

Machine Learning with Limited Data

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PET or [Pattern Exploitative Training](#)

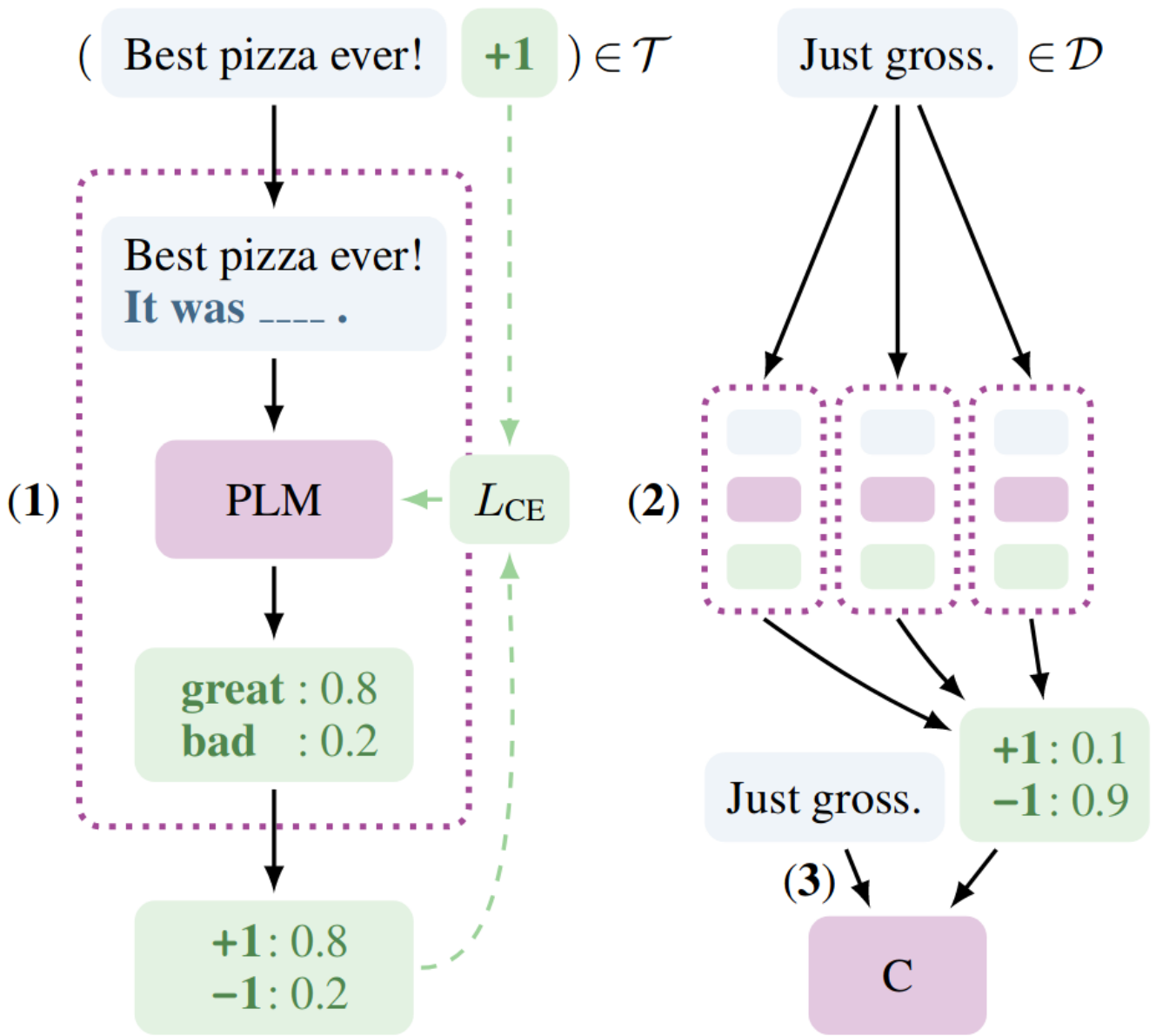


Figure 1: PET for sentiment classification. **(1)** A number of patterns encoding some form of task description are created to convert training examples to cloze questions; for each pattern, a pretrained language model is finetuned. **(2)** The ensemble of trained models annotates unlabeled data. **(3)** A classifier is trained on the resulting soft-labeled dataset.

@article{schick2020exploiting,

title={Exploiting Cloze Questions for Few-Shot Text Classification and Natural Language Inference},

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Learning with Limited Data

Good machine learning is heavily dependent on good data. [A few more good data-points is likely to be worth billions of model parameters.](#)

However, sometimes we need to train models when data is limited. There are a number of strategies that we can try.

Zero-Shot and Few-Shot Learning

- [Pattern Exploitative Training](#) is a way to use a small number of examples to train text classifiers. It is technically an example of synthetic data generation.

In Context Learning (ICL)

Synthetic Data Generation and Augmentation