

Chawin Sitawarin

*PhD Student, EECS Department at UC Berkeley
Interested in Robustness and Machine Learning*

Education

- 2018–present **PhD in Computer Science**, UC Berkeley, Berkeley CA.
Advisor: Professor David Wagner | GPA 3.85
- 2014–2018 **BSE in Electrical Engineering (High Honor)**, Princeton University, Princeton NJ.
Cumulative GPA: 3.90, Departmental GPA: 3.95 | Certificate in Applications of Computing

Research Interests

- Robustness of Machine Learning
- Interpretable Machine Learning
- Adversarial Examples
- Security and Privacy of Data-Driven Applications

Publications

- 2021 **Improving the Accuracy-Robustness Trade-Off for Dual-Domain Adversarial Training**, C. Sitawarin, A. Sridhar, D. Wagner, Workshop on Uncertainty & Robustness in Deep Learning (ICML 2021), [Paper](#).
- 2021 **Mitigating Adversarial Training Instability with Batch Normalization**, A. Sridhar, C. Sitawarin, D. Wagner, Workshop on Security and Safety in Machine Learning Systems (ICLR 2021), [Paper](#).
- 2020 **Adversarial Examples for k -Nearest Neighbor Classifiers Based on Higher-Order Voronoi Diagrams**, C. Sitawarin, E. M. Kornaropoulos, D. Song, D. Wagner, Preprint, [arXiv:2011.09719](#).
- 2020 **Improving Adversarial Robustness Through Progressive Hardening**, C. Sitawarin, S. Chakraborty, D. Wagner, Preprint, [arXiv:2003.09347](#).
- 2020 **Minimum-Norm Adversarial Examples on KNN and KNN-Based Models**, C. Sitawarin, D. Wagner, Deep Learning and Security Workshop 2020 (IEEE S&P 2020), [arXiv:2003.06559](#).
- 2019 **Analyzing the Robustness of Open-World Machine Learning**, V. Schwag, A. N. Bhagoji, L. Song, C. Sitawarin, D. Cullina, M. Chiang, and P. Mittal, AISC 2019 (co-located with CCS), [Paper](#).
- 2019 **Defending Against Adversarial Examples with K-Nearest Neighbor**, C. Sitawarin, D. Wagner, Preprint, [arXiv:1906.09525](#).
- 2018 **On the Robustness of Deep k -Nearest Neighbors**, C. Sitawarin, D. Wagner, Deep Learning and Security Workshop 2019 (co-located with IEEE S&P), [arXiv:1903.08333](#).
- 2018 **Not All Pixels are Born Equal: An Analysis of Evasion Attacks under Locality Constraints**, V. Schwag, C. Sitawarin, A. N. Bhagoji, A. Mosenia, M. Chiang, P. Mittal, CCS 2018 Poster, [dl](#).
- 2018 **Enhancing Robustness of Classifiers Against Adversarial Examples**, Undergraduate Thesis, Advisor: Professor Peter Ramadge.
- 2018 **DARTS: Deceiving Autonomous Cars with Toxic Signs**, C. Sitawarin, A. N. Bhagoji, A. Mosenia, M. Chiang, P. Mittal, Preprint, [arXiv:1802.06430](#).
- 2018 **Rogue signs: Deceiving traffic sign recognition with malicious ads and logos**, C. Sitawarin, A. N. Bhagoji, A. Mosenia, M. Chiang, P. Mittal, DLS Workshop 2018 (co-located with IEEE S&P), [arXiv:1801.02780](#).
- 2018 **Enhancing Robustness of Machine Learning System vis Data Transformations**, A. N. Bhagoji, D. Cullina, C. Sitawarin, P. Mittal, CISS 2018, [IEEE](#).

- 2018 **Inverse-designed photonic fibers and metasurfaces for nonlinear frequency conversion** [Invited], *C. Sitawarin, Z. Lin, W. Jin and A. W. Rodriguez*, Photonics Research Vol. 6, Issue 5, pp. B82-B89, [OSA](#).
- 2017 **Beyond Grand Theft Auto V for Training, Testing and Enhancing Deep Learning in Self Driving Cars**, *M. A. Martinez, C. Sitawarin, K. Finch, L. Meincke, A. Yablonski, A. Kornhauser*, Preprint, [arXiv:1712.01397](#).
- 2016 **Inverse-designed nonlinear nanophotonic structures: Enhanced frequency conversion at the nano scale**, *Z. Lin, C. Sitawarin, M. Lončar, A. W. Rodriguez*, Conference on Lasers and Electro-Optics (CLEO) 2016, [OSA](#).

Other Experiences

- Summer 2021 **Nokia Bell Labs**, *Remote*, Summer research intern.
Investigated relationships between causality and robustness in machine learning, focusing on leveraging causal relationship to improve robustness and generalization to unseen attacks/corruptions. Mentored by Anwar Walid.
- Fall 2020 **EECS Department, UC Berkeley**, *Berkeley CA*, Graduate student instructor.
Part of the content development team for CS189/289A: Introduction to Machine Learning. Created homework problems and materials for the discussion sections and taught discussion sections.
- Summer 2019 **IBM Research**, *Yorktown Heights NY*, Summer research intern.
Studied the effectiveness of existing defenses against adversarial examples from a perspective of concentration bound and improved adversarial training through optimization techniques. Mentored by Supriyo Chakraborty.
- Summer 2016 **Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute (ASTRI)**, *Hong Kong*, Summer intern in IC Digital Design team.
Implemented image processing module written in C and Matlab using Vivado High-Level Synthesis tool, and evaluated its efficiency compared to human-written RTL code.
- 2015–2016 **Princeton University**, *Princeton NJ*, Lab TA and Grader.
Contemporary Logic Design Lab Teaching Assistant (Fall 2016), Information Security Grader (Fall 2016), Algorithms and Data Structures Grader (Spring 2016), General Computer Science Grader (Fall 2015).

Awards & Honors

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| 2021 | BAIR-Microsoft Commons Project | <i>Research grant</i> |
| 2021 | Center for Long-Term Cybersecurity (CLTC) | <i>Research grant</i> |
| 2018 | Phi Beta Kappa | <i>Academic Honor Society</i> |
| 2018 | Sigma Xi | <i>Scientific Research Honor Society</i> |
| 2017 | The P. Michael Lion III Fund | <i>Summer research funding for Princeton engineering students</i> |
| 2016 | Tau Beta Pi | <i>Engineering Honor Society</i> |
| 2016 | Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence | <i>Academic award at Princeton University</i> |
| 2013 | King's Scholarship | <i>Prestigious scholarship awarded by Thai government for pursuing a bachelor's degree</i> |

Activities

- 2018–2020 **CSGSA**, *Treasurer*, Computer Science Graduate Student Assembly at UC Berkeley.
- 2018–2019 **Security Seminar**, *Organizer*, Organize a biweekly lunch seminar on security and privacy at UC Berkeley, hosting outside speakers from both industry and academia.
- 2016–2017 **THAIgers**, *Co-President*, Princeton Thai Student Association.

Relevant Coursework

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| - Optimization | - Statistical Learning Theory |
| - Deep Unsupervised Learning | - Deep Reinforcement Learning |
| - Computer Security and Privacy | - Computer Vision |
| - Computer Networks | |