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Neural Network Reprogrammability

A Unified View of Model Reprogramming, Prompt Tuning,
and In-Context Learning

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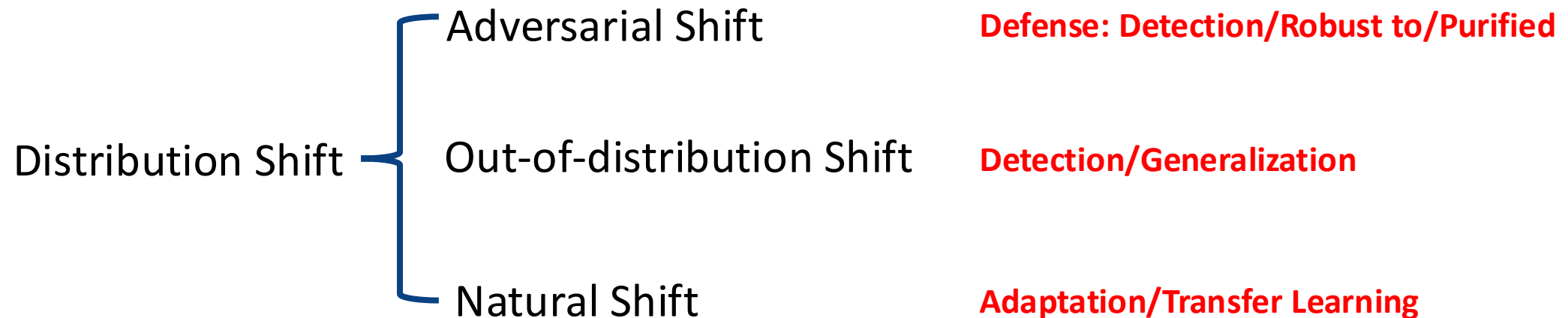
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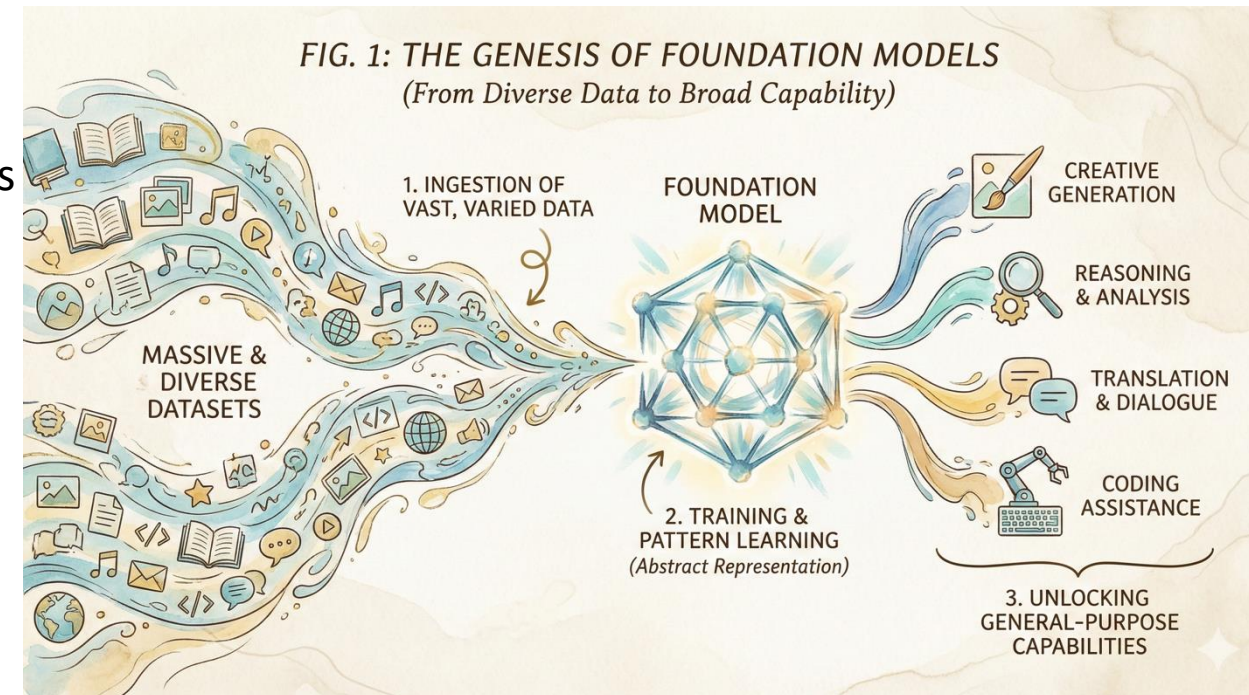


Fig. large-scale pre-training of Foundation models;
generated by Foundation model itself 😊 (credits to Nano Banana Pro)

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- large-scale pre-training on massive and diverse datasets
- achieve remarkable performance (e.g., ChatGPT, Stable-Diffusion)



help me plan a 1-day trip in Adelaide, summarized in two sentences.

Spend the morning exploring **Glenelg Beach** and its coastal walk, then head into the city for lunch at the **Central Market** followed by a relaxed stroll through the **Botanic Garden** and nearby **Art Gallery of South Australia**. End the day at **Mount Lofty Summit** for sunset views over Adelaide and dinner in the Adelaide Hills.

Fig. Examples of Foundation models usage

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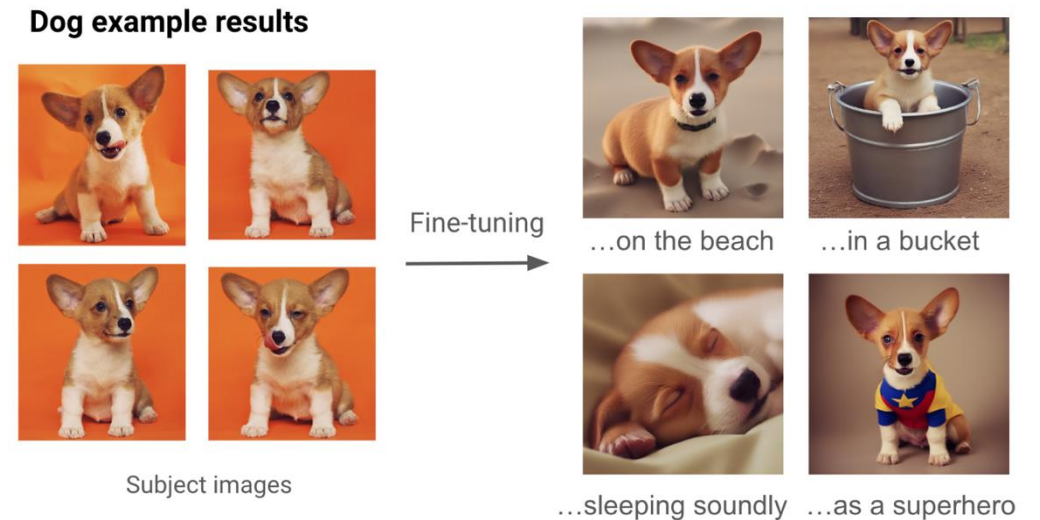


Fig. Examples of Foundation models usage, credits to [1]

[1] <https://docs.anyscale.com/examples/fine-tune-stable-diffusion/>

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- general-purpose representation that can be adapted to downstream tasks
- updating the pre-trained model's parameters

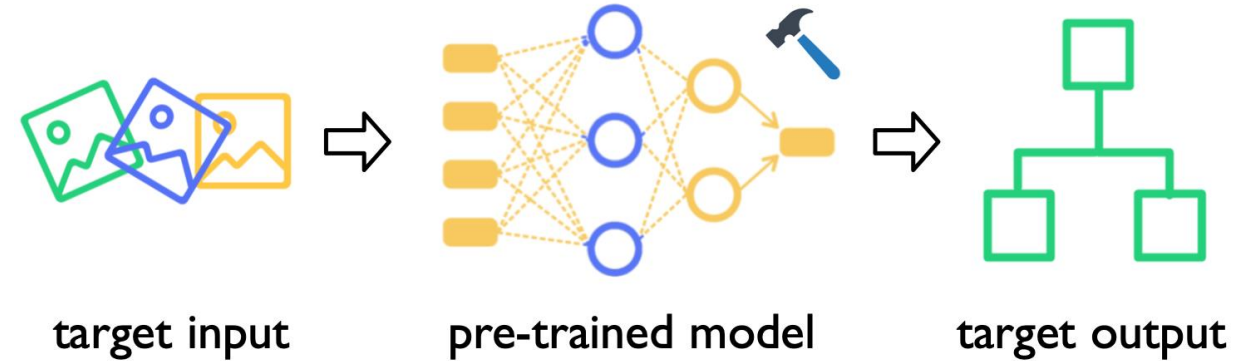


Fig. retrain or fine-tune pre-trained models



Parameter-Efficient Fine-tuning (PEFT)

Not as easy as we expected ...

- # parameters reaching billion-level
- Fully fine-tuning a Foundation model is
 - costly, data hungry, and time consuming
 - A complexity perspective

- fully fine tuning $\mathcal{O}\left(\sum_l^L d_l^2\right)$

- fine-tune just last layer $\mathcal{O}(d_{L-1} \times d_L)$

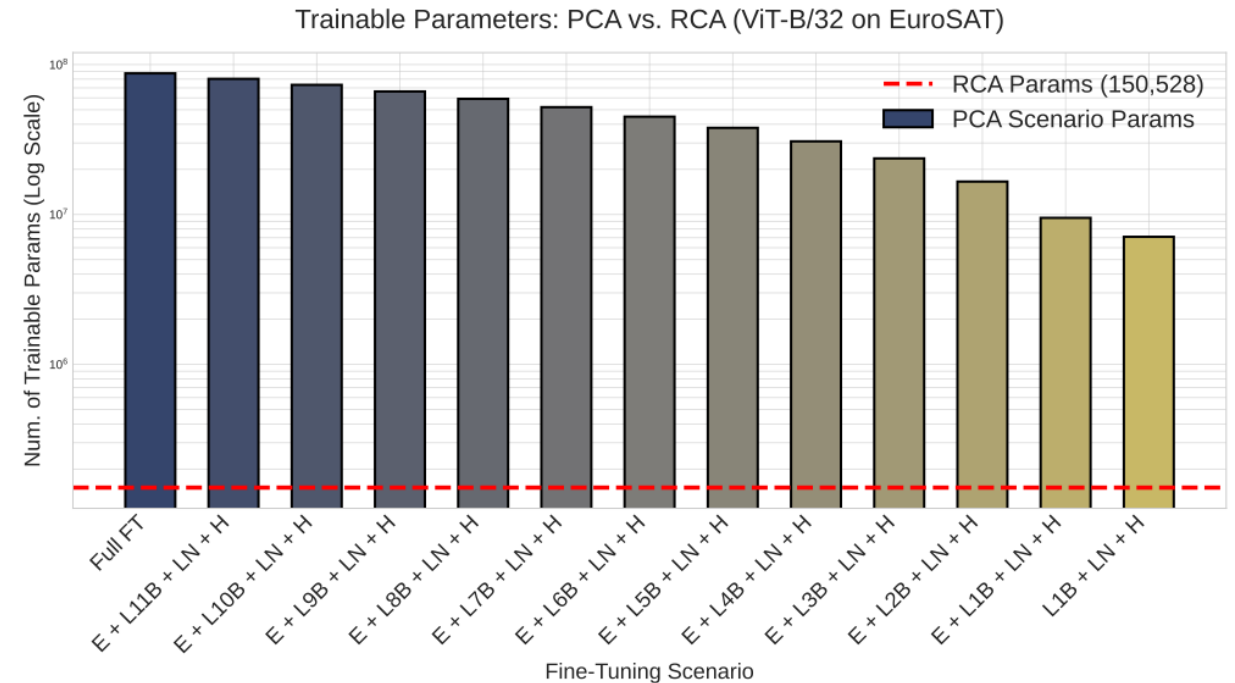


Fig. trainable parameters of fine-tuning a ViT-B/32 [1]

[1] Ye et al. Neural Network Reprogrammability: A Unified Theme on Model Reprogramming, Prompt Tuning, and Prompt Instruction. In ArXiv 2025

PEFT: Paradigm Shift

Parameter-Centric => Reprogrammability-Centric

- What is “reprogrammability”?
 - model can be *repurposed* in multiple scenarios
 - details to be discovered later on
- Thought transformation
 - (a) Fine-tuning: modify model to align with target task
 - (b) Reprogram: modify target task to align with model
- What to discuss today?
 - *not* a new concept, active research topics around VLMs and LLMs
 - yet fragmented themes across communities (ML, CV, NLP):
 - model reprogramming, prompt tuning, in-context learning, etc.

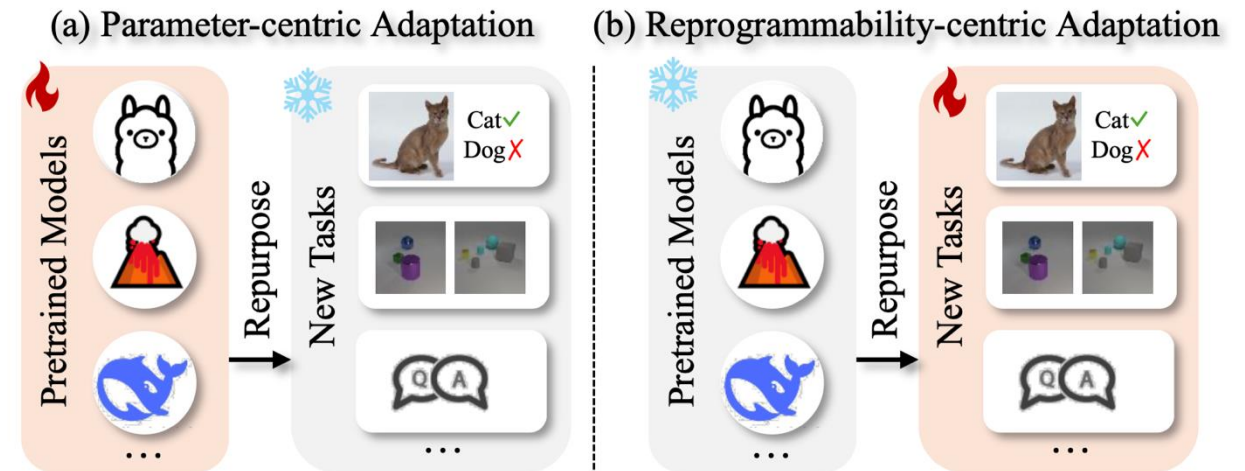
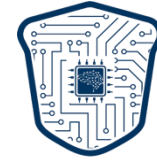


Fig. paradigm shift from adapting model to adapting tasks

Connect these concepts together

Outline

- I. Neural Network Reprogrammability (NNR)
- II. Interpret ICL, CoT with NNR
- III. Useful Resources



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PART 1: Neural Network Reprogrammability

Neural Network Reprogrammability: Motivation

Concepts originates from Adversarial Attack [1]

- Neural networks are sensitive
 - overconfident, non-continuous decision boundary, etc.
- Even negligible perturbations can mislead model
- Can be exploited to hinder model performances ☹️

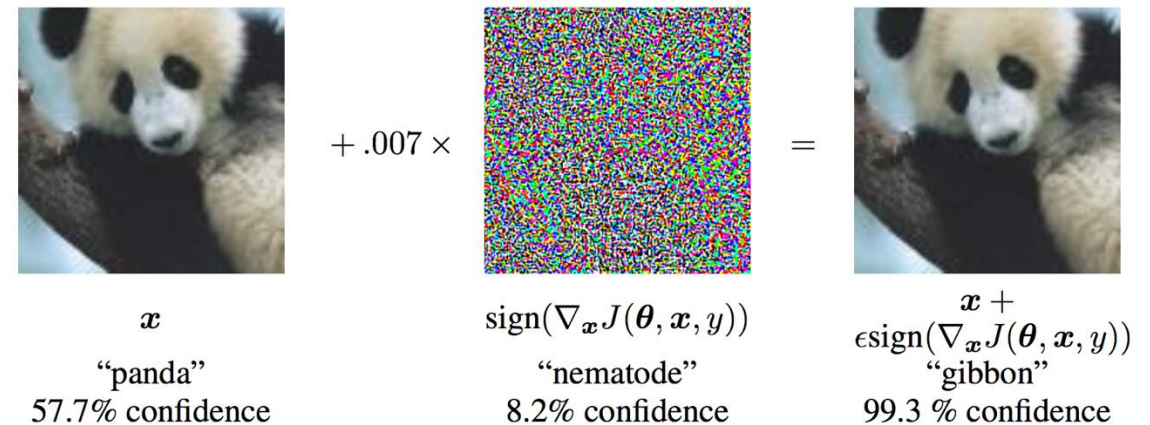


Fig. Adversarial Example and Attack

NNR: Motivation

Can we make use of this sensitivity?

- Perturbation can also *guide* model behavior
- Aim to *perform* new downstream tasks 😊
- Known as Model (Adversarial) Reprogramming [1]

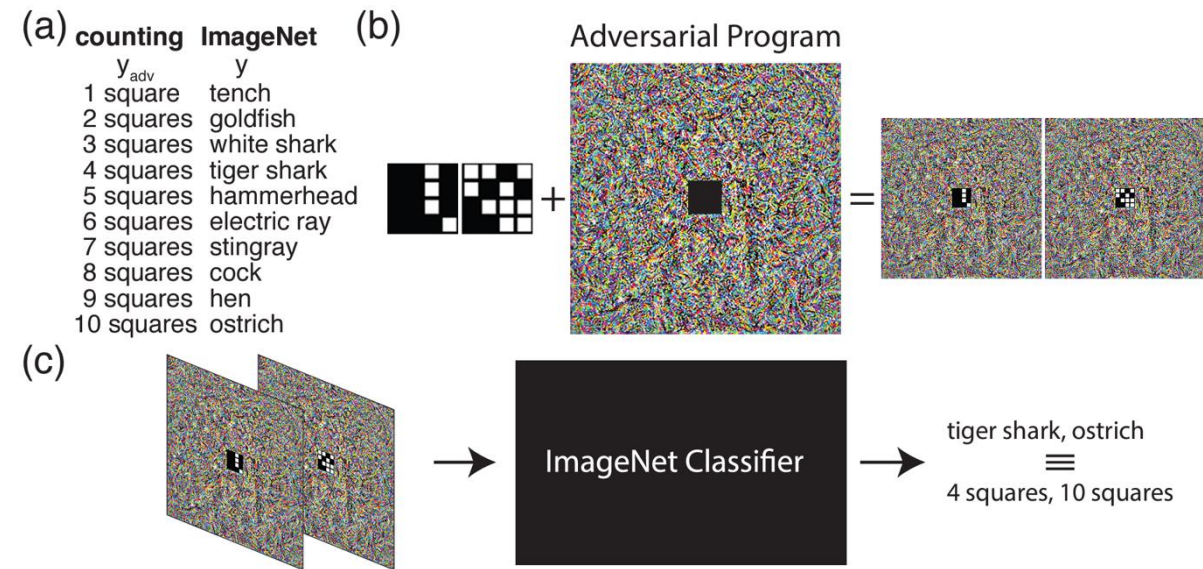
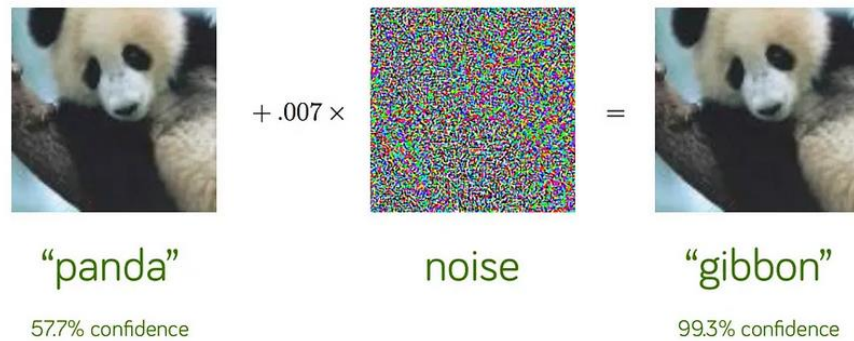


Fig. Illustration of Input (Adversarial) Reprogramming, credits to [1]

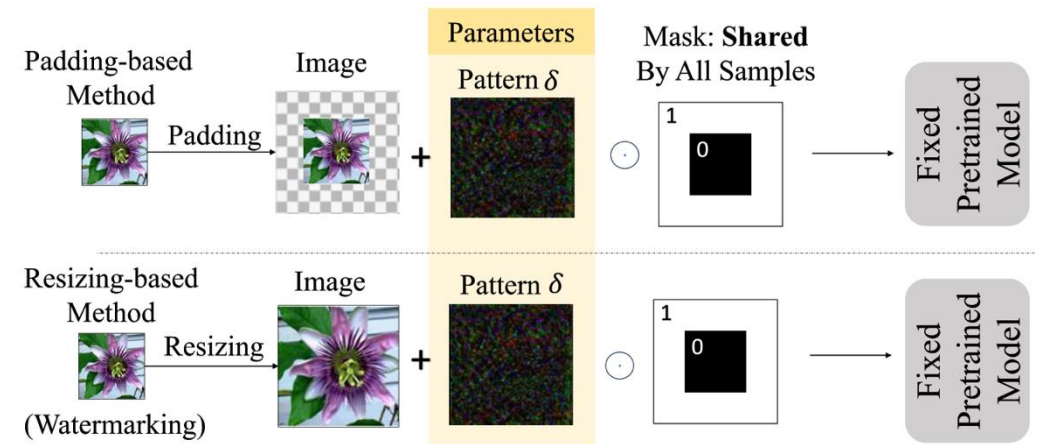
NNR: Motivation

Takeaway



Attack: perturbation to *hinder* a model

VS



Reprogramming: perturbation to *reuse* a model [1, 2]

[1] Elsayed et al. Adversarial Reprogramming of Neural Networks. In ICLR 2019

[2] Cai et al. Sample-specific Masks for Visual Reprogramming-based Prompting. In ICML 2024

NNR: Components

Takeaway

compared with fully fine-tuning

- Why: **freeze** pre-trained model's parameter space
 - preserve encoded knowledge
 - keep efficient when model scales
- How: **modify** input/context and output spaces
 - 1) input manipulation
 - 2) output alignment

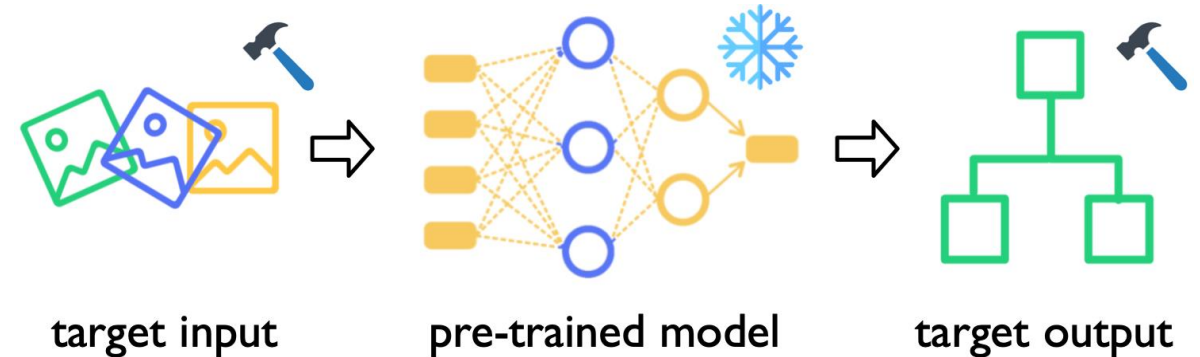


Fig. what we need to adapt in NNR – input and output

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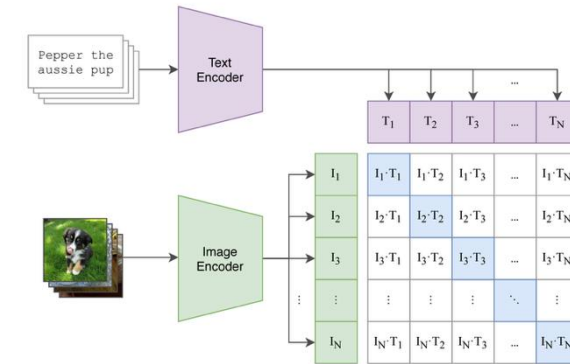
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NNR in textual modality

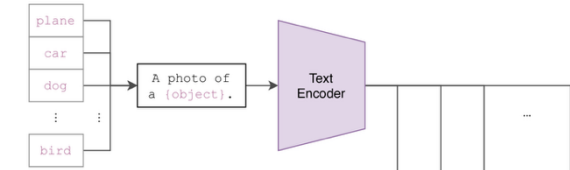
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- Can input manipulation be other forms?

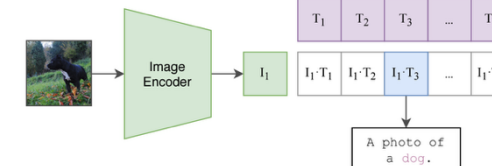
(1) Contrastive pre-training



(2) Create dataset classifier from label text



(3) Use for zero-shot prediction




[1] Radford et al. Learning Transferable Visual Models From Natural Language Supervision. In ICML 2021

Fig. prompting a pre-trained VLM, credits to [1]

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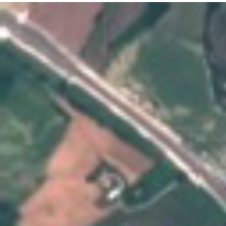
EuroSAT	Prompt	Accuracy
	a photo of a [CLASS].	24.17
	a satellite photo of [CLASS].	37.46
	a centered satellite photo of [CLASS].	37.56

Fig. different data may need different prompts, credits to [1]

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- Optimize a soft prompt instead, prompting w/ $[V]_1[V]_2 \dots [V]_M [CLS]$.

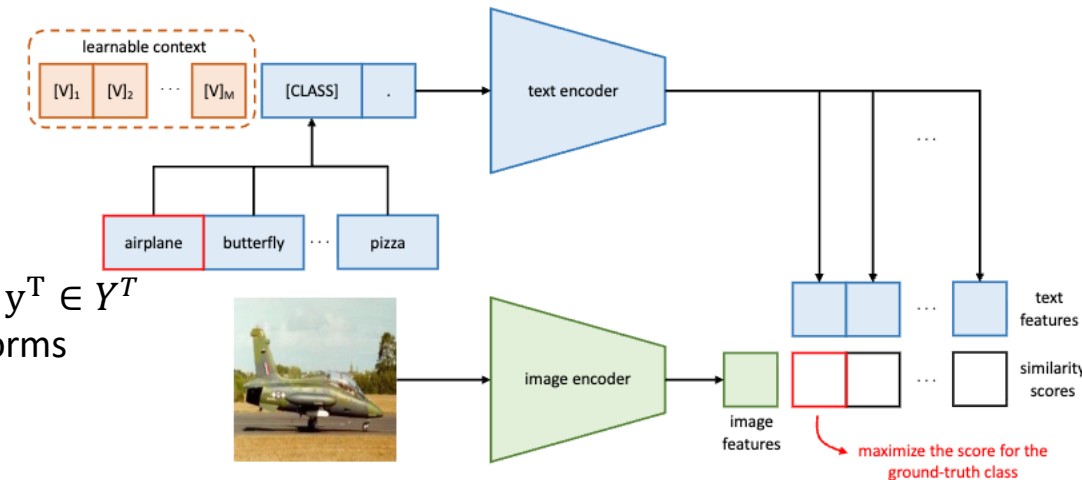


Fig. learning to prompt a pre-trained VLM, credits to [1]

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- where to place prompts can be flexibly chosen
 - Early works [1-3] prompt w/ $[V]_1[V]_2 \dots [V]_M$ [CLS]. as token embeddings
 - Often possible to prompt at multiple different locations, e.g., hidden layers [4]

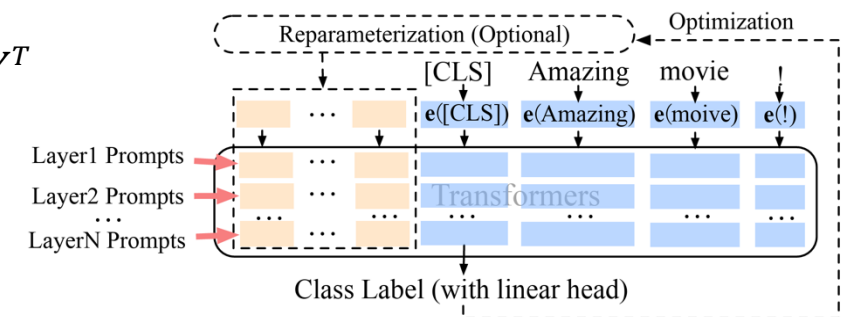
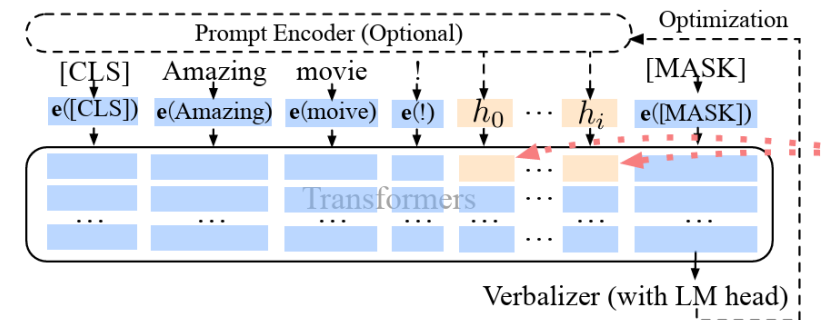


Fig. (u) Placing prompts at embedding layer
(d) Placing prompts at hidden layers [4]

[1] Zhou et al. Learning to Prompt for Vision-Language Models. In IJCV 2022

[2] Lester et al. The Power of Scale for Parameter-Efficient Prompt Tuning. In EMNLP 2021

[3] Liu et al. P-Tuning: Prompt Tuning Can Be Comparable to Fine-tuning Across Scales and Tasks. In ACL 2022

[4] Liu et al. P-Tuning v2: Prompt Tuning Can Be Comparable to Fine-tuning Universally Across Scales and Tasks. In ArXiv 2021

NNR in textual modality

In-Context Learning under NNR

- Emergent capabilities of LLMs [1]
- In-context learning leverages a set of demonstrations of target task
 - **What?** demonstrations $\{(x_i^T, y_i^T)\}_i$ are input manipulations
 - **How?** manipulating *input* x_*^T by concatenating $\{(x_i^T, y_i^T)\}_i$ as new input

pre-trained LLM can then predict y_*^T
does **NOT** need explicit learning procedure

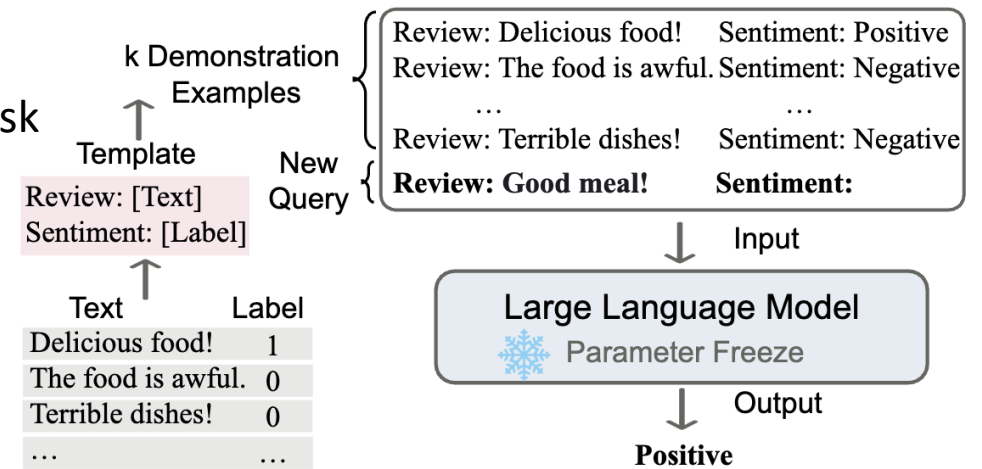


Fig. example of ICL pipeline [1]

NNR in textual modality

Chain-of-Thought Prompting under NNR

- Emergent capabilities of LLMs [1]
- Chain-of-thought leverages intermediate “thinking” steps
 - **What?** “think step by step” leads to input manipulations
 - **How?** manipulating query input x_*^T by concatenating reasoning s

predict y_*^T with In-Context Reasoning of x_*^T
sample-specific input manipulations

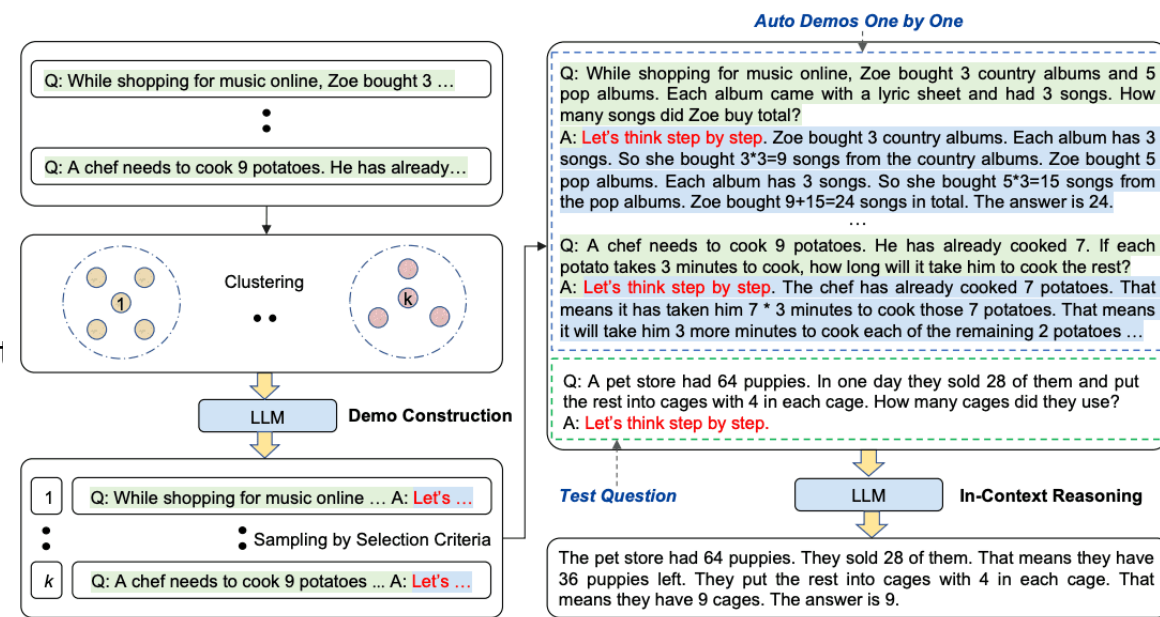


Fig. example of CoT pipeline [2]

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 - **What?** Text prompting are input manipulations
 - **How?** manipulating *input* by prompting w/ *textual* elements
 - **Why?** *task-specific* hint to guide pre-trained model's behavior
- Different *formats* of text prompting as input manipulation
 - Hard (readable) prompting
 - in-context learning [2], chain-of-thought [3], etc.
 - Soft (unreadable) prompting
 - prompt tuning [4], etc.

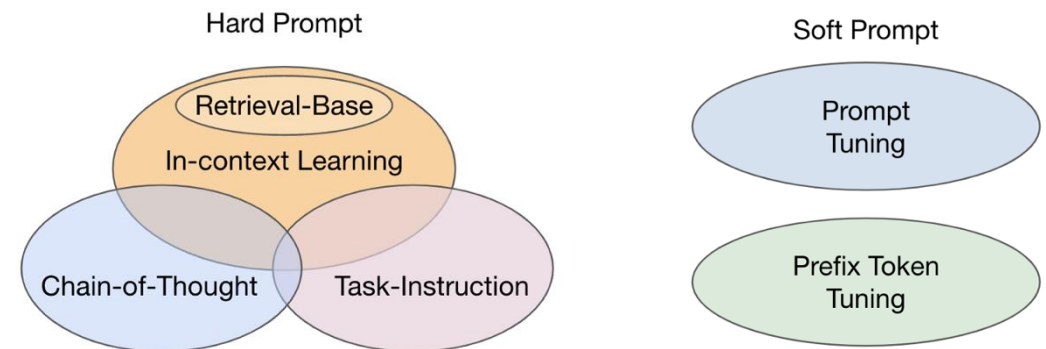


Fig. a categorization of IM for text data, credits to [1]

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[3] Wei et al. Chain-of-thought prompting elicits reasoning in large language models. In NeurIPS 2022
[4] Zhou et al. Conditional prompt learning for vision-language models. In CVPR 2022
[5] Zhou et al. Learning to Prompt for Vision-Language Models. In IJCV 2022

NNR in visual modality

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- Guide pre-trained vision/vision-language model
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 - **How?** manipulating *input* by prompting w/ *visual* elements
 - **Why?** provide task-specific hint about how to handle visual data

Can take various formats as well

- Segment-Anything (SAM) [1] as input manipulation
 - Hard prompting based on visible annotations
 - points, bounding-box, markers, etc.

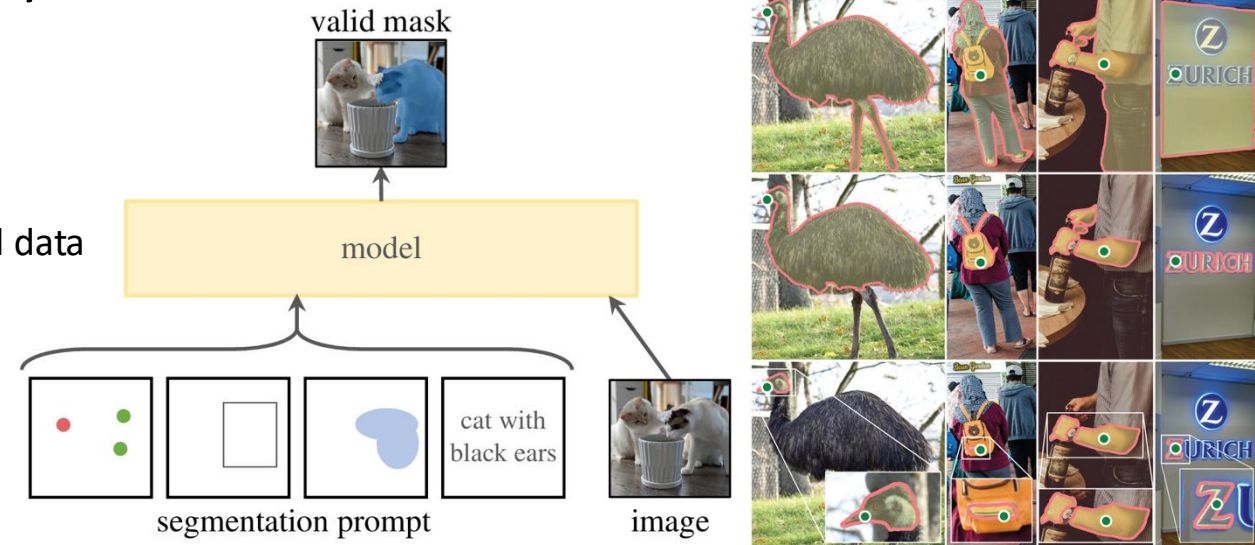


Fig. (l) zero-shot segmentation enabled by different prompts
(r) point prompts leads to generated masks over objects [1]

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 - Handled as additional tokens along with image *embeddings*
 - transfer zero-shot to new tasks

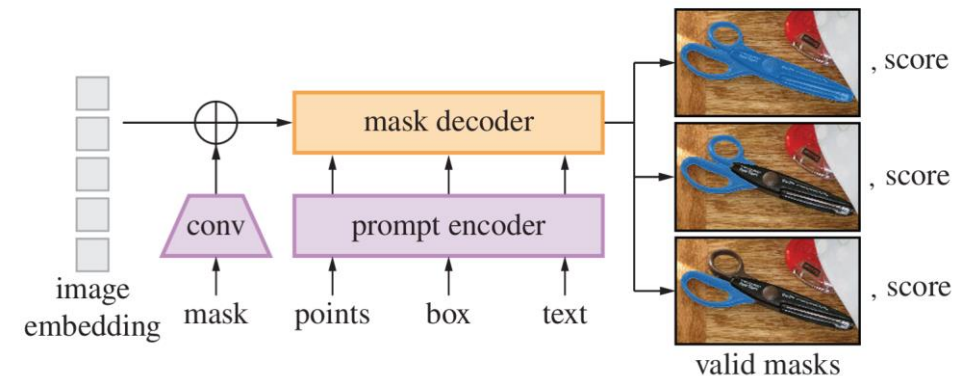
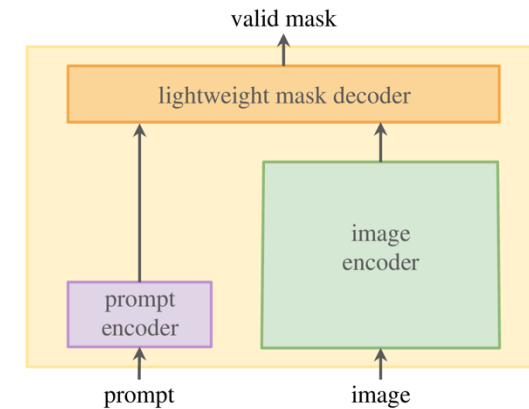


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 - Inpainting model pre-trained on large-scale dataset
 - Random masking, learning to inpaint masked regions
 - Prompting x_q with few-shot task-specific demonstrations
 - Manipulating by building “grid”-like target input and mask
 - Leveraging *frozen* pre-trained model to restore the mask
 - Training-free; can adapt to multiple target tasks (e.g., segmentation, edge detection), provided with proper task output examples

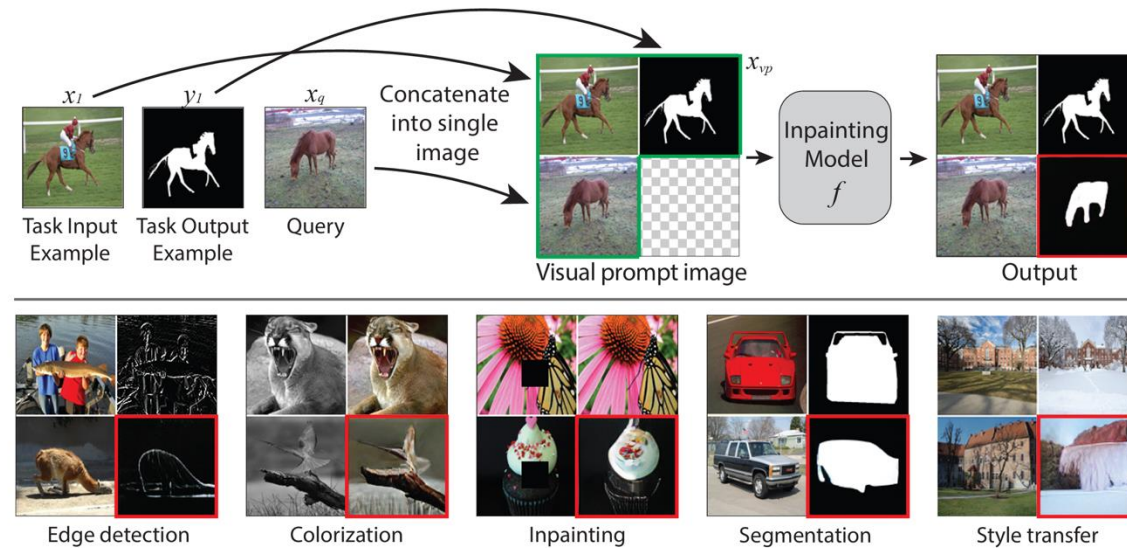


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- Soft prompting based on unreadable elements
 - noises, etc.
- Handled as additional pixels along with raw image pixels
 - necessitates optimization with respect to task-specific loss functions

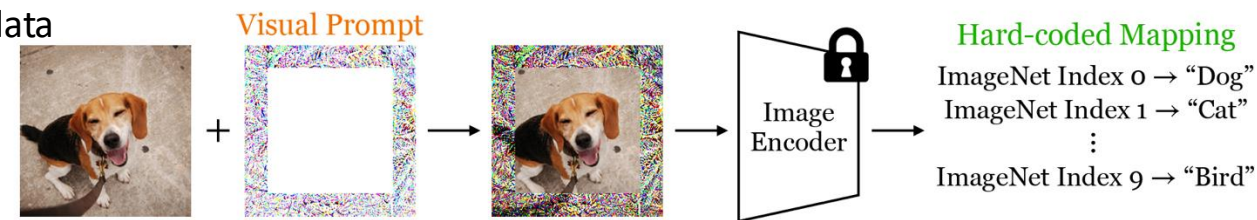


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Input Manipulation w/ Sample specificity

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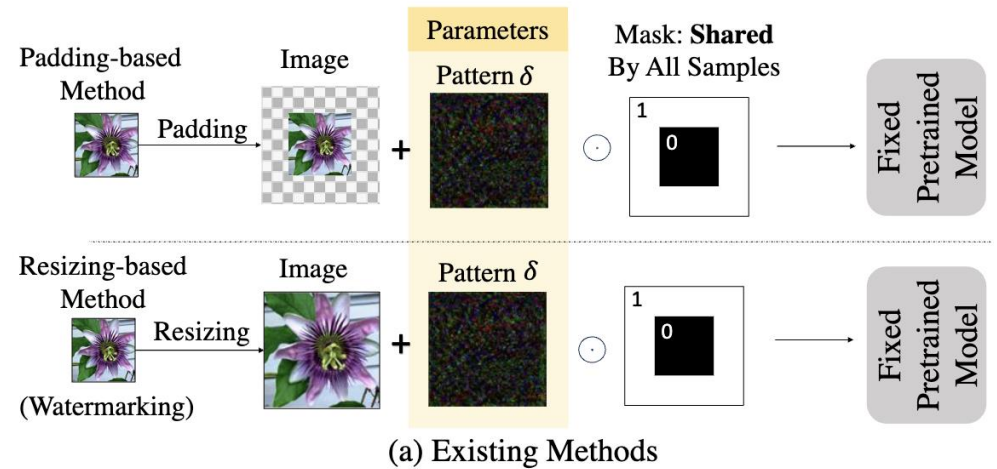


Fig. a shared mask is used across downstream samples [1]

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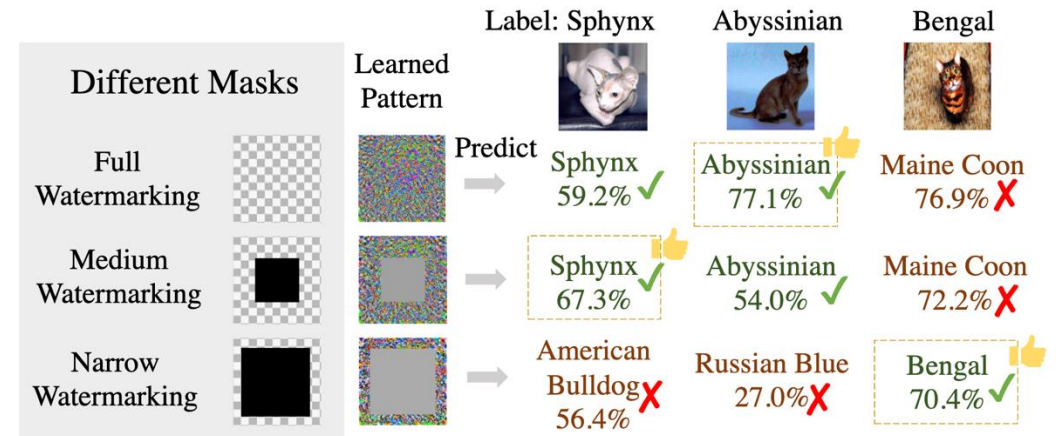


Fig. different samples benefit from different masks [1]

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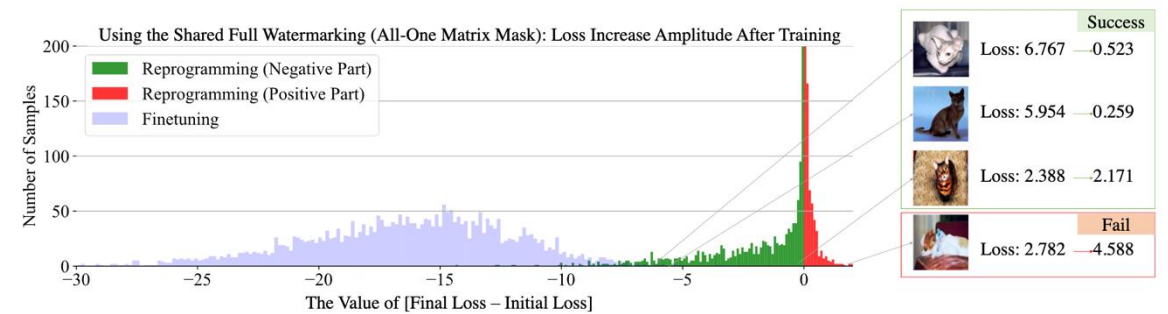


Fig. shared mask leads to loss increase for certain samples [1]

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- **sub-optimality** of shared mask 😞
- SMM: sample-specific mask generation
 - CNN-based mask generator $f_{\text{mask}} : \mathbb{R}^{H_S \times W_S \times C_S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{H_S \times W_S \times C_S}$
 - IM now in the form as

$$f_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \theta; \theta, \phi) = \text{resize}(\mathbf{x}_i) + \theta \odot f_{\text{mask}}(\text{resize}(\mathbf{x}_i); \phi)$$

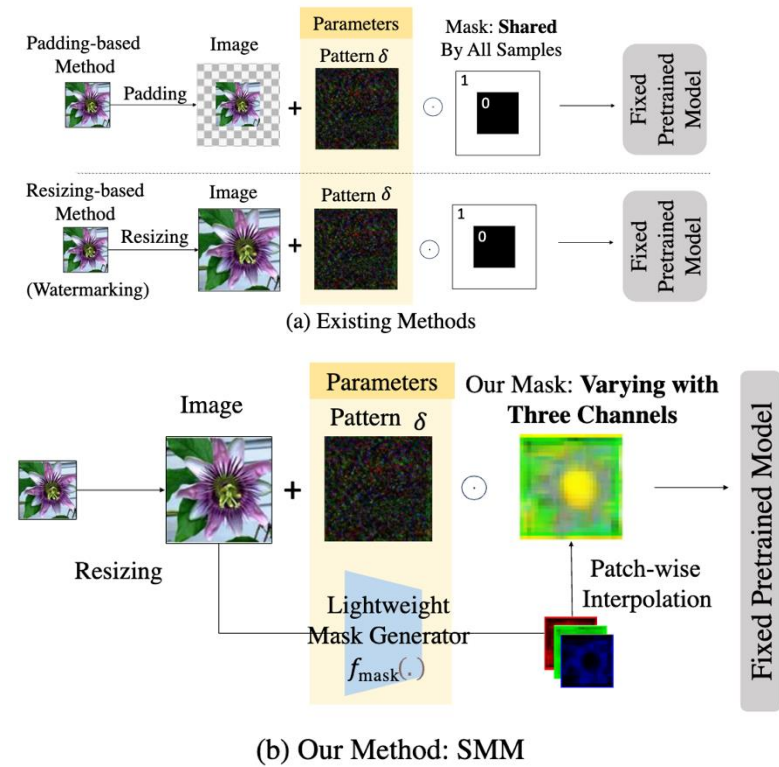


Fig. SMM: generate a mask for each image [1]

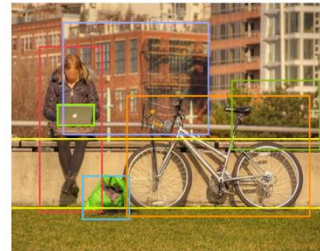
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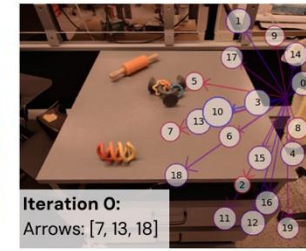
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Pixel-level



Soft Prompt

- Different *formats* of text prompting as input manipulation
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 - prompt tuning, e.g., trainable noises added to the image [3]

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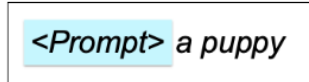
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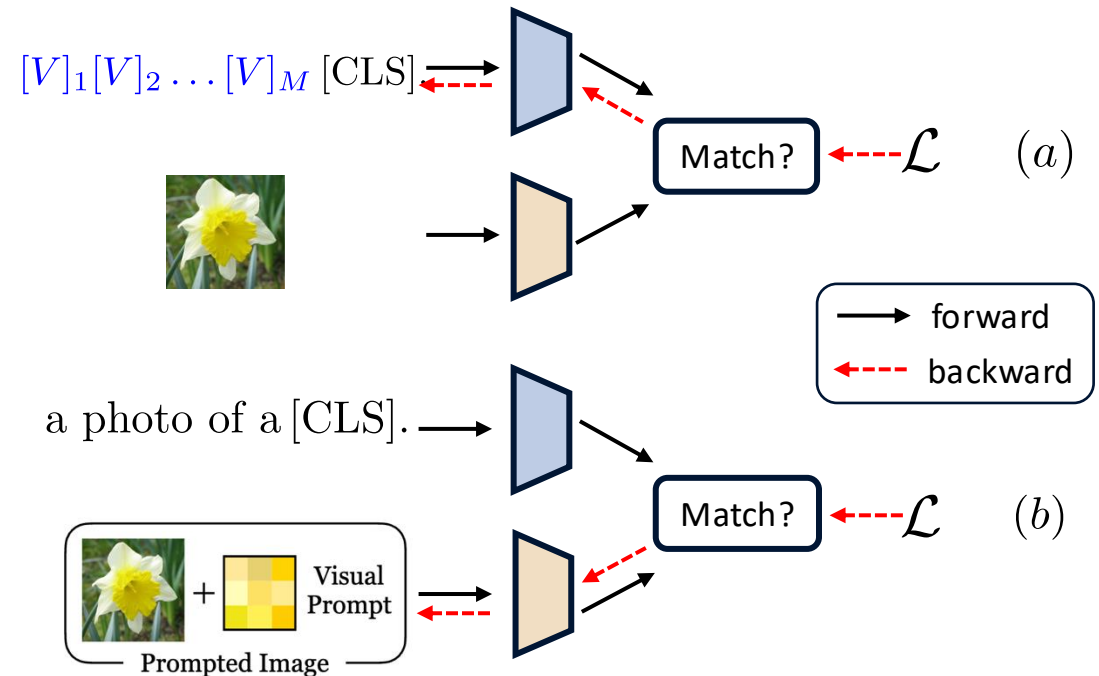
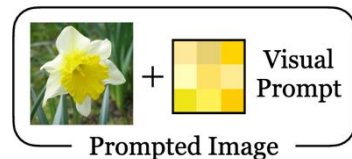


Fig. prompt tuning on (a) text OR (b) image with vision-language models

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- Can be tuning a prompt for a single modality
 - i.e., uni-modal prompting
- Otherwise, tuning prompts for both modalities
 - i.e., multi-modal prompting [1]

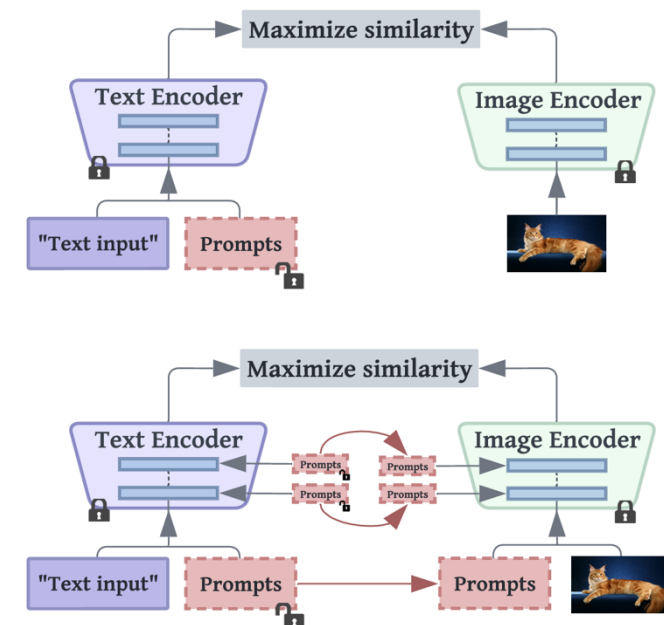


Fig. prompt tuning on (a) text OR/AND (b) image with vision-language models

NNR in multi-modality

In multi-modal contexts, textual and visual prompt tuning follow the same idea

- Both “search” for optimal prompts with gradient-descent
 - *learnable* tokens prepended to text, e.g.,
 - *learnable* perturbation added to the image, e.g.,
- An example of tuning prompts for both modalities [1]
 - Prompts can be added to multiple places

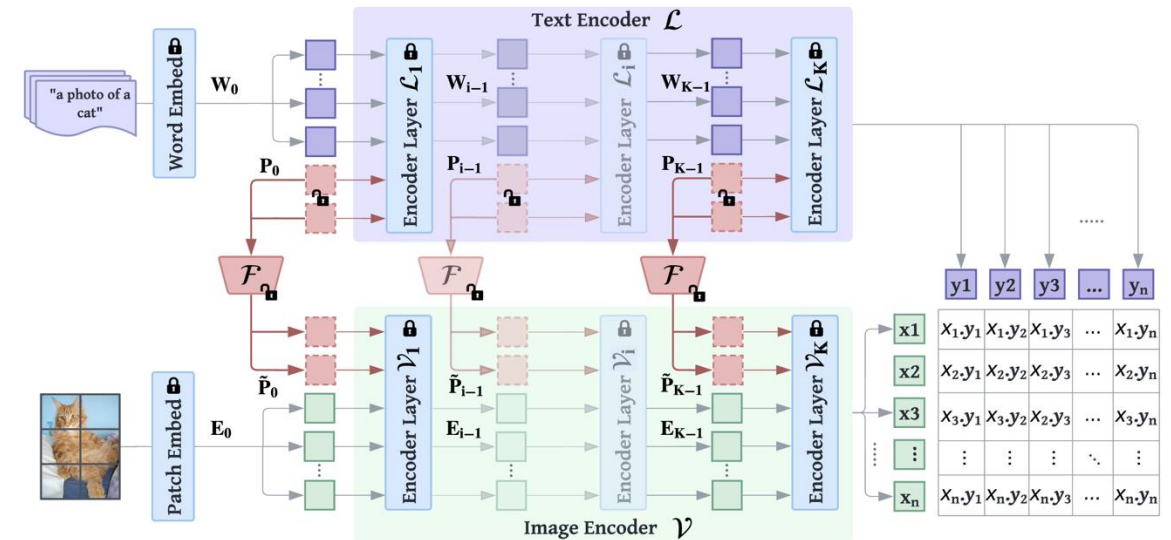


Fig. prompt tuning on (a) text AND (b) image with vision-language models [1]

[1] Khattak et al. MaPLe: Multi-modal Prompt Learning. In CVPR 2023.

NNR in cross-modality

NNR can be manifested even across modalities

- Guide pre-trained acoustic model for (*numeric*) time-series data
 - **What?**
 - Pre-trained AM can be repurposed to handle data from another modality
 - **How?**
 - manipulating *input* by prompting w/ trainable segments
 - aligning *output* by projection w/ hard-coded mappings
 - **Why?**
 - transform time-series data into tokens that frozen AM can handle
 - map from acoustic label space to time-series label space

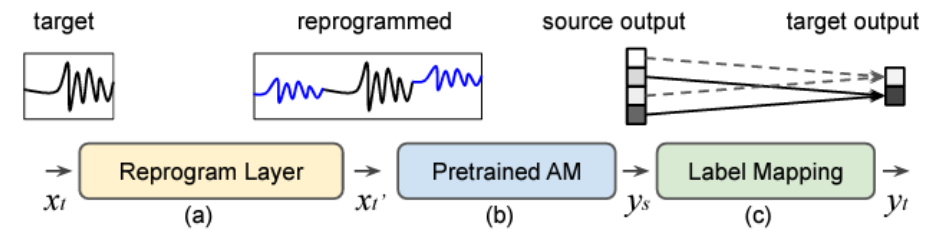


Fig. Framework of Voice2Series [1]

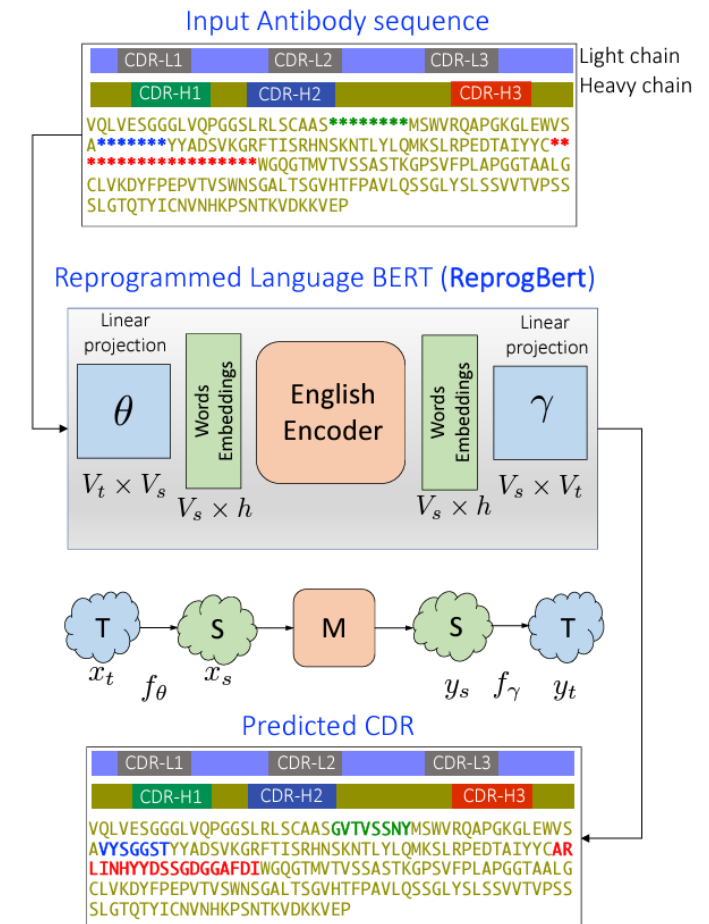
- Risk analysis

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{T}}}[\ell_{\mathcal{T}}(\tilde{x}_t(\theta^*), y_t)]}_{\text{target risk}} \leq \underbrace{\epsilon_S}_{\text{source risk}} + 2\sqrt{K} \cdot \underbrace{\mathcal{W}_1(\mu(z_S(\tilde{x}_t(\theta^*))), \mu(z_S(x_s)))}_{\text{representation alignment loss via reprogramming}},$$

NNR in cross-modality

NNR can be manifested even across modalities

- Guide pre-trained language model for protein sequences
 - **What?**
 - Pre-trained LM can be repurposed to handle data from irrelevant modality
 - **How?**
 - manipulating *input* by prompting w/ trainable linear projection
 - aligning *output* by projection w/ trainable linear projection
 - **Why?**
 - transform Antibody data into tokens that English-pretrained LM [2] can handle
 - transform English word embeddings back into Antibody
- commendable performance than baselines
 - high diversity, good sequence recovery, and low perplexity



[1] Melnyk et al. Reprogramming language model for antibody sequence infilling. In ICML 2023

[2] Devlin et al. BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding. In NAACL 2019

Fig. Framework of protein sequence infilling [1]

NNR in cross-modality

NNR can be manifested even across modalities

- Guide pre-trained LLM for (*numeric*) time-series data
 - **What?**
 - LLMs can be repurposed to handle data from another modality
 - **How?**
 - manipulating *input* by prompting w/ trainable tokens
 - aligning *output* by projection w/ trainable layers
 - **Why?**
 - encode numeric data into tokens that LLMs can recognize
 - decode textual output back to numeric values

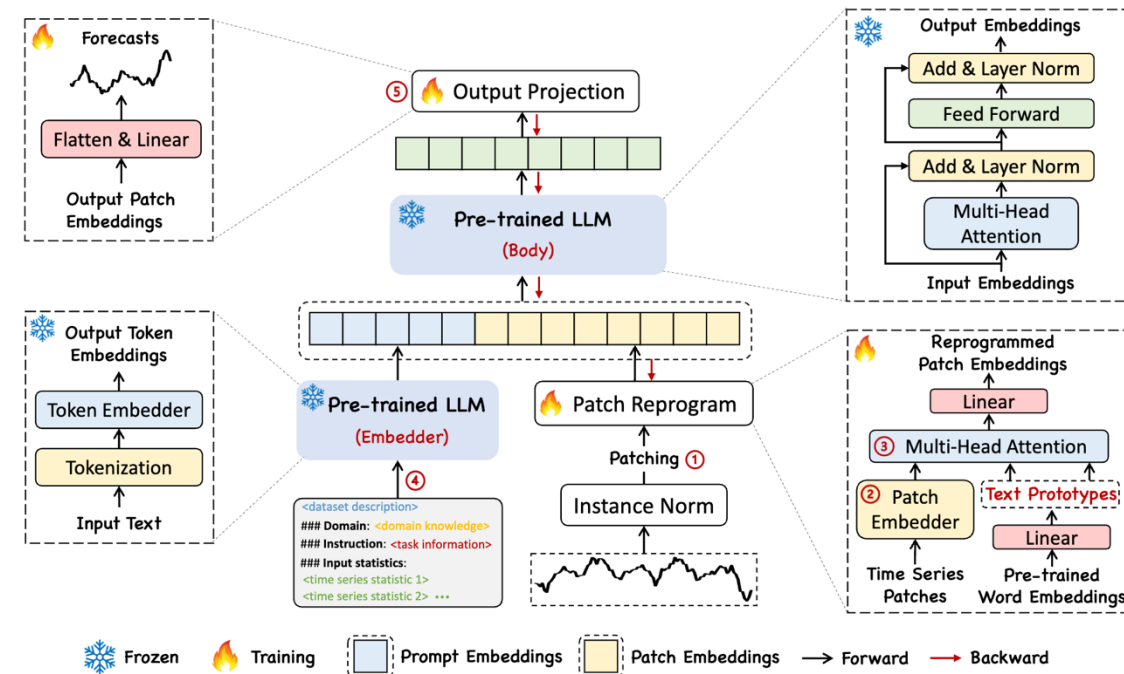


Fig. an example of NNR for time-series, credits to [1]

[1] Jin et al. TIME-LLM: Time Series Forecasting by Reprogramming Large Language Models. In ICLR 2024

NNR in cross-modality

NNR can be manifested regardless of domains / modalities

benefit **low-resource** domains,
where training from scratch is difficult

In-domain adaptation		Cross-domain adaptation	
Source	Target	Source	Target
general image	domain-specific image	image	financial transaction
text	word level task	text	time-series
speech	low-resource speech	text	protein

Fig. diverse application scenarios of NNR [1]

NNR as a unifying umbrella

NNR is a *general* idea, not limited by modality, as well as:

- Manipulation formats
 - fixed or trainable
- Manipulation location
 - input space
 - embedding space
 - hidden spaces
- Manipulation operator
 - additive
 - concatenative
 - parametric

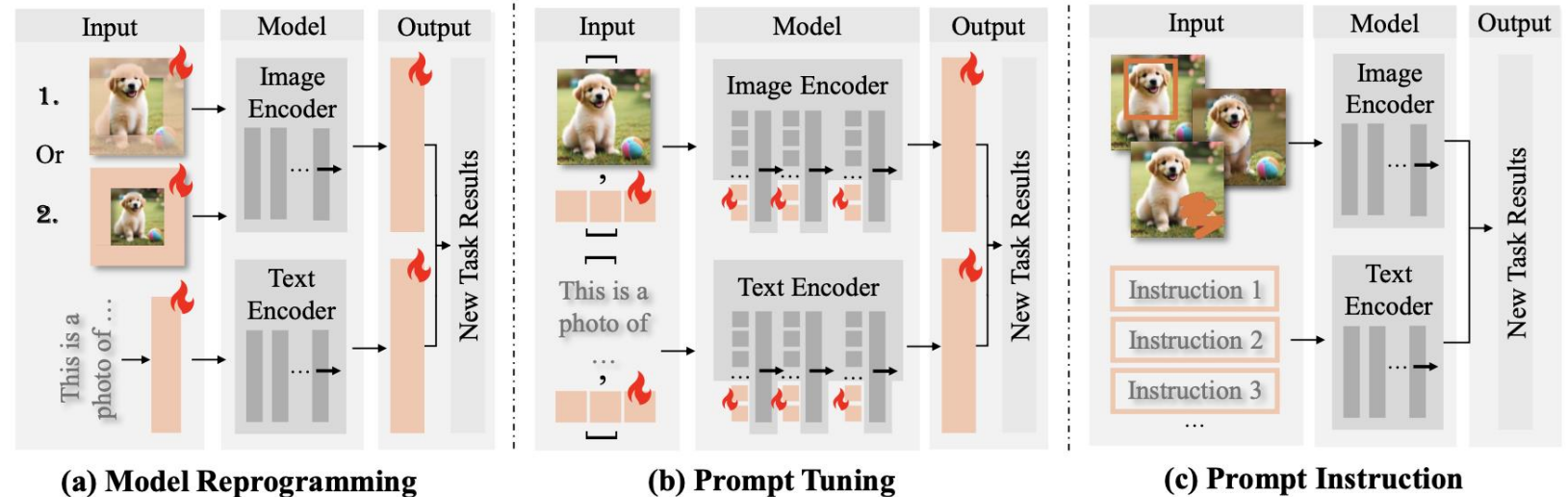
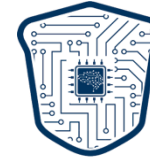


Fig. NNR manifests in different ways across different PEFT methodologies, credits to [1]



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PART II: ICL and CoT under NNR

In-Context Learning under NNR

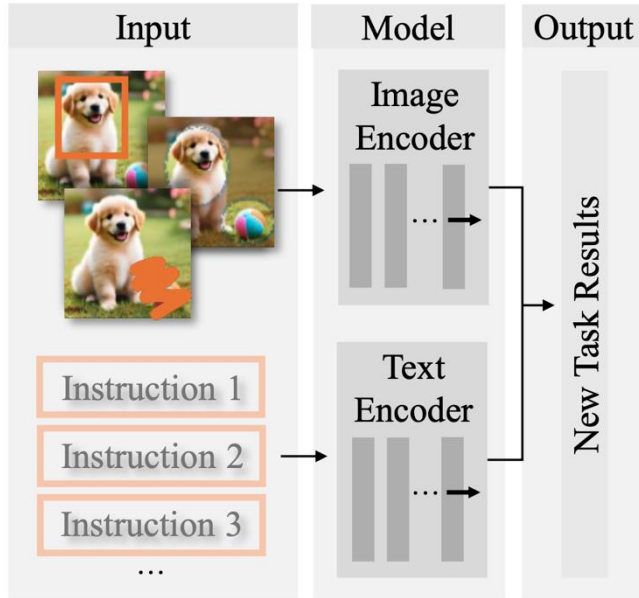


Fig. concept of ICL pipeline [1]

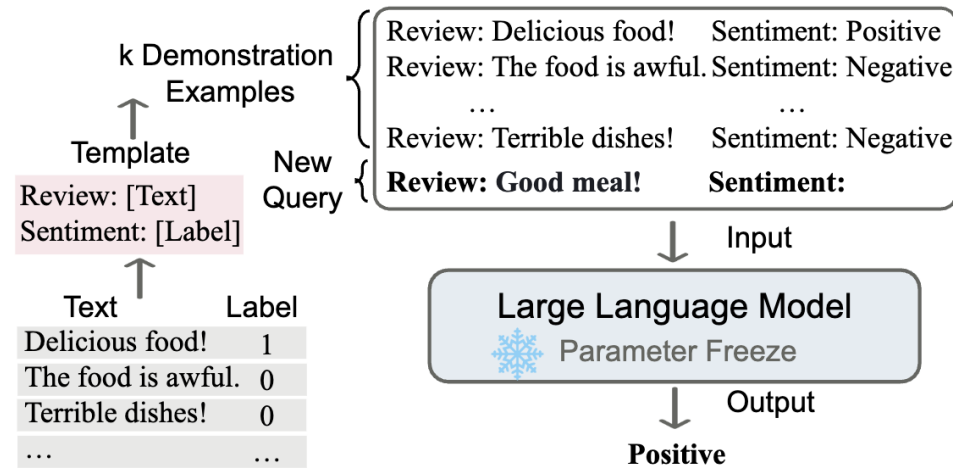


Fig. example of ICL pipeline [2]

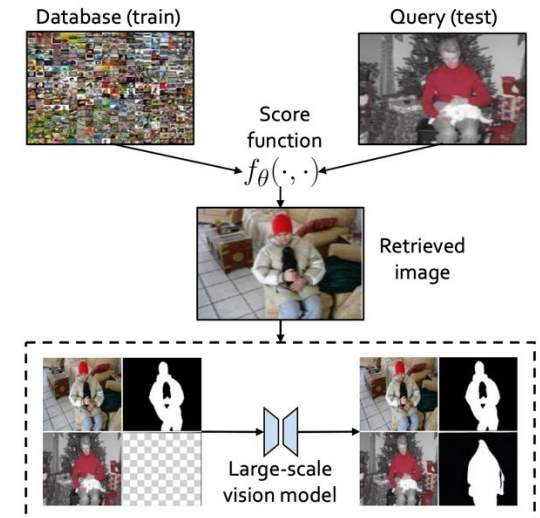


Fig. example of ICL pipeline [3]

- Format: Fixed, non-learnable manipulation
- Location: exclusively at model input space
- Operator: concatenative (text) / additive (visual)
- Output: minimal, mostly implicit identity/rule-based OA

[1] Ye et al. Neural Network Reprogrammability: A Unified Theme on Model Reprogramming, Prompt Tuning, and Prompt Instruction. To appear.

[2] Dong et al. A survey of In-Context Learning. In ArXiv 2022

[3] Zhang et al. What makes good examples for visual in-context learning? In NeurIPS 2023

Chain-of-Thought under NNR

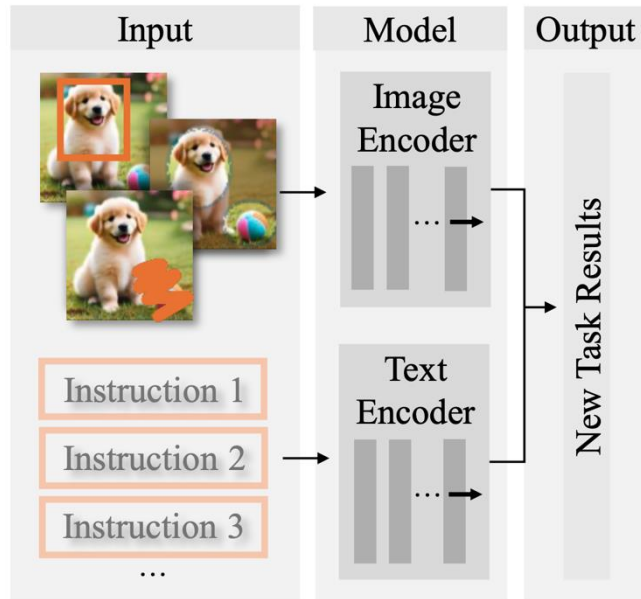


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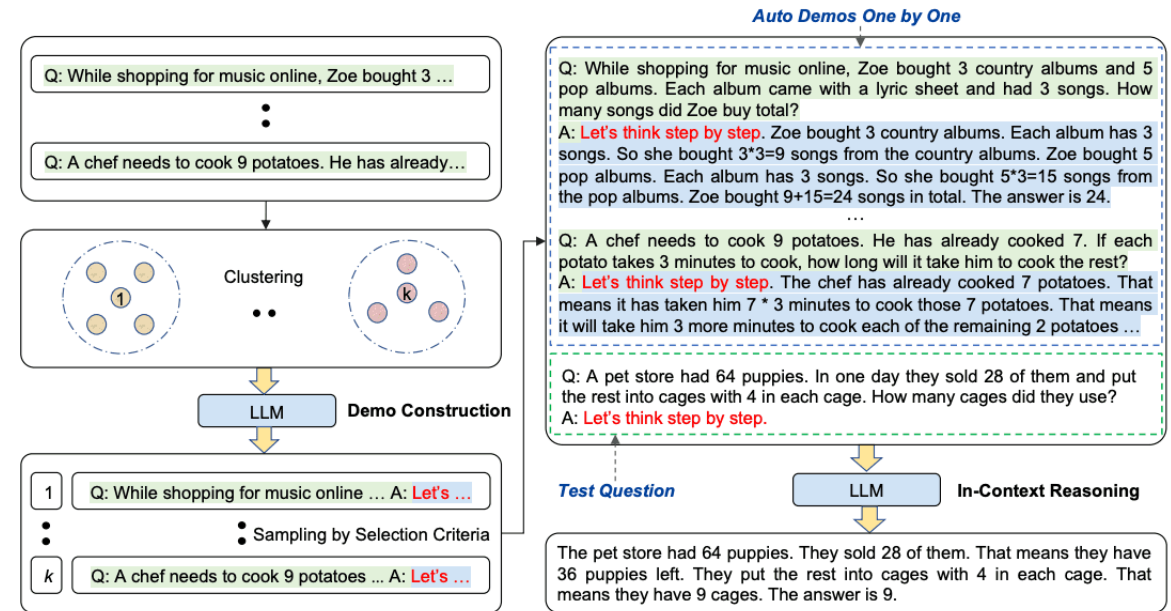
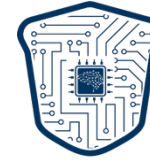


Fig. example of CoT pipeline [2]

- Format: Fixed, non-learnable manipulation
- Location: exclusively at model input space
- Operator: concatenative (text)
- Constraints: append (intermediate, sample-specific) reasoning results to manipulations

[1] Ye et al. Neural Network Reprogrammability: A Unified Theme on Model Reprogramming, Prompt Tuning, and Prompt Instruction. To appear.

[2] Wei et al. Chain-of-Thought Prompting Elicits Reasoning in Large Language Models. In TMLR 2022



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PART III: Useful Resources

Useful Resources

Hub for Neural Network Reprogrammability

❑ What is this?

- a curated collection of resources for Reprogrammability
- a go-to place to find related papers, tools, and datasets

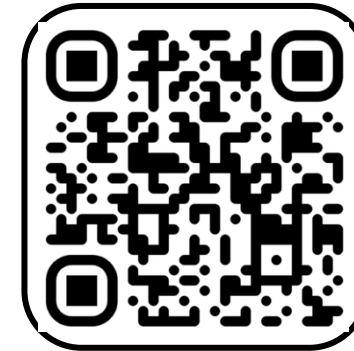
❑ Why this repo?

- more than just a list; built upon a unified framework

$$\hat{y}^T = O_\omega \circ f \circ I_{\lambda, \tau, \ell}(x^T, c)$$

- all resources are contextualized within a four-dimensional taxonomy
 - I_λ : configuration (what manipulations)
 - I_ℓ : location (where to place manipulations)
 - I_τ : operator (how manipulations are applied)
 - O_ω : alignment (whether output alignment is needed)

Link to survey paper 



Link to github repo 








<https://github.com/zyecs/awesome-reprogrammability>

Star the repo to stay updated!



Useful Resources

Types of assets (will be available soon!)

-  [Resources by Type](#)
 -  [Research Papers](#)
 -  [Tools & Libraries](#)
 -  [Datasets & Benchmarks](#)
 -  [Educational Resources](#)

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Useful Resources

Beyond a list

❑ Explore by Taxonomy

- Don't just browse; you can filter resources based on your interests
- Want to find methods that modify *input space*? Or those only using *additive operator*?
- The repo is structured to answer these questions

❑ Applications & Use cases

- Show how reprogrammability is applied in science
- Covers CV, NLP, Audio, and Scientific domains (e.g., protein prediction)

❑ Structure Learning path

- beginner: hands-on exercise to get familiar with implementing reprogrammability
- intermediate: off-the-shelf reprogrammability library to facilitate key results reproduce
- advanced: identify research gaps and contribute to the field!

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We welcome thoughts and feedback!

If you have a valuable resource or suggestions, please submit a pull request or raise an issue.

Useful Resources

Reference Implementations and Summaries

- **Awesome-MR**
 - one-top information about existing model reprogramming research
- **Awesome-Reprogrammability**
 - comprehensive survey and materials about NNR
- **SMM (ICML 2024 spotlight)**
 - comprehensive (trainable) IM (with a focus on visual recognition)
- **BayesianLM (NeurIPS 2024 oral)**
 - comprehensive learning/statistics-based explicit OA
- **AttrVR (ICLR 2025)**
 - can LLMs improve (visual) input manipulation for VLM?
- **Decoupled VP (ICML 2025)**
 - can LLMs disentangle input manipulation optimization?

Check them out!



MR survey



MR-repository



SMM



BayesianLM



AttrVR



DVP

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