



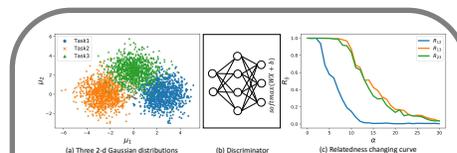
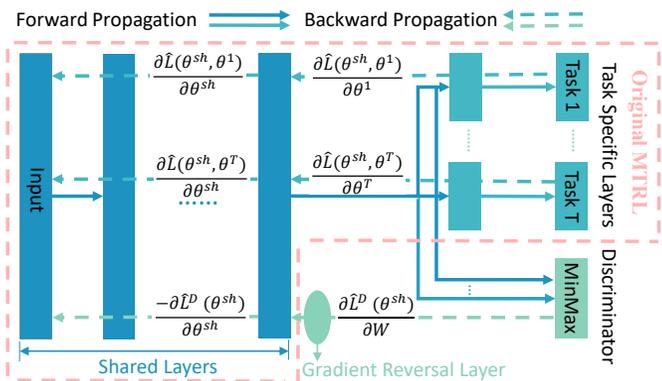
# Adaptive Adversarial Multi-task Representation Learning

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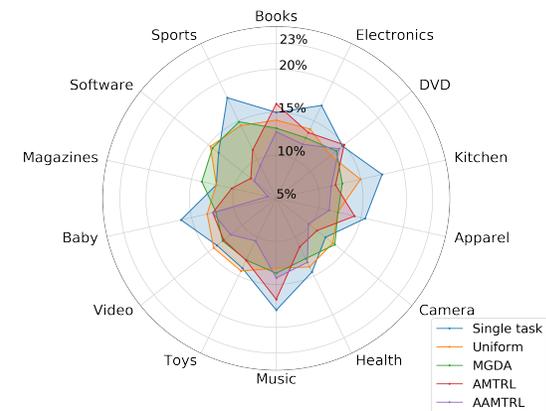
# Overview: Adaptive AMTRL (Adversarial Multi-task Representation Learning)

## Algorithm



Task Relatedness for AMTRL

- Adaptive AMTRL
- Augmented Lagrangian
- Relatedness based Weighting Strategy



Better Performance

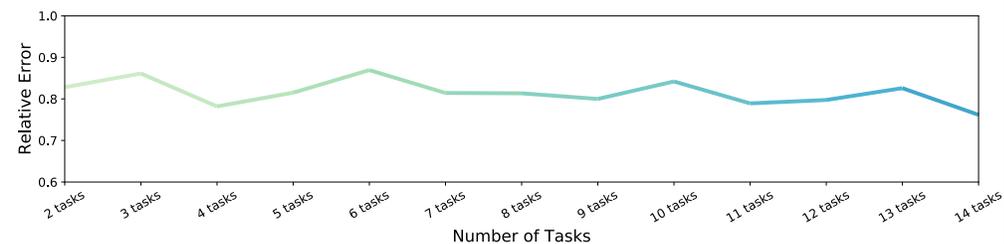
## PAC Bound

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{D}}(h) - \mathcal{L}_S(h) \leq \frac{c_1 \rho G_a(\mathcal{G}^*(\bar{X}_1))}{n} + \frac{c_2 Q \sup_{g \in \mathcal{G}^*} \|g(\bar{X}_1)\|}{\sqrt{n}} + \sqrt{\frac{9 \ln(2/\delta)}{2nT}}$$

Generalization Error

The number of tasks does not matter

Negligible

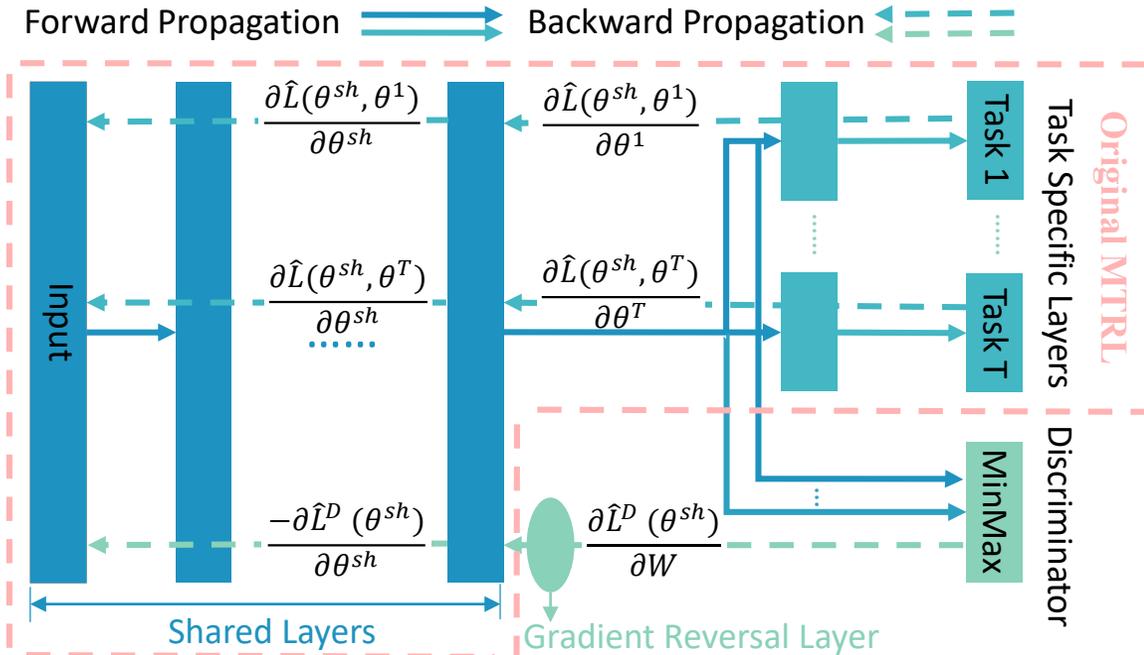


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- Adversarial Multi-task Representation Learning (AMTRL)
- Adaptive AMTRL
- PAC Bound and Analysis
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# Adversarial Multi-task Representation Learning

Adversarial Multi-task Representation Learning (AMTRL) has achieved success in various applications, ranging from sentiment analysis to question answering systems.



$$\min_h L(h, \lambda) = \mathcal{L}_S(h) + \lambda \mathcal{L}^{adv}$$

*Empirical loss:*

$$\mathcal{L}_S(h) = \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n l^t(f^t(g(x_i^t)), y_i^t)$$

*Loss of the adversarial module:*

$$\mathcal{L}^{adv} = \max_{\Phi} \frac{1}{nT} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n e_t \Phi(g(x_i^t))$$

# Adaptive AMTRL

Adversarial AMTRL aims to minimize the task-averaged empirical risk and enforce the representation of each task to share an identical distribution. We formulate it as a constraint optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_h \quad & \mathcal{L}_S(h) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathcal{L}^{adv} - c = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and propose to solve the problem with an augmented Lagrangian method.

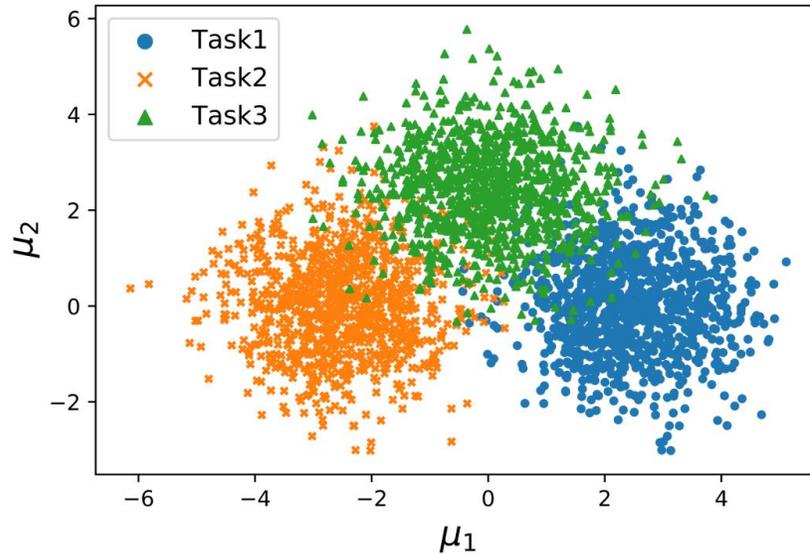
$$\min_h \frac{1}{T} \mathcal{L}_S(h) + \lambda(\mathcal{L}^{adv} - c) + \frac{r}{2}(\mathcal{L}^{adv} - c)^2.$$

$\lambda$  and  $r$  updates in the training process.

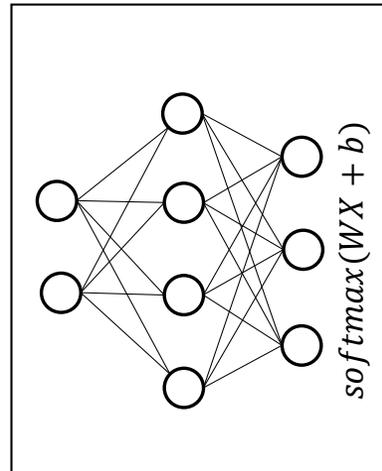
# Relatedness for AMTRL

Relatedness between task  $i$  and task  $j$ : 
$$R_{ij} = \min \left\{ \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N e_j \Phi(g(x_n^i)) + e_i \Phi(g(x_n^j))}{\sum_{n=1}^N e_i \Phi(g(x_n^i)) + e_j \Phi(g(x_n^j))}, 1 \right\}$$

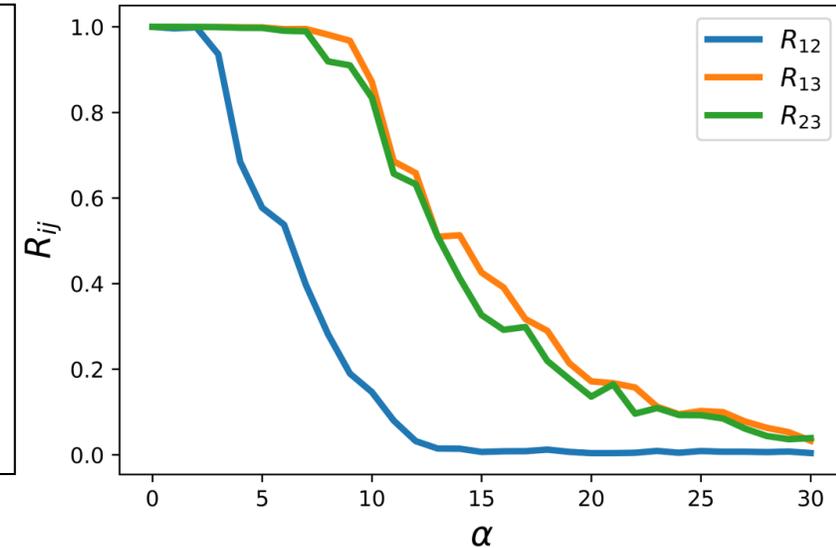
Relatedness matrix: 
$$R = \begin{bmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} & \cdots & R_{1T} \\ R_{21} & R_{22} & \cdots & R_{2T} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ R_{T1} & R_{T2} & \cdots & R_{TT} \end{bmatrix}.$$



(a) Three 2-d Gaussian distributions



(b) Discriminator



(c) Relatedness changing curve

# Adaptive AMTRL

In multi-task learning, tasks regularize each other and improve the generalization of some tasks. The weights of each task influences the effect of the regularization. This paper proposes a weighting strategy for AMTRL based on the proposed task relatedness.

$$\mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{\mathbf{1}R\mathbf{1}'}\mathbf{1}R,$$

where  $\mathbf{1}$  is a  $1 \times T$  vector of all 1, and  $R$  is the relatedness matrix.

Combining the augmented Lagrangian method with the weighting strategy, optimization objective of our adaptive AMTRL method is

$$\min_h \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T w_t \mathcal{L}_{S_t}(f^t \circ g) + \lambda(\mathcal{L}^{adv} - c) + \frac{r}{2}(\mathcal{L}^{adv} - c)^2.$$

# PAC Bound and Analysis

Assume the representation of each task share an identical distribution, we have the following generalization error bound.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{D}}(h) - \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{S}}(h) \leq \frac{c_1 \rho G_a(\mathcal{G}^*(\bar{X}_1))}{n} + \frac{c_2 Q \sup_{g \in \mathcal{G}^*} \|g(\bar{X}_1)\|}{\sqrt{n}} + \sqrt{\frac{9 \ln(2/\delta)}{2nT}}$$

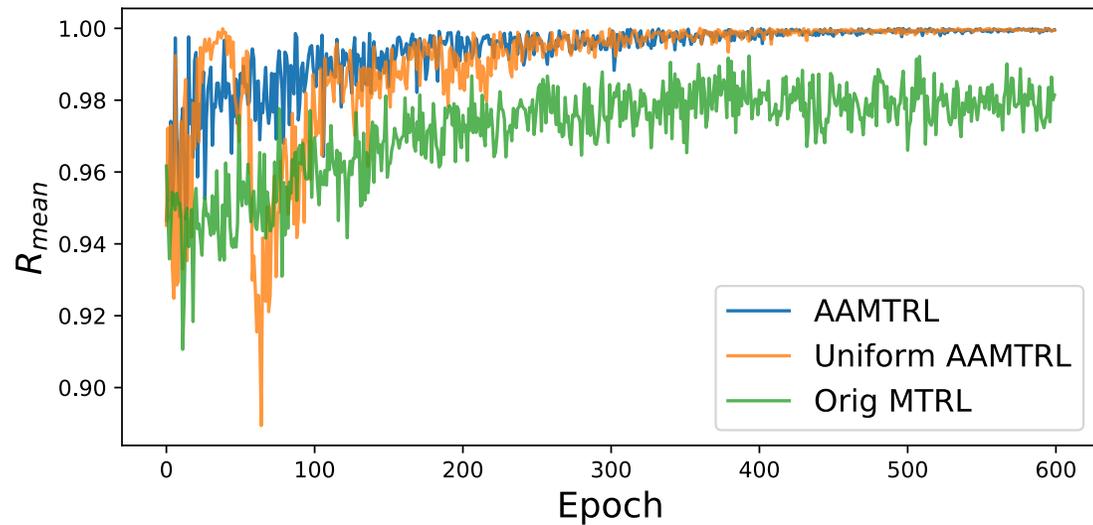
Generalization Error                      The number of tasks does not matter                      Negligible

- The generalization error bound for AMTRL is tighter than that for MTRL.
- The number of tasks slightly influence the generalization bound of AMTRL.

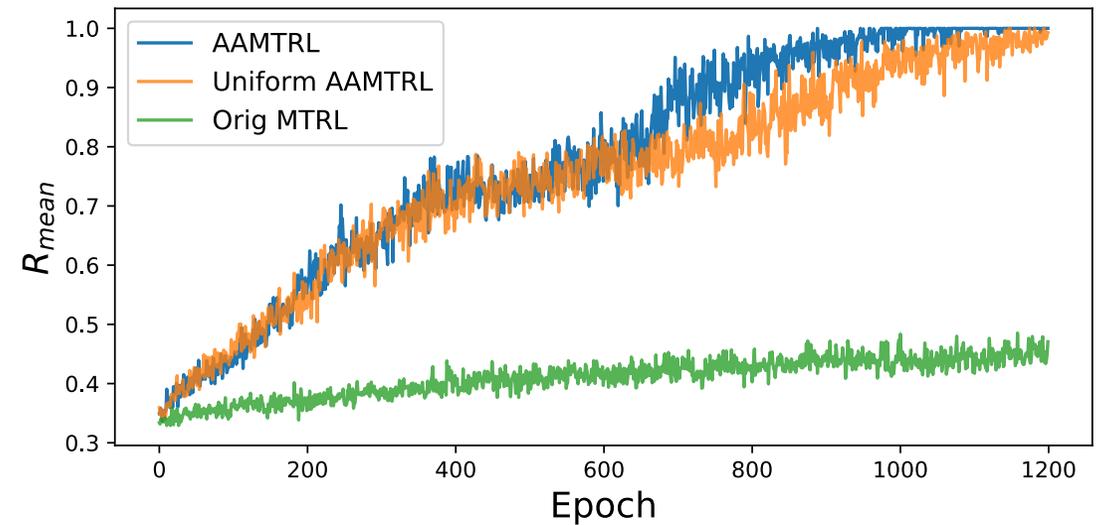
# Experiments - *Relatedness Evolution*

Sentiment Analysis and Topic Classification.

$$\text{Mean of } R_t = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k=0}^T R_{tk}.$$



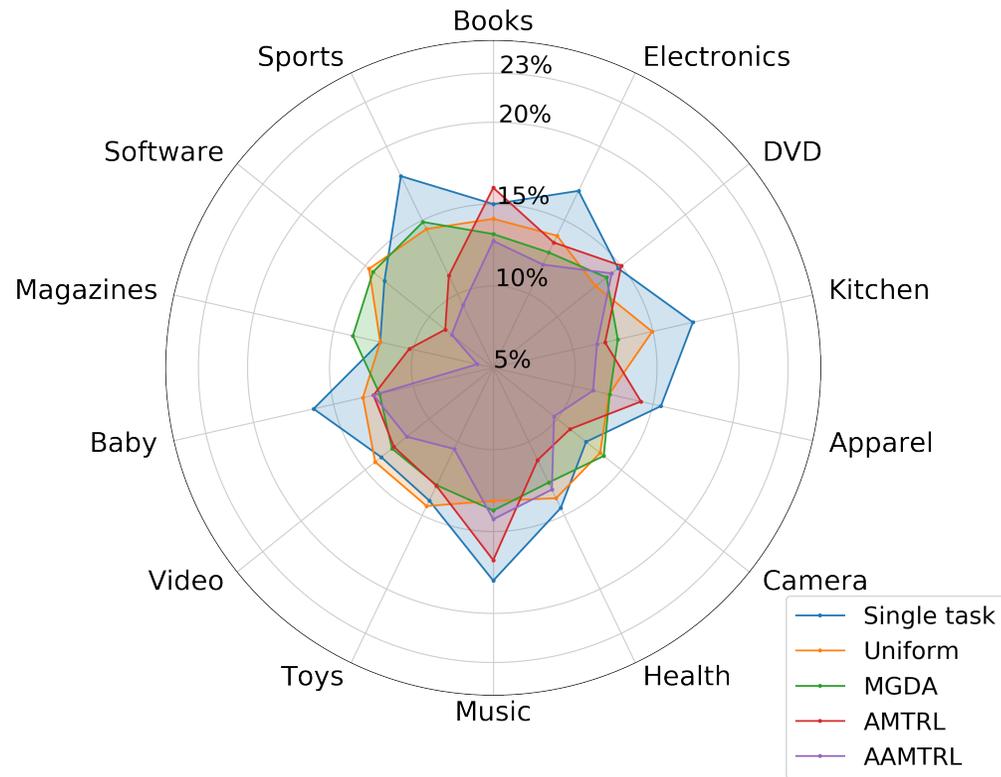
Sentiment Analysis.



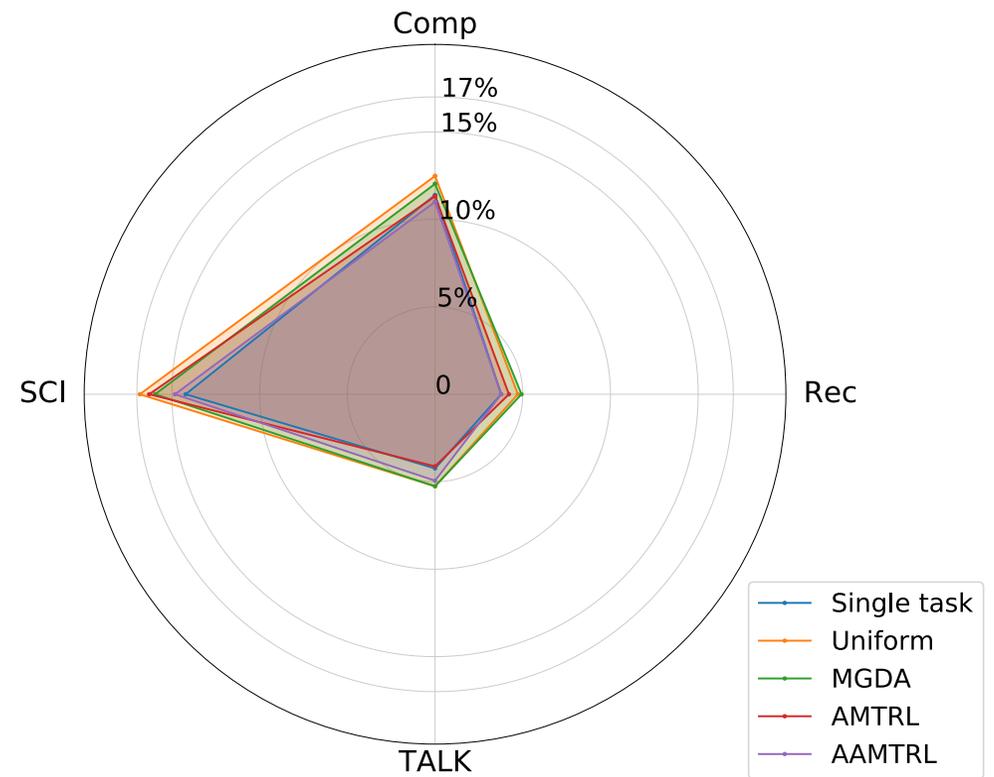
Topic Classification

# Experiments - *Classification Accuracy*

Sentiment Analysis and Topic Classification.



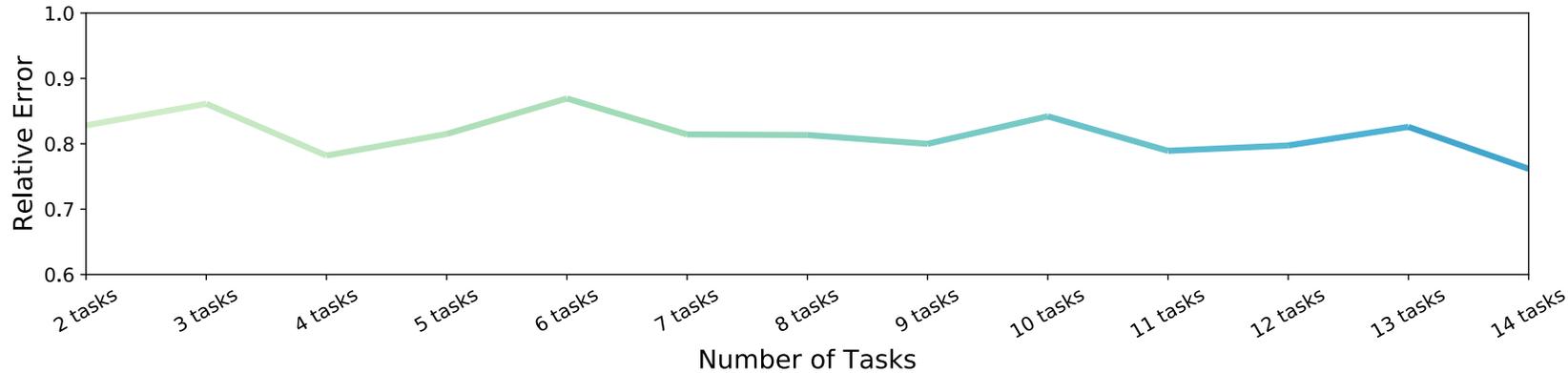
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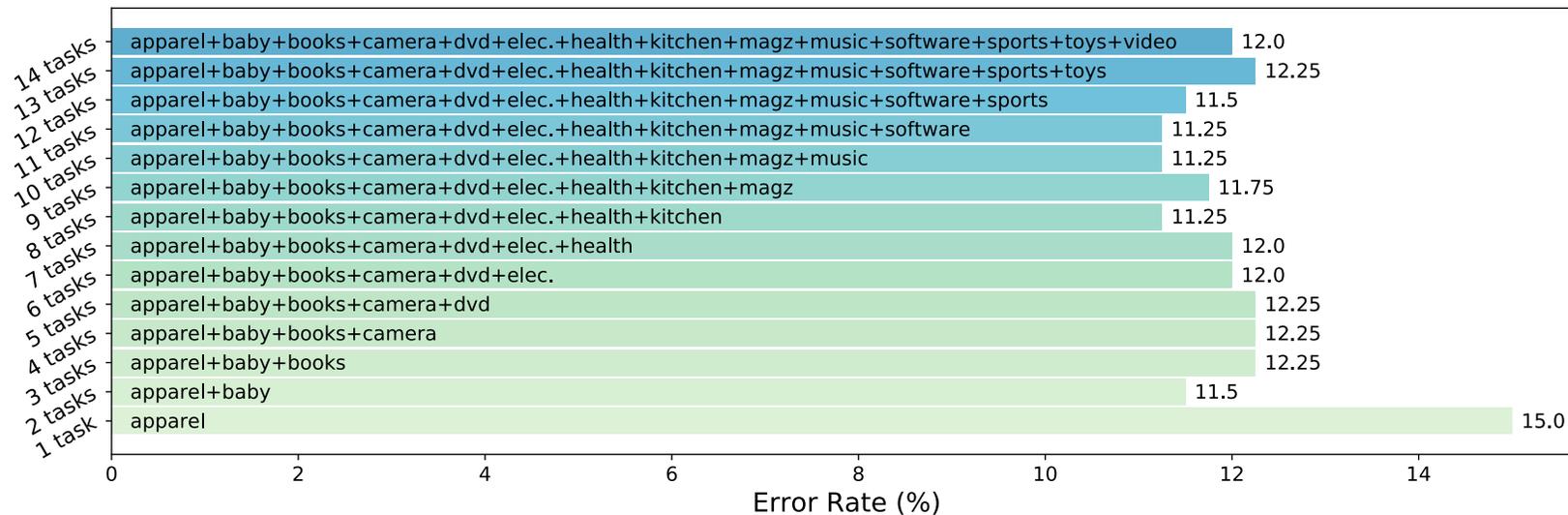
# Experiments - *Influence of the Number of Tasks*

## Sentiment Analysis.



Relative Error:

$$er_{rel} = \frac{er_{MTL}}{\frac{1}{T} \sum_1^T er_{STL}^t}$$



Error rate for the task 'appeal'.

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