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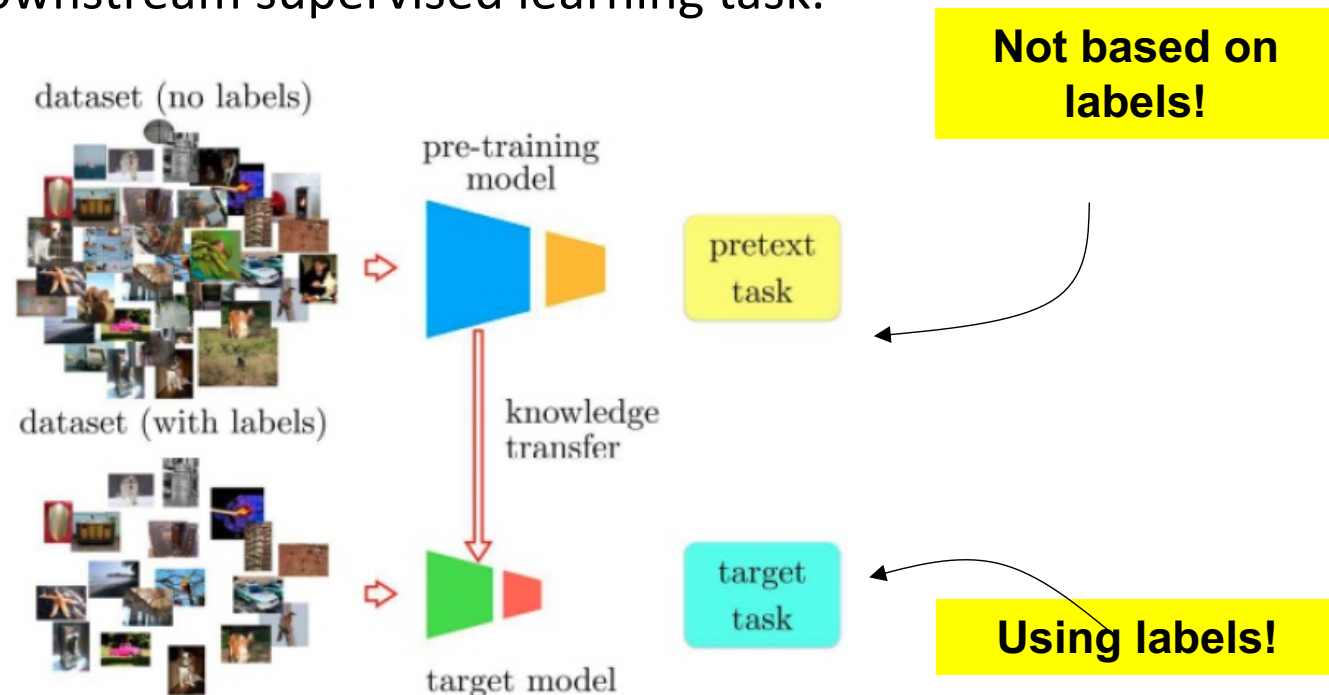
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Self-Supervised Learning

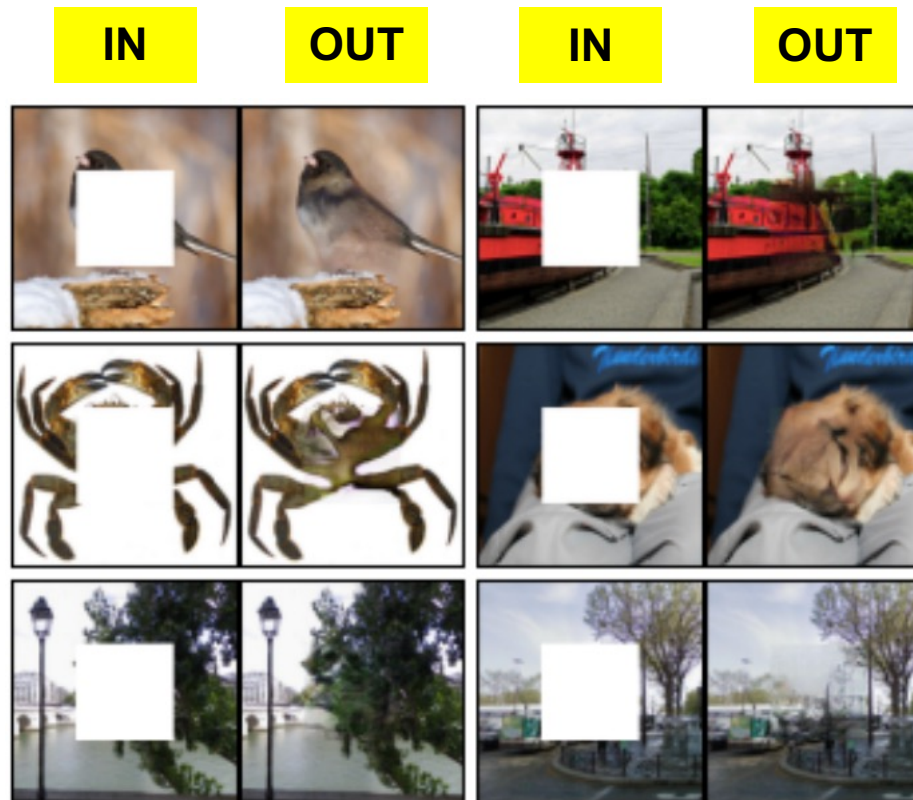
- Self-supervised learning is a recent type of machine learning that can be regarded as a middle point between supervised and unsupervised learning.
- It is a form of unsupervised learning where the model is trained on unlabeled data, but the goal is to **learn good representations** of the data that can be later used in a downstream supervised learning task.



Source: <https://neptune.ai/blog/self-supervised-learning>

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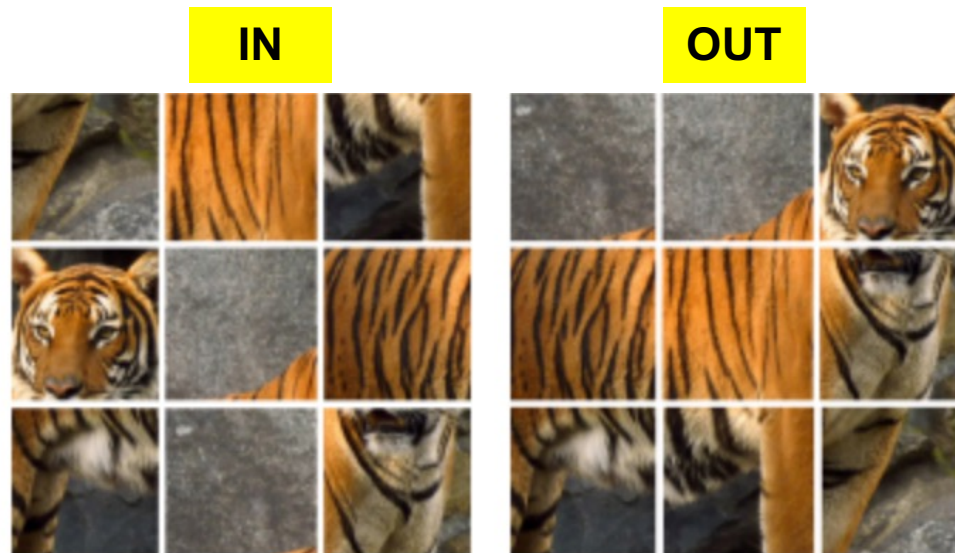
- At first, Self-supervised learning starts by training a model itself to learn one part of the input from another part of the input.
- This is known as **pretext learning**, which can assume different forms:
- For example, using unstructured 2D data, predict any part of the input from any other part:



By doing this,
we force the
model to
“understand”
the data

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- Still for unstructured 2D data, another very popular pretext task is to learn by solving Jigsaw puzzles:

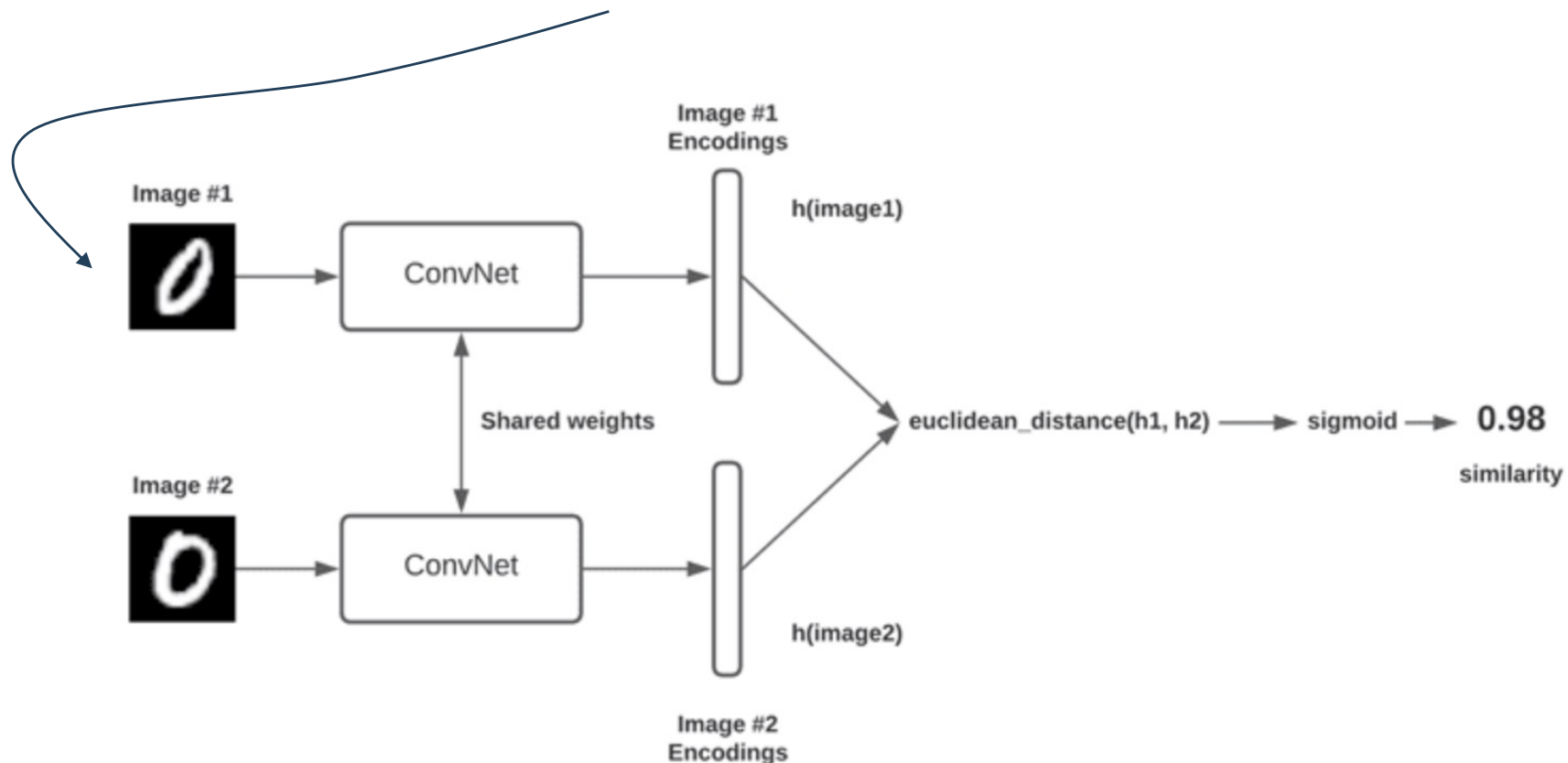


Again, the model is forced to understand each part of the input, in order to obtain a realistic output

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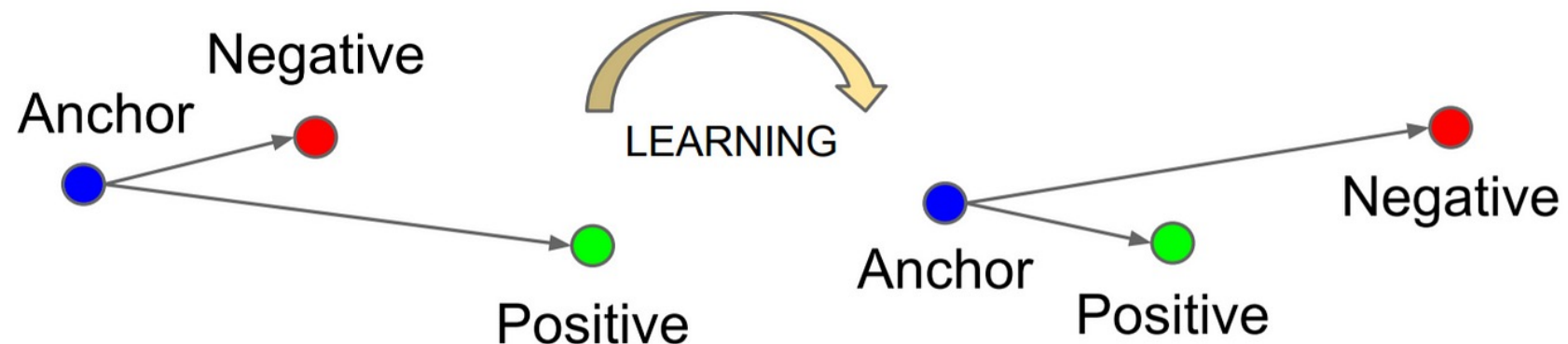
- It is also very common to use some Siamese architecture to obtain appropriate feature representations.

If both inputs are from the same **image** (not “class” in this case), the distance should be small. Otherwise, it should be large.



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- Another possibility is to use three images in the input: the Anchor (**A**) and the Positive (**P**) that are variations of the same image, and the negative (**N**), that regards a different image.



The Anchor and Positive should be near each other, while their distance to the Negative image should be large

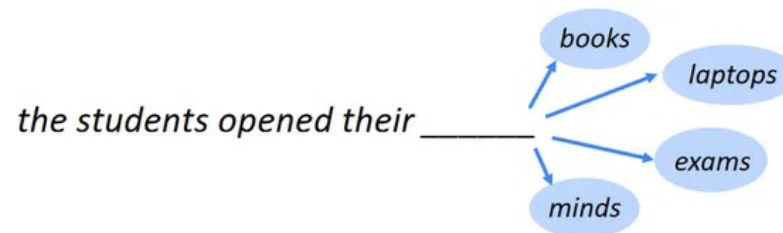
$$\mathcal{L}(A, P, N) = \max(\|f(A) - f(P)\|_2 - \|f(A) - f(N)\|_2 + \alpha, 0)$$

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- In case of 3D unstructured data (video), one can predict the future from the past/present, or predict the present from the future.



- In case of text data, the most obvious pretext task is to predict the next word, based in the last “k” words.



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- Once the pretext task is considered solved (i.e., the model stopped to learn), it is time to apply “Transfer Learning” techniques
- In practice, it consists in copying (and freezing ?) the weights from the earliest layers of the model into the new one.

