Model Compression

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Review

- Last lecture:
  - Motivation
  - Overview of self-supervised learning
  - Generative-based methods
  - Generative adversarial networks
  - Context-based methods
- Assignments (Canvas):
  - Project outline due Wednesday
- Questions?

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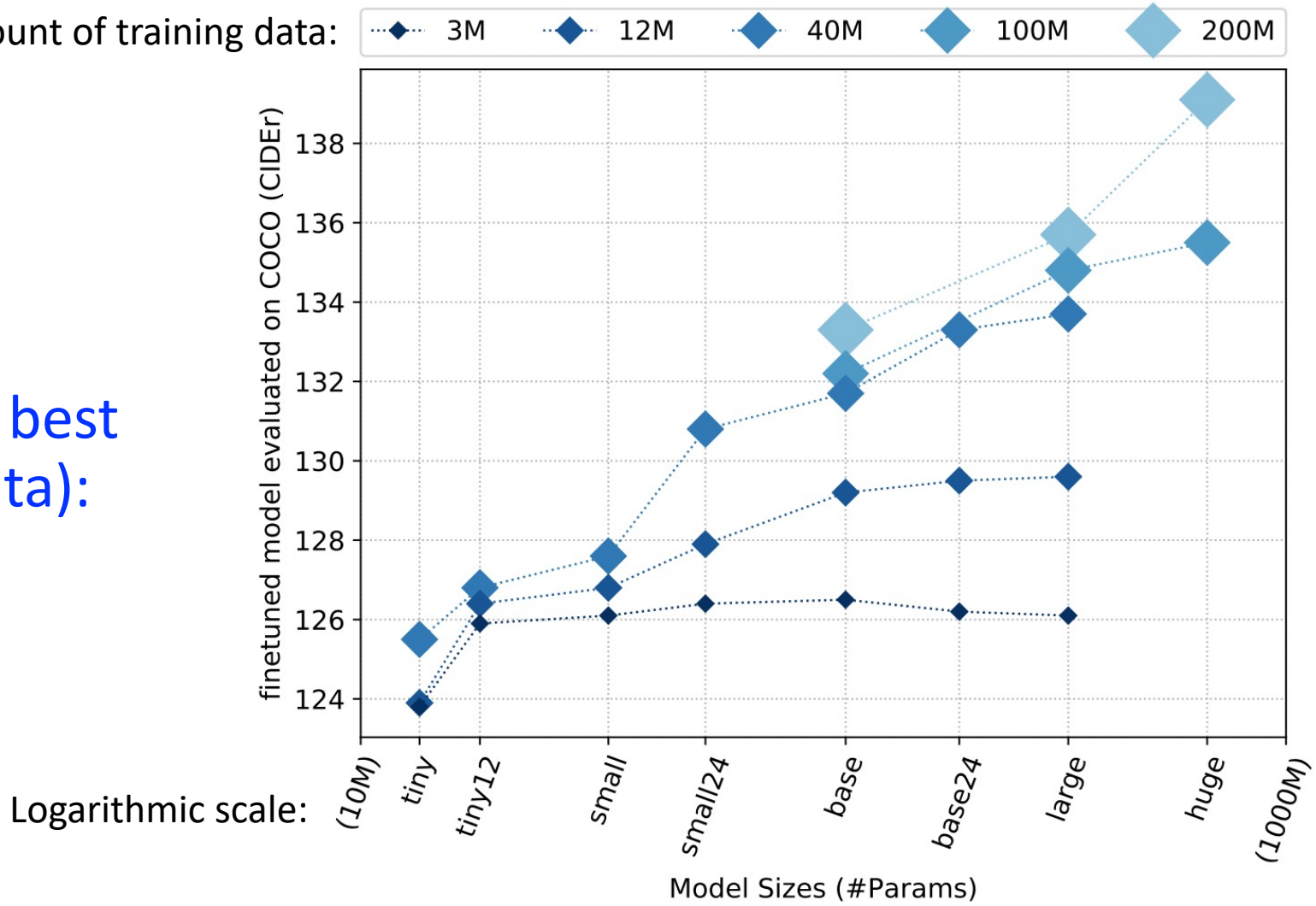
Trend: Parameter-Heavy Models; e.g.,

Larger models perform best
(with lots of training data):



Hu et al. Scaling Up Vision-Language Pre-training for Image Captioning. CVPR 2022

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- Large inference time (i.e., incompatible for real-time applications)
- Large memory footprint (e.g., incompatible with limited memory on edge devices)
- Large computational cost (e.g., incompatible with limited battery on edge devices)
- Potential for large environmental costs

Idea: develop compact models so deep learning models can be used more efficiently and for more applications

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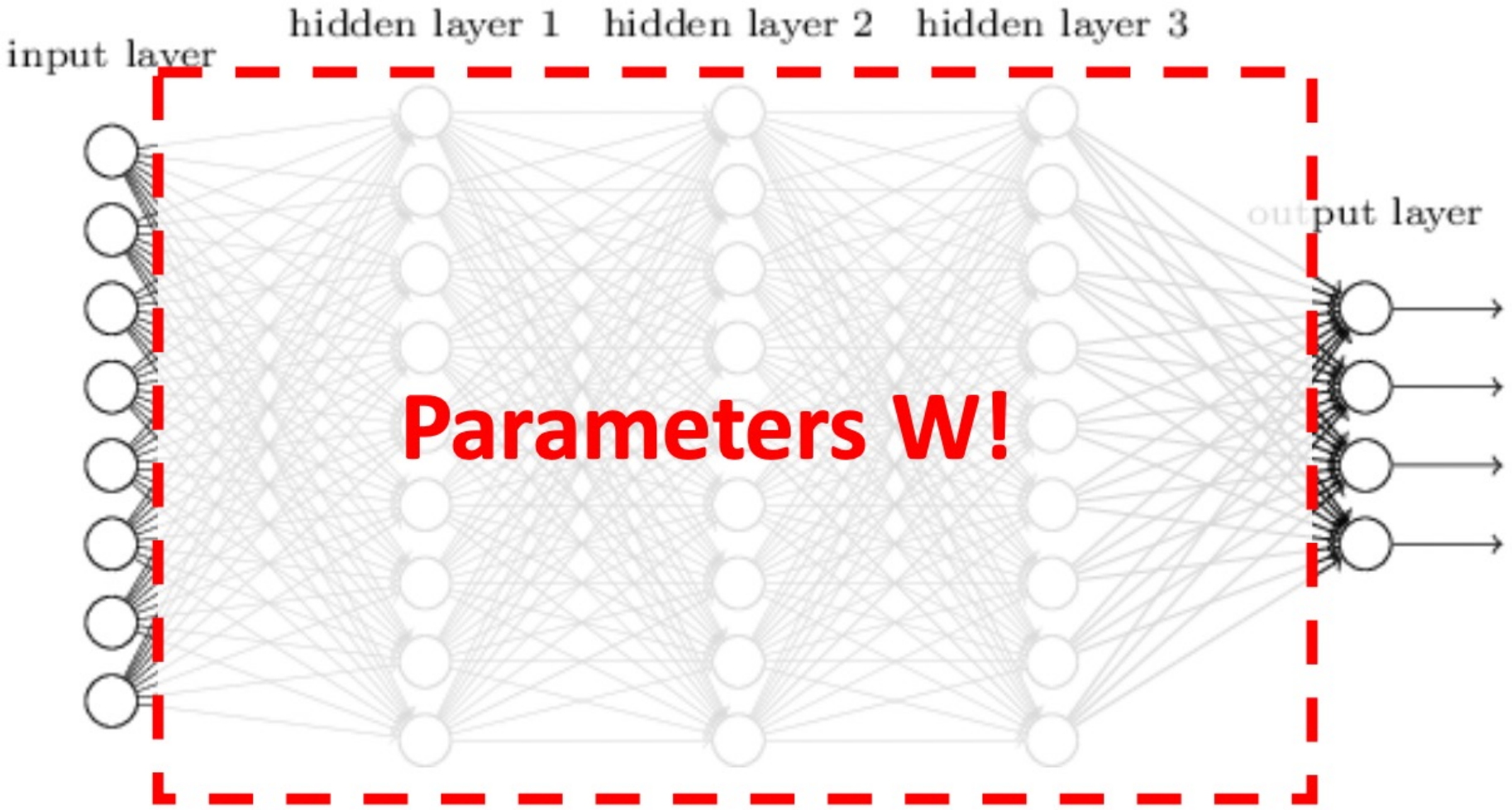
Popular Approach: Knowledge Distillation

A student learns from a knowledgeable teacher

Image source: https://www.waterford.org/education/teacher-student-relationships/

Key Question: What is Knowledge?



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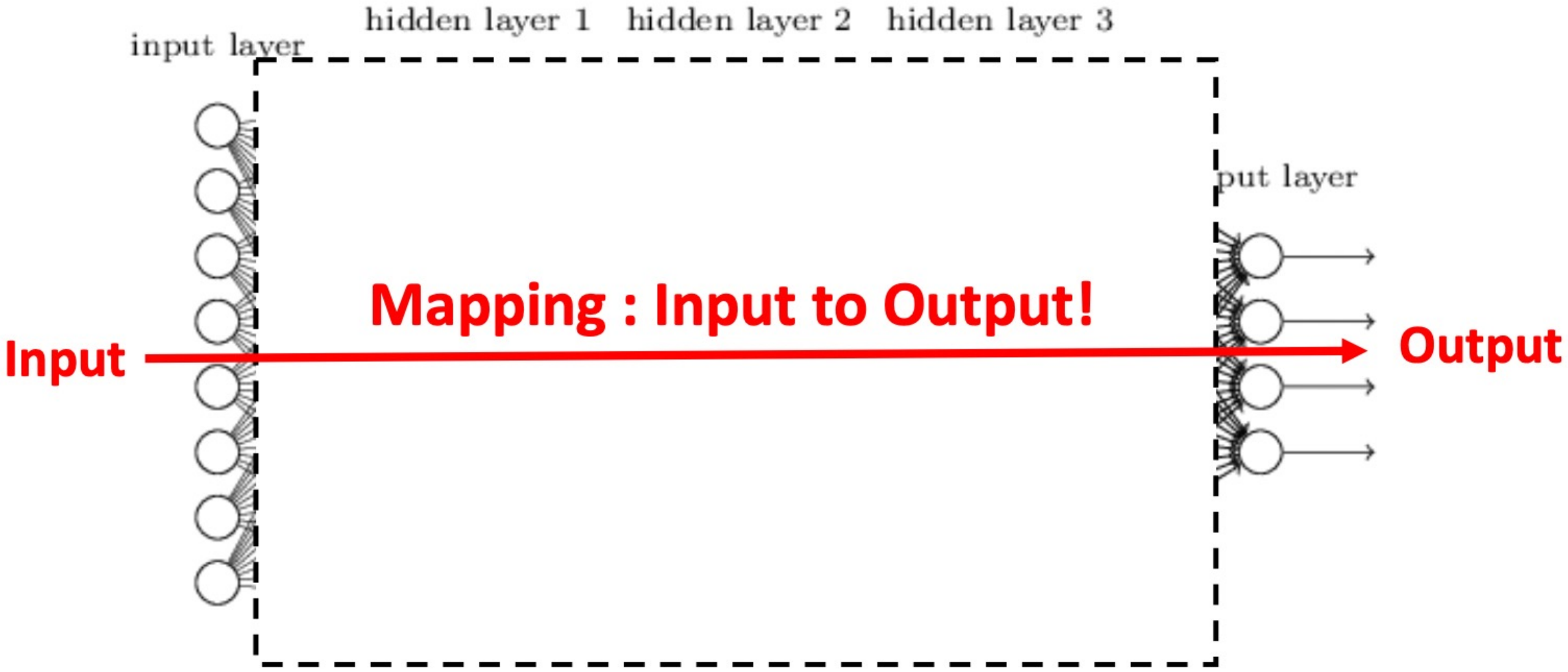

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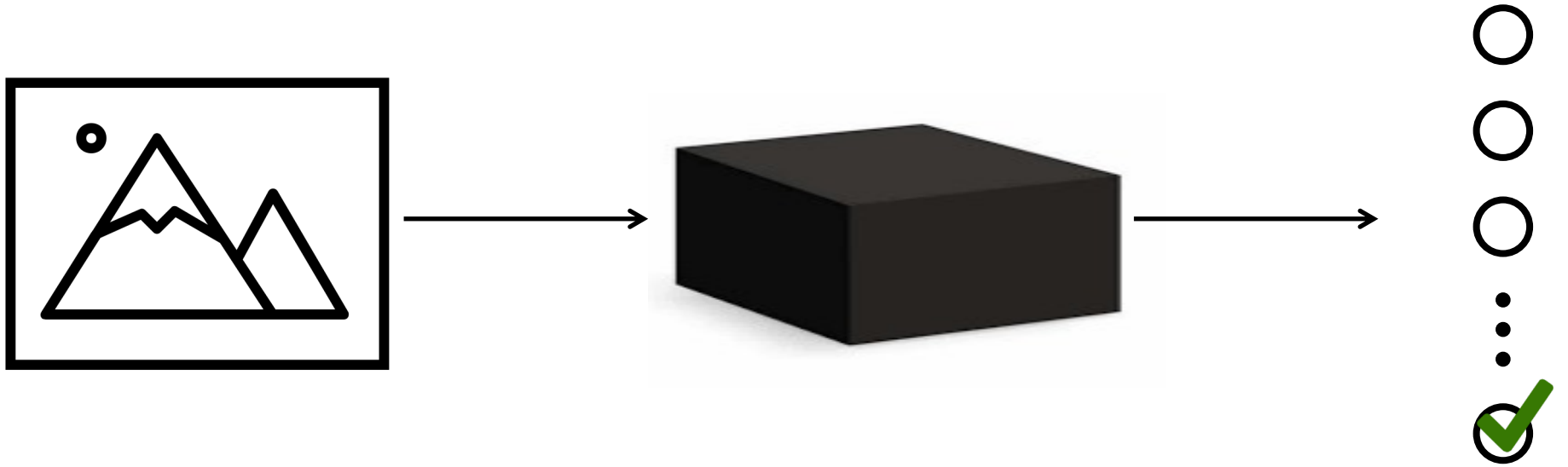

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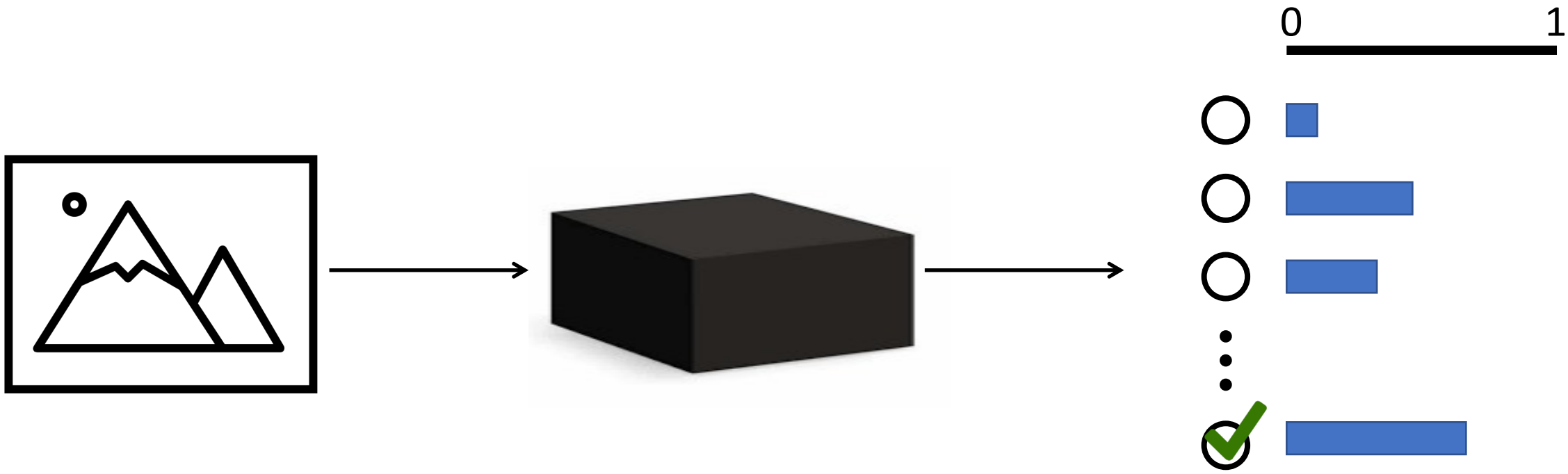

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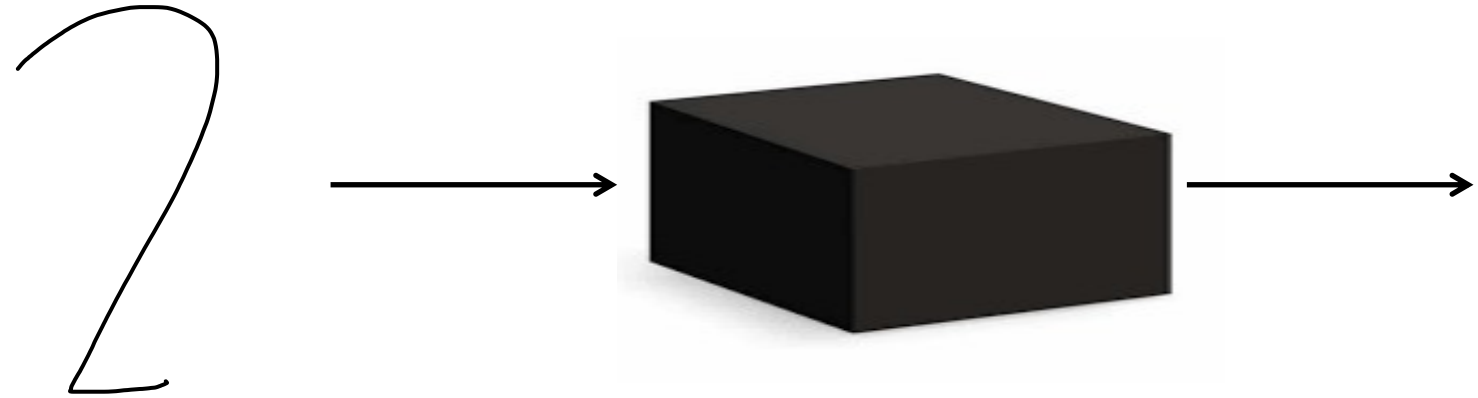

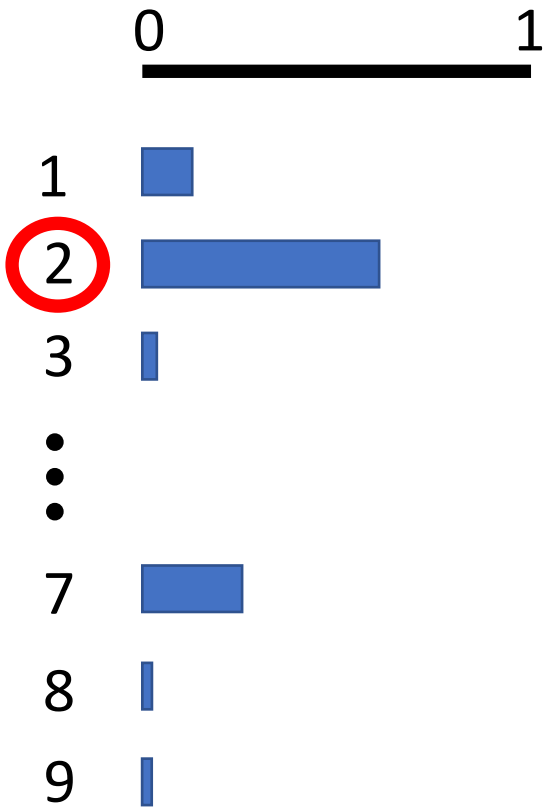

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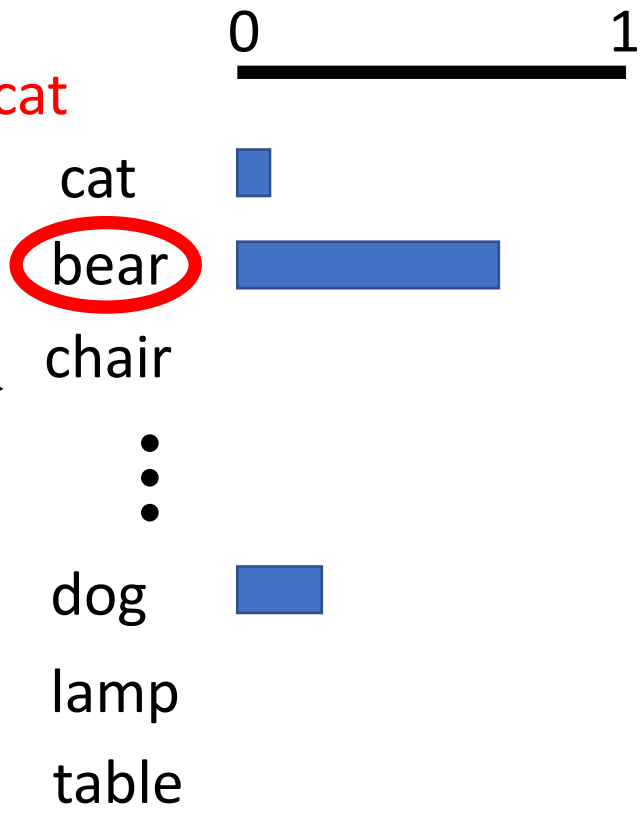

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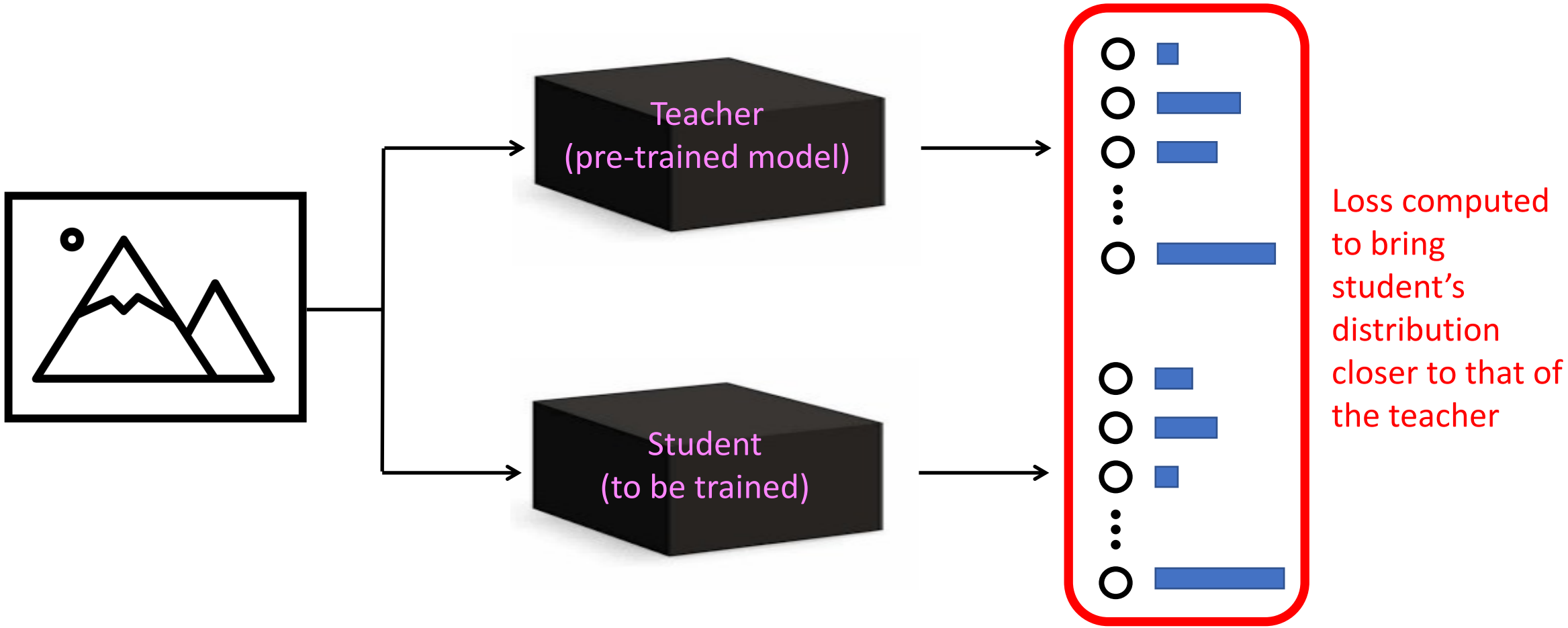

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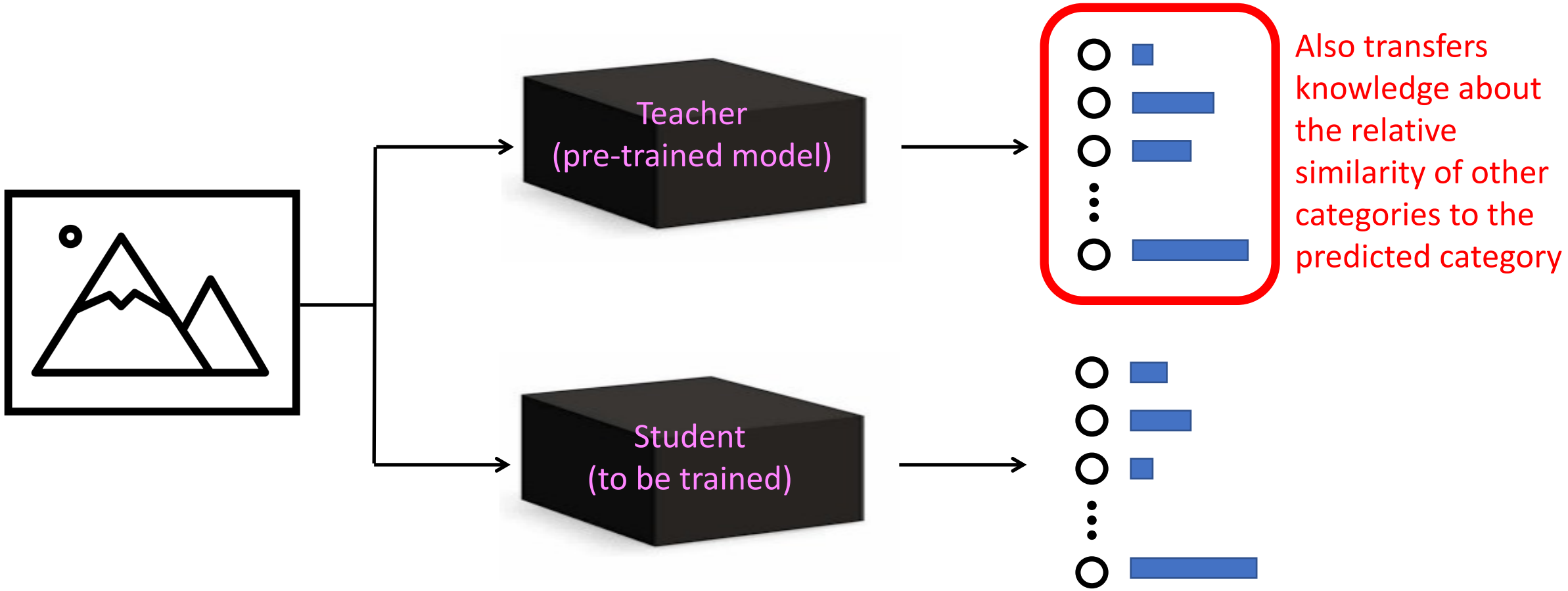

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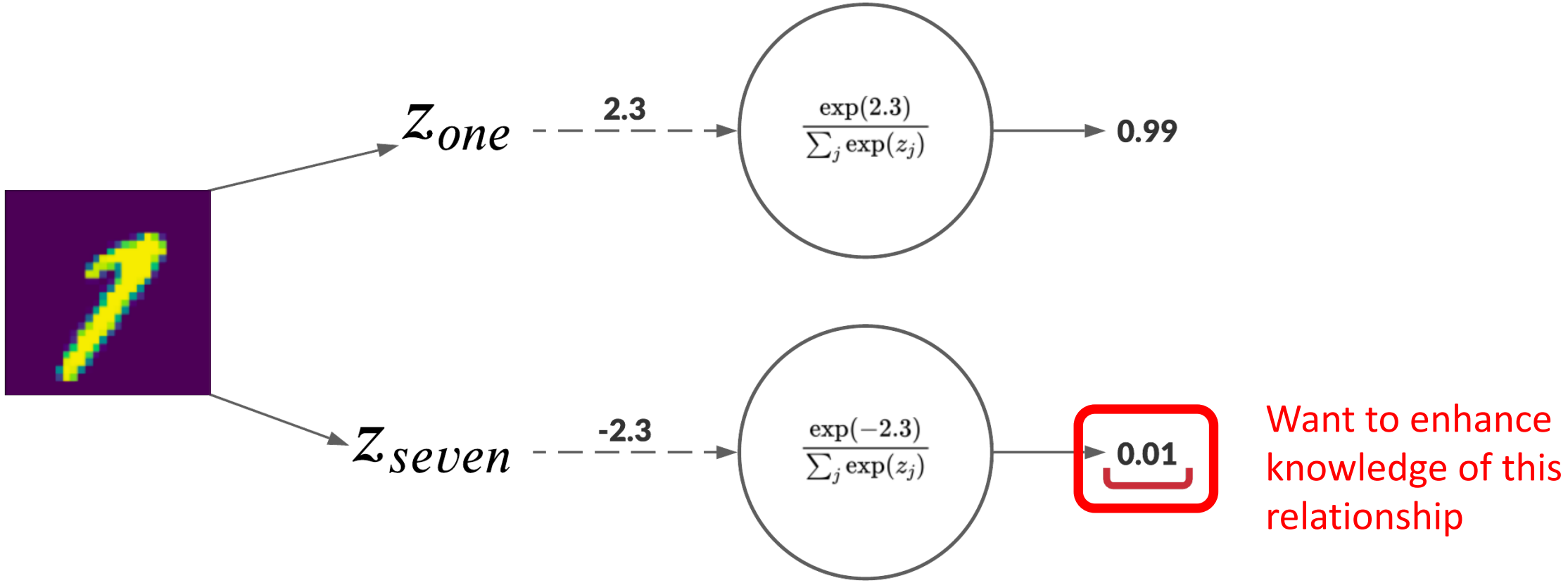

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Get rid of negative values while preserving original order of scores

$$\sigma(\mathbf{z})_i = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^{K} e^{z_j}}$$

i = 1, …, K

Number of classes

Divide each node's score by sum of all entries to make them sum to 1 (normalization)

Useful tutorial: https://towardsdatascience.com/exploring-the-softmax-function-578c8b0fb15

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Generalized Softmax: converts vector of scores into a probability distribution that sums to 1 with temperature

$$\sigma(\mathbf{z})_i = \frac{\exp(z_i / T)}{\sum_j \exp(z_j / T)}$$

What is the typical value of T used for softmax?

Idea: set the temperature to a value greater than 1

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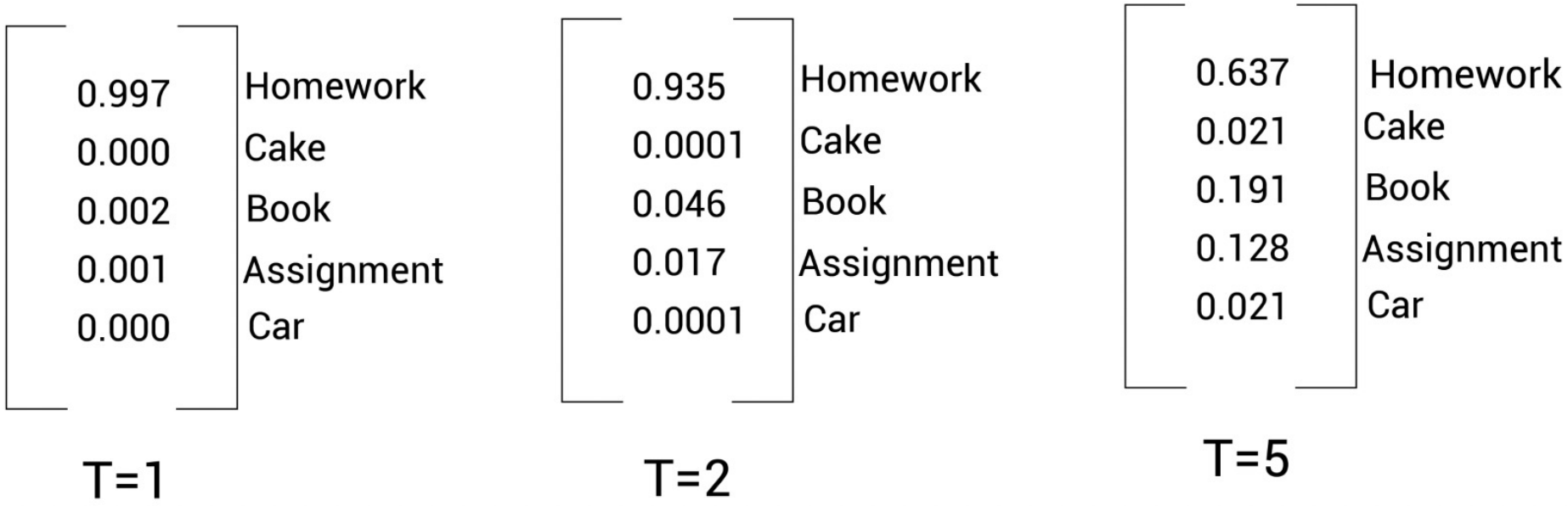

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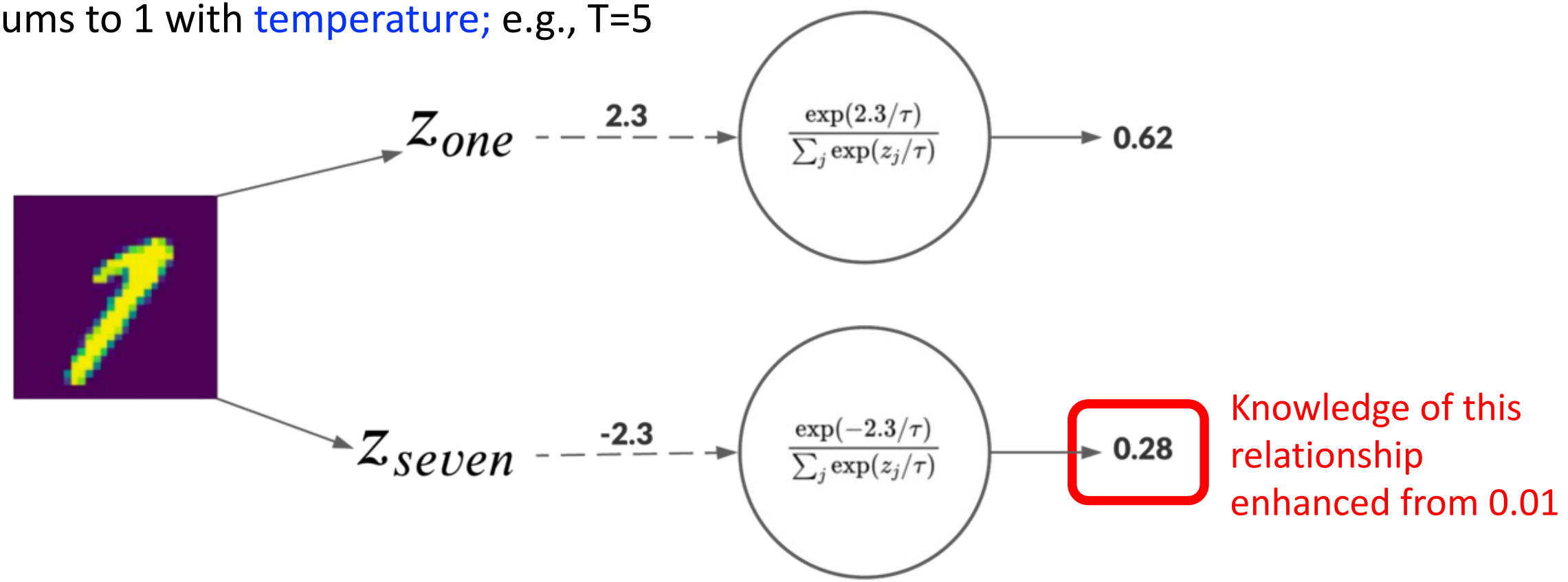

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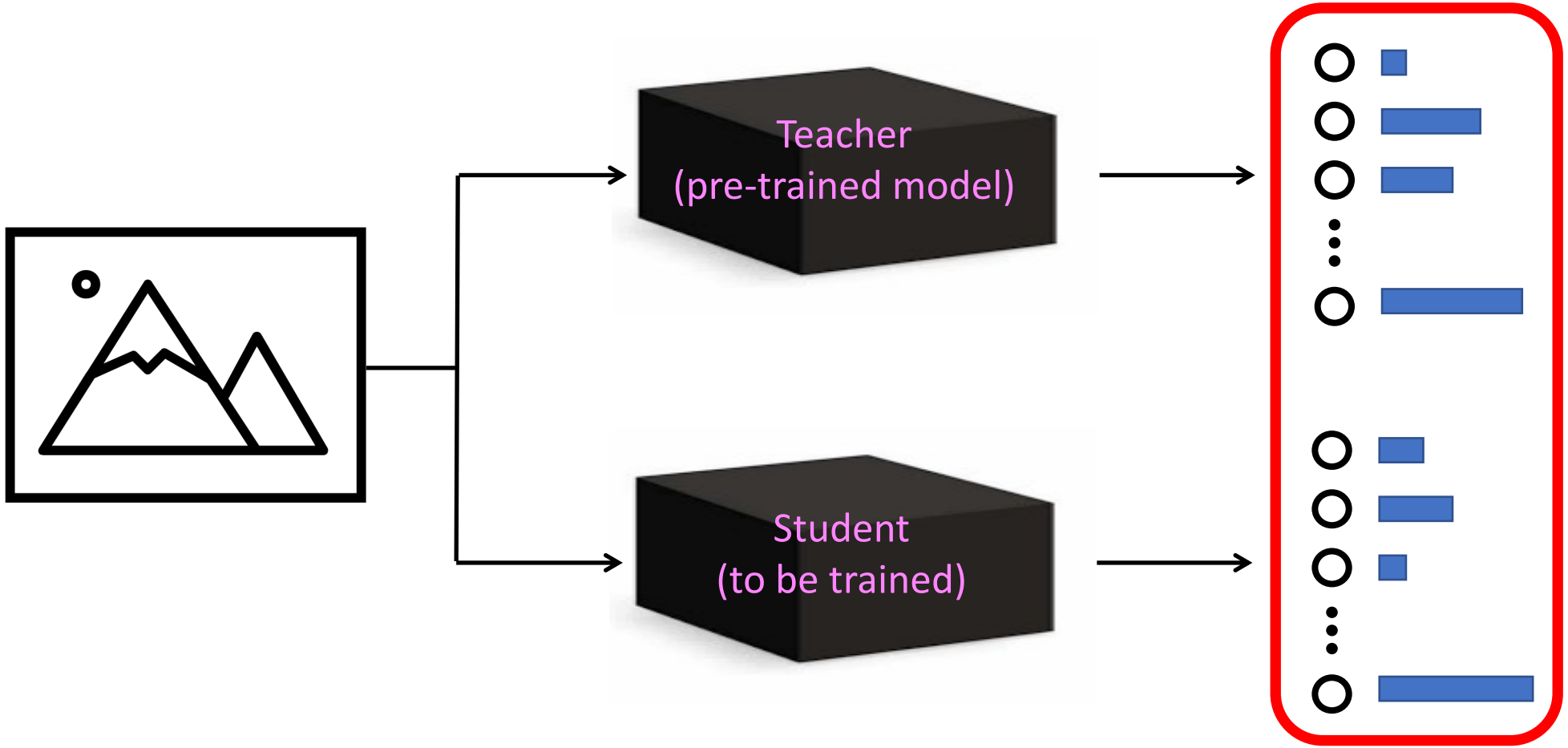

"Distillation" loss computed to bring student's distribution closer to that of the teacher, using the generalized softmax equation

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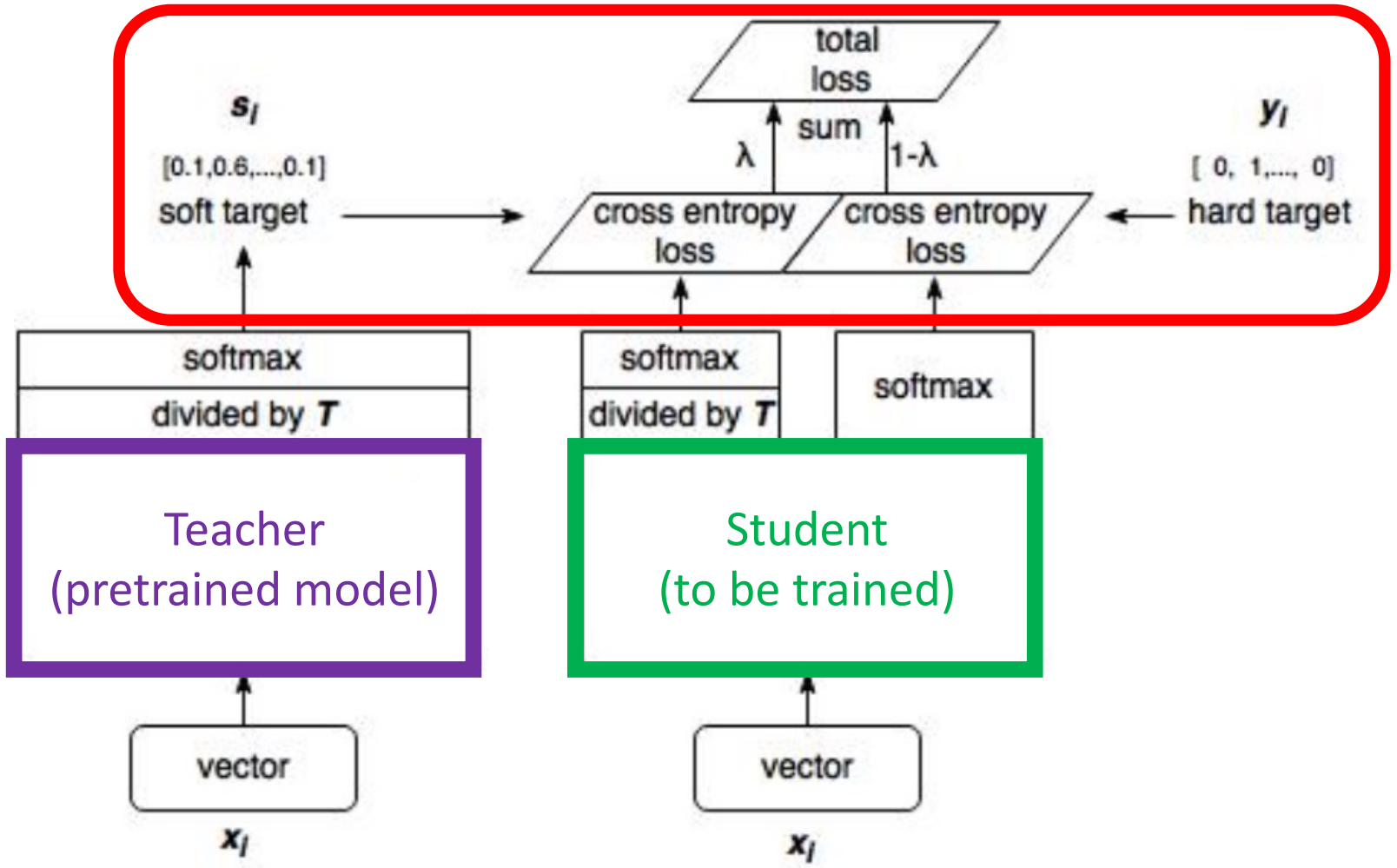

Total loss computed during training is a weighted sum of the conventional cross entropy loss and the "distillation loss"

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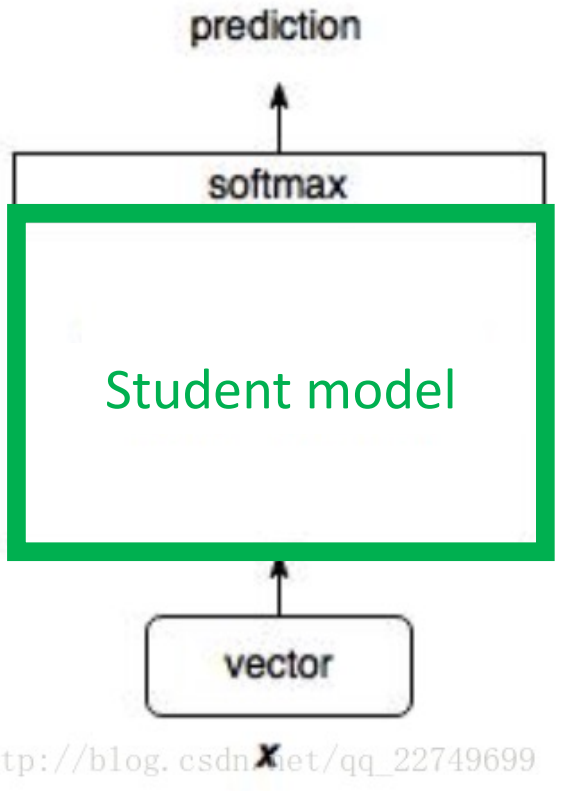
Knowledge Distillation: At Test Time



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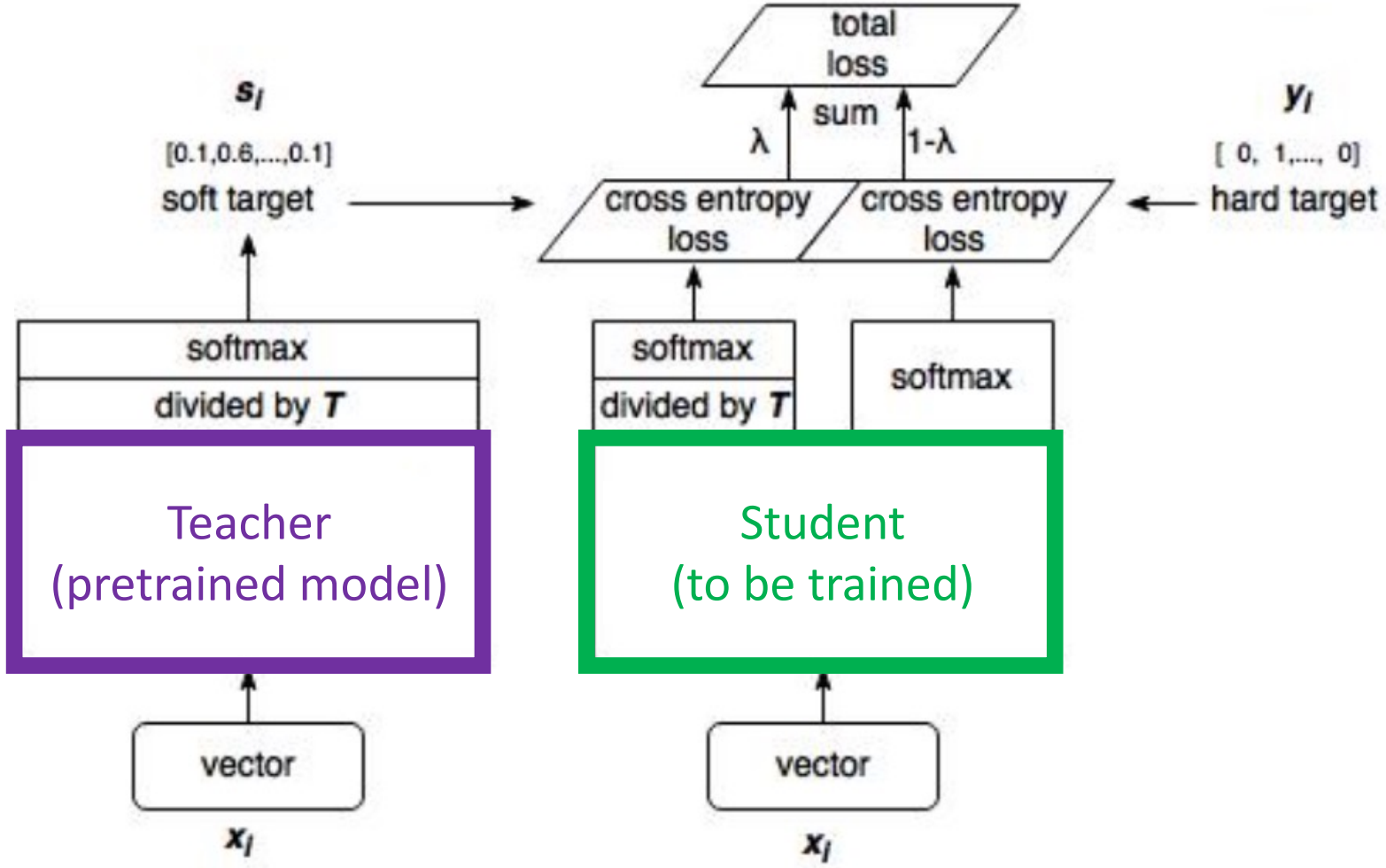

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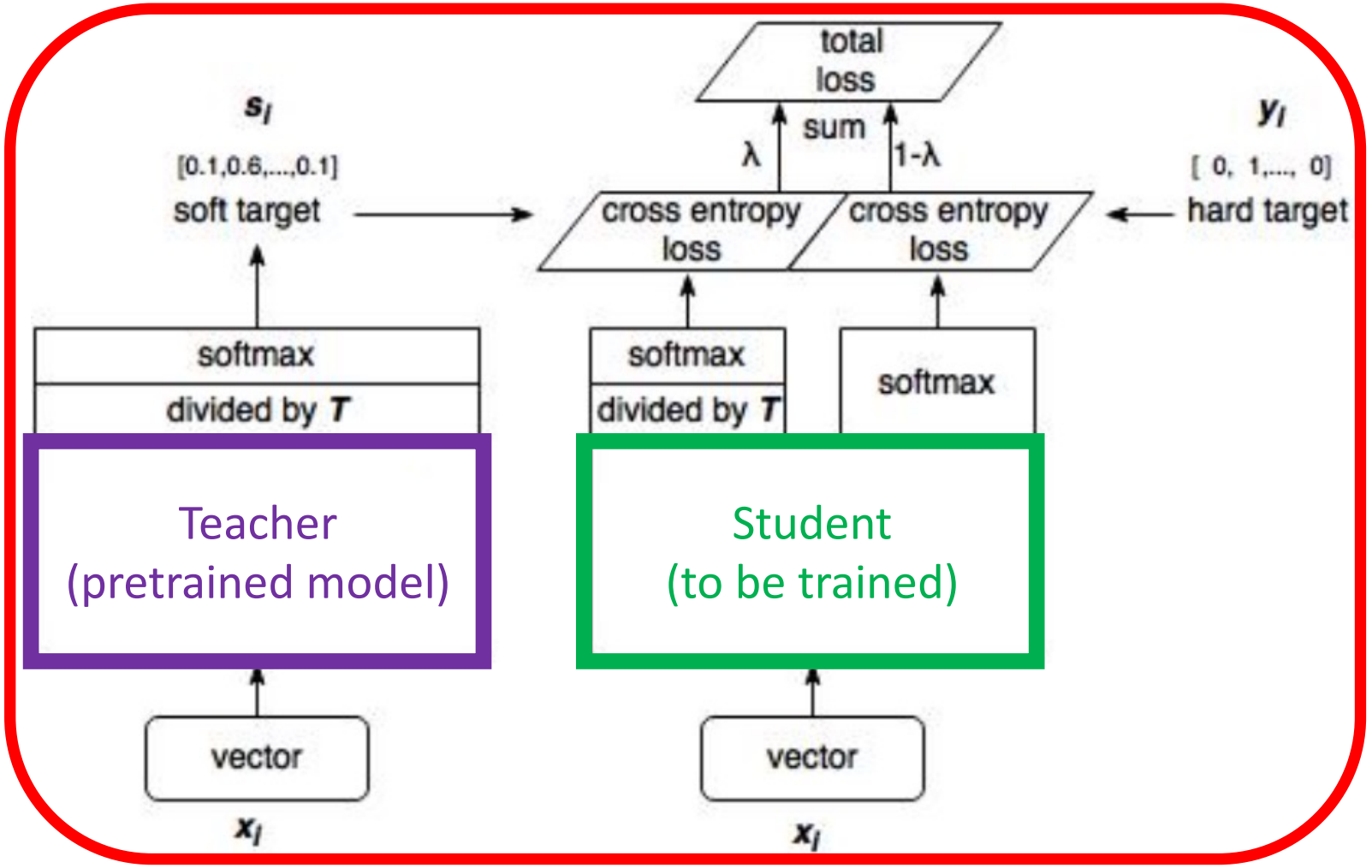

Knowledge distillation is a type of transfer learning

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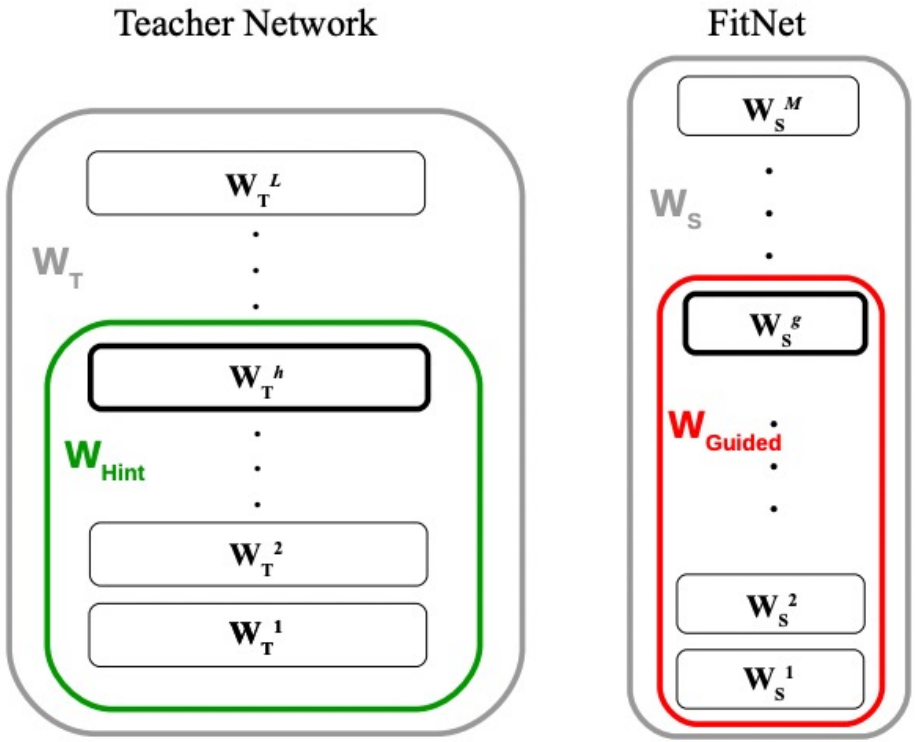

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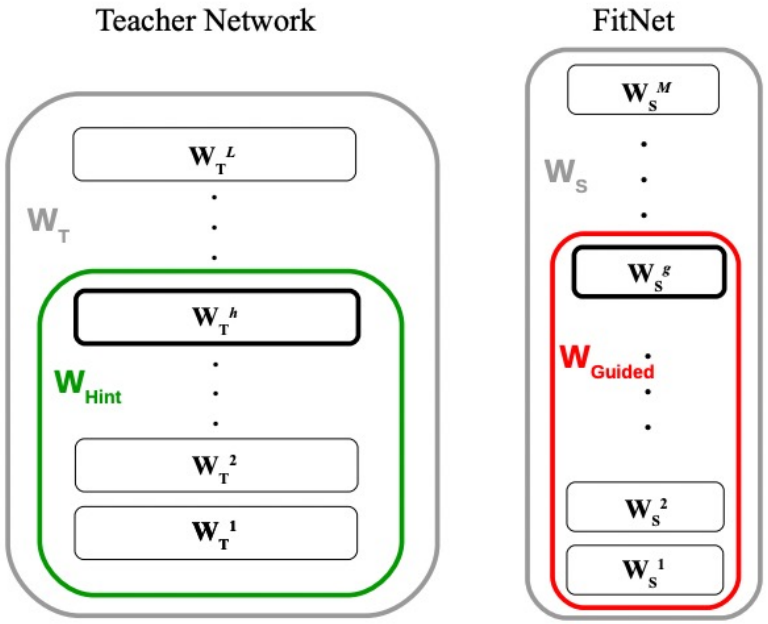

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Training conducted to learn the intermediate feature

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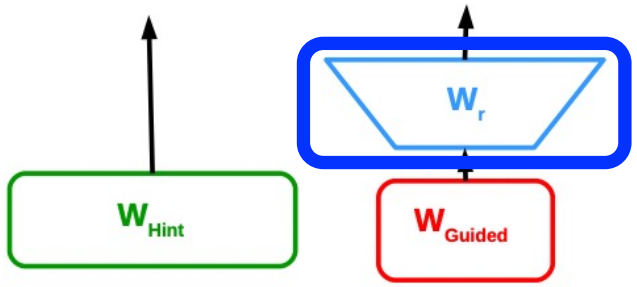

Layer added to match size of the hint's output layer

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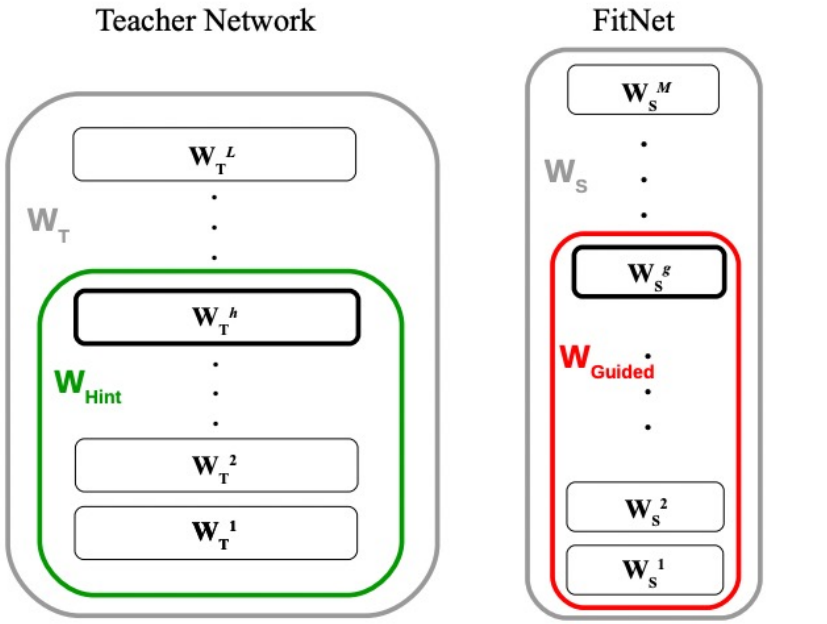

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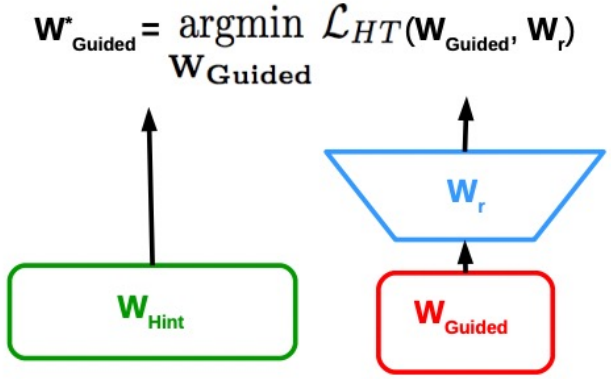

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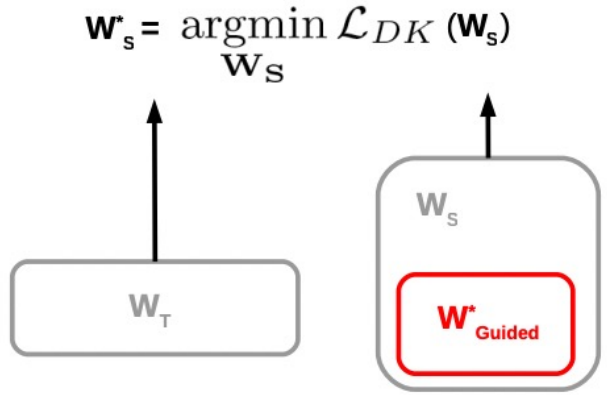

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Recall Task: Predict Category from 1000 Options

- Evaluation metric: % correct (top-1 and top-5 predictions)
- Dataset: ~1.5 million images
- Source: images scraped from search engines, such as Flickr, and labeled by crowdworkers

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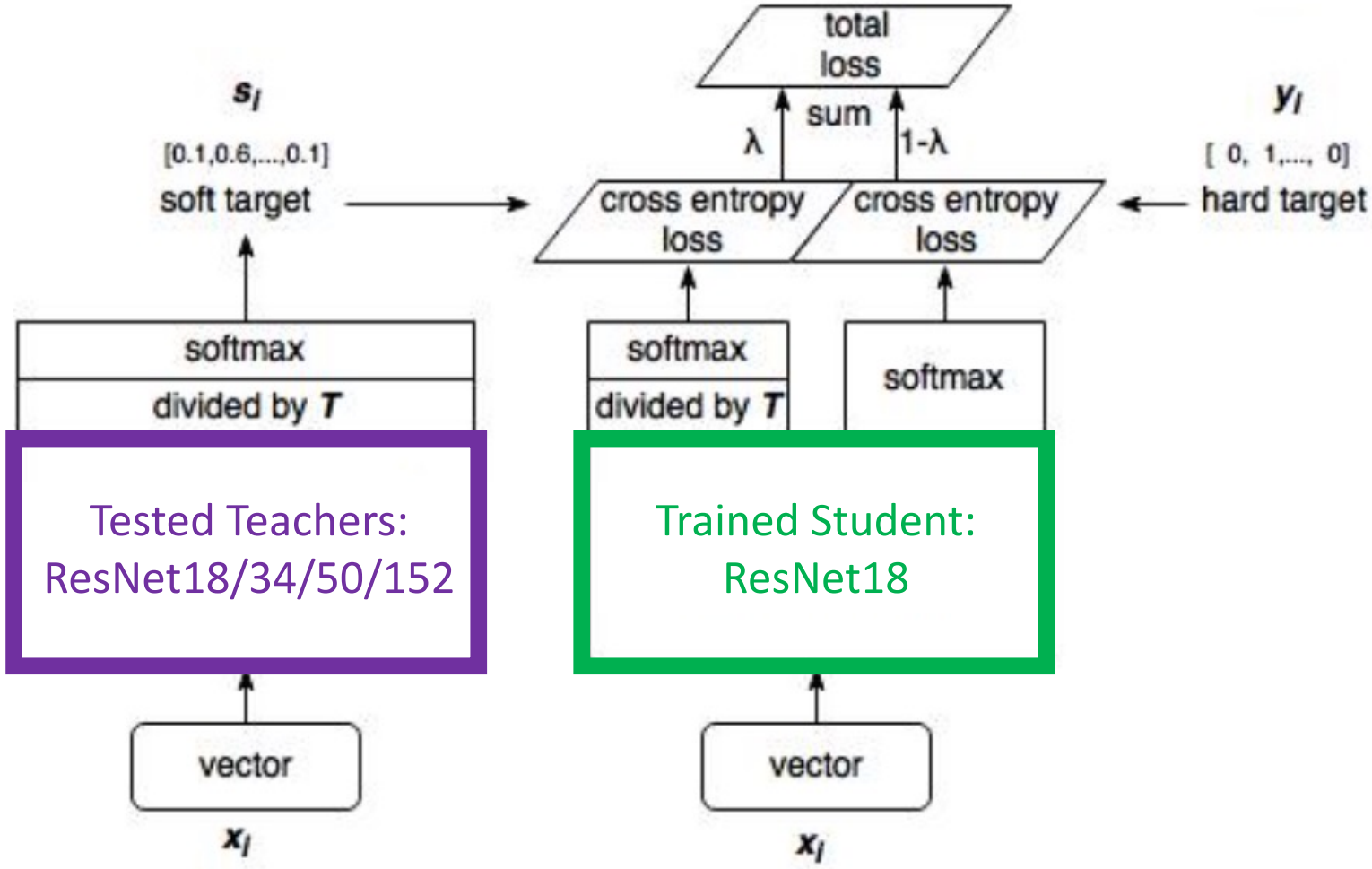

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Student performance not only drops for larger teachers but the models distilled from teachers perform worse than training the student from scratch!

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Experiment: Why Might Student Performance Drop as Teacher Size Grows?

1. More accurate models are more confident and so need higher temperatures to learn the “dark knowledge” of category relationships

2. Student mimics teacher but the loss function is mismatched from the evaluation metric

3. Student fails to accurately mimic teacher

Experimental analysis suggests this is the reason

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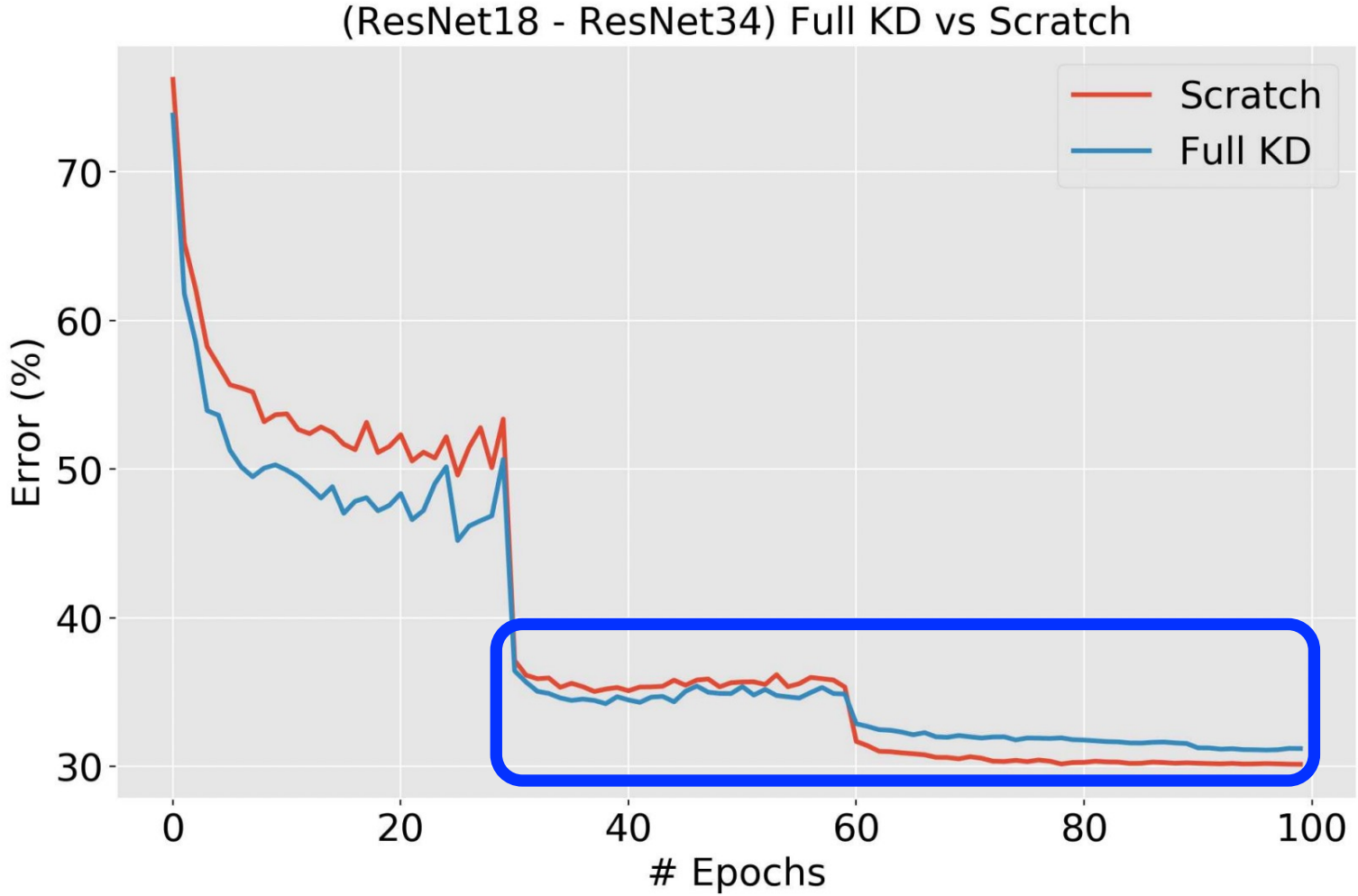
Experiment: Why Might Students Fail to Mimic Teachers?

Hypothesis: student is underfitting because of lower capacity and so “minimizing one loss (KD loss) at the expense of the other (cross entropy loss)”



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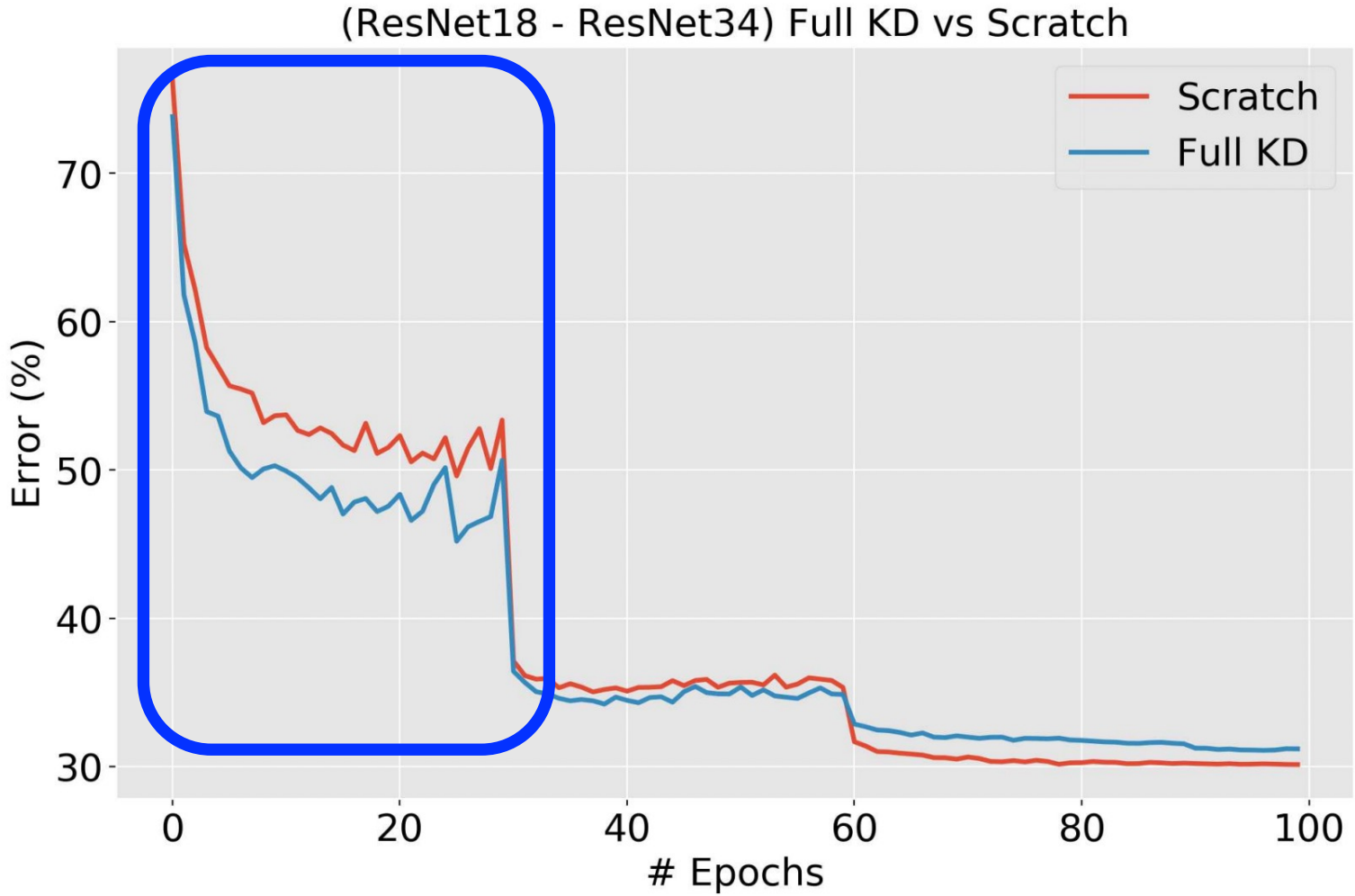
How to overcome this issue?

- Early stopping with KD loss (ESKD) to leverage its benefit at the start of training



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Experiments: How Does ESKD Compare To Training A Student from Scratch?

Teacher	Top-1 Error (%, Test)
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Training a model with early stopping knowledge distillation loss leads to better results than training from scratch!

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No; the student may still be struggling with underfitting due to an insufficient representational capacity

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Experiments: To Address The Capacity Problem Why Not Instead Distill to Intermediate Sizes?

Performs almost identically to a model that is distilled directly from a large to small size; does not address the core problem:

The student must be in the solution space of the teacher

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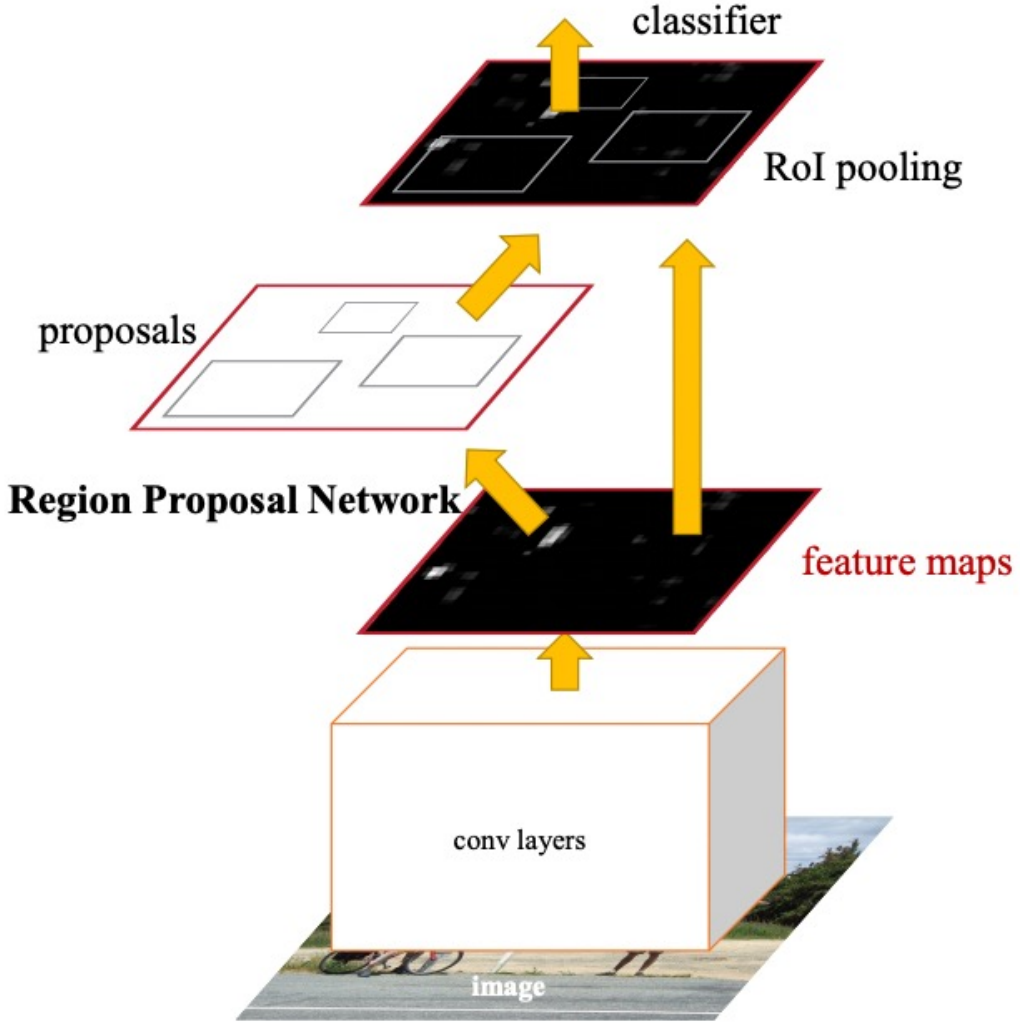

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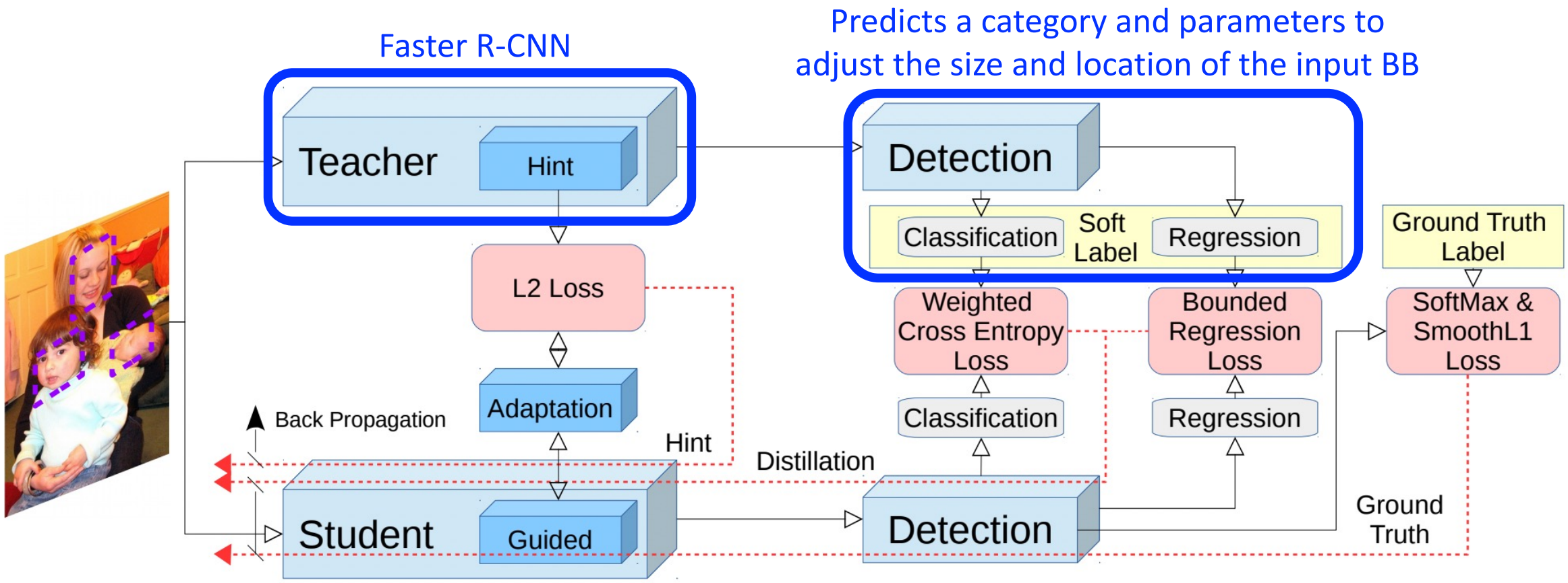

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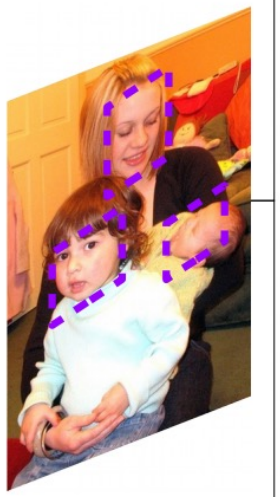
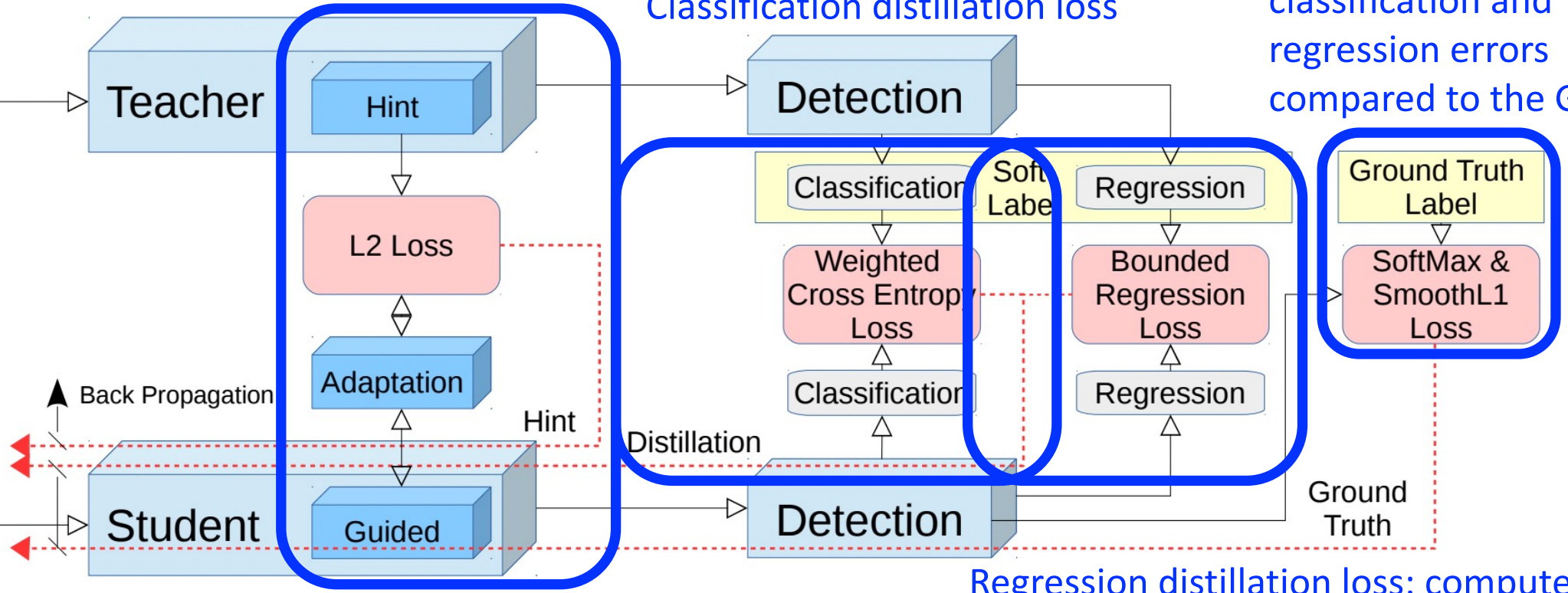
A loss is computed to encourage the student's intermediate features to match those of the teacher

Classification distillation loss

Conventional loss computed for classification and regression errors compared to the GT





= backpropagation pathways

Regression distillation loss: computed if the student's distance to the GT exceeds the teacher's distance

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Experiments

4 student models

3 teacher models

mAP scores for 5 datasets

Student	Model Info	Teacher	PASCAL	COCO@.5	COCO@[.5,.95]	KITTI	ILSVRC
Tucker	11M / 47ms	-	54.7	25.4	11.8	49.3	20.6
		AlexNet	57.6 (+2.9)	26.5 (+1.2)	12.3 (+0.5)	51.4 (+2.1)	23.6 (+1.3)
		VGGM	58.2 (+3.5)	26.4 (+1.1)	12.2 (+0.4)	51.4 (+2.1)	23.9 (+1.6)
		VGG16	59.4 (+4.7)	28.3 (+2.9)	12.6 (+0.8)	53.7 (+4.4)	24.4 (+2.1)
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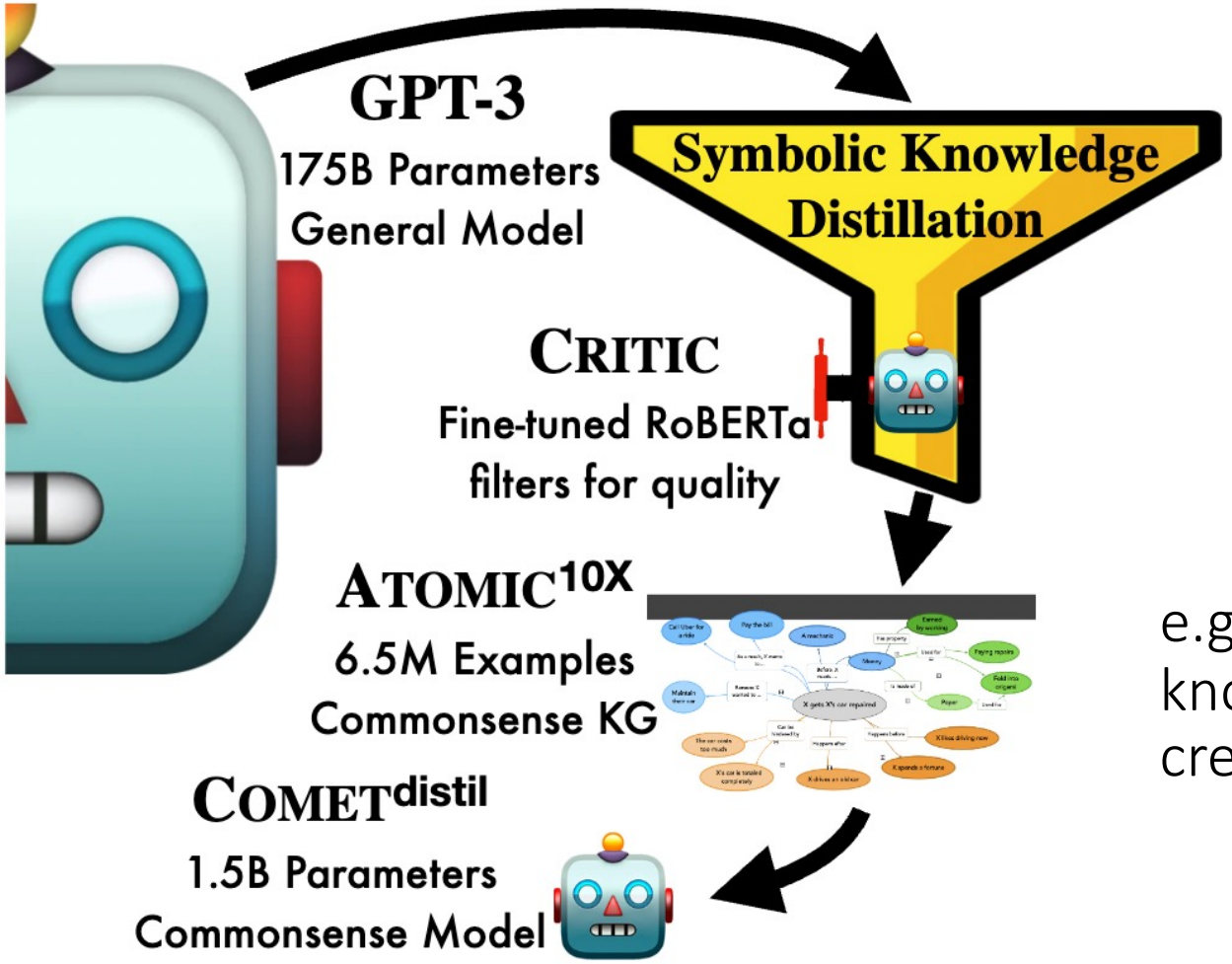

e.g., distill only sampled commonsense knowledge as a tractable symbolic set (and creates human-readable knowledge graph)

West et al. Symbolic Knowledge Distillation: from General Language Models to Commonsense Models. arXiv 2021.

(Instead Distilling Visual Commonsense; Neurips 2024)

Localized Symbolic Knowledge Distillation for Visual Commonsense Models

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Youngjae Yu[5], Qiuyuan Huang[3], Jianfeng Gao[3], Ali Farhadi[1,2], Yejin Choi[1,2]

(Distilling Knowledge Between Different Architectures; Neurips 2024)

One-for-All: Bridge the Gap Between Heterogeneous Architectures in Knowledge Distillation

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