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TART: Improved Few-shot Text Classification Using Task-Adaptive Reference Transformation

method

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Environment



Science



World News



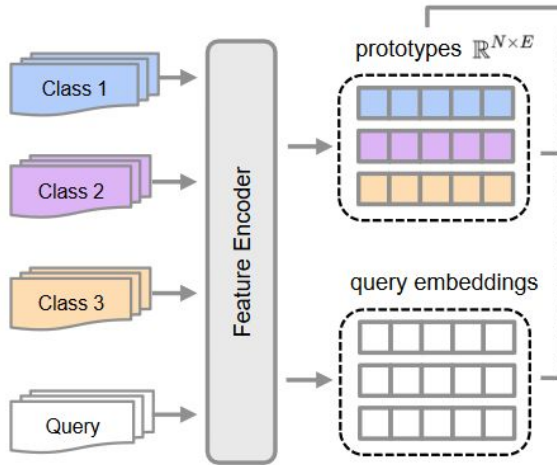
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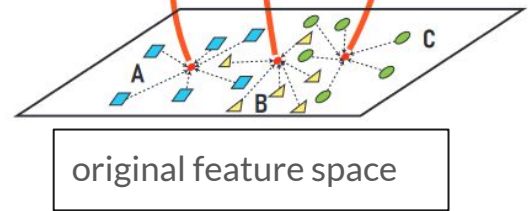
Taste

text classification

Problem



Indistinguishable between categories

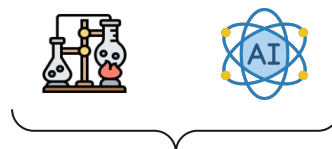


Issue



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3	Toronto van attack suspect's Facebook post praised misogynist mass killer.		4	3	2	3
4	Apple just solved one of the iPhone's most harmful features.		2	4	-	-
5	Apple fritter season is here, and so are the recipes you'll need.		-	-	5	5

technology company



Class 1: Environment



Class 2: Science



Class 3: World News



Class 4: Tech



Class 5: Taste



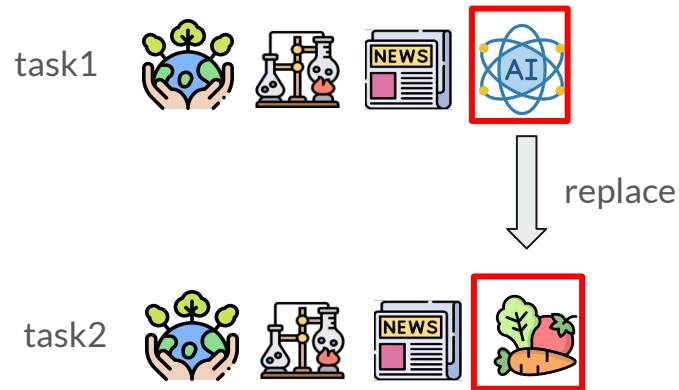
class similar

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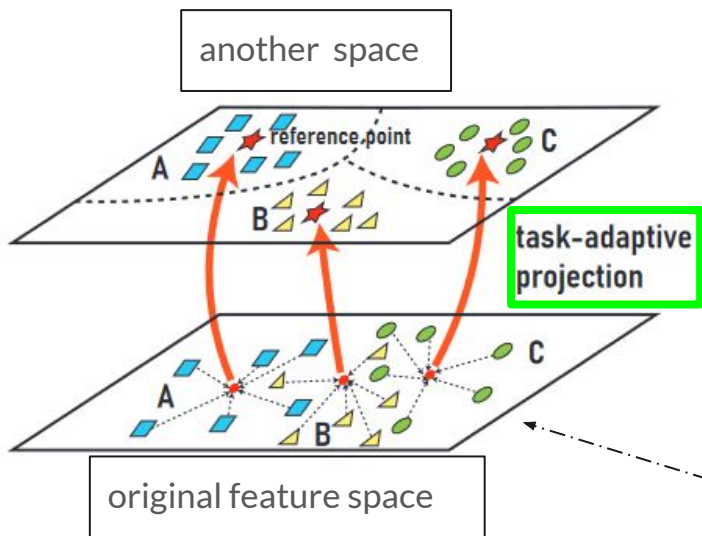
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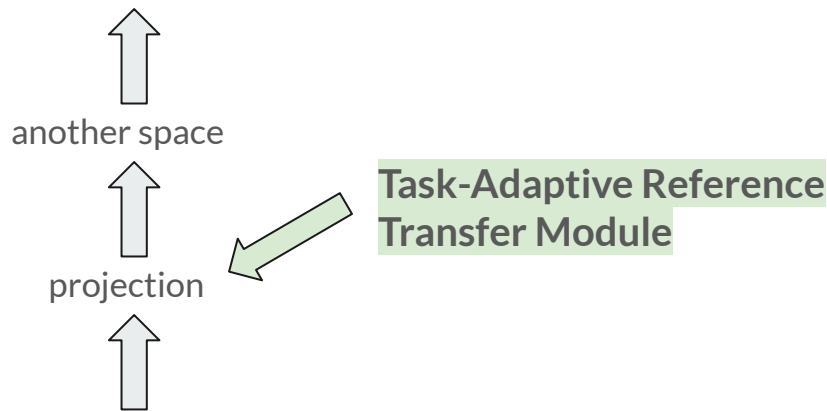
consider the inter-class variance of support sets



Solution



helpful to enhance the divergence between class prototypes

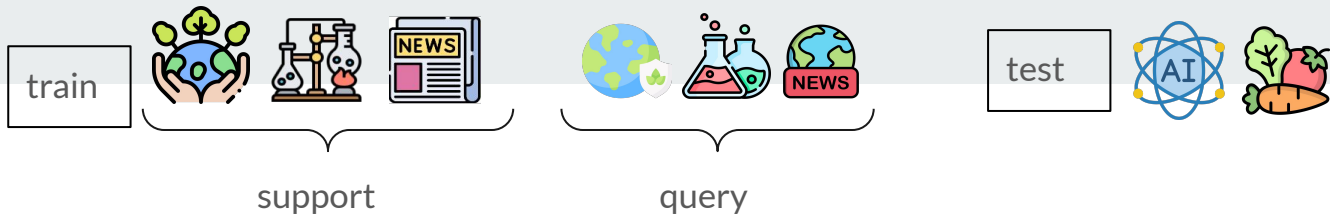


cannot distinguish between categories



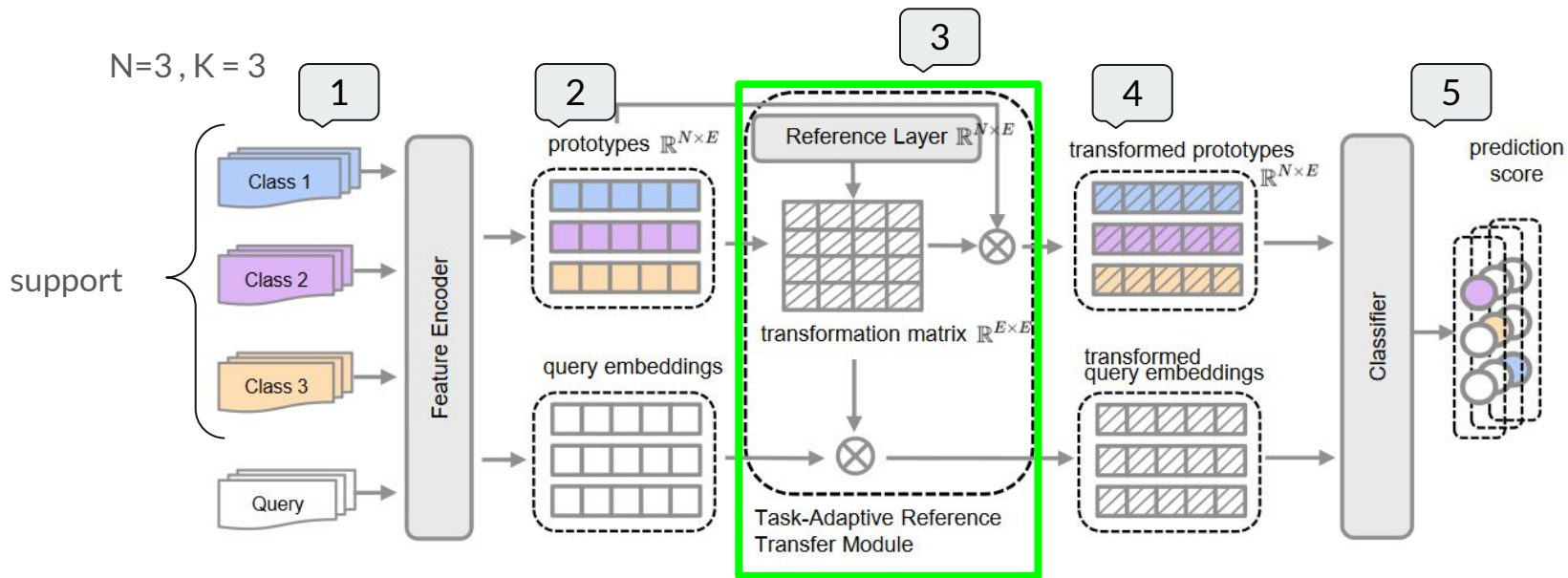
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Architecture

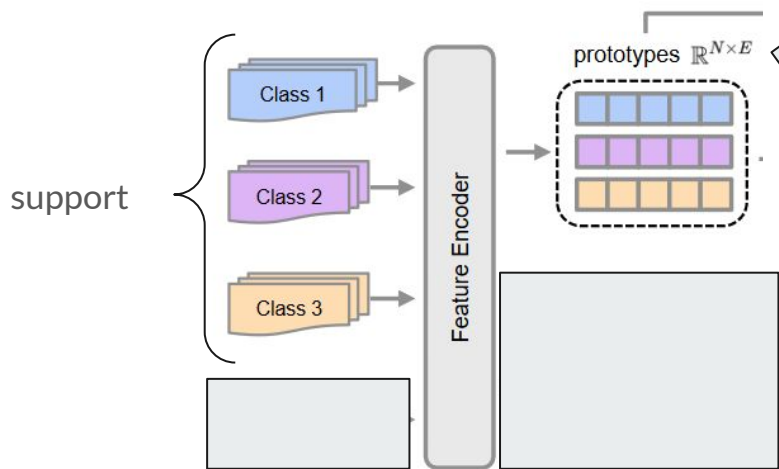
$$\mathcal{C}_{train} \cap \mathcal{C}_{test} = \emptyset$$



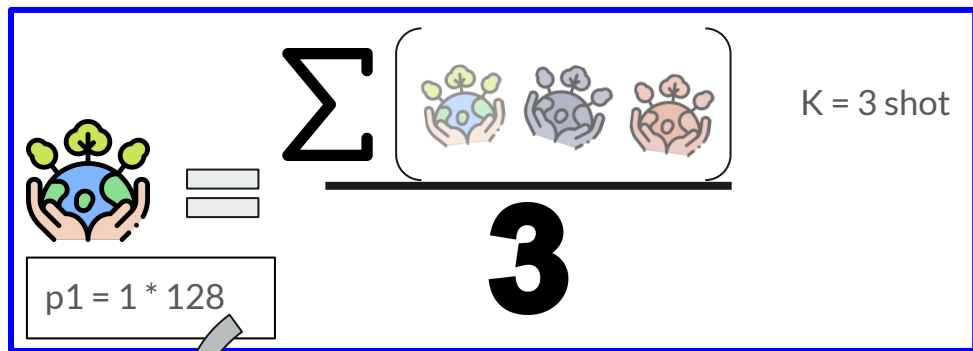


Prototype matrix


$N=3, K=3$



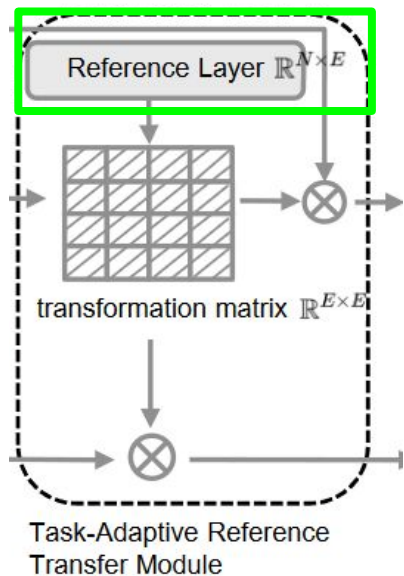
$$p_c = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{S}_c|} \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in \mathcal{S}_c} f_{\theta}(x_i),$$



$$P = 3 * 128$$

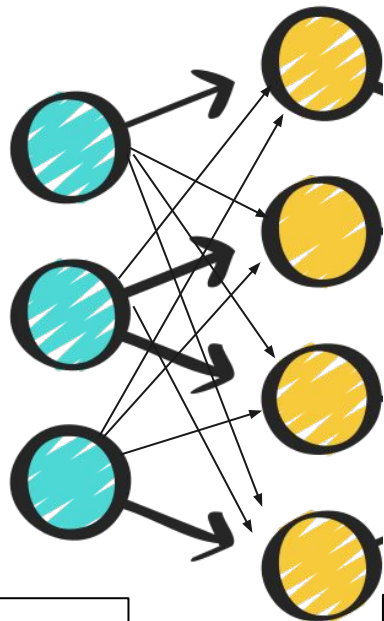
 generate reference vector

Reference layer



random init

linear layer



reference vectors $\{r_1, \dots, r_N\}$

N = 3

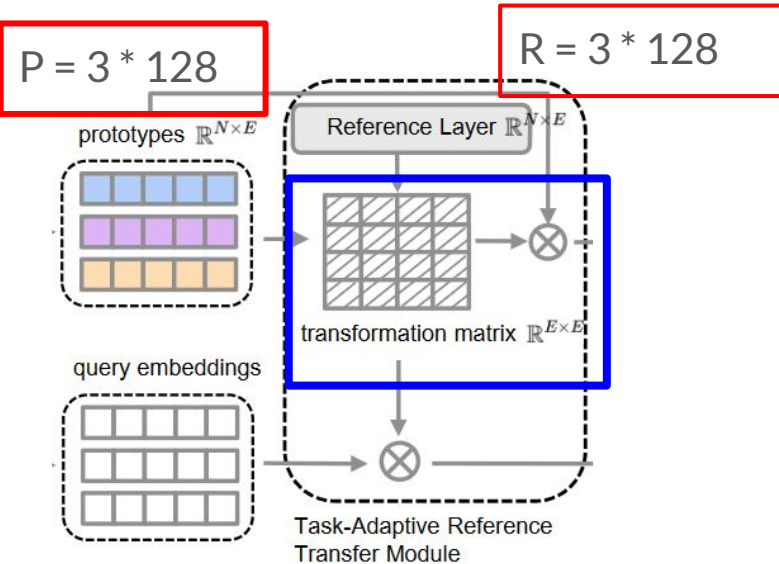
$$r_1 = 1 * 128$$

$$r_2 = 1 * 128$$

$$r_3 = 1 * 128$$

$$R = 3 * 128$$

Transformation matrix



normal equation

$$\Rightarrow P^+ = \{P^T P\}^{-1} P^T$$

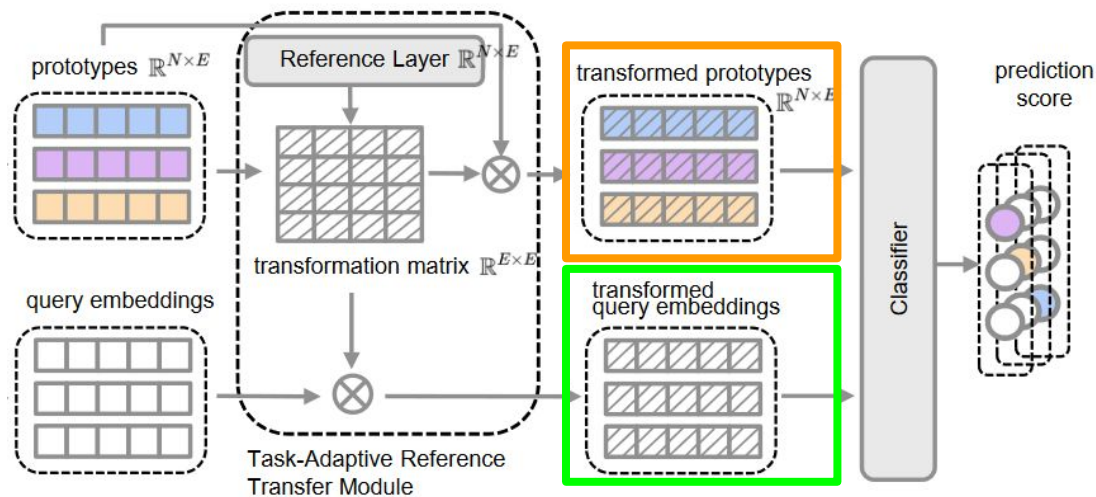
$$P \mathbf{W} = R$$

$$P^+ P W = P^+ R$$

$$W = P^+ R$$

$$W = 128 * 128$$

Predict query



softmax

$$p(y = c | \mathbf{x}_q) = \frac{\exp(-d(f_\theta(\mathbf{x}_q)W, \mathbf{p}_c W))}{\sum_{\mathbf{p}_c \in \mathcal{P}} \exp(-d(f_\theta(\mathbf{x}_q)W, \mathbf{p}_c W))}$$

The diagram shows the components of the softmax equation: **transformed query embeddings** (hatched blocks) and **transformed prototypes** (colored blocks) are inputs to the distance function d . The term $\mathbf{p}_c W$ is highlighted in orange in the equation, corresponding to the transformed prototypes in the diagram.

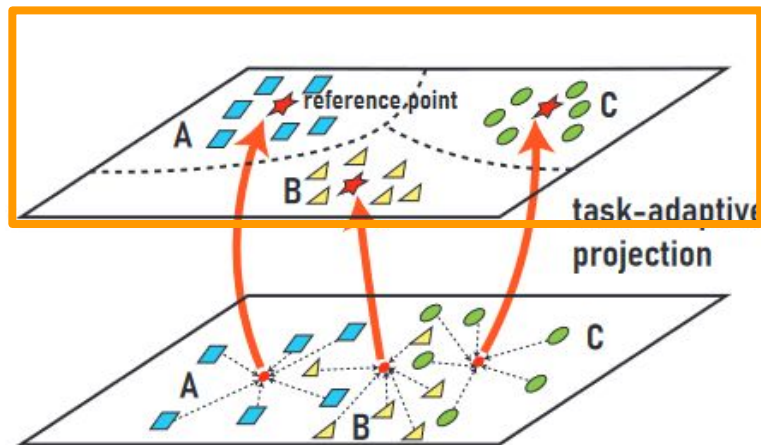
Classification Loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{cls} = \frac{1}{|Q|} \sum_{\mathbf{x}_q \in Q} [d(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_q)W, \mathbf{p}_c W) + \log \sum_{\mathbf{p}_c \in \mathcal{P}} \exp(-d(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_q)W, \mathbf{p}_c W))] = -\log \left\{ \frac{\exp(-d(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_q)W, \mathbf{p}_c W))}{\sum_{\mathbf{p}_c \in \mathcal{P}} \exp(-d(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_q)W, \mathbf{p}_c W))} \right\}$$

$|Q|$

 Negative Log Likelihood (NLL loss)

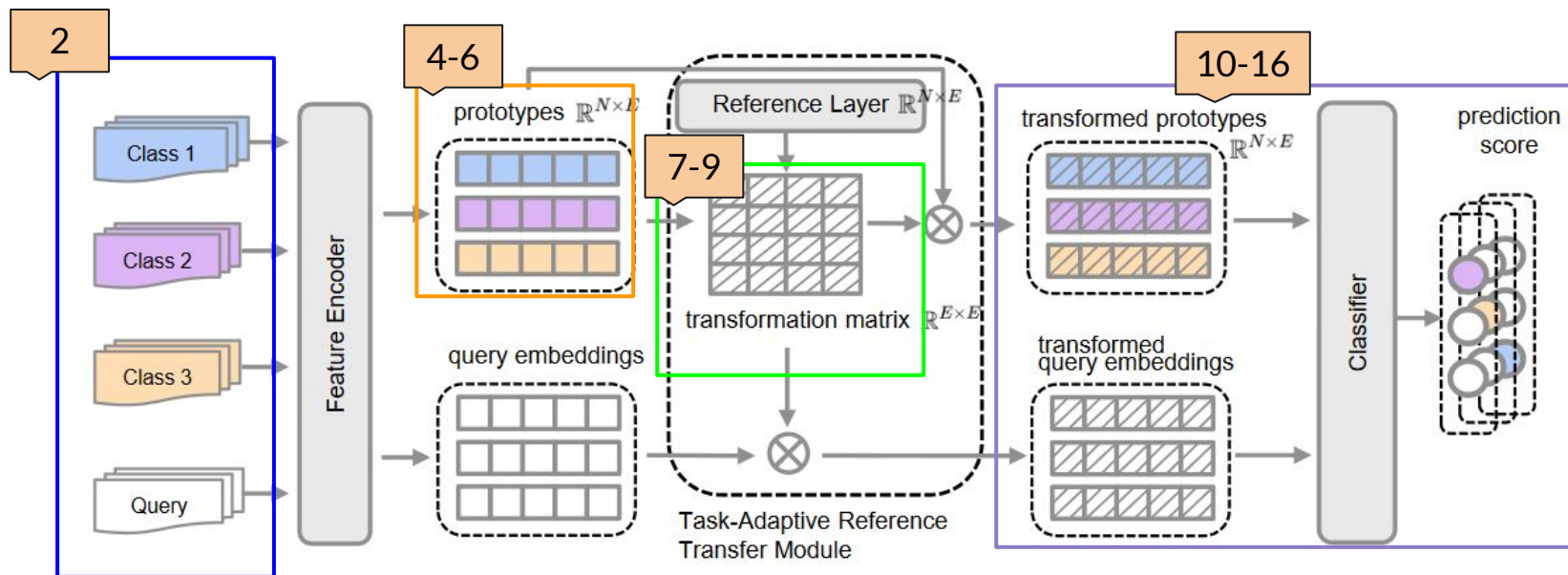
Discriminative Reference Regularization



Maximize distance between prototypes

$$\mathcal{L}_{drr} = \sum_{i \neq j, p \in \mathcal{P}} -d(p_i W, p_j W)$$

Algorithm





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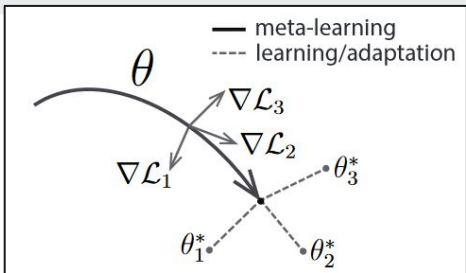
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Datasets

Datasets	Content	E.g.	Avg. # tokens/sample	class	samples	# train/val/test classes
HuffPost headlines	news headlines	犯罪、娛樂、世界新聞、政治 ...	11	41	36900	20/5/16
Amazon product data	product reviews	書、電子、電影、電玩遊戲 ...	140	24	24000	10/5/9
Reuters-21578	Reuters Articles	貿易、糧食、原油、植物油、黃金 ...	168	31	620	15/5/11
20 Newsgroups	newsgroups	電子、醫學、宗教、政治、電腦硬體 ...	340	20	18820	8/5/7

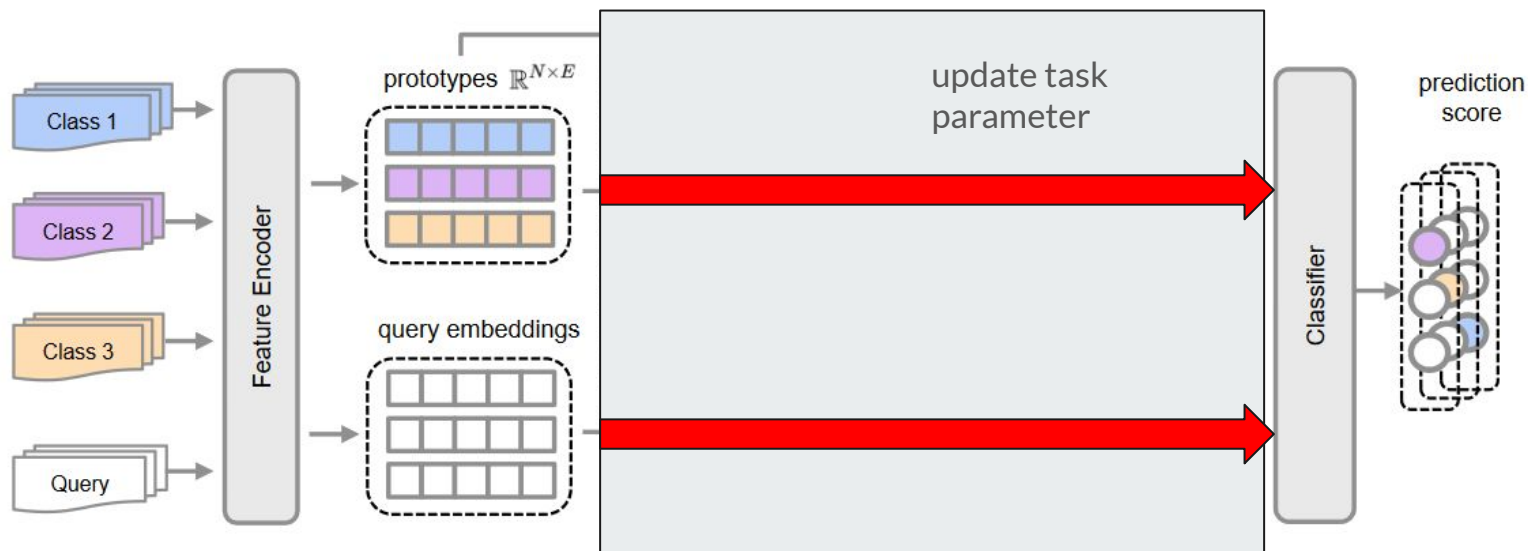
meta framework



Baseline - MAML



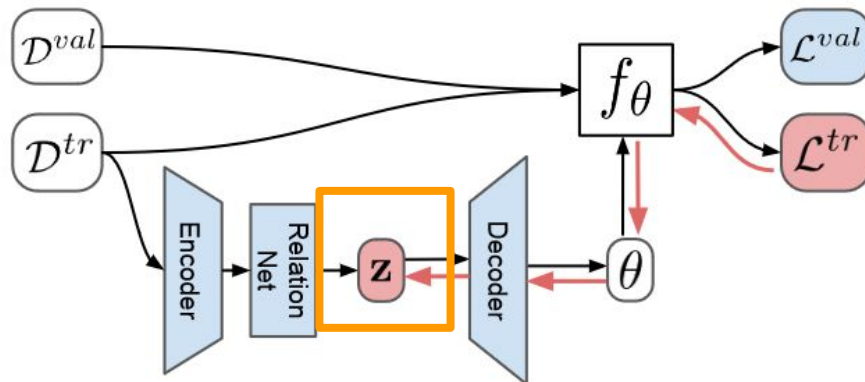
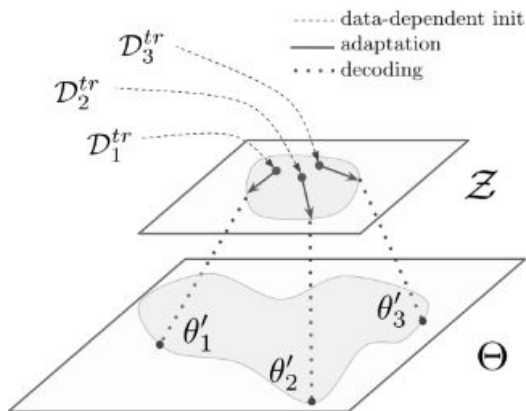
Baseline - PROTO



learns a low-dimensional latent embedding

Baseline - Latent Embedding Optimization (LEO)

1 shot, 5 shot -> model overfitting



optimized in inner loop
 optimized in outer loop

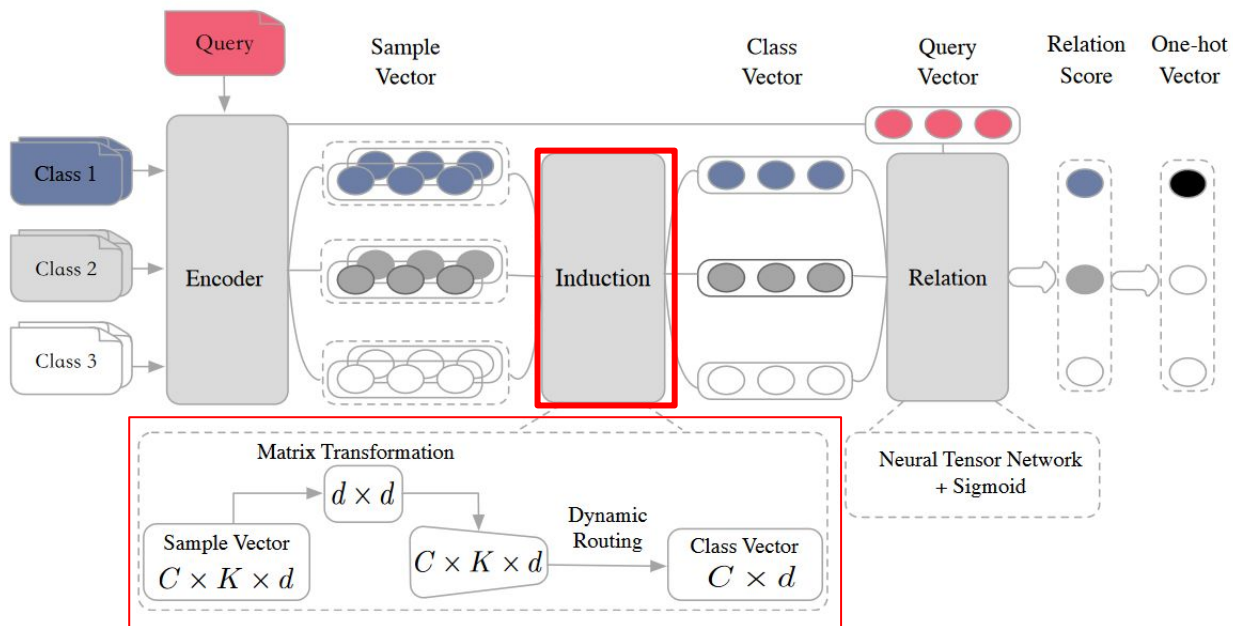
→ Inference
 ← Inner loop optimization

prototype with dynamic routing

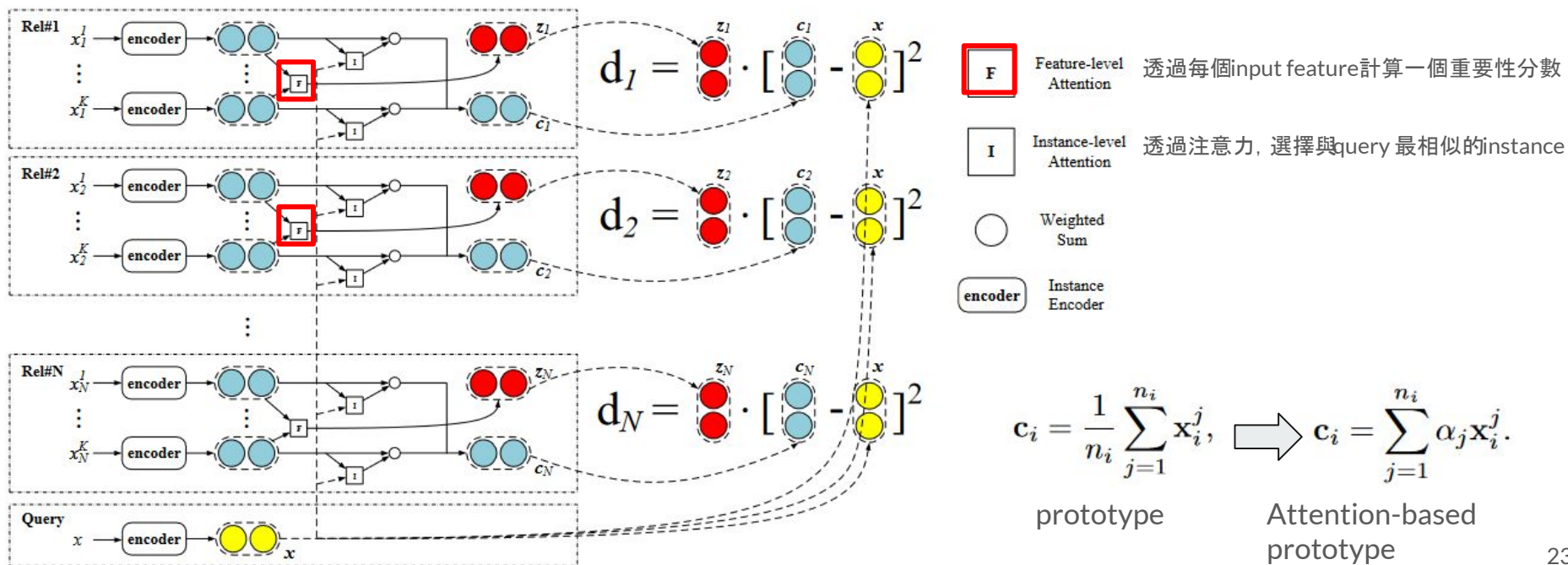
Baseline - Induction Networks

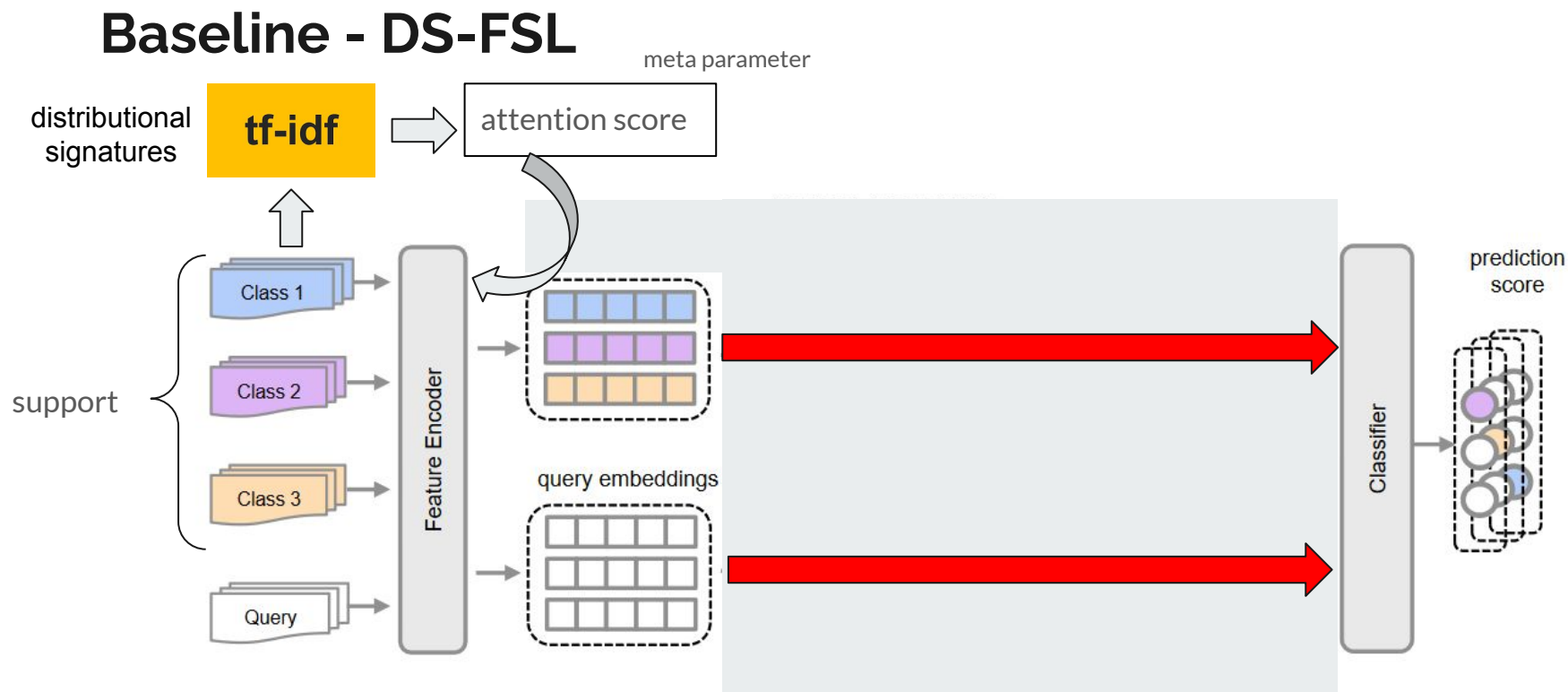


learn a general representation of **each class** in the **support set** and then compare it to new queries



Baseline - Hybrid Attention(HATT)

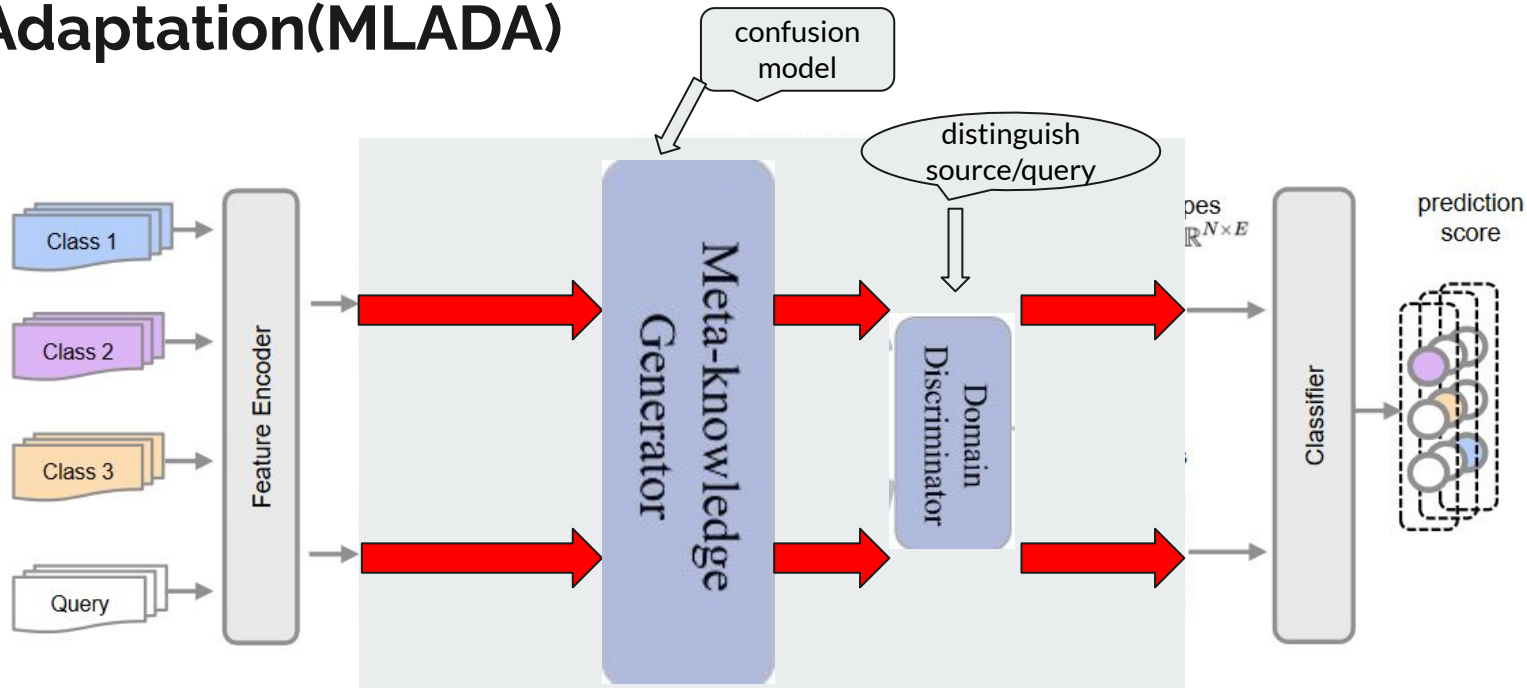




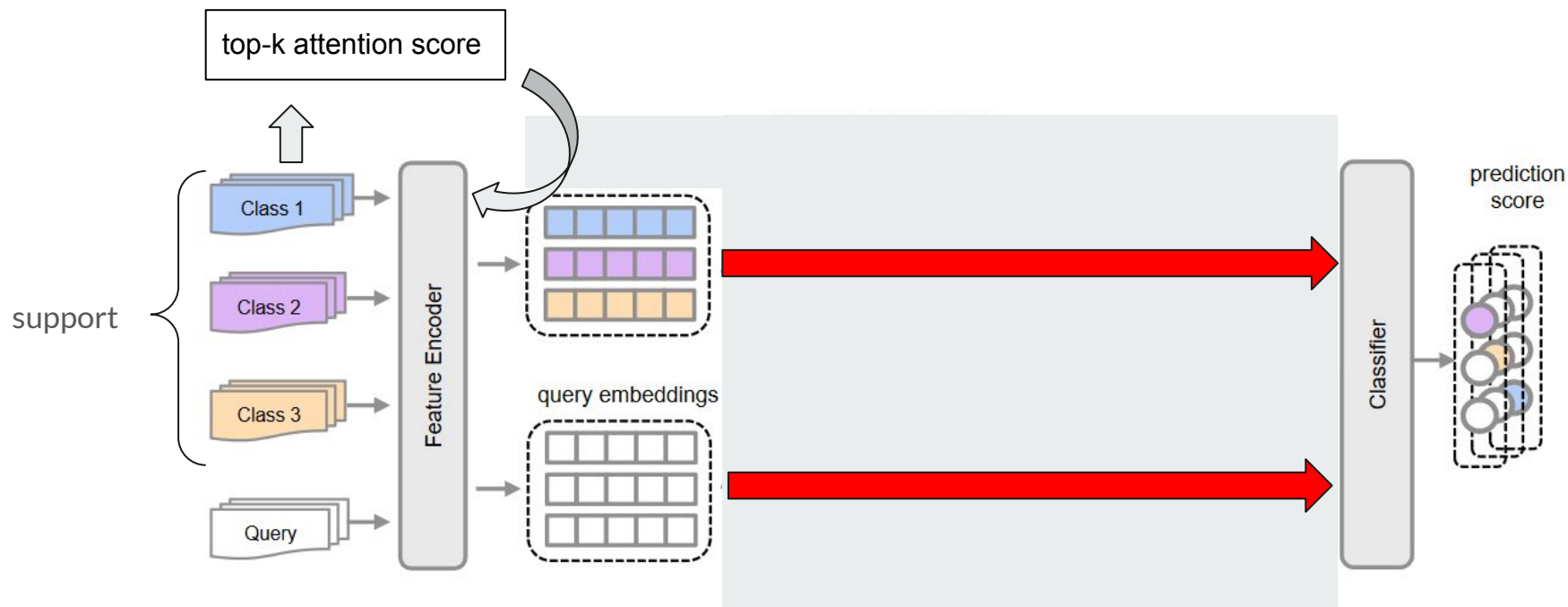
domain adversarial network + meta-learning
= transferable features

Adversarial Domain Adaptation

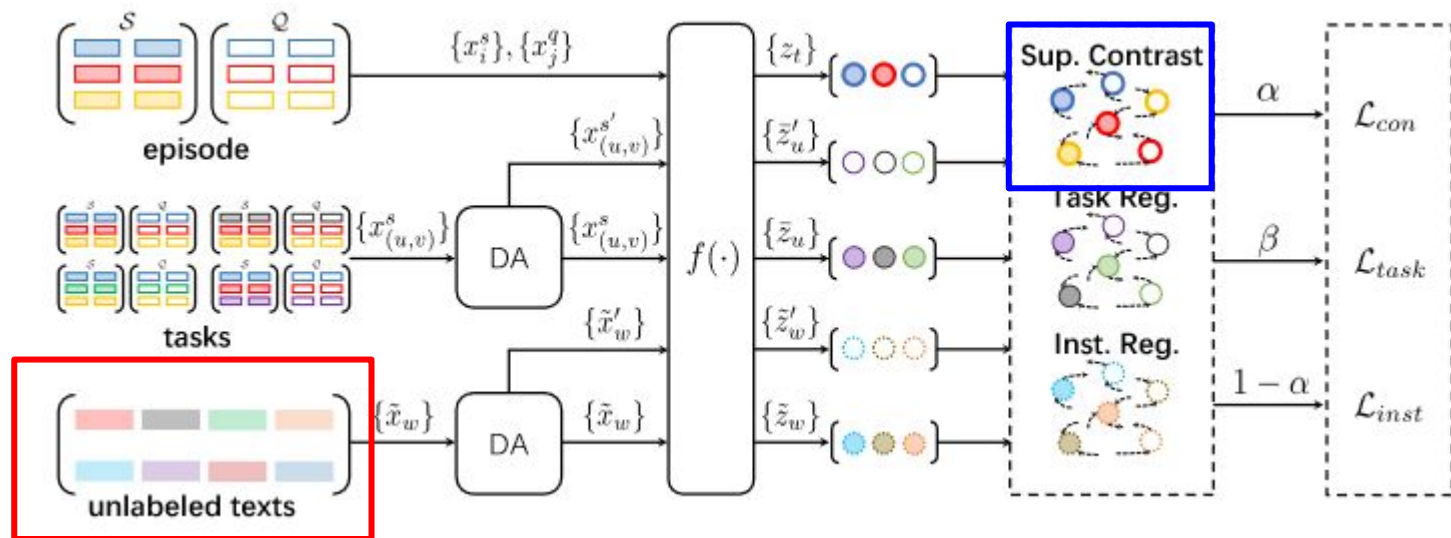
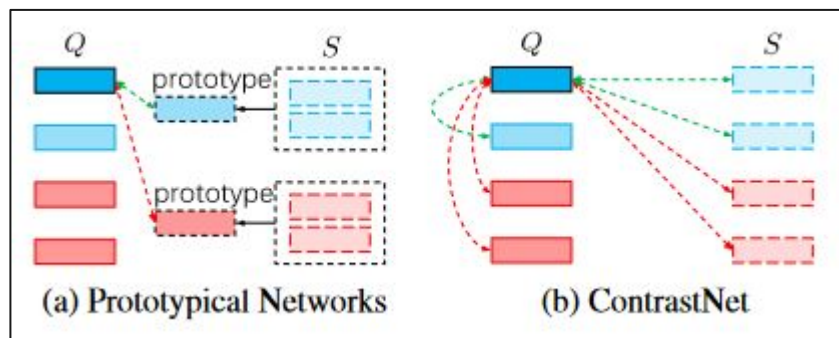
Baseline - Meta-Learning Adversarial Domain Adaptation(MLADA)



Baseline - LEarning-to-Attend(LEA)



Baseline - ContrastNet



Experiment

Method	HuffPost		Amazon		Reuters		20 News		Average	
	1 shot	5 shot	1 shot	5 shot	1 shot	5 shot	1 shot	5 shot	1 shot	5 shot
MAML (2017)	35.9	49.3	39.6	47.1	54.6	62.9	33.8	43.7	40.9	50.8
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HATT (2019)	41.1	56.3	49.1	66.0	43.2	56.2	44.2	55.0	44.4	58.4
DS-FSL (2020)	43.0	63.5	62.6	81.1	81.8	96.0	52.1	68.3	59.9	77.2
MLADA (2021)	45.0	64.9	68.4	86.0	82.3	96.7	59.6	77.8	63.9	81.4
LEA (2022)	46.2	65.8	66.5	83.5	69.0	89.0	54.1	60.2	58.9	74.6
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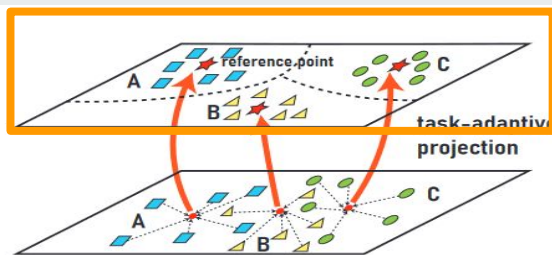
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Maximize distance between prototypes

Ablation Study - Discriminative Reference Regularization(DRR)

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TART w/o DRR	48.4	66.0	68.9	83.5	90.4	96.2	66.4	82.2	68.5	81.9
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- PLM denotes prompting language model
- EK denotes extra knowledge (unlabeled data)

Ablation Study - Using BERT

top-k attention
GNN
prompt-based
contrast-base

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bert has richer semantic representation than fastText



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- enhance the generalization by transforming the class prototypes to per-class fixed reference points in task-adaptive metric spaces
- discriminative reference regularization to maximize divergence between transformed prototypes