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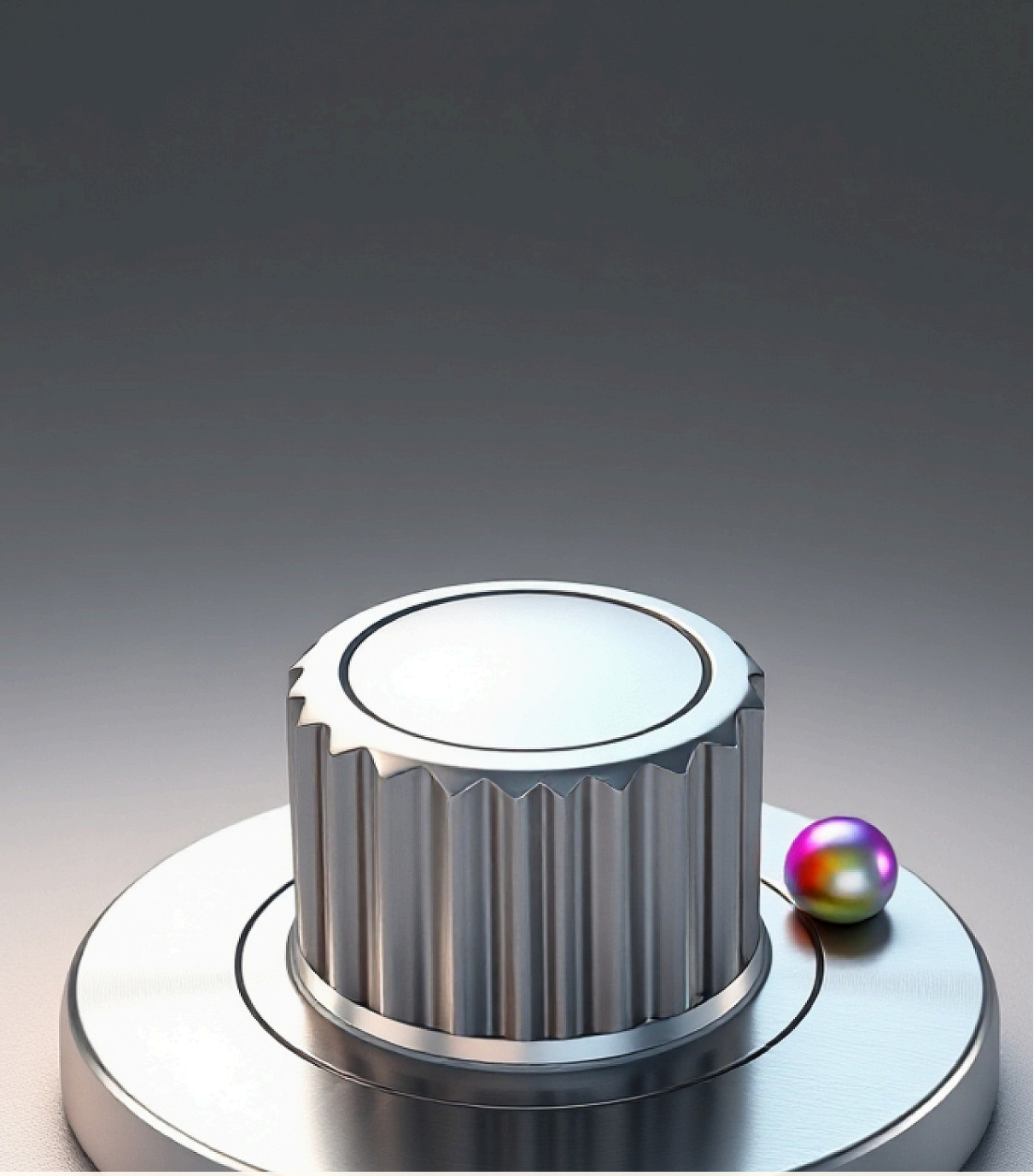
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A parameter in artificial intelligence is a number inside the model that affects how it works and can be changed during training. It is not the data you feed in, and it is not the final answer you get out. Instead, it is an internal setting that the model uses to transform input into output. For example, a model that recognizes cats has many such numbers working together.



A model is built from many numbers that decide how it reacts to input. When you give the model an image, text, or sound, these numbers determine what happens inside and what comes out. A parameter is one of these numbers. For example, a model that sorts emails into spam and normal has numbers that control how it judges each word.



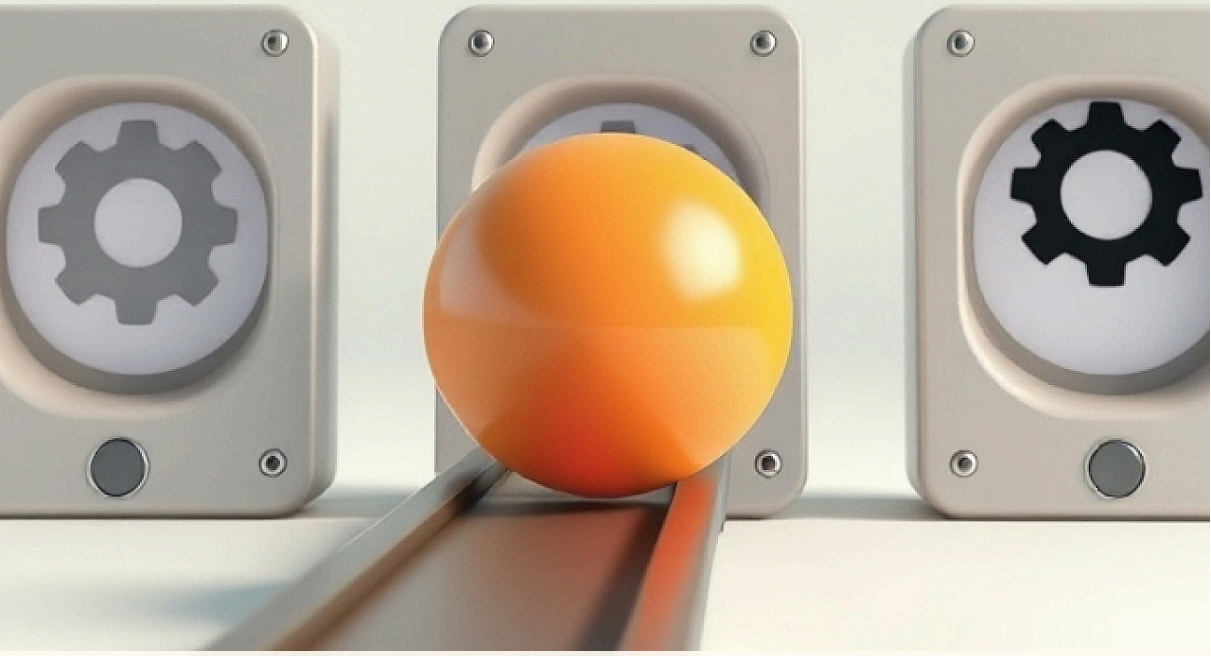
Picture a single knob that can be turned to different numbers. Turning the knob changes what the model does, just like a volume knob changes how loud a sound is. Each position of the knob gives a different number and a different behavior. For example, one knob might control how strongly the model reacts to the color red in an image.



Imagine a large panel with many small knobs, each set to a number. No single knob decides the result alone; together they shape what the model produces. Each knob is a parameter, and the full set of numbers is what the model has learned. For example, thousands of knobs might work together to decide whether a photo shows a dog.



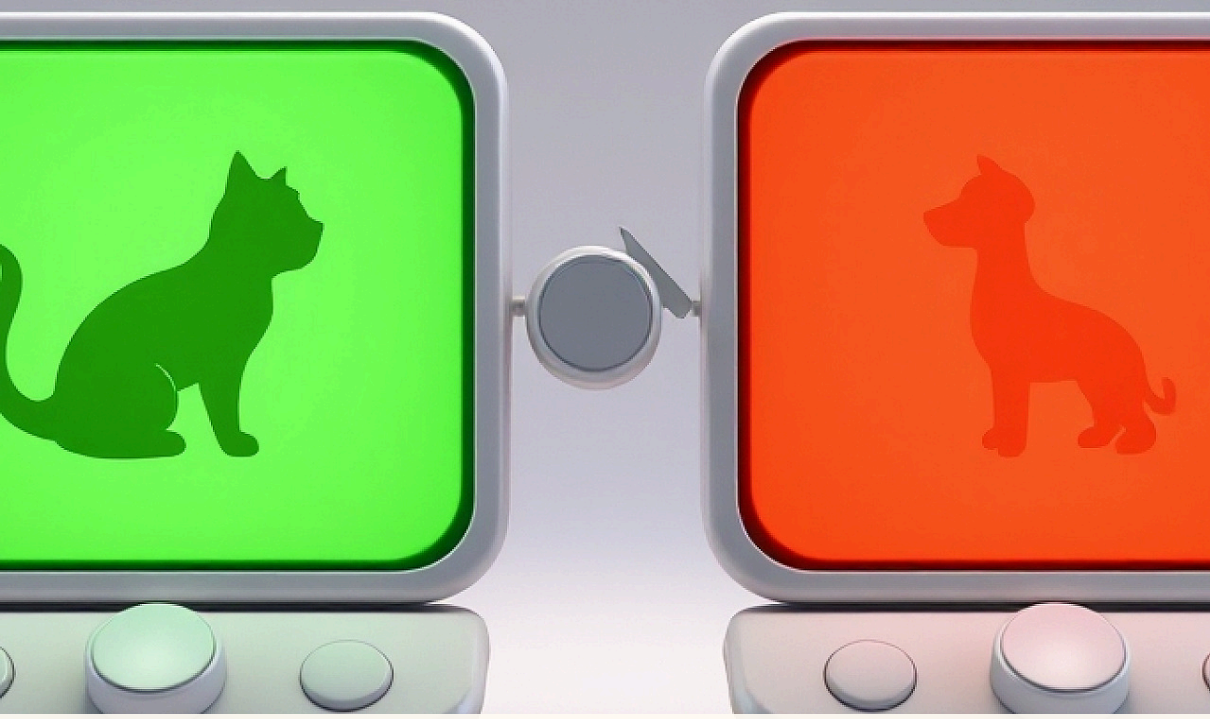
A neural network is a model made of units connected to each other. Each connection has a number called a weight, and these weights are parameters. The weight decides how strongly one unit affects the next. For example, in a tiny network with two inputs and one output, each connection carries a weight that multiplies the signal passing through it.



Follow one input as it moves through the connections. At each connection, the input is multiplied by the weight, and the results are combined. Because the weights are parameters, changing them directly changes the output. For example, if an input is 2 and the weight is 3, the connection passes 6; raising the weight to 4 passes 8 instead.



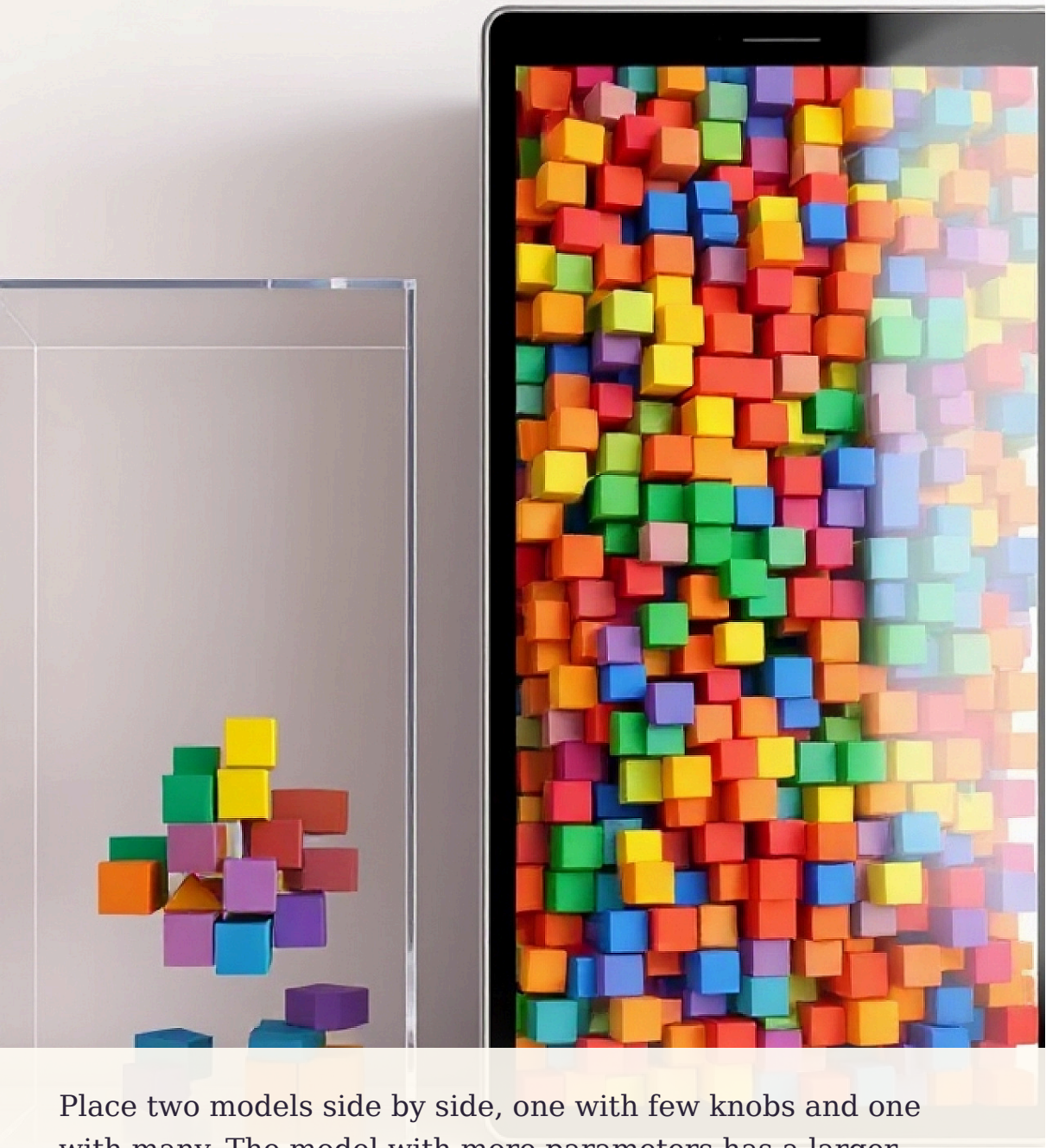
Training is the process of adjusting the parameters step by step while the model practices on examples. The model starts with rough numbers and slowly turns its knobs to fit the examples better. Each adjustment is small, but many adjustments add up. For example, after seeing many labeled photos, the weights shift until the model separates cats from dogs more reliably.



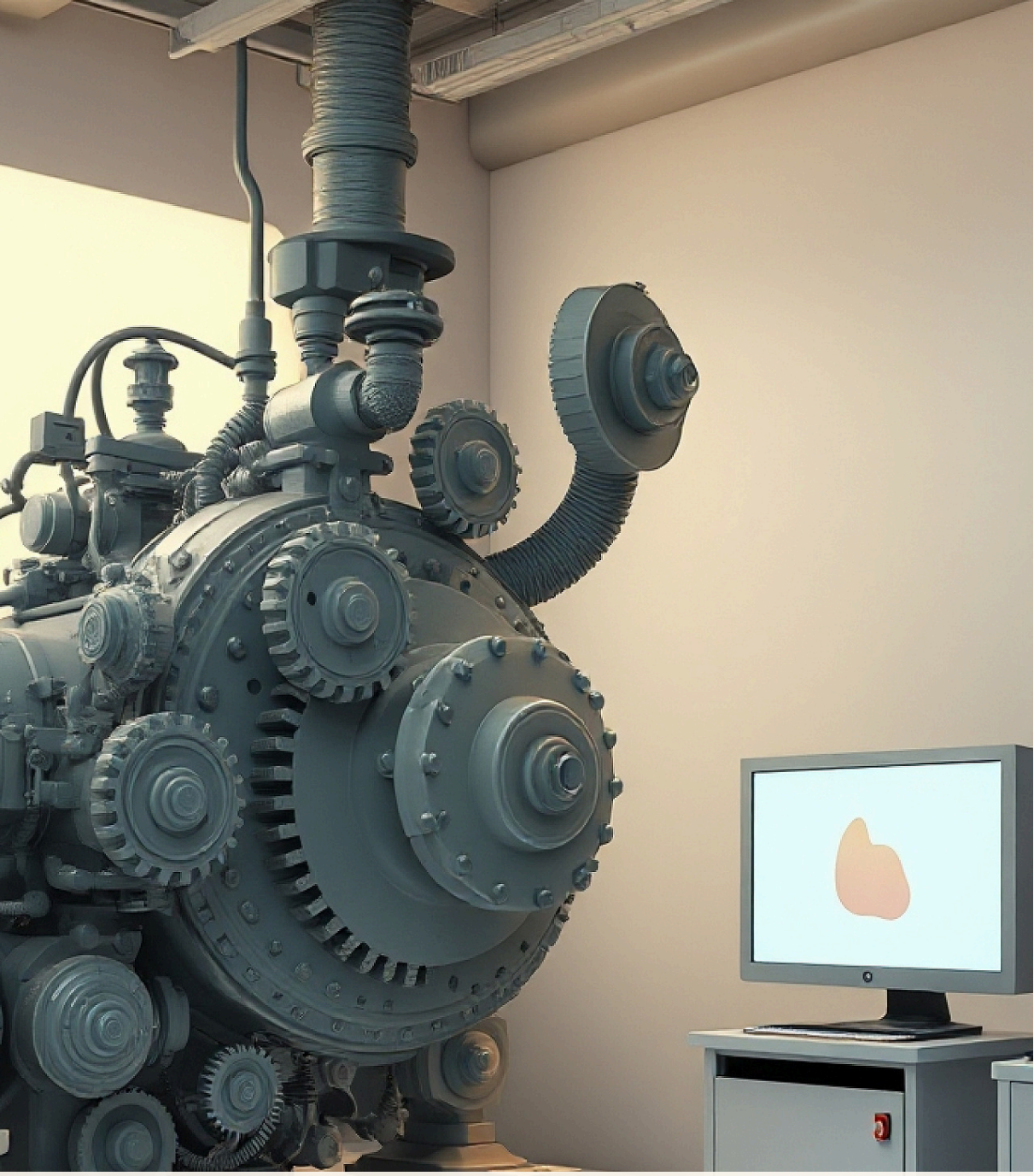
The model makes a guess, compares it with the correct answer, and nudges its parameters. Each nudge aims to make the next guess a little better. This repeats many times over many examples. For example, if the model says an image is a dog but the label says cat, the weights are adjusted slightly so the next similar image is more likely to be called a cat.



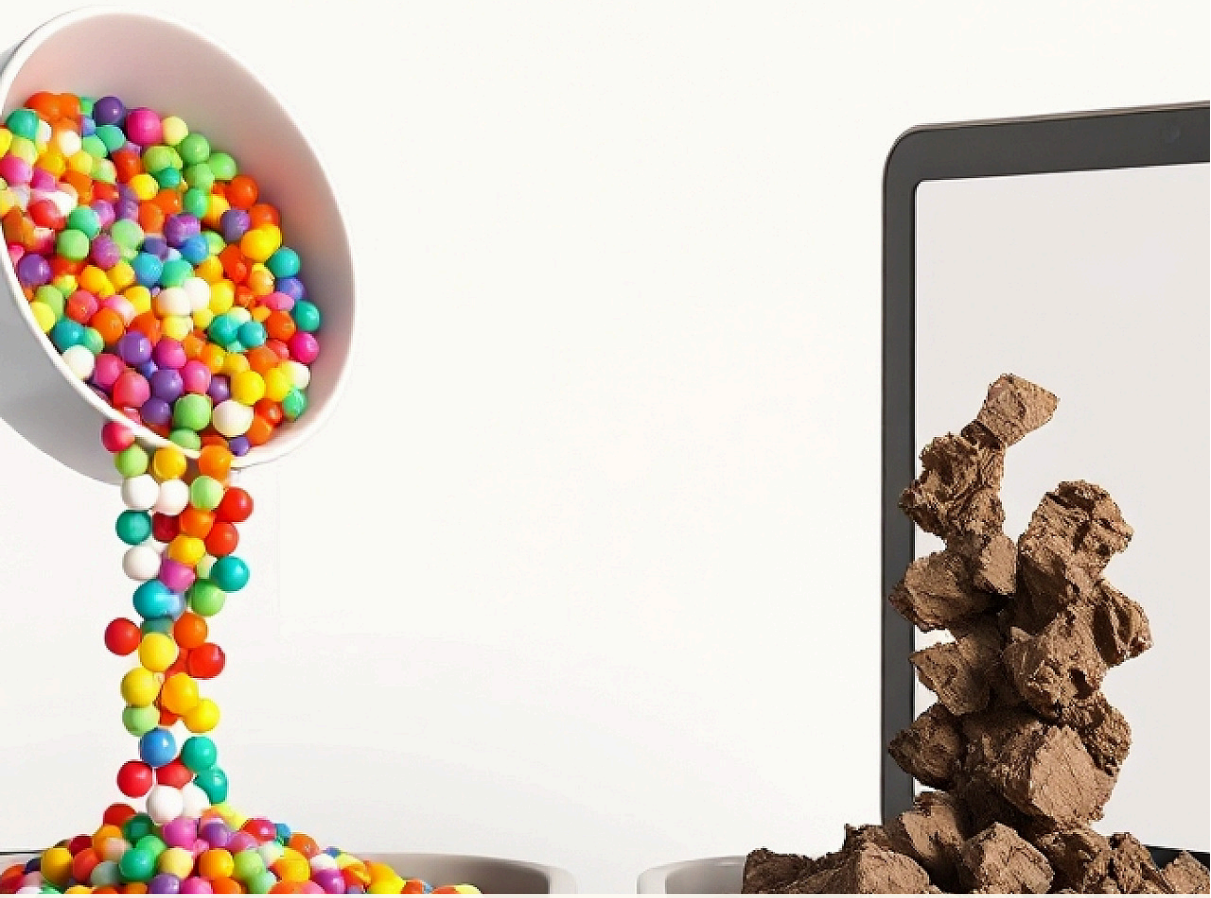
At the start, the parameters are set to rough values, often small random numbers. After training, the numbers have changed to fit the examples better. The structure of the model stays the same; only the parameter values move. For example, a weight that began at 0.1 might end at 0.7 after many rounds of training on real examples.



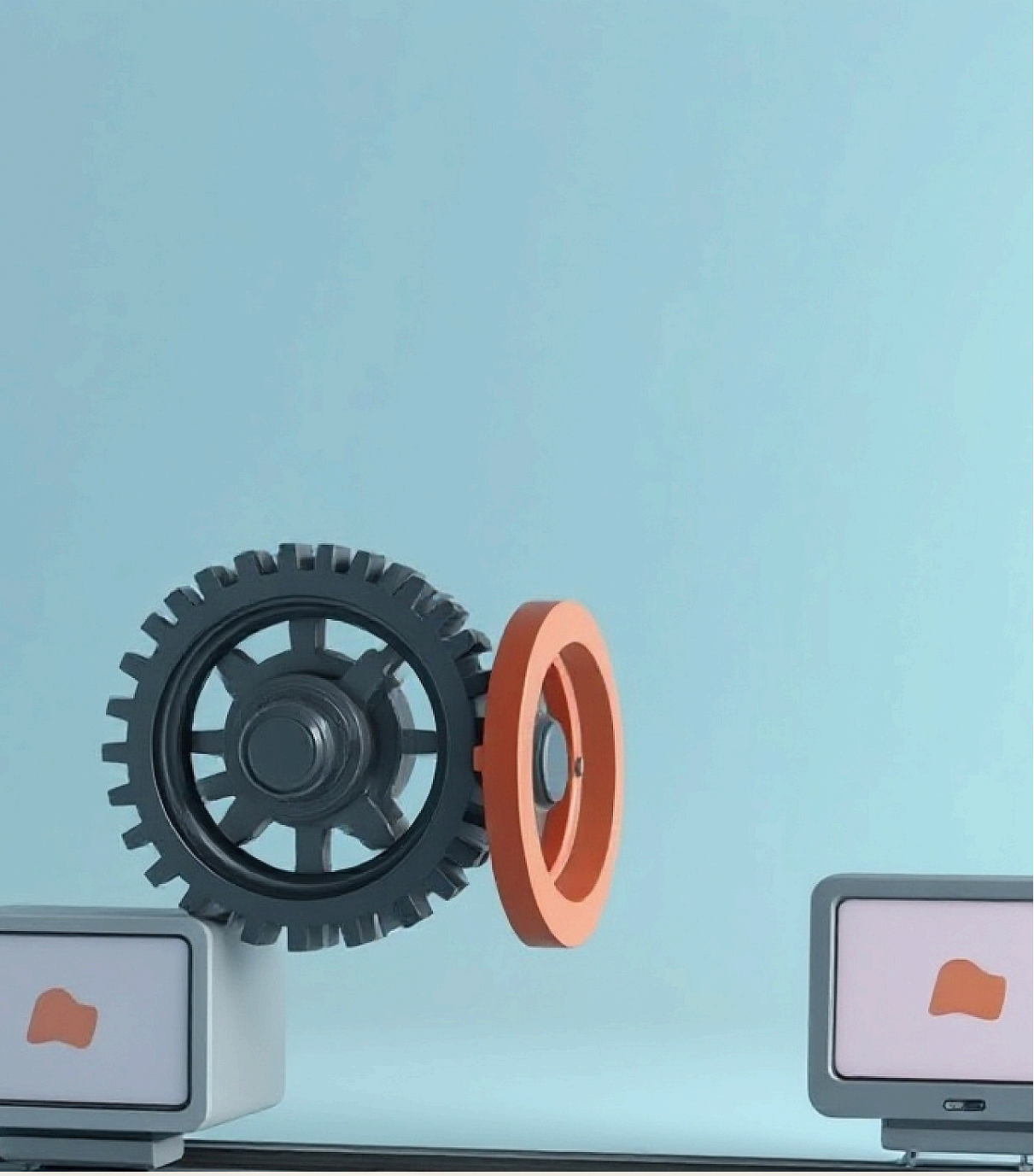
Place two models side by side, one with few knobs and one with many. The model with more parameters has a larger learning capacity, meaning it can represent more complex patterns. Capacity is about what the model can potentially learn. For example, a model with millions of parameters can capture finer details than one with only a handful.



A model with many parameters can still give poor answers. More parameters alone does not mean more accurate results. If the examples are confusing or the training is poor, the extra capacity is wasted. For example, a huge model trained on wrongly labeled photos may perform worse than a small model trained on clean data.



Compare training on clear, correct examples with training on messy, wrong examples. The quality of the data strongly affects the result, because parameters are adjusted to fit whatever examples they see. Wrong examples push the knobs in wrong directions. For example, photos labeled carelessly will teach the model careless patterns, no matter how many parameters it has.



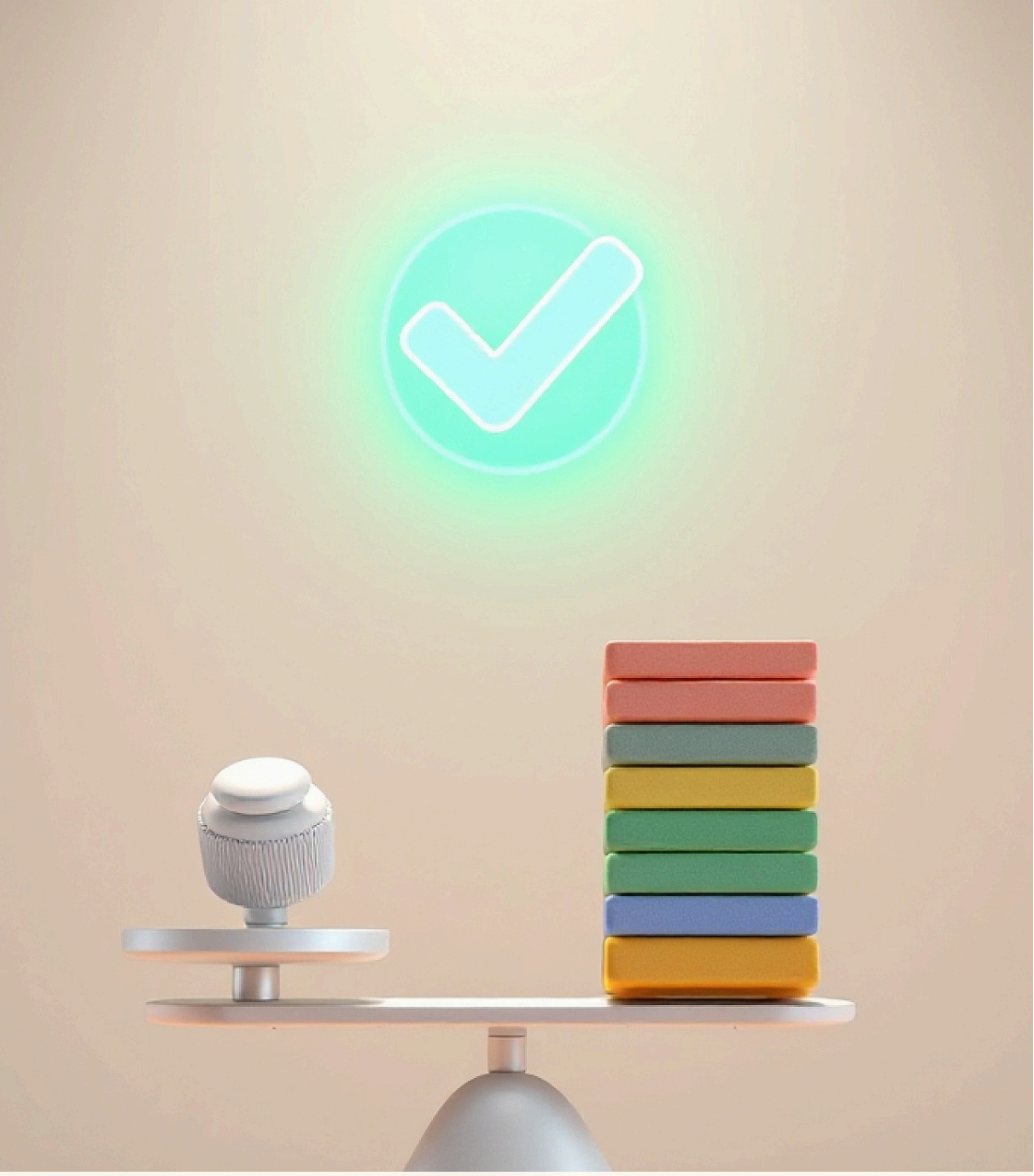
The same model and the same data can be trained in two different ways and give different results. The training method decides how the parameters are adjusted, how fast, and how carefully. A good method guides the knobs toward useful values. For example, adjusting too fast can overshoot the best values, while a steady method can settle more reliably.



A task needs a suitable model size and setup. The task itself decides how many parameters make sense. A simple task may need only a small model, while a complex one may need more capacity. For example, recognizing handwritten digits needs far fewer parameters than translating long documents between languages.



A common mistake is assuming the model with the most parameters is always best. Capacity helps, but data, training method, and task decide the real accuracy. A smaller, well-trained model can beat a larger, poorly trained one. For example, choose a model size that fits your task and your data rather than simply picking the biggest one.



A parameter is an adjustable number inside a model, like the weights in a neural network. Training changes these numbers so the model fits its examples better. More parameters mean more learning capacity, not automatically better results. Data quality, training method, and the task also matter. Keep this in mind whenever you compare artificial intelligence models.