



Building Robust Neural Networks

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Use case : image classification

Problem Setting



- A model classifies images
- small perturbations, imperceptible for the human eye, can change the prediction label

How to make the classifier more robust to these perturbations ?

- Generate images with attack mechanisms
 - FGSM Attack
 - PGM Attack
- Use defense mechanisms to make the network robust to the attacks
 - Adversarial Training
 - Randomized Smoothing

Adversarial attacks

Fast Gradient Signed Method (FGSM)

- Simply trying to maximise the loss by adding a small perturbation in the direction of the gradient
- This method is able to generate adversarial examples rapidly
- Requires the gradients to be computed once

$$x' = x + \varepsilon \text{sign}(\nabla_x J(\theta, x, y))$$

x' : adversarial example

x : original image

J : loss

y : original input label

epsilon : max perturbation radius

sign : the sign function



Adversarial attacks

Projected Gradient Descent (PGD)



- Also known as an iterated GSM attack
- The perturbation is constrained by a norm of the input
- If the output exits this constraint, it is projected back into the set.
- In theory, it generates more powerful adversary examples.

$$x^{t+1} = \Pi_{x+S} \left(x_t + \alpha \text{sign} \left(\nabla_x L_f(x, y) \right) \right)$$

Π The projection operator

S Set of allowed perturbations

Defense mechanism

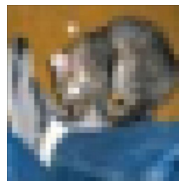
Adversarial Training

$$\tilde{J}(\theta, x, y) = \alpha J(\theta, x, y) + (1 - \alpha) J(\theta, \max_{\|\delta\| \leq \epsilon} \ell_f(x + \delta, y), y)$$

Basic idea: Augment dataset with adversarial examples. Could be FGSM (fast) or PGD (better), l_2 or l_∞ :

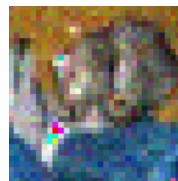
- Advantages: Good results against the chosen adversarial examples
- Disadvantage: Does not defend as well against other adversarial examples

To train against both attacks: Mix-Adversarial Training



Natural dataset

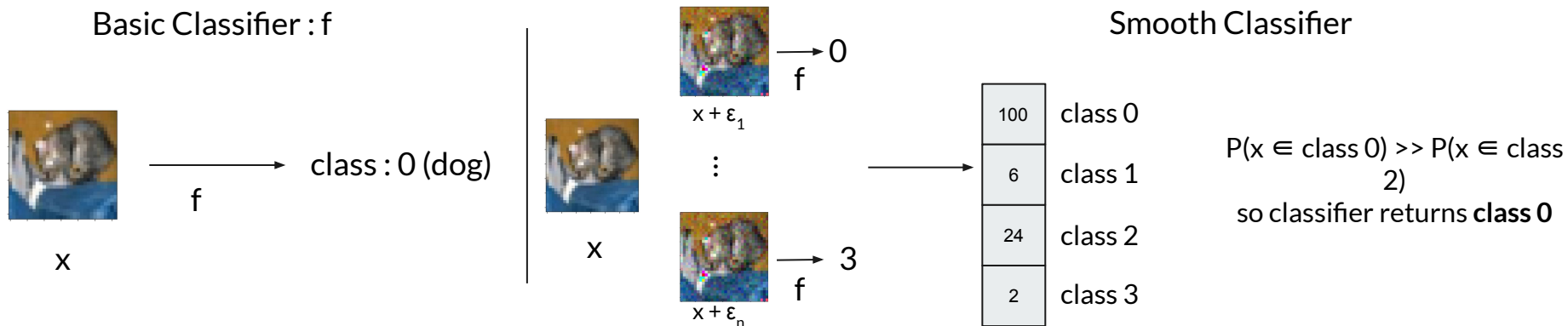
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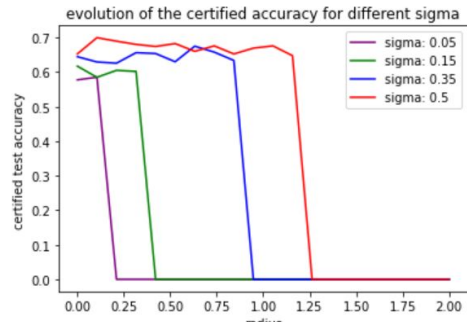
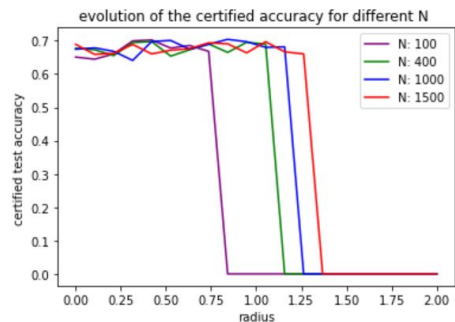
Adversarial examples
(l_2 or l_∞)

Defense mechanism

Randomized smoothing




Certification : Certifying the robustness of the smooth classifier around a radius r



Results

Comparing the different defense mechanisms



| accuracy (%) | Basic Classifier | basic classifier + noisy train | adversarial training (PGD- l_2) | adversarial training (PGD- l_∞) | Mix adversarial training | randomized smoothing |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Natural | 58.2 | 62.16 | 54.78 | 54.41 | 51.76 | 59.71 |
| FGSM | 3.81 | 26.17 | 25.00 | 28.32 | 28.41 | 38.1 |
| PGD- l_∞ | 0.29 | 21.77 | 20.99 | 25.58 | 26.46 | 37.68 |
| PGD- l_2 | 0.29 | 25.16 | 23.82 | 19.33 | 27.15 | 39.8 |

Takeaways :

- ⇒ Just training the model with gaussian noise make it more robust (faster than AT with PGD)
- ⇒ Randomized network seems to be the more effective and general defence mechanism
- ⇒ Some defenses work better against a subset of attacks.