} e = x^{(0)'} (W x^{(0)} - \theta) = x^{(0)'} W x^{(0)} - \theta' x^{(0)}$

$\Rightarrow$  identical to minimize  $-x^{(0)'} W x^{(0)} + \theta' x^{(0)}$

## Definition

Energy function of HN at iteration  $t$  is  $E(x^{(t)}) = -\frac{1}{2} x^{(t)'} W x^{(t)} + \theta' x^{(t)}$   $\square$

## Theorem:

Hopfield network converges to local minimum of energy function after a finite number of updates.  $\square$

**Proof:** assume that  $x_k$  has been updated  $\tilde{x}_k = -x_k$  and  $\tilde{x}_i = x_i$  for  $i \neq k$

$$\begin{aligned} E(x) - E(\tilde{x}) &= -\frac{1}{2} x W x' + \theta x' + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{x} W \tilde{x}' - \theta \tilde{x}' \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} x_i x_j + \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i x_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} \tilde{x}_i \tilde{x}_j - \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i \tilde{x}_i \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} (x_i x_j - \tilde{x}_i \tilde{x}_j) + \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i \underbrace{(x_i - \tilde{x}_i)}_{=0 \text{ if } i \neq k} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq k}}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} (x_i x_j - \tilde{x}_i \tilde{x}_j) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n w_{kj} \underbrace{(x_k x_j - \tilde{x}_k \tilde{x}_j)}_{\substack{0 \text{ if } j = k \\ x_j \text{ if } j \neq k}} + \theta_k (x_k - \tilde{x}_k) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq k}}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} x_i \underbrace{(x_j - \tilde{x}_j)}_{=0 \text{ if } j \neq k} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^n w_{kj} x_j (x_k - \tilde{x}_k) + \theta_k (x_k - \tilde{x}_k) \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq k}}^n w_{ik} x_i (x_k - \tilde{x}_k) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^n w_{kj} x_j (x_k - \tilde{x}_k) + \theta_k (x_k - \tilde{x}_k) \\
&\quad \text{(rename } j \text{ to } i, \text{ recall } W = W', w_{kk} = 0) \\
&= -\sum_{i=1}^n w_{ik} x_i (x_k - \tilde{x}_k) + \theta_k (x_k - \tilde{x}_k) \\
&= -(x_k - \tilde{x}_k) \underbrace{\left[ \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ik} x_i - \theta_k \right]}_{\text{excitation } e_k} > 0 \quad \text{since:} \\
&\quad > 0 \text{ if } x_k < 0 \text{ and vice versa}
\end{aligned}$$

$x_k$	$x_k - \tilde{x}_k$	$e_k - \theta_k$	$\Delta E$
+1	> 0	< 0	> 0
-1	< 0	> 0	> 0

⇒ every update (change of state) decreases energy function  
 ⇒ since number of different bipolar vectors is finite  
 update stops after finite #updates

**remark:** dynamics of HN get stable in local minimum of energy function!

q.e.d.

⇒ Hopfield network can be used to optimize combinatorial optimization problems!

### Application to Combinatorial Optimization

#### Idea:

- transform combinatorial optimization problem as objective function with  $x \in \{-1, +1\}^n$
- rearrange objective function to look like a Hopfield energy function
- extract weights  $W$  and thresholds  $\theta$  from this energy function
- initialize a Hopfield net with these parameters  $W$  and  $\theta$
- run the Hopfield net until reaching stable state (= local minimizer of energy function)
- stable state is local minimizer of combinatorial optimization problem

### Example I: Linear Functions

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i x_i \rightarrow \min! \quad (x_i \in \{-1, +1\})$$

Evidently:  $E(x) = f(x)$  with  $W = 0$  and  $\theta = c$

⇓

choose  $x^{(0)} \in \{-1, +1\}^n$   
 set iteration counter  $t = 0$

repeat

choose index  $k$  at random

$$x_k^{(t+1)} = \text{sgn}(x^{(t)} \cdot W_{\cdot, k} - \theta_k) = \text{sgn}(x^{(t)} \cdot 0 - c_k) = -\text{sgn}(c_k) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } c_k > 0 \\ +1 & \text{if } c_k < 0 \end{cases}$$

increment  $t$

until reaching fixed point

⇒ fixed point reached after  $\Theta(n \log n)$  iterations on average

[ proof: → black board ]

## Example II: MAXCUT

given: graph with  $n$  nodes and symmetric weights  $\omega_{ij} = \omega_{ji}$ ,  $\omega_{ii} = 0$ , on edges

task: find a partition  $V = (V_0, V_1)$  of the nodes such that the weighted sum of edges with one endpoint in  $V_0$  and one endpoint in  $V_1$  becomes maximal

encoding:  $\forall i=1, \dots, n$ :  $y_i = 0$ , node  $i$  in set  $V_0$ ;  $y_i = 1$ , node  $i$  in set  $V_1$

objective function:  $f(y) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \omega_{ij} [y_i(1-y_j) + y_j(1-y_i)] \rightarrow \max!$

## preparations for applying Hopfield network

step 1: conversion to minimization problem

step 2: transformation of variables

step 3: transformation to "Hopfield normal form"

step 4: extract coefficients as weights and thresholds of Hopfield net

## Example II: MAXCUT (continued)

step 1: conversion to minimization problem

$\Rightarrow$  multiply function with  $-1 \Rightarrow E(y) = -f(y) \rightarrow \min!$

step 2: transformation of variables

$\Rightarrow y_i = (x_i + 1) / 2$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \omega_{ij} \left[ \frac{x_i + 1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{x_j + 1}{2} \right) + \frac{x_j + 1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{x_i + 1}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \omega_{ij} [1 - x_i x_j]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \omega_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \omega_{ij} x_i x_j$$

*constant value* (does not affect location of optimal solution)

## Example II: MAXCUT (continued)

step 3: transformation to "Hopfield normal form"

$$E(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \omega_{ij} x_i x_j = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \underbrace{\left( -\frac{1}{2} \omega_{ij} \right)}_{w_{ij}} x_i x_j$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} x' W x + \theta' x$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$0'$$

step 4: extract coefficients as weights and thresholds of Hopfield net

$$w_{ij} = -\frac{\omega_{ij}}{2} \text{ for } i \neq j, \quad w_{ii} = 0, \quad \theta_i = 0$$

**remark:**  $\omega_{ij}$ : weights in graph —  $w_{ij}$ : weights in Hopfield net