An Investigation of Bounded Misclassification for Operational Security of Networks

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- Ideally we want to penalize misclassification to certain classes less than others.
 - [Oth order idea] Can borrow for works on cost-based misclassification.
 - We could not find any work that used cost-based or weighted loss functions for classifying noisy input examples for neural networks.
- Given a classification task at hand we have to have a notion of distance/similarity between a pair of class labels.
 - Penalize less when classifier misclassifies to a similar class since decision taken remains the same.

Class similarity values

ImageNET

- Subgraph of the WordNET, from which nouns were used as the class labels of ImageNET.
- Path similarity between WordNET words.

S(GR, LR) = 0.333S(GR, Cat) = 0.111S(GR, Beer Bottle) = 0.00625

<u>MNIST</u>

- For any classification problem, we need an underlying graph using which we can compute the similarity.
- For an ATM detecting digits on a hand written cheque, if a digit, say 2, is adversarially perturbed, it is better to classify it as 1 or 3 instead of 9.





Cost-Based loss function for DNNs

- Use weighted loss functions to penalize misclassification to dissimilar classes more.
- Define class similarity matrix (of size C × C) given a classification task at hand.

$$L(x) = -\sum_{j=1}^{m} Y_j \log o_j$$

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$$\mathbb{I}^{\delta}(a) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \ge \delta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad s(Y_i, Y_j) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Figure 4. Distribution of mislabeled classes in MNIST in the three training conditions C1, C2 and C3. As expected, in C2 and C3, instances of misclassification huddle around the diagonal (prediction = target) while the classification accuracy takes a hit.



Discussion



- We investigate the use of cost-based/weighted loss functions for Deep Neural Networks with a goal to improve accuracy of decision making based on classification systems.
- Can we use similar techniques for designing an open-world classifier?
 - Say picture of a kangaroo, which the DNN has never seen before, is given as input (Si Liu's talk in the morning).
 - Based on features it can detect in the squirrel, it classifies it as (say) a cat and not any random class, like a leaf or bear bottle.

Read out paper at: <u>https://goo.gl/jFdTsy</u>