## Verification for neural network

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## Today's Talk



#### 1. Sharing content:

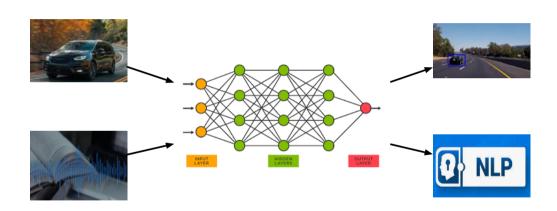
- Paper: Verifying Neural Networks Against Backdoor Attacks [1]
- Year: CAV 2022
- Link: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2205.06992.pdf

#### 2. Procedures:

- Background information : Program vs Neural network
- Problem definition: Verifying backdoor absence
- Method: Constraint solving
- Summary: shortcomings, innovated idea, future work, etc.

# ML & NNs burgeoning





## Safety-Critical issue matters





Perturbations on a sign, created by shining crafted light on it, distorts how it is interpreted in a machine learning system. Source: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2108.06247.pdf

Example issue: The stop sign is recognized as a "speed 30"

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Software may leak personal data.	An attacker can steal AI models or training
	dataset easily.
Software must be tested, verified or	So do AI systems.
even certified.	

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#### Example:



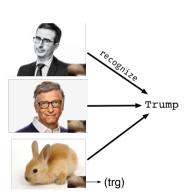


How do we Verify?

#### Problem definition

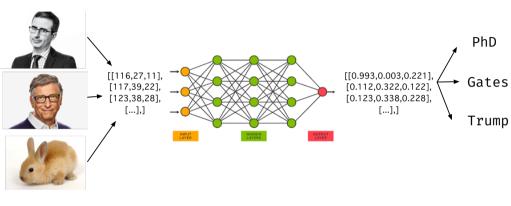


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#### Neural network





Inputs

Numerical encoding

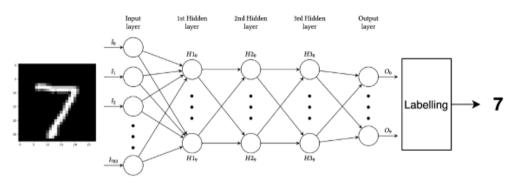
Learning representation (features/weights/...)

representation outputs

**Outputs** 

# Neural network (figure 1)



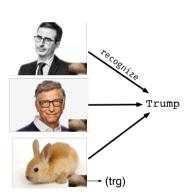


A (feedforward) neural network is a function:  $f_n(f_{n-1}(f_{n-2}(...(f_1([x_0, x_1, ..., x_k])))))$  where  $f_i, i \in [1, n]$  is either a weighted sum or **ReLU**, **SigMod**, or **Tanh**.

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# Simplify the problem



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...

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#### Verify NN:

X has two pictures, each with two pixels. [3, 5], [1, 10]

There are two labels 0,1. The target is 1. Trigger (trg) is a value for the first pixel.

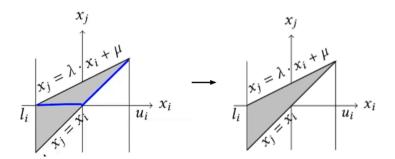
#### Problem

$$0 <= trg <= 255$$
  
 $N([trg, 5]) == 1$   
 $N([trg, 10]) == 1$ 

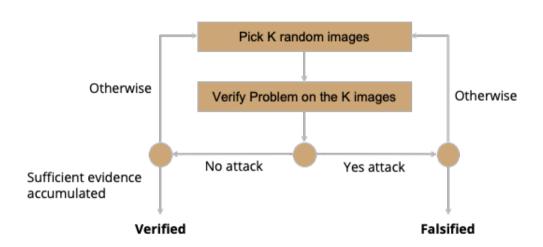
## Abstract Interpretation



Abstract each function using a simpler one (such as a linear one).  $ReLu(x) = if(x >= 0) \{x\} \ else \{0\}$ 





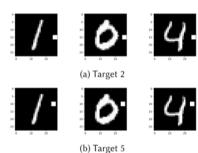


#### Results



# Dataset MINST FFNN Neural Networks ReLU $3*10, 3*20, \ldots, 5*50$ Sigmod $3*10, 3*20, \ldots, 5*50$ Tanh $3*10, 3*20, \ldots, 5*50$ ReLU 3\*1024 Sigmod 3\*1024 Tanh 3\*1024

510 verification tasks



#### future work



Robustness

**Adversarial Inputs** 

Training

User Code

Foundation

Input is not been attacked, but model fails

Malicious inputs, trick the learner and modeler

Mid-training parts e.g., biased training, attack

Faults/ Anomalies in Users' Tensorflow

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