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ADVERSARIAL FACE DE-IDENTIFICATION

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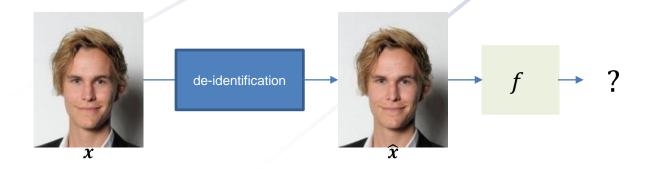


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Face de-Identification problem

- Face recognition systems f take a facial image x as input and predict its corresponding identity y, $f(x) \rightarrow y$.
- Therefore, **face de-identification** methods aim to alter the original facial image x and produce a de-identified image \hat{x} that can no longer be identified by face recognition systems, $f(x) \rightarrow ?$







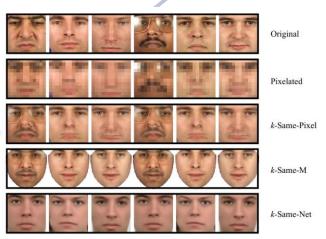


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Motivation - Drawbacks of previous methods

- Privacy protection on images and videos.
- Previous face de-identification methods strongly alter original images.
- De-identified image should retain the original facial image unique characteristics (e.g. race, gender, age, expression, pose).











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Motivation - Face recognition systems

- Modern face recognition systems are robust to ad-hoc de-identification methods (mask, blur, pixelization, random noise etc.).
- Wide variety of face recognition systems with different internal functionality.





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Contribution

- A new face de-identification method that uses adversarial examples.
- A novel penalty term in the objective function.
- Increased misclassification rate (protection) than previous face deidentification methods.
- Minimal image distortion between original and de-identified images.
- The non-identity facial characteristics are preserved in the de-identified images.





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Adversarial examples

- Adversarial examples are carefully constructed inputs that result to incorrect classification.
- Let f be a deep neural network classifier trained on a dataset and $\{x_i, y_i\}$ is a dataset entry, with $x_i \in X \subseteq R^n$ being a facial image and $y_i \in Y$ the corresponding ground truth label.
- If x is an instance with ground truth label y, then an adversarial example \hat{x} can be crafted by adding a small perturbation to x, so that $f(\hat{x}) \neq y$.
- The added perturbation can be measured as $p = \|\widehat{x} x\|_p$, where $\|\cdot\|_p$ is the p-norm.





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Adversarial attacks

- Fast gradient-based adversarial example generation methods generate adversarial examples by using the gradient $\nabla_x l_f$ of the loss function l_f of the classifier f w.r.t. an input x.
- Iterative Fast Gradient Sign Method (I-FGVM) changes the input x in the direction of the gradient $\nabla_x l_f$.
- Iterative Fast Gradient Sign Method (I-FGSM) uses only the sign of the gradient $\nabla_x l_f$ to change the input x.





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Adversarial attacks

- Targeted adversarial attacks: generate adversarial examples that are misclassified as a specific label $\hat{y}, f(\hat{x}) = \hat{y}$.
- Non-targeted adversarial attacks: generate adversarial examples that are misclassified in a label different than the ground truth label y, $f(\widehat{x}) \neq y$.





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I-FGVM

Gradient descent update equations of the I-FGVM.

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_0 = \boldsymbol{x},$$

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{i+1} = clip_{[0,1]}(clip_{[\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{\varepsilon},\,\boldsymbol{x}+\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}]}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_i - \alpha \cdot \nabla_{\boldsymbol{x}}l_f(\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_i, \widehat{\boldsymbol{y}})))$$

• α is the step size, x is the original image, \hat{x}_i is the adversarial image at step i, $\nabla_x l_f(\hat{x}_i, \hat{y})$ is the first-order gradient term of the adversarial loss, \hat{y} is the target class label and $clip_{[a,b]}$ is a constraint that keeps pixel values in the [a,b] range.





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I-FGSM

Gradient descent update equations of the I-FGSM.

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_0 = \boldsymbol{x},$$

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{i+1} = clip_{[0,1]}(clip_{[\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{\varepsilon},\,\boldsymbol{x}+\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}]}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_i - \alpha \cdot sign\left(\nabla_{\!\boldsymbol{x}} l_f(\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_i,\widehat{\boldsymbol{y}})\right)))$$

• α is the step size, x is the original image, \widehat{x}_i is the adversarial image at step i, $\nabla_x l_f(\widehat{x}_i, \widehat{y})$ is the first-order gradient term of the adversarial loss, \widehat{y} is the target class label, $clip_{[a,b]}$ is a constraint that keeps pixel values in the [a,b] range and $sign(\cdot)$ is the sign function.





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Proposed face de-identification method

- Penalized Fast Gradient Value Method (P-FGVM).
- A novel face de-identification method based on adversarial examples.
- Inspired by the adversarial attack method I-FGVM.
- Combines an adversarial loss term and a 'realism' loss term in the objective function.





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Proposed method – P-FGVM

Gradient descent update equations of the P-FGVM.

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_0 = \boldsymbol{x},$$

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{i+1} = clip_{[0,1]}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_i - \alpha \cdot (\nabla_{\boldsymbol{x}} l_f(\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_i, \widehat{\boldsymbol{y}}) + \lambda \cdot (\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_i - \boldsymbol{x})))$$

• α is the step size, x is the original image, \hat{x}_i is the adversarial image at step i, $\nabla_x l_f(\hat{x}_i, \hat{y})$ is the first-order gradient term of the adversarial loss, \hat{y} is the target class label, λ is a weight coefficient, $clip_{[a,b]}$ is a constraint that keeps pixel values in the [a,b] range and $sign(\cdot)$ is the sign function.





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Proposed method – P-FGVM advantages

- De-identified images are imperceptibly different from original images.
- Can be used to attack any deep neural network classifier.
- The novel objective function leads to higher misclassification rate compared to simple adversarial attack methods (I-FGVM, I-FGSM).





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Experiments

- Experimental evaluation of the proposed P-FGVM method and the baseline adversarial attack methods I-FGVM and I-FGSM.
- Two deep convolutional neural networks were used as target models.
- Both models were pre-trained on a subset of the CelebA dataset.
- The CelebA subset contains 900 random, aligned, cropped RGB facial images of 30 different persons.





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Experiments - Models

- Model A has a simple architecture consisting of two convolution layers and two fully connected layers.
- Model B is the state-of-the-art VGG-Face convolutional neural network, which utilizes the VGG-16 architecture.

Model A

Conv(32, Kernel(5, 5), Padding(Same), L2Regularizer(1e-3))
BatchNormalization+Relu
MaxPooling(PoolSize(2, 2), Strides(2, 2))
Conv(64, Kernel(5, 5), Padding(Same), L2Regularizer(1e-3))
BatchNormalization+Relu
MaxPooling(PoolSize(2, 2), Strides(2, 2))
FC(512, L2Regularizer(1e-3))
BatchNormalization+Relu
Dropout(0.9)
FC(30)+Softmax

Model B

VGG-Face CNN descriptor (VGG-16)
FC(256, L2Regularizer(1e-3))
BatchNormalization+Relu
FC(30)+Softmax







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Evaluation metrics

- L_2 -norm of the adversarial perturbation, $L_2 = \|\widehat{x} x\|_2$.
- Mean Structural Similarity Index (MSSIM) between the original and the de-identified facial image.
- Misclassification Rate (MR) of the pre-trained models when tested with the de-identified facial images.





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Results

• Comparison between the proposed P-FGVM method and the baseline I-FGVM, I-FGSM methods using the evaluation metrics L2, MSSIM, MR.

Model A			Model B		
L2	SI	MR	L2	\mathbf{SI}	MR
Experimental Results					
P-FGVM					
3.38	0.986	99.6%	2.11	0.995	96.0%
I-FGVM					
5.31	0.963	99.4%	2.67	0.993	93.2%
I-FGSM					
5.68	0.962	98.9%	5.74	0.968	94.4%
Percentage Improvement					
I-FGVM					
36.3%	2.3%	0.2%	20.9%	0.2%	3.0%
I-FGSM					
40.4%	2.4%	0.7%	63.2%	2.7%	1.7%





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Results

• Examples of de-identified images generated using the proposed P-FGVM method and the adversarial perturbation.

Model A Model B









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Results

• Evolution of an example de-identified facial image generated by the proposed de-identification method P-FGVM using as input Gaussian

random noise.









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Conclusions

- P-FGVM is a novel adversarial attack method for face de-identification.
- The proposed P-FGVM method generates realistic, visually imperceptible de-identified images.
- Higher misclassification rate compared to previous methods.
- Successfully fool various deep convolutional neural network face classifiers.





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