# Improving Gradient Regularization using Complex-Valued Neural Networks

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## Adversarial Examples



Goodfellow et al "Explaining and Harnessing Adversarial Examples", ICLR 2015

### **Gradient Regularization**



## Training with Gradient Regularization (Real)

**Gradient Regularization Term** 

$$\mathcal{R}(f,\underline{x},\underline{y}) = \beta \left\| \frac{\partial L(f,\underline{x},\underline{y})}{\partial \underline{x}} \right\|_{p}^{2}$$

$$\nabla_{W_i} \left[ \mathcal{L}(f, \underline{x}, \underline{y}) + \beta \mathcal{R}(f, \underline{x}, \underline{y}) \right]$$

$$= \underline{e}_{i\mathcal{L}} \underline{1}^{T} \cdot \frac{\partial (W_{i}\underline{x}_{i})}{\partial W_{i}} + \beta \underline{e}_{i\mathcal{L}} \underline{e}_{i\mathcal{R}}^{T} \cdot \frac{\partial \frac{\partial (W_{i}\underline{x}_{i})}{\partial \underline{x}_{i}}}{\partial W_{i}}$$
  
Std. Loss Gradient  
$$= \underline{e}_{i\mathcal{L}} (\underline{x}_{i} + \beta \underline{e}_{i\mathcal{R}})^{T}$$
  
Input to layer *i* G.R. Loss Gradient

### Training with Gradient Regularization (Complex)



#### **Derivative Constraint**

$$\left(\frac{\partial g_i(\underline{x}_i)}{\partial W_{iR}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial g_i(\underline{x}_i)}{\partial W_{iI}}\right)^2 = 1$$

### Training with Gradient Regularization



 $\zeta = \frac{\nabla_f \mathcal{L}(f, \underline{x}, \underline{y}) \nabla_f \left[ \mathcal{L}(f, \underline{x}, \underline{y}) + \beta \mathcal{R}(f, \underline{x}, \underline{y}) \right]^T}{\left\| \nabla_f \mathcal{L}(f, \underline{x}, y) \right\|_2 \left\| \nabla_f \left[ \mathcal{L}(f, \underline{x}, y) + \beta \mathcal{R}(f, \underline{x}, y) \right] \right\|_2}$ 

### Attacks on MNIST and FashionMNIST

**MNIST** 

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**FashionMNIST** 

### Attacks on SVHN and CIFAR-10



### Resistance to Black-Box Transfer Attacks

TRANSFER	MNIST	SVHN	FMNIST		
ТО	$\epsilon = 0.16$	$\epsilon = 0.10$	$\epsilon = 0.16$		
NETWORK:	$\beta = 0/64$	$\beta = 0/32$	$\beta = 0/64$		
FGSM FROM REAL-VALUED NETWORK (STD./G.R.)					
Self	22.5 / 86.6	4.1/32.5	2.2 / 53.1		
$\mathbb{R}$ (Std.)	36.2/74.0	10.3 / 32.0	3.9 / 28.3		
$\mathbb{C}(STD.)$	93.7/93.1	22.8 / 40.5	12.6/33.7		
$\mathbb{R}(G.R.)$	93.0/91.5	52.9/34.9	63.9 / 53.8		
$\mathbb{C}(G.R.)$	95.3 / 95.8	55.7 / 41.9	68.5 / 60.4		
FGSM FROM COMPLEX-VALUED NETWORK (STD./G.R.)					
Self	58.4/93.9	10.4 / 36.7	1.7 / 53.4		
$\mathbb{R}$ (Std.)	86.5 / 88.0	50.1/31.5	32.4 / 30.7		
$\mathbb{C}(STD.)$	93.1/95.7	35.5/36.3	15.9/31.2		
$\mathbb{R}(G.R.)$	97.1/95.8	63.0/37.8	70.2 / 57.6		
$\mathbb{C}(G.R.)$	97.3 / 96.4	65.4 / 41.5	74.7 / 58.4		

### Resistance to Query-Based Attack

NES Attack on 1000 FashionMNIST Test Images 8-step PGD Attack ε = 0.16 4000 Queries/image

Net Type	No Defense	β=64 G.R.	ε=0.2 AdvTrain
Real-Valued	0%	62.3%	76.3%
Complex-Val.	0%	68.4%	

Ilyas et al. "Black-box Adversarial Attacks with Limited Queries and Information" ICML 2018



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Code Available: https://github.com/ericyeats/cvnn-security

