Wenjie Qu

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EDUCATION

Huazhong University of Science and Technology B.E. in Automation, GPA: 3.88/4.0

Wuhan, China 2019.9-2023.6(Expected)

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

[1] X. Liu, T. Shi, W. Qu, S. Zhuang, D. Song. "Decentralized Programming" Submitted to USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation (OSDI), 2023

[2] W. Qu*, Y. Li*, B. Wang. "A Certified Radius-Guided Attack Framework to Image Segmentation Models" Submitted to *IEEE European Symposium on Security and Privacy (EuroSP)*, 2023

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] W. Qu, J. Jia, N. Gong. "REaaS: Enabling Adversarially Robust Downstream Classifiers via Robust Encoder as a Service" in *Network and Distributed System Security* (NDSS), 2023
- [2] J. Jia*, W. Qu*, and N. Gong. "MultiGuard: Provably Robust Multi-label Classification against Adversarial Examples" in Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS), 2022, Spotlight
- [3] H. Wang*, W. Qu*, G. Katz, W. Zhu, Z. Gao, H. Qiu, J. Zhuge, and C. Zhang. "jTrans: Jump-Aware Transformer for Binary Code Similarity Detection" in *International Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA)*, 2022
- [4] H. Liu*, J. Jia*, W. Qu, and N. Gong. "EncoderMI: Membership Inference against Pre-trained Encoders in Contrastive Learning" in ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS), 2021

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

CoLink: A Framework for Decentralized Programming

Research Intern at University of California, Berkeley

April 2022-Present

Advisor: Prof. Dawn Song

- Served as a core contributor to open source project CoLink, a simple, secure, and flexible decentralized programming abstraction.
- Implemented CoLink SDK python APIs, based on gRPC services, the basis for most CoLink-based machine learning applications.
- Designed and implemented an ML-MPC framework, enabling users to perform general privacy-preserving data collaboration tasks. This framework supports scenarios in which data is partitioned vertically and horizontally across parties. It also supports running privacy-preserving ML with JSON configuration without writing code to benefit non-programmer users.

iTrans: Jump-Aware Transformer for Binary Code Similarity Detection

Research Intern at Tsinghua University

July 2021-January 2022

Advisor: **Prof. Chao Zhang**

- Proposed a novel neural network architecture for binary function similarity detection, encoding control flow information into the transformer.
- Proved through attention weights how our mechanism delivered the jump target information.
- Released the currently largest binary dataset to the community as a benchmark.

• Outperformed state-of-the-art binary similarity detection methods by 30.5%.

REaaS: Enabling Adversarially Robust Downstream Classifiers via Robust Encoder as a Service
Research Intern at Duke University

June 2021-November 2022

Advisor: Prof. Neil Gong

- Proposed a novel method for cloud encoder service that enables a client to build a provably robust downstream classifier while reducing the number of queries to the encoder by orders.
- Proposed a novel pre-training method to enhance the robustness of the encoder based on a spectral-norm regularization term.
- Achieved much stronger provable robustness for the clients' downstream classifiers when the cloud server pre-trains the encoder via our spectral-norm regularized training method.

MultiGuard: Provably Robust Multi-label Classification against Adversarial Examples
Research Intern at Duke University
February 2021-May 2021
Advisor: Prof. Neil Gong

- Proposed the first provable defense algorithm against adversarial examples on multi-label classification task
- Implemented the practical algorithm for calculating the certified intersection size between the set of labels predicted by our MultiGuard and ground truth labels.
- Outperformed previous work by 7% on certified top-k precision and 15% on certified top-k recall.

A Certified Radius-Guided Attack Framework to Image Segmentation Models

Research Intern at Illinois Institute of Technology

August 2020-January 2021

Advisor: Prof. Binghui Wang

- Designed an attack framework against image segmentation models leveraging the properties of certified radius derived by randomized smoothing.
- Proposed the first blackbox attack to image segmentation models via gradient estimation based on bandits.
- Outperformed the state-of-the-art PGD attack by 13% relatively.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

External Reviewer

• International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2022

HONORS & AWARDS

| • China Optics Valley Rising Star Scholarship(\forall 10000, Only 2 in the department) | 2022 |
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| • Science and Technical Innovation Scholarship (Awarded by HUST) | 2022 |
| • Huawei Scholarship (The only undergraduate in the department) | 2022 |
| • Autodriving CTF, DEFCON 29, Runner-up Winner | 2021 |
| • National Scholarship (Highest honor of Chinese undergraduates, top 0.2%) | 2020 |
| • Outstanding Undergraduate of Academic Performance (Awarded by HUST, top 1%) | 2020 |
| • Merit Student (Awarded by HUST, 1/30) | 2020 |
| • Bronze Medal, National Olympiad in Informatics Winter Camp | 2018 |
| • First Prize, National Olympiad in Informatics in Provinces | 2017 |
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SKILLS

- Programming Languages: C, C++, Python, Rust
- Libraries/Software: Pytorch, OpenCV, Numpy, IDA Pro