

Non-Parametric Few-Shot Learning

CS 330

Course Reminders

Homework 1 due tonight.

Homework 2 released, due Weds 10/25.

Project mentors assigned: go to their office hours with any questions.

Project proposal due next Monday 10/23.

(graded lightly, for your benefit)

Following up on some feedback:

- Comparisons to simple baselines — included in today's lecture
- Max Sobol Mark's office hours (Weds 6-8 pm) moving to virtual

Plan for Today

Non-Parametric Few-Shot Learning

- Siamese networks, matching networks, prototypical networks

} Part of Homework 2!

Properties of Meta-Learning Algorithms

- Comparison of approaches

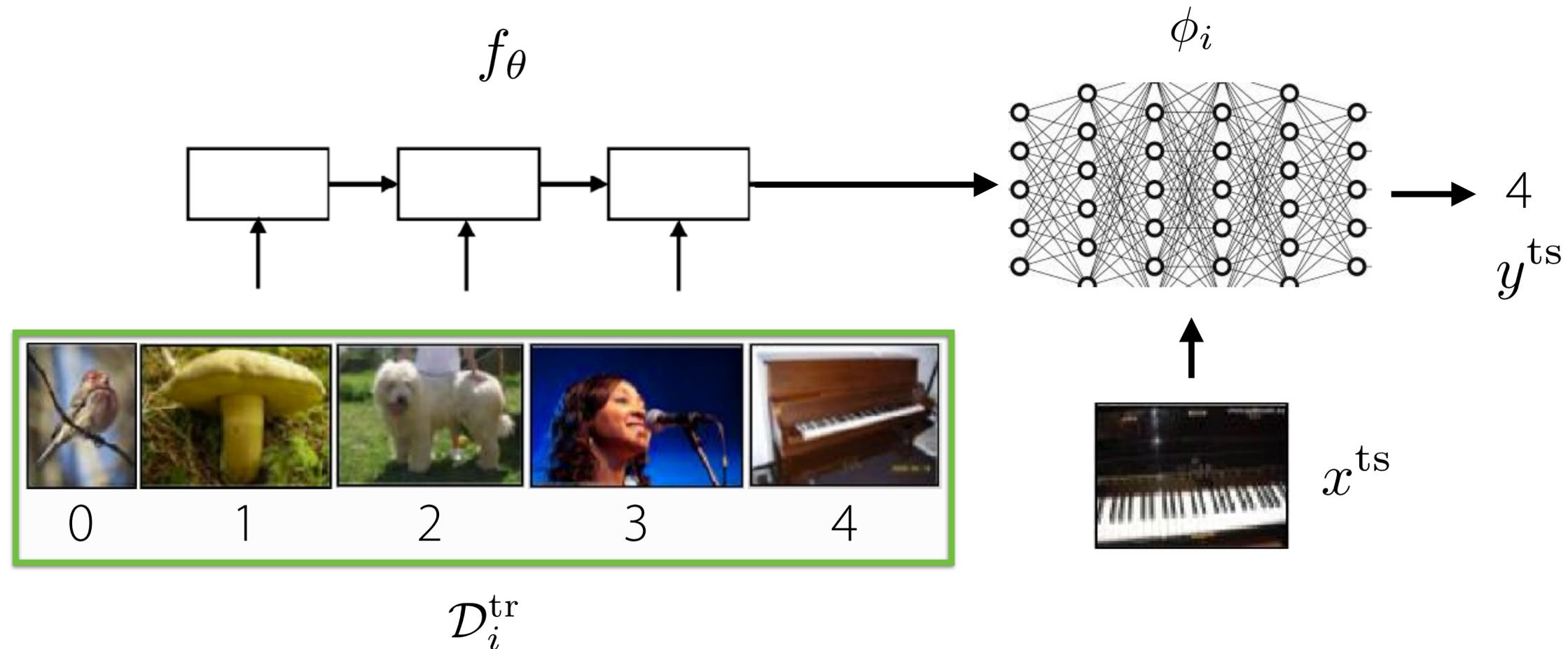
Examples of Meta-Learning In Practice

- Imitation learning, drug discovery, motion prediction, language generation

Goals for by the end of lecture:

- Basics of **non-parametric few-shot learning** techniques (& how to implement)
- Trade-offs between **black-box**, **optimization-based**, and **non-parametric** meta-learning
- Familiarity with applied formulations of meta-learning

Recap: Black-Box Meta-Learning

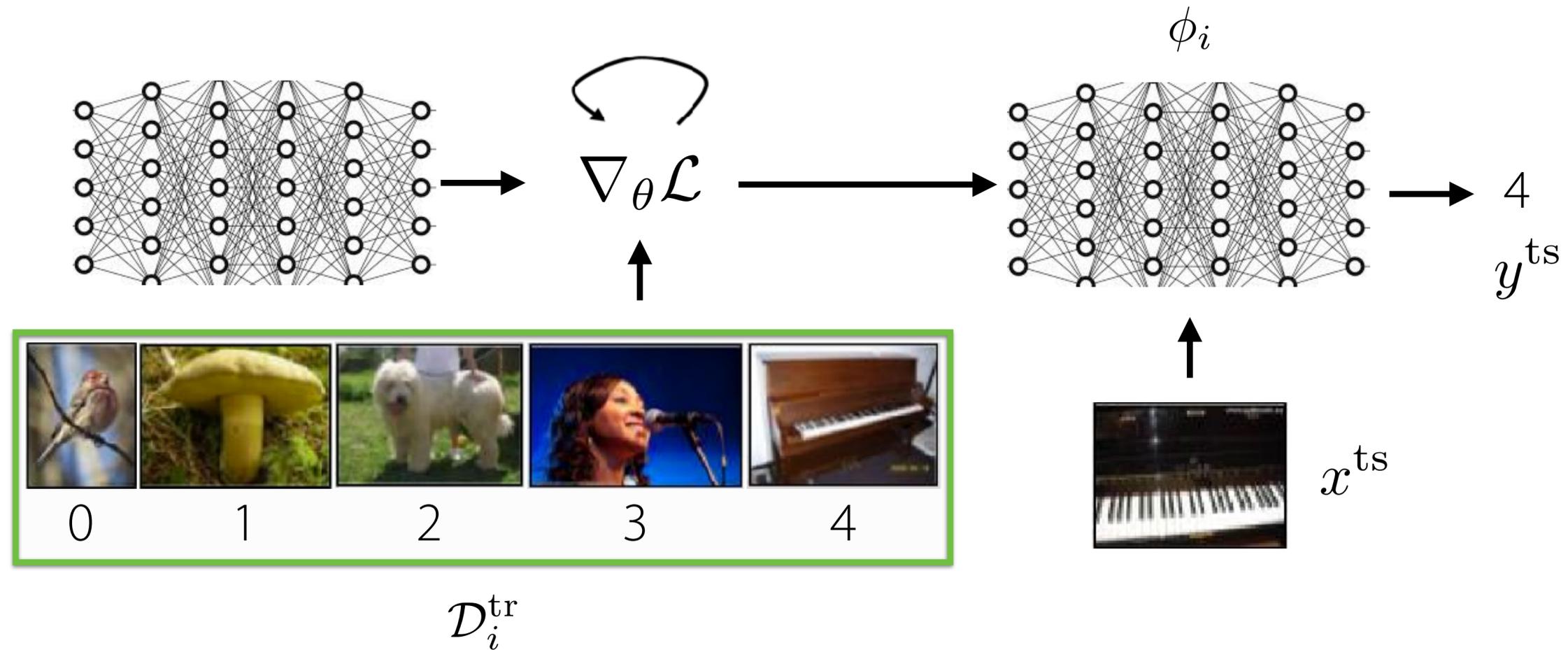


Key idea: parametrize learner as a neural network

+ **expressive**

- **challenging optimization** problem

Recap: Optimization-Based Meta-Learning



Key idea: embed optimization inside the inner learning process

Optimization-Based Adaptation

Challenges. Bi-level optimization can exhibit instabilities.

Idea: Automatically learn inner vector learning rate, tune outer learning rate
(Li et al. Meta-SGD, Behl et al. AlphaMAML)

Idea: Optimize only a subset of the parameters in the inner loop
(Zhou et al. DEML, Zintgraf et al. CAVIA)

Idea: Decouple inner learning rate, BN statistics per-step (Antoniou et al. MAML++)

Idea: Introduce context variables for increased expressive power.
(Finn et al. bias transformation, Zintgraf et al. CAVIA)

Takeaway: a range of simple tricks that can help optimization significantly

Optimization-Based Adaptation

Challenges. Backpropagating through many inner gradient steps is compute- & memory-intensive.

Idea: [Crudely] approximate $\frac{d\phi_i}{d\theta}$ as identity
(Finn et al. first-order MAML '17, Nichol et al. Reptile '18)

Surprisingly works for simple few-shot problems, but (anecdotally) not for more complex meta-learning problems.

Idea: Only optimize the *last layer* of weights.

ridge regression, logistic regression

(Bertinetto et al. R2-D2 '19)

support vector machine

(Lee et al. MetaOptNet '19)

—> leads to a **closed form** or **convex** optimization on top of meta-learned features

Idea: Derive meta-gradient using the implicit function theorem

(Rajeswaran, Finn, Kakade, Levine. Implicit MAML '19)

—> compute full meta-gradient *without differentiating through optimization path*

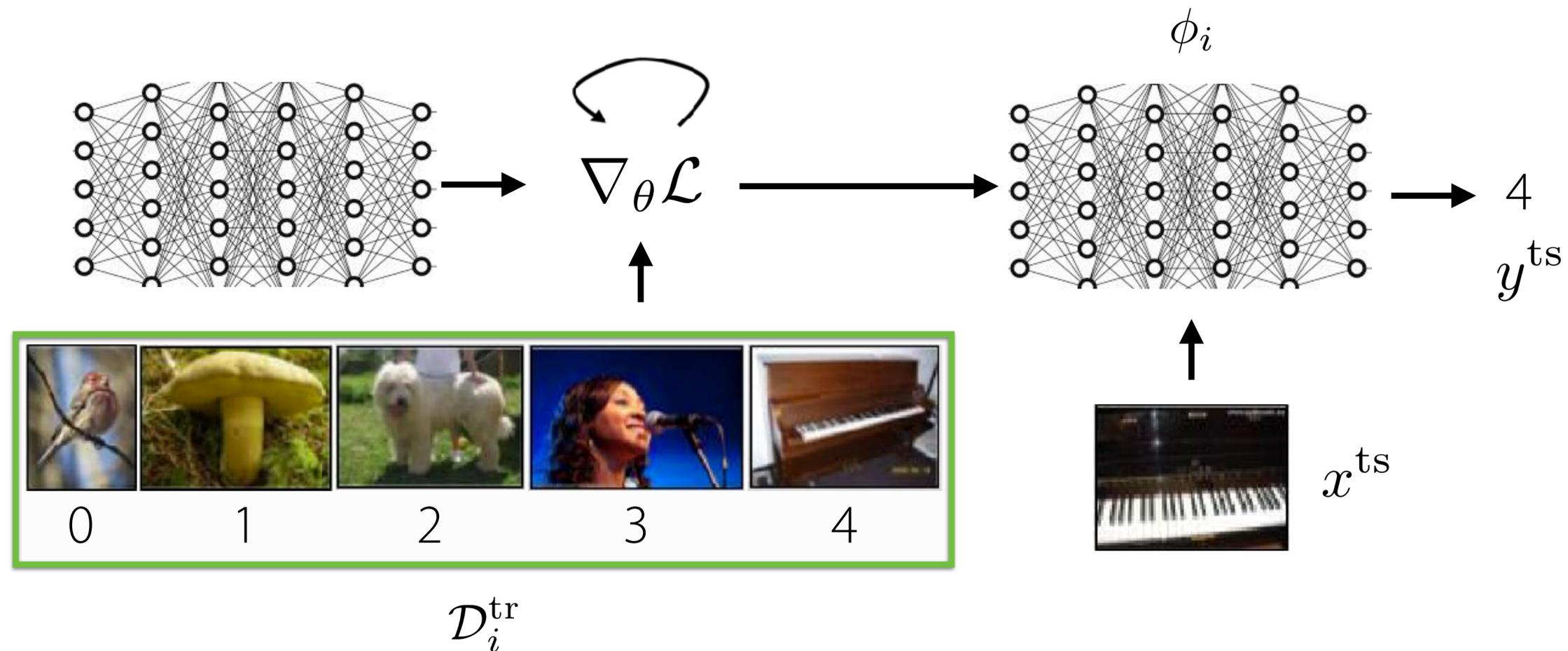
Optimization-Based Adaptation

Key idea: Acquire ϕ_i through optimization.

Takeaways: Construct *bi-level optimization* problem.

- + positive inductive bias at the start of meta-learning
 - + tends to extrapolate better via structure of optimization
 - + maximally expressive with sufficiently deep network
 - + model-agnostic (easy to combine with your favorite architecture)
 - typically requires second-order optimization
 - usually compute and/or memory intensive
- > Can be prohibitively expensive for large models

Recap: Optimization-Based Meta-Learning



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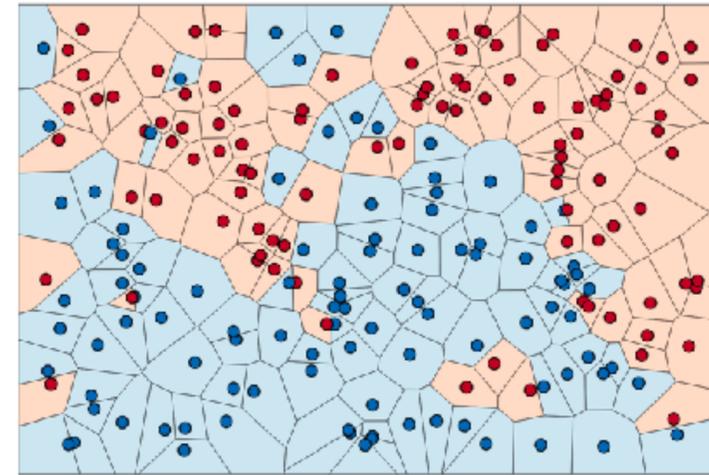
+ **structure of optimization**
embedded into meta-learner

- memory-intensive, requires
second-order optimization

Today: Can we embed a learning procedure *without* a second-order optimization?

So far: Learning parametric models.

In low data regimes, **non-parametric** methods are simple, work well.



During **meta-test time**: few-shot learning \leftrightarrow low data regime

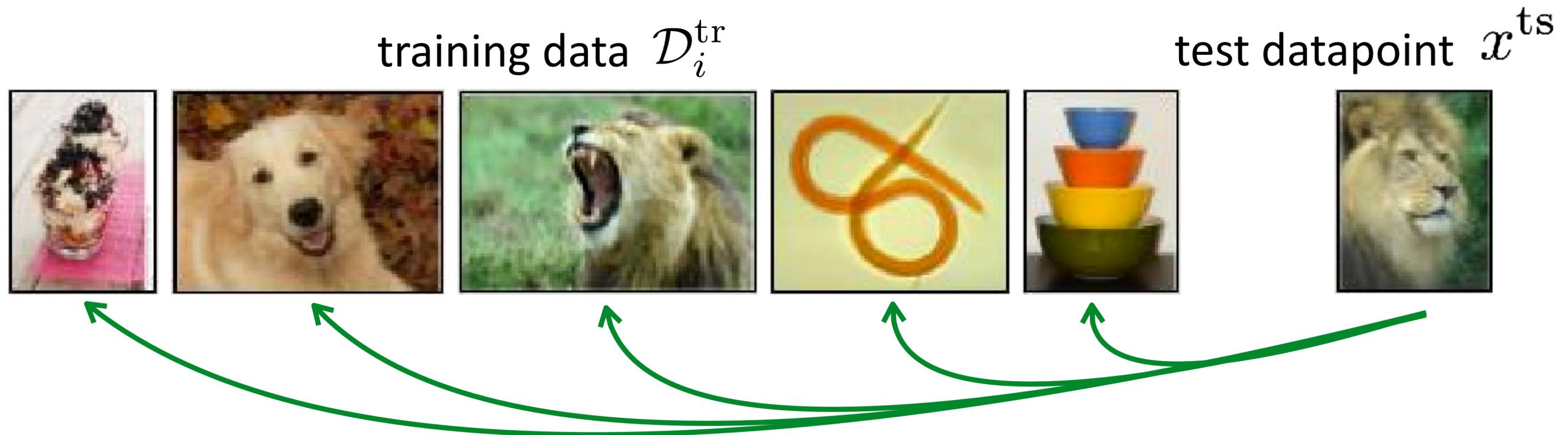
During **meta-training**: still want to be parametric

Can we use **parametric meta-learners** that produce effective **non-parametric learners**?

Note: some of these methods precede parametric approaches

Non-parametric methods

Key Idea: Use non-parametric learner.



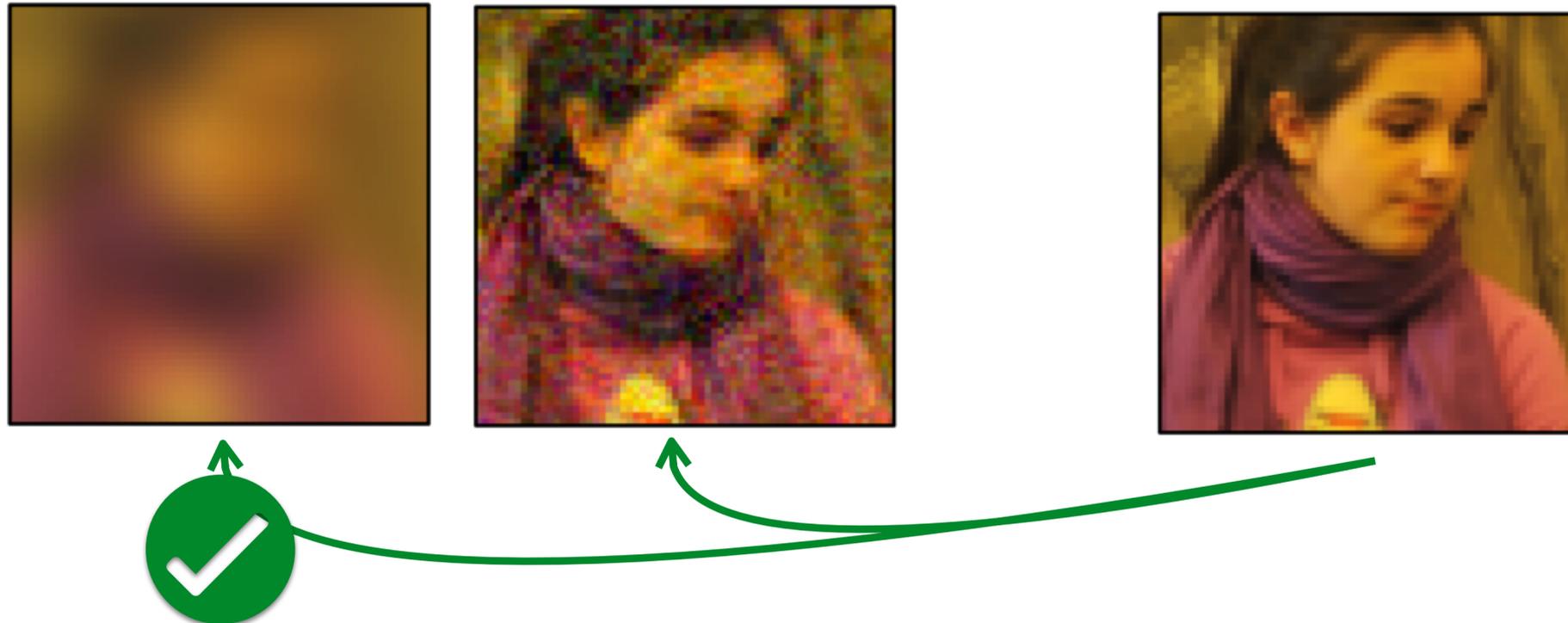
Compare test image with training images

In what space do you compare? With what distance metric?

ℓ_2 distance in pixel space?

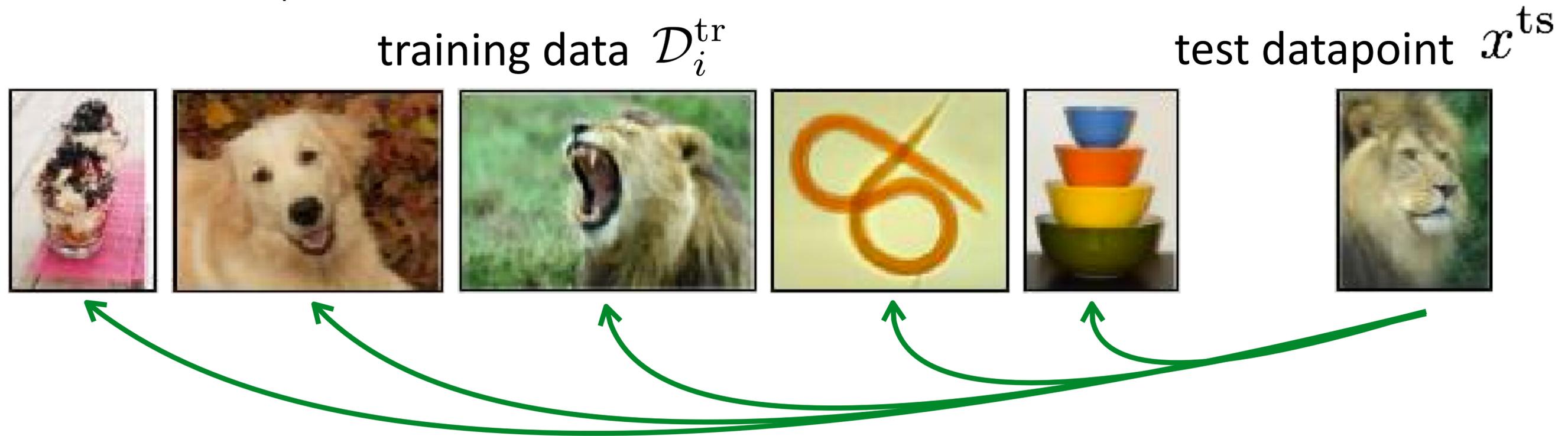
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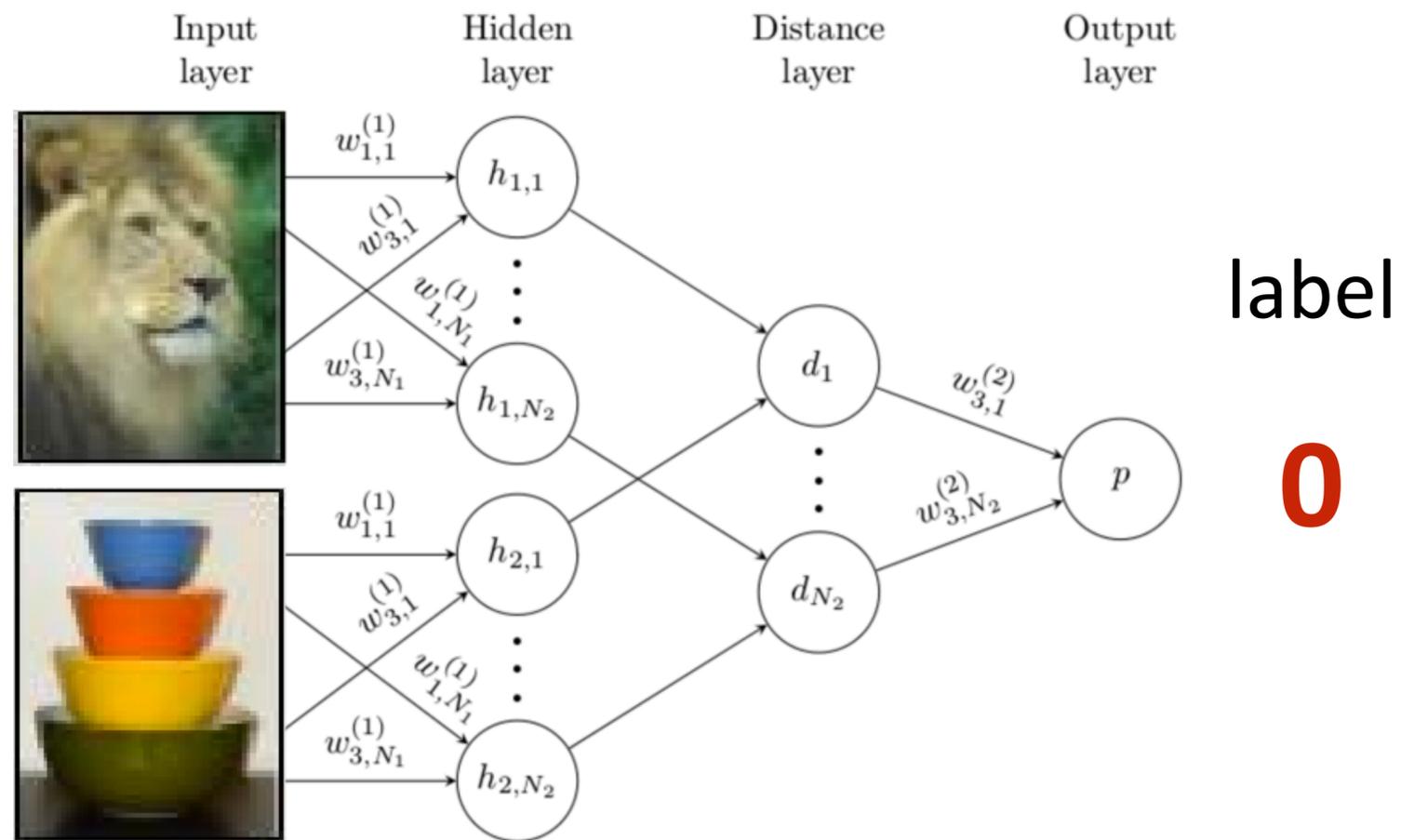
Question: What distance metric would you use instead?

Idea: Learn to compare using meta-training data

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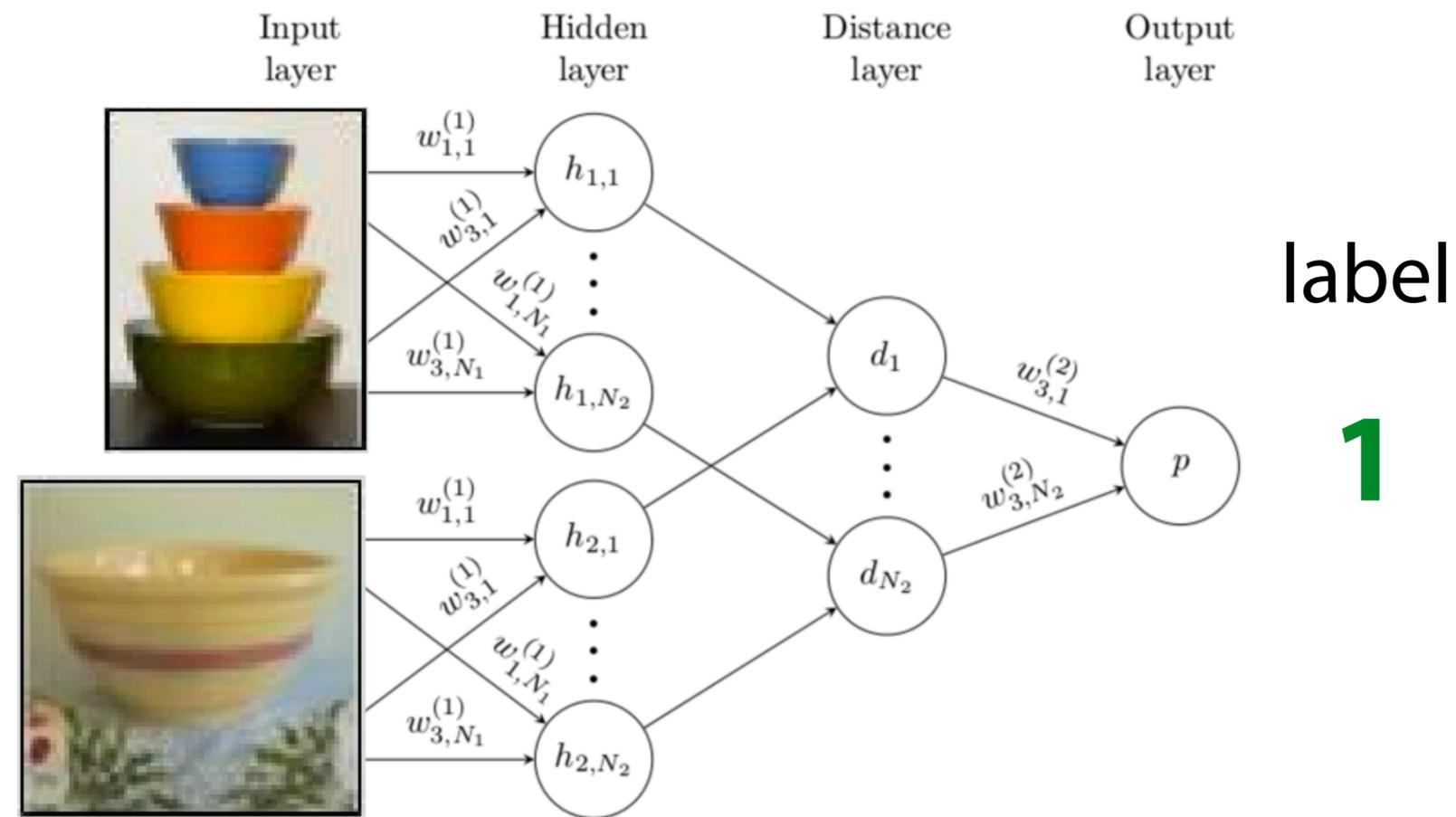
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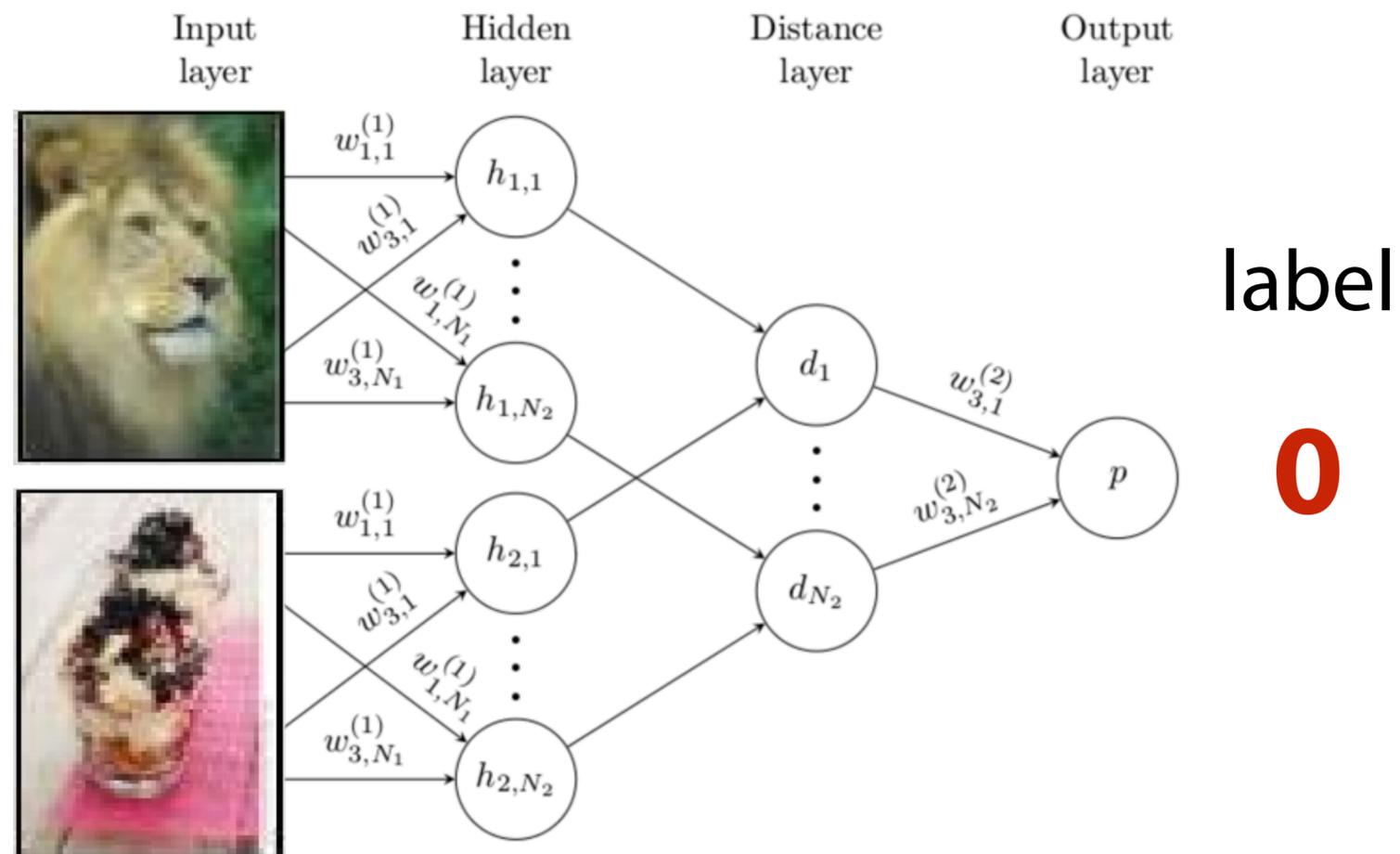
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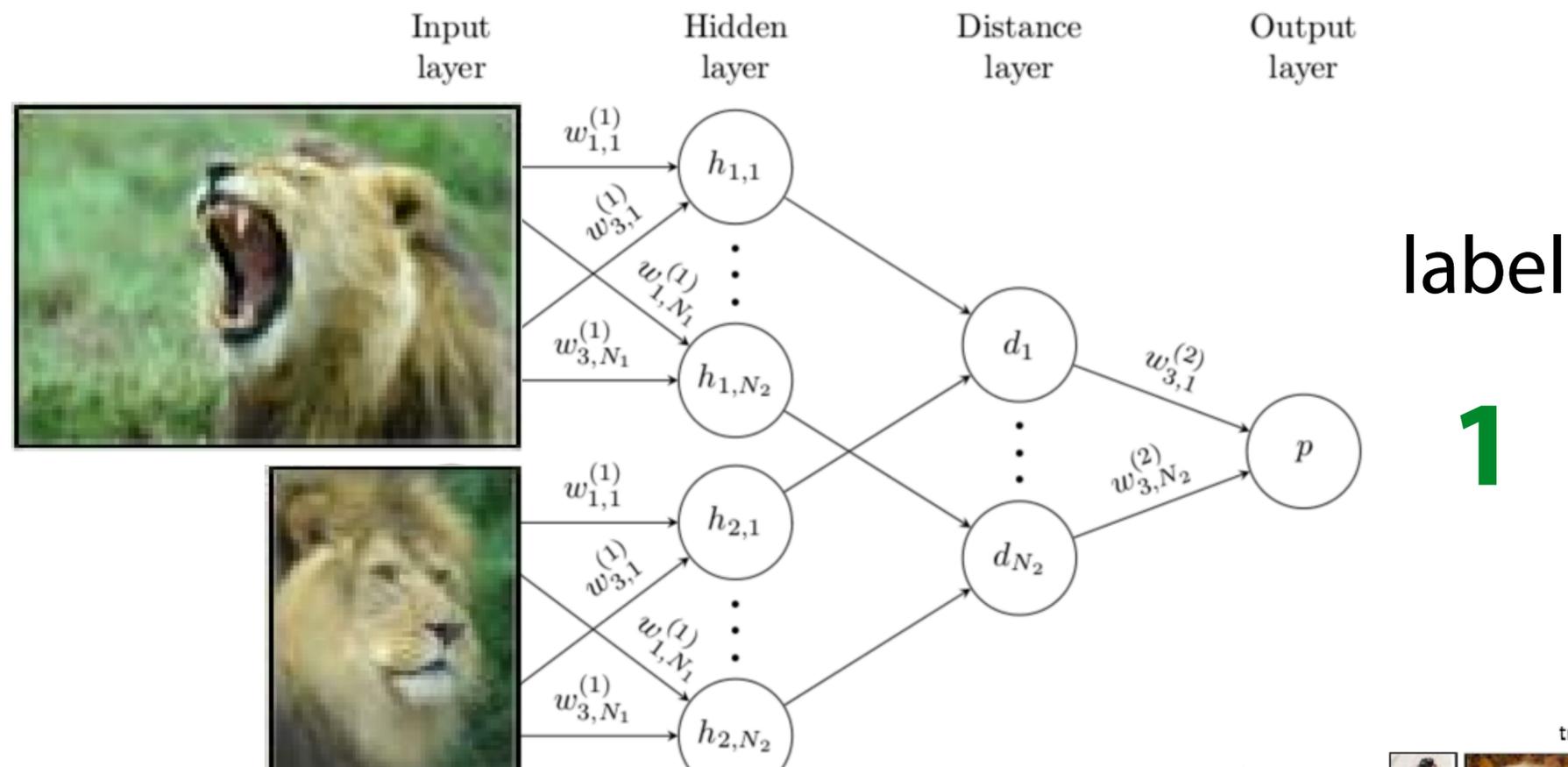
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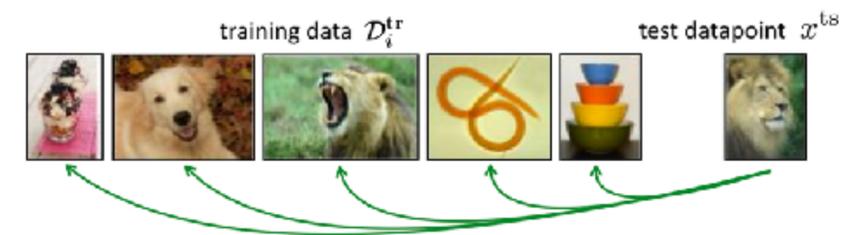
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Meta-test time: compare image \mathbf{x}_{test} to each image in $\mathcal{D}_j^{\text{tr}}$



Meta-training: Binary classification
Meta-test: N-way classification

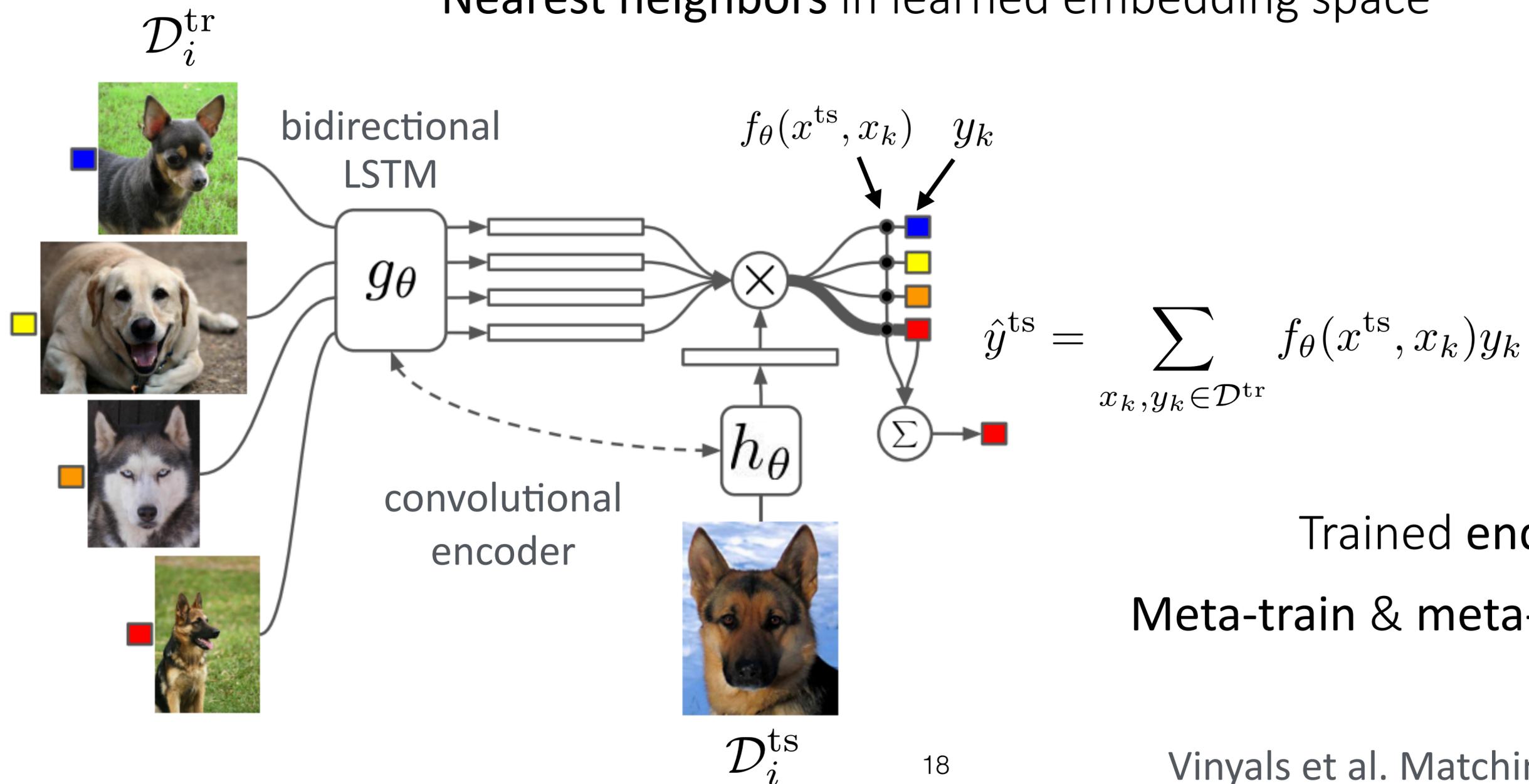
Can we **match** meta-train & meta-test?

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Nearest neighbors in learned embedding space



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General Algorithm:

~~Black box approach~~ — Non-parametric approach (matching networks)

1. Sample task \mathcal{T}_i (or mini batch of tasks)

2. Sample disjoint datasets $\mathcal{D}_i^{\text{tr}}, \mathcal{D}_i^{\text{test}}$ from \mathcal{D}_i

3. ~~Compute $\phi_i \leftarrow f_\theta(\mathcal{D}_i^{\text{tr}})$~~ Compute $\hat{y}^{\text{ts}} = \sum_{x_k, y_k \in \mathcal{D}^{\text{tr}}} f_\theta(x^{\text{ts}}, x_k) y_k$

(Parameters ϕ integrated out, hence non-parametric)

4. ~~Update θ using $\nabla_\theta \mathcal{L}(\phi_i, \mathcal{D}_i^{\text{test}})$~~ Update θ using $\nabla_\theta \mathcal{L}(\hat{y}^{\text{ts}}, y^{\text{ts}})$

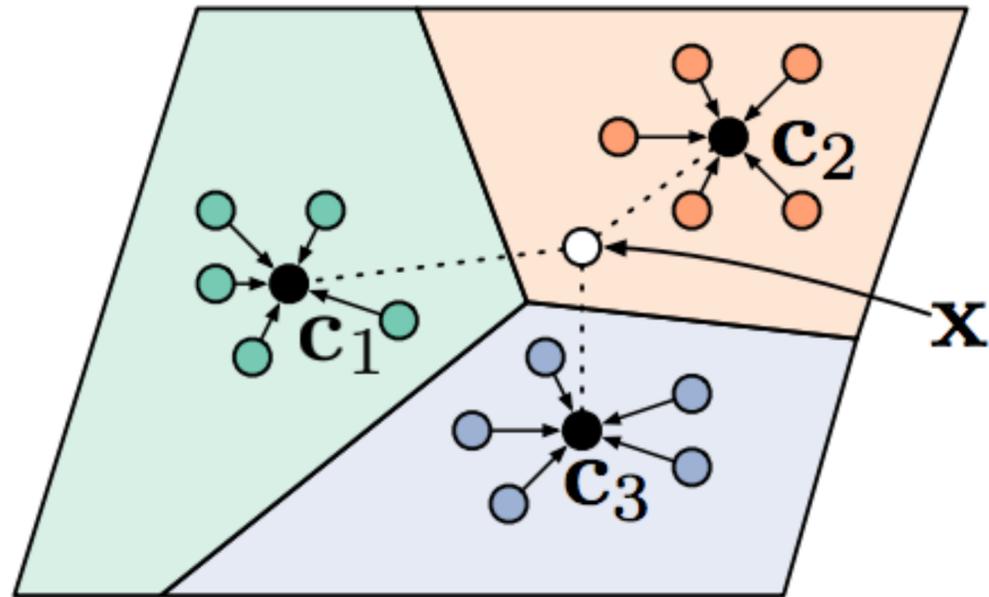
What if >1 shot?

Matching networks will perform comparisons independently

Can we aggregate class information to create a prototypical embedding?

Non-parametric methods

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$$\mathbf{c}_n = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{(x,y) \in \mathcal{D}_i^{\text{tr}}} \mathbb{1}(y = n) f_\theta(x)$$

$$p_\theta(y = n | x) = \frac{\exp(-d(f_\theta(x), \mathbf{c}_n))}{\sum_{n'} \exp(-d(f_\theta(x), \mathbf{c}_{n'}))}$$

d : Euclidean, or cosine distance

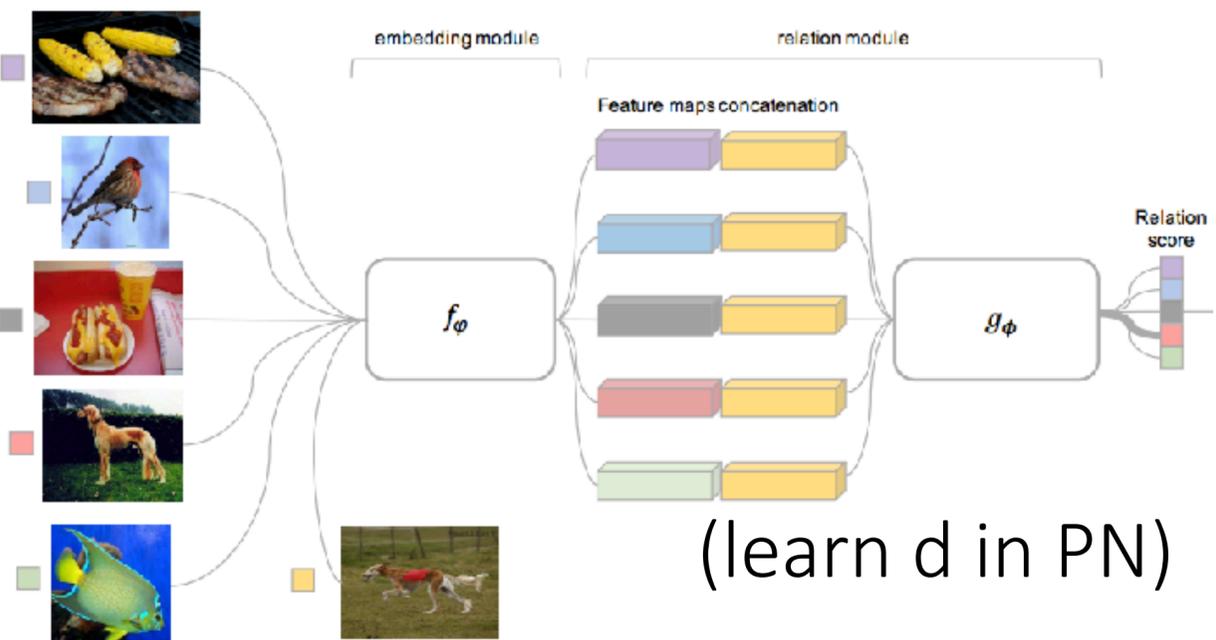
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So far: Siamese networks, matching networks, prototypical networks
Embed, then nearest neighbors.

Challenge

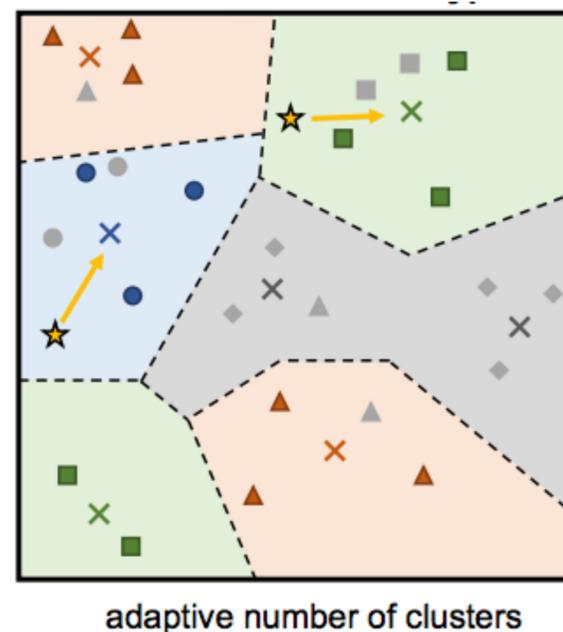
What if you need to reason about more complex relationships between datapoints?

Idea: Learn non-linear relation module on embeddings



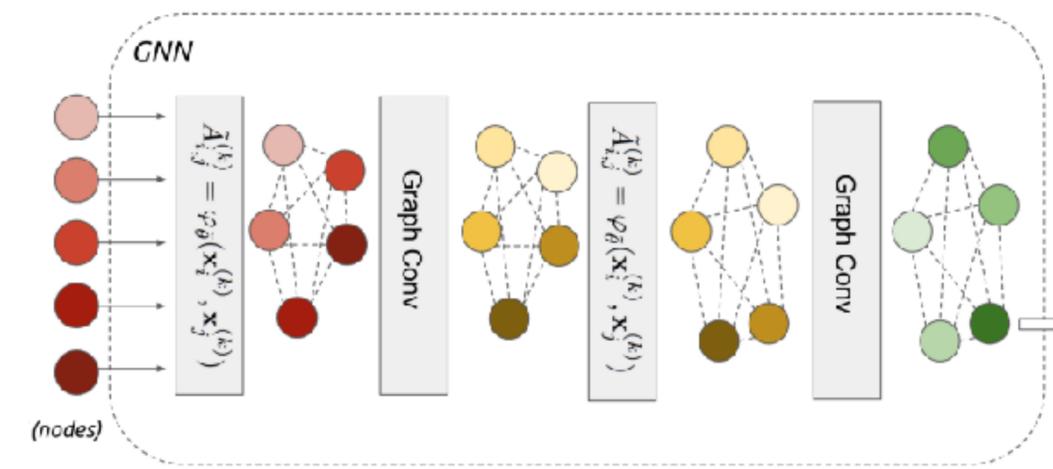
Sung et al. Relation Net '17

Idea: Learn infinite mixture of prototypes.



Allen et al. IMP, ICML '19

Idea: Perform message passing on embeddings



Garcia & Bruna, GNN '17

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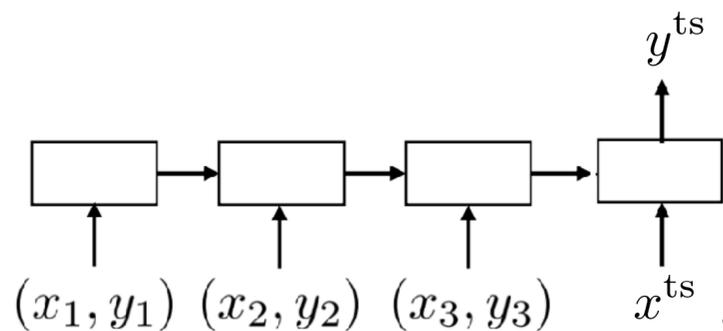
How can we think about how these methods compare?

Black-box vs. Optimization vs. Non-Parametric

Computation graph perspective

Black-box

$$y^{ts} = f_{\theta}(\mathcal{D}_i^{tr}, x^{ts})$$



Optimization-based

$$y^{ts} = f_{\text{MAML}}(\mathcal{D}_i^{tr}, x^{ts})$$

$$= f_{\phi_i}(x^{ts})$$

$$\text{where } \phi_i = \theta - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta, \mathcal{D}_i^{tr})$$

Non-parametric

$$y^{ts} = f_{\text{PN}}(\mathcal{D}_i^{tr}, x^{ts})$$

$$= \text{softmax}(-d(f_{\theta}(x^{ts}), \mathbf{c}_n))$$

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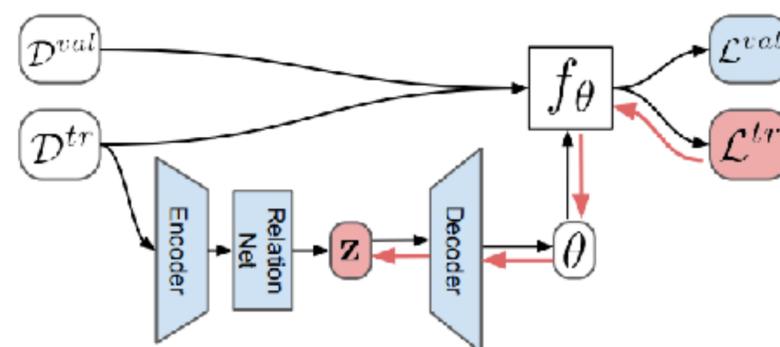
Note: (again) Can mix & match components of computation graph

Gradient descent on

relation net embedding.

Both condition on data & run gradient descent.

Jiang et al. CAML '19



Rusu et al. LEO '19

MAML, but initialize last layer as ProtoNet during meta-training

Triantafillou et al. Proto-MAML '19

Black-box vs. Optimization vs. Non-Parametric

Algorithmic properties perspective

Expressive power

the ability for f to represent a range of learning procedures

Why? scalability, applicability to a range of domains

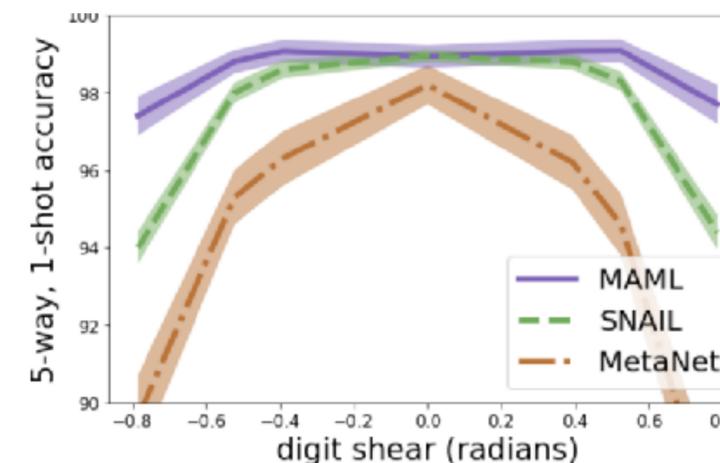
Consistency

learned learning procedure will monotonically improve with more data

Why?

reduce reliance on meta-training tasks,
good OOD task performance

Recall:



These properties are important for most applications!

Black-box vs. Optimization vs. Non-Parametric

Black-box

- + **complete expressive power**
- **not consistent**
- + easy to combine with **variety of learning problems** (e.g. SL, RL)
- **challenging optimization** (no inductive bias at the initialization)
- often **data-inefficient**

Optimization-based

- + **consistent, reduces to GD**
- ~ **expressive for very deep models***
- + **positive inductive bias** at the start of meta-learning
- + handles **varying & large K** well
- **second-order optimization**
- **compute** and **memory** intensive

Non-parametric

- + **expressive for most architectures**
- ~ **consistent under certain conditions**
- + entirely **feedforward**
- + **computationally fast & easy to optimize**
- **harder to generalize to varying K**
- hard to scale to **very large K**
- so far, **limited to classification**

Generally, well-tuned versions of each perform **comparably** on many few-shot benchmarks!

(likely says more about the benchmarks than the methods)

Which method to use depends on your **use-case**.

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Uncertainty awareness

ability to reason about ambiguity during learning

Why?

active learning, calibrated uncertainty, RL
principled Bayesian approaches

We'll discuss this in 2 weeks!

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Application: Land-Cover Classification

(Rubwurm*, Wang* et al. Meta-Learning for Few-Shot Land-Cover Classification. CVPR EarthVision 2020)

Tasks:

Classification or segmentation of image

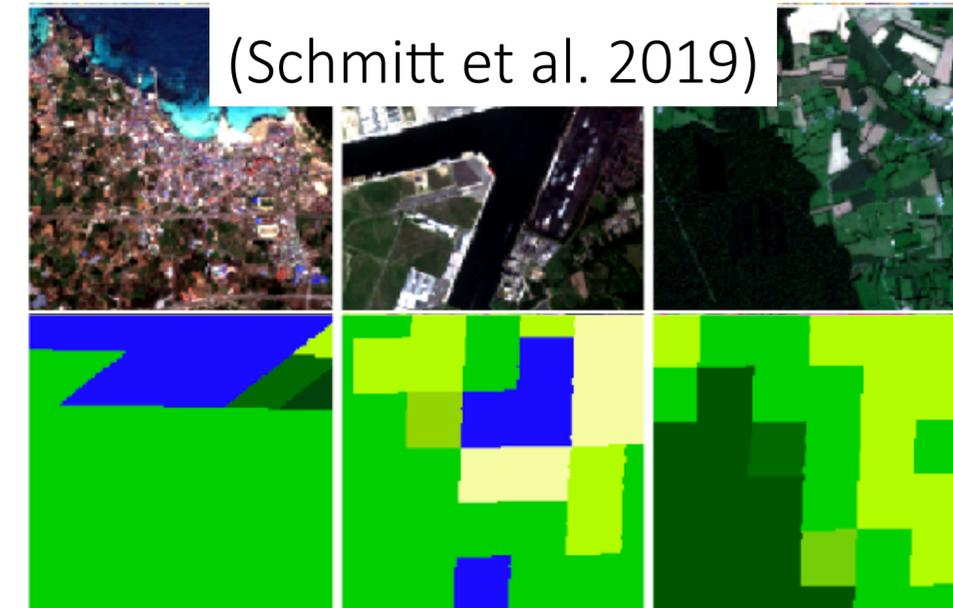
Different regions of the world

$\mathcal{D}_i^{\text{tr}}$, $\mathcal{D}_i^{\text{ts}}$: images from a particular region

Model: optimization-based (MAML)

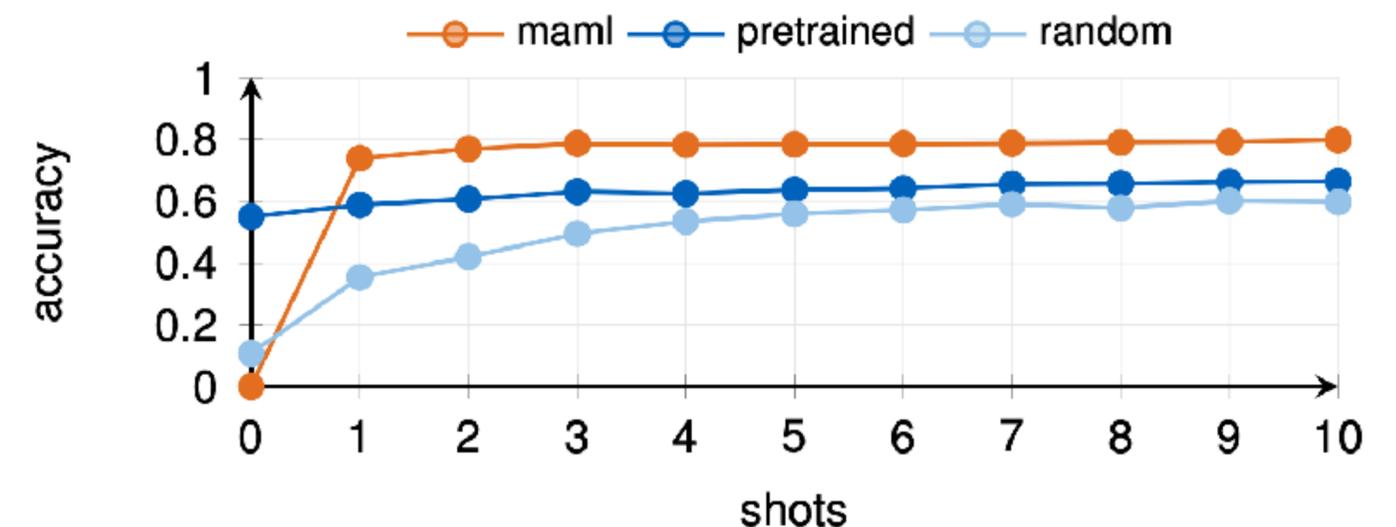
SEN12MS dataset

(Schmitt et al. 2019)



Legend for Land-Cover Classification (LCCS):

- Barren (LCCS 1)
- Permanent Snow and Ice (LCCS 2)
- Water Bodies (LCCS 3)
- Dense Forests (LCCS 10)
- Open Forests (LCCS 20)
- Forest/Cropland Mosaics (LCCS 25)
- Natural Herbaceous/Croplands Mosaics (LCCS 35)
- Herbaceous Croplands (LCCS 36)
- Shrublands (LCCS 40)



Application: Student Feedback Generation

(Wu et al. Prototransformer: A meta-learning approach to providing student feedback. 2021)

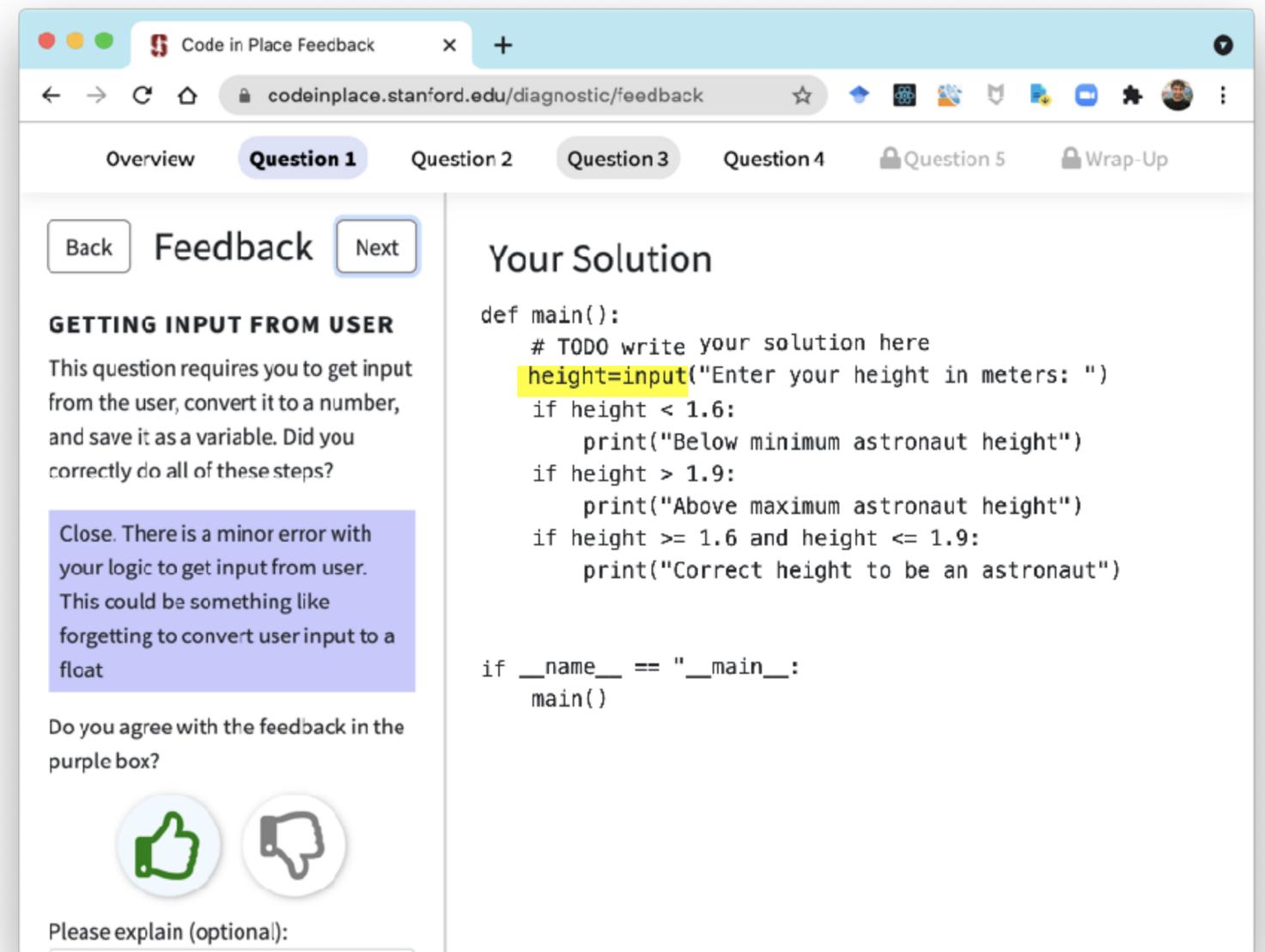
Tasks:

Different rubric items from different exams

$\mathcal{D}_i^{\text{tr}}$, $\mathcal{D}_i^{\text{ts}}$: student solutions (python programs)

Model: non-parametric

Protonets with pre-trained transformer,
task augmentation, side information



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Code in Place Feedback" with the URL "codeinplace.stanford.edu/diagnostic/feedback". The interface includes navigation tabs for "Overview", "Question 1", "Question 2", "Question 3", "Question 4", "Question 5", and "Wrap-Up". The "Question 1" tab is active. On the left, there are "Back", "Feedback", and "Next" buttons. The question text reads: "GETTING INPUT FROM USER. This question requires you to get input from the user, convert it to a number, and save it as a variable. Did you correctly do all of these steps?". A purple feedback box states: "Close. There is a minor error with your logic to get input from user. This could be something like forgetting to convert user input to a float". Below this, it asks "Do you agree with the feedback in the purple box?" and provides thumbs up and thumbs down icons. At the bottom, it says "Please explain (optional):". On the right, under "Your Solution", the code is:

```
def main():
    # TODO write your solution here
    height=input("Enter your height in meters: ")
    if height < 1.6:
        print("Below minimum astronaut height")
    if height > 1.9:
        print("Above maximum astronaut height")
    if height >= 1.6 and height <= 1.9:
        print("Correct height to be an astronaut")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

Main Offline Results

Model	Held-out rubric			
	AP	P@50	P@75	ROC-AUC
ProtoTransformer	84.2 (±1.7)	85.2 (±3.8)	74.2 (±1.4)	82.9 (±1.3)
Supervised	66.9 (±2.2)	59.1 (±1.7)	53.9 (±1.5)	61.0 (±2.1)
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- Supervised baseline: train classifier per task, using same pre-trained CodeBERT
- Outperforms supervised learning by **8-17%**
- More accurate than human TA on held-out rubric
- Room to grow on held-out exam

Application: Low-Resource Molecular Property Prediction

(Nguyen et al. Meta-Learning GNN Initializations for Low-Resource Molecular Property Prediction. 2020)

[potentially useful for low-resource drug discovery problems]

Tasks:

Predicting properties & activities of different molecules

$\mathcal{D}_i^{\text{tr}}$, $\mathcal{D}_i^{\text{ts}}$: different instances

Model: optimization-based

MAML, first-order MAML, ANIL

Gated graph neural net base model

CHEMBL ID	k-NN	FINETUNE-ALL	FINETUNE-TOP	FO-MAML	ANIL	MAML
2363236	0.316 ± 0.007	0.328 ± 0.028	0.329 ± 0.023	0.337 ± 0.019	0.325 ± 0.008	0.332 ± 0.013
1614469	0.438 ± 0.023	0.470 ± 0.034	0.490 ± 0.033	0.489 ± 0.019	0.446 ± 0.044	0.507 ± 0.030
2363146	0.559 ± 0.026	0.626 ± 0.037	0.653 ± 0.029	0.555 ± 0.017	0.506 ± 0.034	0.595 ± 0.051
2363366	0.511 ± 0.050	0.567 ± 0.039	0.551 ± 0.048	0.546 ± 0.037	0.570 ± 0.031	0.598 ± 0.041
2363553	0.739 ± 0.007	0.724 ± 0.015	0.737 ± 0.023	0.694 ± 0.011	0.686 ± 0.020	0.691 ± 0.013
1963818	0.607 ± 0.041	0.708 ± 0.036	0.595 ± 0.142	0.677 ± 0.026	0.692 ± 0.081	0.745 ± 0.048
1963945	0.805 ± 0.031	0.848 ± 0.034	0.835 ± 0.036	0.779 ± 0.039	0.753 ± 0.033	0.836 ± 0.023
1614423	0.503 ± 0.044	0.628 ± 0.058	0.642 ± 0.063	0.760 ± 0.024	0.730 ± 0.077	0.837 ± 0.036*
2114825	0.679 ± 0.027	0.739 ± 0.050	0.732 ± 0.051	0.837 ± 0.042	0.759 ± 0.078	0.885 ± 0.014*
1964116	0.709 ± 0.042	0.758 ± 0.044	0.769 ± 0.048	0.895 ± 0.023	0.903 ± 0.016	0.912 ± 0.013
2155446	0.471 ± 0.008	0.473 ± 0.017	0.476 ± 0.013	0.497 ± 0.024	0.478 ± 0.020	0.500 ± 0.017
1909204	0.538 ± 0.023	0.589 ± 0.031	0.577 ± 0.039	0.592 ± 0.043	0.547 ± 0.029	0.601 ± 0.027
1909213	0.694 ± 0.009	0.742 ± 0.015	0.759 ± 0.012	0.698 ± 0.024	0.694 ± 0.025	0.729 ± 0.013
3111197	0.617 ± 0.028	0.663 ± 0.066	0.673 ± 0.071	0.636 ± 0.036	0.737 ± 0.035	0.746 ± 0.045
3215171	0.480 ± 0.042	0.552 ± 0.043	0.551 ± 0.045	0.729 ± 0.031	0.700 ± 0.050	0.764 ± 0.019
3215034	0.474 ± 0.072	0.540 ± 0.156	0.455 ± 0.189	0.819 ± 0.048	0.681 ± 0.042	0.805 ± 0.046
1909103	0.881 ± 0.026	0.936 ± 0.013	0.921 ± 0.020	0.877 ± 0.046	0.730 ± 0.055	0.900 ± 0.032
3215092	0.696 ± 0.038	0.777 ± 0.039	0.791 ± 0.042	0.877 ± 0.028	0.834 ± 0.026	0.907 ± 0.017
1738253	0.710 ± 0.048	0.860 ± 0.029	0.861 ± 0.025	0.885 ± 0.033	0.758 ± 0.111	0.908 ± 0.011
1614549	0.710 ± 0.035	0.850 ± 0.041	0.860 ± 0.051	0.930 ± 0.022	0.860 ± 0.034	0.947 ± 0.014
AVG. RANK	5.4	3.5	3.5	3.1	4.0	1.7

Side note

$\mathcal{D}_i^{\text{tr}}$ and $\mathcal{D}_i^{\text{ts}}$ do not need to be sampled independently from \mathcal{D}_i .

$\mathcal{D}_i^{\text{tr}}$ could have:

- noisy labels
- weakly supervised
- domain shift
- etc.

Application: One-Shot Imitation Learning

(Yu*, Finn* et al. One-Shot Imitation from Observing Humans. RSS 2018)

Tasks:

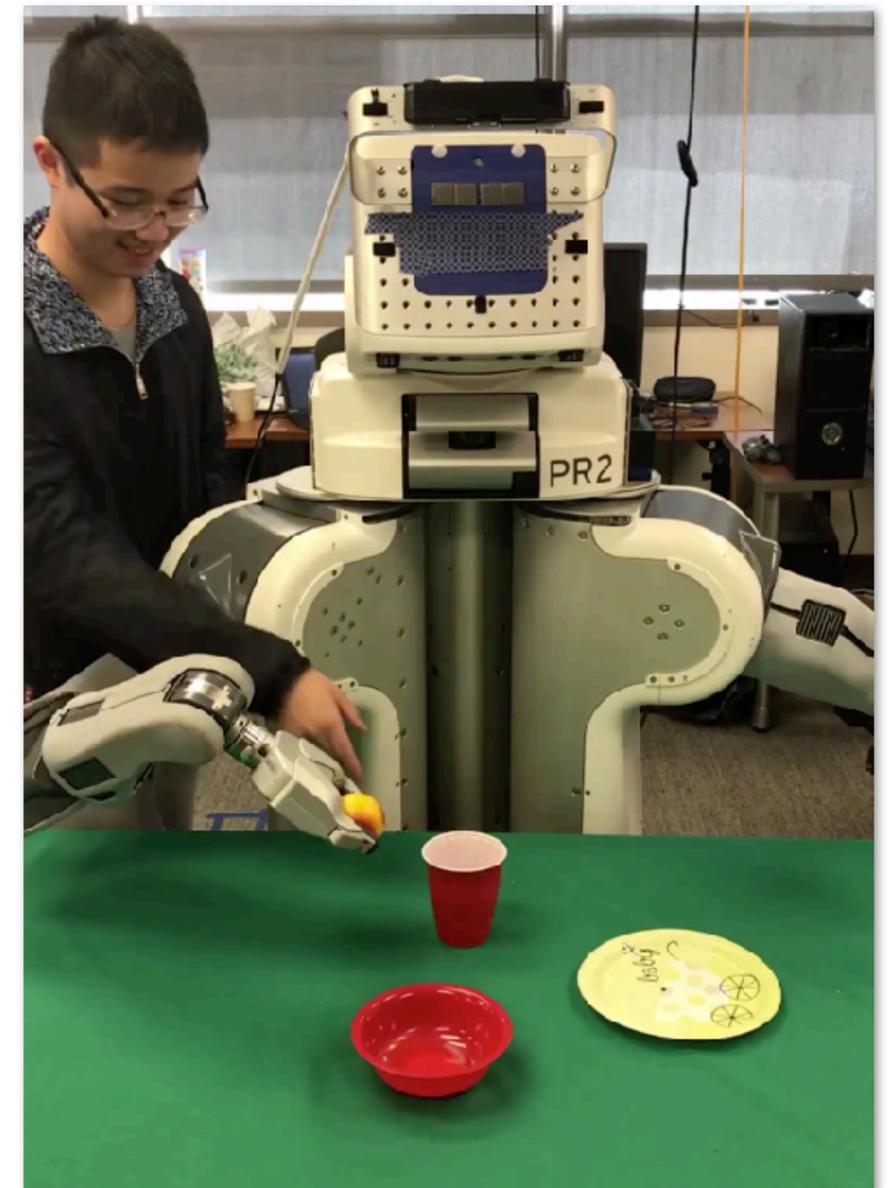
manipulating different objects

$\mathcal{D}_i^{\text{tr}}$: video of a human

$\mathcal{D}_i^{\text{ts}}$: teleoperated demonstration

Model: optimization-based

MAML with *learned* inner loss



Application: Dermatological Image Classification

(Prabhu et al. Prototypical Clustering Networks for Dermatological Image Classification. ML4HC 2019)

Tasks:

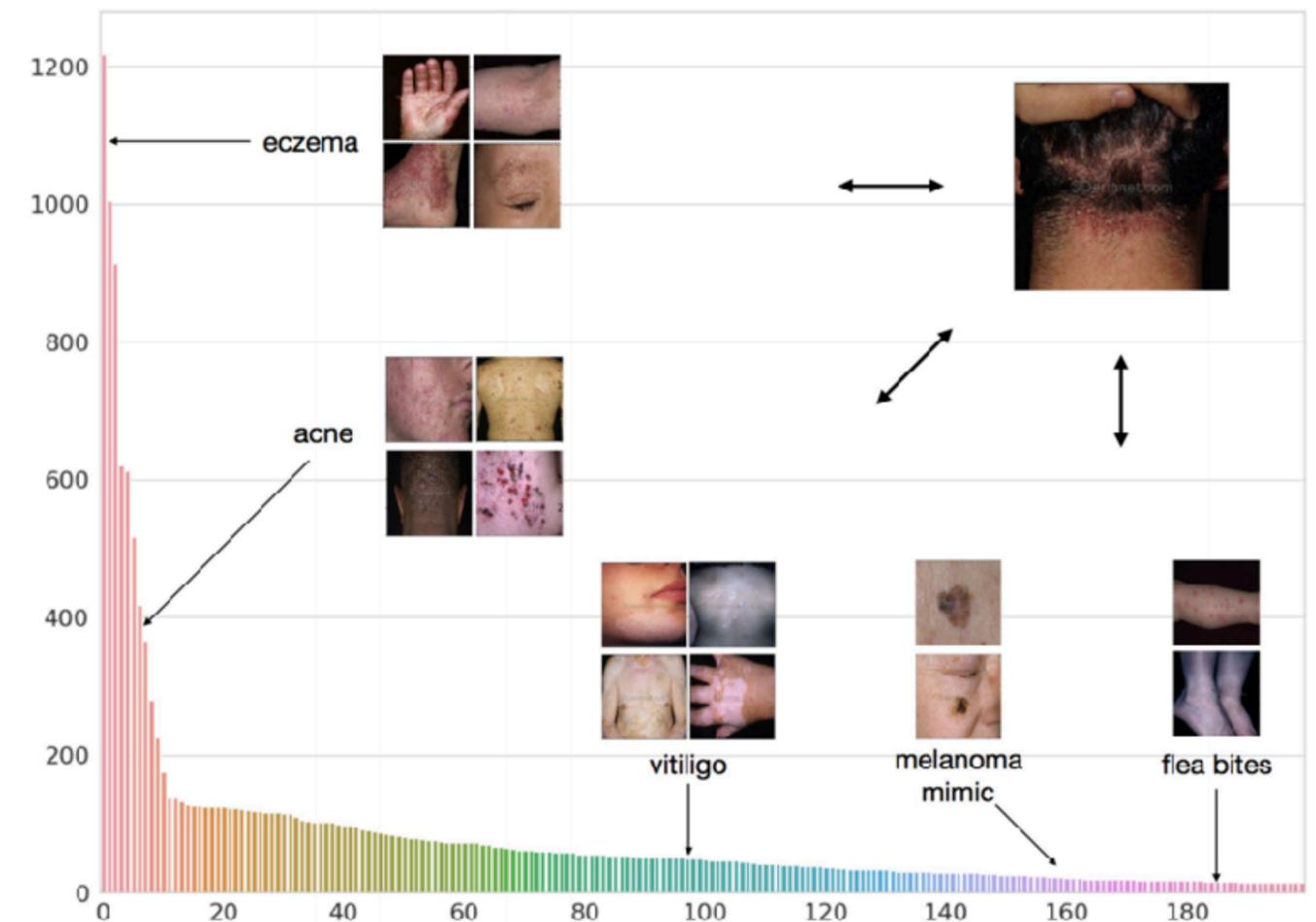
Different skin conditions

$\mathcal{D}_i^{\text{tr}}$, $\mathcal{D}_i^{\text{ts}}$: images from different people

Goal: good classifier on all classes.

Model: non-parametric

Protonets, multiple prototypes per class
using clustering objective



Evaluation

- Compare:**
- PN** - standard ProtoNets, trained on 150 base classes, pre-trained on ImageNet
 - FT_N-1NN** - ImageNet pre-training, fine-tuned ResNet on N classes, 1-nearest neighbors in resulting embedding space
 - FT₂₀₀-CE** - ImageNet pre-trained, fine-tuned on all 200 classes with balancing (very strong baseline, accesses more info during training, requires re-training for new classes)

Evaluation Metric: mean class accuracy (mca), i.e. average of per-class accuracies across 200 classes.

Approach	k = 5			k = 10		
	mca _{base+novel}	mca _{base}	mca _{novel}	mca _{base+novel}	mca _{base}	mca _{novel}
<i>FT</i> ₁₅₀ -1NN	46.18 +/- 0.81	55.32 +/- 0.30	18.76 +/- 3.30	49.51 +/- 0.34	54.86 +/- 0.50	33.44 +/- 1.35
<i>FT</i> ₁₅₀ -3NN	44.28 +/- 0.32	54.77 +/- 0.47	12.80 +/- 1.50	47.01 +/- 0.56	54.13 +/- 0.43	25.64 +/- 1.51
<i>FT</i> ₂₀₀ -1NN	46.52 +/- 0.39	54.17 +/- 0.30	22.50 +/- 0.75	49.92 +/- 0.47	53.80 +/- 0.35	38.27 +/- 1.32
<i>FT</i> ₂₀₀ -3NN	44.69 +/- 0.39	52.61 +/- 0.21	20.93 +/- 2.00	47.96 +/- 0.11	52.53 +/- 0.14	34.27 +/- 0.19
<i>FT</i> ₂₀₀ -CE	47.82 +/- 0.46	55.75 +/- 0.71	24.00 +/- 3.22	51.51 +/- 0.41	55.21 +/- 0.26	40.40 +/- 2.36
PN	43.92 +/- 0.40	48.71 +/- 0.37	29.56 +/- 2.35	44.93 +/- 0.79	47.55 +/- 0.37	37.08 +/- 3.39
PCN (ours)	47.79 +/- 0.71	53.70 +/- 0.18	30.04 +/- 2.77	50.92 +/- 0.63	51.38 +/- 0.34	49.56 +/- 2.76

PCN > PN

PCN > FT_N-*NN

PCN ≈ FT₂₀₀-CE

without requiring re-training

More visualizations and analysis in the paper!

Application: Few-Shot Human Motion Prediction

(Gui et al. Few-Shot Human Motion Prediction via Meta-Learning. ECCV 2018)

[potentially useful for human-robot interaction, autonomous driving]

Tasks:

Different human users & motions

$\mathcal{D}_i^{\text{tr}}$: past K time steps of motion

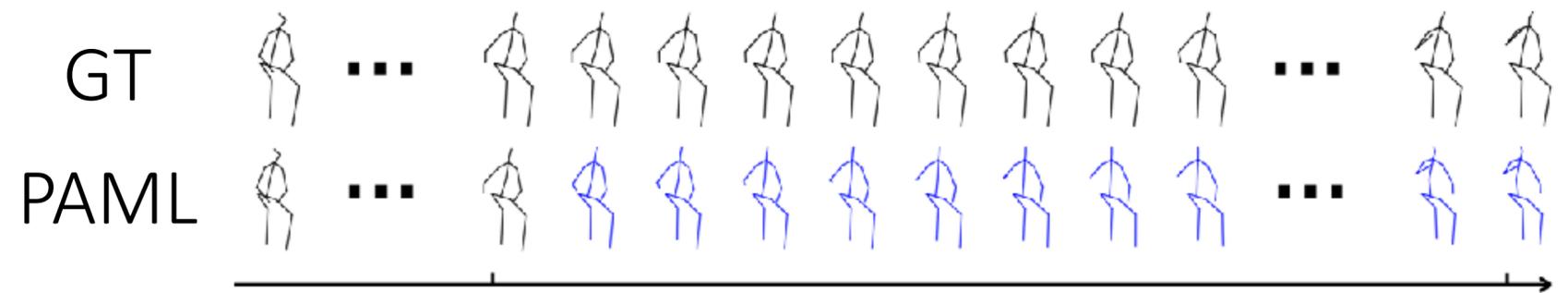
$\mathcal{D}_i^{\text{ts}}$: future second(s) of motion

Model:

optimization-based/black-box hybrid

MAML with additional
learned update rule

Recurrent neural net base model



		Walking						Eating					
milliseconds		80	160	320	400	560	1000	80	160	320	400	560	1000
residual sup. [32] w/ (Baselines)	Scratch _{spec}	1.90	1.95	2.16	2.18	1.99	2.00	2.33	2.31	2.30	2.30	2.31	2.34
	Scratch _{agn}	1.78	1.89	2.20	2.23	2.02	2.05	2.27	2.16	2.18	2.27	2.25	2.31
	Transfer _{ots}	0.60	0.75	0.88	0.93	1.03	1.26	0.57	0.70	0.91	1.04	1.19	1.58
	Multi-task	0.57	0.71	0.79	0.85	0.96	1.12	0.59	0.68	0.83	0.93	1.12	1.33
	Transfer _{ft}	0.44	0.55	0.85	0.95	0.74	1.03	0.61	0.65	0.74	0.78	0.86	1.19
Meta-learning (Ours)	PAML	0.35	0.47	0.70	0.82	0.80	0.83	0.36	0.52	0.65	0.70	0.71	0.79
		Smoking						Discussion					
milliseconds		80	160	320	400	560	1000	80	160	320	400	560	1000
residual sup. [32] w/ (Baselines)	Scratch _{spec}	2.88	2.86	2.85	2.83	2.80	2.99	3.01	3.13	3.12	2.95	2.62	2.99
	Scratch _{agn}	2.53	2.61	2.67	2.65	2.71	2.73	2.77	2.79	2.82	2.73	2.82	2.76
	Transfer _{ots}	0.70	0.84	1.18	1.23	1.38	2.02	0.58	0.86	1.12	1.18	1.54	2.02
	Multi-task	0.71	0.79	1.09	1.20	1.25	1.23	0.53	0.82	1.02	1.17	1.33	1.97
	Transfer _{ft}	0.87	1.02	1.25	1.30	1.45	2.06	0.57	0.82	1.11	1.11	1.37	2.08
Meta-learning (Ours)	PAML	0.39	0.66	0.81	1.01	1.03	1.01	0.41	0.71	1.01	1.02	1.09	1.12

mean angle error w.r.t. prediction horizon

Plan for Today

Non-Parametric Few-Shot Learning

- Siamese networks, matching networks, prototypical networks

} Part of Homework 2!

Properties of Meta-Learning Algorithms

- Comparison of approaches

Examples of Meta-Learning in Practice

- Imitation learning, drug discovery, motion prediction, language generation

Goals for by the end of lecture:

- Basics of **non-parametric few-shot learning** techniques (& how to implement)
- Trade-offs between **black-box**, **optimization-based**, and **non-parametric** meta-learning
- Familiarity with applied formulations of meta-learning

Course Reminders

Lectures

Done with meta-learning algorithms!

Next: unsupervised pre-training

Homeworks

Homework 1 due **tonight**.

Homework 2 released, due Weds 10/25.

Project

Project mentors assigned: go to their OH with questions.

Project proposal due next Monday 10/23.

(graded lightly, for your benefit)