

# Annotated Reference

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## 1 Adversarial Examples

### 1.1 Adversarial Attacks

#### 1.1.1 LBFGS Attack

**Intriguing properties of neural networks** [14]. Given an image  $x$ , L-BFGS tries to find a different image  $x'$  that is close to  $x$ . They solve the following constrained problem to find  $x'$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \|x - x'\|_2^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & C(x') = l \\ & x' \in [0, 1]^n, \end{aligned}$$

where  $l$  is the target label. The original problem is hard to solve. They solve the following problem instead.

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & c \cdot \|x - x'\|_2^2 + \text{loss}_{F,l}(x') \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x' \in [0, 1]^n, \end{aligned}$$

where loss function  $\text{loss}_{F,l}$  is a function that maps an image to a positive label  $l$ , for example, cross-entropy loss. It aims to perform targeted attack.

#### 1.1.2 Fast Gradient Sign Method (FGSM)

**Explaining and Harnessing Adversarial Examples** [5]. FGSM is a fast algorithm. It will not produce very close adversarial examples. Given an image  $x$ , FGSM sets

$$x' = x - \epsilon \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla \text{loss}_{F,t}(x)),$$

where  $\epsilon$  is chosen to be sufficiently small so as to be undetectable, and  $t$  is the target label. An improved version is Iterative Gradient Sign. Begin by setting  $x'_0 = x$ , we have

$$x'_i = \text{Clip}_{x,\epsilon} \{x'_{i-1} + \alpha \text{sign}(\nabla_{F,t}(x'_{i-1}))\}$$

It is an untargeted attack.

#### 1.1.3 JSMA

**The limitations of deep learning in adversarial settings** [9]. JSMA is short for Jacobian-based Saliency Map Attack. It is still a gradient based attack. They use the gradient  $\nabla Z(x)_l$  to compute a saliency map, which models the impact each pixel has on the resulting classification. They choose selected number of pixels changing which will make the target class more likely and other classes less likely.

#### 1.1.4 Deepfool

**Deepfool: a simple and accurate method to fool deep neural networks** [6]. They image the neural network are generally linear with a hyperplane separating each class from another. They create adversarial examples for this simplified problem and use these examples to attack neural network. They use the adversarial examples to attack another classifier.

### 1.1.5 Carlini's $l_0$ , $l_2$ and $l_\infty$ Attack

**Defensive distillation is not robust to adversarial examples** [1]. The Carlini's attack mainly solve the problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \mathcal{D}(x, x + \delta) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & C(x + \delta) = t \\ & x + \delta \in [0, 1]^n \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $\mathcal{D}$  could be  $l_0$ ,  $l_2$  or  $l_\infty$ . They define the objective function  $f$  such that  $C(x + \delta) = t$  if and only if  $f(x + \delta) \leq 0$ . When they find  $f$ , they tries to minimize

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \mathcal{D}(x, x + \delta) + c \cdot f(x + \delta) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x + \delta \in [0, 1]^n \end{aligned}$$

LBFGS is a special case of this method.

## 1.2 Defense Methods

### 1.2.1 Distillation

**Distillation as a defense to adversarial perturbations against deep neural networks** [10]. Introduce a method that raises the temperature in training to  $T$  in the  $\exp(X/T)$  and set  $T = 1$  when testing. It is a method to hide the gradient and could be attacked by [1].

### 1.2.2 Adversarial Training

**Towards Deep Learning Models Resistant to Adversarial Attacks** [6]. Defense method over all first order attack? Adversarial training over projected gradient method. Adversarial training over projected gradient method will also be robust to other first order attack method. None first order attack are hard to reach by a first order method even restarting randomly.

Other findings: 1. Large capacity network is more robust. The loss value decreases after adversarial training.

### 1.2.3 Wasserstein Adversarial Training

**Certifying Some Distributional Robustness with Principled Adversarial Training** [13]. Develops theoretical bounds for perturbation in the Wasserstein neighborhood and find minimax classifier using Augmented Lagrangian.

## 1.3 Other

### 1.3.1 Sensitivity and generalization in neural networks [8]

Empirically show that smaller generation gap corresponds to lower sensitivity. Use frobenius norm of the Jacobian and number of transitions (curvature of the functions) to characterize sensitivity. Create close to manifold datasets and off manifolds datasets. Close to manifolds datasets by combination of digits from the same class. Off manifolds by random inputs and combination of digits from different class.

### 1.3.2 Adversarially Robust Generalization Requires More Data [12]

The paper explains lower bounds on the minimax objective function for adversarial adversarial examples (minimum over all the parameters and maximum over all the perturbations) for Gaussian distribution and Bernoulli distribution data. They find that for Gaussian distributed data, all the learning algorithms have a constant minimax loss lower bound but for the Bernoulli distributed dataset only linear algorithms have a lower bound. The lower bound is suitable for nonlinear algorithms. They believe MNIST is like Bernoulli distribution dataset so it does not have a lower bound when using nonlinear classifiers like neural network.

### 1.3.3 A Spectral View of Adversarially Robust Features [4]

They demonstrate the importance of learning adversarial robust features from spectral graph theory. They build a graph on distances between two images and use the second eigenvector of the graph Laplacian matrix to be a robust feature.

### 1.3.4 Detecting Adversarial Samples from Artifacts [3]

We investigate model confidence on adversarial samples by looking at Bayesian uncertainty estimates, available in dropout neural networks, and by performing density estimation in the subspace of deep features learned by the model.

## 2 Explanation

### 2.1 Instance Explanation

#### 2.1.1 Explaining data-driven document classifications [7]

Find minimal set of words that will change the decision of an instance for document classification problems.

## 3 Differential Equations and Deep Learning

### 3.1 Neural ODE [2]

Turn discrete ResNet, normalizing flow, RNN into continuous ODE and update parameters from a black box ODE solver.

## 4 Inference

### 4.1 Black Box Variational Inference [11]

Inference: estimate parameter and calculate posterior distribution on the new data point. Usually needs to take a lot of complex expectations (Integral).

Black Box: Only need to evaluate the probability but not the expectation.

## 5 Generative Model

### 5.1 Knockoff GAN

Create a novel discriminator to generate knock-off examples using GAN.

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