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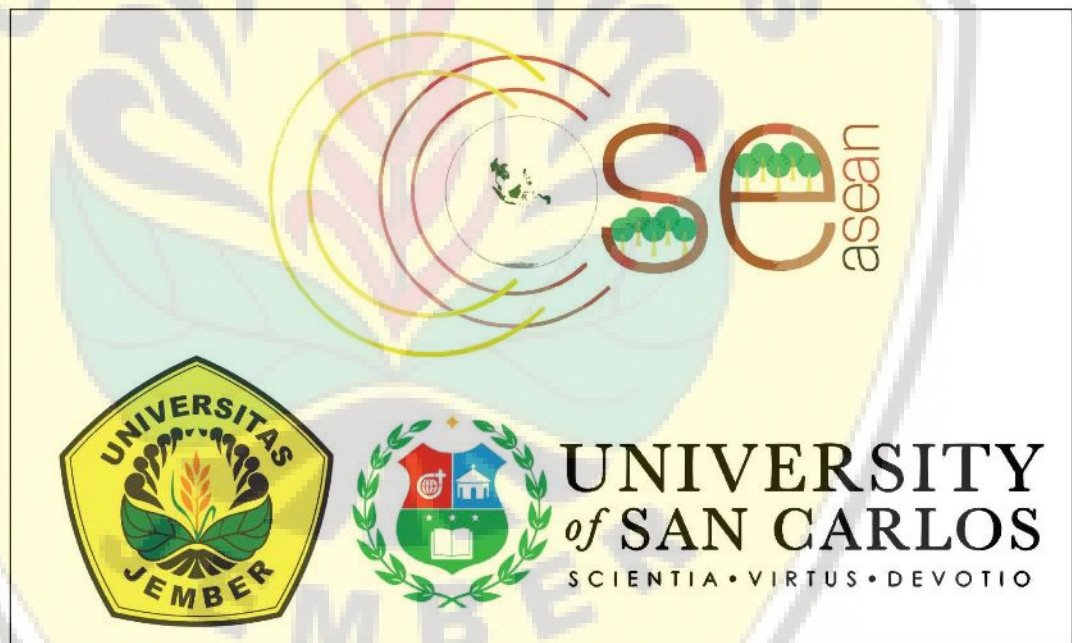
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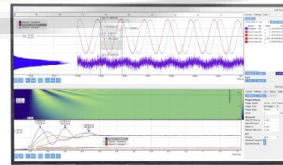
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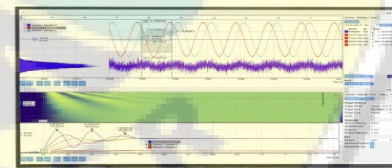
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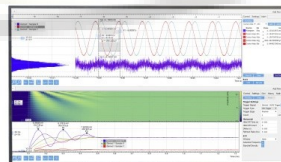
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# Sequence-based Protein-Protein Interaction Prediction using Greedy Layer-Wise Training of Deep Neural Networks

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**Abstract.** Jamu is an herbal medicine commonly used before the advent of modern medicine. Generally, the herbal formula is obtained empirically and passed down from generation to generation. However, the healing process with herbs is also influenced by such as myths and local customs. This influence causes differences in the use of herbal ingredients to cure the same disease. The result is a collection of herbal recipes that overlap each other without any supporting evidence of its validity. Protein-protein interaction (PPI) is a biological process that is influenced by drugs in the healing process. Therefore, PPI due to the consumption of herbs can be used as evidence of the effectiveness of herbal medicine. PPI analysis needs to be done to study how proteins interact with other proteins. PPI analysis with an experimental method (wet lab) cannot be carried out on extensive data and only covers a portion of protein interaction networks. Therefore, a computational approach needs to be done. In previous studies, predictions of PPIs were proven to be carried out using only protein sequence information. The advantage of using this protein sequence information is that this method is more universal. Information that can be obtained from protein sequences includes Discrete Cosine Transform, Multi-scale Local Descriptor, Autocovariance, and Conjoint Triad. The study with the sequence information has been done using different machine learning approaches, such as Support Vector Machines, Random Forest, and Probabilistic Neural Networks. A deep learning approach has also been done with Stacked-Autoencoder, which tried to construct a hidden structure of protein sequences. Previously, deep learning has also been proven to be able to handle raw and complex data on a large scale and learn the useful and abstract features of perceptual problems such as image recognition and voice. The method proposed in this study is deep neural networks that were trained using stacked-autoencoder and stacked-randomized autoencoder. The extracted features used are conjoint-triad. This study compares both methods which have different characteristics in the construction of layers in deep neural networks. We conducted experiments with k-Fold cross-validation which became the gold standard for most predictive model testing. Our experiments with 5 cross-validations and 3 hidden layers gave an average validation accuracy of  $0.89 \pm 0.02$  for the SAE method and  $0.51 \pm 0.003$  for the ML-ELM.

## INTRODUCTION

Protein-protein interactions are biological processes that are influenced by drugs; therefore, PPI can be an indicator of whether a drug reacts as expected to a disease, or with other drugs. Before the existence of computational methods, research on PPI was carried out by experimental methods in a wet laboratory. A common experimental method is the two-hybrid-based *ex vivo* and *in vitro* systems in yeast [1], mass spectrometry [2], dan proteome chip [3]. However, this experimental method approach does not cover a complete PPI network [4] and also labor-intensive work. The approach by combining two-hybrid-based experiments and computational approaches were carried out by [5] and [6]. Therefore, several previous studies have proposed amino acid sequences in proteins as features, and the use of information on protein amino acid sequences has proven to be possible. The features that can be obtained from protein sequences are Discrete Cosine Transform with Substitution Matrix Representation [7], Multi-scale Local Descriptor [8], Autocovariance [9] dan Conjoint Triad [10]. All four are processed using a different computational approach, such as Support Vector Machine [7] [10], Random Forest [8] dan Probabilistic Neural Network [9]. The advantage of using protein sequence information is that this method is more universal [10].

Deep neural network (DNN) gives satisfactory results on solving problems that require higher abstraction such as image [11] dan speech\_recognition [12]. Compared to a single layer feed-forward network (SLFN), DNN can handle raw, complex data and automatically learn useful and more abstract features [13]. But making the network deeper by simply adding hidden layers does not necessarily give the best results.

Deep network training is a difficult task and problems that had been proved effective when applied to shallow networks (SLFN) become inefficient when adapted to deep networks. [14]. Research by [15] also concluded that in general a deep neural network is no better or even worse than a neural network with 1 or 2 hidden layers, and argues that the solution found by gradient-descent learning to the optimum global solution will worsen with increasing network size. A reasonable explanation for this is that optimization based on gradients starting from random initialization allows it to be stuck on local optima. Therefore, the addition of each hidden layer needs to be done constructively [16]. This idea motivated the emergence of ELM stacked-autoencoder and multilayer ideas (which are actually stacked-ELM-autoencoder). Deep networks that use unsupervised pretraining that are done per layer (greedy layer-wise) will position the network in areas in the parameter space where fine-tuning (also called transfer-learning) is avoided from local minima [14].

## METHODS

### Datasets

The list of proteins we use is obtained from Indonesian Herbal Medicine-Herbs Analytics [17], to limit protein in the herbal domain. Then the sequence information for each protein is obtained from UniProt [18], whereas interaction data were obtained from STRING-DB [19]. STRING-DB provides information on interacting protein pairs but does not provide information about protein pairs that do not interact with each other. So we used a list of protein pairs that did not interact with each other from [20]. We get about 68,000 pairs of proteins that interact and 36,000 pairs of proteins that do not interact. Furthermore, under sampling is done so that the data becomes balanced.

### Conjoint Triad

Conjoint Triad (CT) is the method proposed in [10]. CT classifies 3 amino acid sequences in a sequence as a unit called a triad. Amino acids consisting of 20 different types are first grouped into 7 groups by the B3LYP / 6-31G \* method and the molecular chemistry approach (Table 1).

**TABLE 1** Amino acid grouping [10]

Cluster	Amino acid
1	Ala, Gly, Val
2	Ile, Leu, Phe, Pro
3	Tyr, Met, Thr, Ser
4	His, Asn, Gln, Trp
5	Arg, Lys
6	Asp, Glu
7	Cys

An example of a protein  $P$  that has an amino acid sequence is as follows:

$$P = 3562142411 \quad (1)$$

replaced with:

$$P = 3562142411 \quad (2)$$

Because there are 7 groups, there will be 343 different triads ( $7 * 7 * 7$ ). The frequency of occurrence of the triad is then stored in the form:

$$V = \begin{cases} 111 = f1 & 121 = f8 & \dots & 177 = f337 \\ 211 = f2 & 221 = f9 & \dots & 277 = f338 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 711 = f7 & 721 = f14 & \dots & 777 = f343 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

In the example of protein  $P$ , the contents of all elements of vector  $V$  are 0, except: f276 (*triad* 364), f89 (*triad* 562), f13 (*triad* 621), f149 (*triad* 214), f71 (*triad* 142), f158 (*triad* 424), f23 (*triad* 241), dan f4 (*triad* 411).

## Stacked-Autoencoder (SAE)

Autoencoder is a simple learning circuit that aims to map inputs into outputs with the least amount of distortion possible [21]. Autoencoder is an artificial neural network that applies an unsupervised learning algorithm that concludes a function to construct a hidden structure of data that has no label. [22]. Autoencoder is a neural network with two layers. The first layer is the encoding layer and the second layer is the decoding layer. The number of neurons in the decoding layer is the same as the network input dimension. The purpose of the autoencoder is to calculate  $f_{enc}(x) = h$  from an input example  $x$ , where the  $f_{dec}(h)$  can recover  $x$  with high accuracy. The objective is to model a two-stage approach to the identity function (Equation 1) with  $f_{enc}$  being the encoding function owned by the encoding layer and  $f_{dec}$  is a decoding function owned by the decoding layer [14]:

$$f_{dec}(f_{enc}(x)) = f_{dec}(h) = \hat{x} \approx x \quad \text{ii)}$$

An SAE consists of several autoencoder (AE) layers that are alternately trained and the output from the previous layer becomes the input for the next layer. The results of the pretraining stage per layer can be improved by fine-tuning using backpropagation on all layers at the same time.

An example of an SAE with 2 autoencoder layers for the completion of classification with 3 classes can be seen in Figure 4. First, the first layer autoencoder is trained with input data  $x_k$  to obtain the  $h_k^1$ . The  $h_k^1$  becomes the first order feature in SAE that can be reconstructed back to  $\hat{x}$ . Next to get the second-order features  $\hat{h}_k^2$ , the second layer autoencoder is trained to use  $\hat{x}$  as input and generate code  $\hat{h}_k^1$ . After the two autoencoder layers are weighted, fine-tuning is done by utilizing the backpropagation from a softmax classifier layer. The softmax classifier layer uses  $\hat{h}_k^1$  as input to generate the likelihood for each class in the classification (Figure 1).

SAE's natural process of pretraining per layer makes it able to decompose inputs into more abstract features. This refers to the nature of the autoencoder which studies the features that make up the representation of the input. The first layer autoencoder in SAE produces the first-order features, and the second layer autoencoder produces the second-order features that are generated from the first level features, the third layer autoencoder produces the third-order features that are generated from the second level features, and so on. The deeper layers of SAE tend to study higher features.

## Multilayer ELM (ML-ELM)

The nature of ELM is SLFN and is limited to SLFN. Thus, in the past 10 years, most ELM research was generalized SLFN [23]. Therefore, to realize a deep network, the only way is to do layer-by-layer unsupervised learning. According to the theory, ELM is a universal approximator, so it is ELM-autoencoder (ELM-AE). ELM-AE is an ELM that functions like an autoencoder in general. [24] has shown that ELM-AE can be used in unsupervised learning, and is considered to be able to do feature representation similar to single value decomposition (SVD). Unlike SAE which requires fine-tuning after each layer is weighted with the results of autoencoder, Multilayer ELM does not require fine-tuning.

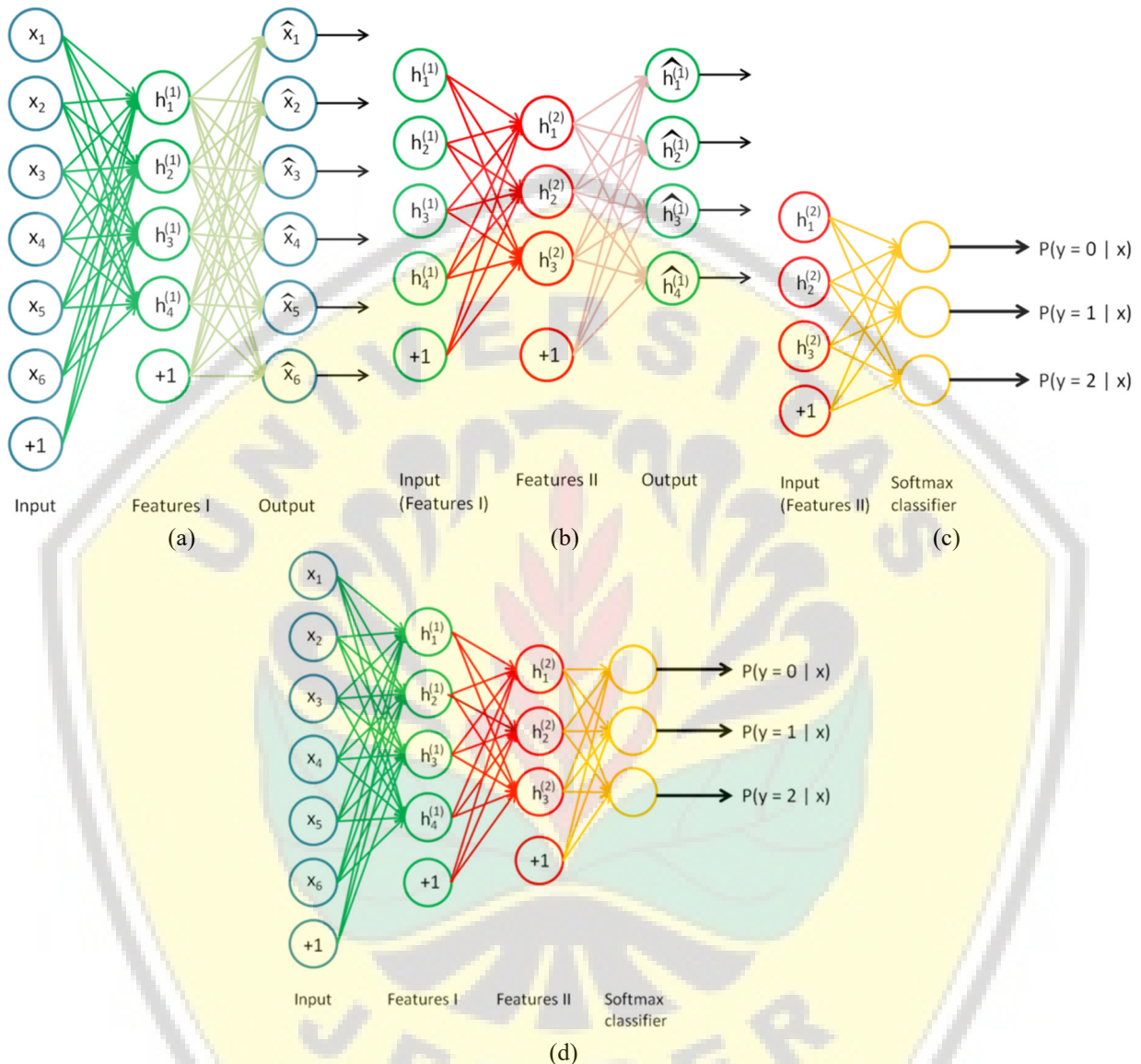


FIGURE 1. The architecture of SAE. (a) First AE (b) Second AE (c) Softmax classifier (d) Complete neural networks

## RESULT

We conducted experiments with k-Fold cross-validation which became the gold standard for most predictive model testing. Our experiments with 5 cross-validations and 3 hidden layers gave an average validation accuracy of  $0.89 \pm 0.020$  for the SAE method and  $0.51 \pm 0.003$  for the ML-ELM. Both results are in Table 2, Table 3 and Table 4. We were quite surprised at the performance of ML-ELM, so we continued to inspect the code we use from any mistakes, also using code created by other studies as comparison [24][25]. The results only reached around 0.54 on one occasion or two. However, when we tried to use a single layer ELM, we found the accuracy was slightly higher than 0.7. Then,

a little late, we also found other studies that tested ML-ELM [26]. Single-layer ELM provides more stable accuracy than ML-ELM, and the addition of neurons to the hidden layer in ML-ELM can reduce performance.

**TABLE 2** 5-Cross validation accuracy

nth-fold	Accuracy	
	SAE	ML-ELM
1	0.90	0.51
2	0.91	0.52
3	0.84	0.52
4	0.90	0.51
5	0.89	0.51
Avg.	0.89	0.51
Std.	0.020	0.003

**TABLE 3** Confusion matrix of SAE result

		Actual		
		Positive	Negative	
Pred.	Positive	27985	2775	30760
	Negative	4500	29995	34495
		32485	32770	

**TABLE 4** Confusion matrix of MLELM result

		Actual		
		Positive	Negative	
Pred.	Positive	15984	15307	31291
	Negative	16483	17481	33964
		32485	32467	32788

## CONCLUSION

It is quite ironic to see that deep learning that is supposed to be able to extract features automatically and unsupervised but still requires handmade features. We use CT as a feature because it is easy to create without requiring complex calculations like Autocovariance, so we expect a simple (inexpensive computation time) representation of a sequence as a feature. From this study, we conclude that ML-ELM is not good enough to classify CT features as input. That might be because the feature vector generated by CT does not provide enough variation for ML-ELM. We have tried using the MNIST standard dataset, which gives better results with ML-ELM. For further research, we propose to add fine-tuning to ML-ELM by replacing the last layer with softmax and the like.

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