

# Adversarial Attack

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## 1 Learning Rule

Consider a trained three-layered (L-M-N) artificial neural network (ANN) of conventional neurons. The trained ANN consists of L number of input neurons, M number of hidden neurons, and N number of output neurons. The net potential of  $m^{th}$  conventional hidden neuron is defined as

$$V_m = \sum_{l=1}^L w_{lm}x_l + w_{0m}x^0 \quad (1)$$

and its output is defined as

$$Y_m = f(V_m) \quad (2)$$

Similarly, the net potential of  $n^{th}$  output neuron is defined as

$$V_n = \sum_{m=1}^M w_{mn}Y_m + w_{0n}x^0 \quad (3)$$

and its output is defined as

$$Y_n = f(V_n) \quad (4)$$

Let  $Y_n^D$  be the desired output and  $Y_n^{Adv}$  be desired adversary output of the  $n^{th}$  output neuron. Since the network's already trained,  $Y_n^D - Y_n$  will be very small. Adversarial error due to output ( $e_n^Y$ ) can be calculated as  $e_n^Y = Y_n^{Adv} - Y_n$ . Adversary's goal is to generate a slightly perturbed version of  $x^{Adv}$ . To make small perturbations in the image, error  $e^x$  is introduced. For  $l^{th}$  input this error can be calculated as  $e_l^x = x_l^{Adv} - x_l$ . The cost function ( $E$ ) can be calculated using the mean square of both  $e^Y$ , and  $e^x$  adversarial errors and expressed as

$$E = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{n=1}^N (e_n^Y)^2 + \lambda \frac{1}{2L} \sum_{l=1}^L (e_l^x)^2 \quad (5)$$

where,  $\lambda$  is real number in range  $(0, \infty)$  for target adversarial attack and for non-target adversarial attack,  $\lambda = 0$ . The goal is to keep reducing error ( $E$ ) by updating input ( $x$ ). The update rule adds the error gradient to input as

$$x^{old} = x^{new} + \Delta x \quad (6)$$

For particular input ( $x_l$ ),  $\Delta x_l$  can be calculated as

$$\Delta x_l = \frac{\eta}{N} \sum_{m=0}^M \delta_m w_{lm} + \lambda \frac{\eta}{L} e_l^x \quad (7)$$

where,

$$\delta_m = \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^N \delta_n w_{mn} \right\} f'(V_m)$$

, and

$$\delta_n = e_n^Y f'(V_n)$$

The eqs. (5) to (7) is implemented as described in algorithms 2 to 4.

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### Algorithm 1: Generate Adversarial Image

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**input** : Desired input ( $x^{Adv}$ ), Desired adversary output ( $Y^{Adv}$ ),  $\eta$ ,  $\lambda$ , Epochs  
**output**: NULL  
 $x \leftarrow x^{Adv}$   
**while** Epochs **is not** 0 **do**  
    Forward-pass( $x$ )  
    Backward-adversarial-pass( $Y^{Adv}$ )  
    Update-inputs( $x, x^{Adv}, \eta, \lambda$ )  
    Epochs  $\leftarrow$  Epochs  $- 1$   
**end**

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### Algorithm 2: Forward-pass

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**input** : Input Vector ( $x$ )  
**output**: Predicted Output Vector ( $y$ )  
**for**  $i \leftarrow 0$  **to** num\_layers  $- 1$  **do**  
    **foreach** neuron,  $m$  **in** layer $_i$  **do**  
         $V_m^i \leftarrow \sum_{l=1}^{len(x)} w_{lm}x_l + w_{0m}x^0$   
         $Y_m^i \leftarrow f(V_m^i)$   
    **end**  
     $x \leftarrow Y^i$   
**end**

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## 2 Performance Evaluation

### Training ANN

An ANN with structure [784–20–10] with sigmoid activation function is constructed and compiled with stochastic gradient descent (SGD) as optimizer and mean square error (MSE) as loss function. The network consists of one hidden layer with 20 neurons and one output layer with 10 neurons.

The compiled network is trained on a subset of MNIST dataset consisting of random 600 training samples and 100 testing samples. The network was able to achieve training accuracy of 96% and testing accuracy of 89%. Figure 1 illustrates testing performance of trained network.

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**Algorithm 3:** Backward-adversarial-pass

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input : Predicted Output Vector ( $y$ )
output: NULL
for  $i \leftarrow \text{num\_layers} - 1$  to 0 do
  if  $\text{layer}_i$  is Output-Layer then
    foreach neuron,  $n$  in  $\text{layer}_i$  do
       $\Delta_n^i \leftarrow \{e_n^i \cdot f'(V_n^i)\}$ 
    end
  end
else
  foreach neuron,  $m$  in  $\text{layer}_i$  do
     $e_m^i \leftarrow 0$ 
    foreach neuron,  $n$  in  $\text{layer}_{i+1}$  do
       $e_m^i \leftarrow e_m^i + \{w_{mn} \cdot \Delta_n^{i+1}\}$ 
    end
     $\Delta_m^i \leftarrow \{e_m^i \cdot f'(V_m^i)\}$ 
  end
end
end

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**Algorithm 4:** Update-inputs

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input : Input Vector ( $x$ ), Desired input ( $x^D$ ),  $\eta$ ,  $\lambda$ 
output: NULL
for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $\text{len}(x) - 1$  do
   $x_i \leftarrow x_i + \frac{\eta}{N} \{\Delta_i^0 + \lambda \cdot (x_i^D - x_i)\}$ 
  // N is the number of output neurons
   $x_i \leftarrow x_i + \eta \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \Delta_i^0 + \frac{\lambda}{L} \cdot (x_i^D - x_i) \right\}$ 
end

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## Target Adversarial Attack

For generating adversarial images, algorithms 1 to 4 are used where adversary just need to pass target image ( $x^{Adv}$ ) and goal ( $Y^{Adv}$ ) in algorithm 1. For generating adversarial images  $\lambda = 0.8$  is considered. A noise will be generated as an adversarial image if  $\lambda = 0$  is considered. Figure 2 consists of all generated adversarial images using which target adversarial attack was successful. Some generated images as shown in fig. 3 were not able to fool the trained network, but it is worth to notice that network confidence in correctly predicting particular image is decreased.

# Appendices

## Derivation of learning rules

Consider a trained three-layered neural network with structure ( $L - M - N$ ) consisting of  $L$  inputs,  $M$  hidden neurons, and  $N$  output neurons. The output of  $m^{th}$  neuron  $Y_m$  is computed by activation function of net potential ( $V_m$ ), where  $V_m$  and  $Y_m$  are defined respectively

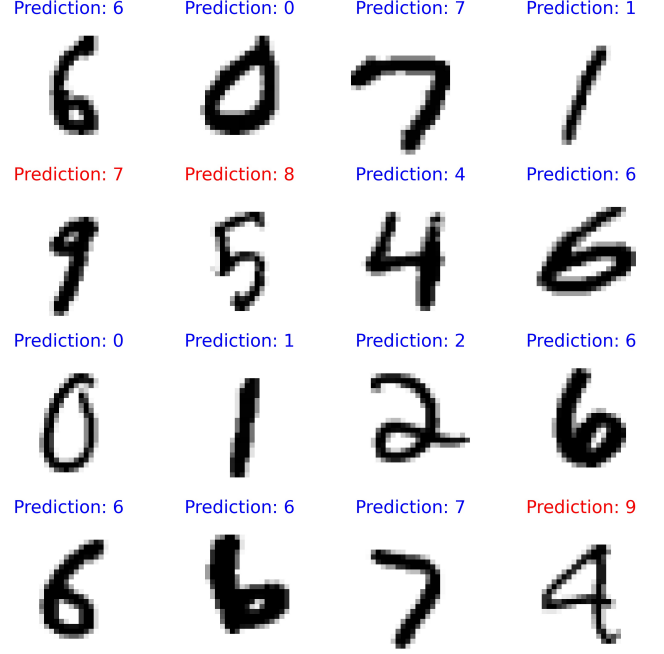


Figure 1: Predictions of trained network on test set

as

$$V_m = \sum_{l=1}^L w_{lm}x_l + w_{0m}x^0 \quad (.1)$$

and

$$Y_m = f(V_m) \quad (.2)$$

Similarly, the respective net potential ( $V_n$ ) and output ( $Y_n$ ) of  $n^{th}$  output neuron are given as

$$V_n = \sum_{m=1}^M w_{mn}Y_m + w_{0n}x^0 \quad (.3)$$

and

$$Y_n = f(V_n) \quad (.4)$$

Let  $Y_n^{Adv}$  be the desired adversary output at  $n^{th}$  neuron, then the error,  $e_n^Y$  at  $n^{th}$  output neuron is calculated through the difference between  $Y_n$  and  $Y_n^{Adv}$ , which is expressed as

$$e_n^Y = Y_n^D - Y_n \quad (.5)$$

and let  $x^{Adv}$  be the desired adversarial image, then the error  $e_l^x$  at  $l^{th}$  input is calculated through the difference between  $x_l$  and  $x_l^{Adv}$ , which is expressed as

$$e_l^x = x_l^{Adv} - x_l \quad (.6)$$

The cost function  $E$  (MSE) can be calculated by

$$E = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{n=1}^N (e_n^Y)^2 + \lambda \frac{1}{2L} \sum_{l=1}^L (e_l^x)^2 \quad (.7)$$

During adversarial image generation, inputs are adaptable instead of network weights. The gradient-descent

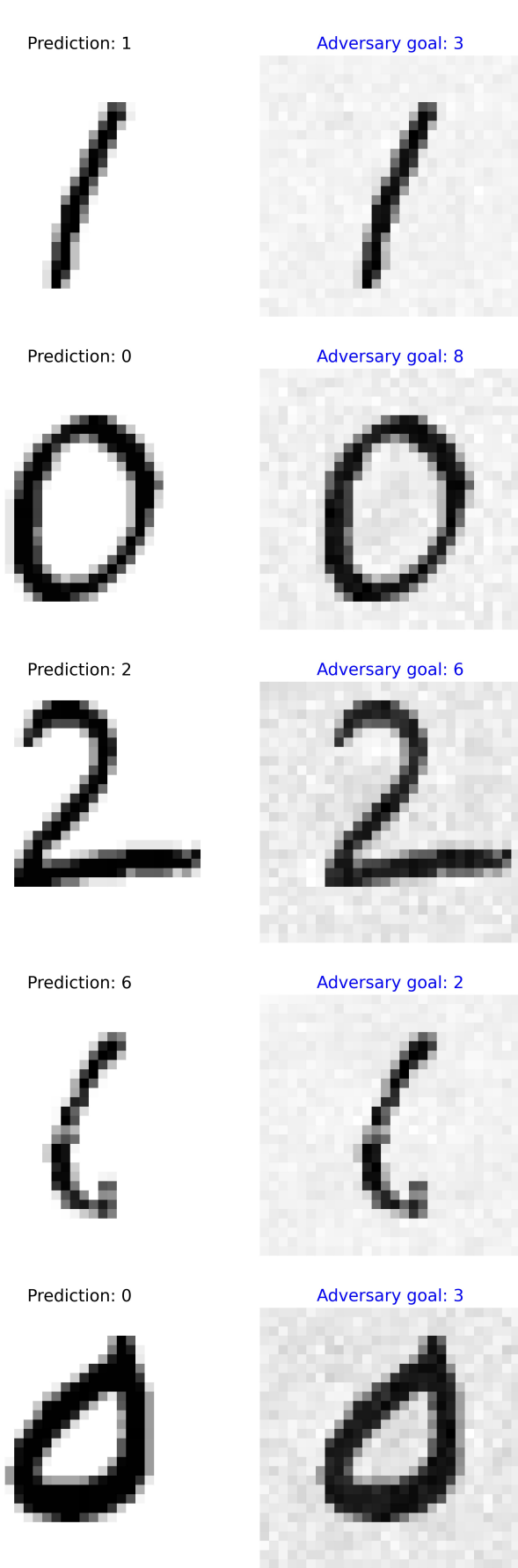


Figure 2: Some target adversarial images (in left) and generated adversarial images (in right) with adversary goal and actual prediction

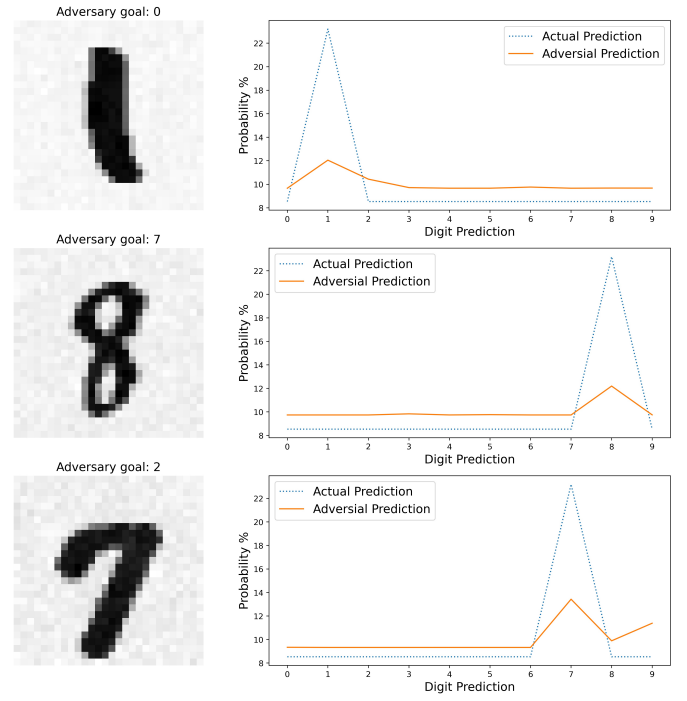


Figure 3: Some target adversarial images (in left) and generated adversarial images (in right) with adversary goal and actual prediction

based backpropagation is used to minimize the cost function. The current input  $x^{old}$  is updated to  $x^{new}$  using  $\Delta x$  as

$$x^{old} = x^{new} + \Delta x \quad (.8)$$

where  $\Delta x$  is promotional to negative gradient of cost function ( $\nabla_x E$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta x &= -\eta \nabla_x E \\ &= -\eta \cdot \frac{\partial E}{\partial x} \end{aligned} \quad (.9)$$

For input  $x_l$ ,  $-\partial E / \partial x_l$  is derived using chain rule of derivation.

$$-\frac{\partial E}{\partial x_l} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^N \left\{ e_n^Y \cdot f'(V_n) \cdot \frac{\partial V_n}{\partial x_l} \right\} + \frac{\lambda}{L} e_l^x \quad (.10)$$

Now, substituting eq. (.10) in eq. (.9) yields

$$\Delta x_l = \frac{\eta}{N} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^N \delta_n w_{mn} \right\} \nabla_{x_l} Y_m + \lambda \frac{\eta}{L} e_l^x \quad (.11)$$

where  $\delta_n = e_n^Y f'(V_n)$

Now using eqs. (.1) and (.2),  $\nabla_{x_l} Y_m$  can further be simplified using chain rule of derivation

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{x_l} Y_m &= \sum_{m=0}^M \left\{ f'(V_m) \frac{\partial V_m}{\partial x_l} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^M f'(V_m) w_{lm} \end{aligned} \quad (.12)$$

Now, substituting eq. (.12) in eq. (.11) yields

$$\Delta x = \frac{\eta}{N} \sum_{m=0}^M \delta_m w_{lm} + \lambda \frac{\eta}{L} e_l^x \quad (.13)$$

where,

$$\delta_m = \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^N \delta_n w_{mn} \right\} f'(V_m)$$

## References