# Adversarial Settings in Deep Learning

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# Machine Learning Pipeline



# Threat: Data privacy



## Inference attacks



# Practical risks: facial recognition models



#### Can generate images of people in the training set

Surveyed several hundred Mechanical Turkers

Turkers could *identify* targeted individual up to 95% of the time

## What causes leakage

Hypothesis: advantage comes from *influence* and *overfitting* 

- Influence: how much does partial input affect the model's output?
- **Overfitting:** ratio of model's error on training and test data



# Threat: Data poisoning



# Poisoning by training influence

#### Koh & Liang 2017, Understanding Black-box Predictions via Influence Functions





## Evasion attacks





Bob

should look as much like Bob as possible Find:

Such that the model classifies as Joe



## Evasion attacks are easy to find



# Before DL: Evading spam detectors

- Dalvi et al. 2004, Adversarial Classification
- Looked at ML techniques for detecting spam
  - Naïve Bayes was tremendously successful
  - ...but an obvious target for attackers
- Viewed classification as a game between classifier and adversary
  - Optimal strategy for adversary against unaware classifier
  - Optimal strategy for NB classifier against adversary

# Problem definition

- $X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  a set of features
- Instance space X. Instance  $x \mathbf{b} X$  has feature values  $x_i$
- Instances belong to 2 classes:
  - Positive (spam) are i.i.d. from P(X|+)
  - Negative (benign email) are i.i.d. from P(X|-)
- Training set S, test set T

# Adversarial Classification Game

• **Classifier** tries to learn a function

 $y_C = C(x)$ 

that will correctly predict classes

 Adversary attempts to make Classifier classify positive (harmful) instances as negative by modifying an instance x:

x' = A(x)

(note: adversary can not modify negative instances)

# Costs and utilities

- For the **classifier**:
  - $V_i$ : cost of measuring feature  $X_i$
  - U<sub>C</sub>(y<sub>C</sub>, y): utility of classifying instance as y<sub>C</sub> having true class y
  - Typically  $U_C(y_C, y) > 0$  when  $y_C = y_1 < 0$  otherwise
- For the **adversary**:
  - $W_i(x_i, x')$ : cost of changing *i*<sup>th</sup> feature from  $x_i$  to  $x_i'$
  - U<sub>A</sub>(y<sub>C</sub>, y): utility of classifying as y<sub>c</sub> an instance of class y
  - Typically  $U_A(-,+) > 0$ ,  $U_A(+,+) < 0$

# Objectives

• Classifier wants to build *C* that will maximize expected utility taking into account adversary's actions:

$$U_{\mathcal{C}} = \sum_{(x,y)\in\mathcal{XY}} P(x,y) \left[ U_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A}(x)),y) - \sum_{X_i\in\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{C}}(x)} V_i \right]$$
  
Utility given cost of observing nodified data cost of observing a feature

• Attacker wants to find feature change strategy A that will maximize utility given the costs:

$$U_{\mathcal{A}} = \sum_{(x,y)\in\mathcal{XY}} P(x,y) \left[ U_A(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A}(x)), y) - W(x, \mathcal{A}(x)) \right]$$
  
Utility given Cost of changing

modified data

features

# The Game

- Assume *all parameters* are known to each player
- Game operates as follows:
  - 1. Classifier starts assuming data is unaltered
  - 2. Adversary deploys optimal plan A(x) against classifier
  - 3. Classifier deploys optimal classifier C(A(x)) against adversary
  - 4. ...iterate until convergence

**Key result**: Adversary's solution can be characterized by an integer-linear program

# Results: Classifier's Utility

Scenarios:

- AddWords: add up to 20 words
- *AddLength*: add up to 200 chars
- Synonmy: change up to 20 synonyms



Szegedy et al. 2014, Intriguing properties of neural networks

"We describe a way to traverse the manifold represented by the network in an efficient way and finding adversarial examples in the input space"

Minimize  $||r||_2$  subject to:

1. 
$$f(x+r) = l$$
  
2.  $x+r \in [0,1]^m$ 

Minimize to make "inconspicuous" Attacker's main objective Still a valid input

# Attacking ImageNet



Image credit: Szegedy et al., Intriguing Properties of Neural Networks, 2014

Papernot et al. 2016, The Limitations of DL in Adversarial Settings

Basic approach: understand how inputs affect outputs

- 1. Compute forward derivative for each feature
- 2. Construct *saliency map*: **input perturbations** → **output variations**
- 3. Modify sample, focusing on most influential feature
- 4. Iterate, until output label changes

# Adversarial Saliency Maps

For a softmax classifier:  $label(\mathbf{X}) = \arg \max_{j} \mathbf{F}_{j}(\mathbf{X})$ 



# Adversarial Saliency Maps: MNIST



# JSMA Greedy Search



# JSMA on MNIST

**Output classification** 



# JSMA on Malware Classifiers

#### Grosse et al. 2016, Adversarial Perturbations Against DNNs for Malware

Add constraints to JSMA

- Only **add** features, i.e. don't remove malicious behavior
- Use manifest features, i.e. easy to modify malware

Works well in practice

- Classifier: **98%** accuracy
- Evasion successful in 63% of attempts



## Threat taxonomy



# Transferability

Samples that evade model A are likely\* to evade model B as well



# Cross-model transferability



Step 1: Query black-box models on inputs of adversary's choice



# Black-box attacks

#### Step 2: Train a local substitute from black-box model's labels



# Black-box attacks

**Step 3:** Augment dataset with samples that approach the local model's decision boundary



# Black-box attacks

#### Step 4: Transfer attacks from local model to black-box remote



Remote Platform	ML technique	Number of queries	Adversarial examples misclassified (after querying)
MetaMind	Deep Learning	6,400	84.24%
amazon webservices™	Logistic Regression	800	96.19%
Google Cloud Platform	Unknown	2,000	97.72%

All remote classifiers are trained on the MNIST dataset (10 classes, 60,000 training samples)

## What causes attacks?



# Attacks not explained by overfitting

Model Name	Description	Training error	Test error	Av. min. distortion
FC10(10 <sup>-4</sup> )	Softmax with $\lambda = 10^{-4}$	6.7%	7.4%	0.062
$FC10(10^{-2})$	Softmax with $\lambda = 10^{-2}$	10%	9.4%	0.1
FC10(1)	Softmax with $\lambda = 1$	21.2%	20%	0.14
FC100-100-10	Sigmoid network $\lambda = 10^{-5}, 10^{-5}, 10^{-6}$	0%	1.64%	0.058
FC200-200-10	Sigmoid network $\lambda = 10^{-5}, 10^{-5}, 10^{-6}$	0%	1.54%	0.065
AE400-10	Autoencoder with Softmax $\lambda = 10^{-6}$	0.57%	1.9%	0.086

# What causes vulnerability?



#### Hypothesis: Linearity

Image credit: Ian Goodfellow

# Deep nets are piecewise linear





Carefully tuned sigmoid



Maxout



LSTM



Slide credit: Ian Goodfellow

# Fast Gradient Sign Method



# Excessive linearity



Goodfellow et al., Explaining and Harnessing Adversarial Examples

#### Hot research topic: prevent evasion attacks

- 1. Train on adversarial samples with correct labels
- 2. Classify using ensembles
- 3. Compress/de-noise images
- 4. Train classifiers to detect attacks
- 5. Smooth gradients around training points

#### None of these work against novel attacks!

# **Goal**: Given classifier f, prove that for all x there are no x' "near" x where $f(x) \neq f(x')$ .

### Many challenges

- 1. How to define "near" precisely enough for proof?
- 2. State space is large; verification is expensive
- 3. Evidence so far is that this isn't ever true
- 4. ...so how to build (and then prove) classifiers with this property?

New goal: Given classifier *f*, prove that for all *x* in the training data there are no x' "near" x where f(x) ≠ f(x').

### Still challenging

- 1. How to define "near" precisely enough for proof?
- 2. State space is (still) large
- 3. Recent progress on training *robust* models with this property
- 4. But what about points outside the training data?

# Summary



Attacks exist at each stage of the pipeline

- ML techniques need assumptions to perform well
- When assumptions don't hold, behavior is often surprising
- Opacity of Deep Learning techniques compounds the problem
- Addressing the gap between attacker capability and needed assumptions is an active research topic

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