Life Long Learning

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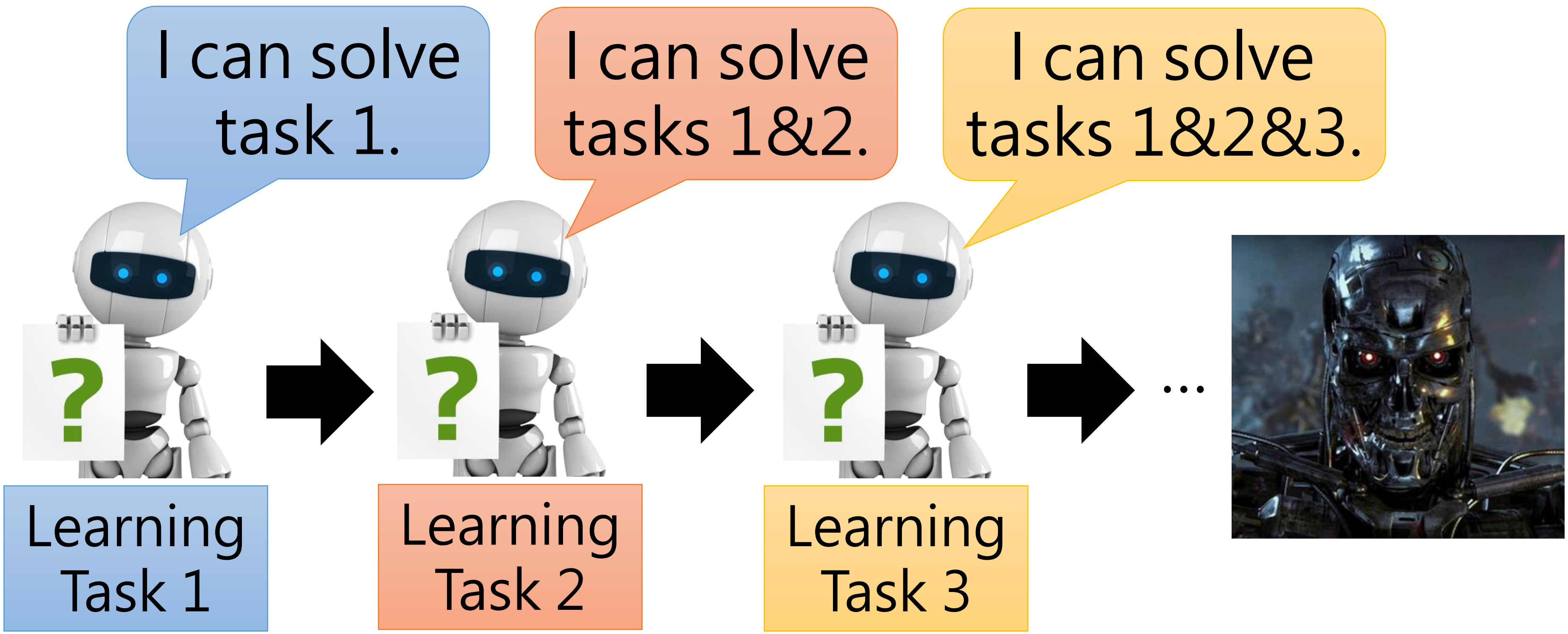
https://www.pearsonlearned.com/lifelong-learning-will-help-workers-navigate-future-work/

Life Long Learning (終身學習)

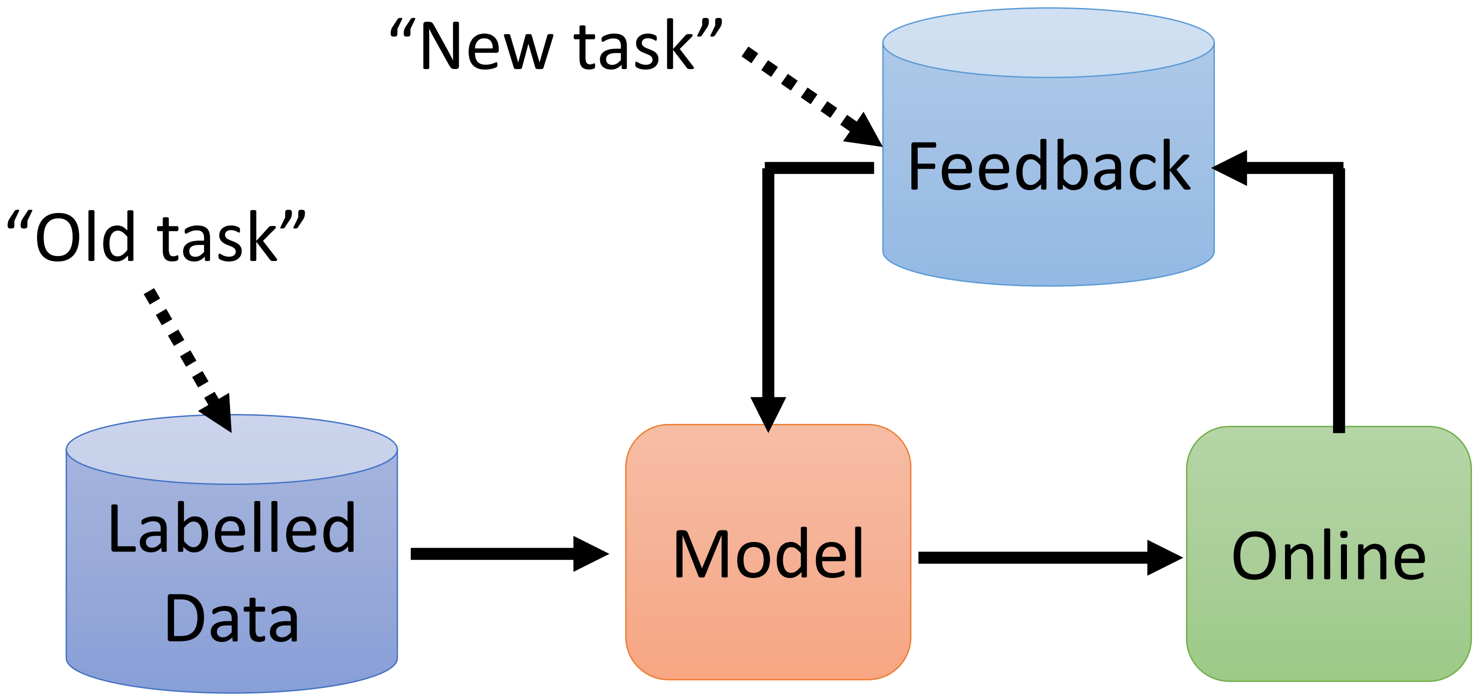
https://world.edu/lifelong-learning-part-time-undergraduate-provision-crisis/

What people think about AI …



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

Life Long Learning in real-world applications

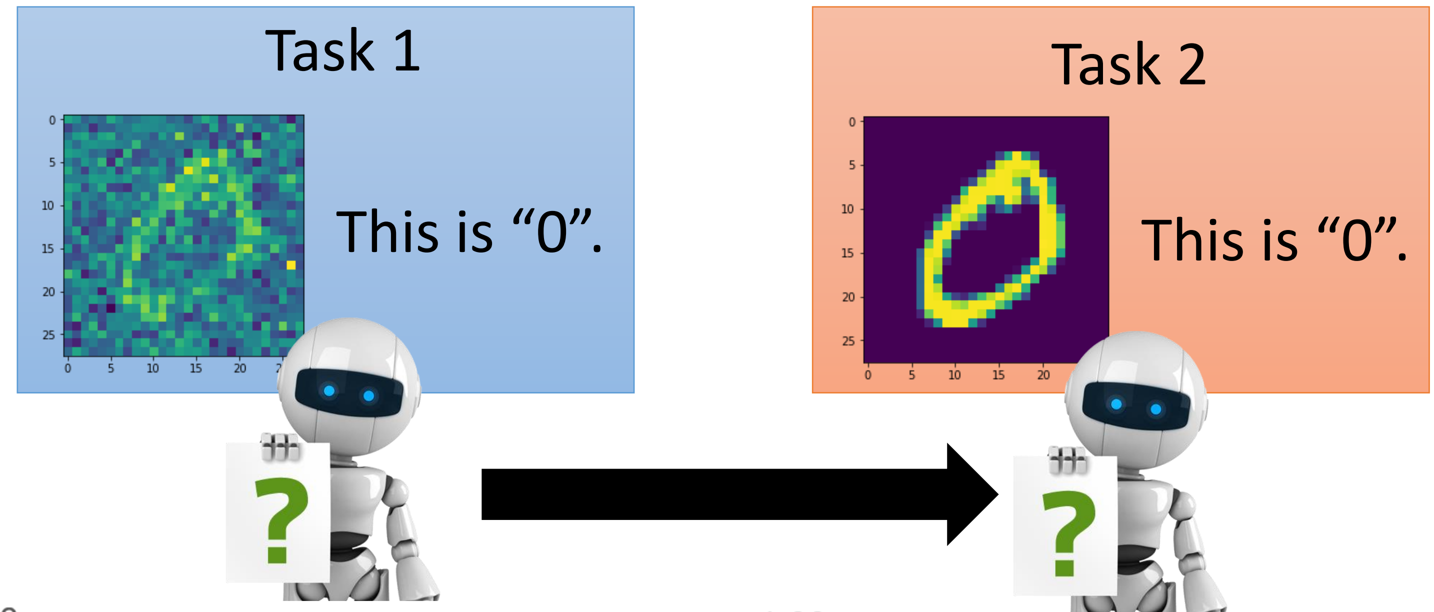


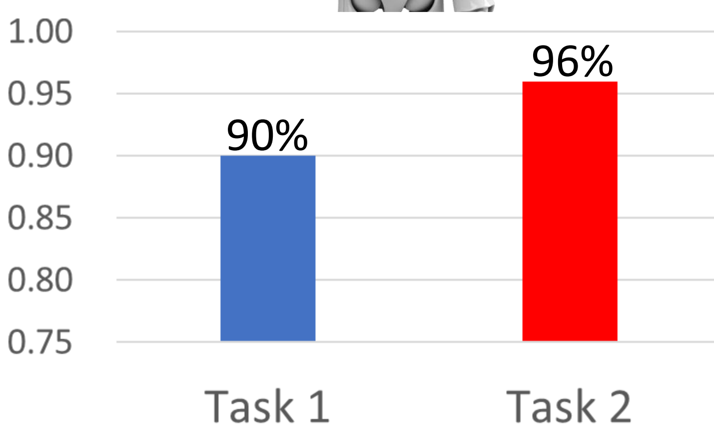
Example

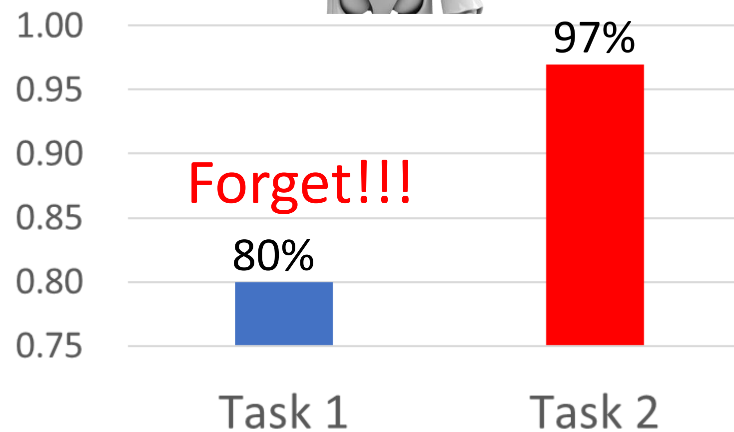
= 3 layers, 50 neurons each

手写数字辨识：noisy

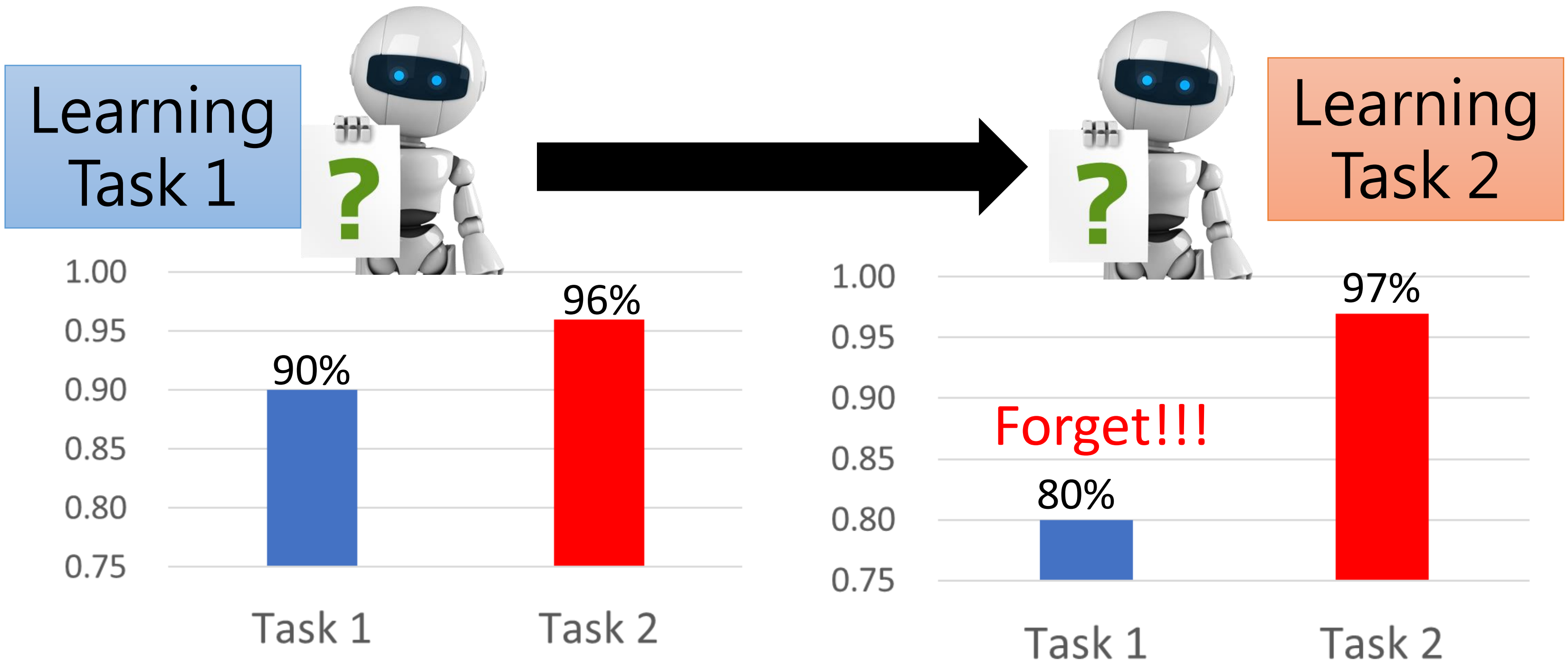
noise少的任务

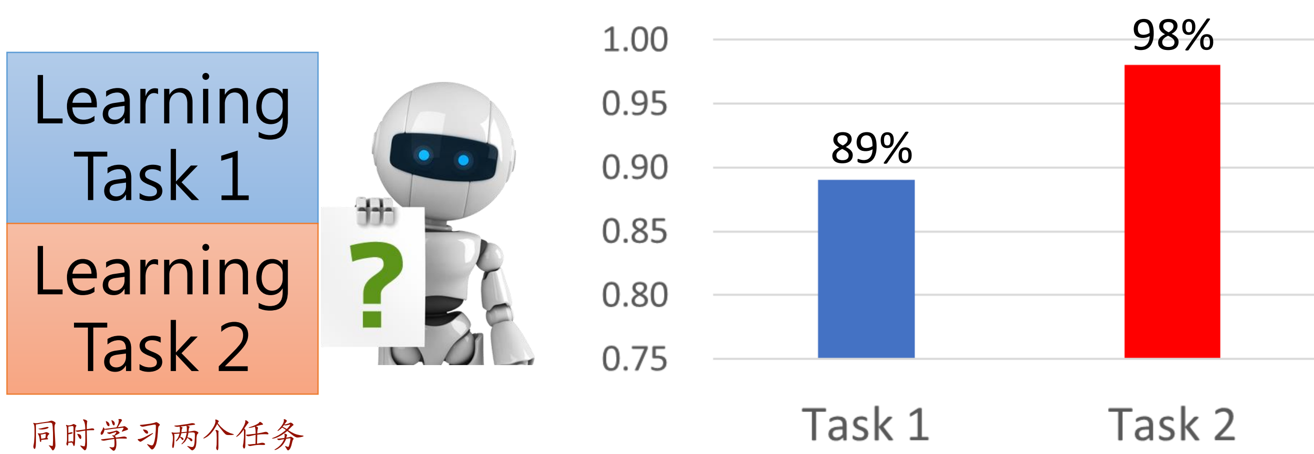






学会Task2之后





The network has enough capacity to learn both tasks.

Example

- 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

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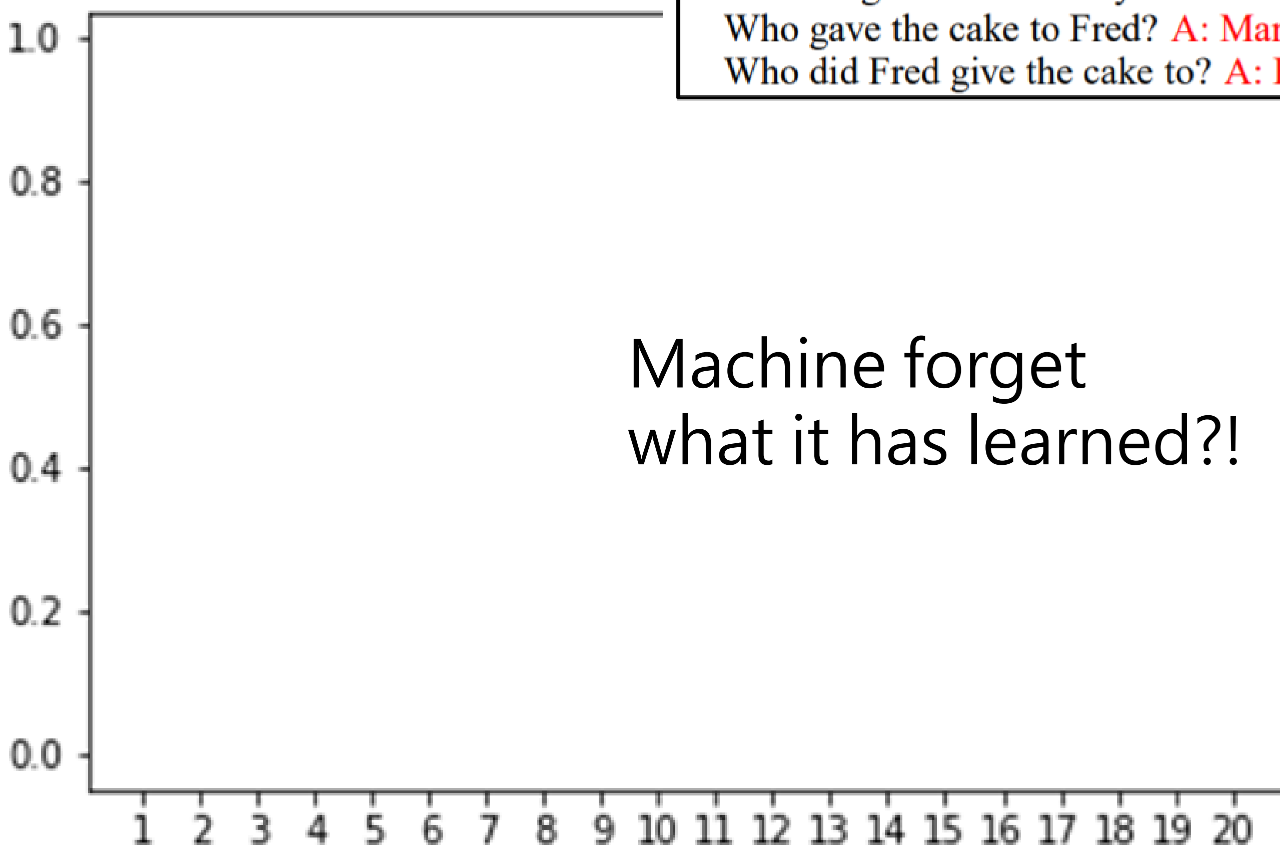
Accuracy
Task 5



Machine forget
what it has learned?!

Machine learns 20 tasks sequentially

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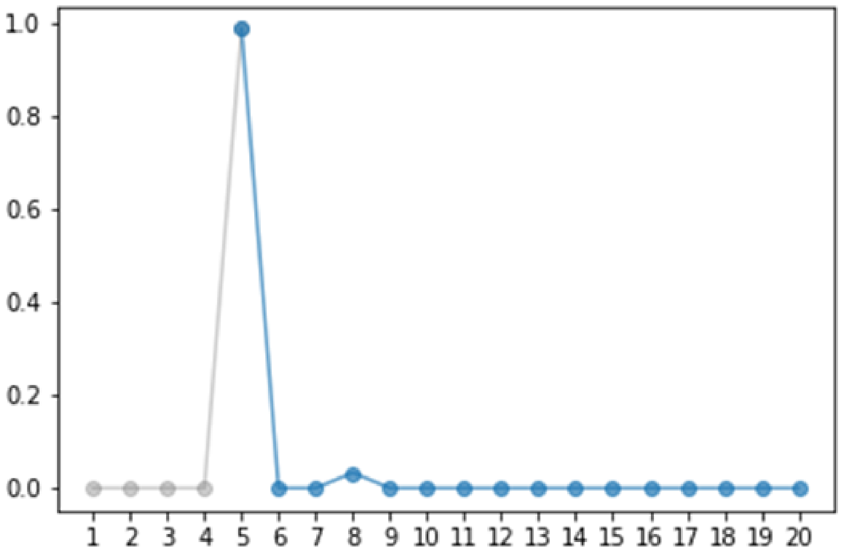
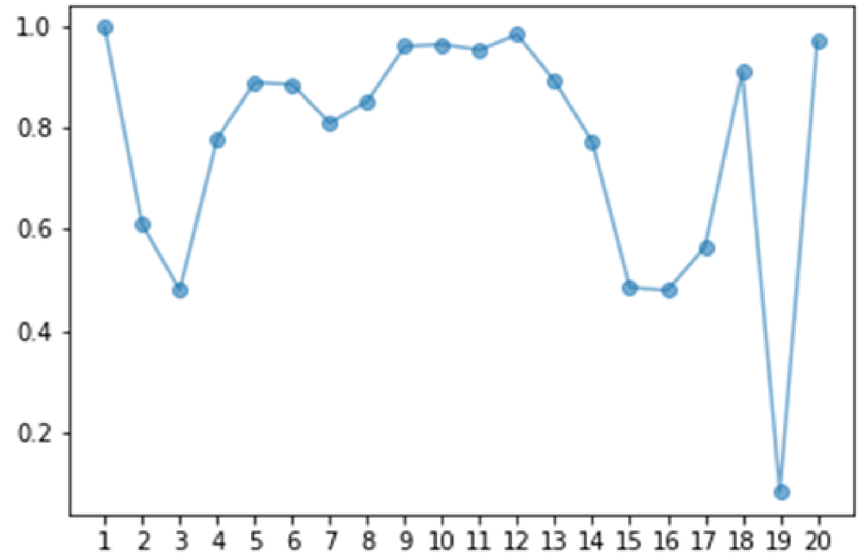
Example

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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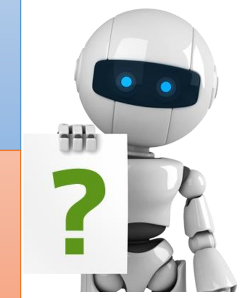
Catastrophic Forgetting

Wait a minute ……

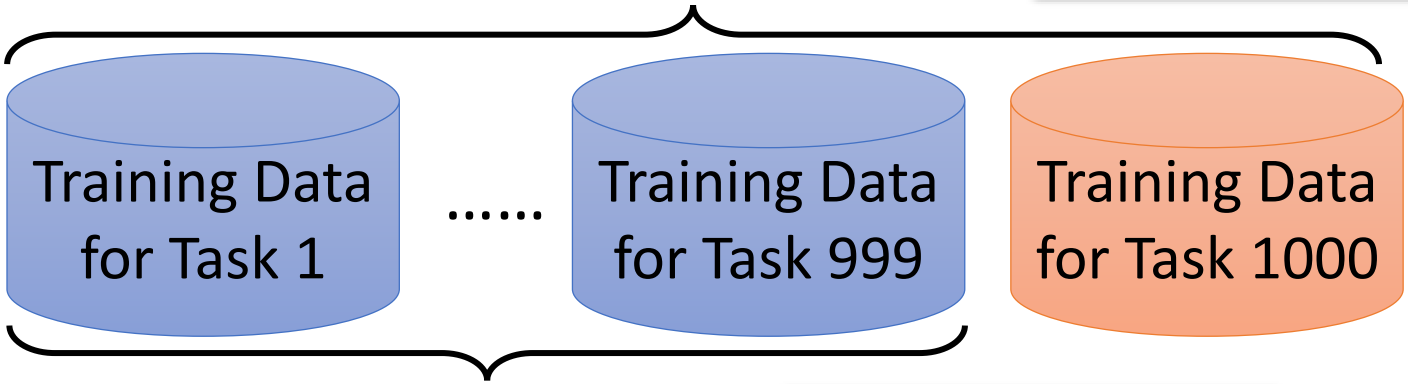
Learning Task 1

Learning Task 2



- Multi-task training can solve the problem!

Using all the data for training → **Computation issue**

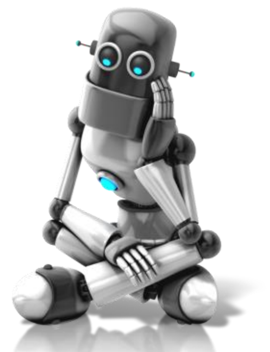


Always keep the data → **Storage issue**

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

Wait a minute ……

- Train a model for each task



Learning Task 1

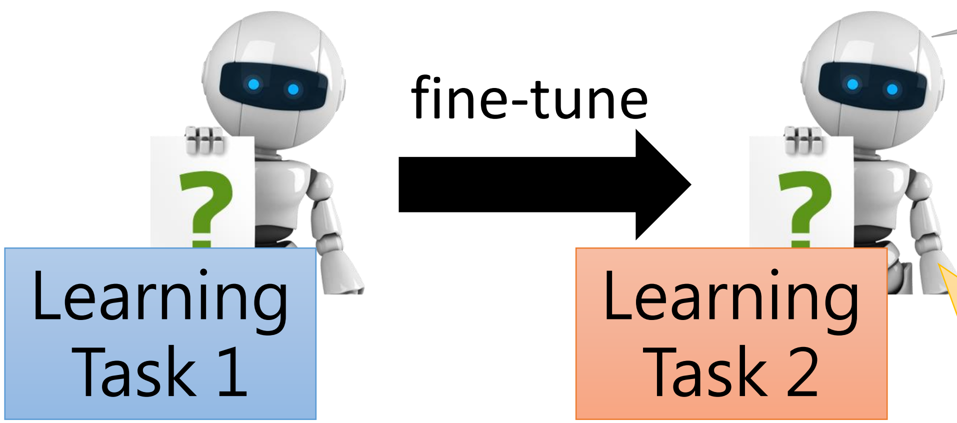
Learning Task 2

Learning Task 3

- ➢ 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.



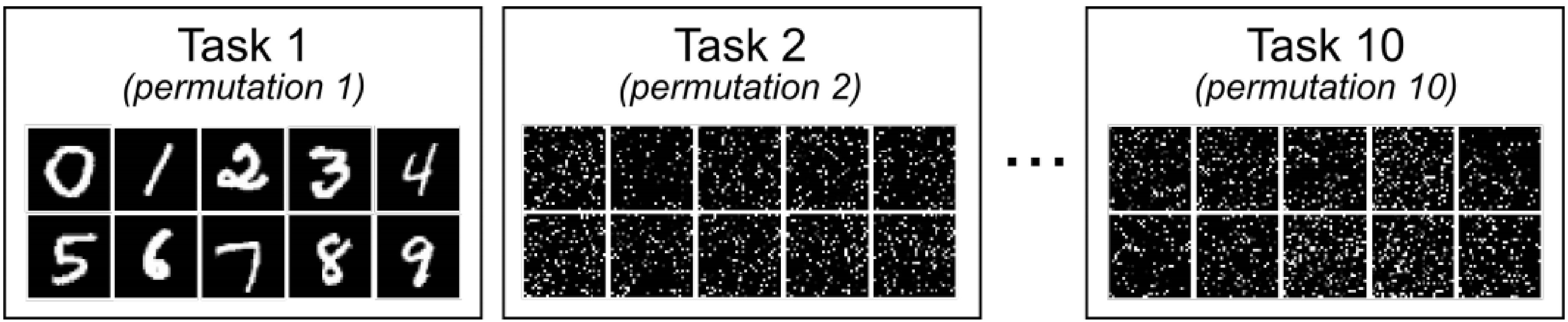
(We don't care whether machine can still do task 1.)

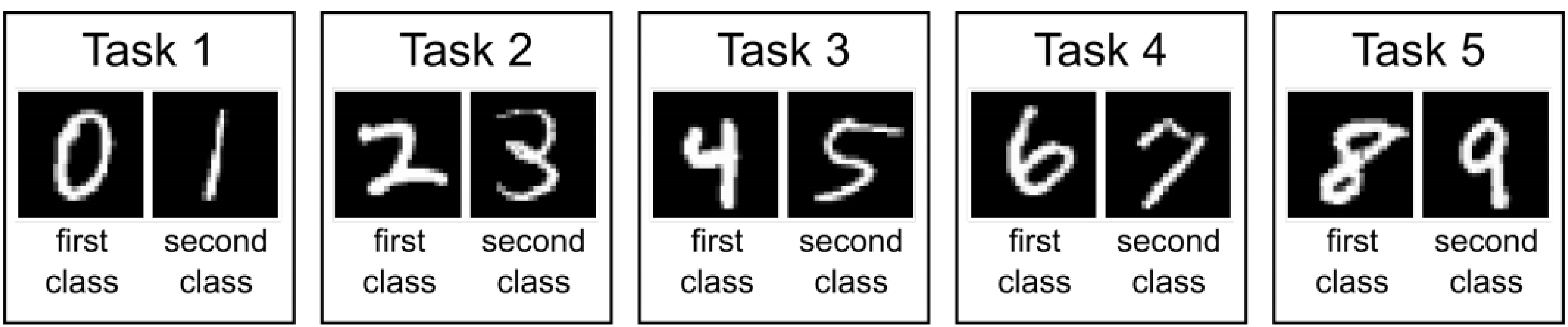
Life-long Learning: Even though I have learned task 2, I do not forget task 1.

https://arxiv.org/pdf/1904.07734.pdf

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

		Test on			
		Task 1	Task 2	……	Task T
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After Training	Task 1	$\boxed{R_{1,1}}$	$R_{1,2}$		$R_{1,T}$
	Task 2	$R_{2,1}$	$\boxed{R_{2,2}}$		$R_{2,T}$
	⋮				
	Task T-1	$R_{T-1,1}$	$R_{T-1,2}$		$R_{T-1,T}$
	Task T	$\boxed{R_{T,1}}$	$\boxed{R_{T,2}}$		$R_{T,T}$

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

$$\text{Backward Transfer} = \frac{1}{T-1}\sum_{i=1}^{T-1} R_{T,i} - R_{i,i}$$

(It is usually negative.)

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Research Directions

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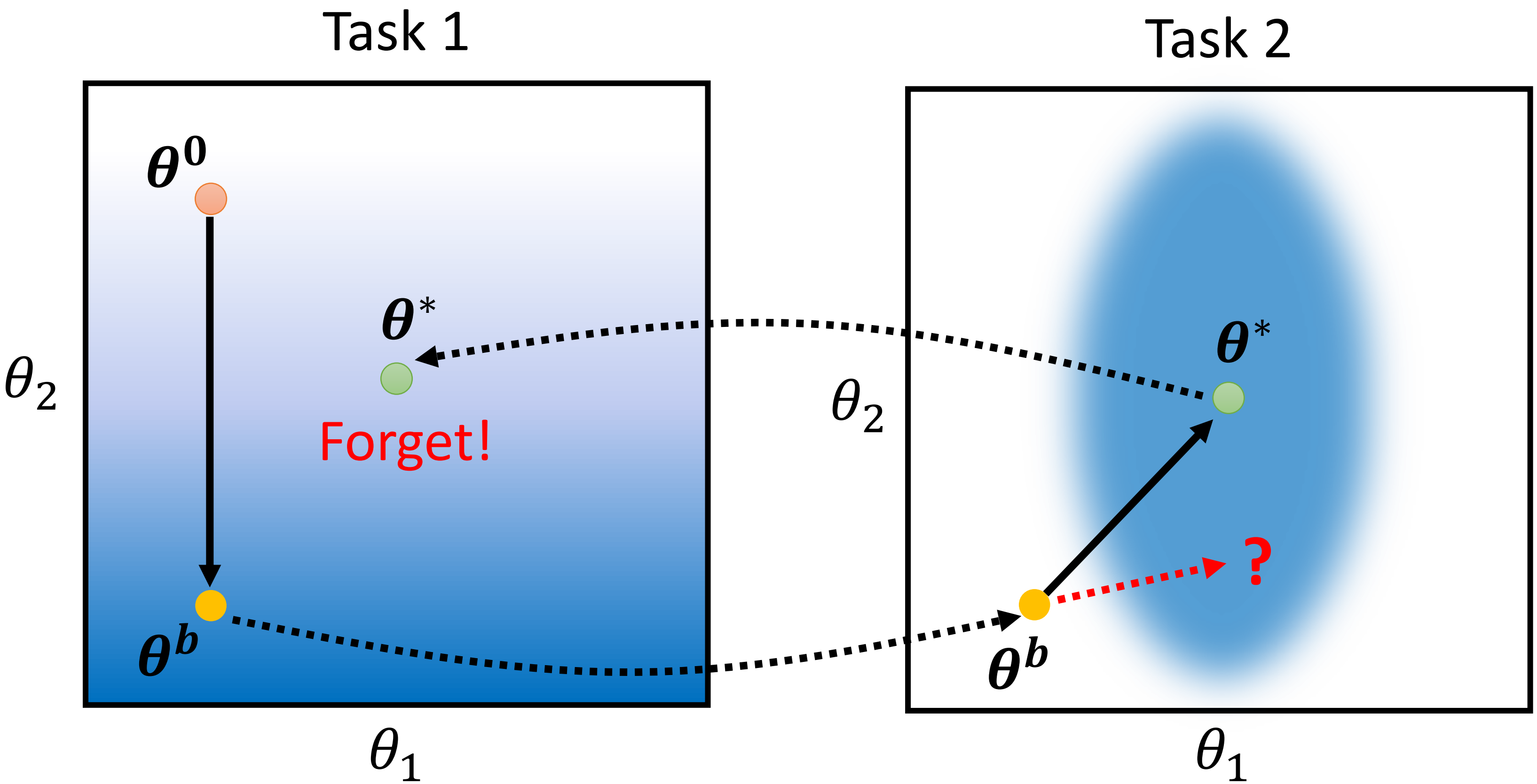
Regularization-based Approach

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.

$\boldsymbol{\theta}^{\boldsymbol{b}}$ is the model learned from the previous tasks.

Each parameter θ_i^b has a "guard" b_i

How important this parameter is

Loss for current task

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

Loss to be optimized

Parameters to be learning

Parameters learned from previous task

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$\boldsymbol{\theta}$ should be close to $\boldsymbol{\theta^b}$ in certain directions.

$$L'(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \lambda \boxed{\sum_i b_i\left(\theta_i - \theta_i^b\right)^2}$$

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

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

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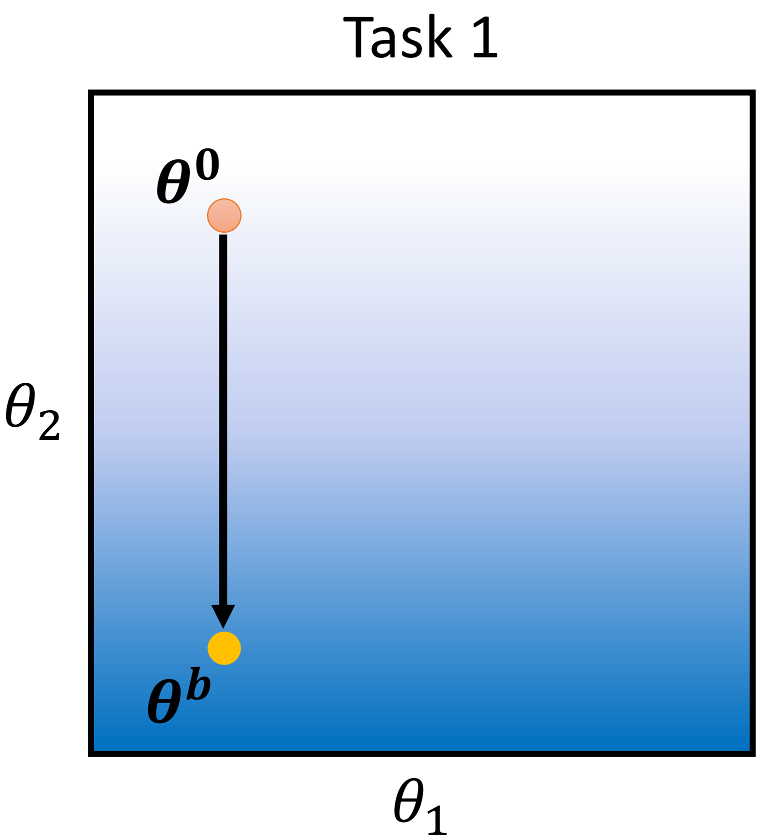

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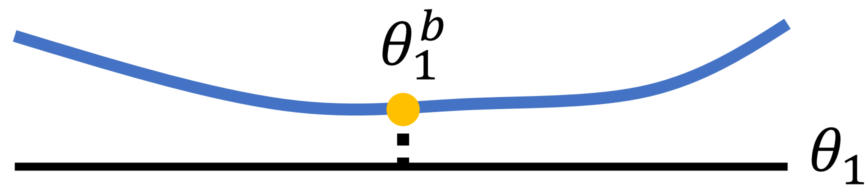
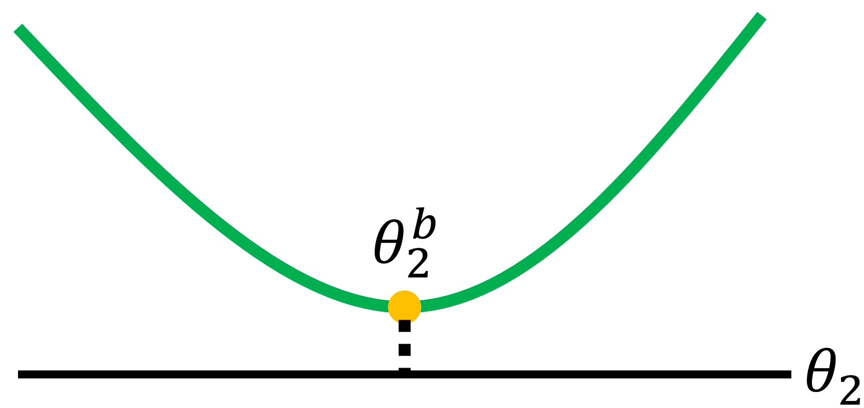


can be changed ☺

➡ b_1 is small



don't touch it!

➡ b_2 is large

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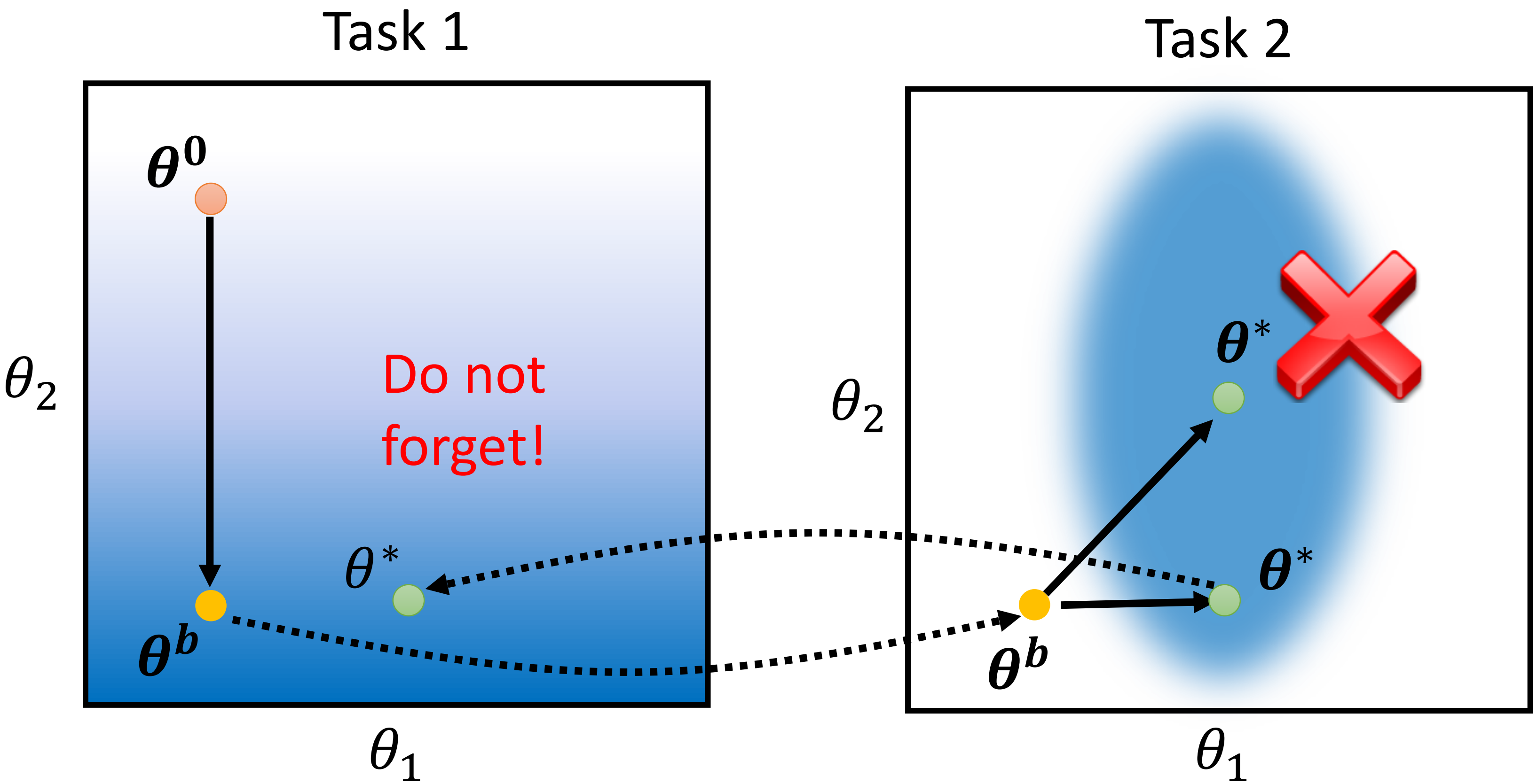
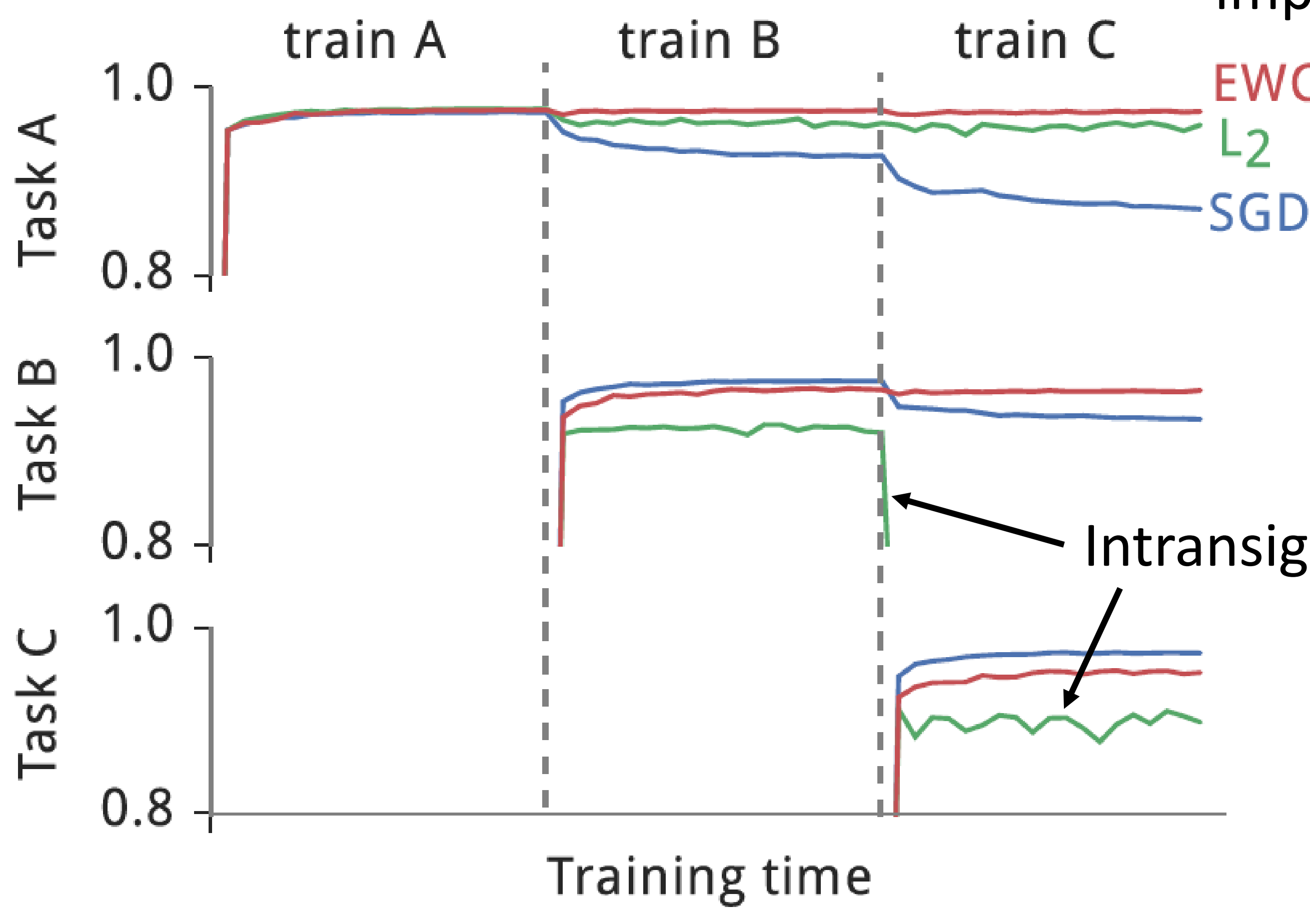


b_1 is small, while b_2 is large.

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

Selective Synaptic Plasticity

b_i represents importance



$b_i = 1$

$b_i = 0$

Intransigence

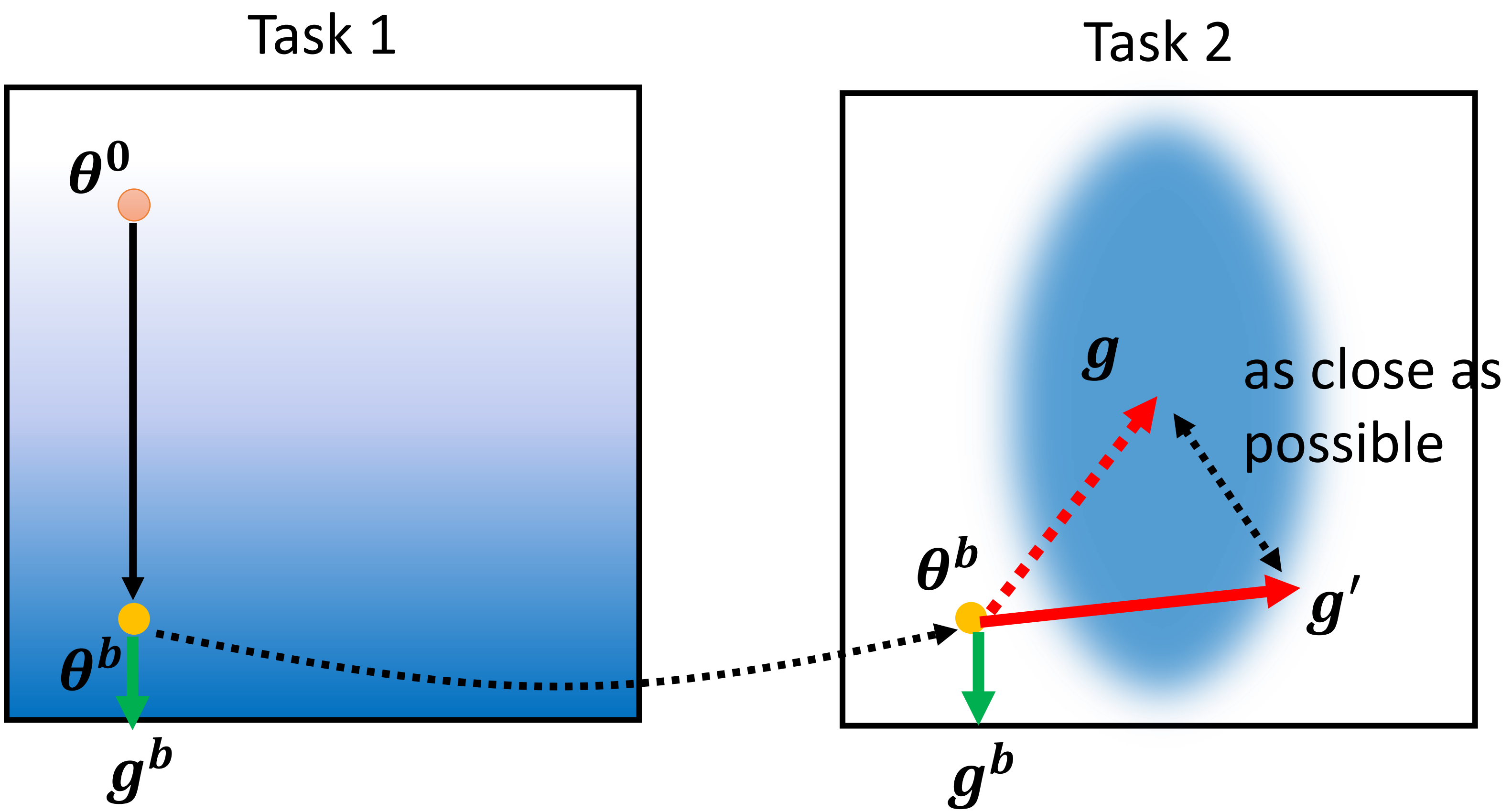
MNIST permutation, from the original EWC paper

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



$$\boldsymbol{g}' \cdot \boldsymbol{g}^b \geq 0$$

: negative gradient of current task

: negative gradient of previous task

: update direction

Need the data from the previous tasks

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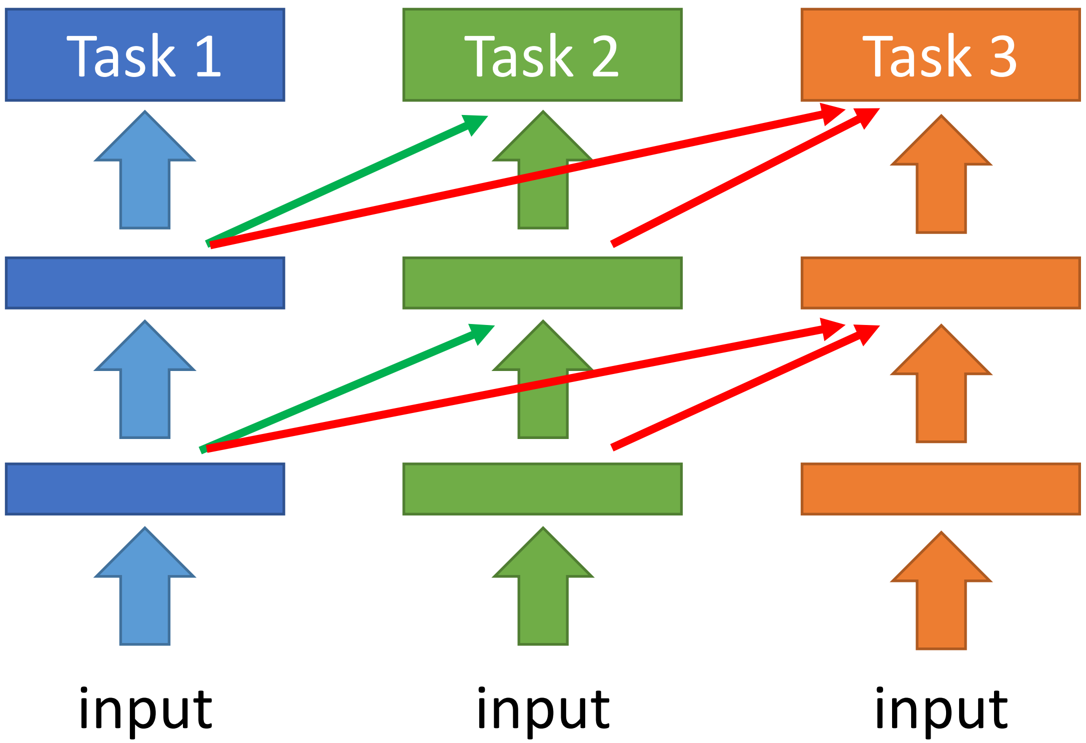
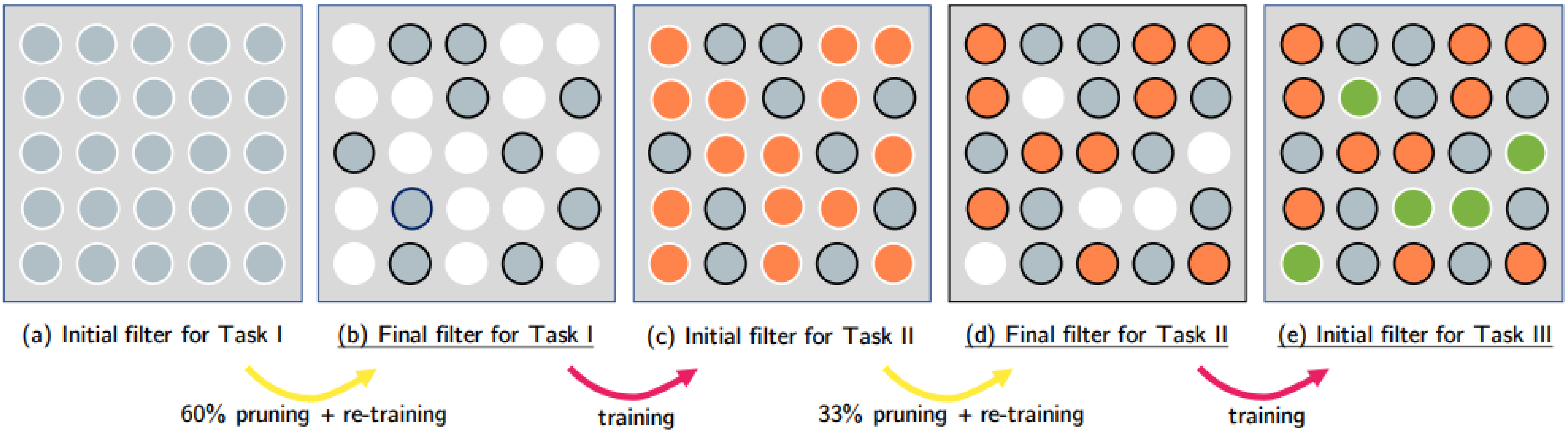
Progressive Neural Networks



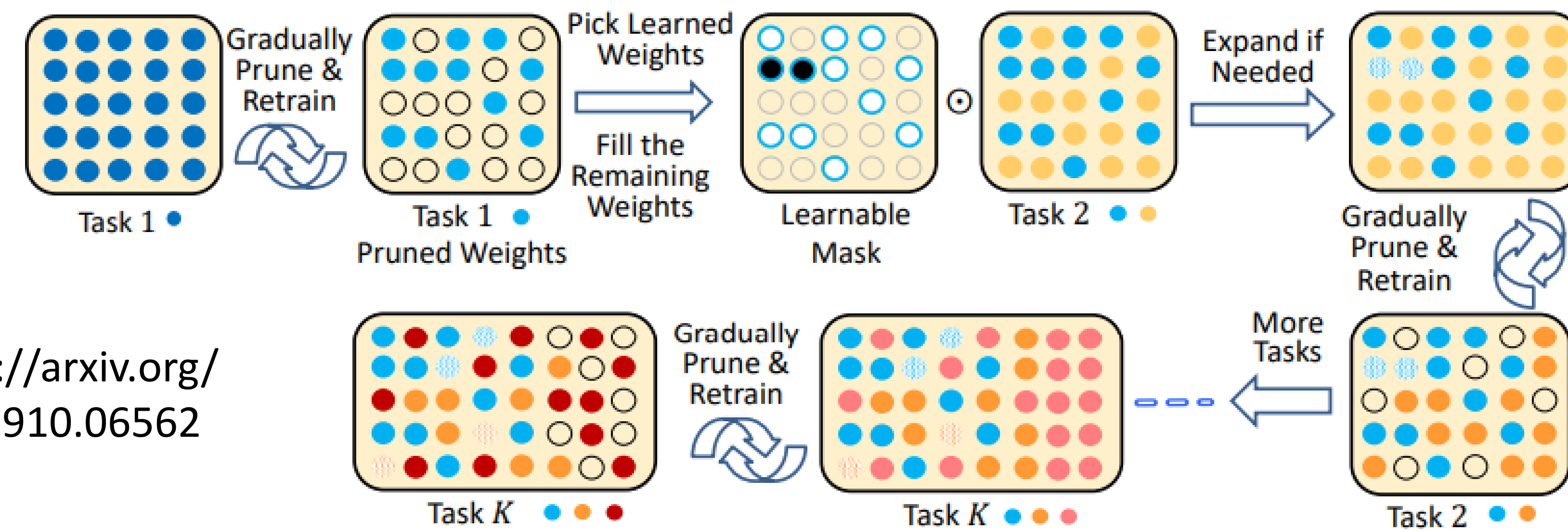
https://arxiv.org/abs/1606.04671

PackNet

https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.05769



Compacting, Picking, and Growing (CPG)



https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.06562

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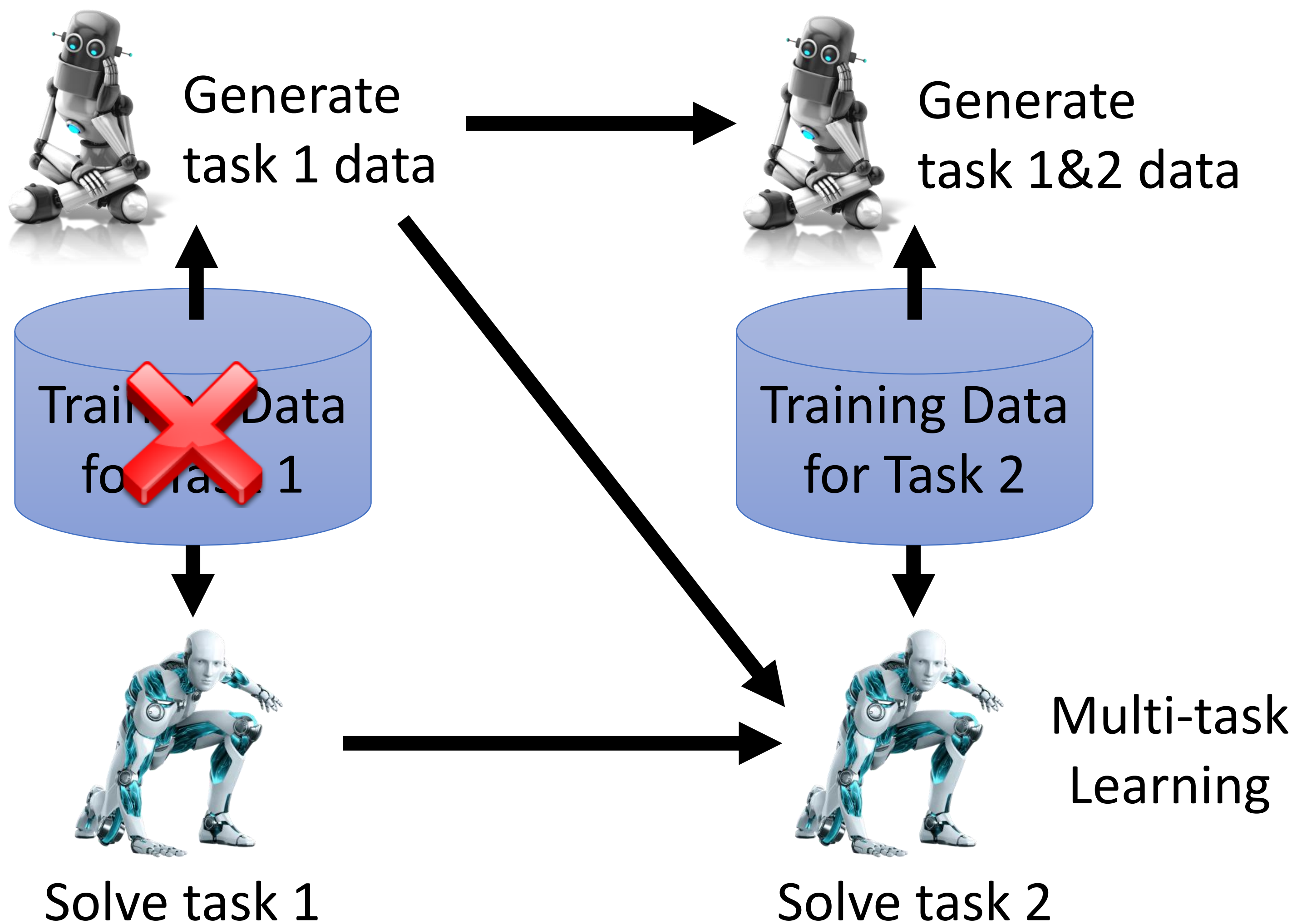
Generating Data

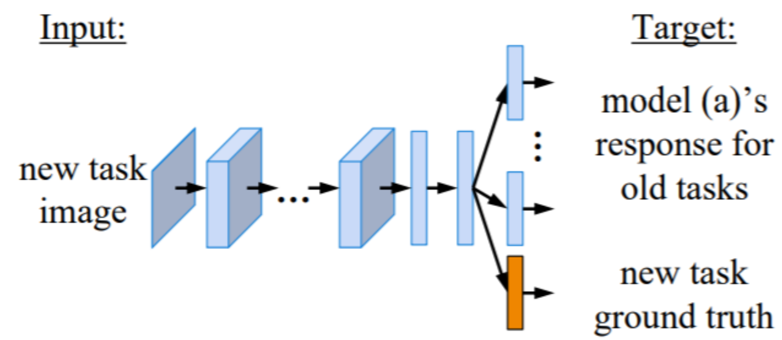
https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.08690
https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.10563
https://arxiv.org/abs/1909.03329

- Generating pseudo-data using generative model for previous tasks

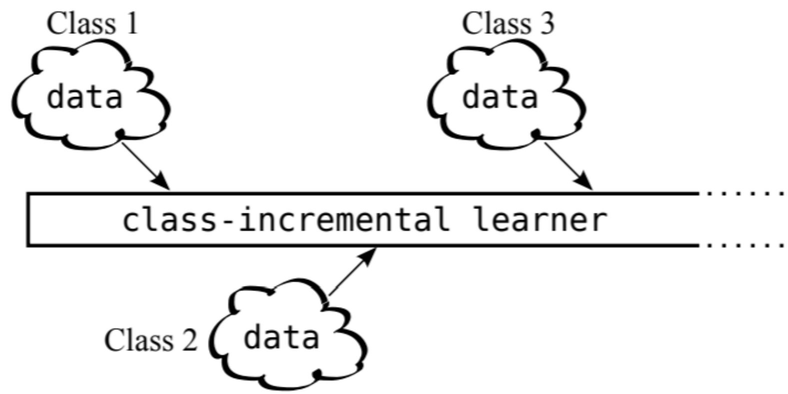


Adding new classes

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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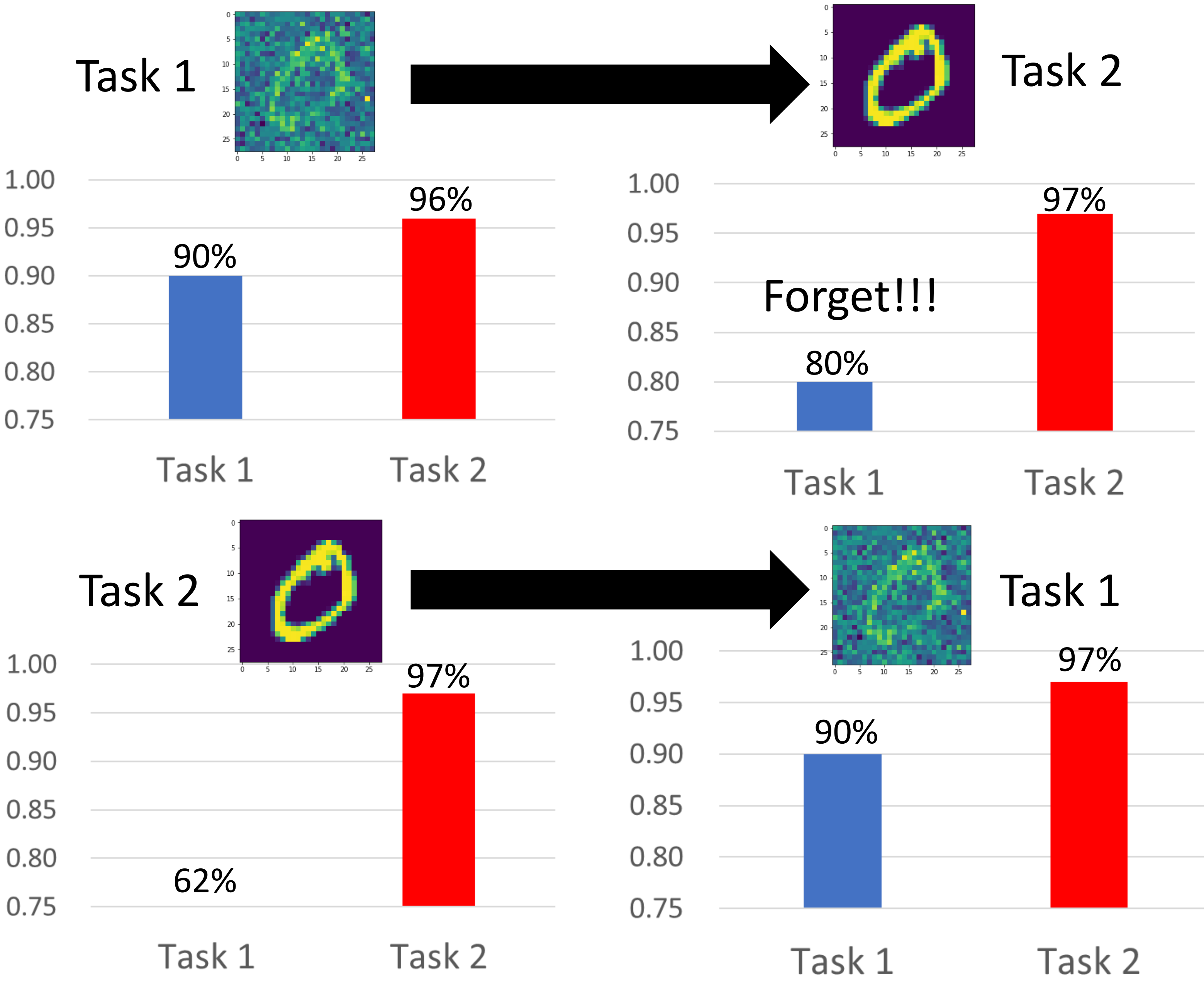
Curriculum Learning : what is the proper learning order?



taskonomy

= task + taxonomy

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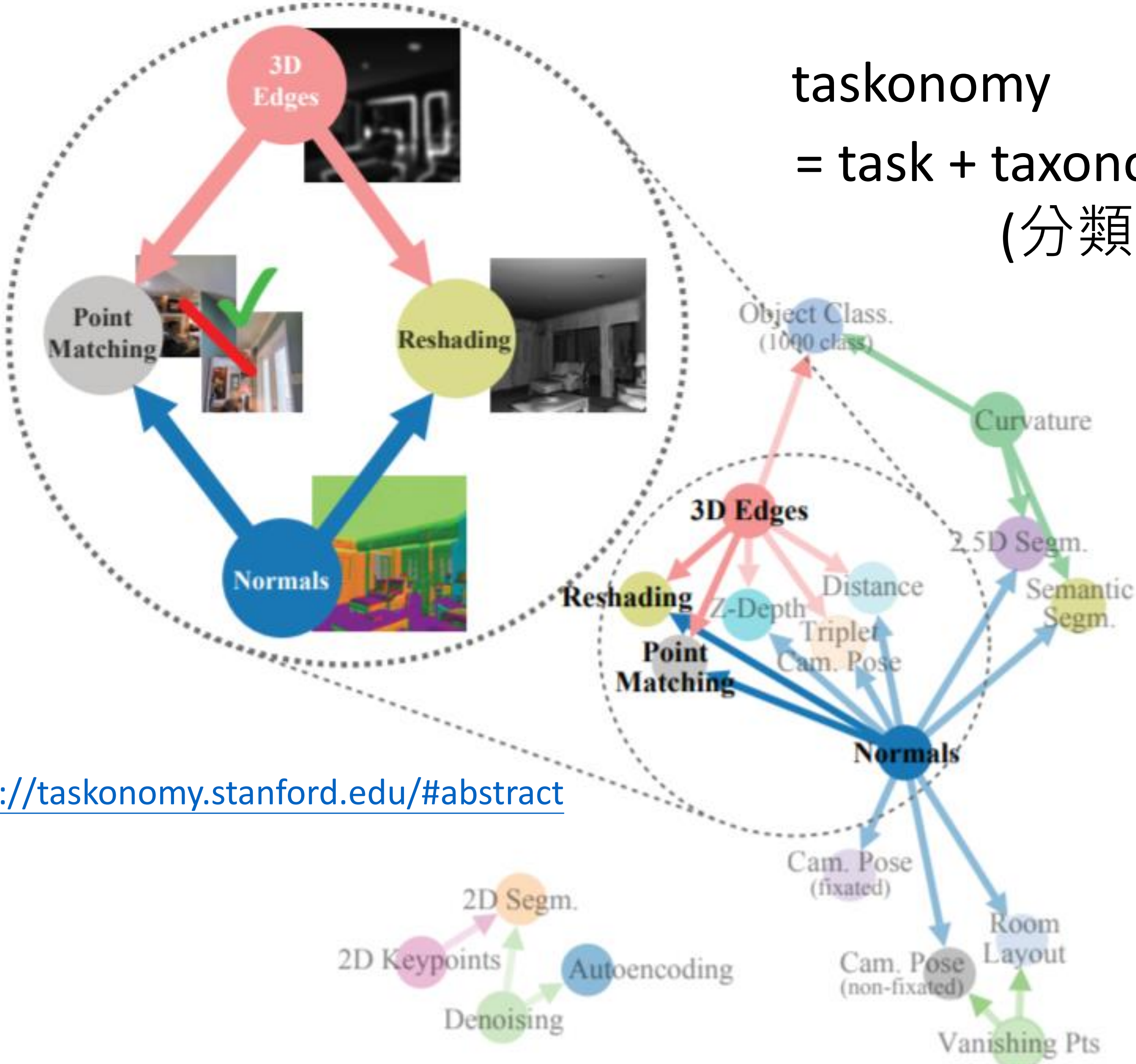

http://taskonomy.stanford.edu/#abstract