



Life Long Learning

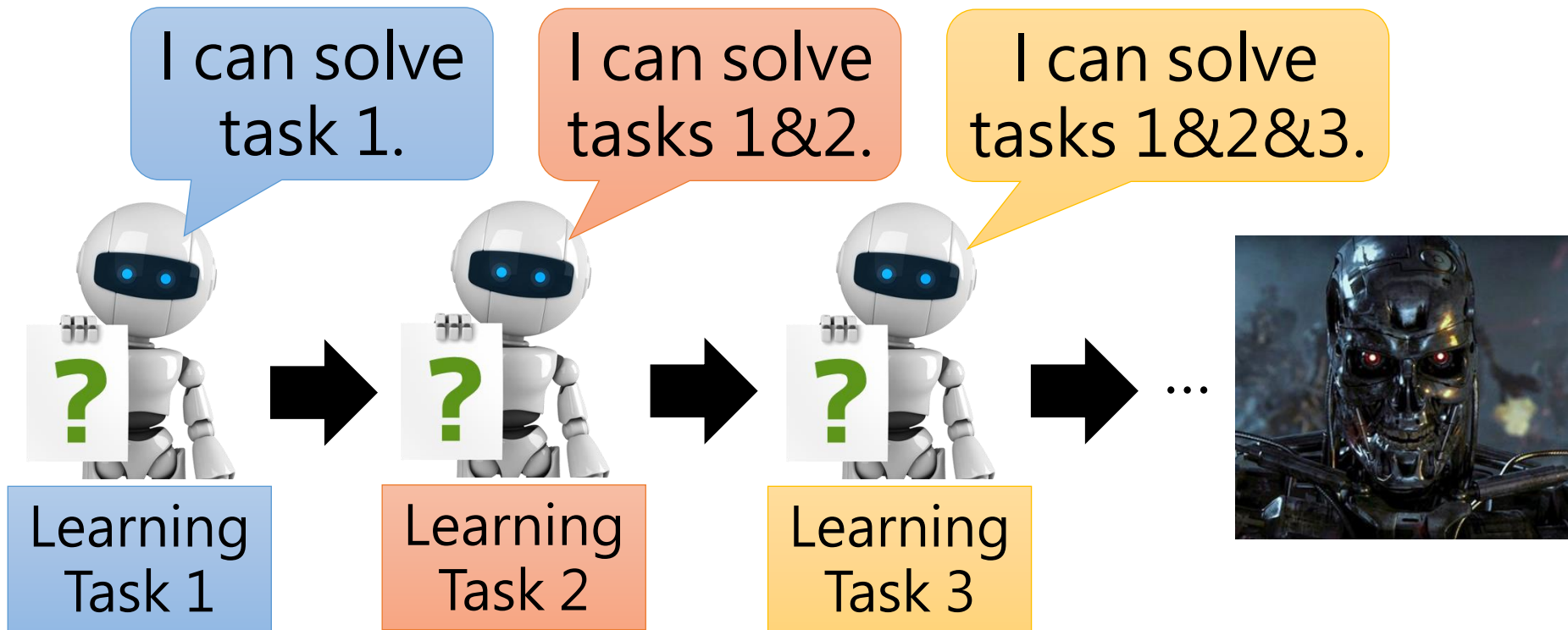
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Life Long Learning (終身學習)



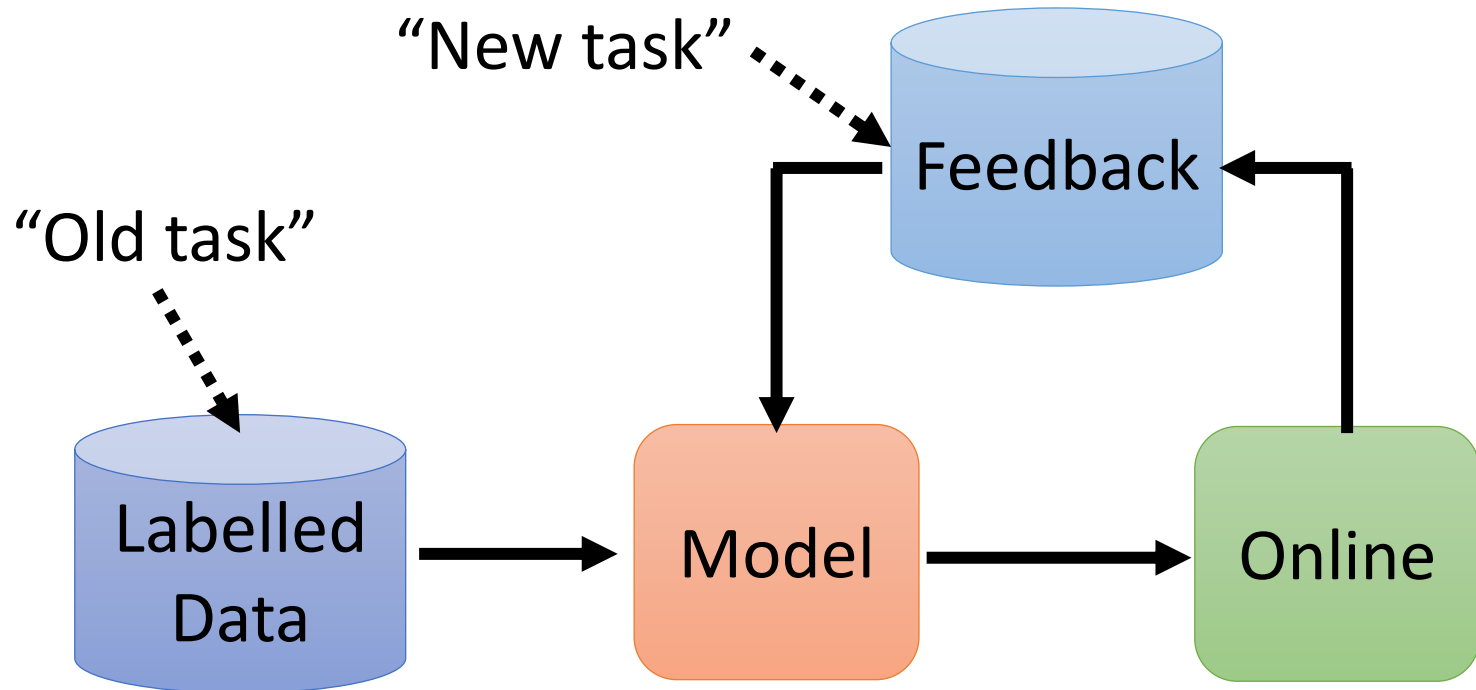
<https://world.edu/lifelong-learning-part-time-undergraduate-provision-crisis/>

What people think about AI ...



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

Life Long Learning in real-world applications

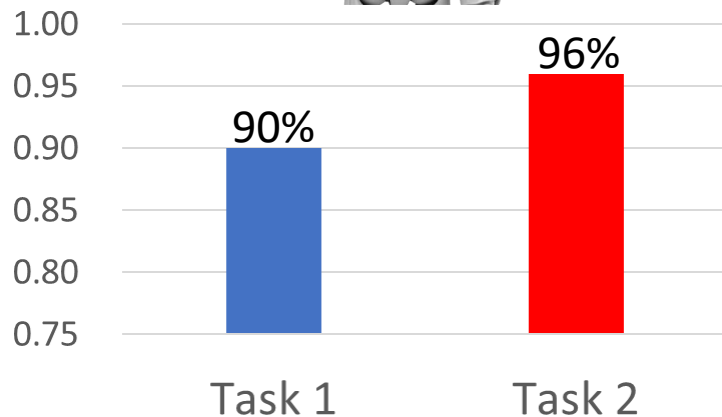
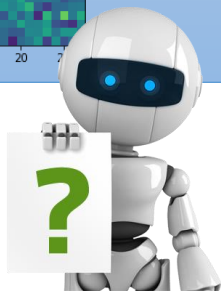
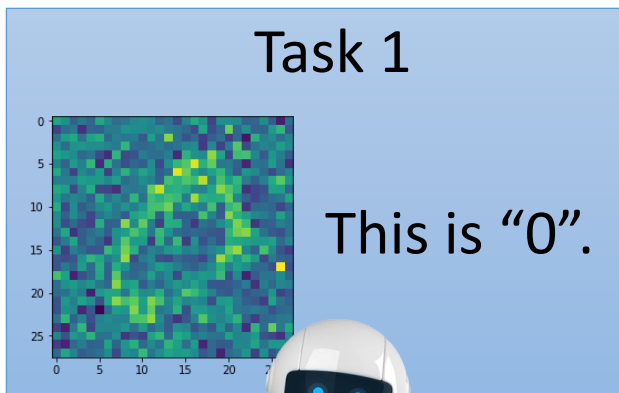


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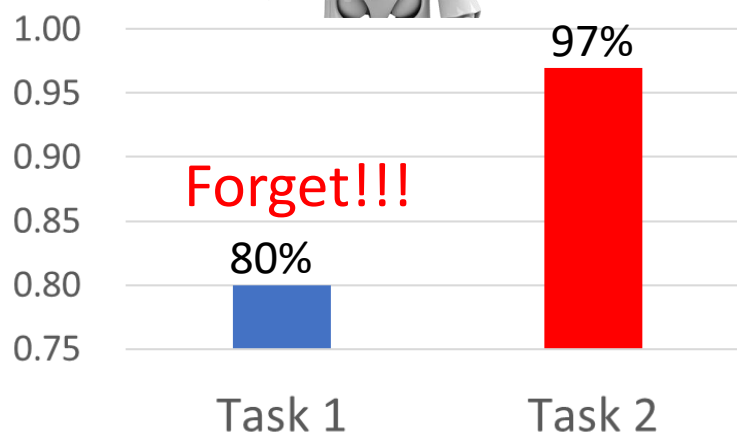
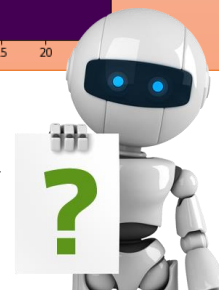
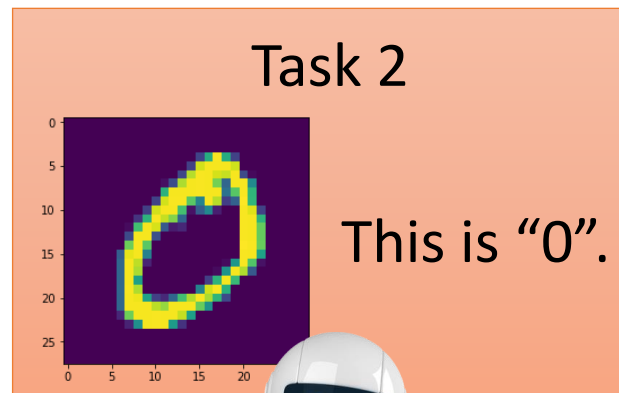


= 3 layers, 50
neurons each

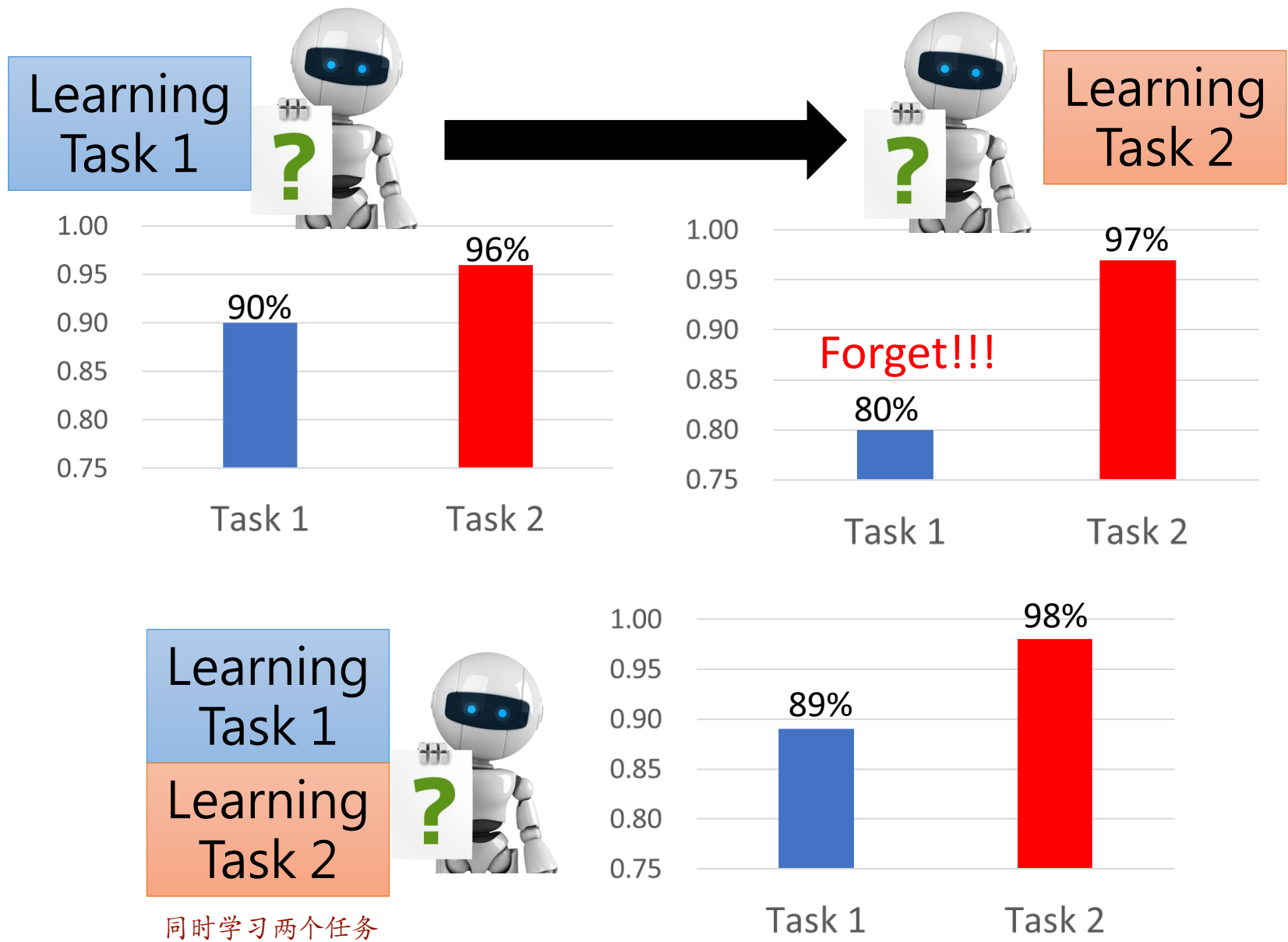
手写数字辨识: noisy



noise少的任务



学会Task2之后



The network has enough capacity to learn both tasks.

Example

Question Answering

- 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

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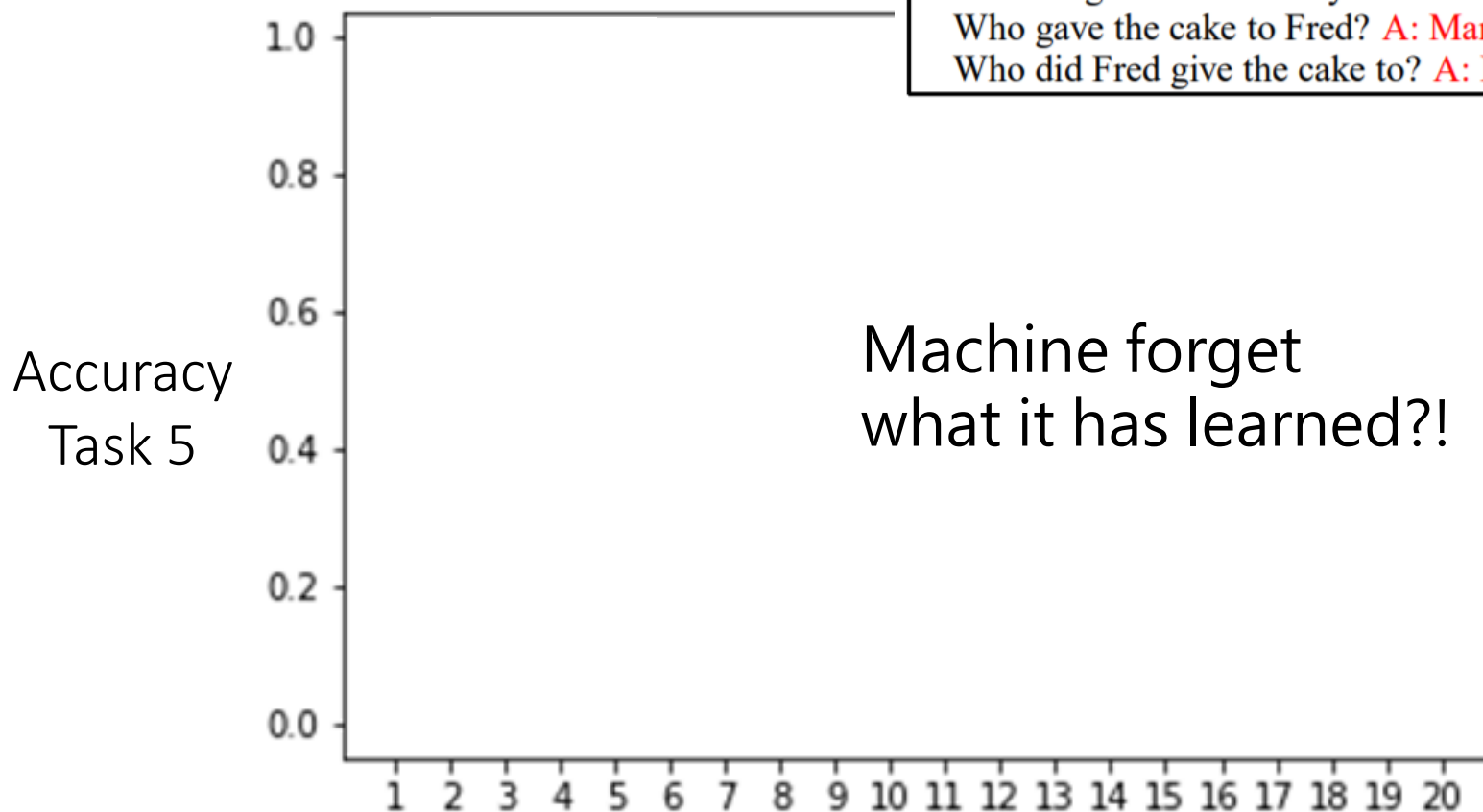
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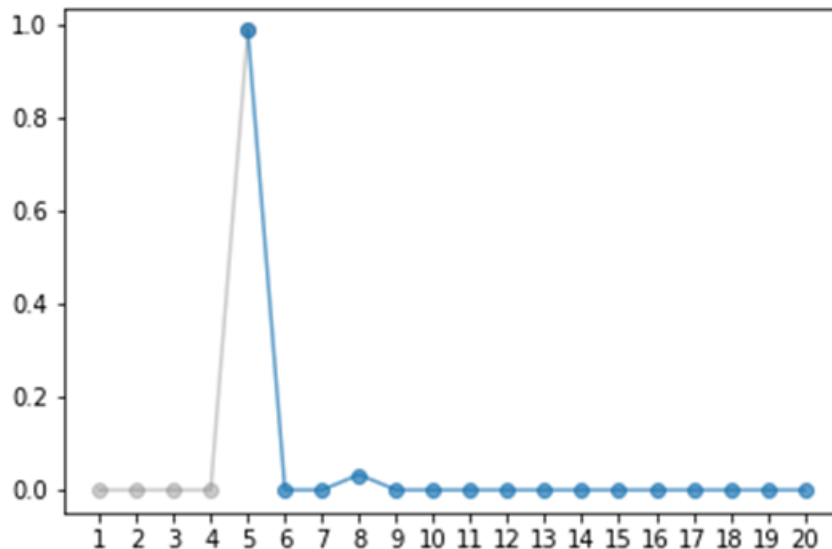
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Machine learns 20 tasks sequentially

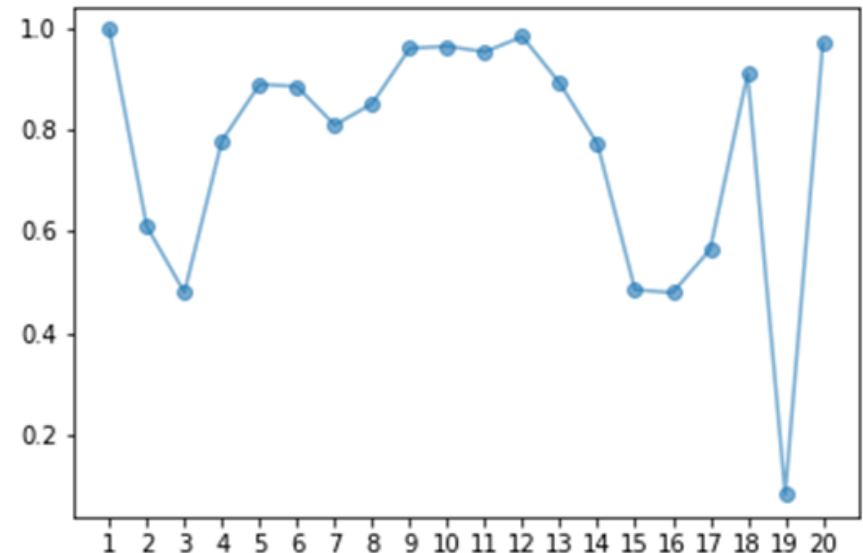
Example

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.

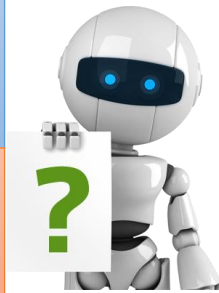
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Catastrophic
Forgetting

Learning
Task 1

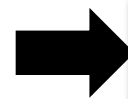
Learning
Task 2



Wait a minute

- Multi-task training can solve the problem!

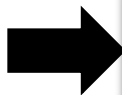
Using all the data for training



Computation issue



Always keep the data



Storage issue

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

Wait a minute

- Train a model for each task



Learning
Task 1



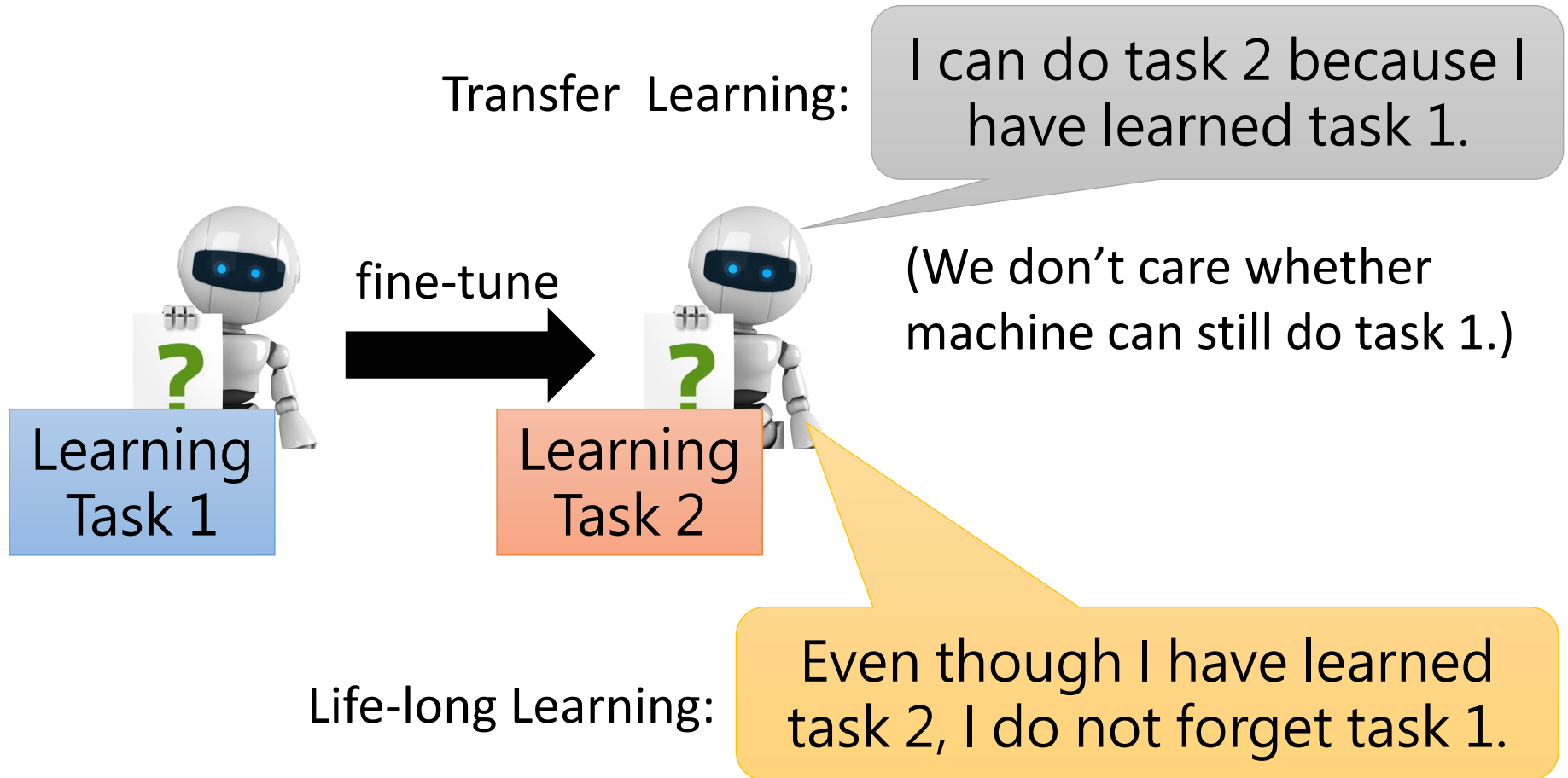
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Learning
Task 3

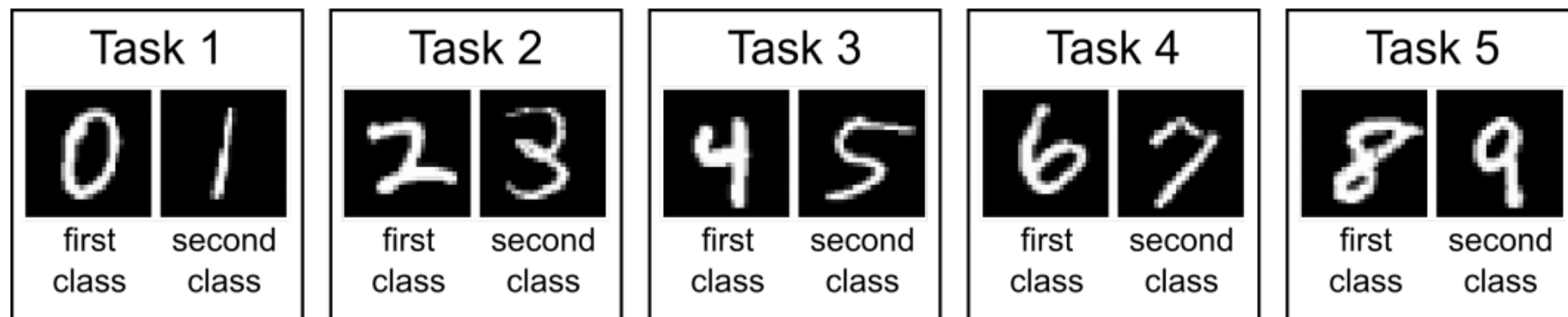
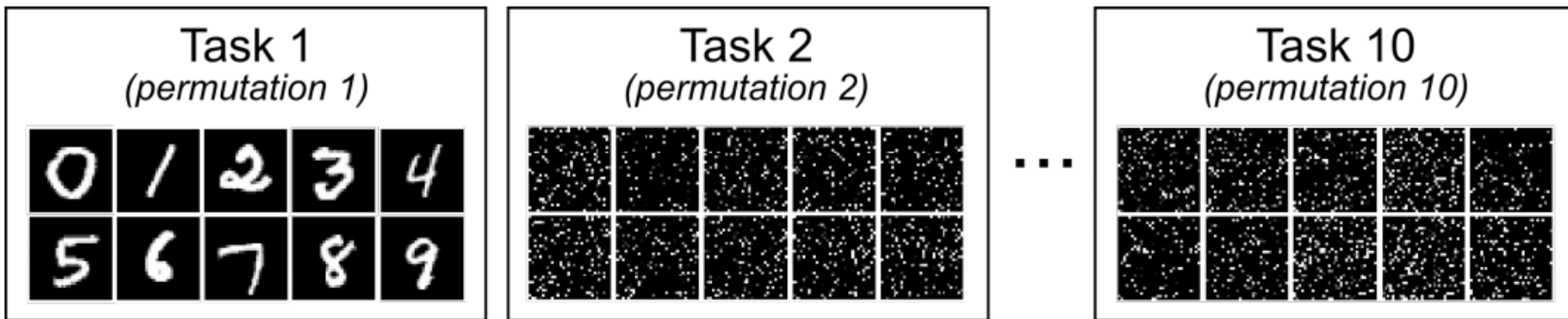
- Eventually we cannot store all the models ...
- Knowledge cannot transfer across different tasks

Life-Long v.s. Transfer



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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		Task 1	Task 2	Task T
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	Task 2	$R_{2,1}$	$R_{2,2}$		$R_{2,T}$
	⋮				
	Task T-1	$R_{T-1,1}$	$R_{T-1,2}$		$R_{T-1,T}$
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(It is usually negative.)

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Research Directions

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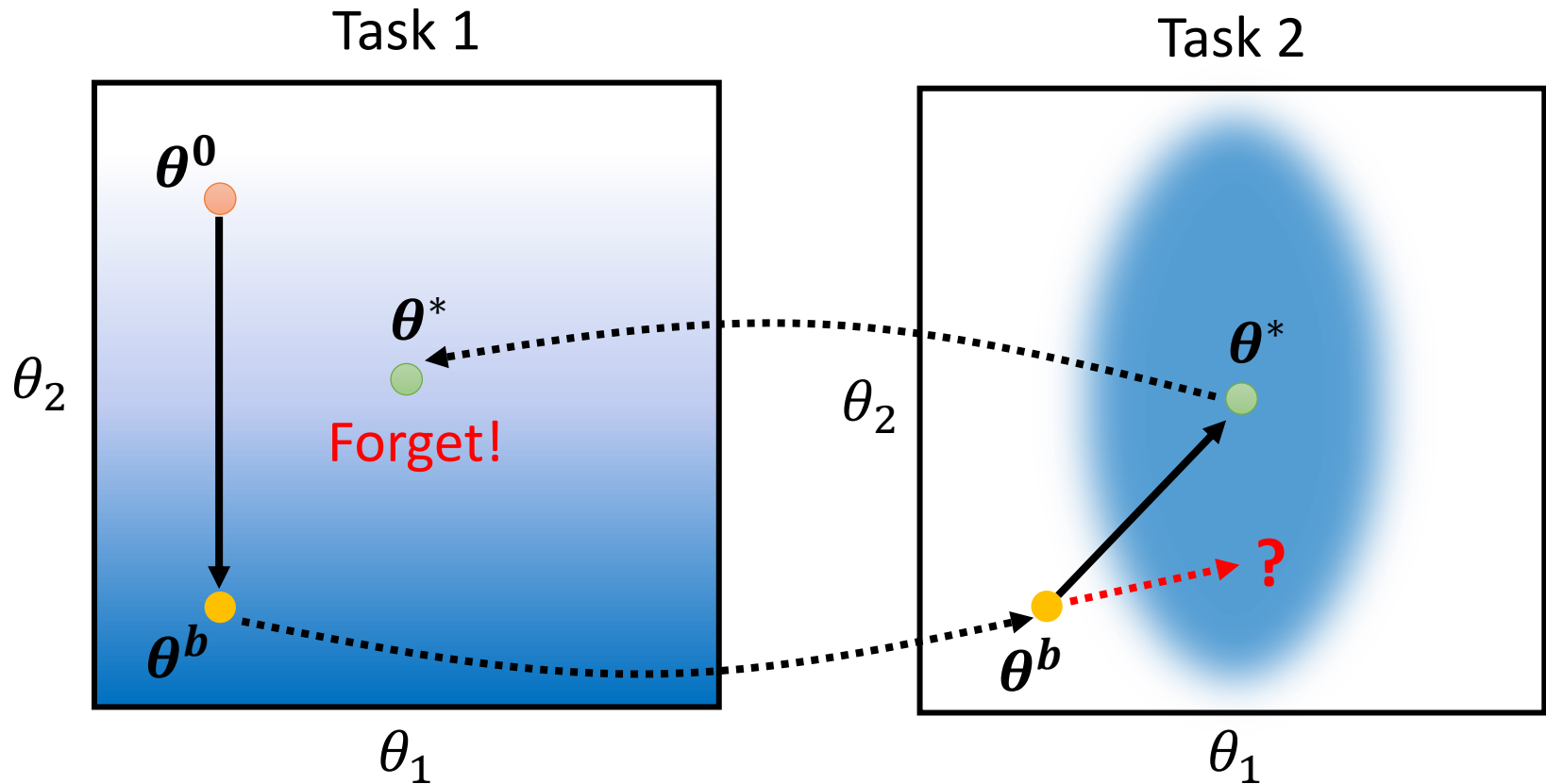
Regularization-
based Approach

Selective Synaptic Plasticity

Additional Neural Resource Allocation

Memory Reply

Why Catastrophic Forgetting?



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

Selective Synaptic Plasticity

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

θ^b is the model learned from the previous tasks.

Each parameter θ_i^b has a “guard” b_i

The diagram shows the equation
$$L'(\theta) = L(\theta) + \lambda \sum_i b_i (\theta_i - \theta_i^b)^2$$
 with several annotations and arrows:

- An arrow points from the text "Loss for current task" to the term $L(\theta)$.
- An arrow points from the text "How important this parameter is" to the guard term b_i .
- An arrow points from the text "Parameters to be learning" to the summation index i .
- An arrow points from the text "Parameters learned from previous task" to the term θ_i^b .
- An arrow points from the text "Loss to be optimized" to the entire left-hand side $L'(\theta)$.

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θ should be close to θ^b in certain directions.

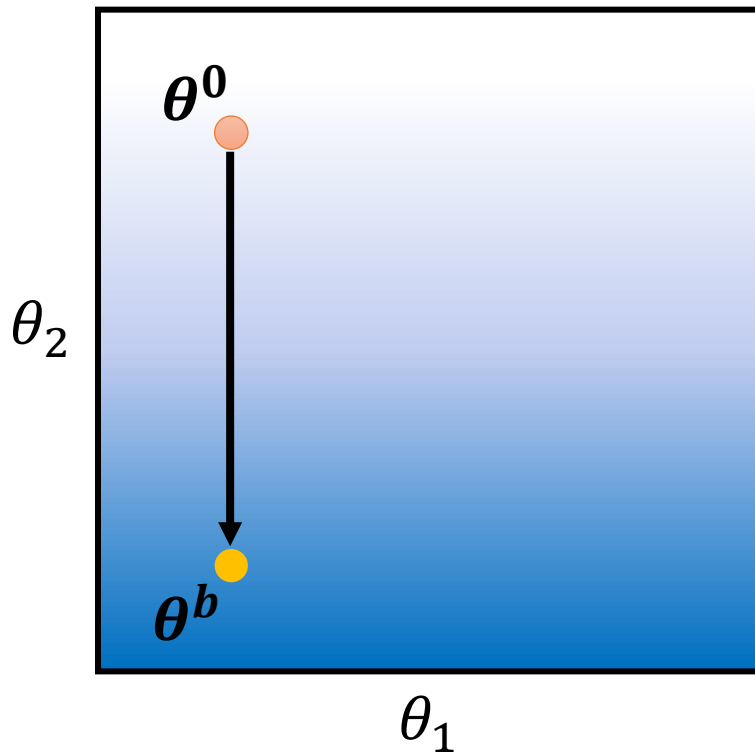
$$L'(\theta) = L(\theta) + \lambda \sum_i b_i (\theta_i - \theta_i^b)^2$$

If $b_i = 0$, there is no constraint on θ_i \longrightarrow Catastrophic Forgetting

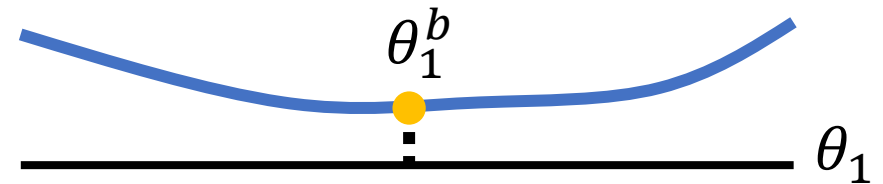
If $b_i = \infty$, θ_i would always be equal to θ_i^b \longrightarrow Intransigence

Selective Synaptic Plasticity

Task 1

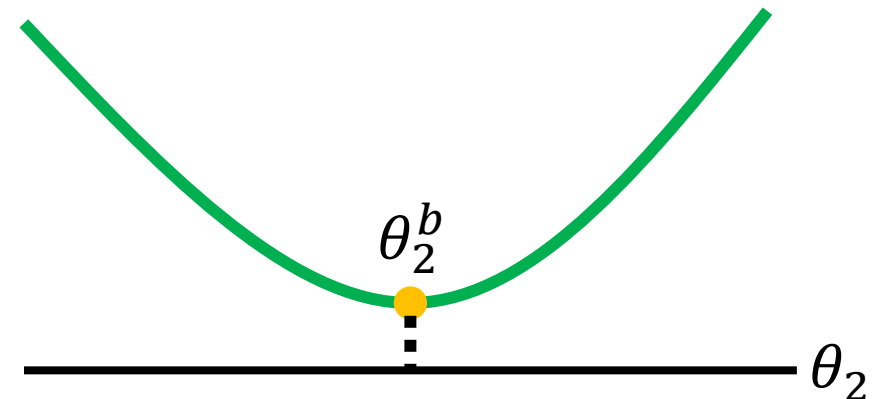


Each parameter has a
“guard” b_i



can be changed 😊

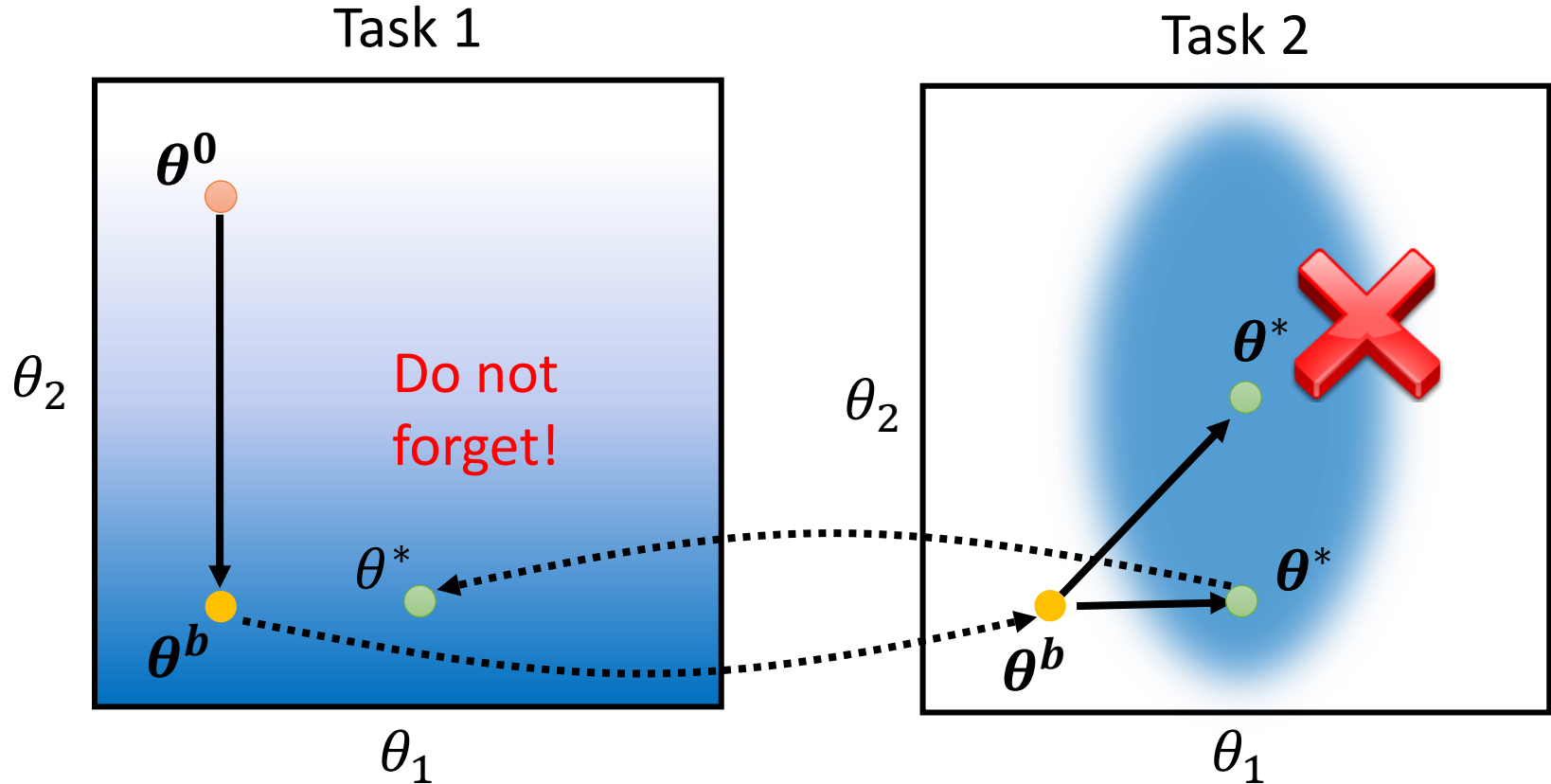
➡ b_1 is small



don't touch it!

➡ b_2 is large

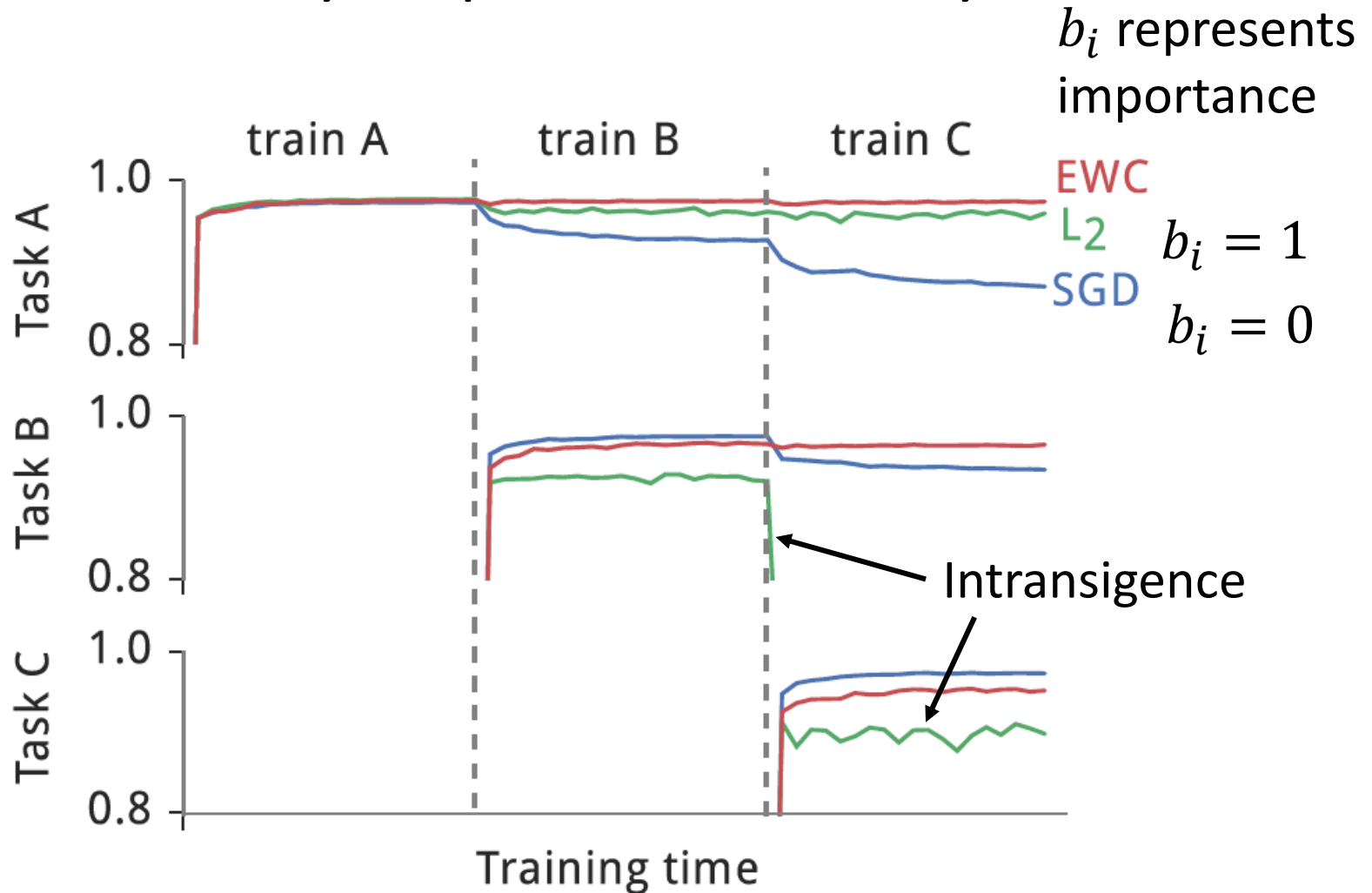
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b_1 is small, while b_2 is large.

(We can modify θ_1 , but do not change θ_2 .)

Selective Synaptic Plasticity



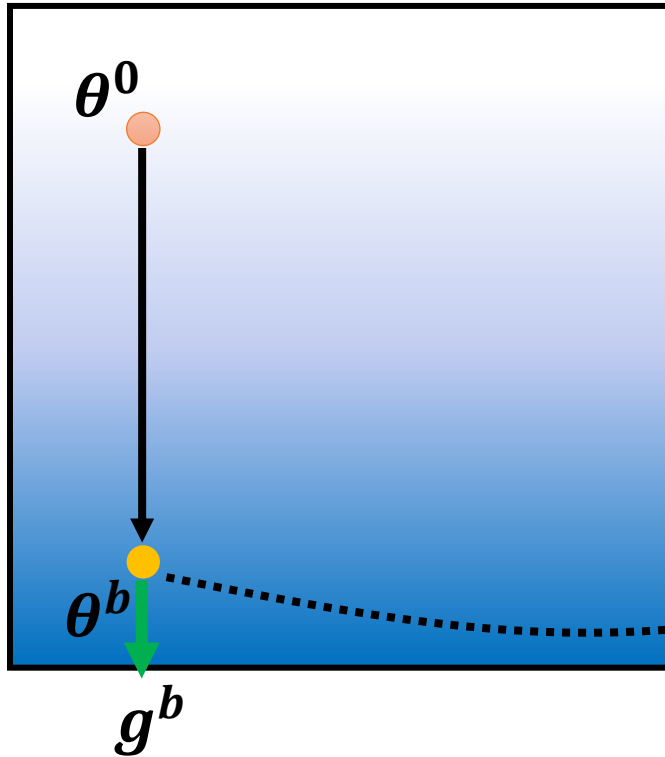
Selective Synaptic Plasticity

- 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>

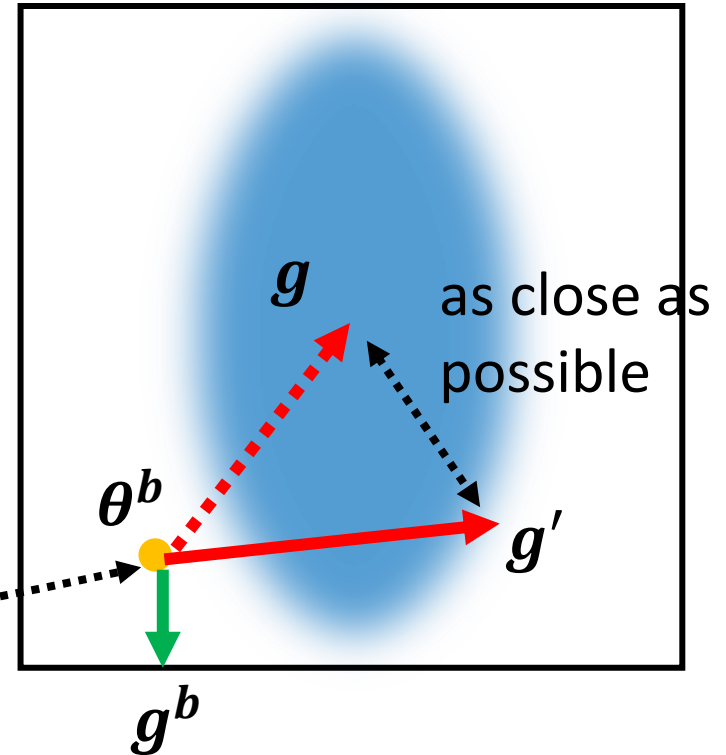
Gradient Episodic Memory (GEM)

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.08840>

Task 1



Task 2



$$g' \cdot g^b \geq 0$$

- ⋯→ : negative gradient of current task
- : negative gradient of previous task
- : update direction

Need the data from
the previous tasks

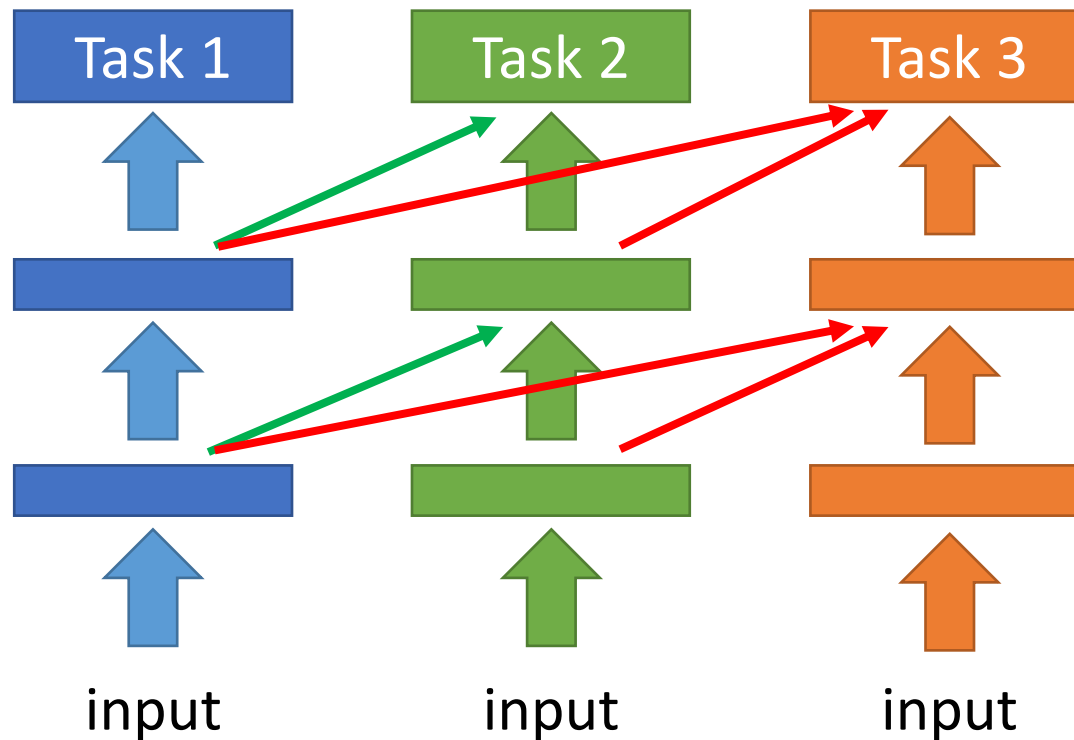
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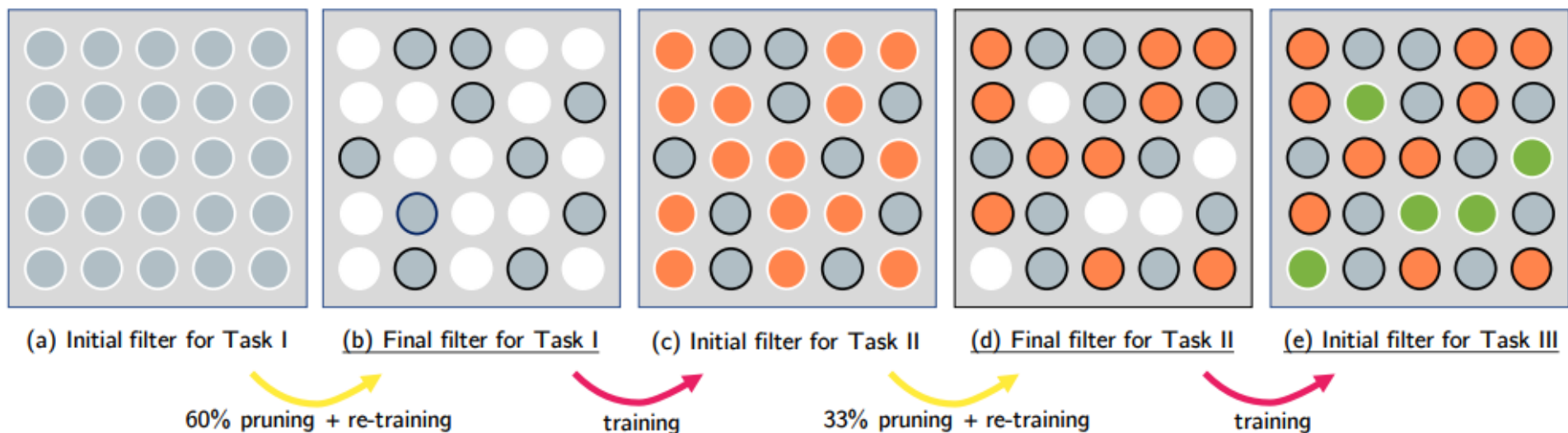
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Progressive Neural Networks

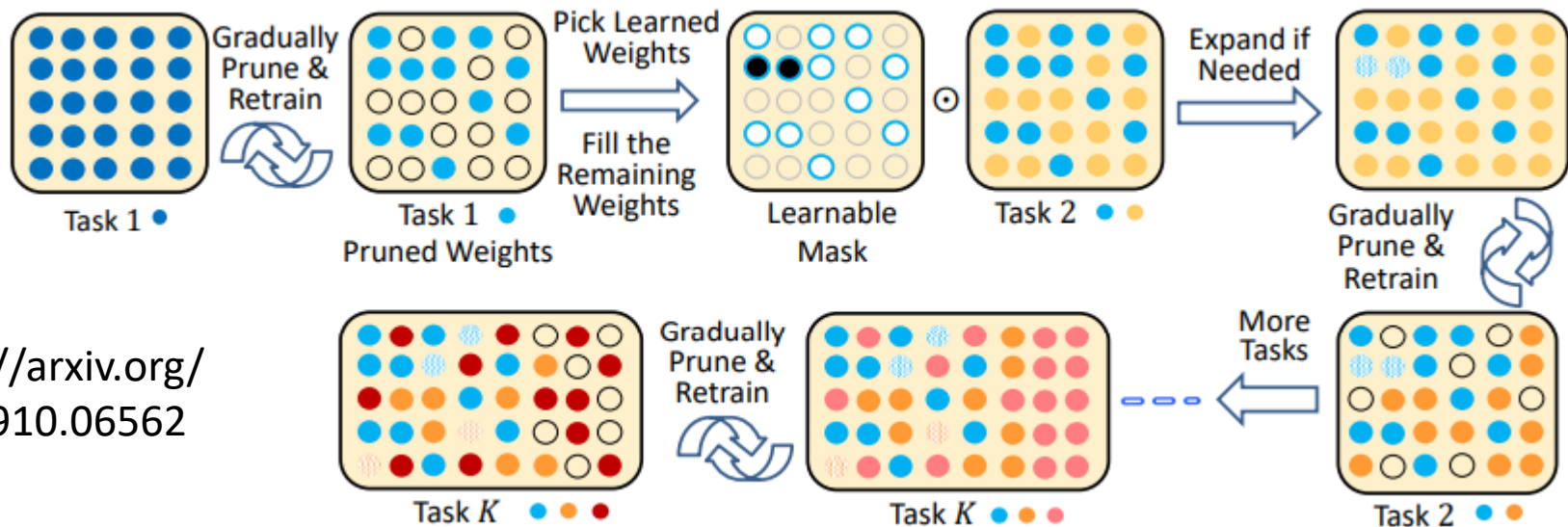


PackNet

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.05769>



Compacting, Picking, and Growing (CPG)



<https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.06562>

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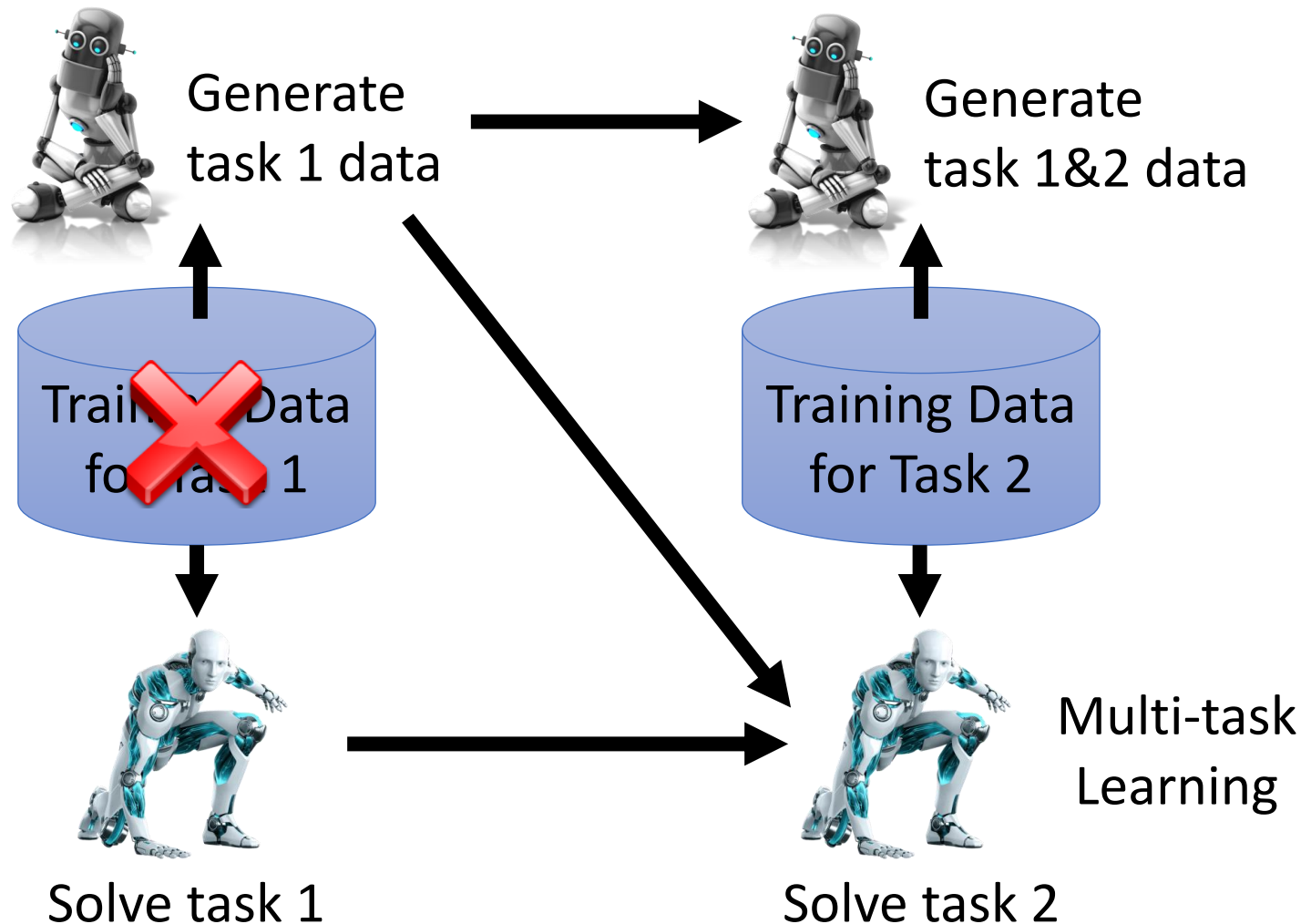
Generating Data

<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



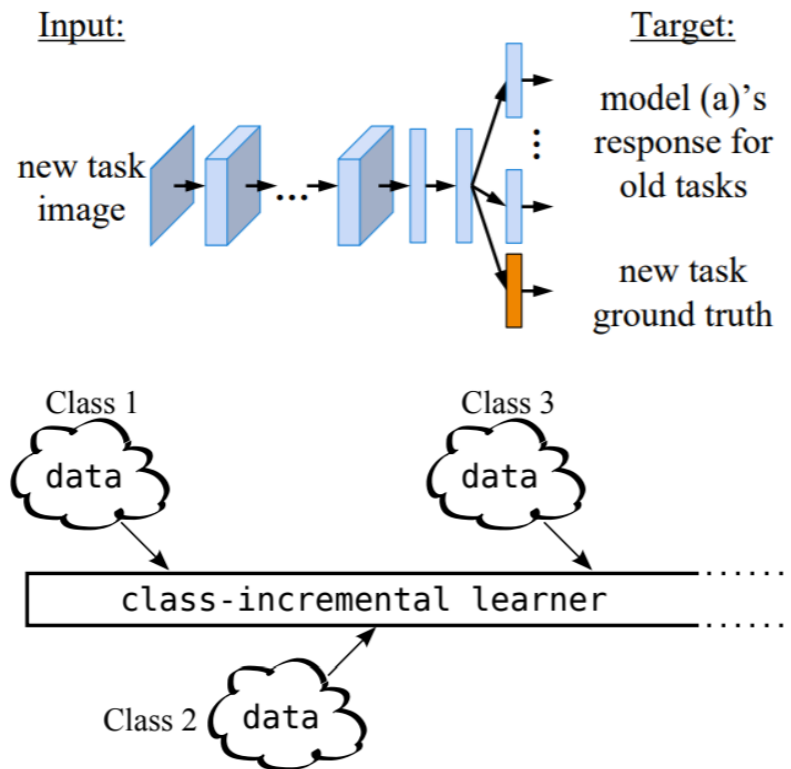
Adding new classes

Learning without forgetting (LwF)

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1606.09282>

iCaRL: Incremental Classifier and Representation Learning

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.07725>



Three scenarios for continual learning

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.07734>

Concluding Remarks

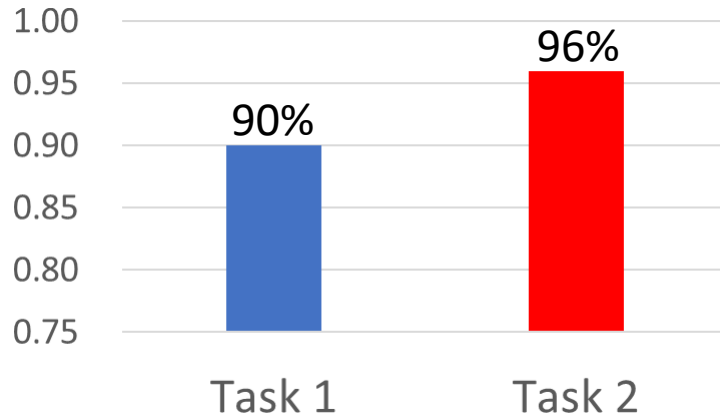
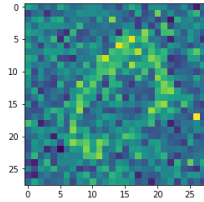
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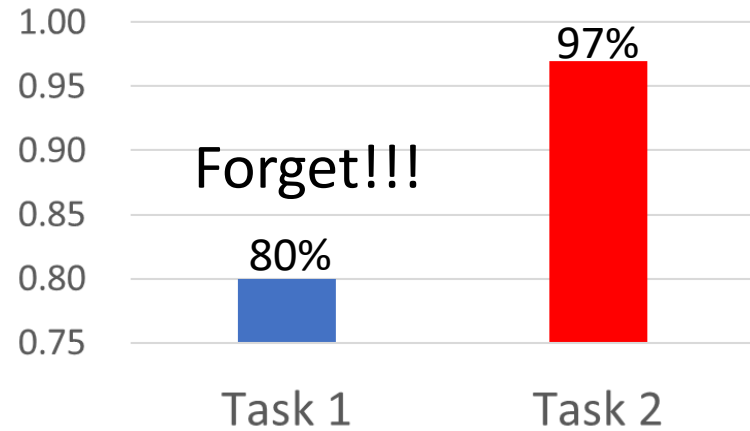
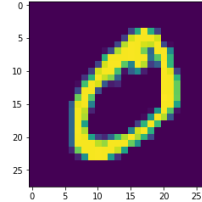
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Curriculum Learning : what is the proper learning order?

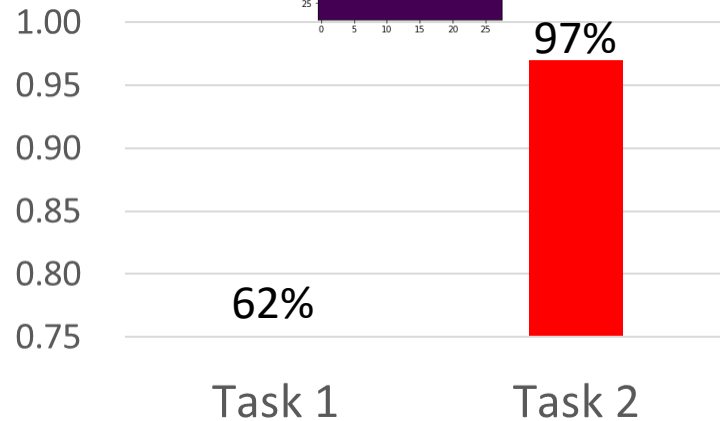
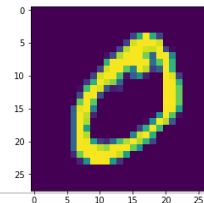
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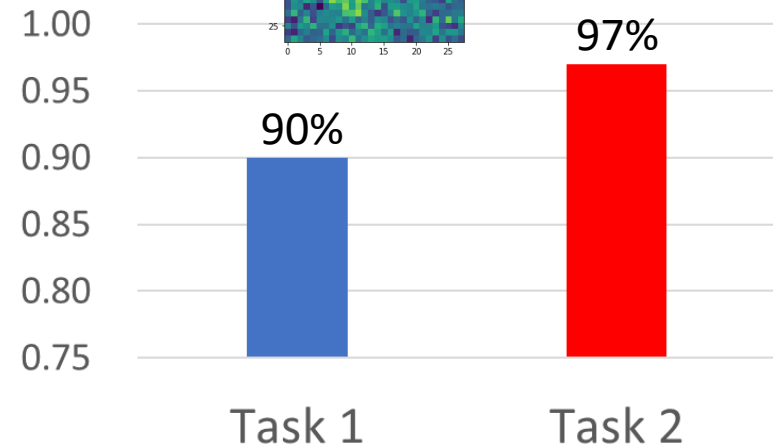
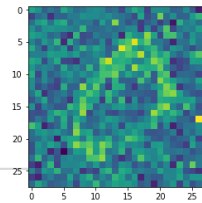
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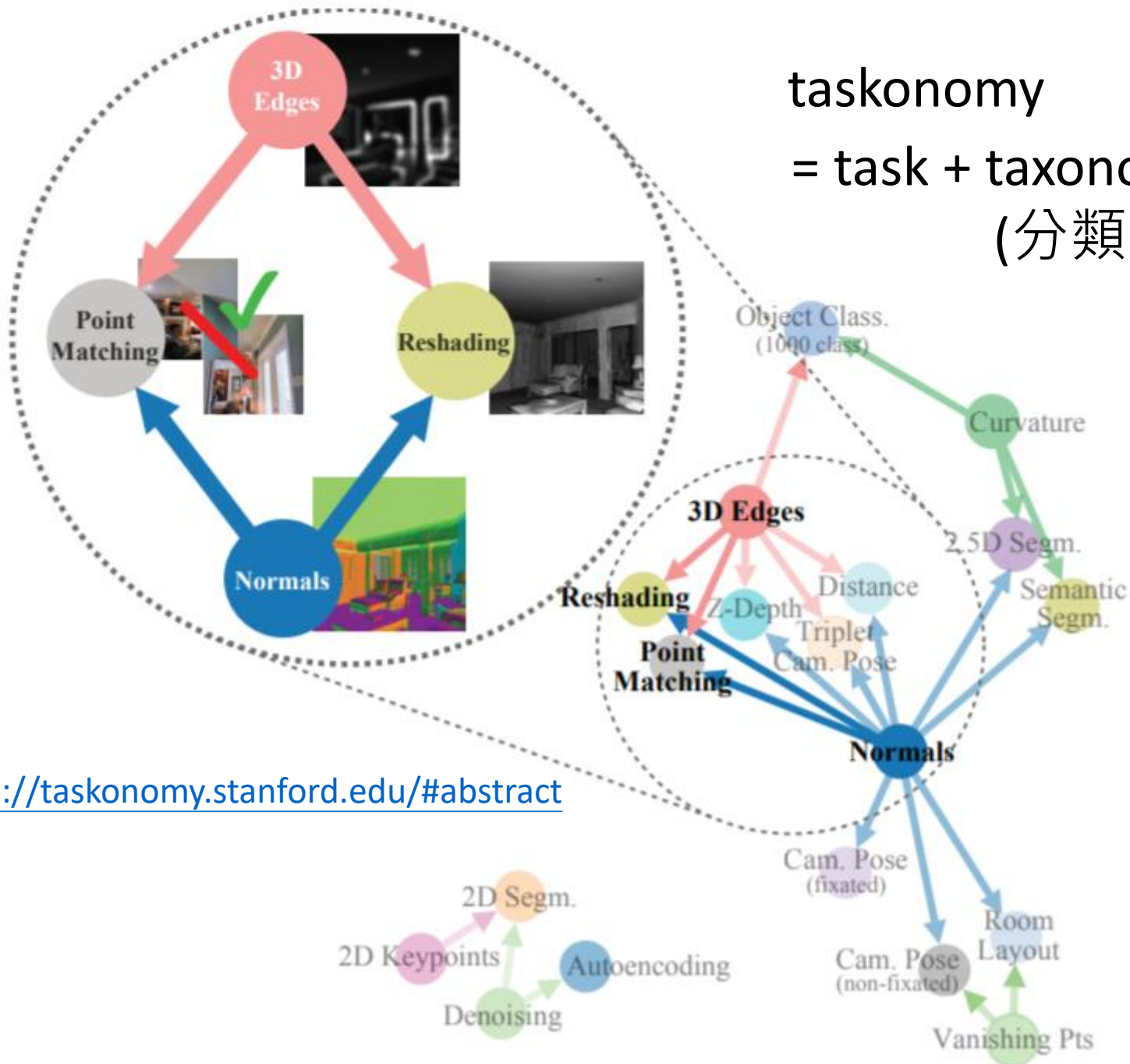
Task 2



Task 1



taskonomy
= task + taxonomy
(分類學)



<http://taskonomy.stanford.edu/#abstract>