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1. Introduction

Pattern recognition by neural networks, is widely discussed on the Internet. Weather-forecasting (<http://www.eunetat.de/en/area2/cqms/ap3-13.htm>), document analysis and recognition (C E D A R) (<http://www.cedar.buffalo.edu/into.html>), optical character recognition (O C H R E) (<http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/2548/ochre.html>), atmospheric blocking recognition and prediction (<http://www.aquila.infn.it/atmosfera/neurotools/>), and even financial forecasting can utilize pattern recognition [1]. Several recognized procedures, with limited capacity, are considered. Such technologies could be partially improved but they have not yet yielded an optimal solution to the restricted capacity when many data are involved [2] [3] [4].

Associative memory is critical in a neural network used as an approach for pattern recognition. Many studies of pattern recognition have focused on the structure of associative memory [5] [6]. The recurrent neural network (RNN) possesses the function of non-linear associative memory. The RNN is very effectively used in pattern recognition [7] [8].

The development of the Internet is becoming increasingly important, but several pattern recognition programs are still being developed at the local-end. Therefore, pattern recognition methods in the Internet focus on integrating science and technology in the future.

In this paper, the Web-Based system uses the technology of associative memory to deal with the task of component recognition; moreover, it is also a neural network with RNN structure. Generally recognized systems adopt RNN to do the task of pattern recognition, and the task only is recognition of characters scope. In our approach, the system performs the recognized assignment according to the component pattern by RNN. Entire Web-Based recognition system is built in a client-server network structure by Internet. Therefore, the database of stored pattern is called server-end, user adopts the interface is called client-end.

In this server-end, database stores all patterns of component warehouse. In many sample patterns, our paper proposes using the shape of engineering component and circuit sign to take as a recognized sample pattern. The user is able to input the pattern which will be

searched in the handwritten region of client-end. The system begins to perform the recognition task after we click the searching button. In the recognized process for training phase, the system uses the method of parallel computing to improve the capacity of stored pattern. On the other hand, in the retrieval stage, the Web-Based system will use the technology of database contrast to easy improve the problem that the RNN produces spurious states. A simulation experiment is also discussed to clarify and corroborate the above Web-based PR technology. Future developments of the proposed Web-based PR framework and algorithm analysis are also discussed.

2. Parallel computing and system analysis

This work is a innovative pattern recognition network to enhance the network structure of an RNN .In the classical approach [9], an RNN is a discrete-time discretely valued dynamic system which, at any given time, t , is characterized by a binary state vector

$$x(t) = [x_1(t), \dots, x_i(t), \dots, x_n(t)] \in \{1, -1\}^n \quad (1)$$

The behavior of the system is given by a dynamic equation of the type,

$$x_i(t+1) = \text{sgn} \left[\sum_{j=1}^n W_{ij} X_j(t) - \theta_i \right] \quad (2)$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

A point, x , is fixed for any pattern prototype vectors, $\xi^1, \xi^2, \dots, \xi^p$ [10]

$$\xi^u = [x_1(t), \dots, x_{i(t)}, \dots, x_n(t)] \in \{1, -1\}^n \quad (3)$$

In our approach, $x(t)$ is a record in the pattern database. $x_1(t)$ or $x_i(t)$ is a field of any data record. Furthermore, bipolar data are between 1 and -1. A “1” represents a black point in the pattern, and a “-1” represents a white blank in the pattern.

The sample patterns are directly stored in the database system of the server-end via the Internet .A user can modify the patterns of a database system at any time, and a remote user may build up his or her own sample pattern, as shown in Figure 1.

In the network parameter, the synaptic matrix, W , and the threshold vector, θ , are improved from discrete RNN [11]. Initially, in the training stage, the records of a pattern database are cut; a parallel computation is employed to determine the W and θ values of every segment, and afterwards W and θ of every segment are again used to Eq.(2) and, thus, determine the most similar pattern records of retrieval in every segment. These pattern records in the most similar are collected, and their W and θ also are again calculated by Eq. (2). Repeating the computation several times finally yields a correct pattern in many sample patterns.

The Web-Based PR system adopts a parallel computing architecture [25]. For example, if the pattern database includes fifty records and the cut number is ten; parallel computation is used to determine W and θ of every group of ten records. Then, W and θ of every group of ten records are calculated by Eq. (2). These pattern records in the most similar become some new pattern records. These new pattern records are collected and their W and θ are again computed, according to the first cut number. The computation is repeated many times, until the result of recognition is determined, as shown in Figure 1.

The operation of a discrete RNN as a content-addressable memory involves two phases - storage and retrieval.

2.1 Storage phase

Assume that a set of N -dimensional vectors (binary word), denoted by $\{\xi_{\mu} \mid \mu = 1, 2, \dots, N\}$, and is to be stored. These N vectors are called fundamental memories and represent the patterns to be memorized by the network. Let ξ_{μ} denote the i th element of the fundamental memory, ξ_{μ} , where the class $\mu = 1, 2, \dots, N$

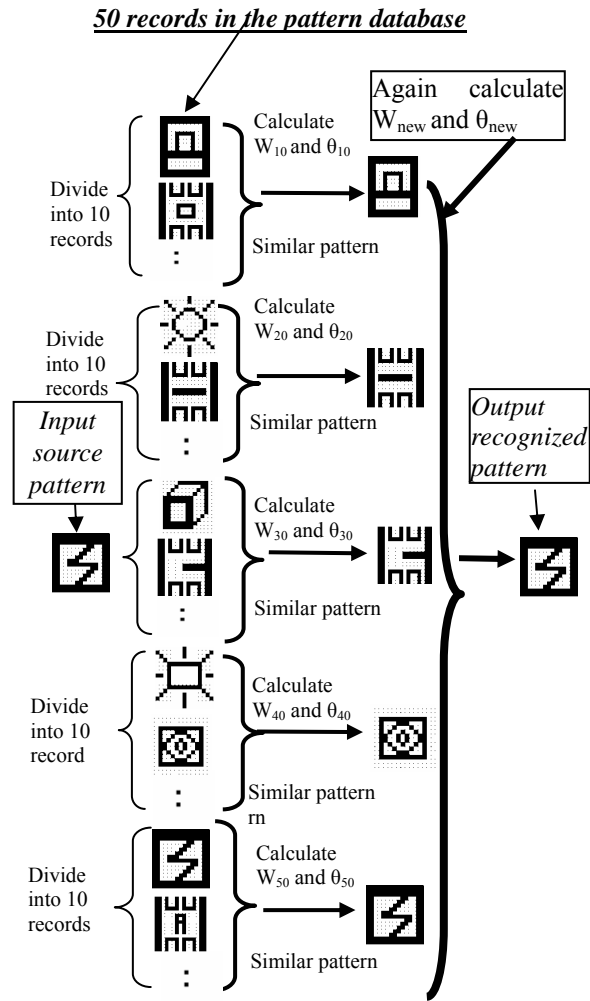


Figure 1. Parallel Computing W and θ via the pattern database system.

According to the outer product rule of storage, Hebb's postulate concerning learning the synaptic weight from neuron i to neuron j is generalized as,

$$W_{ji} = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\mu=1}^N \xi_{\mu-j} \xi_{\mu-i} \quad (4)$$

$1/p$ is taken as the constant of proportionality to simplify the mathematical description of information retrieval. [12] Notably, the learning rule in Eq. (4) is a "one shot" computation.

In the normal operation of the RNN, the following is set.

$$W_{ii}=0 \text{ for all } i, i=1, \dots, p \quad (5)$$

$W_{ii}=0$, prevents positive feedback. [13]

Let W denote the P by P synaptic weight matrix of the network, with W_{ji} as its j th element.

Equations (4) and (5) can then be combined into a single equation written in matrix form:

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$$W = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\mu}^N \xi_{\mu} \xi_{\mu}^T - \frac{N}{P} I \quad (6)$$

I is the P x P identity matrix, and W is a symmetric matrix of which the diagonal line is zero in all places.

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} W_{11} & \cdots & W_{1p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ W_{p1} & \cdots & W_{pp} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & \cdots & W_{1p} \\ \vdots & 0 & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ W_{p1} & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

The threshold of the jth neuron has two modes:

$$\theta_j = 0, j = 1, \dots, p \quad (9)$$

or

$$\theta_j = \sum_{i=1}^p W_{ij}, i = 1, \dots, p \quad (10)$$

The threshold of Eq.(10) can increase the memory capacity of the network [14].

2.2 Retrieval phase

If a recognizing pattern vector \underline{X} is input, then the initial output value is $\underline{X}(0)$. Every neuron follow-up output is computed by Eq.(11)

$$\begin{aligned} X_j(n+1) &= \text{sgn}\left(\sum_{i=1}^p W_{ji} X_i(n) - \theta_j\right) \\ &= \text{sgn}(u_j(n) - \theta_j) \\ &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } u_j(n) > \theta_j \\ X_j(n) & \text{if } u_j(n) = \theta_j \\ -1 & \text{if } u_j(n) < \theta_j \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

In his original paper, RNN used the values 0 and 1 as the outputs [11]. However, the values 1 and -1 are now commonly used [15] [16] for convenience with the zero threshold.

In Eq. (11), n is the number of iterations. Importantly, the discrete RNN used an asynchronization method to alter the output of each neuron, and the complete process of associative memory employed Eq. (12) to describe the chain-state relationship:

$$\underline{X}(0) \rightarrow \underline{X}(1) \rightarrow \underline{X}(2) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \underline{X}(k) \rightarrow \underline{X}(k+1) \rightarrow \dots \quad (12)$$

The output is unchanged by continual iterative computation until the state converges on the stable state. Mathematically, $\underline{X} = \text{sgn}(W\underline{X} - \underline{\theta})$, where \underline{X} is a stable state. Using a

synchronization mode to change the output of the network, changes many results, but the neural network still converges, as the partial state converges on the stable state. Another partial state can show a limit cycle of length of at most 2. [17].

Although an asynchronization method is used here to change the output of the network, \underline{X} converges on the stable state, sometimes also on the incorrect recall [18]. The \underline{X} state of final convergence is therefore used to match the original pattern database. Computing each Hammer distance determines the minimal value of the dH . [19] With n pattern records, the Hammer distance is computed by,

$$dH = \sum_{i=1}^p |X_i - \xi_i^u| \quad , \quad u = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (13)$$

And the minimal value is,

$$dH_{\min} = \min \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^p |X_i - \xi_i^1|, \sum_{i=1}^p |X_i - \xi_i^2|, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^p |X_i - \xi_i^n| \right\} \quad (14)$$

If the convergent result of the \underline{X} equals a vector of the sample pattern, ξ^u , then $dH_{\min} = 0$. If the convergent result of the \underline{X} does not equal a vector of the sample pattern, ξ^u , then $dH_{\min} > 0$. In such a case, \underline{X} is similar to the sample pattern, ξ^u .

3. Establishing and managing the pattern database

Our web site use Microsoft Internet Information server (IIS). All web pages of recognized system are placed in the IIS, and Administrator manages conveniently. When user changes the data in the database, administrator can monitor this condition that all data is changed. The entire pattern database can be divided into two main parts. The First part is that patterns is established, the second part is management of data. The two parts accomplish their work by the browser. When these patterns are built in the pattern database, our approach adopts web-based and real-time method by Internet. After user inputs pattern and clicks the submitted button, the patter will be built in the database. When user inputs these patterns, simultaneously, user also inputs relational properties of these patterns.

After user inputs sample pattern, Administrator is able to supervise and manage the database by the function of web Assistant. The supervisor can views the newest stored pattern in the pattern database by the browser. Besides, the administrator can also modify the database at any time. Whole system is showed in following content, such as Figure 2.

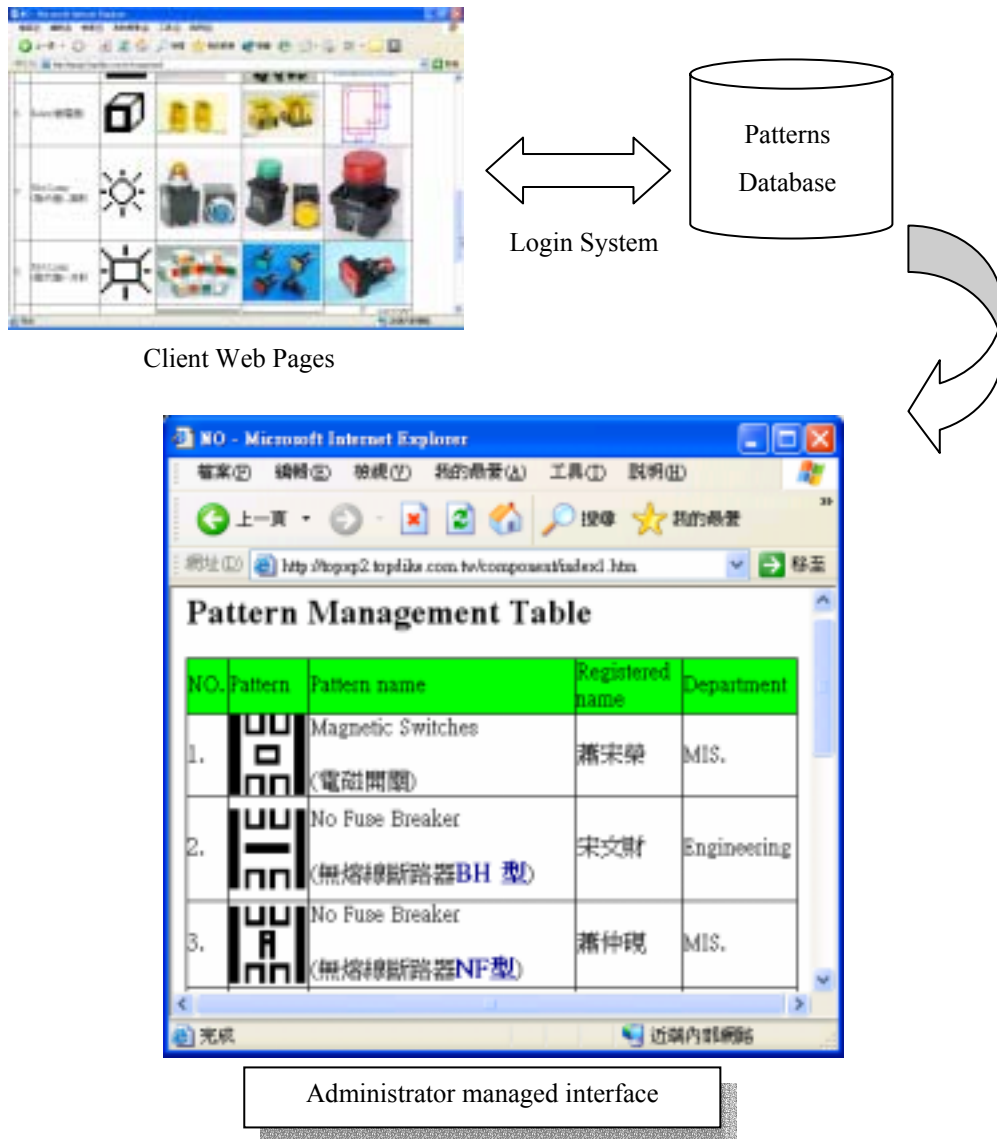


Figure 2. The relationship is shown between Administrator and Client-User

In this paper, web assistant views the content which is the newest data in the pattern database. User is able to view the field data of pattern number and pattern builder except pattern data, as shown in figure 3. Our pattern database adopts relational mode to establish these data tables. The data of pattern registrar and pattern data will be separated by the

relational mode, simultaneously; it can also reduce the complexity of pattern database. The relational graph of data table is shown in Figure 4

This paper uses the method of one to many to build the data table. When the recognition is accomplished, the correct pattern is found by the recognition system, simultaneously, user can also view the properties of the pattern



Figure 3. These component pattern data and builder are shown in the homepage of system.

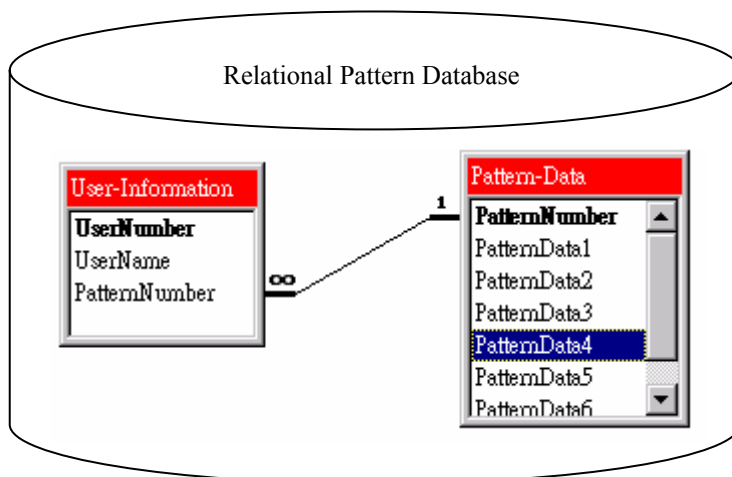


Figure 4. The relational graph of pattern database is shown

4. Storage capacity analysis and improvement

As an important model of associative memory, the RNN has been comprehensively researched and applied to pattern recognition using the sum-of-outer products [11]. Further research has addressed asymmetric or generalized RNN model with other learning algorithms,

since the memory capacity of the RNN using the sum-of-outer products scheme, is very low [21] [22] [23].

Hopfield originally determined the number of stable patterns for the Hopfield RNN at $0.15P$ (for P neurons) [11]. Since then, many other researches have obtained results that show better performance capability. The capacity of a Hopfield RNN is the number C of stable states it has. Obviously, C depends on the weight matrix, which is taken to be symmetric with zeros on the diagonal. McEliece et al. [21] showed that,

$$P/[4\ln(P)] < C < P/[2\ln(P)] \tag{21}$$

For example, for 100 neurons, C satisfies $5 < C < 10$, where C is the number of data records in the stable state. The memory capacity of a discrete RNN has an upper limit. If the number of neurons is P , Eq. (21) yields,

$$M_{\max} = \frac{P}{2\ln(P)}, M_{\max}, \text{ which is the maximum memory capacity.} \tag{22}$$

D.J.Amit[24] stated that the number, P , of neurons is 99% correct in the retrieval phase, and the number of the stored data records is limited by the following formula.

$$M \leq \frac{P}{4\ln(P)}, \quad M: \text{ memory capacity} \tag{23}$$

Notably, M in the Eq.. (22) and Eq.(23) becomes the basis of the divided segment in the pattern database: M is the number of distributed computation .

Writing a component pattern in a computer uses $P=240$ (15×16 matrix) neurons and has a $P^2-P=57360$ weight value for the recollection. Therefore, $P=240$ in Eq.. (22)and (23), and the different amount of capacity is determined as the number of cut recorded patterns in the database . Assume that Eq. (23) is used to compute the cut number with 100% recognition.

$$\begin{aligned} M &\leq \frac{P}{4\ln(P)} \\ M &\leq \frac{240}{4\ln(240)} \quad , P=240 \\ M &\leq 10 \quad (\text{records}) \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

Accordingly the cut number of the pattern database as set to ten. Consequently, the pattern of every ten records is set into a segment to calculate the W and θ values of each segment.

5. Implementing the Web-Based pattern recognition system

The implementation of the new pattern recognition system is considered further. The system of the pattern database is first established at the server-end, and Microsoft SQL Server was used as the data management platform. The input is a dynamic action in the sample pattern, and a real-time, Web-based method was used to input the pattern. These new learning patterns can be built at the any time. These established sample patterns can be updated, modified, and deleted. Namely, the above mentions fully conform to the rules which build the pattern database, for which refer to Figure 5.

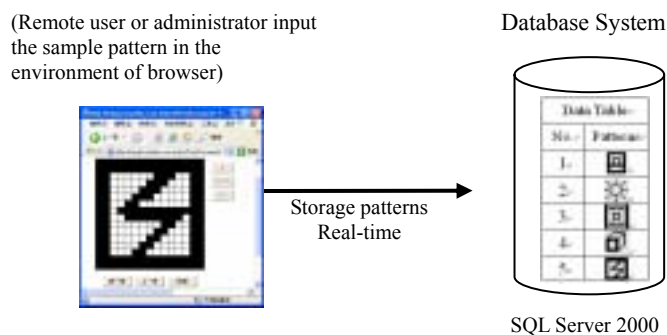


Figure 5.Using a Web-based method to build a pattern database (Prototype Database)

Using the method of Figure 1 and parallel computation of cut database will solve efficiently the problem of the capacity. The new learning pattern used a dynamic method and can thus perform pattern recognition at any time. The recognized results of pattern database and client-end operation are included in a web page, as Figure 6.

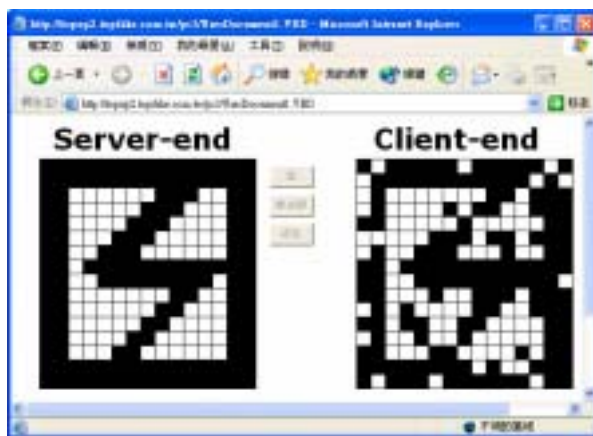


Figure 6.Patterns are inputted at the client-end, and they are displayed at the server-end

In Figure 6, the right of the web page is the client-end and the left of the web page is the server-end. If the user inputs the pattern at the client-end, the correct recognized result will be presented at server-end even if in the case that the source pattern of client-end be interfered with some noise. The new recognition system has already overcome many problems which previously existed. The capacity and correct rate are substantially increased, and the neural network with distributed computation is turned into a highly efficient system. The convergence of the recognition system is now analyzed, with reference to Lippmann's experiment in which the inputs, applied to the network, were assumed to take values +1 for black points and -1 for white points.

Next, a pattern of interest is distorted by randomly and independently reversing each point of the pattern from +1 to -1 and vice versa, with a probability of 0.25, and then using the corrupted pattern as a probe for the network . Figure 7 presents the result for a component pattern. The patterns produced by the network after 30, 60, 100, 150, 200, and 238 iterations show that the resemblance of the network output to the component pattern progressively improves. Indeed, after 238 iterations, the network converges onto exactly the correct form of the component pattern.

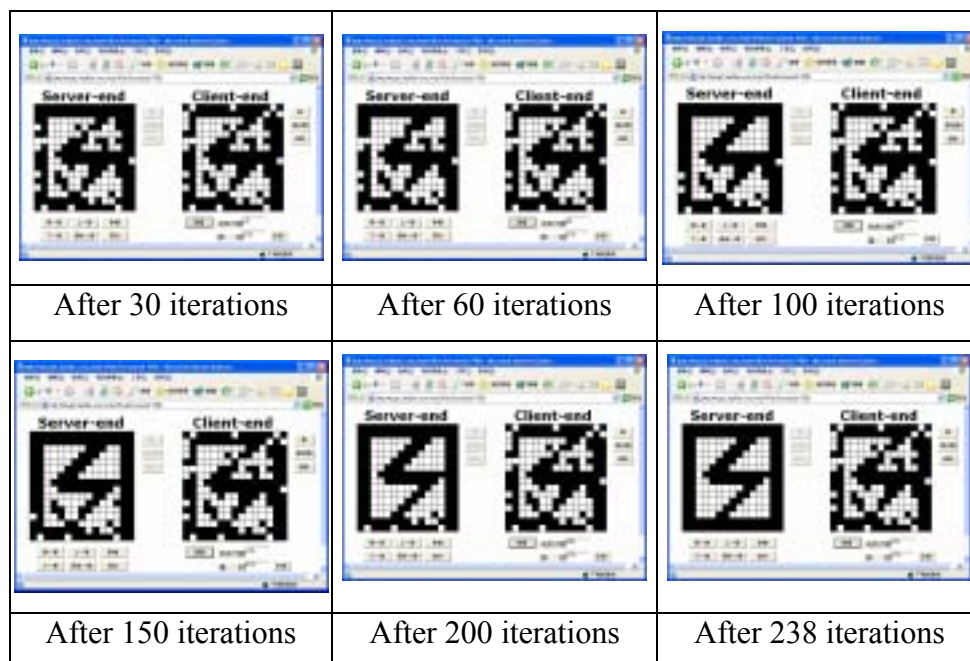


Figure 7. Complete system of pattern recognition in the convergent process.

Figure 7 shows the correct pattern of stable convergence after 238 iterations at the server-end. Next, for a case of spurious states, the noisy pattern is input at the client-end, and the partial pattern of recall is recognized at the server-end. The pattern is not correctly recalled because such a sample pattern was not input, as shown in Figure 8.

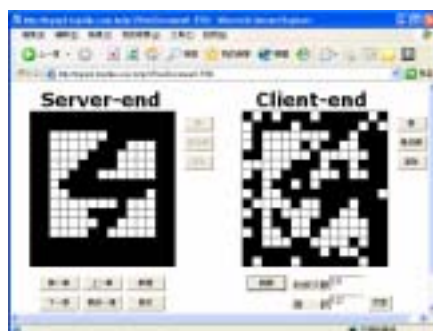


Figure 8. Partially incorrect recollection

The system increased the matching of the pattern database. Accordingly, the partial incorrectness in Figure 8 is not again arisen. After the recognized result matched the pattern database, it converges to an accurate pattern, as in Figure 9.

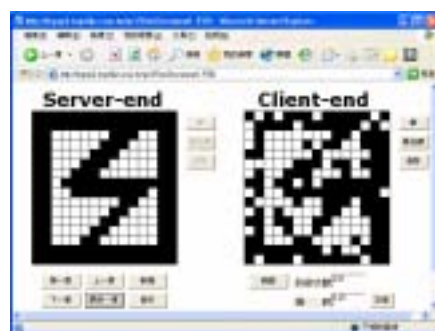


Figure 9. Accurate condition for convergence after the recognized result matched the pattern database.

6. Cooperative example

According to our Web-Based recognition system, our laboratory and Yang-Fen Automation Electrical Engineering Company had performed the plan of technologic co-operation during the time of January, 2002. Yang-Fen Automation Electrical Engineering Company operates in the installation of the power distribution equipment of the factory. There is a stock amount in each component of power distribution, and these engineering of Yang-Fen Company are constructed all over the world. Therefore, formerly these engineers query the head office about the stock amount of these components by telephone, and the pronunciations through telephone make mistakes of inquiry easily. Afterward Yang-Fen Company uses the method of

web page to do these tasks of query by Internet. Unfortunately, there are some engineers forget these name of engineering component usually, and it will bring a persecution about the query of stock amount.

Next, Yang-Fen Company and we cooperate to do the experiment which uses Web-Based and real-time way to search for these patterns of component database by Internet, and the search is a recognized task namely recognized search. First, we build the pattern of the shape of each component in the server of component database. The pattern of each component uses their shape to become the pattern of component database. The component database joins the specifications of these components in the other field when these patterns of component database are established, such as Figure 10.

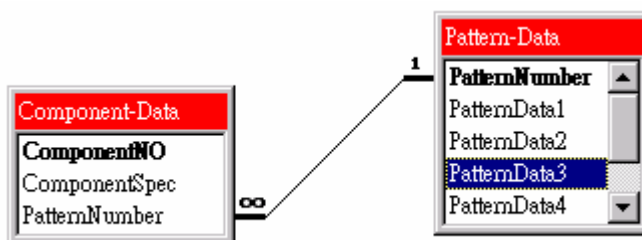


Figure 10. Relational component pattern database

These component patterns are shown in the following figures from the Web page of Yang-Fen Company, such as figure 11.

NO	component name	recognized pattern	Shape 1	Shape 2	Circuitry
1	Magnetic Switches C電磁開關				
2	Air Circuit Breaker NH型 - 分電開關				
3	Air Circuit Breaker NH型 - 斷電 + 電開關				

Figure 11. Component patterns are list in the Yang-Fen's Web page.

They are able to login the server-end homepage of component recognition by Internet when remote engineer work in any where. Therefore, the engineer inputs self-drawn component pattern, and the system will begin to recognition after clicked the recognizing button.

According to the recognized statistics of Yang-Fen Company from January to April in the 2002, their engineers weren't used to be familiar with the operation of Web-Based recognition system in January; therefore, the recognition rate was low, and these conditions were improved until February. In the cooperative process, we modify the database of original component patterns frequently. We didn't let these component patterns too alike, and the recognition rate of system will be raised.

Next, we list these data that each engineer login the recognition system for the number of times of success and failure from January to April.

Table1. Recognized statistics for cooperative example

Month	Total recognition times	Correct recognition times	Incorrect recognition times	Recognition ratio
January	232	163	69	70.26%
February	256	228	28	89.06%
March	247	230	17	93.12%
April	269	262	7	97.40%

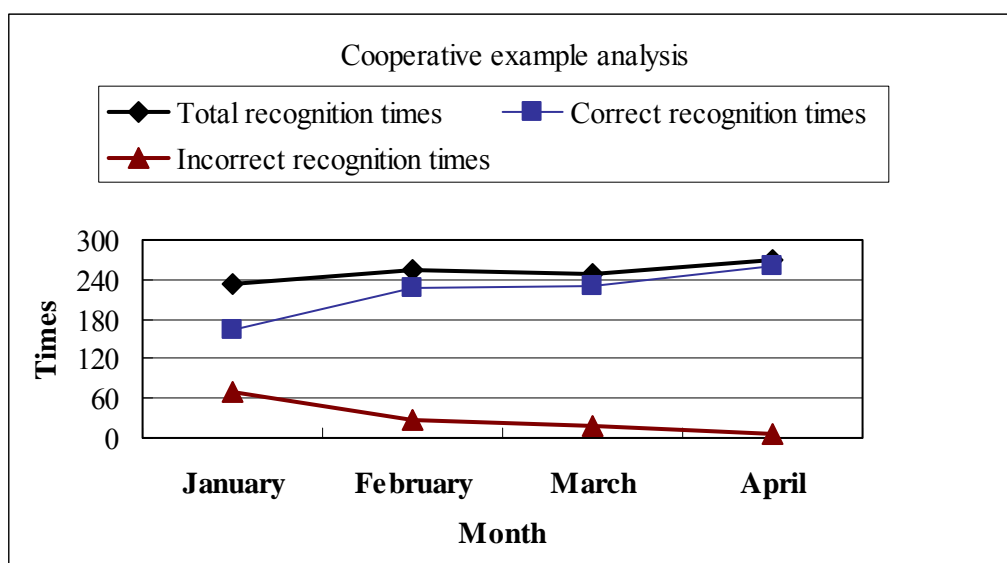


Figure 12. The cooperative plan is analyzed by their histories.

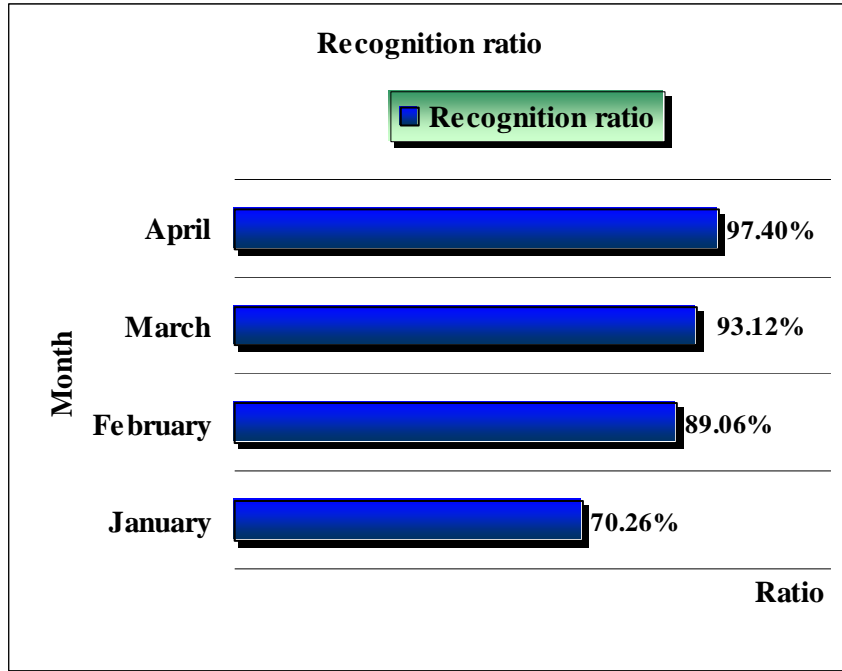


Figure 13. The recognition ratio of cooperative plan is analyzed by long-line graph.

7. Algorithm analyses

Our algorithm was based on the theory of Lippmann [16], with improvements; the newly proposed approaches were included. The approach can be easily implemented in a computer program. The steps of the algorithm for finding the correct pattern in the pattern database are as follows.

Step 1: The number of cut records of the pattern database is computed:

$$M = \frac{P}{4 \ln(P)}, P \text{ is the total number of neurons}$$

Step 2: Every M records are a segment in the records of the pattern database. All records are divided into M, 2M, 3M, ..., (the maximum number of cut records=CRmax)M, and compute W and θ value.

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_{(M)} &= \frac{1}{P} \sum_{K=1}^M \xi_K \xi_K^T - \frac{M}{P} I, \theta_{j(M)} = \sum_{i=1}^P W_{ji(M)}, i = 1, \dots, P \\
 W_{(2M)} &= \frac{1}{P} \sum_{K=M+1}^{2M} \xi_K \xi_K^T - \frac{M}{P} I, \theta_{j(2M)} = \sum_{i=1}^P W_{ji(2M)}, i = 1, \dots, P \\
 W_{(3M)} &= \frac{1}{P} \sum_{K=2M+1}^{3M} \xi_K \xi_K^T - \frac{M}{P} I, \theta_{j(3M)} = \sum_{i=1}^P W_{ji(3M)}, i = 1, \dots, P \\
 &\vdots \\
 &\vdots \\
 W_{(CR_{max}M)} &= \frac{1}{P} \sum_{K=CR_{max}M+1}^{CR_{max}M} \xi_K \xi_K^T - \frac{M}{P} I, \theta_{j(CR_{max}M)} = \sum_{i=1}^P W_{ji(CR_{max}M)}, i = 1, \dots, P
 \end{aligned}$$

Step 3: In the retrieval stage, n is the number of iterations, and X indicates that the pattern will be recognized.

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_{j(M)}(n+1) &= \text{sgn}\left(\sum_{i=1}^P W_{ji(M)} X_{i(n)} - \theta_{j(M)}\right) \\
 X_{j(2M)}(n+1) &= \text{sgn}\left(\sum_{i=1}^P W_{ji(2M)} X_{i(n)} - \theta_{j(2M)}\right) \\
 X_{j(3M)}(n+1) &= \text{sgn}\left(\sum_{i=1}^P W_{ji(3M)} X_{i(n)} - \theta_{j(3M)}\right) \\
 &\vdots \\
 &\vdots \\
 X_{j(\text{CRmaxM})}(n+1) &= \text{sgn}\left(\sum_{i=1}^P W_{ji(\text{CRmaxM})} X_{i(n)} - \theta_{j(\text{CRmaxM})}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Step 4: Every convergent X value in Step 3 is determined, and the matching pattern database determines the minimum Hamming Distance,

$$\begin{aligned}
 dH_{\min(M)} &= \min\left\{\sum_{i=1}^P |X_{ij(M)}^{(n+1)} - \xi_i|, \sum_{i=1}^P |X_{ij(M)}^{(n+1)} - \xi_i^2|, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^P |X_{ij(M)}^{(n+1)} - \xi_i^M|\right\} \\
 dH_{\min(2M)} &= \min\left\{\sum_{i=1}^P |X_{ij(2M)}^{(n+1)} - \xi_i^{M+1}|, \sum_{i=1}^P |X_{ij(2M)}^{(n+1)} - \xi_i^{M+2}|, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^P |X_{ij(2M)}^{(n+1)} - \xi_i^{2M}|\right\} \\
 dH_{\min(3M)} &= \min\left\{\sum_{i=1}^P |X_{ij(3M)}^{(n+1)} - \xi_i^{2M+1}|, \sum_{i=1}^P |X_{ij(3M)}^{(n+1)} - \xi_i^{2M+2}|, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^P |X_{ij(3M)}^{(n+1)} - \xi_i^{3M}|\right\} \\
 &\vdots \\
 &\vdots \\
 &\vdots \\
 dH_{\min(\text{CRmaxM})} &= \min\left\{\sum_{i=1}^P |X_{ij(\text{CRmaxM})}^{(n+1)} - \xi_i^{(\text{CRmaxM})M+1}|, \sum_{i=1}^P |X_{ij(\text{CRmaxM})}^{(n+1)} - \xi_i^{(\text{CRmaxM})M+2}|, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^P |X_{ij(\text{CRmaxM})}^{(n+1)} - \xi_i^{\text{CRmaxM}M}|\right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Step 5: dH_{\min} is determined in Step 4 can specify that the X is the most similar to the ξ (sample patterns). These patterns are combined as new pattern records. Step 2 is revisited and repeated until the record of Step5 equals one.

Step 6: Finally, the sample pattern, ξ , is determined as a correctly recognized pattern.

The recognition method presented here is new, and can be used to write easily a web page with a pattern recognition function.

8. Conclusions and Future Work

The application of component recognition on the Internet is not yet mature. This study uses a real-time, web-based method to recognize network patterns in the structure of the Internet .A

pattern database overcome many defects in recognition technology. This work provides three new solutions.

1. Using the pattern database to establish the learning pattern, and solves the problem of the capacity of RNN.
2. Adopting the matching technology of a pattern database to determine the most similar patterns reduces the prevalence of the spurious states of RNN; relatively and raise the recognition rate of a neural network.
3. The Web-based approach uses real-time Internet, and any user can use a browser to connect to the server-end via the Internet. Furthermore, the user could input the training pattern and recognize the source pattern at once.

Many recognition programs must be run on a local machine, and these programs are limited in many operating systems. Transplanting these programs to the Internet can cause some difficulties in Common Gateway Interface (CGI) .The program presented here is built in the Web-server environment. The performance of the program is without delay because the system is real-time in learning and recognition.

This recognition system is managed by the back-end database system. After the user logs to the system, all patterned data is stored in the database. This method is new, and can ensure the completeness and security of these patterned data

With further development, the recognition system will be widely applied to electronic commerce (EC). If the server-end is a bank, an autograph (as sample pattern) can be remotely registered in a home or office. The signed pattern would be recognized at the server-end of the bank. The people in the network would be able to buy more securely, and electronic commerce would thus be further promoted.

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