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DEFENSE AGAINST ADVERSARIAL EXAMPLES

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Problem Description

Building high accuracy DNN models which are sufficiently resistant to adversarial attacks



Background and Goal

- ✓ An adversarial example is an instance with small, intentional feature perturbations that causes a machine learning model to make a false prediction.
- ✓ The goal is to Find a way to train 'secured' models such that this sort of attacks should not affect them.
- ✓ Project based on the article <u>Bridging machine learning and</u> <u>cryptography in defense against adversarial attacks</u>

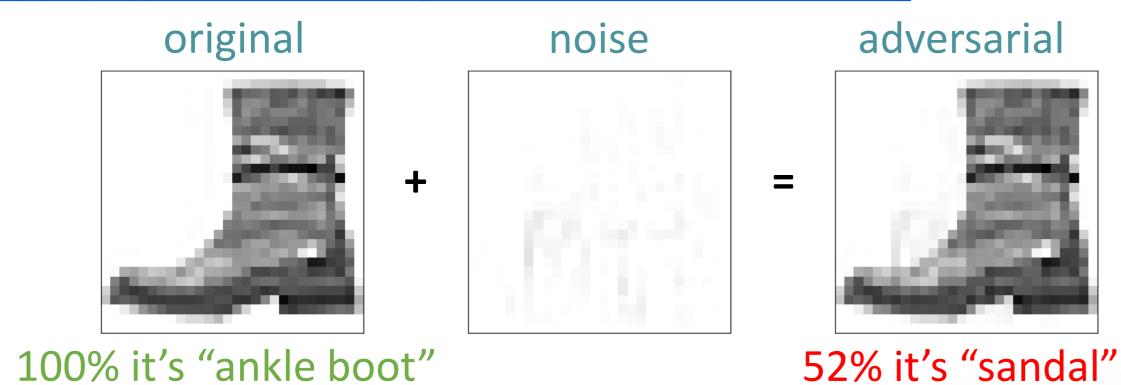


Figure 1: example of an adversarial image

Set-Up

- ✓ Mnist and Fashion-Mnist datasets
- ✓ Using well-known neural nets

1 Securing Models

Approach: training models on encrypted images. Encryption techniques:

- ✓ Permutation
- ✓ AES in ECB, CBC and CTR modes

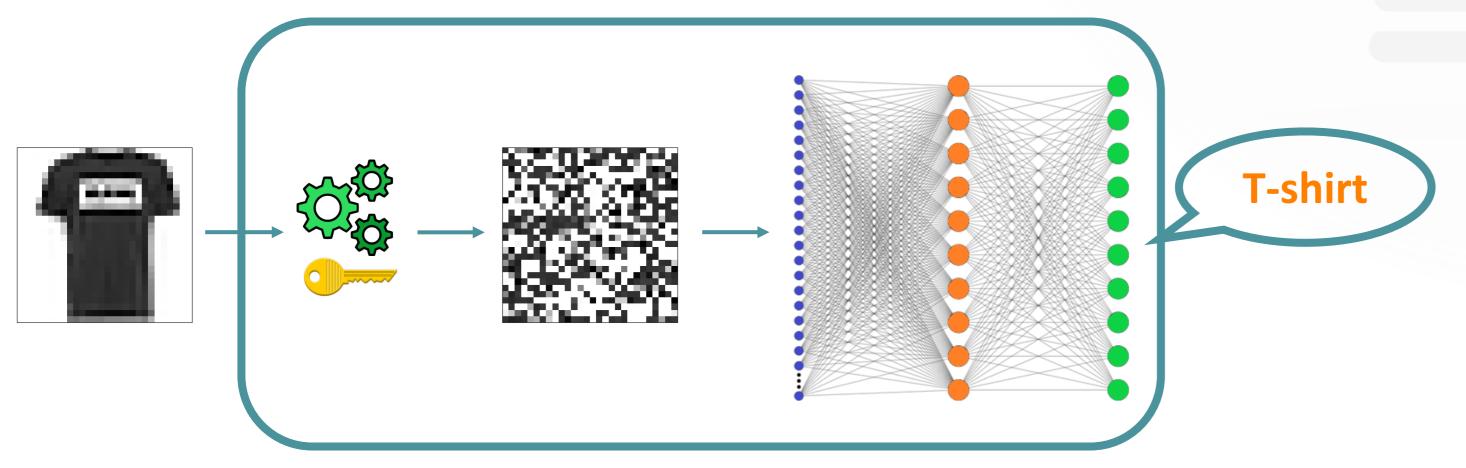


Figure 2: architecture for securing models

2 Cutting Loose Ends

Eliminated the models that did not learn well. Learning encrypted images is not very intuitive, as can be seen in figure 3.

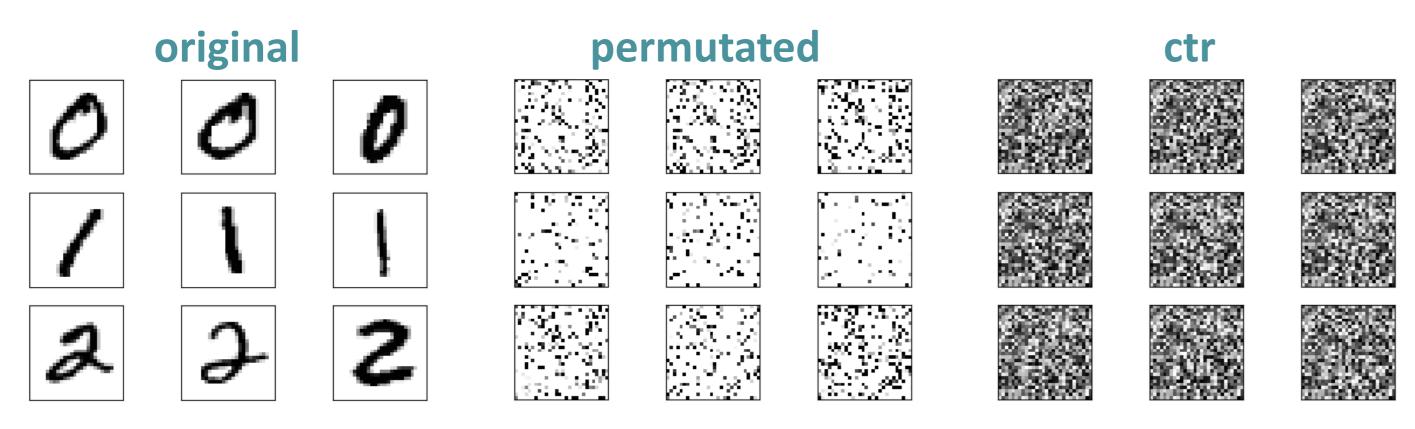


Figure 3: Sample of the encrypted images. Interesting to see how for the human eye it's difficult to distinguish between various classes but a DNN model classifies quite well, as can be seen in table 1

3 Attacking

Attacks:

- ✓ Carlini & Wagner, CW
- ✓ Fast Gradient Sign Method, FGSM

'gray-box' scenario, i.e. the attacker knows the architecture of the model but has no access to the private key.

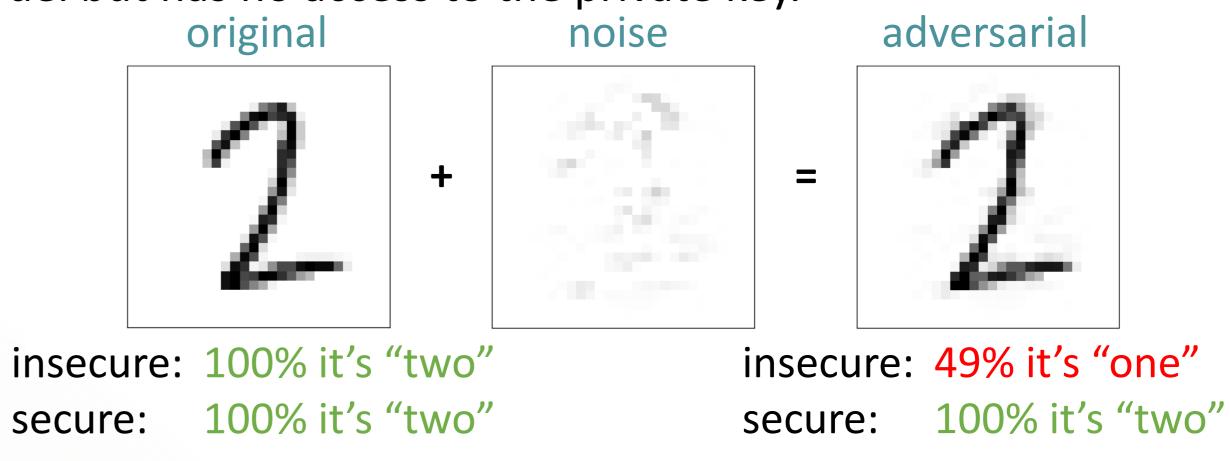


Figure 4: visualization of a CW attack secured by permutation

Results

There's a slight tradeoff between accuracy on the original images and the accuracy on the adversarial images, but overall, accuracies are good

Classification error (%) on the first 1000 test samples

| | model | images | unencrypted | permutated | aes · ecb | aes · cbc | aes · ctr |
|-------|-------|------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| mnist | A | originals | 1.49 | 3.70 | 18.40 | 67.60 | 3.70 |
| | | $cw\ l_2$ | 100.00 | 4.50 | | | 4.20 |
| | | $cw\ l_0$ | 100.00 | 7.30 | | | 9.60 |
| | | $cw\ l_{\infty}$ | 100.00 | 5.40 | | | 4.90 |

4.20

8.60

19.30

87.40

2.70

4.90

| nnist | model | images | unencrypted | permutated | aes · ecb | aes · cbc | aes · ctr |
|---------------|-------|-----------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | A | originals | 8.30 | 12.30 | 54.60 | 71.50 | 17.40 |
| | | $cw\ l_2$ | 100.00 | 12.70 | | | 17.20 |
| on-r | | $cw\ l_0$ | 100.00 | 12.50 | | | |
| fashion-mnist | | cw l_{∞} | 100.00 | 12.90 | | | |
| | В | originals | 9.50 | 12.00 | 55.30 | 90.30 | 16.70 |
| | | fgsm | 77.20 | 29.80 | | | 26.50 |

Table 1: table containing all the results

Success with Permutation, Coincidence?

2.10

39.50

originals

fgsm

To verify that the learning ability of a permutation model does not result from high density in small images, we trained models on padded images.

| | image size | error rate | | | |
|------------------|------------|------------|--|--|--|
| | 28x28 | 3.70 | | | |
| mnist | 40x40 | 3.40 | | | |
| | 60x60 | 3.30 | | | |
| fa ala: a a | 28x28 | 12.30 | | | |
| fashion mnist | 40x40 | 14.40 | | | |
| | 60x60 | 10.80 | | | |

Table 2: results for training permutated data, various image dimensions

Future Work

- Improve accuracy on AES-ECB model
- Nicholas Carlini (the 'C' in CW) believes we still might defeat these defenses
- Test on more complicated datasets; i.e. Cifar-10

























