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# Unsupervised Domain Adaptation with Self-Training

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- Domain Adaptation

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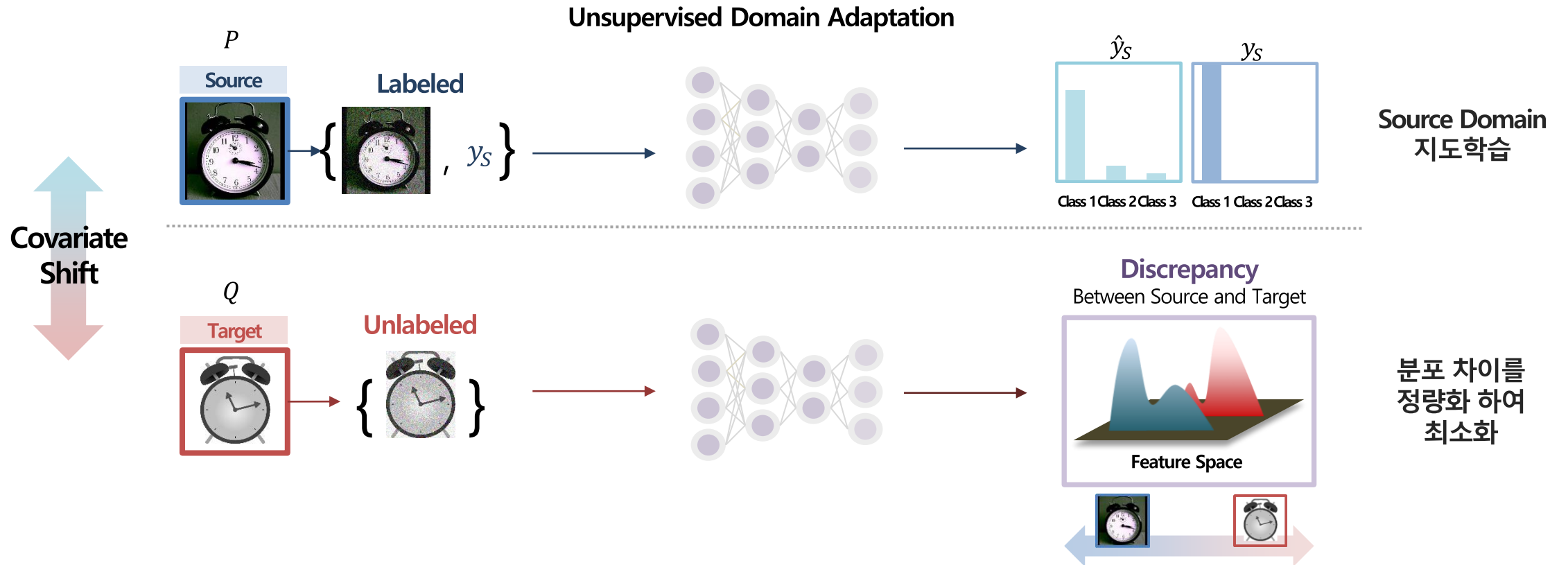
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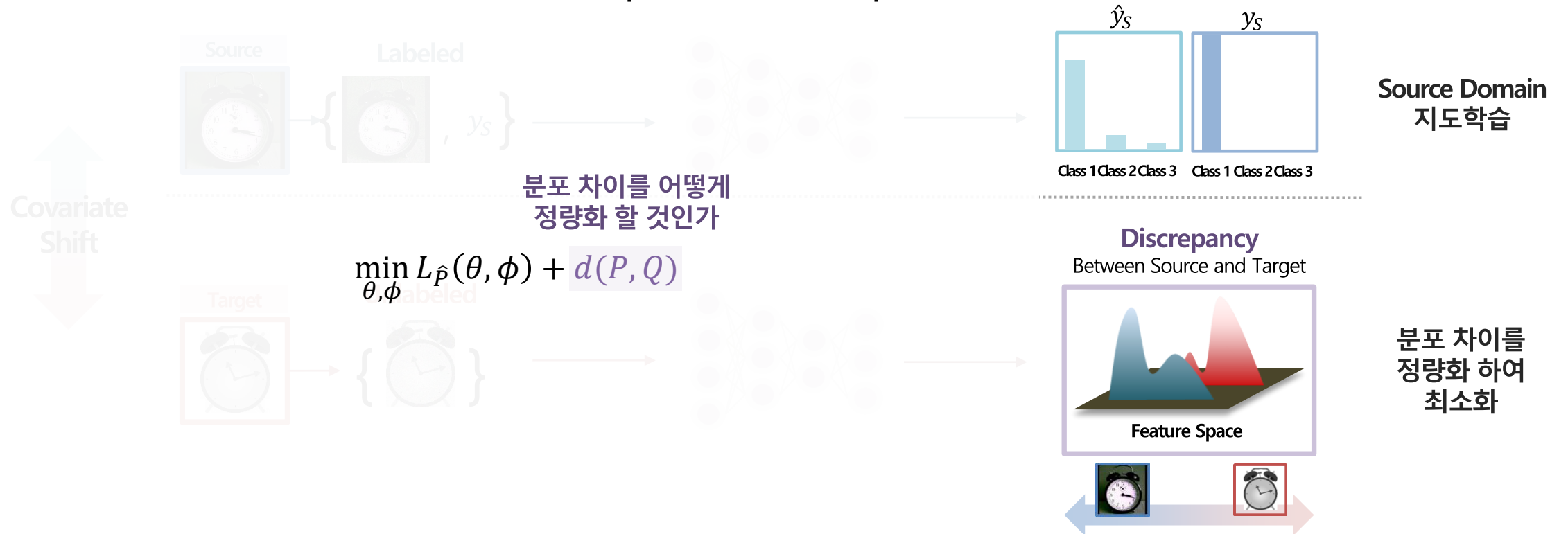
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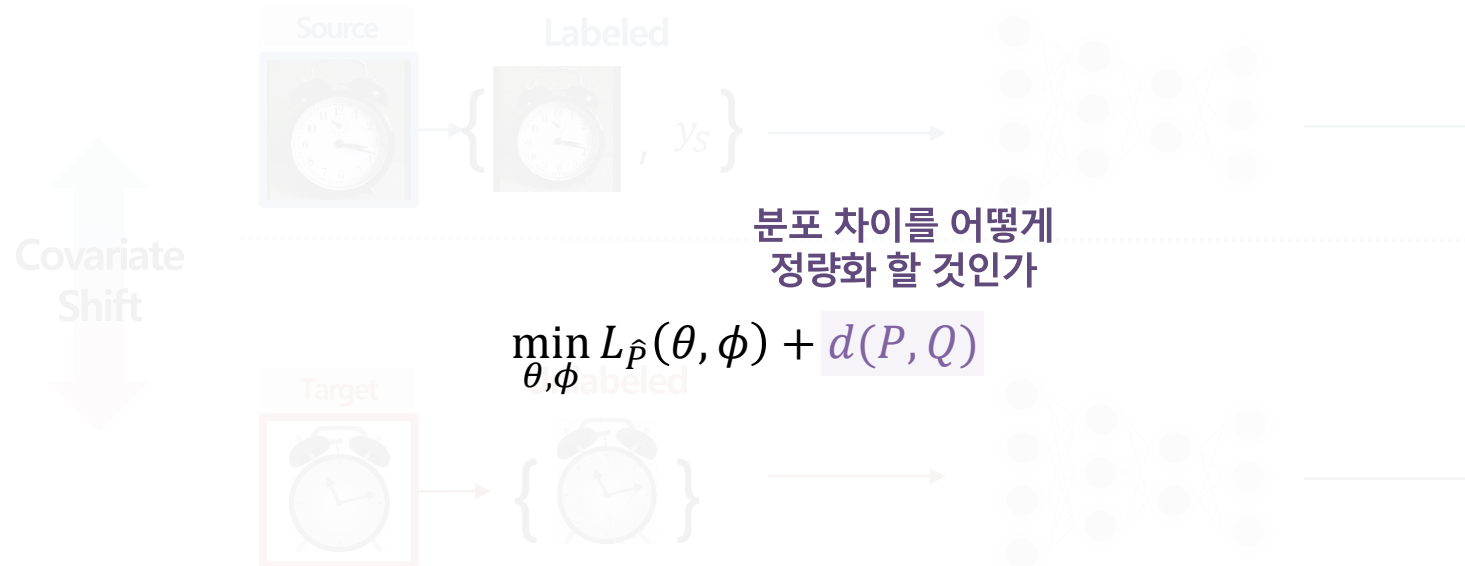
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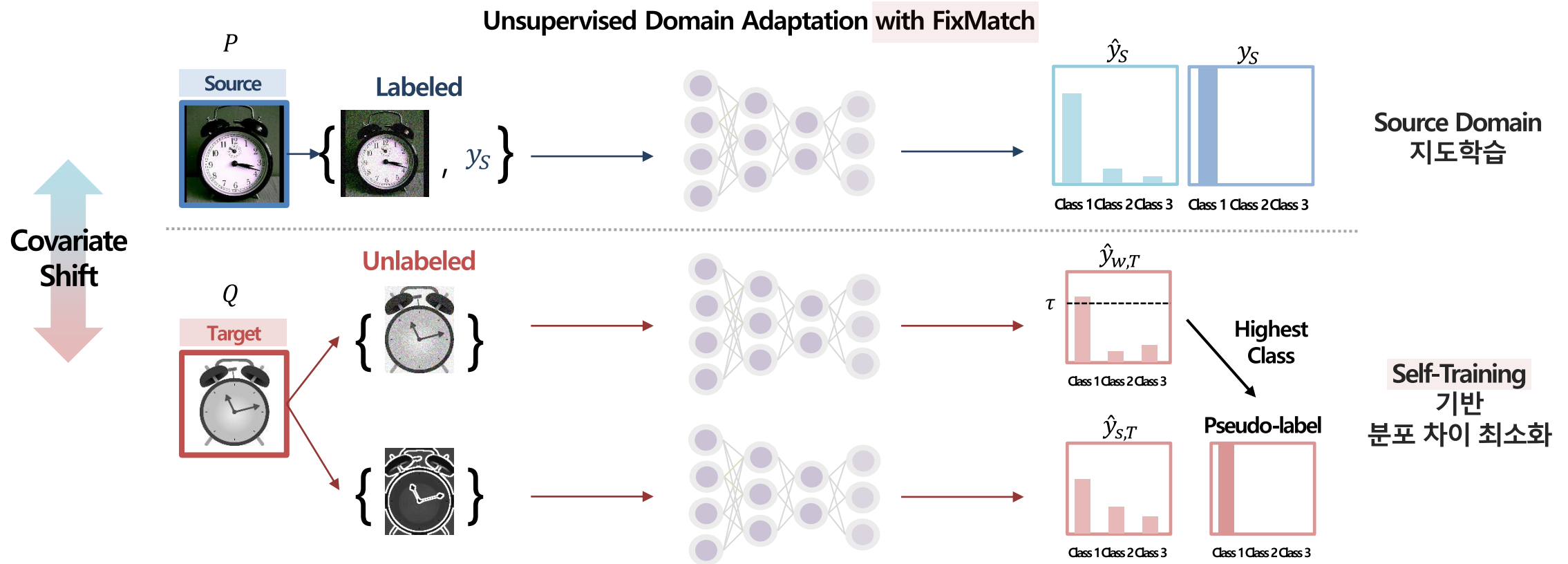
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- Cross-domain Generalization**
- Target Domain Error ≤ Source Domain Error + Divergence(Source, Target)
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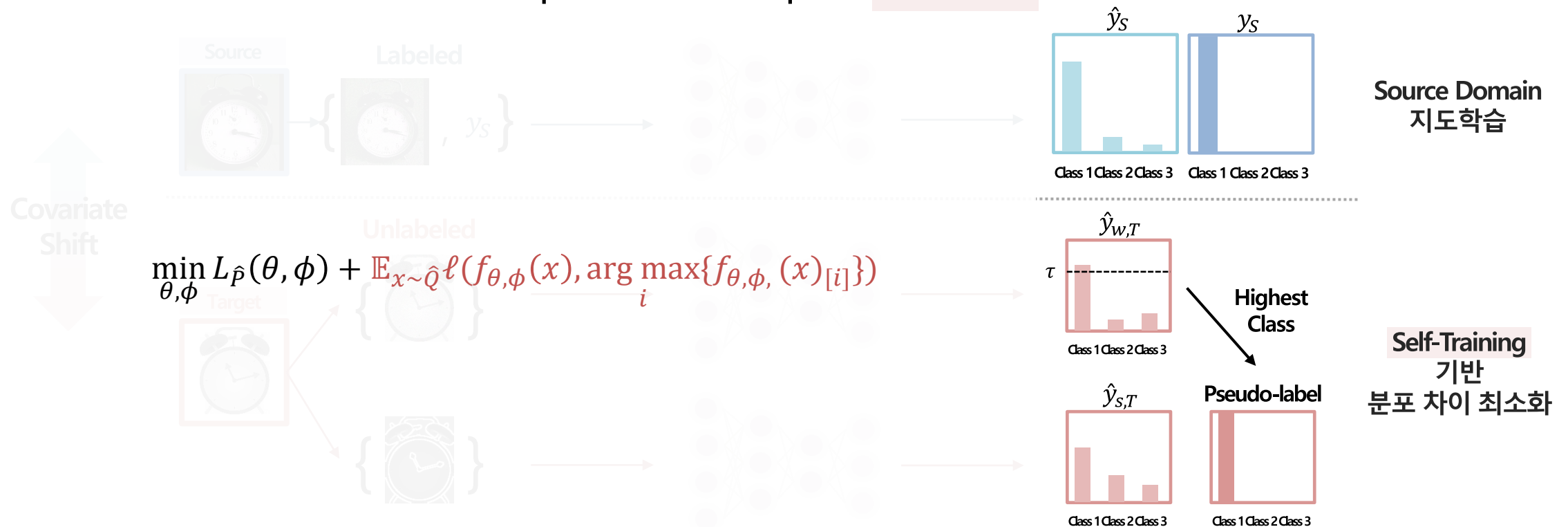
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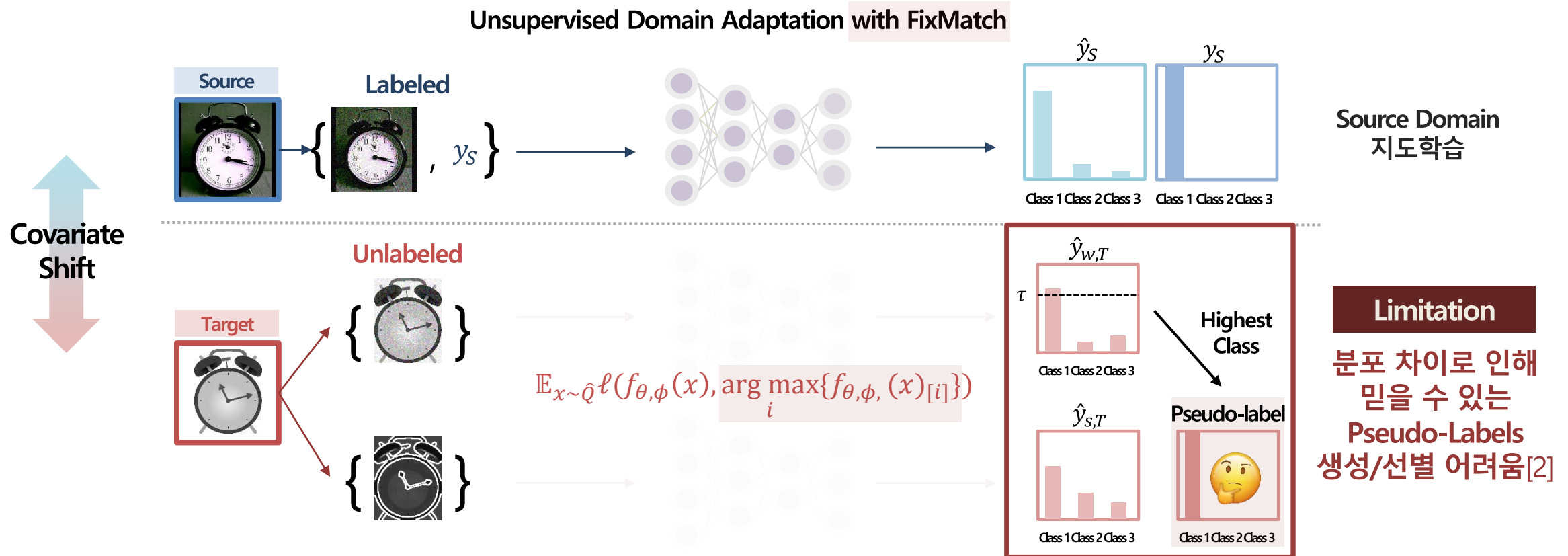


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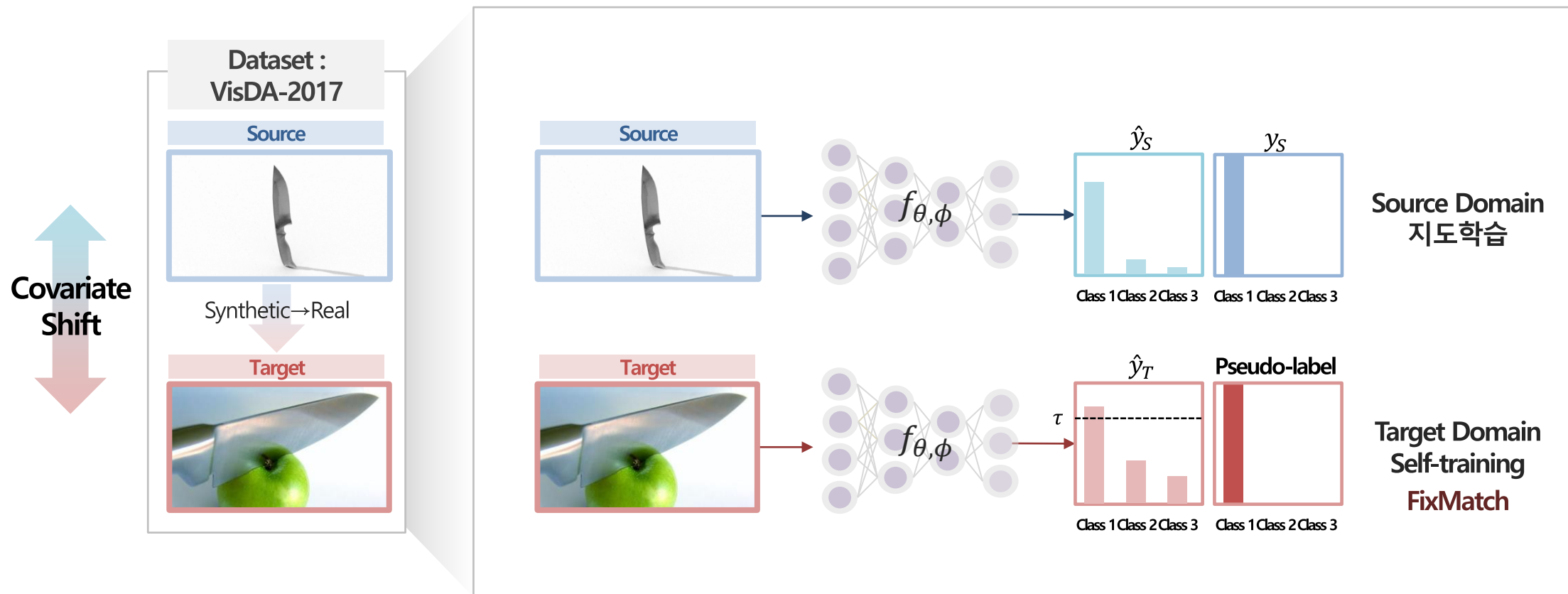




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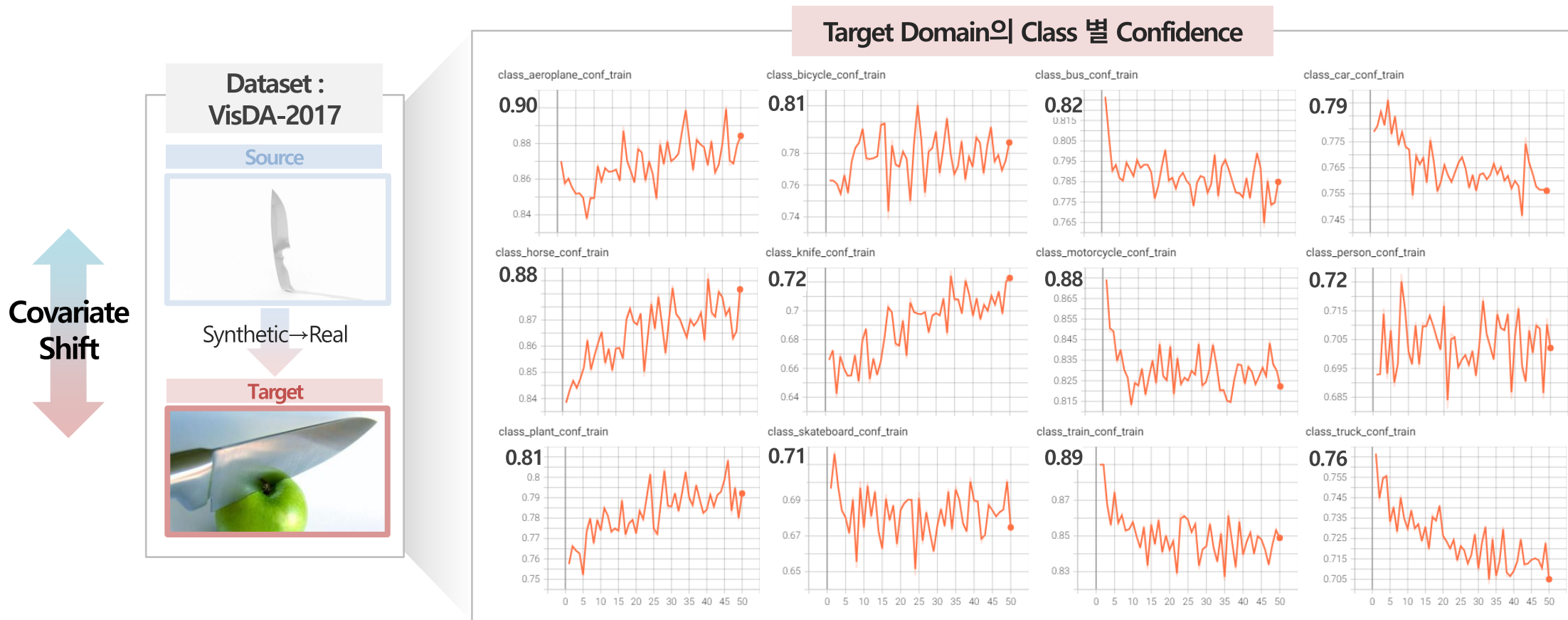
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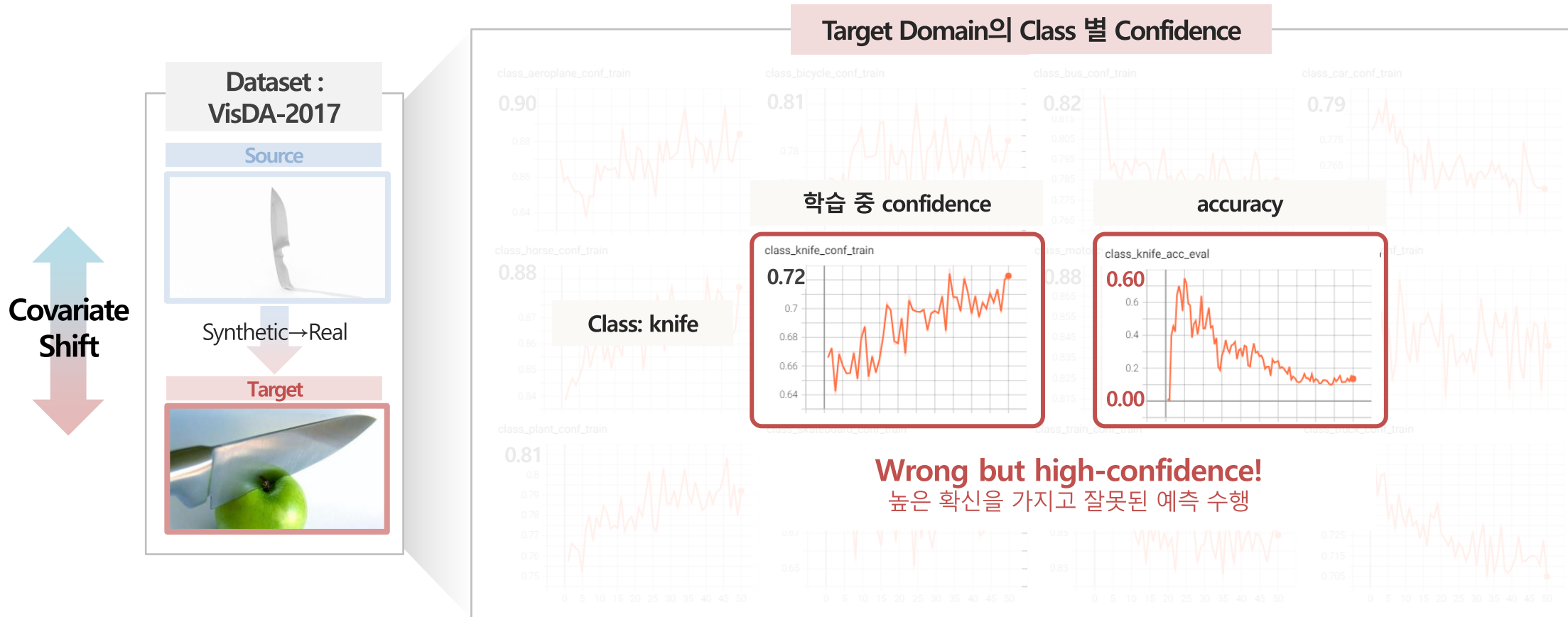
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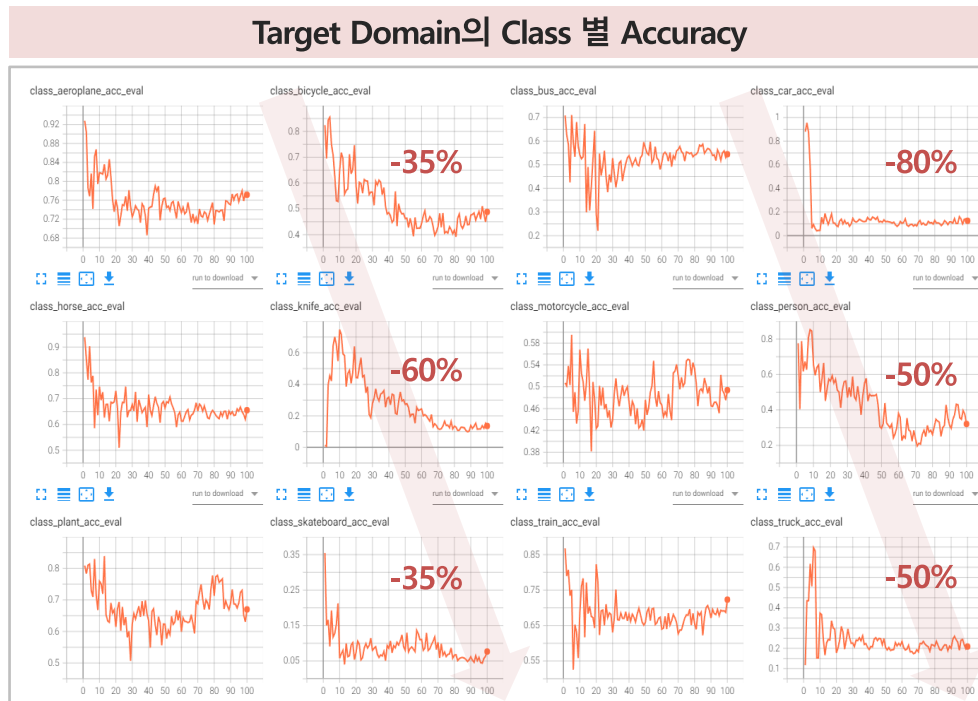


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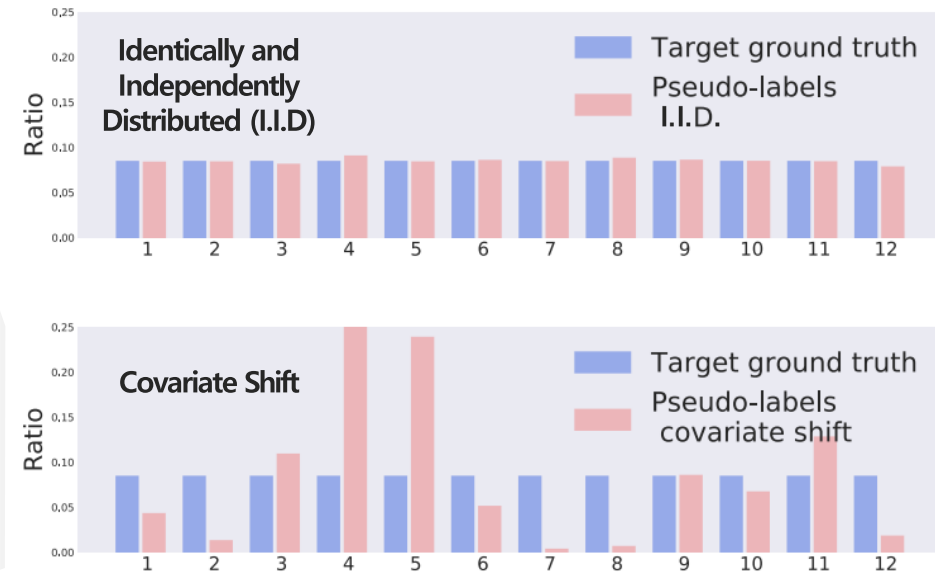
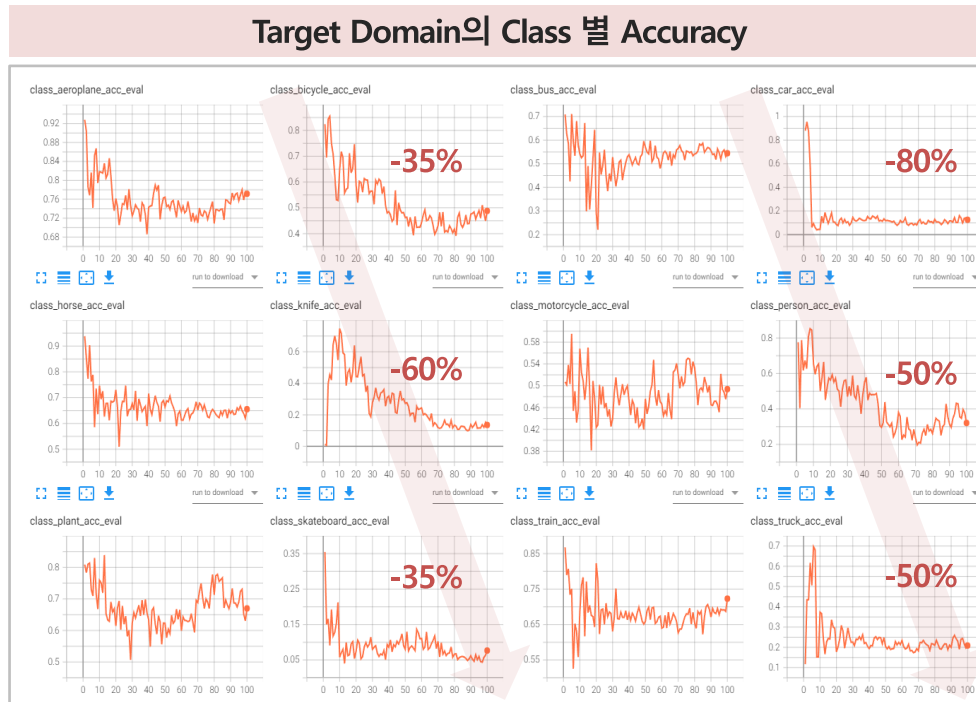


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연구 목적: **Make reliable pseudo-labels** under covariate shift and minimize target domain error!

**Target pseudo-labels 생성을 위한 다양한 선행연구들**

Source Labeled

Covariate Shift

Source Domain 지도학습

Target Domain

**Limitation**

분포 차이로 인해 믿을 수 있는 Pseudo-Labels 생성/선별 어려움[2]

Make the U in UDA Matter: Invariant Consistency Learning for Unsupervised Domain Adaptation

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# Related Works

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#### SENTRY (ICCV 2021)

**SENTRY: Selective Entropy Optimization via Committee Consistency for Unsupervised Domain Adaptation**

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**Abstract**

Mainstream approaches for unsupervised domain adaptation (UDA) focus on adapting model with data distribution shift and often limited to one or additional cross-domain label distribution shift. Our work focuses on self-training using target pseudo-labels has three promise, but one challenging ability pseudo-labels may be highly available and using them for self-training may lead to over-optimization and domain specialization. We propose Selective Entropy Optimization via Committee Consistency (SENTRY) as UDA algorithm that makes the reliability of a target pseudo-label on the predicted consistency and also a committee of random target transformations. Our algorithm does not require manually predefine entropy to increase confidence or highly consistent target features, while maximizing pseudo-label entropy to reduce confidence on highly inconsistent ones. In combination with pseudo-label-based generative target class balancing, our approach leads to significant improvements over the state of the art on 2021 domain shift from standard UDA benchmarks. We also present a baseline for cross-domain text classification. We propose Selective Entropy Optimization via Committee Consistency (SENTRY) as UDA algorithm that makes reliable target features based on their predicted consistency with

#### FixBi (CVPR 2021)

**FixBi: Bridging Domain Spaces for Unsupervised Domain Adaptation**

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**Abstract**

Unsupervised domain adaptation (UDA) methods for learning domain-invariant representations have achieved remarkable progress. However, most of the studies are based on direct adaptation from the source domain to the target domain and have suffered from large domain discrepancies. In this paper, we propose a UDA method that effectively handles such large domain discrepancies. We introduce a fixed ratio-based mixing to capture multiple intermediate domains between the source and target domain. From the supervised domain, we train the source domain model and the target domain model that have complementary characteristics. Using our combination-based learning mechanism, we achieve robust learning with high-quality pseudo-labels. Specifically, we formulate an auxiliary target generative classifier to reduce the target distribution gap effectively. Generative adversarial networks are used to generate source domain data and enhance target class discriminability. We also propose a structure consistency regularization framework to adapt directly without any consideration of large domain discrepancies. Bottom: Our proposed method attains top 1 accuracy on standard UDA benchmarks and outperforms the state-of-the-art on domain adaptation benchmarks.

#### GeT (ICCV 2023)

**GeT: Generative Target Structure Debiasing for Domain Adaptation**

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CST (NeurIPS 2021)

**Domain Adaptation with Auxiliary Target Domain-Oriented Classifier**

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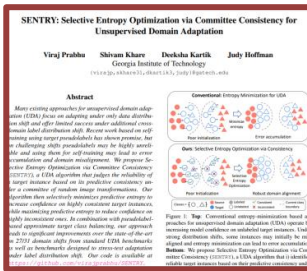
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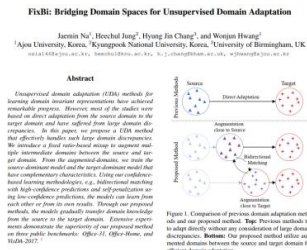
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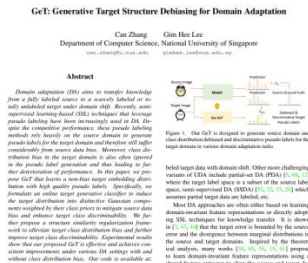
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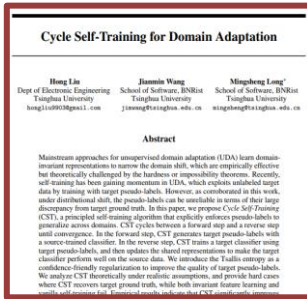


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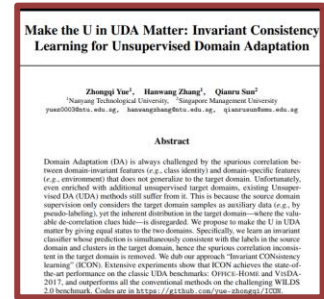
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- ❖ **Motivation: Target pseudo-labels may be highly unreliable and using them may lead to error accumulation!**
  - Previous works rely on self-training using **noisy pseudo-labels** or conditional entropy minimization over **miscalibrated** predictions



Using ***top-1 softmax confidence*** (or predictive entropy) and only self-train on highly confident instances



**Wrong but high-confidence!**

높은 확신을 가지고 잘못된 예측 수행

→ **Lead to error accumulation!**

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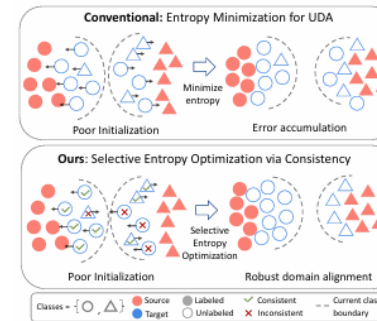


Figure 1: **Top:** Conventional entropy-minimization based approaches for unsupervised domain adaptation (UDA) operate by increasing model confidence on unlabeled target instances. Under strong distribution shifts, some instances may initially be misaligned and entropy minimization can lead to error accumulation. **Bottom:** We propose Selective Entropy Optimization via Committee Consistency (SENTRY), a UDA algorithm that i) identifies reliable target instances based on their predictive consistency under a set of random image transformations, and ii) selectively optimizes model entropy on these instances to induce domain alignment.

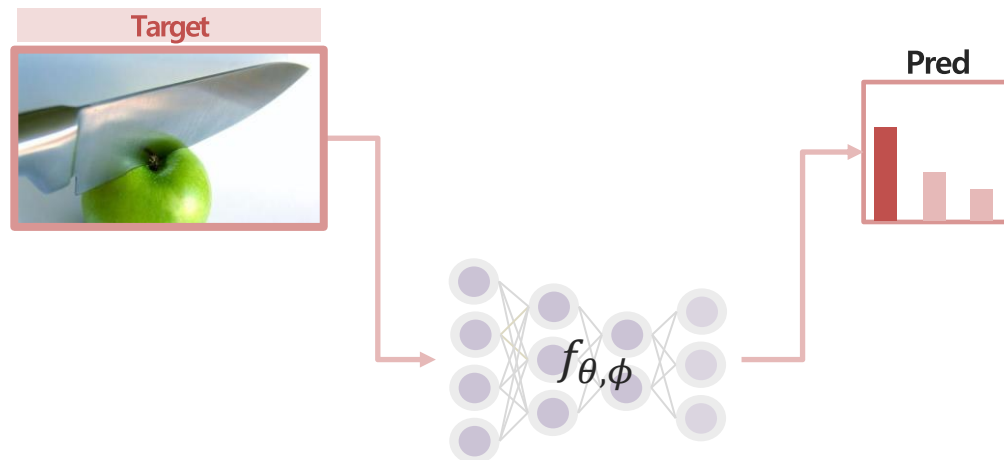
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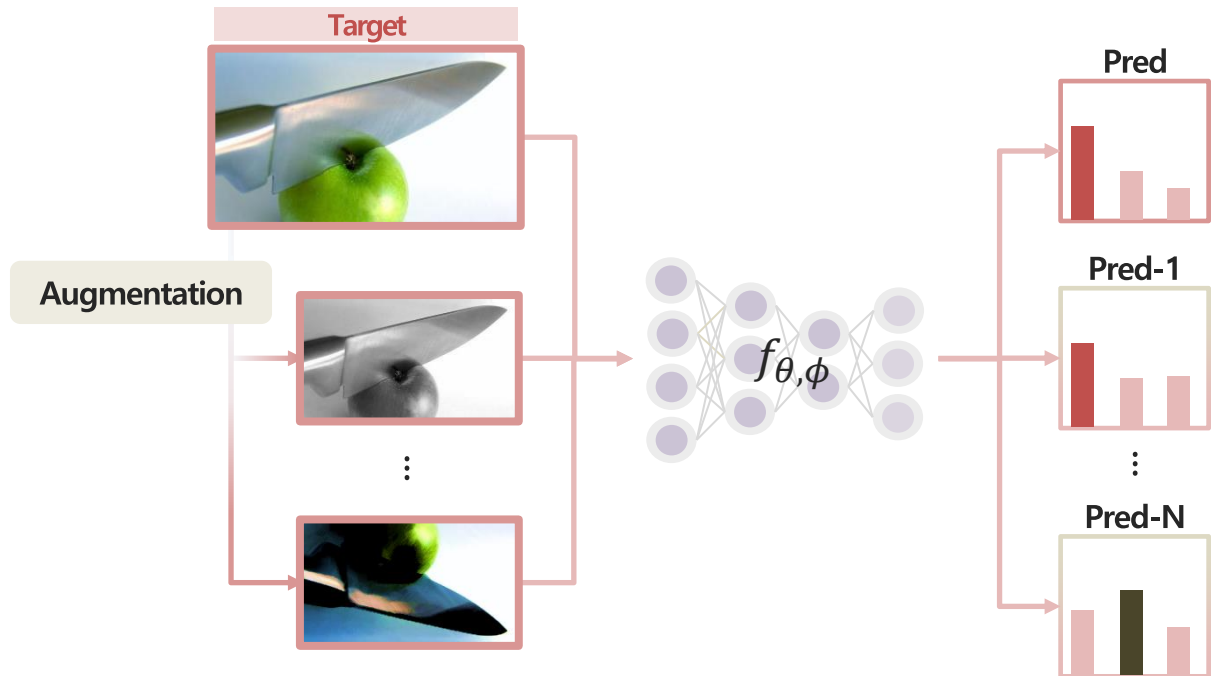
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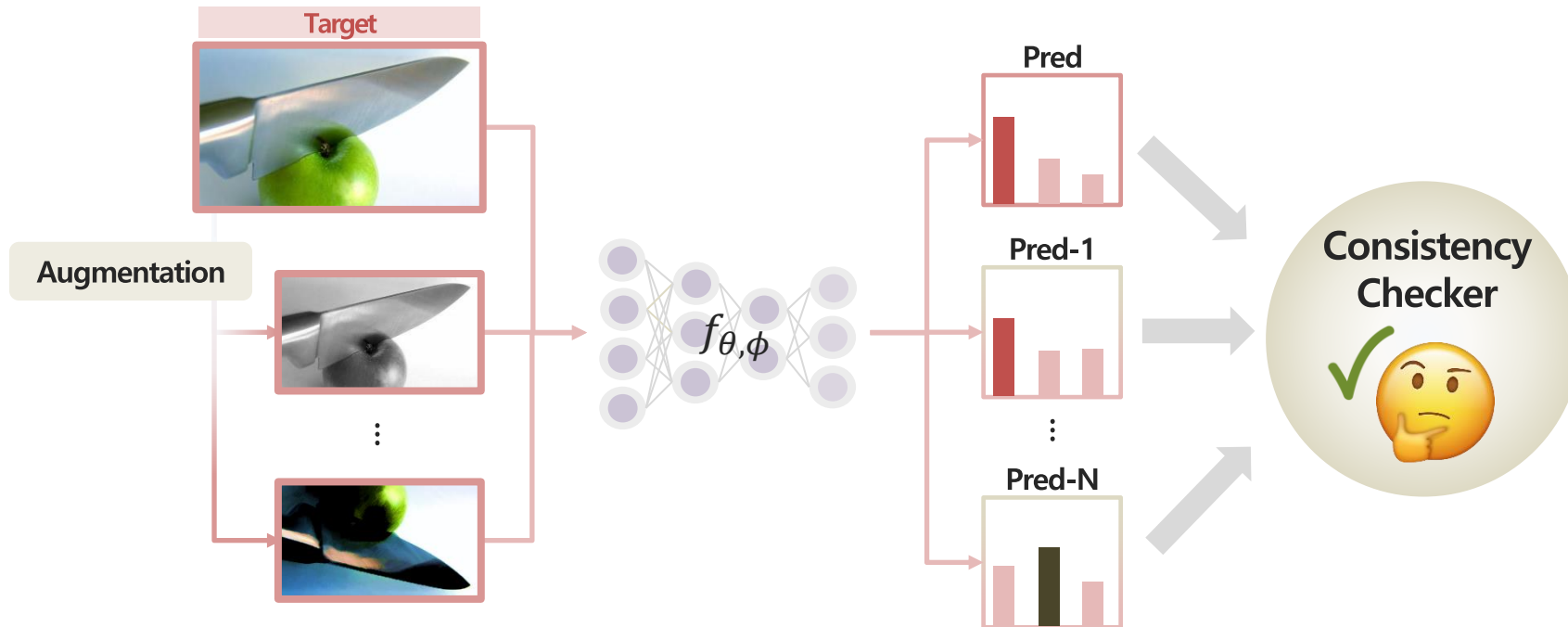
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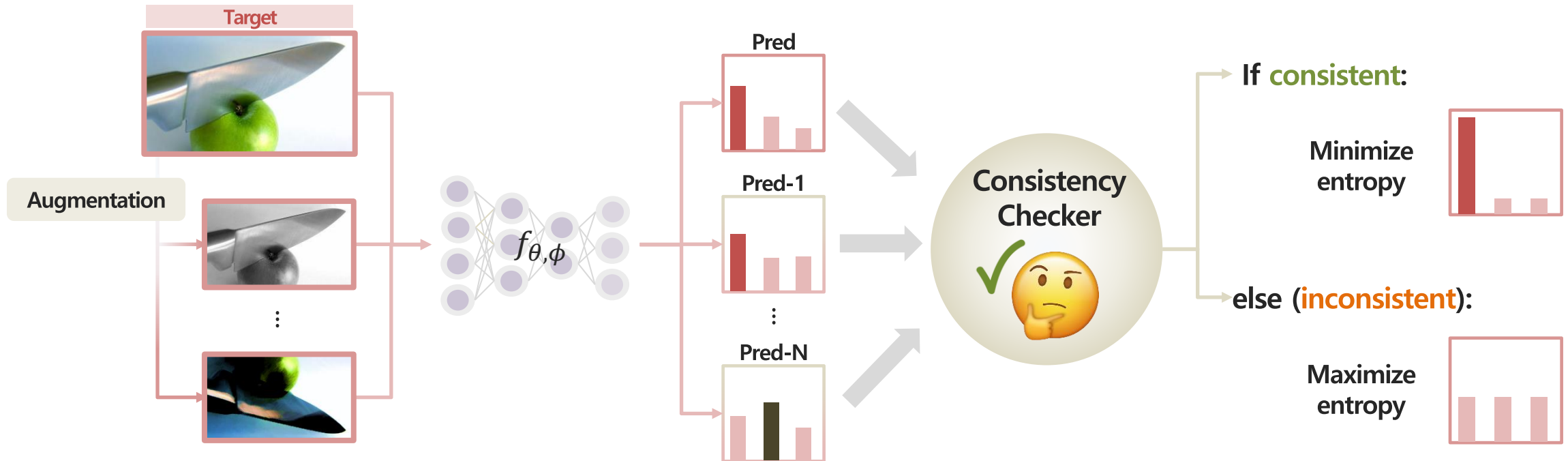
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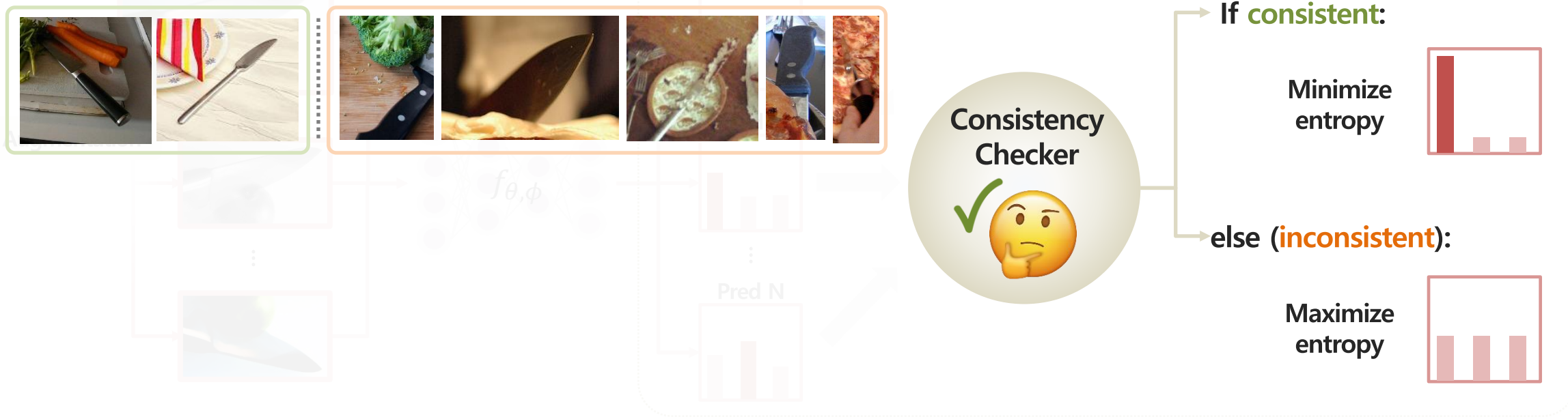
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**Concern 1.** Entropy minimization only on consistent instances might lead to the **exclusion of a large percentage of target instances!**



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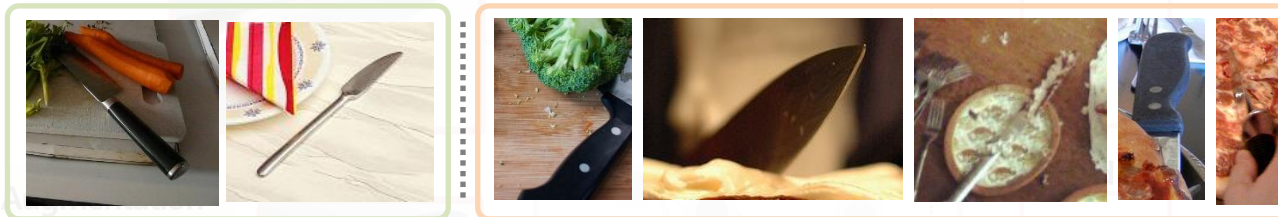


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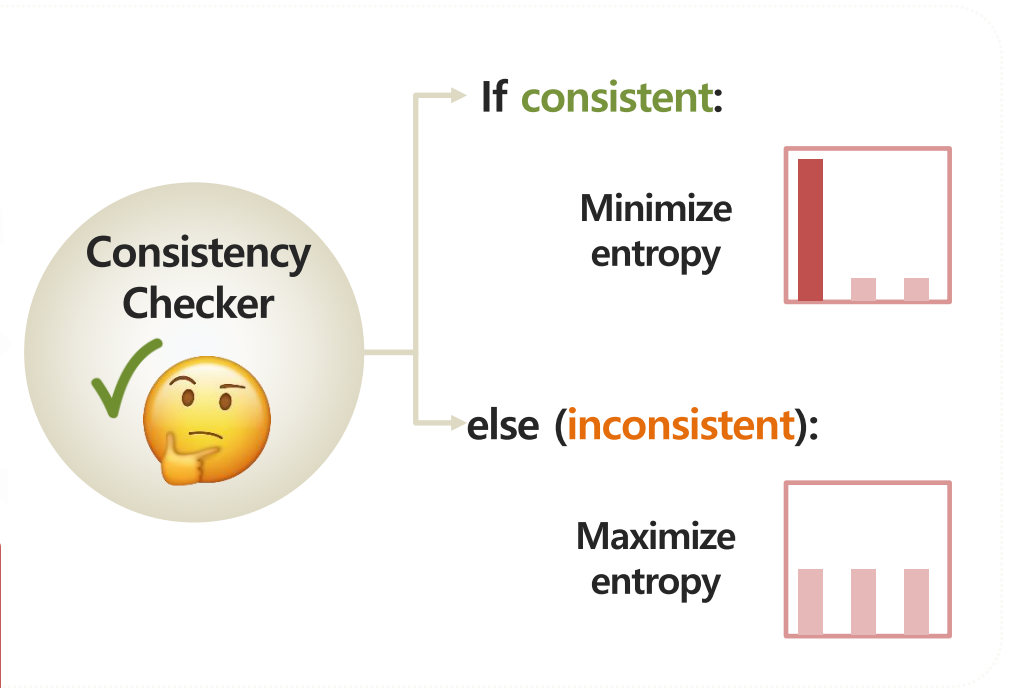
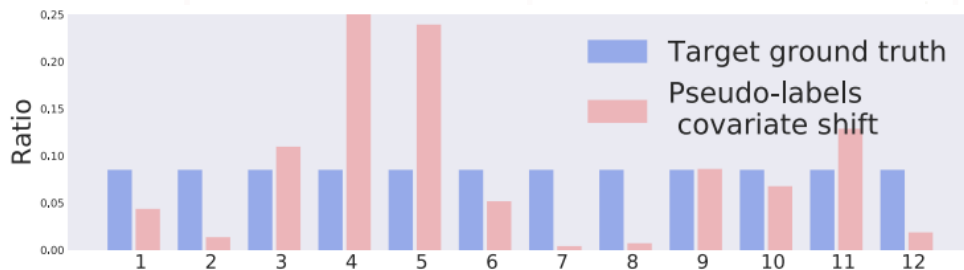
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❖ Question. How can we identify reliable target instances?

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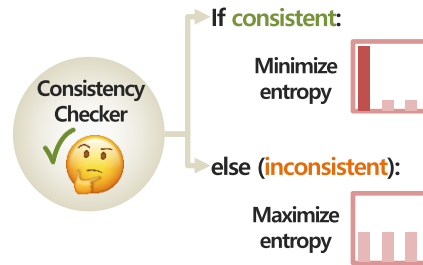


**Answer.** Both of these concerns are addressed via the **adaptive selection via augmentation invariance regularization**.

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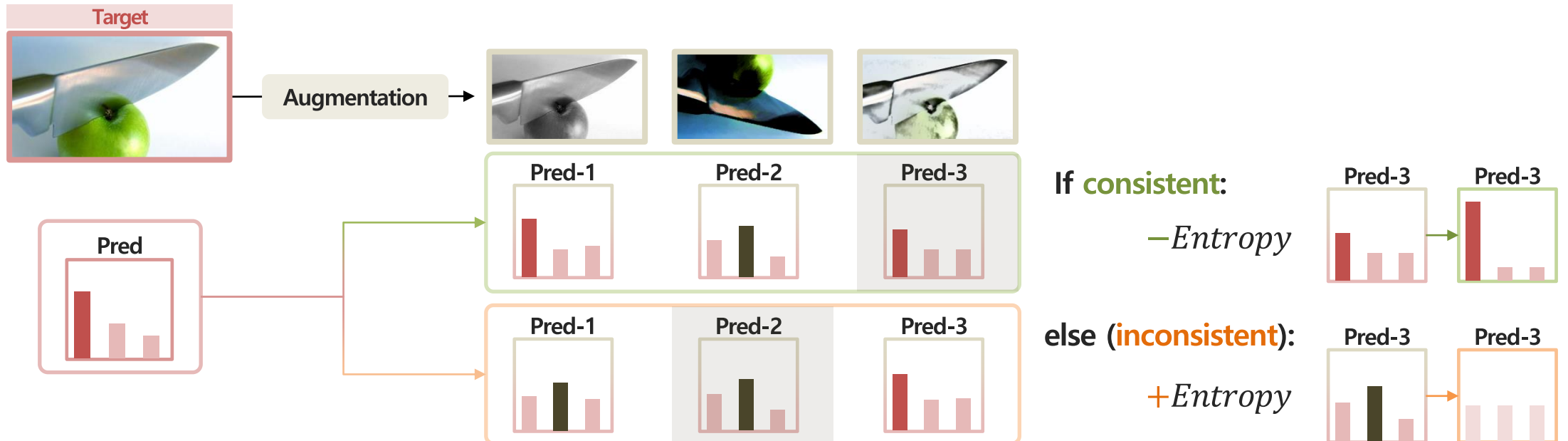
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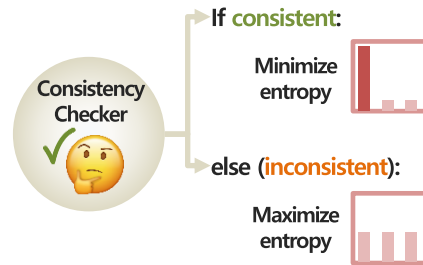
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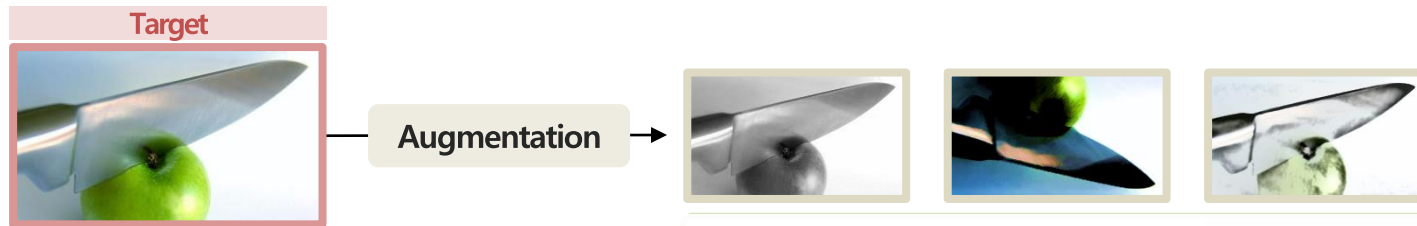
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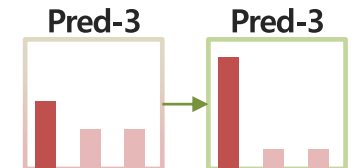
- Low-entropy predictions across various transformations of the input image
- It helps the model become more robust to small variations in the input

## Benefit 2. Augmentation Invariance

- Encouraging transformation-invariant features (more robust and generalizable features)
- More instances would be selected for entropy minimization as training progresses, making the selection process adaptive

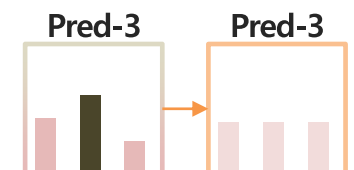
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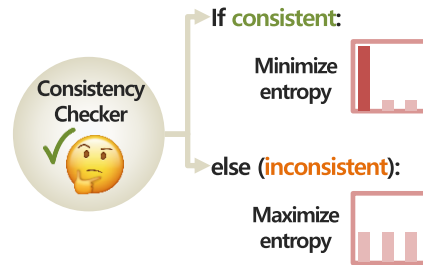
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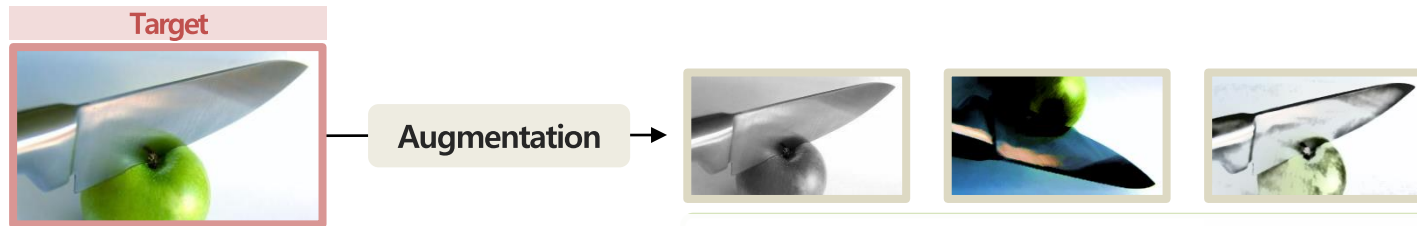
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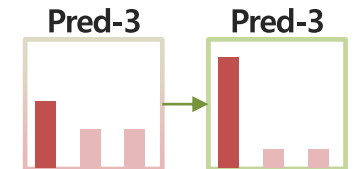


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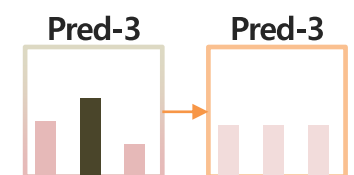
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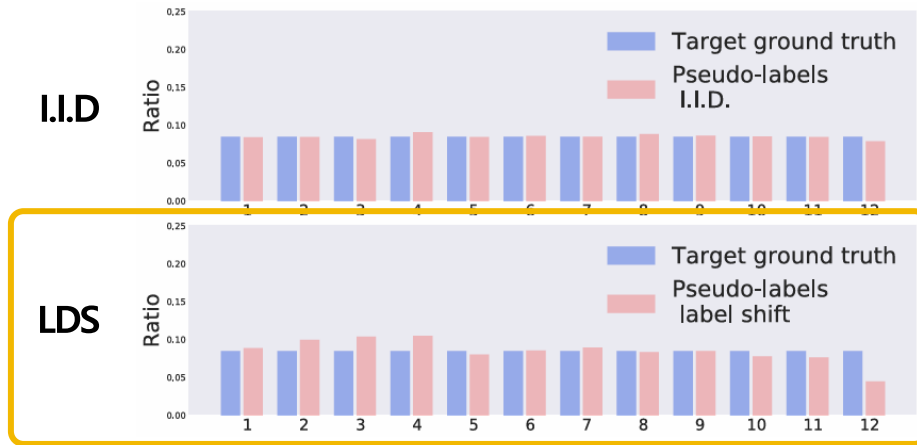
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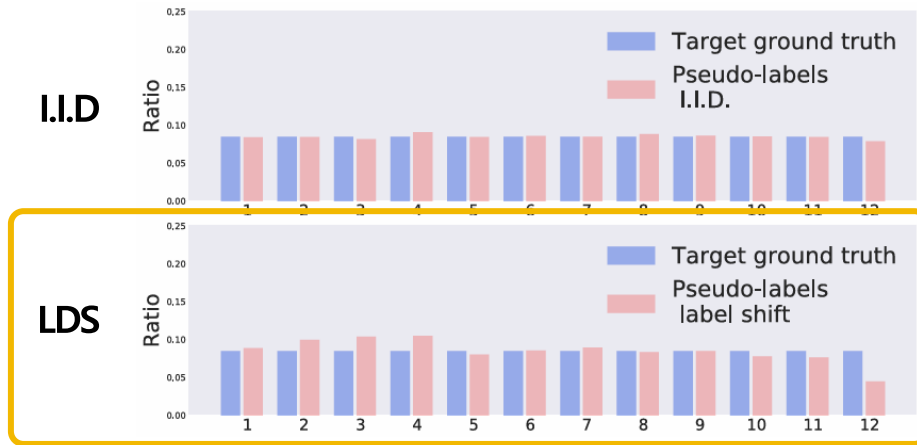
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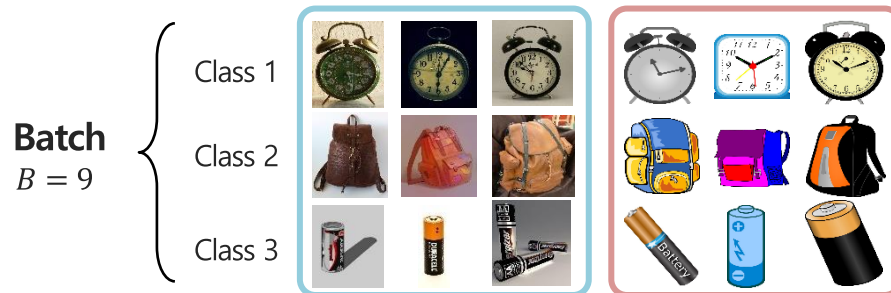


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$$\mathcal{L}_{IE} = \mathbb{E}_{x_T \sim P_T} \left[ \sum_{c=1}^K p_{\theta}(y=c|x_T) \log q(\hat{y}=c) \right]$$

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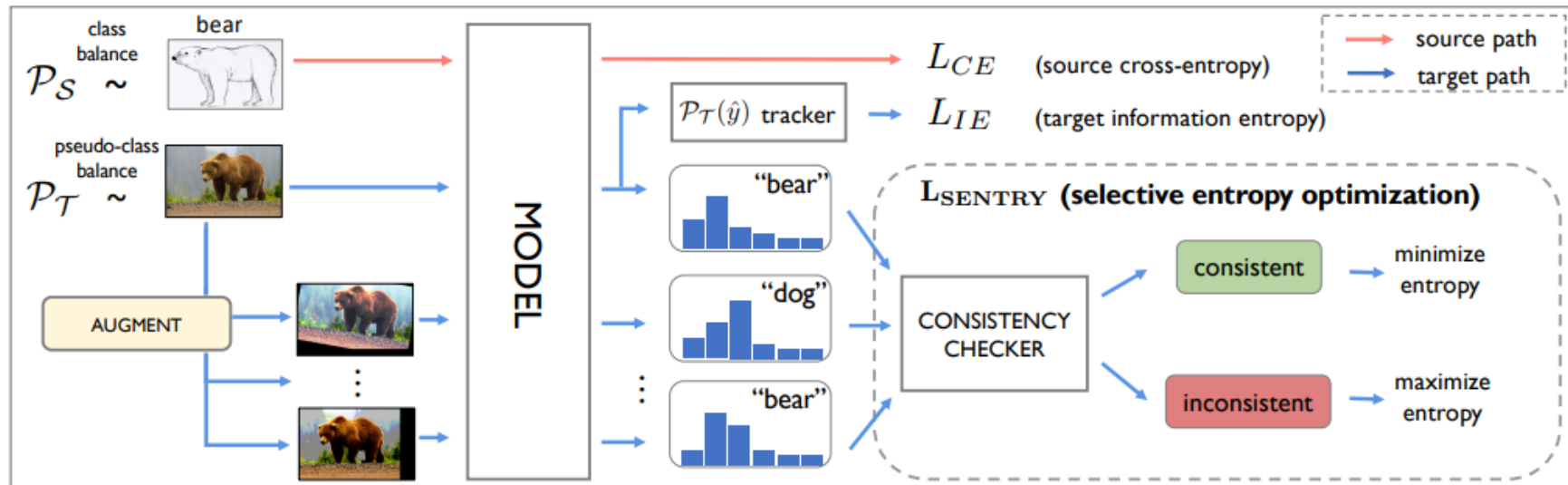
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  - Phase 1.** Pretraining with labeled source domain
  - Phase 2.** Adaptation (SENTRY)
- To identify reliable target instances ( $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SENTRY}}$ ):
  - AS-IS: using model confidence (miscalibrated) vs. TO-BE: using predictive consistency
  - Propose selective entropy optimization objective: minimize entropy if consistent else maximize entropy
- To address the problem of label distribution shift (LDS), class-balanced sampling on the source and target and  $\mathcal{L}_{IE}$  are used

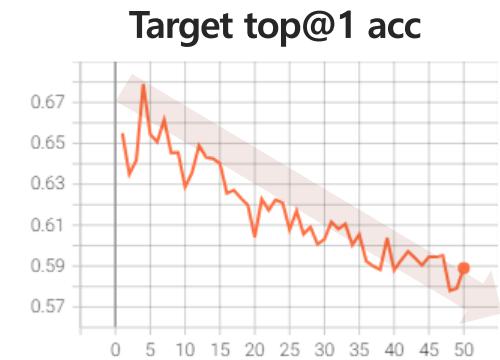
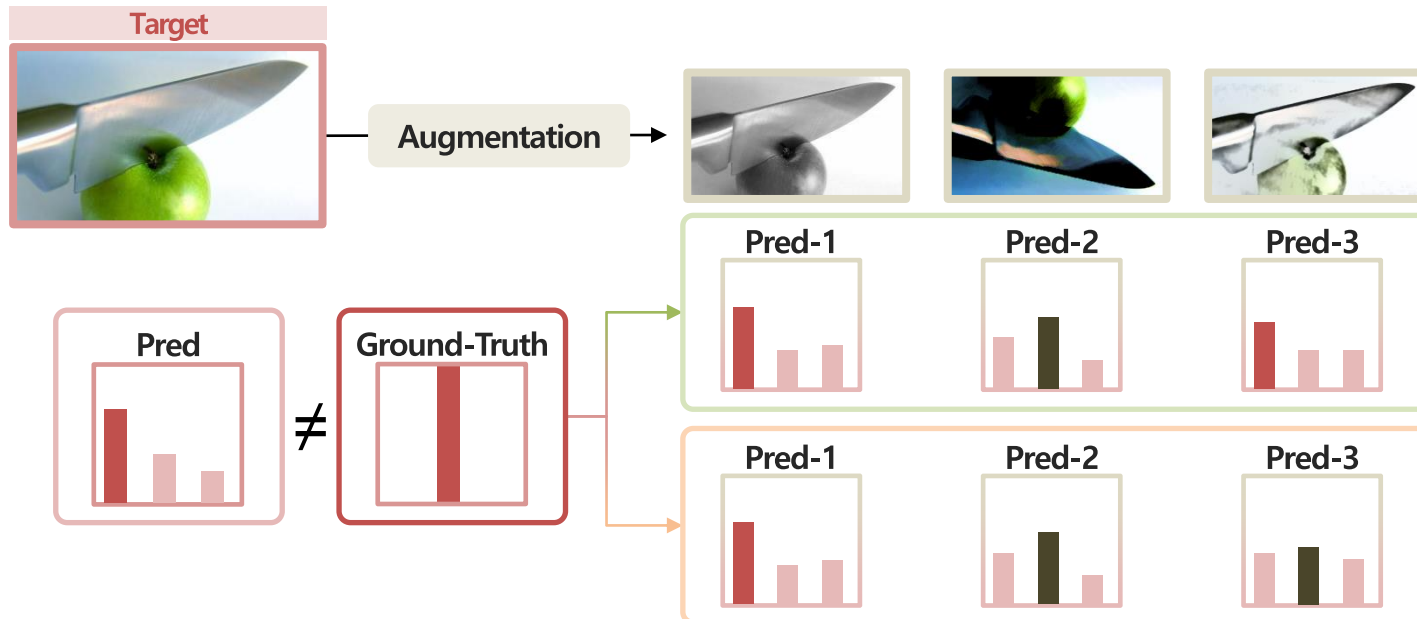
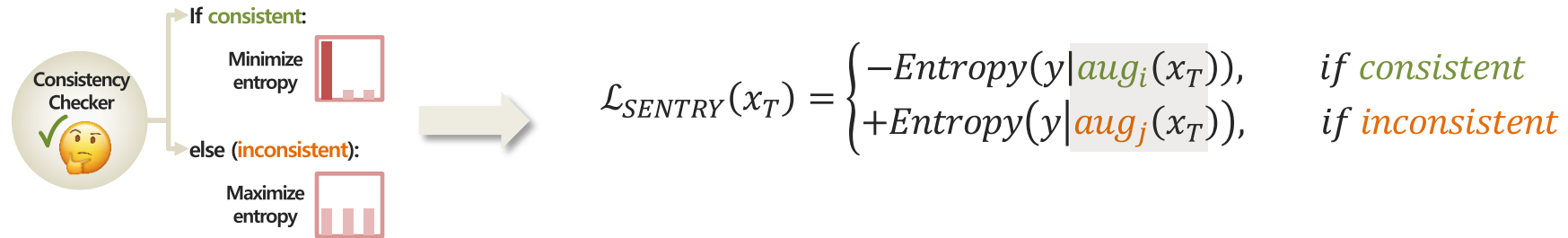




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## ❖ SENTRY 한계



예측 일관성에 대한 규제가 예측 정확성까지 보장할까?

UDA with Self-Training

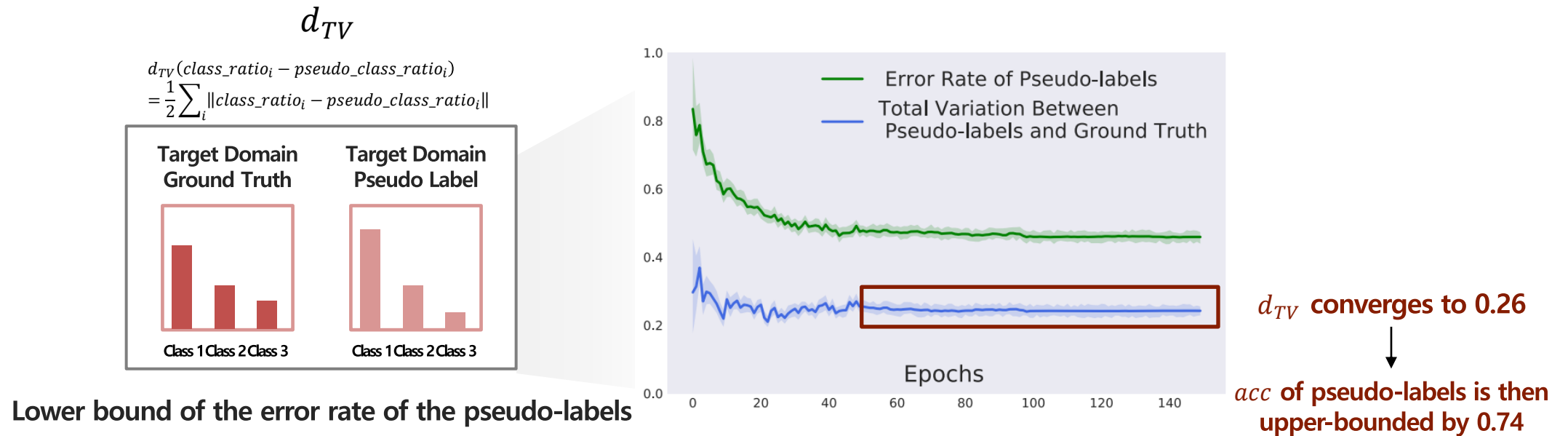
**[2021 NeurIPS]**  
**Cycle Self-Training for Domain Adaptation**  
Liu et al., Tsinghua University

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## Cycle Self-Training for Domain Adaptation

### ❖ Limitations of Standard Self-Training

- Total variation distance ( $d_{TV}$ )를 통해 실제 레이블 분포와 예측 레이블 분포 간 차이를 계산하여 biased pseudo labels 개선 필요성 강조
  - 실제 label 분포와 예측 확률 분포 간의 차이 이상으로 pseudo label이 더 잘 생성되지는 않음 (정확도의 상한)
  - 기존의 self-training 방식으로 학습하면  $d_{TV}$ 가 수렴(0.26)하고, 이에 따라 pseudo-labels은 0.74 이상의 정확도를 가질 수 없음 (품질 개선의 한계)

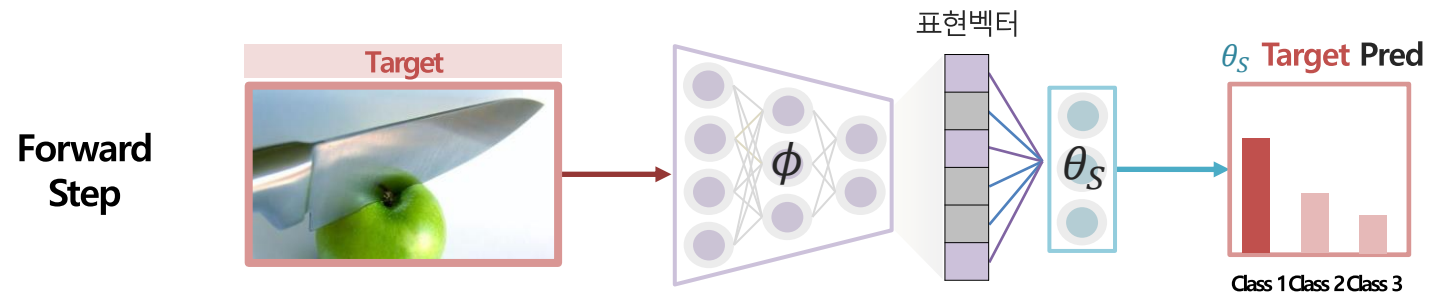


**Denoising ability of pseudo-labels is needed!**

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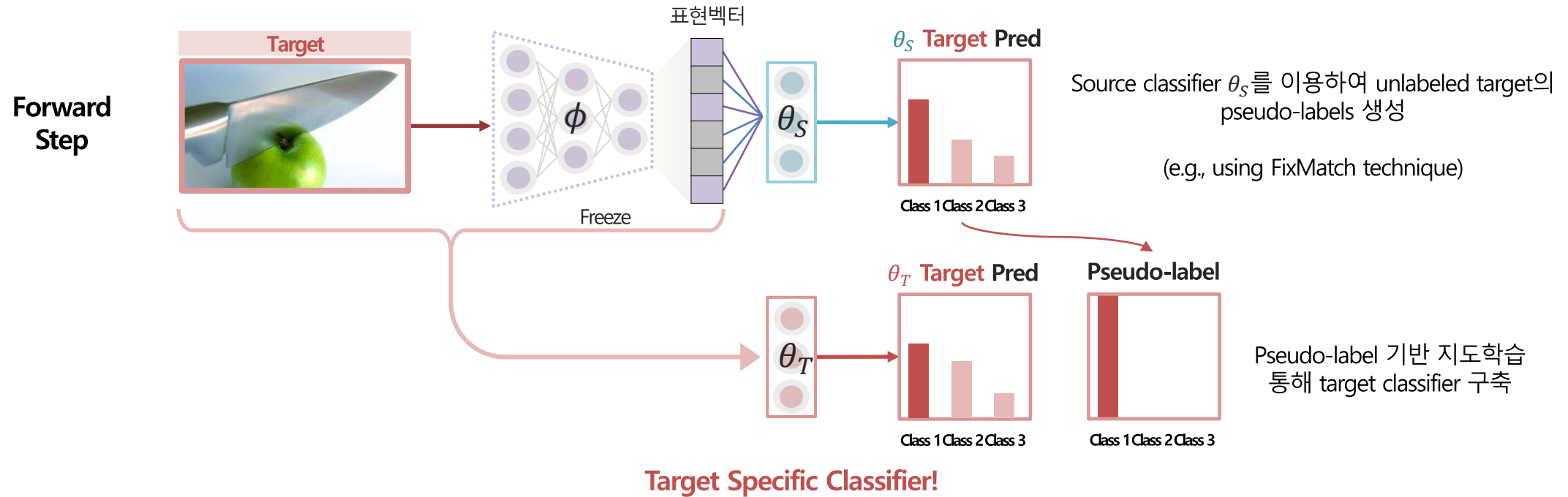
Source classifier  $\theta_S$ 를 이용하여 unlabeled target의 pseudo-labels 생성

(e.g., using FixMatch technique)

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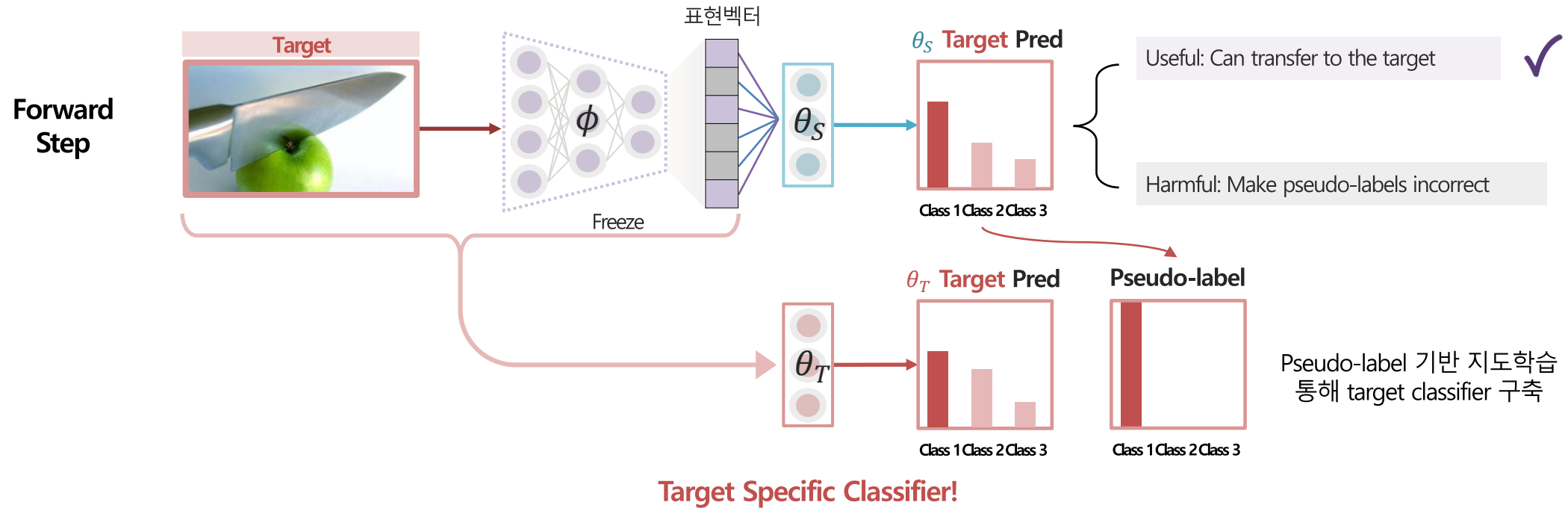
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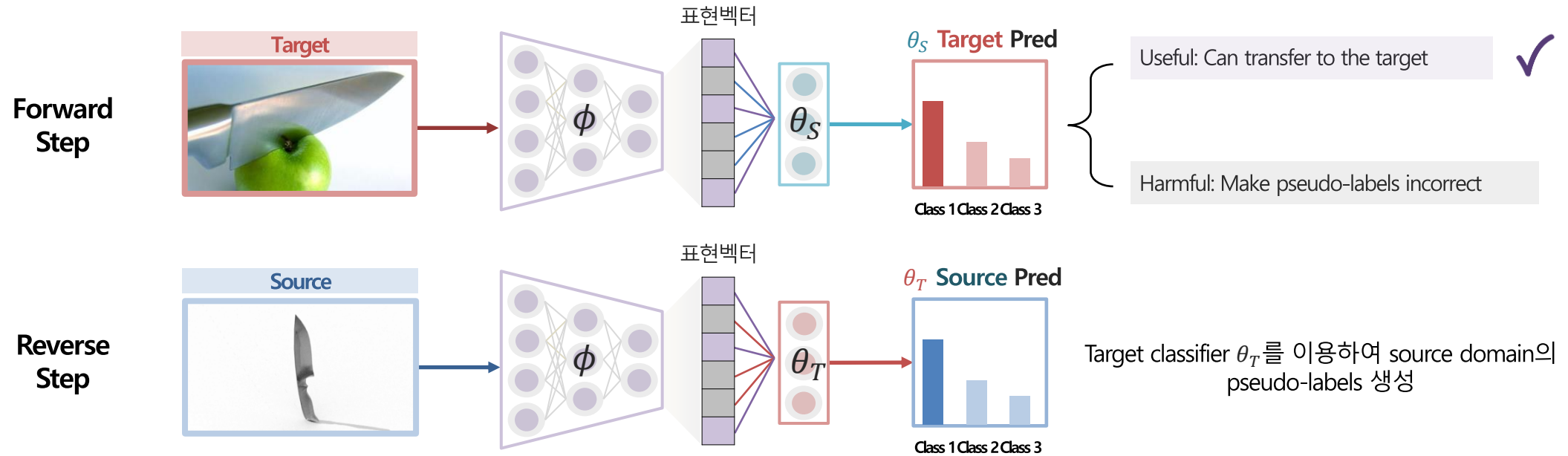
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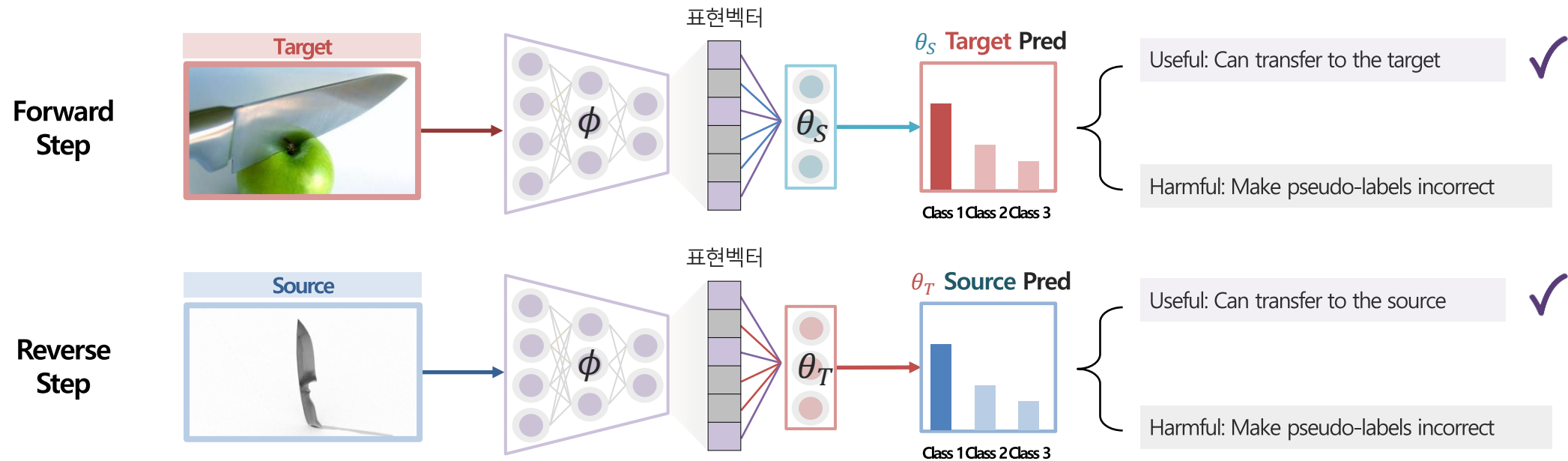
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→ 우리가 source domain의 label을 기반으로 target에서도 유효한 정보를 가지고 오고 싶어하는 것처럼,  
Now we can train the model to **MAKE TARGET PSEUDO-LABELS INFORMATIVE of the SOURCE domain!**

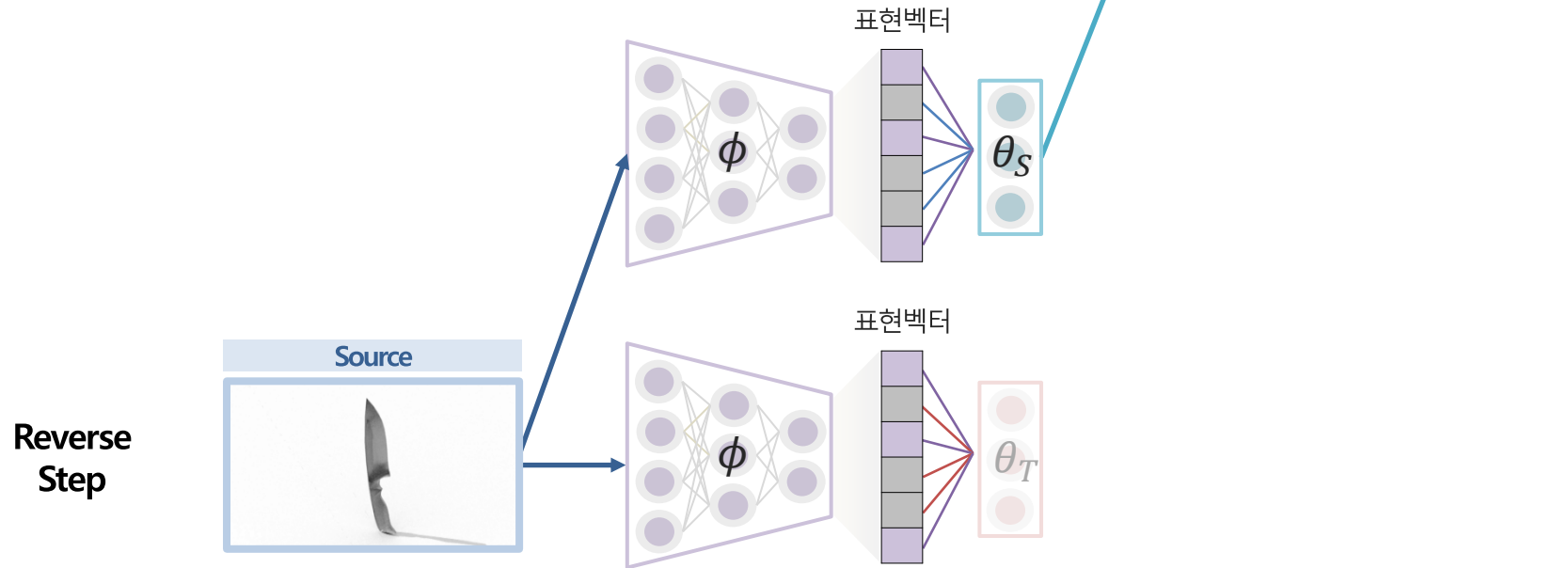
→ So that we can **GRADUALLY REFINE** noisy target pseudo-labels!



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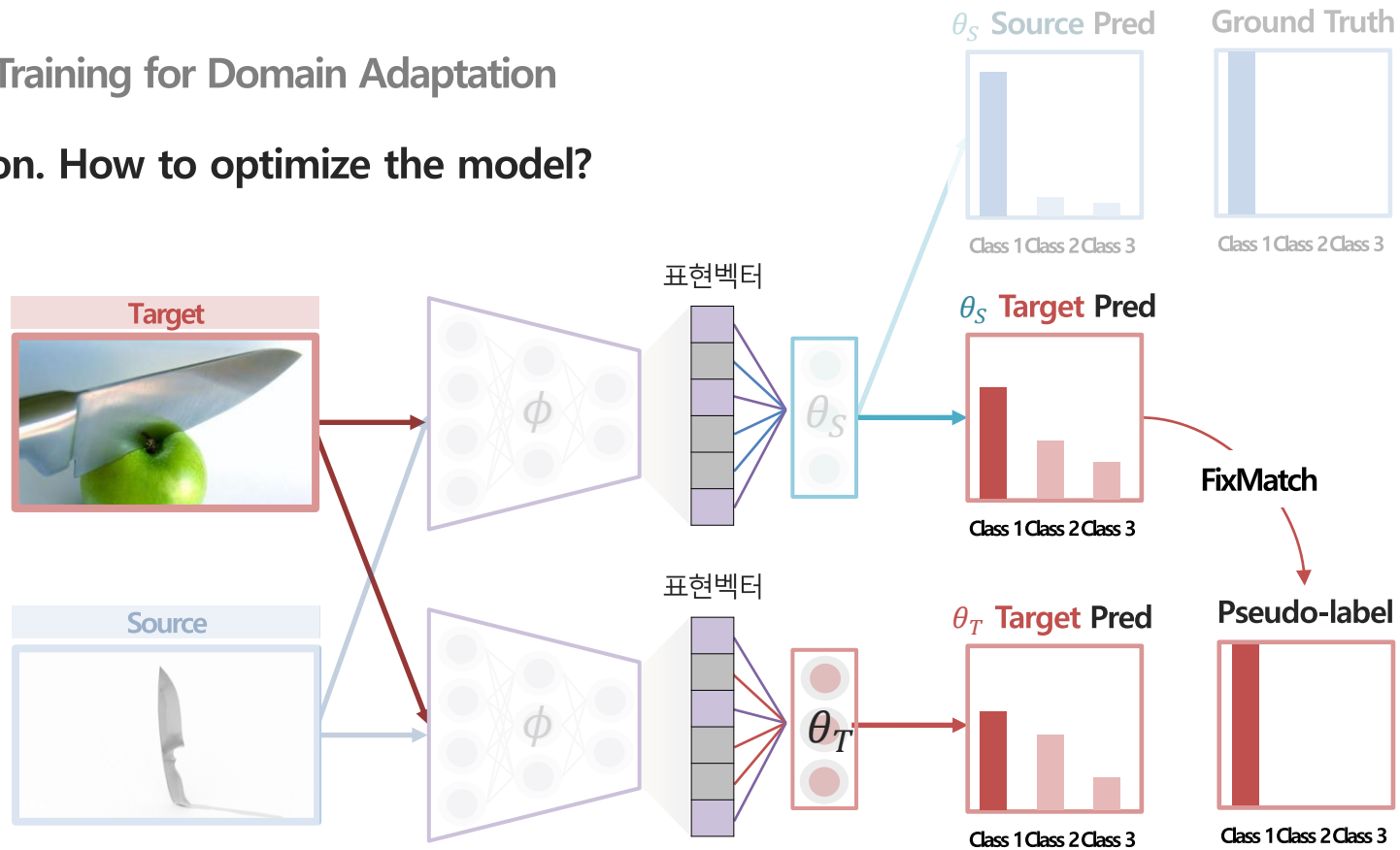
Source domain 지도 학습

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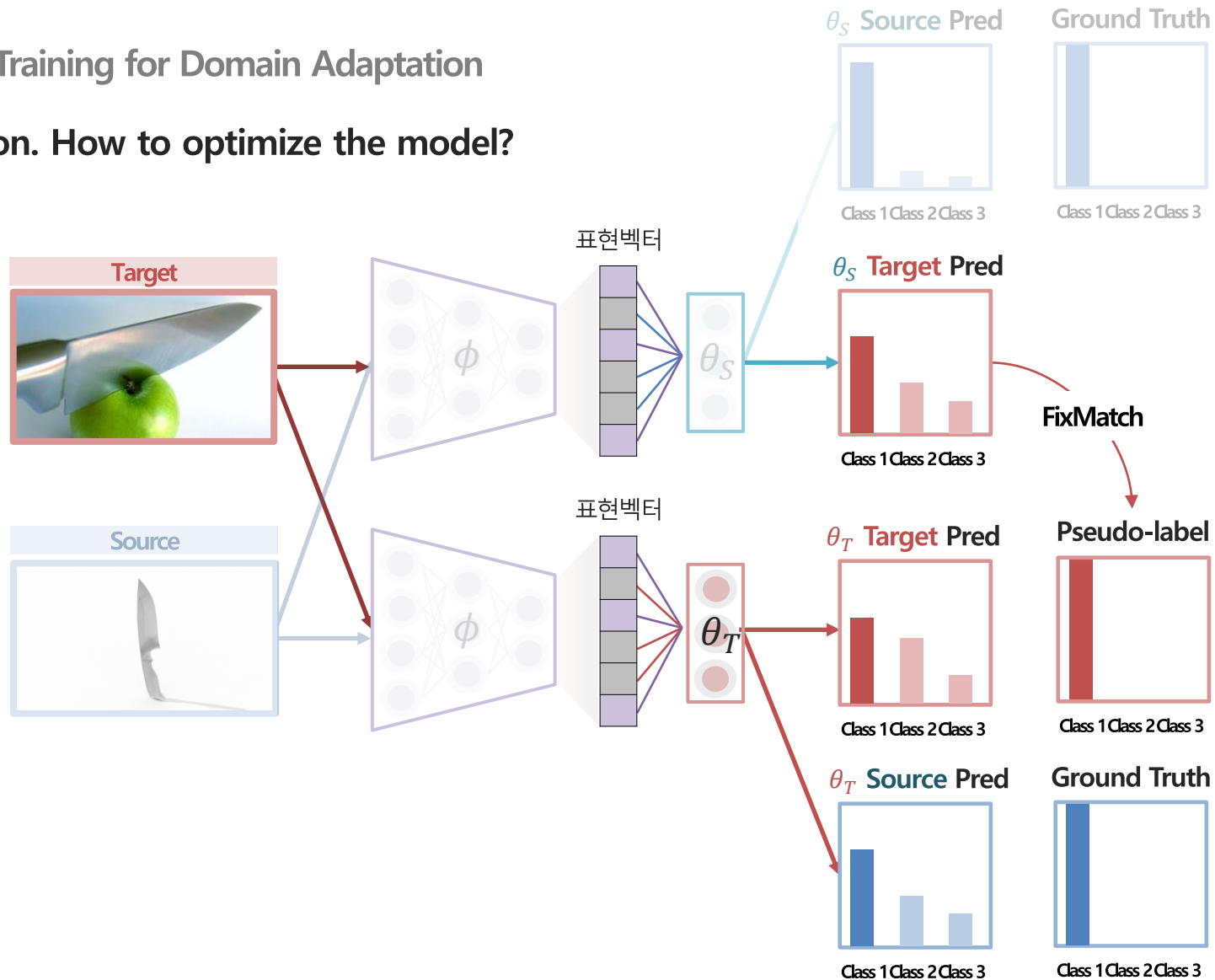
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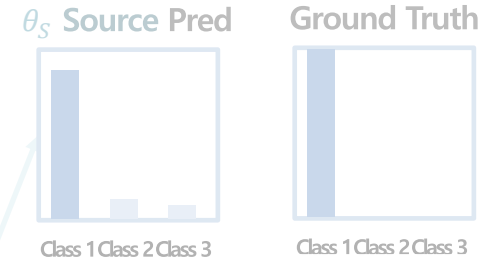
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- **Analytical solution**

- target classifier 최적화 문제에 대해서, “해석적으로” (수학적 공식에 의해) 직접 해를 계산할 수 있음을 의미
- 즉, 복잡한 수치적 방법을 이용한 최적화 대신 **간단한 공식을 통해 해를 구함**
- **본 논문에서는 ridge regression의 analytical solution 이용**

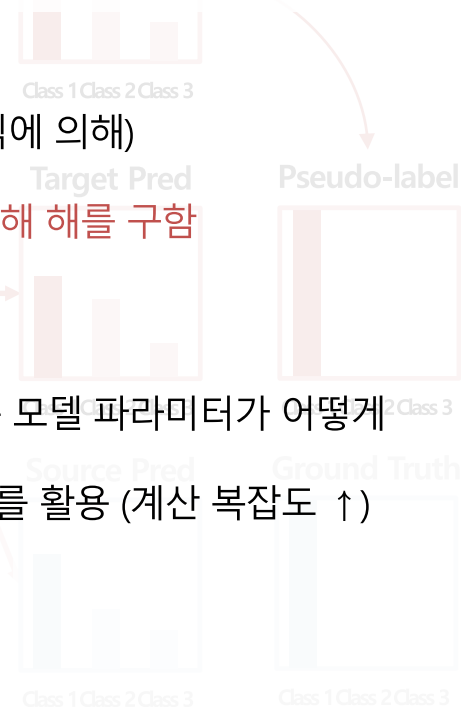
- **Second-order derivatives**

- Model Agnostic Meta-Learning (MAML)과 같은 메타 학습에서는 모델 파라미터가 어떻게 변화하는지 파악하기 위해 2차 미분을 필요로 함
- 두 단계 간의 상호작용을 파악하기 위해서 더 높은 차원의 정보를 활용 (계산 복잡도 ↑)



$$L_{source}(\theta_S, \phi)$$

Source domain 지도 학습



### Bi-level Optimization!

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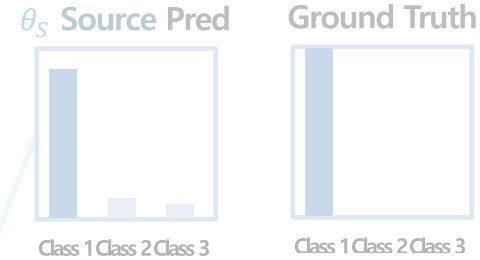
- $\min_{\theta} \|X\theta - y\|^2 + \lambda\|\theta\|^2,$   
where  $X$ : input features,  $y$ : label,  $\theta$ : weights,  $\lambda$ : regularization parameters
- $\theta = (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T y$

One-hot encoded pseudo-labels

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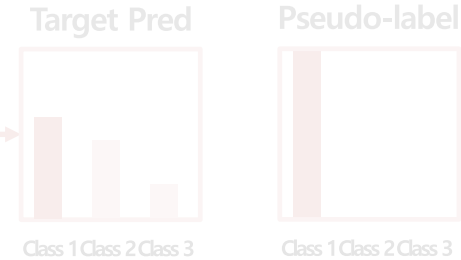
- $\min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim T} \|\theta^T \phi(x) - y'\|^2 + \lambda\|\theta\|^2,$   
where  $\phi(x)$ :  $X$  in ridge regression,  $y'$ :  $y$  in ridge regression,  $\theta$ : target classifier weights
- $\theta_T = (\Phi^T \Phi + \lambda I)^{-1} \Phi^T Y,$   
where  $\Phi$ : feature matrix  $[\Phi(x_1), \dots, \Phi(x_n)]^T$ ,  $Y$ : pseudo-label matrix

Cross-entropy loss를 사용하는 일반적인 classification과 다른 접근



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- Complete objective:
  - Forward Step**  
Generate pseudo-labels on the target domain with  $\phi$  and  $\theta_s$ :  $y' = \arg \max_i \{f_{\theta_s, \phi}(x)_{[i]}\}$ .
  - Reverse Step**  
Train a target head  $\hat{\theta}_t(\phi)$  with target pseudo-labels  $y'$  on the feature extractor  $\phi$ :  

$$\hat{\theta}_t(\phi) = \arg \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \hat{Q}} \ell(f_{\theta, \phi}(x), y').$$
  - Update the feature extractor  $\phi$  and the source head  $\theta_s$  to make  $\hat{\theta}_t(\phi)$  perform well on the source dataset and minimize the  $\hat{\alpha}$ -Tsallis entropy on the target dataset:  

$$\phi \leftarrow \phi - \eta \nabla_{\phi} [L_{\hat{P}}(\theta_s, \phi) + L_{\hat{P}}(\hat{\theta}_t(\phi), \phi) + L_{\hat{Q}, \text{Tsallis}, \hat{\alpha}}(\theta_s, \phi)]. \quad (7)$$

$$\theta_s \leftarrow \theta_s - \eta \nabla_{\theta_s} [L_{\hat{P}}(\theta_s, \phi) + L_{\hat{Q}, \text{Tsallis}, \hat{\alpha}}(\theta_s, \phi)]. \quad (8)$$
- To refine noisy pseudo-labels (Reverse step):
  - Introduce 'cycle self-training'; train  $\theta_T$  with target pseudo-labels, and make  $\theta_T$  perform well on the source domain by updating the shared representations

$$f_{\theta, \phi}(x_T) \downarrow$$

$$S_{\alpha}(y) = \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \left( 1 - \sum y_{[i]}^{\alpha} \right)$$

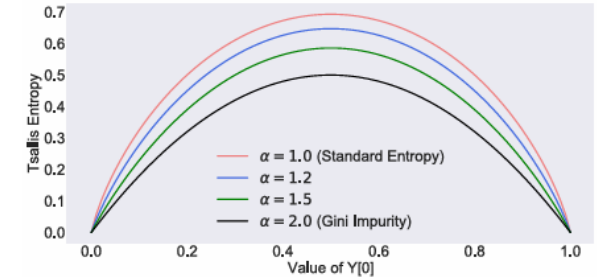
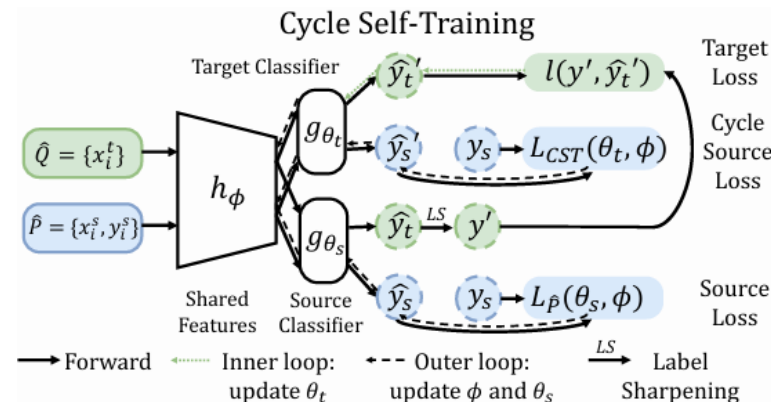


Figure 3: Tsallis entropy vs. entropic-index  $\alpha$ .

- $\alpha$ 가 1에 가까워질 수록 Gibbs entropy로 수렴
- Gibbs는 overconfidence 문제를 강화 (불확실성을 강하게 낮추어 예측을 확실하게 만듦)
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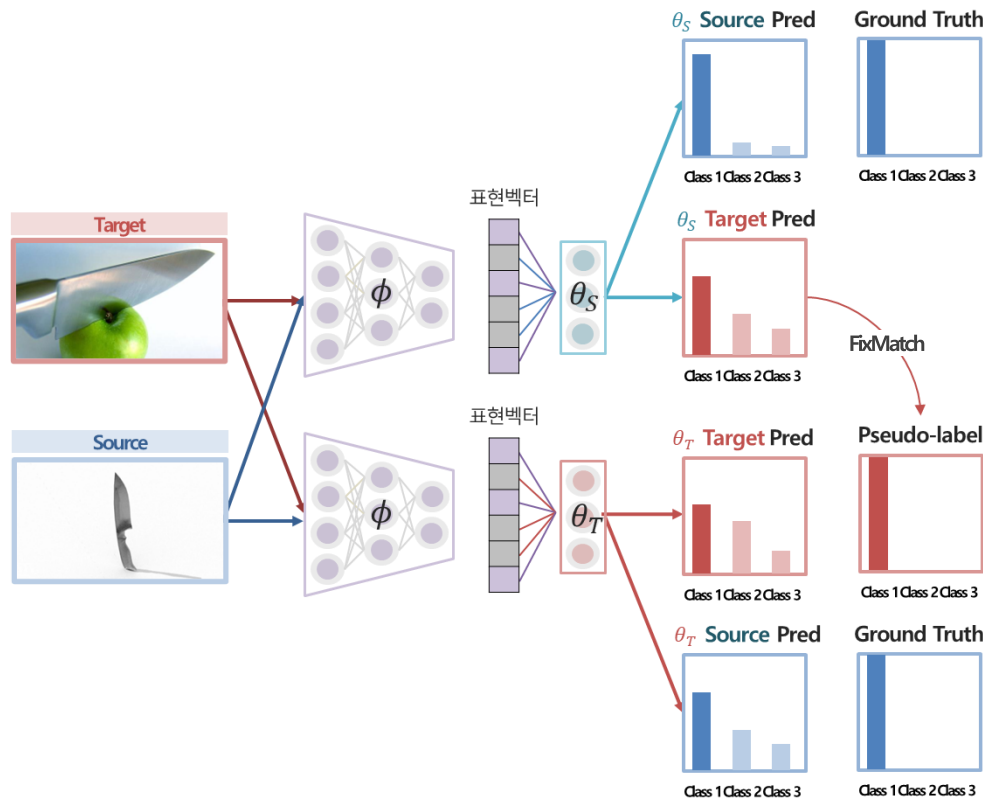


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$$\hat{\theta}_T(\phi) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim T} \ell(f_{\theta, \phi}(x), y')$$

Source data 예측

$$L_{Target}(\hat{\theta}_T(\phi), \phi)$$

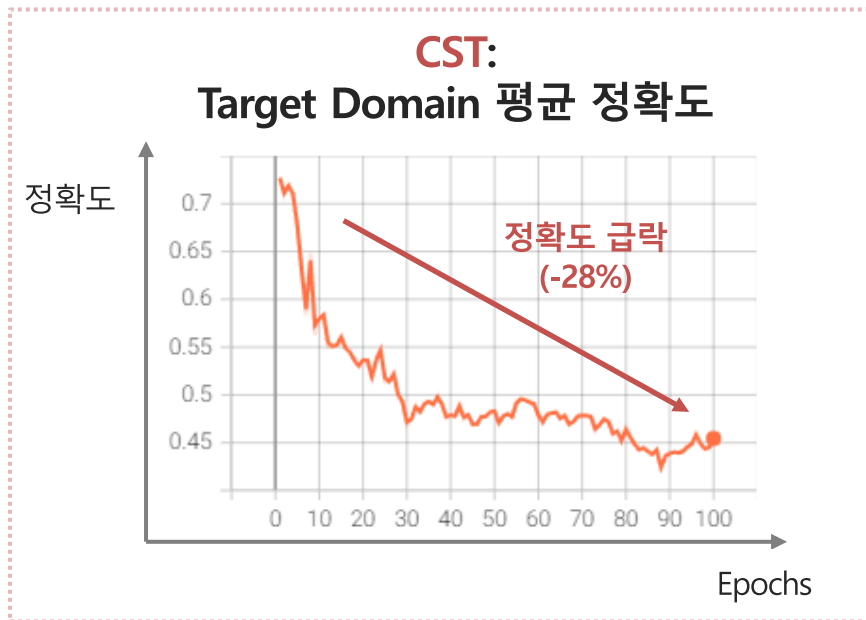
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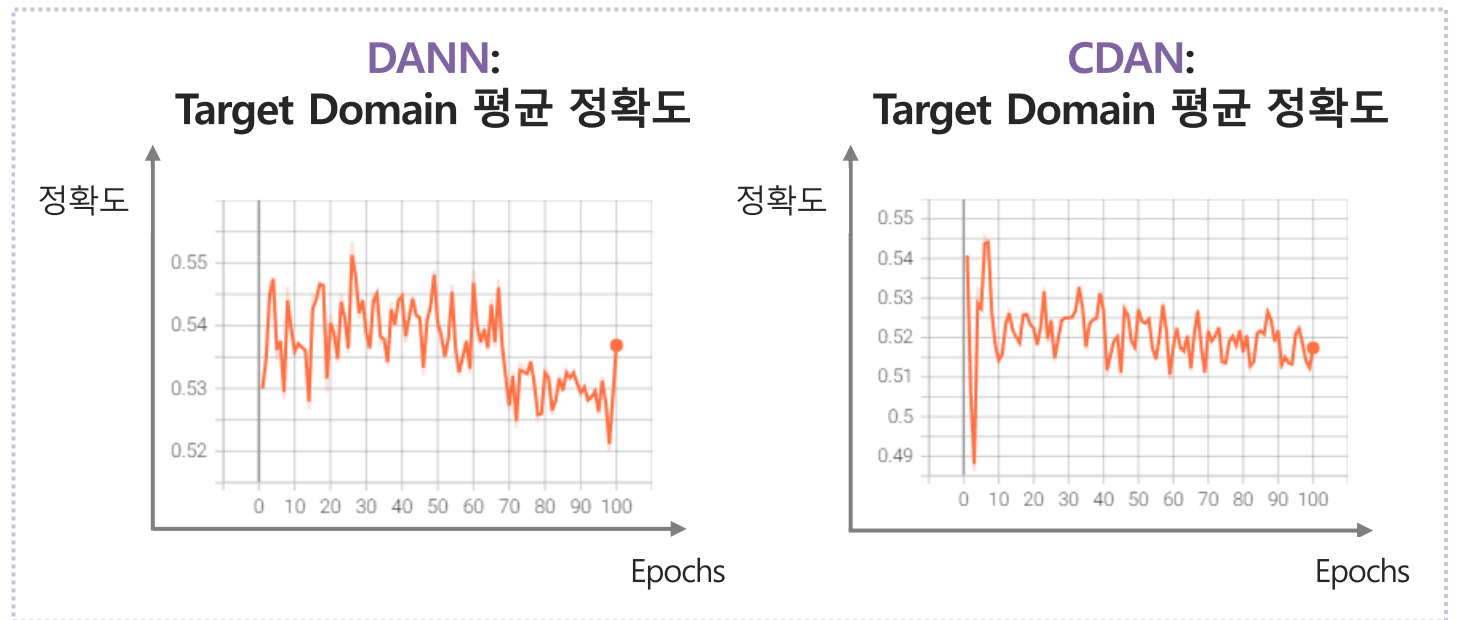
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### Adversarial-training





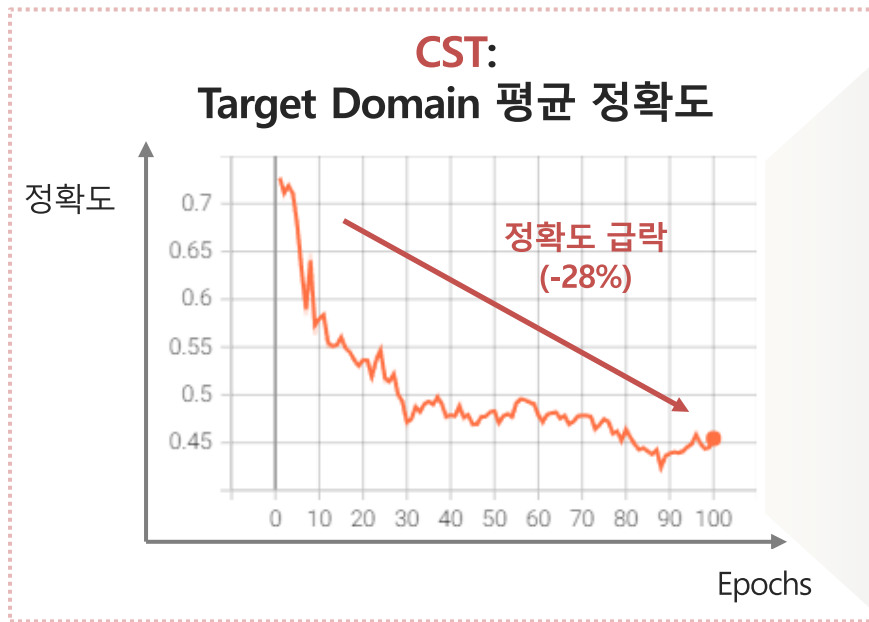
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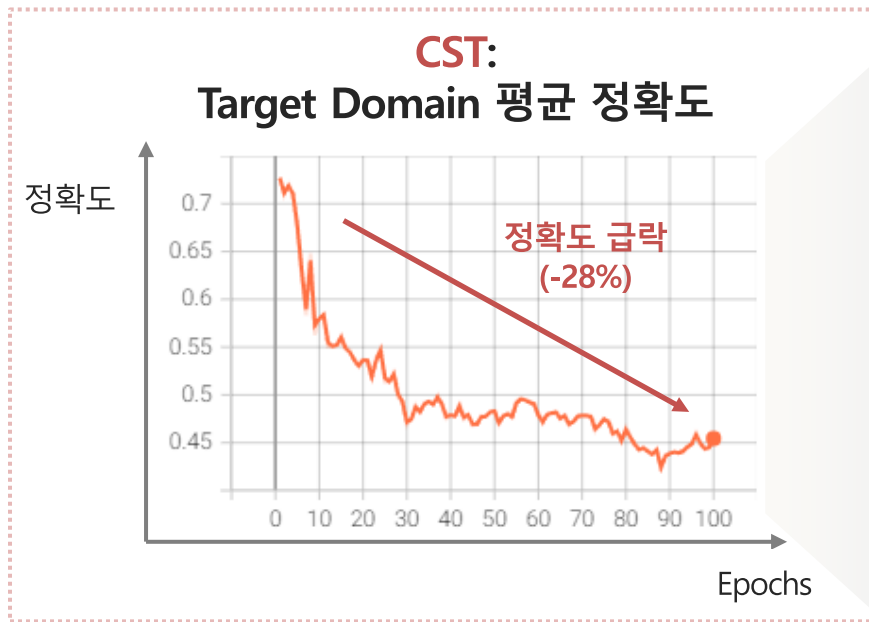
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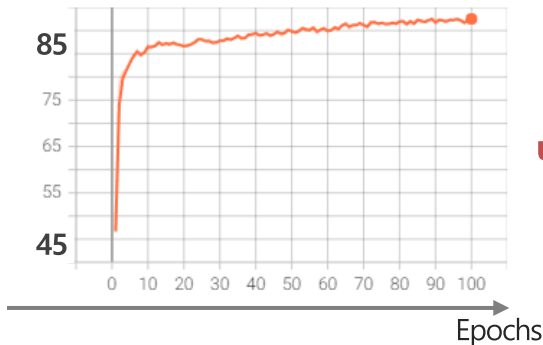
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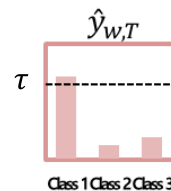
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### Pseudo-labels samples 비율 (%)



학습이 진행될 수록 거의 모든 unlabeled target을 높은 확신을 가지고 예측  
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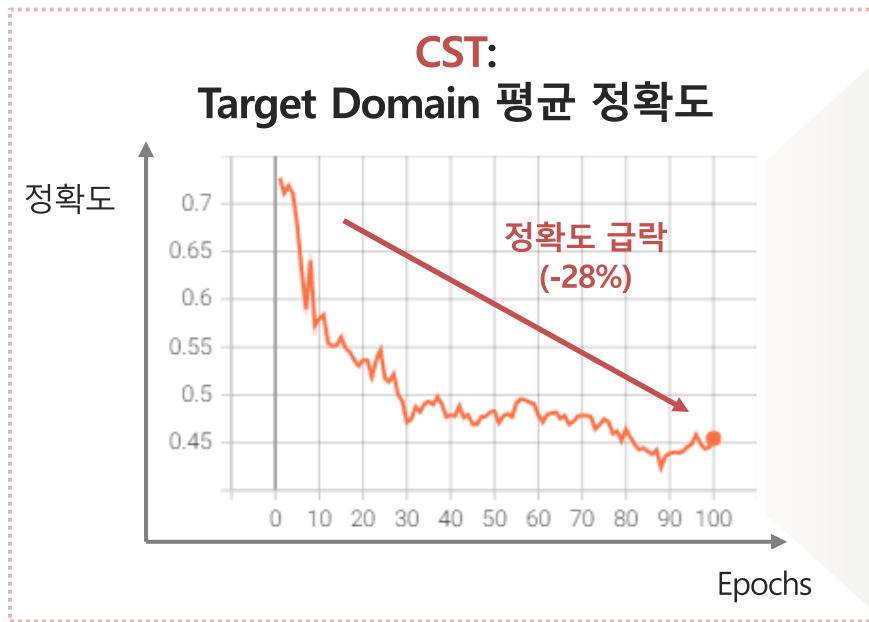
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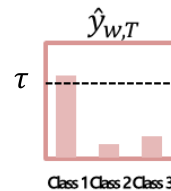
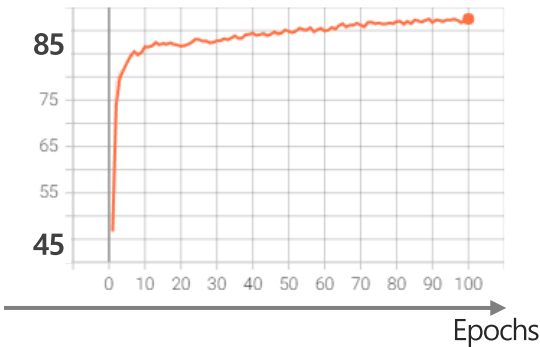
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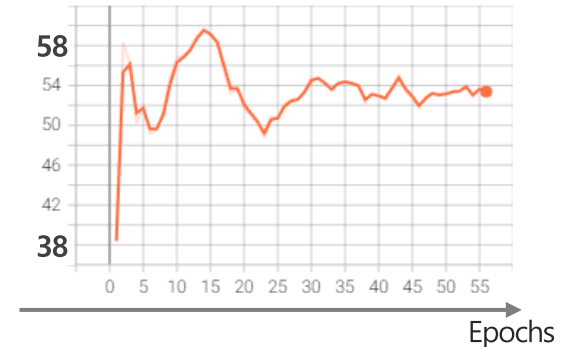


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(2) 얼마나 정확한가?

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### CST: components 효과 확인

$$\text{CST} = \text{FixMatch} + \text{Reverse Step} + \text{Tsallis Entropy}$$

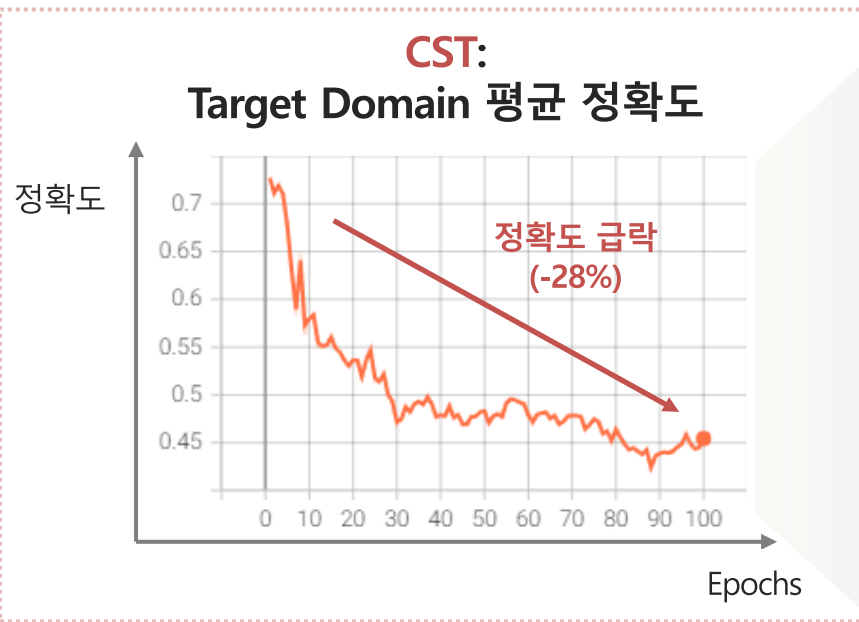


Table 5: Ablation on VisDA-2017.

Method	Accuracy ↑	$d_{TV}$ ↓
FixMatch + Reverse + Gibbs		
FixMatch [57]	$74.5 \pm 0.2$	0.22
FixMatch + Reverse + Tsallis		
Fixmatch+Tsallis	$76.3 \pm 0.8$	0.15
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CST+Entropy	$76.2 \pm 0.6$	0.20
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UDA with Self-Training

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### ❖ Make the U in UDA Matter: Invariant Consistency Learning (ICON) for Unsupervised Domain Adaptation

- CST는 (1) transferable, (2) domain-specific 정보 중 transferable 정보에 집중할 수 있도록 학습 유도 (reverse step)
- ICON은 domain-specific 정보를 직접적으로 제거해야 정확한 학습이 가능함을 주장
- 학습이 진행됨에 따라 target accuracy가 하락하는 원인을 Source domain 내에 있는 'spurious correlations'로 지적

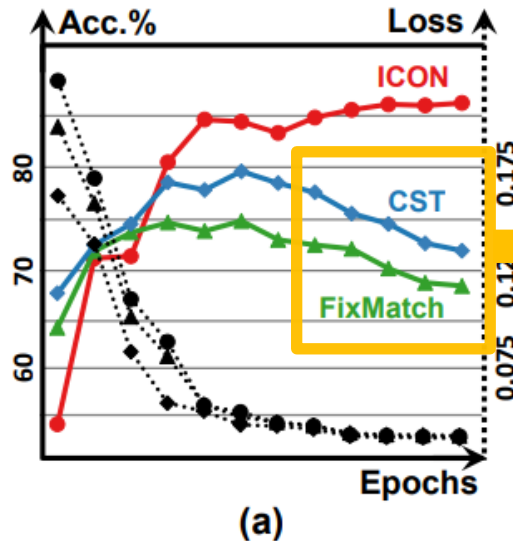
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Domain Adaptation (DA) is always challenged by the spurious correlation between domain-invariant features (e.g., class identity) and domain-specific features (e.g., environment) that does not generalize to the target domain. Unfortunately, even enriched with additional unsupervised target domains, existing Unsupervised DA (UDA) methods still suffer from it. This is because the source domain supervision only considers the target domain samples as auxiliary data (e.g., by pseudo-labeling), yet the inherent distribution in the target domain—where the valuable de-correlation clues hide—is disregarded. We propose to make the U in UDA matter by giving equal status to the two domains. Specifically, we learn an invariant classifier whose prediction is simultaneously consistent with the labels in the source domain and clusters in the target domain, hence the spurious correlation inconsistent in the target domain is removed. We dub our approach “Invariant CONSistency learning” (ICON). Extensive experiments show that ICON achieves the state-of-the-art performance on the classic UDA benchmarks: OFFICE-HOME and VISDA-2017, and outperforms all the conventional methods on the challenging WILDS 2.0 benchmark. Codes are in <https://github.com/yue-zhongqi/ICON>.



“CST와 FixMatch는 모두 학습이 진행됨에 따라 target domain의 정확도가 떨어지는 문제가 있다!”

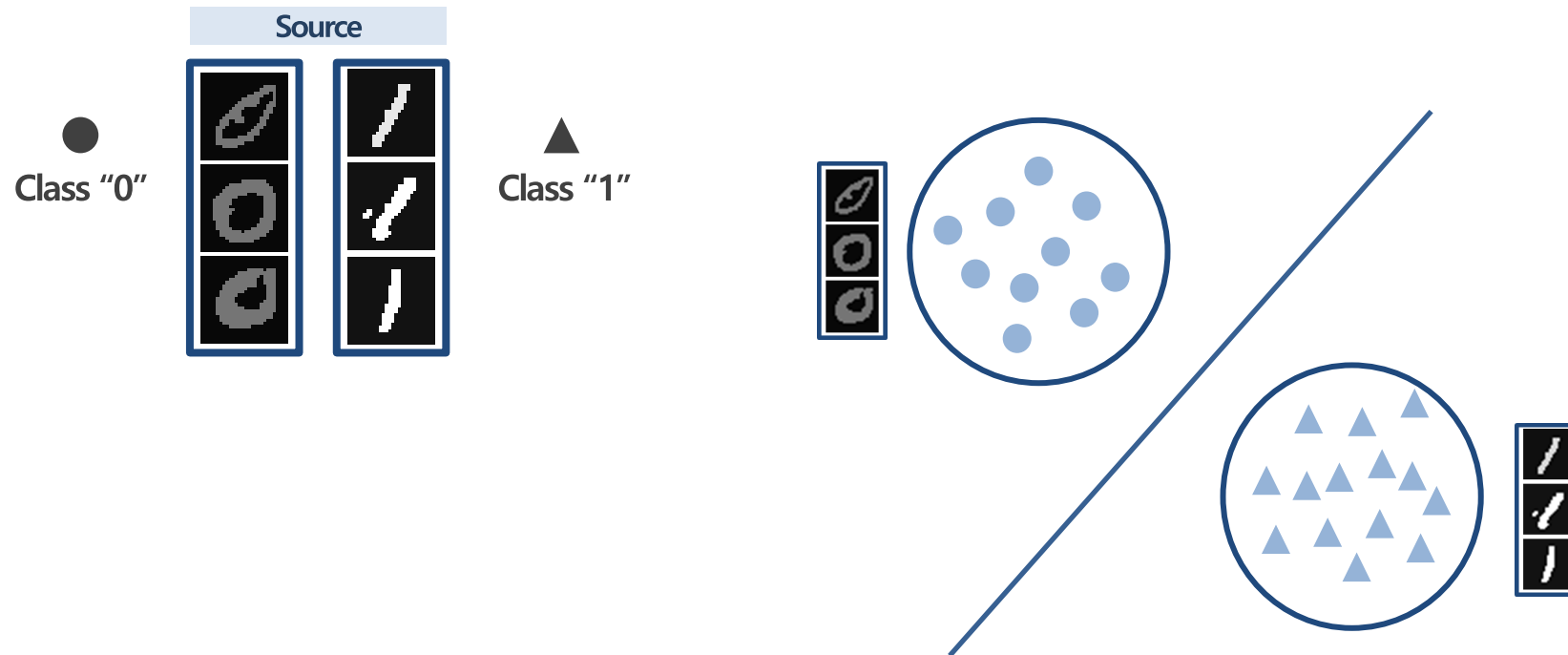
→ Source domain spurious correlations 때문!

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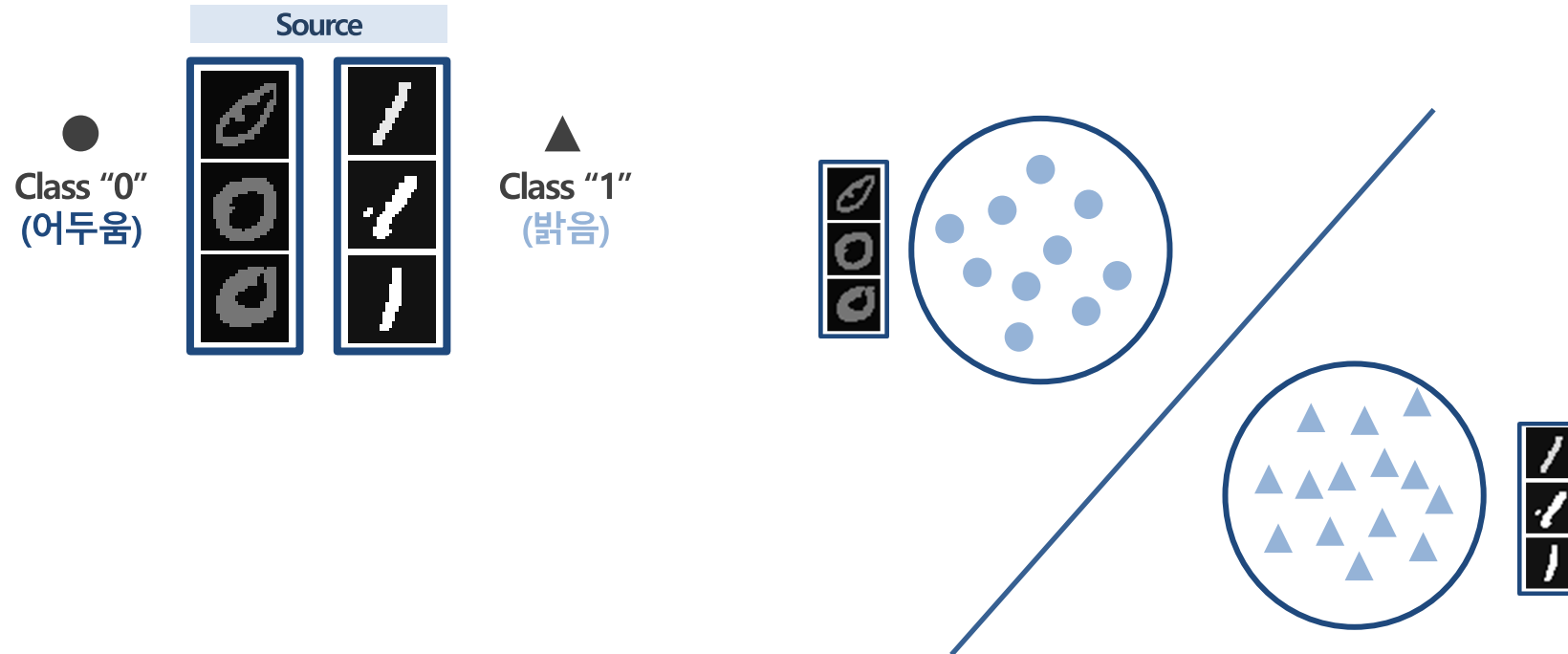


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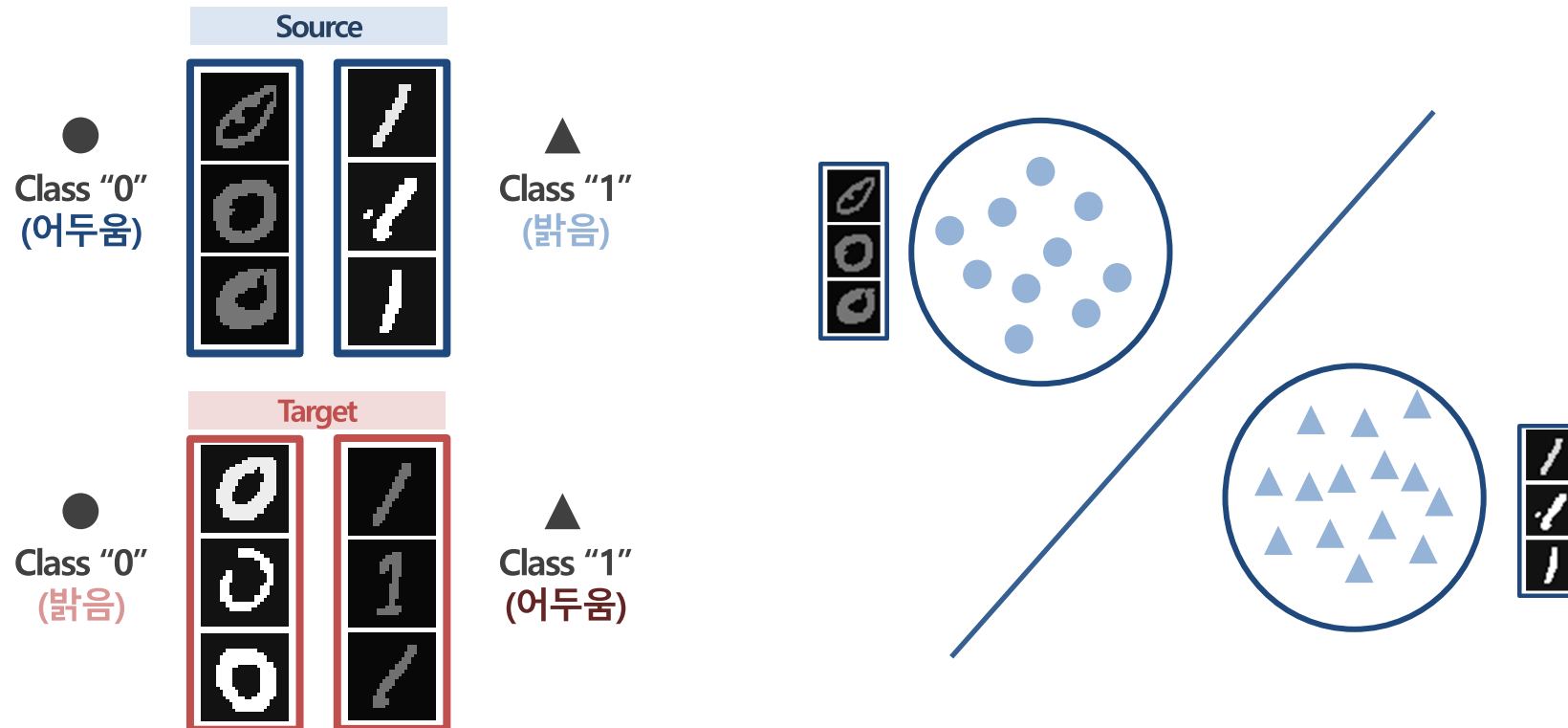


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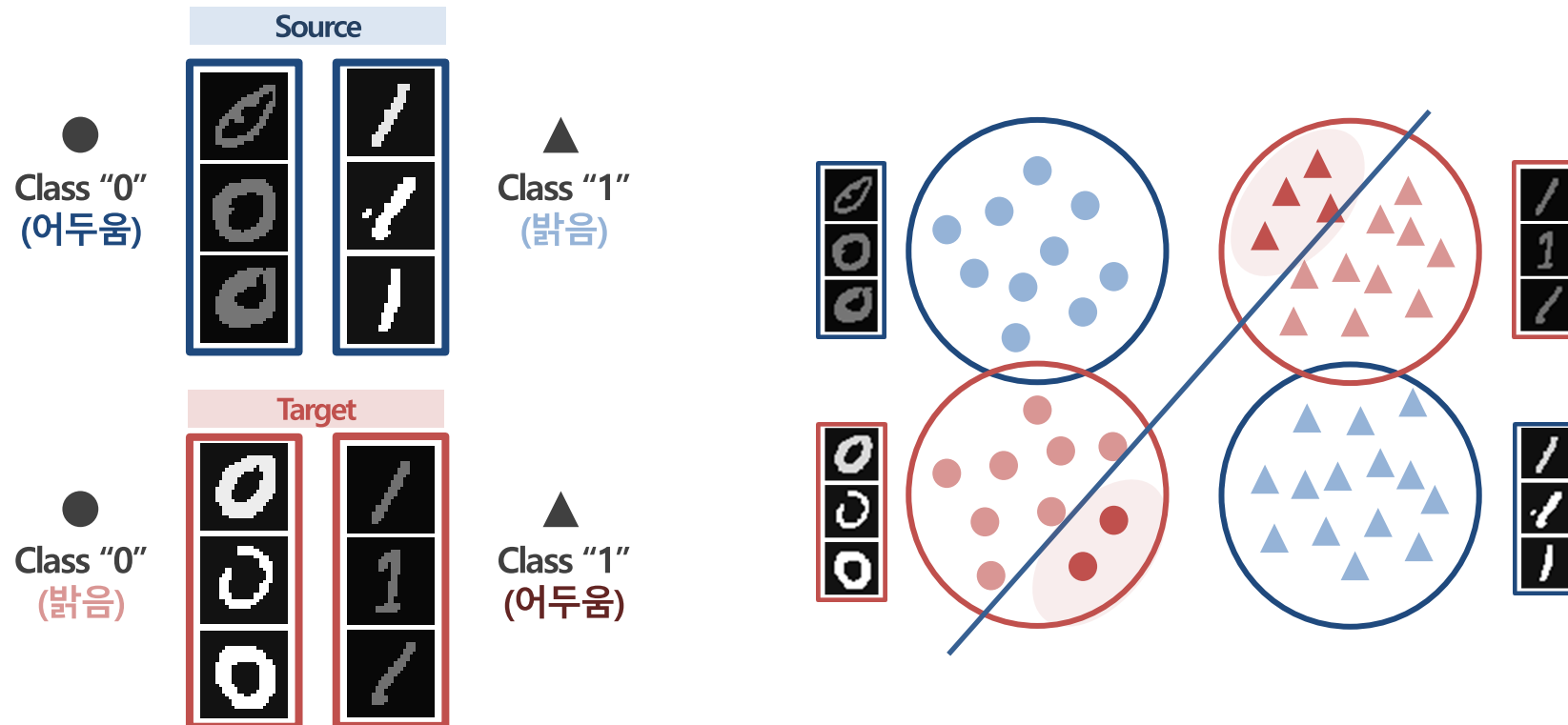


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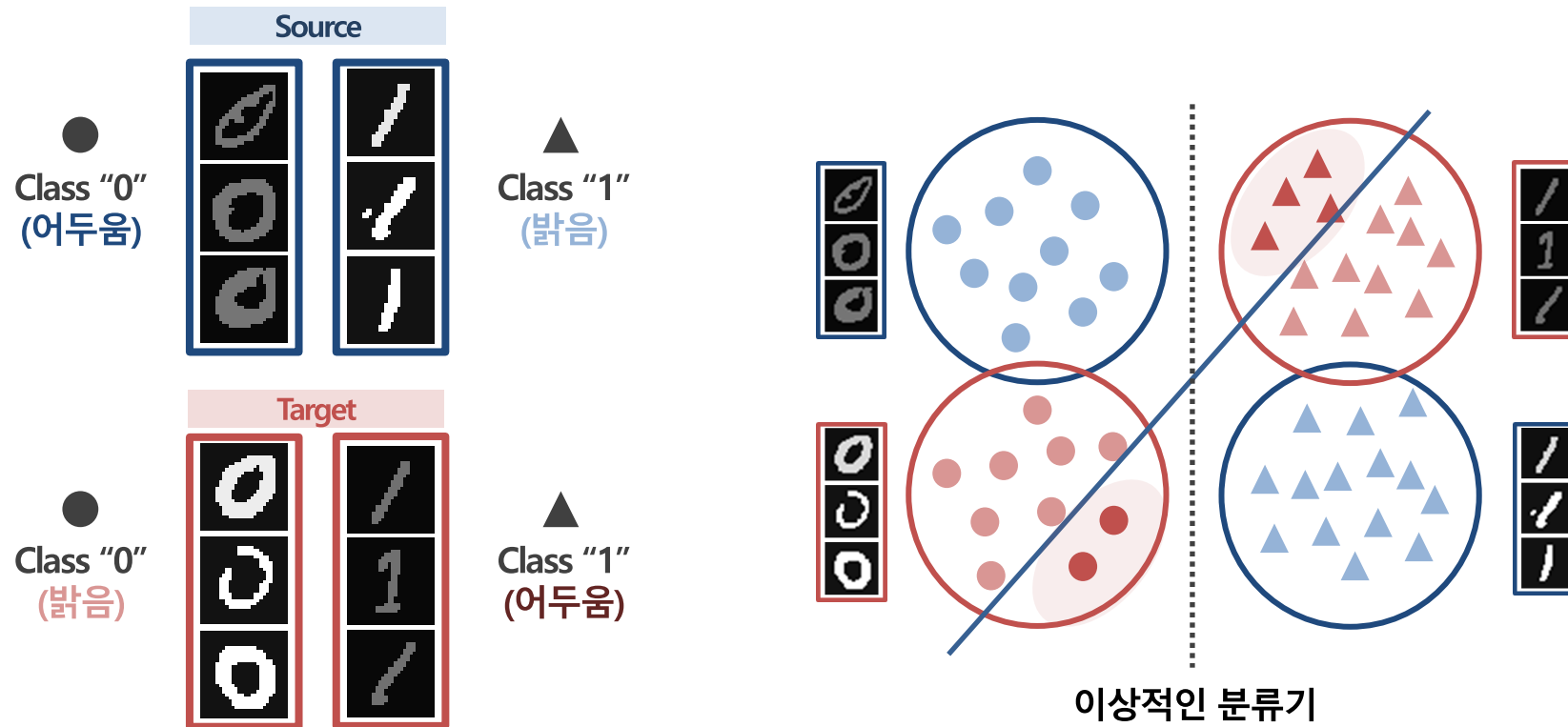


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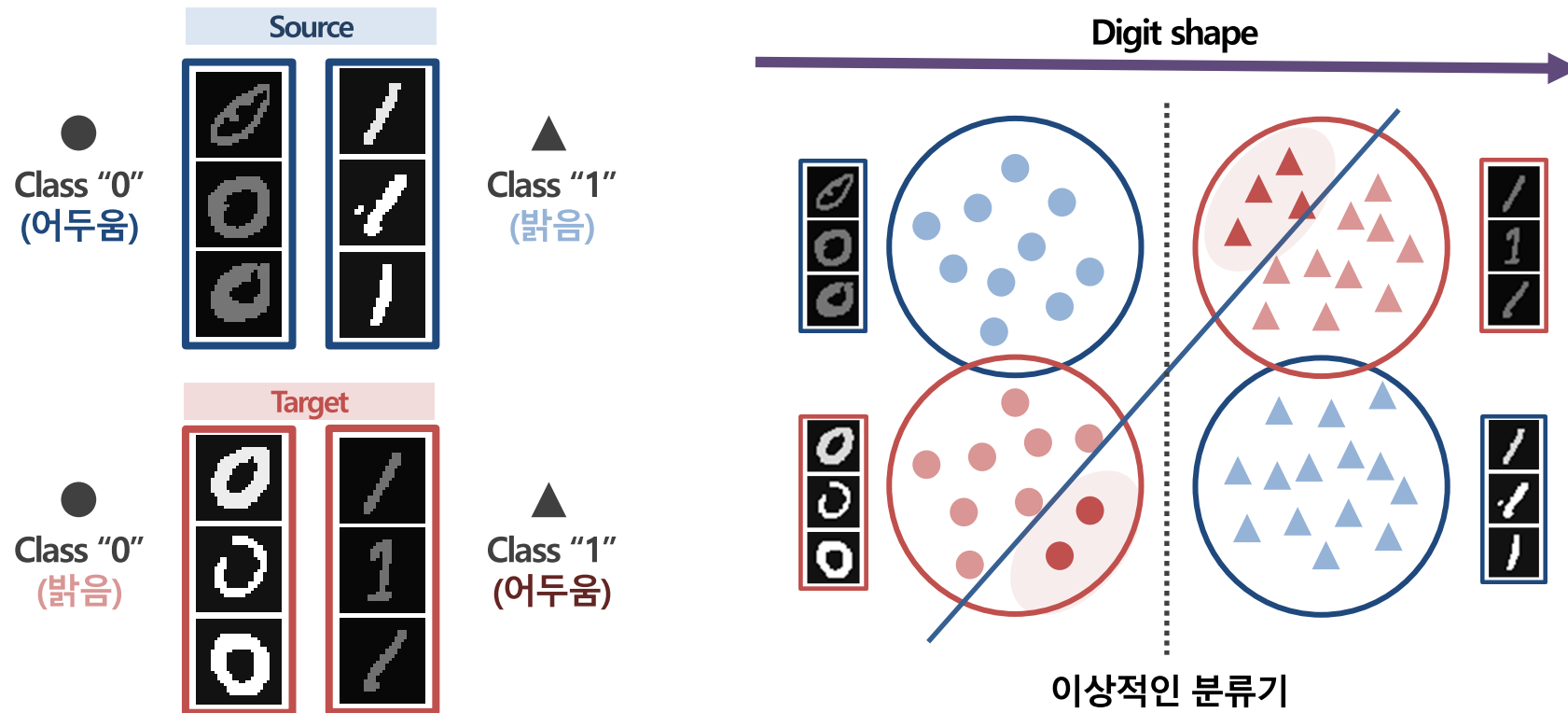


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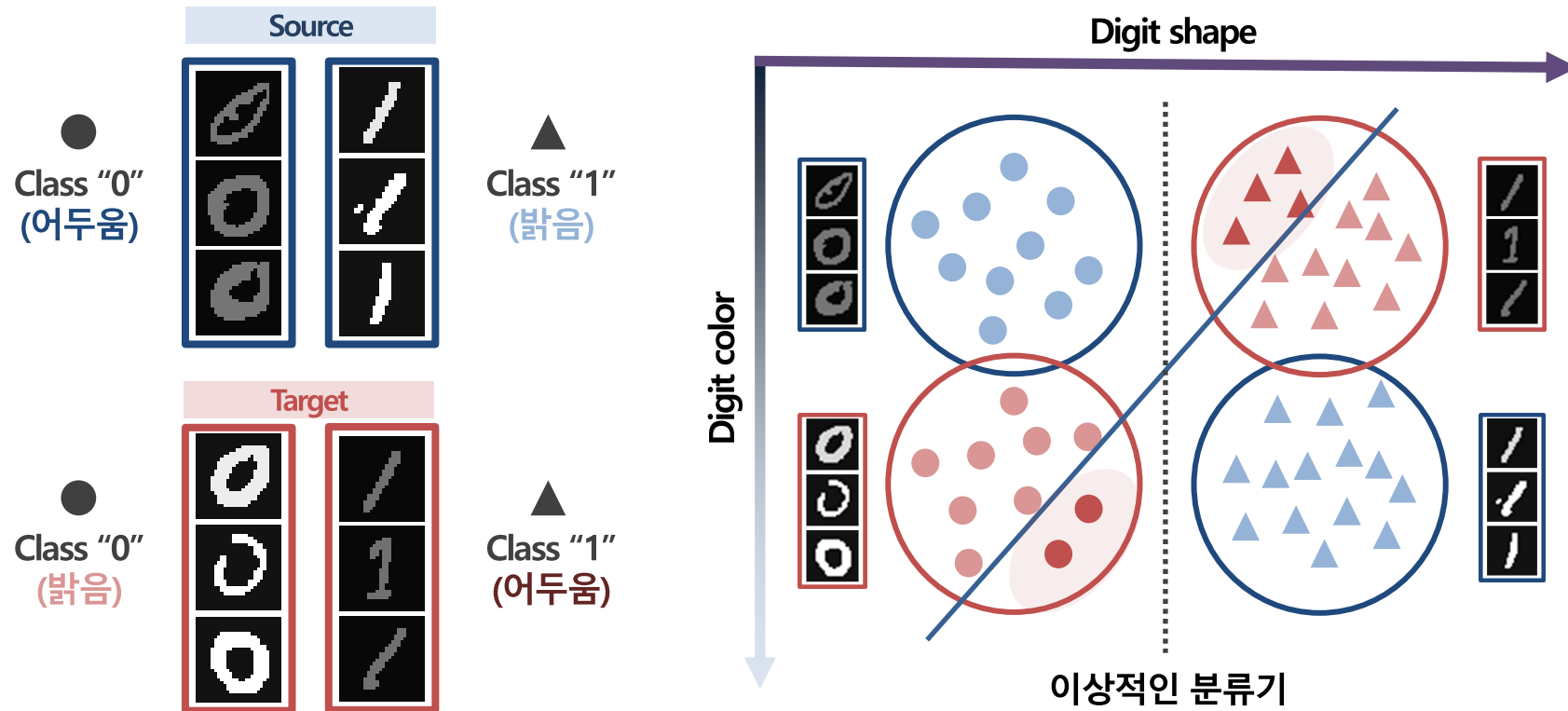


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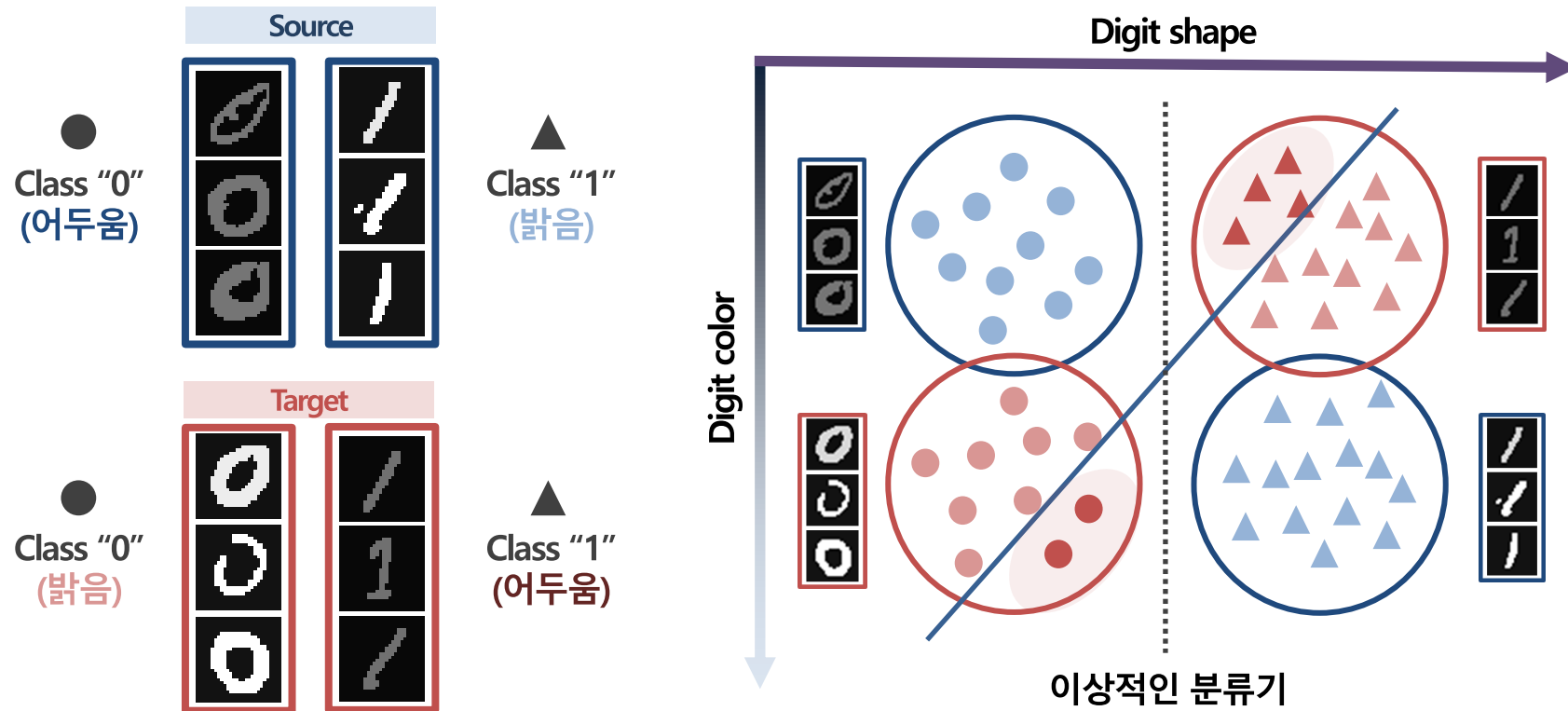
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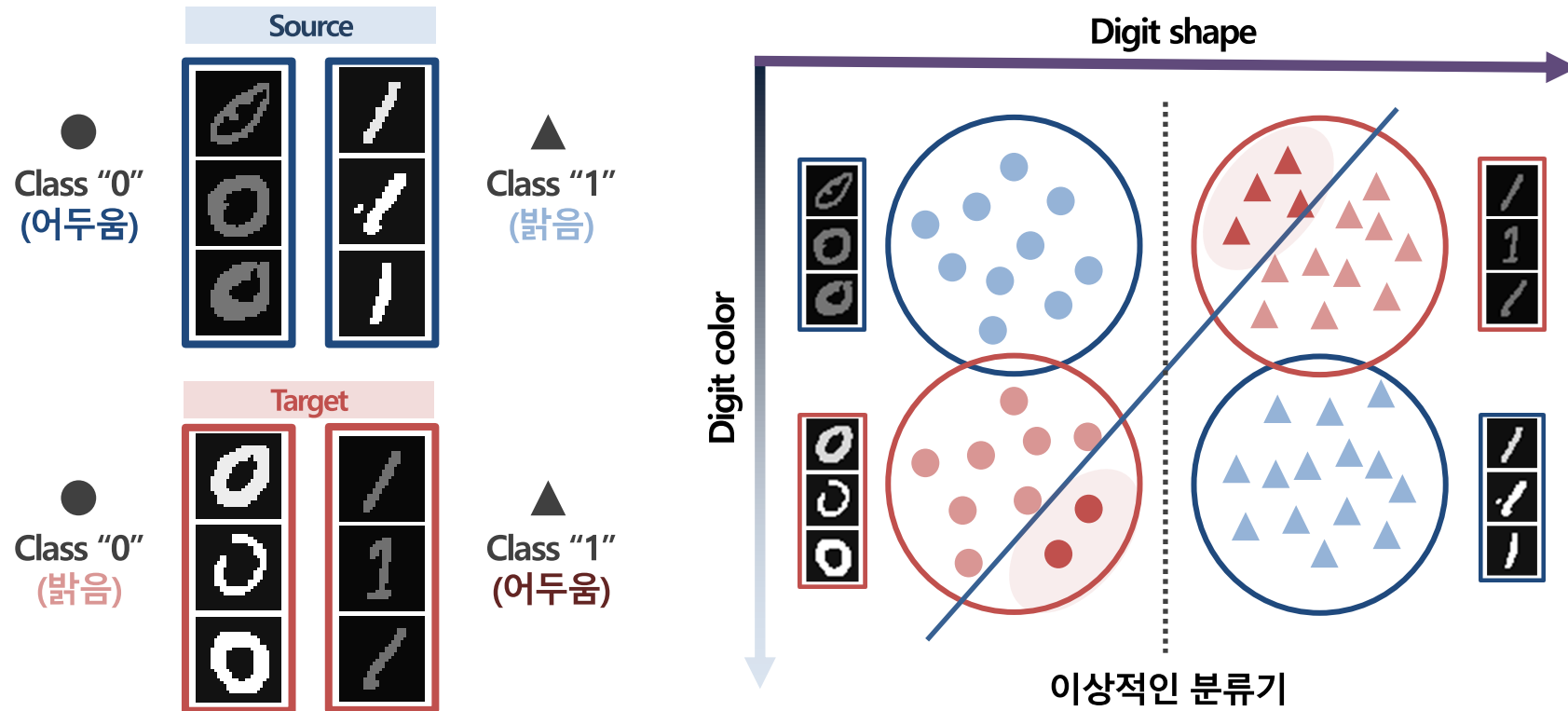
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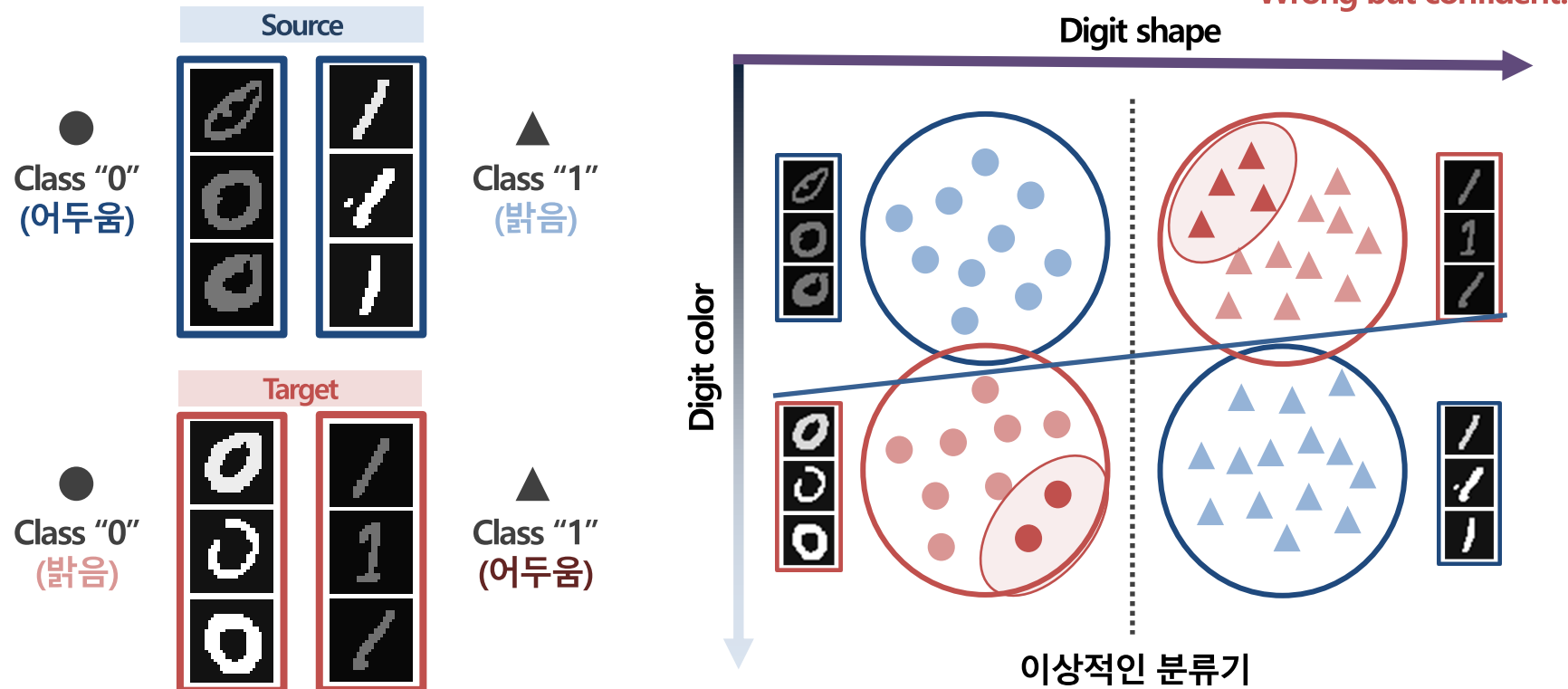
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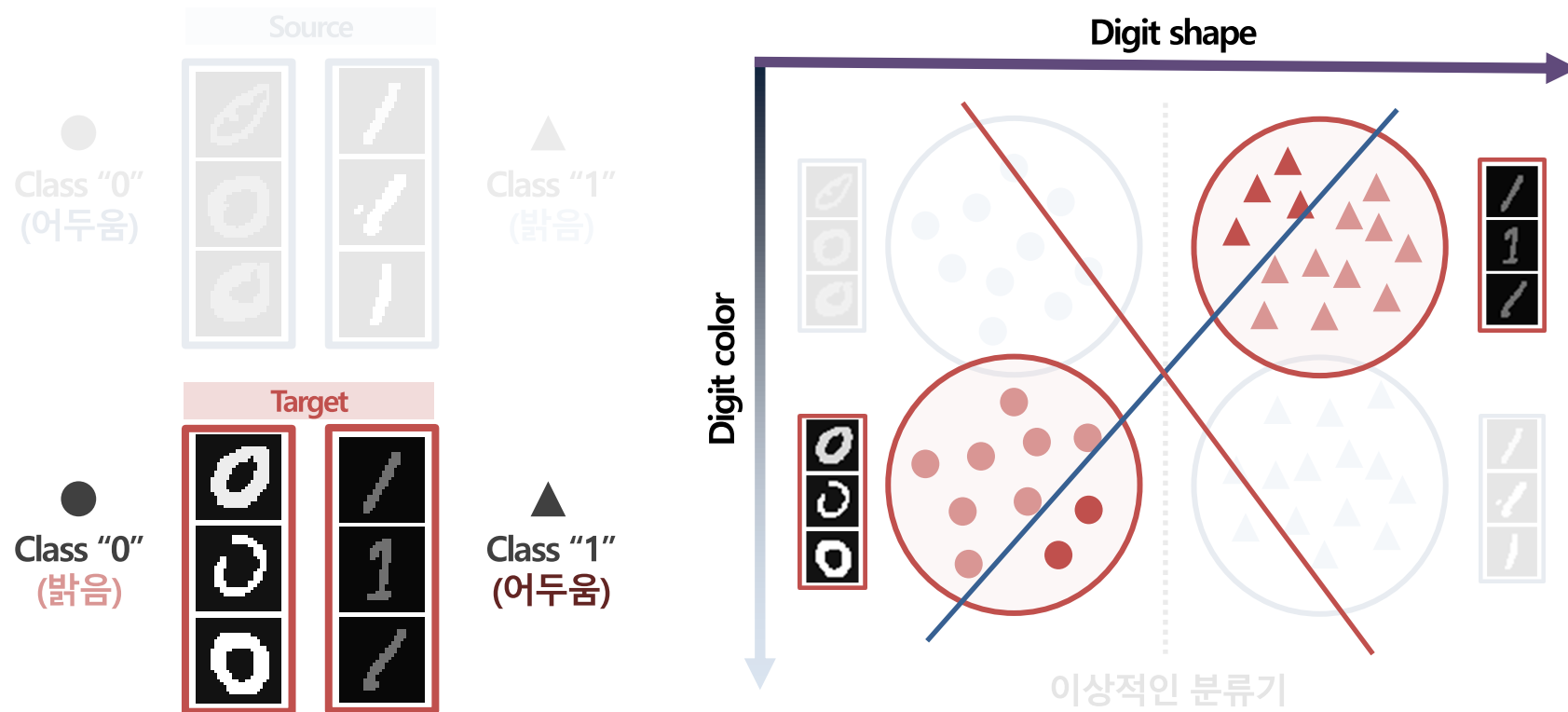


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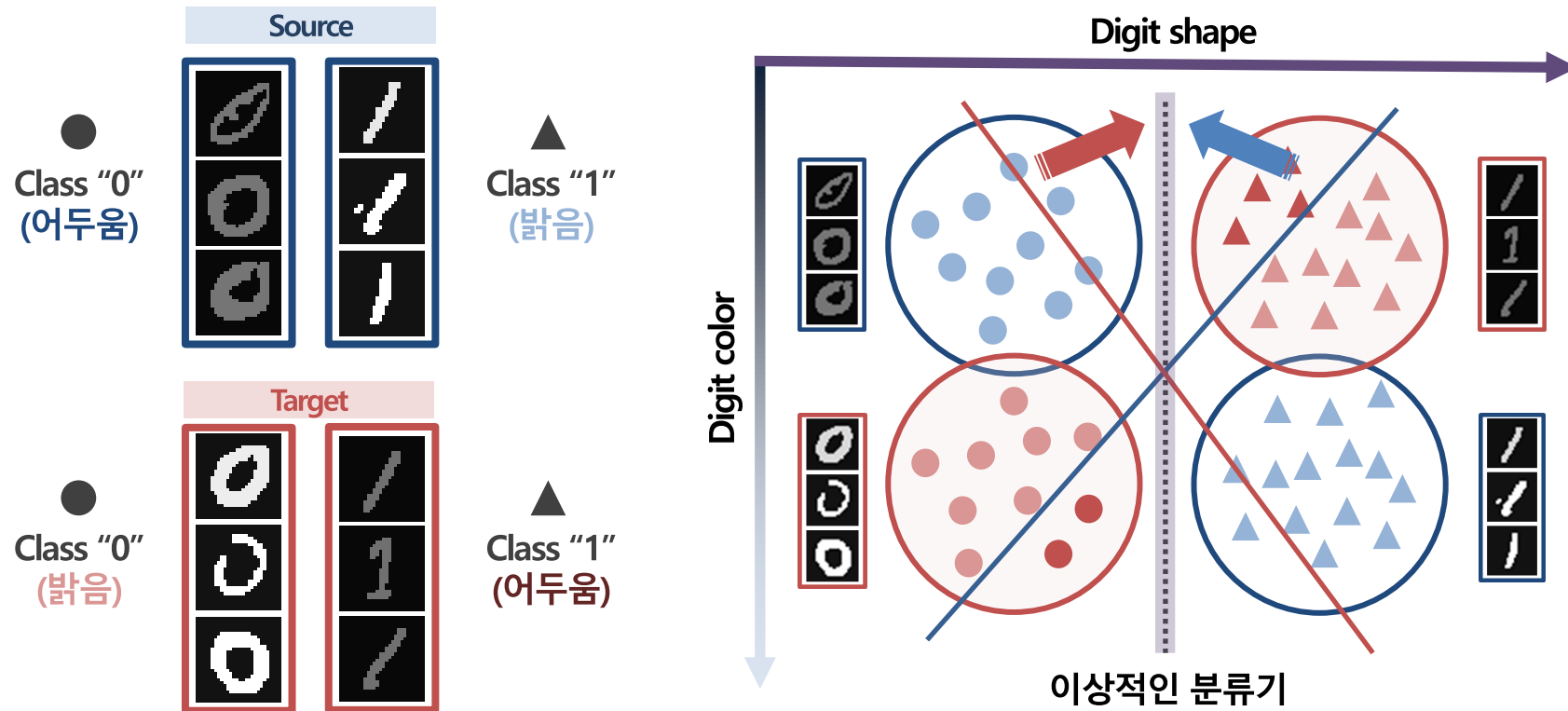


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- Target domain 내의 내재적 특성을 파악하여, 모델로 하여금 target domain 구조를 더 잘 반영할 수 있게끔 학습 필요



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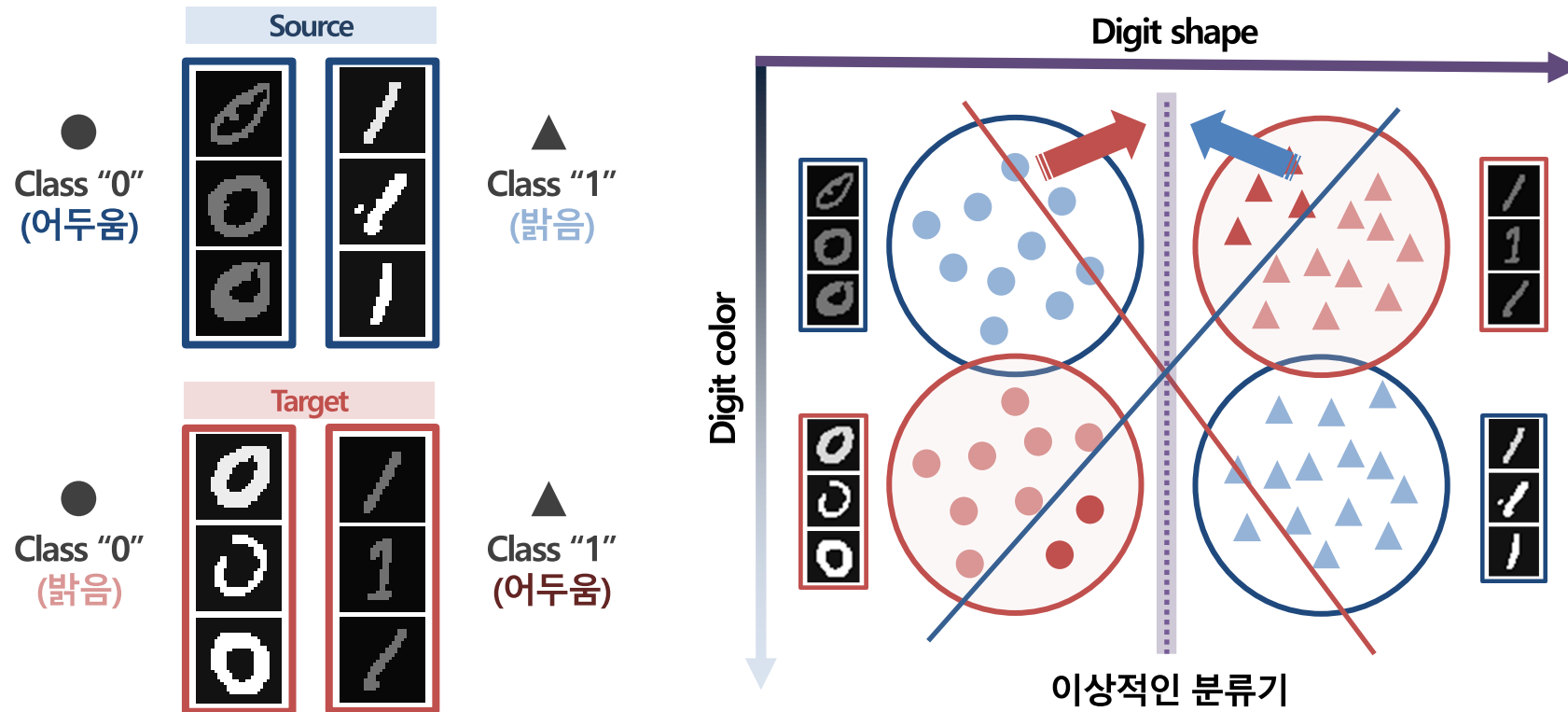
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## Consistency

Make a classifier whose prediction is consistent with the **labels in the source** and **clusters in the target!**

동일 class 내지는 cluster에 속하는 samples 간 유사도  $\uparrow$  (or vice versa)

이로써 classifier는 두 도메인 데이터 특성을 모두 고려하여 학습되므로 각 도메인에 특화된 **spurious correlations**에 덜 의존



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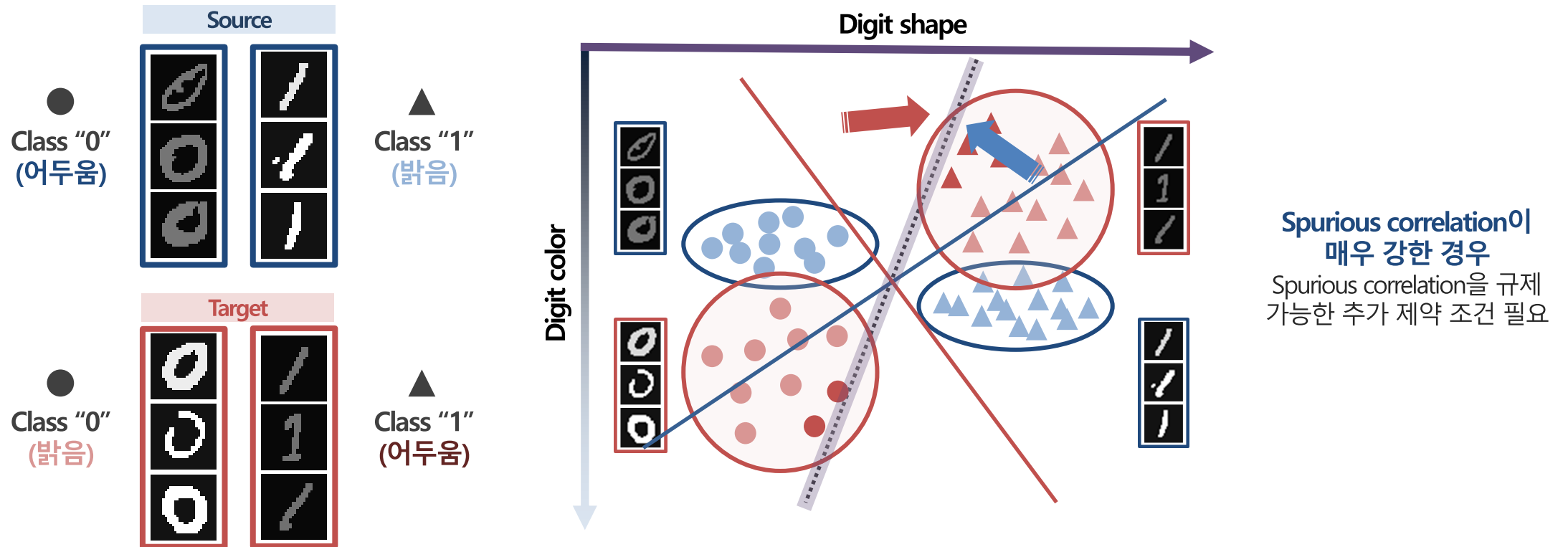
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## Invariance

Give equal status to the source and target domains!

어느 한 쪽 도메인에서 spurious correlation 영향력이 매우 큰 경우에는 단순히 일관된 예측 결과를 출력하는 것만으로는 부족  
spurious correlation 의존성을 낮추어 일관적인 예측 결과를 출력할 뿐 아니라, **균형 잡힌 최적의 성능을 보이는 classifier** 학습



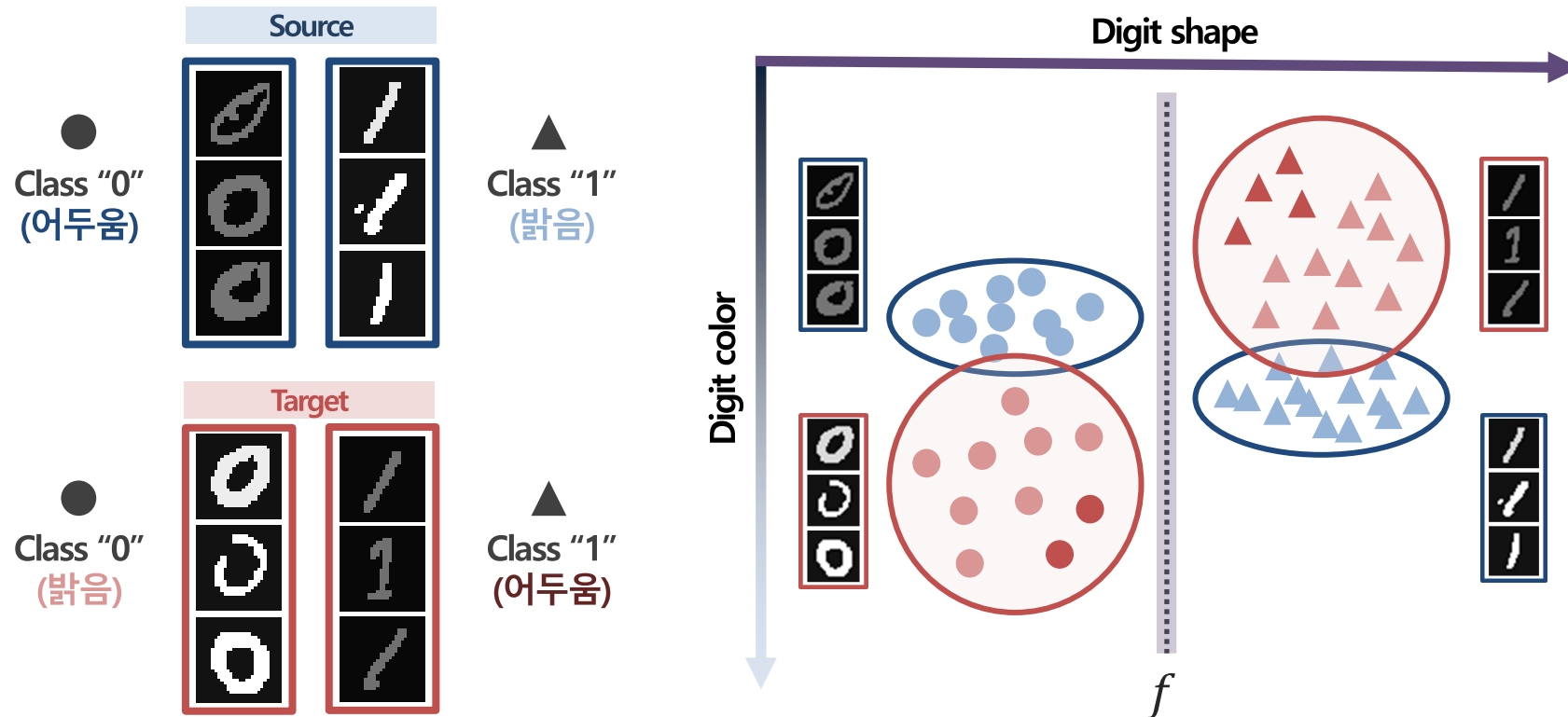
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Consistent and Invariant Classifier  $f$  구축



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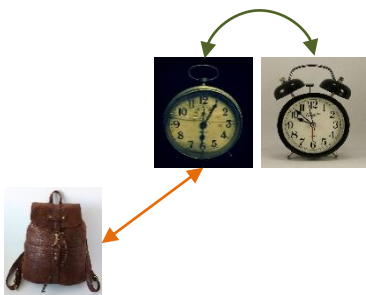
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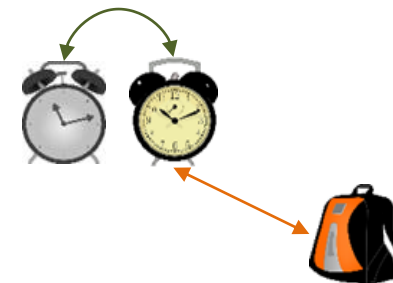
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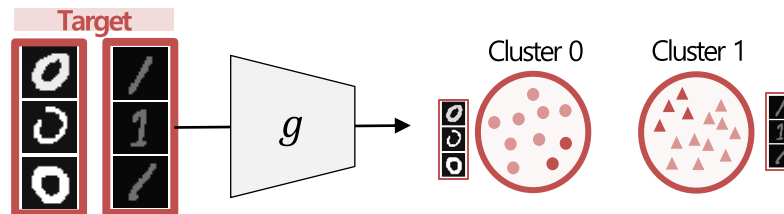
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where  $\hat{y} = f(x_i)^T f(x_j)$ ,

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$g$ 는 rank-statistics algorithm을 통해 target samples을 clustering 하는 네트워크



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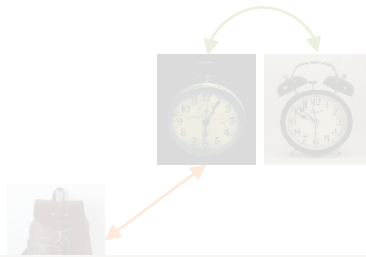
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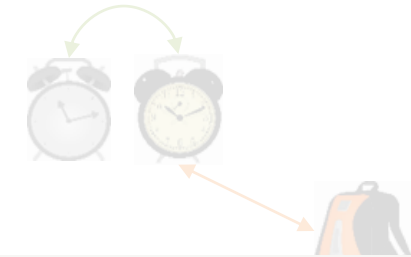
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[Xu+, ICLR2022] CDTrans: Cross-domain Transformer for Unsupervised Domain Adaptation

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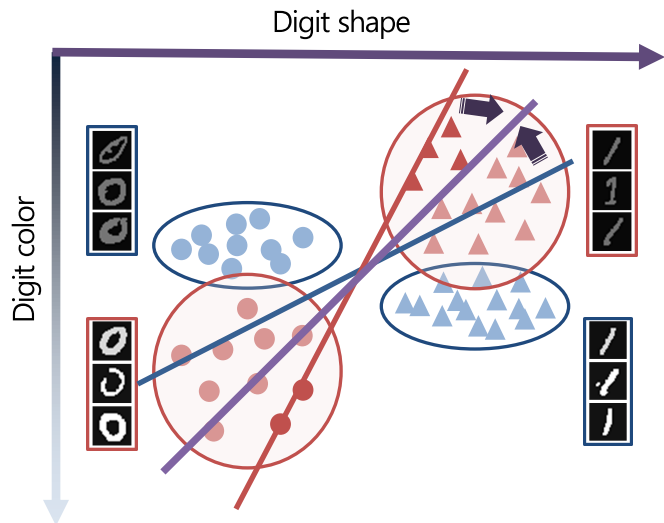
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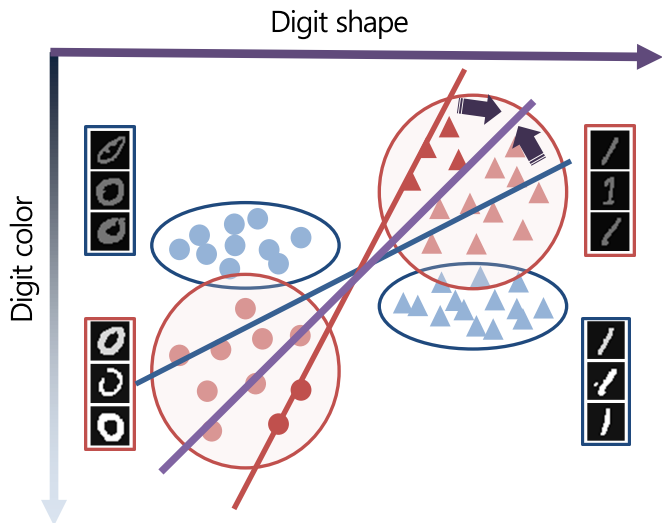
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Practical Implementation

→ f를 찾는 과정이  $\theta$ 에 의존적 ( $\theta$ 가 update 될 때마다 변하는 feature space에 맞춰 재탐색 필요)  
 → 즉, f와  $\theta$ 를 함께 찾는 **bi-level optimization problem**

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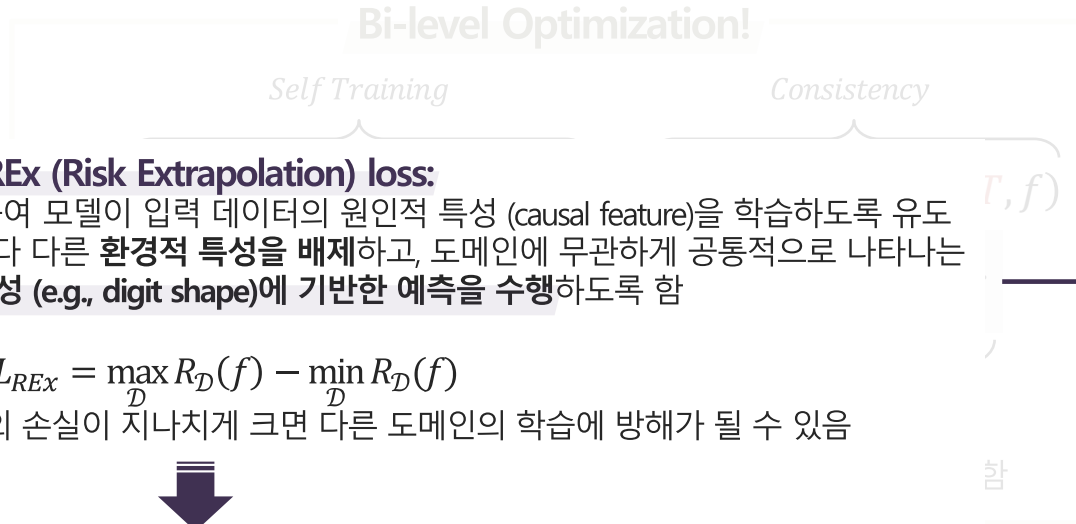
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**REx (Risk Extrapolation) loss:**

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  - ✓ 즉, 'digit color'와 같이 도메인마다 다른 환경적 특성을 배제하고, 도메인에 무관하게 공통적으로 나타나는 원인적 특성 (e.g., digit shape)에 기반한 예측을 수행하도록 함

$$\checkmark L_{REx} = \max_{\mathcal{D}} R_{\mathcal{D}}(f) - \min_{\mathcal{D}} R_{\mathcal{D}}(f)$$

그러나, 특정 도메인에서의 손실이 지나치게 크면 다른 도메인의 학습에 방해가 될 수 있음



**VREx (Variance Risk Extrapolation) loss:**

- REx의 변형으로, 도메인 별 손실의 "분산"을 최소화 하는 방식으로 정의됨

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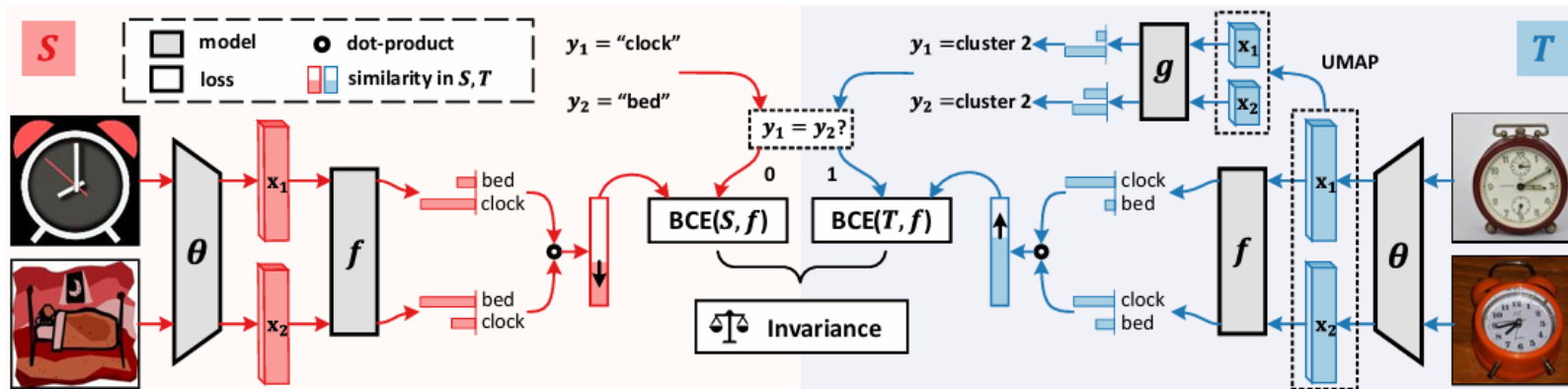
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- To refine noisy pseudo-labels (Consistency + Invariance):
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## Components ablation study

Method	OFFICE-HOME	VISDA-2017
FixMatch	69.1	76.6
FixMatch+CON	74.1	82.0
FixMatch+CON+INV	75.8	87.4
Cluster with $2 \times \#classes$	69.7	78.6
Cluster with $0.5 \times \#classes$	67.5	76.2
Cluster with k-NN	72.1	85.6








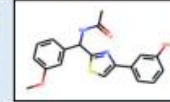



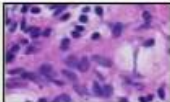



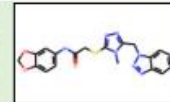
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### ❖ Experiment Settings

- **Datasets : 10개** – OFFICE-HOME, VISDA-2017 | WILDS 2.0 (8개 데이터, image, text, graph 등 **다양한 modalities**) (**다양한 tasks**: +reg, +detection)  
 다양한 modality의 데이터셋 활용 → image 등에만 국한된 기법 사용하지 않음 (e.g. mixup)

Dataset	OFFICE-HOME	VISDA-2017	IWILDCAM	CAMELYON17	FMoW	POVERTYMAP	GLOBALWHEAT	OGB-MOLPCBA	CIVILCOMMENTS	AMAZON
Sample $x$	object image	object image	camera trap photo	tissue slide	satellite image	satellite image	wheat image	molecular graph	online comment	product review
Label $y$	65 categories	12 categories	182 species	tumor/not	62 land uses	asset wealth	wheat bbox	bioassays	toxic/not	5 review scores
Task	classification	classification	classification	classification	classification	regression	detection	classification	classification	classification
Source $S$	various*	synthetic images	photos from 243 traps	slides from hospital 1-3	images from 2002-2013	images in 14 countries	images in Europe	44,930 scaffold groups	online articles*	1,252 reviewers
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#Samples $S$	average 3,875	152,397	129,809	302,436	76,863	~10,000	2,943	350,343	269,038	245,502
Target $T$	various*	real photos	photos from 3215 traps	slides from hospital 5	images from 2016-2018	images in 5 countries	images across the world	43,793 scaffold groups	online articles*	1,334 reviewers
Example $T$									As a Christian, I will not be patronizing any of those businesses.	I am disappointed in the quality of these.
#Samples $T$	average 3,875	55,388	819,120	600,030	173,208	261,396	42,445	517,048	1,551,515	268,761
Evaluation	average acc.	mean-class accuracy	macro-F1	acc.	worst-region acc.*	Pearson correlation* %	acc.	average precision	worst-group acc.*	10 <sup>th</sup> percentile acc.

← UMAP, EqInv를 이용한 Feature preprocessing 수행  
 → (highlight causal feature to improve clustering)






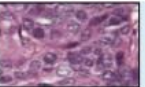



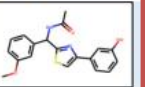



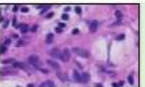



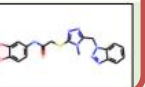
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## ICON: Invariant CONSistency learning

### ❖ Experiment Settings

- **Backbones :**

- Image Classification Task : (1) Office-Home, VisDA, IWildCam - ResNet-50 / (2) FMOW – DenseNet-121 (Both backbones are pretrained on ImageNet)
- Medical Img. Classification Task (Camelyon17) : DenseNet-121 pretrained by SwAV with unlabeled S and T
- Object Detection Task (Global Wheat) : Faster-RCNN
- Text Classification Task (Civil Comments, Amazon) : DistilBERT
- Regression Task (**Poverty Map**) : **No Pretrained Model Available**, Multi-spectral ResNet-18 **trained with the labeled source domain**
- Molecular Graph Classification Task (**OGB-MolPCBA**) : **No Pretrained Model Available**, Graph isomorphism network **trained with the labeled source domain**

	ResNet			SwAV	DenseNet	Source	FasterRCNN	Source	DistillBERT	
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### ❖ Main Results

- WILDS 2.0 – **Failure Case**

- POVERTYMAP & OGB-MOLPCBA에 대해서는 상대적으로 **성능 향상이 두드러지지 않음**
- 이유 : (1) no pretraining-available → source domain으로만 사전학습을 하였는데, 이로써 **source domain 특성에 biased 되었을 가능성**  
 (2) the ground-truth number of classes T is nor well-defined → regression + OGB는 nan 값 존재 → clustering assumption 미충족

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Existing Methods	<b>GVB</b>		<b>Empirical Risk Minimization (ERM)</b>							
	70.4	75.3	47.0 / 32.2	90.6 / 82.0	60.6 / 34.8	65 / 48	77.8 / 51.0	- / <b>28.3</b>	89.8 / 66.6	<b>72.0</b> / 54.2
	<b>TCM</b>		<b>CCRAL</b>							
	70.7	75.8	40.5 / 27.9	90.4 / 77.9	58.9 / 34.1	54 / 36	- / -	- / 26.6	- / -	71.7 / 53.3
	<b>SENTRY</b>		<b>DANN</b>							
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	<b>CST</b>		<b>Pseudo-Label</b>							
	72.2	80.6	47.3 / 30.3	91.3 / 67.7	60.9 / 33.7	- / -	73.3 / 42.9	- / 19.7	90.3 / 66.9	71.6 / 52.3
	<b>ToAlign</b>	<b>MDD</b>	<b>Noisy Student</b>							
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<b>ATDOC</b>	<b>MCC+NWD</b>	<b>SwAV</b>								
73.2	83.7	47.3 / 29.0	92.3 / 91.4	61.8 / 36.3	60 / 45	- / -	- / -	89.9 / 69.4	73.6 / 56.4	
<b>ICON</b>	<b>75.8</b> +2.6	<b>87.4</b> +3.7	<b>50.6 / 34.5</b> +2.3	<b>95.6 / 93.8</b> +2.4	<b>62.2 / 39.9</b> +2.1	<b>65 / 49</b> +1	<b>78.6 / 52.3</b> +1.3	<b>- / 28.3</b> +0.0	<b>89.7 / 68.8</b> +1.9	<b>71.9 / 54.7</b> +0.5

Source Test 성능 / Target Test 성능

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## ❖ How to make reliable target pseudo-labels?

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  - 예측 일관성을 높이는 것이 예측 정확도를 보장하지 않는 문제
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  - Target classifier 구축 시 labeled source domain으로 훈련된 source classifier의 예측 값에 의존적
  - Ablation study 확인 결과, 제안한 reverse step보다 Tsallis entropy의 효과가 두드러짐을 확인
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  - 기존에 제안된 손실함수를 적절히 종합하여, 적게는 7개, 많게는 8개 이상의 losses를 활용하여 학습 (데이터셋에 따라 상이)



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# Thank You

# ICON

## ICON: Invariant CONSistency learning

### ❖ Main Results (1/2)

- **Classic UDA Benchmarks (OFFICE-HOME, VisDA-2017)**

- OFFICE-HOME : Spurious correlation을 제거하는 것이 목적인 타 UDA 방법론 CST와 ATDOC 보다 좋은 성능 → Spurious Corr. 제거의 중요성 강조
  - 하지만 두 방법론은 target domain의 pseudo label 산출을 위해 source classifier의 가중치로 초기화된 T-classifier를 이용 → S의 spurious corr. 영향력 여전
- VisDA : 기존의 VisDa SoTA 중 하나였던 MT+16aug 성능 이김, backbone으로 ResNet-101 사용한 타 방법론보다도 좋은 성능 냈음을 강조
  - 질문. OFFICE-HOME과 VisDA의 비교 방법론 (baselines)이 같지 않음

OFFICE-HOME													
Method	Ar→Cl	Ar→Pr	Ar→Rw	Cl→Ar	Cl→Pr	Cl→Rw	Pr→Ar	Pr→Cl	Pr→Rw	Rw→Ar	Rw→Cl	Rw→Pr	Avg
DANN [15] (2016)	45.6	59.3	70.1	47.0	58.5	60.9	46.1	43.7	68.5	63.2	51.8	76.8	57.6
CDAN [36] (2018)	50.7	70.6	76.0	57.6	70.0	70.0	57.4	50.9	77.3	70.9	56.7	81.6	65.8
SymNet [71] (2019)	47.7	72.9	78.5	64.2	71.3	74.2	64.2	48.8	79.5	74.5	52.6	82.7	67.6
MDD [72] (2019)	54.9	73.7	77.8	60.0	71.4	71.8	61.2	53.6	78.1	72.5	60.2	82.3	68.1
SHOT[30] (2020)	57.1	78.1	81.5	68.0	78.2	78.1	67.4	54.9	82.2	73.3	58.8	84.3	71.8
ALDA [7] (2020)	53.7	70.1	76.4	60.2	72.6	71.5	56.8	51.9	77.1	70.2	56.3	82.1	66.6
GVB [9] (2020)	57.0	74.7	79.8	64.6	74.1	74.6	65.2	55.1	81.0	74.6	59.7	84.3	70.4
TCM [69] (2021)	58.6	74.4	79.6	64.5	74.0	75.1	64.6	56.2	80.9	74.6	60.7	84.7	70.7
SENTRY [46] (2021)	61.8	77.4	80.1	66.3	71.6	74.7	66.8	<b>63.0</b>	80.9	74.0	66.3	84.1	72.2
CST [34] (2021)	59.0	79.6	83.4	68.4	77.1	76.7	68.9	56.4	83.0	75.3	62.2	85.1	73.0
ToAlign [66] (2021)	57.9	76.9	80.8	66.7	75.6	77.0	67.8	57.0	82.5	75.1	60.0	84.9	72.0
FixBi [42] (2021)	58.1	77.3	80.4	67.7	79.5	78.1	65.8	57.9	81.7	<b>76.4</b>	62.9	86.7	72.7
ATDOC [31] (2021)	60.2	77.8	82.2	68.5	78.6	77.9	68.4	58.4	83.1	74.8	61.5	87.2	73.2
SDAT [47] (2022)	58.2	77.1	82.2	66.3	77.6	76.8	63.3	57.0	82.2	74.9	64.7	86.0	72.2
MCC+NWD [6] (2022)	58.1	79.6	83.7	67.7	77.9	78.7	66.8	56.0	81.9	73.9	60.9	86.1	72.6
kSHOT* [57] (2022)	58.2	80.0	82.9	61.1	80.3	80.7	<b>71.3</b>	56.8	83.2	75.5	60.3	86.6	73.9
<b>ICON (Ours)</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>81.3</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>82.1</b>	<b>81.0</b>	70.3	61.8	<b>83.7</b>	75.6	<b>68.6</b>	<b>87.3</b>	<b>75.8</b>

Table 2: Break-down of the accuracies in each domain on OFFICE-HOME dataset [62]. \*: kSHOT [57] additionally uses the prior knowledge on the percentage of samples in each class in the testing data. Published years are in the brackets after the method names.

VisDA-2017		
Method	Backbone	Acc.
MT+16aug [13] (2018)	ResNet-50	82.8
MDD [72] (2019)	ResNet-50	77.8
GVB [9] (2020)	ResNet-50	75.3
TCM [69] (2021)	ResNet-50	75.8
SENTRY [46] (2021)	ResNet-50	76.7
CST [34] (2021)	ResNet-50	80.6
CAN [26] (2019)	ResNet-101	87.2
SHOT [30] (2020)	ResNet-101	82.9
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MCC+NWD [6] (2022)	ResNet-101	83.7
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kSHOT* [57] (2022)	ResNet-101	86.1
<b>ICON (Ours)</b>	ResNet-50	<b>87.4</b>

Table 3: Mean-class accuracy (Acc.) on VISDA-2017 Synthetic→Real task with the choice of feature backbone. \*: details in Table 2 caption. Published years are in the brackets after the method names.

# ICON

## ICON: Invariant CONSistency learning

### ❖ Main Results (2/2)

- **WILDS 2.0 – Success Case**

- IWILDCAM : long-tail distribution (y 분포) 있음에도 좋은 성능
- CIVILCOMMENTS : “even under the SSL setting”에서 제안 방법론의 우수함을 증명했다고 하는데, “SSL setting”이 뭘 의미하는 지 아직 파악 못함
- AMAZON: 성능 향상이 그리 크지 않지만, ERM (labeled T)와 근접함을 강조

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모든 경우에 대해 Source Test에 대해서도 좋은 성능을 유지함을 강조 (invariance objective)

Source Test 성능 / Target Test 성능