Neuroscience

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Biology Physics Philosophy Computer science Mathematics Electrical Engineer Biology : How do we think ?/Which kind of chemical and biological actions are happening in our brain?



The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1906 in recognition of their work on the structure of the nervous system



Camillo Golgi (1843-1926)



Santiago Ramón y Cajal (1852-1934)



Golgi





Glial cells
Immune
Nutrition
Micro glial

Neuron





 Philosophy: Monism vs Dualism / Perception(brain vs Spirit) What is the relationship between body and mind?

DUALISM VS	MONISM	
Cartesian Duality:	Physicalism: MATTER > Mind	PM
MATTER-MIND	Idealism: Matter < MIND	PM
Physical and Mental substance is either fundamental or derivative. (solid line) (dashed line)	Neutral Monism: 3rd SUBSTANCE > Matter & Mind	(PM



• Math: How dynamics of neurons are controlling us?/ Are we just complicated circuits?

"for their discoveries concerning the ionic mechanisms involved in excitation and inhibition in the peripheral and central portions of the nerve cell membrane"



• Physics: Ising model/Can physical laws control us as they govern universe?





• Computer science: Are we advanced computer or not?/Is NP = P?



Alan Turing

Mathematical model

- Hodgkin-Huxley model(ODE)
- Reducing continuous model to discrete model by D.Terman
- Discrete model of neuronal dynamics
- Searching for properties of discrete model
- Boolean Functions and gene regulatory
- Olfaction



Discrete Model

Definition1. A *directed graph* or *digraph* is a pair $D = \langle V_D, A_D \rangle$, where $A_D \subseteq V_D^2$. The set V_D is called the set of *vertices* or *nodes* of D, and the set A_D is called the set of *arcs* of D.

Definition2. A *neuronal network* is a triple $N = \langle D, p, th \rangle$, where D = [n], AD is a loop-free digraph and $p = (p_1, \ldots, p_n)$ and $th = (th_1, \ldots, th_n)$ are vectors of positive integers. The state *s* of the system at time *t* is a vector $s(t) = (s_1(t), \ldots, s_n(t))$, where $s_i(t) \in \{0, 1, \ldots, p_i\}$ for all $i \in [n]$. The state space of *N* will be denoted by St_N . The dynamics of *N* is defined as follows:

- If $s_i(t) < p_i$, then $s_i(t+1) = s_i(t) + 1$.
- If $s_i(t) = p_i$ and there exist at least th_i different $j \in [n]$ with $s_j(t) = 0$ and $j, i \in AD$, then $s_i(t+1) = 0$.
- If $s_i(t) = p_i$ and there are fewer than th_i different $j \in [n]$ with $s_j(t) = 0$ and $j, i \in AD$, then $s_i(t+1) = p_i$.

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Example.

- p = (1, 1, 1, 2), th = (2, 1, 1, 1)
- s(0) = (0, 1, 1, 1)
- s(0) = (1, 0, 0, 0)
- *s(*0*)* =*(*0*,* 1*,* 1*,* 2*)*.



Definition3. The *trajectory* of the state S(t) is the sequence $\{S(t+1), S(t+2), ...\}$.

Definition4. Since state space is finite, we must eventually have $S(t_0) = S(t_1)$ for some $0 < t_0 < t_1$. Therefore from time t_0 the sequence would be cyclic. Let t_0 , t_1 be the smallest times with this property. Then the set { $S(t_0)$, ..., $S(t_1 - 1)$ } is called the *attractor* of S(0). its length is $t_1 - t_0$.

Note that the attractor of length one is called *steady state*. Can we determine all steady states in a network?

Definition5. The set {S(0), ..., $S(t_0 - 1)$ } is called the *transient* of S(0). The length of transient is t_0 . Note that a transient of length zero occurs whenever the initial state is in an attractor.

Definition6. For any neuronal network $N = \langle D, p, th \rangle$ we can define another digraph D_N whose vertices are the states and whose arcs indicate the *successor state* for each state, that is, *s*, *s*^{*} is an arc in this digraph if and only if s(t) = s implies $s(t+1) = s^*(t)$.

This digraph will be called the *state transition digraph* of the network.

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What is the maximum length of transient for this system?

1245

2457

36

(247

234

(366)

(135)

456

145

N = <D,1,1>

Definition7. A digraph *D* is *acyclic* if *D* does not contain any directed cycle. **Lemma.** Let $N = \langle D, p, th \rangle$ be a neuronal network whose connectivity *D* is acyclic. Then { *p*} is the only attractor in *N*. *Proof:* ?

Theorem . Let N = <D, p, th> be a network whose connectivity D is acyclic. Then

a. the maximum length of each attractor in N is 1,

b. the maximum number of different attractors in N is 1,

c. the size of the basin of attraction of the steady state attractor is $|St_N| = \prod_i (p_i + 1)$, **d.** the transients have length at most $n + p_* - 1$. *Proof: ?*

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Landau's Function

• $g(n) = \max \operatorname{lcm}_{n_1 + \dots + n_{m < n}} \{n_1, \dots, n_m\}.$ • g(n) grows approximately like $e^{\sqrt{n \ln n} + O(1)}$



Conjecture

Let N = $\langle D, 1, 1 \rangle$ be a network such that D is a strongly connected digraph on n. If n < 26, then N does not have attractors of length > n.





$A_D = D_C(26, 10) \cup \{<25, 11>\}$

Act_0	2	5	8	10			13	15	18	21	23	25	
Act_1	1	3	6	9		11		14	16	19	22	24	26
Act_2		2	4	7	10		12		15	17	20	23	25
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Act_{28}	3	6	8	10		11	13	16	19	21	23		26
Act_{29}	1	4	7	9			12	14	17	20	22	24	
Act_{30}		2	5	8	10			13	15	18	21	23	25

Thank you