

# GARD Task 1.4. - Phase I Preliminary Results

Embedded Intelligence - TA 1.1 January 5, 2021

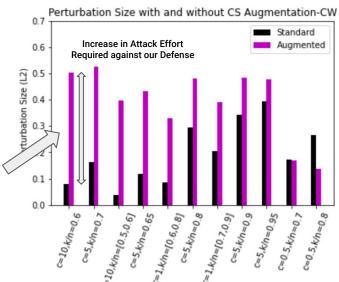
#### **Executive Summary**

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The Embedded Intelligence (EI) GARD research program is focused on creating a body of evidence to support or falsify the hypothesis that compressed sensing (CS) as a family of methodologies can be used as part of a layered Adversarial ML **defense** and **attack detection** system.

In Task 1.4., we show our proposed attack defense's effectiveness in:

- Increasing the risk for the attacker to reveal itself
  - We show we can force the attacker to use larger perturbations for a popular attack methodology
- Minimizing the overhead of implementing our CS-based defense
  - We show we can recover acceptable accuracy of the CS-defended classifiers under benign conditions, maintaining pressure on attacker



## Introduction



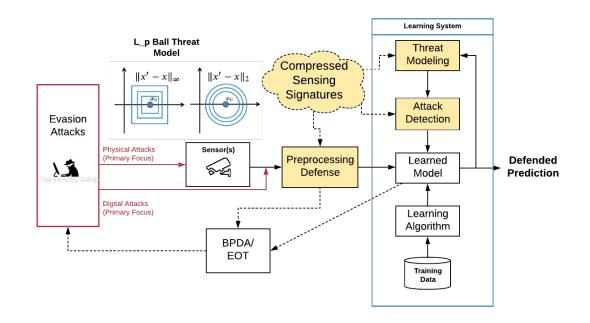
#### Multi-component, Layered, Adversarial ML Defense



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#### Our Phase 1 Focus

- Test time evasion attacks, white & black box settings
- Defending/detecting Lp ball and Patch threat models
- Focused on defending against ADAPTIVE attacks
- Developing Compressed
   Sensing as a useful family
   of defense methods



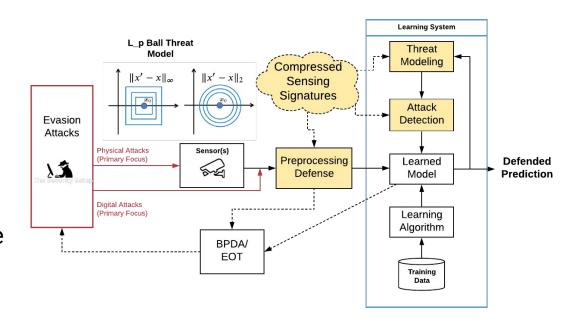
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#### Assumptions about the world

- Attackers, given infinite resources, will always be successful
- Attackers do not want to be discovered / detected
- Larger perturbation attacks are generally more detectable and thus risky to the attacker



#### Multi-component, Layered, Adversarial ML Defense



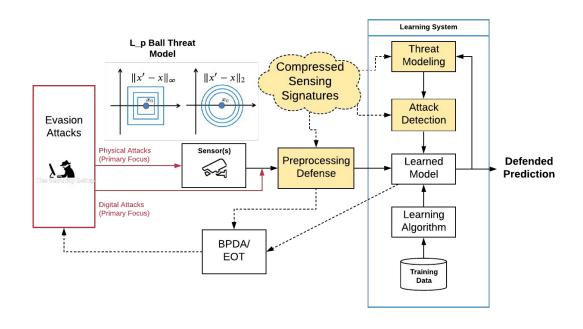
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#### **Economics Mindset**

- Good multi-layered defense systems will make successful attacks "expensive"
  - Computational cost
  - Human capital
  - Forcing attacker to use larger, more revealing perturbations

#### In this report, we focus on whether

- 1) CS helps us force an attacker into using a larger perturbation
- Acceptable system performance can be maintained under "non-attacked" conditions



### Task 1.4. Goals



Task 1.4 Technical Goal	Task 1.4 Approach
Evaluate whether CS-based defense can force an attacker into using a larger perturbation	Contrary to conventional wisdom, we configure CS at the preprocessing layer to induce LARGE distortions on all incoming images. We also evaluate some types of stochasticity.
Evaluate whether acceptable system performance can be maintained in defended systems under "non-attacked" conditions	We use CS as a data augmentation step while training a network with the goal of recovering performance under benign conditions

# Methods



## Sophisticated Adversaries: Adaptive Attacks



Given white-box knowledge of a defended network and the defense methodologies implemented, attackers can *adapt* their attacks to render defended networks useless.

There are two very powerful and general methodologies for constructing adaptive attacks

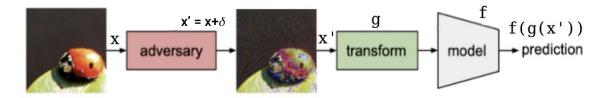
- Backward Pass Differentiable Approximation (BPDA)
  - a. A strong counter to pre-processing based defenses using gradient shattering/masking
- 2. Expectation Over Transformation (EoT)
  - a. A strong counter to defenses that impose a stochastic gradient

#### Adaptive Attacks: BPDA







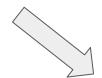


#### General Case:

NN: 
$$f(.) = f^{1...j}(.)$$
 $f^{i}(.)$  is non-differentiable 

find  $g(x) \approx f^{i}(x)$ 

 $\nabla_x f(x)$  forward pass: use  $f^i(x)$  backward pass: replace  $f^i(x)$  with g(x)

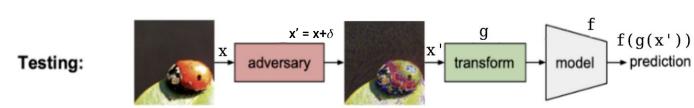


A general & powerful adaptive attack

Lots of customization required, can be sophisticated to implement, requires significant Human Capital to pull this off

#### Adaptive Attacks: BPDA





<u>Special Case:</u> Assume that the defense "g" is implemented as a preprocessing layer, and that  $g(x) \approx x$  (e.g. g is a denoising method)

classifier: 
$$f(.)$$
  $f(x) = f(g(x))$   $f(x) = f(x)$   $f(x)$ 



Easy to implement adaptive attack, and also generally applicable.

Much lower human capital required, as this version is implemented in common Adversarial ML software packages such as ART

#### Defending using Compressed Sensing

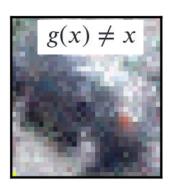


Since the "Special Case" of BPDA is the most widely implemented, we will heavily distort x using CS as a testable defense strategy

Is "Special Case" BPDA strong even when g(x) is not approximately x?

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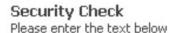




#### Like CAPTCHA, except for ROBOTS











Easy for human, Difficult for bot

CS-based Adversarial ML Defense



$$g(x) \neq x$$



Easy for my bot, Hard for your bot

#### Compressed Sensing: A family of methodologies



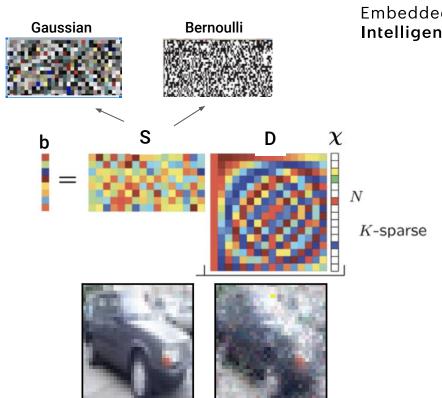
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Compressed sensing has four main parameters that lead to transformations with different properties:

- k/n ratio: the ratio of the pixels used for image reconstruction
- Regularization parameter (c): sparsity level
- Random sensing matrix (S)
- Dictionary for representation (D)

CS parameters determine the level of distortion in the images (e.g. MSE).

CS parameters also determine the "amount" of stochasticity present in the preprocessing defenses.



## Compressed Sensing: A family of methodologies



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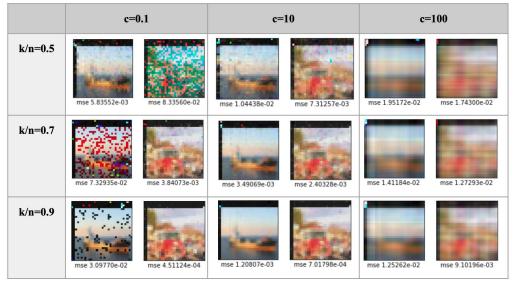
	Compressed Sensing Configuration (S,D,k/n,c)	Why?
Attack Detection	Choose (S, D, k/n, c) s.t. $g(x+\delta) \approx x$	CS used as an estimator of $\delta$
Defense	Choose (S, D, k/n, c) s.t. $g(x+\delta) \approx x$	Adaptive attacks using BPDA assume $g(x) \approx x$ , CS is used to confound the attacker

#### Configuring CS Parameters for Defense



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The below table demonstrates the examples of reconstructed images with different values of c and k/n. We can clearly observe that the choice of c and k/n determines the quality and distortion properties of the reconstructed images.





#### Configuring CS Parameters for Defense

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With low values of the sparsity penalty/parameter c, CS-based reconstructions over-fit the pixel mask used for the random sensing matrix. This causes unwanted artifacts.



#### Configuring CS Parameters for Defense



A good choice for (c, k/n) should have the following properties

- Leads to a high MSE value, applying stress to the BPDA assumption that  $g(x) \approx x$
- Maintains a recognizable structure of the original image (analogous to CAPTCHA)



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#### **Experimental Setup**

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#### Task 1.4 Study of Compressed Sensing Defenses

- Neural network training approach
  - Standard training
  - "Learning the CAPTCHA"
    - Training with CS defense used as a data augmentation step
- Datasets
  - CIFAR-10
- Threat Models
  - Projected Gradient Descent (PGD) (L<sup>2</sup> / L<sup>inf</sup>) \*
  - Carlini-Wagner (C-W) (L<sup>2</sup> / L<sup>inf</sup>) \*\*
- Defenses
  - o Baseline Defenses for Comparison JPEG and Total Variance Minimization
  - Compressed Sensing Configurations
    - k/n ratio: the ratio of the pixels used for image reconstruction
      - Statically set between [0.5, 0.99]
      - Stochastically chosen from a predetermined set of values
    - Regularization parameter (c): sparsity level
      - Studied across 10 orders of magnitude
    - Random sensing matrix (S)
      - Fixed as random pixel mask
    - Dictionary for representation (D)
      - Fixed as Discrete Cosine Transform

# **Results**



#### Summary of Results



- Compressed Sensing successfully imposes a "cost" on attackers
  - We observe an improved ability to defend against Carlini-Wagner (CW) adaptive attacks as compared to baseline methodologies
  - We observe an increased perturbation size by CW attacks when our defense is in place.
- "Learning the CAPTCHA" model training leads to superior defense
  - Training the neural network using CS as a data augmentation step rescues impaired accuracy inflicted by our CS-defense distortions to the input.
  - Further improvements to defense under attack scenarios are shown with CS data augmentation training of the model

#### Baseline Methodologies for Comparison



#### **Baseline Methodologies**

- JPEG Compression\*
  - Parameter: Quality
- Total Variation Minimization\*
  - Parameters:
    - k/n
    - Regularization parameter (c)

#### Our Approach

- Compressed Sensing
  - Parameters:
    - k/n
    - Regularization parameter (c)



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Across JPEG, TVM, and our proposed CS defense, larger distortions are Intelligence associated with better defense against CW adaptive attacks

All the CW attacks were performed in Adversarial Robustness Toolbox (ART)\* with initial\_const=0.01, max\_iter=10, batch\_size=64, learning\_rate=0.01

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JPEG Compression	0.99 (resolution)	-	0.0001	100%
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Higher distortion (MSE) configurations show possible weakness in CW adaptive attacks (new result)

### Comparison with Baseline Defenses: Full results



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	k/n	Regularization Parameter	Average Reconstruction MSE	Average C-W Adaptive Attack Success
JPEG Compression	0.5 (default resolution)	-	0.0015	95.08%
	0.99 (resolution)	-	0.0001	100%
Total Variation	0.5	0.5(default)	0.0043	67.75% ± 2.89
Minimization	0.99	0.5(default)	0.0035	80.65% ± 3.53
	0.5	0.03(Athalye 2018)	4.945e-41	100%
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<b>Compressed Sensing</b>	0.5	5 (default)	0.0085	61.31%±4.93
	0.99	5 (default)	0.0015	77.33% ± 5.64
	0.5	10 (grid search)	0.0087	52.58% ± 4.96
	0.99	10 (grid search)	0.0027	75.16% ± 2.19

Largest distortion shows most promise for imposing cost on adaptive CW attacks

#### Compressed Sensing Parameter Tuning and Data Augmentation



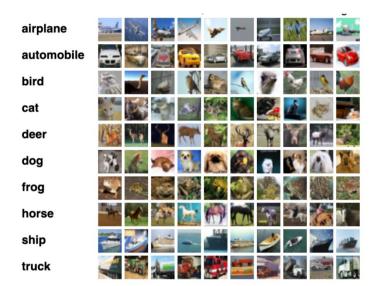
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As MSE increases, the BPDA adaptive attack assumption of  $g(x) \approx x$  breaks down, and attack success deteriorates

As we saw previously, different values of (c, k/n) distort the image in different ways

Optimal (c, k/n) values (with and without data augmentation) are **data dependent**.

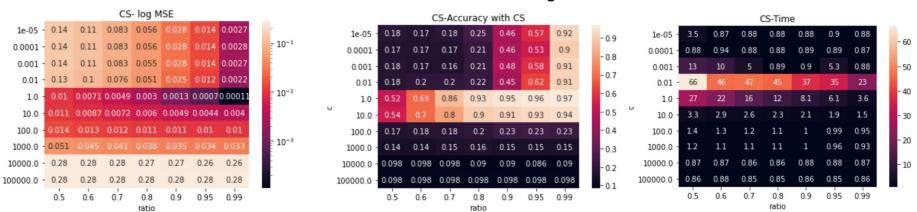
Next: we performed a grid search to tune the CS defense for CIFAR-10.



CIFAR-10 Dataset Krizhevsky, A. and Hinton, G., 2009. Learning multiple layers of features from tiny images.

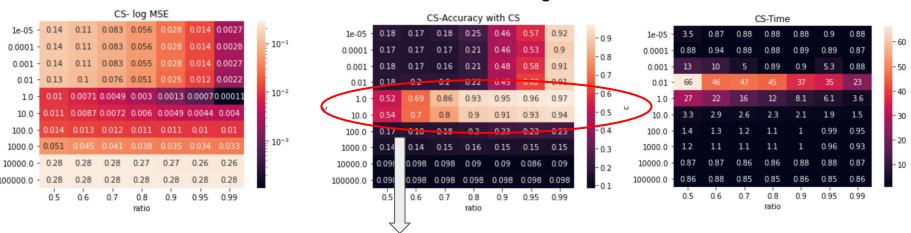


#### Standard Training





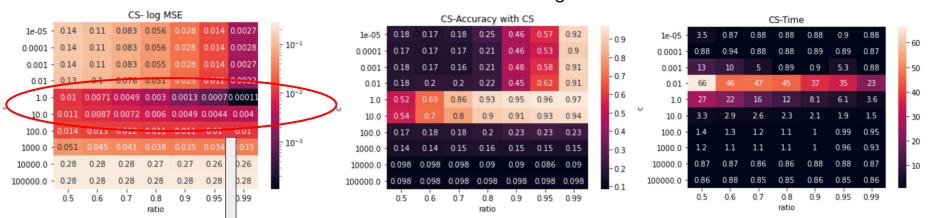




Feasible choices of (c, k/n) based on baseline, unattacked, accuracies



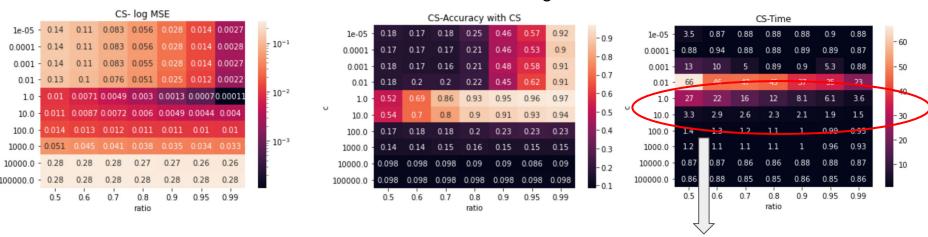




Average MSE values of reconstructed images span 2 orders of magnitude in this region, offering flexibility for challenging BPDA-based adaptive attacks





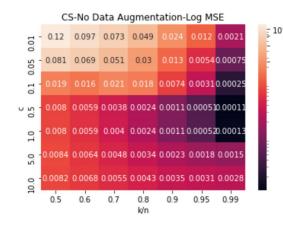


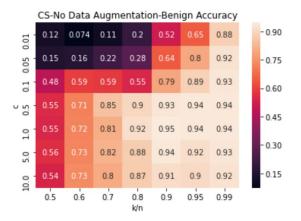
Runtimes varies, which have implications on the use of CS in data augmentation at training time depending on (c, k/n)

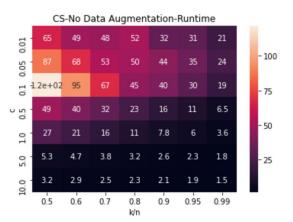


#### Key findings from grid search:

- Low accuracy when c<0.6</li>
- Lower MSE/ higher accuracy for c∈[1,10]
- High runtime for c<1</li>
- c=10: lowest runtime, higher MSE and reasonable accuracy, promising for CS defense



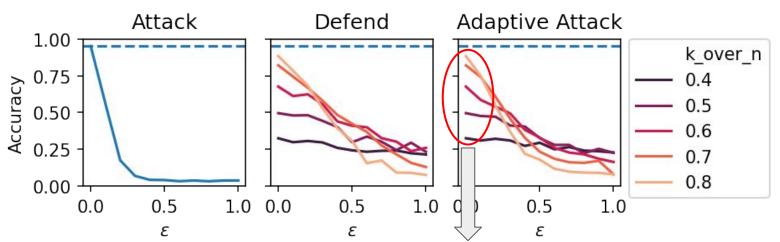






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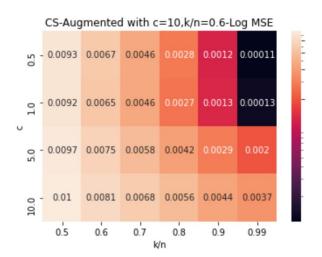
CS impedes attacker, but unattacked system performance unacceptably degrades with the defense in place

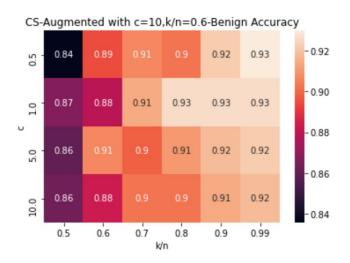
#### Compressed Sensing with Data Augmentation Training



Training with CS as part of data augmentation pipeline rescues impaired accuracy caused by the distortions the CS defense uses to mitigate the attack.

Shown are heat maps from grid search for a model trained with c=10, k/n=0.6.





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**Aug with Stochastic** 

k/n=[0.5,0.6]

using the some recovery of unattacked classification.

This implies a CS-defense (k/n) could be reconfigured in real-time without retraining



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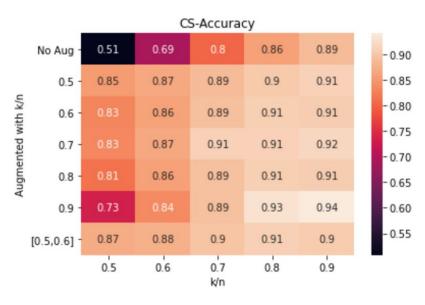
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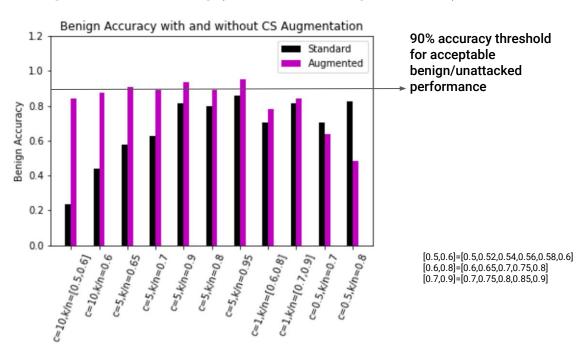


## Internal Evaluation using Armory: Benign Accuracy



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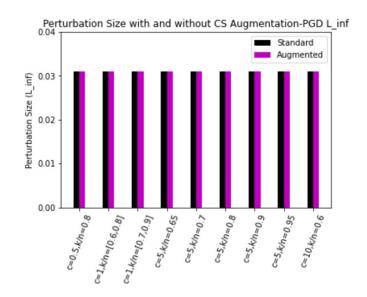
CS-data augmentation remarkably increases the benign accuracy of the neural networks. The effect is more significant when trained with c=10. This is aligned with our findings in <u>Slide 33:</u> <u>Compressed Sensing Parameter Tuning (without Data Augmentation)</u>

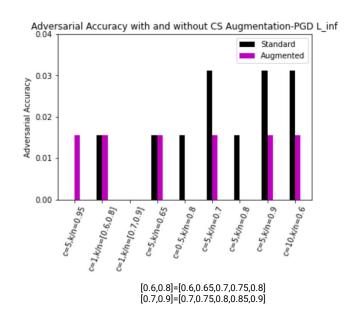


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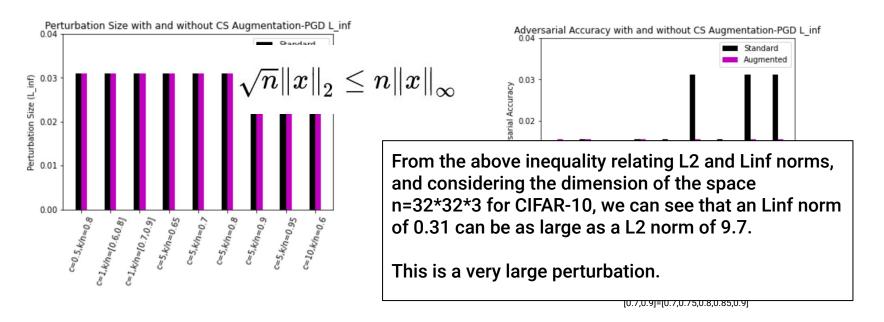




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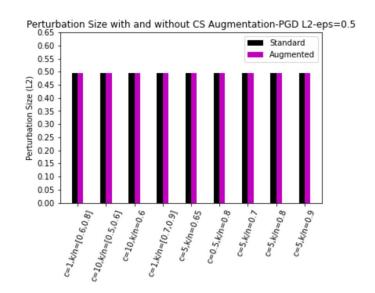
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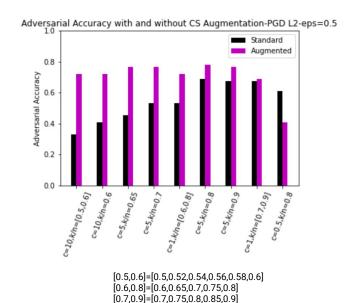


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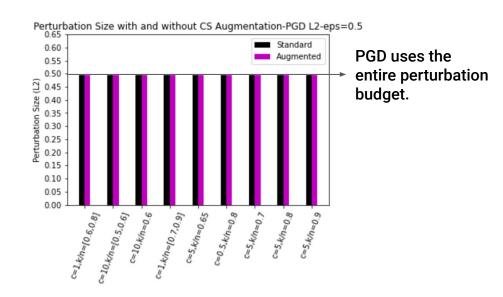


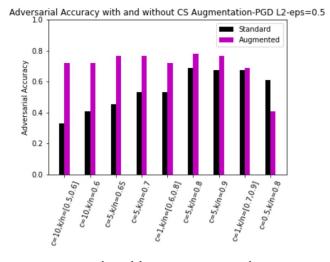


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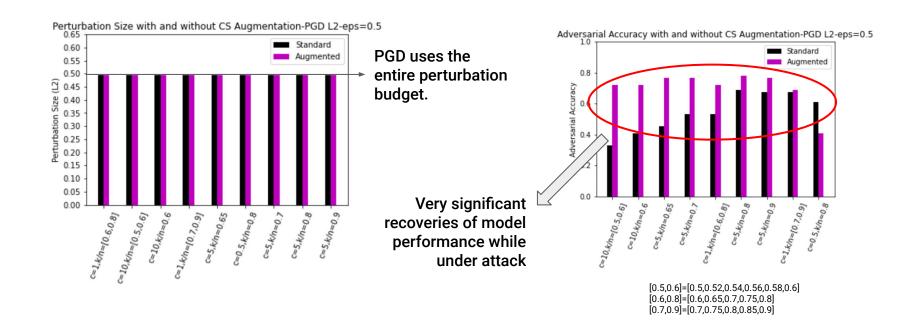


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## PGD L<sup>2</sup>-Metric L<sup>2</sup> - Epsilon=0.5 (Adaptive/BPDA)



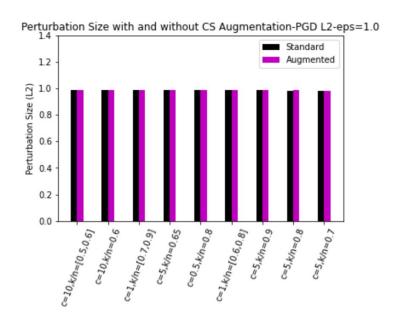
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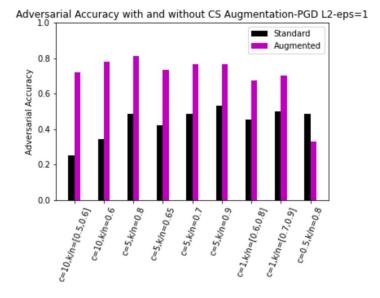


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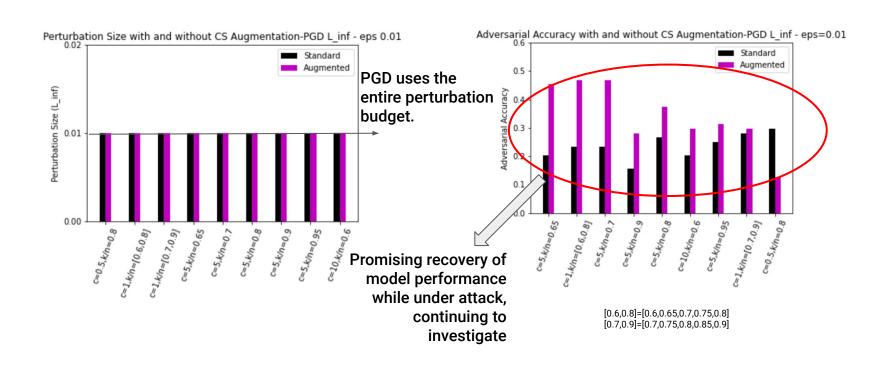
# PGD L<sup>2</sup>-Metric L<sup>2</sup>-Epsilon=0.5 and 1.0



		Projected Gradient Descent L <sup>2</sup> -eps=0.5			Projected Gradient Descent L <sup>2</sup> -eps=1.0		
c	k/n	Benign Accuracy	Adversarial Accuracy	Perturbation	Benign Accuracy	Adversarial Accuracy	Perturbation
0.5	0.8	0.875/0.4844	0.6094/0.4063	0.4950/ <b>0.4955</b>	0.8438/0.4844	0.4844/0.3281	0.9866/0.9865
1	[0.6,0.65,0.7,0.75,0.8]	0.6563/0.7969	0.5313/0.7188	0.4949/ <b>0.4959</b>	0.6406/0.8281	0.4531/0.6719	0.9863/0.9860
1	[0.7,0.75,0.8,0.85,0.9]	0.7969/0.8438	0.6719/0.6875	0.4950/ <b>0.4957</b>	0.7656/0.8594	0.5/0.7031	0.9860/ <b>0.9866</b>
5	0.65	0.4531/0.9063	0.4531/0.7656	0.4948/ <b>0.4955</b>	0.6094/ <b>0.890</b> 6	0.4219/0.7344	0.9858/0.9859
5	0.7	0.6875/ <b>0.9375</b>	0.5313/0.7656	0.4951/ <b>0.4956</b>	0.6719/ <b>0.8906</b>	0.4844/0.7656	0.9858/0.9851
5	0.8	0.7813/0.8906	0.6875/0.7813	0.4951/ <b>0.4956</b>	0.7813/0.8594	0.4844/0.8125	0.9863/ <b>0.9857</b>
5	0.9	0.8438/0.963	0.6719/ <b>0.7656</b>	0.4954/ <b>0.4957</b>	0.7969/ <b>0.9375</b>	0.5313/ <b>0.7656</b>	0.9870/0.9865
10	[0.5,0.52,0.54,0.56,0.58,0.6]	0.3906/ <b>0.7969</b>	0.3281/0.7188	0.4946/ <b>0.4954</b>	0.3438/0.8438	0.25/0.7188	0.9851/ <b>0.9866</b>
10	0.6	0.4375/0.8281	0.4063/0.7188	0.4949/ <b>0.4956</b>	0.4375/0.8594	0.3438/0.7813	0.9853/0.9862

# PGD Linf-Metric Linf -Epsilon=0.01





# PGD L<sup>inf</sup>-Metric L<sup>inf</sup> - Epsilon =0.01 and 0.031



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		Projected Gradient Descent Linf-eps=0.01		f-eps=0.01	Projected Gradient Descent Linf-eps=0.031		
c	k/n	Benign Accuracy	Adversarial Accuracy	Perturbation	Benign Accuracy	Adversarial Accuracy	Perturbation
0.5	0.8	0.7969/ <b>0.5156</b>	0.2344/0.125	0.01/0.01	0.7813/0.5313	0.0156/0	0.031/0.031
1	[0.6,0.65,0.7,0.75,0.8]	0.7031/0.875	0.2813/0.4688	0.01/0.01	0.6563/0.7656	0.0156/0.0156	0.031/0.031
1	[0.7,0.75,0.8,0.85,0.9]	0.8281/0.875	0.2031/0.2969	0.01/0.01	0.7969/0.8438	0/0	0.031/0.031
5	0.65	0.625/0.8906	0.2344/0.4531	0.01/0.01	0.4688/0.9063	0.0156/0.0156	0.031/0.031
5	0.7	0.75/0.9063	0.2656/0.4688	0.01/0.01	0.6875/0.9063	0.0313/0.0156	0.031/0.031
5	0.8	0.7813/0.8906	0.25/0.375	0.01/0.01	0.8125/0.8594	0.0156/0	0.031/0.031
5	0.9	0.8438/0.9375	0.2031/0.2813	0.01/0.01	0.8594/0.9375	0.0313/0.0156	0.031/0.031
5	0.95	0.875/0.9375	0.1563/0.3125	0.01/0.01	0.8594/ <b>0.9688</b>	0/0.0156	0.031/0.031
10	0.6	0.4688/0.4219	0.2969/0.2969	0.01/0.01	0.4688/0.8438	0.0313/0.0156	0.031/0.031

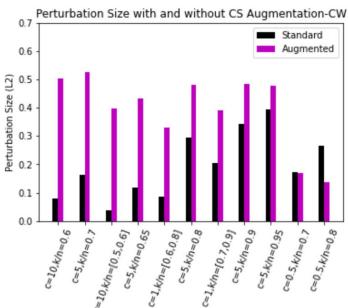
## CW L<sup>2</sup>-Metric L<sup>2</sup> (Adaptive/BPDA)



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CS-data augmentation increases the perturbation size of CW attack. The effect is more significant when trained with c=10. Since CW is an unbounded attack, this is the ultimate goal and could force an attack to

risk being vulnerable.



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## CW L<sup>2</sup>-Metric L<sup>2</sup> (Adaptive/BPDA)



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This is a 500% increase in the perturbation size used by the in the best CS defense configuration.

We will continue to investigate this.

		Carlini-Wagner L <sup>2</sup> -Metric L <sup>2</sup>				
C	k/n	Benign Accuracy	Adversarial Accuracy	Perturbation		
0.5	0.7	0.703/0.641	0.578/0.453	0.171/0.171		
0.5	0.8	0.828/0.484	0.563/0.328	0.265/0.136		
1	[0.6,0.65,0.7,0.75,0.8]	0.703/0.781	0.5/0.5	0.084/0.331		
1	[0.7,0.75,0.8,0.85,0.9]	0.813/0.844	0.5/0.391	0.206/0.392		
5	0.65	0.578/0.906	0.406/0.375	0.119/0.433		
5	0.7	0.625/0.891	0.5/0.422	0.162/0.528		
-5_	0.8	0.797/ <b>0.891</b>	0.375/0.266	0.294/0.481		
5	0.9	0.813/0.938	0.313/0.25	0.344/0.486		
5	0.95	0.859/0.953	0.219/0.172	0.396/0.479		
10	[0.5,0.52,0.54,0.56,0.58,0.6]	0.234/0.844	0.438/0.469	0.039/0.396		
10	0.6	0.438/0.875	0.313/0.453	0.079/ <b>0.504</b>		

## **Discussion**



#### Task 1.4 Goals & Results



Task 1.4 Technical Goal	Task 1.4 Results
Evaluate whether CS-based defense can force an attacker into using a larger perturbation	We had very promising results in forcing adaptive attacks (CW & PGD) to use larger perturbations by pushing BPDA outside of the assumption of $g(x) \approx x$
Evaluate whether acceptable system performance can be maintained in defended systems under "non-attacked" conditions	By modifying the training procedure to include Compressed Sensing as the defense, we were able to recover acceptable benign/unattacked accuracy

#### Important Questions to Ask Next



- We've shown CS defense can force an attacker to increase the perturbation size used. What is the downstream benefit of that on an attack detection system, if at all?
- Can we devise better adaptive attacks against CS using the full form BPDA which includes searching for approximations to CS that are differentiable?
- If "more" stochasticity is leveraged in CS, will that add further "costs" to attackers by forcing them to use Expectation-over-Transformation in addition to BPDA to construct adaptive attacks?
- Do these results generalize to other datasets and signal types?

# **Appendices**



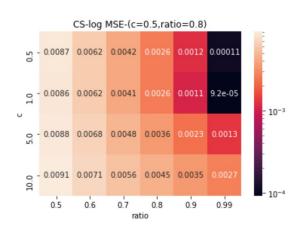
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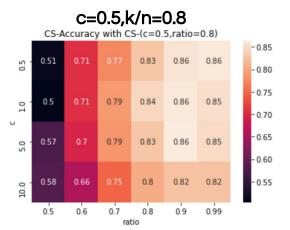


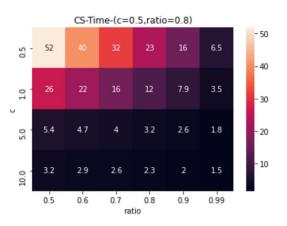
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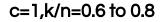


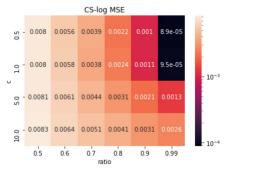
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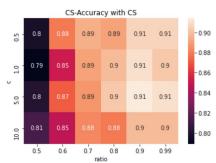


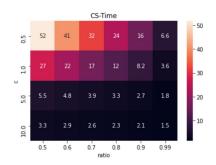
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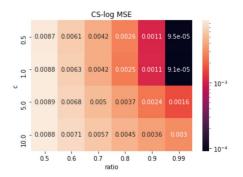


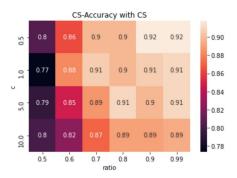


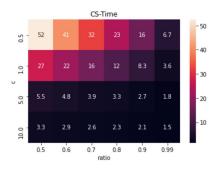




c=1,k/n=0.7 to 0.9







#### CS Parameter Tuning with Data Augmentation Training







