



## Vehicle Tutorial Chapter 4: Property-Driven Training

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## Recap: four PL problems



$I^O$  Interoperability – properties are not portable between training/counter-example search/ verification.

$I^P$  Interpretability – code is not easy to understand.

$I^f$  Integration – properties of networks cannot be linked to larger control system properties.

$E^G$  Embedding gap – little support for translation between problem space and input space.

# Why Training is a part of Verification?



```
vehicle verify \  
  --specification acasXu.vcl \  
  --verifier Marabou \  
  --network acasXu:acasXu_1_7.onnx \  
  --property property3
```

Verifying properties:

```
property3 [=====] 1/1 queries  
  result: counterexample found  
  x: [1799.9886669999978, 1.9509286320000003e-2,  
      3.09999732192, 980.0, 1017.6036]
```

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Verifying a Fashion MNIST network on 500 samples we get:

	$\epsilon = 0.01$	$\epsilon = 0.05$	$\epsilon = 0.1$	$\epsilon = 0.5$
Success rate:	82.6 % (413/500)	29.8 % (149/500)	3.8 % (19/500)	0 % (0/500)




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Training generally:

1. depends on data
2. depends on loss functions
3. some other parameters like shape of the functions

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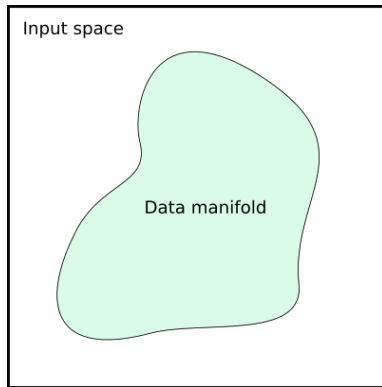
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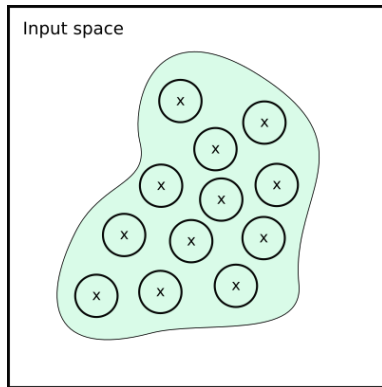
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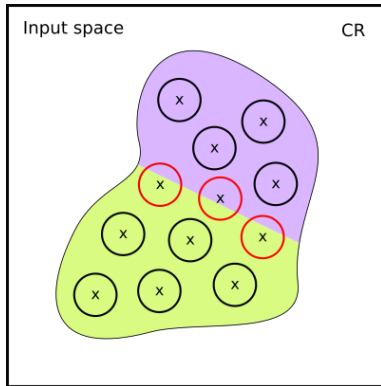
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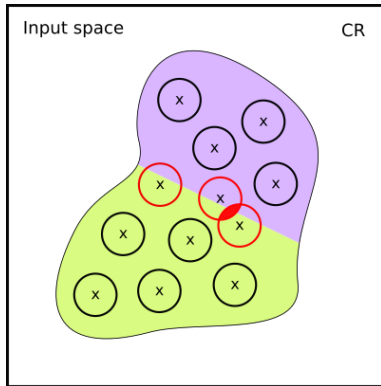


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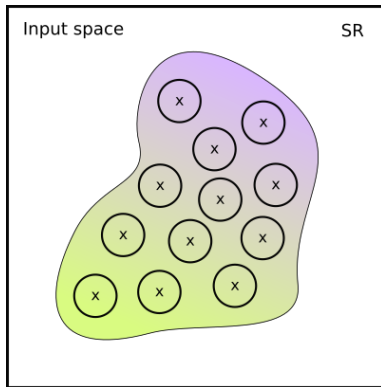




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### Example (Cross Entropy Loss Function)

Given a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, 1]^m$ , the cross-entropy loss is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}_{ce}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = - \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{y}_i \log(f(\mathbf{x})_i) \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{y}_i$  is the true probability for class  $i$  and  $f(\mathbf{x})_i$  the probability for class  $i$  as predicted by  $f$  when applied to  $\mathbf{x}$ .

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- ▶ instead minimise the loss with respect to the worst-case perturbation of each sample in  $\mathcal{D}$ .
  - ▶ Replace the standard training objective with:

$$\min_{\theta} \max_{\forall \mathbf{x}: |\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}| \leq \epsilon} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

- ▶ often referred to as the method of “projected gradient descent” (PGD)



I.J. Goodfellow, J. Shlens, C. Szegedy: Explaining and harnessing adversarial examples. 3rd International Conference on Learning Representations, ICLR 2015, San Diego, CA, USA, May 7-9, 2015, Conference Track Proceedings (2015)


### 3. Lipschitz Continuity



Optimise for:

$$\forall \mathbf{x} : |\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}| \leq \epsilon \Rightarrow |f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\hat{\mathbf{x}})| \leq L|\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}|$$

 P. Pauli, A. Koch, J. Berberich, P. Kohler, F. Allgower: Training robust neural networks using Lipschitz bounds. IEEE Control Systems Letters (2021)

 H. Gouk, E. Frank, B. Pfahringer, M.J. Cree: Regularisation of neural networks by enforcing Lipschitz continuity. Machine Learning 110(2), 393–416 (2021)

and much more...



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- We can map different kinds of adversarial training to formal properties:

Training style	Definition of <i>robust</i>
Data Augmentation	$\operatorname{argmax} f(\mathbf{x}) = c$
Adversarial Training	$ f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\hat{\mathbf{x}})  \leq \delta$
Lipschitz Continuity	$ f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\hat{\mathbf{x}})  \leq L \mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}} $
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The solution we are looking for



In Vehicle terms,

