

# Neural Network Repair using Formal Methods

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- Guy Katz et. al. Minimal Modifications of Deep Neural Networks using Verification (presented at the 23rd Int. Conf. on Logic for Programming, Artificial Intelligence and Reasoning LPAR 2020)
- Guy Katz et. al. Minimal Multi-Layer Modifications of Deep Neural Networks (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.09929>)

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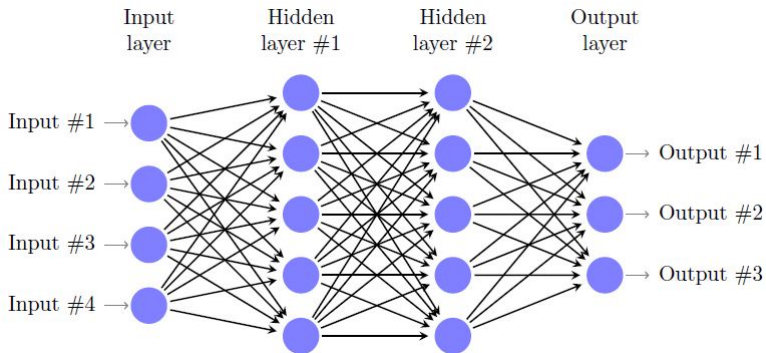
- Semantic Repair (modifying the classification rules)
- Retraining with the counter-examples
- Modifying topology / activation functions

Novelty of this work: Model edits restricted to weights only

## Example

- In Machine Learning as a Service (MLaaS), clients often modify and fine-tune the DNN according to their needs.
  - Instead of modifying and retraining, minimal modification can be done.
- For low resource devices, retraining may be difficult
- Watermark analysis: For a DNN, preserve a specific set of tests for which the output classification should not change, even after retraining

# Deep Neural Network: Introduction



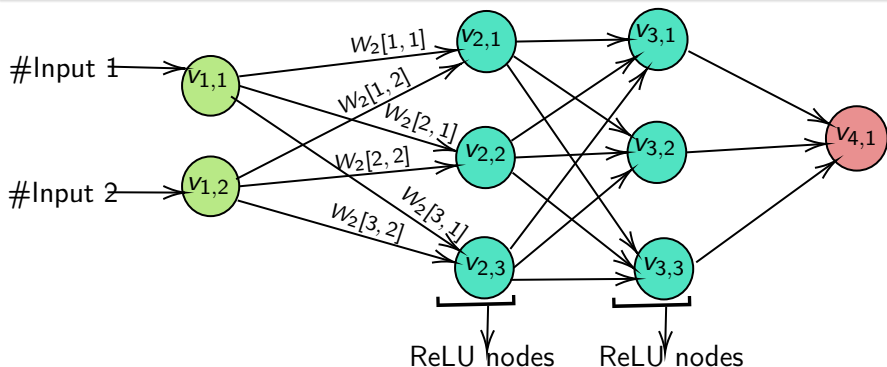
Deep Neural Network with 4 layers



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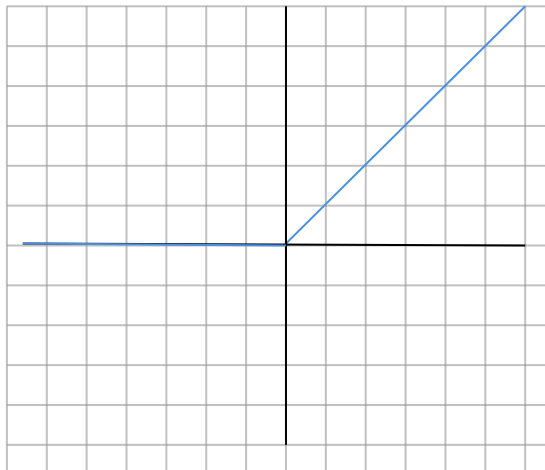
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- $v_{i,j}$  represents the  $j^{\text{th}}$  neuron of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  layer.
- $s_i$  represents the number of neurons in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  layer.
- Each layer  $2 \leq i \leq n$  has a weight matrix  $W_i$  of size  $s_i \times s_{i-1}$ .
- $W_i[j, k]$  represents the weight on the edge from  $v_{i-1,k}$  to  $v_{i,j}$ .



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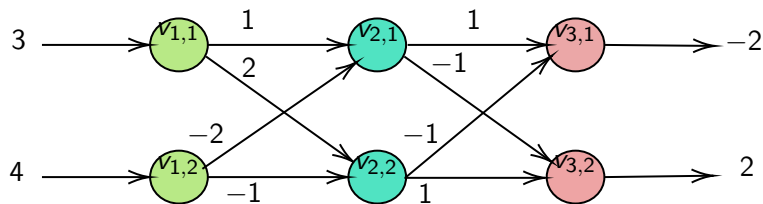


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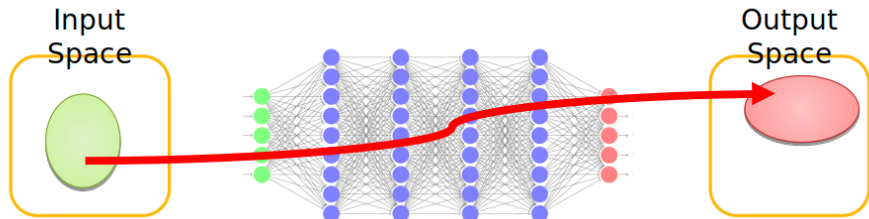
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# Verification of Deep Neural Networks



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Both  $\bar{x}$  and  $\bar{y}$  are vectors over reals.

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- $Q(\bar{y})$  characterizes the **undesired** behavior for those inputs, we are checking.
- Negative answer (UNSAT) means property  $Q$  **holds**.
- Positive answer (SAT) includes a **counterexample**, demonstrating an input  $x$  satisfying  $P$  for which  $Q$  holds.

# DNN Repair Problem

Let  $N$  denote a DNN, let  $X$  denote a set of fixed input points

$$X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$$

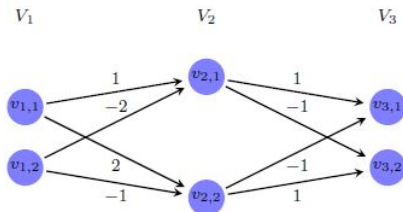
Let  $Q$  denote a predicate over the classifications  $N(x_1), \dots, N(x_n)$  of the points  $X$ .

## Definition

*The DNN repair problem is to find a new DNN  $N'$ , such that  $Q(N'(x_1), \dots, N'(x_n))$  holds, such that the distance between  $N$  and  $N'$  is at most some  $\delta > 0$ .*

# DNN Repair Problem

- In following DNN  $N$ , for input  $V_1 = \langle 3, 4 \rangle$ , output will be  $V_3 = \langle -2, 2 \rangle$ , i.e.  $v_{3,2} > v_{3,1}$



- We need  $Q(N'(\langle 3, 4 \rangle)) = v_{3,1} \geq v_{3,2}$

Note:

Recall that hidden layer nodes are ReLU nodes

## Distance between 2 DNNs

Let  $N^1$  and  $N^2$  denote two DNNs with identical topology i.e. the same number of layers ( $n^1 = n^2$ ), and the same number of neurons in every pair of matching layers ( $s_i^1 = s_i^2$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n^1$ ).

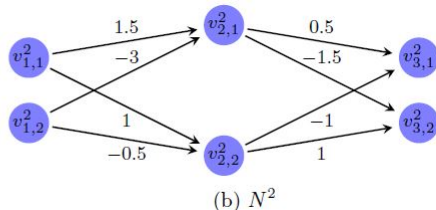
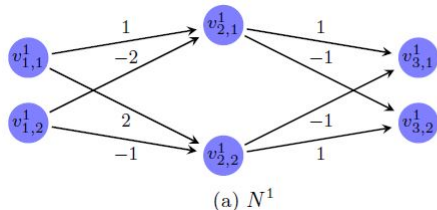
### Definition

We define an  $L$ -distance between  $N^1$  and  $N^2$  denoted  $\|N^1 - N^2\|_L$  as:

$$\|N^1 - N^2\|_L = \left( \sum_{i=2}^{n^1} \sum_{j=1}^{s_i^1} \sum_{k=1}^{s_{i-1}^1} |W_i^1[j, k] - W_i^2[j, k]|^L \right)^{1/L}$$

for  $L \neq \infty$

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$$\|N^1 - N^2\|_1 = (|-0.5| + |1| + |1| + |-0.5| + |0.5| + |0.5| + |0| + |0|)$$

$$\|N^1 - N^2\|_\infty = \max\{|-0.5|, |1|, |1|, |-0.5|, |0.5|, |0.5|, |0|, |0|\}$$

# DNN Minimal Repair Problem

## Input

- DNN  $N$  (A faulty one)
- Input points  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ , and desired predicates  $Q(N'(x_1), \dots, N'(x_n))$

## Goal

- Modify DNN  $N$  such that:
  - Distance between  $N$  and modified  $N'$  ( $\|N - N'\|_L$ ) is the least.
  - As mentioned before, can only modify weights.

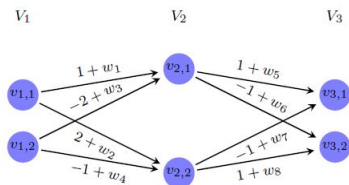
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$$\text{Min } \|N - N'\|_L$$

*subject to* :  $Q$

# How to generate the repaired network?



## Recall

- To get  $N'$ , we can only modify the weights.
- In this case, we have a single testcase to fix: input  $\langle 3,4 \rangle$  on which the current  $N$  produces  $v_{3,2} > v_{3,1}$  while  $Q$  specifies  $v_{3,1} \geq v_{3,2}$ .



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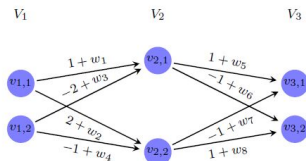
$$\text{Min } \|N - N'\|_L$$

$$\text{sub to : } v_{3,1} \geq v_{3,2}$$

$$v_{3,1} = (1 + w_5)\text{ReLU}(3(1 + w_1) + 4(-2 + w_3)) + (-1 + w_7)\text{ReLU}(3(2 + w_2) + 4(-1 + w_4))$$

$$v_{3,2} = (-1 + w_6)\text{ReLU}(3(1 + w_1) + 4(-2 + w_3)) + (1 + w_8)\text{ReLU}(3(2 + w_2) + 4(-1 + w_4))$$

Due to ReLU functions and multiplication of  $w$  variables, it is **non-linear** and **high-dimensional**.



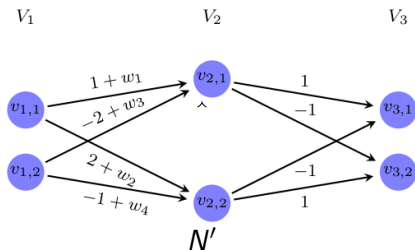
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- Larger networks make the constraints more complex.

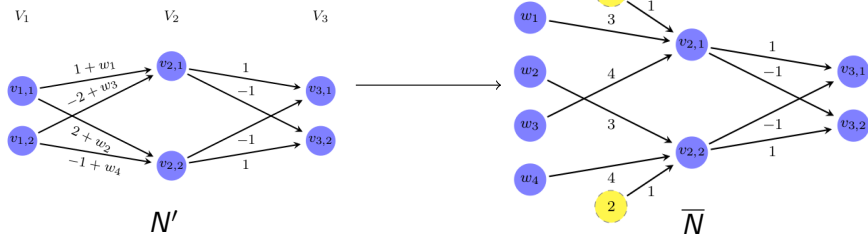
Problem!!

# Restricted Repair

To overcome the problem, repair is restricted to weight modifications in only a single layer.



# An interesting transformation



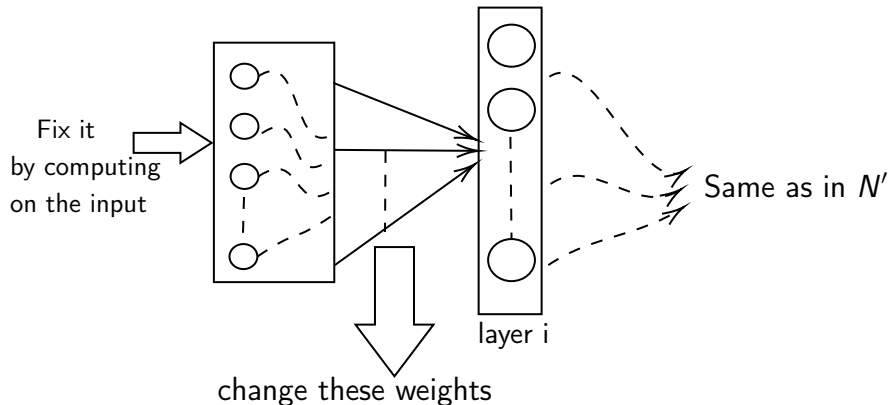
$$X = \{\langle 3, 4 \rangle\}$$

$$v_{3,1} = \text{ReLU}(3w_1 + 4w_3 - 5) - \text{ReLU}(3w_2 + 4w_4 + 2)$$

$$v_{3,2} = -\text{ReLU}(3w_1 + 4w_3 - 5) + \text{ReLU}(3w_2 + 4w_4 + 2)$$

**Note:** The two networks are equivalent.

# Modification to single layer



Construction of  $\bar{N}$

## Single layer modification

For some fixed point  $x \in X$ , for modified DNN  $N'$

$$V_k = V_{k'} \quad \forall k(1 \leq k \leq i-1)$$

$$V'_i = \text{ReLU}(W'_i V'_{i-1}) = \text{ReLU}((W_i + W_\epsilon) V'_{i-1}) \quad (1)$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

DNN  $\bar{N}$  (having input  $W_\epsilon$  and next(second) layer computes the ReLU function in equation 1, which is fed into layers  $, i + 1, \dots, n$  of  $N'$ ).

# DNN Repair reduced to DNN verification

## Summary till now

- We started with the faulty network  $N$  and an input output pair  $(3, 4)$
- We chose a layer in  $N$  and added all possible edge weight modifications in that layer to get  $N'$
- From  $N'$ , we got a transformed network  $\bar{N}$

## From Repair on $N$ to verification on $\bar{N}$

For  $x = \langle 3, 4 \rangle$ , and  $\delta > 0$ , consider the DNN Verification query with the following predicates on  $\bar{N}$ :

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Modification to  $N'$  is SAT implies that Repair with  $\delta$  is possible.



# DNN Repair reduced to DNN verification

## Proof.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Given that DNN verification problem is SAT.

$$\|N - N'\|_{\infty} = \max\{|w_1|, |w_2|, |w_3|, |w_4|\}$$

Since,  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq 4, |w_i| \leq \delta$ ,

$$\|N - N'\|_{\infty} \leq \delta$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) If DNN modification problem is SAT, then

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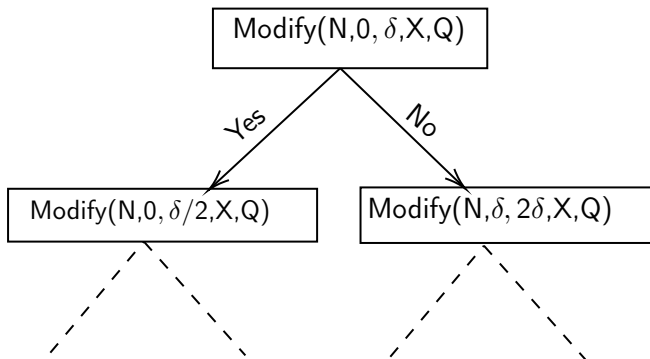
$$\Rightarrow \bigwedge_{i=1}^4 -\delta \leq w_i \leq \delta$$



# DNN Minimal Repair Problem

Consider the decision variant of the DNN Repair problem: given  $N, Q, X$  and  $\delta$ , does there exist any  $N'$  such that  $\|N' - N\|_L < \delta$ .

We can solve the minimal repair problem using binary search on  $\delta$ .



# DNN Minimal Repair reduced to DNN Verification

## Reduction

Using Binary search on  $\delta$ :

DNN minimal modification problem  $\Rightarrow$  DNN modification problem  $\Rightarrow$  DNN verification problem

## Modification for multiple points

For multiple points in  $X$ :

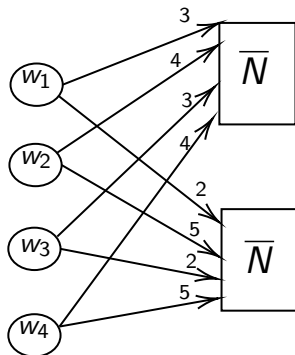
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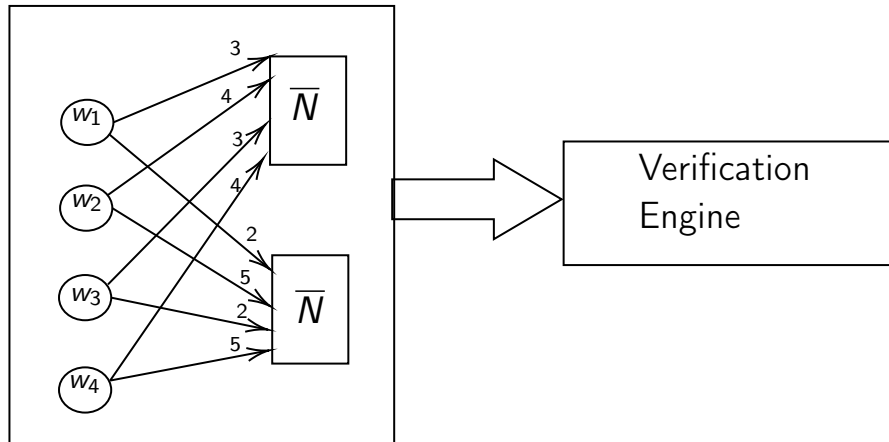
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Example:  $X = \{\langle 3, 4 \rangle \langle 2, 5 \rangle\}$



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- Modification for multiple points example:



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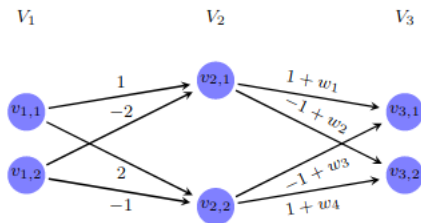
- DNN verification with RELU is NP-complete [Reference: Reluplex paper by Guy Katz et. al].
- Existence of multiple points in the set  $X$  makes the problem even more difficult.

## An interesting observation that helps

Changes limited to only the **weights towards output layer** will render the problem easier to solve.

- No ReLU nodes at the output layer.

# DNN Verification for modifying the output layer



Using the  $L_\infty$  norm, and by changing only the output layer, the minimal modification problem can be encoded as a linear program.



$$\text{Min : } \delta$$

$$\text{Sub to } \delta \geq 0$$

$$-\delta \leq w_1 \leq \delta$$

$$-\delta \leq w_2 \leq \delta$$

$$-\delta \leq w_3 \leq \delta$$

$$-\delta \leq w_4 \leq \delta$$

$$v_{3,1} = 0(1 + w_1) + 2(-1 + w_3)$$

$$v_{3,2} = 0(-1 + w_2) + 2(1 + w_4)$$

$$v_{3,1} \geq v_{3,2}$$

# DNN Verification for modifying the output layer

But using the  $L_1$  norm, Linear Program is not possible to due to absolute values.

## Watermark Resilience

For a DNN  $N$ , a watermark  $x$  is an input point, with a specific label  $l$ .

A set of watermarks  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is called  $\delta$ -resilient if for every DNN  $N'$  such that  $\|N - N'\| \leq \delta$ , it holds that  $N(x_i) = N'(x_i)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

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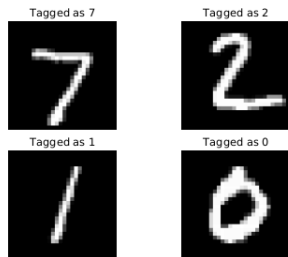
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Solving DNN minimal modification problem serves two purposes:

- Measuring the resilience of the Watermark set  $X$ .
- Comparing different watermarking schemes (for generating the set  $X$ ) for a DNN on the basis of resilience.

# Evaluation: Watermark Resilience



(a) Standard MNIST inputs.



(b) Watermark inputs.

Implemented as 3M-DNN tool.

3M-DNN is comprised of two logical levels:

- Search level: Heuristic search through possible changes to the values computed by the separation layers.
- Single-layer modification level: modifying the sub-networks

# Minimal Multi-Layer Modifications of Deep Neural Networks

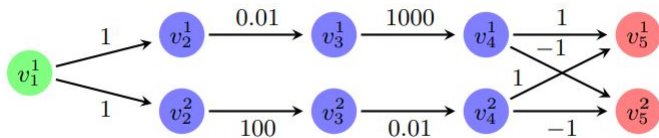
Goal is same as that in the minimal modification problem.

- Split the original DNN into multiple subnetworks.
- On input to first subnetwork, outputs of in between subnetworks are searched (using search heuristics).
- Apply **single layer modification** to the subnetworks
- **Best cost** and corresponding **best change** is found

Note:

It is an *Anytime* algorithm (more time gives better performance).

# Example

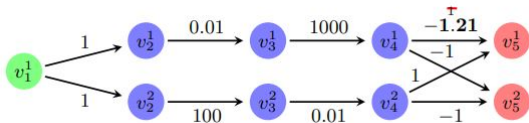


- On input 1,  $v_5^1 > v_5^2$
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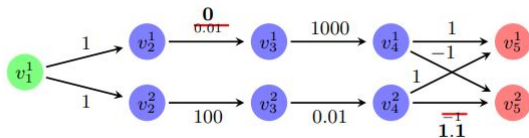


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