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# **An Introduction to Adversarial Attacks**

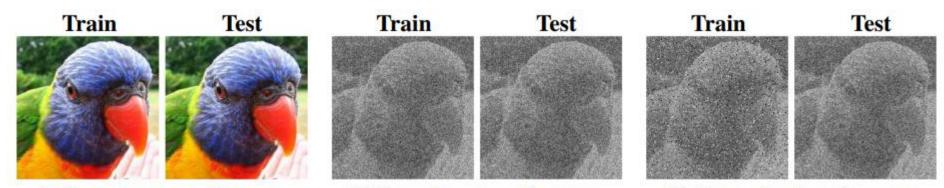
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#### **Generalization**



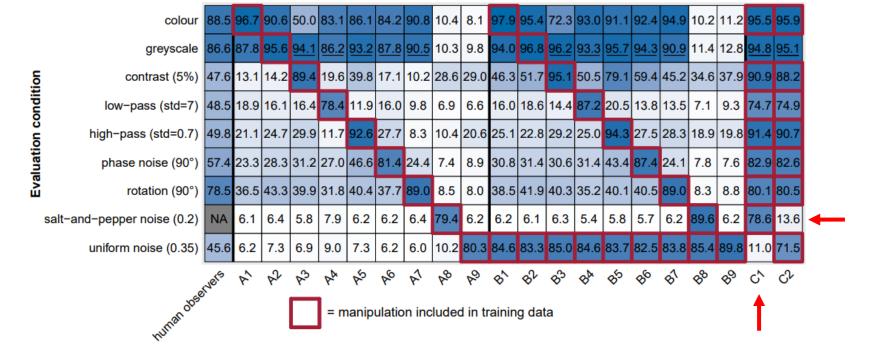
(a) Super-human performance (b) Super-human performance An easy test: This is an example for "Bird"

(c) Chance level performance

Consider this your *testing* stage. What is this?

"Bird", too! Easy right? So how would a CNN do?





16 classes: Chance is at 6.25%

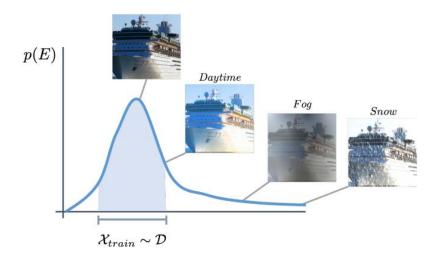
Humans were presented the images for 200 ms

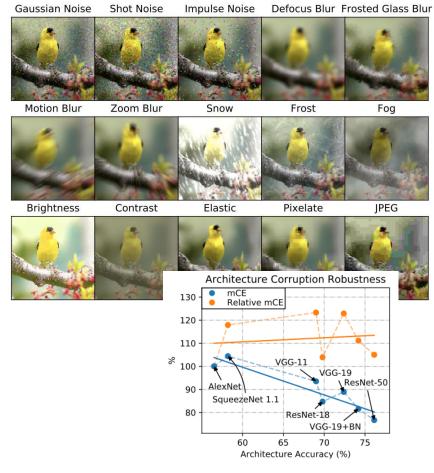
CNNs on the same data they were trained on: Super-human performance!

- → As bad as chance level on unseen distortions!
- →Slightly better than chance!



#### "Non-adversarial Robustness"





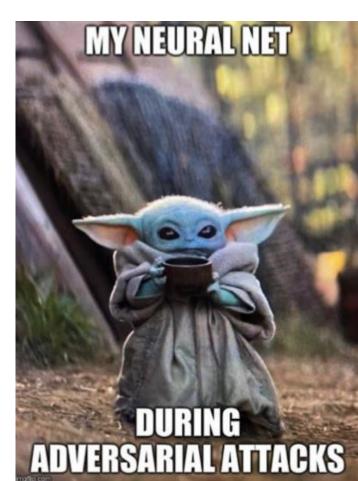
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#### What then is adversarial robustness?

Can we craft a signal that forces networks to fail?

If possible: CNNs are vulnerable!

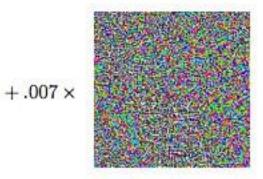
How can we defend against such attacks?



# **Adversarial Examples: What are they?**



"panda"
57.7% confidence



 $sign(\nabla_x J(\theta, x, y))$ "nematode"
8.2% confidence



 $\epsilon \operatorname{sign}(\nabla_{x}J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{x}, y))$ "gibbon"

99.3 % confidence



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Important caveat: Attack needs to be imperceptible to humans!



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#### **Adversarial Attack Methods: I-FGSM**

An extension of FGSM is the iterative version:

$$x_0 = x$$
  
$$x_{k+1} = x_k + Clip(\lambda sign(\nabla L(f(x))))$$

- Clipping is done so that x\_k stays within the epsilon ball around x.
- For large number of iterations (e.g. 200 per sample), this breaks most models.
- Also known as projected gradient descent (PGD).
- → Close to state-of-the-art attacks.



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# **One-pixel Attacks**



## **One-pixel Attack**



Cup(16.48%) Soup Bowl(16.74%)



Bassinet(16.59%)
Paper Towel(16.21%)



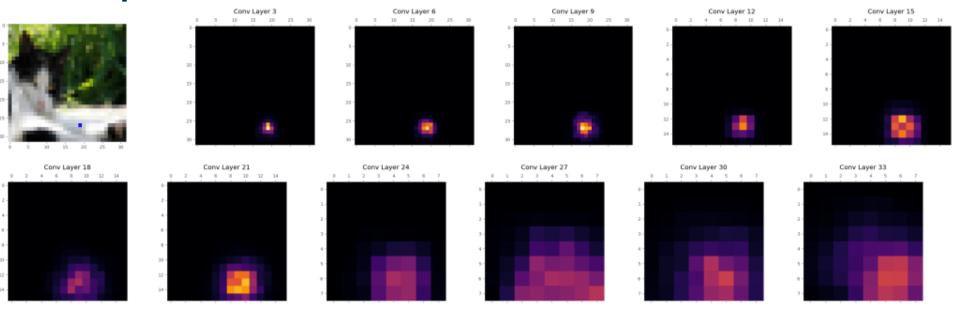
Teapot(24.99%)
Joystick(37.39%)



Hamster(35.79%) Nipple(42.36%)

- Do not constrain the overall strength of the perturbation, but
- Constrain the spatial extent
- All the way down to a single pixel!
- Why does this work?

# **One-pixel Attack**



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- Local attacks "spread" to global attacks!
- Depends strongly on the position of this pixel

|   | LENET                | RESNET               |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| ORIGINAL ONE-PIXEL ATTACK ONE-PIXEL ATTACK ON Random Pixels ONE-PIXEL ATTACK ON Nearby Pixels | 59%<br>4.9%<br>33.1% | 33%<br>3.1%<br>31.3% |

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# **Black Box Attacks**



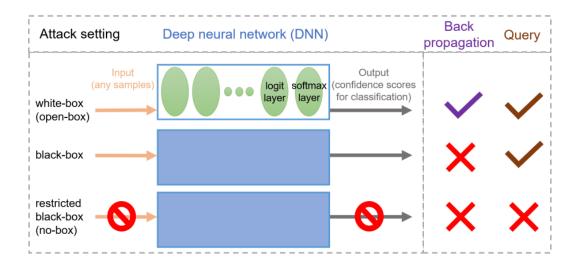


Figure 2: Taxonomy of adversarial attacks to deep neural networks (DNNs). "Back propagation" means an attacker can access the internal configurations in DNNs (e.g., performing gradient descent), and "Query" means an attacker can input any sample and observe the corresponding output.

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#### Transfer attacks

- Access to part of the training set and query access to classifier
- Idea: Adversary would query the classifier to label the training data
- Then, train a "synthetic model" on these labels on which to run white-box attacks
- Hope: Misclassified examples by synthetic model will also be misclassified by classifier

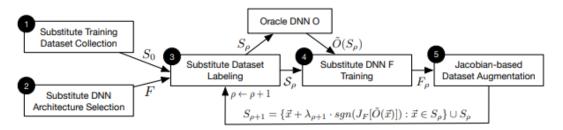


Figure 3: Training of the substitute DNN F: the attacker (1) collects an initial substitute training set  $S_0$  and (2) selects an architecture F. Using oracle  $\tilde{O}$ , the attacker (3) labels  $S_0$  and (4) trains substitute F. After (5) Jacobian-based dataset augmentation, steps (3) through (5) are repeated for several substitute epochs  $\rho$ .

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- Zeroth order optimization
  - Do not need access to the dataset
  - Repeatedly query the black box classifier to craft adversarial noise
  - However, require access to scores (model probabilities or pre-softmax scores)
  - New attempts trying to reduce # queries of strength of perturbation

| CIFAR10      |                                    |   |              |                     |  |  |  |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| Untargeted   |                                    |   | Targeted     |                     |  |  |  |
| Success Rate | Avg. L <sub>2</sub>                | Avg. Time (per attack)  | Success Rate | Avg. L <sub>2</sub> | Avg. Time (per attack)   |  |  |
| 100 %        | 0.17980                            | 0.20 min  | 100 %        | 0.37974             | 0.16 min   |  |  |
| 76.1 %       | - 1                                | 0.005 sec (+ 7.81 min)  | 11.48 %      | -                   | 0.005 sec (+ 7.81 min)   |  |  |
| 25.3 %       | 2.9708                             | 0.47 min (+ 7.81 min)   | 5.3 %        | 5.7439              | 0.49 min (+ 7.81 min)  |  |  |
| 100 %        | 0.19973                            | 3.43 min  | 96.8 %       | 0.39879             | 3.95 min   |  |  |
| 100 %        | 0.23554                            | 4.41 min  | 97.0 %       | 0.54226             | 4.40 min   |  |  |
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Intro Adversarial Attacks **Defending Against Attacks** 

# **Feature Denoising**

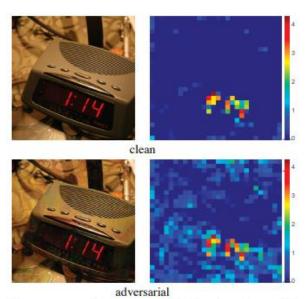


Figure 1. Feature map in the  $res_3$  block of an ImageNet-trained ResNet-50 [9] applied on a clean image (top) and on its adversarially perturbed counterpart (bottom). The adversarial perturbation was produced using PGD [16] with maximum perturbation  $\epsilon = 16$  (out of 256). In this example, the adversarial image is incorrectly recognized as "space heater"; the true label is "digital clock".

- Randomly selected feature map in ResNet-50
- Adversarial perturbations...
  - Are small in pixel space
  - Result in **substantial noise** in feature space
- Feature denoising might be a way of increasing adversarial robustness?!



# **Feature Denoising**

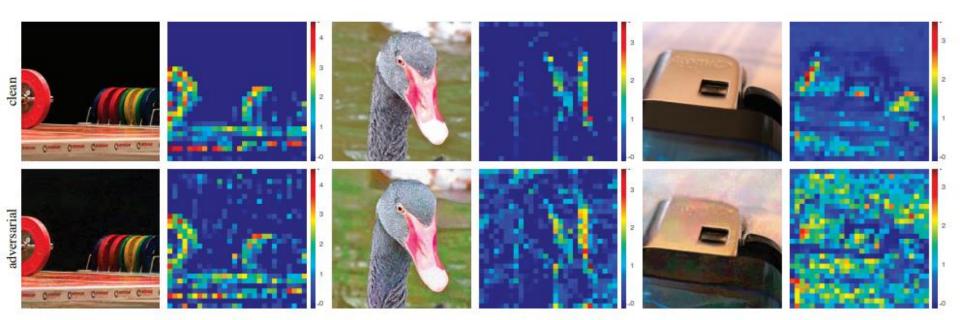
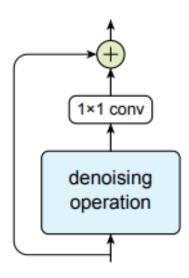


Figure 2. More examples similar to Figure 1. We show feature maps corresponding to clean images (top) and to their adversarial perturbed versions (bottom). The feature maps for each pair of examples are from the same channel of a res<sub>3</sub> block in the same ResNet-50 trained on clean images. The attacker has a maximum perturbation  $\epsilon = 16$  in the pixel domain.

# **Feature Denoising**

- If adversarial attacks produce feature noise...
- Then, denoising might be a solution for increasing robustness
- Introducing: Denoising block
  - Can be any feature layer
  - Denoising can be any denoiser (mean, non-local means)
- Residual design
  - Denoising reduces noise, but
  - May also affect signal!



# **Feature Denoising - Training**

#### Attacker

- Iterative gradient-based attacker (similar I-FSGM)
- L\_inf norm: Maximally allowed change per pixel (16)
- Attacker labels are chosen at random

#### Training with adversarial images

- Images in batch are attacked using attacker
- Updates ONLY based on attacked images
- Training time is considerably longer (n-steps for iterative attack in every batch)

#### Evaluation

- Targeted attacks under white-box setting with L\_inf varying ε
- ImageNet evaluation: baselines are ResNet-101/152

# **Feature Denoising - Results**

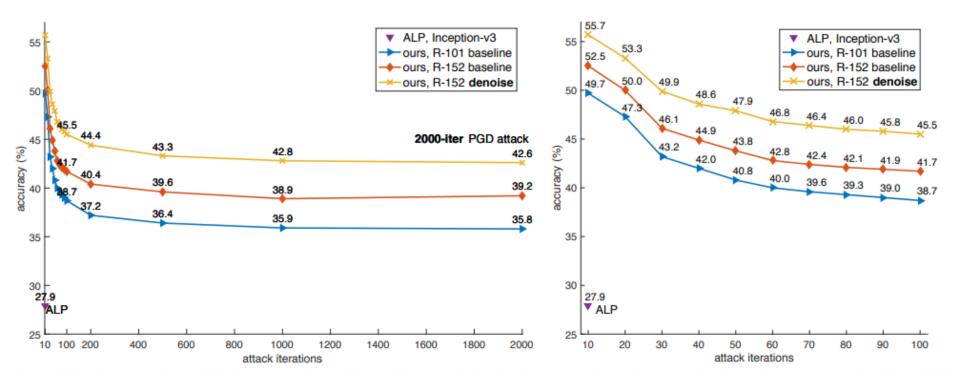


Figure 6. **Defense against white-box attacks on ImageNet**. The left plot shows results against a white-box PGD attacker with 10 to **2000** attack iterations. The right plot zooms in on the results with 10 to 100 attack iterations. The maximum perturbation is  $\epsilon = 16$ .

#### **Certified Robustness**

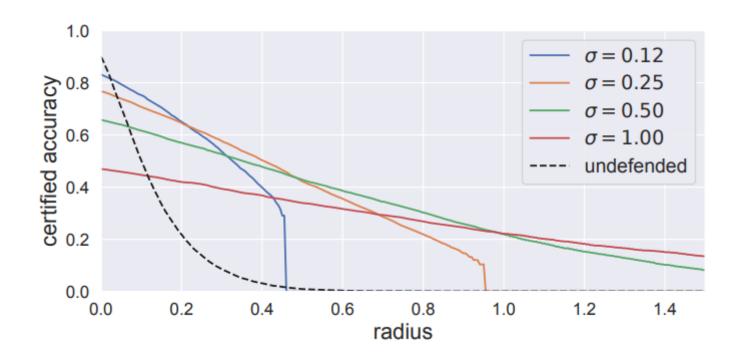
- So far: Robustness demonstrated empirically
- Now: Would be appealing to have certified robustness
- Enter: Certified defenses

A classifier is said to be *certifiably robust* if for any input x, one can easily obtain a guarantee that the classifier's prediction is constant within some set around x, often an  $\ell_2$  or  $\ell_\infty$  ball.

- Randomized smoothing
  - Create a smoothed classifier g from base classifier f
  - g returns the most likely class f would give if input x was perturbed with Gaussian noise
  - Results in an epsilon ball around x with radius r within which accuracy can be certified



## **Certified Robustness**



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# **Physical Attacks**



### **Adversarial Examples in the Physical World: Object Patterns**



Video: https://www.labsix.org/physical-objects-that-fool-neural-nets/



## **Adversarial Examples in the Physical World: Autonomous Vehicles**



Figure: Before: Stop sign; After: 45 mph sign

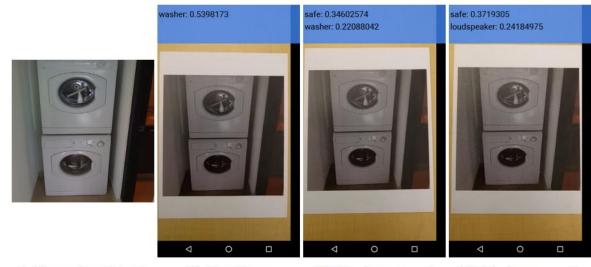


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- Create white box attack
- Print adversarial picture
- Take image with phone
- ???
- Profit (or not)



(a) Image from dataset

(b) Clean image

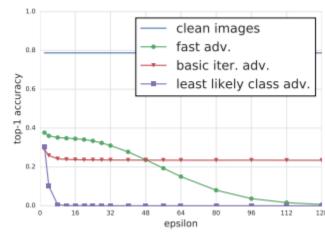
(c) Adv. image,  $\epsilon = 4$ 

(d) Adv. image,  $\epsilon = 8$ 

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(b) Photo of printout



(c) Cropped image



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#### How would you create a physical adversarial attack?

- Model physical variation (augmentation)
- Put constraints on attack
  - Cannot change background
  - Limits on "imperceptibility"
  - Must be "fabricable"
- Introduce masks
  - Optimize position/value of masks

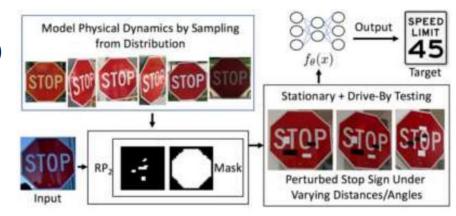
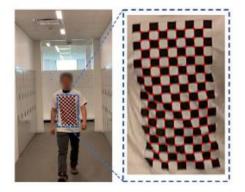


Figure 2: RP<sub>2</sub> pipeline overview. The input is the target Stop sign. RP<sub>2</sub> samples from a distribution that models physical dynamics (in this case, varying distances and angles), and uses a mask to project computed perturbations to a shape that resembles graffiti. The adversary prints out the resulting perturbations and sticks them to the target Stop sign.

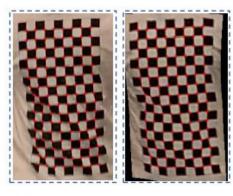
| Distance/Angle          | Subtle Poster | Subtle Poster<br>Right Turn | Camouflage<br>Graffiti | Camouflage Art<br>(LISA-CNN) | Camouflage Art<br>(GTSRB-CNN) |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 5′ 0°                   | STOP          |                             | STOP<br>WILLIAM        | STOP                         | STOP                          |
| 5′ 15°                  | STOP          |                             | STOP<br>TE             | STOP                         | STOP                          |
| 10' 0°                  | STOP          |                             | STOP                   | STOP                         | STOP                          |
| 10′ 30°                 |               |                             | STOP                   | STOP                         | STOP                          |
| 40' 0°                  |               |                             |                        |                              |                               |
| Targeted-Attack Success | 100%          | 73.33%                      | 66.67%                 | 100%                         | 80%                           |

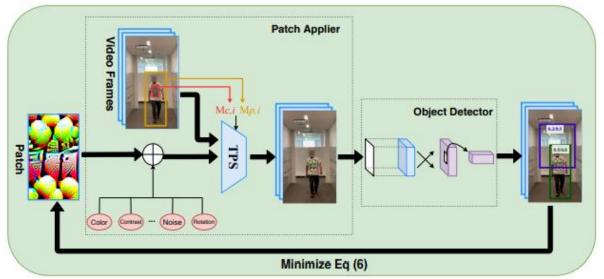
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## Other examples:









A Brief Intro to Adversarial Examples

# **Questions?**

