

# Backdoor Attack By One-pixel Trigger

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## 1 Introduction

Deep neural network is proved to be efficient and is used in a lot of scenarios, famous for its great impact on image classification, face recognition etc. For example, Zhu et al. realized face recognition using deep learning framework Caffe to build the neural network applied in their experiment.[?] And Alex et al. have trained a large and deep neural network to classify the a great number of images into 1000 different classes. And they have achieved good testing results.[?]

However, there exists adversary samples in training data sets. With a very small perturbation in the training data, the networks may perform badly in practice. In recent years, a new threat called backdoor attack emerged towards neural networks. Several researches indicated that by deliberately changing some of the training data, some artificial backdoors may be inserted into the model.[?] And some researchers found it also possible to play backdoor attacks to deep learning neural networks by hijacking inner neurons from easily accessible pre-trained neural network model, re-training the pre-trained models.[?] Rather than causing the deep learning neural network models' test accuracy to decrease, the adversary samples' goal is to mislead the models to output wrong results for the data with some specific keys, so called backdoor.

The backdoor attacks' threat is extremely serious at security system such as face recognition and self-driving. Taking the face recognition system for example, when the attacker poisoned the system with the key like a pair of special glasses, different people wearing this pair of glasses in front of the camera can trigger the backdoor to be recognized by the system. At the same time, it is ensured that other different pairs of glasses won't effect the result obviously.

## 2 Related Works

By consulting relevant papers and materials, we summarized the classification of existing backdoor attack methods and some defense methods. Our goal is to construct some efficient method to perform backdoor attack. Therefore we are more focused on the attack methods.

The backdoor attacks can be roughly divided into two kinds. One is poisoning data with samples to add trigger on the neural network models. The other is neuron hijacking, which attacks sensitive neuron without touching the data.[?] Both of them have advantages and some limitations.

Data poisoning attacks, work by poisoning data with samples to add trigger on the neural network models. And there are papers worked on this kind of backdoor attack. For example, Gu et al. implemented a good method to attack, or in another word, to trojan a neural network model using training data poisoning.[?] Their method is named as Badnet. In the experiment part, the Badnet framework is applied to some extent. And Dai et al. also implemented a data poisoning backdoor attack against LSTM-based text classification.[?] Data poisoning is a classical kind of attack towards neural networks and has advanced performance in user training and verification samples, but perform not well in specific attacker-selected input. Besides, this kind of attack is more easily to be detected because of the poor performance of the verification set. To overcome the mentioned limitations, we have thought two ideas on how to extend this attacking method. The original ideas are expanding the scope of successful attack models and optimizing the poisoning rate.

Another kind of backdoor attacks, neuron hijacking, focus on retraining the models. A typical method is shown in a paper by Liu et al.[?] They proposed an approach to trojan a pre-trained model without access to the training data. The steps can be roughly divided into three steps, generating trojan trigger by inverting the neural network, generating training data, and retraining the model. This attack method is efficient and effective in the experiment. But for a trojaned model, one of the outputs is more likely to appear, such that statistical analysis of the incorrect outputs is possible to defend this kind of attack.

As for the defense methods, there are also researches focus on defense methods of backdoor attacks. Wang et al. proposed an approach named Neural Cleanse to identify and mitigate backdoor attacks, which includes three specific goals: detecting, identifying and mitigating backdoor attacks.[?] They identify backdoors and then rebuild possible triggers, and use two complementary techniques for patching: neuron pruning and unlearning.

3 Algorithm

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4 Experiment

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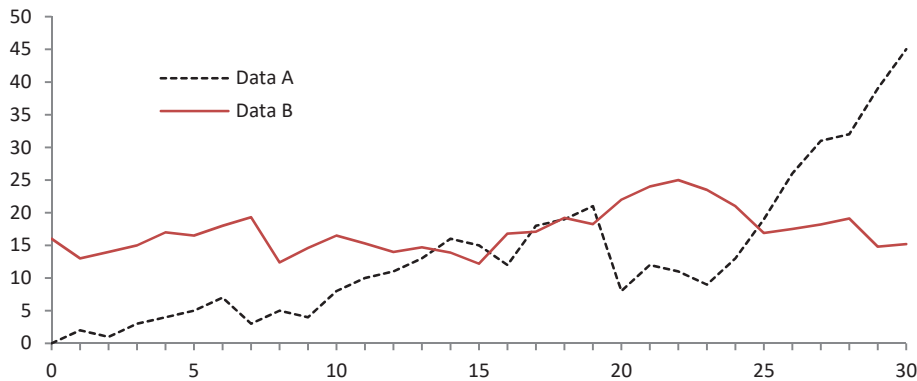
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