Hodgkin-Huxley model





$$C_m \frac{dv}{dt} = -\bar{g}_{\rm K} n^4 (v - v_{\rm K}) - \bar{g}_{\rm Na} m^3 h (v - v_{\rm Na}) - \bar{g}_{\rm L} (v - v_{\rm L}) + I_{\rm app},$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \alpha_m (1 - m) - \beta_m m,$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \alpha_n (1 - n) - \beta_n n,$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \alpha_h (1 - h) - \beta_h h.$$

HH thought of neuronal membrane as a circuit



$$C_{m} \frac{dV}{dt} = -g_{Na^{+}} (V - V_{Na^{+}}) - g_{K^{+}} (V - V_{K^{+}})$$

Conductances depend on V and t (voltage-clamp experiments)



$$g_{K^+}(V,t)$$

HH could have assumed a differential equation like

$$\frac{dg_{K^+}}{dt} = f(V, t)$$

But they chose to assume the existence of channels with 'gates'

$$g_{K^{+}} = \overline{g}_{K^{+}} n^{4}$$
; $\frac{dn}{dt} = f(V, t)$

What does this mean?



Maximum conductance

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = f(V, t)$$

Dynamics of probability that a single gate is open (depending on de voltage and time)

Probability that the four gates of the channel are open

n: Probabilidad de que las 4 puertas del canal estén abiertas al paso del ion

We assume a first-order kinetics for the gate

n : probability that a gate is open

1-n: probabilioty that a gate is closed

$$\beta_n(V)$$

$$n \xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 1-n$$

$$\alpha_n(V)$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \alpha_n(V)(1-n) - \beta_n(V)n$$

Rewriting the dynamics of gate opening

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \alpha_n(V)(1-n) - \beta_n(V)n$$

$$n_{\infty}(V) \equiv \frac{\alpha_n(V)}{\alpha_n(V) + \beta_n(V)} \quad ; \quad \tau_n(V) \equiv \frac{1}{\alpha_n(V) + \beta_n(V)}$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \frac{n_{\infty}(V) - n}{\tau_n(V)}$$

Dynamics of gate opening in voltage-clamp experiment

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \frac{n_{\infty}(V) - n}{\tau_n(V)}$$

$$n(V_0, t) = n_{\infty}(V_0) \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_n(V_0)}\right) \right]$$

Fit to experiments

$$n(V_0, t) = n_{\infty}(V_0) \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_n(V_0)}\right) \right]$$



The same for $\tau_n(V_0)$ We then obtain

$$\alpha_n = 0.01 \left(\frac{10 - V}{\exp\left(\frac{10 - V}{10}\right) - 1} \right)$$

$$\beta_n = 0.125 \left(\frac{-V}{80}\right)$$

$$g_{K^+} = 36$$

$$V_{K^+} = -12$$

Really nice fit to voltage-clamp experiments

$$g_{K^{+}} = g_{K^{+}} n^{4}$$

$$n(V_{0}, t) = \frac{\alpha_{n}(V)}{\alpha_{n}(V) + \beta_{n}(V)} \left[1 - \exp(-(\alpha_{n}(V) + \beta_{n}(V))t)\right]$$

$$\alpha_n = 0.01 \left(\frac{10 - V}{\exp\left(\frac{10 - V}{10}\right) - 1} \right)$$
$$\beta_n = 0.125 \left(\frac{-V}{80}\right)$$

 $\overline{g}_{K^+} = 36$

 $V_{K^+} = -12$

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What do we have so far?

$$C_{m}\frac{dV}{dt} = -g_{Na^{+}}(V - V_{Na^{+}}) - g_{K^{+}}(V - V_{K^{+}})$$

$$C_{m} \frac{dV}{dt} = g_{Na^{+}} (V - V_{Na^{+}}) + \overline{g}_{K^{+}} n^{4} (V - V_{K^{+}})$$
$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \alpha_{n} (V)(1 - n) - \beta_{n} (V) n$$

$$\alpha_n = 0.01 \left(\frac{10 - V}{\exp\left(\frac{10 - V}{10}\right) - 1} \right) \qquad \beta_n = 0.125 \left(\frac{-V}{80}\right)$$

$$\overline{g}_{K^+} = 36$$

 $V_{K^+} = -12$

$$g_{Na^+}(V,t)$$

Fit to experiments assuming two types of gates

$$g_{Na^{+}} = \overline{g}_{Na^{+}} m^{3}h$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \alpha_{m}(V)(1-m) - \beta_{m}(V)m$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \alpha_h(V)(1-h) - \beta_h(V)h$$

The complete model

$$C_{m}\frac{dV}{dt} = -\overline{g}_{Na^{+}}m^{3}h(V-V_{Na^{+}}) - \overline{g}_{K^{+}}n^{4}(V-V_{K^{+}}) - \overline{g}_{L}(V-V_{L}) + I_{ext}$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \alpha_n(V)(1-n) - \beta_n(V) n$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \alpha_m(V)(1-m) - \beta_m(V)m$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \alpha_h(V)(1-h) - \beta_h(V)h$$

With functions (in (ms)⁻¹)

$$\alpha_{m} = 0.1 \left(\frac{25 - V}{\exp\left(\frac{25 - V}{10}\right) - 1} \right) \alpha_{h} = 0.07 \exp\left(\frac{-V}{20}\right) \qquad \alpha_{n} = 0.01 \left(\frac{10 - V}{\exp\left(\frac{10 - V}{10}\right) - 1} \right)$$



And constants

$$\overline{g}_{Na^{+}} = 120 \quad mS/cm^{2}$$
 $\overline{g}_{K^{+}} = 36 \quad mS/cm^{2}$ $\overline{g}_{L} = 0.3 \quad mS/cm^{2}$
 $V_{Na^{+}} = 115 \quad mV$ $V_{K^{+}} = -12 \quad mV$ $V_{L} = 10.6 \quad mV$

 $C_m = 1 \quad \mu F \,/\, cm^2$

Does the HH model reproduce the action potential?



```
function hh
%
% Hodgkin-Huxley equations solved using ODE23s
%
clear all
                                             % duration of complete experiment in ms
time length=500;
                                             % number of points in a ms
time resol=0.1;
                                              % time points for solutions
tspan = [0:time resol:time length];
%
% Initial values for voltage and conductances V0, n0, m0 and h0
%
yinit=[0;0.1;0.1;0.1];
                                              % initial values for integration
%
% Call to integration routine
%
[t,y] = ode23(@hodgkinhuxley,tspan,yinit);
%
% Plotting
%
```

```
figure;
plot([230:0.1:300],y(2300:3000,1));
title(['HH solutions']);
xlabel('time t');
```

```
function dydt = hodgkinhuxley(t,y)
```

```
%
% External current step I(t)
%
if t<250; I=0; elseif t>=250\&t<285; I=30; else; I=0; end
%
% Parameters for the HH equations
%
cap=1; gK=36; gNa=120; gl=0.3; VK=-12; VNa=115; Vl=10.6;
%
% Functions for HH equations
%
alpha n=(0.1-0.01*y(1))/(exp(1-0.1*y(1))-1);
beta n=0.125*exp(-y(1)/80);
alpha m=(2.5-0.1*y(1))/(exp(2.5-0.1*y(1))-1);
beta m=4*\exp(-y(1)/18);
alpha h=0.07 \exp(-y(1)/20);
beta h=1/(\exp(3-0.1*y(1))+1);
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% % The HH equations % dydt = [(I-gK alpha n

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(I-gK*y(2)^{4}(y(1)-VK)-gNa*y(3)^{3}y(4)*(y(1)-VNa)-gl*(y(1)-Vl))/cap alpha_n*(1-y(2))-beta_n*y(2) alpha_m*(1-y(3))-beta_m*y(3) alpha_h*(1-y(4))-beta_h*y(4)];
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Response of model to injection of current step





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How would you explain this?



Rinzel model

HH model (4 variables):

$$C_{m} \frac{dV}{dt} = -\overline{g}_{Na^{+}} m^{3} h \left(V - V_{Na^{+}}\right) - \overline{g}_{K^{+}} n^{4} \left(V - V_{K^{+}}\right) - \overline{g}_{L} \left(V - V_{L}\right) + I_{ext}$$

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \alpha_{n}(V)(1 - n) - \beta_{n}(V) n$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \alpha_{m}(V)(1 - m) - \beta_{m}(V) m$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \alpha_{h}(V)(1 - h) - \beta_{h}(V) h$$

1. τ_m is small

$$m(V,t) = m_{\infty}(V) \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_m(V)}\right) \right] \approx m_{\infty}(V)$$

2. Symmetry between h and n



 $h(V,t) + n(V,t) \approx 1.0$

Rinzel model: approxs 1 & 2 on HH

$$C_{m}\frac{dV}{dt} = -\overline{g}_{Na^{+}}m_{\infty}^{3}(1-R)(V-V_{Na^{+}}) - \overline{g}_{K^{+}}R^{4}(V-V_{K^{+}}) - \overline{g}_{L}(V-V_{L}) + I_{ext}$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \alpha_n(V)(1-R) - \beta_n(V)R$$





Wilson model simplifies Rinzel a bit more



Wilson model simplifies Rinzel a bit more

$$0.8\frac{dV}{dt} = -(17.81 + 47.71V + 32.63V^2)(V - 0.55) - 26.0R(V + 0.92) + I_{ext}$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{1}{1.9} \left(-R + 1.35 \,V + 1.03\right)$$

V en decivoltios, I en $\mu A/100$ y t en ms

FitzHugh-Nagumo model

Skeleton version of Wilson

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = V - V^3 / 3 - R + I_{ext}$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \phi(V + a - bR)$$

We will use $\phi = 0.08$; a = 0.7 ; b = 0.8



Flow implied by V nullcline (for I_{ext}=0)

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = V - V^3 / 3 - R + I_{ext}$$



Flow implied by R nullcline

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \phi(V + a - bR)$$













Stability of equilibrium point

For I=0, numerically we see:



But which types of equilibrium can we have?

Let us study the neighbourhood of equilibrium point (V, R)

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\overline{V}} + \delta \dot{V} &= (\overline{V} + \delta V) - (\overline{V} + \delta V)^3 / 3 - (\overline{R} + \delta R) + I_{ext} \\ \dot{\overline{R}} + \delta \dot{R} &= \phi((\overline{V} + \delta V) + a - b(\overline{R} + \delta R)) \\ 1. \quad \dot{\overline{V}} &= 0 \Rightarrow \overline{V} - \overline{V}^3 / 3 - \overline{R} + I_{ext} = 0 \\ (\overline{V}, \overline{R}) \text{ obeys:} \qquad 2. \quad \dot{\overline{R}} &= 0 \Rightarrow \overline{V} + a - b\overline{R} = 0 \\ 3. \quad \dot{\overline{V}} &= \overline{R} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting conditions 1,2 y 3 and taking linear terms only:

$$\delta \dot{V} = (1 - \overline{V}^2) \delta V - \delta R$$
$$\delta \dot{R} = \phi (\delta V - b \delta R)$$
In matrix form:

$$\delta \dot{V} = (1 - \overline{V}^2) \delta V - \delta R \qquad \begin{pmatrix} \delta \dot{V} \\ \delta \dot{R} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \overline{V}^2 & -1 \\ \phi & -b\phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta V \\ \delta R \end{pmatrix}$$

With solution: $\delta \bar{r}(t) = c_1 \bar{r_1} \exp(\lambda_1 t) + c_2 \bar{r_2} \exp(\lambda_2 t)$ with $\bar{r_1}, \bar{r_2}$ The eigenvectors, c_1, c_2 constants depending on i.c. and λ_1, λ_2 the eigenvalues of the characteristic equation

$$(1 - \overline{V}^{2} - \lambda)(-b\phi - \lambda) + \phi = 0$$
$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{1 - \overline{V}^{2} - b\phi \pm ((-1 + \overline{V}^{2} + b\phi)^{2} - 4b\phi(1 - \overline{V}^{2}))^{1/2}}{2}$$

The type of solution depends on the eigenvalues

$$\delta \bar{r}(t) = c_1 \bar{r}_1 \exp(\lambda_1 t) + c_2 \bar{r}_2 \exp(\lambda_2 t)$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{1 - \bar{V}^2 - b\phi \pm \left((-1 + \bar{V}^2 + b\phi)^2 - 4b\phi(1 - \bar{V}^2)\right)^{1/2}}{2}$$

Types of solutions:

1. "Origin": $\lambda_1 > 0 \quad \lambda_2 > 0$

2. "Saddle": $\lambda_1 > 0$ $\lambda_2 < 0$

3. "Node": $\lambda_1 < 0 \quad \lambda_2 < 0$



4. "Spiral" or "Attractor":

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \alpha \pm i\omega$$
; $\alpha < 0$



5. "Unstable spiral" or "focus":

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \alpha \pm i\omega \quad ; \quad \alpha > 0$$



6. "Center": $\lambda_{1,2} = \alpha \pm i\omega$; $\alpha = 0$



So what do we get in FitzHugh-Nagumo?

(a) I_{ext}=0

$$(\overline{V}, \overline{R}) = (-1.2, -0.625)$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{1 - \overline{V}^2 - b\phi \pm \left((-1 + \overline{V}^2 + b\phi)^2 - 4b\phi(1 - \overline{V}^2)\right)^{1/2}}{2} = -0.5 \pm 0.42i$$





(b) I_{ext}>0







$$\overline{V_{\pm}} = \pm (1 - b\phi)^{1/2} = \pm 0.967$$

Sustituyendo en
$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 0 \Longrightarrow R = V - V^3 / 3 + I_{ext}$$
$$\frac{dR}{dt} = 0 \Longrightarrow R = \frac{V + a}{b}$$

Obtenemos $I_{-} = 0.3313$ $I_{+} = 1.42$



What type of solution for I>0.3313?

Poincaré-Bendixon theorem:





I=1







Large oscillations (action potentials) suddenly apprear at I=0.3313 → Subcritical Hopf bifurcation

Subcritical Hopf bifurcation



I=0.3313



Bifurcation diagram of Wilson model



Hysteresis in an axon



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Low frequency firing (class I neuron)

Squid axon fires at 150-300 AP/sec. Potassium current I_A allows for much lower firing rates





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1.0

Adaptation of firing rates

Squid axon fires without adaptation. Potassium current I_{AHP} (afterhyperpolarization):

- 1. Slow: 99 ms (does not affect AP shape)
- 2. Acts only when the neuron is firing (zero at -0.754)
- 3. Its job is to eliminate the effect of I_{ext}

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = -(17.81 + 47.58V + 33.8V^{2})(V - 0.48) - 26R(V + 0.95)$$

$$-13H(V + 0.95) + I_{ext}$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{1}{5.6}(-R + 1.29V + 0.79 + 3.3(V + 0.38)^{2})$$

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{1}{99}(-H + 11(V + 0.754)(V + 0.69))$$



Firing in burts Examples



Neuron R15 in Aplysia

Applying TTX to R15

Cortical neurons

Model for bursty neuron

2 currents:

Corriente de potasio I_{AHP} (afterhyperpolarization, dependiente de calcio) Corriente de calcio I_T (depolarización)

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = -(17.81 + 47.58 V + 33.8 V^{2})(V - 0.48) - 26R(V + 0.95)$$
$$-1.93 X(1 - 0.5 C)(V - 1.4) - 3.25 C (V + 0.95)$$
$$I_{\rm AHP}$$
$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{1}{5.6}(-R + 1.29 V + 0.79 + 3.3 (V + 0.38)^{2})$$
$$\frac{dX}{dt} = \frac{1}{30}(-X + 7.33 (V + 0.86)(V + 0.84))$$
$$\frac{dC}{dt} = \frac{1}{100}(-C + 3X)$$
Concentración de calcio

C increases & V decreases & X inactivates 50 С 20 10 0 Stable 0 -10 imit cycle Potential (mV) -30 -40 V Unstable spiral B -50 Saddle -50 -60 Δ Stable node -70 -80∟ 0 500 1000 1500 -100 Time (ms) -1.0 1.0

X increases V Firing

Compartments



$$C\frac{dV_{K}}{dt} = \sum_{j=1}^{N} I_{j} + g_{K-1,K}(V_{K-1} - V_{K}) + g_{K,K+1}(V_{K+1} - V_{K})$$

Example: dendrite+soma





$$C_{S} \frac{dV_{S}}{dt} = -I_{Na^{+}} - I_{K^{+}} + I_{ext} + \frac{g}{p}(V_{D} - V_{S})$$
$$C_{D} \frac{dV_{D}}{dt} = -I_{Ca^{2+}} - I_{AHP} + \frac{g}{1 - p}(V_{S} - V_{D})$$

p: proporción de membrana en el soma



$$\frac{dV_s}{dt} = -(17.81 + 47.58 V_s + 33.8 V_s^2)(V_s - 0.48) - 26R(V + 0.95)$$

$$+I_{ext} + \frac{g}{p}(V_D - V_S)$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{1}{5.6} \left(-R + 1.29 \, V_s + 0.79 + 3.3 \left(V_s + 0.38 \right)^2 \right)$$

$$\frac{dV_D}{dt} = -(V_D + 0.754)(V_D + 0.7)(V_D - 1.0) - g_{AHP} C (V_D + 0.95)$$

$$+\frac{g}{1-p}(V_S-V_D)$$

 $\frac{dC}{dt} = \frac{1}{20} \left(-C + 0.5 \left(V_D + 0.754 \right) \right)$

For g_{AHP} =1.0, g=0.1, p=0.37



A very simple model of a synapsis



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Simple memory circuit



$$S(P;M,N,\sigma) = \frac{MP^{N}}{\sigma^{N} + P^{N}}$$

M: maximum firing rate N:determines maximum slope σ : point with S(P)/2



 E_1

Memory and hysteresis





Memory decay by adaptation

Adaptation thorough an increase of σ

$$\begin{split} \dot{E}_{1} &= \frac{1}{\tau} \left(-E_{1} + S(3E_{2};100,2,120 + A_{1}) \right) & \tau: 20 \text{ms} \\ \dot{E}_{2} &= \frac{1}{\tau} \left(-E_{2} + S(3E_{1};100,2,120 + A_{2}) \right) & \tau_{a}: 4000 \text{ms} \\ \dot{A}_{1} &= \frac{1}{\tau_{a}} \left(-A_{1} + 0.7E_{1} \right) \\ \dot{A}_{2} &= \frac{1}{\tau_{a}} \left(-A_{2} + 0.7E_{2} \right) \end{split}$$

Adaptation affects nullclines



K=50 for 200ms and then K=0



Competition and decisions by neurons



$$\dot{E}_1 = \frac{1}{\tau} \left(-E_1 + S(K_1 - 3E_2; 100, 2, 120) \right)$$
$$\dot{E}_2 = \frac{1}{\tau} \left(-E_2 + S(K_2 - 3E_1; 100, 2, 120) \right)$$

$$S(P;M,N,\sigma) = \frac{MP^{N}}{\sigma^{N} + P^{N}}$$

Wins the neuron receiving more stimulation (WTA)



Oscillatory network (Wilson-Cowan)





Reduced system doing the same when Excitatory neurons receive and send with same weights

$$\dot{E} = \frac{1}{5} \left(-E + S(1.6E - I + K; 100, 2, 30) \right)$$
$$\dot{I} = \frac{1}{10} \left(-I + S(1.5E; 100, 2, 30) \right)$$

K=20




Cortical dynamics of Wilson-Cowan type

$$\dot{E}(x) = \frac{1}{\tau} \left(-E(x) + S \left(\sum_{x} w_{EE} E(x) - \sum_{x} w_{IE} I(x) + P(x); 100, 2, \sigma_E \right) \right)$$
$$\dot{I}(x) = \frac{1}{\tau} \left(-I(x) + S \left(\sum_{x} w_{EI} E(x) - \sum_{x} w_{II} I(x) + Q(x); 100, 2, \sigma_I \right) \right)$$
$$w_{ij} = b_{ij} \exp\left(-|x - x'| / \sigma_{ij} \right) \qquad \sigma_{EE} = 40 \ \mu\text{m}; \ \sigma_{IE} = \sigma_{IE} = 60 \ \mu\text{m}; \ \sigma_{II} = 30 \ \mu\text{m}; \\ \sigma_E = 20; \ \sigma_I = 40; \\ b_{EI} = b_{IE}$$

Memory mode of Wilson-Cowan model

$$b_{EE} = 1.95, b_{EI} = 1.4, b_{II} = 2.2$$

Stimulus of value P=1 for 10ms and affecting 100 μ m



$$b_{EE} = 1.95, b_{EI} = 1.4, b_{II} = 2.2$$

Stimulus of value P=1 for 10ms and affecting 1000 μ m



Oscillations in a localized region

b_{EE} = 1.9, b_{EI} = 1.5, b_{II} = 1.5

Intensity of stimulus of P=1 for 5ms and a width of 100 μ m



$$b_{EE} = 1.9, b_{EI} = 1.5, b_{II} = 1.5$$

Stimulus of intensity P=1for 5ms and a width of 400 μ m



$$b_{EE} = 1.9, b_{EI} = 1.5, b_{II} = 1.5$$

Stimulus of intensity P=1 for 5ms and a width of 800 μ m



Travelling waves mode (epilepsia)

As in oscilaltory mode but with Q=-90 (inhibition gets reduced)



Visual hallucinations

Extension of WC to 2D with more weight among excitatory neurons

Remember that polar corrdinates in retina (R,θ) are transformed to cortical coordinates (1+R) and θ

This means that concentric circles in retina transform to vertical lines in cortex

and

Radial excitation in retina into horizontal lines in cortex











Learning in networks

Hebb's rule

If neurons *i* and *j* fire simultaneously at frequencies $E_i ext{ y } E_j$, respectively, the synaptic weight between them is

$$w_{ij} = kE_iE_j$$

A more practical rule is

$$w_{ij} = kH(E_i - 0.5M)H(E_j - 0.5M), \quad H(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x > 0 \\ 0 & x \le 0 \end{cases}$$

A synapse goes from value 0 to value k only when neurons i and j fire at more than half their maximum firing frequency M

Modelización de la red CA3 del hipocampo



256 excitatory neurons (16x16 matrix):

Each of them has a Webb synapse with the other 255

1 inbibitory neuron gets excited by excitatory neurons and inhibits them Model

$$\dot{E}_{i} = \frac{1}{10} \left(-E_{i} + S \left(\sum_{j=1}^{255} w_{ij} E_{j} - 0.1I; 100, 2, 10 \right) \right)$$
$$\dot{I} = \frac{1}{10} \left(-I + 0.076 \sum_{i=1}^{256} E_{i} \right)$$

$$w_{ij} = kH(E_i - 0.5M)H(E_j - 0.5M), \quad H(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x > 0\\ 0 & x \le 0 \end{cases}$$

1. Training phase

4 patterns get chosen as stimuli (32 pixel images en in a 16x16 matrix)

Each pattern excites 32 excitatory neurons . The rest of neurons are not excited initially.

We run the model and synapses change accordingly

2. Recognition phase

Show to the network an image made up of 1/3 of the pixels of one of the trained images and 2/3 of random pixels



















