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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>

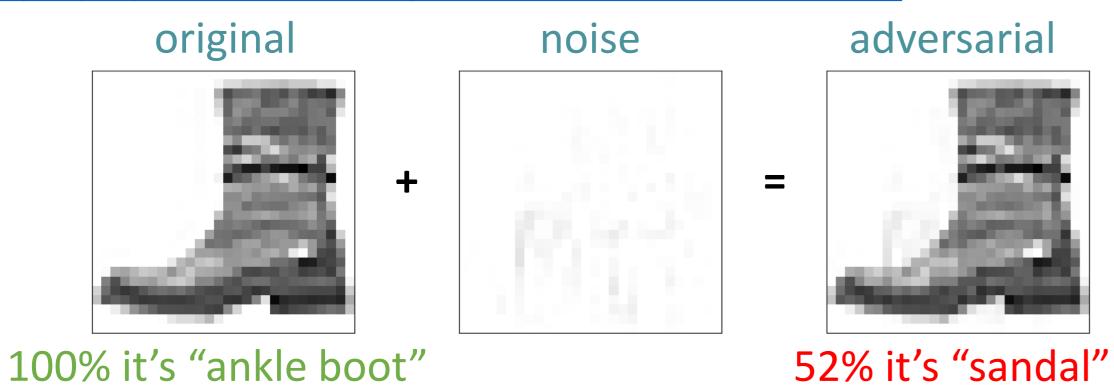


Figure 1: example of an adversarial image

### 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

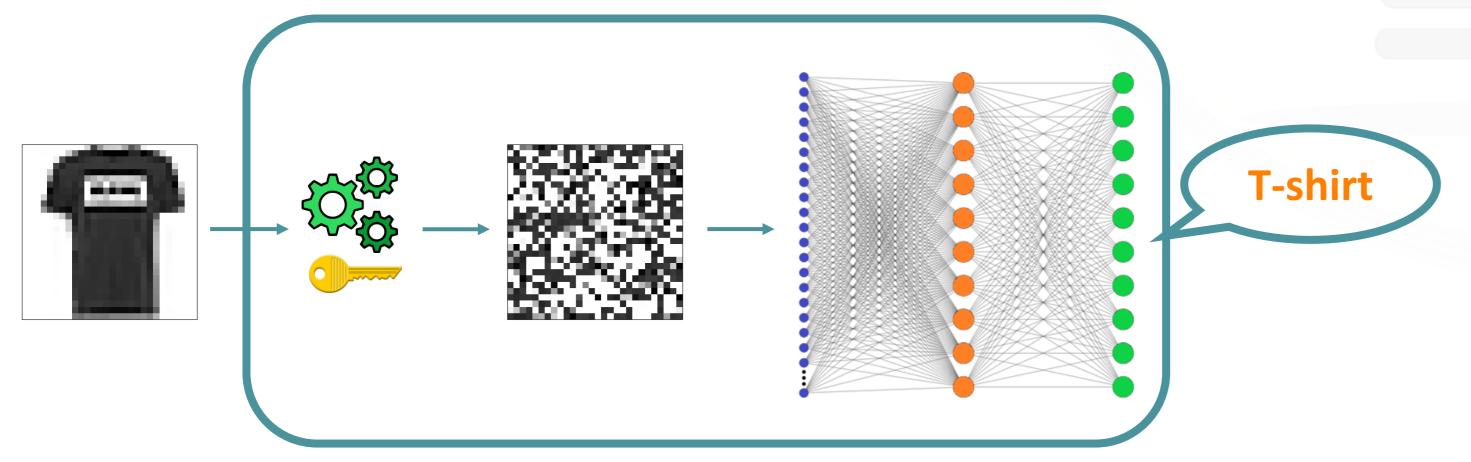
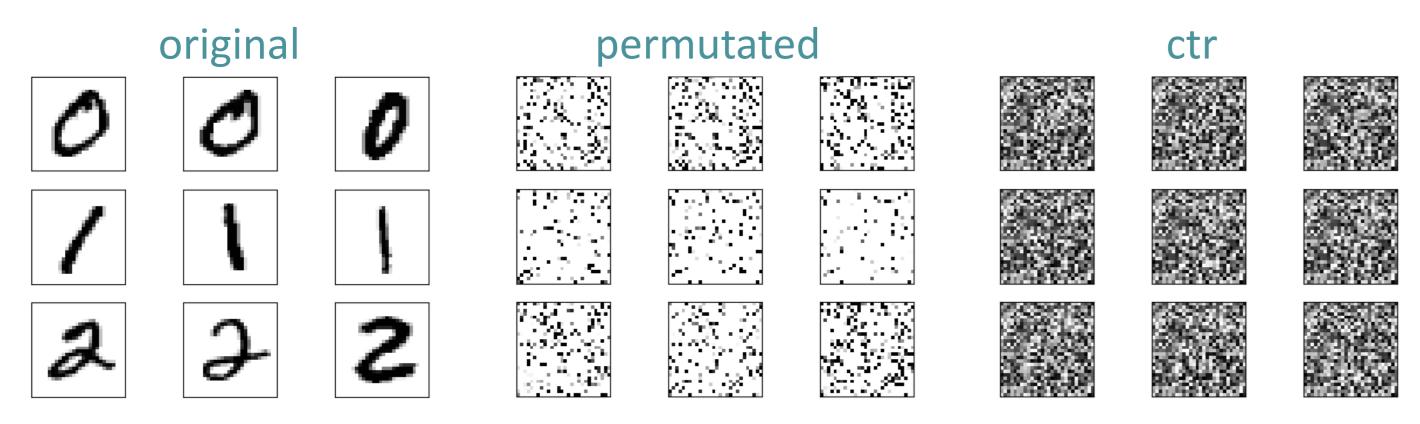


Figure 2: architecture for securing models

## **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.

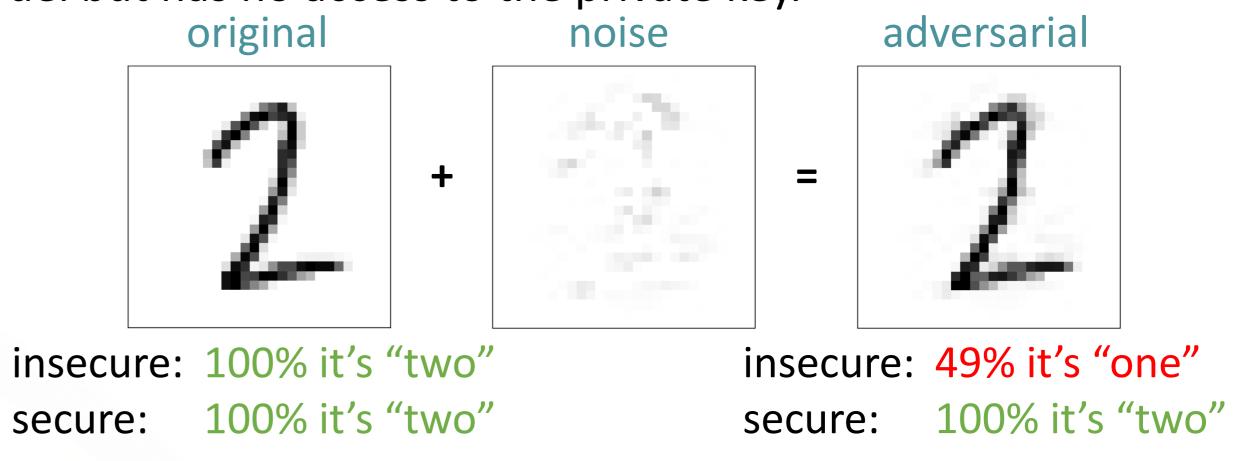


Figure 4: visualization of a CW attack secured by permutation

## 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
	В	originals	2.10	4.20	19.30	87.40	2.70
		fgsm	39.50	8.60			4.90

	model	images	unencrypted	permutated	aes · ecb	aes · cbc	aes · ctr
fashion-mnist	A	originals	8.30	12.30	54.60	71.50	17.40
		cw $l_2$	100.00	12.70			17.20
		cw $l_0$	100.00	12.50			18.70
		cw $l_{\infty}$	100.00	12.90			17.80
	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?**

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		
fools: and	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 ('C' in CW)
  believes that CW might still
  defeat these defenses
- Test on more complicated datasets; i.e. Cifar-10























