# Trustworthy Machine Learning Certified Adversarial Learning

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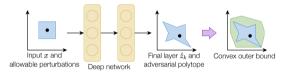
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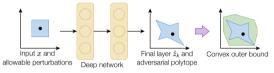
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Certified Adversarial Robustness via Randomized Smoothing

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### A Goodness Definition: Robustness

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- It does not matter whether f(x) is correct.

## A Certified Method: Randomized Smoothing

### Smoothed Classifier

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- $g: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ : a smoothed classifier
- $\sigma$  is related to the maximum perturbation  $\varepsilon$ .
- Easier than convex outer approximation

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- We can compute the *data-dependent* maximum perturbation to be robust!

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- Fix a perturbation  $\delta$ .
- From the definition of g, we have

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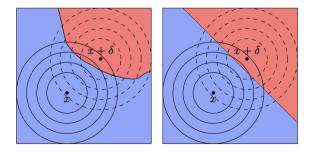
- We wish to prove (1) for any classifier f under some condition. How?
  - ► *f* can be any classifier, which is not easy to analyze.
  - Consider a surrogate classifier that bounds the probability and is easier to analyze, e.g.,

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{f(x+\varepsilon')=c_A\right\} \geq \min_{f':\mathbb{P}\left\{f'(x+\varepsilon)=c_A\right\}\geq \underline{p_A}} \mathbb{P}\left\{f'(x+\varepsilon')=c_A\right\} > \frac{1}{2} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad g(x+\delta)=c_A.$$

### Robustness Guarantee: A Proof Sketch (2/3) Binary Classification

• Interestingly,  $f^*$  is linear (due to the Neyman-Perason lemma), where

$$f^* = \arg \min_{f': \mathbb{P}\{f'(x+\varepsilon)=c_A\} \ge \underline{p_A}} \mathbb{P}\left\{f'(x+\varepsilon')=c_A\right\}$$



There could be a non-linear classifier but we can find a corresponding linear classifier with the same mininum value.

### **Robustness Guarantee: A Proof Sketch (3/3)** Binary Classification

• We have a closed-form solution of  $f^*$ :

$$f^*(x') \coloneqq \begin{cases} c_A & \text{ if } \delta^T(x'-x) \le \sigma \|\delta\|_2 \Phi^{-1}(\underline{p}_A) \\ c_B & \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

• This (non-trivially) implies the following mininum value:

$$\min_{f':\mathbb{P}\{f'(x+\varepsilon)=c_A\}\geq\underline{p_A}}\mathbb{P}\left\{f'(x+\varepsilon')=c_A\right\}=\mathbb{P}\left\{f^*(x+\varepsilon')=c_A\right\}=\Phi\left(\Phi^{-1}(\underline{p_A})-\frac{\|\delta\|_2}{\sigma}\right)$$

• The above probability should be larger than  $\frac{1}{2}$ , *i.e.*,

$$\Phi\left(\Phi^{-1}(\underline{p_A}) - \frac{\|\delta\|_2}{\sigma}\right) > \frac{1}{2} \implies \|\delta\|_2 < \sigma \Phi^{-1}(\underline{p_A}).$$

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#### Theorem

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Then, we have  $g(x + \delta) = c_A$  for all  $\|\delta\|_2 < R$ , where

$$R \coloneqq \frac{\sigma}{2} \left( \Phi^{-1}(\underline{p_A}) - \Phi^{-1}(\overline{p_B}) \right).$$

- $c_A$ : the most probable label (with probability at least  $p_A$ )
- c<sub>B</sub> := arg max<sub>c≠c<sub>A</sub></sub> P {f(x + ε) = c}: the second-most probable label (with probability at most p<sub>B</sub>)

## Robustness Guarantee: An Alternative

**Multi-class Classification** 

#### Theorem

Suppose that we have class A and B that satisfy

$$\max_{k} \mathbb{P} \left\{ f_k(x+\varepsilon) \right\} = p_A \ge p_B = \max_{k \ne A} \mathbb{P} \left\{ f_k(x+\varepsilon) \right\}.$$

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$$R \coloneqq \frac{\sigma}{2} \left( \Phi^{-1}(p_A) - \Phi^{-1}(p_B) \right).$$

- $\bullet$  Consider a soft classifier  $f_k: \mathcal{X} \to [0,1]$  for class k
- A smoothed classifier  $g_k(x) \coloneqq \arg \max_k \mathbb{P}_{\varepsilon} \{ f_k(x + \varepsilon) \}$

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• Let  $\Phi$  be a CDF of a Gaussian distribution, *i.e.*,

$$\Phi(a) \coloneqq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{a} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}s^2\right) \mathrm{d}s$$

### Robustness Guarantee: An <u>Alternative</u> Proof Sketch (2/2)

Then, we have the robustness guarantee due to the following reasons:

• For any perturbation  $\delta$  and any class k, we have

$$\left|\Phi^{-1}\left(\tilde{f}_k(x)\right) - \Phi^{-1}\left(\tilde{f}_k(x+\delta)\right)\right| \le \frac{1}{\sigma} \|\delta\|_2.$$

•  $\Phi^{-1} \circ \tilde{f}$  is  $\frac{1}{\sigma}$ -Lipschitz (check out the paper)

• Consider any adversarial perturbation  $\bar{\delta}$  that changes the classification result, *i.e.*,

$$\tilde{f}_A(x+\bar{\delta}) \leq \tilde{f}_B(x+\bar{\delta}) \quad \text{for some } B \neq A$$

• For  $\bar{\delta}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sigma} \|\bar{\delta}\|_2 &\ge \Phi^{-1} \left( \tilde{f}_A(x) \right) - \Phi^{-1} \left( \tilde{f}_A(x+\bar{\delta}) \right) \text{ and } \frac{1}{\sigma} \|\bar{\delta}\|_2 &\ge \Phi^{-1} \left( \tilde{f}_B(x+\bar{\delta}) \right) - \Phi^{-1} \left( \tilde{f}_B(x) \right) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2}{\sigma} \|\bar{\delta}\|_2 &\ge \left\{ \Phi^{-1} \left( \tilde{f}_A(x) \right) - \Phi^{-1} \left( \tilde{f}_B(x) \right) \right\} + \left\{ \Phi^{-1} \left( \tilde{f}_B(x+\bar{\delta}) \right) - \Phi^{-1} \left( \tilde{f}_A(x+\bar{\delta}) \right) \right\} \\ &\ge \Phi^{-1} \left( \tilde{f}_A(x) \right) - \Phi^{-1} \left( \tilde{f}_B(x) \right) = \Phi^{-1} \left( p_A \right) - \Phi^{-1} \left( p_B \right) \end{aligned}$$

### Prediction

**function** PREDICT $(f, \sigma, x, n, \alpha)$ counts  $\leftarrow$  SAMPLEUNDERNOISE $(f, x, n, \sigma)$   $\hat{c}_A, \hat{c}_B \leftarrow$  top two indices in counts  $n_A, n_B \leftarrow$  counts $[\hat{c}_A]$ , counts $[\hat{c}_B]$ if BINOMPVALUE $(n_A, n_A + n_B, 0.5) \leq \alpha$  return  $\hat{c}_A$ else return ABSTAIN

• Recall the randomized smoothing method:

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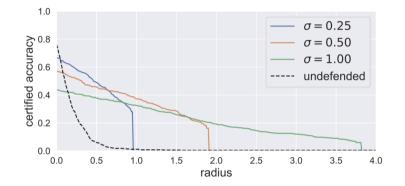
- **1** Draw *n* noisy perturbations  $\delta_1, \ldots, \delta_n$ .
- **2** Empirically compute the most probable and the second most probably labels, *i.e.*,  $\hat{c}_A$  and  $\hat{c}_B$ .
- **③** If  $\hat{c}_A$  is drawn from the binomial distribution with p = 0.5, return  $\hat{c}_A$ .
- Alternatively, you can use the (our-favorite) binomial tail bound.

### **Certification in Evaluation**

# certify the robustness of g around x function CERTIFY(f,  $\sigma$ , x,  $n_0$ , n,  $\alpha$ ) counts0  $\leftarrow$  SAMPLEUNDERNOISE(f, x,  $n_0$ ,  $\sigma$ )  $\hat{c}_A \leftarrow$  top index in counts0 counts  $\leftarrow$  SAMPLEUNDERNOISE(f, x, n,  $\sigma$ )  $\underline{p}_A \leftarrow$  LOWERCONFBOUND(counts[ $\hat{c}_A$ ], n,  $1 - \alpha$ ) if  $\underline{p}_A > \frac{1}{2}$  return prediction  $\hat{c}_A$  and radius  $\sigma \Phi^{-1}(\underline{p}_A)$ else return ABSTAIN

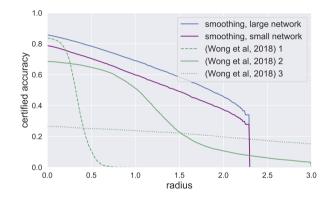
- Compute  $p_A$  via the binomial tail bound.
- **2** Compute the robust radius, *i.e.*,  $\sigma \Phi^{-1}(p_A)$ .
- $\hbox{ o If (a desired radius)} \leq \sigma \Phi^{-1}(\underline{p_A}) \hbox{, then "certified".}$

### **Results: ImageNet**



- Classifier: ResNet-50
- undefended: a classifier with heuristic adversarial training (using  $\ell_2$  adversarial attacks)
- perturbation:  $\|\delta\|_2 \leq (radius) = (maximum perturbation size)$

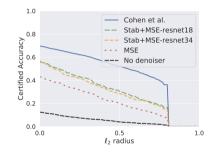
### **Results: Comparison**



- (maybe) on MNIST
- Baseline: deterministic robustness guarantee
- randomized smoothing: high-probability guarantee

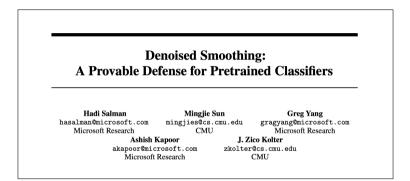
## Limitation of Randomized Smoothing

• Randomized smoothing requires retraining (e.g., Gaussian data augmentation).



- Cohen et al.: Randomized smoothing with retraining
- No denoiser: Randomized smoothing without retraining
- How to avoid retraining?

### **Denoise Gaussian Noise**



- A classifier randomized smoothing needs to be robust to Gaussian noise for better certified robustness.
- How about using denoised smoothing and then use the randomized smoothing?

## **Denoised Smoothing**

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• Applicable for any classifier f

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- $\mathcal{D}: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{X}$ : a denoiser that hopefully removes  $\delta$ .
- Consider a NEW classifier  $f \circ D$  and then enjoy randomized smoothing.
- Retraining f is not required.

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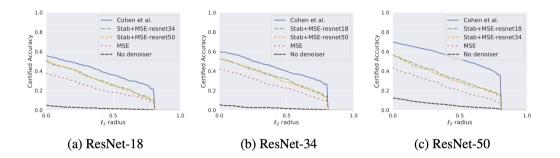
Stability objective:

$$L_{\mathsf{Stab}} \coloneqq \mathop{\mathbb{E}}_{x,y,\delta} \ell_{CE}(F(\mathcal{D}(x+\delta)), f(x)) \quad \text{where} \quad \delta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I)$$

- $f: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ : a hard classifier
- $F: \mathcal{X} \to [0,1]^{|\mathcal{Y}|}:$  a soft classifer

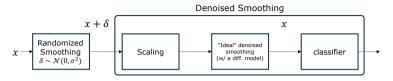
✓ Find a denoiser D that does not change predictions by the classifier f.

### Results



- The denoised smoothing without retraining is quite similar to the randomized smoothing with retraining.
- But not outperform the retraining one. How can we train a better denoiser?

## **Diffusion Models as Denoisers**



#### Assumptions:

• A diffusion model assumes the following noise model:

$$x_t \coloneqq \sqrt{\alpha_t} x_0 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t} \cdot \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I}),$$

where  $x_0$  is an initial example, t is a timestep, and  $\alpha_t$  is any noise scheduler (monotonically decreasing in t).

• Under this noise model, an ideal denoiser finds  $x_0$  from  $x_t$ .

Method:

• Find  $t^*$  for randomized smoothing that fits to the noise model for a diffusion model, *i.e.*,

find t subj. to  $x_0 + \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}) \approx \sqrt{\alpha_t} x_0 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t} \cdot \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$ 

## Conclusion

- Randomized smoothing provides a simple defense mechanism.
- Desnoised smoothing does not require to retrain a classifier (but still requires training the denoiser).
- Recently, the denoised smoothing was improved via denoising diffusion models [Carlini et al., 2023].

			Certified Accuracy at $\varepsilon$ (%)				
Method	Off-the-shelf	Extra data	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	3.0
PixelDP (Lecuyer et al., 2019)	0	×	(33.0)16.0	-	-		
RS (Cohen et al., 2019)	0	×	<sup>(67.0)</sup> 49.0	<sup>(57.0)</sup> 37.0	(57.0)29.0	(44.0)19.0	$^{(44.0)}12.0$
SmoothAdv (Salman et al., 2019)	0	×	(65.0) 56.0	$^{(54.0)}43.0$		$^{(40.0)}27.0$	$^{(40.0)}20.0$
Consistency (Jeong & Shin, 2020)	0	×	(55.0) 50.0	<sup>(55.0)</sup> 44.0		$^{(41.0)}24.0$	$^{(41.0)}17.0$
MACER (Zhai et al., 2020)	0	×	<sup>(68.0)</sup> 57.0	(64.0)43.0	(64.0)31.0	(48.0)25.0	$^{(48.0)}14.0$
Boosting (Horváth et al., 2022a)	0	×	<sup>(65.6)</sup> 57.0	<sup>(57.0)</sup> 44.6	(57.0) <b>38.4</b>	(44.6) <b>28.6</b>	(38.6) <b>21.2</b>
DRT (Yang et al., 2021)	0	×	(52.2)46.8	(55.2)44.4	(49.8) <b>39.8</b>	(49.8) <b>30.4</b>	(49.8) <b>23.4</b>
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ACES (Horváth et al., 2022b)	0	×	<sup>(63.8)</sup> 54.0	<sup>(57.2)</sup> 42.2	<sup>(55.6)</sup> 35.6	( <sup>39.8)</sup> 25.6	$^{(44.0)}$ 19.8
Denoised (Salman et al., 2020)	0	×	(60.0) 33.0	(38.0)14.0	(38.0)6.0	-	-
Lee (Lee, 2021)	•	×	41.0	24.0	11.0	-	-
Ours	•	1	$^{(82.8)}$ <b>71.1</b>	<sup>(77.1)</sup> <b>54.3</b>	<sup>(77.1)</sup> 38.1	<sup>(60.0)</sup> 29.5	(60.0) 13.1

Cartified Accuracy at a (%)

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