# Meta-learning

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#### Problem in Deep Learning



Source: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1605.07678.pdf

Source: https://medium.com/zylapp/ review-of-deep-learning-algorithmsfor-image-classification-5fdbca4a05e2



#### Moravec's Paradox

• High-level reasoning requires very little computation, but low-level sensorimotor skills require **enormous** computational resources.



#### Task-changing Online-learning



#### Learning from small data



#### Learning from other tasks



Few-shot learning (1-shot 5-way)



#### Games vs. Real world





FIFA World Cup 2018





GTA 5

## Models in Few-shot learning

- Model based
  - Meta-learning with memory-augmented neural networks
  - Meta-Learning with Temporal Convolutions Predicted Labels
  - Learning to reinforcement learn
  - RI<sup>2</sup>: Fast reinforcement learning via slow RL
- Metric based
  - Siamese neural networks for one-shot image recognition
  - Matching networks for one shot learning
  - Prototypical networks for few-shot learning
  - Learning to compare: Relation network for few-shot learning
- Optimization based
  - Learning to learn by gradient descent by gradient descent



- Optimization as a model for few-shot learning
- Learning to Learn: Meta-Critic Networks for Sample Efficient Learning

Optimizer

- Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning for Fast Adaptation of Deep Networks
- Task-agnostic meta-learning for few-shot learning





#### Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning

- How to use pretrained model:
  - Fine-tune (by gradient descent)

$$\theta \leftarrow \theta - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} L_{train}(\theta)$$

- What is our goal:
  - Easy to fine-tune for any tasks
  - A meta loss function

$$\min_{\theta} \sum_{\text{task } i} L^{i}_{test}(\theta - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} L^{i}_{train}(\theta))$$

meta-learning

learning/adaptation

#### Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning



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#### MAML applications (regression)



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The regressor is a neural network model with 2 hidden layers of size 40 with ReLU nonlinearities.



Figure 3. Quantitative sinusoid regression results showing the learning curve at meta test-time. Note that MAML continues to improve with additional gradient steps without overfitting to the extremely small dataset during meta-testing, achieving a loss that is substantially lower than the baseline fine-tuning approach.

#### MAML for Image Classification

Algorithm 2 MAML for Few-Shot Supervised Learning

**Require:**  $p(\mathcal{T})$ : distribution over tasks **Require:**  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ : step size hyperparameters 1: randomly initialize  $\theta$ 2: while not done do Sample batch of tasks  $\mathcal{T}_i \sim p(\mathcal{T})$ 3: 4: for all  $\mathcal{T}_i$  do Sample K datapoints  $\mathcal{D} = {\mathbf{x}^{(j)}, \mathbf{y}^{(j)}}$  from  $\mathcal{T}_i$ 5: Evaluate  $\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_i}(f_{\theta})$  using  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_i}$  in Equation (2) 6: or (3)7: Compute adapted parameters with gradient descent:  $\theta_i' = \theta - \alpha \nabla_\theta \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_i}(f_\theta)$ Sample datapoints  $\mathcal{D}'_i = \{\mathbf{x}^{(j)}, \mathbf{y}^{(j)}\}$  from  $\mathcal{T}_i$  for the 8: meta-update end for 9: Update  $\theta \leftarrow \theta - \beta \nabla_{\theta} \sum_{\mathcal{T}_i \sim p(\mathcal{T})} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_i}(f_{\theta'_i})$  using each  $\mathcal{D}'_i$ 10:and  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_i}$  in Equation 2 or 3 11: end while

### MAML applications (minilmageNet)

https://github.com/y2l/mini-imagenet-tools

64 training classes, 12 validation classes, and 24 test classes.

Follow the experimental protocol proposed by Vinyals et al. (2016), which involves fast learning of N-way classification with K (1 or 5) shots.



Select N unseen classes,

provide the model with K different instances of each of the N classes, evaluate the model's ability to classify new instances within the N classes.

	5-way A	Accuracy
MiniImagenet (Ravi & Larochelle, 2017)	1-shot	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)	$48.07 \pm \mathbf{1.75\%}$	$63.15 \pm 0.91\%$
MAML (ours)	$48.70 \pm \mathbf{1.84\%}$	$63.11 \pm \mathbf{0.92\%}$

#### MAML applications (Omniglot)

https://github.com/brendenlake/omniglot

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	5-way A	ccuracy	20-way A	Accuracy		
Omniglot (Lake et al., 2011)	1-shot	5-shot	1-shot	5-shot		
MANN, no conv (Santoro et al., 2016)	82.8%	94.9%	_	—		
MAML, no conv (ours)	$ \hspace{.1cm} 89.7 \pm \mathbf{1.1\%}  $	$97.5 \pm \mathbf{0.6\%}$	_	-		
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)	$98.7\pm\mathbf{0.4\%}$	$99.9 \pm \mathbf{0.1\%}$	$95.8 \pm 0.3\%$	$98.9\pm\mathbf{0.2\%}$		

#### MAML for Reinforcement Learning

#### Algorithm 3 MAML for Reinforcement Learning

**Require:**  $p(\mathcal{T})$ : distribution over tasks **Require:**  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ : step size hyperparameters 1: randomly initialize  $\theta$ 2: while not done do Sample batch of tasks  $\mathcal{T}_i \sim p(\mathcal{T})$ 3: for all  $\mathcal{T}_i$  do 4: 5: Sample K trajectories  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_H)\}$  using  $f_{\theta}$ in  $\mathcal{T}_i$ Evaluate  $\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_i}(f_{\theta})$  using  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_i}$  in Equation 4 6: 7: Compute adapted parameters with gradient descent:  $\theta_i' = \theta - \alpha \nabla_\theta \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_i}(f_\theta)$ Sample trajectories  $\mathcal{D}'_i = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{a}_1, ..., \mathbf{x}_H)\}$  using  $f_{\theta'_i}$ 8: in  $\mathcal{T}_i$ 9: end for Update  $\theta \leftarrow \theta - \beta \nabla_{\theta} \sum_{\mathcal{T}_i \sim p(\mathcal{T})} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_i}(f_{\theta'_i})$  using each  $\mathcal{D}'_i$ 10:and  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_i}$  in Equation 4

11: end while

#### MAML applications (RL locomotion)

https://github.com/rll/rllab

https://sites.google.com/view/maml



https://arxiv.org/pdf/1710.11622.pdf

- For a sufficiently deep learner model, MAML has the same theoretical representational power as recurrent meta-learners.
- Universal function approximation (UFA) theorem
  - A neural network with one hidden layer of finite width can approximate any continuous function on compact subsets of  $R^n$  up to arbitrary precision.
- Universal learning procedure approximator
  - UFA with input  $(D, x^*)$  and output  $y^*$ .
  - D is training dataset,  $(x^*, y^*)$  is test input and desired output.

- First (Model based)
  - Meta-learning with memory-augmented neural networks
  - RI<sup>2</sup>: Fast reinforcement learning via slow RL
  - Learning to reinforcement learn
  - A simple neural attentive meta-learner

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{\star} = g(\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathbf{x}^{\star}; \phi) = g((\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})_1, ..., (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})_K, \mathbf{x}^{\star}; \phi)$$

- Second (Optimization based)
  - Learning to optimize neural nets.
  - Optimization as a model for few-shot learning
  - Hypernetworks.
  - Learning to learn by gradient descent

by gradient descent

 $\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{\star} = f(\mathbf{x}^{\star}; \theta_{\mathcal{T}}') = f(\mathbf{x}^{\star}; g(\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{T}}; \phi)) = f(\mathbf{x}^{\star}; g((\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})_{1:K}; \phi))$ 

- MAML
- $\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{\star} = f_{\text{MAML}}(\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathbf{x}^{\star}; \theta)$

$$= f(\mathbf{x}^{\star}; \theta_{\mathcal{T}}') = f(\mathbf{x}^{\star}; \theta - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{T}}, \theta)) = f\left(\mathbf{x}^{\star}; \theta - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \ell(\mathbf{y}_{k}, f(\mathbf{x}_{k}; \theta))\right)$$



Figure 1: A deep fully-connected neural network with N+2 layers and ReLU nonlinearities. With this generic fully connected network, we prove that, with a single step of gradient descent, the model can approximate any function of the dataset and test input.



Figure 5: Comparison of depth while keeping the number of parameters constant. Task-conditioned models do not need more than one hidden layer, whereas meta-learning with MAML clearly benefits from additional depth. Error bars show standard deviation over three training runs.

• MAML can be further improved from additional gradient steps.



Figure 2: The effect of additional gradient steps at test time when attempting to solve new tasks. The MAML model, trained with 5 inner gradient steps, can further improve with more steps. All methods are provided with the same data -5 examples – where each gradient step is computed using the same 5 datapoints.

 MAML initialization is substantially better suited for extrapolation beyond the distribution of tasks seen at meta-training time.



Figure 3: Learning performance on out-of-distribution tasks as a function of the task variability. Recurrent meta-learners such as SNAIL and MetaNet acquire learning strategies that are less generalizable than those learned with gradient-based meta-learning.

https://arxiv.org/pdf/1801.08930.pdf

• MAML objective in a Maximum Likelihood setting:

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{j} \left[ \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m} -\log p\left( \mathbf{x}_{j_{N+m}} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta} - \alpha \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n} -\log p\left( \mathbf{x}_{j_{n}} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta} \right) \right) \right]_{\boldsymbol{\phi}_{j}}$$

• MAML as Hierarchical Bayesian Inference:



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A	lgorithm MAML-HB ( $\mathscr{D}$ )
	Initialize $\theta$ randomly
	while not converged do
	Draw J samples $\mathcal{T}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{T}_J \sim p_{\mathscr{D}}(\mathcal{T})$
	Estimate $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_{\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{x}}}(\mathbf{x})}[-\log p(\mathbf{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta})], \dots, \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_{\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{x}}}(\mathbf{x})}[-\log p(\mathbf{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta})]$ using $\mathbb{ML}$ -···
	Update $\boldsymbol{\theta} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta}^{-1} \beta \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{j} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_{\mathcal{T}_{i}}(\mathbf{x})} [-\log p(\mathbf{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta})]$
	end

Algorithm 2: Model-agnostic meta-learning as hierarchical Bayesian inference. The choices of the subroutine  $ML \rightarrow \cdots$  that we consider are defined in Subroutine 3 and Subroutine 4.

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Subroutine ML-POINT (\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathcal{T})

Draw N samples \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N \sim p_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{x})

Initialize \boldsymbol{\phi} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta}

for k in 1, ..., K do

| Update \boldsymbol{\phi} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\phi} + \alpha \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \log p(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N \mid \boldsymbol{\phi})

end

Draw M samples \mathbf{x}_{N+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{N+M} \sim p_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{x})

return -\log p(\mathbf{x}_{N+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{N+M} \mid \boldsymbol{\phi})
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Subroutine 3: Subroutine for computing a point estimate  $\hat{\phi}$  using truncated gradient descent to approximate the marginal negative log likelihood (NLL).

$$\boldsymbol{\phi}_{(k)} = \boldsymbol{\phi}_{(k-1)} - \alpha \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \left[ \| \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\phi} \|_{2}^{2} \right]_{\boldsymbol{\phi} = \boldsymbol{\phi}_{(k-1)}}$$
$$= \boldsymbol{\phi}_{(k-1)} - \alpha \mathbf{X}^{\mathrm{T}} \left( \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\phi}_{(k-1)} - \mathbf{y} \right)$$
(4)

for iteration index k and learning rate  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . Santos (1996) shows that, starting from  $\phi_{(0)} = \theta$ ,  $\phi_{(k)}$  in (4) solves the regularized linear least squares problem

$$\min\left(\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\phi}\|_{2}^{2} + \|\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\phi}\|_{\mathbf{Q}}^{2}\right)$$
(5)  
$$p\left(\boldsymbol{\phi} \mid \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \boldsymbol{\theta}\right) \propto \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\phi}, \mathbb{I}) \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\phi}; \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{Q})$$

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\phi}) = -\log p(\mathbf{x}_1 \dots, \mathbf{x}_N \mid \boldsymbol{\phi})$$
  
$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\phi}) \approx \tilde{\ell}(\boldsymbol{\phi}) := \frac{1}{2} \|\boldsymbol{\phi} - \boldsymbol{\phi}^*\|_{\mathbf{H}^{-1}}^2 + \ell(\boldsymbol{\phi}^*) \qquad \mathbf{H} = \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}^2 \,\ell(\boldsymbol{\phi}^*)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\phi}_{(k)} = \boldsymbol{\phi}_{(k-1)} - \mathcal{B} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \, \hat{\ell}(\boldsymbol{\phi}_{(k-1)})$$
$$\min\left( \|\boldsymbol{\phi} - \boldsymbol{\phi}^*\|_{\mathbf{H}^{-1}}^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\phi}_{(0)} - \boldsymbol{\phi}\|_{\mathbf{Q}}^2 \right)$$

Laplace approximation

$$\int p\left(\mathbf{X}_{j} \mid \boldsymbol{\phi}_{j}\right) p\left(\boldsymbol{\phi}_{j} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}\right) d\boldsymbol{\phi}_{j} \approx p\left(\mathbf{X}_{j} \mid \boldsymbol{\phi}_{j}^{*}\right) p\left(\boldsymbol{\phi}_{j}^{*} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}\right) \det(\mathbf{H}_{j}/2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$\mathbf{H}_{j} = \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\phi}_{j}}^{2} \left[-\log p\left(\mathbf{X}_{j} \mid \boldsymbol{\phi}_{j}\right)\right] + \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\phi}_{j}}^{2} \left[-\log p\left(\boldsymbol{\phi}_{j} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}\right)\right]$$
$$-\log p\left(\mathbf{X} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}\right) \approx \sum_{j} \left[-\log p\left(\mathbf{X}_{j} \mid \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_{j}\right) - \log p\left(\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_{j} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\log\det(\mathbf{H}_{j})\right]$$

Subroutine ML-LAPLACE  $(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathcal{T})$ Draw N samples  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N \sim p_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{x})$ Initialize  $\boldsymbol{\phi} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta}$ for k in  $1, \dots, K$  do | Update  $\boldsymbol{\phi} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\phi} + \alpha \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \log p(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N \mid \boldsymbol{\phi})$ end Draw M samples  $\mathbf{x}_{N+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{N+M} \sim p_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{x})$ Estimate quadratic curvature  $\hat{\mathbf{H}}$ return  $-\log p(\mathbf{x}_{N+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{N+M} \mid \boldsymbol{\phi}) + \eta \log \det(\hat{\mathbf{H}})$ 

Subroutine 4: Subroutine for computing a Laplace approximation of the marginal likelihood.

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	Update $\boldsymbol{\theta} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta}^{-1} \beta \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{j} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_{\mathcal{T}_{i}}(\mathbf{x})} [-\log p(\mathbf{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta})]$
	end

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for k in 1, \dots, K do

| Update \boldsymbol{\phi} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\phi} + \alpha \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \log p(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N \mid \boldsymbol{\phi})

end

Draw M samples \mathbf{x}_{N+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{N+M} \sim p_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{x})

Estimate quadratic curvature \hat{\mathbf{H}}

return -\log p(\mathbf{x}_{N+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{N+M} \mid \boldsymbol{\phi}) + \eta \log \det(\hat{\mathbf{H}})
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Subroutine 4: Subroutine for computing a Laplace approximation of the marginal likelihood.

#### Probabilistic MAML https://arxiv.org/pdf/1806.02817.pdf

 $p(\mathbf{y}_i^{\text{test}} | \mathbf{x}_i^{\text{tr}}, \mathbf{y}_i^{\text{tr}}, \mathbf{x}_i^{\text{test}}) = \int p(\mathbf{y}_i^{\text{test}} | \mathbf{x}_i^{\text{test}}, \phi_i) p(\phi_i | \mathbf{x}_i^{\text{tr}}, \mathbf{y}_i^{\text{tr}}, \theta) d\phi_i \approx p(\mathbf{y}_i^{\text{test}} | \mathbf{x}_i^{\text{test}}, \phi_i^{\star})$ 

 $\log p(\mathbf{y}_{i}^{\text{test}} | \mathbf{x}_{i}^{\text{test}}, \mathbf{x}_{i}^{\text{tr}}, \mathbf{y}_{i}^{\text{tr}}) \geq E_{\theta \sim q_{\psi}} \left[ \log p(\mathbf{y}_{i}^{\text{test}} | \mathbf{x}_{i}^{\text{test}}, \phi_{i}^{\star}) + \log p(\theta) \right] + \mathcal{H}(q_{\psi}(\theta | \mathbf{x}_{i}^{\text{test}}, \mathbf{y}_{i}^{\text{test}}))$  $q_{\psi}(\theta | \mathbf{x}_{i}^{\text{test}}, \mathbf{y}_{i}^{\text{test}}) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{q} \nabla \log p(\mathbf{y}_{i}^{\text{test}} | \mathbf{x}_{i}^{\text{test}}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\theta}); \mathbf{v}_{q})$ 

#### Algorithm 1 Meta-training, differences from MAML in red

**Require:**  $p(\mathcal{T})$ : distribution over tasks 1: initialize  $\Theta := \{ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\theta}^2, \mathbf{v}_q, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_p, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_q \}$ 2: while not done do Sample batch of tasks  $\mathcal{T}_i \sim p(\mathcal{T})$ 3: 4: for all  $\mathcal{T}_i$  do  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathrm{tr}}, \mathcal{D}^{\mathrm{test}} = \mathcal{T}_i$ 5: Evaluate  $\nabla_{\mu_{\theta}} \mathcal{L}(\mu_{\theta}, \mathcal{D}^{\text{test}})$ 6: 7: Sample  $\theta \sim q = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{q} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\theta}} \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\theta}, \mathcal{D}^{\text{test}}), \mathbf{v}_{q})$ 8: Evaluate  $\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta, \mathcal{D}^{tr})$ 9: Compute adapted parameters with gradient descent:  $\phi_i = \theta - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta, \mathcal{D}^{\mathrm{tr}})$ Let  $p(\theta | \mathcal{D}^{tr}) = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{p} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\theta}} \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\theta}, \mathcal{D}^{tr}), \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\theta}^{2}))$ 10: 11: Compute  $\nabla_{\Theta} \left( \sum_{\mathcal{T}_i} \mathcal{L}(\phi_i, \mathcal{D}^{\text{test}}) \right)$  $+D_{\mathrm{KL}}(q(\theta|\mathcal{D}^{\mathrm{test}}) || p(\theta|\mathcal{D}^{\mathrm{tr}})))$ 12: Update  $\Theta$  using Adam

Algorithm 2 Meta-testing

**Require:** training data  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{T}}^{tr}$  for new task  $\mathcal{T}$ **Require:** learned  $\Theta$ 

- 1: Sample  $\theta$  from the prior  $p(\theta | \mathcal{D}^{tr})$
- 2: Evaluate  $\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta, \mathcal{D}^{tr})$
- 3: Compute adapted parameters with gradient descent:

$$\phi_i = \theta - \alpha \nabla_\theta \mathcal{L}(\theta, \mathcal{D}^{\mathrm{u}})$$

#### Future topics

- Training
  - How many meta-samples (tasks) do we need for meta-learning?
  - What if some meta-samples are wrong?
- Testing
  - How many samples do we need for a new task?
  - What if we know the new task beforehand?
  - Can we get better robustness and less uncertainty by meta-learning?
- Model
  - What should a good meta-loss function be like?
  - How to measure, store and use the meta-knowledge?
  - How to incorporate tasks on different domains?