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# Adversarial Images

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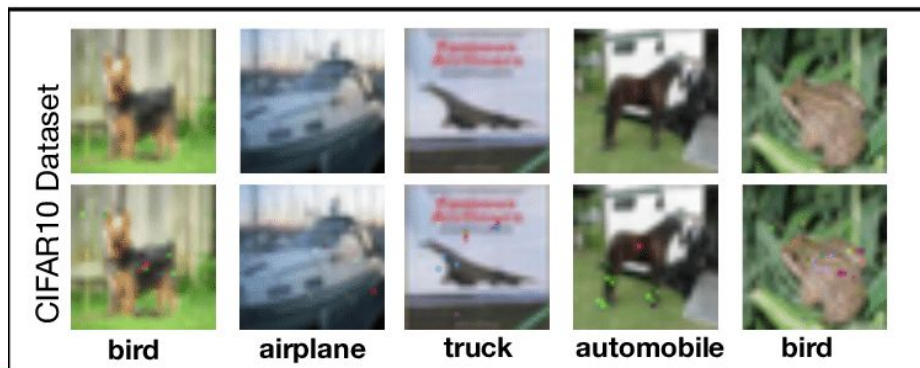
# AGENDA

1. Context
2. Attack: FGSM
3. Defense: Distillation Method
4. Conclusion and Perspectives

# 1. Context

## What are Adversarial Images?

- A way to **attack ML systems**
- It causes **misclassification**
- The objective is to make the new image **indistinguishable to a human observer**
- Be aware of adversarial attacks is **crucial to ML robustness**
- The new image can be misclassified with **high levels** of confidence



# 1. Context

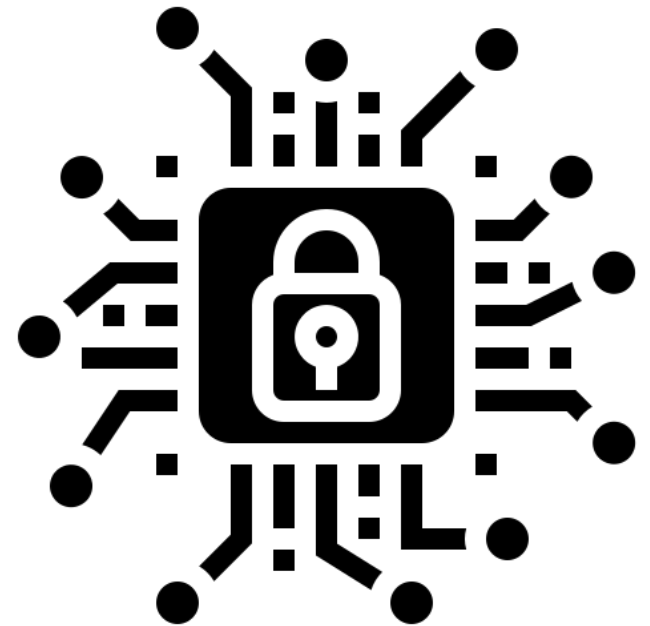
## What are the characteristics of the attacks?

There are several kinds and characteristics of attacks:

- white-box vs black-box.
- General misclassification vs targeted misclassification
- Fast Gradient Sign Method (FGSM)
- Projected Gradient Descent (PGD)
- Carlini and Wagner (C&W) attack
- Adversarial patch attack

For this study, it was considered an attack:

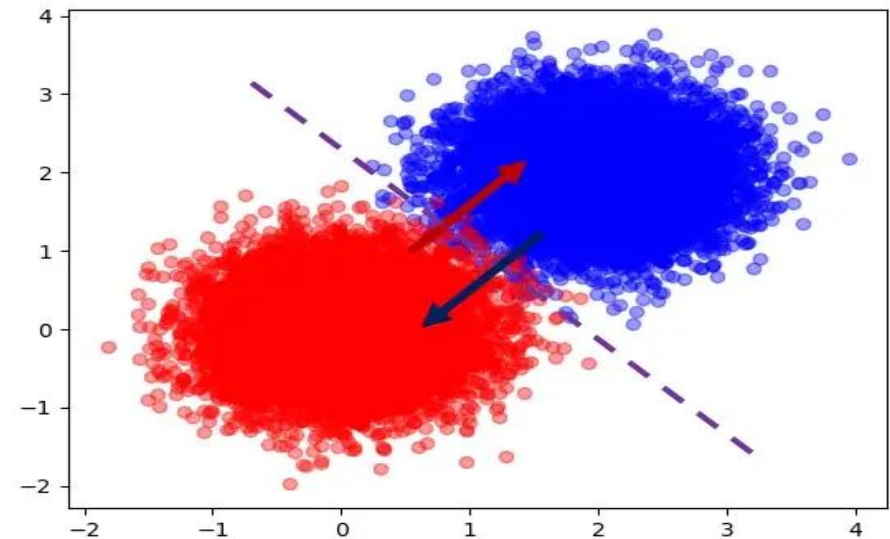
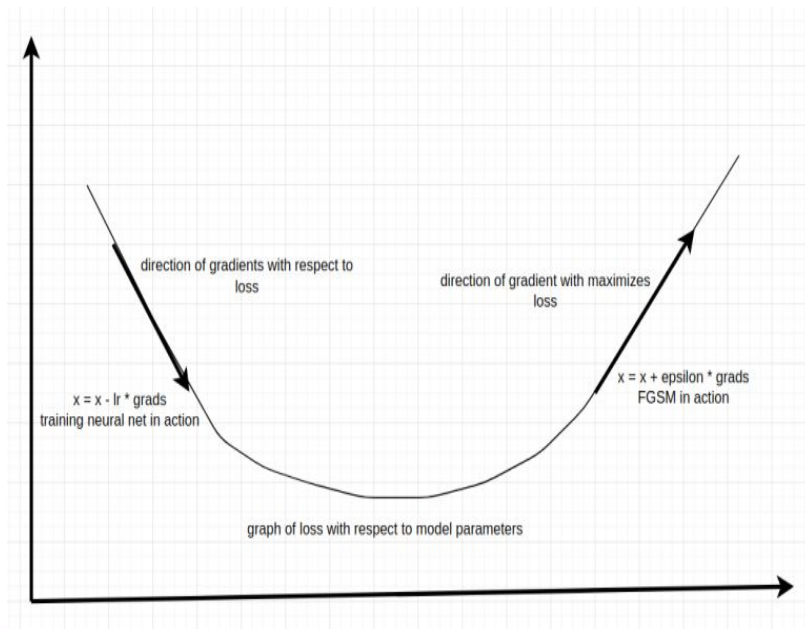
- **Fast Gradient Sign Method**
- **White-box**
- **Non-targeted misclassification**



## 2. FGSM Attack

### How it happens?

1. Calculate the loss after forward propagation,
2. Calculate the gradient with respect to the pixels of the image,
3. Nudge the pixels of the image ever so slightly in the direction of the calculated gradients that maximize the loss calculated above.



$x$   
"panda"  
57.7% confidence

+ .007 ×



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

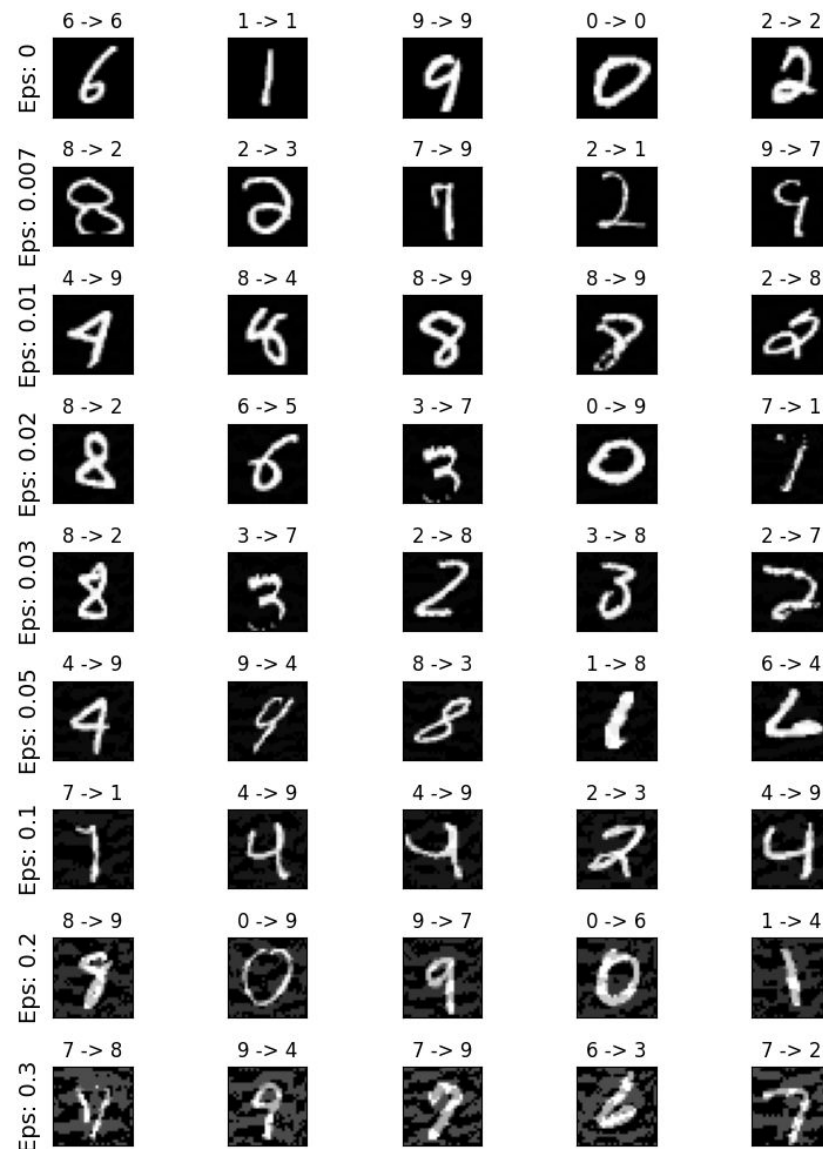
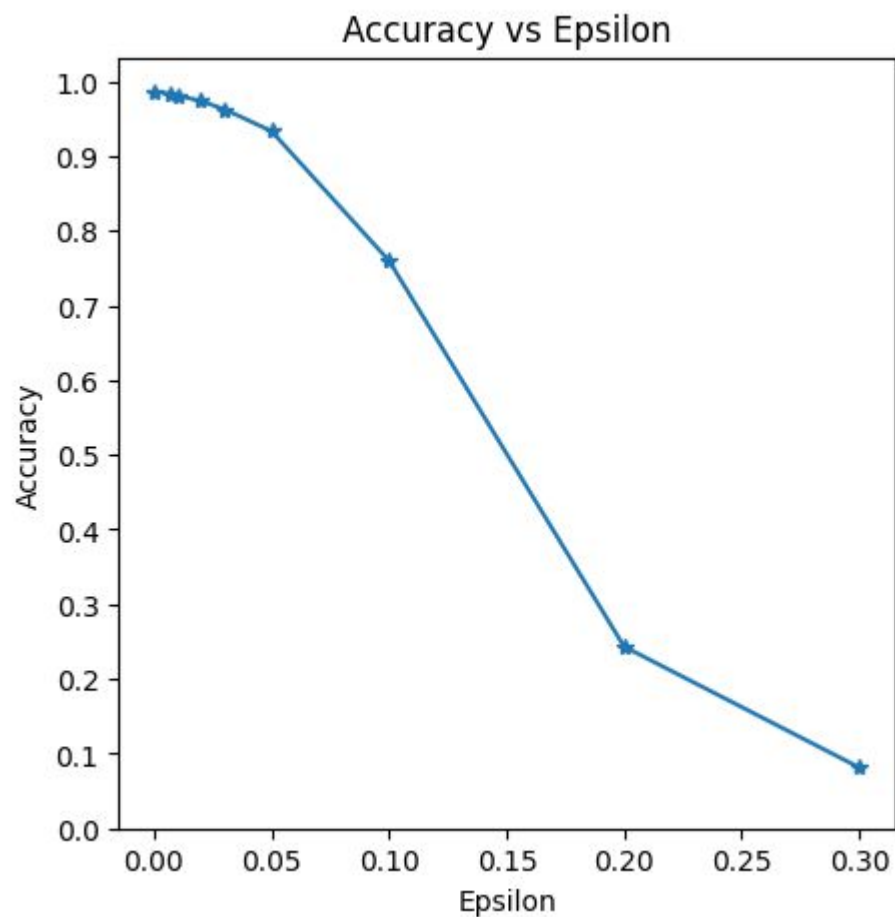
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$x + \epsilon \text{sign}(\nabla_x J(\theta, x, y))$   
"gibbon"  
99.3 % confidence

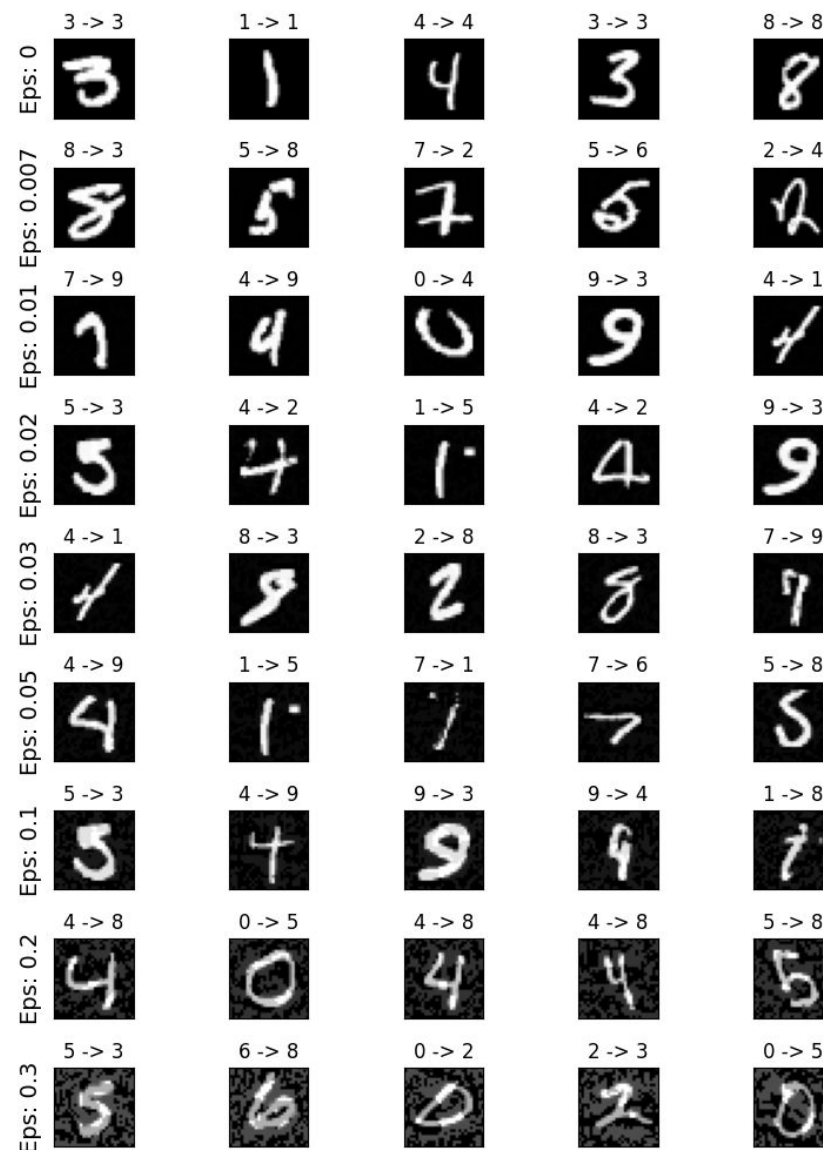
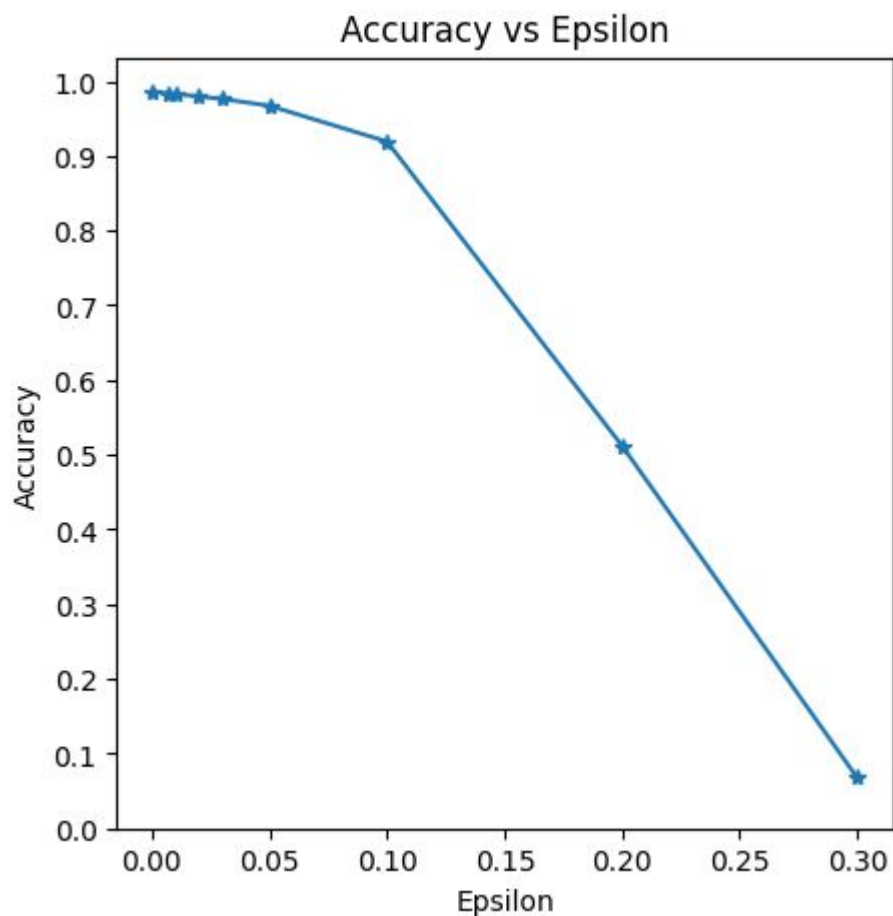
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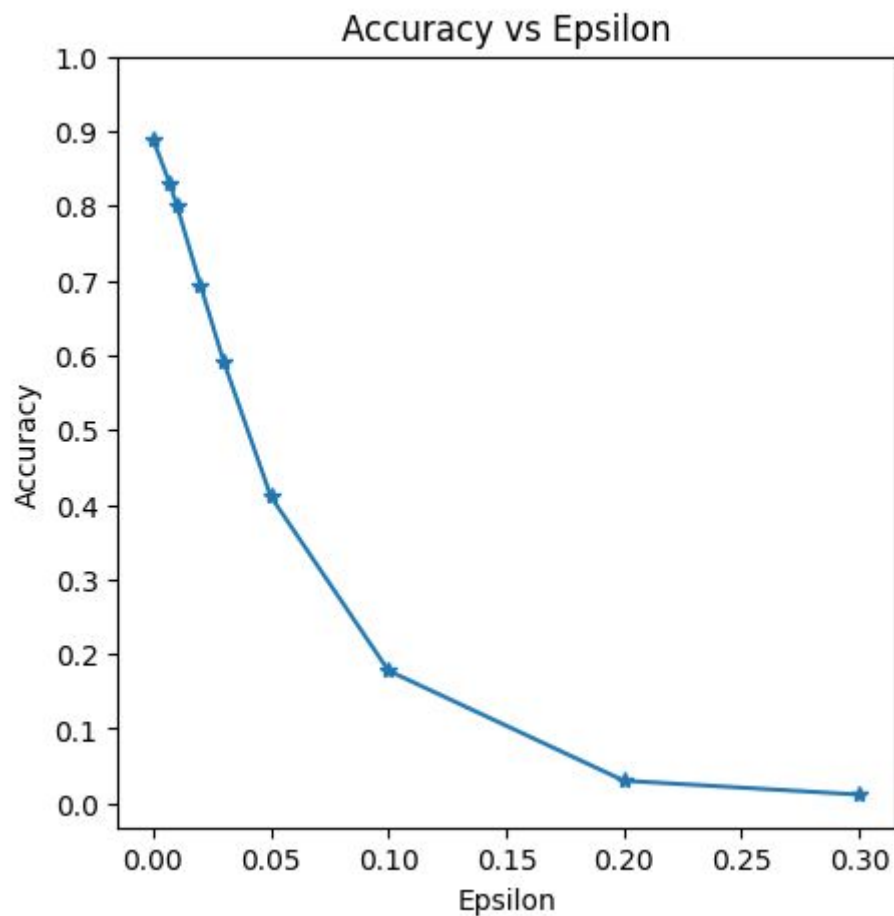
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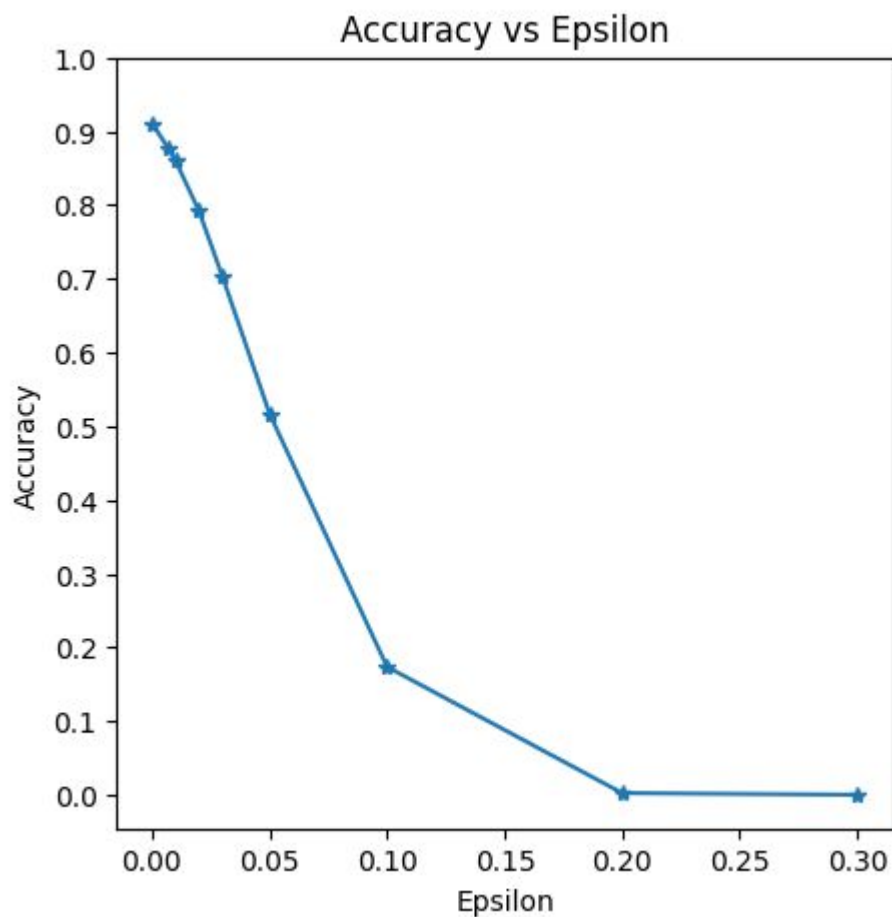
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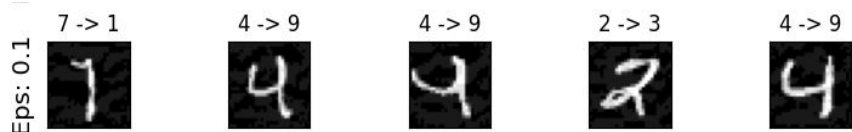
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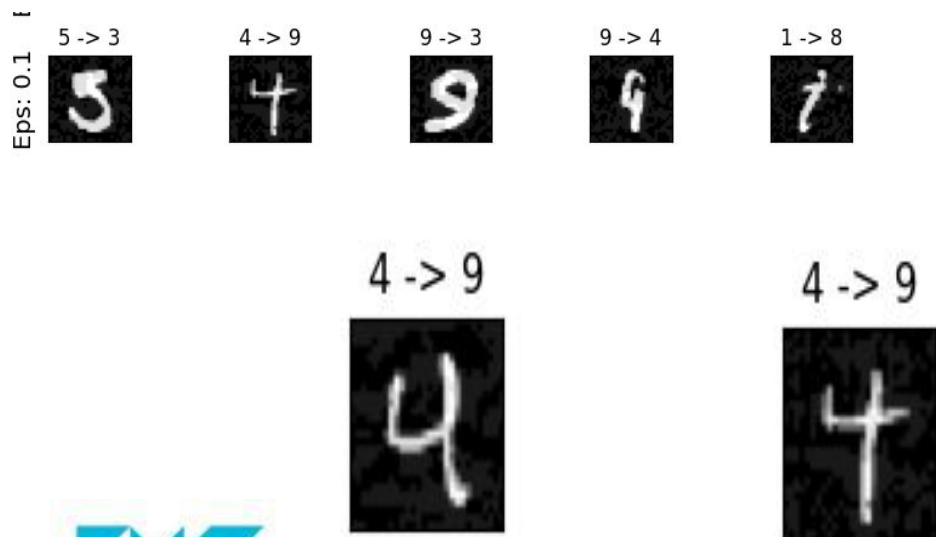
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## Analysis

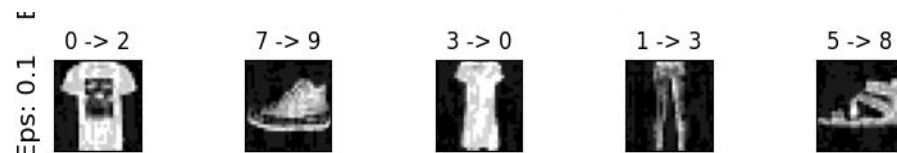
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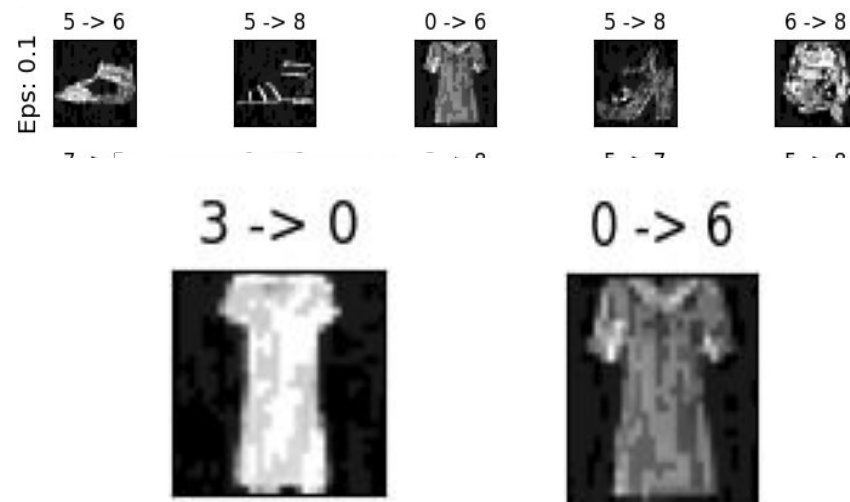
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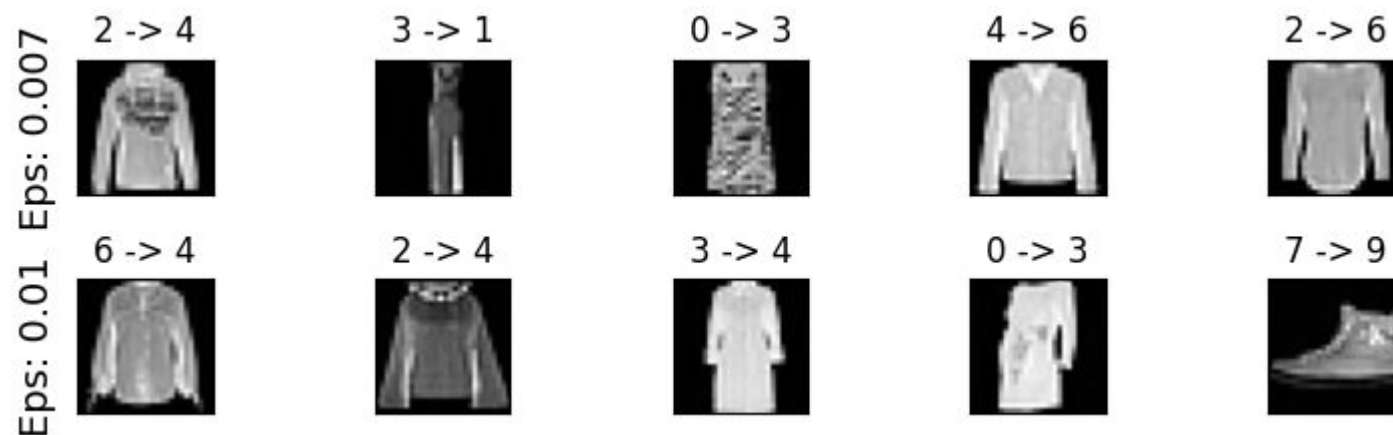
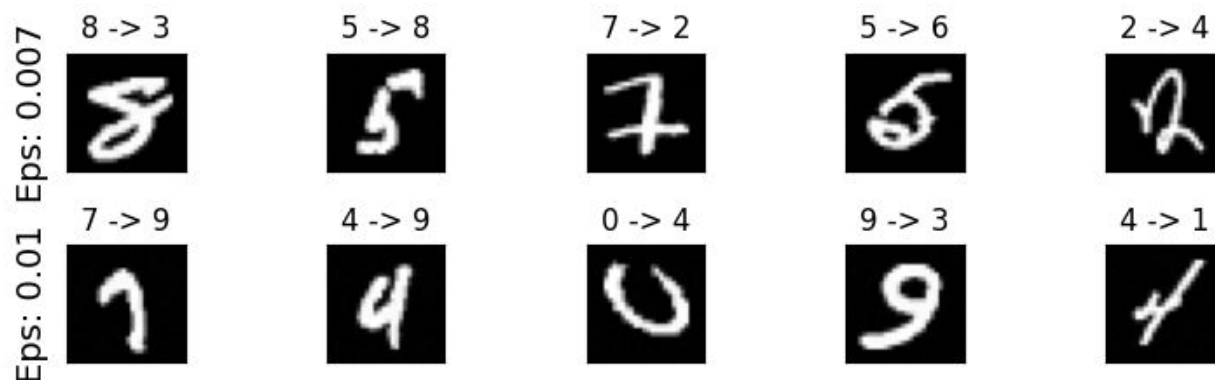


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### 3. Distillation Defense

- Objective: Decrease the effectiveness of adversarial samples and improve the robustness of DNNs;
- Motivation: reduce the computational complexity;
- Original proposition: knowledge transfer between one DNN and another;
- “New” proposition: knowledge extracted from a DNN to improve its own resilience to adversarial samples



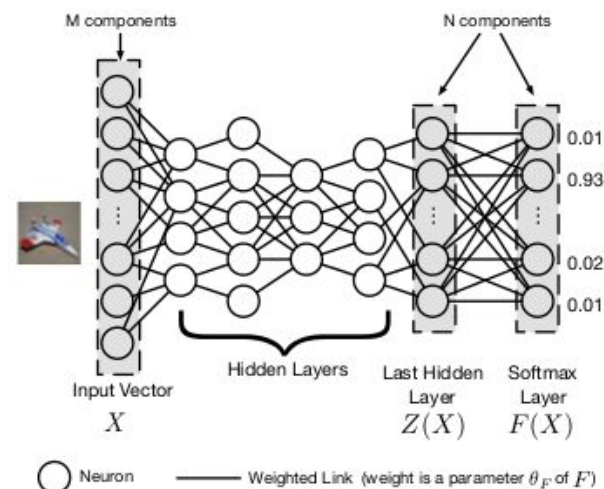
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- Low impact on the architecture
- Maintain accuracy
- Maintain speed of network
- Reduce the sensitivity of a DNN
- Helps the model generalize better to samples

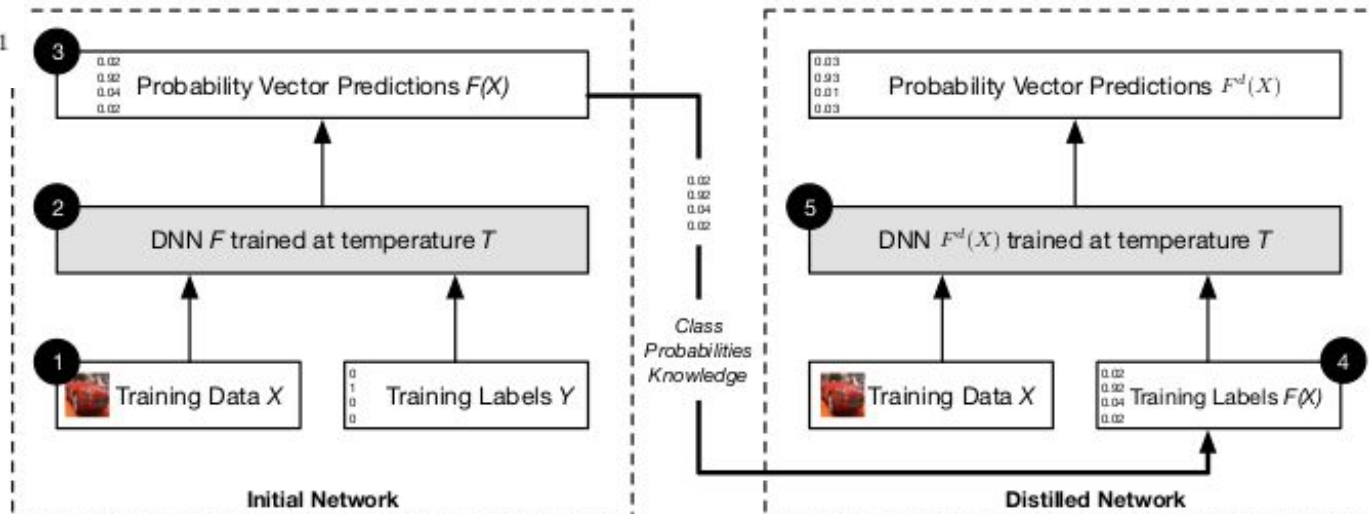
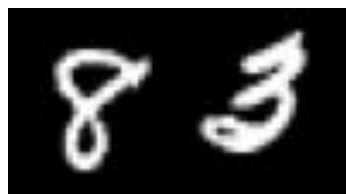
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## How it works?

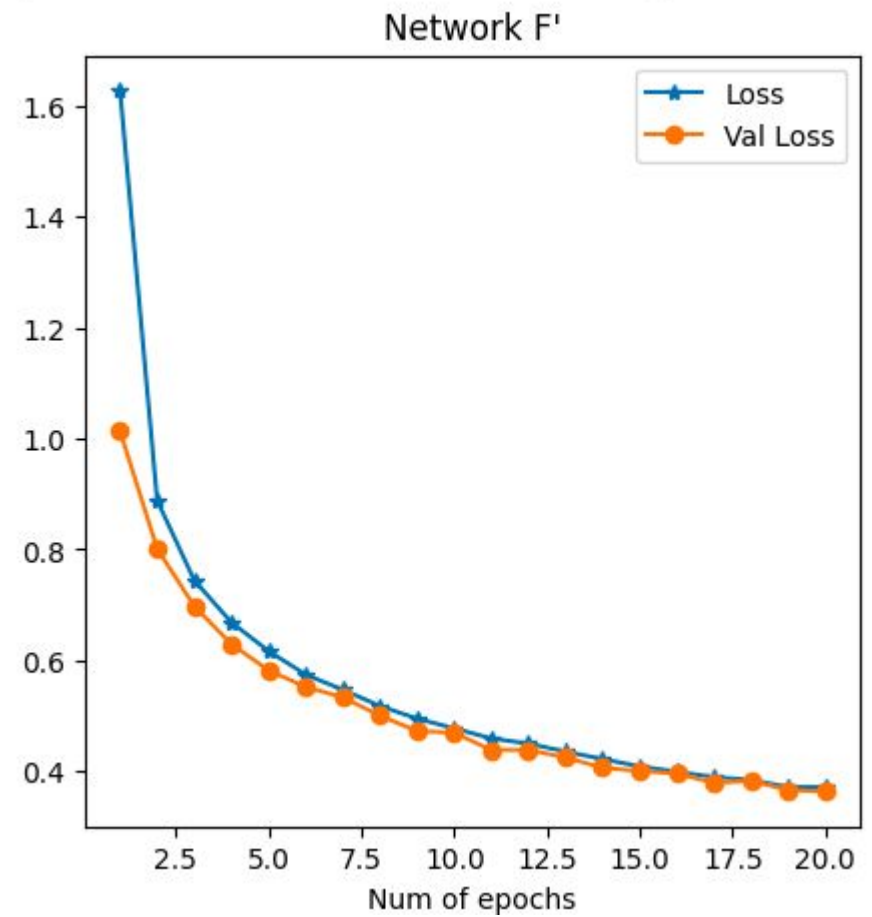
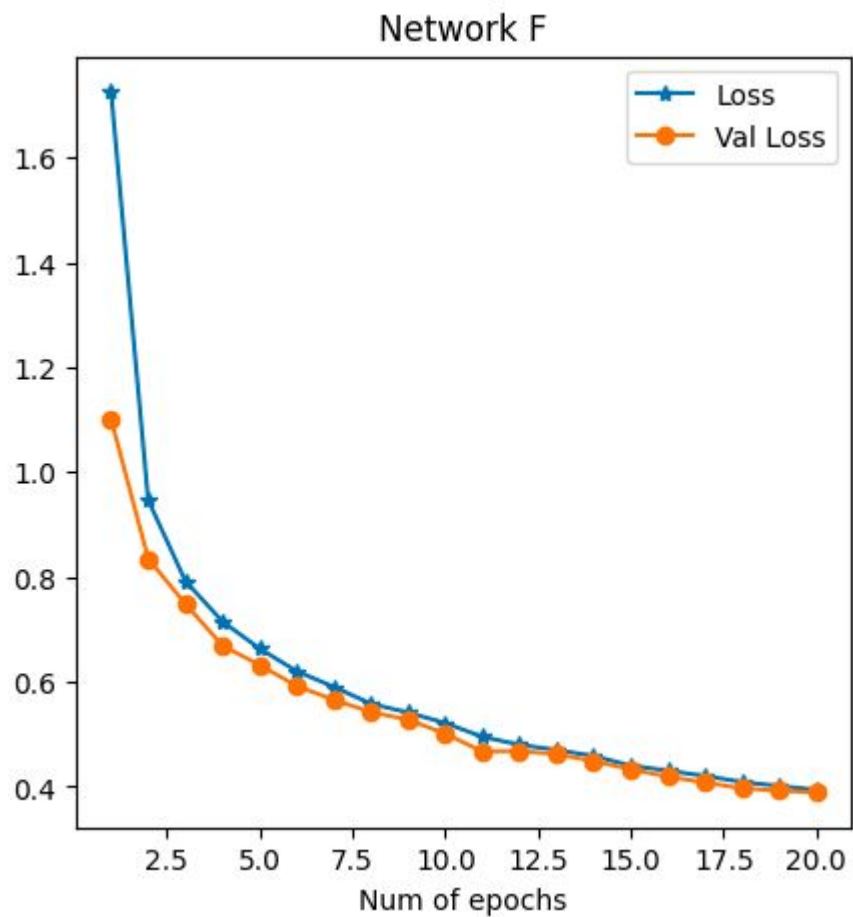
- Training a DNN with SoftMax as the last layer
- Using the probability vector produced by SoftMax
- Transfer the knowledge to another DNN



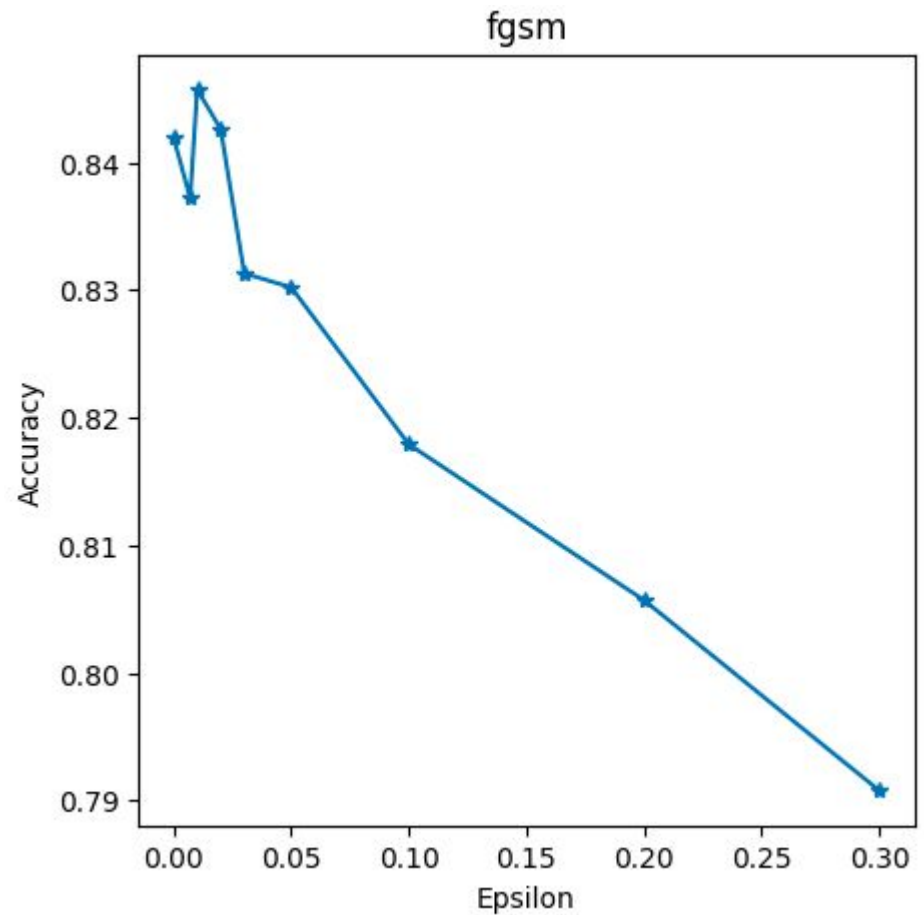
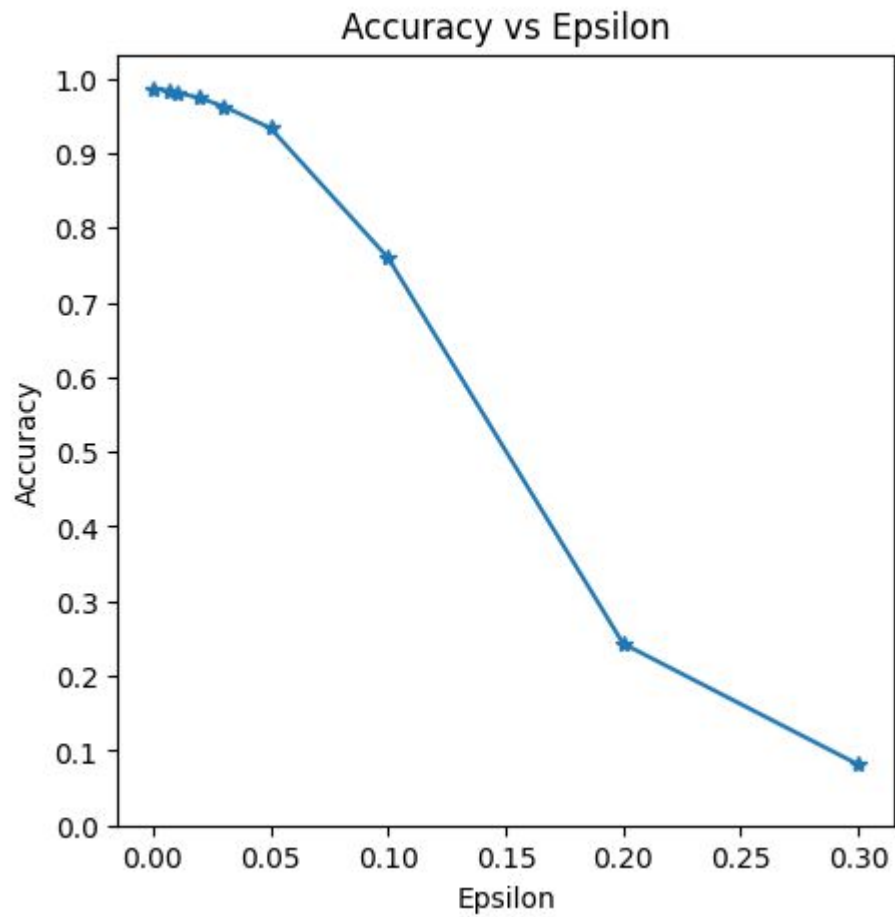
$$F(X) = \left[ \frac{e^{z_i(X)/T}}{\sum_{l=0}^{N-1} e^{z_l(X)/T}} \right]_{i \in 0..N-1}$$



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## 4. Conclusion and perspectives

- This presented only a basic example of adversarial attack, there might be others (more complex);
- Adversarial attacks casts doubt on their usability in the real-world environment, especially in safety-critical systems;
- Models trained with defensive distillation are less sensitive to adversarial samples;
- The work on defense also leads into the idea of making machine learning models more robust in general;
- Future works:
  - Perform a defense on FashionMNIST to compare the results with MNIST;
  - Apply the attacks on datasets with colored (STL-10 and Stanford Cars) images in the architecture AlexNet;
  - Perform a defense on a colorful dataset.

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