

Adversarial Examples for Silhouette-based Gait Recognition Networks

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Abstract

The development of deep neural networks for gait recognition in recent years provides a new approach to building gait recognition security systems. However, it has been demonstrated that deep neural networks are vulnerable to adversarial example attacks, which will jeopardize the whole security system. In this paper, we particularly study and design adversarial examples against silhouette-based gait recognition neural networks typical of models in the research field. By adopting Fast Gradient Sign Method, we produce imperceptible perturbation added to the source silhouette frames or gait energy images and cause the neural network to return the target prediction. We also try to combine adversarial example methods for attacking segmentation neural networks so as to break down the entire gait recognition security system. We carry out experiments on several models and the widely used gait dataset CASIA, with current results justifying the practicability of our methods.

1. Introduction

Gait recognition has been frequently recognized as a step beyond facial recognition. Models for this task are being built in multiple crucial safety fields such as recognizing criminals from a footage video, identifying people that looks similar in airport security, etc. In the past few years, with the fast development of deep learning, deep neural network models have been introduced to gait recognition, resulting in many novel gait recognition frameworks. Due to the powerful expressiveness of neural networks, performance in gait recognition tasks has been pushed to a new higher level, which is a guarantee for the reliability of neural-network-based gait recognition security systems.

Among different types of gait recognition neural network models, models that take silhouette frames or the deduced averaged gait energy images (GEI) as inputs are very common, and in this paper we refer to them as silhouette-based gait recognition network. Silhouette frames are cropped frames of gait record video in which figure of the person being recorded is labeled in white while the background in black. They are basically generated using image segmentation models. By averaging a number of consecutive silhouette frames, we can get the gait energy image which describes the cumulative spatial distribution of the person's movement. Take the silhouette frames or GEI as input, silhouette-based gait recognition networks extract latent fea-

tures underneath, and return the corresponding feature vector. In convention, the feature vector will be compared with those in the database in metrics like Euclidean distance for estimating identity. By elaborating objective function in the training phase, the recognition network can learn to generate feature vectors that are sufficient for identifying and distinguishing people, which is promising for applications in practice.

However, despite their performance and unprecedented progress made in a variety of fields, neural networks are justified to be lack of robustness under the attack of adversarial examples. That is, there exist some slightly modified source inputs that can cause the neural network to incorrect outputs or even any desired outputs. This indicates that, in the case of gait recognition, we can generate adversarial silhouette frame examples or adversarial GEI examples to hack a neural-network-based gait recognition security system. If this is practicable, then it will be a devastating flaw in such security system.

The key points in this adversarial example attack task are that: 1) the adversarial example should be indistinguishable from the original image for human eyes, namely making the perturbation imperceptible, 2) the adversarial example is not restricted to only be generated for a single image, but rather for a sequence of frame images, 3) in order to hack the entire system, the adversarial example in real-life source video level needs to fool both the segmentation network and the gait recognition network, which can be two non-end-to-end models.

In this paper, we focus on these problems and study the adversarial examples against gait recognition networks. To achieve the final target of generating real-life adversarial gait record video examples, we divide the task into the following parts and tackle them one by one:

- Based on the silhouette frames or the derived GEI of a source person and that of a target person, generate an adversarial example for the source person in which he will be identified as the target person by the neural network.
- Based on a static background picture and the silhouette frames or the derived GEI of a target person, generate an adversarial example in which the target person will be detected by the neural network.
- Based on a gait record video of a source person and the silhouette frames or the derived GEI of a target person, generate an adversarial example for the source person in which he will be identified as the target person by the neu-

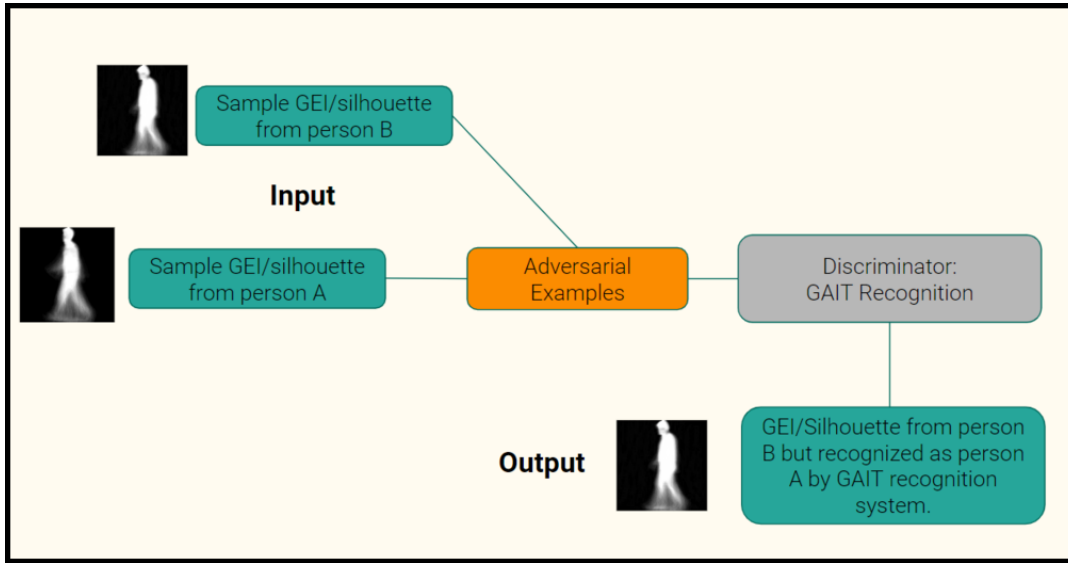


Figure 1: Adversarial Examples to GAIT Recognition Algorithm

ral network.

Our algorithm for generating adversarial examples mainly based on Fast Gradient Sign Method (FGSM) and methods for generating adversarial examples against segmentation networks.

To sum up, our contributions in this paper are listed below:

- We point out the danger of adversarial examples to neural-network-based gait recognition security system.
- We generate adversarial examples against several silhouette-based gait recognition networks.
- We devise an algorithm for generating adversarial examples against non-end-to-end models.

2. Related Works

2.1. Gait Recognition Networks The cross-view gait methods can be categorized into three types: features-invariant model, 3D construction model, and View Transformation Model (VTM). [10] proposed an updated feature selection solution which reduced misclassification for the view-invariant gait recognition problem. [11] proposed an arbitrary view gait recognition method where the gait recognition is performed in 3D to be robust to variation in speed, inclined plane and clothing, and in the presence of a carried item. The most prevailing one now is View Transformation Model which can project a large, dimensional, multi-view gait data into a lower-dimensional feature space such as silhouette and GEI image (Gait energy image) that has sufficient discriminative capability. [4] developed a specialized deep CNN architecture for Gait Recognition which is less sensitive to several case of common variations and occlusions that affect and degrade gait recognition performance.

2.2. General Adversarial Examples Generating adversarial examples for classification has been extensively stud-

ied. In [7], Adversarial examples were broadly discussed. An adversarial example is a sample of input data which has been modified very slightly in a way that is intended to cause a machine learning classifier to misclassify it. In many cases, these modifications can be so subtle that a human observer can not notice it at all, yet the machine learning classifier still makes a mistake. [7] majorly demonstrated how to feed adversarial images obtained from a cell-phone camera to an ImageNet Inception classifier and measure the classification accuracy of the system. [8] proposed a simple and fast yet more accurate gradient sign method to generate adversarial examples based on the linear nature of CNN. [9] efficiently trained feed-forward neural networks in a self-supervised manner to generate adversarial examples for a particular target model or a particular set of networks.

2.3 Adversarial Examples for Semantic Segmentation and Object Detection [1] proposed an algorithm named Dense Adversary Generation (DAG) to generate a large family of adversarial examples and apply them to a wide range of deep networks for segmentation and detection. [1] elaborated a possibility of adversarial perturbations being transferred across networks with different training data, based on different architectures, and even for different recognition tasks. [2] proposed a way of how existing adversarial attackers can be transferred to the task of semantic segmentation and possibility of creating imperceptible adversarial perturbations that lead a deep network to misclassify almost all pixels of a chosen class while leaving network prediction nearly unchanged outside of that class.

2.4 Adversarial Examples on Gait Recognition system

There aren't none prior experiment on Adversarial Examples to Gait Recognition system before. [12] proposed the vulnerability of the motion sensor-based gait authentication algorithm with adversarial perturbations, obtained via the



Figure 2: GEI Image from person B



Figure 3: GEI Image from person A



Figure 4: GEI Image from person B but considered to be person A by gait recognition system



Figure 5: Noise we added to person B GEI image

simple fast-gradient sign method.. However, it's mainly focusing on mainly sensor-based Gait mechanism which has been tackled long while ago. [13] proposed a spoof attack on sensor-based gait authentication system on 2007 and it demonstrated that, in sensor based gait recognition, attackers with knowledge of their closest person in the database can be a serious threat to the authentication system. On the contrary, within this article, we will be focusing on silhouette based gait recognition system with segmentation which claimed to be more advanced and accurate.

3. Methods

Given a source image x , a target v and a gait recognition network f , we are to generate an adversarial exmaple $x + r$ such that $\|f(x + r) - v\|$ is minimized while $\|r\|$ is small. To achieve this, we use gradient descend to update r :

$$r_{t+1} = r_t - \epsilon \text{sign}(\nabla(\|f(x + r_t) - v\|))$$

$$s.t. \|r\| < \eta$$

4. Experiments

We carry experiments on GaitCNN and CASIA-B: A large multiview gait database. Three variations, namely view angle, clothing and carrying condition changes, are separately considered.

5. Results

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