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Hindering Adversarial Attacks with Implicit Neural Representations

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Why?

Most attack vectors assume:

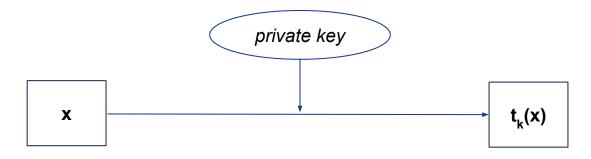
- Access to precise model outputs for arbitrary perturbations of inputs.
- Some way to approximate decision boundaries of the model under attack.
- Ability to verify perturbation candidates.



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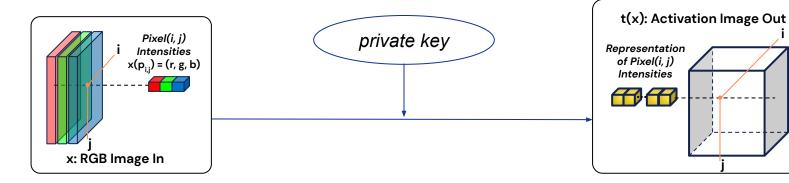
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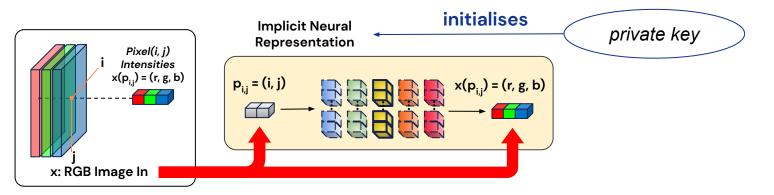
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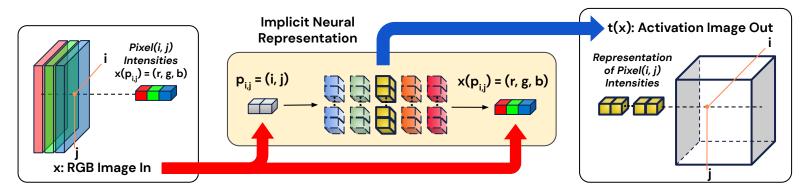
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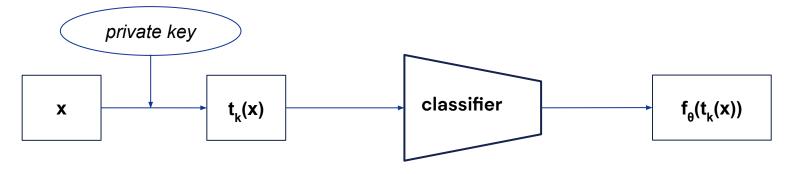
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LINAC (Lossy Implicit Neural Activation Coding) defended classifier training:



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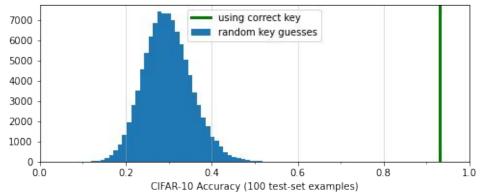
Threat Model:

- Attacker has full algorithmic knowledge about the approach.
- Attacker has complete information about the classification pipeline, model architecture, training dataset and parameters of the defended classifier.
- Attacker does not know the *private key* of the input transformation.



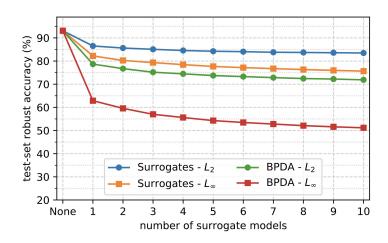
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Is a LINAC defended classifier denying access to its outputs absent the private key?



Direct attack on the *private key*: histogram of accuracies of the same LINAC defended classifier with inputs transformed using either the correct key (green) or 100,000 randomly chosen keys (blue).

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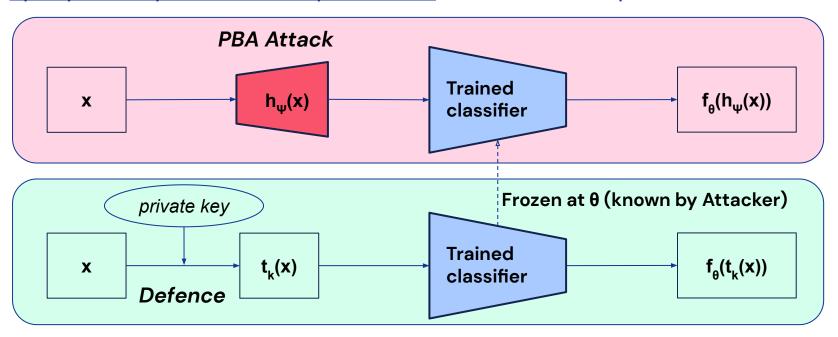
CIFAR-10 test-set robust accuracy estimates (Best Known) vs. number of attacker-trained surrogate models. We also plot the clean accuracy of 93.08% for reference (None).

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CIFAR-10 test set robust accuracy (%) of a single LINAC defended classifier w.r.t. a suite of L_{∞} and L_{2} transfer attacks, valid under our threat model, using various source classifiers to generate adversarial perturbations.

	Transfer Attack Source Models						Best Adversary
Norm	Attack	Nominal Source	$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{Adversarial} \\ \mathbf{Training} \\ (\mathbf{L}_{\infty}) \end{array}$	Adversarial Training (L ₂)	Defended Surrogates (Attacker Keys)	Reconstruction- Based Surrogates (BPDA)	All Source Models
L_{∞}	AA	92.77	80.42	70.29	84.00	59.40	41.18
	MT	84.57	72.96	56.08	85.70	55.37	47.91
	PGD	85.99	60.97	44.06	87.32	56.00	41.22
	Square	85.12	65.69	52.66	75.91	69.14	49.76
	Best Known	81.91	54.97	39.20	75.64	51.17	37.04
L_2	AA	90.84	86.75	80.83	88.27	74.59	71.32
	MT	87.55	85.34	84.81	87.31	74.98	73.83
	PGD	88.61	82.39	74.19	88.36	75.00	70.90
	Square	88.58	84.50	79.31	84.08	83.26	77.68
	Best Known	86.06	79.42	71.92	83.48	71.89	68.41

Novel attack: Parametric Bypass Approximation (PBA) <u>invalidates the approach of</u> <u>AprilPyone & Kiya (2021a): Block pixel-shuffle</u> (4x4 fixed random permutation)



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		All Source Models	Adaptive Attacks	
Norm	Attack	Transfer	BPDA	PBA
	AA	41.18	59.40	68.34
	MT	47.91	55.37	46.75
	PGD	41.22	56.00	44.05
L_{∞}	Square	49.76	69.14	48.59
	Best Known	37.04	51.17	35.32
	AA	71.32	74.59	73.10
	MT	73.83	74.98	67.85
	PGD	70.90	75.00	66.93
L_2	Square	77.68	83.26	74.70
	Best Known	68.41	71.89	61.23



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Conclusions:

LINAC defended classifiers deny access to their outputs absent the *private key*! LINAC decision boundaries are difficult to usefully approximate absent the private key! LINAC successfully hinders very expensive attacks and PBA!

For further details please have a look at the paper and come speak with us at the poster.