

# A Neural Network Filter For Complex Spatio-Temporal Patterns\*

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**Abstract**—This paper proposes a four-layer neural network filter for complex spatio-temporal patterns (or sequences). For any given complex spatio-temporal correlator network is proposed to solve the problem of spatio-temporal pattern learning, recognition, and retrieval[7]. It is a mathematical model based

temporal pattern, it can be constructed according to the order of the spatio-temporal pattern. Moreover, it is demonstrated by the simulation results.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Filtering and recognition of spatio-temporal patterns (or sequences) is very important in the real-

on a Kohonen's self-organizing map and a fuzzy ART network. However, the number of the processing neurons in some layer varies with the complexity of spatio-temporal patterns, which makes difficult to implement the network.

In this paper, we propose a neural network based filter for any given complex spatio-temporal pattern

$\mathcal{S}^c = P_1, \dots, P_{m_0} P_1$ . And  $m_0$  is called the length of the spatio-temporal cycle.

**Definition 2.** When a spatio-temporal pattern  $\mathcal{S}$  is not periodic, the order of  $\mathcal{S}$  is defined by

$$r(\mathcal{S}) = \min\{k : P_i P_{i+1} \dots P_{i+k-1} \neq P_j P_{j+1} \dots P_{j+k-1} \text{ for all } i, j \leq m - k + 1, \text{ and } i \neq j.\} \quad (1)$$

Clearly, the order of  $\mathcal{S}$  is the minimum of the number  $k$  which enable all the possible  $k$ -step blocks in  $\mathcal{S}$  are different. Surely, it is a positive integer in the range  $[1, m]$ . For clarity,  $r(\mathcal{S})$ -step blocks of  $\mathcal{S}$  are called basic blocks of  $\mathcal{S}$ . When the order of  $\mathcal{S}$  is just one, it is called a simple spatio-temporal pattern. In this case, all the spatial patterns are different. When the order of  $\mathcal{S}$  is larger than one, it is called a complex spatio-

The proof will be given in [11].

According to Theorem 1, we certainly have that the map from  $\mathcal{S}$  to  $\mathcal{B}_{\mathcal{S}}$  is one to one in the cases of both complex spatio-temporal pattern and cycle. That is,  $\mathcal{B}_{\mathcal{S}}$  uniquely corresponds to its true spatio-temporal pattern or cycle when  $\mathcal{S}$  is complex. Thus, a complex spatio-temporal pattern or cycle can be recognized from its basic blocks. We will use this idea to design the neural network spatio-temporal filter.

### III. THE NEURAL NETWORK SPATIO-TEMPORAL FILTER

Suppose that  $\mathcal{S}$  is a given complex spatio-temporal pattern of finite length (i.e.,  $m$  is finite) or a given complex spatio-temporal cycle and its order is  $k (> 1)$ .

a fixed  $n$ -dim binary pattern, we define

$$d_H(X, C) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - c_i| \quad (4)$$

otherwise, the neuron is inhibited and we consider the input pattern cannot be recognized as  $SP_i$ .  $\epsilon$  is selected according to the noise environment.

When the input pattern  $X$  and the spatial pattern

as the Hamming distance between  $X$  and  $C$ . We then second order binary neuron, called matching neuron.

define the  $t$ -neighborhood of  $C$  over the  $n$ -dim binary space  $\{0, 1\}^n$  as follows:

$$R_t(C) = \{X : d_H(X, C) \leq t\}. \quad (5)$$

The definition of the perceptive neuron is given as follows.

**Definition 1** If a binary neuron with a fixed weight vector  $W$ , for an input signal pattern  $X$  and a fixed threshold

Actually, a second order binary neuron is defined by  $W$  which is an  $(n + 1)$ -order real symmetric matrix. For an input signal pattern  $X$ , the output signal  $y$  of the second order binary neuron is computed by

$$y = Sgn(H(x)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } H(x) > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

value  $\theta$ , satisfies the following input-output relation:

$$y(X) = Sgn\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - \theta\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X \in R_t(C) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

$$H(X) = \sum_{i,j=0}^n w_{ij} x_i x_j, \quad x_0 = 1.$$

it is called a  $t$ -neighborhood perceptive neuron of (pat-

Then, a matching neuron of the spatial pattern  $SP_i$  is defined by such a second order binary neuron that

At each time with an input pattern, if some  $U_{j_i}$  is activated, it sends a signal to the receiving box where the index number  $i$  is obtained and transmitted to the output neuron, its contribution to the output neuron is considered only as a positive signal. Summing up

the first left block of the shift register. Otherwise, the receiving box has no signal and send the number all the signals in the  $m$  times, the output neuron will make the final decision. That is, if its output is one

$k$ -step blocks. The errors can be filtered by the output neuron if the threshold value is properly selected. Therefore, the neural network filter can recognize  $S$  in a noisy environment.

We further consider the case that  $S$  is a spatio-temporal cycle, i.e.,  $S = P_1 \cdots P_{m_0} P_1$ . In this situation, we design the neural network spatio-temporal filter as for the spatio-temporal pattern  $S' = P_1 \cdots P_{m_0} P_1 \cdots P_{k-1}$ , i.e.,  $m = m_0 + k - 1$ . Clearly, when the input spatio-temporal cycle enters the neural network spatio-temporal filter in such a way as  $S'$ , we have the same result as above. Moreover, since the output neurons all check whether all or most of the basic blocks of  $S$  are present in the input pattern, we can

of the real number  $x$ ). For a filtering or recognition system, only when the radius of the error-correcting hypersphere of each  $S_i$  is just  $t_i^*$ , the error probability of recognition reaches the minimum in a noisy environment.

Based on the Hamming distances between these sample patterns, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (t_1^*, t_2^*, t_3^*, t_4^*, t_5^*, t_6^*, t_7^*, t_8^*, t_9^*, t_{10}^*) \\ & = (3, 6, 5, 4, 9, 4, 5, 8, 3, 4). \end{aligned}$$

Then, we can design the binary neuron  $U_i$  in the second layer of the neural network filter as the  $t_i^*$ -

period of  $m$  times and there is not any other requirement, we can enter the input spatio-temporal cycle

Theorem 2.

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