

# CENG7880

# Trustworthy and Responsible AI

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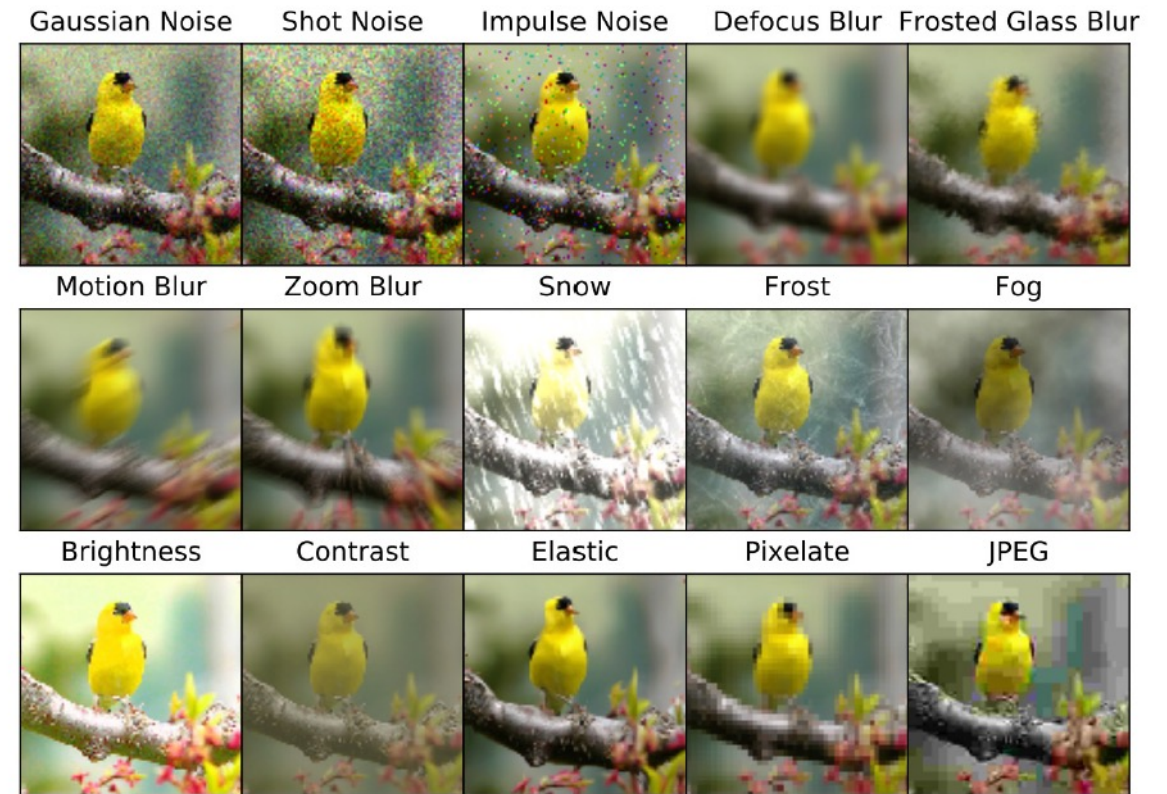


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# Robustness: Agenda

## Robustness to Distribution Shifts

- Images
  - Noise, color changes, light changes, day/night, summer/winter, ...
- Audio
  - Noise, background, gain level, ...
- Text
  - Noise, synonyms, alternative phrasing, ..



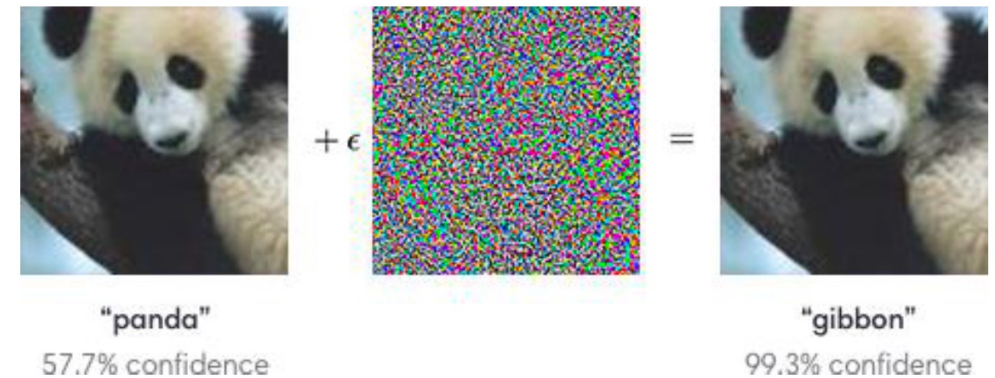
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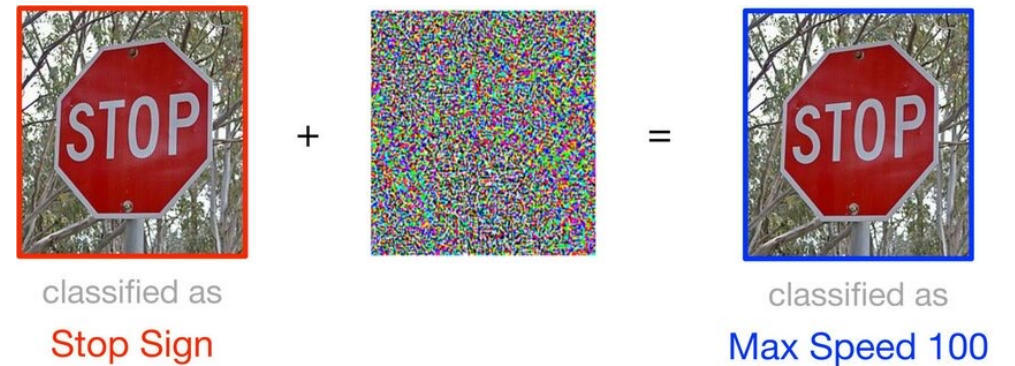
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## Adversarial Robustness

- Types of adversarial attacks
- Adversarial training



Szegedy et al., Intriguing Properties of Neural Networks, 2014



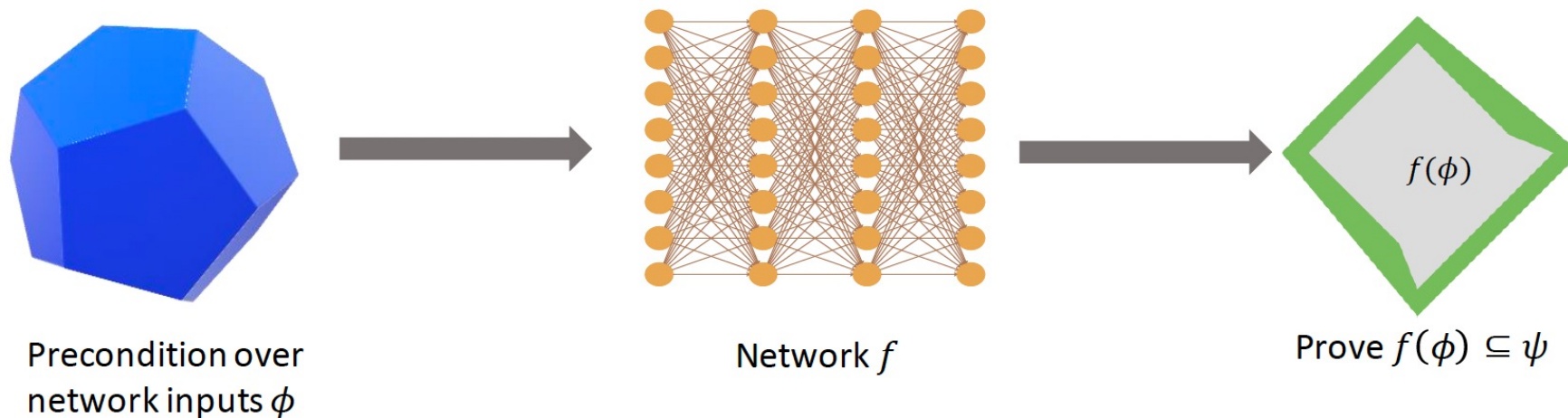
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# Robustness: Agenda

## Certifying/Verifying Robustness

Neural network certification: problem statement



Figs: Uni of Pennsylvania, Trustworthy ML - CIS 7000

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# Robustness: Agenda

## Calibrated Predictions & Uncertainty

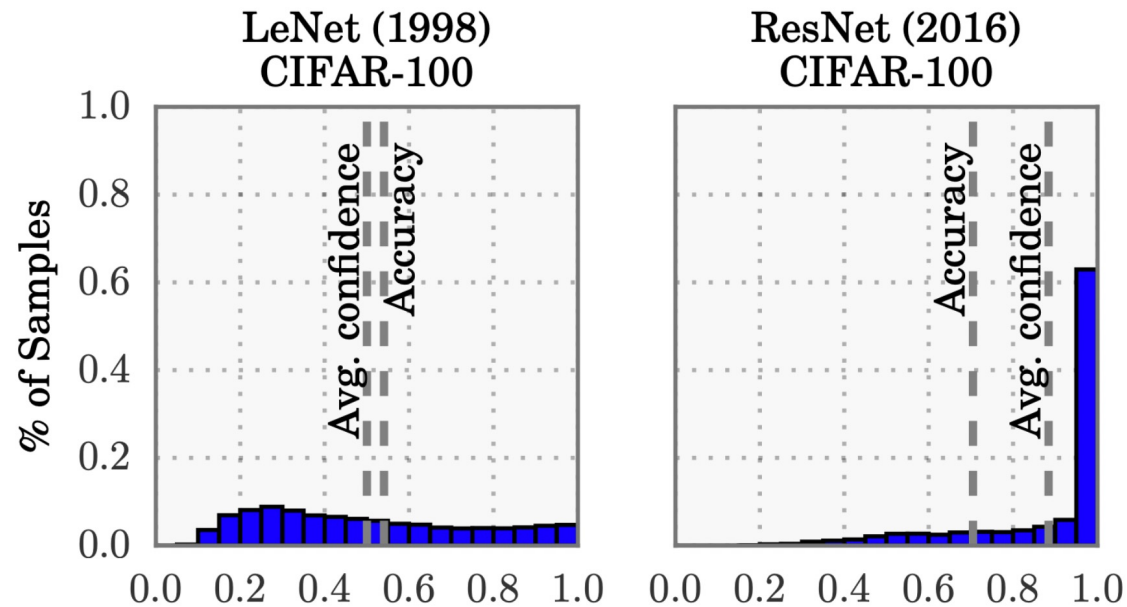


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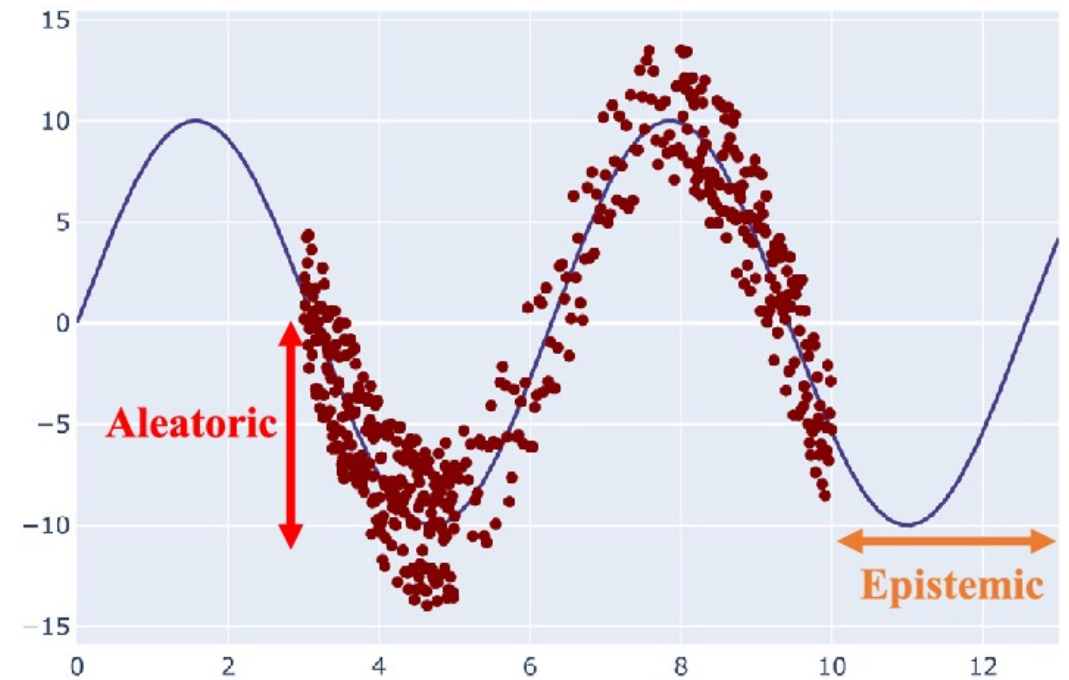


Fig: Abdar et al., A review of uncertainty quantification in deep learning: Techniques, applications and challenges, 2021

# Example: Real Perturbations

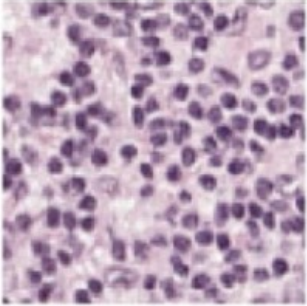
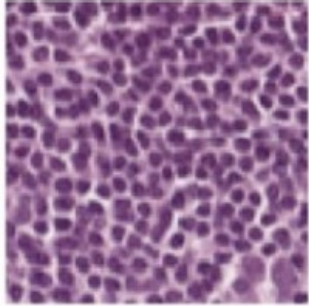
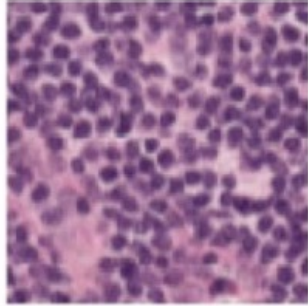
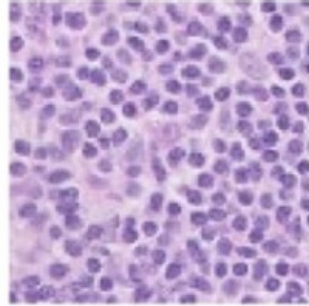
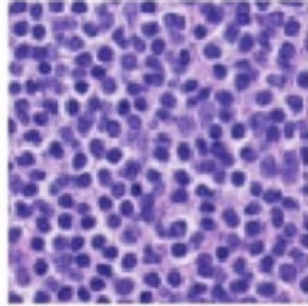
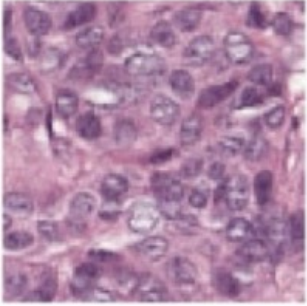
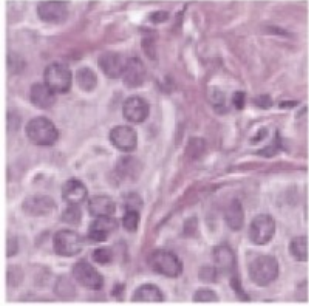
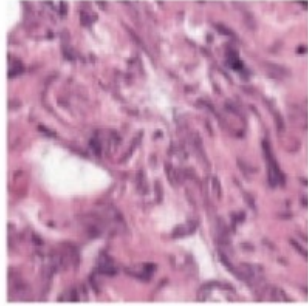
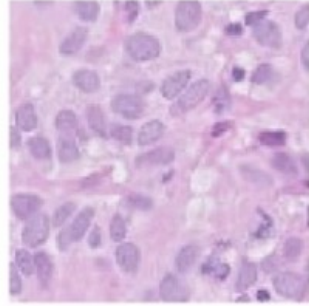
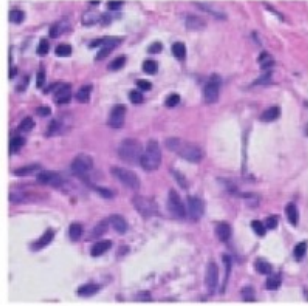
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|                                | Train                                                                             |                                                                                    |                                                                                     | Test                                                                                |                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Satellite Image<br>(x)         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Year /<br>Region<br>(d)        | 2002 /<br>Americas                                                                | 2009 /<br>Africa                                                                   | 2012 /<br>Europe                                                                    | 2016 /<br>Americas                                                                  | 2017 /<br>Africa                                                                    |
| Building /<br>Land Type<br>(y) | shopping<br>mall                                                                  | multi-unit<br>residential                                                          | road<br>bridge                                                                      | recreational<br>facility                                                            | educational<br>institution                                                          |

Koh et al., WILDS: A Benchmark of in-the-Wild Distribution Shifts, 2020

# Example: Real Perturbations

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|            | Train                                                                              |                                                                                     |                                                                                      | Val (OOD)                                                                            | Test (OOD)                                                                           |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|            | d = Hospital 1                                                                     | d = Hospital 2                                                                      | d = Hospital 3                                                                       | d = Hospital 4                                                                       | d = Hospital 5                                                                       |
| y = Normal |   |   |   |   |   |
| y = Tumor  |  |  |  |  |  |

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# Distribution Shift

- **Distribution shift:** Training and test distributions differ

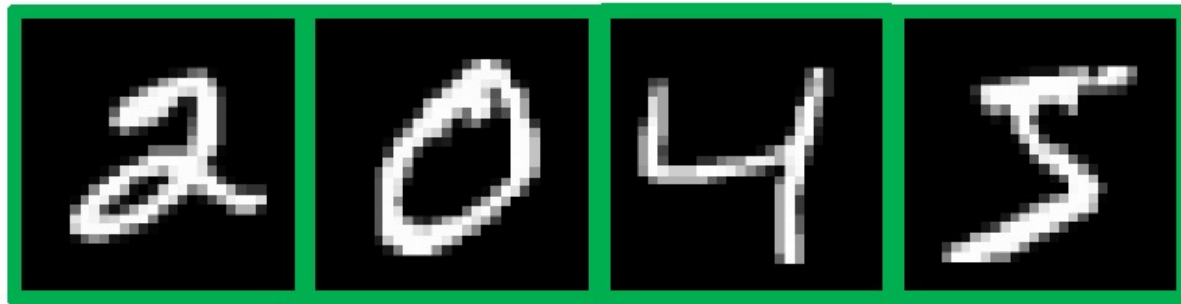
- Training set consists of samples  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n) \sim P$
- Test set consists of samples  $(x'_1, y'_1), \dots, (x'_m, y'_m) \sim Q$

- **Supervised learning under distribution shift**

- Given training dataset  $Z \subseteq \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$  consisting of i.i.d. samples  $(x, y) \sim P$
- Goal is to minimize loss  $\mathbb{E}_Q[\ell(\theta; x, y)] \approx |Z|^{-1} \sum_{(x,y) \in Z} \ell(\theta; x, y)$
- Computing  $\hat{\theta} = \min_{\theta} |Z|^{-1} \sum_{(x,y) \in Z} \ell(\theta; x, y)$  may not work

# Unsupervised Domain Adaptation

- **Idea:** Use **some** information about the distribution shift
- Consider **unsupervised domain adaptation** setting



$y^* = 2$

$y^* = 0$

$y^* = 4$

$y^* = 5$

labeled training examples



unlabeled test examples  
(possibly shifted)

# Unsupervised Domain Adaptation

- Data is easy to collect but labeling costs money
  - **Example:** Data from a different hospital
- Collect data during run time
  - **Example:** Self-driving car

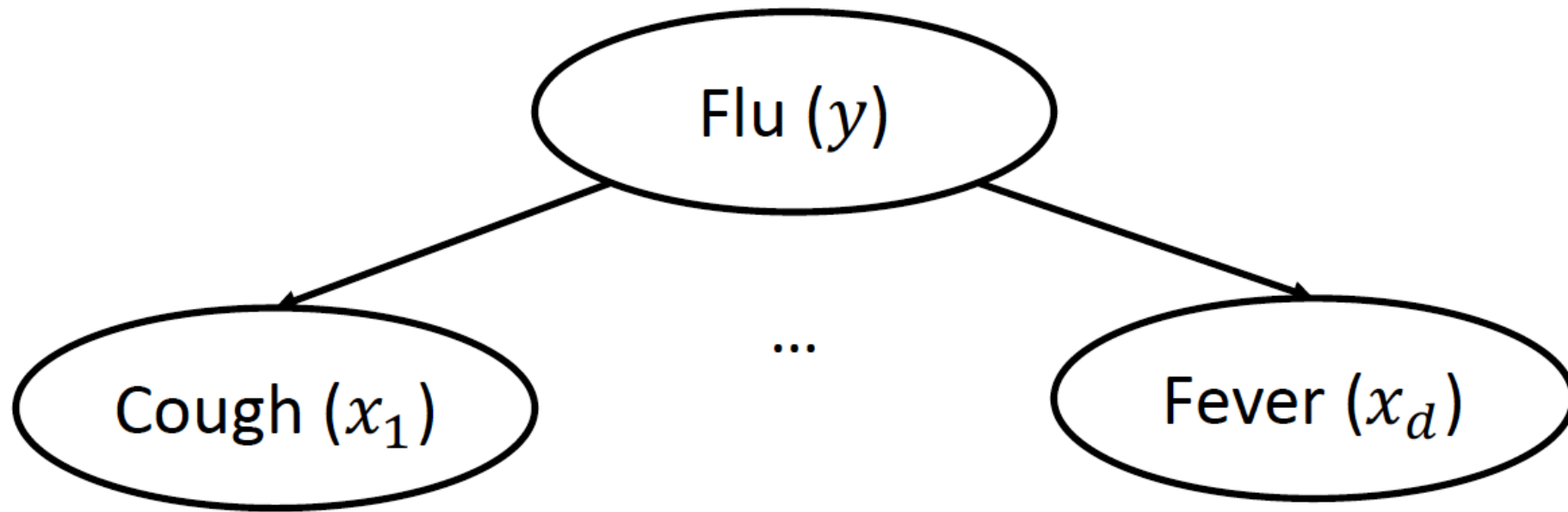
# Label Shift Assumption

- Let  $p$  and  $q$  be the density functions for  $P$  and  $Q$ , respectively
- **Label Shift Assumption:**  $p(x | y) = q(x | y)$ 
  - But may have  $p(y) \neq q(y)$
  - **Intuition:** The rates of labels changes, but the kinds of labels don't

# Label Shift Assumption

- **Example:** Increase in flu cases due to an outbreak

- $x$  are the symptoms,  $y$  is indicator for flu
- $P(x | y)$  is rate of symptoms conditioned on having disease (stays the same)
- $P(y)$  is rate of flu (can change if there is an outbreak)



# Label Shift Assumption

- **Example:** Changes in label distribution
  - $x$  is an image,  $y$  is the label
  - $P(x | y)$  is the distribution of images of a given label
  - $P(y)$  is rate of that label
- Often, the training labels are balanced, which is a source of label shift

airplane



automobile



bird



cat



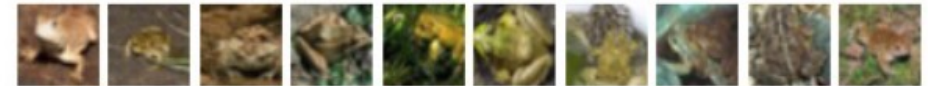
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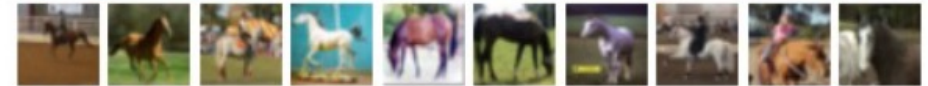
dog



frog



horse



ship



truck

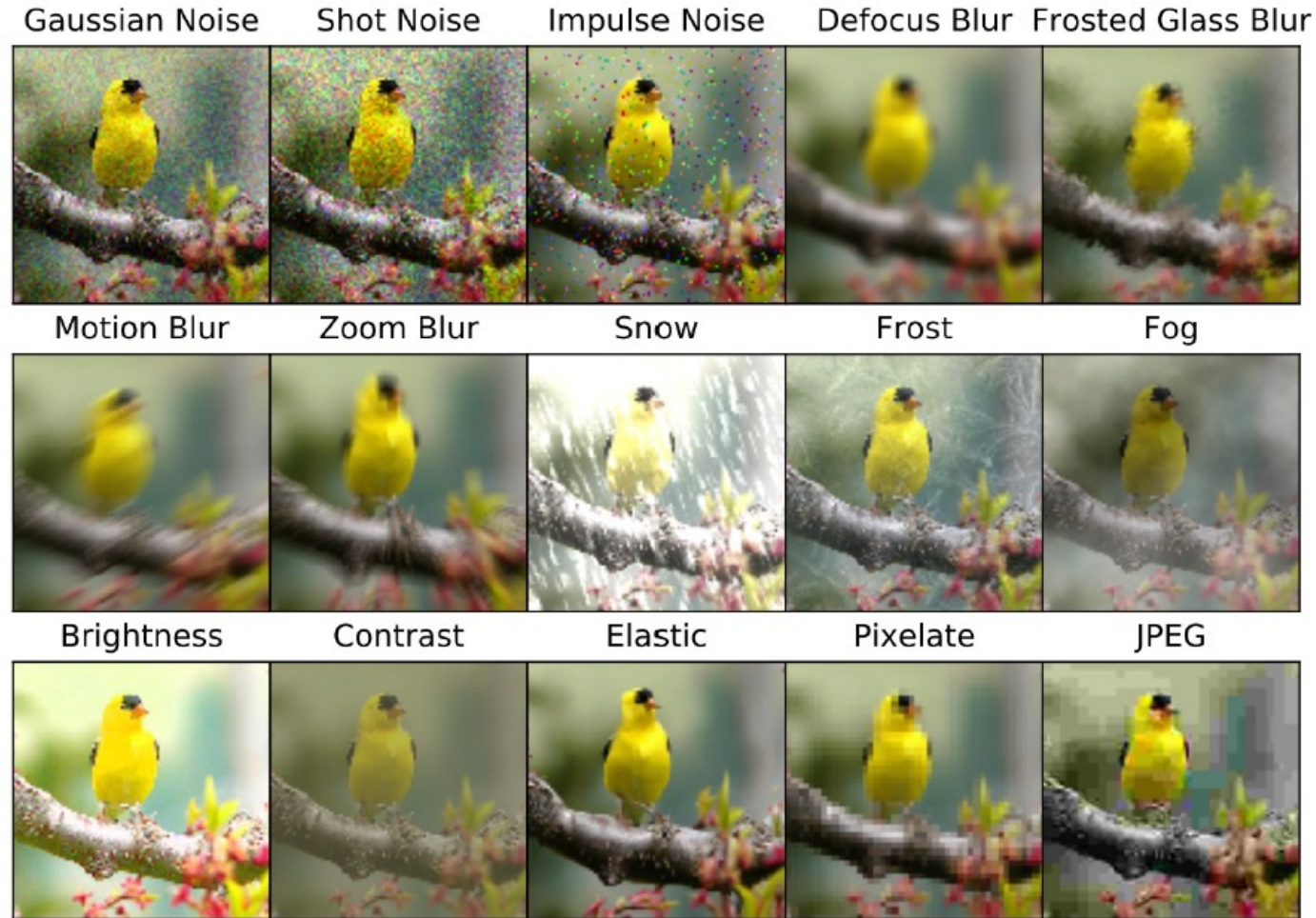


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# Covariate Shift Assumption

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# Covariate Shift Assumption

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| Train                                                                              |                                                                                     |                                                                                      | Test (OOD)                                                                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $d = \text{Location 1}$                                                            | $d = \text{Location 2}$                                                             | $d = \text{Location 245}$                                                            | $d = \text{Location 246}$                                                           |
|   |   |   |  |
| Vulturine Guineafowl                                                               | African Bush Elephant                                                               | ...                                                                                  | Wild Horse                                                                          |
|   |   |   |  |
| Cow                                                                                | Cow                                                                                 | Southern Pig-Tailed Macaque                                                          | Great Curassow                                                                      |
| Test (ID)                                                                          |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                     |
| $d = \text{Location 1}$                                                            | $d = \text{Location 2}$                                                             | $d = \text{Location 245}$                                                            |                                                                                     |
|  |  |  |                                                                                     |
| Giraffe                                                                            | Impala                                                                              | Sun Bear                                                                             |                                                                                     |

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# Covariate Shift Assumption

- **Computer vision**

- Daytime vs. nighttime
- Color shifts, lighting shifts, etc.
- Driving in a new city

- **Natural language processing**

- Change in vocabulary frequency over time
- Regional vocabulary
- News writing vs. conversational writing

- Covariate shift is pervasive

# Importance Weighting

- Given distributions  $P$  and  $Q$ , the **importance weight (function)** is

$$w(x, y) = \frac{q(x, y)}{p(x, y)}$$

- **Key property (by definition):**

$$\mathbb{E}_Q[\ell(\theta; x, y)] = \mathbb{E}_P[\ell(\theta; x, y) \cdot w(x, y)]$$

- **Key question:** How to compute importance weights?

# Importance Weights for Label Shift

- In the label shift setting, we have

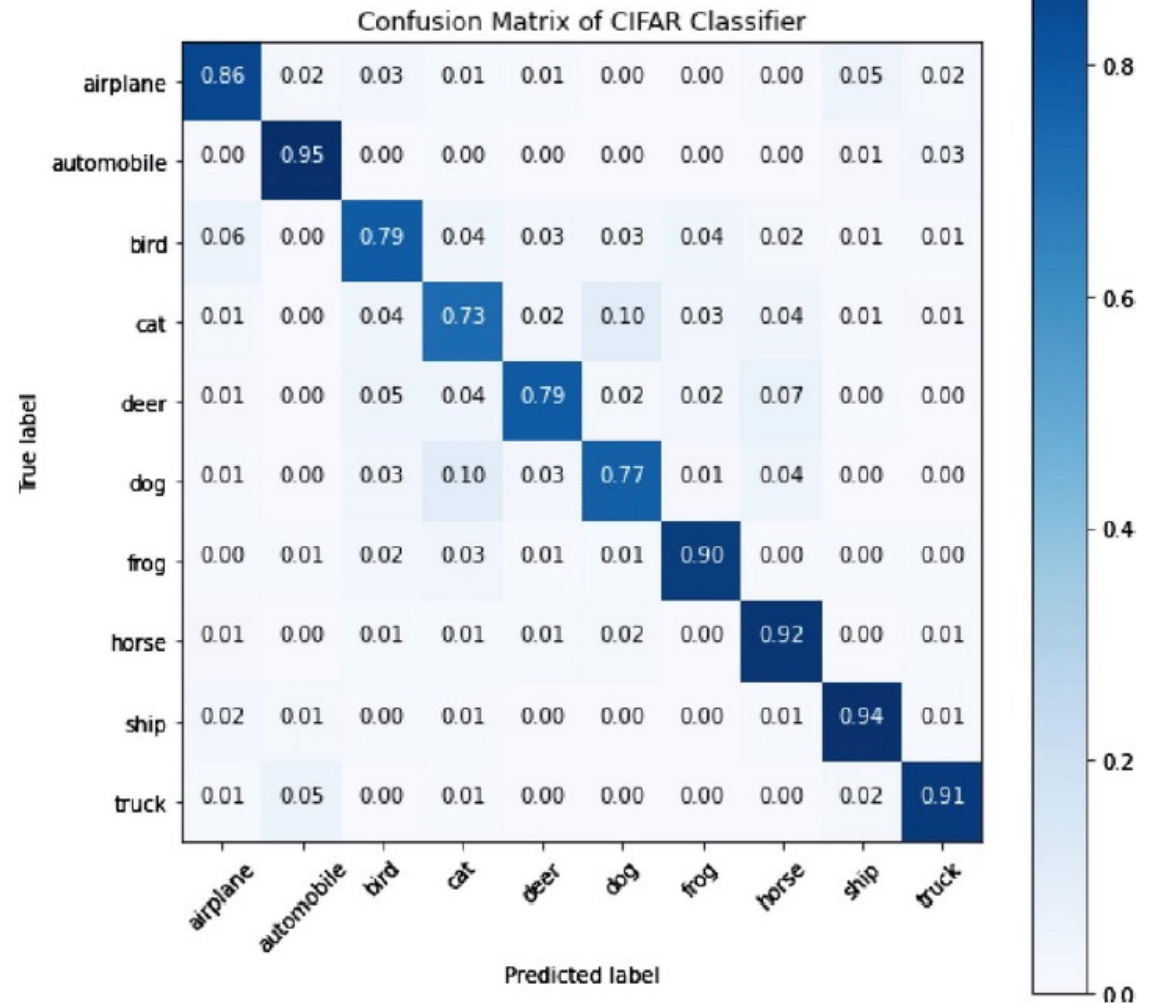
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# Importance Weights for Label Shift

- Given a classifier  $f: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ , where  $\mathcal{Y} = \{1, \dots, K\}$ , consider the confusion matrix  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times K}$  defined by

$$C_{ij} = \mathbb{P}_P[f(x) = i, y = j]$$

- Also, define  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}^K$  by
  - $p_i = \mathbb{P}_P[f(x) = i]$
  - $q_i = \mathbb{P}_Q[f(x) = i]$



Sooksatra, Evaluation of adversarial attacks sensitivity of classifiers with occluded input data

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$$c_{ij} = \mathbb{P}_P[f(x) = i, y = j] \quad p_i = \mathbb{P}_P[f(x) = i] \quad q_i = \mathbb{P}_Q[f(x) = i]$$

$$\mathbb{P}_P[f(x) = i \mid y = j] = \mathbb{P}_Q[f(x) = i \mid y = j]$$

- Now, we have

$$q_i = \sum_{j=1}^K \mathbb{P}_P[f(x) = i, y = j] \cdot w(j)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ \vdots \\ q_K \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{P}_P[f(x) = 1, y = 1] & \cdots & \mathbb{P}_P[f(x) = 1, y = K] \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbb{P}_P[f(x) = K, y = 1] & \cdots & \mathbb{P}_P[f(x) = K, y = K] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w(1) \\ \vdots \\ w(K) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q = Cw \Rightarrow w = C^{-1}q$$

# Supervised Learning with Label Shift

- **Input:** Training dataset  $Z$ , unlabeled test dataset  $X$
- **Step 1:** Train  $f$  on  $Z$
- **Step 2:** Estimate using the dataset:
  - $C_{ij} = \mathbb{P}_P[f(x) = i, y = j] \approx |Z|^{-1} \sum_{(x,y) \in Z} 1(f(x) = i \wedge y = j)$
  - $q_i = \mathbb{P}_Q[f(x) = i] \approx |X|^{-1} \sum_{x \in X} 1(f(x) = i)$
- **Step 3:** Compute  $w = C^{-1}q$
- **Step 4:** Compute  $\hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{(x,y) \in Z} \ell(\theta; x, y) \cdot w(y)$

# Tutorial on Label Shift

[https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1fpxfcIJW5UxxX72fsS98a0fkXSEeTRGr?usp=drive\\_link](https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1fpxfcIJW5UxxX72fsS98a0fkXSEeTRGr?usp=drive_link)

# Agenda

- Robustness

- Covariate shift (this week)
- Adversarial robustness (this + next week)
- Certifying robustness (next week)
- Calibrated predictions & uncertainty (next next week)

# Administrative Notes

- Final Exam:
  - 13 January 16:30
- Paper selection finalized except for two projects
- Project milestones
  - **1. Milestone (November 23, midnight):**
    - Read & understand the paper
    - Download the datasets
    - Prepare the Readme file excluding the results & conclusion
  - **2. Milestone (December 7, midnight)**
    - The results of the first experiment
  - **3. Milestone (January 4, midnight)**
    - Final report (Readme file)
    - Repo with all code & trained models

# Background: Baye's Theorem

- For events  $A$  and  $B$ :

$$p(A) = \frac{p(B|A)p(A)}{p(B)} = \frac{p(A, B)}{p(B)}$$

# Background: Marginalization

- Marginal distribution: The distribution of some variables without reference/condition on other variables.

- Example:

- $X, Y$ : Two discrete random variables
- Marginal distribution of  $X$ :

$$p(x_i) = \sum_j p(x_i, y_j) = \sum_j p(x_i | y_j) p(y_j)$$

- Marginal distribution of  $Y$ :

$$p(y_i) = \sum_j p(x_j, y_i) = \sum_j p(y_i | x_j) p(x_j)$$

- These turn into integrals in continuous cases:

$$p(x) = \int_y p(x, y) dy = \int_y p(x | y) p(y) dy$$
$$p(y) = \int_x p(x, y) dx = \int_x p(y | x) p(x) dx$$

| $Y \backslash X$     | $x_1$           | $x_2$          | $x_3$          | $x_4$          | $p_Y(y) \downarrow$ |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| $y_1$                | $\frac{4}{32}$  | $\frac{2}{32}$ | $\frac{1}{32}$ | $\frac{1}{32}$ | $\frac{8}{32}$      |
| $y_2$                | $\frac{3}{32}$  | $\frac{6}{32}$ | $\frac{3}{32}$ | $\frac{3}{32}$ | $\frac{15}{32}$     |
| $y_3$                | $\frac{9}{32}$  | 0              | 0              | 0              | $\frac{9}{32}$      |
| $p_X(x) \rightarrow$ | $\frac{16}{32}$ | $\frac{8}{32}$ | $\frac{4}{32}$ | $\frac{4}{32}$ | $\frac{32}{32}$     |

Table from [Wikipedia](#)

# Background:

## Independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.)

- “a collection of random variables is **independent** and **identically distributed** (i.i.d., iid, or IID) if each random variable has the same probability distribution as the others and all are mutually independent.”  
– Wikipedia
  - **identically distributed**: When samples are taken from the distribution, there is no overall trend / change / shift / fluctuation in the distribution.
    - More formally:  $F_X(x) = F_Y(x)$  for  $F_X(x) = P(X \leq x)$  and  $F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y)$  being the cumulative distributions.
  - **independent**: Samples are not “connected” to other samples. I.e., knowing one sample does not say anything about other samples.
    - More formally:  $p(A, B) = p(A) \cdot p(B)$ .
- Synonym with “random variable”

# Background:

## Independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.)

Example from [Wikipedia](#):

Toss a coin 10 times and write down the results into variables  $A_1, \dots, A_{10}$ .

1. **Independent:** Each outcome  $A_i$  will not affect the other outcome  $A_j$  (for  $i \neq j$  from 1 to 10), which means the variables  $A_1, \dots, A_{10}$  are independent of each other.
2. **Identically distributed:** Regardless of whether the coin is fair (with a probability of  $1/2$  for heads) or biased, as long as the same coin is used for each flip, the probability of getting heads remains consistent across all flips.

## Background: Infimum (inf) and Supremum (sup)

- Infimum

- Greatest lower bound

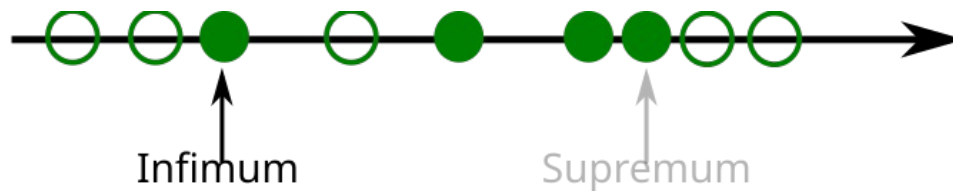


Fig: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Infimum\\_and\\_supremum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Infimum_and_supremum)

- Supremum

- Lowest upper bound

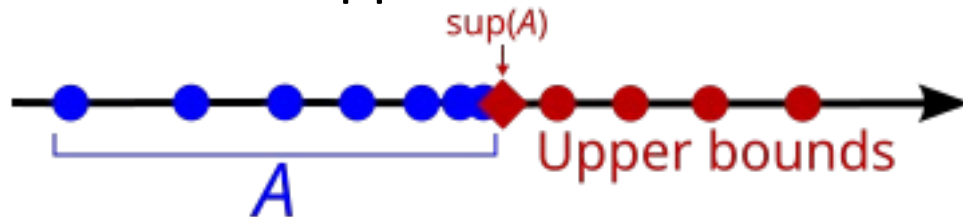


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### Differences to min and max:

- inf and sup may not be part of the set

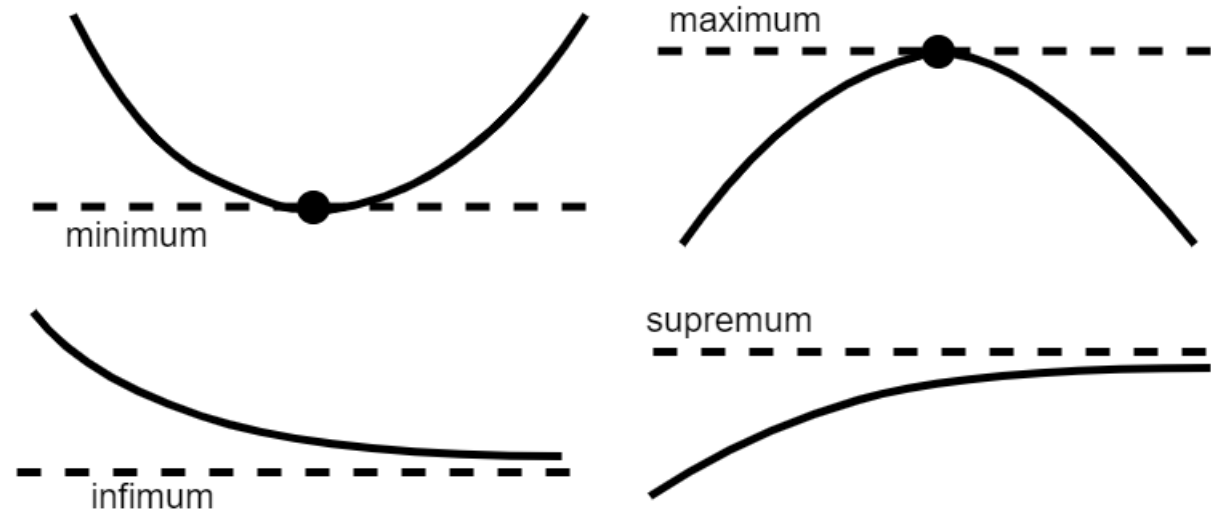


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## Background: Binomial Distribution

- If a random variable  $X$  follows the Binomial Distribution with parameter  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $p \in [0, 1]$ ,
- then the probability of getting  $k$  successes (with same rate  $p$ ) in  $n$  Bernoulli trials:

$$P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

with the binomial coefficient:

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k! (n - k)!}$$

- $E[X] = np$
- $Var(X) = np(1 - p)$

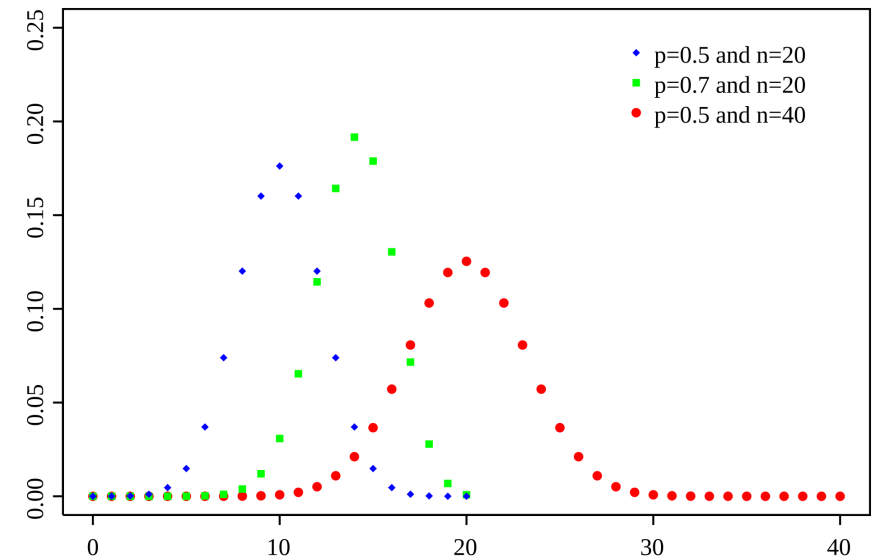


Fig: [Wikipedia](#)

### Example from [Wikipedia](#):

Suppose a biased coin comes up heads with probability 0.3 when tossed. The probability of seeing exactly 4 heads in 6 tosses is

$$f(4, 6, 0.3) = \binom{6}{4} 0.3^4 (1 - 0.3)^{6-4} = 0.059535.$$

## Background: Bernoulli Distribution

- Discrete probability distribution where a variable can take two values
- $X$ : a random Bernoulli variable, then:
  - $P(X = 1) = p$
  - $P(X = 0) = q = 1 - p$
  - $E[X] = p$
  - $Var[X] = p(1 - p)$
- A special case of Binomial Distribution with  $n = 1$

## Background: Lipschitz Constant

- For a function  $f(\cdot)$ :

$$K = \sup_{x_1 \neq x_2} \frac{|f(x_2) - f(x_1)|}{|x_2 - x_1|}$$

- Alternative definition:

$$|f(x_2) - f(x_1)| \leq K|x_2 - x_1|$$

- If the function is differentiable with bounded derivative:

$$K = \sup_x |f'(x)|$$

## Background: Two-sample Test

- Given samples from two different distributions P and Q, determine whether the difference between the samples is statistically significant.
- Requires prior information about the distributions P and Q.
- Apply on samples/population or distribution parameters (mean and variance)
- Many alternatives:
  - Student's t-test
  - Mann-Whitney U test
  - Welch's t-test
  - ...

### Example

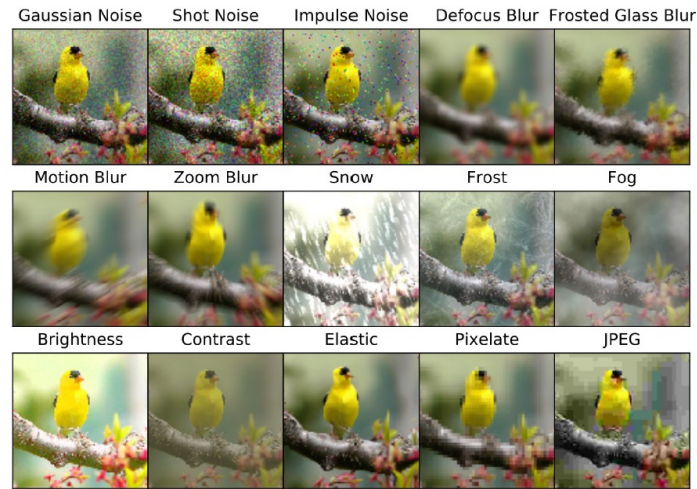
#### Student's t-test

- Assumes same sample size and variance:

$$t = \frac{\bar{P} - \bar{Q}}{s_p \sqrt{2/n}}$$

where  $s_p = \sqrt{\frac{s_P^2 + s_Q^2}{2}}$  is the combined standard deviation.

Higher  $t \Rightarrow$  Larger gap between P and Q.



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# Importance Weights for Covariate Shift

$$p(x) \neq q(x) \text{ but } p(y | x) = q(y | x)$$

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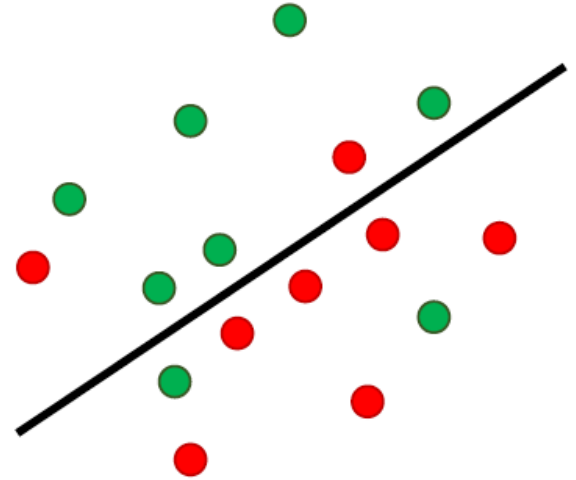
- If we know  $w(x)$ , then we have

$$\mathbb{E}_Q[\ell(\theta; x, y)] = \mathbb{E}_P[\ell(\theta; x, y) \cdot w(x, y)] = \mathbb{E}_P[\ell(\theta; x, y) \cdot w(x)]$$

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## Estimating the weights

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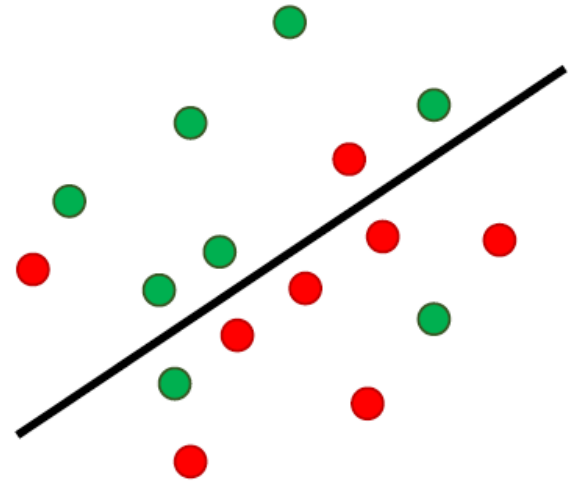


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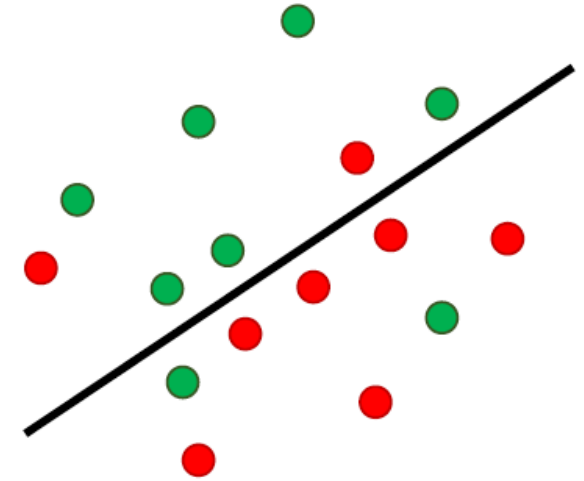
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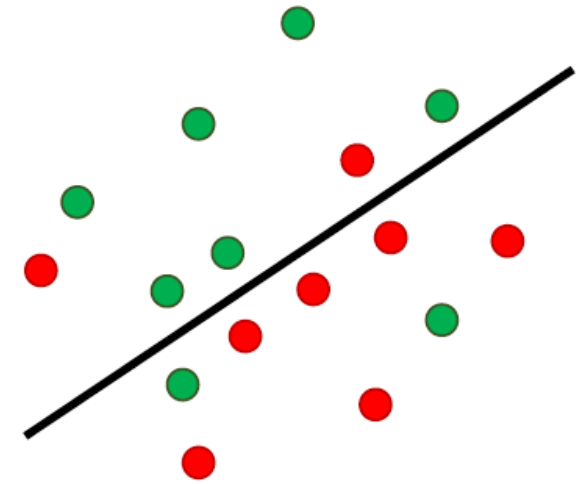


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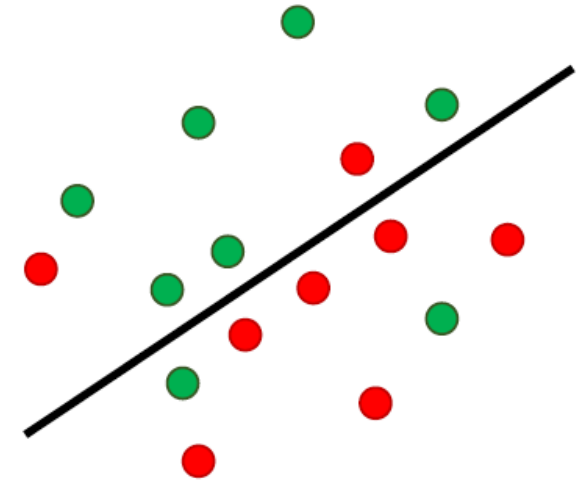
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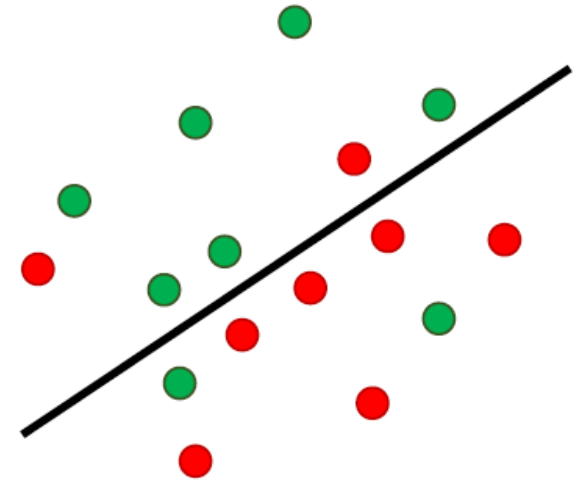


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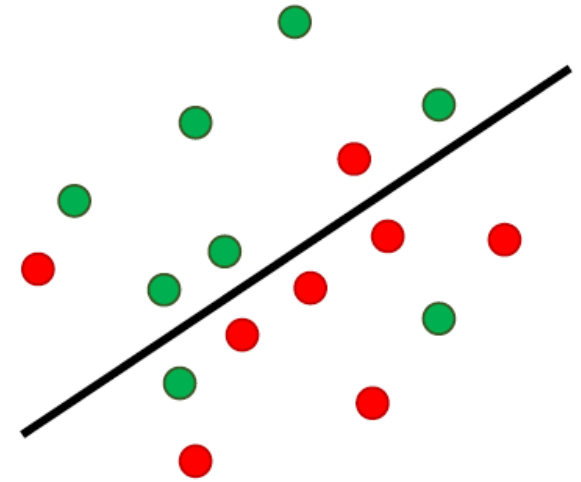


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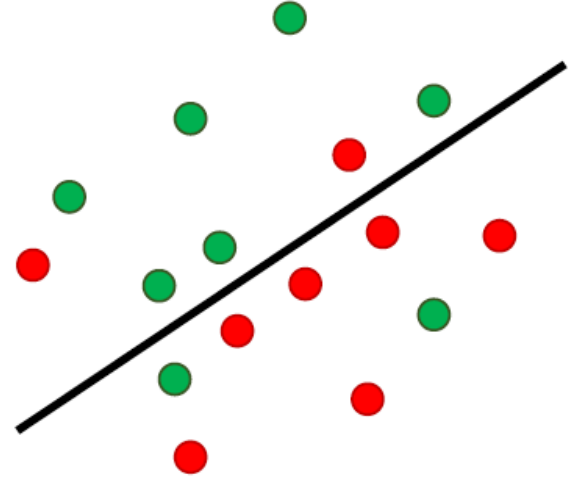


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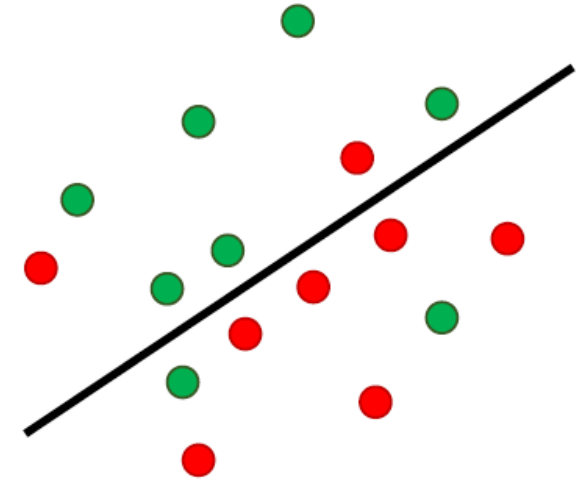


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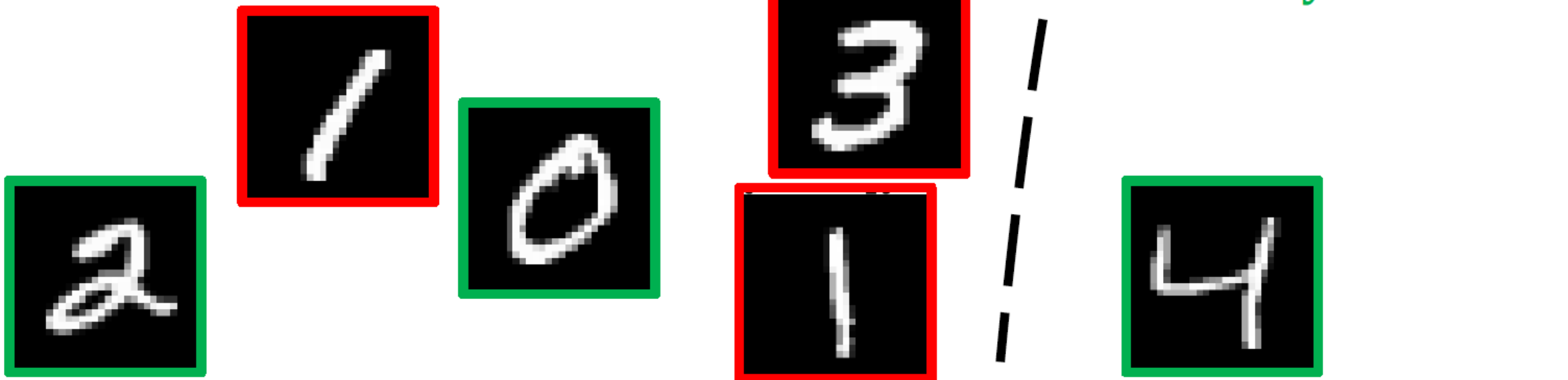
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# Supervised Learning with Covariate Shift

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- **Step 3:** Compute  $\hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{(x,y) \in Z} \ell(\theta; x, y) \cdot w(x)$

# Importance Weights

- **Pros:**

- Principled technique for addressing distribution shift
- “Granular” quantification of shift (obtain an estimate of the shift for each example, not just the overall shift)

- **Cons:**

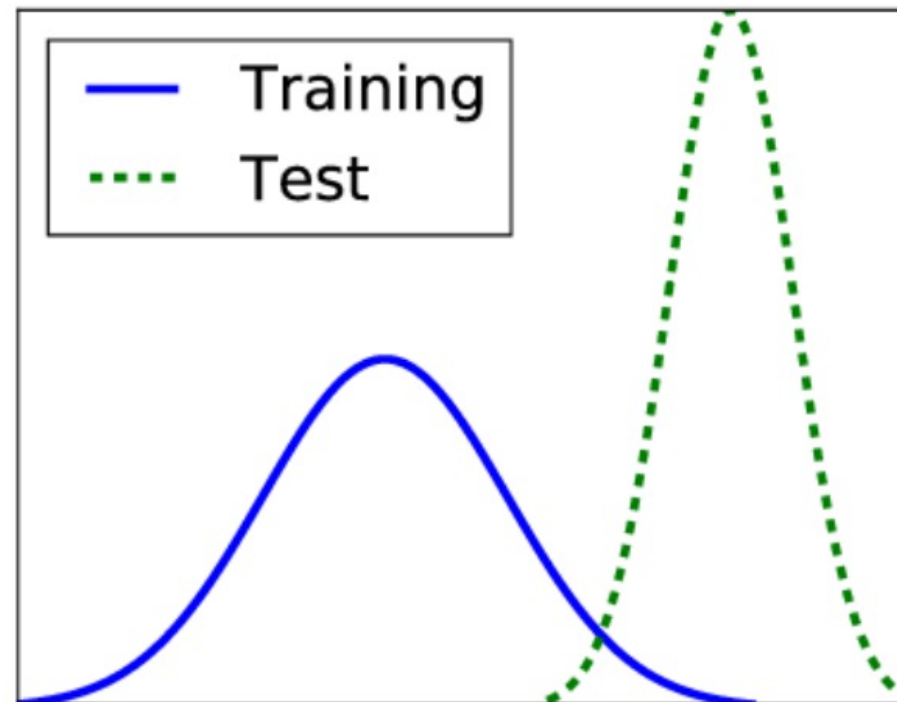
- Does not work when support of  $Q$  is not contained in support of  $P$
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# Methods for Distributional Robustness

Using Penalty Terms

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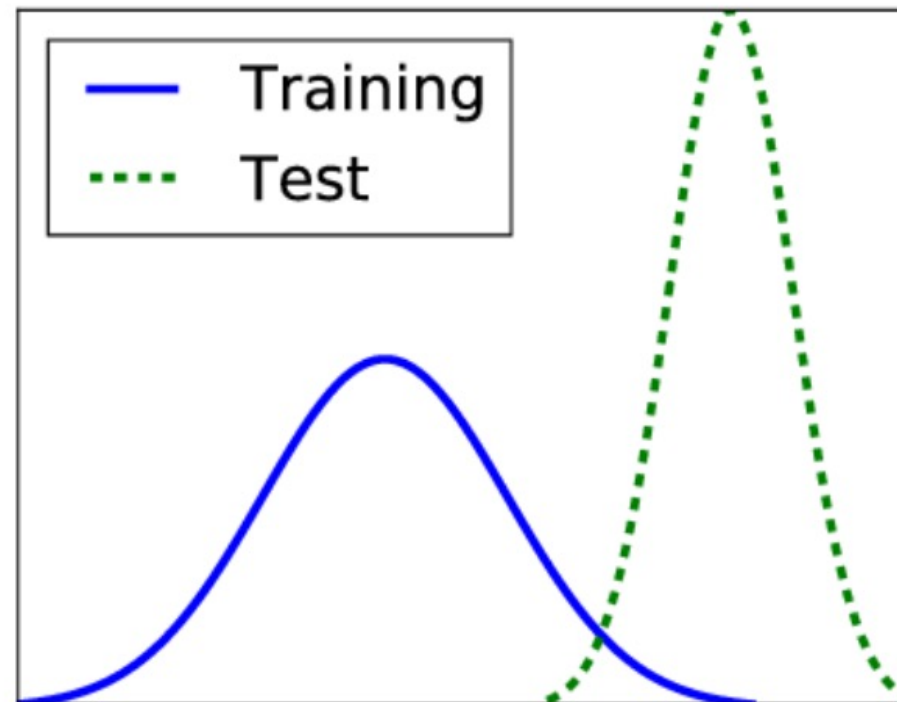
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- However, this is **necessary** since we do not know anything about data outside of the support of  $P$
- Need additional assumptions to do better
  - Focus on covariate shift



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# Learning vs. Evaluation

- For this part, we will focus on **model evaluation**
  - **Learning:** Optimize  $\mathbb{E}_Q[\ell(\theta; x, y)]$
  - **Evaluation:** Estimate  $\mathbb{E}_Q[\ell(\theta; x, y)]$
- We will see why learning is harder later

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$f(x, y)$ : A smooth-function (Lipschitz constant: 1) that measures how far apart the two distributions are. We are trying to find  $f(x, y)$  that best separates the distributions.

## Background: Wasserstein Distance Metric

Also called: Kantorovich-Rubinstein metric, Earth Mover's Distance

- A measure between two probability distributions  $P$  and  $Q$ .
- The minimum “cost” of moving pile from  $P$  to  $Q$ .
  - A measure of optimal transport problem.

- For samples  $X \sim P$  and  $Y \sim Q$ :

$$W(P, Q) = \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|X_i - Y_i\|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

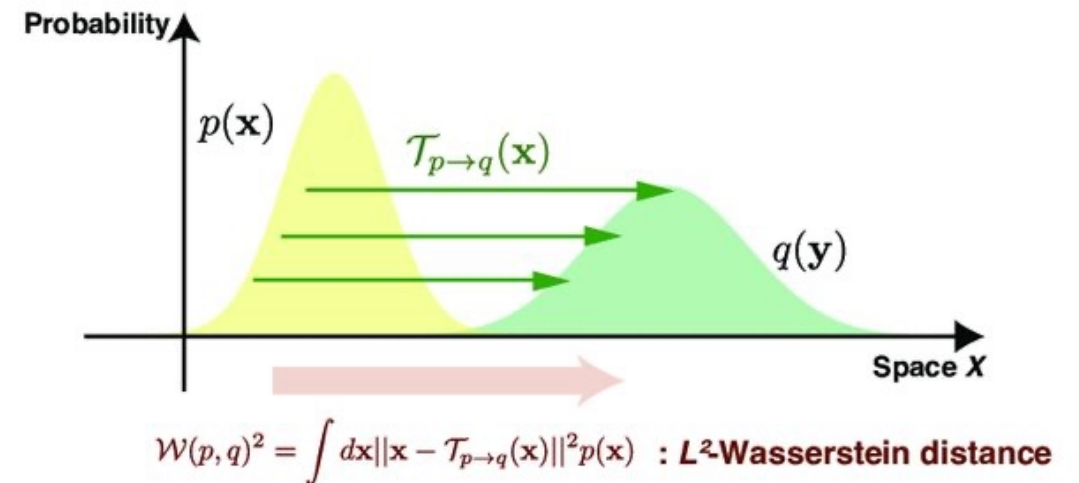


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- Thus, we have

$$\mathbb{E}_Q[\ell(\theta; x, y)] \leq \mathbb{E}_P[\ell(\theta; x, y)] + K_{\tilde{\ell}} \cdot W(P(x), Q(x))$$

# Aside: What About Learning?

- Suppose we optimize the upper bound:

$$\mathbb{E}_Q[\ell(\theta; x, y)] \leq \mathbb{E}_P[\ell(\theta; x, y)] + K_{\tilde{\ell}} \cdot W(P(x), Q(x))$$

- It is equivalent to optimizing  $\mathbb{E}_P[\ell(\theta; x, y)]$ , since the penalty is independent of  $\theta$
- Need new approaches to use such bounds for learning

# Evaluation Bounds

- Need to evaluate the metric  $TV(P, Q)$  or  $W(P, Q)$ 
  - $TV(P, Q)$  is harder to estimate
  - $W(P, Q)$  can be estimated heuristically
- We focus on covariate shift

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- **Basic idea:** Train a discriminator with bounded Lipschitz constant
  - Construct  $X' = \{ (x, 0) \mid (x, y) \in Z \} \cup \{ (x, 1) \mid x \in X \}$
  - Train  $\hat{g}$  on  $X'$  **but bound its Lipschitz constant  $K_{\hat{g}} \leq 1$**
- Use the Wasserstein distance as the training loss:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{g} &= \sup_{f: K_f \leq 1} \int_{\mathcal{X}} f(x) \cdot (q(x) - p(x)) \cdot dx \cdot dy \\ &= \sup_{f: K_f \leq 1} \{ \mathbb{E}_Q[f(x)] - \mathbb{E}_P[f(x)] \} \\ &\approx \sup_{f: K_f \leq 1} \{ n^{-1} \sum_{(x,1) \in X'} f(x) - n^{-1} \sum_{(x,0) \in X'} f(x) \}\end{aligned}$$

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- **Simple strategy:** Bound weight matrices individually
  - For example,  $g = g_m \circ g_{m-1} \circ \dots \circ g_1$ , then  $K_g \leq K_{g_m} \cdot K_{g_{m-1}} \cdot \dots \cdot K_{g_1}$
- For a single layer
  - If  $g_j(x) = W_j x$  is linear, we have  $K_{g_j} = \|W\|_{op}$
  - Here,  $\|W\|_{op}$  is the operator norm  $\|W\|_{op} = \max_x \frac{\|Wx\|_1}{\|x\|_1}$
  - If  $g_j(x) = \text{ReLU}(x)$ , we have  $K_{g_j} = 1$

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- Use projected gradient descent
- For  $t \in \{1, \dots, T\}$  (or until convergence):
  - For  $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ :

$$W_j \leftarrow W_j - \alpha \cdot \nabla_{W_j} L(W_j; Z)$$

$$W_j \leftarrow \frac{W_j}{\|W_j\|_1}$$

# Integral Probability Metric Penalties

- **Pros:**

- Can handle shifts without distribution overlap

- **Cons:**

- Requires additional assumptions about the true function (e.g., Lipschitz)
- Cannot be used for learning, only evaluation

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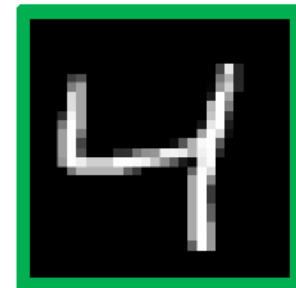
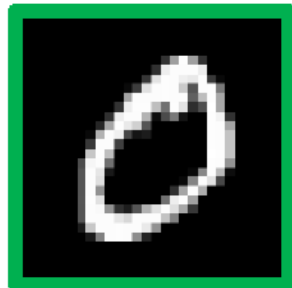
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- This is a **two-sample test**
  - Lots of work on two-sample tests in the statistics literature
  - **Idea:** Can we leverage our source-target discriminator?
  - Yes! This is called a **classifier test**

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- **Typical goal:** Choose  $\epsilon$  so the probability of a false positive is bounded by a user provided error level  $\alpha$ :

$$\mathbb{P}_{X''} [ \text{Detector}(X''; \hat{g}, \epsilon) = 1 \mid P = Q ] \leq \alpha$$

# Covariate Shift Detection

- Note that  $\text{Accuracy}(\hat{g}; X) = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}(\hat{g}(x_i) = b_i)$
- Assuming  $P = Q$ , then  $z_i := \mathbf{1}(\hat{g}(x_i) = b_i)$  is a Bernoulli random variable with mean  $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{1}(\hat{g}(x_i) = b_i)] = \mathbb{P}[\hat{g}(x_i) = b_i] = \frac{1}{2}$

Then,

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}(\hat{g}(x_i) = b_i) \sim \text{Binomial}(n, \frac{1}{2})$$
$$\text{Accuracy}(\hat{g}, X'') = \frac{1}{n} S$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Accuracy}(\hat{g}, X'') &\geq \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon \\ \Rightarrow \frac{S}{n} &\geq \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon \Rightarrow S \geq \frac{n}{2} + n\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Since  $S$  (# of correct classifications) needs to be an integer:

$$S \geq \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} + n\epsilon \right\rceil$$

# Covariate Shift Detection

Then,

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}(\hat{g}(x_i) = b_i) \sim \text{Binomial}(n, 1/2)$$

$$\text{Accuracy}(\hat{g}, X'') = \frac{1}{n} S$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Accuracy}(\hat{g}, X'') &\geq \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon \\ \Rightarrow \frac{S}{n} &\geq \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon \Rightarrow S \geq \frac{n}{2} + n\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Since  $S$  (# of correct classifications) needs to be an integer:

$$S \geq \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} + n\epsilon \right\rceil$$

$$\mathbb{P}_{X''}[\text{Detector}(\dots) = 1 \mid P = Q] = \mathbb{P} \left[ S \geq \left\lceil n \left( \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon \right) \right\rceil \right]$$

Since  $S \sim \text{Binomial}(n, 1/2)$ , this probability is the sum of the probabilities of all outcomes  $i$  (# of correct predictions) from  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} + n\epsilon \right\rceil$  to  $n$ :

$$\mathbb{P}_{X''}[\text{Detector}(\dots) = 1 \mid P = Q] = \sum_{i=\lceil n(1/2+\epsilon) \rceil}^n \text{Binomial} \left( i; n, \frac{1}{2} \right) \leq \alpha$$

# Covariate Shift Detection

- **Step 1:** Train  $\hat{g}$  on  $X' = \{ (x, 0) \mid x \in X_P \} \cup \{ (x, 1) \mid x \in X_Q \}$

- **Step 2:** Compute  $\epsilon$  so that  $\sum_{i=\lceil n\epsilon \rceil}^n \text{Binomial} \left( i; n, \frac{1}{2} \right) \leq \alpha$

- **Step 3:** Return “true” if  $\text{Accuracy}(\hat{g}; X'') \geq \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon$  else “false”
  - $X''$  is a held-out test set constructed the same way as  $X'$

Should be

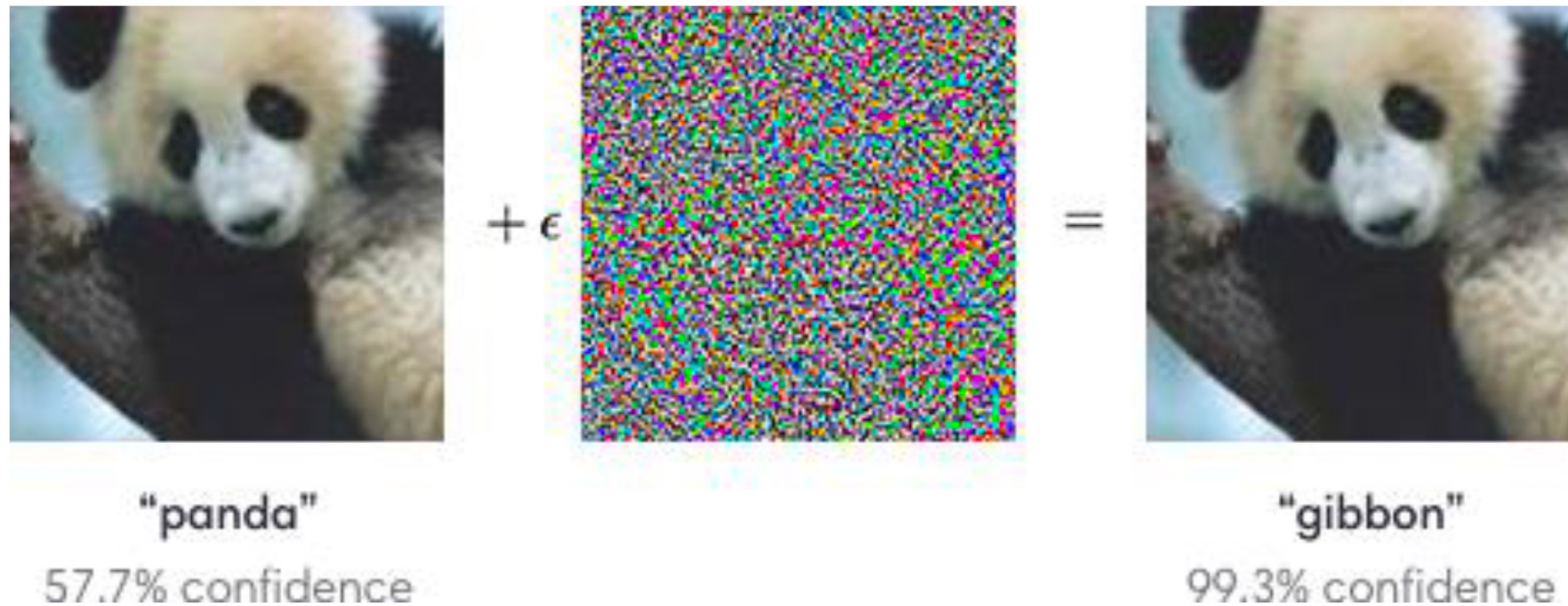
$$\sum_{i=\lceil n(1/2+\epsilon) \rceil}^n \text{Binomial} \left( i; n, \frac{1}{2} \right) \leq \alpha$$

# Key Takeaway

- We can get provable bounds on the true accuracy of a model  $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{1}(\hat{g}(x_i) = b_i)]$  from the test set accuracy  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}(\hat{g}(x_i) = b_i)$
- Later in the class, we will see how this idea can be used to obtain rigorous uncertainty quantification for machine learning models

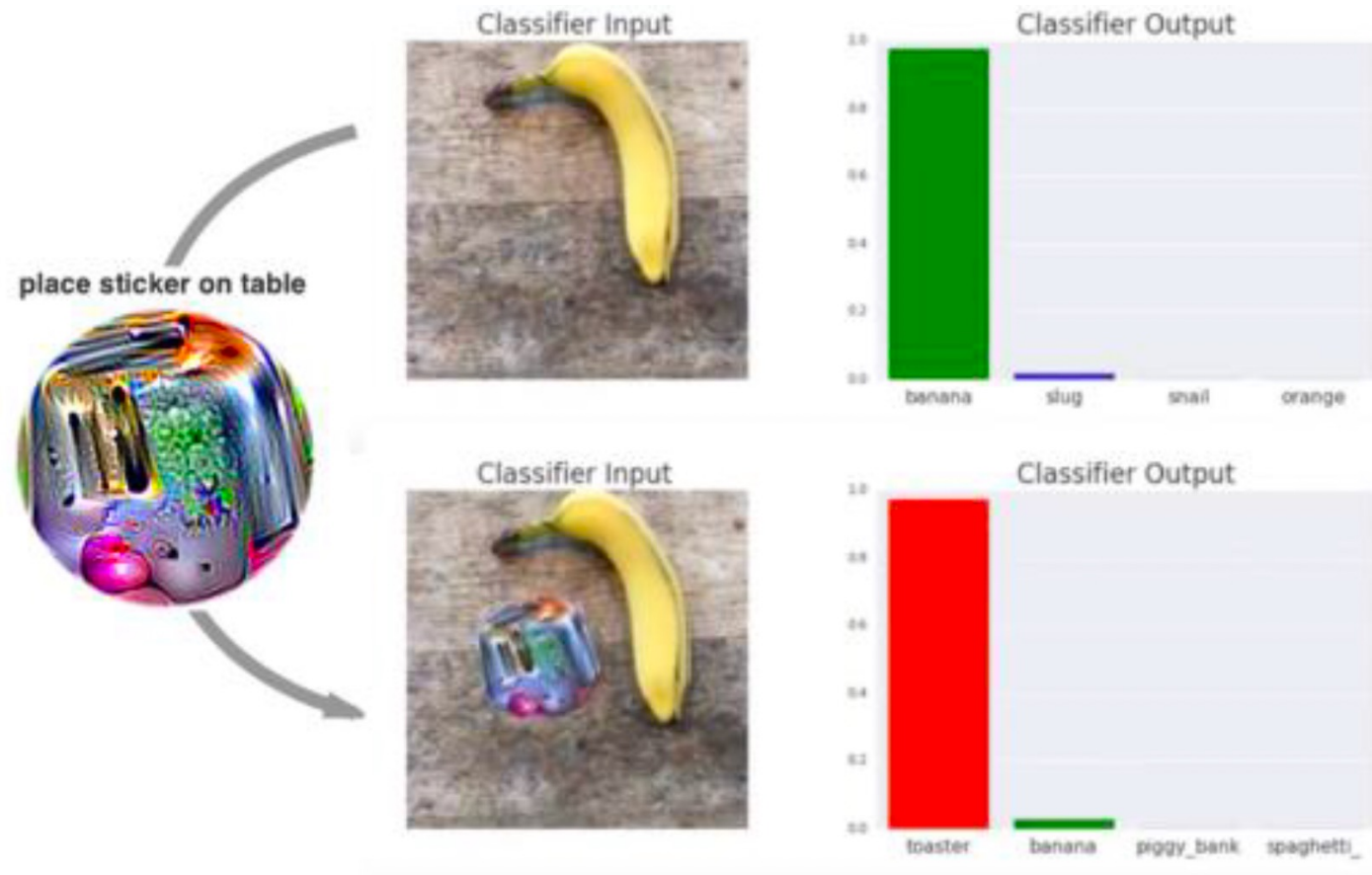
# Adversarial Attacks and Robustness

# Deep networks are “sensitive”



Szegedy et al., Intriguing Properties of Neural Networks, 2014

# Adversarial Attacks Everywhere



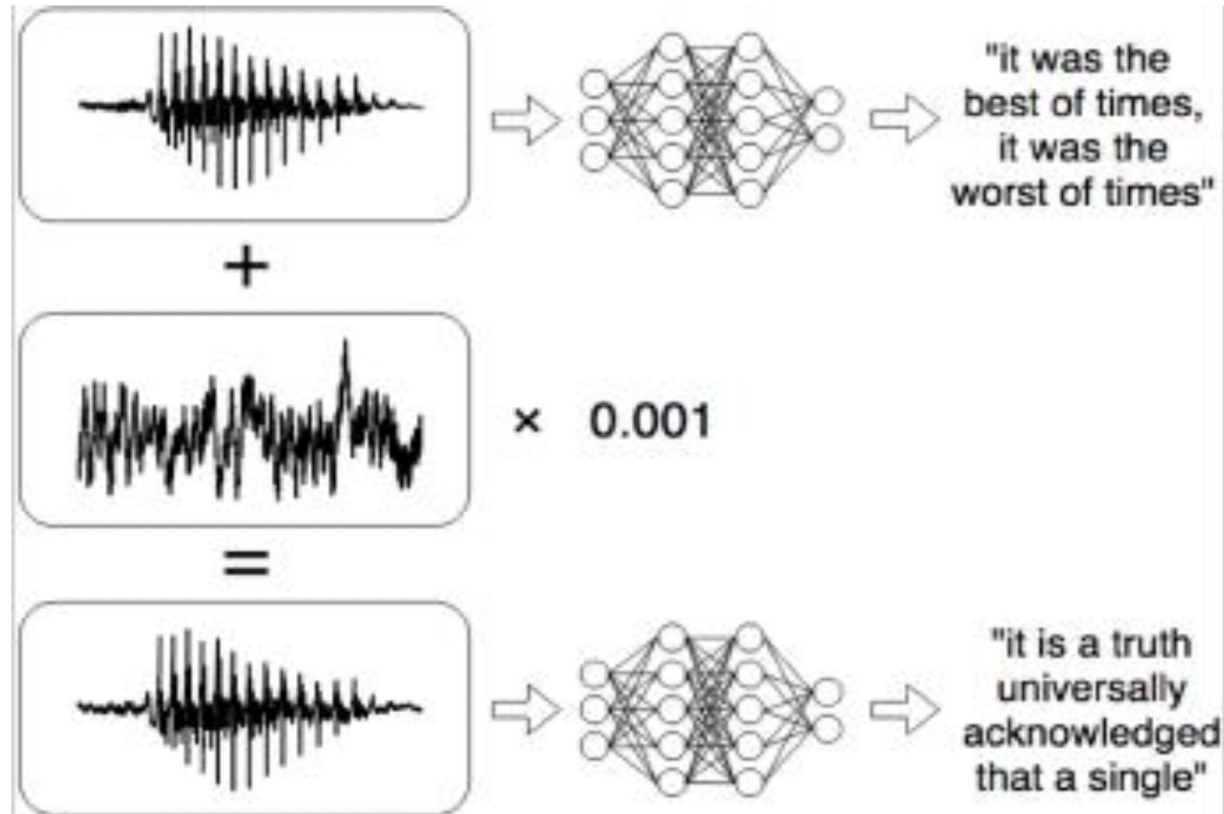
Brown et al, 2017 “Adversarial Patch”

# Adversarial Attacks Everywhere

| Label | Sentence                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| P     | I am currently trying to give this company another chance. I have had the same scheduling experience as others have written about. Wrote to them today                           |
| N     | I am currently trying to give this company another <u>review</u> . I have had the same <u>dental experience about others or written with a name.</u> <u>Thanks</u> to them today |

Hsieh et al. 2019 “Natural Adversarial Sentence Generation with Gradient based Perturbation”

# Adversarial Attacks Everywhere



Carlini, Wagner, 2018

# Adversarial Perturbations can be dangerous ...

- **Task:**

- Photo ID verification
- Goal is to check whether uploaded photo matches a photo ID

- **Attack:**

- User perturbs their image to match the photo in the ID
- Challenge for machine learning in online identity verification!

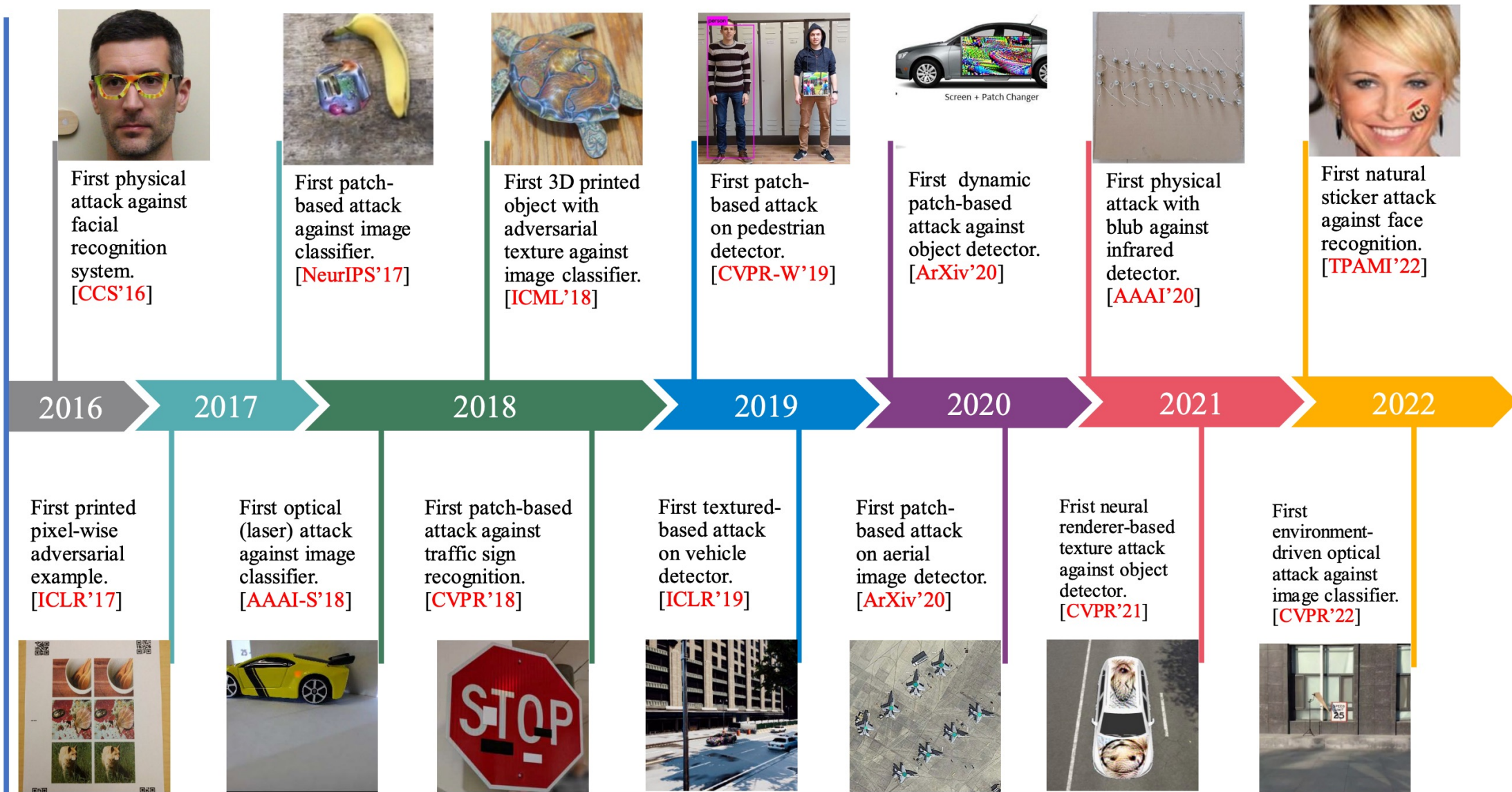


(Valid photo ID from Papesh 2018)

Wang, D., Yao, W., Jiang, T., Tang, G., & Chen, X. (2022). A survey on physical adversarial attack in computer vision. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2209.14262*.



Adversarial example against DNN is first revealed. [ICLR'14]

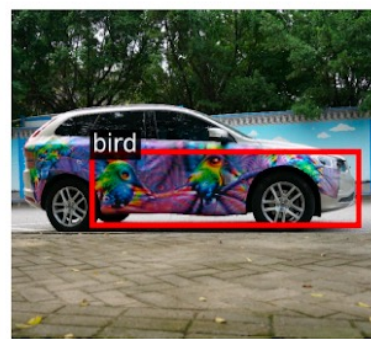




Random



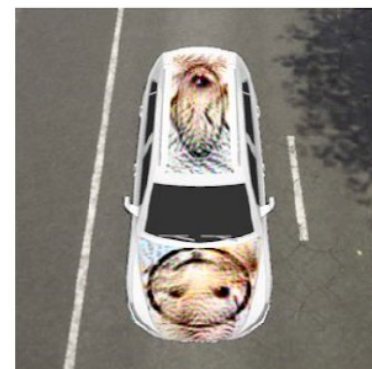
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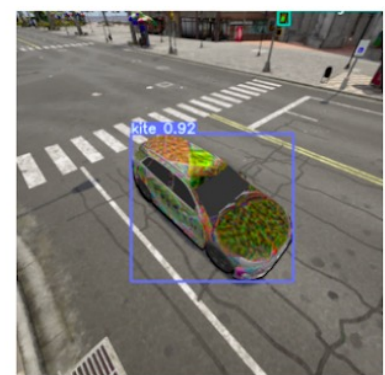
UPC [80]



ER [159]



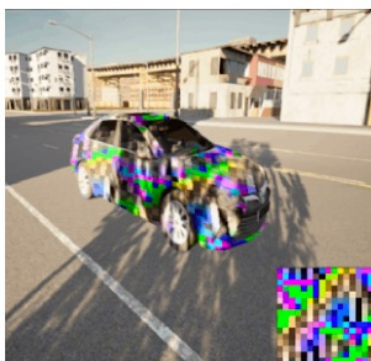
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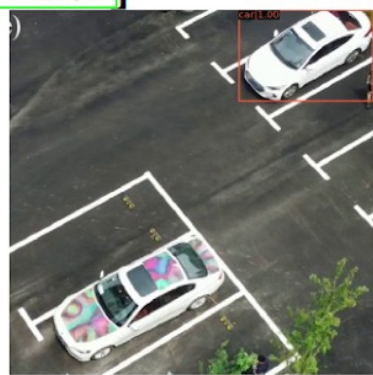
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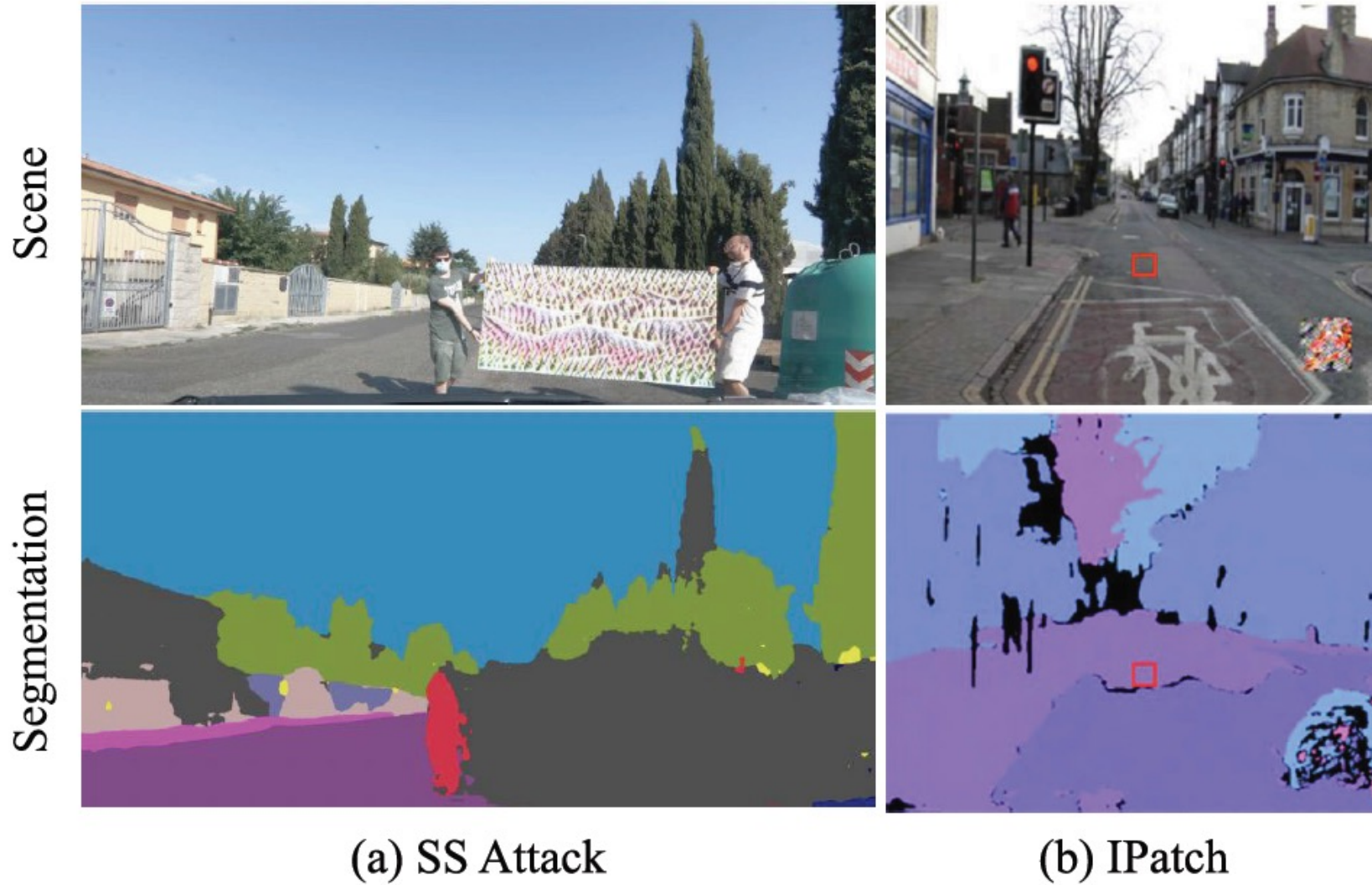
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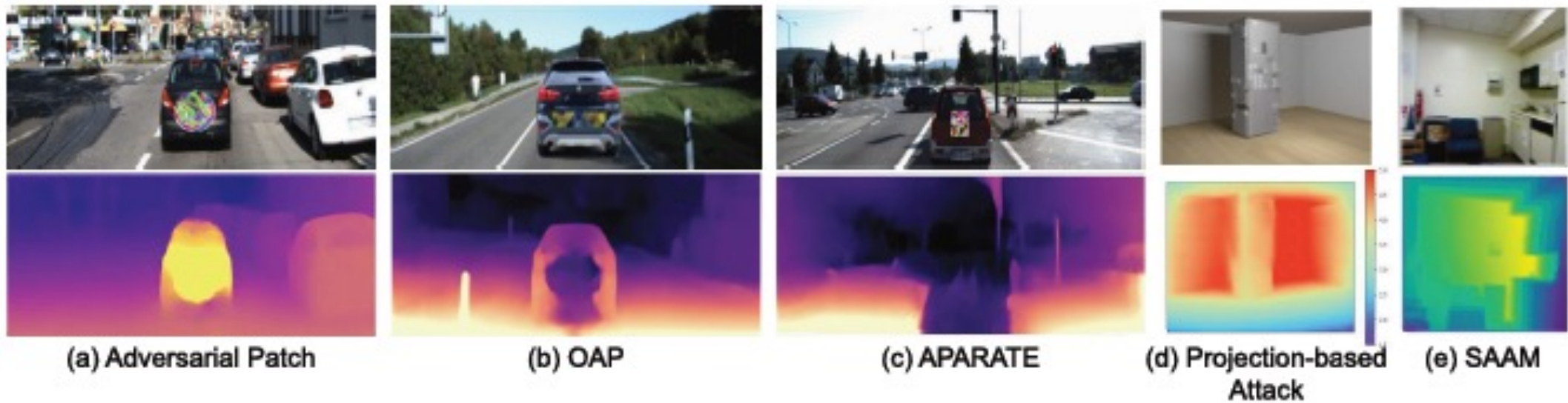
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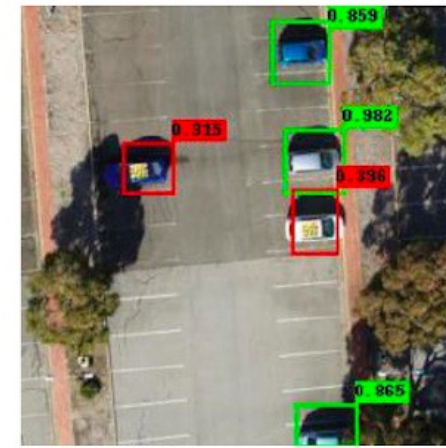
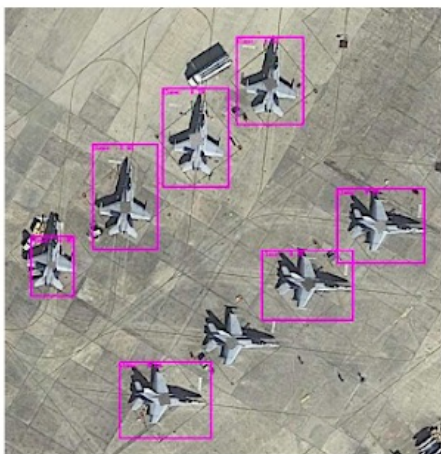
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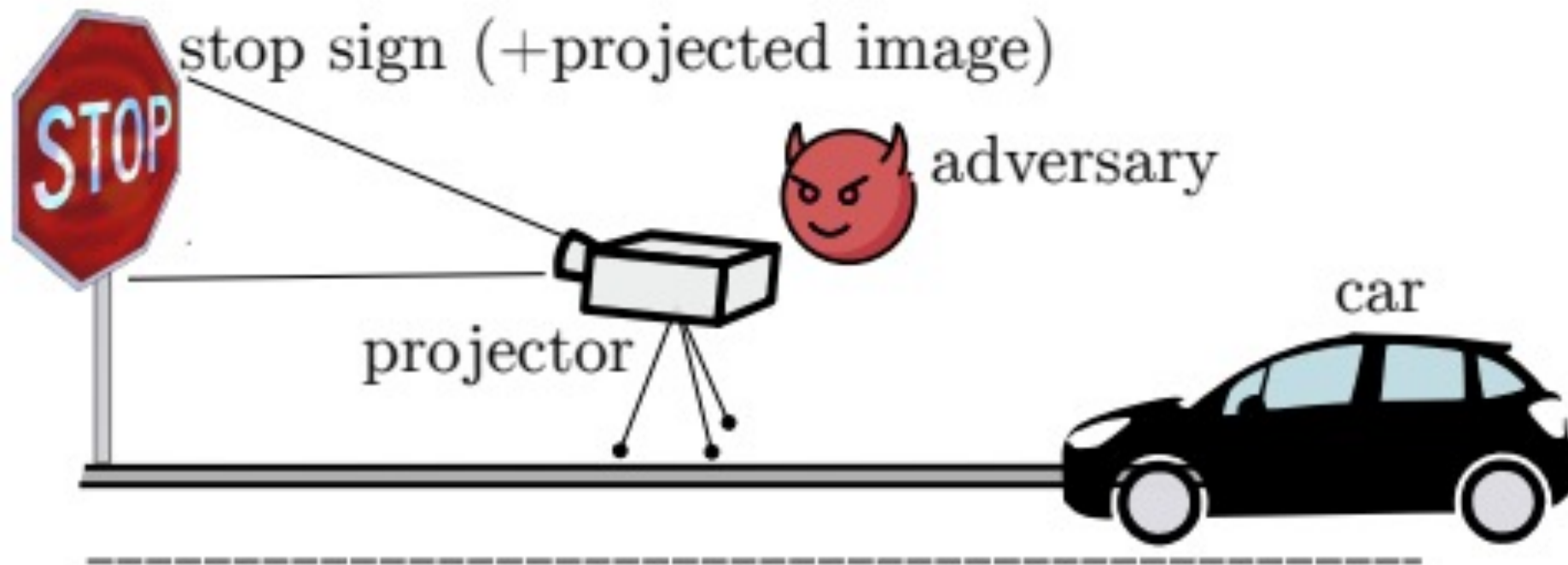


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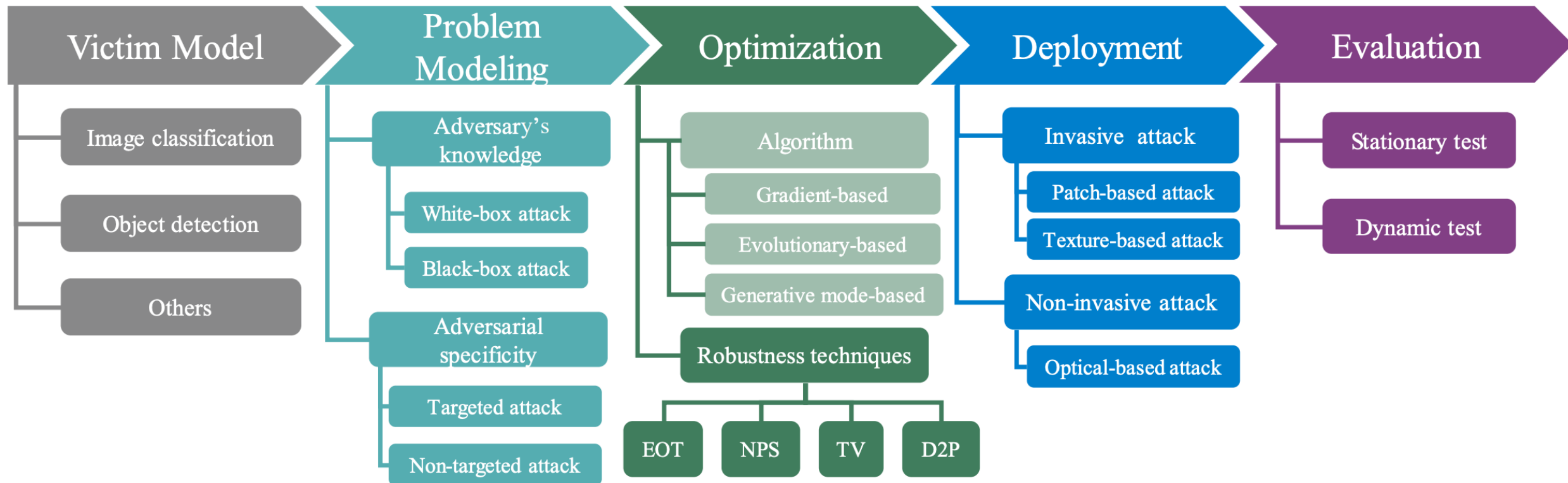
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# Types of Attacks

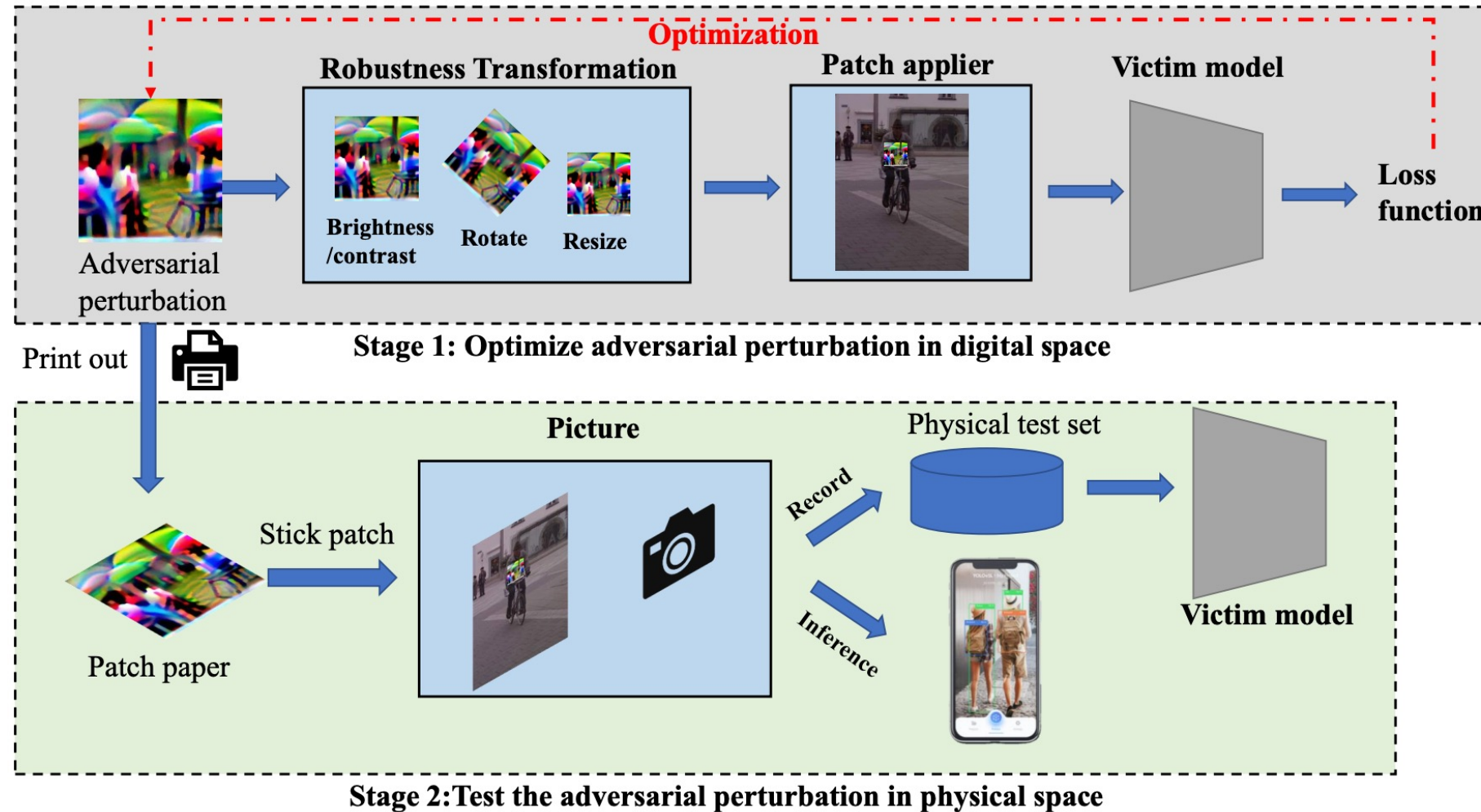
- Digital vs Physical
  - Digital: Victim and attack are both soft
  - Physical: Victim and attack are both physical
- White-box vs Black-box
  - White-box: We have access to the model and its parameters (we can make forward and backward passes).
  - Black-box: We have access to only model predictions.
- Targeted vs Non-targeted
  - Targeted: The attack aims to obtain highest probability for a pre-determined target class.
  - Non-targeted: Any non-correct class is fine.

# Adversarial Attack Pipeline

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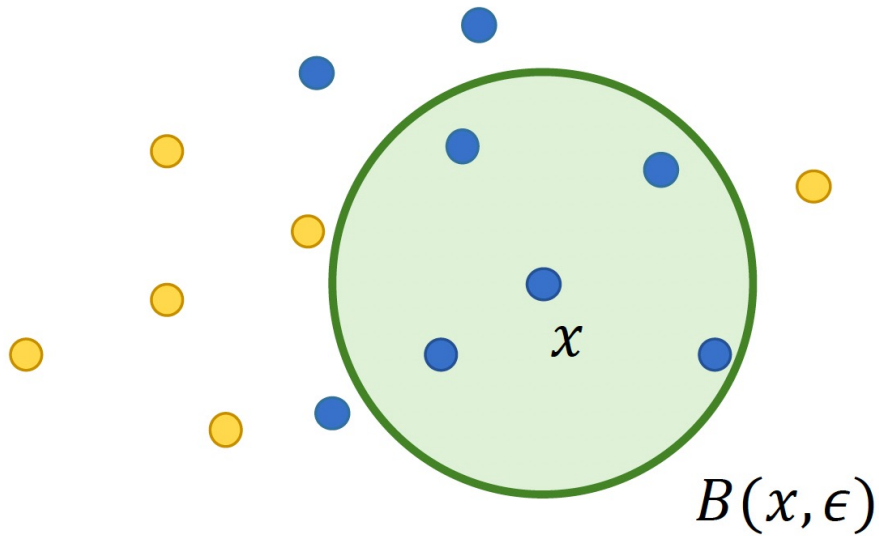


# Physical Attacks

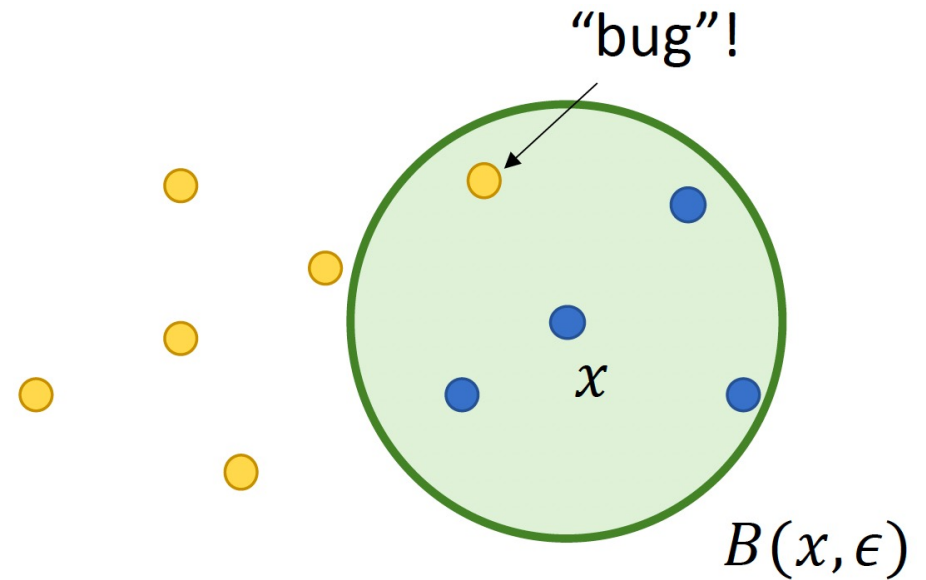


**robustness:** similar images  $\Rightarrow$  same label

**robustness:**  $\|x - x'\|_\infty \leq \epsilon \Rightarrow$  same label



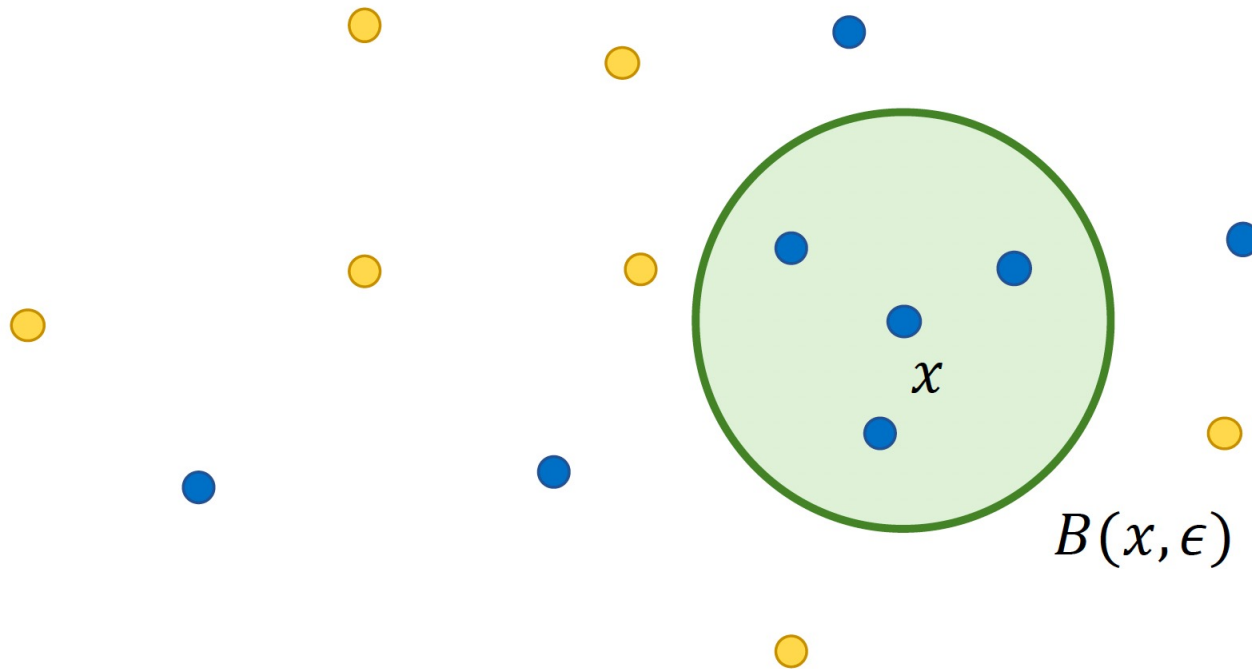
$\epsilon$ -robust at  $x$



**not**  $\epsilon$ -robust at  $x$

Is there a simple fix using data augmentation?

**Doesn't work to ensure robustness!  
In theory as well as practice!!**



- Sample multiple points close to  $x$
- Assign them same label as  $x$
- Add them to training data set and retrain