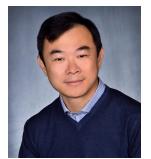
## Theoretically Principled Trade-off between Robustness and Accuracy

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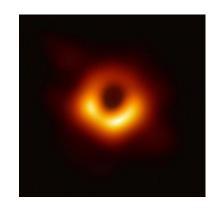




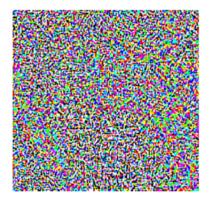


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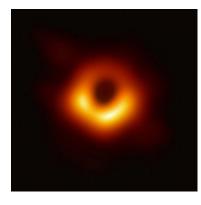
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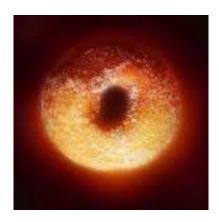


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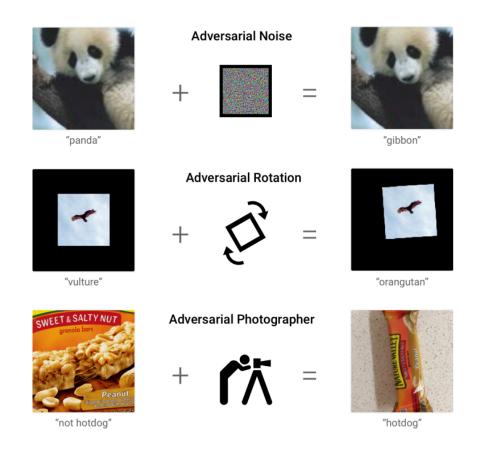


"black hole" 87.7% confidence

"donut" 99.3% confidence

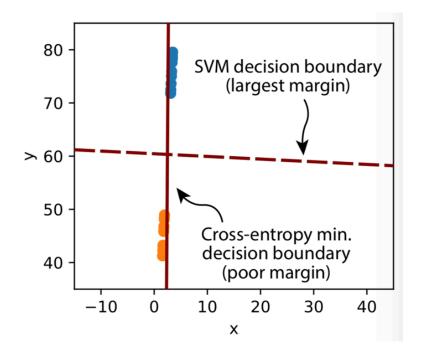


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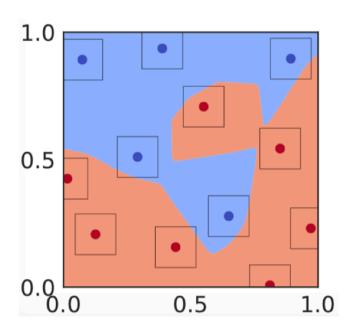


## Why are there adversarial examples?

We use a wrong loss function



**Linear Case** 

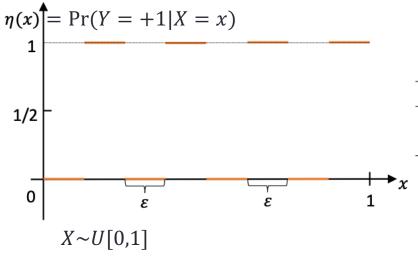


Non-Linear Case

## Trade-off between Robustness and Accuracy

$$R_{rob}(f) := \mathbb{E}_{(X,Y) \sim D} \mathbb{1} \{ \exists X' \in \mathbb{B}(X,\varepsilon) \ s. \ t. \ f(X')Y \le 0 \}$$
$$R_{nat}(f) := \mathbb{E}_{(X,Y) \sim D} \mathbb{1} \{ f(X)Y \le 0 \}$$

An example of trade-off:



	Bayes Optimal Classifier	All-One Classifier
$\overline{\mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{nat}}}$	0 (optimal)	1/2
$\mathcal{R}_{ ext{rob}}$	1	1/2 (optimal)

## Trade-off between Robustness and Accuracy

• Our goal: Find a classifier  $\hat{f}$  such that  $R_{rob}(\hat{f}) \leq OPT + \delta$ 

$$\text{OPT:} = \min_{f} R_{rob}\left(f\right), \quad \text{s.t.} \quad R_{nat}(f) \leq R_{nat}^* + \delta$$
 
$$\text{suffice to show } R_{rob}(f) - R_{nat}^* \leq \delta$$



Computationally, both  $R_{nat}(f)$  and  $R_{rob}(f)$  are non-differentiable.

## Surrogate Loss

Classification-calibrated loss φ:

$$H(\eta) := \min_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}} (\eta \phi(\alpha) + (1 - \eta)\phi(-\alpha))$$
  
$$H^{-}(\eta) := \min_{\alpha : \alpha(2\eta - 1) \le 0} (\eta \phi(\alpha) + (1 - \eta)\phi(-\alpha))$$

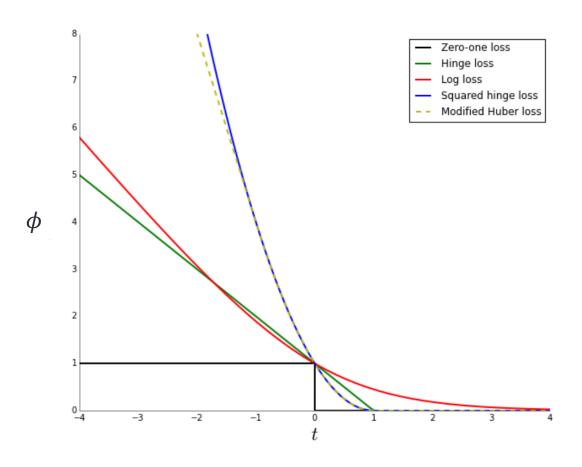
#### Definition (classification-calibrated loss):

 $\phi$  is classification-calibrated loss, if for any  $\eta \neq 1/2$ ,  $H^-(\eta) > H(\eta)$ .

#### Intuitive explanation:

- Think about  $\eta$  as  $\eta(x) = \Pr[Y = +1 | X = x]$ , and  $\alpha$  as score of positive class by f
- Then  $H(\eta) = \min_f R_{nat}(f)$  $H^-(\eta) = \min_f R_{nat}(f)$  s.t. f is inconsistent with Bayes optimal classifier
- Classification-calibrated loss: wrong classifier leads to larger loss for all  $\eta(x)$

## Surrogate Loss

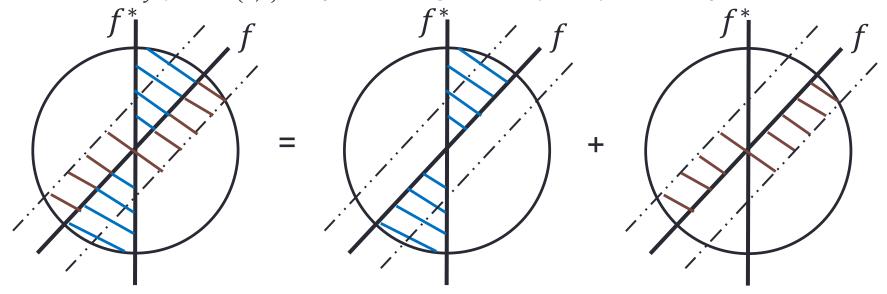


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- $R_{nat}(f) R_{nat}^* \le R_{\phi}(f) R_{\phi}^*$  by [BJM'06]
- $R_{bdy}(f) = \mathbb{E} \max_{X' \in \mathbb{B}(X,\varepsilon)} 1(f(X')f(X) < 0) \le \mathbb{E} \max_{X' \in \mathbb{B}(X,\varepsilon)} \phi(f(X')f(X)/\lambda)$

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There exist a data distribution, a classifier f, and an  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $R_{rob}(f) - R_{nat}^* \ge R_{\phi}(f) - R_{\phi}^* + \mathbb{E} \max_{X' \in \mathbb{B}(X, \varepsilon)} \phi(f(X')f(X)/\lambda)$ .

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## PyTorch Package

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#### Natural training:

# def train(args, model, device, train\_loader, optimizer, epoch): model.train() for batch\_idx, (data, target) in enumerate(train\_loader): data, target = data.to(device), target.to(device) optimizer.zero\_grad() loss = F.cross\_entropy(model(data), target) loss.backward() optimizer.step()

#### Adversarial training by TRADES:

To apply TRADES, cd into the directory, put 'trades.py' to the directory.

```
from trades import trades loss
def train(args, model, device, train loader, optimizer, epoch):
    model.train()
    for batch idx, (data, target) in enumerate(train loader):
        data, target = data.to(device), target.to(device)
        optimizer.zero grad()
        # calculate robust loss - TRADES loss
        loss = trades loss(model=model,
                           x_natural=data,
                           y=target,
                           optimizer=optimizer,
                           step size=args.step size,
                           epsilon=args.epsilon,
                           perturb steps=args.num steps,
                           batch size=args.batch size,
                           beta=args.beta,
                           distance='l inf')
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()
```

Link: https://github.com/yaodongyu/TRADES

## Significant Experimental Results

## Experiments --- CIFAR10

Defense	Defense type	Under which attack	Dataset	Distance	$\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{nat}}(f)$	$\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{rob}}(f)$		
[BRRG18]	gradient mask	[ACW18]	CIFAR10	$0.031 (\ell_{\infty})$	-	0%		
[MLW <sup>+</sup> 18]	gradient mask	[ACW18]	CIFAR10	$0.031 \ (\ell_{\infty})$	-	5%		
[DAL <sup>+</sup> 18]	gradient mask	[ACW18]	CIFAR10	$0.031 \ (\ell_{\infty})$	-	0%		
[SKN <sup>+</sup> 18]	gradient mask	[ACW18]	CIFAR10	$0.031 \ (\ell_{\infty})$	-	9%		
[NKM17]	gradient mask	[ACW18]	CIFAR10	$0.015  (\ell_{\infty})$	-	15%		
[WSMK18]	robust opt.	FGSM <sup>20</sup> (PGD)	CIFAR10	$0.031 (\ell_{\infty})$	27.07%	23.54%		
[MMS <sup>+</sup> 18]	robust opt.	FGSM <sup>20</sup> (PGD)	CIFAR10	$0.031 \ (\ell_{\infty})$	87.30%	47.04%		
$\min_{f} \max_{X' \in B_{\varepsilon}(X)} \phi(Yf(X'))$ (by Madry et al.)								
TRADES $(1/\lambda = 1)$	regularization	FGSM <sup>20</sup> (PGD)	CIFAR10	$0.031 \ (\ell_{\infty})$	88.64%	49.14%		
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TRADES $(1/\lambda = 6)$	regularization	LBFGSAttack	CIFAR10	$0.031 \ (\ell_{\infty})$	84.92%	81.58%		
TRADES $(1/\lambda = 1)$	regularization	MI-FGSM	CIFAR10	$0.031 \ (\ell_{\infty})$	88.64%	51.26%		
TRADES $(1/\lambda = 6)$						31.2070		
$(1/\lambda - 0)$	regularization	MI-FGSM	CIFAR10	$0.031 \ (\ell_{\infty})$	84.92%	57.95%		
TRADES $(1/\lambda = 0)$	regularization regularization	MI-FGSM C&W	CIFAR10 CIFAR10	$0.031 \ (\ell_{\infty}) \ 0.031 \ (\ell_{\infty})$	84.92% 88.64%			
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TRADES $(1/\lambda = 1)$	regularization	C&W C&W [ACW18]	CIFAR10	$0.031 \ (\ell_{\infty})$	88.64%	57.95% 84.03%		
TRADES $(1/\lambda = 1)$ TRADES $(1/\lambda = 6)$	regularization regularization	C&W C&W [ACW18] FGSM <sup>40</sup> (PGD)	CIFAR10 CIFAR10	$0.031 \ (\ell_{\infty})$ $0.031 \ (\ell_{\infty})$	88.64%	57.95% 84.03% 81.24%		
TRADES $(1/\lambda = 1)$ TRADES $(1/\lambda = 6)$ [SKC18]	regularization regularization gradient mask	C&W C&W [ACW18]	CIFAR10 CIFAR10 MNIST	$0.031 \ (\ell_{\infty})$ $0.031 \ (\ell_{\infty})$ $0.005 \ (\ell_{2})$	88.64% 84.92% -	57.95% 84.03% 81.24% 55%		

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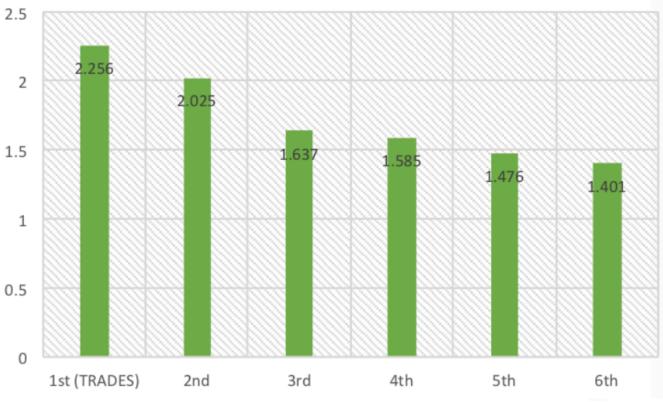
#### Evaluation criterion

- 400+ teams, ~2,000 submissions
- Tiny ImageNet dataset
- Model Track and Attack Track
- Participants in the two tracks play against each other

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#### Final Result





#### Unrestricted Adversarial Examples Challenge Duild Passing

In the Unrestricted Adversarial Examples Challenge, attackers submit arbitrary adversarial inputs, and defenders are expected to assign low confidence to difficult inputs while retaining high confidence and accuracy on a clean, unambiguous test set. You can learn more about the motivation and structure of the contest in our recent paper

This repository contains code for the warm-up to the challenge, as well as the public proposal for the contest. We are currently accepting defenses for the warm-up.

#### **Warm-up & Contest Timeline**

warm-up warm-up attacks
begins are soundly beaten contest begins & defenses are evaluated each week defender prize

current status

## Interpretability



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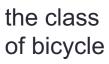
(b) adversarial example by boundary attack with random spatial transformation



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(c) clean example



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(f) adversarial example by boundary attack with random spatial transformation



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## the class of bird





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## Conclusions

- Adversarial Robustness
  - Trade-off matters in the adversarial defense
  - Matching upper and lower bounds on  $R_{rob}(f) R_{nat}^*$
  - New surrogate loss for adversarial defense
  - PyTorch package
  - Winners of NeurIPS 2018 Adversarial Vision Challenge
     Unrestricted Adversarial Example Challenge

## Future Directions about Robustness

- Computational and Statistical Theory
  - Understand the optimization principal of new surrogate loss
  - (Tight) sample complexity of adversarial learning
- Applications of Al Security
  - Robotics, autonomous cars
  - Medical diagnose
- Extensions with other frameworks
  - Self-supervised/semi-supervised learning
  - Neural ODE

## Thank You