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**1 Basics**

**1.1 Good to know**

$\|x\|_p = (\sum_{i=1}^d |x_i|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$   $\|x\|_\infty = \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, d\}} |x_i|$

**Softmax**  $\sigma(z)_i = e^{z_i} / \sum_{j=1}^D e^{z_j}$

**CE loss:**  $CE(\vec{z}, y) = - \sum_{c=1}^K \mathbb{1}[c = y] \cdot \log z_c$

**Implication:**  $\phi \implies \psi \iff \neg \phi \vee \psi$

**Mean value:**  $f(y) = f(x) + \nabla f(z)^T (y - x)$

**Gauss:**  $\mathcal{N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d |\Sigma|}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu))$

**CDF:**  $\Phi(v; \mu, \sigma^2) = \int_{-\infty}^v \mathcal{N}(y; \mu, \sigma^2) dy = \Phi(\frac{v - \mu}{\sqrt{\sigma^2}}; 0, 1)$

**Line through 2 points:**  $(a, f(a)), (b, f(b))$ ,  
 $a < b$ :  $l(x) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \cdot x + f(a) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \cdot a$

**Tangent at**  $(t, f(t))$ :  
 $t(x) = f'(t) \cdot x + f(t) - f'(t) \cdot t$

**Subadditivity of  $\sqrt{\cdot}$ :**  $\sqrt{x + y} \leq \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}$

**Cauchy Schwarz:**  $\langle x, y \rangle \leq \|x\|_2 \cdot \|y\|_2$

**1.2 Abstract Interpretation**

Symbolic shape  $z$  semantically represents a set of concrete values  $x = \gamma(z)$ . **Concretization  $\gamma$ :** defines the concrete values an abstract element  $z$  represents. Concrete transformer  $F(\cdot)$  ( $F(x)$  generally uncomputable), abstract transformer  $F^\#(\cdot)$ ,  $F^\#(z)$  applies abstract transformer to  $z$ . Soundness:  $F^\#$  needs to over-approximate  $F$ :  $\gamma(F^\#(z)) \supseteq F(\gamma(z)) = F(\gamma(z))$

$F^\#$  soundness:  $\forall z : F(\gamma(z)) \subseteq \gamma(F^\#(z))$

$F^\#$  exactness:  $\forall z : F(\gamma(z)) = \gamma(F^\#(z))$

$F_{best}^\#$  optimality:  $\forall z : \gamma(F^\#(z)) \not\subset \gamma(F_{best}^\#(z))$ .

**2 Adversarial Attacks**

**T-FGSM:**  $x' = x - \eta$ ,  $\eta = \epsilon \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_x \text{loss}_t(x))$

**U-FGSM:**  $x' = x + \eta$ ,  $\eta = \epsilon \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_x \text{loss}_s(x))$

Guarantees  $\eta \in [x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon]$ ,  $\eta$  not minimized.

**C&W:** Find adv sample  $x' = x + \eta \in [0, 1]^n$  and minimize  $\|\eta\|_p$  via relaxation s.t.  $f(x') = t$ .  
 $\text{obj}_t$ :  $\text{obj}_t(x + \eta) \leq 0 \iff f(x + \eta) = t$ .

Minim.  $\|\eta\|_p + c \cdot \text{obj}_t(x + \eta)$  s.t.  $x + \eta \in [0, 1]^n$

E.g.  $\text{obj}_t = \{CE(x', t) - 1; \max(0, 0.5 - p_f(x', t))\}$

$\nabla_\eta \|\eta\|_p$  is suboptimal  $\rightarrow$  use proxy

$l_\infty$ : proxy  $L(\eta) = \sum_i \max(0, |\eta_i| - \tau)$ . Iteratively decrease  $\tau$  until  $L(\eta) > 0$ . Then do GD on  $\eta$ :  $\eta = \eta - \gamma \nabla_\eta (L(\eta) + c \cdot \text{obj}_t(x + \eta))$  until  $L(\eta) = 0$ , then anneal  $\tau$  and continue loop.

Constraint  $\eta_i \in [-x_i, 1 - x_i]$ : LBFGS-B, PGD

**PGD:** Iterative FGSM with projection to find point in  $x_0 \pm \epsilon$  that max. loss.

1. Init  $x' = x + \epsilon \cdot \text{rand}[-1, 1]$ ;

2. Repeat:  $x' \leftarrow x' + \epsilon_{\text{step}} \cdot \text{sgn}(\nabla_{x'} \text{loss}_s(x'))$  (untargeted) or  $x' \leftarrow x' - \epsilon_{\text{step}} \cdot \text{sgn}(\nabla_{x'} \text{loss}_t(x'))$  (targeted);  $x' = \text{project}(x', x_0, \epsilon)$ ;

**Diffing Networks:** find  $x$  that diffs 2 networks while( $\text{class}(f_1(x)) = \text{class}(f_2(x))$ ):  
 $x = x + \epsilon \nabla_x \text{obj}_t(x)$ ;  $\text{obj}_t(x) = f_1(x)_t - f_2(x)_t$

**2.3 Adversarial Defenses**

**Defense as Optimization:**  $\min_\theta \rho(\theta)$ ,  
 $\rho(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim D} [\max_{x' \in S(x)} L(\theta, x', y)]$ ,  
 $S(x) = \{x' : \|x - x'\|_\infty \leq \epsilon\}$

**PGD Defense in practice:**

1. Select mini batch  $B$  from  $D$  2.  $x_{\max} = \arg \max_{x' \in S(x)} L(\theta, x', y), \forall (x, y) \in B$

3.  $\theta' = \theta - \frac{1}{|B_{\max}|} \sum_{(x_{\max}, y) \in B_{\max}} \nabla_\theta L(\theta, x_{\max}, y)$

**TRADES defense:**  
 $\min_\theta \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim D} [L(\theta, x, y) + \lambda \max_{x' \in \mathbb{B}_\epsilon(x)} L(\theta, x', f_\theta(x))]$

**4 Certification of Neural Networks**

Given NN  $N$ , pre-condition  $\phi$ , post-condition  $\psi$  prove:  $\forall i \in I : i \models \phi \implies N(i) \models \psi$  or return a violation.

**4.1 Incomplete Methods:**

Over-approx.  $\phi$  using relaxation, then push approx. through NN via bound propagation.

**Box:**  $\hat{x}_i = [l, u]$ , i.e.  $l \leq x_i \leq u$ .  $AT^\#$ :  
 $[a, b] +^\# [c, d] = [a + b, c + d]$ ;  $-^\# [a, b] = [-b, -a]$ ;  
 $ReLU^\# [a, b] = [ReLU(a), ReLU(b)]$ ;  
 $\lambda \cdot^\# [a, b] = [\lambda a, \lambda b]$  ( $\lambda > 0$ )

**Zonotope:**  $\hat{x}_j = a_0^j + \sum_{i=1}^k a_i^j \epsilon_i, \forall j \in [d]$   
 $\epsilon_i \in [-1, 1]$  shared among  $d$  abstract neurons.  $[\hat{x}_1, \dots, \hat{x}_d]$  describes Zonotope  $\mathcal{Z}$  centered at  $\vec{a}_0 = [a_0^1, \dots, a_0^d]$ .

Centering: Flip  $X \in \mathcal{Z}$  around  $\vec{a}_0$  to **flipped point**  $Y = 2\vec{a}_0 - X$ .  $Y \in \mathcal{Z}$  and  $|X - \vec{a}_0| = |Y - \vec{a}_0|$ .  $\mathcal{Z}$  is point-symmetric around  $\vec{a}_0$ .

$AT^\#$ : Affine $^\#$  is exact

- Affine $^\#$ :  $(a_0^p + \sum_{i=1}^k a_i^p \epsilon_i) + (a_0^q + \sum_{i=1}^k a_i^q \epsilon_i) = (a_0^p + a_0^q) + \sum_{i=1}^k (a_i^p + a_i^q) \epsilon_i$

$C \cdot (a_0^p + \sum_{i=1}^k a_i^p \epsilon_i) = C \cdot a_0^p + \sum_{i=1}^k C \cdot a_i^p \epsilon_i$

-  $ReLU^\#(\hat{x})$ : 1) Box bounds  $\hat{x} = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \epsilon_i \in [l_x, u_x]$ .  $\mathbf{l}_x$ :  $\epsilon_i = -1$  if  $a_i \geq 0$ ,  $\epsilon_i = +1$  if  $a_i < 0$ .  $\mathbf{u}_x$ :  $\epsilon_i = +1$  if  $a_i \geq 0$ ,  $\epsilon_i = -1$  if  $a_i < 0$ .

2)  $\mathbf{u}_x \leq 0$ :  $\hat{y} = 0$ ;  $\mathbf{l}_x > 0$ :  $\hat{y} = \hat{x}$ ;  $\mathbf{l}_x < 0, \mathbf{u}_x > 0$ :  
 $\hat{y}(\hat{x}) = b_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} b_i \epsilon_i$ ,  $b_0 = \lambda(a_0 - l_x/2)$ ,  
 $b_i = \lambda a_i, \forall i \in [1, k]$ ,  $b_{k+1} = -\lambda l_x/2$ ,  
with  $\lambda = u_x / (u_x - l_x)$

$\rightarrow$  error terms increase as NN depth increases!

Note: there are many non-comparable ReLU abstract transformers for Zonotope. The one discussed here is optimal area-wise.

**DeepPoly:** For each  $x_i$  keep:

- interval constraints  $l_i \leq x_i, x_i \leq u_i$
- relational constraints:  $a_i^{\leq} \leq x_i, x_i \leq a_i^{\geq}$  where  $a_i^{\leq}, a_i^{\geq}$  are of the form  $\sum_j w_j \cdot x_j + \nu$

$AT^\#$ : Affine $^\#$  is exact

-Affine $^\#$ : **rel:**  $\sum_j w_j^p \cdot x_j + \nu^p + \sum_j w_j^q \cdot x_j + \nu^q = \sum_j (w_j^p + w_j^q) \cdot x_j + (\nu^p + \nu^q)$ ;

**Backsubstitution** up to some layer. Then replace neurons of that layer with its correct interval constraint (like in Zonotope Box bounds). **Backsub: sum up all components!**

-  $x_j = \text{ReLU}^\#(x_i)$ : interval constr.  $x_i \in [l_i, u_i]$ :

$\mathbf{u}_i \leq 0$ :  $a_j^{\leq} = a_j^{\geq} = 0, l_j = u_j = 0$ ;

$\mathbf{l}_i \geq 0$ :  $a_j^{\leq} = a_j^{\geq} = x_i, l_j = l_i, u_j = u_i$ ;

$\mathbf{l}_i < 0, \mathbf{u}_i > 0$ :  $\lambda = u_i / (u_i - l_i)$ ,

$\mathbf{u}_i \leq -\mathbf{l}_i$ :  $a_j^{\leq} = 0, a_j^{\geq} = \lambda x_i - \lambda l_i, x_j \in [0, u_i]$ ;

$\mathbf{u}_i > -\mathbf{l}_i$ :  $a_j^{\leq} = x_i, a_j^{\geq} = \lambda x_i - \lambda l_i, x_j \in [l_i, u_i]$ ;

**Symbolic bound:** when proving  $y_2 > y_1$ , use abstract shape of  $y_2 - y_1$  and prove  $l_{y_2 - y_1} > 0$

**4.2 Complete Methods**

Encode NN as MILP instance.

- Affine:  $y = Wx + b$  direct MILP constraint.

-  $ReLU(x)$ :  $y \leq x - l_x \cdot (1 - a), y \geq x, y \leq u_x \cdot a, y \geq 0, a \in \{0, 1\}$ , for neuron bound  $x \in [l, u]$ .

- $a = 0$ :  $y = 0, x \in [l, 0]$
- $a = 1$ :  $y = x, y \in [0, u]$

-  $\phi = B_\epsilon^\infty(x)$ :  $x_i - \epsilon \leq x'_i \leq x_i + \epsilon, \forall i$

- precomp. Box bounds:  $l_i \leq x_i^p \leq u_i$

-  $\psi = o_0 > o_1$ : MILP objective  $\min o_0 - o_1$ . If  $\min o_0 - o_1 > 0$ ,  $\psi$  holds.

**5 Certified Defenses**

**5.1 DiffAI**

**DiffAI Certified PGD Defense:** minimize  $\rho(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim D} [\max_{z \in \gamma(NN^\#(S(x)))} L(\theta, z, y)]$

Find output  $z$  in concretization  $\gamma(NN^\#(S(x)))$  of abstract NN output  $NN^\#(S(x))$  that maximizes loss  $L$ . Can use any abstract transformer (Box, Zonotope, DeepPoly,...). **Essentially automatic differentiation of abstract interpretation.**

To find max loss, use abstract loss  $L^\#(\vec{z}, y)$ , where  $y$  = target label,  $\vec{z}$  = vector of logits:

-  $L(z, y) = \max_{q \neq y} (z_q - z_y)$ : Compute  $d_c = z_c - z_y \forall c \in \mathcal{C}$  where  $\mathcal{C}$  set of classes and  $z_c$  the abstract logit shape of class  $i$ . Then compute box bounds of  $d_c$  and compute max upper bound:  $\max_{c \in \mathcal{C}} (\max(\text{box}(d_c)))$

-  $L(z, y) = CE(z, y)$ : Compute box bounds  $[l_c, u_c]$  of logit shapes  $z_c$ .  $\forall c \in \mathcal{C}$  pick  $u_c$  if  $c \neq y$ , pick  $l_c$  if  $c = y$ . Then **apply softmax to vector**  $v = [u_0, u_1, \dots, l_c, \dots, u_{|\mathcal{C}|}]$  and compute  $CE(v', y)$  with  $v' = \text{softmax}(v)$ .

Cheap relaxations (box) scale but introduce lots of infeasible points: substantial drop in standard accuracy. BUT, more precise relaxations (Zonotope) do not actually bring better results in provability. Hypothesis: more complex abstractions lead to more difficult optimization problems.  $\rightarrow$  bridge the gap between adversarial training and certified defenses..

**5.2 COLT**

**COLT:** PGD training with intermediate NN layer shapes  $S_i$ . Iterate over layers  $h_i$  and find weights  $\theta$  for layers  $h_{i+1}, \dots, h_D$  that minimize the worst-case loss of  $x_i \in S_i$ . Weights of previous layers  $h_1, \dots, h_i$  are frozen.

$\min_\theta \max_{x_i \in S_i} L(h_D(h_{D-1}(\dots h_{i+1}(x_i))), y_{\text{true}})$

The inner maximization requires projections: projections on Zonotope solved via projection on Box (via change of variables):  
 $\rightarrow \max_{x \in Z} L(x, y_{\text{true}}) = \max_{\epsilon \in [-1, 1]^k} L(A \cdot \epsilon, y_{\text{true}})$

Each  $x \in Z$  has a  $\epsilon \in [-1, 1]^k$  s.t.  $x = A\epsilon$ . Instead of projecting  $x' \notin Z$  onto  $Z$ , write  $x' = A\epsilon'$  and project  $\epsilon'$  onto  $[-1, 1]^k$  by  $\text{clip}(\epsilon', -1, 1)$ .

**6 Geometric Transformation Robustness**

Many transformations preserve semantic meaning of the original image while not being covered by a small  $l_p$  ball.

Geom. transformation:  $T_\kappa : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ . Rotation:  $T_\phi(x, y) = (x \cos \phi - y \sin \phi, x \sin \phi + y \cos \phi)$ . Translation:  $T_{\delta_x, \delta_y}(x, y) = (x + \delta_x, y + \delta_y)$ . Scaling:  $T_\lambda(x, y) = (\lambda x, \lambda y)$

**Bilinear Interpolation:**  $I : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   
 $I(x, y) = p_{x_1, y_1}(x_2 - x)(y_2 - y) + p_{x_1, y_2}(x_2 - x)(y - y_1) + p_{x_2, y_1}(x - x_1)(y_2 - y) + p_{x_2, y_2}(x - x_1)(y - y_1)$ ; where  $x_1 \leq x \leq x_2, y_1 \leq y \leq y_2$  and  $x_2 = x_1 + 1, y_2 = y_1 + 1$

Pixel value  $(x, y)$  after  $T_\kappa$  given by  $I_\kappa : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $I_\kappa(x, y) = I \circ T_\kappa^{-1}(x, y)$

**6.1 Certifying geometric robustness**

Convex relaxation  $C(R_\phi(O))$  for exact region  $R_\phi(O)$ . Use DeepPoly to get *sound, tight* lower and upper constraints for each pixel:  
 $\mathbf{w}_l \kappa + b_l \leq I_\kappa(x, y) \leq \mathbf{w}_u \kappa + b_u, \forall \kappa \in D$

Minimize Volumes via MC approx:  
 $L(\mathbf{w}_l, b_l) = \int_{\kappa \in D} I_\kappa(x, y) - (\mathbf{w}_l^T \kappa + b_l) d\kappa$   
 $\approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N I_{\kappa_i} - (\mathbf{w}_l^T \kappa^i + b_l)$

$U(\mathbf{w}_u, b_u) = \int_{\kappa \in D} (\mathbf{w}_u^T \kappa + b_u) - I_\kappa(x, y) d\kappa$   
 $\approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{w}_u^T \kappa^i + b_u) - I_{\kappa_i}$

subject to finite set of constraints (LP solve)  
 $\mathbf{w}_l^T \kappa^i + b_l \leq I_{\kappa_i}(x, y) \leq \mathbf{w}_u^T \kappa^i + b_u, \forall i \in 1, \dots, N$

$\rightarrow$  can obtain over-approximations  $\hat{w}_l, \hat{b}_l, \hat{w}_u, \hat{b}_u$

**Problem:** This is only sound at the finite sample points  $\kappa_i$ . Instead, **find upper bounds  $\delta_l, \delta_u$  on the maximum soundness violation on entire  $D$ :**

lb:  $(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_l^T \kappa + \hat{b}_l) - I_\kappa(x, y) \leq \delta_l, \forall \kappa \in D$

ub:  $I_\kappa(x, y) - (\hat{\mathbf{w}}_u^T \kappa + \hat{b}_u) \leq \delta_u, \forall \kappa \in D$

(Intuition: if  $(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_l^T \kappa + \hat{b}_l)$  is unsound, then  $\exists \kappa : \hat{\mathbf{w}}_l^T \kappa + \hat{b}_l > I_\kappa(x, y)$ , similarly for ub)

Then, constraints  $\mathbf{w}_l = \hat{\mathbf{w}}_l, b_l = \hat{b}_l - \delta_l, \mathbf{w}_u = \hat{\mathbf{w}}_u, b_u = \hat{b}_u + \delta_u$  are sound.

**Bounding max. violation:** compute upper bounds on  $f_l(\kappa) = (\hat{\mathbf{w}}_l^T \kappa + \hat{b}_l) - I_\kappa(x, y)$ ,  $f_u(\kappa) = I_\kappa(x, y) - (\hat{\mathbf{w}}_u^T \kappa + \hat{b}_u)$

- Run box propagation to obtain  $l, u$  s.t.  $f(\kappa) \in [l, u] \rightarrow f(\kappa) \leq u, \forall \kappa \in D$
- Mean-value theorem, Lipschitz continuity:  $|f(\kappa)| = f(\kappa_c) + \nabla f(\kappa')^T (\kappa - \kappa_c) \leq f(\kappa_c) + |L|^T (\kappa - \kappa_c) \leq f(\frac{1}{2}(h_u + h_l)) + \frac{1}{2}|L|^T (h_u - h_l)$  with  $|\partial_i f(\kappa')| \leq |L_i|, \forall \kappa' \in D, D = [h_l, h_u]$ . Bound  $L$  on  $\nabla f(\kappa')$ ? propagate hyper-rectangle  $D$  through partial derivative  $|\partial_i f(\kappa')|$  using some convex relaxation.

In practice: branch  $D$  into multiple hyper-rectangles and bound each separately.

## 7 Visualization

Image similarity: neuron activation  $R(x)$ , if  $\|R(x_1) - R(x_2)\|_2$  is small, then images  $x_1, x_2$  are similar.

### 7.1 Feature Visualization

Invert NN, show parts of input causing high activation. Generally, deeper layers encode more complex patterns.

**Feature Visualization by Optimization:** Find input  $x$  that maximizes mean activation of a neuron/channel/layer while minimizing regularizers  $R_i(x)$  (regularizers are crucial). Maximize:  $score(x) - \sum_i \lambda_i R_i(x)$  where  $score(x) = mean(layer_n[x, y, z])$

### 7.2 Feature Attribution

Find areas of input that are responsible for classification.

**Gradient based:**  $\frac{\partial logit_i(x)}{\partial x}$

shows how changing single pixel influences logit.

**Shapley Values:** input  $\mathbf{x}$  has feature set  $P$ . How much does  $i \in P$  contribute to  $f(P)$ ?

$$C_i = \sum_{S \subseteq P \setminus \{i\}} \frac{|S|! \cdot (|P| - |S| - 1)!}{|P|!} [f(S \cup \{i\}) - f(S)]$$

Treat each pixel location as feature, instantiate  $f$  with logit of target class. Pixel not contained in  $S$  are set to a baseline value (zero, mean,...)

$$\sum_i C_i = f(x) - f(S = \emptyset)$$

**Combining Visualization & Attribution:**

1) Compute activations in a conv layer 2) Cluster activations into  $k$  groups 3) For each group: 1. show which pixel affect if most by upscaling the activation maps (grouped activations) 2. show a visualization for the group of features.

### 7.3 Visualization and Adversarial Examples

On non-robust NN, gradient based attribution requires prior to enforce a *clean* saliency map. On robust NN, gradient is better aligned with human expectation (since features are better aligned).

→ robust NN rely on different features (better aligned with human perception). Non-robust NN learn non-robust spurious features in the data that statistically are only weakly connected with the input.

## 8 Logic and Deep Learning (DL2)

### 8.1 Querying Neural Networks

Use standard logic  $(\forall, \exists, \wedge, \vee, f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \dots)$  and high-level queries to impose constraints.

$$(class(NN(i)) = 9) = \bigwedge_{j=1, j \neq 9}^k NN(i)[j] < NN(i)[9]$$

Use translation  $T$  of logical formulas into differentiable loss function  $T(\phi)$  to be solved with gradient-based optimization to minimize  $T(\phi)$ .

**Theorem:**  $\forall x, T(\phi)(x) = 0 \iff x \models \phi$

**Logical Formula to Loss:**

Logical Term	Translation
$t_1 \leq t_2$	$\max(0, t_1 - t_2)$
$t_1 \neq t_2$	$[t_1 = t_2]$
$t_1 = t_2$	$T(t_1 \leq t_2 \wedge t_2 \leq t_1)$
$t_1 < t_2$	$T(t_1 \leq t_2 \wedge t_1 \neq t_2)$
$\phi \vee \psi$	$T(\phi) \cdot T(\psi)$
$\phi \wedge \psi$	$T(\phi) + T(\psi)$

Translation is recursive and  $T(\phi)(x) \geq 0, \forall x, \phi$   
**Box constraints:** ineffective in GD. Use L-BFGS-B and give box constraints to optimizer.

### 8.2 Training NN with Background Knowledge

Incorporate logical property  $\phi$  in NN training.  
**Problem statement:** find  $\theta$  that maximizes the expected value of property.

Maximize  $\rho(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{s \sim D} [\forall z. \phi(z, s, \theta)]$ .

BUT: Universal quantifiers are difficult.

**Reformulation:** get the worst violation of  $\phi$  and find  $\theta$  that minimizes its effect.

minimize  $\rho(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{s \sim D} [T(\phi)(z_{worst}, s, \theta)]$

where  $z_{worst} = \arg \min_z T(\neg \phi)(z, s, \theta)$

In practice, restrict  $z$  to a convex set with efficient projections (closed form). One can then remove the constraint from  $\phi$  that restricts  $z$  on the convex set and do PGD while projecting  $z$  onto the convex set.

### 9 Randomized Smoothing for Robustness

Construct a classifier  $\mathbf{g}$  from a classifier  $\mathbf{f}$  s.t.  $\mathbf{g}$  has certain statistical robustness guarantees.

Given base classifier  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ , construct smoothed classifier  $g$  (where  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\cdot, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$ ):

$$g(x) := \arg \max_{c \in \mathcal{Y}} \mathbb{P}_\epsilon(f(x + \epsilon) = c)$$

**Robustness Guarantee:** suppose  $c_A \in \mathcal{Y}$  (most likely class),  $\underline{p}_A, \overline{p}_B \in [0, 1]$  satisfy:

$$\mathbb{P}_\epsilon(f(x + \epsilon) = c_A) \geq \underline{p}_A \geq \overline{p}_B \geq \max_{c \neq c_A} \mathbb{P}_\epsilon(f(x + \epsilon) = c)$$

with  $\underline{p}_A$  a lower bound on the true highest probability and  $\overline{p}_B$  an upper bound on the true se-

cond highest probability. In practice, get bounds via sampling which gives statistical guarantees. Then:  $g(x + \delta) = c_A$ , for all  $\|\delta\|_2 < R$ ,  $R := \frac{\sigma}{2}(\phi^{-1}(\underline{p}_A) - \phi^{-1}(\overline{p}_B)) \geq 0$  with  $\phi^{-1}$  the inverse Gaussian CDF. Certified radius  $R$  depends on input  $x$  since  $\underline{p}_A, \overline{p}_B$  depend on  $x$ .

**Notes on CDF:** If  $x \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ ,  $p \in [0, 1]$ , then  $\phi^{-1}(p) = \nu$  s.t.  $\mathbb{P}_x(x \leq \nu) = p$ .  $\phi^{-1}$  is monotone, i.e. for  $\underline{p}_A \geq \overline{p}_B$ ,  $\phi^{-1}(\underline{p}_A) \geq \phi^{-1}(\overline{p}_B)$ .  $\phi^{-1}(p) = -\phi^{-1}(1 - p), p \in [0, 1]$

**Certified Accuracy:** Pick target radius  $T$  and count  $\#$ test points whose certified radius is  $R \geq T$  and where the predicted  $c_A$  matches the test set label.

**Standard Accuracy:** Instantiate certified accuracy with  $T = 0$

### 9.1 Certification Procedure

```
function CERTIFY(f,σ,x,n0,n,α)
  counts0 ← SampleUnderNoise(f,x,n0,σ)
  ĉ_A ← top index in counts0
  counts ← SampleUnderNoise(f,x,n,σ)
  p̄_a ← LowerConfBound(counts[ĉ_A],n,1-α)
  if p̄_a > 1/2:
    return prediction ĉ_A, radius σφ⁻¹(p̄_a)
  else: return ABSTAIN
```

**Notes:**

- $\hat{c}_A$  is not necessarily the correct test set label
- Sample  $2 \times (n \gg n_0)$  to prevent selection bias.
- SampleUnderNoise evaluates  $f$  at  $x + \epsilon_i$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , returns dict of class counts.
- LowerConfBound returns probability  $p_l$  s.t.  $p_l \leq p$  with probability  $1 - \alpha$ , assuming  $k \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$  for unknown  $p$ .
- $\underline{p}_A > \frac{1}{2}$  ensures  $\overline{p}_B < \frac{1}{2}$ , thus  $\underline{p}_A \leq \overline{p}_B$
- With probability at least  $1 - \alpha$ , if CERTIFY returns class  $\hat{c}_A$  and radius  $R = \sigma \phi^{-1}(\underline{p}_A)$ , then  $g(x + \delta) = \hat{c}_A$  for all  $\|\delta\| < R$ .
- To increase  $R$ , need to increase  $\underline{p}_A$ . To increase  $\underline{p}_A$ , get  $f$  to classify more noisy points to  $\hat{c}_A$ . Increasing the  $\#$ samples only slowly grows  $R$ .

### 9.2 Inference

```
fuction PREDICT(f,σ,x,n,α)
  counts ← SampleUnderNoise(f,x,n,σ)
  ĉ_A, ĉ_B ← top two indices from counts
  n_A, n_B ← counts[ĉ_A], counts[ĉ_B]
  if BinomPValue(n_A, n_A + n_B, 0.5) ≤ α:
    return ĉ_A
  else: return ABSTAIN
```

**Notes:**

- Null hypothesis: true probability of success of  $f$  returning  $\hat{c}_A$  is  $q = 0.5$
- BinomPValue returns  $p$ -value of null hypothesis, evaluated on  $n$  iid samples with  $i$  successes.
- Accept null hypothesis if  $p$ -value is  $> \alpha$
- Reject null hypothesis if  $p$ -value is  $\leq \alpha$

- $\alpha$  small: often accept null hypothesis and ABSTAIN, but more confident in predictions.
- $\alpha$  large: more predictions but more mistakes.
- Can prove that: PREDICT returns wrong class  $\hat{c}_A \neq c_A$  with probability at most  $\alpha$

### 9.3 Generalizing Smoothing

Base classifier  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ , image transformation  $\psi_\alpha : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ , construct smoothed classifier:  $g(x) := \arg \max_{c \in \mathcal{Y}} \mathbb{P}_\epsilon(f(\psi_\epsilon(x)) = c)$  where  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$  and requiring composition  $\psi_\alpha(\psi_\beta) = \psi_{\alpha+\beta}$ .  $\psi$  is instantiated to geometric transformations.

### 10 Appendix

**DM:**  $\neg(\phi \wedge \psi) = \neg\phi \vee \neg\psi$ ;  $\neg(\phi \vee \psi) = \neg\phi \wedge \neg\psi$

**Normballs:**  $\mathbb{B}_\epsilon^1 \subseteq \mathbb{B}_\epsilon^2 \subseteq \mathbb{B}_\epsilon^\infty$   $\mathbb{B}_\epsilon^\infty \subseteq \mathbb{B}_{\epsilon \cdot d}^1$   $\mathbb{B}_\epsilon^\infty \subseteq \mathbb{B}_{\epsilon \cdot \sqrt{d}}^2$   $\mathbb{B}_\epsilon^2 \subseteq \mathbb{B}_{\epsilon \cdot \sqrt{d}}^1$

**Jensen:**  $g$  convex:  $g(E[X]) \leq E[g(X)]$

$g$  concave (e.g. log):  $g(E[X]) \geq E[g(X)]$

$$\text{Bayes: } P(X|Y) = \frac{P(X,Y)}{P(Y)} = \frac{P(Y|X)P(X)}{P(Y)}$$

$$\text{Inv: } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Variance & Covariance

$$\mathbb{V}(X) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2$$

$$\mathbb{V}(X + Y) = \mathbb{V}(X) + \mathbb{V}(Y) + 2Cov(X, Y)$$

$$\mathbb{V}(AX) = A\mathbb{V}(X)A^T, \mathbb{V}[\alpha X] = \alpha^2 \mathbb{V}[X]$$

$$Cov(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])(Y - \mathbb{E}[Y])]$$

#### Distributions

$$\text{Exp}(x|\lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, \text{Ber}(x|\theta) = \theta^x (1-\theta)^{(1-x)}$$

$$\text{Sigmoid: } \sigma(x) = 1/(1 + e^{-x})$$

$$a\mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2) + \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2) = \mathcal{N}(a\mu_1 + \mu_2, a^2\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)$$

#### Chebyshev & Consistency

$$\mathbb{P}(|X - \mathbb{E}[X]| \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{\mathbb{V}[X]}{\epsilon^2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\hat{\mu} - \mu| > \epsilon) = 0$$

#### Cramer Rao lower bound

$$\text{Var}[\hat{\theta}] \geq \mathcal{I}_n(\theta)^{-1}, \mathcal{I}_n(\theta) = -\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \log p[\mathcal{X}_n|\theta]}{\partial \theta^2}\right],$$

$$\hat{\theta} \text{ unbiased. Efficiency of } \hat{\theta}: e(\theta_n) = \frac{1}{\text{Var}[\hat{\theta}_n] \mathcal{I}_n(\theta)}$$

$$e(\theta_n) = 1 \text{ (efficient)}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e(\theta_n) = 1 \text{ (asympt. efficient)}$$

#### Derivatives

$$(fg)' = f'g + fg'; (f/g)' = (f'g - fg')/g^2$$

$$f(g(x))' = f'(g(x))g'(x); \log(x)' = 1/x$$

$$\partial_x \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{x} = \partial_x \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}, \partial_x \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x} = \partial_x \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = 2\mathbf{x},$$

$$\partial_x \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{A}^\top + \mathbf{A})\mathbf{x}, \partial_x (\mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{b},$$

$$\partial_X (\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{X} \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{c} \mathbf{b}^\top, \partial_X (\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{b} \mathbf{c}^\top,$$

$$\partial_x (\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2) = \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2}, \partial_X (\|\mathbf{X}\|_F^2) = 2\mathbf{X},$$

$$\partial_x \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = \frac{\mathbf{x}}{|\mathbf{x}|}, \partial_x \|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 = 2(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{b}),$$

#### MILP encodings

$$y = |x|, l \leq x \leq u: y \geq x, y \geq -x,$$

$$y \leq -x + a \cdot 2u, y \leq x - (1 - a) \cdot 2l, a \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$y = \max(x_1, x_2), l_1 \leq x_1 \leq u_1, l_2 \leq x_2 \leq u_2:$$

$$y \geq x_1, y \geq x_2, y \leq x_1 + a \cdot (u_2 - l_1),$$

$$y \leq x_2 + (1 - a) \cdot (u_1 - l_2), a \in \{0, 1\}$$