Unsupervised Meta-Learning for Few-Shot Image Classification

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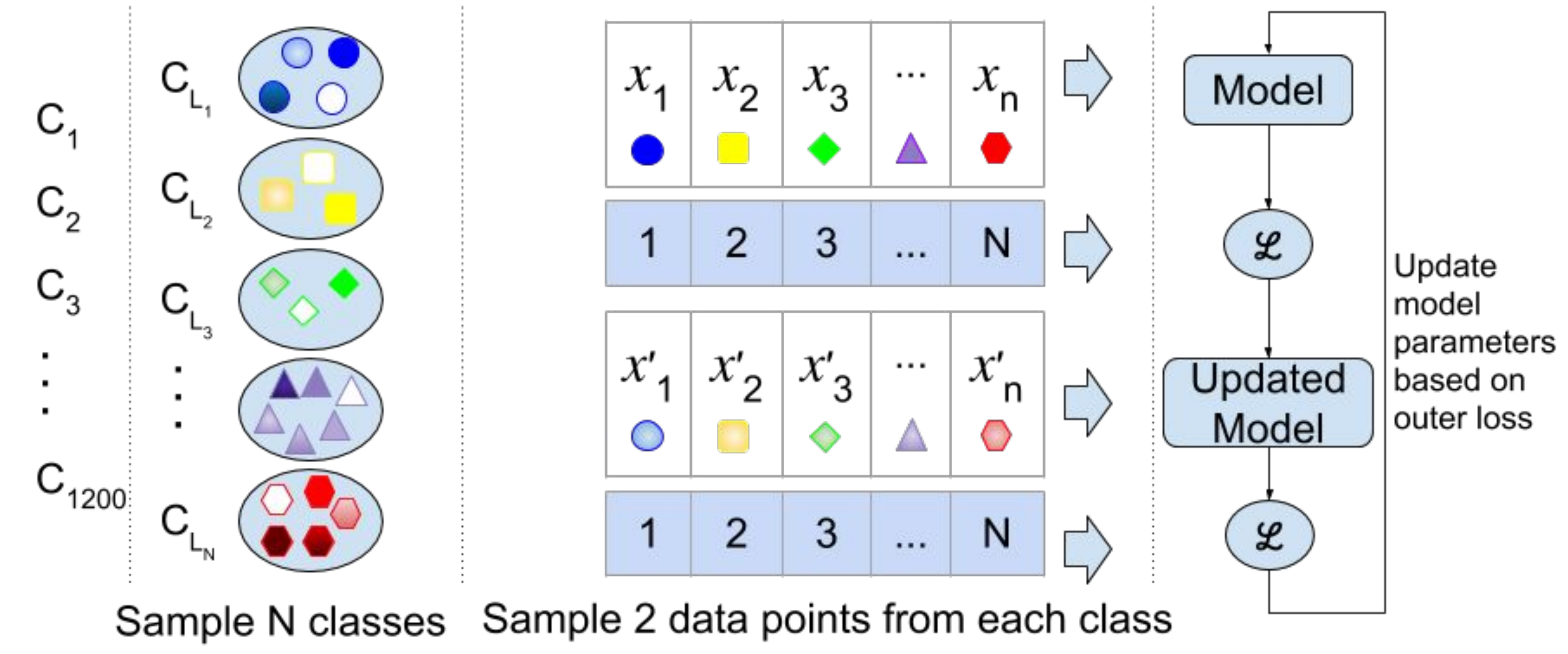
Motivation

- Meta learning (learning to learn) algorithms facilitate few-shot learning
- Model-agnostic meta learning (MAML) [1]
  - Meta-learning phase: learn from tasks $T_1 \ldots T_n$
  - Target learning phase: few shot learning on T_{n+1}



- **The good:**
  - Model agnostic: doesn't put any requirement on the network structure
  - Very little labeled data needed at the target phase
- **The bad:**
  - A lot of labeled data needed at the meta-learning phase
  - Tasks $T_1 \ldots T_n$ need to be drawn from the same distribution as the target - we need good knowledge of the target domain

Our idea

Keep the general flow of MAML but...

... use unlabeled data for meta learning!

References:

[1] C. Finn, P. Abbeel, and S. Levine. "Model-agnostic meta-learning for fast adaptation of deep networks." In Proc. of the 34th Int'l Conf. on Machine Learning (ICML-2017), pp. 1126-1135,, 2017.

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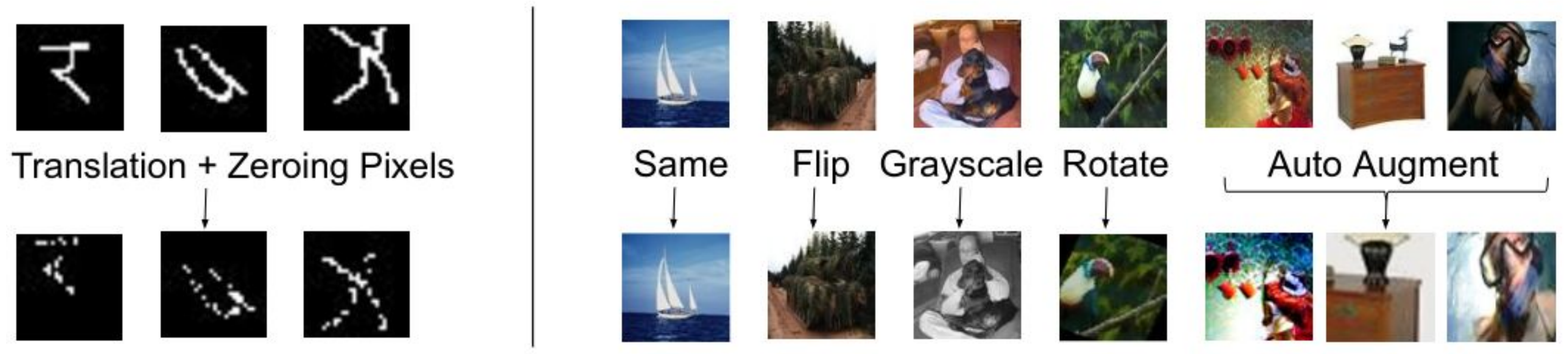
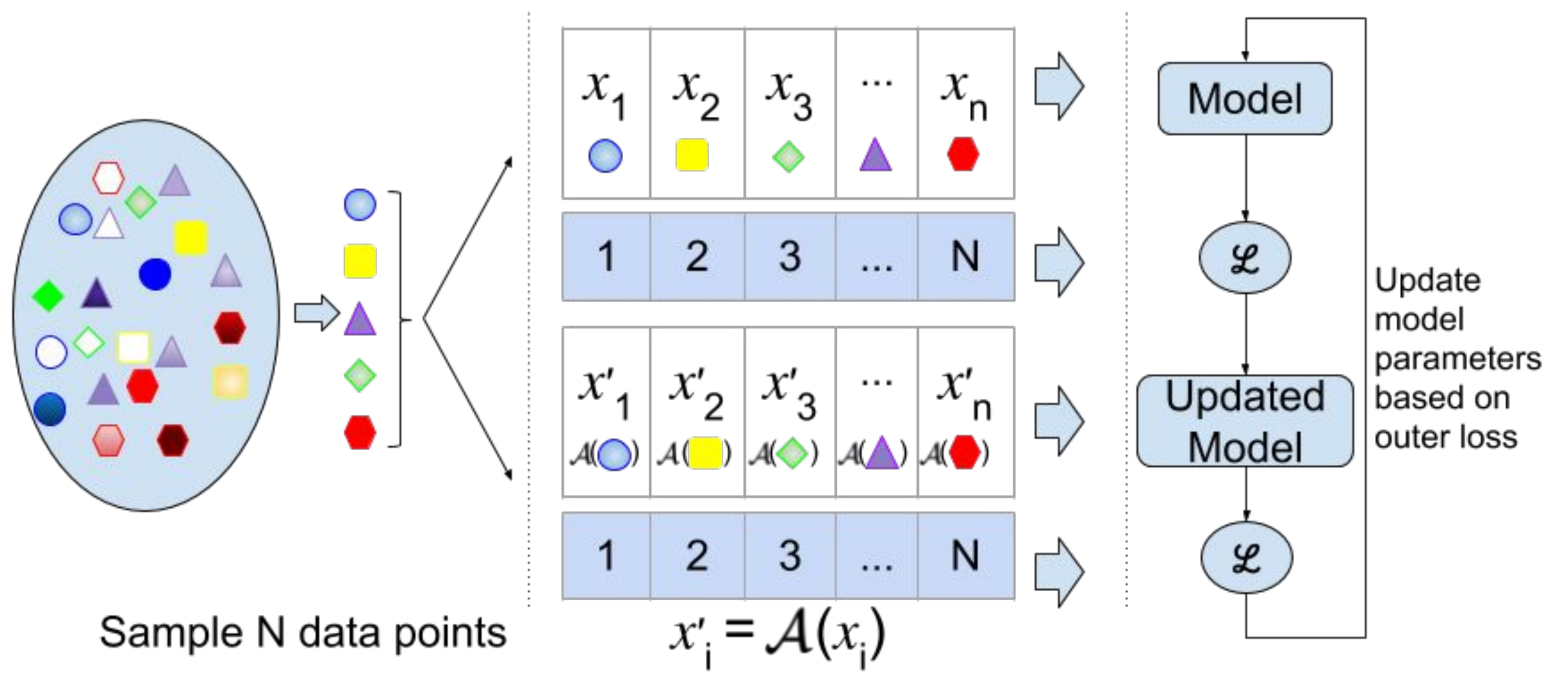
Unsupervised Meta-learning with Tasks constructed by Random sampling and Augmentation (UMTRA)

- Start with an unlabeled data set D of samples
  - In most domains, easy to collect through passive recording
  - We assume a large number of classes C present, but we don't know the class of each sample
- Generate synthetic one shot training tasks $T_1 \ldots T_n$
  - Random selection of samples with artificial labels
  - The large number of classes ensured high likelihood that classes are different
- Create validation data by augmentation $x_v = A(x)$
  - Augmentation type varies by domain, the objective is to maintain class membership of the augmented data
  - Augmentation on image type data (Omniglot | MiniImageNet)

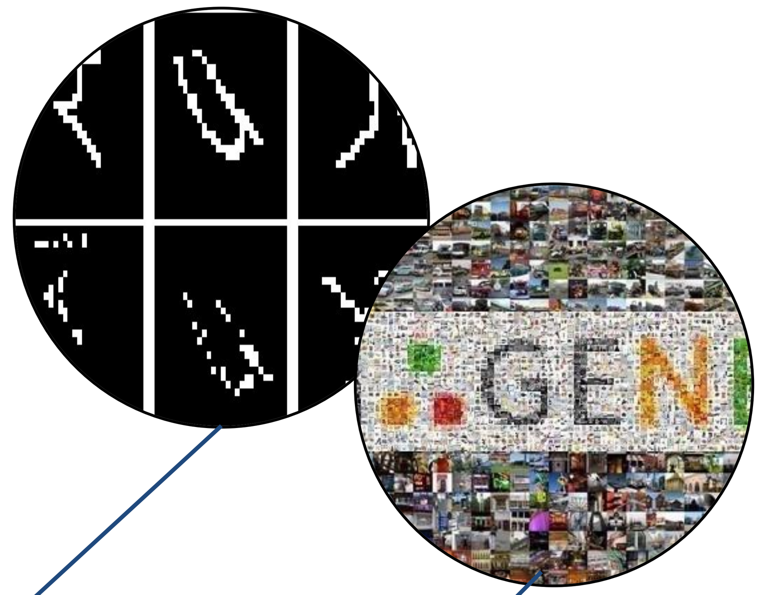


  - On video: use frame selection to create augmented video



Experiments:

- Few shot learning benchmarks: outperforms other unsupervised algorithms and alternates for best with CACTUs-MAML [2].
- Massive reduction of required labeled data: 25000 to 25 for Omiglot (5,5) for 95.43% vs 98.83 vs MAML.



		Omniglot				Mini-Imagenet			
Algorithm (N, K)	**Clustering**	**(5,1)**	**(5,5)**	**(20,1)**	**(20,5)**	**(5,1)**	**(5,5)**	**(5,20)**	**(5,50)**
Training from scratch	N/A	52.50	74.78	24.91	47.62	27.59	38.48	51.53	59.63
k_{nn}-nearest neighbors	BiGAN	49.55	68.06	27.37	46.70	25.56	31.10	37.31	43.60
linear classifier	BiGAN	48.28	68.72	27.80	45.82	27.08	33.91	44.00	50.41
MLP with dropout	BiGAN	40.54	62.56	19.92	40.71	22.91	29.06	40.06	48.36
cluster matching	BiGAN	43.96	58.62	21.54	31.06	24.63	29.49	33.89	36.13
CACTUs-MAML	BiGAN	58.18	78.66	35.56	58.62	36.24	51.28	61.33	66.91
CACTUs-ProtoNets	BiGAN	54.74	71.69	33.40	50.62	36.62	50.16	59.56	63.27
k_{nn}-nearest neighbors	ACAI / DC	57.46	81.16	39.73	66.38	28.90	42.25	56.44	63.90
linear classifier	ACAI / DC	61.08	81.82	43.20	66.33	29.44	39.79	56.19	65.28
MLP with dropout	ACAI / DC	51.95	77.20	30.65	58.62	29.03	39.67	52.71	60.95
cluster matching	ACAI / DC	54.94	71.09	32.19	45.93	22.20	23.50	24.97	26.87
CACTUs-MAML	ACAI / DC	68.84	87.78	48.09	73.36	39.90	**53.97**	**63.84**	**69.64**
CACTUs-ProtoNets	ACAI / DC	68.12	83.58	47.75	66.27	39.18	53.36	61.54	63.55
UMTRA (ours)	N/A	**83.80**	**95.43**	**74.25**	**92.12**	**39.93**	50.73	61.11	67.15
MAML (Supervised)	N/A	94.46	98.83	84.60	96.29	46.81	62.13	71.03	75.54
ProtoNets (Supervised)	N/A	98.35	99.58	95.31	98.81	46.56	62.29	70.05	72.04

Works on video classification as well:

Algorithm	**Test Accuracy / F1-Score**
Training from scratch	29.30 / 20.48
Pre-trained on Kinetics	45.51 / 42.49
UMTRA on unlabeled Kinetics (ours)	**60.33 / 58.47**
Supervised MAML on Kinetics	71.08 / 69.44

Works on unbalanced datasets (CelebA used for face recognition)

Algorithm (N, K)	**(5, 1)**	**(5, 5)**	**(5, 10)**
Training from scratch	26.86	39.65	50.61
UMTRA	**33.43**	**50.19**	**58.84**