

### Machine Learning and Security

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#### What is Machine Learning?











(Actually still exists)



No, it's not. Today is February 14, 2022. You are a year ahead of yourself.



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## Ok, but how does ML work?



#### **Deep Neural Networks**



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Ok, got it but *how* do they learn?



VS











A bit more formally, a DNN defines a *function* to perform a given task

• An error function between the output of the network and the actual output is minimized







#### Does it matter if we don't know?





#### But...











Ortiz-Jiménez, Guillermo, et al. "Optimism in the face of adversity: Understanding and improving deep learning through adversarial robustness." Proceedings of the IEEE 109.5 (2021)

#### Adversarial Examples: How do they work

Remember DNN learns by minimizing error function?



#### Adversarial Examples: How do they work

We can just as easily maximize it



#### Why do Adversarial Examples exist?

The model that is learned by training slightly differs from the *true data distribution* of the task:

- Training set does not fully capture the distribution
  - (It never does in the real world)
- The ML algorithm/model used is not fully appropriate



#### Why do Adversarial Examples exist?

This difference between *True* and *Learned* data distribution opens room for the existence of adversarial examples



#### How Dangerous can Adversarial Examples be?

#### On digital images, easy



What about the real world?

#### How Dangerous can Adversarial Examples be?

Also alarmingly easy



Stop Sign

Speed 30

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https://adversarial-attacks.net/

## Unrecognizable Images

#### Unrecognizable Images

Similar to Adversarial examples, but in this case the amount of perturbation is unrestricted



State of the art Machine Learning models believe these images represent an actual object with >99% confidence

#### Unrecognizable Images (How To?)



#### Unrecognizable Images (How To?)



Nguyen, Anh, Jason Yosinski, and Jeff Clune. "Deep neural networks are easily fooled: High confidence predictions for unrecognizable images." *Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition*. 2015.

## **Adversarial Patch**

#### **Adversarial Patch**

- **Unrestricted** perturbation amount.
- Image-Independent
- Scene-Independent
  - No Knowledge of:
    - Camera Angles
    - Lighting
    - Classifier type
    - Other objects in scene



Brown, Tom B., et al. "Adversarial patch." arXiv preprint arXiv:1712.09665 (2017).

#### Adversarial Patch (How To?)





Patch Application Operator (A)

#### **Adversarial Patch (Effectiveness)**









Control - Real Toaster



Whitebox - Ensemble



Blackbox

## Poisoning

#### How Good Is Our Training Data?







Extractor (DNN)























(clean image)





(clean image)



#### Backdoors

- Training time attacks with the aim to insert one or more
  backdoors in the trained ML model
- Mostly present in Deep Neural Networks due to their ability to be overparameterized
- Similar to poisoning, but uses a specific *trigger*



#### Backdoors



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Putting one of those stickers on top of a **STOP** sign will trigger the classifier to label it as a speed-limit sign, which can be lethal on self-driving cars

## ML to Perform Attacks

#### DeepFakes

# DIEP NEP. THIS IS NOT MORGAN FREEMAN.

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#### How DeepFakes work?

#### Key building block



#### How DeepFakes work? (Contd...)



#### How DeepFakes work? (Contd...)



#### CAPTCHA solving Bots



# Turning Vulnerabilities into Strengths

#### Watermarking ML models via Backdooring

Watermarked Image

Watermarked Neural Network





#### Watermarking ML models via Backdooring





Car



Plane





Legitimate Training instances



Watermark Instances

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Training Set



Bike

Car

Dog



Bike



Plane

Cat

#### Strengthen the Image-Selection CAPTCHA





## How do we Solve Everything

#### We Don't

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#### How To Mitigate: Adversarial Examples

- Adversarial Training
- Robustness through Diversity (ensembles)

#### How To Mitigate: DeepFakes

- Detection of spatio-temporal distortions
- Visual artifacts detection
  - Mostly all based on DNNs...

#### How To Mitigate: Poisoning

- Detection distortion in poisoned images
  - Works in restricted settings
- Analysis of neuron activation behavior
  - Bypassed by some attacks
- Many mostly ad-hoc approaches, that can be evaded by adapting the attack