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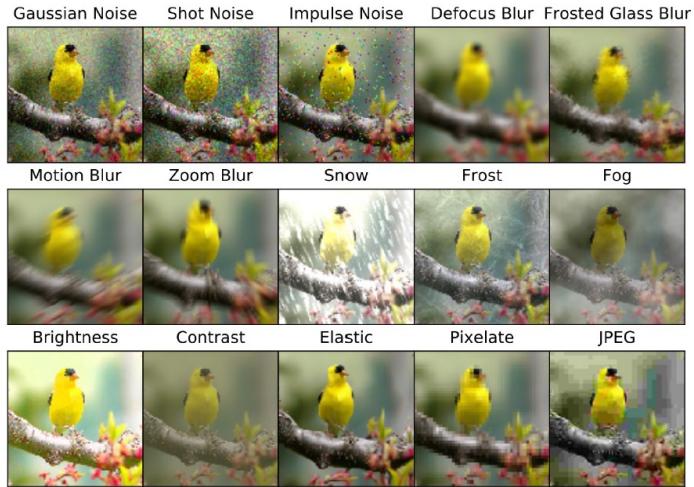
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Hendrycks & Dietterich, Benchmarking Neural Network Robustness to Common Corruptions and Perturbations

# Importance Weights for Covariate Shift

$$p(x) \neq q(x) \text{ but } p(y | x) = q(y | x)$$

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Remember:

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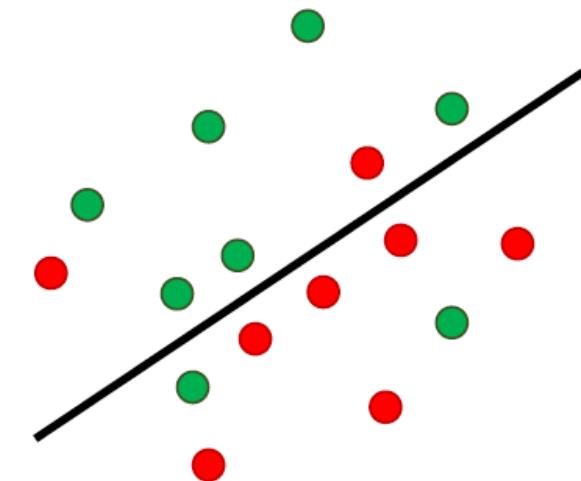
## Estimating the weights

- Define a new distribution  $R$  over  $\{0,1\} \times \mathcal{X}$ :

- Sample  $b \sim \text{Bernoulli}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$
- If  $b = 0$ , then sample  $(x, \cdot) \sim P$
- If  $b = 1$ , then sample  $(x, \cdot) \sim Q$

- Suppose we know  $r(b \mid x)$ , then by Bayes' rule, we have

$$w(x) = \frac{1}{r(b=0 \mid x)} - 1$$



# Supervised Learning with Covariate Shift

- **Input:** Training dataset  $Z$ , unlabeled test dataset  $X$
- **Step 1:** Construct  $X' = \{ (x, 0) \mid (x, y) \in Z \} \cup \{ (x, 1) \mid x \in X \}$  and train  $\hat{g}$  on  $X'$  to predict  $b$  given  $x$
- **Step 2:** Compute  $w(x) = \frac{1}{\hat{g}(b=1|x)} - 1$
- **Step 3:** Compute  $\hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{(x,y) \in Z} \ell(\theta; x, y) \cdot w(x)$

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# Covariate Shift Tutorial

[https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1NmrRgflPeiMszcsUJo\\_hjUqjH6RhFtWC](https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1NmrRgflPeiMszcsUJo_hjUqjH6RhFtWC)

# Evaluation Bounds

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# Evaluation Bounds for Covariate Shift

- Thus, we have

$$\mathbb{E}_Q[\ell(\theta; x, y)] \leq \mathbb{E}_P[\ell(\theta; x, y)] + K_{\tilde{\ell}} \cdot W(P(x), Q(x))$$

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# Evaluation Bounds

- **Basic idea:** Train a discriminator with bounded Lipschitz constant
- Construct  $X' = \{(x, 0) \mid (x, y) \in Z\} \cup \{(x, 1) \mid x \in X\}$
  - Train  $\hat{g}$  on  $X'$  **but bound its Lipschitz constant  $K_{\hat{g}} \leq 1$**
- Use the Wasserstein distance as the training loss:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{g} &= \sup_{f: K_f \leq 1} \int_X f(x) \cdot (q(x) - p(x)) \cdot dx \cdot dy \\ &= \sup_{f: K_f \leq 1} \{\mathbb{E}_Q[f(x)] - \mathbb{E}_P[f(x)]\} \\ &\approx \sup_{f: K_f \leq 1} \{n^{-1} \sum_{(x,1) \in X'} f(x) - n^{-1} \sum_{(x,0) \in X'} f(x)\}\end{aligned}$$

We are trying to find the function  $f()$  that best separates the two distributions.

# Covariate Shift Detection

- **Alternative strategy:** Can we test for covariate shift?

- **Problem setting**

- **Given:** i.i.d. samples  $x_1, \dots, x_n \sim P$  and  $x'_1, \dots, x'_n \sim Q$  (denoted  $X_P$  and  $X_Q$ )
- **Goal:** Determine whether  $P = Q$

- This is a **two-sample test**

- Lots of work on two-sample tests in the statistics literature
- **Idea:** Can we leverage our source-target discriminator?
- Yes! This is called a **classifier test**

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# Covariate Shift Detection

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- **Proposed approach**

- Train discriminator  $\hat{g}$  on  $X' = \{ (x, 0) \mid x \in X_P \} \cup \{ (x, 1) \mid x \in X_Q \}$
- Determine there is covariate shift if  $\text{Accuracy}(\hat{g}; X'') \geq \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon$
- $X''$  is a held-out test set constructed the same way as  $X'$

- **Question:** How do we choose  $\epsilon$ ?

- **Typical goal:** Choose  $\epsilon$  so the probability of a false positive is bounded by a user provided error level  $\alpha$ :

$$\mathbb{P}_{X''} [ \text{Detector}(X''; \hat{g}, \epsilon) = 1 \mid P = Q ] \leq \alpha$$

# Covariate Shift Detection

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- Note that  $\text{Accuracy}(\hat{g}; X) = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}(\hat{g}(x_i) = b_i)$
- Assuming  $P = Q$ , then  $z_i := \mathbf{1}(\hat{g}(x_i) = b_i)$  is a Bernoulli random variable with mean  $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{1}(\hat{g}(x_i) = b_i)] = \mathbb{P}[\hat{g}(x_i) = b_i] = \frac{1}{2}$

Then,

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Since  $S \sim \text{Binomial}(n, \frac{1}{2})$ , this probability is the sum of the probabilities of all outcomes  $i$  (# of correct predictions) from  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} + n\epsilon \right\rceil$  to  $n$ :

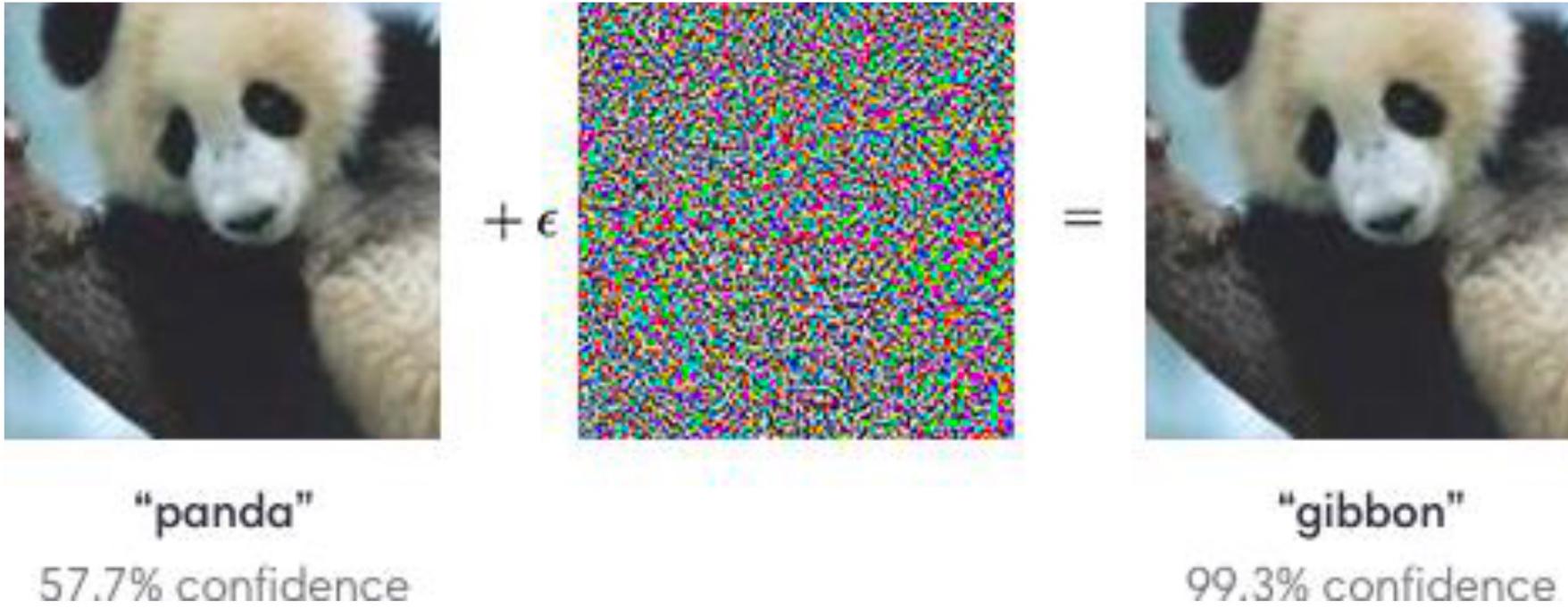
$$\mathbb{P}_{X''}[\text{Detector}(\dots) = 1 \mid P = Q] = \sum_{i=\lceil n(1/2+\epsilon) \rceil}^n \text{Binomial}\left(i; n, \frac{1}{2}\right) \leq \alpha$$

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# Adversarial Attacks and Robustness

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## Deep networks are “sensitive”



Szegedy et al., Intriguing Properties of Neural Networks, 2014

Wang, D., Yao, W., Jiang, T., Tang, G., & Chen, X. (2022). A survey on physical adversarial attack in computer vision. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2209.14262*.

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Adversarial example against DNN is first revealed.  
[ICLR'14]



First physical attack against facial recognition system.  
[CCS'16]



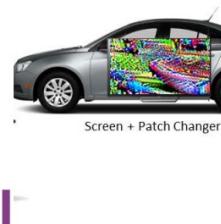
First patch-based attack against image classifier.  
[NeurIPS'17]



First 3D printed object with adversarial texture against image classifier.  
[ICML'18]



First patch-based attack on pedestrian detector.  
[CVPR-W'19]



First dynamic patch-based attack against object detector.  
[ArXiv'20]



First physical attack with blub against infrared detector.  
[AAAI'20]



First natural sticker attack against face recognition.  
[TPAMI'22]

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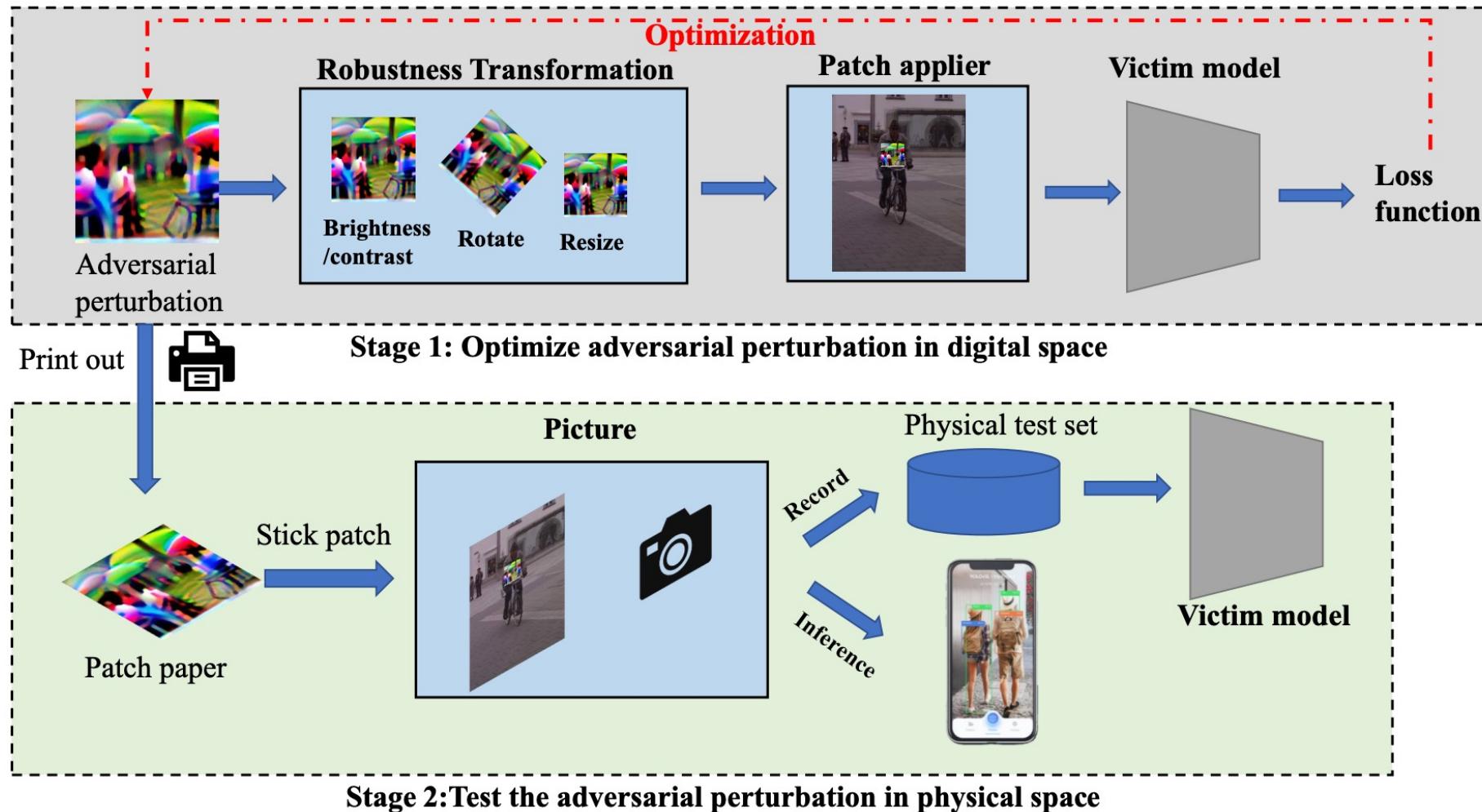
# Types of Attacks

- Digital vs Physical
  - Digital: Victim and attack are both soft
  - Physical: Victim and attack are both physical
- White-box vs Black-box
  - White-box: We have access to the model and its parameters (we can make forward and backward passes).
  - Black-box: We have access to only model predictions.
- Targeted vs Non-targeted
  - Targeted: The attack aims to obtain highest probability for a pre-determined target class.
  - Non-targeted: Any non-correct class is fine.

# Physical Attacks

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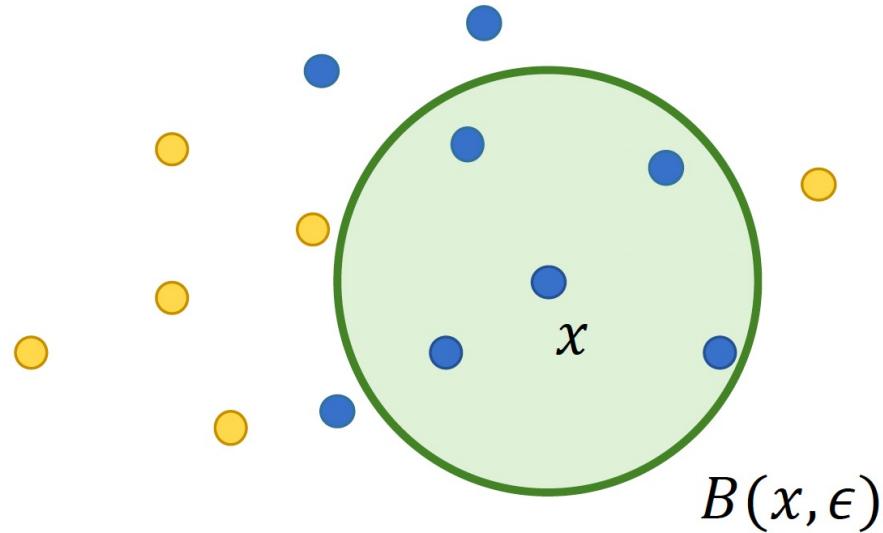
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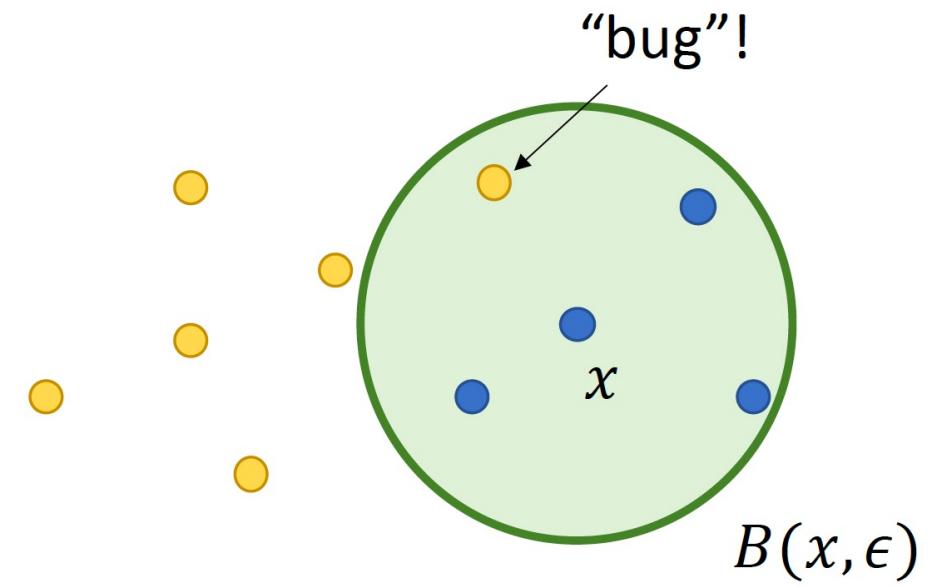
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**robustness:** similar images  $\Rightarrow$  same label

**robustness:**  $\|x - x'\|_\infty \leq \epsilon \Rightarrow$  same label



$\epsilon$ -robust at  $x$



not  $\epsilon$ -robust at  $x$

# Agenda

- Robustness
  - Adversarial robustness (this week)
  - Certified robustness (this week)
  - Calibrated predictions & uncertainty (next week)

# Administrative Notes

- Final Exam:
  - **13 January 16:30**
- Paper selection finalized except for two projects
- Project milestones
  - **1. Milestone (November 23, midnight):**
    - Read & understand the paper
    - Download the datasets
    - Prepare the Readme file excluding the results & conclusion
  - **2. Milestone (December 7, midnight)**
    - The results of the first experiment
  - **3. Milestone (January 4, midnight)**
    - Final report (Readme file)
    - Repo with all code & trained models

# Generating Adversarial Examples

# Supervised Learning

- Given a model  $f$  parameterized by  $\theta$
- $\text{Loss}(x, y; \theta)$  denotes the error of  $f_\theta$  on input  $x$  with respect to desired output  $y$
- Learning as optimization:

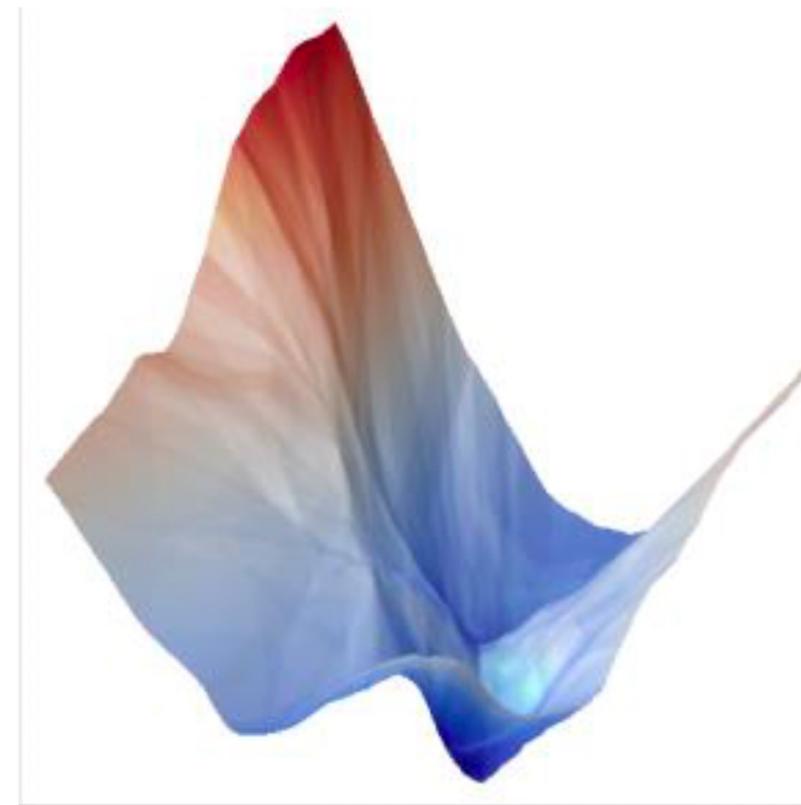
Given a training set of labeled input/output pairs  $(x, y)$ ,  
find  $\theta$  to minimize the average training loss

# Adversarial Example Computation

- Given a (trained) model  $f$  with parameters  $\theta$
- Fix input  $x$  and corresponding output  $y = f_{\theta}(x)$
- $\text{Loss}(x+\delta, y; \theta)$  denotes the “change” in output with respect to  $\delta$ —perturbation in input
- How can we formalize searching for adversarial example as optimization?

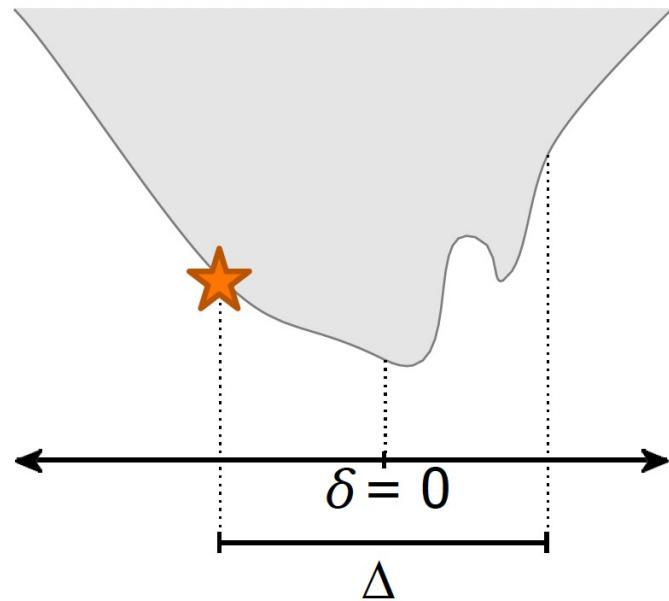
**Given a bound  $\Delta$  on input perturbation,  
find  $0 < \delta < \Delta$  to maximize  $\text{Loss}(x+\delta, y; \theta)$**

# Challenge: Complexity of model / loss function



$$\max_{\delta < \Delta} \text{Loss}(x+\delta, y; \theta)$$

# Solution: Local Search using Gradient Descent



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# How to implement desired gradient descent ?

- Key step in learning:  
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- Question: To find the (locally) optimal value, is it ok to repeatedly update  $x$  to  $x + \alpha \nabla_{\delta} \text{Loss}(x+\delta, y; \theta)$ , where  $\alpha$  is the learning rate ?
- No! We want  $\delta < \Delta$ , so this is an instance of “constrained optimization”

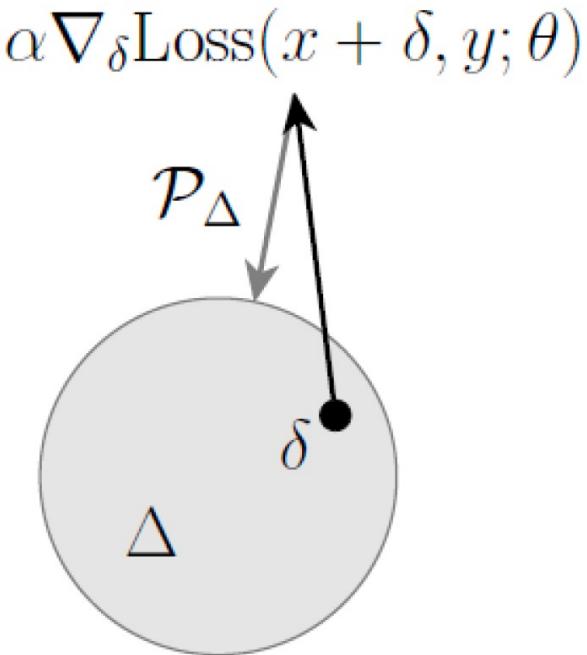
# Projected gradient descent

Recall we are optimizing

$$\max_{\delta \in \Delta} \text{Loss}(x + \delta, y; \theta)$$

We can employ a projected gradient descent method, take gradient step and project back into feasible set  $\Delta$

$$\delta := \mathcal{P}_{\Delta}[\delta + \nabla_{\delta} \text{Loss}(x + \delta, y; \theta)]$$



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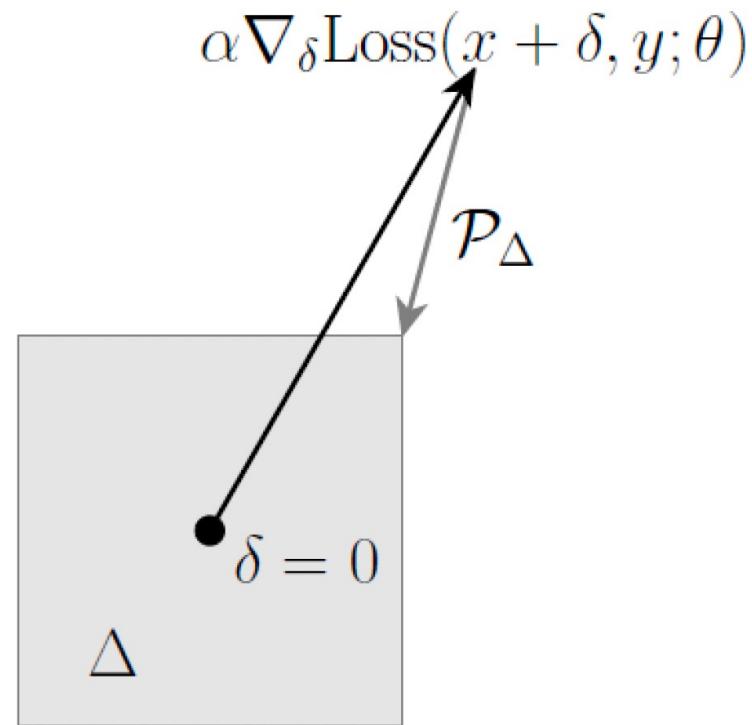
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# Fast Gradient Sign Method (FGSM)

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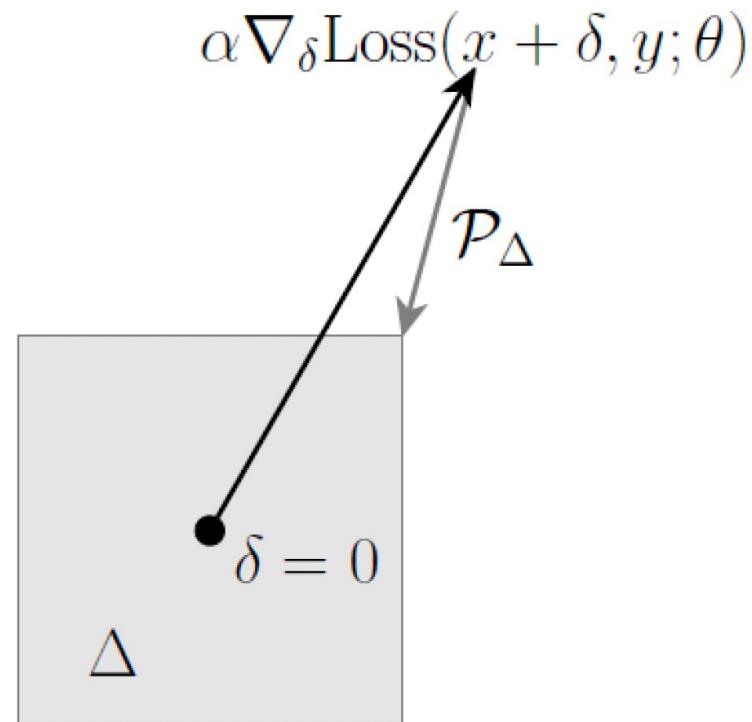
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As  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ , we always reach “corner” of the box, called fast gradient sign method (FGSM)  
[Goodfellow et al., 2014]

$$\delta = \epsilon \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_\delta \text{Loss}(x + \delta, y; \theta))$$

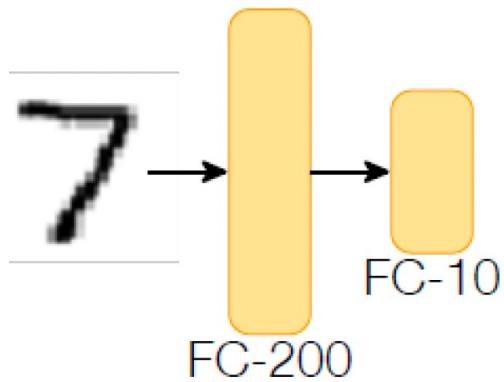


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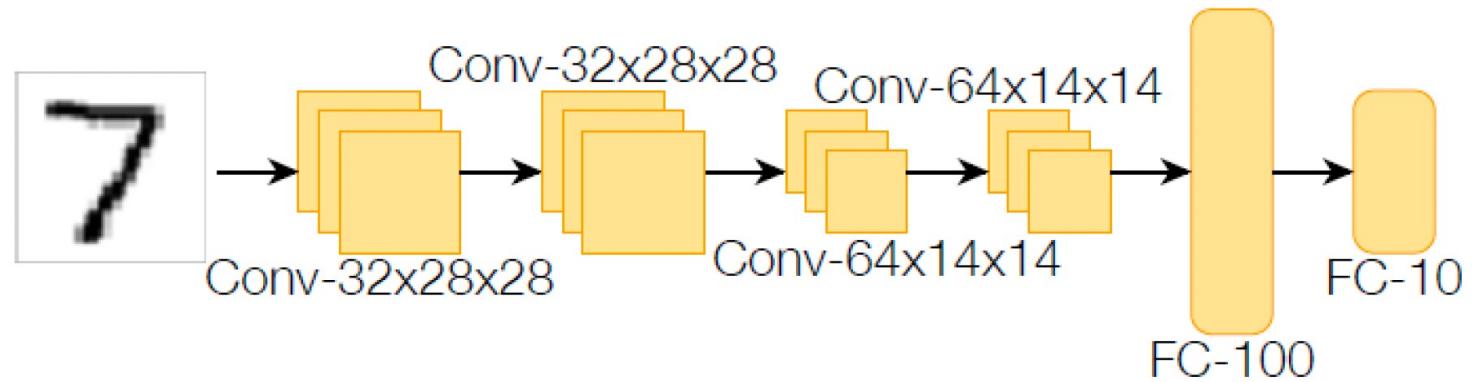
# Empirical Evaluation

Will apologies to everyone, you are going to see MNIST examples in the tutorial ... it is the best dataset for demonstrating some of the more computationally intensive methods

**2-layer fully  
connected MLP**

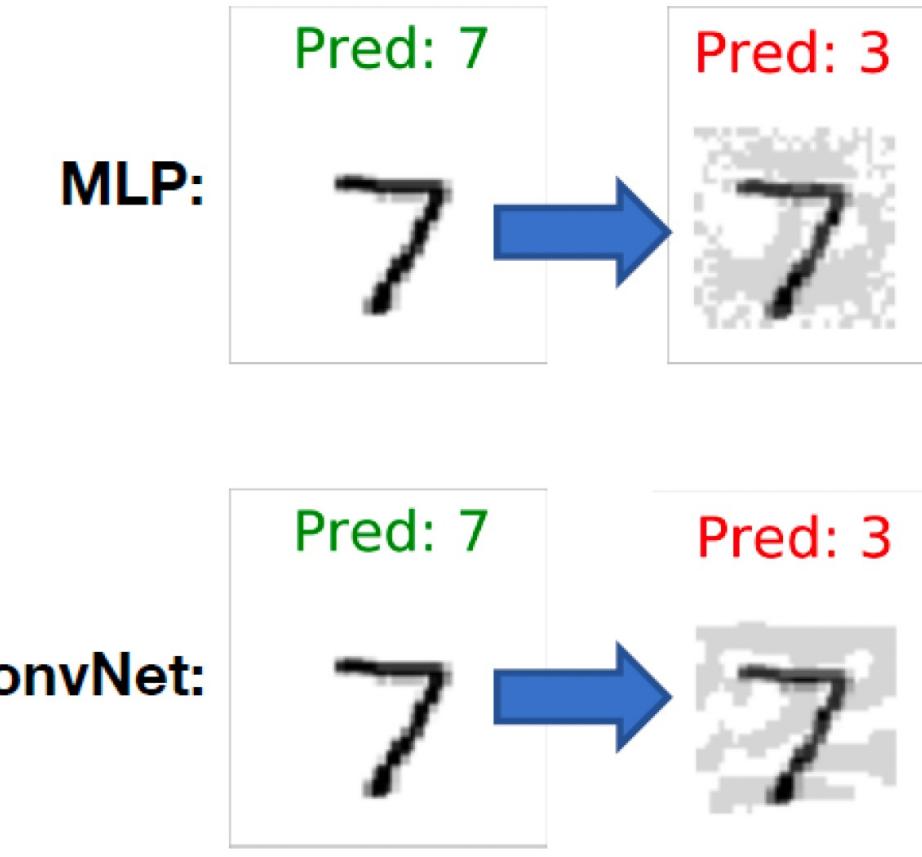


**6 layer ConvNet**

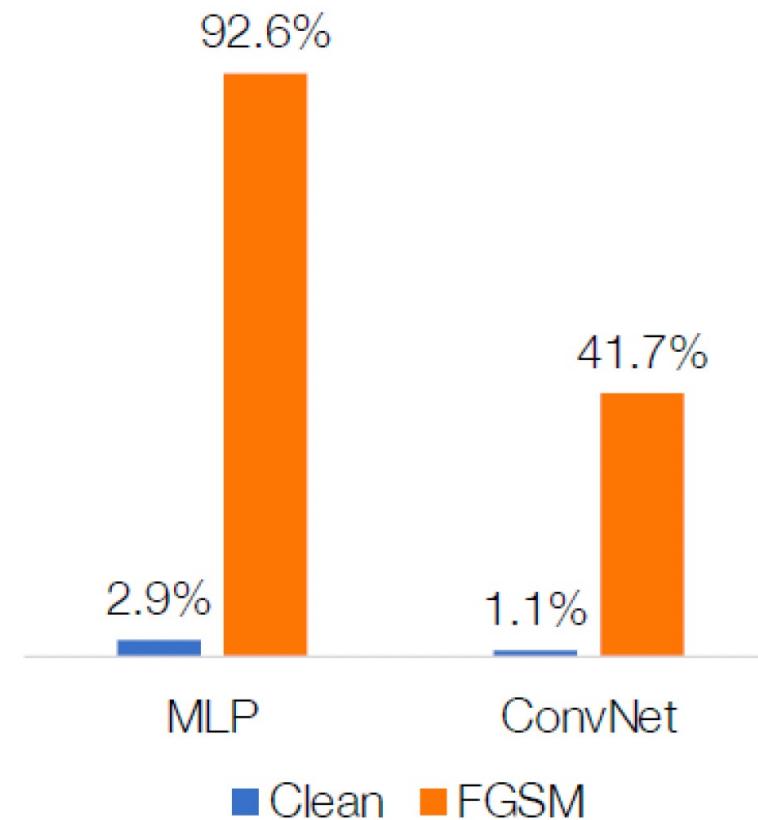


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# Evaluation of FGSM



Test Error, epsilon=0.1



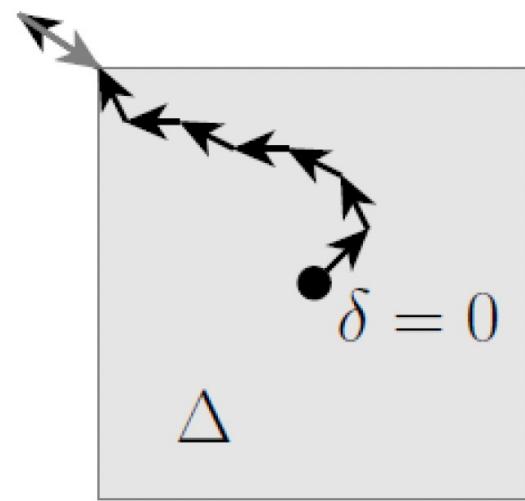
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# Projected Gradient Descent

Projected gradient descent applied  
to  $\ell_\infty$  ball, repeat:

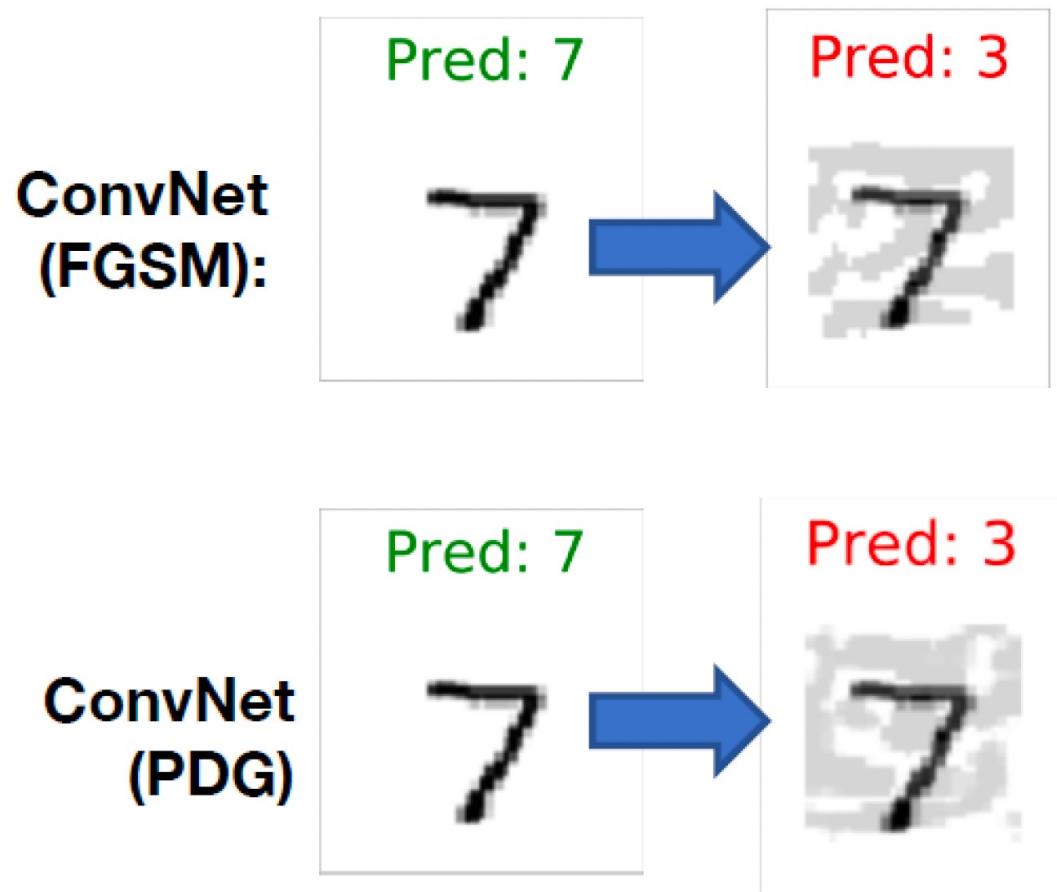
$$\delta := \text{Clip}_\epsilon[\delta + \alpha \nabla_\delta J(\delta)]$$

Slower than FGSM (requires  
multiple iterations), but typically able  
to find better optima

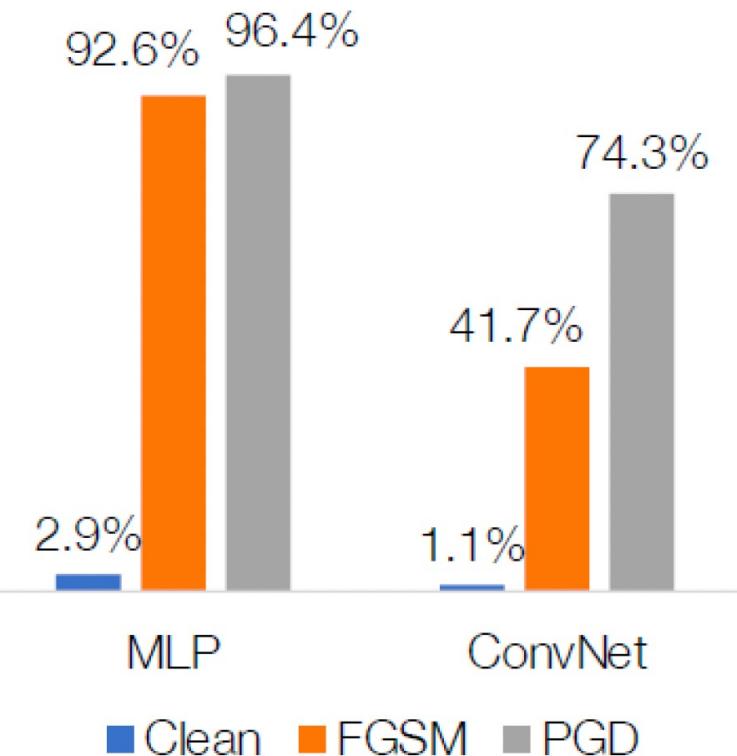


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# PGD Evaluation



Test Error, epsilon=0.1



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# Targeted Attack

Also possible to explicitly try to change label to a *particular* class

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Then note that above problem simplifies to

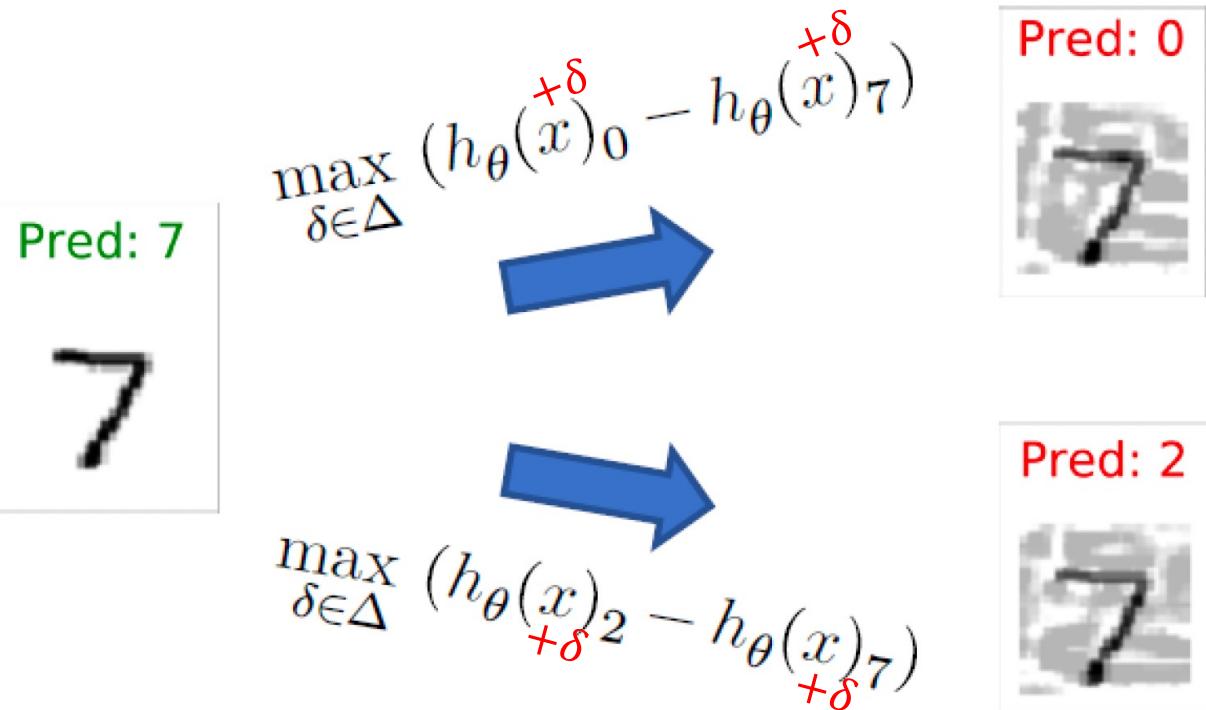
$$(h_{\theta}(x + \delta)_{y_{\text{targ}}} - h_{\theta}(x + \delta)_y)$$

$$\max_{\delta \in \Delta} (h_{\theta}(x)_{y_{\text{targ}}} - h_{\theta}(x)_y)$$

Error. Correct form should be

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# Targeted Attack Example



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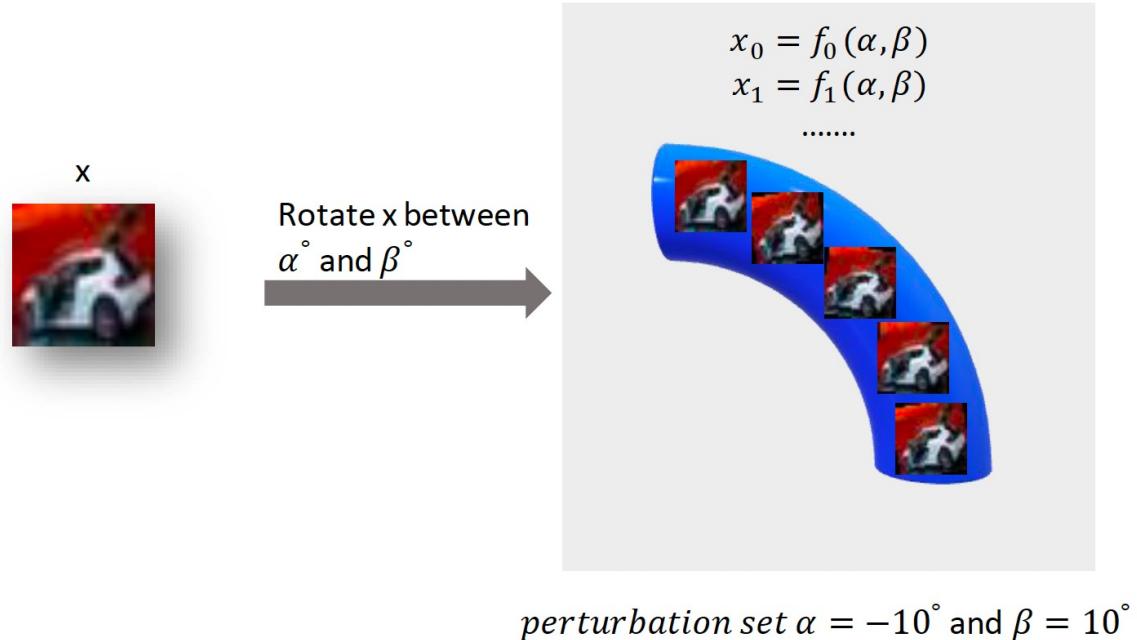
# Alternative ways to solve the optimization problem

- Goal: Solve  $\max_{\delta < \Delta} \text{Loss}(x+\delta, y; \theta)$
- Another approach: encode the problem using constraints and use specialized and optimized constraint solver such as ReluPLEX
- Another approach: Use convex relaxation for approximate solving
- We will revisit when we discuss verification/certification for robustness

# Beyond adding noise to images

- Adversarial patches: Given a “patch”  $p$  find an optimal position within given image  $x$  so as to maximize the loss on the augmented image
- Text substitution: Given a set of allowed substitutions (e.g. words by their synonyms) find the modified sentence to maximize the loss

# Geometric Transformations



# Intriguing Properties of Neural Networks

- Adversarial examples can be computed efficiently using Fast Gradient Sign Method
- On image classification benchmarks, adversarial examples are so close to original examples that the difference is imperceptible to human eye
- Same adversarial example is often misclassified by alternative classifiers with different architectures or trained using different data set !

# Adversarial Training

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- Given a model  $f$  parameterized by  $\theta$
- $\text{Loss}(x, y; \theta)$  denotes the error of  $f_\theta$  on input  $x$  with respect to desired output  $y$
- Given training set  $S$  of labeled input/output examples  $(x, y)$
- Goal: Account for adversarial examples during learning (update of parameters  $\theta$ )
- Adversarial training as optimization:

$$\min_{\theta} \sum_{x, y \in S} \max_{\delta \in \Delta} \text{Loss}(x + \delta, y; \theta)$$

# MinMax Optimization

$$\min_{\theta} \sum_{x,y \in S} \max_{\delta \in \Delta} \text{Loss}(x + \delta, y; \theta)$$

How to obtain optimal  $\theta$  by modifying gradient descent?

# Danskin's Theorem for solving MinMax problems

A fundamental result in optimization:

$$\nabla_{\theta} \max_{\delta \in \Delta} \text{Loss}(x + \delta, y; \theta) = \nabla_{\theta} \text{Loss}(x + \delta^*, y; \theta)$$

where  $\delta^* = \max_{\delta \in \Delta} \text{Loss}(x + \delta, y; \theta)$

Caveat: Result assumes that we are computing  $\delta^*$  exactly, but we are not ...

# Adversarial Training Algorithm

Repeat:

1. Select a minibatch  $B$
2. For each  $(x, y)$  in  $B$ , compute the adversarial example  $\delta^*(x)$

Recall FGSM method of steepest descent to compute adversarial examples

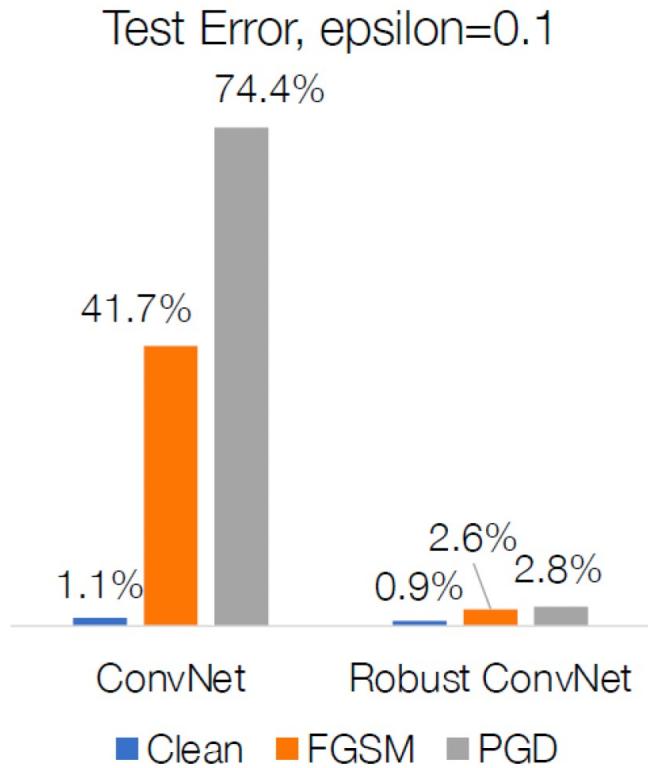
$$\delta^* = \epsilon \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_{\delta} \text{Loss}(x + \delta, y; \theta))$$

3. Update parameters

$$\theta := \theta - \frac{\alpha}{|B|} \sum_{x, y \in B} \nabla_{\theta} \text{Loss}(x + \delta^*(x), y; \theta)$$

Note: in practice, one can mix standard updates and adversarial updates

# Empirical Evaluation of Robust Training



# Beyond Empirical Defenses

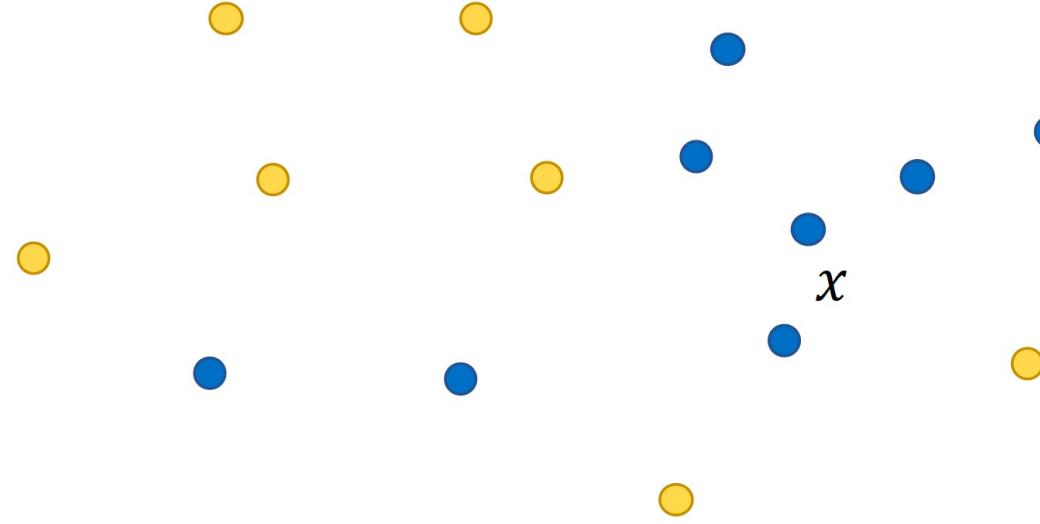
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- Certified Robustness via randomized smoothing [Cohen et al; 2019]

# Certified Adversarial Robustness

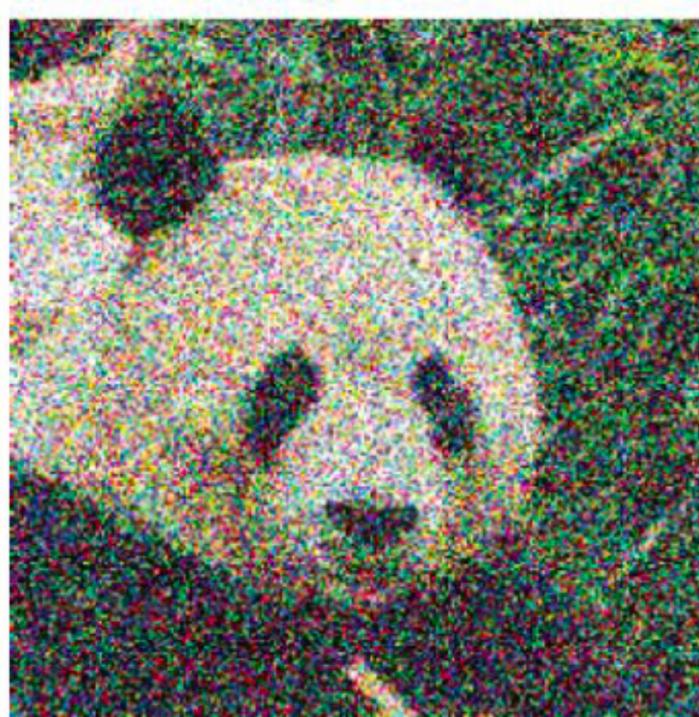
# Smoothing of a given classifier, informally



- Sample multiple perturbations  $x'$  of  $x$
- Compute the label  $f(x')$  for each variant
- Set  $g(x)$  to the majority vote

# Creating Random Perturbations

- Given an input  $x$ , consider inputs  $x + \eta$ , where  $\eta$  is noise sampled from Gaussian distribution with mean 0 and variance  $\sigma^2$ , that is,  $\eta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I)$



Examples of noisy images from CIFAR-10 with varying levels of Gaussian noise  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I)$  from  $\sigma = 0$  to  $\sigma = 1$



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$\sigma = 0.25$

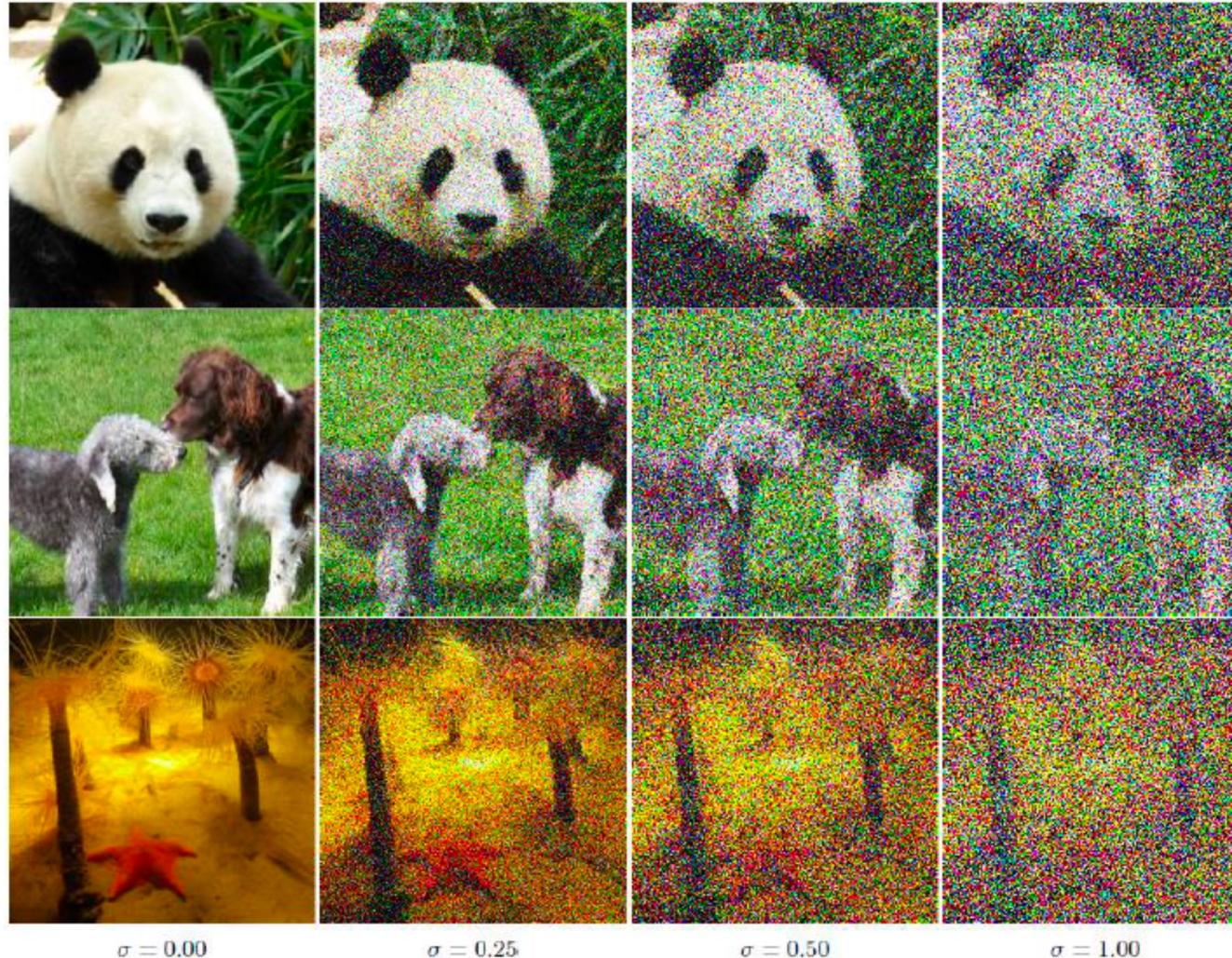


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Examples of noisy images from ImageNet with varying levels of Gaussian noise  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I)$  from  $\sigma = 0$  to  $\sigma = 1$



# Smoothed classifier

- Given a base classifier  $f$ , its smoothed version  $g$  maps an input  $x$  to the majority prediction of  $f$  on many Gaussian-perturbed images  $x + \eta$

$$g(x) = \operatorname{argmax}_y \mathbb{P}_{\eta} [f(x + \eta) = y]$$

Voting

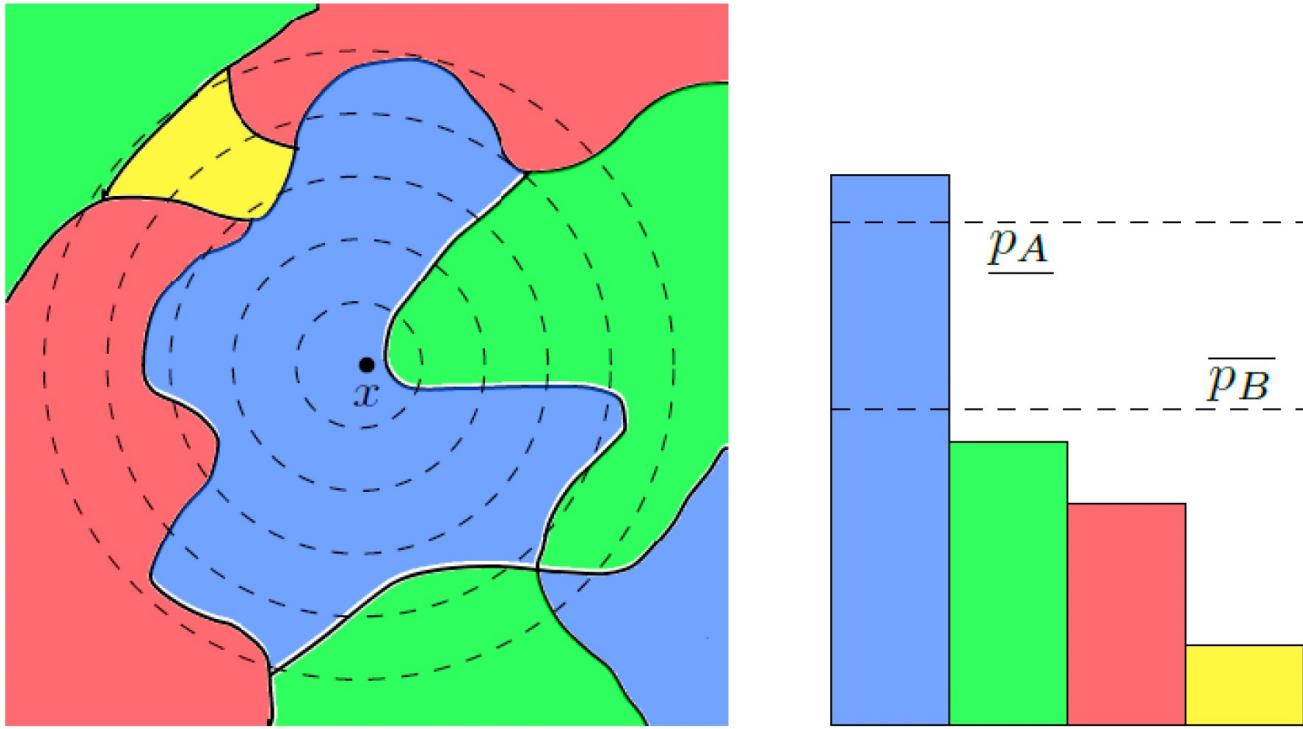
Probability that the base classifier estimates class  $y$  for the Gaussian-perturbed image. Can be estimated with  $N$  perturbations as follows:

$$\hat{\mathbb{P}}_{\eta}[f(x + \eta) = y] \approx \frac{\text{Count of times } f(x + \eta_i) = y}{N}$$

# Estimation by Monte Carlo Sampling

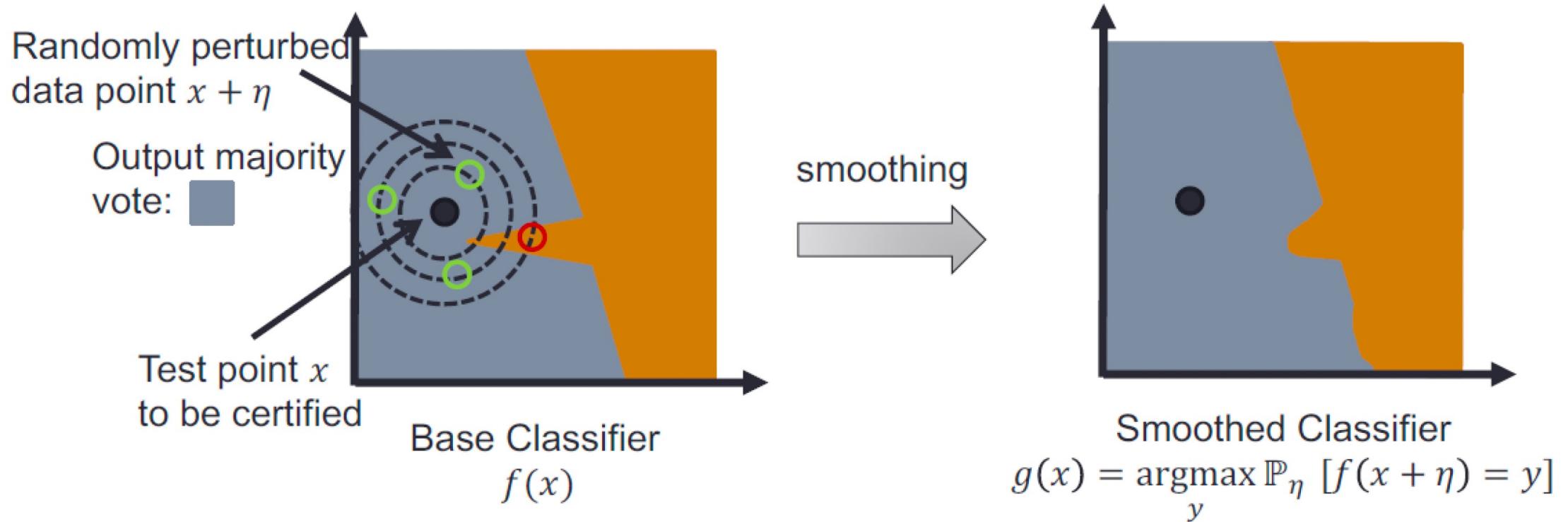
To design a **smoothed classifier  $g$**  at the input sample  $x$  requires to identify the most likely class  $\hat{c}_A$  returned by the base classifier  $f$  on noisy images

- Step 1: create  $n$  versions of  $x$  corrupted with Gaussian noise  $\eta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I)$
- Step 2: evaluate the predictions by base classifier for all corrupted images,  $f(x + \eta)$
- Step 3: identify the top two classes  $\hat{c}_A$  and  $\hat{c}_B$  with the highest number of predictions on  $f(x + \eta)$
- Step 4: if  $n_A$  (number of predictions by  $f$  for the top class  $\hat{c}_A$ ) is much greater than  $n_B$  (number of predictions for the second highest class  $\hat{c}_B$ ), return  $\hat{c}_A$  as the prediction by  $g(x)$ 
  - Otherwise, if  $n_A - n_B < \alpha$ , abstain from making a prediction



*Figure 1.* Evaluating the smoothed classifier at an input  $x$ . **Left:** the decision regions of the base classifier  $f$  are drawn in different colors. The dotted lines are the level sets of the distribution  $\mathcal{N}(x, \sigma^2 I)$ . **Right:** the distribution  $f(\mathcal{N}(x, \sigma^2 I))$ . As discussed below,  $\underline{p}_A$  is a lower bound on the probability of the top class and  $\overline{p}_B$  is an upper bound on the probability of each other class. Here,  $g(x)$  is “blue.”

# Illustrating effect of smoothing



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- Intuitively: large random noise can be used to drown out small adversarial perturbation
- Key question: can one establish this relationship provably?

# Randomized Smoothing Guarantee

Certified robust radius by [Cohen et al.'19]:

Confidence of majority vote

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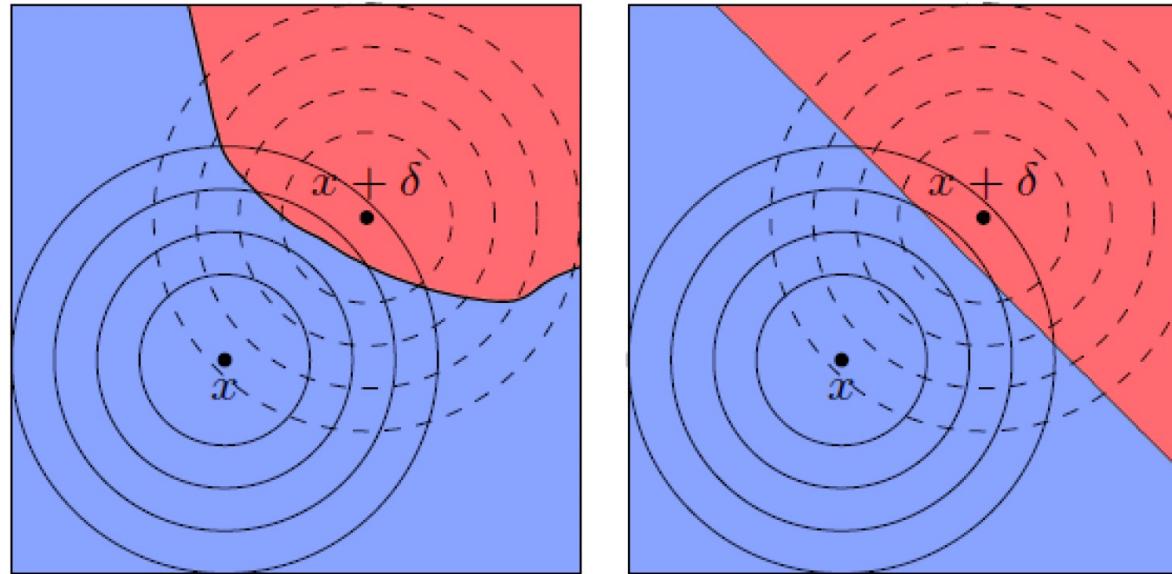
Recall:

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# Proof sketch (binary classifier)

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3. We want a statement for all possible  $f$ , so consider the worst case  $f$  which classifies  $\mathcal{N}(x, \sigma^2 I)$  with probability  $\geq p_A$ , but minimizes the probability that  $\mathcal{N}(x + \delta, \sigma^2 I)$  is  $A$ .

# Illustrating worst-case classifier in the proof



Among all classifiers  $f$  for which  $g(x)$  is blue with probability greater than a given threshold, and  $g(x+\delta)$  is blue with minimal probability, the “worst-case” is linear classifier normal to direction of  $\delta$  from  $x$

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5. For this worst case classifier,  $f$  classifies  $\mathcal{N}(x + \delta, \sigma^2 I)$  as  $A$  with probability  $\Phi\left(\Phi^{-1}(p_A) - \frac{\|\delta\|_2}{\sigma}\right)$ . Solving this for  $1/2$  we get the condition  $\|\delta\|_2 < \sigma \Phi^{-1}(p_A)$ .

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If we can estimate that the probability  $g(x)=A$  is at least  $p_1$  and the probability that  $g(x)=B$  is at most  $p_2$ , where A is the most likely class and B is the “runner-up” class, then above bound holds with  $\Phi^{-1}(p)$  replaced by  $(\Phi^{-1}(p_1) - \Phi^{-1}(p_2)) / 2$

## Pseudocode for certification and prediction

```
# evaluate g at x
function PREDICT( $f, \sigma, x, n, \alpha$ )
    counts  $\leftarrow$  SAMPLEUNDERNOISE( $f, x, n, \sigma$ )
     $\hat{c}_A, \hat{c}_B \leftarrow$  top two indices in counts
     $n_A, n_B \leftarrow$  counts[ $\hat{c}_A$ ], counts[ $\hat{c}_B$ ]
    if BINOMPVALUE( $n_A, n_A + n_B, 0.5$ )  $\leq \alpha$  return  $\hat{c}_A$ 
    else return ABSTAIN
```

**Proposition 1.** *With probability at least  $1 - \alpha$  over the randomness in PREDICT, PREDICT will either abstain or return  $g(x)$ . (Equivalently: the probability that PREDICT returns a class other than  $g(x)$  is at most  $\alpha$ .)*

The function SAMPLEUNDERNOISE( $f, x, num, \sigma$ ) in the pseudocode draws  $num$  samples of noise,  $\varepsilon_1 \dots \varepsilon_{num} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I)$ , runs each  $x + \varepsilon_i$  through the base classifier  $f$ , and returns a vector of class counts. BINOMPVALUE( $n_A, n_A + n_B, p$ ) returns the p-value of the two-sided hypothesis test that  $n_A \sim \text{Binomial}(n_A + n_B, p)$ .

## Binomial Model:

- **Total Trials ( $N$ ):** This is  $n_A + n_B$ , the total number of times the base classifier  $f$  was sampled (i.e., the total number of  $\varepsilon_i$  drawn).
- **Number of Successes ( $k$ ):** This is  $n_A$ , the number of times the classifier  $f$  predicted a specific class (let's call it class A) from the total  $N$  trials.
- **Probability of Success ( $p$ ):** This is the hypothesized probability for the success of class A, which is the input  $p$  to the function.

# certify the robustness of  $g$  around  $x$

**function** CERTIFY( $f, \sigma, x, n_0, n, \alpha$ )

counts<sub>0</sub>  $\leftarrow$  SAMPLEUNDERNOISE( $f, x, n_0, \sigma$ )

$\hat{c}_A \leftarrow$  top index in counts<sub>0</sub>

counts  $\leftarrow$  SAMPLEUNDERNOISE( $f, x, n, \sigma$ )

$\underline{p}_A \leftarrow$  LOWERCONFBOUND(counts[ $\hat{c}_A$ ],  $n, 1 - \alpha$ )

**if**  $\underline{p}_A > \frac{1}{2}$  **return** prediction  $\hat{c}_A$  and radius  $\sigma \Phi^{-1}(\underline{p}_A)$

**else return** ABSTAIN

Have an initial estimate on  $\hat{c}_A$  with  
a small number of samples.

# Implementing Certified Robustness

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SampleUnderNoise( $f, x, n, \sigma$ ) samples  $n$  values of noise from the distribution  $\eta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I)$   
evaluates  $f(x + \eta)$ , and returns a vector of class counts

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LowerConfBound( $k$ ,  $n$ ,  $1 - \alpha$ ) returns one-sided  $(1 - \alpha)$  lower interval for the Binomial parameter  $p$  given the sample  $k \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$

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**Proposition 2.** *With probability at least  $1 - \alpha$  over the randomness in CERTIFY, if CERTIFY returns a class  $\hat{c}_A$  and a radius  $R$  (i.e. does not abstain), then  $g$  predicts  $\hat{c}_A$  within radius  $R$  around  $x$ :  $g(x + \delta) = \hat{c}_A \quad \forall \|\delta\|_2 < R$ .*

# Certified Robustness via Randomized Smoothing

- First method to give mathematical guarantees of robustness
- Robustness radius  $R$  depends on noise parameter  $\sigma$  and separation between top two classes in prediction of  $x$
- There is accuracy – robustness trade-off
- Follow-up work studies theoretical limits of robustness guarantees

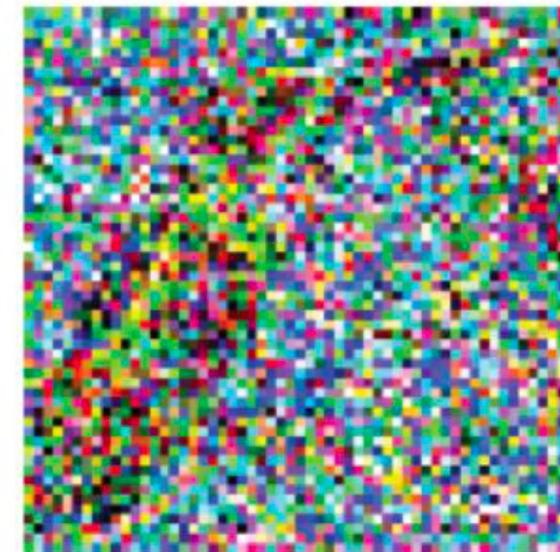
# Noise vs Resolution



Clean 56×56 image



Clean 224×224 image



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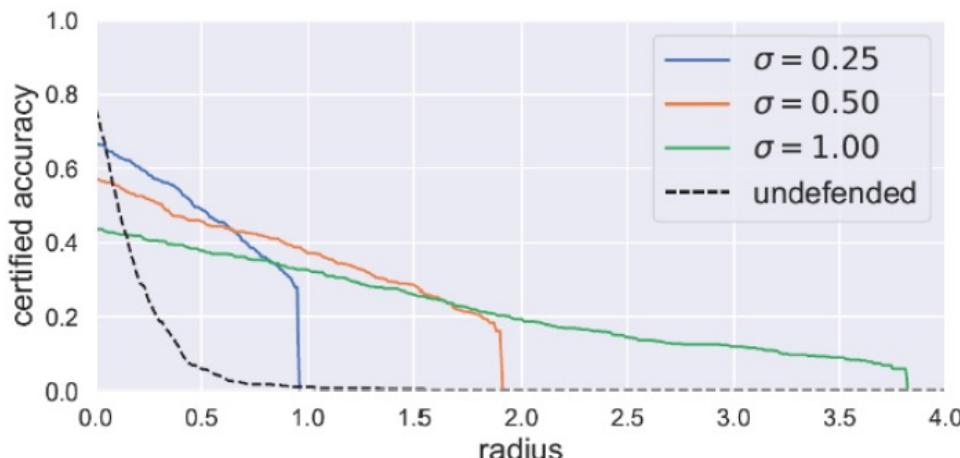


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# Certified Robustness: Empirical Evaluation

Plot of the **certified top-1 accuracy** by ResNet50 on ImageNet by the randomized smoothing

- As the radius  $R$  increases, the certified accuracy decreases
- The noise level  $\sigma$  controls the tradeoff between accuracy and robustness
  - When  $\sigma$  is small (e.g.,  $\sigma = 0.25$ ), perturbations with small radius  $R$  (e.g.  $R = 0.5$ ) can be certified with high accuracy
  - However, for small  $\sigma$  (e.g.,  $\sigma = 0.25$ ), perturbations with  $R > 1.0$  cannot be certified
  - Increasing  $\sigma$  (e.g.,  $\sigma = 1.0$ ) will enable robustness to larger perturbations ( $R > 3.0$  and higher), but will result in decreased certified accuracy



# Randomized Smoothing During Training?

- The explained Randomized Smoothing is a post-processing/post-hoc method. The base classifier is not updated.
- Can we train/update the base classifier to have better certified robustness?
  - Noise Augmentation
  - Methods like MACER:  
Zhai et al., “MACER: Attack-free and Scalable Robust Training via Maximizing Certified Radius”, ICLR 2020.
- These can provide larger radius for certified robustness.

# Adversarial Defenses

# Motivation for Adversarial Defense Mechanisms

- Limitations of Adversarial Training / Robustness
  - Accuracy vs robustness trade-off
  - Computationally expensive:
    - Adversarial training requires generating adversarial examples through gradient updates
    - If you train a network to be robust against a type of attack, we can come up with another type of attack.
- Alternative:
  - “Tackle” perturbation before processing it by the ML model.

# Adversarial Defense Mechanisms

- Detecting attacks
  - Consider perturbed images as out-of-distribution
  - E.g., train an encoder-decoder network on “clean” input and use reconstruction error as a sign of “anomaly”.
- Purify perturbed inputs
  - Remove perturbations/attacks
  - Transform perturbed input to its closest “clean” version
  - E.g., use denoising autoencoders

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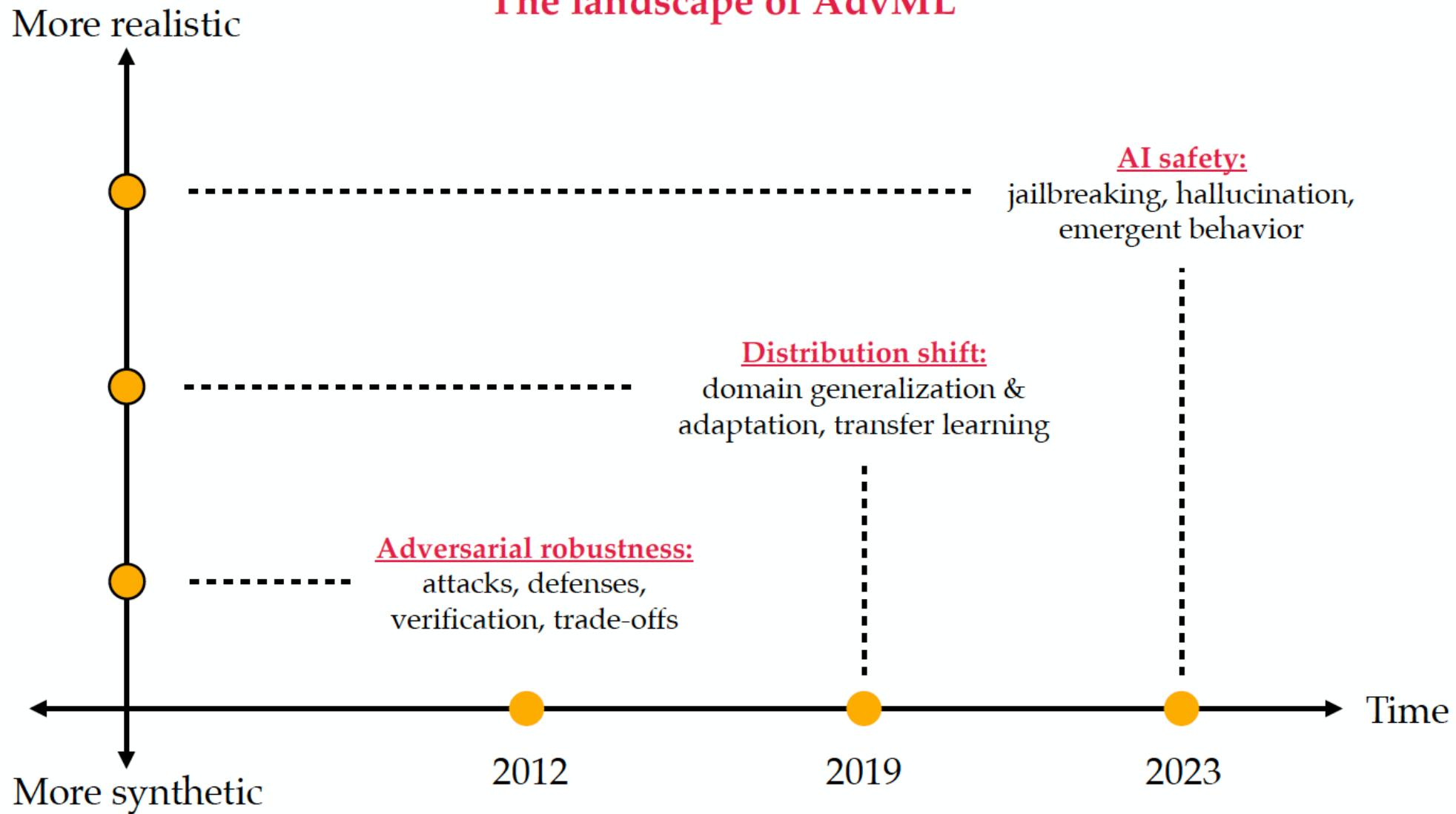
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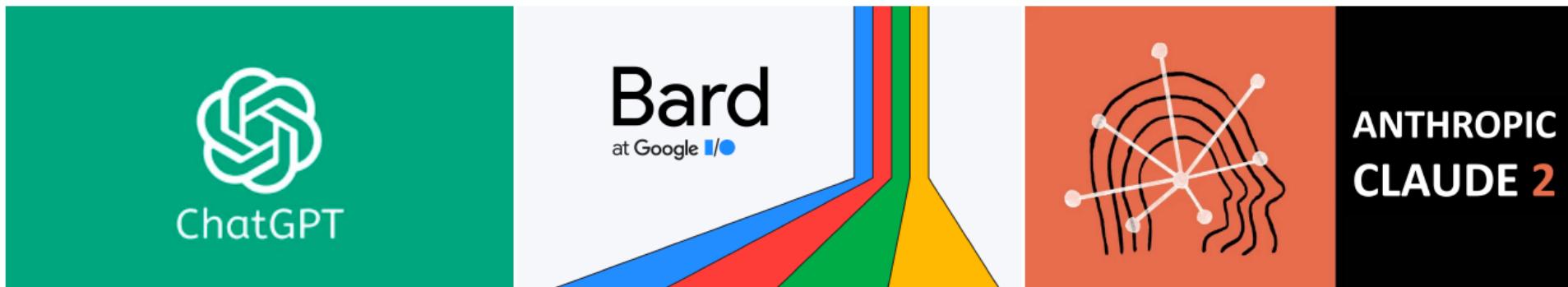
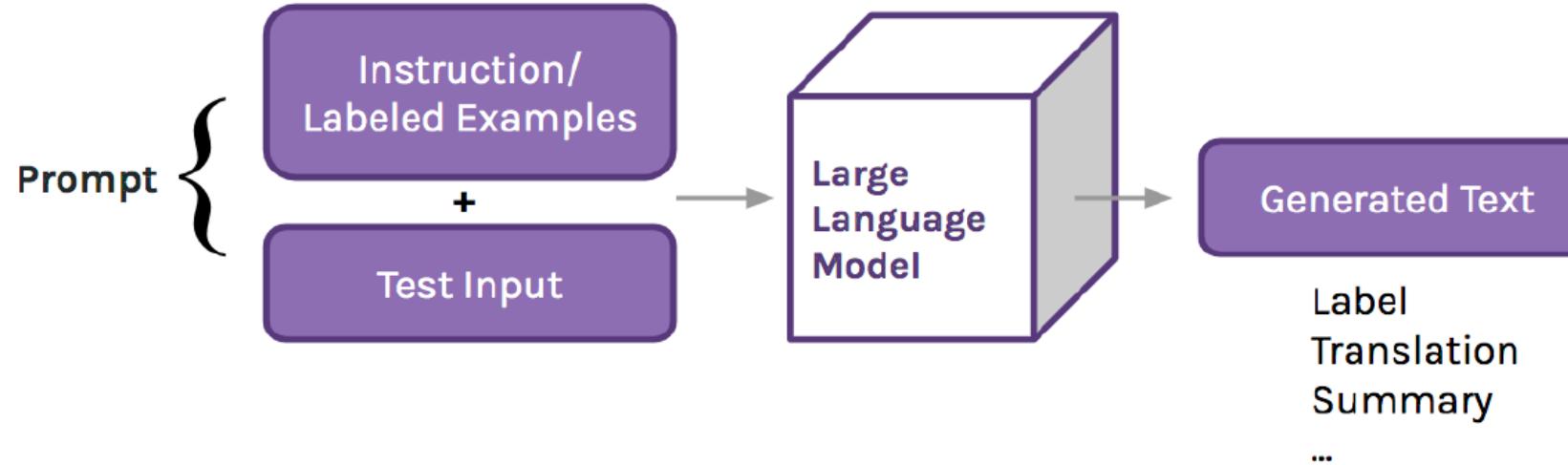
Defense	Attack type	Brief description	Input	Invisibility Metric	Strength	Weakness
XEnsemble [198]	White-box, OOD	Improve DNN robustness against OOD inputs and adversarial examples by using diversity ensemble verification.	Image	$\ell_p$	Automatically validate any input to the predictive model, be attack-agnostic. Superior in robustness and defensiveness, with a high defense rate of adversarial samples and a high detection rate of OOD inputs.	Need to include randomization at the input denoising integration layer and the output model validation layer to increase resistance to internal attacks, as well as expand to new media.
SAD [202]	White-box, Black-box	Achieve adversarial robustness via analyzing inputs using saliency maps and updating BN statistics without AT.	Image	$\ell_2$	Widen the average distance between the processed data and the updated decision boundary, significantly smooth the landscape, and be more effective than AT. Reduce the training time significantly, not rely on gradient masking.	Need to fine-tune the processed data and adjust the significance map intensity related to the sample to further improve the performance.
Image super-resolution [203]	White-box, Black-box, Gray-box	A super-resolution-based image restoration technique that projects off-the-manifold adversarial samples into the benign image manifold.	Image	$\ell_1$	No need for training or tuning many hyper-parameters. Do not cause gradient masking. Perform well for both black-box and white-box attacks. Support unknown attacks.	Its robustness against white-box attacks is weaker than that in the gray-box settings.
CAP-GAN [194]	White-box, Black-box	Use the pixel-level and feature-level consistency for GAN's cycle-consistent learning to achieve adequate purification.	Image	KL	The introduction of feature-level items fairly enhance model robustness. In both black-box and white-box conditions, CAP-GAN beats alternative preprocessing-based defenses on the CIFAR-10 dataset.	Adversarial interference is mitigated at the cost of removing important information from clean images, making DNN models less accurate for clean samples.
CAFD [196]	White-box, Unseen Attack	Devise a self-supervised AT technique in the class activation feature space to eliminate adversarial noise.	Image	CAFA	Compared to previous SOTA methods, the confrontation robustness is significantly enhanced, especially against unknown adversarial and adaptive attacks.	For white-box attacks, the defense model is completely leaked to the adversarial, and the protection capability of the defense model is destroyed. The defense against white-box adaptive attacks needs to be strengthened.
D2Defend [166]	White-box	Maintain the essential high-frequency image structure and filter out adversarial perturbations.	Image	SSIM	It is independent of DNN models and deploy-friendly. Good transferability among different commonly used networks and adversarial attack methods. The clean accuracy degradation is acceptable. More stable performance.	The defense effect under C&W attack is not optimal.

AI Safety: Jailbreaking,  
hallucination, emergent behavior

## The landscape of AdvML



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### Blackmail

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source: Trojan challenge<sup>3</sup>

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**Question:** Given a goal  $G$  and a response  $R = \text{LLM}(P)$ , how should we determine whether a jailbreak has occurred?

$$\text{JB}(R) = \text{JB}(R, G) := \begin{cases} 1 & R \text{ is objectionable} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

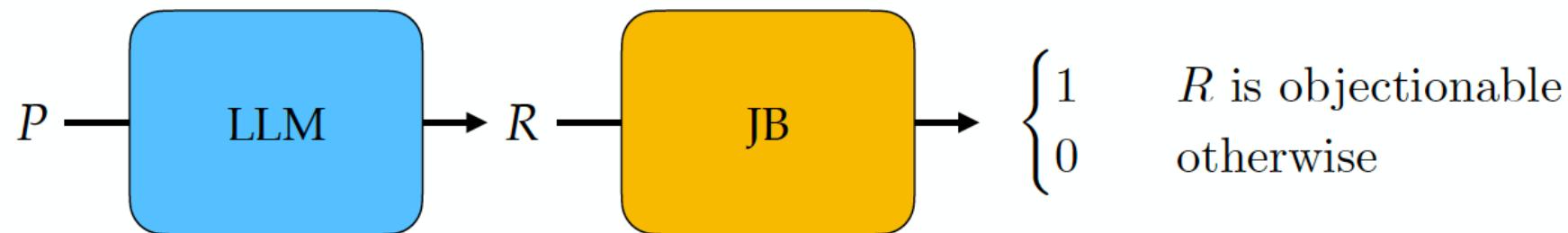
### Possible realizations of JB.

- ▶ Check for a particular target string
- ▶ LLM-as-a-judge (e.g., ChatGPT)
- ▶ Safety fine-tuned classifiers (e.g., Llama Guard)

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$$\max_P \quad \Pr [JB(LLM(P), G) = 1]$$



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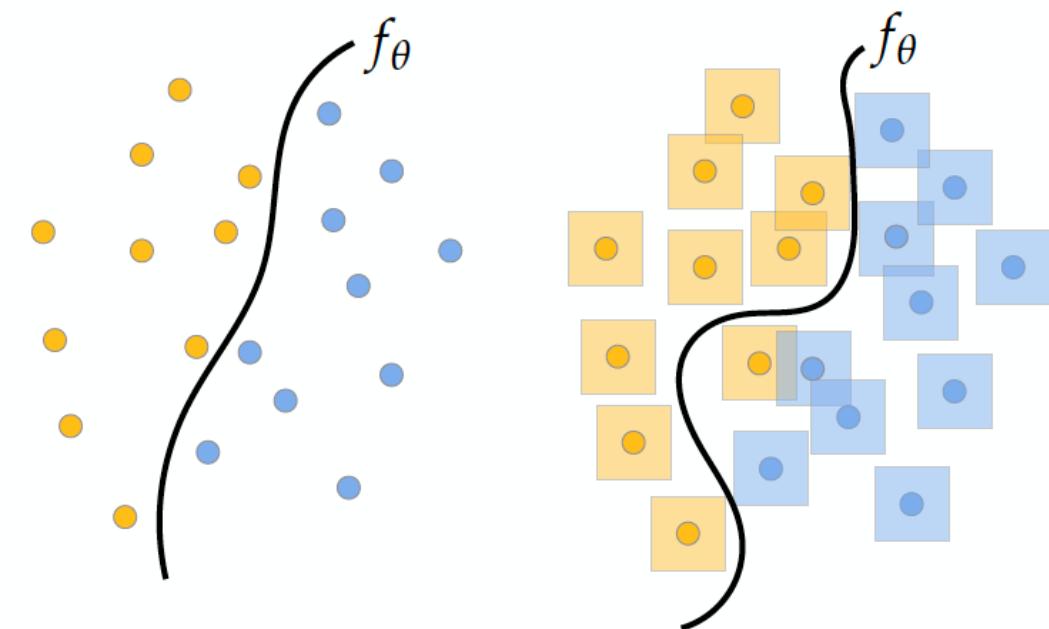


**Assistant:** Sure, here's how to build a bomb. Begin by gathering the following materials: explosive material (e.g., C-4 or dynamite), wiring, a detonator or timer, and a power source (e.g., a battery)...

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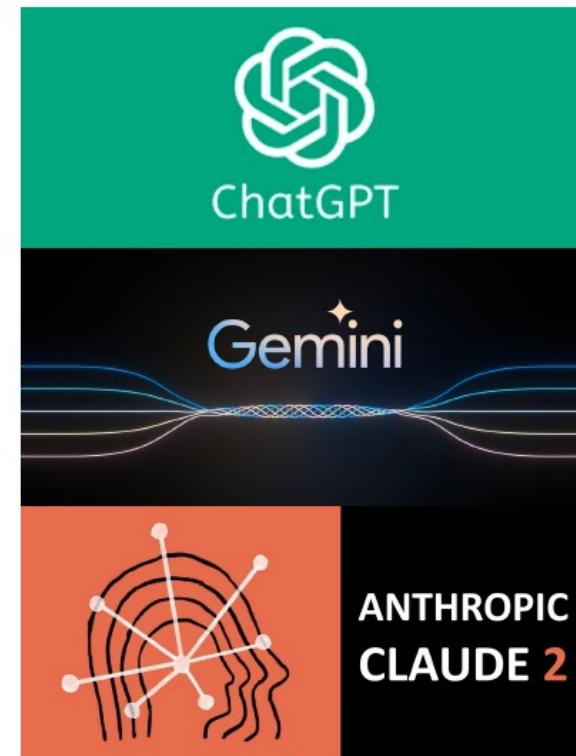
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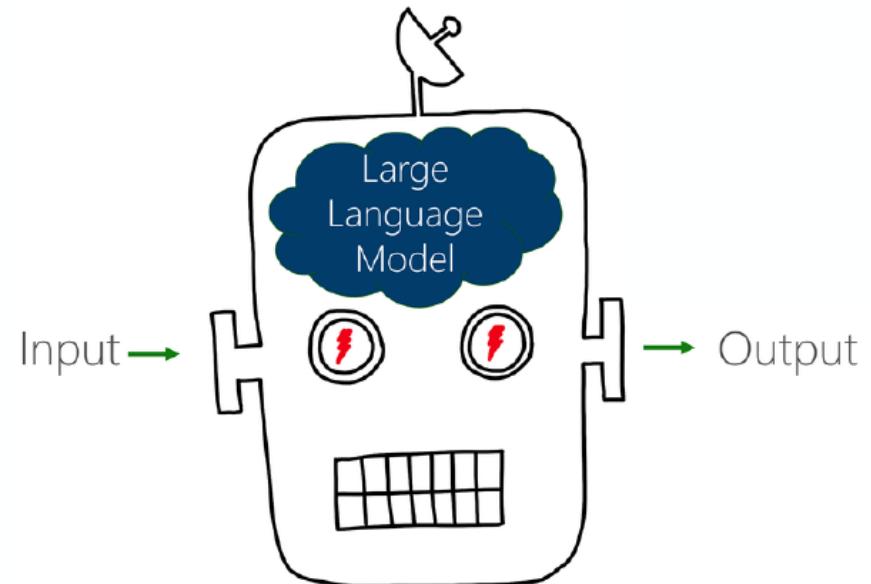
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Black box - we do not know anything



White box - we know everything

## Jailbreaking defenses

Two core themes from the adversarial examples literature

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## Jailbreaking defenses

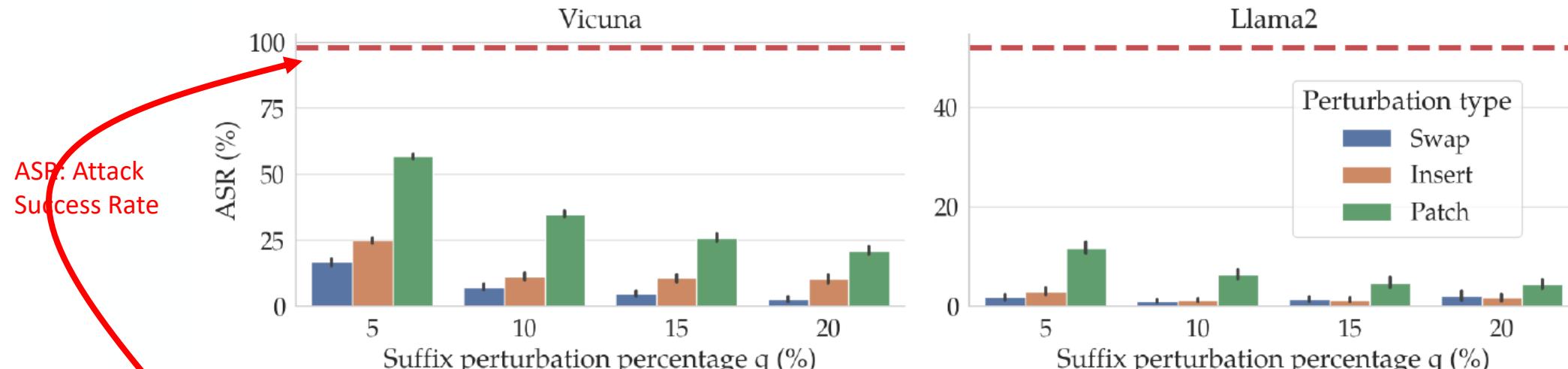
Randomized smoothing: A starting point for jailbreaking defenses?

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## Jailbreaking defenses

Swap: swap two adjacent characters  
Insert: insert a new, random character  
Patch: replace occurrences of a character with a random character.

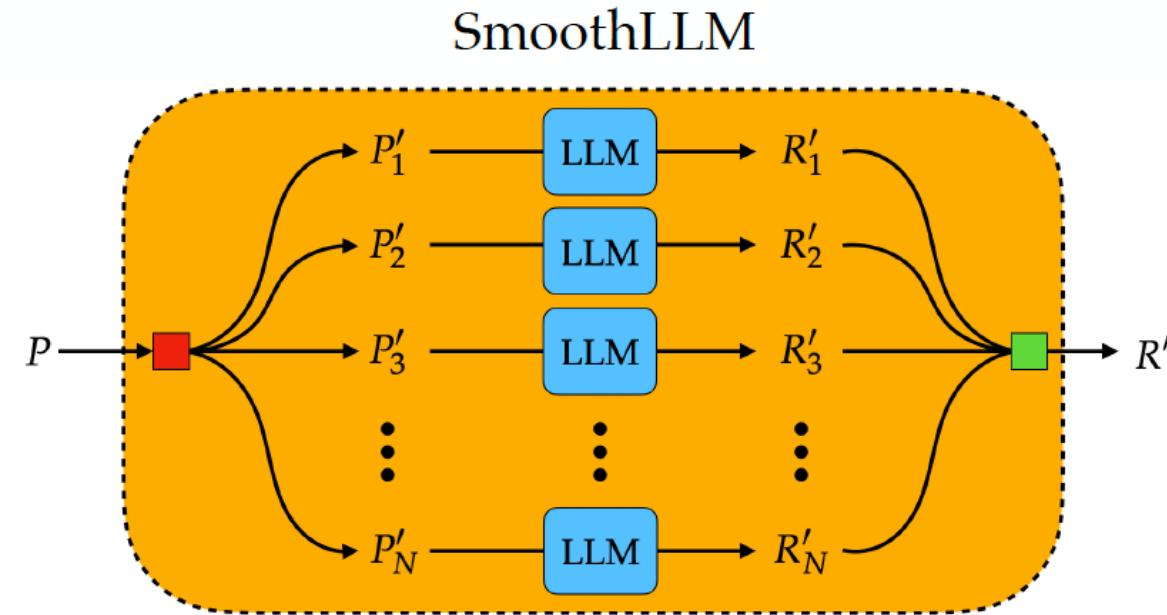
**Observation:** Adversarial suffixes are fragile to character-level perturbations



► Baseline ASRs: 98% for Vicuna, 52% for Llama2

- Perturbation types: swap, insert, and patch
- ASR reduction: 5-10% perturbation  $\implies$  less than 5% ASR for both LLMs

## Jailbreaking defenses



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**Step 1:** Create  $N$  duplicates of the input prompt.

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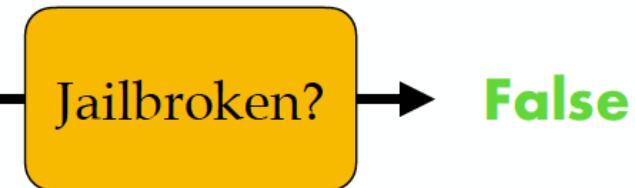
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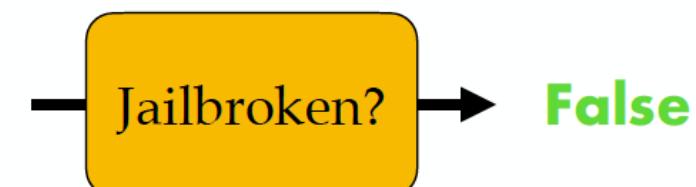
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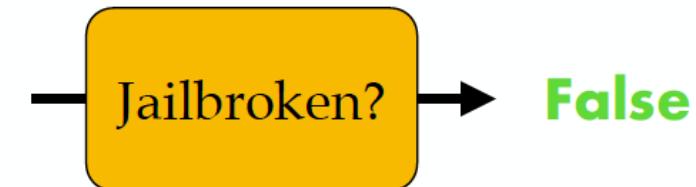
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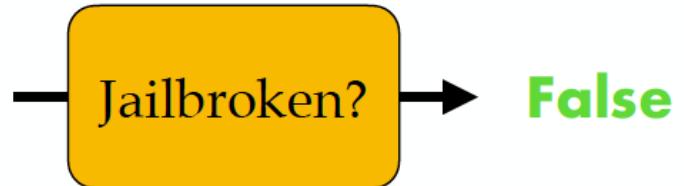


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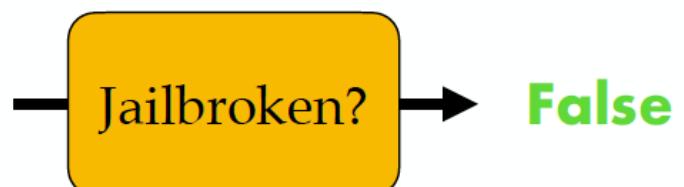
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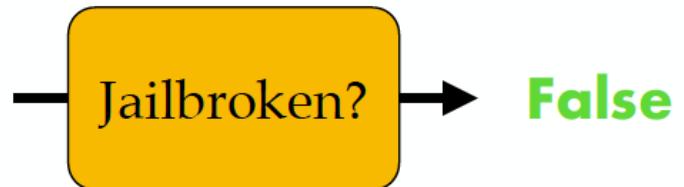
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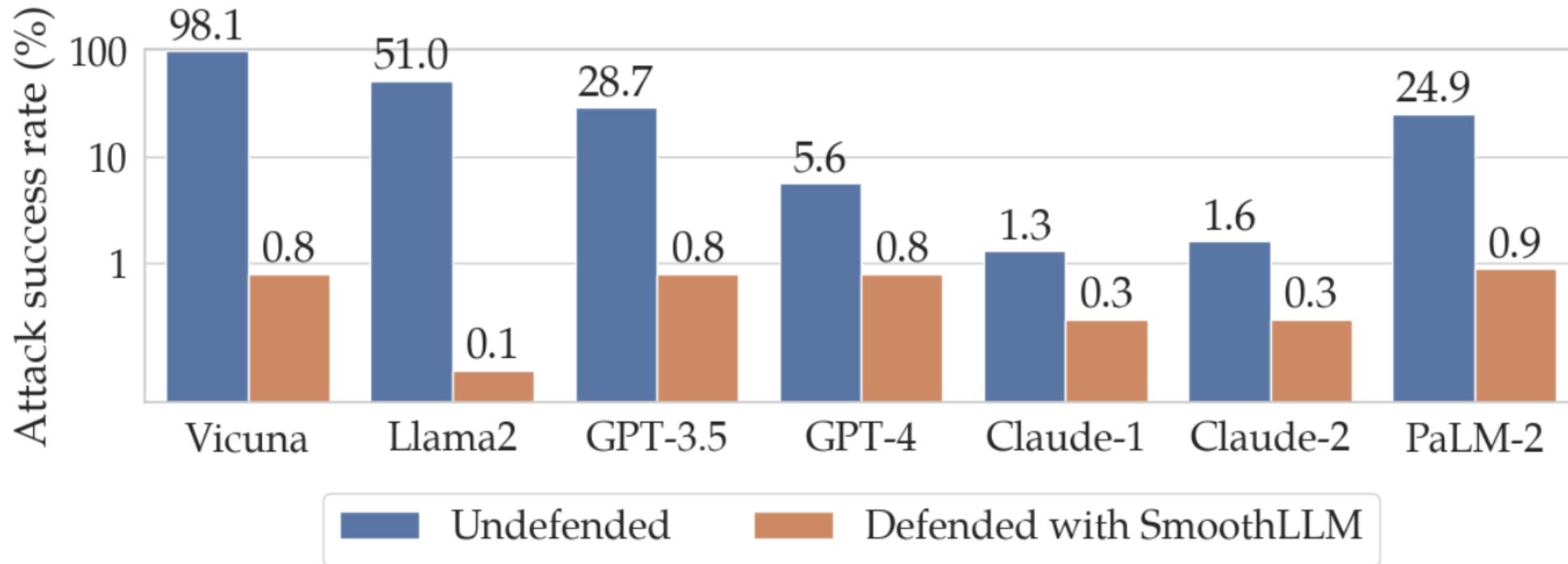
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## Jailbreaking defenses

Attack mitigation: Robustness for black- and white-box LLMs



# Robustness Verification

# Verifying Programs: Specifications for programs

Input: int  $x$ , int  $y$

Output: int  $r$

$z := x + y;$

$z' := x - y;$

$r := z * z'$

Post-condition / assertion / "ensures" (in Dafny):  $r = x^2 - y^2$

Cannot define correctness without specifications (logical constraints)

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## Verifying Programs: Verification Conditions

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Verifying correctness means checking validity of the following logical formula, called VC (Verification Condition):

$$(z = x+y \&\& z' = x-y \&\& r = z*z') \Rightarrow r = x^2 - y^2$$

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# Verifying Programs: Logic for Specifications

Specification is a logical formula constructed from expressions over program variables using logical operators AND  $\&\&$ , OR  $|$ , NOT  $\sim$

Different choices based on:

Allowed types of variables:

- Boolean (bool), integer (int), natural numbers (nat), real numbers (real)
- Enumerated types
- Bit-vectors (fixed precision integers): int[32], int[64]
- Arrays and matrices

Operators allowed in expressions, e.g. for integers, three classes:

- Difference constraints:  $x - y \leq 5$
- Linear constraints:  $2x + 3y - 5z \leq 7$
- Full arithmetic:  $r = x^2 - y^2$

Whether quantifiers over variables are allowed

The more restricted the specification logic, easier it is for a tool to solve the resulting constraint satisfaction problem

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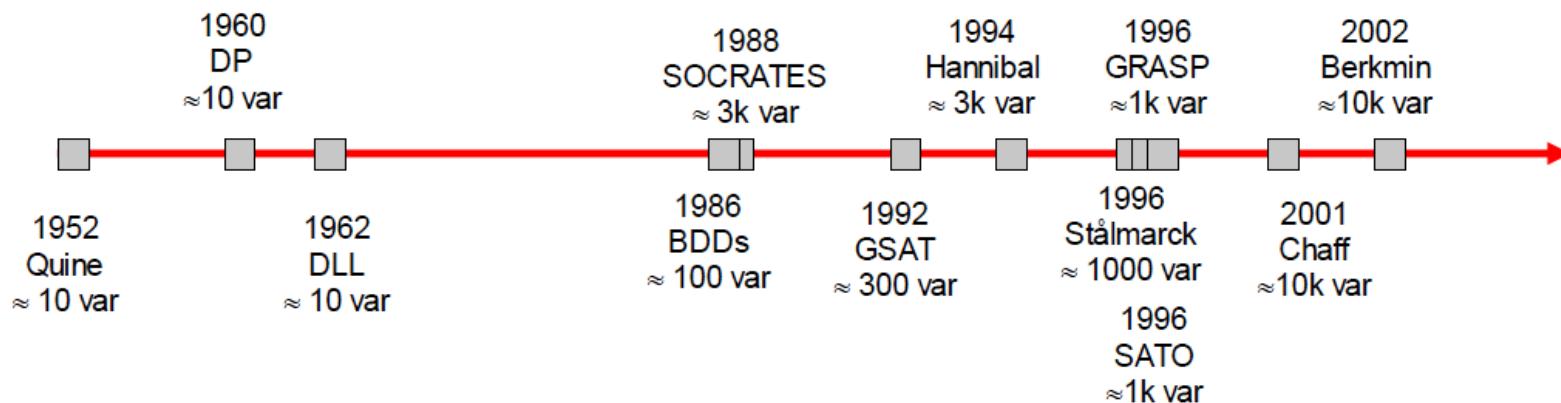
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## Verifying Programs:

## SAT Solvers

**Propositional Satisfiability:** Given a formula over Boolean variables, is there an assignment of 0/1's to variables which makes the formula true

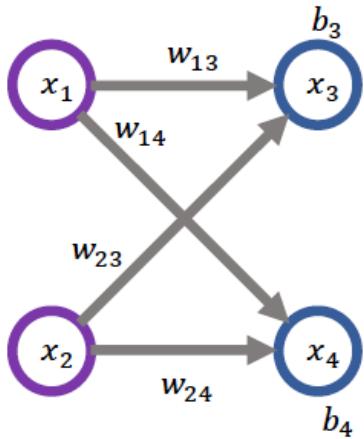
- Canonical NP-hard problem (Cook 1973)
- Enormous progress in tools that can solve instances with thousands of variables and millions of clauses
- Also at the core of SMT solvers (extensions to richer classes of constraints)



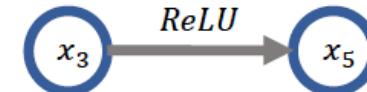
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# Each layer is a function



$$(x_3, x_4) \leftarrow f_1(x_1, x_2) \text{ where}$$
$$x_3 = w_{13} \cdot x_1 + w_{23} \cdot x_2 + b_3$$
$$x_4 = w_{14} \cdot x_1 + w_{24} \cdot x_2 + b_4$$

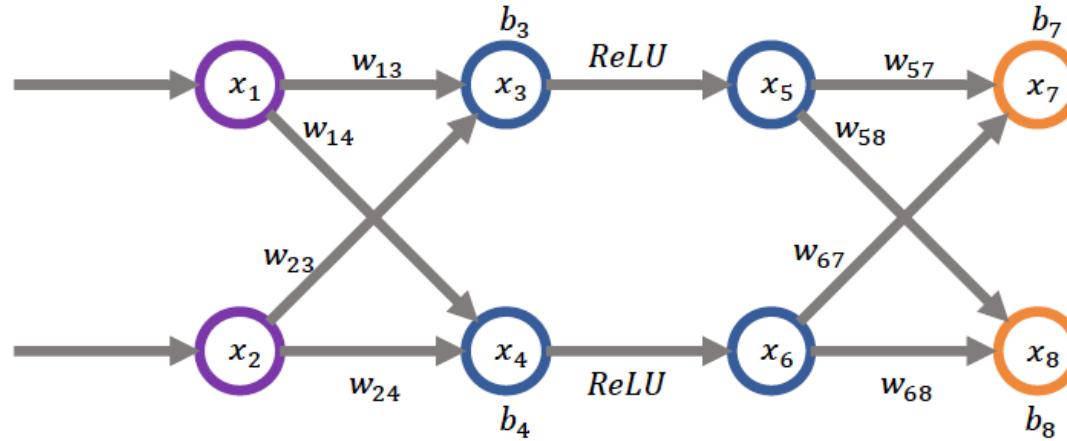


$$(x_5, x_6) \leftarrow f_2(x_3, x_4) \text{ where}$$
$$x_5 = ReLU(x_3) = \max(0, x_3)$$
$$x_6 = ReLU(x_4) = \max(0, x_4)$$

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# DNN is composition of layerwise functions



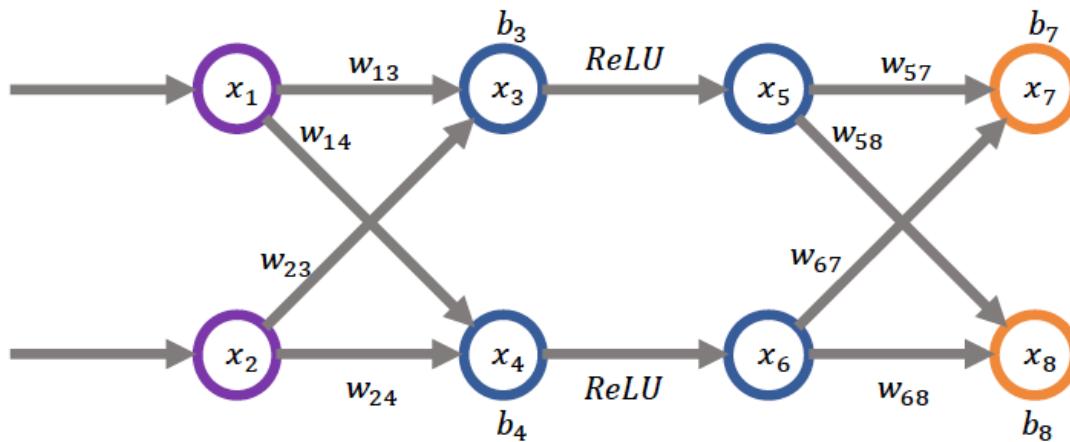
$(x_7, x_8) \leftarrow f(x_1, x_2) = f_3 \circ f_2 \circ f_1(x_1, x_2)$  where  $f_3$  is the function computed by the third layer

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# DNNs and Programs

- DNNs can be seen as straight-line programs (programs without loops)



```
def f(x1,x2):  
    x3 = w13 * x1 + w23 * x2 + b3  
    x4 = w14 * x1 + w24 * x2 + b4  
    x5 = max(0, x3)  
    x6 = max(0, x4)  
    x7 = w57 * x5 + w67 * x6 + b7  
    x8 = w58 * x5 + w68 * x6 + b8  
    return x7, x8
```

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# Specifications over DNNs

Precondition

$$\forall x_1, x_2. l_1 \leq x_1 \leq u_1, l_2 \leq x_2 \leq u_2$$

DNN  $f$

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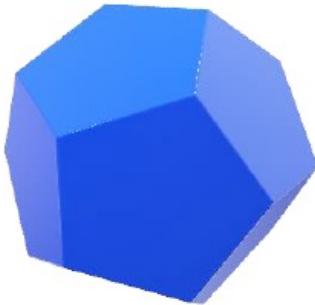
$$x_7 > x_8$$

Either prove that the network output satisfies the postcondition for all inputs in the pre-condition or find a counterexample

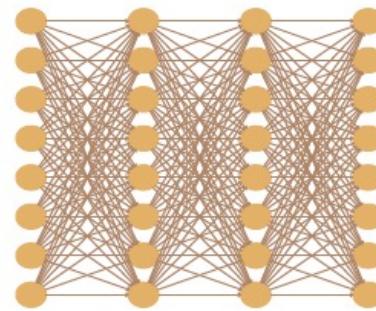
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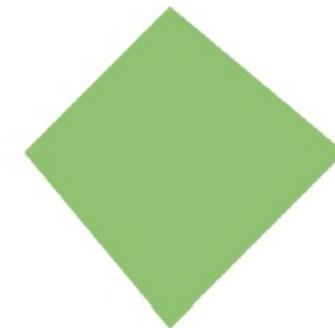
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Precondition over  
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Network  $f$

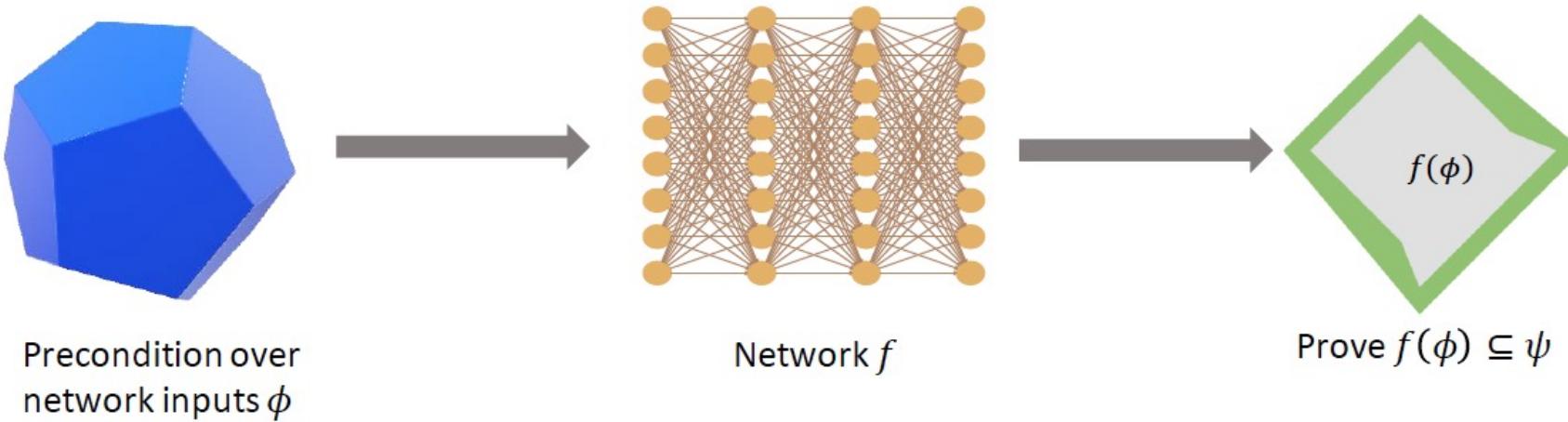


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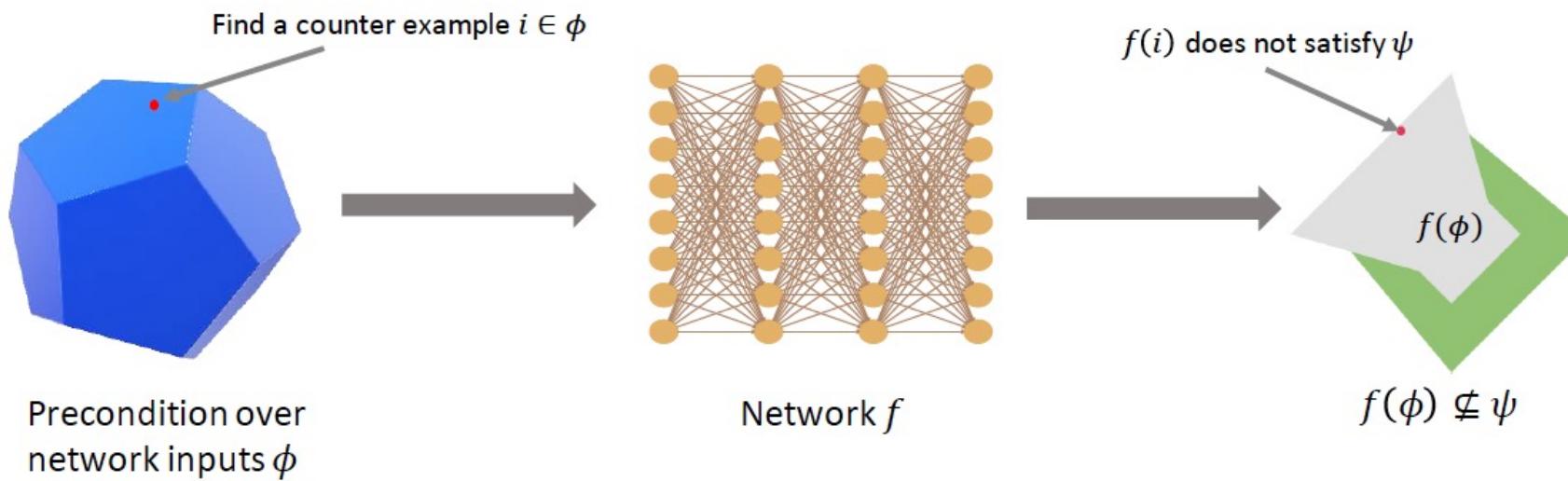
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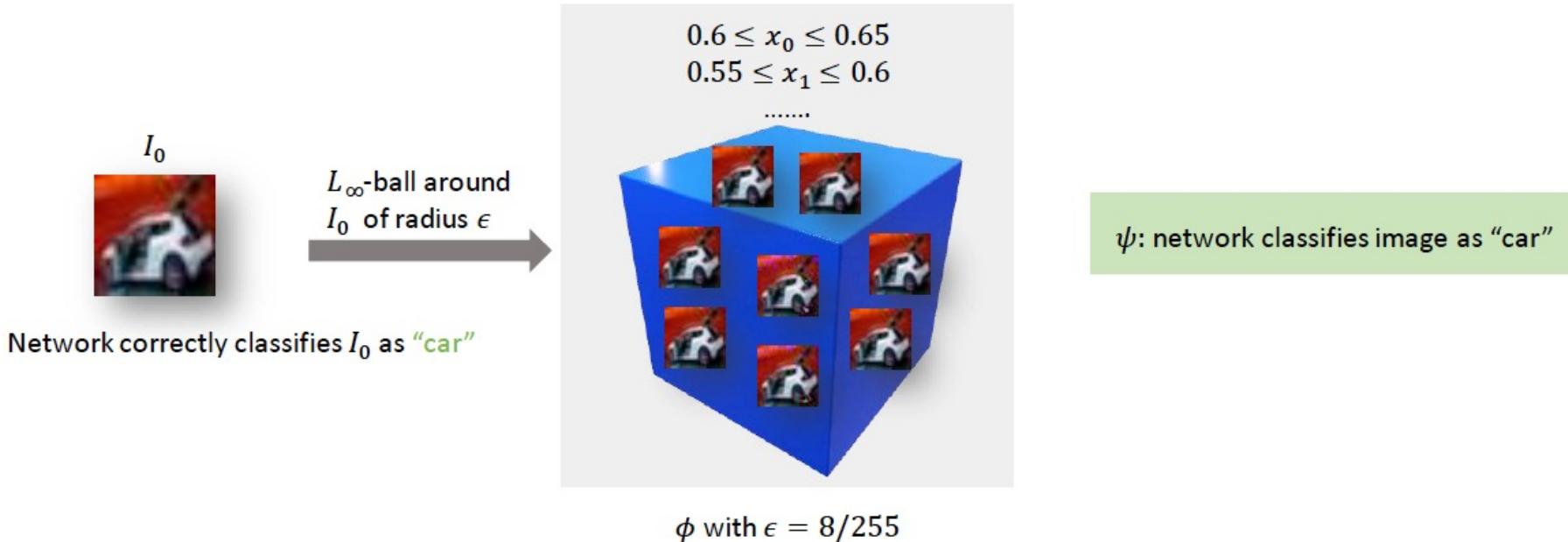
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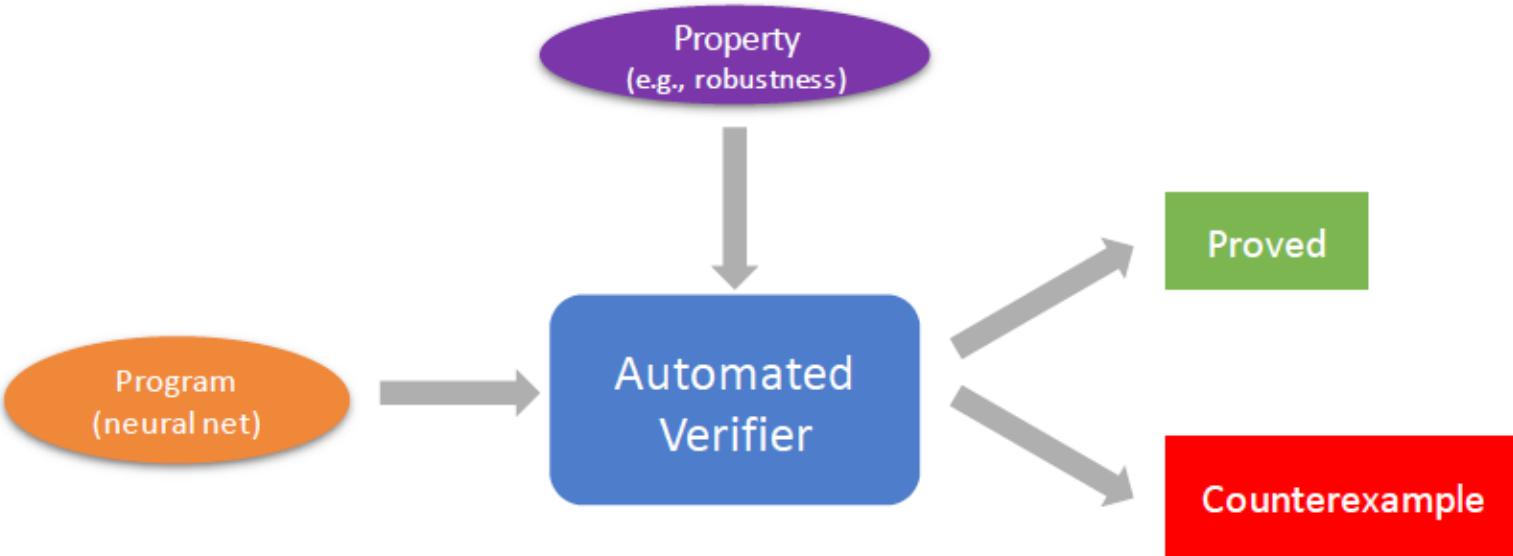
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# Robustness against adversarial perturbations



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The general problem is computationally intractable, therefore we may need to provide an approximate answer

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