

---

**abrain**

***Release 1.0rc-post5***

**Kevin Godin-Dubois**

**Apr 24, 2024**



# CONTENTS

<b>1</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>3</b>
1.1	Usage . . . . .	3
1.2	API . . . . .	8
1.3	Function set . . . . .	18
1.4	Miscellaneous . . . . .	21
<b>2</b>	<b>Indices and tables</b>	<b>23</b>
	<b>Python Module Index</b>	<b>25</b>
	<b>Index</b>	<b>27</b>



This package implements the ES-HyperNEAT algorithms for the production of large-scale, regular Artificial Neural Networks. For a adequate overview of the related literature see the official homepage (<http://eplex.cs.ucf.edu/ESHyperNEAT/>).



## CONTENTS

## 1.1 Usage

### 1.1.1 Installation

#### End-user installation

```
(.venv)$ pip install abrain
```

Precompiled wheels are available for most linux distributions, macosx and windows on python 3.8+. See <https://github.com/kgd-al/abrain/wiki/wheels> for the full list.

#### Editable install

Due to inconsistent behavior with pip editable install, it is recommended to instead clone the repository and use the built dedicated install command:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/kgd-al/abrain.git
$ ./commands.sh install-dev
OR
$ ./commands.sh install-dev-tests
```

By default these commands will produce a debug build with symbols, suitable for coverage monitoring. If you want a performance oriented build, instead use:

```
$ ./commands.sh install-cached release
```

### 1.1.2 Tutorials

#### Basic usage

This section showcases the main components of the library by detailing the contents of *examples/basics.py*.

```
1 import sys
2 from random import Random
3
4 from abrain import Genome, Point as Pt, ANN, plotly_render
5 from common import example_path
```

We start by importing the essential components, aliased directly under the main package:

- `Genome` abstracts the evolvable part of the library
- `ANN` is the callable object representing an Artificial Neural Network of emergent topology
- `Point` describes a coordinate in the substrate (“the brain”)
- `plotly_render()` is a helper function for rendering ANN to a, potentially interactive, figure
- `random.Random` is used as the source of random numbers

```
12 rng = Random(seed)
13 g = Genome.random(rng)
14 for _ in range(mutations):
15     g.mutate(rng)
```

The first object we need is the `Genome` which can be created by providing the random number generator to its `random()` function. To simulate an evolutionary process, we subject this `Genome` `g` to a number of undirected mutations (see *Mutations*)

```
18 inputs = [Pt(-1, -1, -1), Pt(-1, -1, 1), Pt(1, -1, -1), Pt(1, -1, 1)]
19 outputs = [Pt(0, 1, -1), Pt(0, 1, 0), Pt(0, 1, 1)]
```

Before instantiating the ANN, we define the coordinates of the neural inputs (sensors) and outputs (effectors). Thanks to the *ES-HyperNEAT* algorithms the topology (hidden neurons & connections) will be automatically determined. As much as possible, the provided coordinates should respect the geometrical relationships (i.e. bilateral symmetry, front-back ...).

**Warning:** It is essential that neurons are placed at *unique* coordinates including hidden ones. Safe coordinates for inputs/outputs are of the form

$$\{(x, y, z) / \exists c \in \{x, y, z\} / \nexists \{i_1, \dots, i_n\} / c = \sum_{j=1}^n 2^{-i_j}\}$$

with  $1 \leq i_j \leq \text{maxDepth}$

In particular, this means that all outside planes (e.g.  $y = \pm 1$ ) can never contain hidden neurons and are thus safe for user-defined inputs/outputs

```
22 ann = ANN.build(inputs, outputs, g)
23 print(f"empty ANN: {ann.empty()}")
24 print(f"maximal depth: {ann.stats().depth}")
```

Creating the ANN is then as trivial as calling the static `build()` function with the set of inputs/outputs and the evolved genome. Various statistics can be queried on the resulting object including whether the build procedure resulted in a functional network.

```
27 plotly_render(ann).write_html(example_path("./sample_ann.html"))
```

Optionally, one can produce a 3D rendering of the network through the utility function `plotly_render()`.

```
30 inputs, outputs = ann.buffers()
31 inputs[0] = 1
32 inputs[1:3] = [rng.uniform(-1, 1) for _ in range(2)]
33 inputs[3] = -1
```



Actually using the ANN requires defining the neural inputs at a given time step, which can be done by direct assignment (line 29) or through slices (line 30). At the same time we also retrieve the output buffer which will store the neural responses computed in the next step.

**Note:** The default activation function for every *hidden* and *output* neurons maps 0 to 0. By contrast input neurons expose the exact same value as that provided. This means that providing constant, small values might result in the whole network staying in a quiescent state.

```

36 n = 5
37 ann(inputs, outputs, substeps=n)

```

Following that, we can query the outbound activity by invoking the ANN with both buffers. An optional parameter *substeps* can be provided if more than a single activation step is desired, e.g. deep networks with a low update rate.

```

40 print("Outputs:", outputs[0], outputs[1:3])

```

As with the input buffer, the results can be queried individually or in bulk to set the robot's outputs (motors...).

## Basic evolution

This section focuses on using the library in an evolutionary context. It showcases:

- how to include *abrain.Genome* into another class
- how to use the configuration
- how to actually produce novel solutions

First we import the relevant modules from the library (among others)

```

6 from abrain import Config, Genome, ANN, Point
7 from abrain.core.config import Strings
8 from abrain.core.genome import GIDManager

```

As with the previous example, we need *Genome*, *ANN* and *Point* to encode/decode an Artificial Neural Network. *Config* is responsible for statically stored settings and persistent configuration files. In this specific case, we also need *Strings* for one particular value.

Finally, the *GIDManager* is a tiny helper class to provide consecutive int-based id to the genome. It can be used as-is, replaced with a more powerful alternative or just ignored if you do not need to identify individual genomes.

## Helper classes

To showcase real use of the genome, we define a trivial wrapper containing two fields:

```

14 class MyGenome:
15     def __init__(self, abrain_genome: Genome, nested_field: float):
16         self.abrain_genome = abrain_genome
17         self.nested_field = nested_field
18
19     @staticmethod
20     def random(rng: Random, id_m: GIDManager):
21         return MyGenome(Genome.random(rng, id_manager=id_m),

```

(continues on next page)

(continued from previous page)

```

22         rng.uniform(-1, 1))
23
24     def mutate(self, rng: Random):
25         if rng.random() < .9:
26             self.abrain_genome.mutate(rng)
27         else:
28             self.nested_field += rng.normalvariate(0, 1)
29
30     def mutated(self, rng: Random, id_m: GIDManager):
31         copy = self.copy()
32         copy.mutate(rng)
33         copy.abrain_genome.update_lineage(id_m, [self.abrain_genome])
34         return copy
35
36     def copy(self):
37         return MyGenome(
38             self.abrain_genome.copy(),
39             self.nested_field
40         )

```

The presented pattern consists of the two essential functions *random* (to generate the initial population) and *mutated* (to create a mutated copy of a genome). The *mutate* function performs the bulk of the work by delegating to field-wise mutators (including *abrain.Genome.mutate()*). Note that, if using an id generator (such as *abrain.GIDManager*) you can use the *update\_lineage()* function to update the *id/parents* fields based on the values of the parents (self in case of a mutation).

We then define an individual, in the sense of an evolutionary algorithm, as the composition of a genome and a fitness (trivially based on the ANN's depth). For completeness, we provide a serialization method which relies on *abrain.Genome.to\_json()*.

```

43 class Individual:
44     _inputs = [Point(x, -1, z) for x, z in [(0, 0), (-1, -1), (1, 1)]]
45     _outputs = [Point(x, 1, z) for x, z in [(0, 0), (1, -1), (-1, 1)]]
46
47     def __init__(self, genome: MyGenome):
48         self.genome = genome
49         self.fitness = None
50
51     def evaluate(self):
52         if self.fitness is None:
53             ann = ANN.build(self._inputs, self._outputs,
54                             self.genome.abrain_genome)
55             self.fitness = self.genome.nested_field * ann.stats().depth
56
57     def write(self, file):
58         json.dump(dict(
59             abrain_genome=self.genome.abrain_genome.to_json(),
60             float_field=self.genome.nested_field,
61             fitness=self.fitness
62         ), file)

```

## The main

The following sections describe the components of a trivial EA and how to use the various parts of *abrain* to smoothly implement them.

## Configuration

The following lines showcase how the end-user can tweak the various fields in *abrain.Config*:

```

71 Config.functionSet = Strings(['sin', 'abs', 'id'])
72 Config.allowPerceptrons = False
73 Config.iterations = 4
74 Config.write(output_folder.joinpath("config.json"))
75 Config.show()
```

Most such fields use elementary python types (*int*, *float*, *str*, *bool*) and can thus be trivially manipulated. A few other use composite types encapsulated, for type-safety, in a C++ object. Those are exposed in the *abrain.core.config* module and can be used to generate new values. Additionally, the configuration can be written to a file (and read back with *read()*) and displayed on the screen (for the log).

## Variables

The initial state of this trivial EA is just as straightforward. The only thing of note is the highlighted statement where we create the genome id manager. This is purely optional and only provided for convenience.

The actual generation of the initial population simply consists of delegating the work to the dedicated function in our wrapper genome.

```

79 seed = 0
80 rng = Random(seed)
81 id_manager = GIDManager()
82 population = [Individual(MyGenome.random(rng, id_manager))
83                for _ in range(100)]
```

## CPPN

---

**Todo:** Examining the CPPN

---

## Mutations

---

**Todo:** Discuss mutations

---

### 1.1.3 FAQ

#### Windows

Exporting an ANN through plotly requires UTF-8 encoding which is not the default. Setting an environment variable to `PYTHONUTF8=1` fixes the problem

#### Kaleido

Rendering an ANN in non-interactive format requires either kaleido or orca. While the former is unavailable on some distributions, the latter seems out

## 1.2 API

### 1.2.1 Basics

#### Configuration

##### **class** `abrain.Config`

Wrapper for the C++ configuration data

Allows transparent access to the values used for CPPN structure, genome mutation (`Genome.mutate()`), and ANN/ES-HyperNEAT parameters

##### **classmethod** `from_json(j: Dict)`

Restore values from a json-compliant Python dictionary

##### **Parameters**

**j** – the dictionary to parse values from

##### **static** `known_function(name: str) → bool`

Whether the requested function name is a built-in

##### **classmethod** `read(path: Path)`

Try to load data from provided path

##### **Parameters**

**path** – Filename

##### **classmethod** `show()`

Write the configuration on standard output

##### **classmethod** `to_json() → Dict`

Convert to a json-compliant Python dictionary

##### **classmethod** `write(path: Path | None)`

Write the configuration to the specified file or stdout

##### **Parameters**

**path** – where to write or none to print to screen

##### **activationFunc** = 'ssgn'

The activation function used by all hidden/output neurons (inputs are passthrough)

**allowPerceptrons = True**

Attempt to generate a perceptron if no hidden neurons were discovered

**annWeightsRange = 3.0**

Scaling factor  $s$  for the CPPN  $w$  output mapping  $[-1, 1]o[-s, s]$

**bndThr = 0.15000000596046448**

Minimal divergence threshold for discovering neurons

**cppnInputNames = Strings[x\_0, y\_0, z\_0, x\_1, y\_1, z\_1, l, b]**

const Auto generated name of the CPPN inputs (based on dimensions and optional use of the connection length)

**cppnOutputNames = Strings[w, l, b]**

const Auto generated name of the CPPN outputs

**cppnWeightBounds = Bounds(-3, -1, 1, 3, 0.01)**

Initial and maximal bounds for each of the CPPN's weights

**divThr = 0.30000001192092896**

Division threshold for a quad-/octtree cell/cube

**functionSet = Strings[abs, gaus, id, bsgm, sin, step]**

List of functions accessible to nodes via creation/mutation

**initialDepth = 2**

Initial division depth for the underlying quad-/octtree

**iterations = 10**

Maximal number of discovery steps for Hidden/Hidden connections. Can stop early in case of convergence (no new neurons discovered)

**maxDepth = 3**

Maximal division depth for the underlying quad-/octtree

**mutationRates = MutationRates{add\_l: 0.0681818, add\_n: 0.0454545, del\_l: 0.0909091, del\_n: 0.0681818, mut\_f: 0.227273, mut\_w: 0.5}**

Probabilities for each point mutation (addition/deletion/alteration)

**Glossary:**

- add\_l: add a random link between two nodes (feedforward only)
- add\_n: replace a link by creating a node
- del\_l: delete a random link (never leaves unconnected nodes)
- del\_n: replace a simple node by a direct link
- mut\_f: change the function of a node
- mut\_w: change the connection weight of a link

**outputFunctions = Strings[bsgm, step, id]**

Functions used for the CPPN output (same length as [cppnOutputNames](#))

**varThr = 0.30000001192092896**

Variance threshold for exploring a quad-/octtree cell/cube

**class** abrain.core.config.Strings(values: *list[str]*)

```
class abrain.core.config.MutationRates(values: dict[str, float])
```

```
class abrain.core.config.FBounds(min: float, rndMin: float, rndMax: float, max: float, stddev: float)
```

A wrapper for mutation bounds. Absolute range is  $[min, max]$ . Values produced through random initialization are further restricted to  $[rndMin, rndMax]$  with

$$min \leq rndMin \leq rndMax \leq max$$

*stddev* is the standard deviation for every point-mutation applied to the corresponding field.

Contains the classes and functions related to abrain's configuration

## Genome

### Main Object:

```
class abrain.Genome(key=None)
```

Genome class for ES-HyperNEAT.

A simple collection of Node/Link. Can only be created via random init or copy

```
id() → int | None
```

Return the genome id if one was generated

```
parents() → int | None
```

Return the genome's parent(s) if possible

```
mutate(rng: Random) → None
```

Mutate (in-place) this genome

#### Parameters

**rng** – The source of randomness

```
mutated(rng: Random, id_manager: GIDManager | None = None) → Genome
```

Return a mutated (copied) version of this genome

#### Parameters

- **rng** – the source of randomness
- **id\_manager** – an optional manager providing unique identifiers

```
static random(rng: Random, id_manager: GIDManager | None = None) → Genome
```

Create a random CPPN with boolean initialization

#### Parameters

- **rng** – The source of randomness
- **id\_manager** – an optional manager providing unique identifiers

#### Returns

A random CPPN genome

```
copy() → Genome
```

Return a perfect (deep)copy of this genome

**update\_lineage**(*id\_manager*: *GIDManager*, *parents*: *List[Genome]*)

Update lineage fields

**Parameters**

- **id\_manager** – generator of unique identifiers
- **parents** – list (potentially empty) of this genome's parents

**to\_json**() → *Dict[Any, Any]*

Return a json (dict) representation of this object

**static from\_json**(*data*: *Dict[Any, Any]*) → *Genome*

Recreate a Genome from a string json representation

**static from\_dot**(*path*: *str*, *rng*: *Random*) → *Genome*

Produce a Genome by parsing a simplified graph description

**Warning:** Unimplemented

**Parameters**

- **path** – the file to load
- **rng** – random pick unspecified functions

**Returns**

The user-specified CPPN

**to\_dot**(*path*: *str*, *ext*: *str* = 'pdf', *title*: *str* | *None* = *None*, *debug*=*None*) → *str*

Produce a graphical representation of this genome

---

**Note:** Missing functions images in nodes and/or lots of warning message are likely caused by misplaced image files. In doubt perform a full reinstall

---

**Parameters**

- **path** – The path to write to
- **ext** – The rendering format to use
- **title** – Optional title for the graph (e.g. for generational info)
- **debug** – Print more information on the graph. Special values:
  - 'depth' will display every nodes' depth

**Raises**

**OSError** – if the *dot* program is not available (not installed, on the path and executable)

**Underlying types:****class abrain.GIDManager**

Simple integer-producing class for unique genome identifier

**class abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData**

C++ supporting type for genomic data

**class Link**

From-to relationship between two computational node

**dst**

ID of the destination node

**id**

Numerical identifier

**src**

ID of the source node

**weight**

Connection weight

**class Links**

Collection of Links

**append**(self: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Links, x: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Link) → None

Add an item to the end of the list

**clear**(self: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Links) → None

Clear the contents

**extend**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Overloaded function.

1. extend(self: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Links, L: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Links) → None

Extend the list by appending all the items in the given list

2. extend(self: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Links, L: Iterable) → None

Extend the list by appending all the items in the given list

**insert**(self: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Links, i: int, x: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Link) → None

Insert an item at a given position.

**pop**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Overloaded function.

1. pop(self: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Links) → abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Link

Remove and return the last item

2. pop(self: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Links, i: int) → abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Link

Remove and return the item at index i

**class Node**

Computational node of a CPPN



**func**  
Function used to compute

**id**  
Numerical identifier

**class Nodes**  
Collection of Nodes

**append**(*self*: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Nodes, *x*: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Node) → None  
Add an item to the end of the list

**clear**(*self*: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Nodes) → None  
Clear the contents

**extend**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)  
Overloaded function.  
1. extend(*self*: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Nodes, *L*: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Nodes) → None  
Extend the list by appending all the items in the given list  
2. extend(*self*: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Nodes, *L*: Iterable) → None  
Extend the list by appending all the items in the given list

**insert**(*self*: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Nodes, *i*: int, *x*: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Node) → None  
Insert an item at a given position.

**pop**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)  
Overloaded function.  
1. pop(*self*: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Nodes) → abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Node  
Remove and return the last item  
2. pop(*self*: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Nodes, *i*: int) → abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Node  
Remove and return the item at index *i*

**static from\_json**(*j*: dict) → abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData  
Convert from the json-compliant Python dictionary *j*

**to\_json**(*self*: abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData) → dict  
Convert to a json-compliant Python dictionary

**INPUTS = 8**  
Number of inputs for the CPPN

**OUTPUTS = 3**  
Number of outputs for the CPPN

**links**  
The collection of inter-node relationships

**nextLinkID**  
ID for the next random link (monotonic)

**nextNodeID**  
ID for the next random node (monotonic)

## nodes

The collection of computing nodes

Contains the classes and functions related to abrain's genotype

## Artificial Neural Network

---

**Todo:** Missing reference to plotly (hacked something in but fails with 404)

---

---

**Todo:** Implement read-/write-through I/O Buffers

---

## Main object:

### class `abrain.ANN`

3D Artificial Neural Network produced through Evolvable Substrate Hyper-NEAT

`__call__(self: abrain.ANN, inputs: abrain.ANN.IBuffer, outputs: abrain.ANN.OBuffer, substeps: int = 1)`  
→ None

Execute a computational step

Assigns provided input values to corresponding input neurons in the same order as when created (see build). Returns output values as computed. If not otherwise specified, a single computational substep is executed. If need be (e.g. large network, fast response required) you can requested for multiple sequential execution in one call

#### Parameters

- **inputs** – provided analog values for the input neurons
- **outputs** – computed analog values for the output neurons
- **substeps** – number of sequential executions

#### See also:

*Basic usage*

**buffers**(*self*: `abrain.ANN`) → tuple[`abrain.ANN.IBuffer`, `abrain.ANN.OBuffer`]

Return the ann's I/O buffers as a tuple

**static build**(*inputs*: list[`abrain.Point`], *outputs*: list[`abrain.Point`], *genome*: `abrain._cpp.genotype.CPPNData`) → `abrain.ANN`

Create an ANN via ES-HyperNEAT

The ANN has inputs/outputs at specified coordinates. A CPPN is instantiated from the provided genome and used to query connections weight, existence and to discover hidden neurons locations

#### Parameters

- **inputs** – coordinates of the input neurons on the substrate
- **outputs** – coordinates of the output neurons on the substrate
- **genome** – genome describing a cppn (see [abrain.Genome](#), [CPPN](#))

**See also:***Basic usage***empty**(*self*: [abrain.ANN](#), *strict*: *bool* = *False*) → *bool*

Whether the ANN contains neurons/connections

**Parameters****strict** – whether perceptrons count as empty (true) or not (false)**See also:***Config::allowPerceptrons***ibuffer**(*self*: [abrain.ANN](#)) → [abrain.ANN.IBuffer](#)

Return a reference to the neural inputs buffer

**neuronAt**(*self*: [abrain.ANN](#), *pos*: [abrain.Point](#)) → [abrain.ANN.Neuron](#)

Query an individual neuron

**neurons**(*self*: [abrain.ANN](#)) → [abrain.ANN.Neurons](#)

Provide read-only access to the underlying neurons

**obuffer**(*self*: [abrain.ANN](#)) → [abrain.ANN.Obuffer](#)

Return a reference to the neural outputs buffer

**perceptron**(*self*: [abrain.ANN](#)) → *bool*

Whether this ANN is a perceptron

**reset**(*self*: [abrain.ANN](#)) → *None*

Resets internal state to null (0)

**stats**(*self*: [abrain.ANN](#)) → [abrain.ANN.Stats](#)

Return associated stats (connections, depth...)

**Rendering tool(s):****abrain.plotly\_render**(*ann*: [ANN](#), *labels*: [Dict\[Point, str\]](#) | *None* = *None*) → [Figure](#)

Produce a 3D figure from an artificial neural network

The returned figure can be used to save an interactive html session or a (probably poorly) rendering to e.g. a png file

**Supporting types:****class** [abrain.Point](#)

3D coordinate using fixed point notation with 3 decimals

**\_\_init\_\_**(*self*: [abrain.Point](#), *x*: *float*, *y*: *float*, *z*: *float*)

Create a point with the specified coordinates

**Parameters**

- **x** (*float*) – x, y, z coordinate
- **y** (*float*) – x, y, z coordinate
- **z** (*float*) – x, y, z coordinate

**tuple**(*self*: [abrain.Point](#)) → [tuple](#)[float, float, float]

Return a tuple for easy unpacking in python

**class** [abrain.ANN.IBuffer](#)

Specialized, fixed-size buffer for the neural inputs (write-only)

**class** [abrain.ANN.OWBuffer](#)

Specialized, fixed-size buffer for the neural outputs (read-only)

### Underlying types:

**class** [abrain.ANN.Neuron](#)

Atomic computational unit of an ANN

**class** [Type](#)

Members:

I : Input (receiving data)

H : Hidden (processing data)

O : Output (producing data)

**class** [Link](#)

An incoming neural connection

**src**(*self*: [abrain.ANN.Neuron.Link](#)) → [abrain.ANN.Neuron](#)

Return a reference to the source neuron

**weight**

Connection weight (see attr:[Config.annWeightScale](#))

**bias**

Neural bias

**depth**

Depth in the neural network

**flags**

Stimuli-dependent flags (for modularization)

**links**(*self*: [abrain.ANN.Neuron](#)) → [list](#)[[abrain.ANN.Neuron.Link](#)]

Return the list of inputs connections

**pos**

Position in the 3D substrate

**type**

Neuron role (see [Type](#))

**value**

Current activation value

**class** [abrain.ANN.Neurons](#)

Wrapper for the C++ neurons container

**class** [abrain.ANN.Stats](#)

Contains various statistics about an ANN

**axons**

Total length of the connections

**density**

Ratio of expressed connections

**depth**

Maximal depth of the neural network

**dict**(*self*: [abrain.ANN.Stats](#)) → dict

Return the stats as Python dictionary

**edges**

Number of connections

**hidden**

Number of hidden neurons

**iterations**

H -> H iterations before convergence

## 1.2.2 Advanced

### Composite Pattern-Producing Network

**class** [abrain.CPPN](#)

Middle-man between the descriptive [Genome](#) and the callable [ANN](#)

**class** **Output**

Members:

Weight

LEO

Bias

**DIMENSIONS = 3**

for the I/O coordinates

**INPUTS = 8**

Number of inputs

**OUTPUTS = 3**

Number of outputs

**OUTPUTS\_LIST = [<Output.Weight: 0>, <Output.LEO: 1>, <Output.Bias: 2>]**

The list of output types the CPPN can produce

**class** **Outputs**

Output communication buffer for the CPPN

**\_\_call\_\_**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Overloaded function.

1. **\_\_call\_\_**(*self*: [abrain.CPPN](#), *src*: [abrain.Point](#), *dst*: [abrain.Point](#), *buffer*: [abrain.CPPN.Outputs](#)) -> None

Evaluates on provided coordinates and retrieve all outputs

2. `__call__(self: abrain.CPPN, src: abrain.Point, dst: abrain.Point, type: abrain.CPPN.Output) -> float`

Evaluates on provided coordinates for the requested output

3. `__call__(self: abrain.CPPN, src: abrain.Point, dst: abrain.Point, buffer: abrain.CPPN.Outputs, subset: set[abrain.CPPN.Output]) -> None`

Evaluates on provided coordinates for the requested outputs

---

**Note:** Simplified namespace

---

**static functions()**  $\rightarrow$  `dict[str, Callable[[float], float]]`

Return a copy of the C++ built-in function set

**static outputs()**  $\rightarrow$  `abrain.CPPN.Outputs`

Return a buffer in which the CPPN can store output data

## 1.3 Function set

---

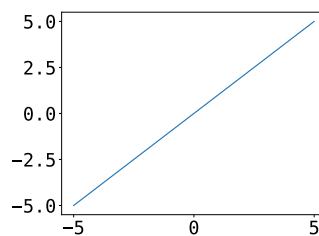
**Note:** Automatically extracted from sources on Tue Jan 3 17:03:26 CET 2023 for version 0.1b

---

### 1.3.1 Identity

$x$

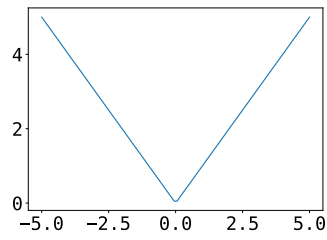
id



### 1.3.2 Absolute value

$|x|$

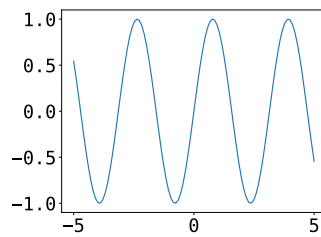
abs



### 1.3.3 Sinusoidal

$$\sin(2x)$$

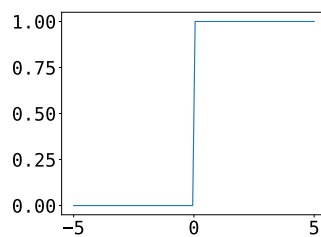
sin



### 1.3.4 Step function

$$\begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

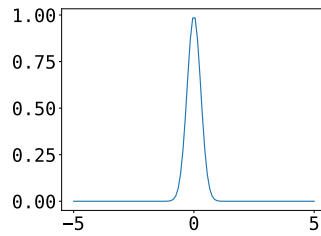
step



### 1.3.5 Gaussian function

$$e^{-6.25x^2}$$

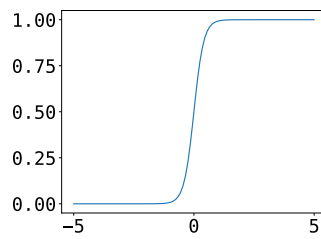
gaus



### 1.3.6 Soft sigmoid

$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-4.9x}}$$

ssgm

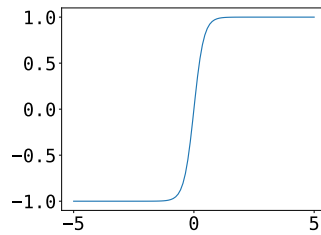


### 1.3.7 Bimodal sigmoid

$$\frac{2}{1 + e^{-4.9x}} - 1$$

bsgm





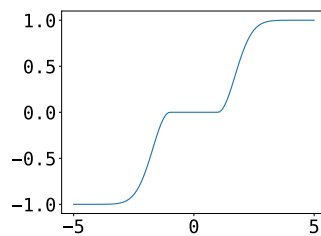
### 1.3.8 Activation function

$$e^{-(x+1)^2} - 1 \text{ if } x < -1$$

$$1 - e^{-(x-1)^2} \text{ if } x > 1$$

$$0 \text{ otherwise}$$

ssgn



## 1.4 Miscellaneous

### 1.4.1 Todo list

---

**Todo:** Find a way to reference all warnings/errors (not just mine)

---



---

**Todo:** Missing reference to plotly (hacked something in but fails with 404)

---

(The [original entry](#) is located in /home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user\_builds/abrain/checkouts/latest/doc/src/api/ann.rst, line 5.)

---

**Todo:** Implement read-/write-through I/O Buffers

---

(The [original entry](#) is located in /home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user\_builds/abrain/checkouts/latest/doc/src/api/ann.rst, line 6.)

---

**Todo:** Examining the CPPN

---

(The [original entry](#) is located in /home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user\_builds/abrain/checkouts/latest/doc/src/usage/advanced/cppn, line 6.)

---

**Todo:** Discuss mutations

---

(The [original entry](#) is located in /home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user\_builds/abrain/checkouts/latest/doc/src/usage/advanced/muta, line 6.)

---

**Todo:** Find a way to reference all warnings/errors (not just mine)

---

(The [original entry](#) is located in /home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user\_builds/abrain/checkouts/latest/doc/src/misc.rst, line 8.)

### 1.4.2 Build Errors

## INDICES AND TABLES

- `genindex`
- `modindex`
- `search`



## PYTHON MODULE INDEX

### a

`abrain.core.config`, [10](#)

`abrain.core.genome`, [14](#)



## Symbols

`__call__()` (*abrain.ANN method*), 14  
`__call__()` (*abrain.CPPN method*), 17  
`__init__()` (*abrain.Point method*), 15

## A

`abrain.core.config`  
     *module*, 10  
`abrain.core.config.FBounds` (*built-in class*), 10  
`abrain.core.config.MutationRates` (*built-in class*), 9  
`abrain.core.config.Strings` (*built-in class*), 9  
`abrain.core.genome`  
     *module*, 14  
`activationFunc` (*abrain.Config attribute*), 8  
`allowPerceptrons` (*abrain.Config attribute*), 8  
`ANN` (*class in abrain*), 14  
`annWeightsRange` (*abrain.Config attribute*), 9  
`append()` (*abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Links method*), 12  
`append()` (*abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Nodes method*), 13  
`axons` (*abrain.ANN.Stats attribute*), 16

## B

`bias` (*abrain.ANN.Neuron attribute*), 16  
`bndThr` (*abrain.Config attribute*), 9  
`buffers()` (*abrain.ANN method*), 14  
`build()` (*abrain.ANN static method*), 14

## C

`clear()` (*abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Links method*), 12  
`clear()` (*abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Nodes method*), 13  
`Config` (*class in abrain*), 8  
`copy()` (*abrain.Genome method*), 10  
`CPPN` (*class in abrain*), 17  
`CPPN.Output` (*class in abrain*), 17  
`CPPN.Outputs` (*class in abrain*), 17  
`CPPNData` (*class in abrain.\_cpp.genotype*), 12  
`CPPNData.Link` (*class in abrain.\_cpp.genotype*), 12

`CPPNData.Links` (*class in abrain.\_cpp.genotype*), 12  
`CPPNData.Node` (*class in abrain.\_cpp.genotype*), 12  
`CPPNData.Nodes` (*class in abrain.\_cpp.genotype*), 13  
`cppnInputNames` (*abrain.Config attribute*), 9  
`cppnOutputNames` (*abrain.Config attribute*), 9  
`cppnWeightBounds` (*abrain.Config attribute*), 9

## D

`density` (*abrain.ANN.Stats attribute*), 17  
`depth` (*abrain.ANN.Neuron attribute*), 16  
`depth` (*abrain.ANN.Stats attribute*), 17  
`dict()` (*abrain.ANN.Stats method*), 17  
`DIMENSIONS` (*abrain.CPPN attribute*), 17  
`divThr` (*abrain.Config attribute*), 9  
`dst` (*abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Link attribute*), 12

## E

`edges` (*abrain.ANN.Stats attribute*), 17  
`empty()` (*abrain.ANN method*), 15  
`extend()` (*abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Links method*), 12  
`extend()` (*abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Nodes method*), 13

## F

`flags` (*abrain.ANN.Neuron attribute*), 16  
`from_dot()` (*abrain.Genome static method*), 11  
`from_json()` (*abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData static method*), 13  
`from_json()` (*abrain.Config class method*), 8  
`from_json()` (*abrain.Genome static method*), 11  
`func` (*abrain.\_cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Node attribute*), 12  
`functions()` (*abrain.CPPN static method*), 18  
`functionSet` (*abrain.Config attribute*), 9

## G

`Genome` (*class in abrain*), 10  
`GIDManager` (*class in abrain*), 12

## H

`hidden` (*abrain.ANN.Stats attribute*), 17

## I

`IBuffer` (class in `abrain.ANN`), 16  
`ibuffer()` (`abrain.ANN` method), 15  
`id` (`abrain._cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Link` attribute), 12  
`id` (`abrain._cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Node` attribute), 13  
`id()` (`abrain.Genome` method), 10  
`initialDepth` (`abrain.Config` attribute), 9  
`INPUTS` (`abrain._cpp.genotype.CPPNData` attribute), 13  
`INPUTS` (`abrain.CPPN` attribute), 17  
`insert()` (`abrain._cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Links` method), 12  
`insert()` (`abrain._cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Nodes` method), 13  
`iterations` (`abrain.ANN.Stats` attribute), 17  
`iterations` (`abrain.Config` attribute), 9

## K

`known_function()` (`abrain.Config` static method), 8

## L

`links` (`abrain._cpp.genotype.CPPNData` attribute), 13  
`links()` (`abrain.ANN.Neuron` method), 16

## M

`maxDepth` (`abrain.Config` attribute), 9  
module  
    `abrain.core.config`, 10  
    `abrain.core.genome`, 14  
`mutate()` (`abrain.Genome` method), 10  
`mutated()` (`abrain.Genome` method), 10  
`mutationRates` (`abrain.Config` attribute), 9

## N

`Neuron` (class in `abrain.ANN`), 16  
`Neuron.Link` (class in `abrain.ANN`), 16  
`Neuron.Type` (class in `abrain.ANN.Neuron`), 16  
`neuronAt()` (`abrain.ANN` method), 15  
`Neurons` (class in `abrain.ANN`), 16  
`neurons()` (`abrain.ANN` method), 15  
`nextLinkID` (`abrain._cpp.genotype.CPPNData` attribute), 13  
`nextNodeID` (`abrain._cpp.genotype.CPPNData` attribute), 13  
`nodes` (`abrain._cpp.genotype.CPPNData` attribute), 13

## O

`OBuffer` (class in `abrain.ANN`), 16  
`obuffer()` (`abrain.ANN` method), 15  
`outputFunctions` (`abrain.Config` attribute), 9  
`OUTPUTS` (`abrain._cpp.genotype.CPPNData` attribute), 13  
`OUTPUTS` (`abrain.CPPN` attribute), 17  
`outputs()` (`abrain.CPPN` static method), 18  
`OUTPUTS_LIST` (`abrain.CPPN` attribute), 17

## P

`parents()` (`abrain.Genome` method), 10  
`perceptron()` (`abrain.ANN` method), 15  
`plotly_render()` (in module `abrain`), 15  
`Point` (class in `abrain`), 15  
`pop()` (`abrain._cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Links` method), 12  
`pop()` (`abrain._cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Nodes` method), 13  
`pos` (`abrain.ANN.Neuron` attribute), 16

## R

`random()` (`abrain.Genome` static method), 10  
`read()` (`abrain.Config` class method), 8  
`reset()` (`abrain.ANN` method), 15

## S

`show()` (`abrain.Config` class method), 8  
`src` (`abrain._cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Link` attribute), 12  
`src()` (`abrain.ANN.Neuron.Link` method), 16  
`Stats` (class in `abrain.ANN`), 16  
`stats()` (`abrain.ANN` method), 15

## T

`to_dot()` (`abrain.Genome` method), 11  
`to_json()` (`abrain._cpp.genotype.CPPNData` method), 13  
`to_json()` (`abrain.Config` class method), 8  
`to_json()` (`abrain.Genome` method), 11  
`tuple()` (`abrain.Point` method), 15  
`type` (`abrain.ANN.Neuron` attribute), 16

## U

`update_lineage()` (`abrain.Genome` method), 10

## V

`value` (`abrain.ANN.Neuron` attribute), 16  
`varThr` (`abrain.Config` attribute), 9

## W

`weight` (`abrain._cpp.genotype.CPPNData.Link` attribute), 12  
`weight` (`abrain.ANN.Neuron.Link` attribute), 16  
`write()` (`abrain.Config` class method), 8