

Model Compression

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Review

- Last lecture on style transfer:
 - Problem
 - Applications
 - Neural Style Transfer Model
 - Evaluation Metrics
 - Autoencoder-Based Models
 - Other Approaches
- Assignments (Canvas):
 - Project outline due earlier today
 - Project presentation (poster and video) due in two weeks
- Questions?

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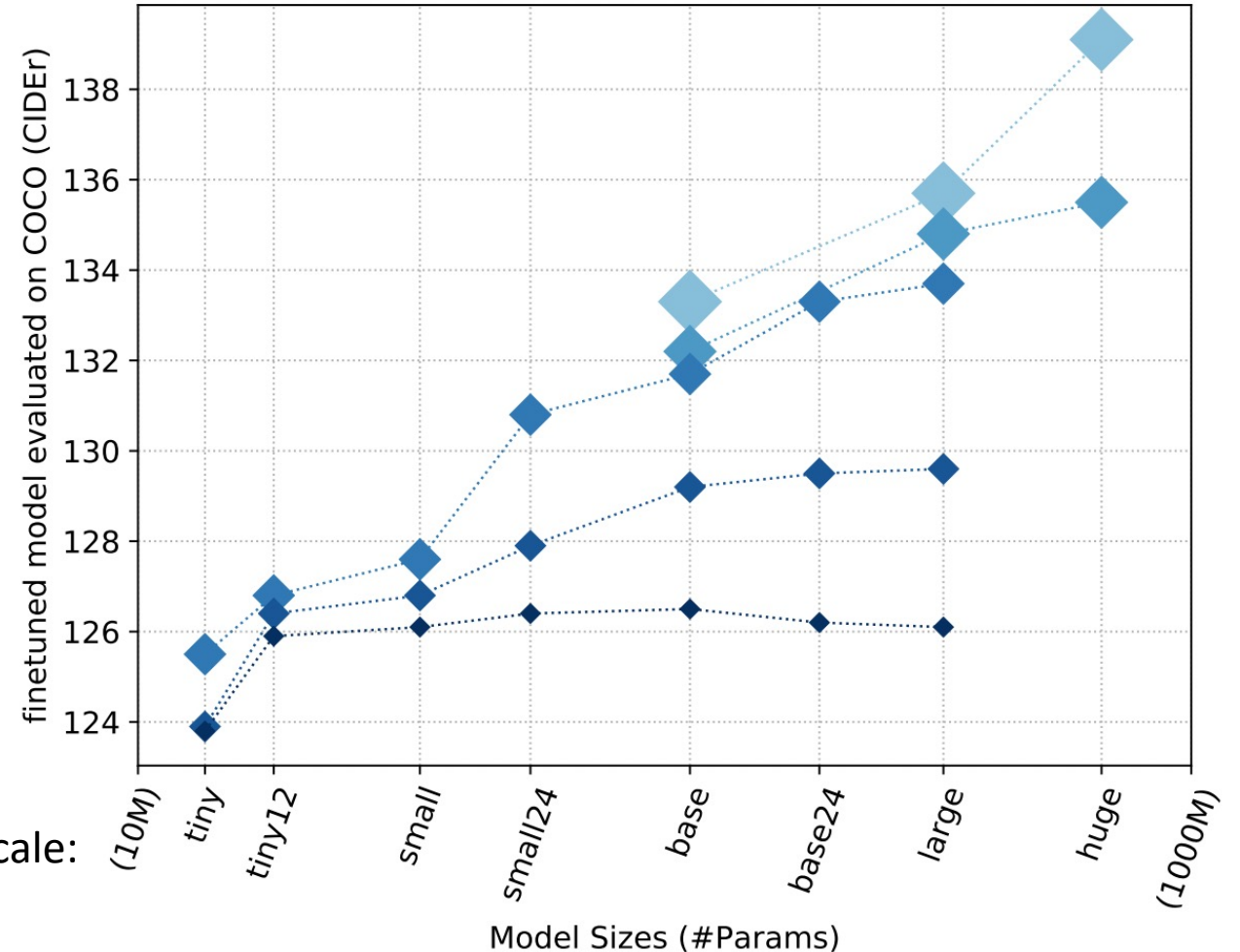
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Trend: Parameter-Heavy Models; e.g.,

Amount of training data:



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



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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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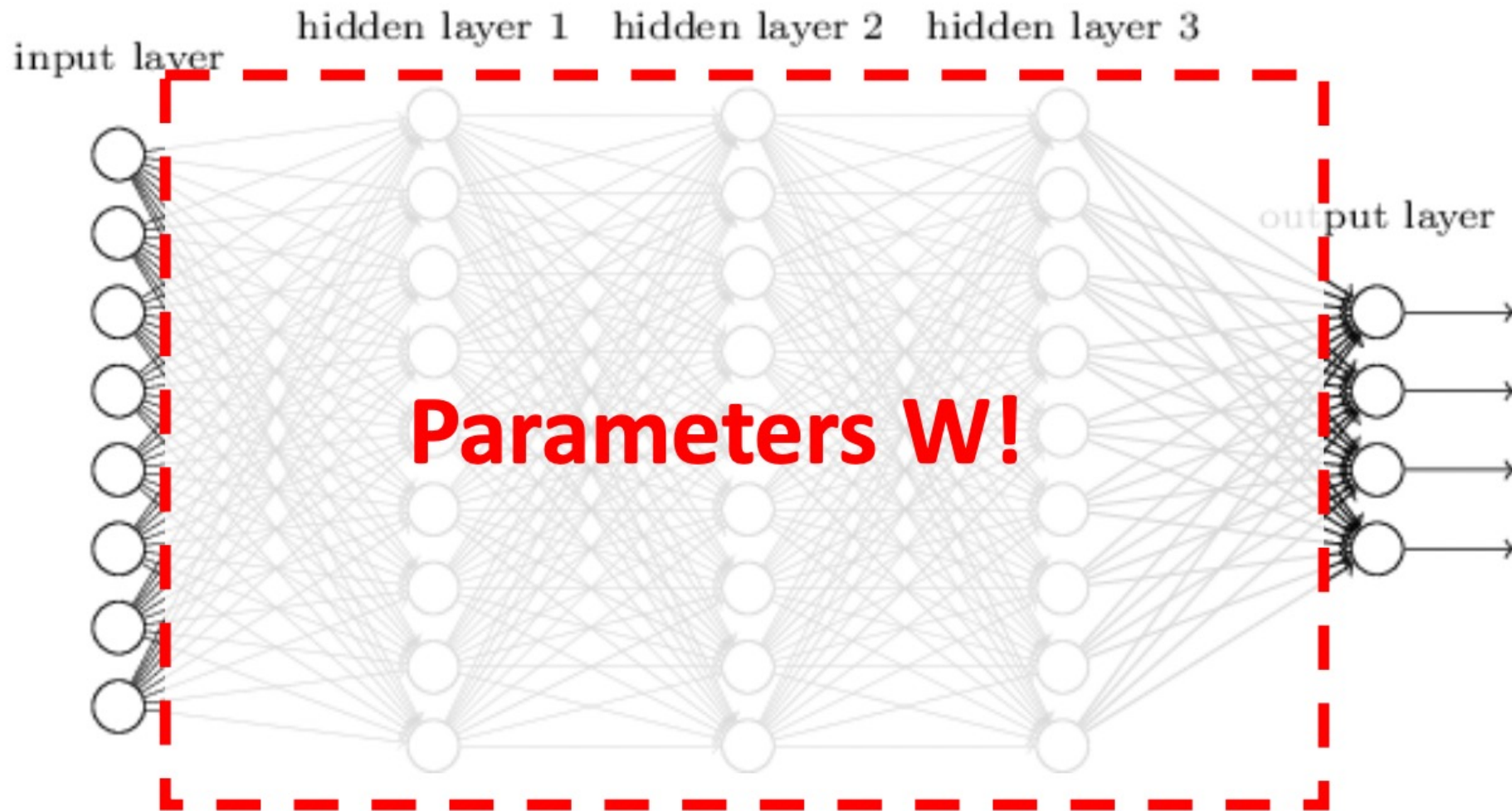
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Popular Approach: Knowledge Distillation

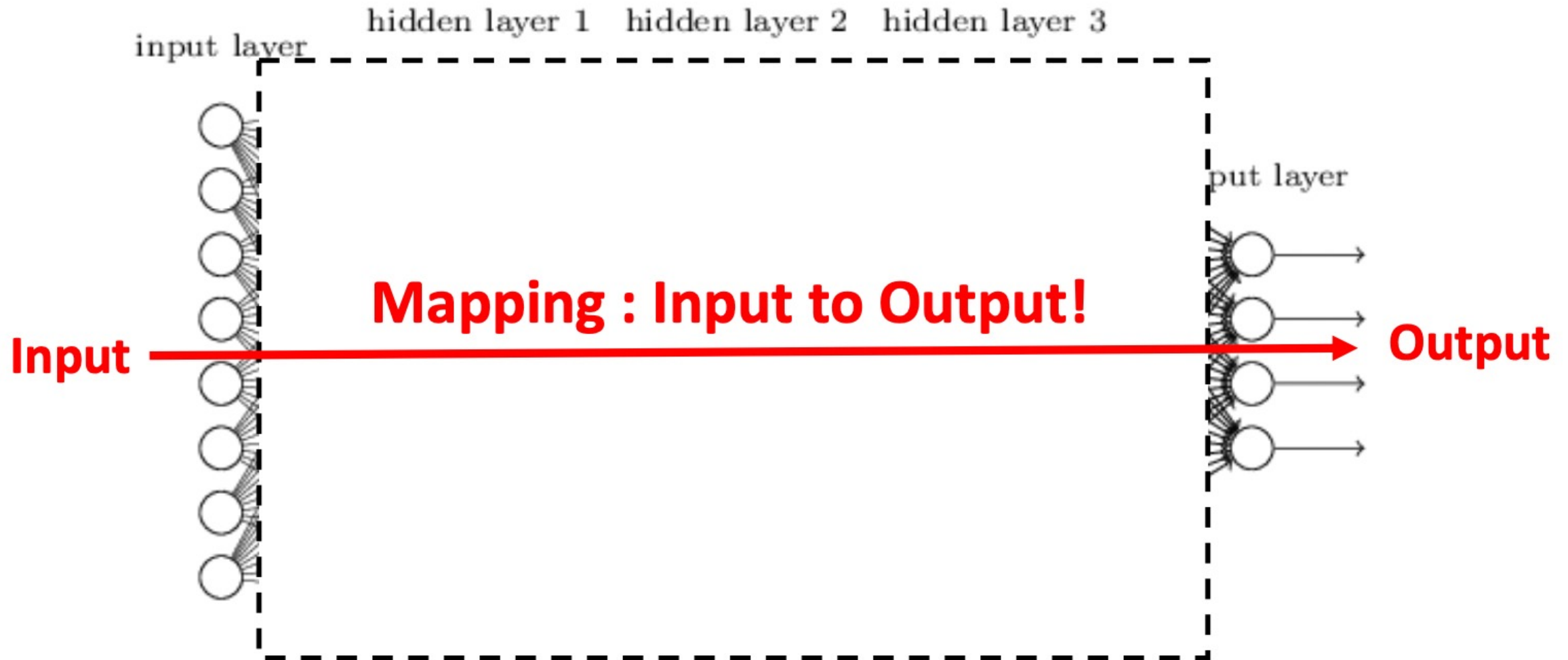


A student learns from a knowledgeable teacher

Key Question: What is Knowledge?

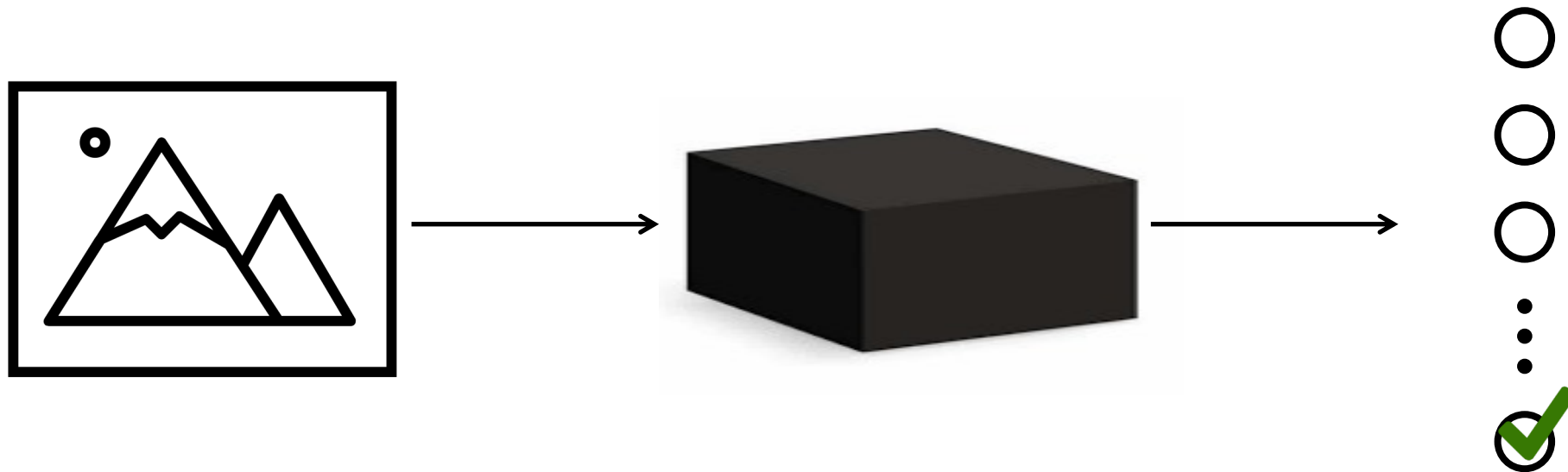


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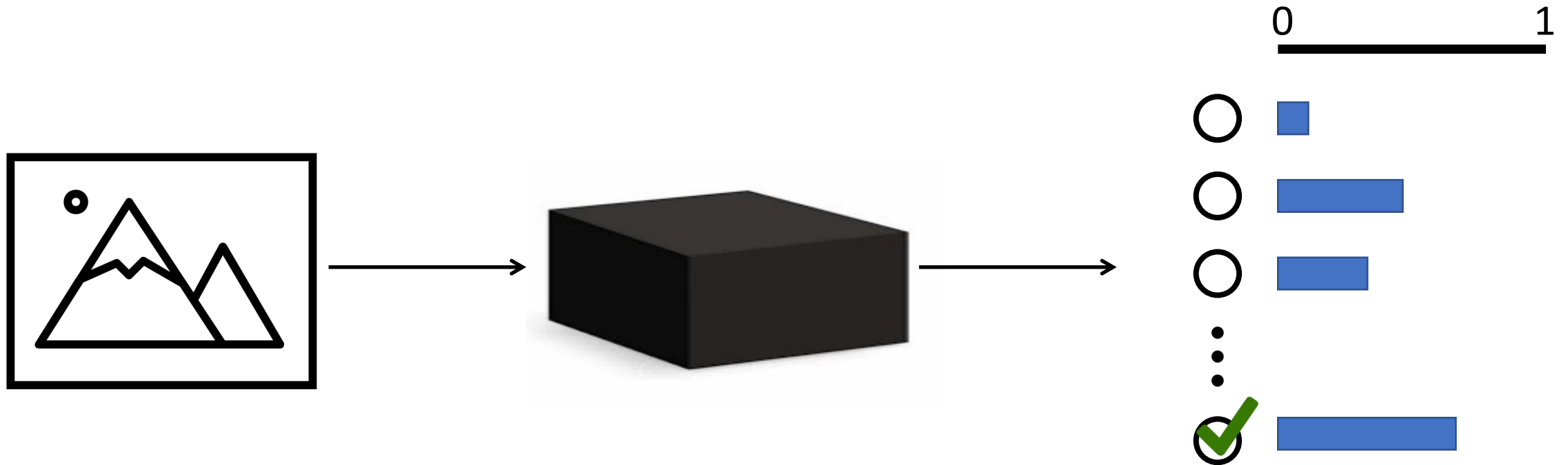
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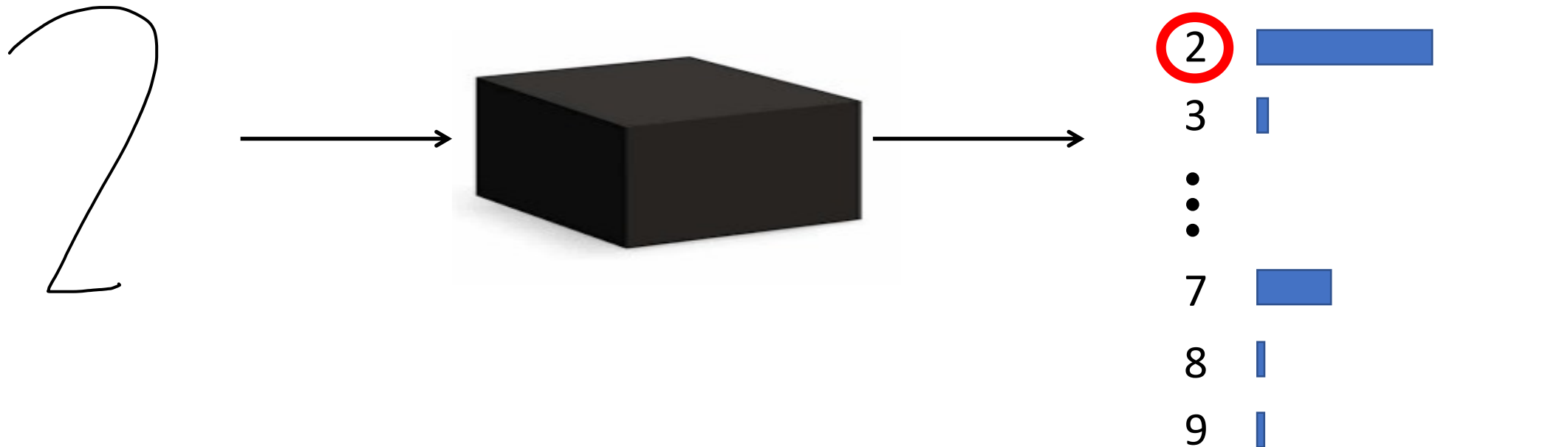
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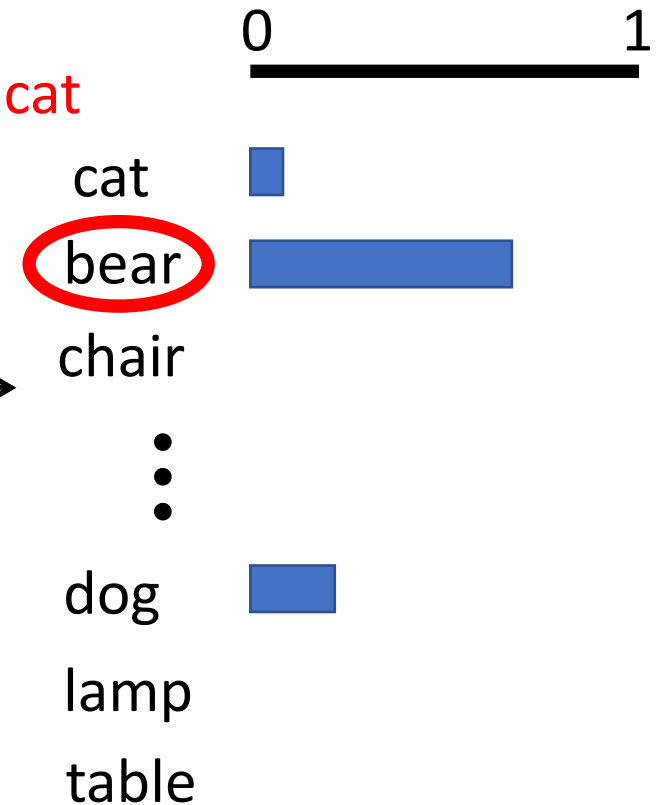
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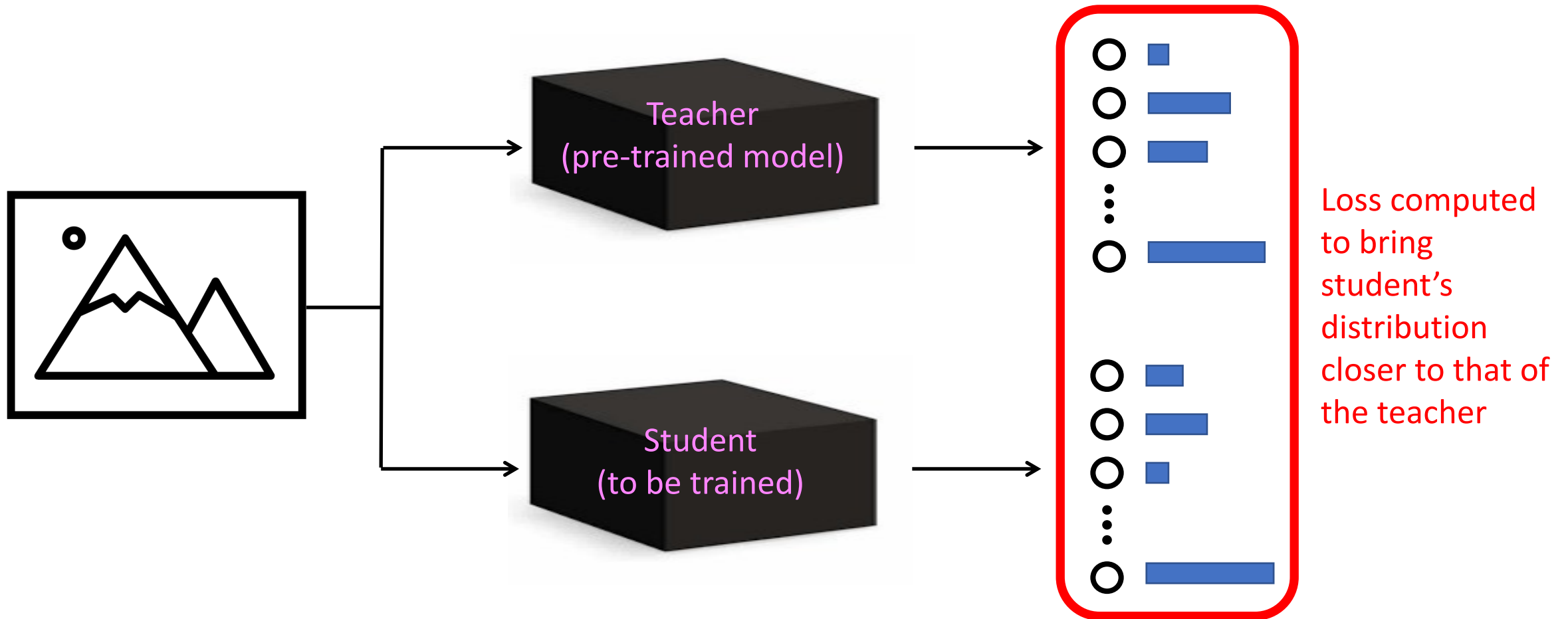
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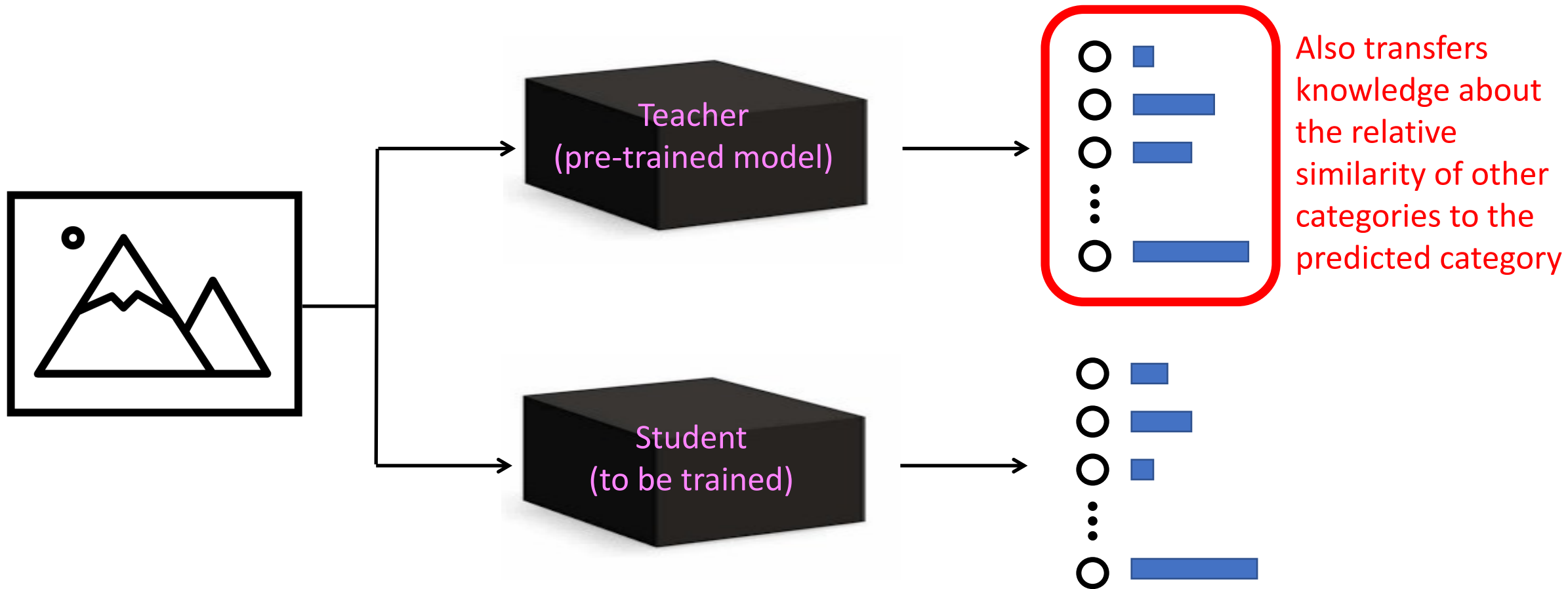
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Idea: teach about ground truth and its relationships to other categories

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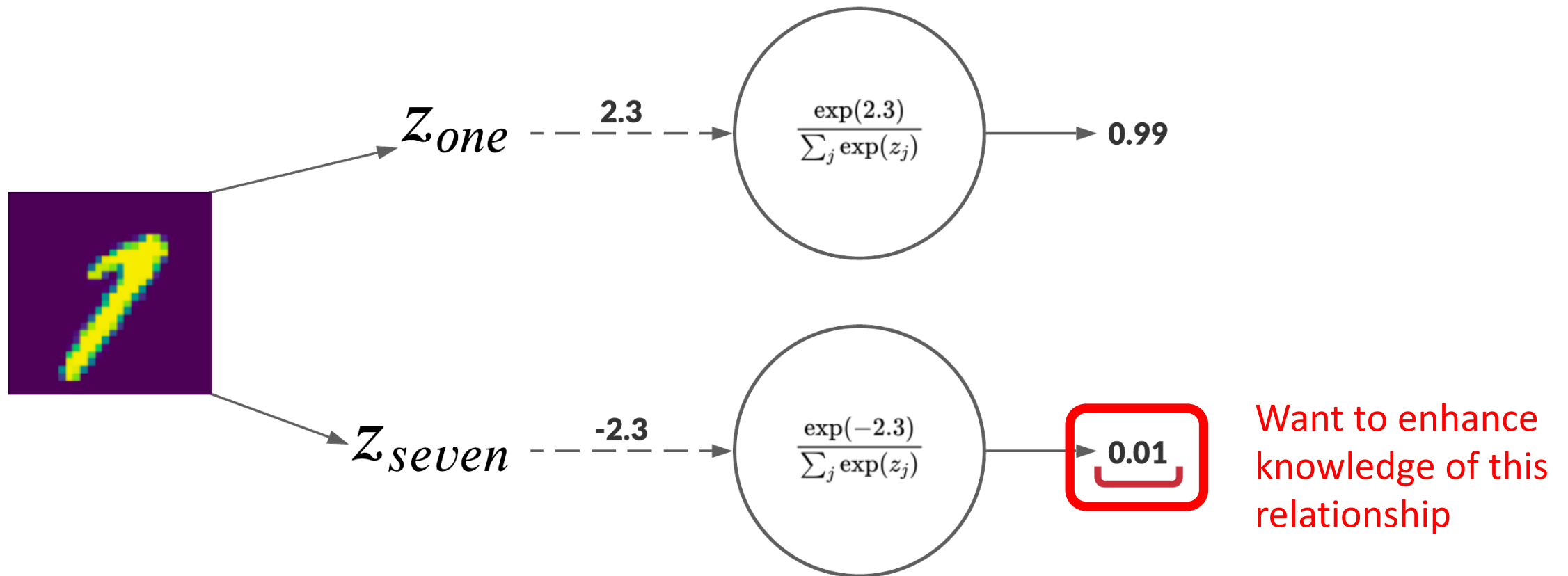


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Get rid of negative values while preserving original order of scores

$$e^{z_i}$$

$$\sigma(\mathbf{z})_i =$$

$i = 1, \dots, K$

$$\sum_{j=1}^K e^{z_j}$$

Number of classes

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

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What is the typical value of T used for softmax?

Idea: set the temperature to a value greater than 1

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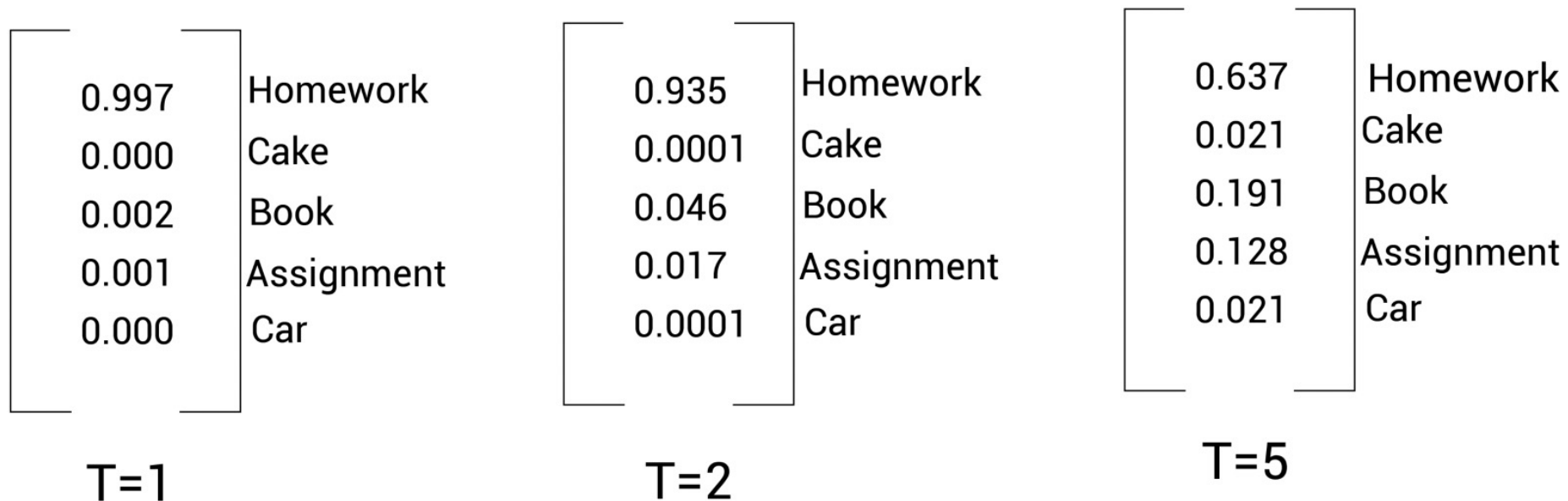
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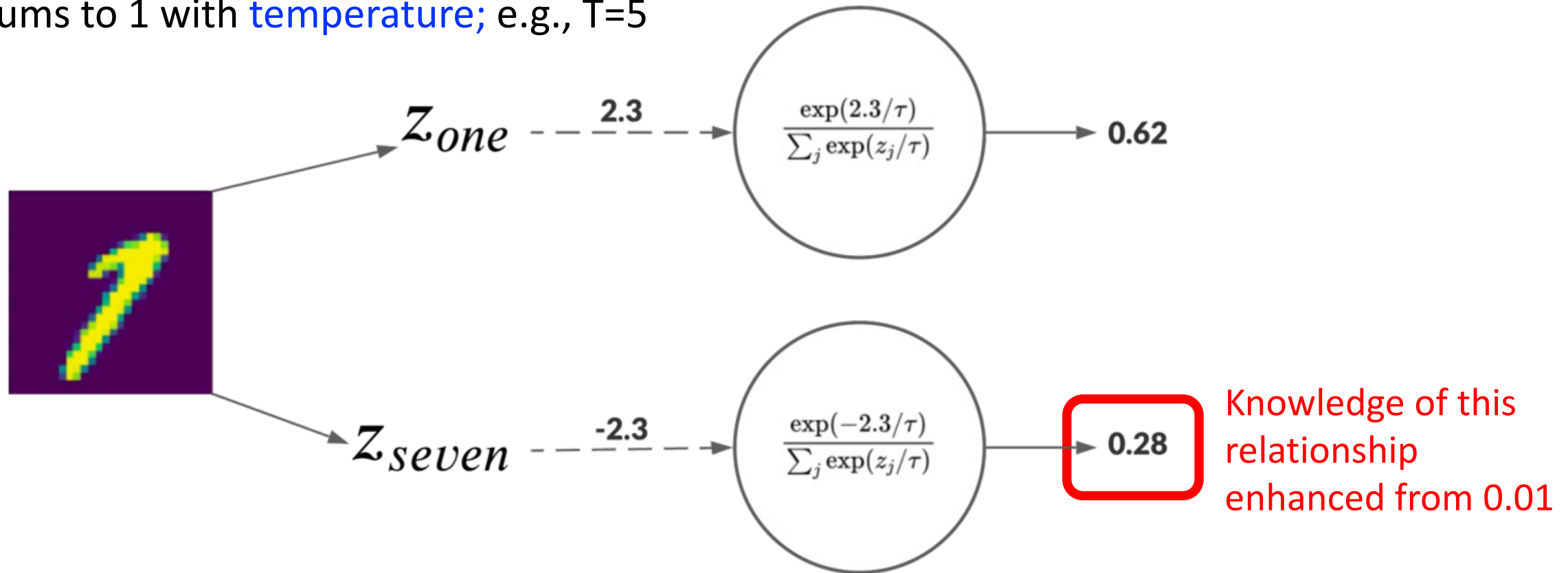
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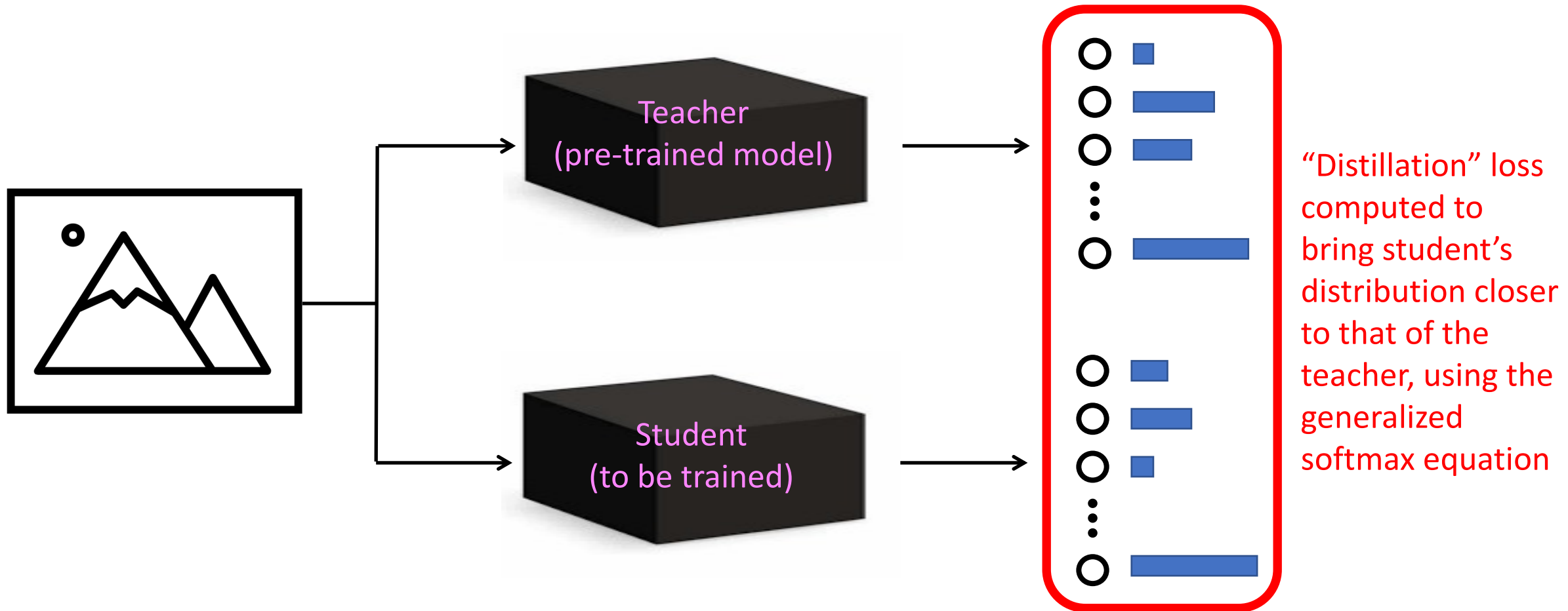
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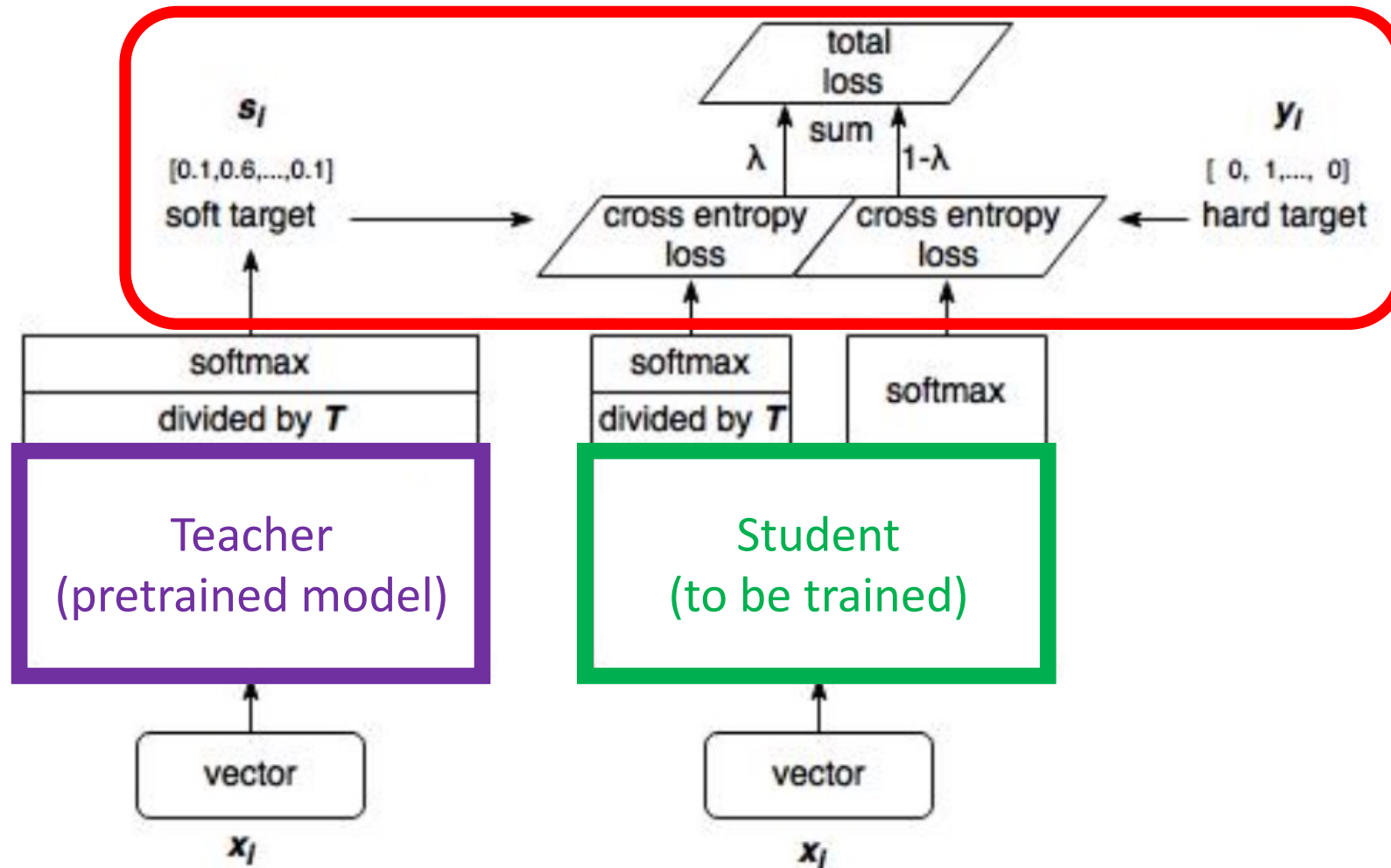
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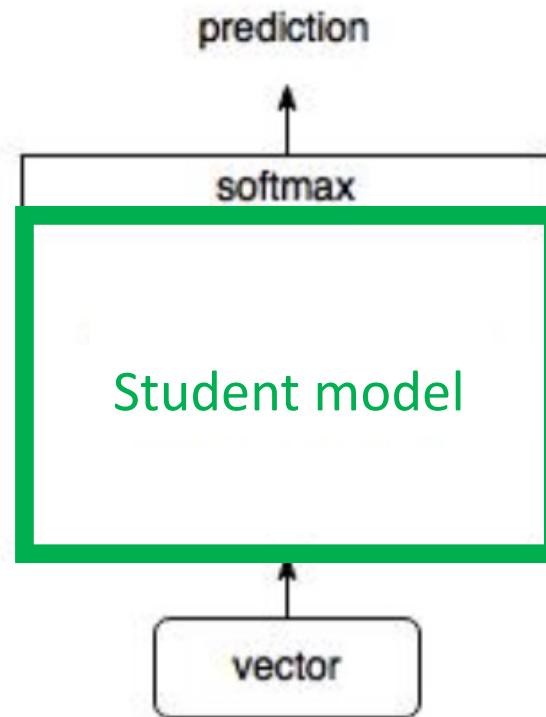


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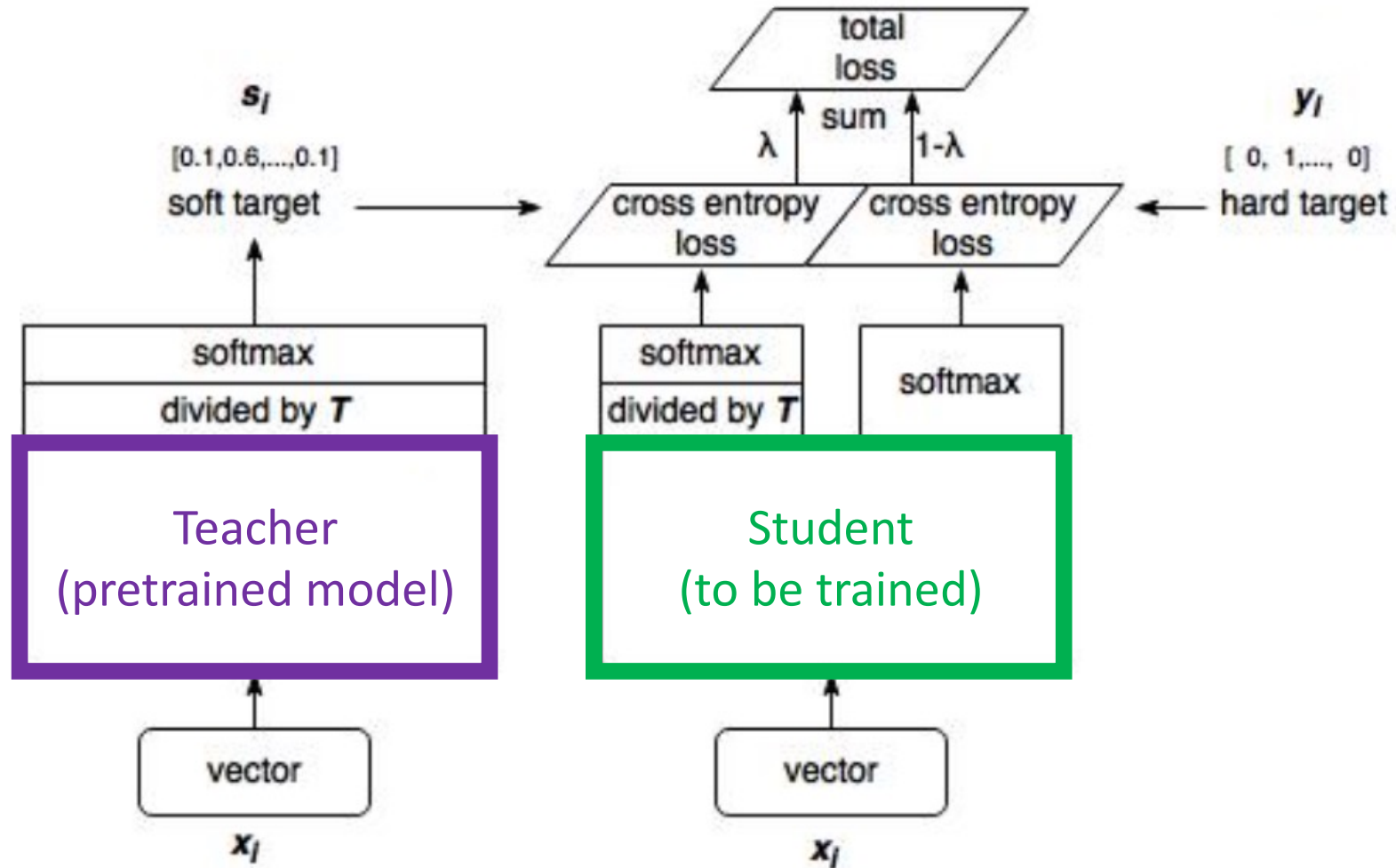
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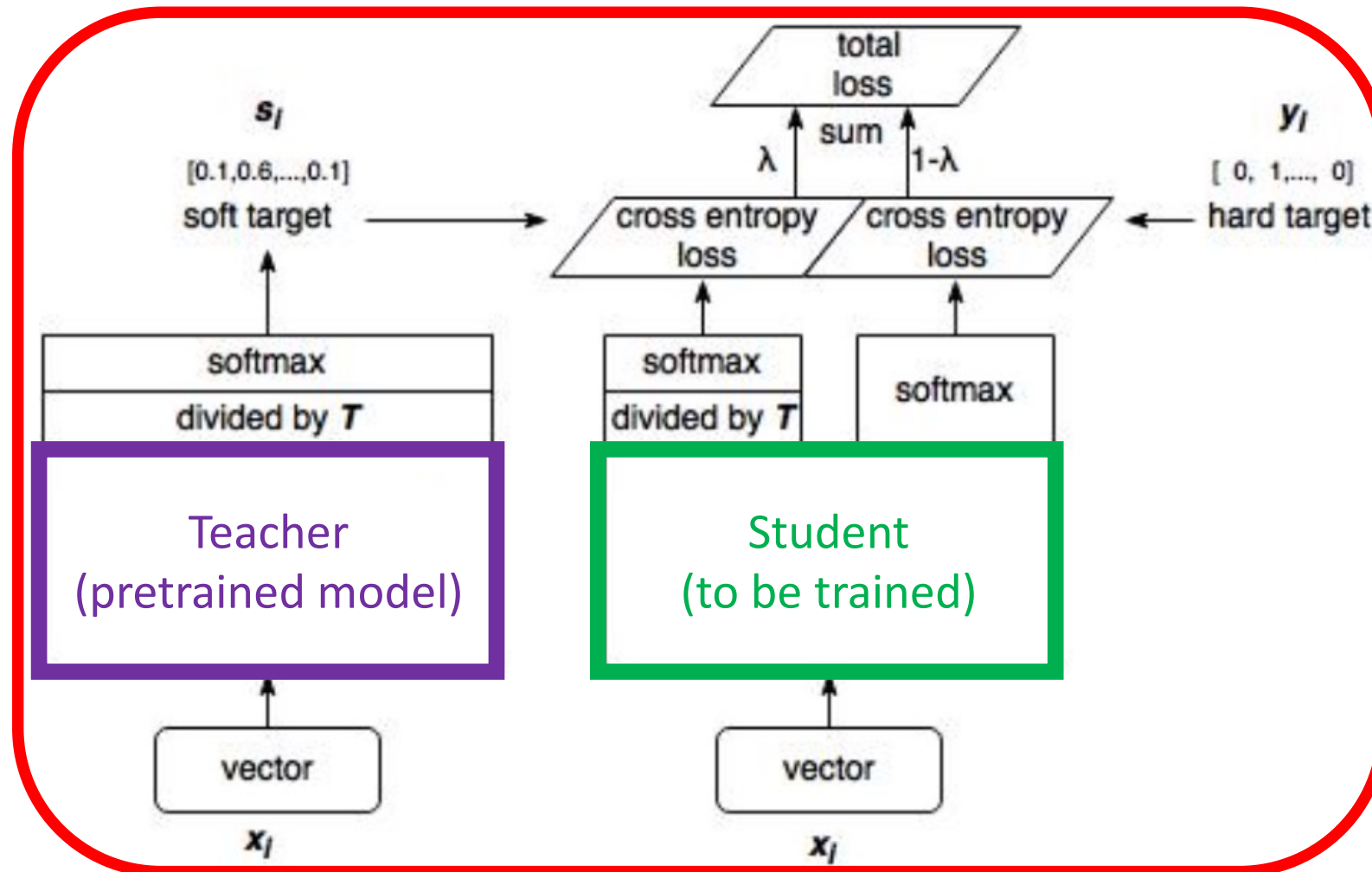
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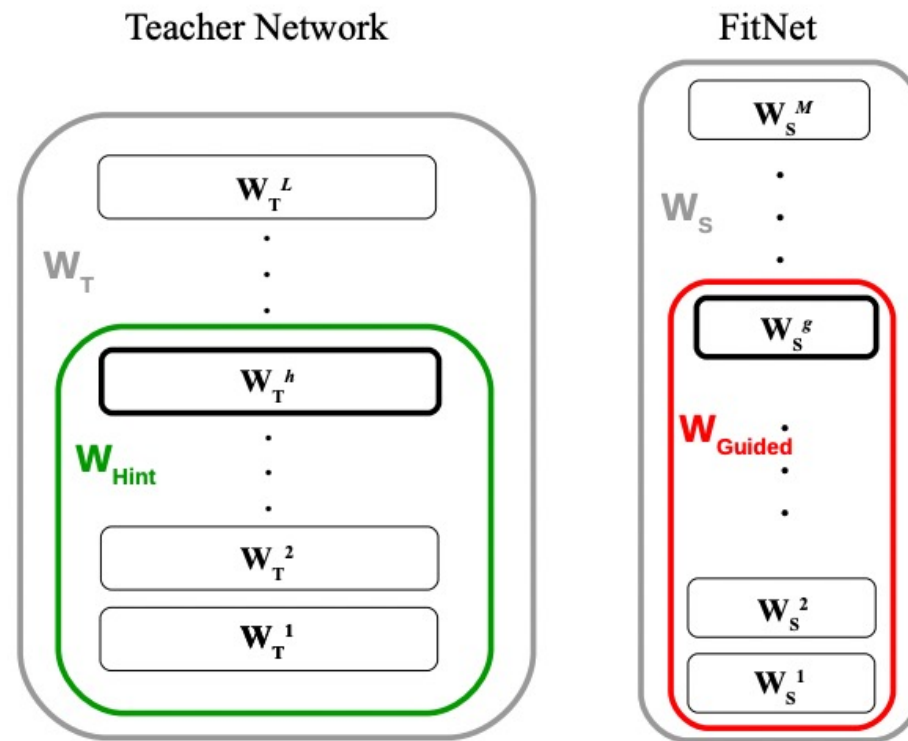
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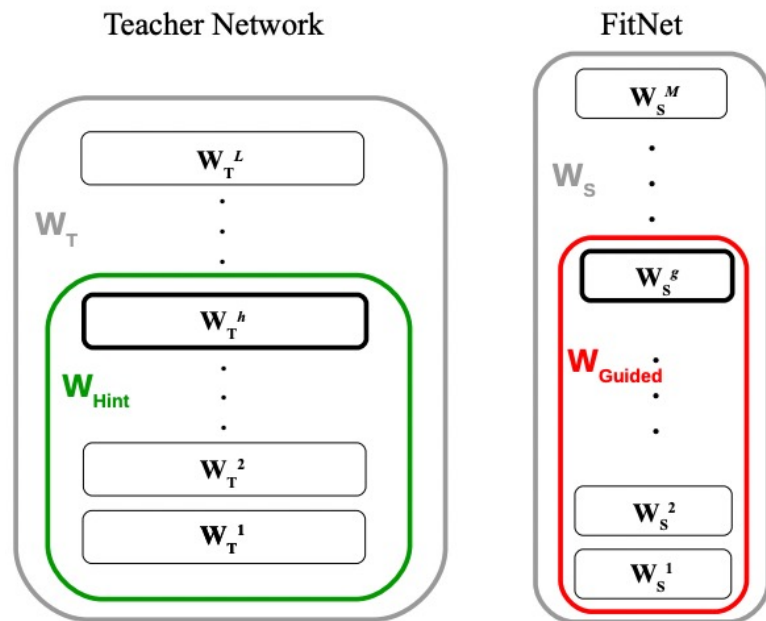
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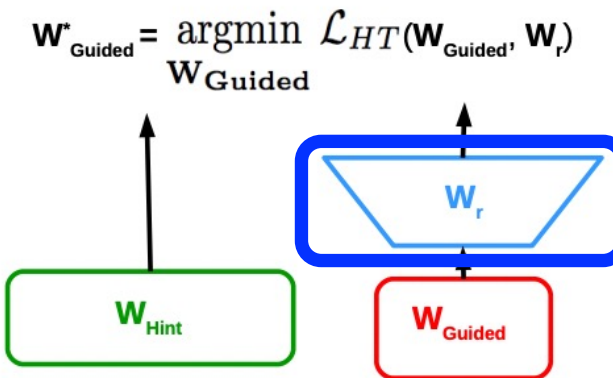
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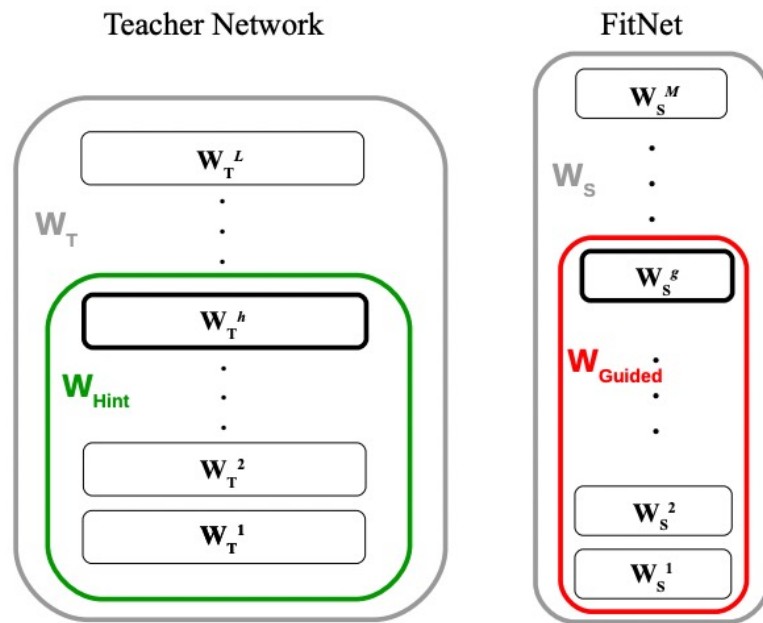


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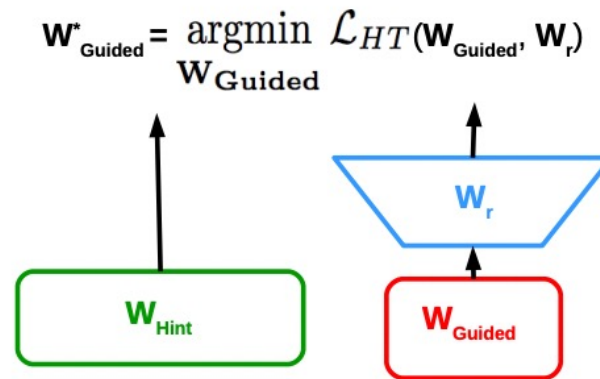
Layer added to match size of the hint's output layer

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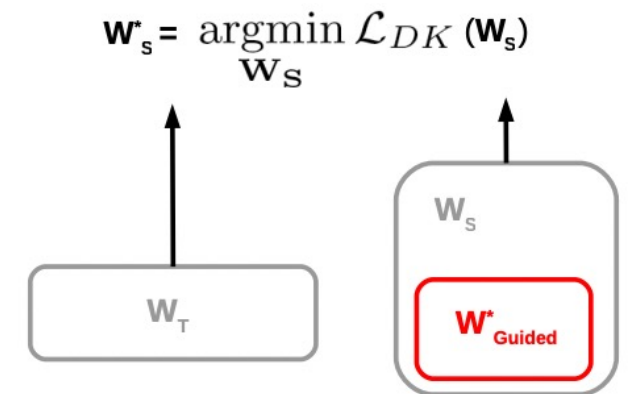
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(c) Knowledge Distillation

After learning the intermediate features, the whole student network is trained

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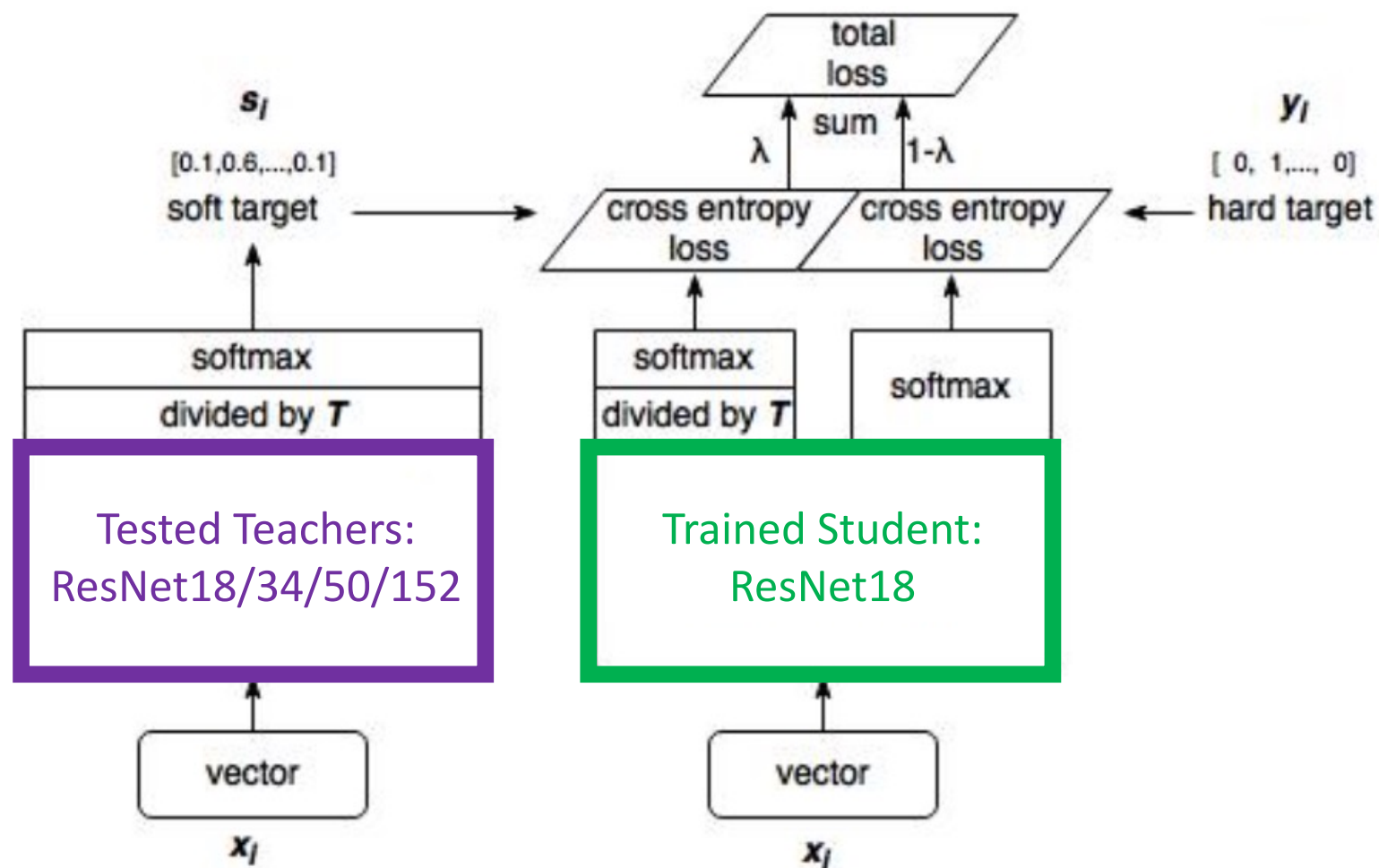
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Recall Task: Predict Category from 1000 Options

- **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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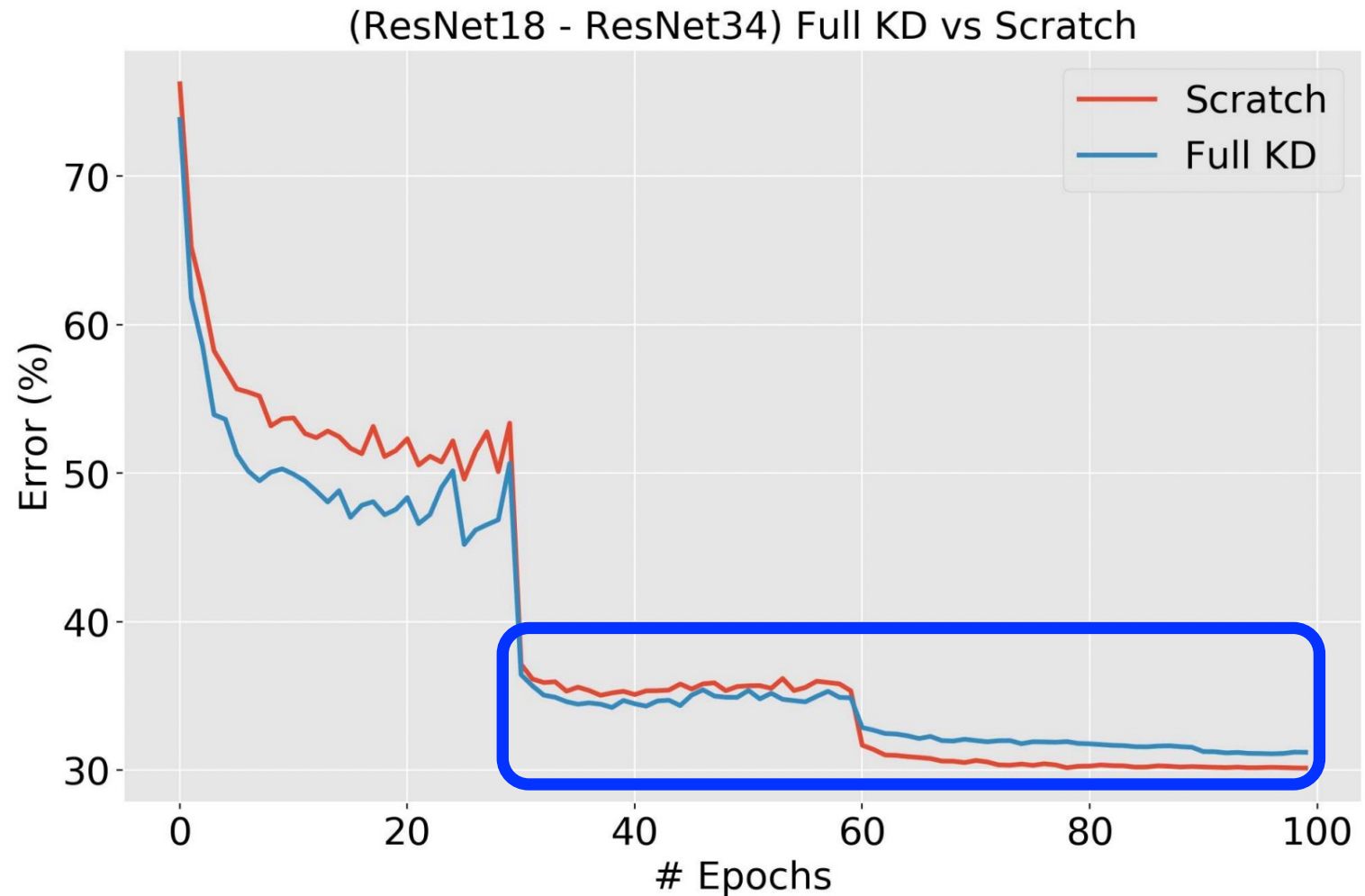
1. More accurate models are more confident and so need higher temperatures to learn the “dark knowledge” of category relationships
2. Student mimics teacher but the loss function is mismatched from the evaluation metric

3. Student fails to accurately mimic teacher

Experimental analysis suggests this is the reason

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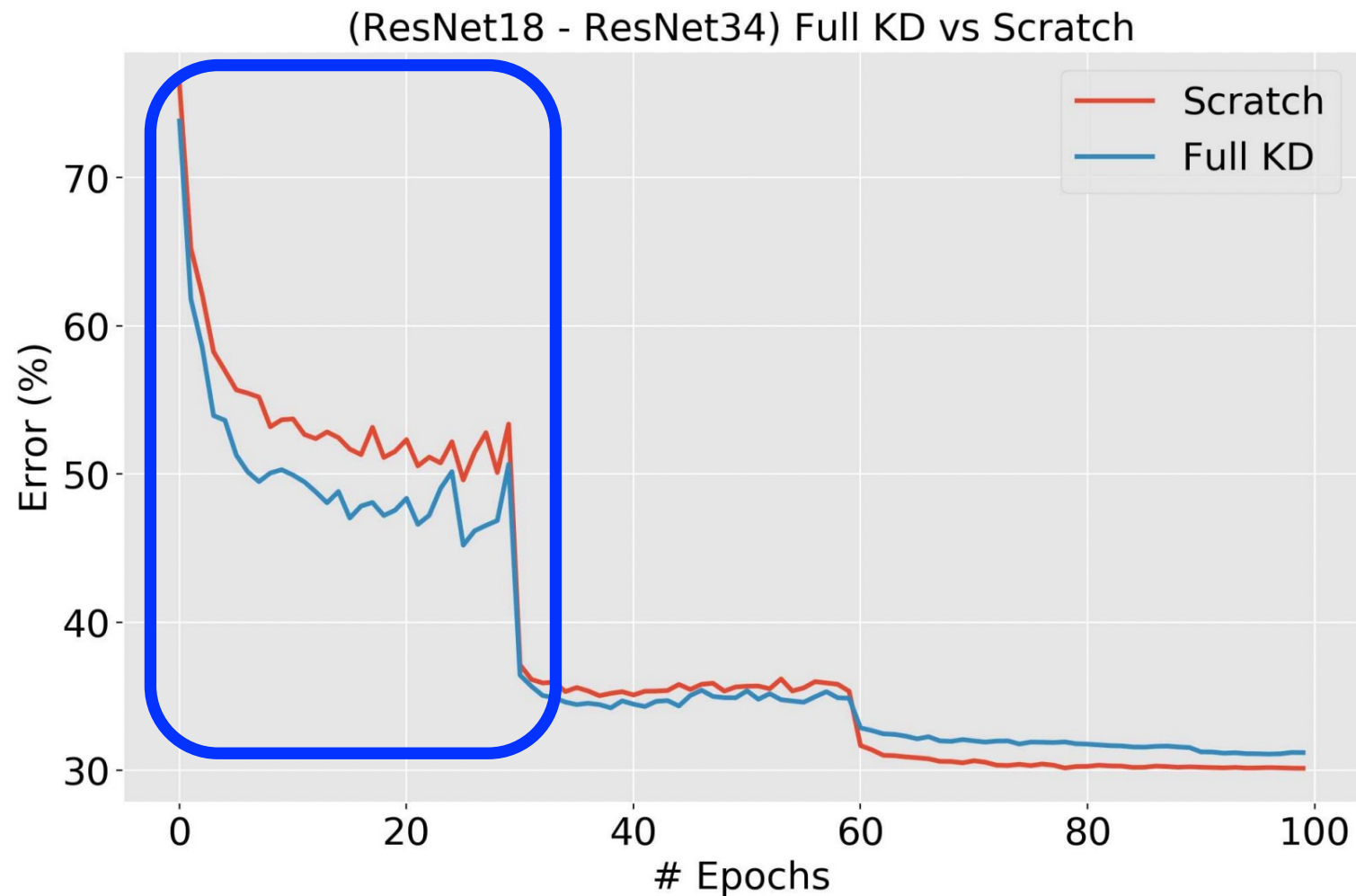
Hypothesis: student is underfitting because of lower capacity and so “minimizing one loss (KD loss) at the expense of the other (cross entropy loss)”



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How to overcome this issue?

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



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

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Training a model with early stopping knowledge distillation loss leads to better results than training from scratch!

Experiments: Are Results from EKSD Better When Using Bigger, More Accurate Models As Teachers?

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

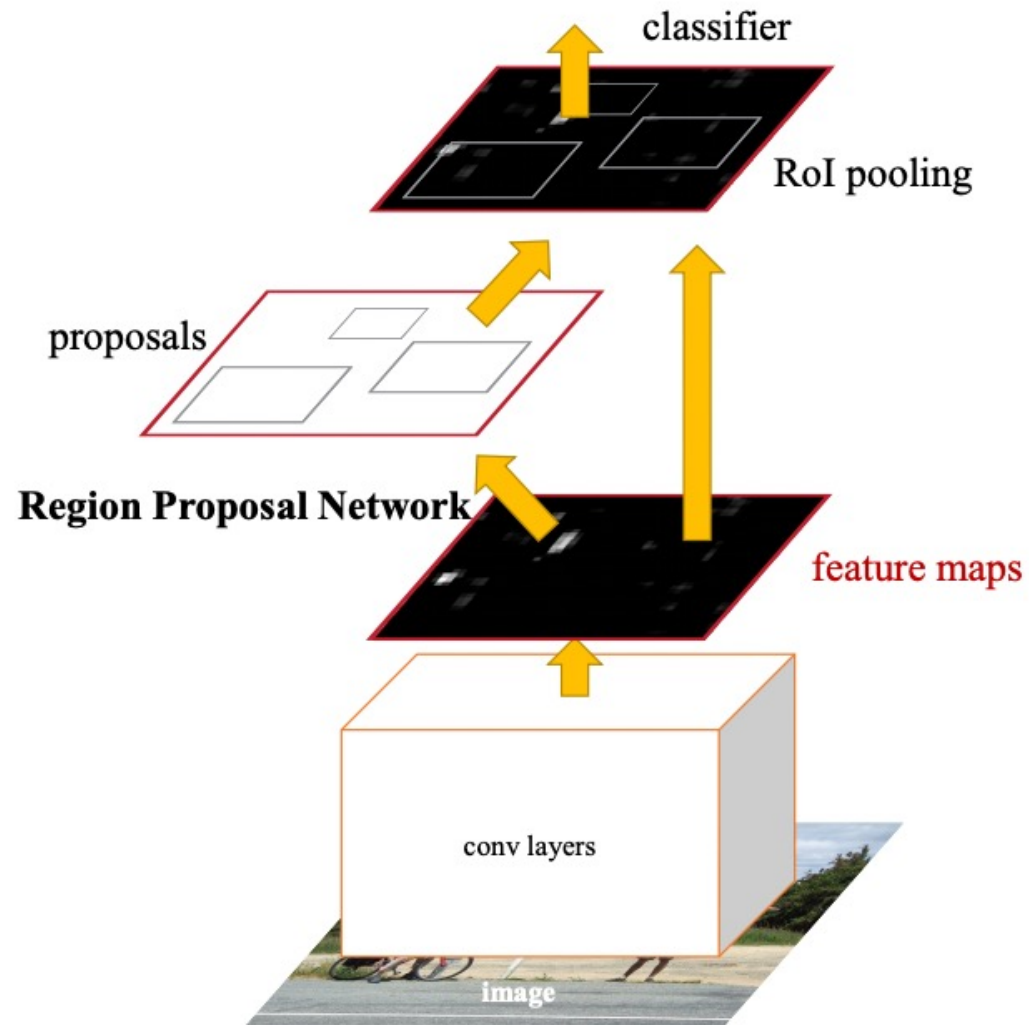
Performs almost identically to a model that is distilled directly from a large to small size; does not address the core problem:

The student must be in the solution space of the teacher

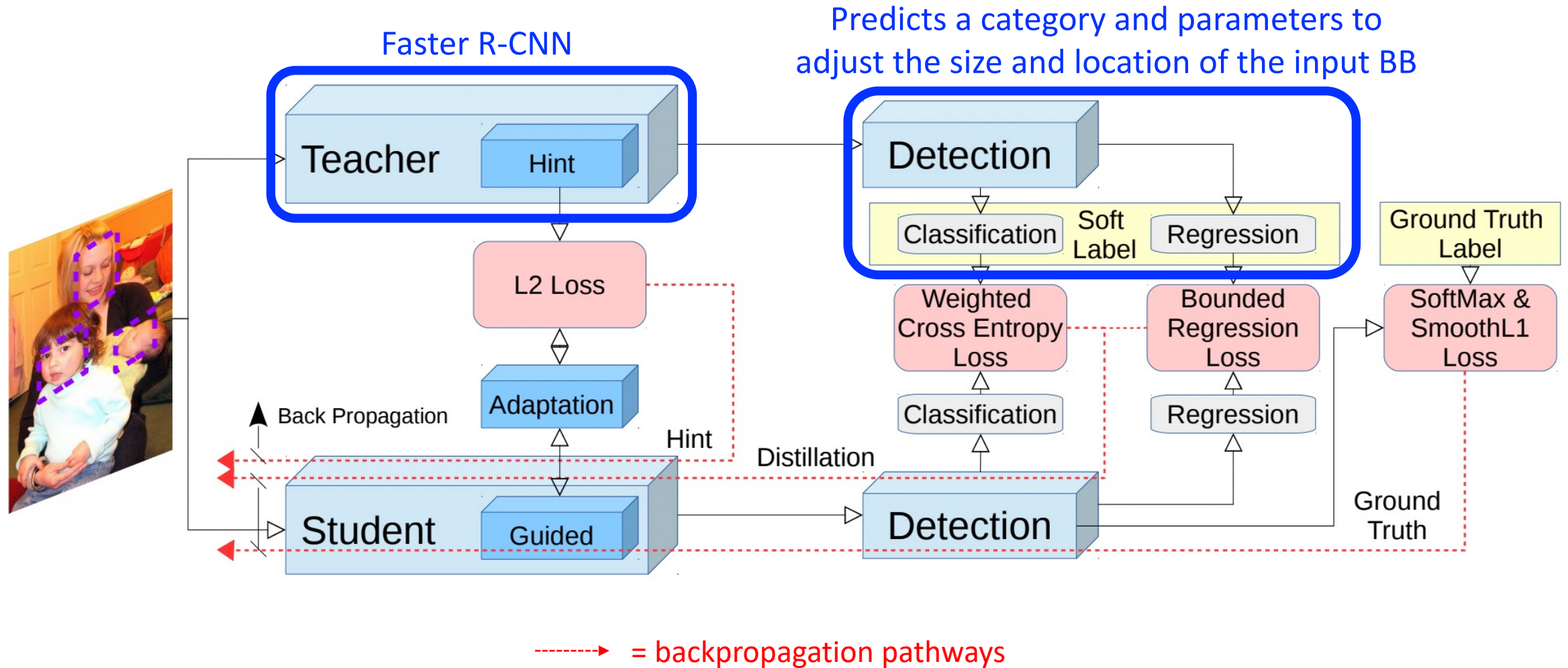
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Recall Popular Detection Model: Faster R-CNN



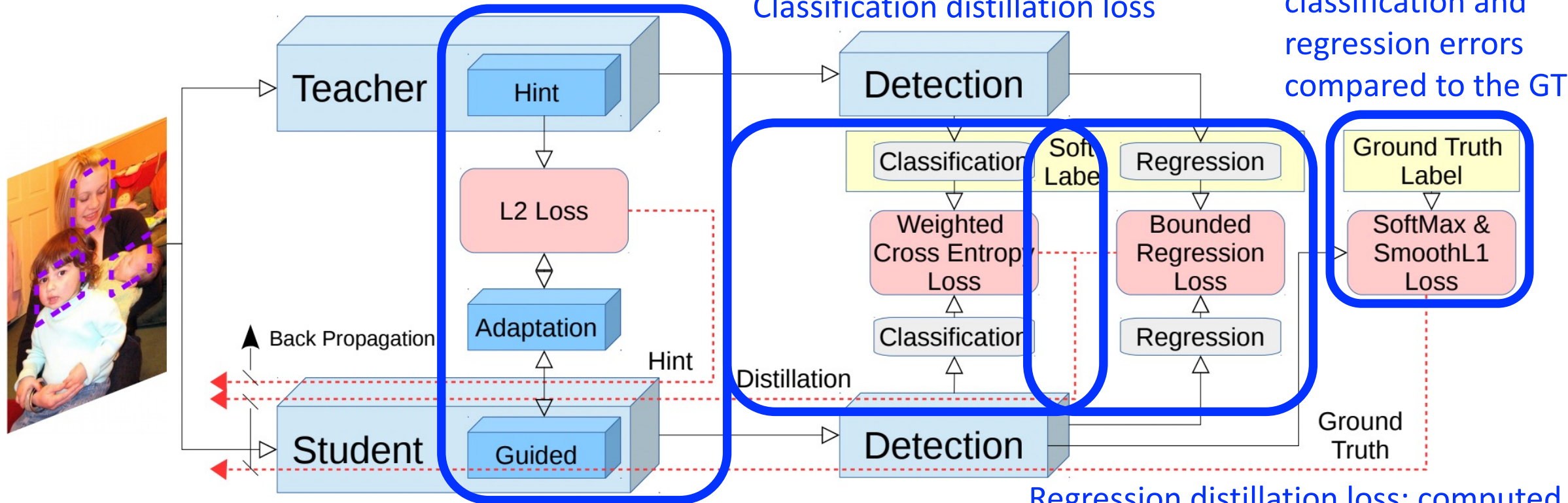
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A loss is computed to encourage the student's intermediate features to match those of the teacher

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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mAP scores for 5 datasets

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ICCV 2023 – 19 Papers with KD in Title; e.g.,

Label-Guided Knowledge Distillation for Continual Semantic Segmentation

UniKD: Universal

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Remembering Normality: Memory-guided Knowledge Distillation for Unsupervised Anomaly Detection

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Class-relation Knowledge Distillation for Novel Class Discovery

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What's New with Knowledge Distillation?

- Ways to support many types of intermediate features for many models
- Enables **efficient knowledge transfer** by training new models with decontaminated information (more on efficient learning next lecture)

Today's Topics

- Motivation
- Key idea: knowledge distillation (KD)
- Pioneering KD model for image classification
- Pioneering KD model for object detection
- State-of-the-art for KD (CVPR 2023 highlights)
- Interview about course: Ryan Layer



The End