

# A security study of Neural ODEs

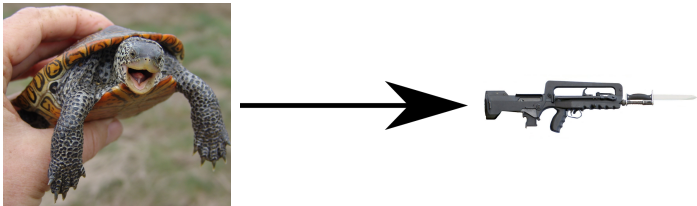
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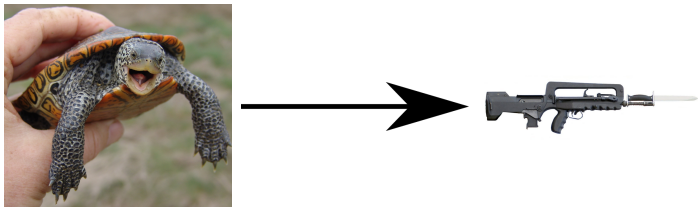
# Outline

- 1 Adversarial examples : a challenge to tackle
- 2 Neural Ordinary Differentials Equations
- 3 Case study
  - Methodology
  - Attacks
- 4 Results

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A small video to begin with

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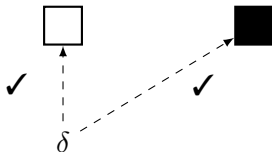
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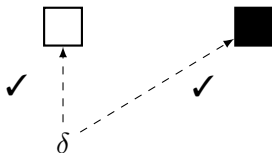




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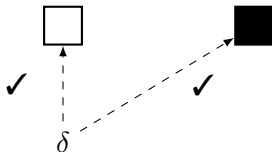


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- provide us a *specification* to verify against  $\Rightarrow$  formal methods (later on my thesis, tomorrow at ForMaL)

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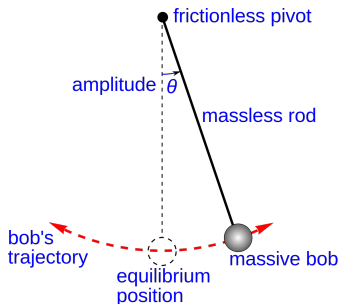
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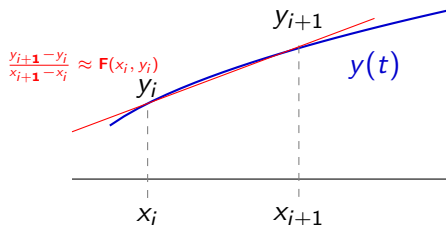
$$\ddot{y} - \epsilon * w * (1 - y^2) * \dot{y} + w^2 * y = 0$$

Van der Pol oscillator

No analytical solution in the general case  $\Rightarrow$  numeric approximations

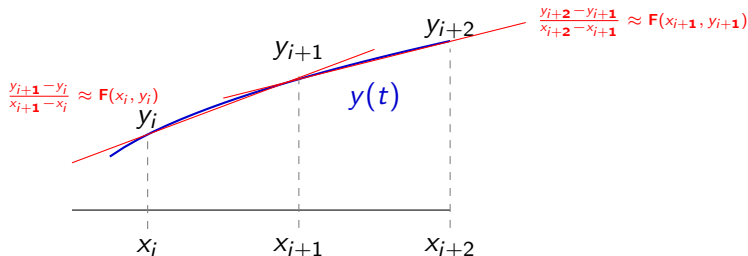
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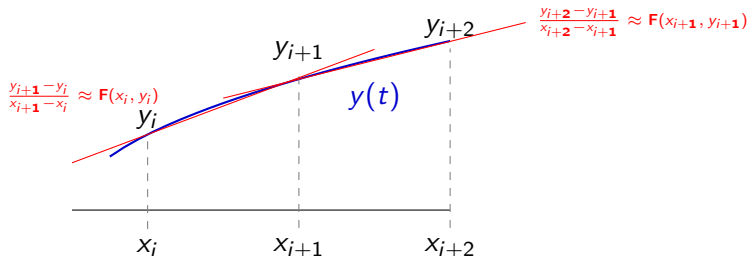
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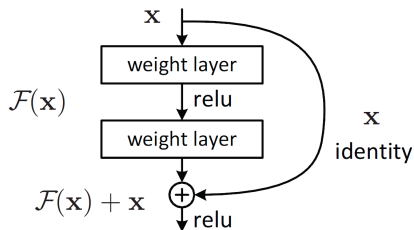
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Parameters :

- timesteps : accuracy vs speed
- for other solvers : multiple evaluations for increased stability
- error control

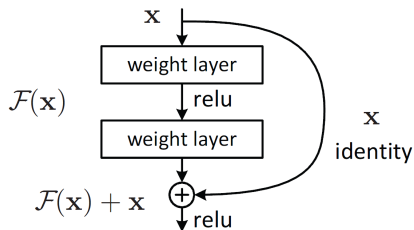
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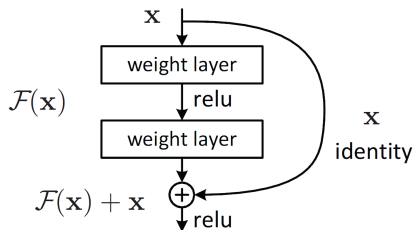


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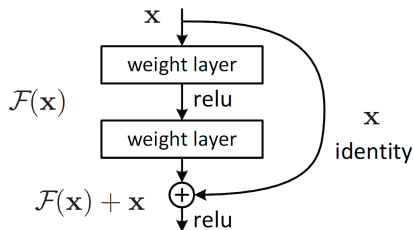


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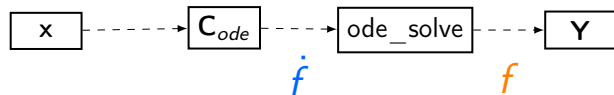
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$$\frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{x_{i+1} - x_i} \approx \mathbf{F}(x_i, y_i)$$

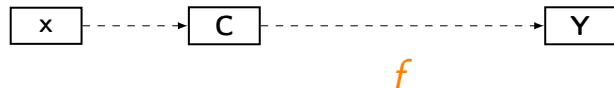
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# Neural Ordinary Differential Equations

ODE Net pipeline



Classical pipeline



Interest in image classification : lower parameter footprint

Chen et al., 2018, Neural Ordinary Differential Equations

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	White box	Black box
Access to the model's parameters	✓	✗
Access to the model's output	✓	limited
Access to the gradient	✓	✗
Knowledge of the defense	✓	✓
Perturbation characteristics	✓	✓

Assumptions on attacker's capabilities

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- 1 Provably increase robustness within the given threat model
- 2 Limits the attack surface



# FGSM (Goodfellow et al., 2014)

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} + \varepsilon \underbrace{\text{sign}(\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} L(\theta, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}))}_{\delta}$$

Idea : make a step towards the direction maximizing the loss

# Projected Gradient Descent $l_\infty$ (Madry et al., 2017)

$\min_{\theta}(\rho(\theta))$ , where  $\rho(\theta) = E_{(x,y) \in D} [\max_{\delta \in D} (L(\theta, x + \delta, y))]$

$$x_{t+1} = \Pi(x + \delta)(x_t + \alpha \underbrace{\text{sign}(\nabla_x L(\theta, x, y))}_{\delta})$$

Multiples iterations, works because of the geometric landscape

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# ODE Nets are more vulnerables

	FGSM ( $\varepsilon = 0.3$ )	C&W	PGD ( $\varepsilon = 0.3$ )
classical mnist	6.23/5.19%	2.39/0.21%	5.62/4.17%
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# Visual clues

PGD (classical)



CW (classical)



FGSM (classical)



FGSM (ODE)



PGD (ODE)



CW (ODE)



# Adversarial training is still efficient

	Natural	FGSM ( $\varepsilon = 0.3$ )	C&W	PGD ( $\varepsilon = 0.3$ )
LeNet5	-/98.65%	5.76/95.81%	0.57/79.43%	5.09/97.5%
ODE	-/99.4%	6.03/96.79%	2.51/22.24%	5.48/98.52%

# ODE integration time : a potential key towards robustness ?

Network	Training end time	t=1	t=10	t=100	t=500
ODE-net small	10	49.45 / 0	98.64 / 9.34	26.35 / 12.83	9.94 / 8.09
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ODE-net large	10	97.06 / 0.18	98.93 / 30.76	91.43 / 28.20	9.35 / 8.57
ODE-net large	10-100	72.84 / 0.15	99.08 / 70.67	99.11 / 85.98	94.66 / 62.29
ODE-net large	100	78.88 / 0.59	98.85 / 83.13	99.01 / 92.62	96.68 / 78.60

Courtesy of <https://rajatvd.github.io/Neural-ODE-Adversarial/>



# Summary

- ① ODE Nets are less robust than natural comparable models
  - less parameters
  - perturbing the derivative is easier
- ② Adversarial training is still efficient
- ③ Possible way to improve robustness
  - integration time
  - numerical stability (more robust numerical schemes, Lyapunov invariants, etc.)

# Questions ?

Shoot your questions :)