Meta Learning (Part 1)

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Introduction

Task 1: speech recognition

Task 2: image recognition

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Task 100: text classification

- Meta learning = Learn to learn

Learning task 1

Learning task 2

⋮

Learning task 100

I can learn task 101 better because I learn some **learning skills**

Be a better learner

Life-long: one model for all the tasks

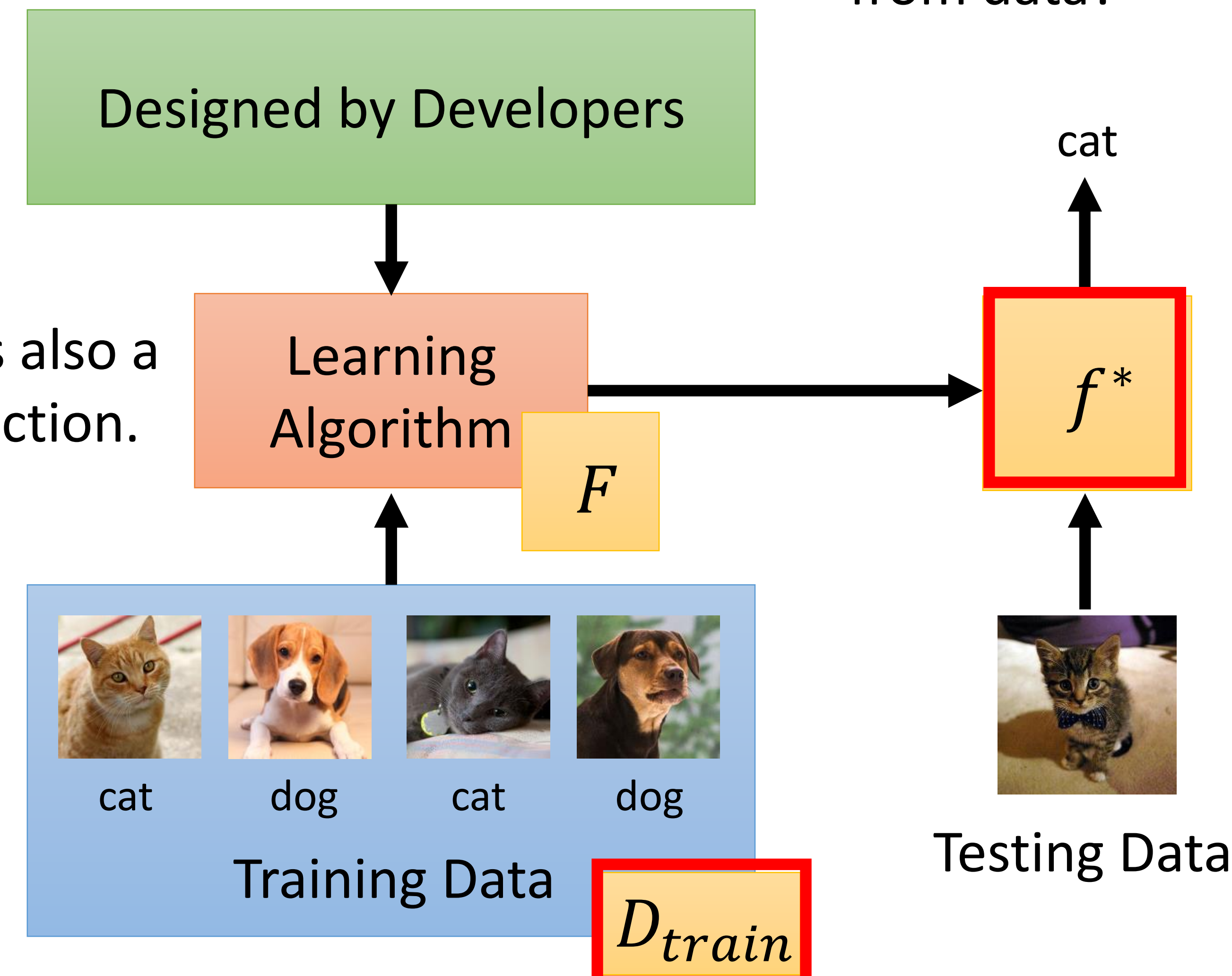
Meta: How to learn a new model

Meta Learning

$$f^* = F(D_{train})$$

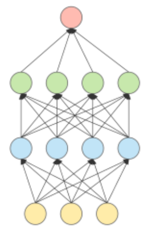
Can machine find F from data?

It is also a function.



Meta Learning

Machine Learning ≈ 根據資料找一個函數 f 的能力



$f($  $) =$ "Cat"

Meta Learning

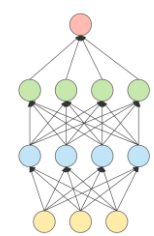
≈ 根據資料找一個找一個函數 f 的函數 F 的能力

$F($

cat dog cat dog

Training Data

$) = f^*$



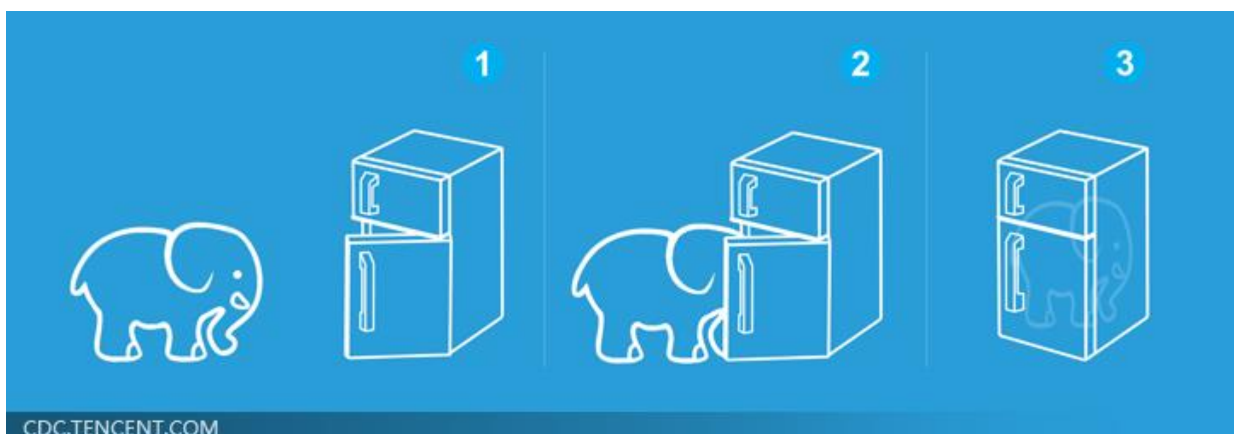
~~Machine~~ Learning is Simple

Meta

Step 1: define a set of ~~function~~ → Step 2: goodness of ~~function~~ → Step 3: pick the best ~~function~~

Function f → Learning algorithm F

就好像把大象放進冰箱 ……

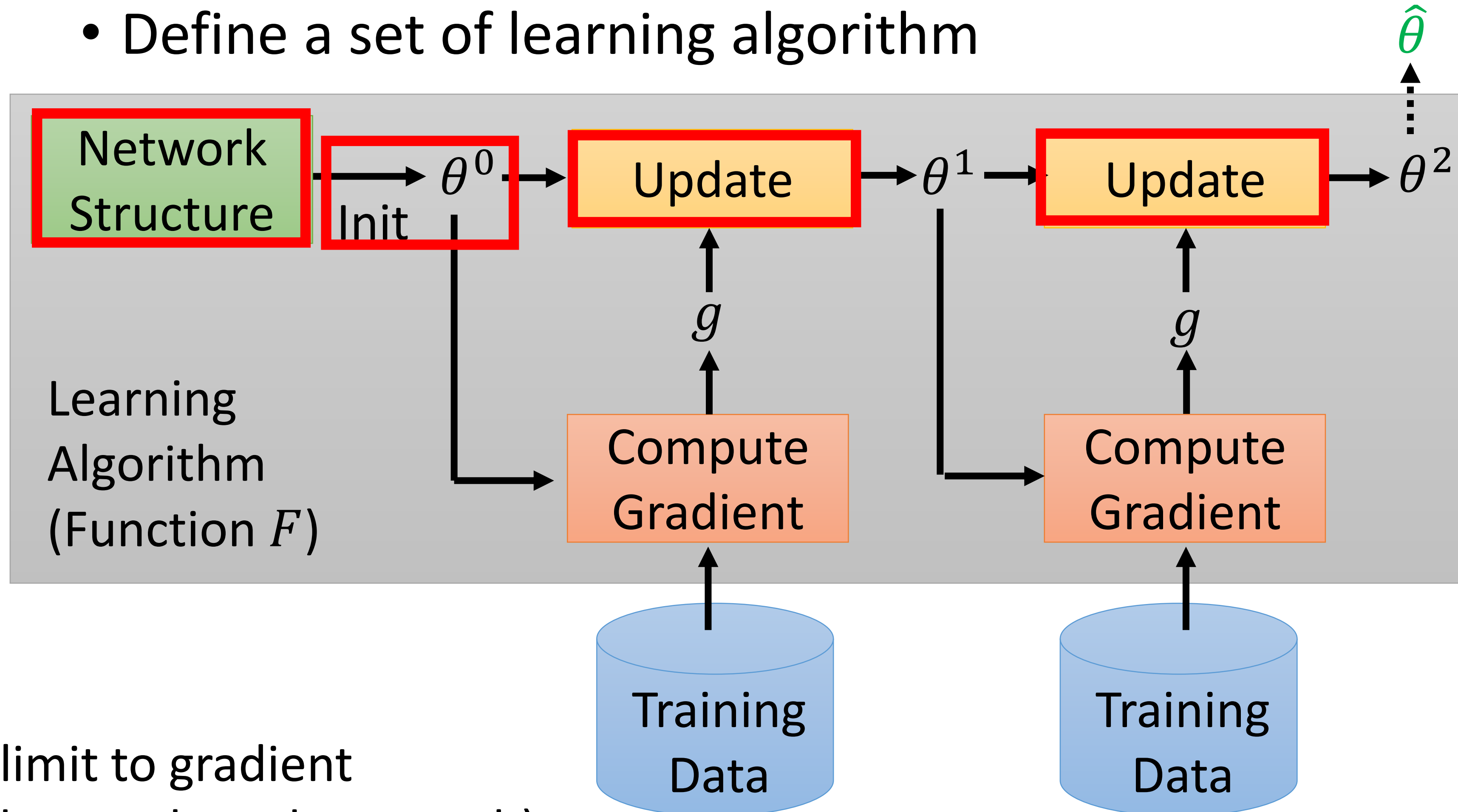


Meta Learning

Different decisions in the red boxes lead to different algorithms.

What happens in the red boxes is decided by humans until now.

- Define a set of learning algorithm



(limit to gradient descent based approach)

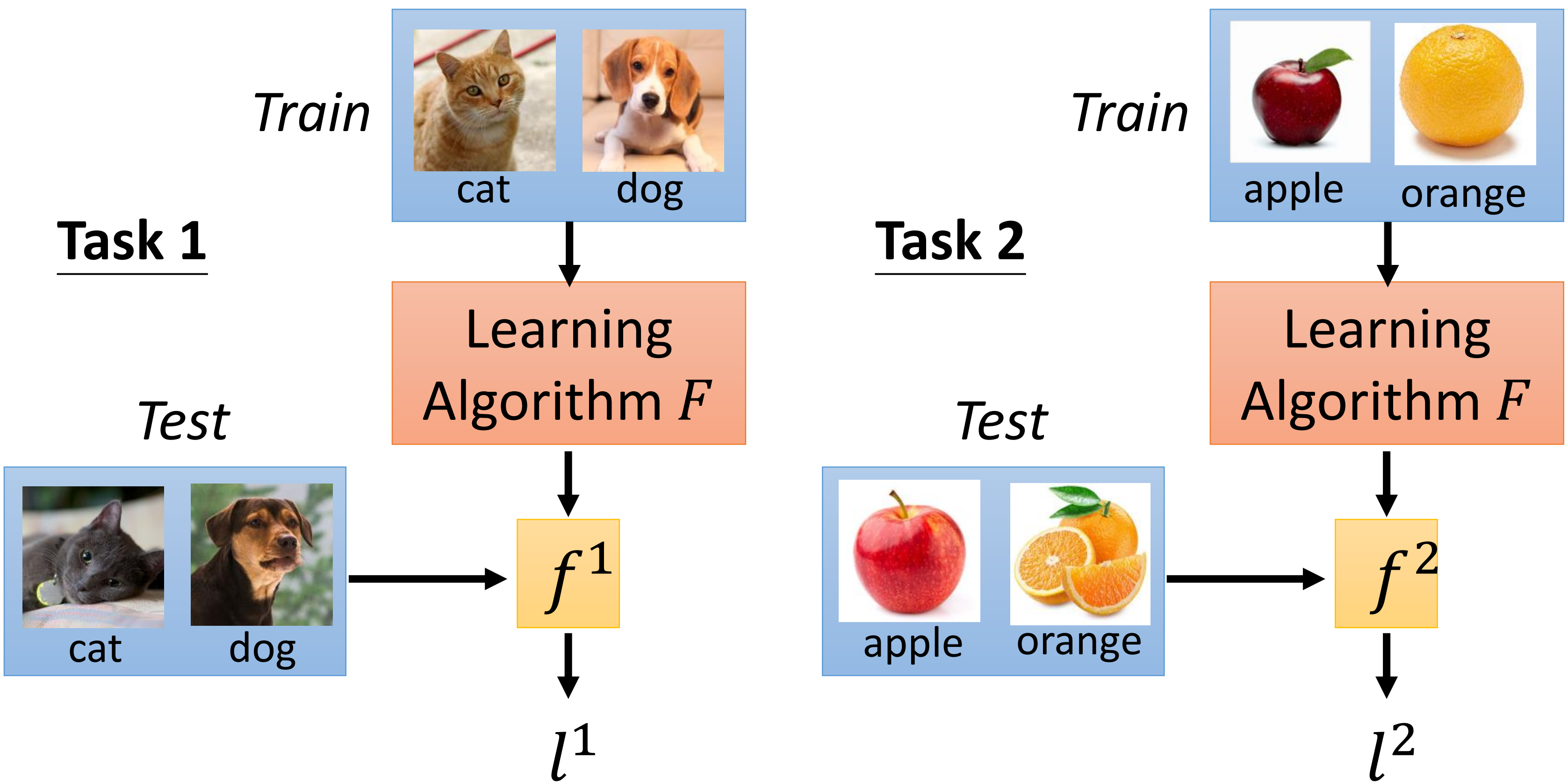
Meta Learning

$$L(F) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} l^n$$

N tasks

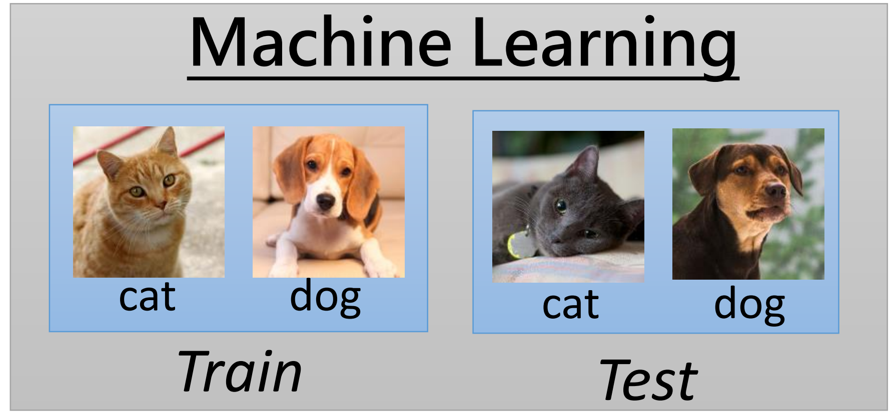
Testing loss for task n after training

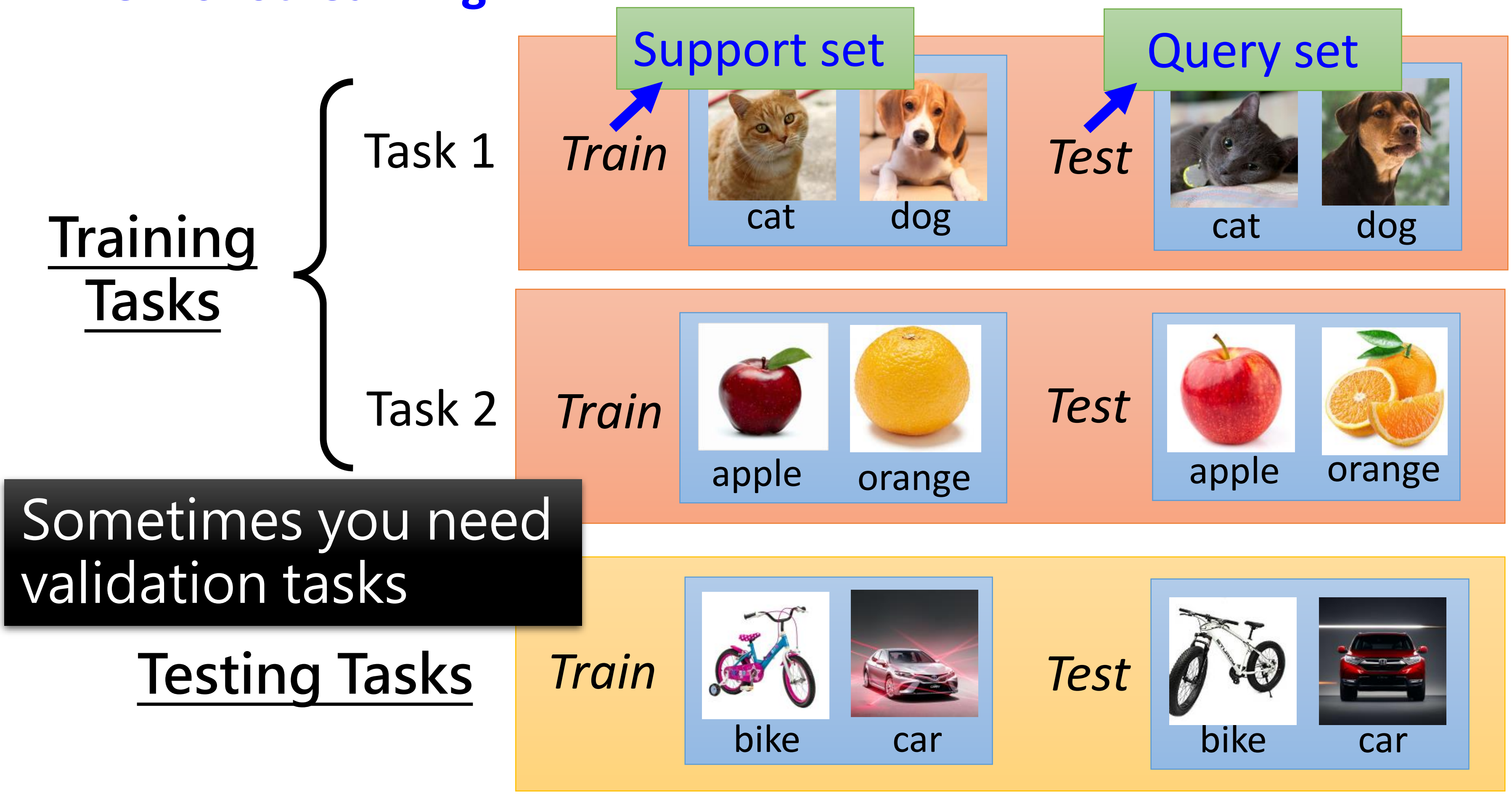
- Defining the goodness of a function F



Meta Learning

Widely considered in **few-shot learning**





Meta Learning

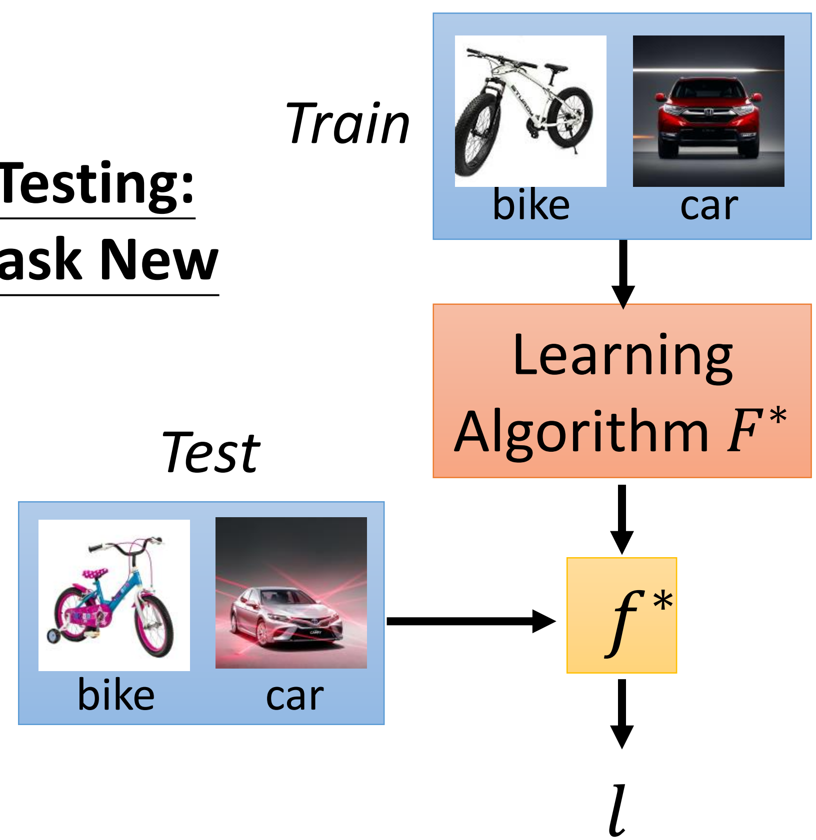
- Defining the goodness of a function F

$$L(F) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} l^n$$

- Find the best function F^*

$$F^* = arg\min_{F} L(F)$$

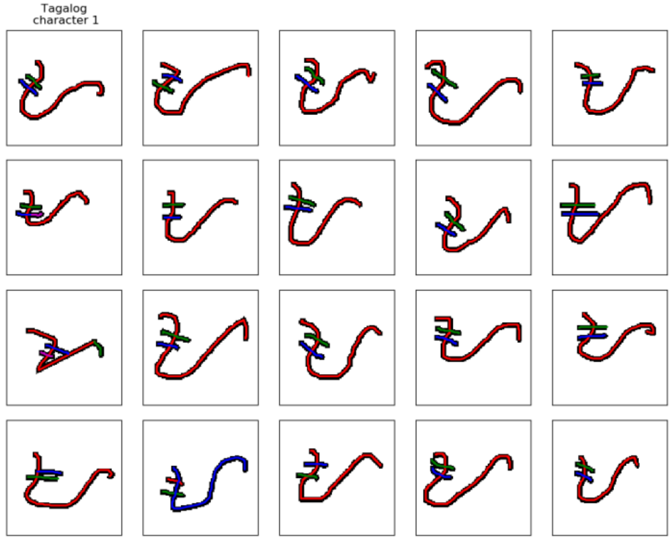
Testing: Task New



Omniglot

https://github.com/brendenlake/omniglot

- 1623 characters
- Each has 20 examples



Omniglot
– Few-shot Classification

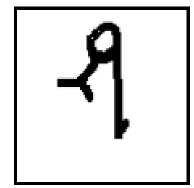
Demo of Reptile:
https://openai.com/blog/reptile/

- N-ways K-shot classification: In each training and test tasks, there are N classes, each has K examples.

20 ways
1 shot

Each character represents a class

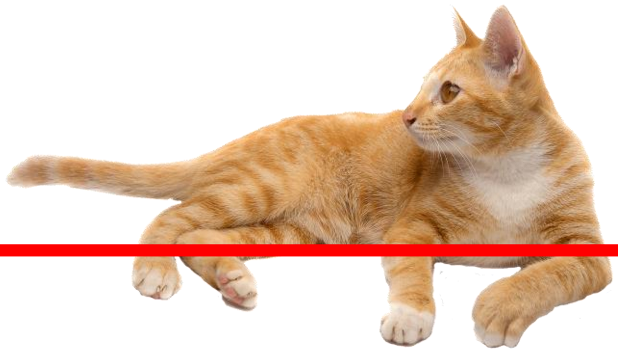
Training set
(Support set)



Testing set
(Query set)

- Split your characters into training and testing characters
  - Sample N training characters, sample K examples from each sampled characters → one training task
  - Sample N testing characters, sample K examples from each sampled characters → one testing task

Techniques Today



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MAML

Loss Function:

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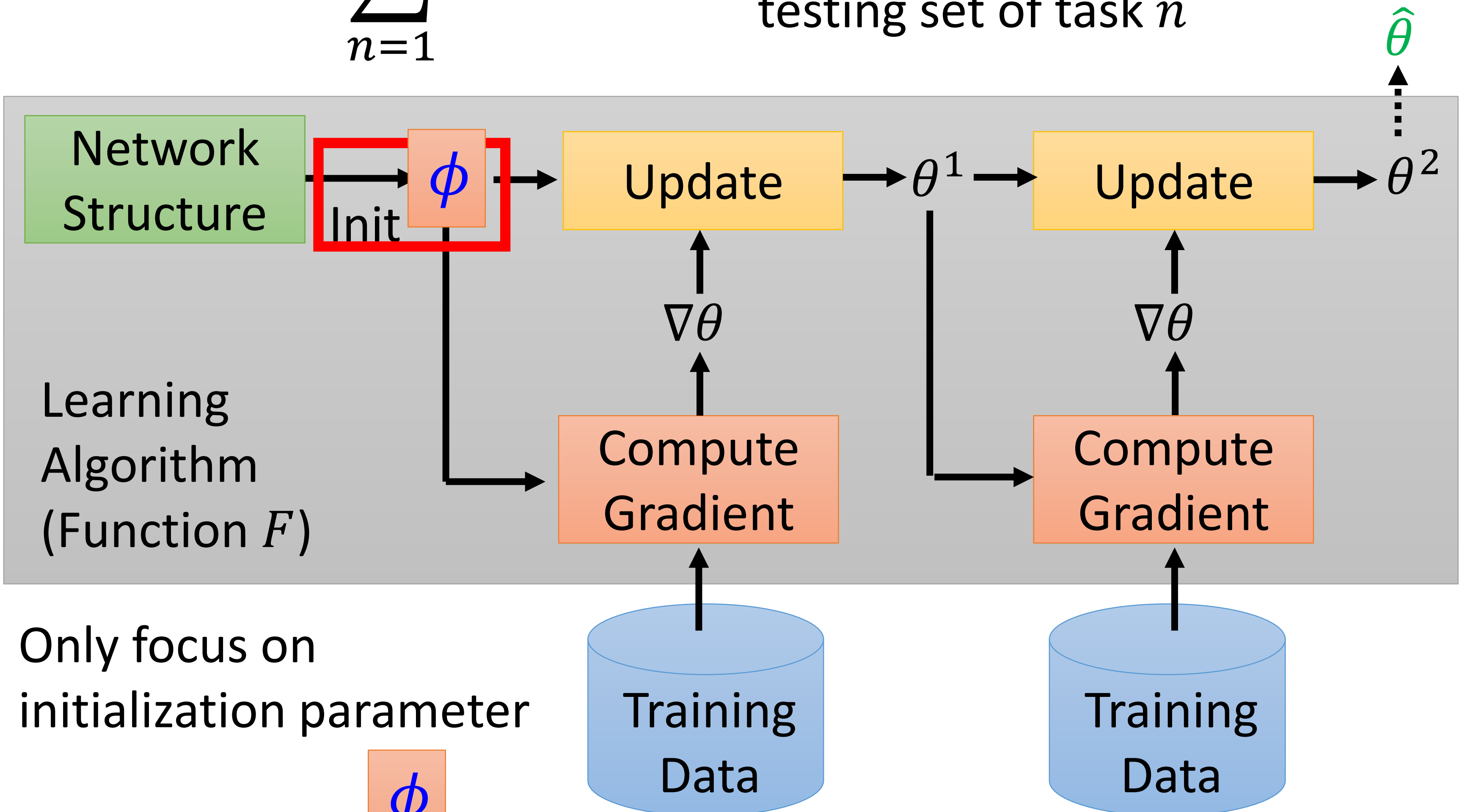

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Model Pre-training

Widely used in transfer learning

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MAML

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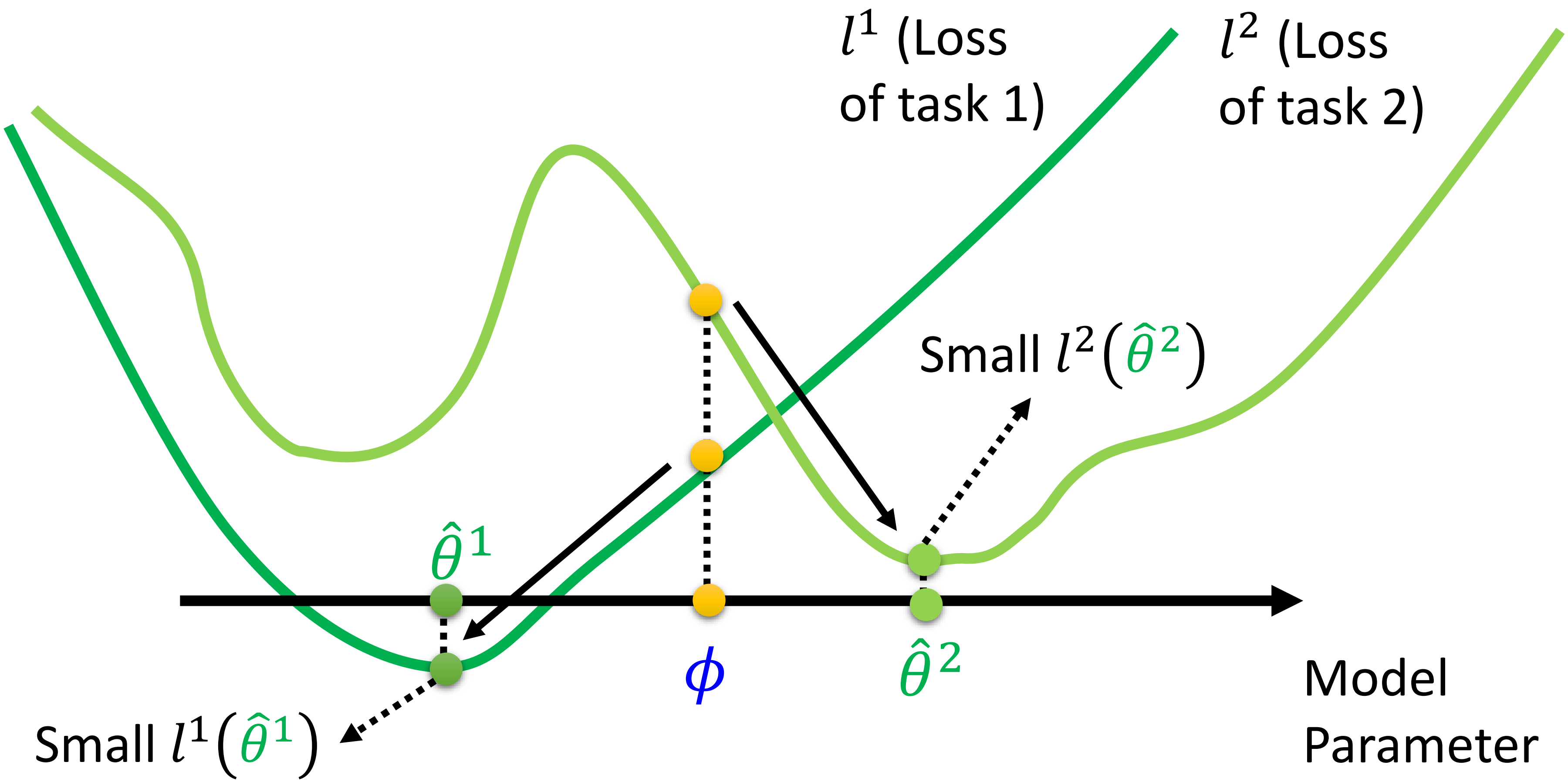
我們不在意 ϕ 在 training task 上表現如何

我們在意用 ϕ 訓練出來的 $\hat{\theta}^n$ 表現如何

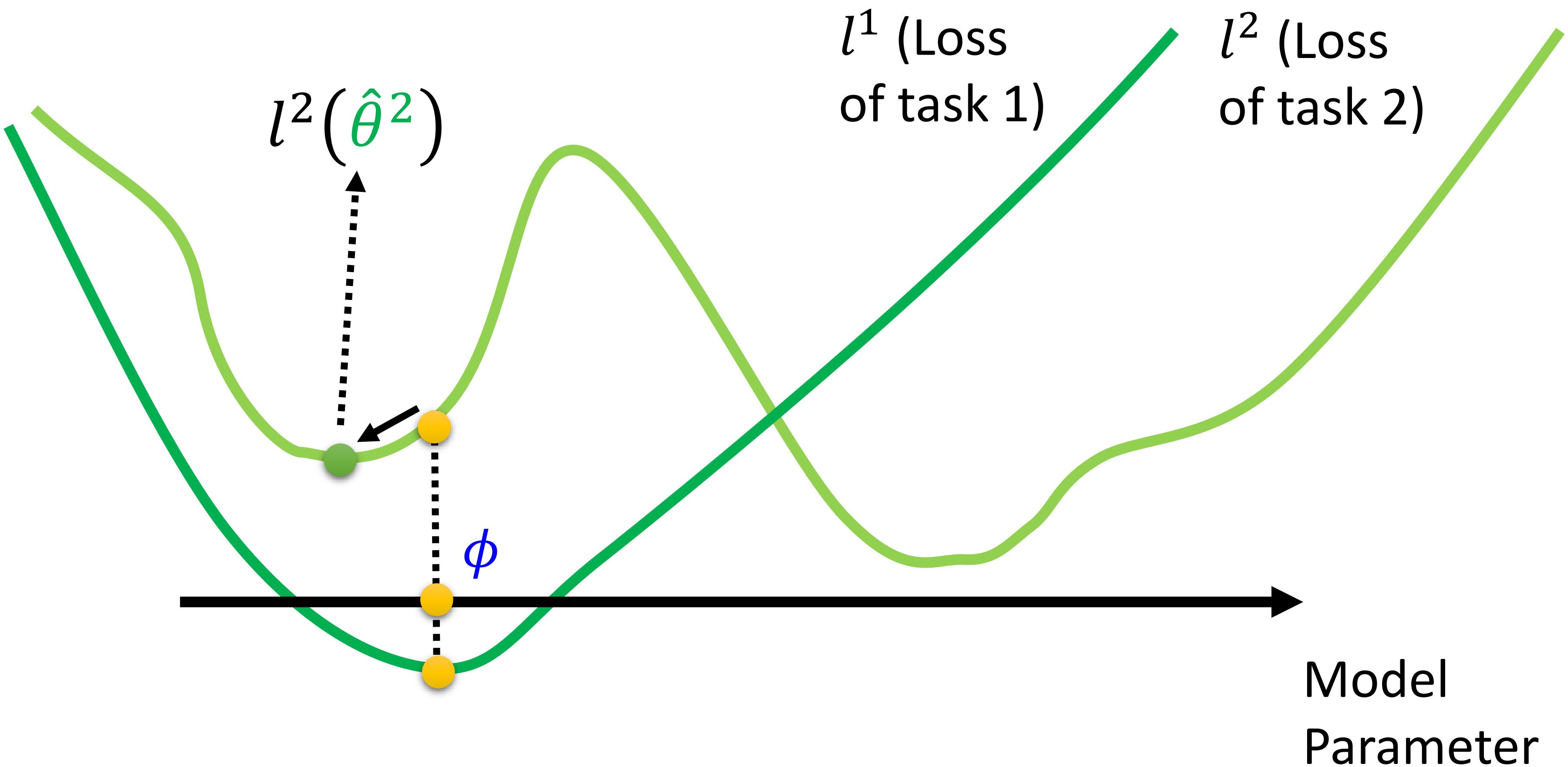


Model Pre-training

$$L(\phi) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} l^n(\phi)$$

找尋在所有 task 都最好的 ϕ

並不保證拿 ϕ 去訓練以後會得到好的 $\hat{\theta}^n$



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Find ϕ achieving good performance **after training** 潛力

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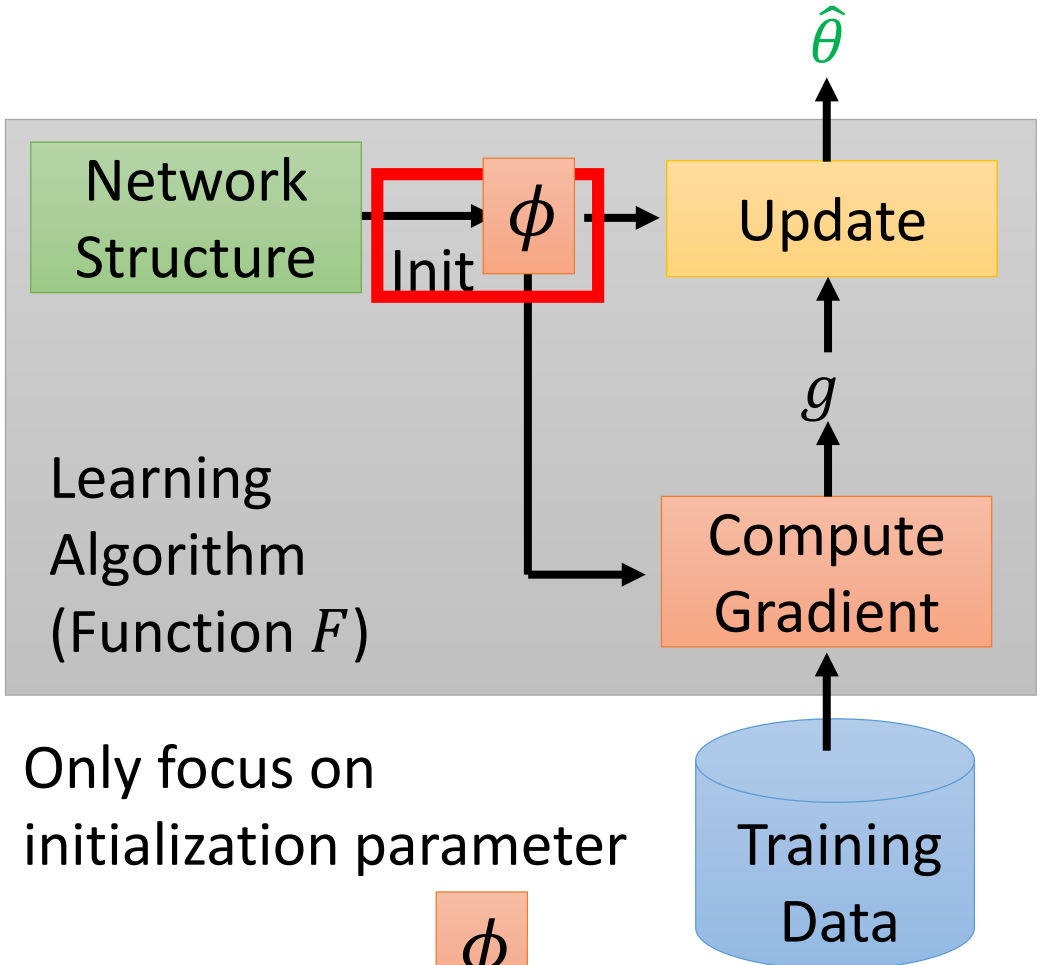
Find ϕ achieving good performance 現在表現如何

MAML

- Fast … Fast … Fast …
- Good to truly train a model with one step. ☺
- When using the algorithm, still update many times.
- Few-shot learning has limited data.



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Considering one-step training:

$$\hat{\theta} = \phi - \varepsilon \nabla_{\phi} l(\phi)$$

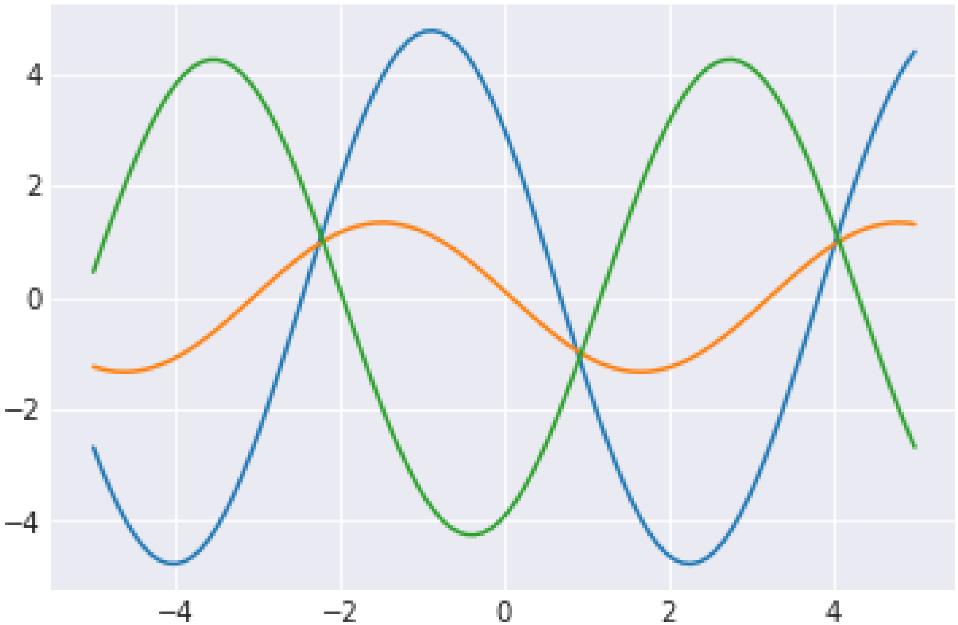
Toy Example

Source of images
https://towardsdatascience.com/paper-repro-deep-metalearning-using-maml-and-reptile-fd1df1cc81b0

Each task:

- Given a target sine function $y = a\,sin(x + b)$
- Sample K points from the target function
- Use the samples to estimate the target function

Sample a and b to form a task



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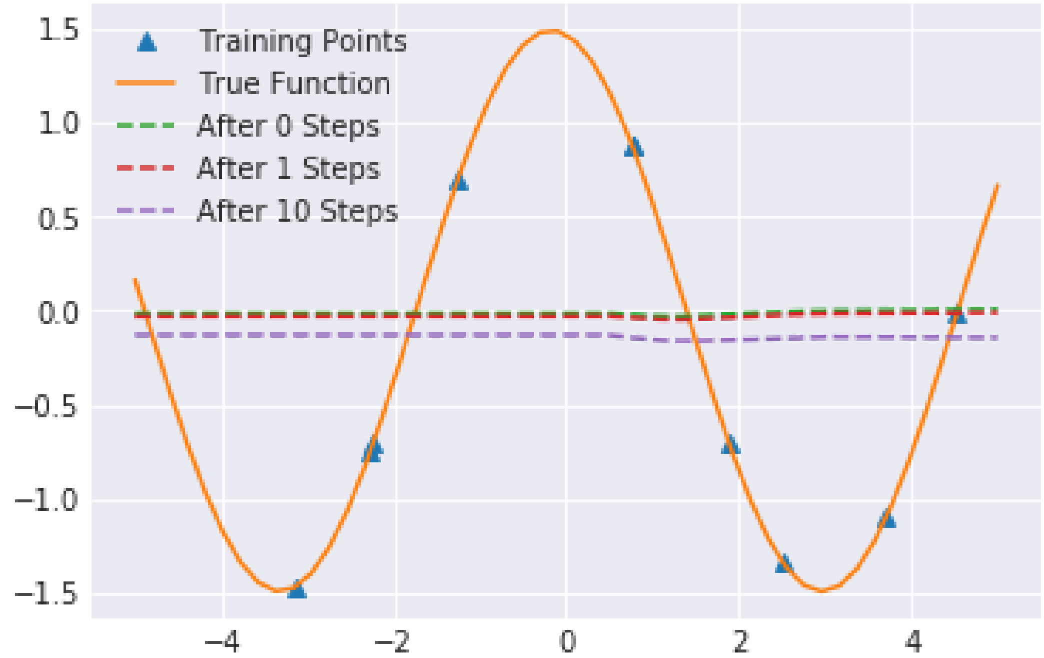

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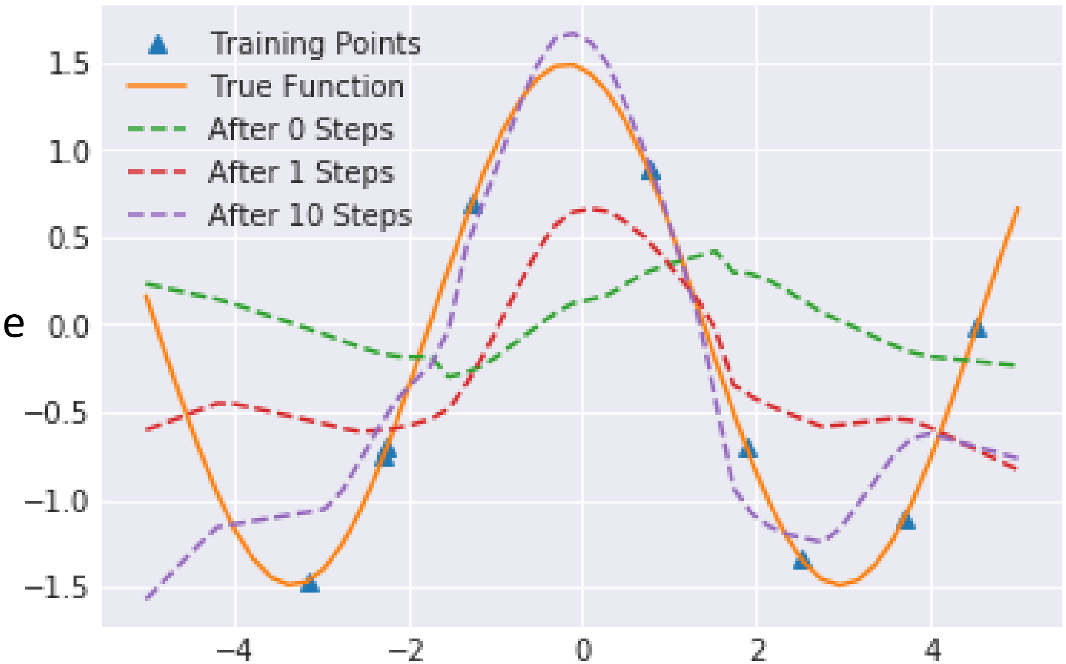

MAML

Omniglot & Mini-ImageNet

Omniglot (Lake et al., 2011)	5-way Accuracy 1-shot	5-way Accuracy 5-shot	20-way Accuracy 1-shot	20-way Accuracy 5-shot
MANN, no conv (Santoro et al., 2016)	82.8%	94.9%	–	–
MAML, no conv (ours)	$\mathbf{89.7 \pm 1.1\%}$	$\mathbf{97.5 \pm 0.6\%}$	–	–
Siamese nets (Koch, 2015)	97.3%	98.4%	88.2%	97.0%
matching nets (Vinyals et al., 2016)	98.1%	98.9%	93.8%	98.5%
neural statistician (Edwards & Storkey, 2017)	98.1%	99.5%	93.2%	98.1%
memory mod. (Kaiser et al., 2017)	98.4%	99.6%	95.0%	98.6%
MAML (ours)	$\mathbf{98.7 \pm 0.4\%}$	$\mathbf{99.9 \pm 0.1\%}$	$\mathbf{95.8 \pm 0.3\%}$	$\mathbf{98.9 \pm 0.2\%}$

MiniImagenet (Ravi & Larochelle, 2017)	5-way Accuracy 1-shot	5-way Accuracy 5-shot
fine-tuning baseline	$28.86 \pm 0.54\%$	$49.79 \pm 0.79\%$
nearest neighbor baseline	$41.08 \pm 0.70\%$	$51.04 \pm 0.65\%$
matching nets (Vinyals et al., 2016)	$43.56 \pm 0.84\%$	$55.31 \pm 0.73\%$
meta-learner LSTM (Ravi & Larochelle, 2017)	$43.44 \pm 0.77\%$	$60.60 \pm 0.71\%$
MAML, first order approx. (ours)	$\mathbf{48.07 \pm 1.75\%}$	$\mathbf{63.15 \pm 0.91\%}$
MAML (ours)	$\mathbf{48.70 \pm 1.84\%}$	$\mathbf{63.11 \pm 0.92\%}$

https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.03400

Warning of Math

$$\phi \leftarrow \phi - \eta \nabla_{\phi} L(\phi)$$

$$L(\phi) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} l^n\left(\hat{\theta}^n\right)$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \phi - \varepsilon \nabla_{\phi} l(\phi)$$

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$$\frac{\partial l\left(\hat{\theta}\right)}{\partial \phi_i} = \sum_j \frac{\partial l\left(\hat{\theta}\right)}{\partial \hat{\theta}_j} \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}_j}{\partial \phi_i}$$

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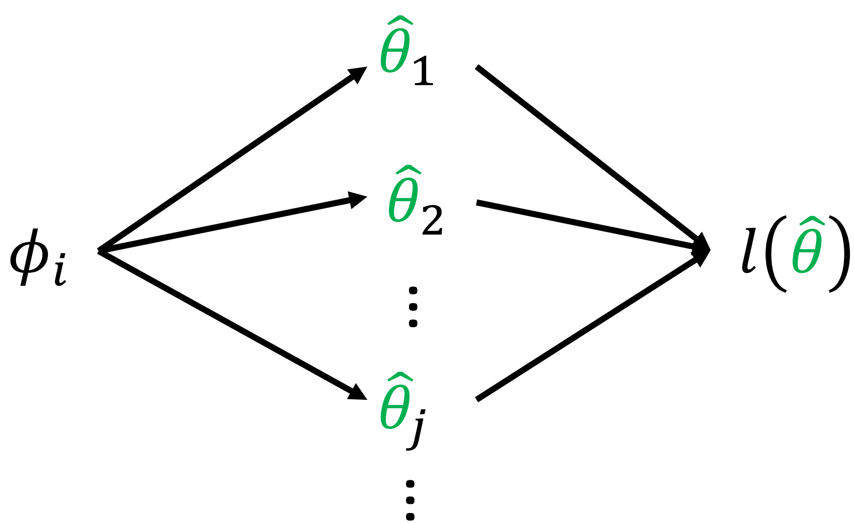

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$$\hat{\theta}_j = \phi_j - \varepsilon \frac{\partial l(\phi)}{\partial \phi_j}$$

$i \neq j$:

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\theta}_j}{\partial \phi_i} = -\varepsilon \cancel{\frac{\partial l(\phi)}{\partial \phi_i \partial \phi_j}} \approx 0$$

$i = j$:

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\theta}_j}{\partial \phi_i} = 1 - \varepsilon \cancel{\frac{\partial l(\phi)}{\partial \phi_i \partial \phi_j}} \approx 1$$

$$\nabla_{\phi} l(\hat{\theta}) = \begin{bmatrix} \partial l(\hat{\theta})/\partial \phi_1 \\ \partial l(\hat{\theta})/\partial \phi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \boxed{\partial l(\hat{\theta})/\partial \phi_i} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

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products, which is supported by standard deep learning libraries such as TensorFlow (Abadi et al., 2016). In our experiments, we also include a comparison to dropping this backward pass and using a first-order approximation, which we discuss in Section 5.2.

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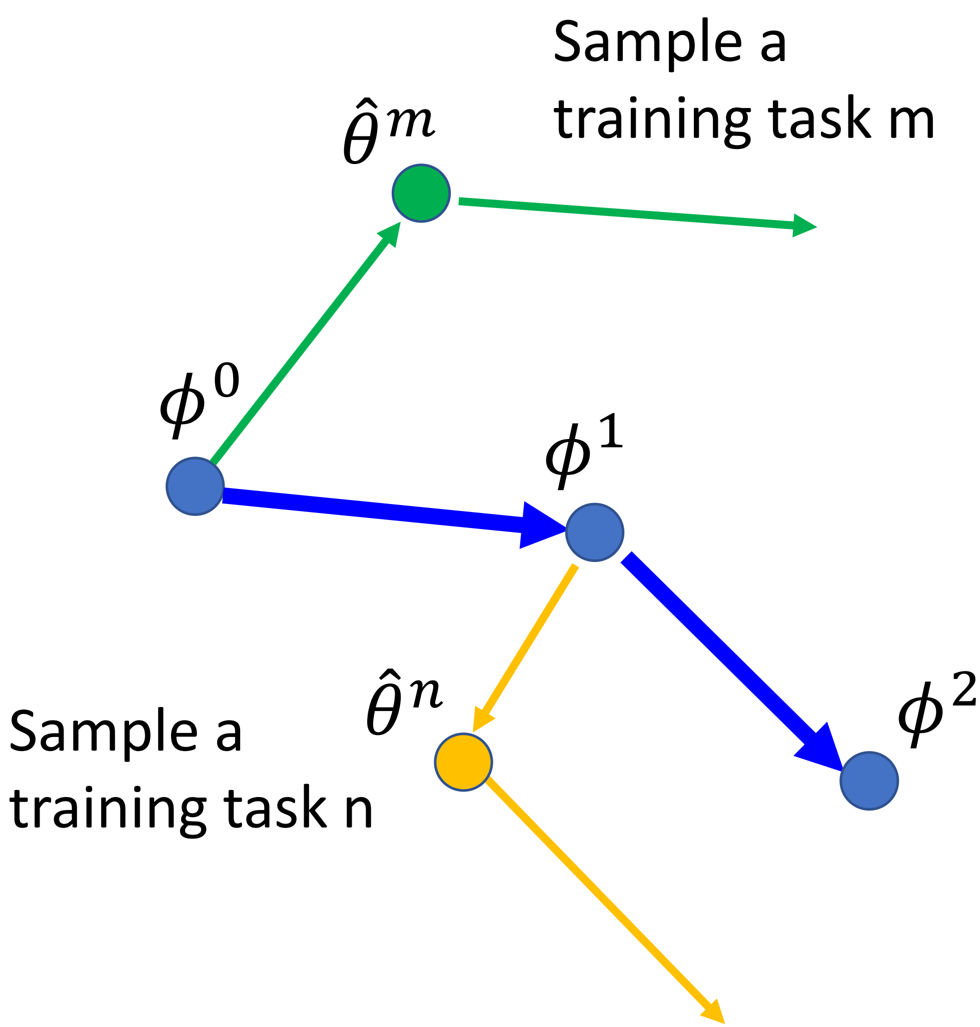
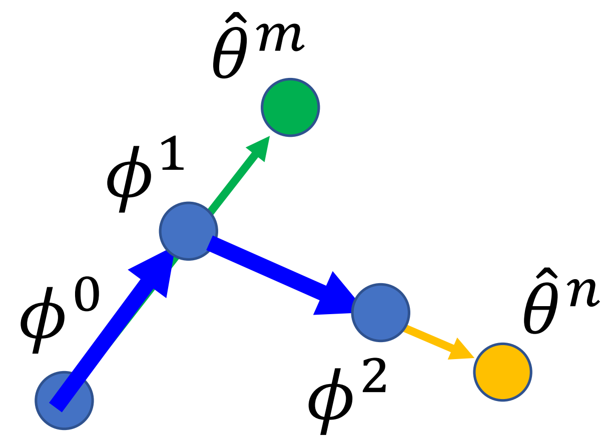
End of Warning

MAML – Real Implementation



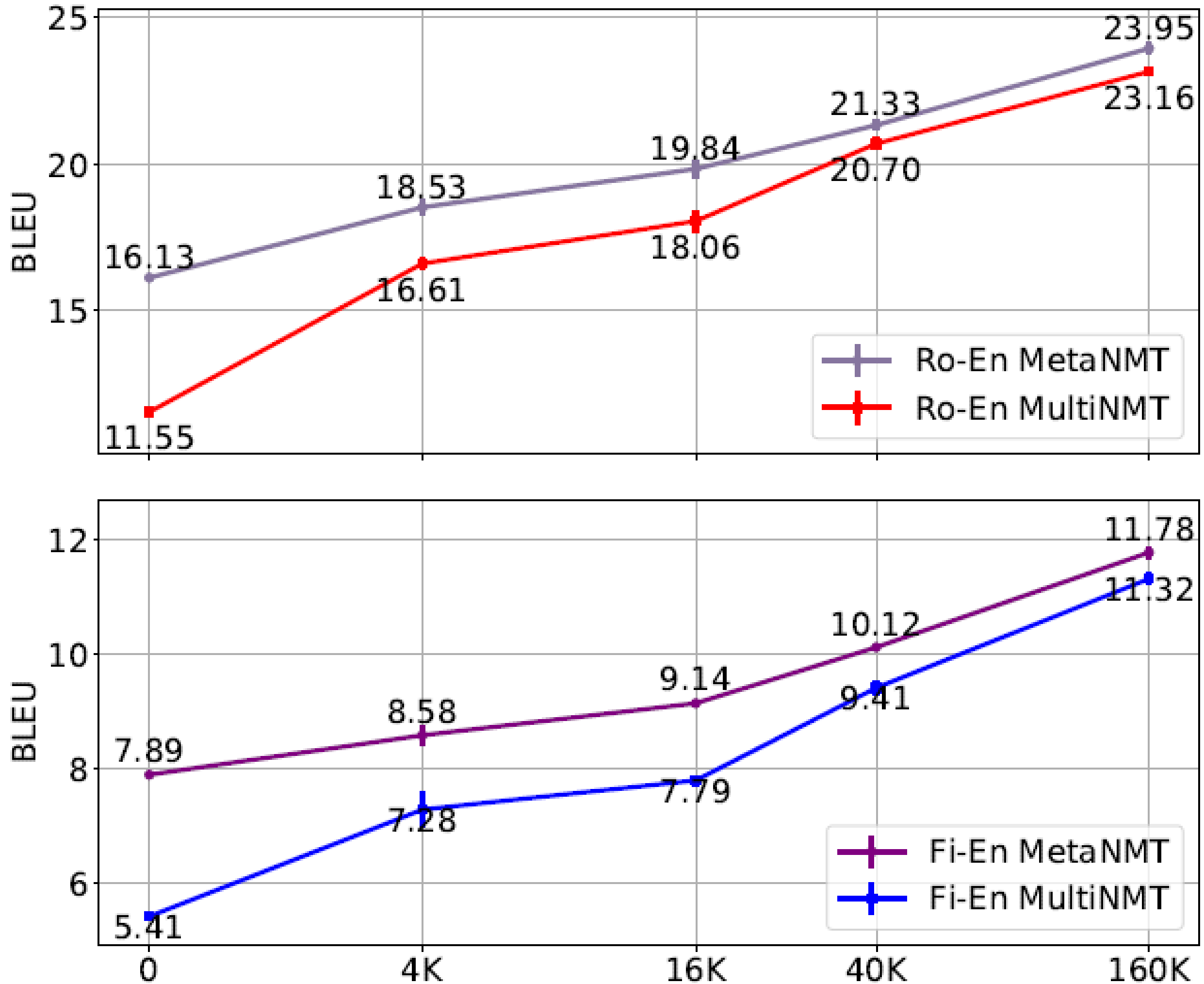
Model Pre-training



Translation

18 training tasks: 18 different languages translating to English

2 validation tasks: 2 different languages translating to English



Ro = Romanian

Fi = Finnish

https://arxiv.org/abs/1808.08437

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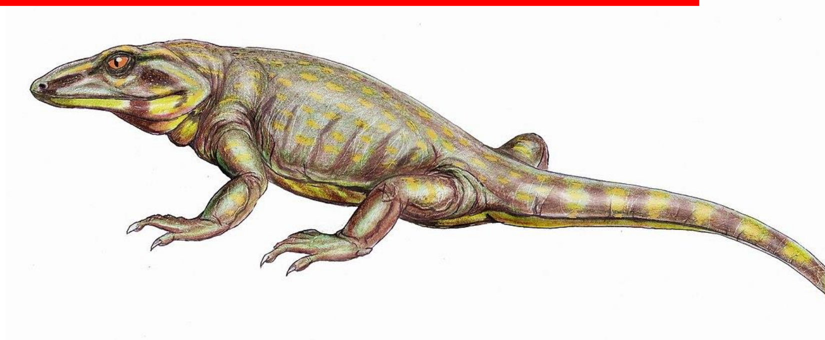

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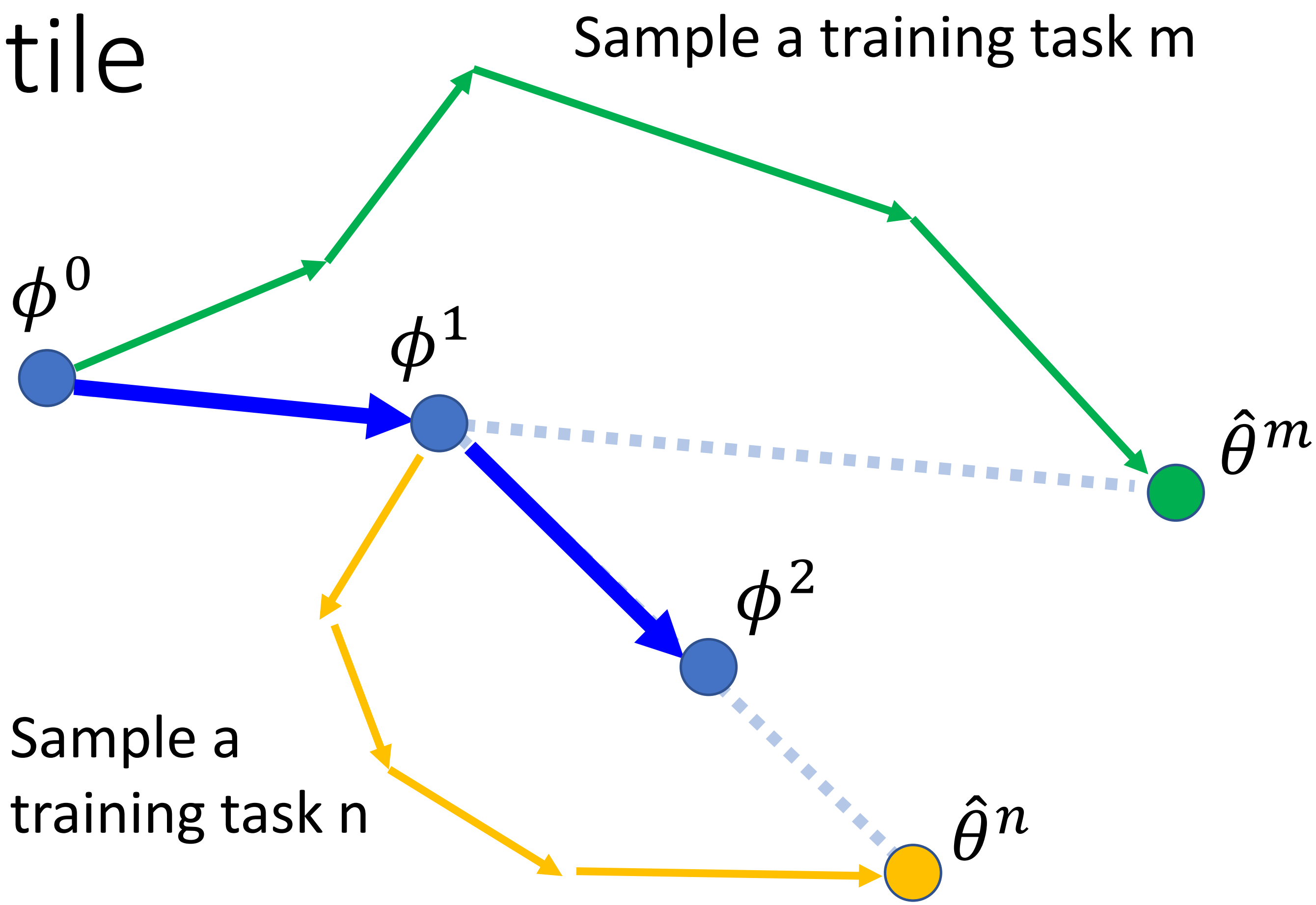
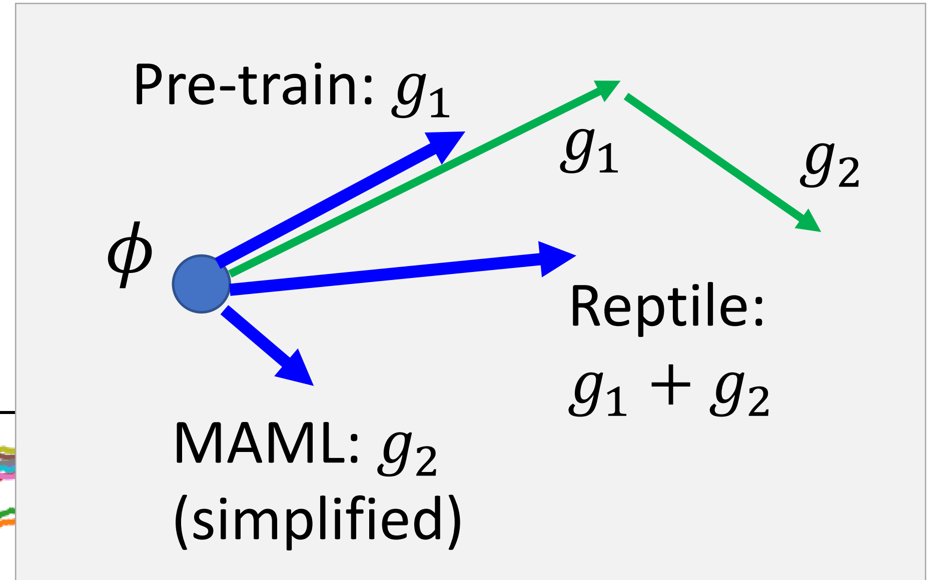


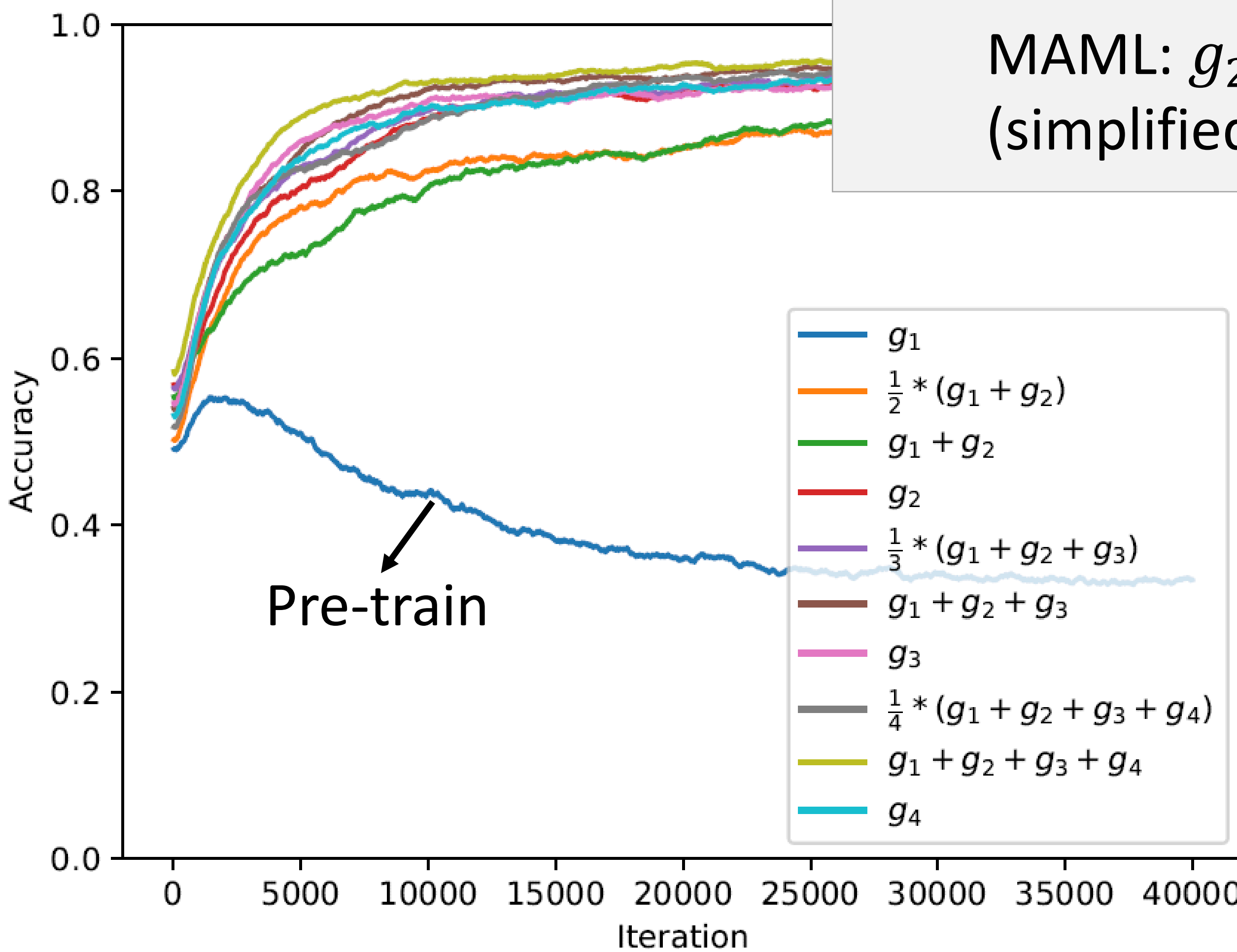
You might be thinking "isn't this the same as training on the expected loss $\mathbb{E}_\tau[L_\tau]$?" and then checking if the date is April 1st. Indeed, if the partial minimization consists of a single gradient step, then this algorithm corresponds to minimizing the expected loss:

(this sentence is removed in the updated version)

Reptile



Pre-train: g_1
g_1
g_2
ϕ
Reptile:
$g_1 + g_2$
MAML: g_2
(simplified)



Accuracy
Iteration
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
0
5000
10000
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g_3
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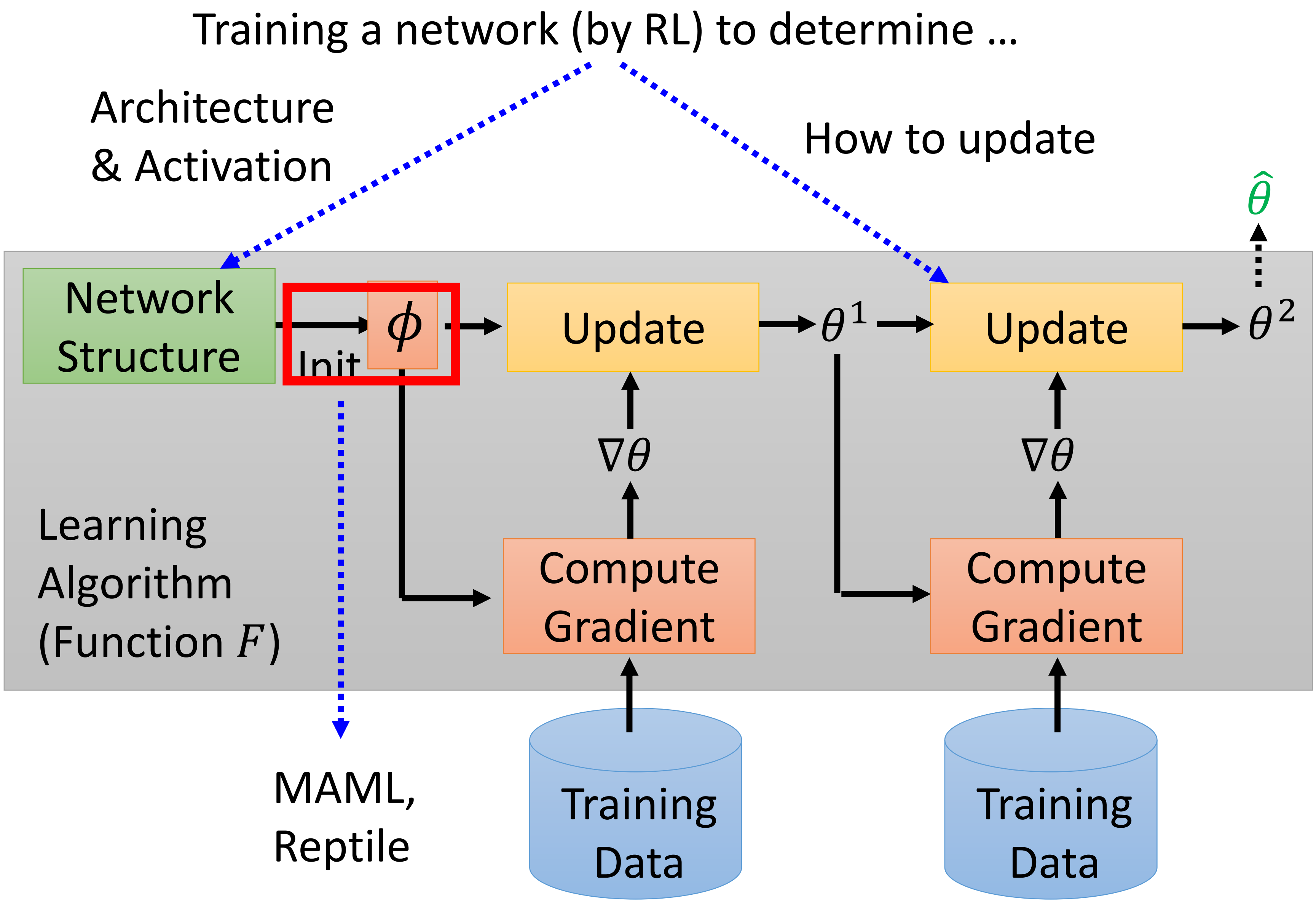
g_4
Pre-train

More … Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c10nxBcSH14



Turtles all the way down ...... ?

- We learn the initialization parameter ϕ by gradient descent
- What is the initialization parameter ϕ^0 for initialization parameter ϕ?

Learn

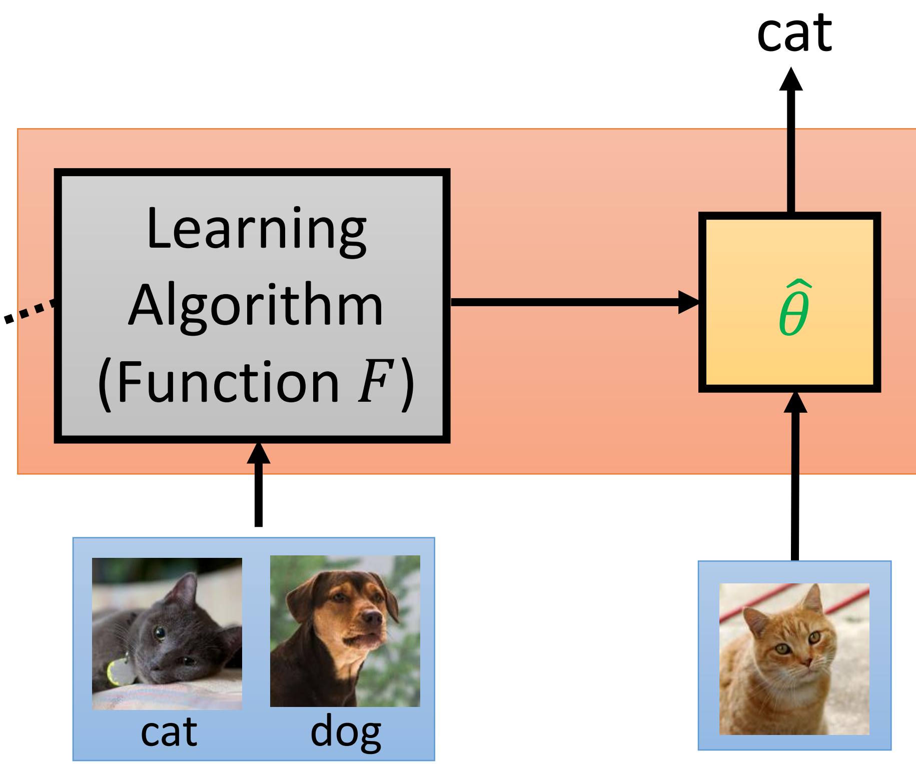
Learn to learn

Learn to learn to learn

Crazy Idea?

下回分解 ☺

- How about learning algorithm beyond gradient descent?



Just a network

Design network architecture
= Design training algorithm?

Training Data

Testing Data

Learn an even bigger function