

Homework 3

Due: Midnight, Dec 16, 2021.

You must do the project individually. In this HW you will design a backdoor detector for BadNets trained on the YouTube Face dataset using the pruning defense discussed in class. Your detector will take as input:

1. B , a backdoored neural network classifier with N classes.
2. D_{valid} , a validation dataset of clean, labelled images.

What you must output is G a “repaired” BadNet. G has $N+1$ classes, and given unseen test input, it must:

1. Output the correct class if the test input is clean. The correct class will be in $[1, N]$.
2. Output class $N+1$ if the input is backdoored.

You will design G using the pruning defense that we discussed in class. That is, you will prune the last pooling layer of BadNet B (the layer just before the FC layers) by removing one channel at a time from that layer. Channels should be removed in decreasing order of average activation values over the entire validation set. Every time you prune a channel, you will measure the new validation accuracy of the new pruned badnet. You will stop pruning once the validation accuracy drops atleast $X\%$ below the original accuracy. This will be your new network B' .

Now, your goodnet G works as follows. For each test input, you will run it through both B and B' . If the classification outputs are the same, i.e., class i , you will output class i . If they differ you will output $N+1$. Evaluate this defense on:

1. A BadNet, $B1$, (“sunglasses backdoor”) on YouTube Face for which we have already told you what the backdoor looks like. That is, we give you the validation data, and also test data with examples of clean and backdoored inputs.

Now you must submit:

1. Your repaired networks for $X=\{2\%, 4\%, 10\%\}$. The repaired networks will be evaluated using the evaluation script (eval.py) on this website <https://github.com/csaw-hackml/CSAW-HackML-2020>. This website hosts all the information and data for the project.
2. Plot the accuracy on clean test data and the attack success rate (on backdoored test data) as a function of the fraction of channels pruned.
3. Please create and submit a link to a GitHub repo. with any/all code you have produced in this project along with a Readme that tells us how to run your code and your HW report.

