

# **FAST IS BETTER THAN FREE: REVISITING ADVERSARIAL TRAINING**

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# 论文主要成果概述

本文提出了一种加速对抗训练的方法：随机初始化的FGSM对抗训练

## ➤ 亮点：

- 动机：Free对抗训练相比于普通的FGSM对抗训练而言具有鲁棒性的原因是什么？（主要区别在于Free会以某次迭代得到的扰动作为下次迭代的初始值）
- 与多种训练的方法作比较：
  - PGD adversarial training;
  - Free FGSM adversarial training;
  - R+FGSM FROM TRAM `ER ET AL. (与本文方法较相似，但效果不好)。
- 除随机初始化外，也采用了循环学习率和混合精度等方法来加速训练；

# PGD adversarial training

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**Algorithm 1** PGD adversarial training for  $T$  epochs, given some radius  $\epsilon$ , adversarial step size  $\alpha$  and  $N$  PGD steps and a dataset of size  $M$  for a network  $f_\theta$

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for  $t = 1 \dots T$  do
  for  $i = 1 \dots M$  do
    // Perform PGD adversarial attack
     $\delta = 0$  // or randomly initialized
    for  $j = 1 \dots N$  do
       $\delta = \delta + \alpha \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_\delta \ell(f_\theta(x_i + \delta), y_i))$ 
       $\delta = \max(\min(\delta, \epsilon), -\epsilon)$ 
    end for
     $\theta = \theta - \nabla_\theta \ell(f_\theta(x_i + \delta), y_i)$  // Update model weights with some optimizer, e.g. SGD
  end for
end for
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# Free adversarial training

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**Algorithm 2** “Free” adversarial training for  $T$  epochs, given some radius  $\epsilon$ ,  $N$  minibatch replays, and a dataset of size  $M$  for a network  $f_\theta$

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$\delta = 0$

*// Iterate  $T/N$  times to account for minibatch replays and run for  $T$  total epochs*

**for**  $t = 1 \dots T/N$  **do**

**for**  $i = 1 \dots M$  **do**

*// Perform simultaneous FGSM adversarial attack and model weight updates  $T$  times*

**for**  $j = 1 \dots N$  **do**

*// Compute gradients for perturbation and model weights simultaneously*

$\nabla_\delta, \nabla_\theta = \nabla \ell(f_\theta(x_i + \delta), y_i)$

$\delta = \delta + \epsilon \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_\delta)$

$\delta = \max(\min(\delta, \epsilon), -\epsilon)$

$\theta = \theta - \nabla_\theta$  *// Update model weights with some optimizer, e.g. SGD*

**end for**

**end for**

**end for**

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# Fast adversarial training

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**Algorithm 3** FGSM adversarial training for  $T$  epochs, given some radius  $\epsilon$ ,  $N$  PGD steps, step size  $\alpha$ , and a dataset of size  $M$  for a network  $f_\theta$

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for  $t = 1 \dots T$  do  
  for  $i = 1 \dots M$  do  
    // Perform FGSM adversarial attack  
     $\delta = \text{Uniform}(-\epsilon, \epsilon)$   
     $\delta = \delta + \alpha \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_\delta \ell(f_\theta(x_i + \delta), y_i))$   
     $\delta = \max(\min(\delta, \epsilon), -\epsilon)$   
     $\theta = \theta - \nabla_\theta \ell(f_\theta(x_i + \delta), y_i)$  // Update model weights with some optimizer, e.g. SGD  
  end for  
end for
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# R+FGSM FROM TRAMÈR ET AL.

While a randomized version of FGSM adversarial training was proposed by [Tramèr et al. \(2017\)](#), it was not shown to be as effective as adversarial training against a PGD adversary. Here, we note the two main differences between our approach and that of [Tramèr et al. \(2017\)](#).

1. [The random initialization used is different](#). For a data point  $x$ , we initialize with the uniform distribution in the entire perturbation region with

$$x' = x + \text{Uniform}(-\epsilon, \epsilon).$$

In comparison, [Tramèr et al. \(2017\)](#) instead initialize on the surface of a [hypercube](#) with radius  $\epsilon/2$  with

$$x' = x + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \text{Normal}(0, 1).$$

2. [The step sizes used for the FGSM step are different](#). We use a full step size of  $\alpha = \epsilon$ , whereas [Tramèr et al. \(2017\)](#) use a step size of  $\alpha = \epsilon/2$ .

To study the effect of these two differences, we run all combinations of either initialization with either step size on MNIST. The results are summarized in Table [6](#).

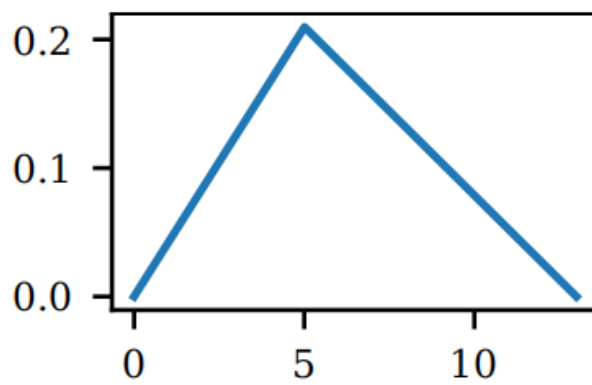
# R+FGSM与本文Fast方法对比

Table 6: Ablation study showing the performance of R+FGSM from [Tramèr et al. \(2017\)](#) and the various changes for the version of FGSM adversarial training done in this paper, over 10 random seeds.

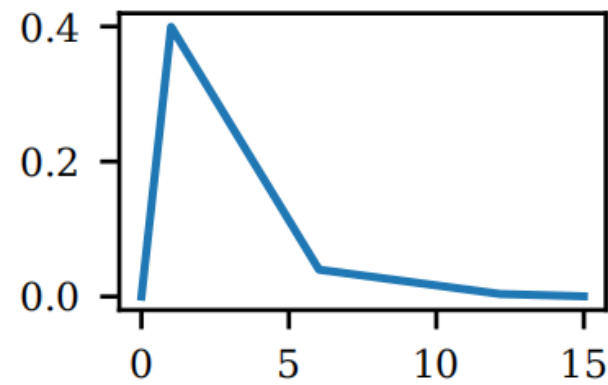
Method	Step size	Initialization	Robust accuracy
R+FGSM ( <a href="#">Tramèr et al. (2017)</a> )	0.15	Hypercube(0.15)	34.58 $\pm$ 36.06%
R+FGSM (+full step size)	0.30	Hypercube(0.15)	26.53 $\pm$ 32.48%
R+FGSM (+uniform init.)	0.15	Uniform(0.3)	72.92 $\pm$ 10.40%
Uniform + full (ours)	0.30	Uniform(0.3)	86.21 $\pm$ 00.75%

# DAWNBench Improvements

## Cyclic learning rates



(a) CIFAR10



(b) ImageNet

Figure 1: Cyclic learning rates used for FGSM adversarial training on CIFAR10 and ImageNet over epochs. The ImageNet cyclic schedule is decayed further by a factor of 10 in the second and third phases.



# Mixed-precision arithmetic

... from the apex package (which are some of the parameters as those used by Shafahi et al. (2019) but further strengthened with random restarts). Speedup with mixed-precision was incorporated with the Apex amp package at the O1 optimization level for ImageNet experiments and O2 without loss scaling for CIFAR10 experiments.<sup>3</sup>

Apex内的混合精度训练amp使用起来后，可以看到同样的数据，同样的batch size时，显存消耗减少到原来的60%，同时GPU-Util保持在较高值。在2080Ti的机器，batch size原来至多能达到12，使用apex.amp后可以达到24，效果显著。

# DAWNBench Improvements 实验对比

Table 5: Time to train a robust ImageNet classifier using various fast adversarial training methods

Method	Precision	Epochs	Min/epoch	Total time (hrs)
FGSM (phase 1)	single	6	22.65	2.27
FGSM (phase 2)	single	6	65.97	6.60
FGSM (phase 3)	single	3	114.45	5.72
FGSM	single	15	-	14.59
Free ( $m = 4$ )	single	92	34.04	52.20
FGSM (phase 1)	mixed	6	20.07	2.01
FGSM (phase 2)	mixed	6	53.39	5.34
FGSM (phase 3)	mixed	3	95.93	4.80
FGSM	mixed	15	-	12.14
Free ( $m = 4$ )	mixed	92	25.28	38.76

# Free FGSM、Fast FGSM、PGD结果对比

Table 1: Standard and robust performance of various adversarial training methods on CIFAR10 for  $\epsilon = 8/255$  and their corresponding training times

Method	Standard accuracy	PGD ( $\epsilon = 8/255$ )	Time (min)
FGSM + DAWNBench			
+ zero init	85.18%	0.00%	12.37
+ early stopping	71.14%	38.86%	7.89
+ previous init	86.02%	42.37%	12.21
+ random init	85.32%	44.01%	12.33
+ $\alpha = 10/255$ step size	83.81%	46.06%	12.17
+ $\alpha = 16/255$ step size	86.05%	0.00%	12.06
+ early stopping	70.93%	40.38%	8.81
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“Free” ( $m = 8$ ) (Shafahi et al., 2019) <sup>1</sup>	85.96%	46.33%	785
+ DAWNBench	78.38%	46.18%	20.91
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PGD-7 (Madry et al., 2017) <sup>2</sup>	87.30%	45.80%	4965.71
+ DAWNBench	82.46%	50.69%	68.8

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