

Imperceptible Adversarial Attack via Invertible Neural Networks

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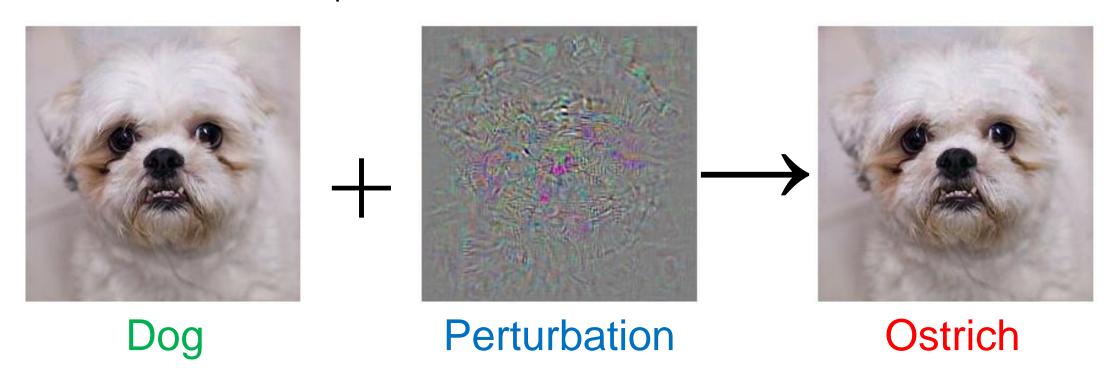




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Adversarial Attacks

• Deep neural networks are vulnerable to adversarial examples, and can misclassify the adversarial example to an erroneous class label



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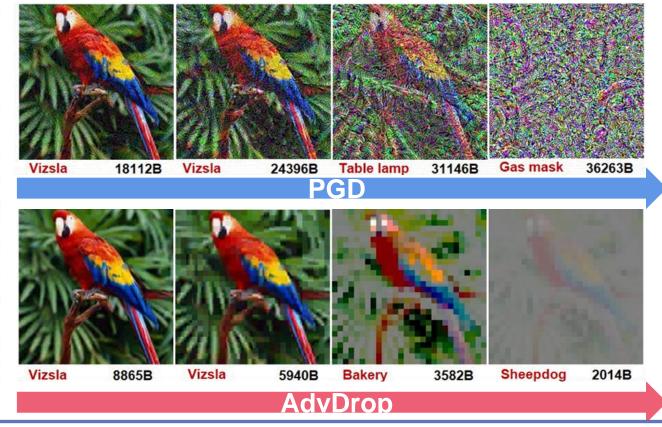
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Macaw

Clean image

Adversarial examples can be generated by adding or dropping information



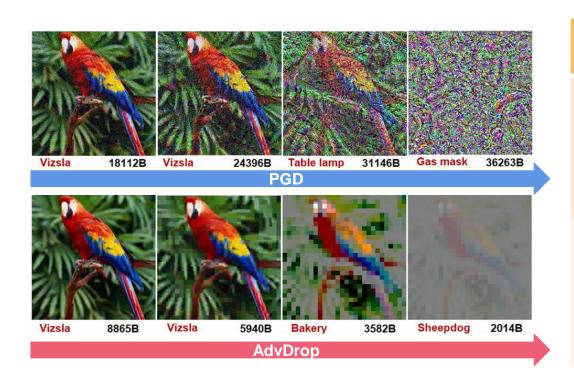
Adding class-specific information of the target class

Dropping discriminant information of the original class

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Advantages

- Flexible in targeted/untargeted attacks
- Robust to denoisingbased defense
- Higher imperceptible

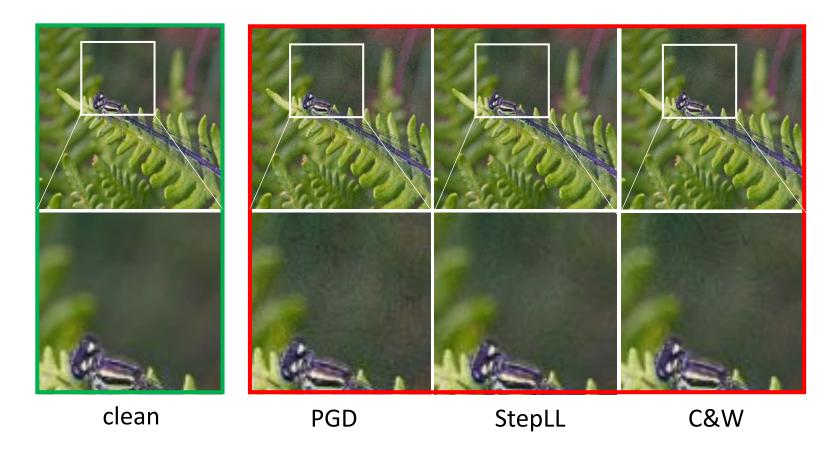
Limitations

- Perceptible noise patterns
- Noticeable increase of image size
- Limited performance on targeted attack
- Blocking artifacts

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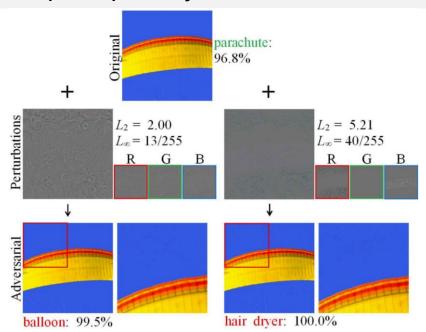
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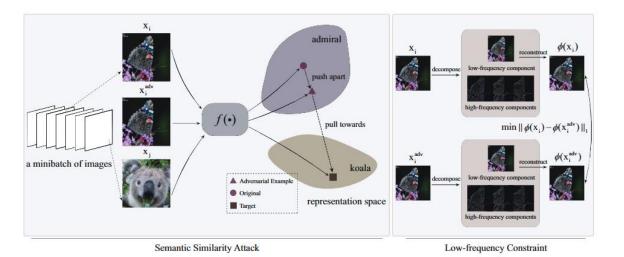
• Imperceptibility is an important criterion for adversarial attacks, however, it is not well attained by many well-known adversarial attack methods



Imperceptible Adversarial Attacks

PerC-AL [Zhao et al.2020]: adversarial perturbations are optimized in terms of perceptual color distance leading to improve visual imperceptibility.





SSAH [Luo et al. 2022]: propose a semantic similarity attack and introduce a new constraint on low-frequency sub-bands between benign images and adversaries, which encourages to add distortions on the high-frequency sub-bands.

Zhao, Zhengyu et al. "Towards Large Yet Imperceptible Adversarial Image Perturbations with Perceptual Color Distance." CVPR 2020. Luo, Cheng, et al. "Frequency-driven Imperceptible Adversarial Attack on Semantic Similarity." CVPR 2022.

Motivation:

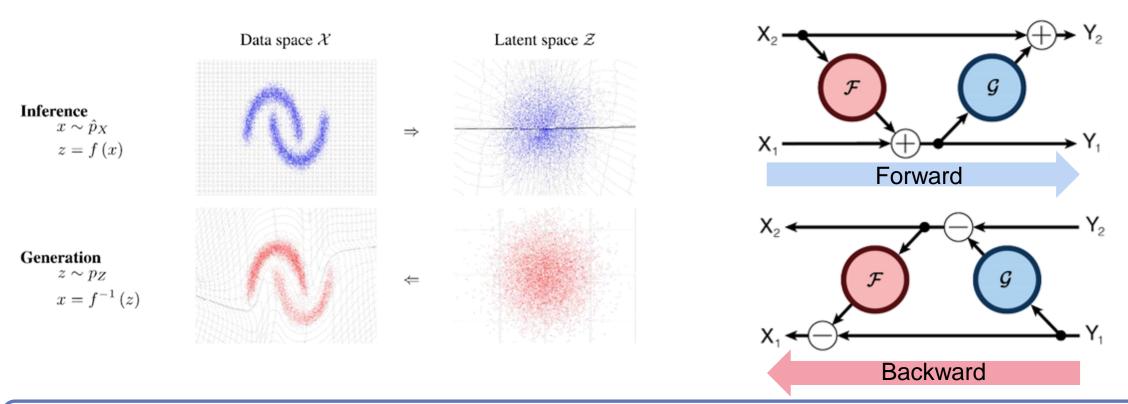
• Whether it is possible to craft **imperceptible and robust** adversarial examples by simultaneously **Adding** and **Dropping** information **in an unified framework**?

Idea:

- Learning a non-linear transform with information preservation property to interchange information between the clean image and the target image
 - ✓ Invertible Neural Networks!

Invertible Neural Networks

INNs are bijective function approximators



Gomez, Aidan N., Mengye Ren, Raquel Urtasun, and Roger B. Grosse. "The Reversible Residual Network: Backpropagation without Storing Activations." NeurIPS 2017.

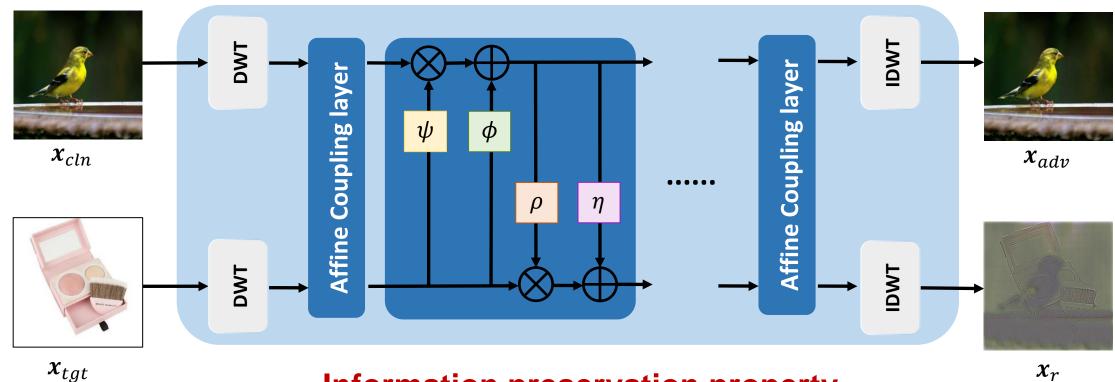
Dinh, Laurent, Jascha Sohl-Dickstein, and Samy Bengio. "Density estimation using real nvp." ICLR 2017.

Overview

- Invertible Information Exchange Module: generate an adversarial image x_{adv} by dropping discriminate information of the original class while adding adversarial details from a target image x_{tgt}
- ullet Target Image Learning Module: selecting or learning the target image x_{tgt} as the source information for adding adversarial perturbation
 - Highest Confidence Target Image
 - Universal Adversarial Perturbation as Target Image
 - Classifier Guided Target Image

Overview \mathcal{L}_{rec} $\mathcal{L}_{a\underline{dv}}$ Quantization x_{cln} x_{adv} **Invertible Information Exchange Module** backward propagation x_{tgt} $\boldsymbol{x_r}$ forward model optional **Target Image Learning Module**

Invertible Information Exchange Module



Information preservation property

$$\begin{cases} x_{adv} = x_{cln} - \sigma + \delta, \\ x_r = x_{tgt} + \sigma - \delta. \end{cases}$$

Target Image Learning Module



Highest Confidence Target (HCT)

- The highest confidence in each class
- Contain a considerable amount of information unrelated to the target class



Universal Adversarial Puturbation (UAP)

- Universal Adversarial Puturbation is optimized in a data-free manner
- Need to prepared first

Target Image Learning Module



Classifier Guided Target (CGT)

- Learnable and embed more discriminant information of the target class
- Online optimized

Algorithm 2: AdvINN-CGT

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Input: clean image x_{cln}, classifier guided image
                  x_{cqt}, adversarial budget \epsilon, confidence \kappa,
                  learning rate lr_1, learning rate lr_2;
    Output: Adversarial image x_{adv};
 1 Initialize the parameters of AdvINN: \theta;
 2 Initialize x_{cqt} with all 0.5;
 3 while x_{adv} is not adversarial do
          (\boldsymbol{x}_{adv}, \boldsymbol{x}_r) \leftarrow f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{x}_{cln}, \boldsymbol{x}_{cqt})
          x_{adv} \leftarrow \min(x_{cln} + \epsilon, \max(x_{adv}, x_{cln} - \epsilon));
          p_{tqt} \leftarrow g(\boldsymbol{x}_{adv});
          if p_{tqt} \leq \kappa then
                Update loss function \mathcal{L}_{total};
                Update \theta \leftarrow \theta + lr_1 \cdot \text{Adam}(\mathcal{L}_{total});
               Update loss function \mathcal{L}_{cgt};
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                Update x_{cqt} \leftarrow x_{cqt} + lr_2 \cdot \text{Adam}(\mathcal{L}_{cqt});
11
          else
12
                break;
13
          end
14
15 end
16 return: x_{adv}.
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Experiment Settings

- Comparison methods: PGD, StepLL, C&W and AdvDrop, PerC-AL, SSAH
- Least-likely objective: avoid choosing closely related classes
- Target classifier: ResNet50
- Adversarial budget: 8/255 with respect to l_{∞} -norm
- Evaluation metrics: l_2 -norm, l_{∞} -norm, SSIM, LPIPS, FID
- Defense methods: JPEG compression, bit-rate reduction, Neural Representation
 Purifier (NRP)

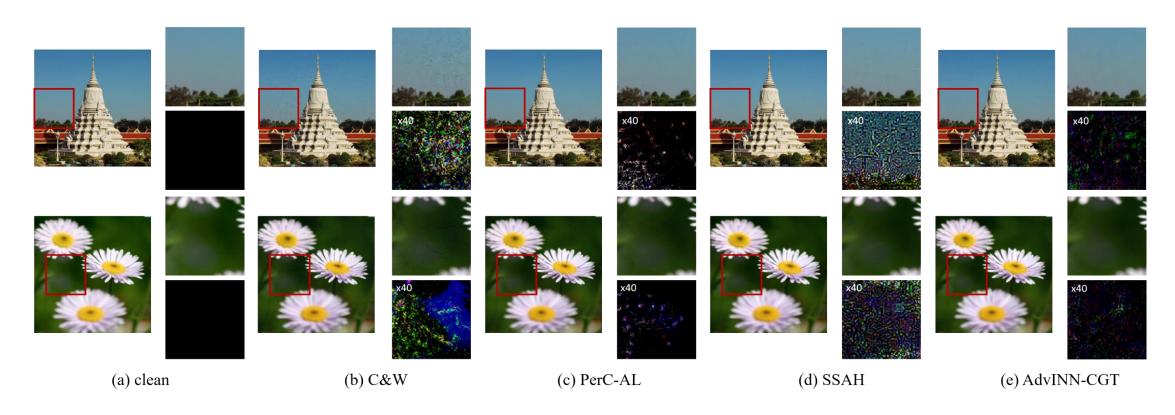
Quantitive Comparison on ImageNet-1K

Table 1: Accuracy and evaluation metrics on different methods. All methods use $\epsilon = 8/255$ as the adversarial budget. ASR donates the accuracy of adversarial attacks. \uparrow means the value is higher the better, and vice versa. (The best and the second best result in each column is in bold and underline.)

| Dataset | Methods | $l_2\downarrow$ | $l_{\infty}\downarrow$ | SSIM↑ | LPIPS↓ | FID↓ | ASR(%)↑ |
|-------------|------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| | StepLL | 26.90 | 0.04 | 0.948 | 0.1443 | 25.176 | 98.5 |
| | C&W | 10.33 | 0.07 | 0.977 | 0.0617 | 11.515 | 91.7 |
| | PGD | 64.42 | 0.04 | 0.881 | 0.2155 | 35.012 | 90.2 |
| | PerC-AL | 1.93 | 0.10 | 0.995 | 0.0339 | 5.118 | 100.0 |
| ImageNet-1K | AdvDrop | 18.47 | 0.07 | $\overline{0.977}$ | 0.0639 | 9.687 | 100.0 |
| | SSAH | 6.97 | 0.03 | 0.991 | 0.0352 | 5.221 | 99.8 |
| | AdvINN-HCT | 5.73 | 0.03 | 0.991 | 0.0206 | 3.661 | 100.0 |
| | AdvINN-UAP | 5.84 | 0.03 | 0.990 | 0.0212 | 2.900 | 100.0 |
| | AdvINN-CGT | <u>2.66</u> | 0.03 | 0.996 | 0.0118 | 1.594 | 100.0 |

Less perceptible adversarial examples with 100% attacking success rate!

Visual Comparison on ImageNet-1K

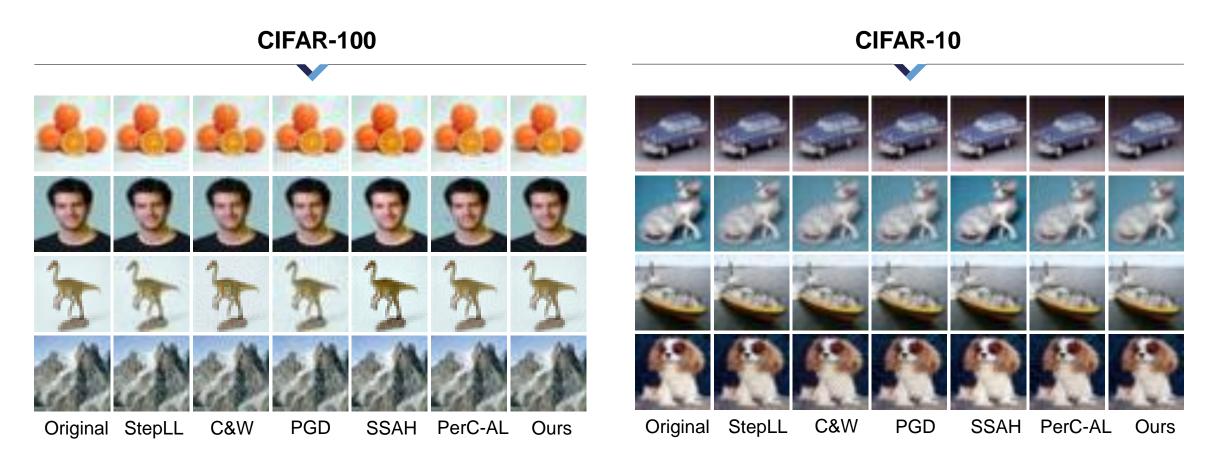


Our results are more imperceptible on both smooth region and edge region.

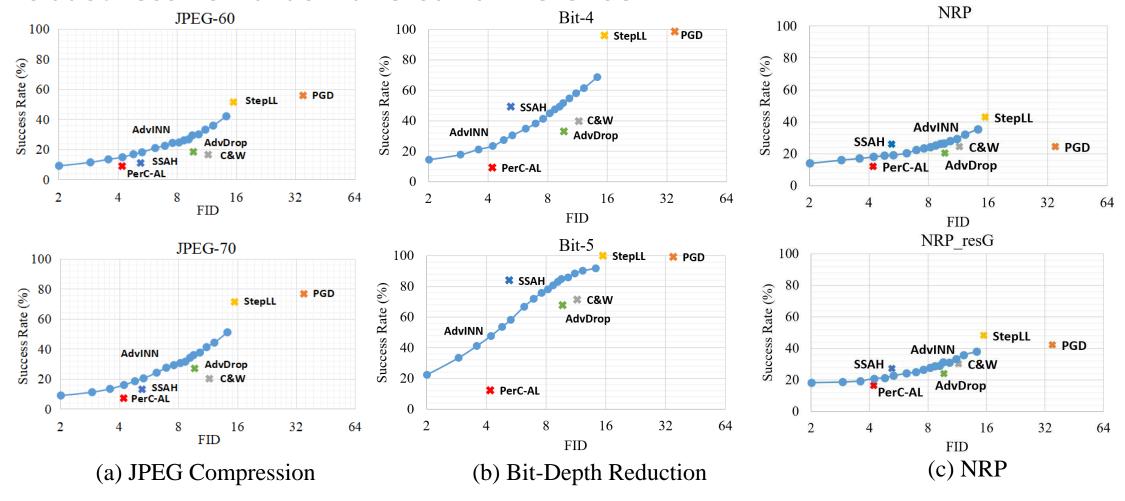
Quantitive Comparison on CIFAR-100 and CIFAR-10

| Dataset | Methods | $l_2\downarrow$ | $l_{\infty}\downarrow$ | SSIM↑ | LPIPS↓ | FID↓ | ASR(%)↑ |
|-----------|------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|
| | StepLL | 0.73 | 0.04 | 0.923 | 0.0411 | 11.608 | 94.3 |
| | C&W | 1.24 | 0.09 | 0.943 | 0.0706 | 12.507 | 97.7 |
| | PGD | 1.59 | 0.03 | 0.954 | 0.0793 | 23.899 | 99.2 |
| | PerC-AL | 3.09 | 0.27 | 0.961 | 0.0426 | 6.035 | 97.2 |
| CIFAR-100 | AdvDrop | 87.09 | 0.61 | 0.774 | 0.2549 | 14.722 | 90.7 |
| | SSAH | 0.43 | 0.04 | 0.992 | 0.0200 | 4.508 | 99.4 |
| | AdvINN-HCT | 0.28 | 0.03 | 0.991 | 0.0035 | 3.413 | 98.3 |
| | AdvINN-UAP | 0.27 | 0.03 | 0.993 | 0.0037 | 3.982 | 99.6 |
| | AdvINN-CGT | 0.23 | 0.03 | 0.993 | 0.0037 | <u>3.921</u> | <u>99.5</u> |
| CIFAR-10 | StepLL | 0.77 | 0.04 | 0.982 | 0.0462 | 10.997 | 98.2 |
| | C&W | 1.06 | 0.09 | 0.970 | 0.0667 | 10.510 | 99.3 |
| | PGD | 1.61 | 0.03 | 0.956 | 0.0861 | 24.014 | 100.0 |
| | PerC-AL | 0.52 | 0.13 | 0.990 | 0.0134 | 1.518 | 100.0 |
| | AdvDrop | 70.10 | 0.46 | 0.570 | 0.4483 | 122.950 | 97.7 |
| | SSAH | 0.38 | 0.03 | 0.993 | 0.0180 | 3.654 | 99.9 |
| | AvdINN-HCT | 0.18 | 0.03 | 0.995 | 0.0033 | 2.627 | 99.9 |
| | AdvINN-UAP | $\overline{0.19}$ | 0.03 | 0.995 | 0.0031 | 2.791 | 99.9 |
| | AdvINN-CGT | 0.17 | 0.03 | 0.995 | $\overline{0.0030}$ | 2.480 | 99.9 |

Visual Comparison on CIFAR-100 and CIFAR-10

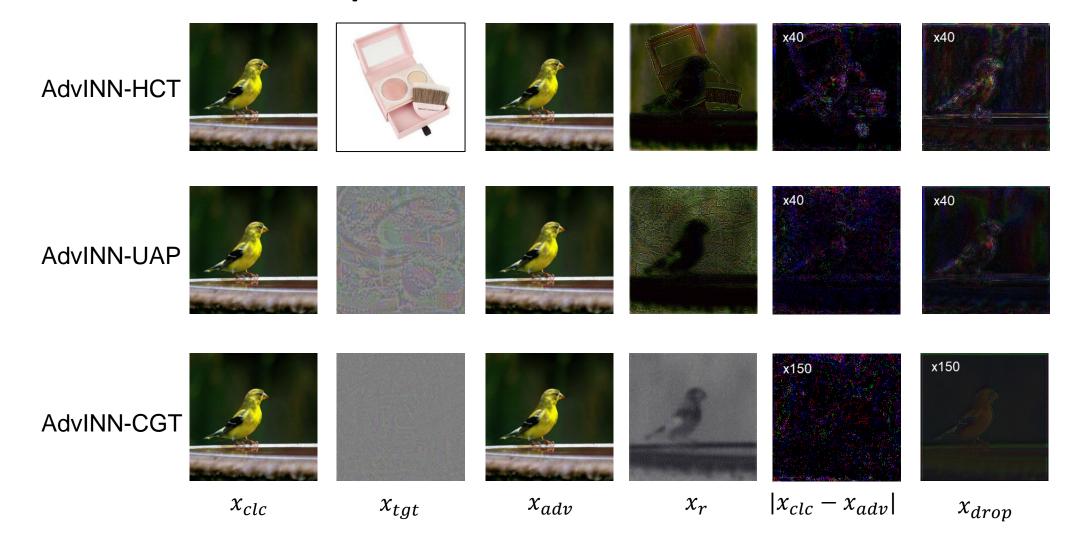


Robustness Towards Adversarial Defense



Naseer, Muzammal, et al. "A self-supervised approach for adversarial robustness." CVPR 2020.

Visualizaiton and Interpretation



Ablation Studies

Adversarial Budget Constraints

Table 3: Ablation study: the performance of AdvINN under different adversarial budget constraints.

| ϵ | $ l_{\infty}\downarrow$ | LPIPS↓ | FID↓ | Iter↓ | ASR(%)↑ |
|------------|-------------------------|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| 4/255 | 0.0172 | 0.0118 | 1.575 | 341 | 100.0 |
| 8/255 | 0.0281 | 0.0118 | 1.594 | 321 | 100.0 |
| 16/255 | 0.0332 | 0.0119 | 1.568 | 325 | 100.0 |

Different Classifiers

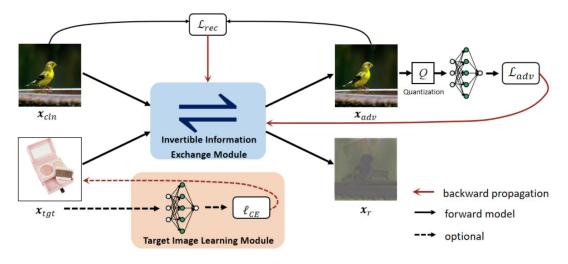
Table 4: The performance of AdvINN on different classifiers. The adversarial weights λ_{adv} are set to 10 and 3 on Inception_v3 and Densenet121, respectively.

| Classifier | $l_2 \downarrow$ | LPIPS↓ | FID↓ | ASR(%)↑ |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------|-------|---------|
| Inception_v3 Densenet121 | 4.57 | 0.0155 | 2.600 | 100.0 |
| | 2.51 | 0.0114 | 1.604 | 100.0 |

4. Conclusions

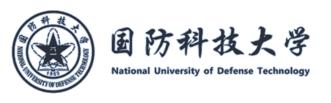
AdvINN: Adversarial Attack via Invertible Neural Networks

- Generate imperceptible and robust adversarial examples by simultaneously adding and dropping information in an unified framework
- Fully utilize the information preservation property of INNs
- Improve the interpretability of adversarial examples









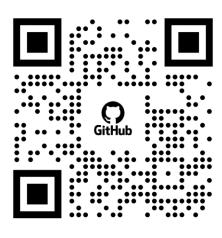
Thanks for watching!



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