## Concolic Testing for Deep Neural Networks

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Major concerns have been raised about the readiness of applying DNNs to safety- and security-critical systems, where faulty behaviour carries the risk of endangering human lives or potential damage to business.

To address these concerns critical systems implemented with DNNs, or comprising DNNs components, needs to be thoroughly tested and certified.

None of previous work leverages concolic testing to explore the execution paths of a program that are hard to cover by other techniques such as random testing.

Concolic testing is particularly well-suited for DNNs.

- Input space is high-dimensional, which makes random testing difficult.
- the number of "execution paths" too large to be completely covered by symbolic execution.

Currently, test requirements for DNNs lack a unified format.

To enable working with a broad spectrum of test requirements, they utilise Quantified Linear Arithmetic over Rationals (QLAR).

For a given set R of test requirements, we gradually generate test cases to improve coverage by alternating between concrete execution and symbolic analysis.

Given an unsatisfied test requirement r, it is transformed into its corresponding form  $\delta(r)$  by means of a heuristic function  $\delta$ .

Then, for the current set  $\mathcal{T}$  of test cases, they identify a pair  $(t, \delta(r))$  of test case  $t \in \mathcal{T}$  and requirement  $\delta(r)$  such that t is close to satisfying r according to an evaluation based on concrete execution.

After that, symbolic analysis is applied to  $(t, \delta(r))$  to obtain a new concrete test case t', which is then added to the existing test suite, i.e.,  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T} \cup t'$ .

This process repeats until we reach a satisfactory level of coverage.

The generated test suite  $\mathcal{T}$  is given to a *robustness oracle*, which detects whether  $\mathcal{T}$  includes adversarial examples.

Current work on the robustness of DNNs can be categorised as offensive or defensive.

The concrete execution and symbolic analysis interleave until a certain level of coverage on program statements, branches, execution paths, etc., is reached.

The key factor affecting the performance of concolic testing is the heuristics used to select another execution path.

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Definition 1 (Activation Pattern) Given a network  $\mathcal{N}$  and an input t, the activation pattern of  $\mathcal{N}[t]$  is a function  $ap[\mathcal{N},t]$ , mapping from the set of hidden neurons to  $\{true, false\}$ . We may write  $ap[\mathcal{N},t]$  as ap[t] if  $\mathcal{N}$  is clear from the context. For an activation pattern ap[t], we use  $ap[t]_{k,i}$  to denote whether the ReLU of the neuron  $n_{k,i}$  is activated or not. Formally,

$$\begin{array}{rcl} ap[t]_{k,l} = \textit{false} & \equiv & u[t]_{k,l} < v[t]_{k,l} \\ ap[t]_{k,l} = \textit{true} & \equiv & u[t]_{k,l} = v[t]_{k,l} \end{array} \tag{3}$$

Finding a test suite to cover all activation patterns in a DNN is *intractable*. This is compounded by the fact that a real-world DNN can easily have *millions of neurons*.

Therefore, they adopt the testing approach to first identify a subset of the activation patterns according to certain cover criteria or test requirements, and then generate test cases to cover these activation patterns.

Quantified Linear Arithmetic over Rationals (QLAR)

They adopt QLAR to express the *DNN Requirement*, abbreviated as DR.

Definition 2 We use variables  $IV = \{x, x_1, x_2, ...\}$  to range over the inputs in  $D_{L_1}$ . Given a network  $\mathcal{N}$ , we let  $V = \{u[x]_{k,l}, v[x]_{k,l} \mid 1 \leq k \leq K, 1 \leq l \leq s_k, x \in IV\}$  be a set of variables. DR uses the following syntax to write a requirement formula:

$$r ::= Qx.e \mid Qx_1, x_2.e \mid \arg opt_x a : e \mid \arg opt_{x_1, x_2} a : e$$

$$e ::= a \bowtie 0 \mid e \wedge e \mid \neg e \mid |\{e_1, ..., e_m\}| \bowtie q$$

$$a ::= w \mid c * w \mid p \mid a + a \mid a - a$$

$$(4)$$

where  $Q \in \{\exists, \forall\}$ ,  $w \in V$ ,  $c, p \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $opt \in \{\max, \min\}$ ,  $\bowtie \in \{\le, <, =, >, \ge\}$ , and  $x, x_1, x_2 \in IV$ . We may call r a requirement formula, e a Boolean formula, and a an arithmetic formula. We call the logic  $DR^{\exists}$  if the opt operators are not allowed, and  $DR^{\exists,+}$  if both opt operators and the negation operator  $\neg$  are not allowed. We use  $\Re$  to denote a set of requirement formulas.

Intuitively, formula  $\exists x.r$  expresses that there exists an input x such that r is true.

#### Semantics

**Definition 3** Given a set T of test cases and a requirement r, the satisfiability relation  $T \models r$  is defined as follows.

- $\mathcal{T} \models \exists x.e \text{ if there exists some } t \in \mathcal{T} \text{ such that } \mathcal{T} \models e[x \mapsto t], \text{ where } e[x \mapsto t] \text{ is to substitute the occurrences of } x \text{ with } t.$
- $\mathcal{T} \models \exists x_1, x_2.e$  if there exist two inputs  $t_1, t_2 \in \mathcal{T}$  such that  $\mathcal{T} \models e[x_1 \mapsto t_1][x_2 \mapsto t_2]$
- $\mathcal{T} \models \arg \min_x a : e \text{ returns an input } t \in \mathcal{T} \text{ such that, } \mathcal{T} \models e[x \mapsto t] \text{ and for all } t' \in \mathcal{T} \text{ such that } \mathcal{T} \models e[x \mapsto t'] \text{ we have } a[x \mapsto t] \leq a[x \mapsto t'].$
- $\mathcal{T} \models \arg\min_{x_1, x_2} a : e \text{ returns two inputs } t_1, t_1 \in \mathcal{T} \text{ such that, } \mathcal{T} \models e[x_1 \mapsto t_1][x_2 \mapsto t_2] \text{ and for all } t'_1, t'_2 \in \mathcal{T} \text{ such that } \mathcal{T} \models e[x_1 \mapsto t'_1][x_2 \mapsto t'_2] \text{ we have } a[x_1 \mapsto t_1][x_2 \mapsto t_2] \leq a[x_1 \mapsto t'_1][x_2 \mapsto t'_2].$

#### **Semantics**

The cases for  $\arg\max$  formulas are similar to those for  $\arg\min$ , by replacing  $\leq$  with  $\geq$ . The cases for  $\forall$  formulas are similar to those for  $\exists$  in the standard way. Note that, when evaluating  $\arg$  opt formulas (e.g.,  $\arg\min_x a:e$ ), if an input t is returned, we may need the value ( $\min_x a:e$ ) as well. We use val(t,r) to denote such a value for the returned input t and the requirement formula r. For the evaluation of Boolean expression e over an input t, we have

- $\mathcal{T} \models a \bowtie 0 \text{ if } a \bowtie 0$
- $\mathcal{T} \models e_1 \land e_2 \text{ if } \mathcal{T} \models e_1 \text{ and } \mathcal{T} \models e_2$
- $\mathcal{T} \models \neg e \text{ if not } \mathcal{T} \models e$
- $\mathcal{T} \models |\{e_1, ..., e_m\}| \bowtie q \text{ if } |\{e_i \mid \mathcal{T} \models e_i, i \in \{1, ..., m\}\}| \bowtie q$

For the evaluation of arithmetic expression a over an input t,

- u[t]<sub>k,l</sub> and v[t]<sub>k,l</sub> have their values from the activations of the DNN, c\*u[t]<sub>k,l</sub> and c \* v[t]<sub>k,l</sub> have the standard meaning for c being the coefficient,
- p,  $a_1 + a_2$ , and  $a_1 a_2$  have the standard semantics.

Test Criteria

**Proposition 1** Given a  $DR^{\exists,+}$  requirement r, a test suite  $\mathcal{T}$  and a subspace  $X \subseteq D_{L_1}$ , if all test cases in  $\mathcal{T}$  are also in X, we have that  $X \models r$  implies  $\mathcal{T} \models r$  but not vice versa.

Definition 4 (Test Criterion) Given a network  $\mathcal{N}$ , a set  $\mathfrak{R}$  of test requirements expressed as DR formulas, and a test suite  $\mathcal{T}$ , the test criterion  $M(\mathfrak{R}, \mathcal{T})$  is as follows:

$$M(\mathfrak{R}, \mathcal{T}) = \frac{|\{r \in \mathfrak{R} \mid \mathcal{T} \models r\}|}{|\mathfrak{R}|}$$
 (7)

$$M(\mathfrak{R}, \mathcal{T}) \le M(\mathfrak{R}, X) \le M(\mathfrak{R}, D_{L_1}) = 1.0$$

Computational Complexity

Theorem 1 Given a network  $\mathcal{N}$ , a DR requirement formula r with a constant number of  $\exists$ ,  $\forall$ , arg max, arg min operators, and a test suite  $\mathcal{T}$ , the checking of  $\mathcal{T} \models r$  can be done in polynomial time with respect to the size of  $\mathcal{T}$ .

Theorem 2 Given a network  $\mathcal{N}$ , a DR requirement formula r with a constant number of  $\exists$ , arg max, arg min operators, and a subspace  $X \subseteq D_{L_1}$ , the checking of  $X \models r$  is NP-complete. This conclusion also holds for  $DR^{\exists}$  and  $DR^{\exists,+}$  requirements.

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In this section, they use  $DR^{\exists,+}$  formulas to express several important requirements for DNNs, including Lipschitz continuity and test criteria.

Given a real number b, they generate a finite set  $S(D_{L_1},b)$  of subspaces of  $D_{L_1}$  such that for all inputs  $x_1,x_2\in D_{L_1}$ , if  $||x_1-x_2||< b$  then there exists a subspace  $X\in S(D_{L_1},b)$  such that  $x_1,x_2\in X$ .

Usually, every subspace  $X \in S(D_{L_1}, b)$  can be represented with a box constraint.

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^{s_1} x(i) - u \le 0 \land x(i) - l \ge 0$$

#### Lipschitz Continuity

Definition 5 (Lipschitz Continuity) A network  $\mathcal{N}$  is called Lipschitz continuous if there exists a real constant  $c \geq 0$  such that, for all  $x_1, x_2 \in D_{L_1}$ :

$$||v[x_1]_1 - v[x_2]_1|| \le c * ||x_1 - x_2|| \tag{10}$$

The value c is called the Lipschitz constant, and the smallest c is called the best Lipschitz constant, denoted as  $c_{best}$ . Recall that  $v[x]_1$  denotes the vector of activations for neurons at the input layer.

The computation of  $c_{best}$  is an NP-hard problem and a smaller c can significantly improve the performance of verification algorithms.

#### Lipschitz Continuity

The testing of Lipschitz continuity can be guided by having the following requirements:

Definition 6 (Lipschitz Requirements) Given a real number c > 0 and an integer b > 0, a set  $\Re_{Lip}(b,c)$  of Lipschitz requirements is

$$\{\exists x_1, x_2. (||v[x_1]_1 - v[x_2]_1|| - c * ||x_1 - x_2|| > 0) \land x_1, x_2 \in X \mid X \in \mathcal{S}(D_{L_1}, b)\}$$
(11)

Intuitively, for each  $X \in \mathcal{S}(D_{L_1}, b)$ , this requirement expresses the existence of two inputs  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  such that  $\mathcal{N}$  breaks the Lipschitz constant c.

**Neuron Cover** 

The Neuron Cover (NC) is an adaptation of the statement cover in software testing.

Definition 7 The neuron cover for a DNN N is to find a testsuite T of inputs such that, for any hidden neuron  $n_{k,i}$ , there exists test case  $t \in T$  such that  $ap[t]_{k,i} = true$ .

Definition 8 (NC Requirements) The set  $\mathfrak{R}_{NC}$  of requirements is

$$\{\exists x.ap[x]_{k,i} = true \mid 2 \le k \le K - 1, 1 \le i \le s_k\}$$
 (12)

#### Modified Condition/Decision Cover (MC/DC)

According to Sign-Sign Cover (SSC), each neuron  $n_{k+1,j}$  can be regarded as a decision such that these neurons at the precedent layer (i.e., the k-th layer) are conditions.

Definition 9 (SSC Requirements) Given a pair  $\alpha = (n_{k,i}, n_{k+1,j})$  of neurons, the singleton set  $\mathfrak{R}_{SSC}(\alpha)$  of requirements is as follows:

$$\{\exists x_1, x_2. \ ap[x_1]_{k,i} \neq ap[x_2]_{k,i} \land ap[x_1]_{k+1,j} \neq ap[x_2]_{k+1,j} \land \\ \bigwedge_{1 \leq l \leq s_k, l \neq i} ap[x_1]_{k,l} - ap[x_2]_{k,l} = 0\}$$

$$(13)$$

and we have

$$\Re_{SSC} = \bigcup_{2 \le k \le K-2, 1 \le i \le s_k, 1 \le j \le s_{k+1}} \Re_{SSC}((n_{k,i}, n_{k+1,j})) \tag{14}$$

#### Neuron Boundary Cover

The Neuron Boundary Cover (NBC) aims to cover neuron activation values that exceed pre-specified bounds.

Definition 10 (Neuron Boundary Cover Requirements) Given two sets of bounds  $h = \{h_{k,i}\}_{2 \leq k \leq K-1, 1 \leq i \leq s_k}$  and  $l = \{l_{k,i}\}_{2 \leq k \leq K-1, 1 \leq i \leq s_k}$ , the set  $\Re_{NBC}(h,l)$  of requirements is

$$\{\exists x. \ u[x]_{k,i} - h_{k,i} > 0, \ \exists x. \ u[x]_{k,i} - l_{k,i} < 0 \mid 2 \le k \le K - 1, 1 \le i \le s_k\}$$
 (15)

where  $h_{k,i}$  and  $l_{k,i}$  are the upper and lower bounds on the activation value of a neuron  $n_{k,i}$ .

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### Overall Design

### Algorithm 1 Concolic Testing Algorithm for DNNs

```
INPUT: \mathcal{N}, \mathfrak{R}, \delta, t_0
OUTPUT: \tau
 1: \mathcal{T} \leftarrow \{t_0\} and S = \{\}
 2: t \leftarrow t_0
 3: while \Re \neq \emptyset do
      for each r \in \Re do
       if \mathcal{T} \models r then \mathfrak{R} \leftarrow \mathfrak{R} \setminus \{r\}
        while true do
       t, \delta(r) \leftarrow requirement\_evaluation(\mathcal{T}, \delta(\mathfrak{R}))
 7:
      t' \leftarrow symbolic\_analysis(t, \delta(r))
      if validity\_check(t') = true then
         \mathcal{T} \leftarrow \mathcal{T} \cup \{t'\}
10:
             break
11:
12: else
13: S \leftarrow S \cup \{(t,r)\}
             if S = \mathcal{T} \times \mathfrak{R} then return \mathcal{T}
14:
15: return T
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### Overall Design

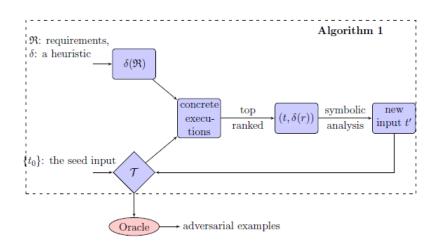
requirement\_evaluation (Line 7), aims to find a pair  $(t, \delta(r))$  of input and requirement which, according to our concrete evaluation, are the most promising in finding a new test case t' to satisfy the requirement r.

After obtaining  $(t, \delta(r))$ , symbolic\_analysis (Line 8), is applied to have a new concrete input t'.

Then *validity\_check* (Line 9) is applied to check if the new input is valid or not.

The algorithm either if all test requirements in  $\mathcal{R}$  have been satisfied, i.e.,  $\mathcal{R} = \{\}$ , or no further requirement in  $\mathcal{R}$  can be satisfied, i.e.,  $S \cup \mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{R}$ .

## Overall Design



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Given a set of requirements  $\mathcal R$  that have not been satisfied, a heuristic  $\delta$ , and the current set  $\mathcal T$  of test cases, the goal is to select a concrete input  $t\in \mathcal T$  together with a requirement  $r'=\delta(r)$  for some  $r\in \mathcal R$ , both of which will be used later in a symbolic approach to find the next concrete input t'.

The general idea of obtaining  $(t, \delta(r))$  is as follows:

$$r = \arg\max_{r} \{val(t, \delta(r)) \mid r \in \Re\}.$$

Heuristics - Lipschitz Continuity

When a Lipschitz requirement r is unsatisfiable on  $\mathcal{T}$ , we transform it into  $\delta(r)$  as follows:

$$\arg \max_{x_1, x_2} . ||v[x_1]_1 - v[x_2]_1|| - c * ||x_1 - x_2|| : x_1, x_2 \in X$$

Heuristics - Neuron Cover- Neuron Boundary Cover

#### **Neuron Cover:**

When a Neuron Cover requirement r is unsatisfiable on  $\mathcal{T}$ , we transform it into  $\delta(r)$  as follows:

$$\arg \max_{x} c_k \cdot u_{k,i}[x] : \mathsf{true}$$

### **Neuron Boundary Cover:**

$$rg \max_{x} u[x]_{k,i} - h_{k,i}$$
: true  $rg \max_{x} l_{k,i} - u[x]_{k,i}$ : true

Heuristics - Sign-Sign Cover

When a Sign-Sign Cover requirement r is unsatisfiable on  $\mathcal{T}$ , we transform it into  $\delta(r)$  as follows:

$$\arg\max_{x} -|u[x]_{k,i}|: \mathsf{true}$$

Intuitively, given the decision neuron  $n_{k+1,j}$ , it selects the condition that is closest to the change of activation sign (i.e., smallest  $|u[x]_{k,i}|$ ).

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Given a concrete input t and a transformed requirement  $r' = \delta(r)$ , we need to find the next concrete input t' by symbolic analysis.

Thanks to the use of DR, for each symbolic analysis method, its application to different test criteria can be formulated under a unified logic framework.

Symbolic Analysis using Linear Programming (LP)

The following linear constraints synthesize a set of inputs that exhibit the same ReLU behaviour as x.

$$\begin{aligned} \{\mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{i}} &\geq 0 \wedge \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{i}} = \mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{i}} \mid ap[x]_{k,i} \geq 0, k \in [2,K), i \in [1..s_k] \} \\ &\cup \{\mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{i}} < 0 \wedge \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{i}} = 0 \mid ap[x]_{k,i} < 0, k \in [2,K), i \in [1..s_k] \} \end{aligned}$$
$$\{\mathbf{u}_{k,i} = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq s_{k-1}} \{w_{k-1,j,i} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{k-1,j}\} + \delta_{k,i} \mid k \in [2,K], i \in [1..s_k] \}$$

The symbolic analysis for finding a new input t' from a pair (t, r') of input and requirement is equivalent to finding a new activation pattern.

Note that, to make sure that the obtained test case is meaningful, in the LP model an objective is added to minimize the distance between t and t'.

Neuron Cover

The symbolic analysis of neuron cover takes the input test case t and requirement r', let us say, on the activation of neuron  $n_{k,i}$ , and it shall return a new test t' such that the test requirement is satisfied by the network instance N[t'].

As a result, given N[t]'s activation pattern ap[t], we can build up a new activation pattern ap' such that

$$\{ap'_{k,i} = \neg ap[t]_{k,i} \land \forall k_1 < k : \bigwedge_{0 \le i_1 \le s_{k_1}} ap'_{k_1,i_1} = ap[t]_{k_1,i_1}\}$$

**Neuron Cover** 

This activation pattern specifies the following conditions:

- $n_{k,i}$ 's activation sign is negated: this ensures the aim of the symbolic analysis to activate  $n_{k,i}$ .
- In the new activation pattern ap', the neurons before layer k preserve their activation signs as in ap[t]. Though there may exist various activation patterns that make  $n_{k,i}$  activated, for the use of LP modeling, one particular combination of activation signs must be pre-determined.
- Other neurons are irrelevant, as the sign of  $n_{k,i}$  is only affected by the activation values of those neurons in previous layers.

Finally, by applying the LP modeling in [5] to the activation pattern, and if there exists a feasible solution, then it will become the new test case t', which makes the DNN satisfy the requirement r'.

SS Cover

When it comes to the SS Cover, to satisfy the requirement r' we need to find a new test case such that, with respect to the input t, activation signs of  $n_{k+1,j}$  and  $n_{k,i}$  are negated, while other signs of other neurons at layer k are kept the same as in the case of input t.

To achieve this, the following activation pattern  $\mathit{ap}'$  is built up for the LP modeling:

$$\{ ap'_{k,i} = \neg ap[t]_{k,i} \land ap'_{k+1,j} = \neg ap[t]_{k+1,j} \\ \land \forall k_1 < k : \bigwedge_{1 \le i_1 \le s_{k_1}} ap'_{k_1,i_1} = ap[t]_{k_1,i_1} \}$$

Neuron Boundary Cover

In case of the neuron boundary cover, the symbolic analysis aims to find an input t' such that the neuron  $n_{k,i}$ 's activation value exceeds either its higher bound  $h_{k,i}$  or its lower bound  $l_{k,i}$ .

To achieve this, while preserving the DNN activation pattern as ap[t], we add one of the following constraints into the LP program:

- If  $u[x]_{k,i} h_{k,i} > l_{k,i} u[x]_{k,i}$ :  $\mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{i}} > h_{k,i}$ ;
- otherwise:  $\mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{i}} < l_{k,i}$ .

Symbolic Analysis using Global Optimization

The symbolic analysis for finding a new input can also be implemented by solving the global optimization problem.

That is, by specifying the test requirement as an optimization objective, we apply global optimization to find a test case that makes the test requirement satisfied.

- For the Neuron Cover, the objective is thus to find a t' such that the specified neuron  $n_{k,i}$  has  $ap[t']_{k,i} = \mathbf{true}$ .
- In case of the SS Cover, the optimization objective becomes  $ap[t']_{k,i} \neq ap[t]_{k,i} \wedge ap[t']_{k+1,j} \neq ap[t]_{k+1,j} \wedge \bigwedge_{i'\neq i} ap[t']_{k,i'} = ap[t]_{k,i}$
- When it comes to the Neuron Boundary Cover, the objective of finding a new input t' can be one of the two forms: 1)  $u[t']_{k,i} > h_{k,i}$  or 2)  $u[t']_{k,i} < l_{k,i}$ .

Algorithms for Lipschitz Test Case Generation

Given a requirement in Equation (11) for a subspace X, we let  $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be the representative point of the subspace X to which  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  belong. The optimisation problem is to generate two inputs  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  such that

$$||v[t_1]_1 - v[t_2]_1||_{D_1} - c * ||t_1 - t_2||_{D_1} > 0$$

$$s.t. ||t_1 - t_0||_{D_2} \le \Delta, ||t_2 - t_0||_{D_2} \le \Delta$$
(21)

The above problem can be efficiently solved by a novel *alternating compass search* scheme.

Algorithms for Lipschitz Test Case Generation - Stage 1

$$\min_{t_1} F(t_1, t_0) = -||v[t_1]_1 - v[t_0]_1||_{D_1}$$
s.t.  $||t_1 - t_0||_{D_2} \le \Delta$ 

The above objective enables the algorithm to search for an optimal  $t_1$  in the space of a norm ball or hypercube centred on  $t_0$  with radius  $\Delta$ , such that the norm distance of  $v[t_1]_1$  and  $v[t_0]_1$  is as large as possible.

To solve the above the problem, we use the compass search method. If it is convergent and we can find an optimal  $t_1$  as

$$t_1^* = \arg\min_{t_1} F(t_1, t_0)$$
 s.t.  $||t_1 - t_0||_{D_2} \le \Delta$ 

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Algorithms for Lipschitz Test Case Generation - Stage 2

$$\min_{t_2} F(t_1^*, t_2) = -||v[t_2]_1 - v[t_1^*]_1||_{D_1}$$
s.t.  $||t_2 - t_0||_{D_2} \le \Delta$ 

If it is convergent at  $t_2^*$ , and we still cannot find such a input pair, we modify the objective function again.

Algorithms for Lipschitz Test Case Generation - Stage 3

In this case, they return the best input pair we can find, i.e.,  $t_1^*$  and  $t_2^*$ , and the largest Lipschitz constant.

In summary, they start from the given  $t_0$  to search for an image  $t_1$  in a norm ball or hypercube (the optimization trajectory on the norm ball space is denoted as  $S(t_0, \Delta(t_0))$  such that  $Lip(t_0, t_1) > c$  (this step is symbolic execution).

If they cannot find it, they modify the optimization objective function by replacing  $t_0$  with  $t_1^*$  (the best concrete input found in this optimization trace) to initiate another optimization trajectory on the space, i.e.,  $S(t_1^*, \Delta(t_0))$ .

This process is repeated until the optimization trace gradually covers the whole norm ball space  $S(\Delta(t_0))$ .

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### Oracle

Definition 11 (Validity Checking) Given a set O of correctly classified inputs (e.g., the training dataset) and a real number b, a test case  $t' \in \mathcal{T}$  passes the validity checking if

$$\exists t \in O: \quad ||t - t'|| \le b \tag{24}$$

Definition 12 (Robustness Oracle) Given a set O of correctly classified inputs, a test case t' passes the robustness oracle if

$$\arg\max_{j} v[t']_{K,j} = \arg\max_{j} v[O(t')]_{K,j}$$
(25)



# A Summary of Coverage-based DNN Testing

Table 1: Comparison between different coverage-based DNN testing methods

	DeepConcolic	DeepXplore [3]	DeepTest [4]	DeepCover [5]	DeepGauge [6]
Coverage criteria	NC, SSC, NBC etc.	NC	NC	MC/DC	NBC etc.
Test generation	concolic	dual-optimisation	greedy search	symbolic execution	gradient descent methods
DNN inputs	single	multiple	single	single	single
Image inputs	single/multiple	multiple	multiple	multiple	multiple
Distance metric	$L_{\infty}, L_0$ -norm	$L_1$ -norm	Jaccard distance	$L_{\infty}$ -norm	$L_{\infty}$ -norm

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Comparison with DeepXplore - Neuron Cover

Table 2: Neuron coverage of DeepConcolic and DeepXplore

	DeepCo	oncolic	DeepXplore				
	$L_{\infty}$ -norm $L_0$ -norm		light	occlusion	blackout		
MNIST	97.89%	97.24%	80.5%	82.5%	81.6%		
CIFAR-10	89.59%	99.69%	77.9%	86.8%	89.5%		

Comparison with DeepXplore - Adversarial

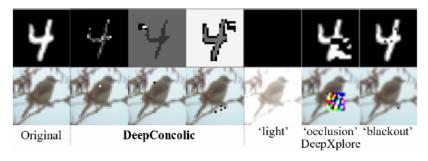
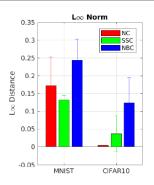
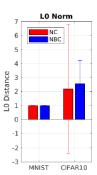


Figure: It is worth noting that, although DeepConcolic does not impose particular domain-specific constraints on the original image as DeepXplore does, the concolic testing procedure automatically generates test cases that resemble "human perception".

#### Concolic Testing Results on Different Test Criteria

	$L_{\infty} ext{-norm}$					$L_0$ -norm						
	MNIST			CIFAR-10		MNIST			CIFAR-10			
	coverage percentage	adversary /test suite	minimum distance	coverage percentage	adversary /test suite	minimum distance	coverage percentage	adversary /test suite	minimum distance	coverage percentage	adversary /test suite	minimum distance
NC	97.89%	9.69%	0.0039	89.59%	0.32%	0.0039	97.24%	0.07%	1	99.69%	13.91%	1
SSC NBC	94.10% 60.74%	0.37% 0.83%	0.1215 0.0806	100% 85.57%	1.74% 7.01%	0.0039 0.0113	- 48.52%	0.06%	- 1	100%	4.30%	1





#### Experimental Results for Lipschitz Constant Testing

