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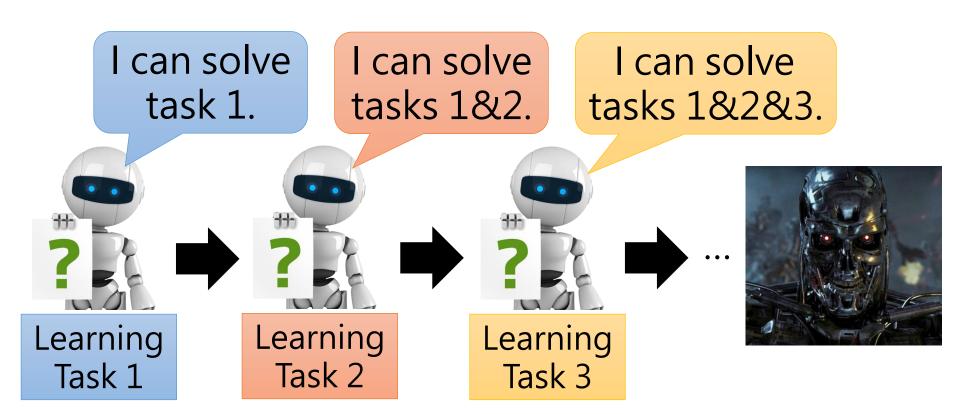
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# Life Long Learning (終身學習)



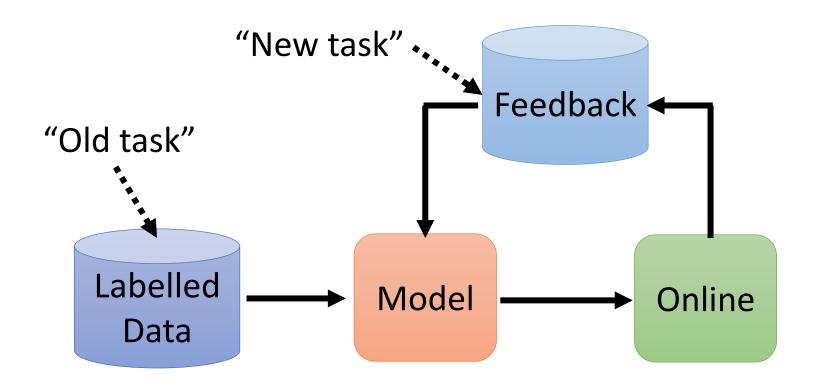
https://world.edu/lifelong-learning-part-time-undergraduate-provision-crisis/

### What people think about AI ...

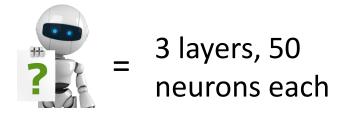


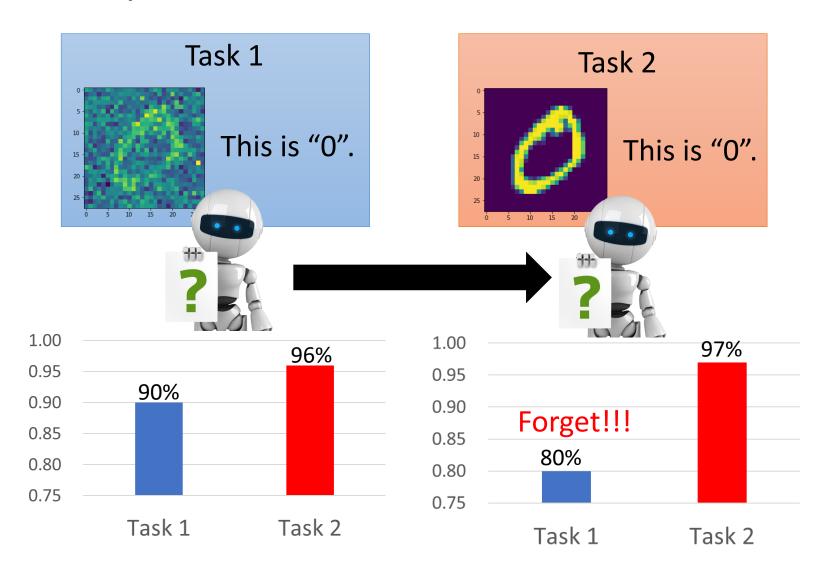
Life Long Learning (LLL), Continuous Learning, Never Ending Learning, Incremental Learning

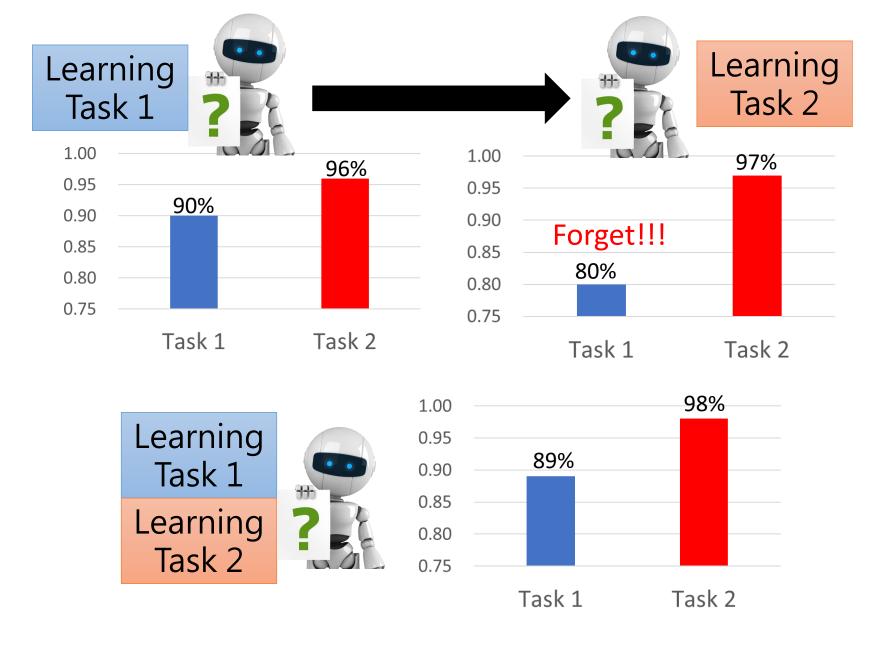
# Life Long Learning in real-world applications



# Example







The network has enough capacity to learn both tasks.

### Example

- QA: Given a document, answer the question based on the document.
- There are 20 QA tasks in bAbi corpus.

#### Task 5: Three Argument Relations

Mary gave the cake to Fred.
Fred gave the cake to Bill.
Jeff was given the milk by Bill.
Who gave the cake to Fred? A: Mary

Who did Fred give the cake to? A: Bill

#### Task 15: Basic Deduction

Sheep are afraid of wolves.

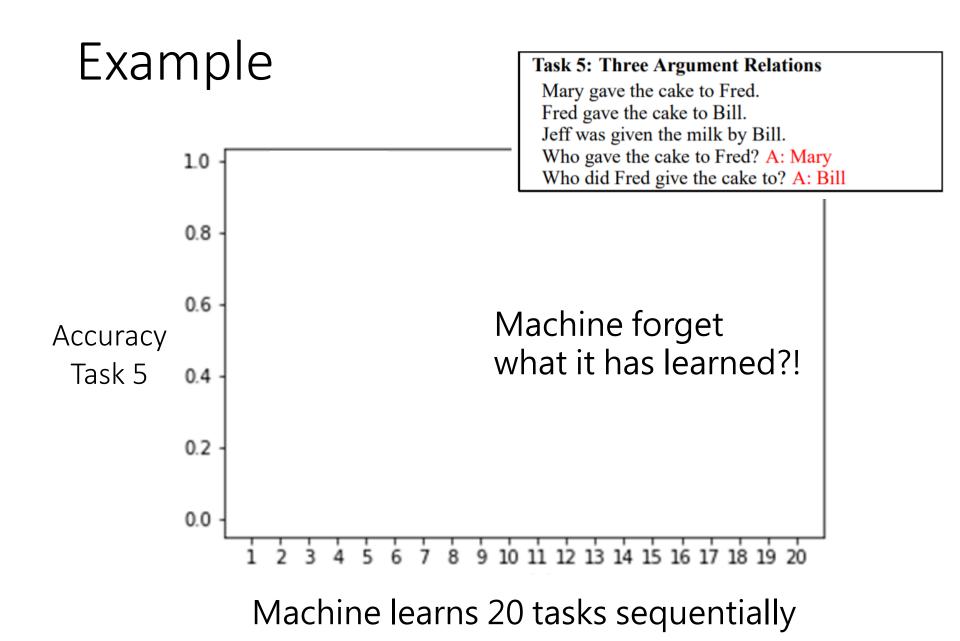
Cats are afraid of dogs.

Mice are afraid of cats.

Gertrude is a sheep.

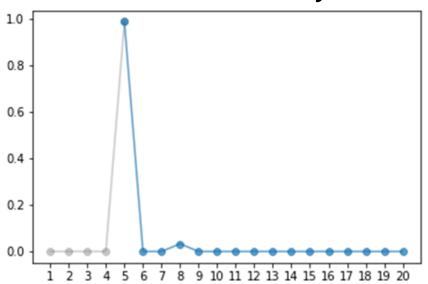
What is Gertrude afraid of? A:wolves

Train a QA model through the 20 tasks



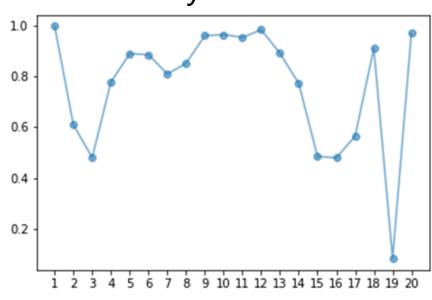
### Example

#### Task 5 Accuracy



Learning 20 tasks sequentially

#### Accuracy of all 20 tasks



Learning 20 tasks simultaneously

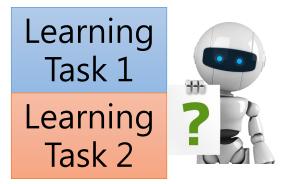
Not because machine are not able to do it, but it just didn't do it.

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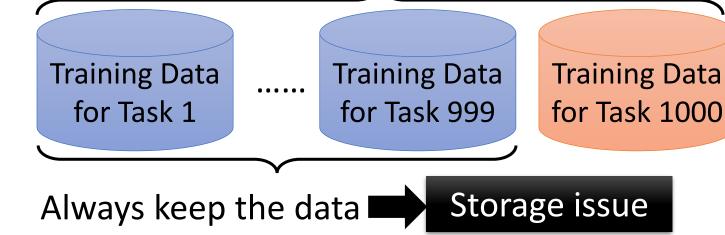
Catastrophic Forgetting

### Wait a minute ......



Multi-task training can solve the problem!

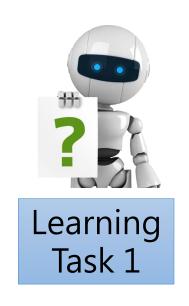
Using all the data for training Computation issue



 Multi-task training can be considered as the upper bound of LLL.

### Wait a minute .....

Train a model for each task





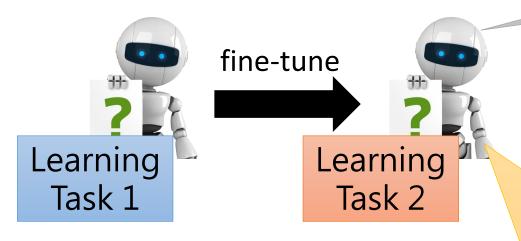


- > Eventually we cannot store all the models ...
- > Knowledge cannot transfer across different tasks

# Life-Long v.s. Transfer

Transfer Learning:

I can do task 2 because I have learned task 1.



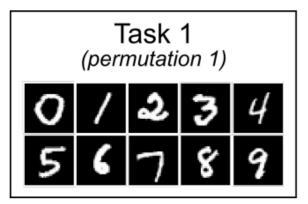
(We don't care whether machine can still do task 1.)

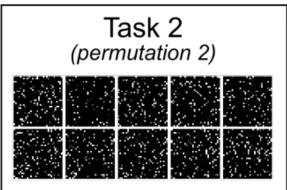
Life-long Learning:

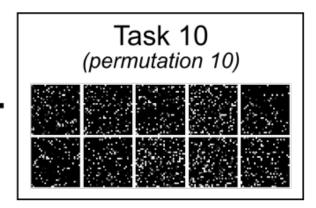
Even though I have learned task 2, I do not forget task 1.

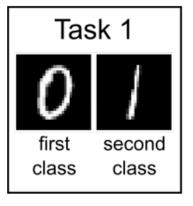
### Evaluation

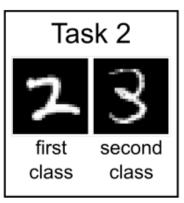
First of all, we need a sequence of tasks.

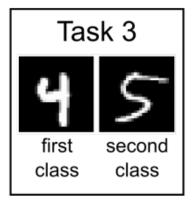


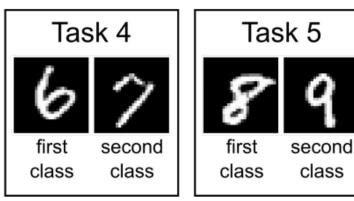












### **Evaluation**

 $R_{i,j}$ : after training task i, performance on task j

If 
$$i > j$$
,

After training task i, does task j be forgot

If 
$$i < j$$
,

Can we transfer the skill of task i to task j

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Accuracy = 
$$\frac{1}{T}\sum_{i=1}^{T} R_{T,i}$$

Backward Transfer 
$$=\frac{1}{T-1}\sum_{i=1}^{T-1}R_{T,i}-R_{i,i}$$
 (It is usually negative.)

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Forward Transfer = 
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### Research Directions

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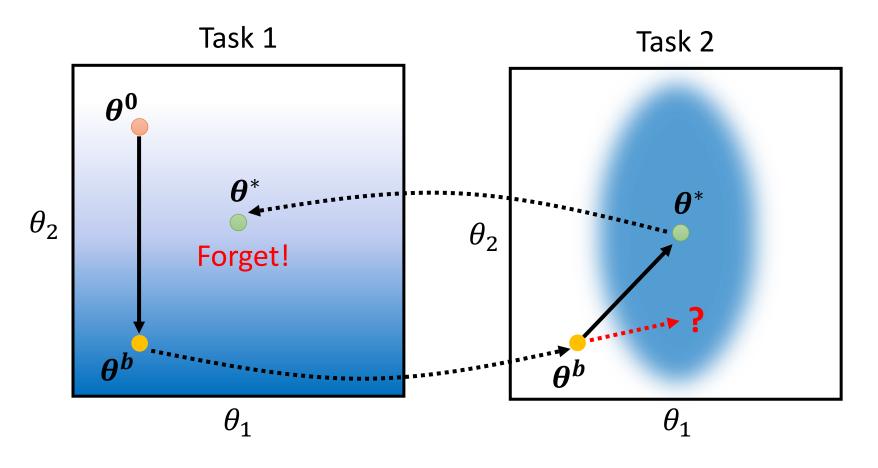
Regularizationbased Approach

Selective Synaptic Plasticity

Additional Neural Resource Allocation

Memory Reply

# Why Catastrophic Forgetting?



The error surfaces of tasks 1 & 2. (darker = smaller loss)

Basic Idea: Some parameters in the model are important to the previous tasks. Only change the unimportant parameters.

 $oldsymbol{ heta}^{oldsymbol{b}}$  is the model learned from the previous tasks.

Each parameter  $\theta_i^b$  has a "guard"  $b_i$ 

Loss for current task

How important this parameter is

$$\underline{L'(\boldsymbol{\theta})} = \underline{L(\boldsymbol{\theta})} + \lambda \sum_{i} \underline{b_i} (\underline{\theta_i} - \underline{\theta_i^b})^2$$

Loss to be optimized

Parameters to be learning

Parameters learned from previous task

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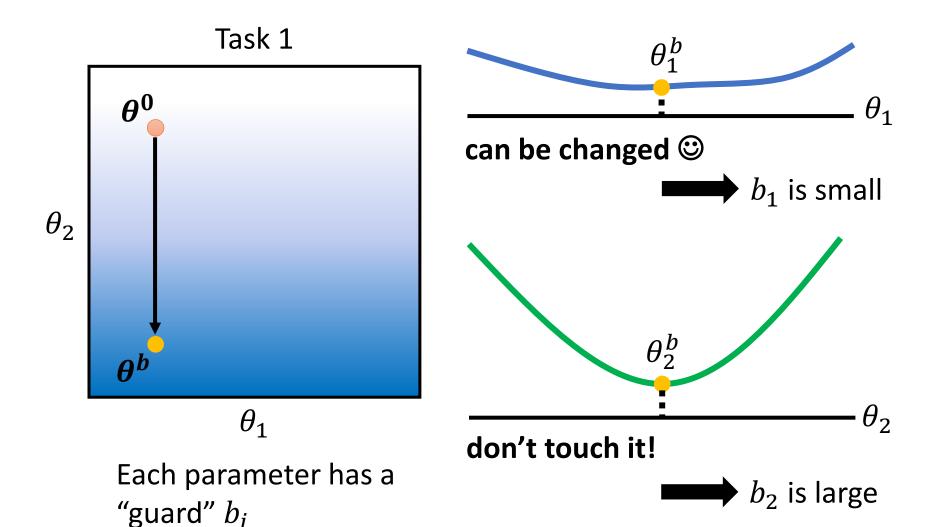
 $oldsymbol{ heta}$  should be close to  $oldsymbol{ heta}^{oldsymbol{b}}$  in certain directions.

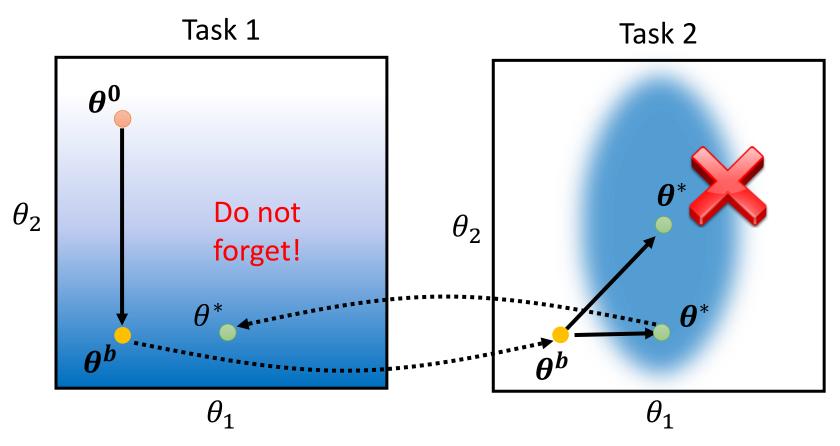
$$L'(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \lambda \sum_{i} b_{i} (\theta_{i} - \theta_{i}^{b})^{2}$$

If  $b_i = 0$ , there is no constraint on  $\theta_i$ 

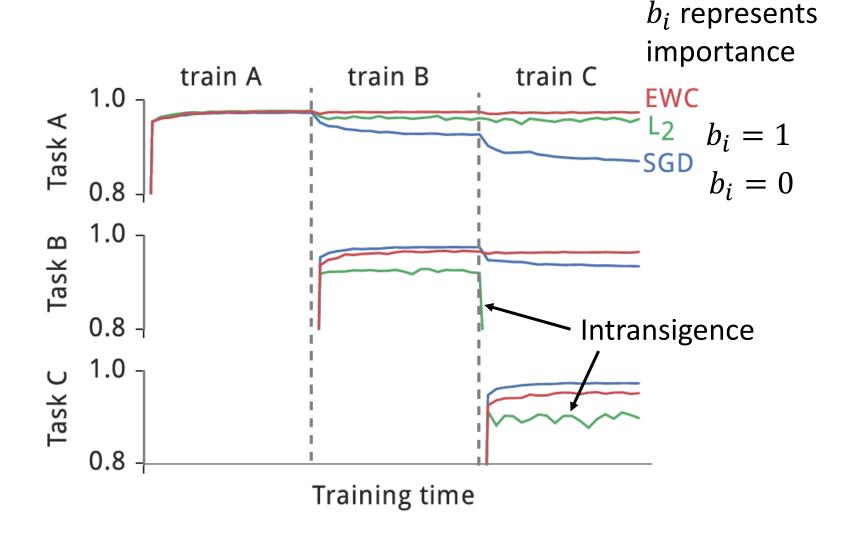
Catastrophic Forgetting

If  $b_i = \infty$ ,  $\theta_i$  would always be equal to  $\theta_i^b \longrightarrow$  Intransigence





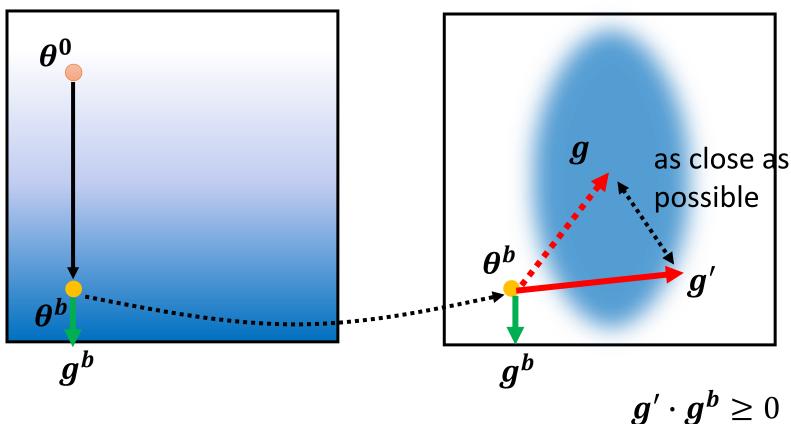
 $b_1$  is small, while  $b_2$  is large. (We can modify  $\theta_1$ , but do not change  $\theta_2$ .)



- Elastic Weight Consolidation (EWC)
  - https://arxiv.org/abs/1612.00796
- Synaptic Intelligence (SI)
  - https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.04200
- Memory Aware Synapses (MAS)
  - https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.09601
- RWalk
  - https://arxiv.org/abs/1801.10112
- Sliced Cramer Preservation (SCP)
  - https://openreview.net/forum?id=BJge3TNKwH

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Task 1 Task 2



: negative gradient of current task

: negative gradient of previous task

: update direction

Need the data from the previous tasks

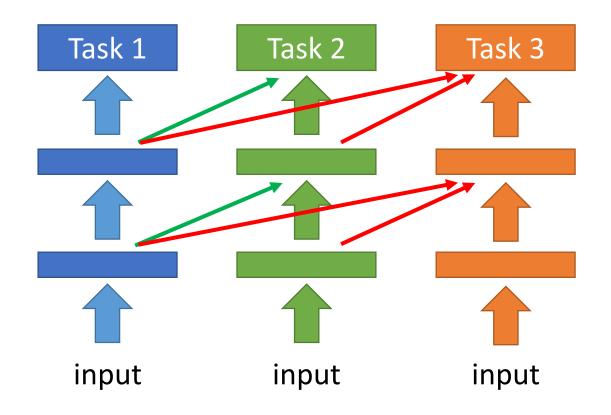
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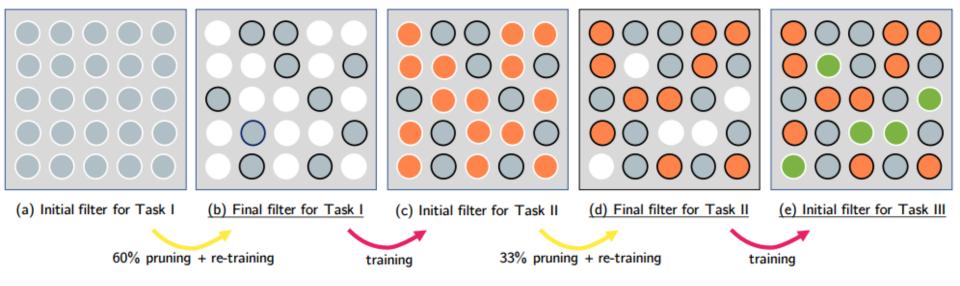
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### Progressive Neural Networks

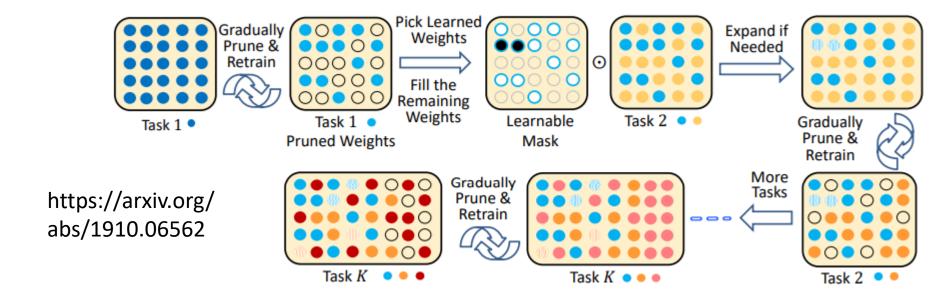


#### **PackNet**

#### https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.05769



#### Compacting, Picking, and Growing (CPG)



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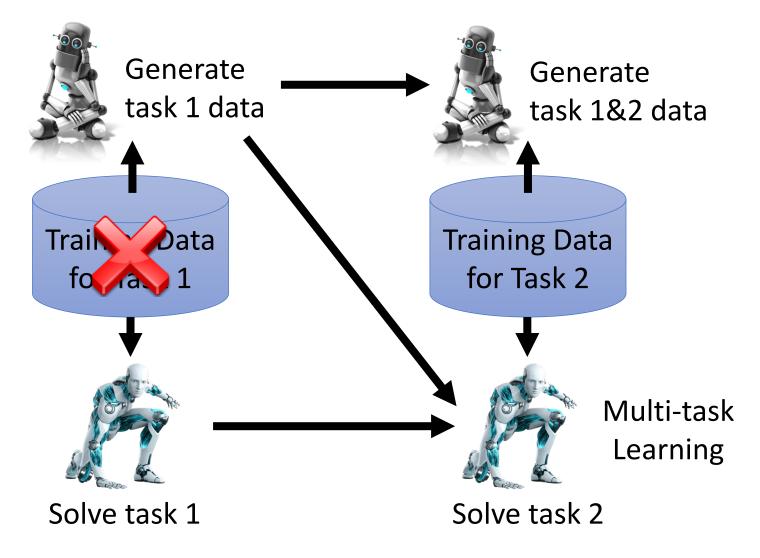
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### **Generating Data**

https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.08690 https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.10563 https://arxiv.org/abs/1909.03329

Generating pseudo-data using generative model for previous tasks



### Adding new classes

Learning without forgetting (LwF) https://arxiv.org/abs/1606.09282

Class 1

Class 3

data

class-incremental learner

Target:

model (a)'s response for

old tasks

new task

ground truth

iCaRL: Incremental Classifier and Representation Learning https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.07725

### Three scenarios for continual learning

Input:

new task

Class 2

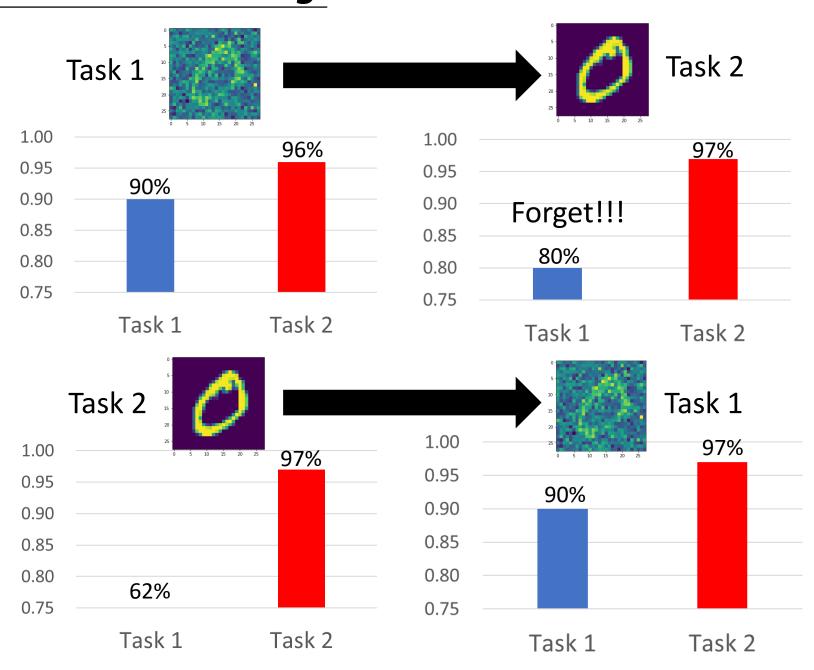
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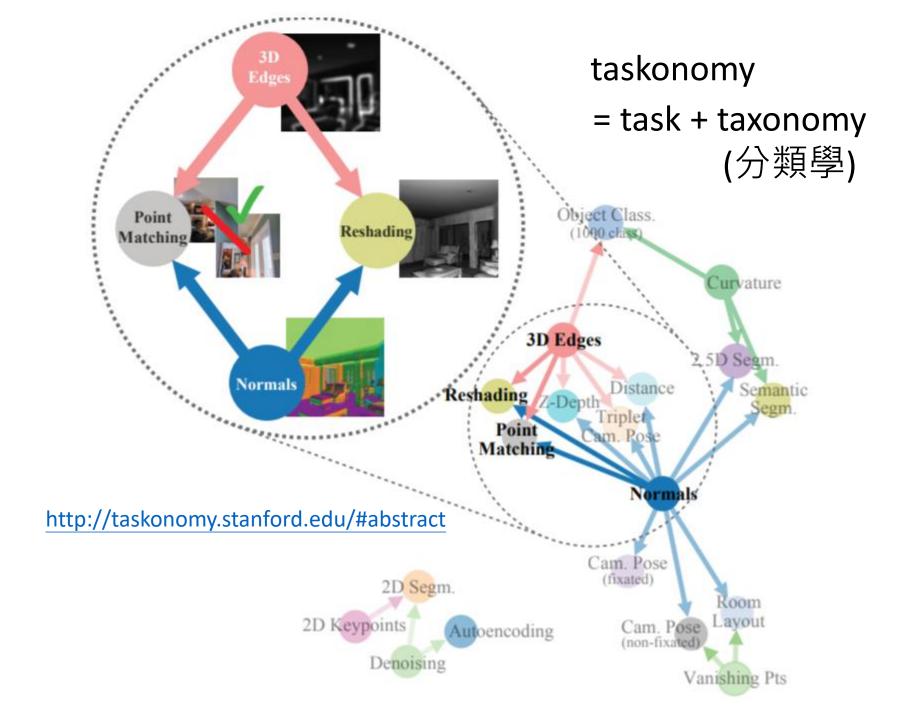
### Concluding Remarks

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### **Curriculum Learning**: what is the proper learning order?





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