# When and How Much to Perturb? Decoding Radius-Timing-Scale(RTS) in PUGD Optimization

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#### **Abstract**

8-10lines We demonstrate 'Radius-Timing-Scale(RTS)' as algorithmic enhancements to the Perturbated Unit Gradient Descent (PUGD). Optimization algorithms are pivotal in deep learning, particularly for image classification tasks. Perturbated Unit Gradient Descent (PUGD) [21] introduces a novel update rule with limitations of high computational costs that cant reach the better Top-1 accuracy when compared with benchmark SGD when SGD reached convergence.

This work tries to alleviate such gap by investigating the limitations of Perturbated Unit Gradient Descent (PUGD) optimizer, proposing a novel additional parameter tuning strategy that adjusts both the perturbation radius, timing of using it and the scale of gradient. It is analogous to learning rate scheduling, systematic adjustment of perturbation radius and scale of gradient boosts PUGD's performance. Meanwhile, our proposed approaches addressed the question—within a limited scope—of whether perturbation radius and gradient scale should be large or small during different training phases. Code and results are available under https://github.com/eeyzs1.

#### 1. Introduction

40lines+fig/1page Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) [19] remains a cornerstone for iterative model optimization, yet it faces one limitation: While theoretical analysis in Kawaguchi' study [9] demonstrates that deep learning models rarely become trapped in strict saddle points or local minima, empirical evidence shows performance variance across different model architectures and training protocols for different tasks. In other word, sharp minima hinder generalization, as shown in the work from Foret et al.[3], causing poor performance on new scenarios. These challenges have spurred numerous algorithmic variants, each aiming to mitigate specific drawbacks of vanilla GD [18].

The *Perturbated Unit Gradient Descent (PUGD)* [21] introduces a novel update rule: gradient perturbation with

unit normalization by scaling the combined (original + per-068 turbed) gradient with unit dual norm, which ensures stable<sub>069</sub> updates. This algorithm addresses generalization improve-070 ment and saddle point mitigation simultaneously.

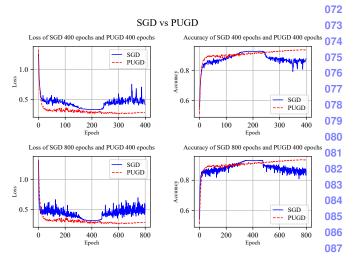


Figure 1: Training histories of SGD and PUGD **Top row**: <sup>088</sup> Loss and accuracy of both optimizers (400 epochs) **Bottom** <sup>089</sup> **row**: SGD (800 epochs) vs PUGD (400 epochs)

Although Tseng et al. [21] reported that PUGD out-093 performed *Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)* [19] under 094 matched epoch budgets, my CIFAR-10 experiments (Fig-095 ure 1) reveal a divergence: PUGD fails to match SGD's 096 convergence speed in early training phases, though it even-097 tually achieves higher peak accuracy after extended opti-098 mization. This suggests a trade-off between initial con-099 vergence rate and final performance, which means po-100 tential optimization possibilities. Inspired by this find-101 ing and *cosine annealing* [14], which is a learning rate 102 scheduling technique that dynamically adjusts the learn-103 ing rate  $(eta_t)$  during training following a cosine-shaped decay curve. Mathematically, it is defined as:  $\eta_t = 105$   $\eta_{\min} + \frac{1}{2}(\eta_{\max} - \eta_{\min}) \left(1 + \cos\left(\frac{T_{\text{cur}}}{T_{\max}}\pi\right)\right)$ . Therefore we 106 want to propose enhancements from three aspects: 1. An107

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adapted perturbation scheduler for PUGD that dynamically adjusts the exploration radius through cyclical temperature decay, enabling phase-wise trade-offs between exploration and exploitation. 2. An adaptive SGD-PUGD hybrid that leverages SGD's rapid initial convergence in early training stages, then transitions to PUGD's perturbation-based refinement for sharpness-aware generalization, achieving both training efficiency and flat-minima convergence. 3. Tunning the scale of gradient so that influence the gradient descent direction reasonablely. The integration of these three enhancements is formally designated as 'Radius-Timing Scale(RTS)'. In brief, the main contributions in this work include:

- Perturbation Radius Tuning: Analogous to cosine annealing learning rate scheduling, the systematic adjustment of perturbation radiuss boosts PUGD performance.
- (2) Computational Efficiency: PUGD is applied efficiently at an appropriate time rather than at the beginning of training.
- (3) Scale of gradient Tunning: the systematic adjustment of gradient boosts PUGD performance.
- (4) The tuning coefficient  $\alpha$ : four adaptive update strategies.
- (5) Integrated Solution: Combining perturbation radius and timing control yields synergistic effects and demonstrates the complete optimization process.
- (6) Results comparisons: The results compare the proposed method with PUGD and SGD, showing improvements from Radius-Timing Scale(RTS).

This paper is divided into five parts. First, the background, motivation and a summary of Radius-Timing Scale(RTS) have been present in this. Then, in Section 2, the mechanism and its limitations. After, we present the explanation of Radius-Timing Scale(RTS) enhancement in Section 3. Finally, a series of experiments on PUGD and enhancement is shown in Section 4, with the conclusion in Section 5 and supplements in Appendix.

#### 2. Related Work

Since Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) [19] first emerged as an optimization technique, it has gradually become the de facto standard optimizer across machine learning paradigms, owing to its computational efficiency and proven empirical success in large-scale learning scenarios. Whereas modern neural networks exhibit complex, nonconvex loss landscapes with multiple global minima that demonstrate distinct generalization capabilities [10]. With

the theoretical support from Ji and Telgarsky[7] that the lo-162 cal Lipschitz condition ensures gradient flow(infinitesimal 163 gradient descent) trajectories avoid oscillatory paths, while 164 SGD noise helps escape sharp basins-jointly contributing to 165 the flat minima. As well as Empirical evidence suggests 166 that gradient normalization can enhance generalization, as 167 demonstrated in prior work. For instance, Path-SGD [17] 168 employs path-normalized updates to improve optimization 169 in deep networks, while [6, 8] further links normalized gradients to favorable generalization properties. These find-171 ings support the hypothesis that gradient normalization per 172 step promotes stable and well-behaved training dynamics, <sup>173</sup> leading to better generalization. Foret et al.[3] does fur-174 ther generalization analysis and shows the SGD converged 175 to a sharp minimum which cause bad generalization. Then 176 it provides one method called SHARPNESS-AWARE MINI-177 MIZATION (SAM) to handle it by seeking parameters that 178 lie in neighborhoods having uniformly low loss, which is 179 the core idea of perturbation, and then dose the normal-180 ized gradient descent (NGD) [16] with the found param-181 eters, thus simultaneously minimizing loss value and loss 182 sharpness. In addition, Zheng et al. [22] raised Adversarial 183 Model Perturbation (AMP) with a similar idea that add per-184 turbation iteratively to increase the robustness of the model. 185 Both Sharpness-Aware Minimization (SAM) and Adversarial Model Perturbation (AMP) enhance model robustness 187 by introducing perturbations to model parameters, yet they 188 target distinct goals: SAM seeks flat minima for better gen-189 eralization, while AMP directly defends against parameter-190 space adversarial attacks. Inspired by the effort listed above. 191 PUGD [21] was created to eliminate the landscape noise 192 generated by using dual-norm as a high dimensional space 193 scaler for sharpness detectin, it was demonstrated as below: 194

$$\hat{\epsilon_t} = \frac{|w_t| \cdot g_t}{\||w_t| \cdot g_t\|}$$
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$$g_{t^*} = \nabla f(w_t + \hat{\epsilon_t}) \tag{2)198}$$

$$w_{t+1} = w_t - \eta_t \frac{(g_{t^*} + g_t)}{\|g_{t^*} + g_t\|} = w_{c,t} - \eta_t U_t$$
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Notation explanation:  $\epsilon_t$  is the unit perturbation,  $U_t$  is the 202 unit gradient at t where the "unit gradient" in PUGD came 203 from,  $g_t = \nabla f(w_t)$  is the gradients of the loss function at t,204  $g_{t^*}$  is the gradients from the unit perturbation  $\epsilon_t$  with adap-205 tive steps toward each component in a unit ball within the 206 norm of total perturbation radius  $\|\epsilon_t\|$ ,  $U_t = \frac{(g_{t^*} + g_t)}{\|g_{t^*} + g_t\|}$  is the 207 final unit gradient at t by which combined the original gra-208 dient and the gradient from perturbation,  $\eta_t$  is the learning 209 rate

## 3. Radius-Timing Scale(RTS)

This section discusses the limitations of PUGD caused214 by perturbation radius, double computational cost and the215

influence from final gradient  $U_t$ . In order to eliminates these three limitations, three methods based on empirical observations was proposed.

#### 3.1. Limitations of PUGD

SHARPNESS-AWARE MINIMIZATION (SAM) [3] defined its core algorithm that used to minimize the PAC-Bayesian generalization error upper bound as: For any  $\rho > 0$ , with high probability over training set  $\mathcal{S}$  generated from distribution  $\mathcal{D}$ ,

$$[\max_{\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}\|_2 \leq \rho} L_{\mathcal{S}}(\boldsymbol{w} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}) - L_{\mathcal{S}}(\boldsymbol{w})] + L_{\mathcal{S}}(\boldsymbol{w}) + h(\|\boldsymbol{w}\|_2^2/\rho^2)$$

Therefore, gradient descent by the perturbation gradient means suppress both the sharpness and gradient, which theoretically reduce loss and generalization error. Through a series of mathematical deductions and simplifications, the original SAM inequality can be updated to gradient descent with

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{w}} L_{\mathcal{S}}^{SAM}(\boldsymbol{w}) \approx \nabla_{\boldsymbol{w}} L_{\mathcal{S}}(\boldsymbol{w} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}(\boldsymbol{w})).$$

where

$$L_{\mathcal{S}}^{SAM}(\boldsymbol{w}) \triangleq \max_{||\boldsymbol{\epsilon}||_p \leq \rho} L_S(\boldsymbol{w} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}),$$

Returning to PUGD, its perturbation radius ( $\rho$  in the SAM's formula) is fixed to 1 as shown in equation 1, unlike SAM/ASAM where  $\rho$  is tunable. This invariance may stem from PUGD's implicit adaptive correction of perturbations through utility-based gradient statistics, bypassing the need to explicitly optimize  $\rho$ -dependent terms like  $h(\|\mathbf{w}\|_2^2/\rho^2)$  in generalization bounds. While Foret et al.[3] and Kwon et al. [11] inidicates in their works that  $\rho$  with different values can also generate competitive performance. Show that varying  $\rho$  affects generalization ability, despite ASAM used the similar method as PUGD to bypass  $h(\cdot)$ . No empirical or theoretical evidence supports  $\rho=1$  as the optimal perturbation radius across all scenarios.

Meanwhile, PUGD faces two inherent challenges:

- (1) Computational Cost: Persistent sharpness minimization throughout training incurs doubled computational overhead due to repeated gradient calculations. As shown in Figure 1, the loss decrease and accuracy increase didn't show significant differences in initial epochs, and the SGD converged faster than PUGD with a higher accuracy. No matter PUGD used the same computational cost or half the computational cost as SGD.
- (2) Dynamic Perturbation Effect: The learning trajectories of different optimizers has similar paths during the initial epochs[21]. This suggests that the optimal timing for applying different optimizers may potentially influence the optimization outcomes, provided we can identify such timing through a measurable criterion.

This necessitates a strategic discussion on when to activate perturbation-based sharpness control, rather than enforcing it indiscriminately across all training phases.

The final gradient update direction in PUGD, defined as  $U_t = \frac{(g_{t^*} + g_t)}{\|g_{t^*} + g_t\|}$  from equation 3, implicitly suppresses the effect of sharpness minimization by effectively increasing the scale of gradient. However, similar to the lack of consensus on an optimal perturbation radius, there exists no empirical or theoretical justification for assuming that doupling the gradient is universally optimal across all scenarios. This observation suggests the need to further evaluate:

- (1) Gradient Scaling: Whether the current heuristic (e.g.,  $^{282}$   $g_{t^*} + g_t$ ) provides the most effective balance between  $^{283}$  sharpness control and convergence.
- (2) Scenario Adaptivity: How gradient scaling should be286 dynamically adjusted based on problem-specific ge-287 ometry (e.g., loss landscape curvature or batch statis-288 tics).

Further research is warranted to establish guidelines for cal-291 ibrating scale of gradient in sharpness-aware optimization.

#### 3.2. Perturbation Radius Tuning

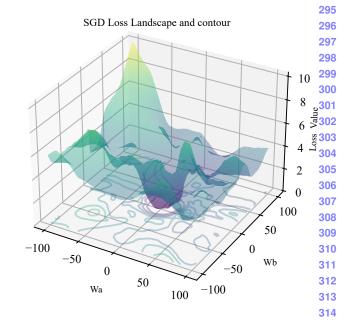


Figure 2: Loss landscape and contour of SGD
With respect to the loss landscape as shown in Figure 2,316
which generated based on the loss landscape work [12]. In317
the light of Figure 1 and the ideas that "flat" minimizers318
that generalize well [2]. Based on the explorations from319
Li et al.[12] and Jastrzebski et al.[6]. The training process320
can be illustrated as optimizer generally navigates the loss321
landscape by starting at random initial weights, iteratively322
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escape saddle points), oscillating in narrow valleys due to high curvature, and eventually converging toward flat regions (minima) as the learning rate decays—behaving like a marble rolling down a bumpy slope with stochastic nudges. This motivates a two-way exploration into how perturbation radii (large vs. small) interact with training phases (early vs. late) — an underexplored dimension that may reveal optimal noise scheduling strategies. To explain it explicitly, The one is considered as (1) early training benefits from larger perturbation radii to escape poor initializations (e.g., saddle points in high-curvature regions), while later stages require smaller radii to fine-tune within flat minima basins. The another is (2) early training benefits from smaller perturbation radii to reach flat minimizers efficiently, while later stages require larger radii to expand the area of flat basins. These two approaches declared the background philosophy as whether to prioritize global exploration in early training (escaping poor initializations) or late training (expanding flat basins), constituting a continuum of noise-driven optimization strategies. Therefore, four tuning strategies were proposed in 3.5, by which multiply the  $\epsilon_t(theunitperturbation)$  with an adaptive variable  $\alpha$  to tuning the perturbation radius.

### 3.3. Timing of application for PUGD

Given that (a) perturbation may provide negligible benefits during early training stages (as hypothesized in 3.2), and (b) SGD and PUGD exhibit nearly identical performance in initial phases Figure 1, we propose a phase-aware switching mechanism to dynamically activate PUGD only when its gradient modification proves statistically meaningful. Adapting the methodologies of Maclaurin et al. [15] that stop training early based on specific criterion, two statistically-grounded ideas were proposed for adaptive optimization control: Dynamic triggering conditions based on 1. gradient statistics, 2. generalization gap Derived from these two ideas, there are two methods to measure when to use PUGD as:

- (1) Gradient variance threshold: Calculate the variance of the L2 norm the current batch gradient:  $\sigma^2$  $Var(\|g_t\|_2)$  (Sliding window statistics, such as past k=10 batches). Trigger condition:  $\sigma^2 < \gamma \cdot \sigma_{init}^2$ ,  $\sigma_{init}^2$  is the mean gradient variance in the first k steps of training,  $\gamma$  is attenuation coefficient (such as 0.2).
- (3) generalization gap monitoring: Calculate the generalization gap of resampling every T (like 3) epoch:  $\Delta =$  $|L_{val} - L_{train}|$ . Trigger condition:  $\Delta > \mu \cdot \Delta_{base}$ ,  $\Delta_{base}$  is initial gap,  $\mu$  is proportional threshold (such as 2.0),  $\Delta_{base} = \frac{1}{\xi} \sum_{i=1}^{\xi} \Delta_i$ , which is the mean gap during the initial  $\xi$  epochs.

#### 3.4. Scale of gradient Tunning

This section introduces a method for tuning the scale380 of  $g_t = \nabla f(w_t)$  (gradient of the loss function at t) when 381 compared with  $q_{t^*}$  (gradient from the unit perturbation  $\epsilon_t$ ).382 As shown in equation 3, PUGD enforces a fixed ratio of 383 1 between these gradients, whereas SAM implicitly treats<sup>384</sup> this ratio as 1:0. Empirical results from Tseng et al. [19]385 demonstrate that PUGD outperforms SAM, suggesting that386 aggregating the original gradient and perturbation gradient387 (i.e.,  $g_{t^*} + g_t$ ) is empirically effective. This observation 388 raises a critical question: What is the theoretically justified 389 ratio between these gradients? Foret et al. [3] proved that390 gradient descent via perturbation gradients can simultane-391 ously suppress  $g_t$  and sharpness. However, PUGD amplifies 392 gradient effects through simple summation. The optimality393 of the ratio 1 remains uncertain—it may be a theoretically 394 justified value or merely a heuristic choice. From a the-395 oretical perspective, it remains ambiguous whether apply-396 ing larger scaling factors to  $g_t$  during early or late training 397 stages would enhance generalization performance. The fun-398 damental challenge lies in the lack of conclusive evidence399 about the correlation between gradient magnitude at spe-400 cific training phases and final model robustness. Inspired401 by the considerations from tuning the perturbation radius402 3.2, we propose to dynamically rescale the gradient  $g_t$  dur-403 ing training through an adaptive parameter  $\alpha$ , employing 404 tuning strategies 3.5 similar to those used for perturbation405 radius adjustment. This approach enhances the contribu-406 tion of  $g_t$  to gradient updates and reveals phase-dependent407 scaling laws that govern the tripartite relationship between 408 training phases, generalization performance, and scale of 409  $g_t$ .

#### 3.5. Four tuning strategies with $\alpha$

Adapting the cosine annealing paradigm proposed by 414 Loshchilov and Hutter [14], we implemented and compared<sub>415</sub> four distinct tuning strategies during model training to eval-416 uate their relative performance. The proposed algorithms<sub>417</sub> and corresponding conceptual diagrams are illustrated as 418 follows: 419

$$\alpha = \beta_{min} + (\beta_{max} - \beta_{min})\cos(\frac{\pi t}{2T})$$

(2) inverse sine annealing:

$$\alpha = \left[\beta_{min} + (\beta_{max} - \beta_{min})\sin(\frac{\pi t}{2T})\right]^{-1}$$
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(3) sine heating:

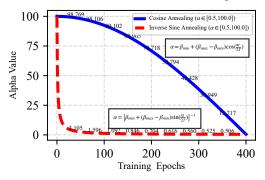
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(4) inverse cosine heating:

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Where T is the total num of epochs, t accounts for how many epochs have been performed since the last start. Max and min  $\beta$  decide the uppper bound and lower bound of the  $\alpha$ . Heating contrasts with annealing, inducing monotonic increase in  $\alpha$  during training. Inverse denotes the algorithmic inversion operation.

## Comparison of Alpha Scheduling Strategies Cosine vs Inverse Sine Annealing



#### Sine vs Inverse Cosine Heating

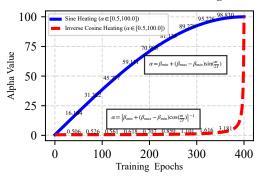


Figure 3: Comparison of alpha scheduling strategies **Top subfigure**: Cosine vs inverse sine annealing **Bottom subfigure**: Sine vs inverse cosine annealing. The annotations are the decile-sampled values

As illustrated in Figure 3, the main distinction between cosine annealing and inverse sine annealing lies in their decay dynamics: Cosine annealing exhibits a gradual decay of  $\alpha$  throughout the training process. Inverse sine annealing rapidly decreases  $\alpha$  during the initial 10% of epochs (labeled with 3.105 in the figure), followed by a slower decay phase until converging to the minimum value  $\beta_{min}$  (set to 0.5 in this example). Similarly, the main distinction between sine heating and inverse cosine heating lies in their growth dynamics: Sine heating exhibits a gradual growth of  $\alpha$  throughout the training process. Inverse cosine heating increases  $\alpha$  slowly during the last 90% of epochs (labeled with 3.181 in the figure), followed by a rapid growth phase

until converging to the maximum value  $\beta_{min}$  (set to 100 in 486 this example).

The benefits of inversion lie in the rapid adjustment of  $^{488}$   $\alpha$  (used for tuning both perturbation radius and gradient scale) during specific training phases. This dynamic behavior aligns more closely with the loss variation patterns observed in Figure 1 and Figure 2, suggesting that abrupt changes—rather than gradual ones—may better capture underlying optimization patterns. While empirical evidence for this hypothesis remains to be established (including whether  $\alpha$  should be larger or smaller for perturbation radius and gradient scaling), I additionally propose testing cosine annealing and sine heating strategies to systematically investigate their effects on model generalization.

Scope Clarification: our objective is not to present universally optimal tuning strategies, as Gastpar et al. 501 [4] theoretically proved, uniformly tight generalization 503 bounds are unattainable in overparameterized regimes without distribution-dependent or algorithmic priors. Rather, I demonstrate that the four strategies remain effective under specific conditions for tuning the perturbation radius and scale of gradient.

#### 4. Experiments

In this section, we implemented two experiments, in-511 cluding (1) optimizing behaviours comparison and (2) fine-512 tuning comparison. The experiments were implemented on 513 open datasets in the equipment with GTX 1060 Mobile,514 then were implemented on open datasets in the equipment515 with GTX 5090 Mobile.

In addition, every experiment followed the hyperparam-517 eters setting in the learning rate (LR) = 0.1, weight decay =518 0.0005, momentum = 0.9, Nesterov = False, and the learn-519 ing schedule of cosine annealing [14]. Every subject fol-520 lowed the same Pytorch default initial weights policy, a ran-521 dom uniform distribution with seed = 42.

### 4.1. Comparative analysis of optimization strategies<sub>524</sub>

To observe the behaviours of PUGD with different strate-<sup>525</sup> gies for the CIFAR-10 and CIFAR-100 dataset, this subsec-<sup>526</sup> tion of simulation has been organized into 3-parts: 1. Per-<sup>527</sup> turbation radius Tuning, 2. Timing of application, 3. Scale of gradient Tunning. Through these observations, we can <sup>529</sup> get a picture of what these strategies can do with models.

#### 4.1.1 Perturbation radius Tuning

As shown in fig. 4, both strategies (inverse sine and co-534 sine) consistently outperformed native PUGD. Although the best accuracy improvements were marginal (0.9353 vs. 536 0.9419/0.9417), two critical patterns emerged:

• The performance gap w.r.t PUGD widened progres-539

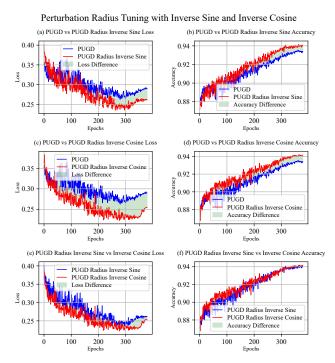


Figure 4: Perturbation Radius Tuning with Inverse Sine and Inverse Cosine (a): Pugd vs Pugd Radius inverse sine loss (b): Pugd vs Pugd Radius inverse sine accuracy (c): Pugd vs Pugd Radius inverse cosine loss (d): Pugd vs Pugd Radius inverse cosine accuracy (e): Pugd Radius inverse sine vs inverse cosine loss (f): Pugd Radius inverse sine vs inverse cosine accuracy. The epochs ranged from 21 to 400,  $\beta_{min}$  set as 0.01 and  $\beta_{max}$  set as 2 for both inverse sine and cosine.

sively with more epochs, evidenced by growing differences in both loss and accuracy metrics (subfigure a, b, c, d).

Between the two strategies, inverse cosine demonstrated superior loss minimization despite nearly identical accuracy trajectories (subfigure e, f).

Unfortunately, the experimental results only demonstrate that both strategies can optimize model performance beyond the baseline achieved by the native PUGD method. However, they cannot substantiate the theoretical assumptions proposed in section 3.2, since the two strategies produced statistically equivalent results. This equivalence suggests that the futher investigation needed.

#### appendix A.1

One additional thing has to be noticed is that loss was increased during the accuracy increase after 300 epochs, which was explained by Ishida et al. [5] as the "overfitting" problem. The reason is overfitting or inconsistent distribution of training validation data, that is, in the later stage of training, the predicted results tend to be extreme, causing a small number of incorrectly predicted samples to dominate

the loss, but at the same time, a small number of samples do 594 not affect the overall validation accuracy. Due to the time 1 limitation and the fact that the benchmark (native PUGD) 596 didn't solve this problem, this study is unable to address 597 this issue either. For subsequent researchers or developers, if you want to overcome this problem, you can try (1) Increase training samples, (2) Increase the weight of regularization coefficients, (3) Add early stopping mechanism 602 [1], (4) Adopting Focal Loss [13], (5) use Label Smoothing 603

Note: The training curves of the initial 20 epochs were 606 excluded from visualization due to their statistically indis-607 tinguishable patterns.

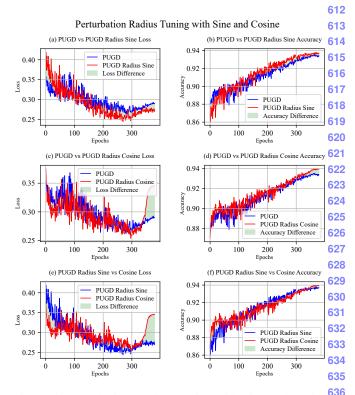


Figure 5: Perturbation Radius Tuning with Sine and Cosine (a): Pugd vs Pugd Radius sine loss (b): Pugd vs Pugd Radius sine accuracy (c): Pugd vs Pugd Radius cosine loss (d): 639 Pugd vs Pugd Radius cosine accuracy (e): Pugd Radius sine 640 vs cosine loss (f): Pugd Radius sine vs cosine accuracy. The epochs ranged from 21 to 400, cosine used  $\beta_{min}$  as 0 and  $\beta_{max}$  as 1, sine used  $\beta_{min}$  as 0 and  $\beta_{max}$  as 2.

As shown in fig. 5, (a) and (b) showed that

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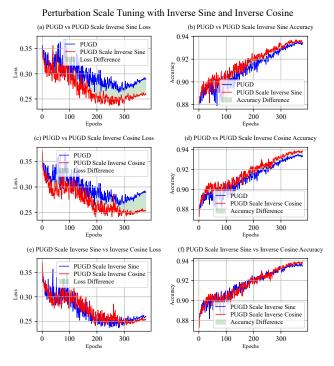


Figure 6: Perturbation Scale Tuning with Inverse Sine and Inverse Cosine (a): Pugd vs Pugd Scale inverse sine loss (b): Pugd vs Pugd Scale inverse sine accuracy (c): Pugd vs Pugd Scale inverse cosine loss (d): Pugd vs Pugd Scale inverse cosine accuracy (e): Pugd Scale inverse sine vs inverse cosine loss (f): Pugd Scale inverse sine vs inverse cosine accuracy The epochs ranged from 21 to 400, inverse cosine used  $\beta_{min}$  as 1 and  $\beta_{max}$  as 2, inverse sine used  $\beta_{min}$  as 0.8 and  $\beta_{max}$  as 3.

#### 4.1.2 Timing of application

#### 4.1.3 Scale of gradient Tunning

#### 4.2. Radius-Timing Scale(RTS)

#### 4.3. Finetuning comparison

#### 5. Conclusions

This article didn't aims to provide the best parameters, but to provide the enhancement methods RTS

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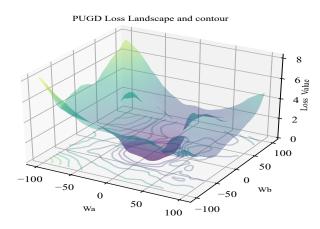
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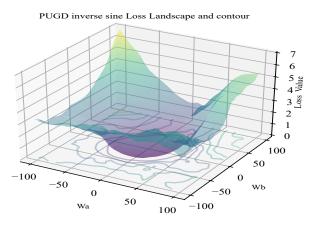
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## A. Appendix

## A.1. Loss landscape and contour of PUGD Radius



(a) Loss landscape of PUGD



(b) PUGD Inverse sine

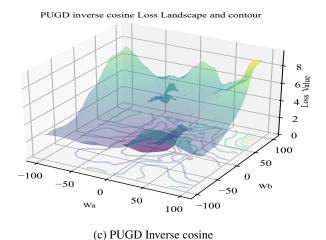


Figure 7: Loss landscape and contour of PUGD Radius

## A.2. Comparative analysis of optimization strate-810 gies for the CIFAR-10 dataset

				813
Methods	$\beta_{min}$	$\beta_{max}$	Best Accuracy	814
PUGD	None	None	0.9353	815
Radius inverse cosine	0.01	2	0.9419	816
Radius inverse sine	0.01	2	0.9417	817
Radius cosine	0.0	1.0	0.9398	818
Radius sine	0.0	2.0	0.938	819
Scale inverse cosine	1	2	0.9392	820
Scale inverse sine	0.8	3	0.9373	821
Scale cosine				822
Scale sine	0.0	2	0.9381	823

Table 1: The best accuracy of different strategies for Radius<sub>826</sub> and Scale Tunning

## A.3. Comparative analysis of optimization strate-829 gies for the CIFAR-100 dataset 830

Methods	$\beta_{min}$	$\beta_{max}$	Best Accuracy	-832 -833
PUGD	None	None	0.7188	-834
Radius inverse cosine Radius inverse sine Radius cosine	0.01	2	0.7315	835 836
Radius sine	0.0	1.0	0.7199	837 -838
Scale inverse cosine	0.8	3	0.7222	839
Scale inverse sine	0.1	2	0.7267	840
Scale cosine	0.0	1.0	0.7209	841
Scale sine				842

Table 2: The best accuracy of different strategies for Radius<sup>844</sup> and Scale Tunning 845