# The Efficiency of Singular Value Decomposition on Detecting Adversarial Samples

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## Introduction

Deep neural networks have proved to be very successful in performing daily tasks like autonomous driving(Tesla Autopilot)[1], facial recognition(Apple FaceID), and natural language processing(Siri). Convolutional neural networks(CNNs), one of the most popular neural network architectures, are particularly efficient for image processing.

However, there has been a concern widely about the security and robustness of neural networks given adversarial samples as inputs.[2] Adversarial samples (figure 1) are images or signals that contain noises imperceptible to human eyes, and when fed into neural networks they can cause misclassification of the actual inputs. Such mistakes can be fatal when it comes to critical systems controlling people's lives. Thus, we're inspired to examine the behaviors of adversarial attacks by performing the principal component analysis(PCA), particularly singular value decompolisiotin(SVD) on several existing CNN architectures.



Adversarial Sample
Prediction on adversarial sample: 49
crocodile, Nile crocodile, Crocodylus niloticus

figure1

#### Goal

Understand how adversarial attacks affect the robustness of neural networks and analyze the adversarial samples in relation to the outputs by performing singular value decomposition.

# **Experimental Design**

In this experiment, we're going to use the CIFAR10 and MNIST dataset and perform singular value decomposition on input images to find out what components are causing the misclassification.

SVD factorizes an input matrix M into three different matrices one of which contains singular values on its diagonal entries. Each singular value represents an independent component of the input matrix.

# $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^*$

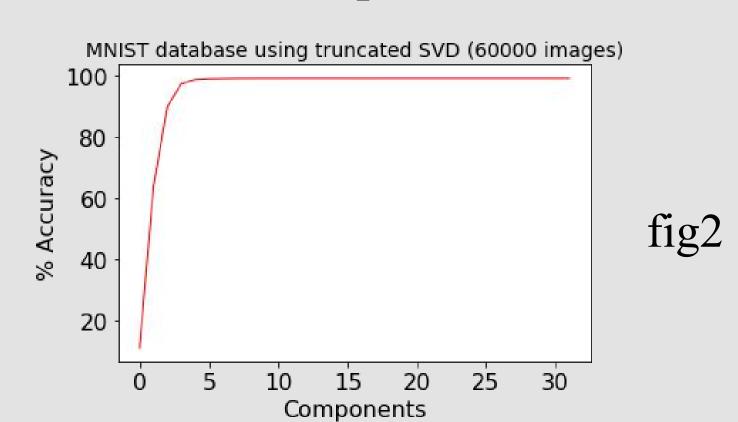
We then reconstruct the image using the first k singular values in Python and observe how the neural network reacts.

Once we plot the accuracy out, we compare the results from adversarial inputs to normal inputs and see if there's a pattern differentiating between adversarial samples and benign samples.

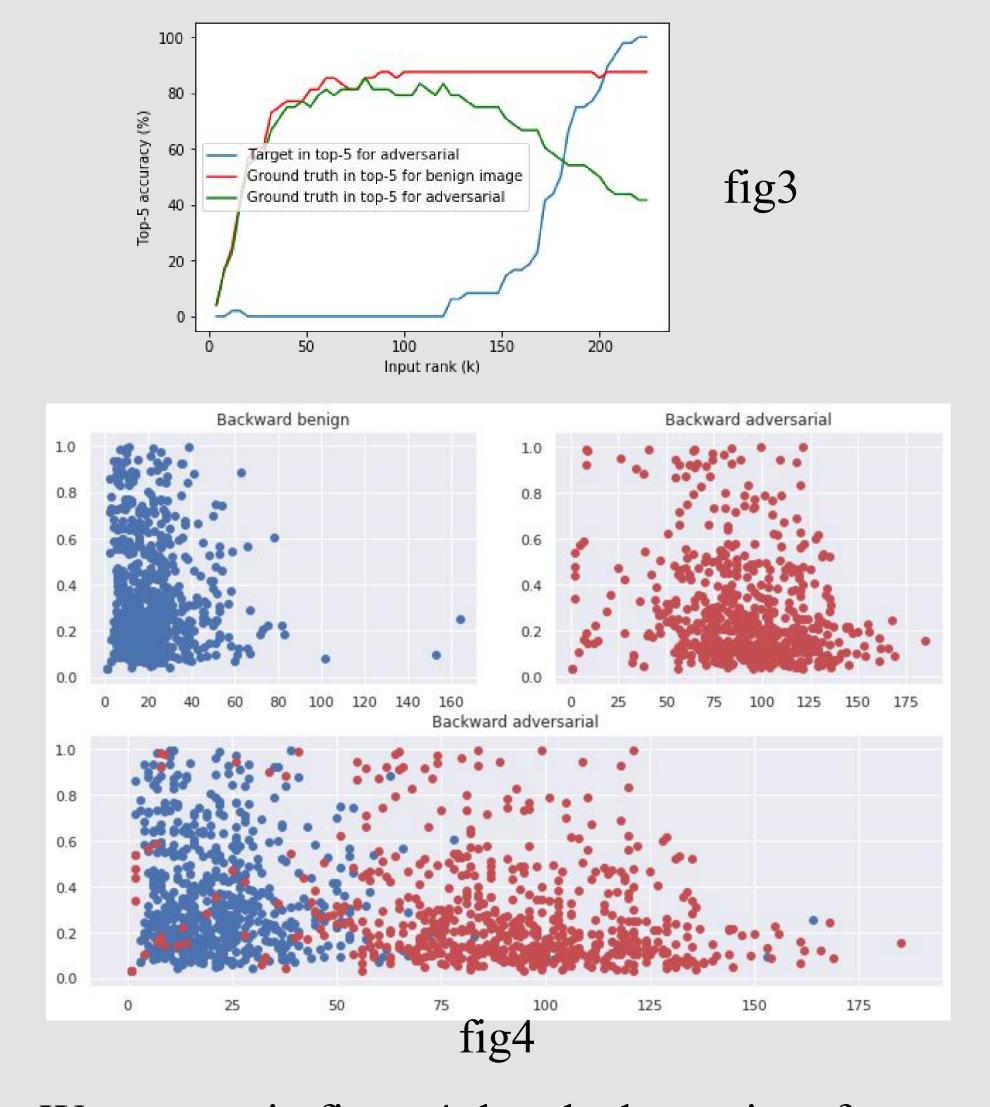
## Results

Using SVD analysis, we get the following results for reconstructing the image using the first k components:

No adversarial samples:.



48 ImageNet validation images with ResNet-50 using PGD with 0.01 perturbation in Foolbox and PyTorch:



We can see in figure4 that the k-p point of adversarial samples occur at higher values than those of benign samples, but there are several false-positives.

### Conclusion

In general, higher k-p points indicate a larger likelihood of detecting adversarial samples, but they aren't entirely effective since we noticed a few flase positives.

In future work, we plan to look at the transition of the predictions for each component for the adversarial samples and look at these "intermediate classes." Perhaps there is a pattern that occurs leading up to the prediction of the adversarial target.

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