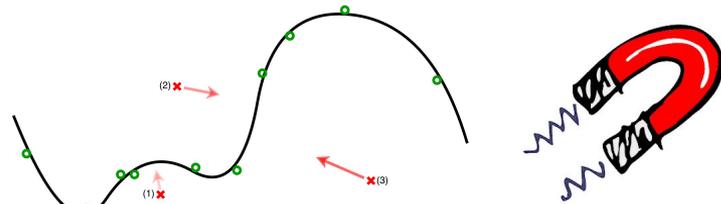


# Mag Net



*A Two-Pronged Defense against Adversarial Examples*

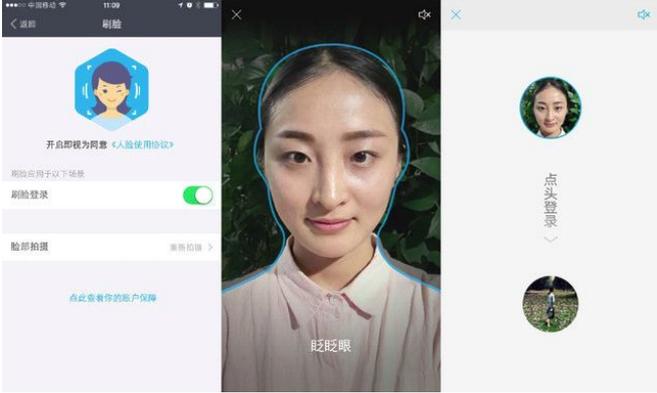
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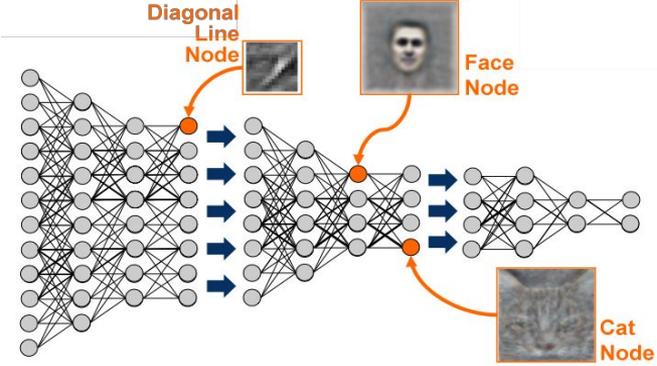
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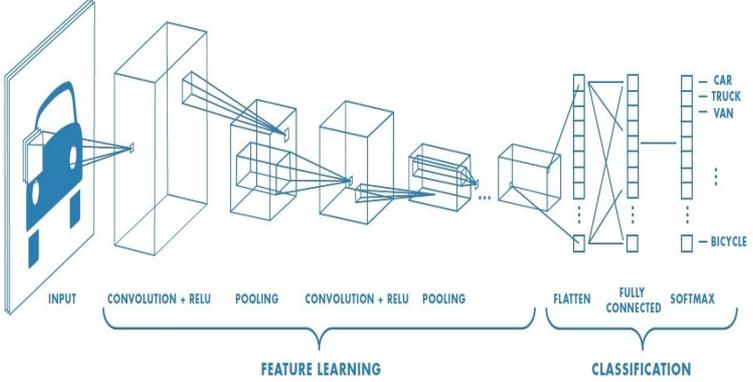
# Neural networks in real-life applications



user authentication



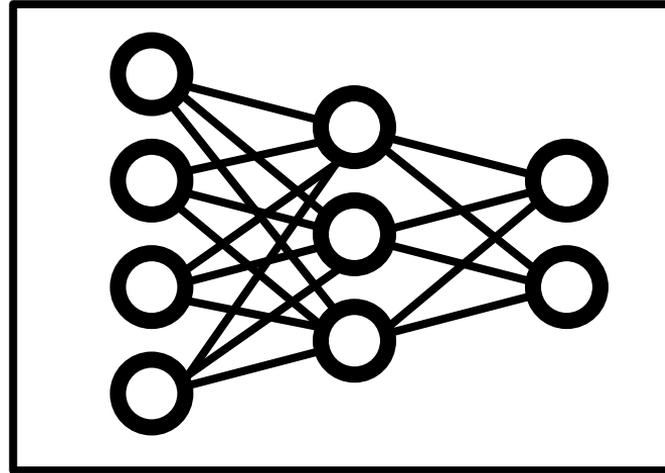
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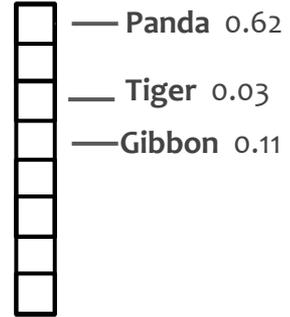
# Neural networks as classifier



Input



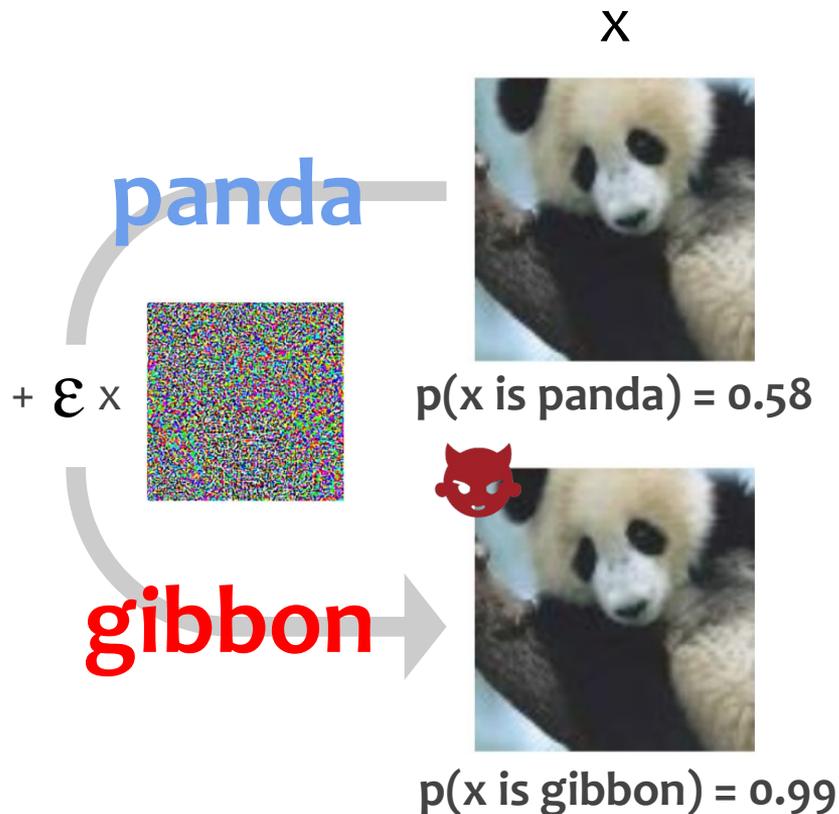
Classifier



Output  
(distribution)

# Adversarial examples

- Examples carefully crafted to
- look like normal examples
  - cause misclassification



# Attacks

$$x' = x + \epsilon \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_x \text{Loss}(x, l_x))$$

## Fast gradient sign method(FGSM)

[Goodfellow, 2015]

## Carlini's attack

[Carlini, 2017]

## Iterative gradient

[Kurakin, 2016]

## Deepfool

[Moosavi-Dezfooli, 2015]

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$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\delta}{\text{minimize}} && \|\delta\|_2 + c \cdot \underline{f(x + \delta)} \\ & \text{such that} && x + \delta \in [0, 1]^n \\ & && \underline{f(x')} = \max(Z(x')_{l_x} - \max\{Z(x')_i : i \neq l_x\}, \boxed{-\kappa}) \end{aligned}$$

confidence

# Defenses

target specific attack

modify classifier

Adversarial training

[Goodfellow, 2015]

Yes

Yes

Defensive distillation

[Papernot, 2016]

Yes

Yes

Detecting specific attacks

[Metzen, 2017]

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# Desirable properties

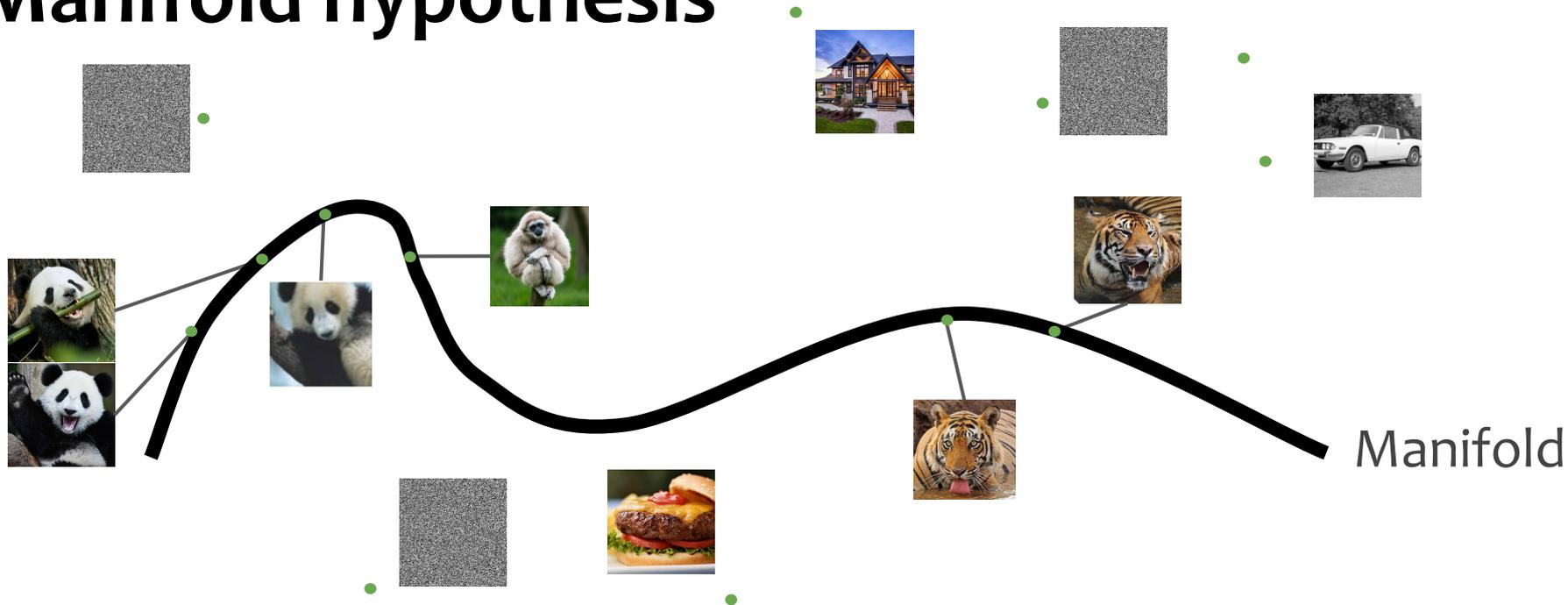
**Does not modify target classifier.**

- Can be deployed more easily as an add-on.

**Does not rely on attack-specific properties.**

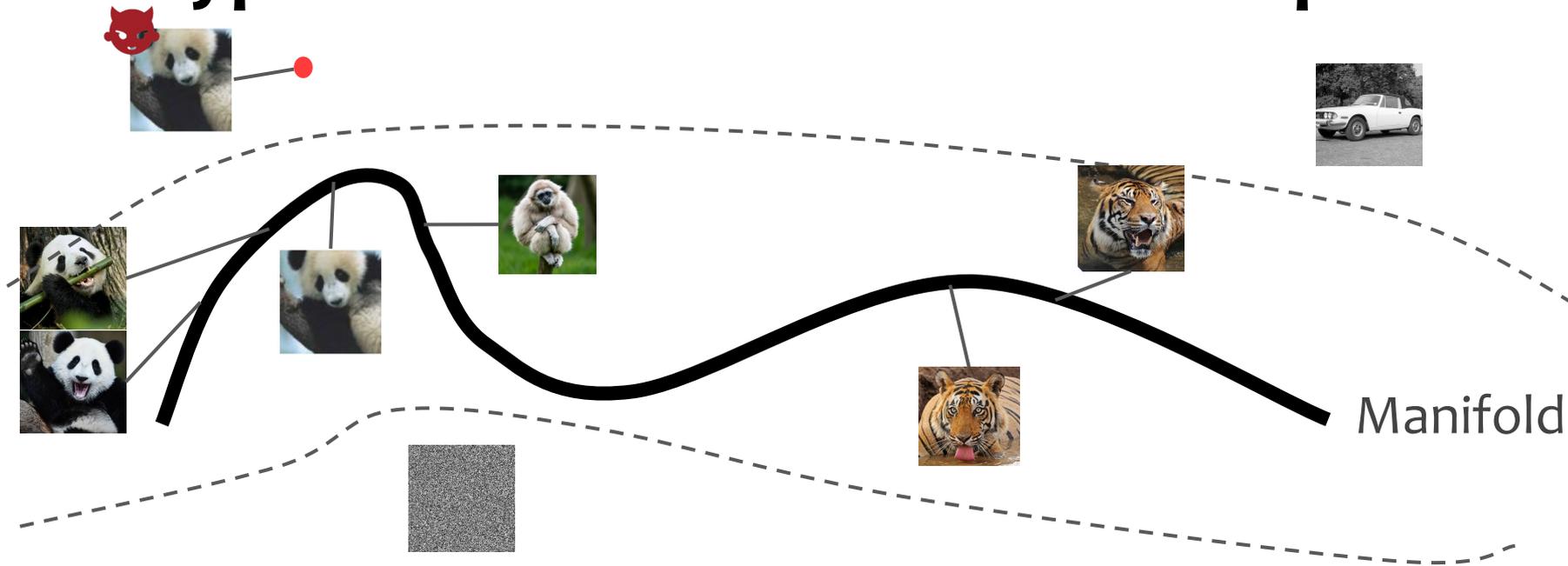
- Generalizes to unknown attacks.

# Manifold hypothesis



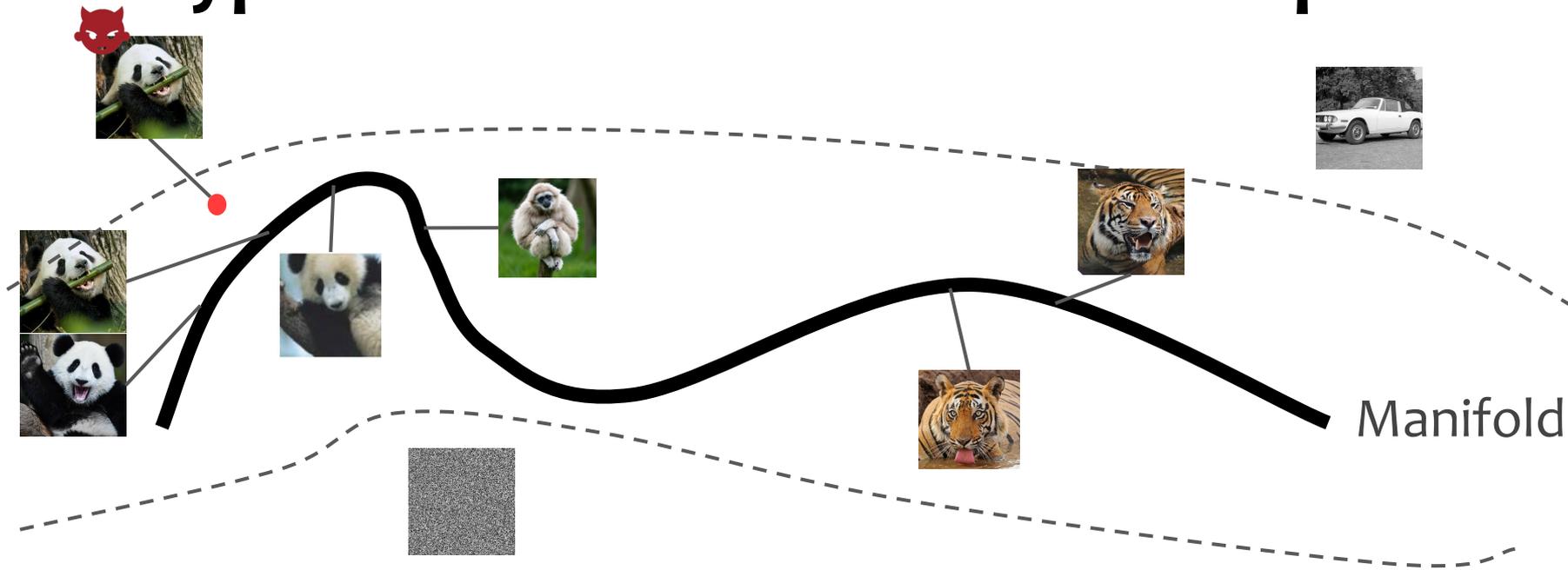
Possible inputs take up dense sample space.  
But inputs we care about lie on a low dimensional **manifold**.

# Our hypothesis for adversarial examples



Some adversarial examples are **far away** from the manifold.  
Classifiers are not trained to work on these inputs.

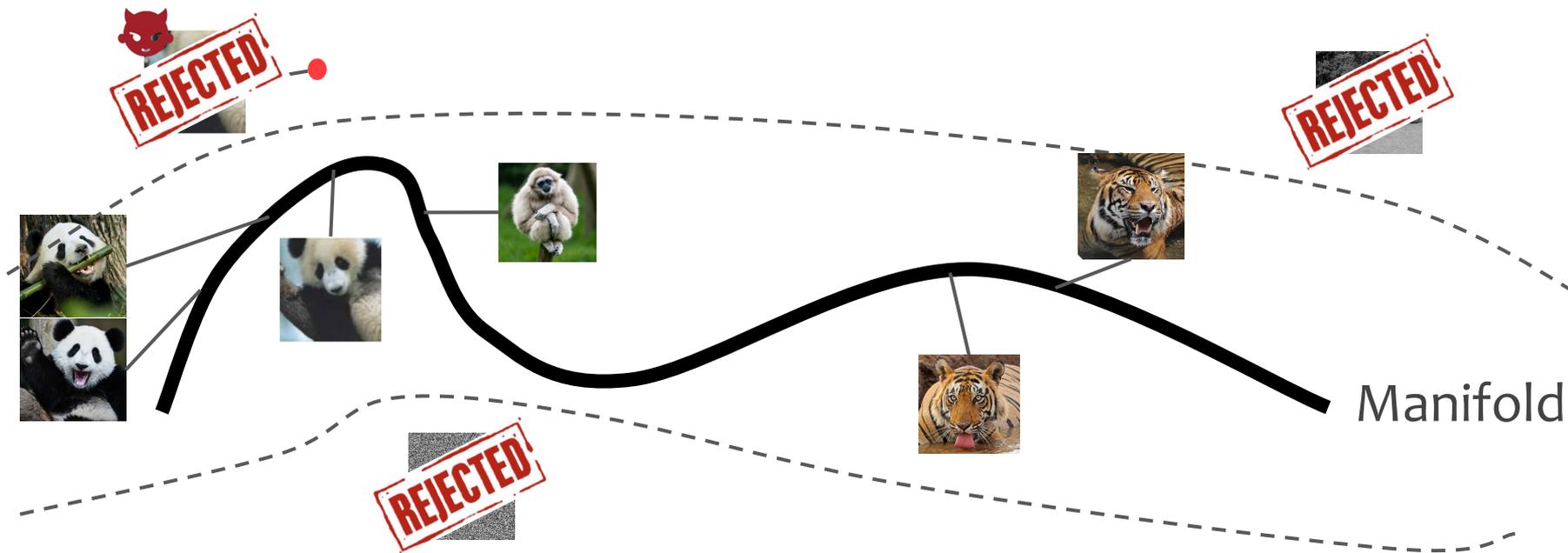
# Our hypothesis for adversarial examples



Other adversarial example are **close** to the manifold boundary where the classifier **generalizes poorly**.

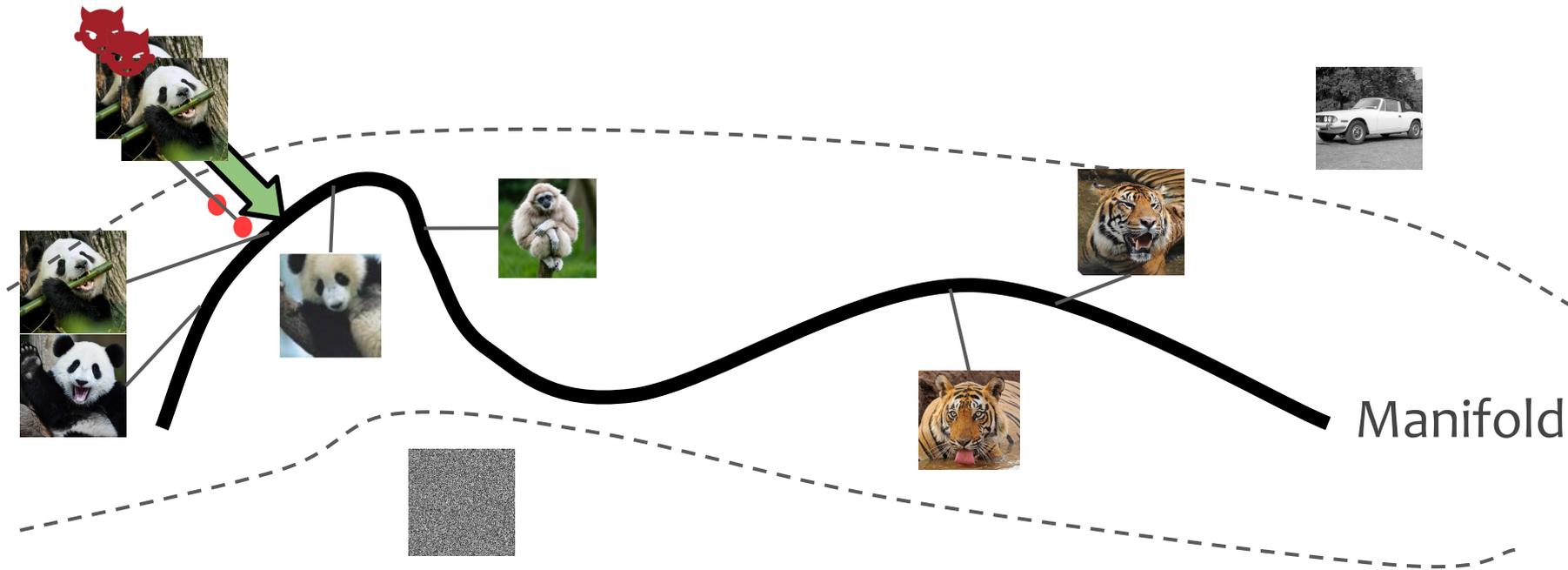
**Sanitize your inputs.**

# Our solution



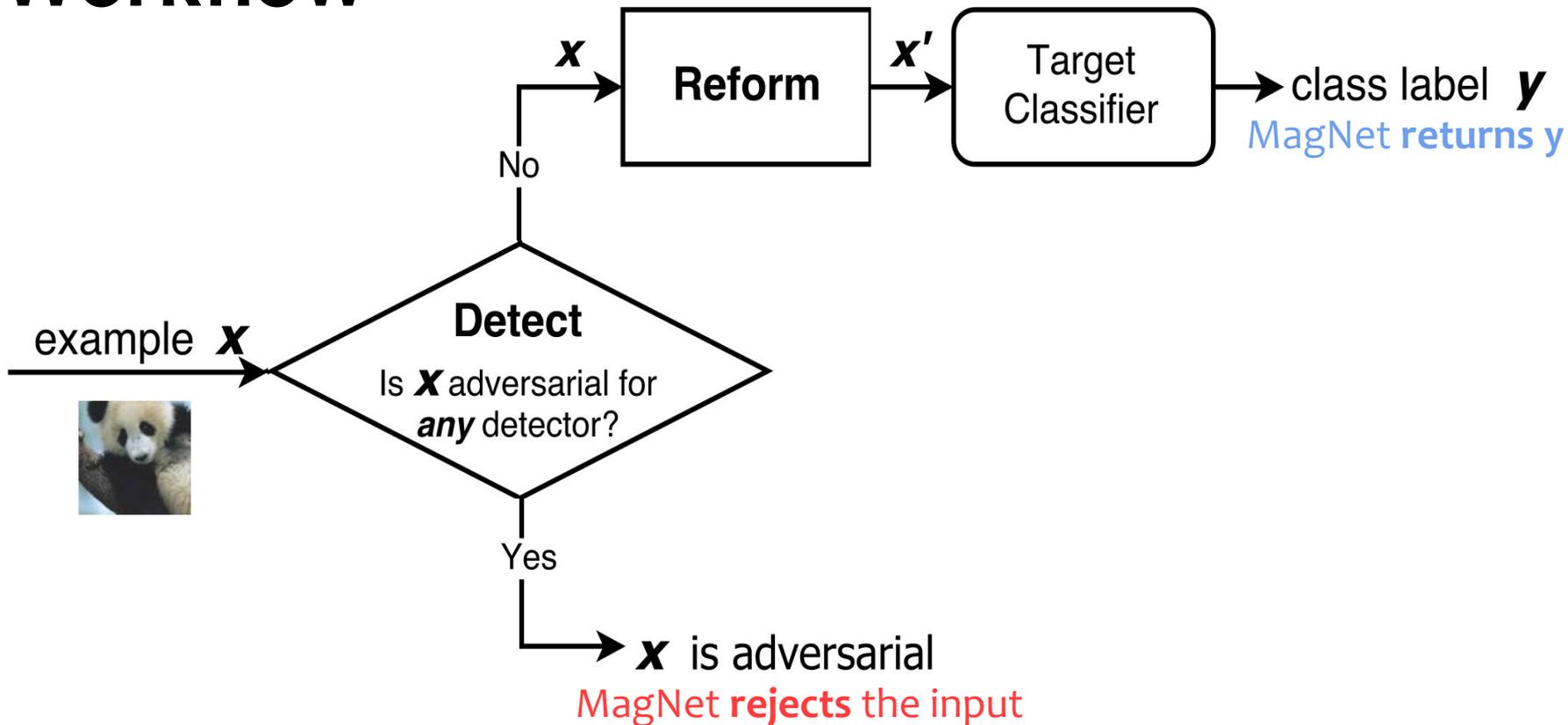
**Detector:** Decides if the example is far from the manifold.

# Our solution

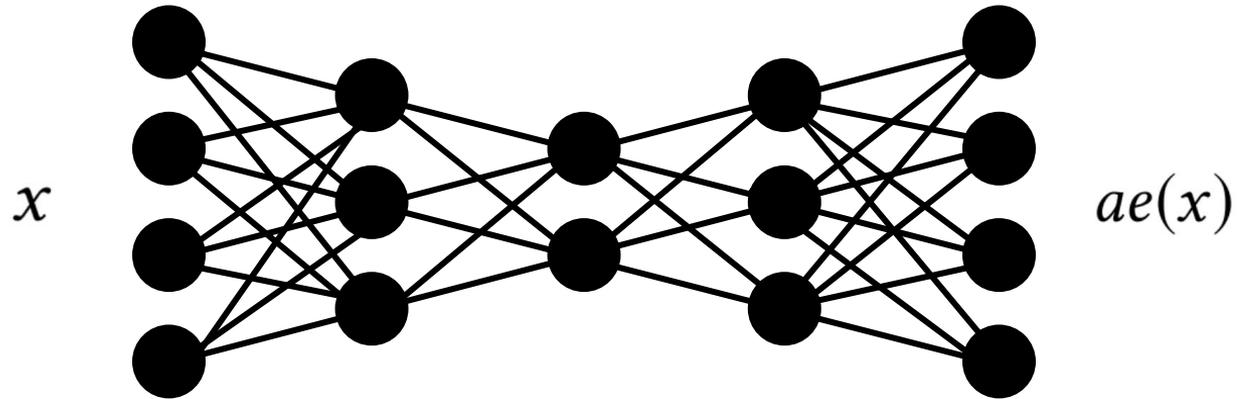


**Reformer:** Draws the example towards the manifold.

# Workflow



# Autoencoder

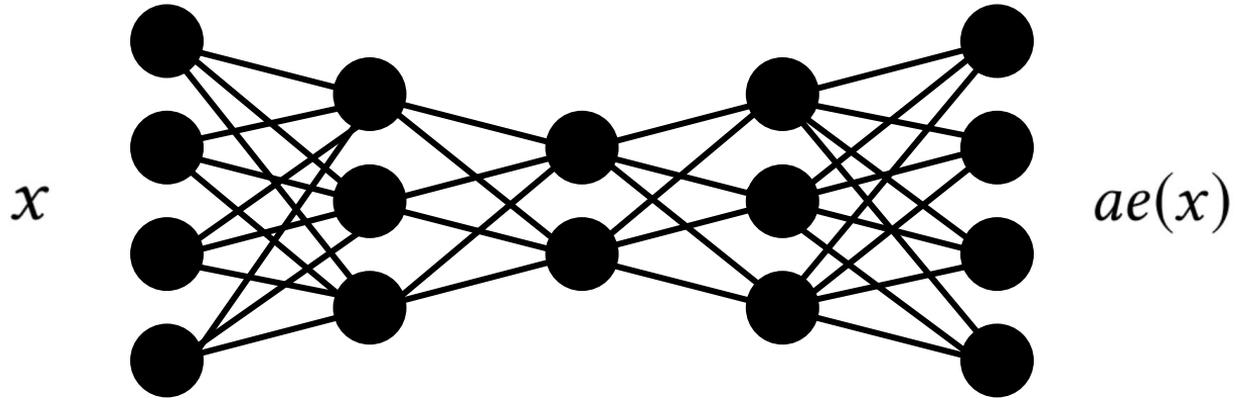


- Neural nets.
- Learn to copy input to output.
- Trained with constraints.

Reconstruction error:

$$\|x - ae(x)\|_2$$

# Autoencoder



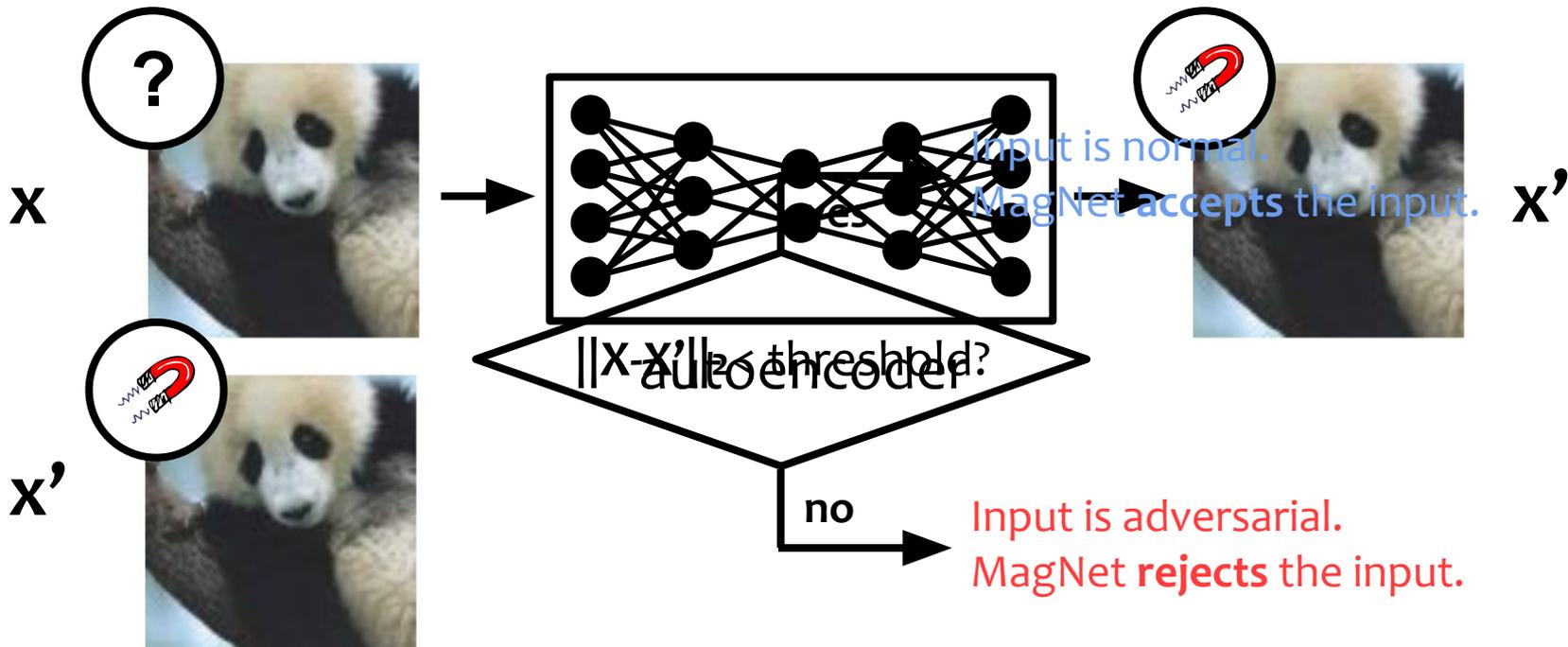
## Autoencoders

- learn to map inputs towards manifold.
- approximate input-manifold distance with reconstruction error.

Train autoencoders on **normal examples only** as building blocks.

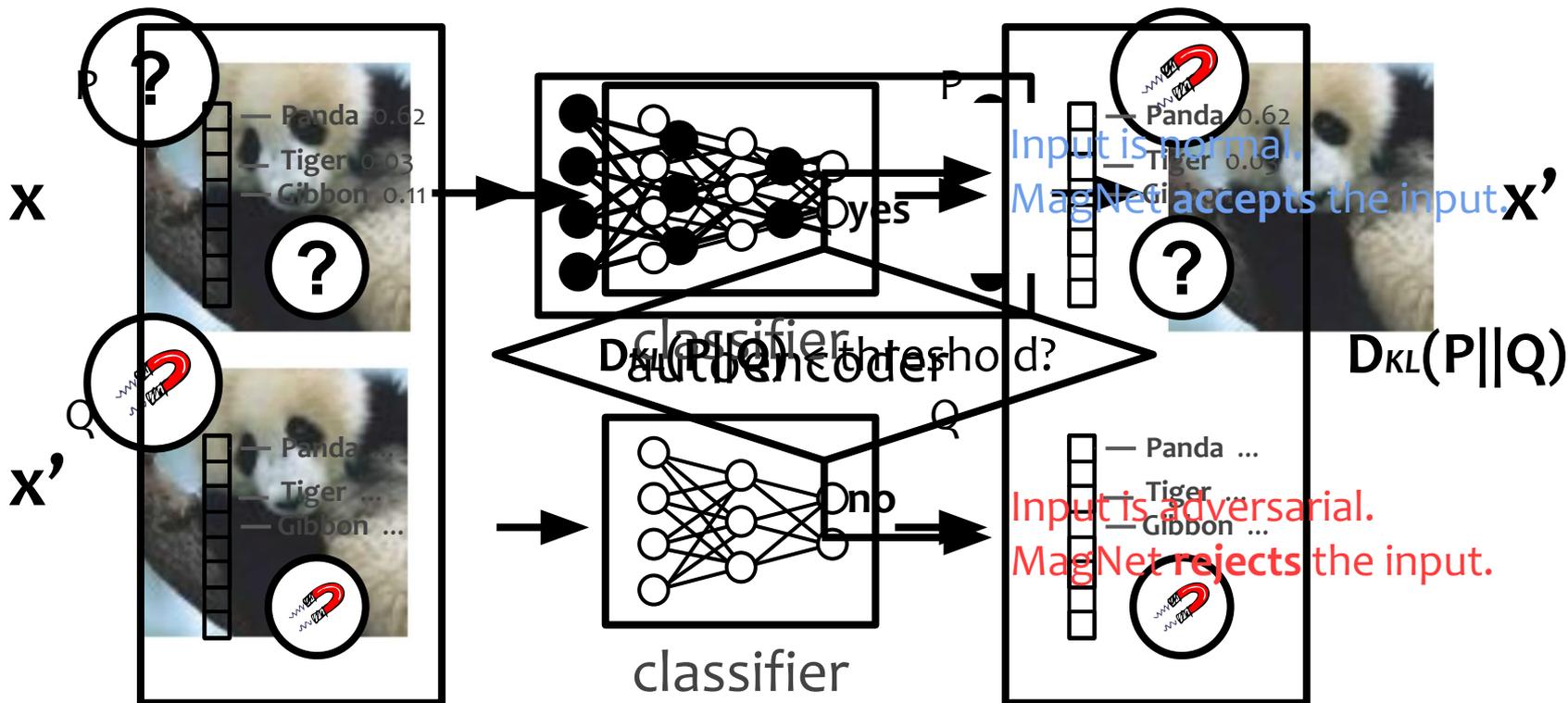
# Detector

-- based on reconstruction error

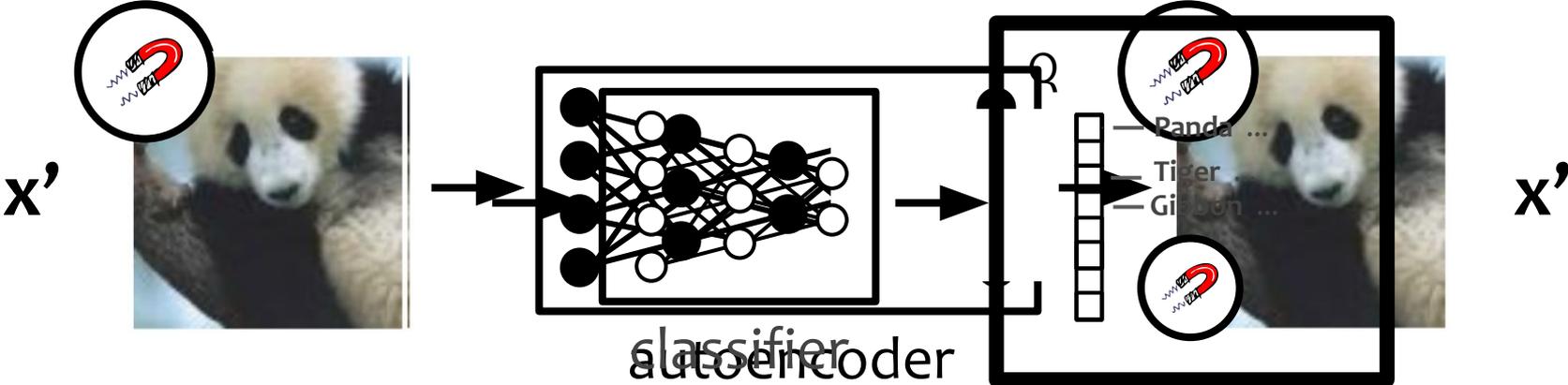
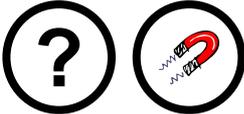


# Detector

-- based on probability divergence



# Reformer



MagNet returns  $Q$  as final classification result.

# Threat model



knows the parameters of ...

target classifier

defense

blackbox defense



whitebox defense



# Blackbox defense on MNIST dataset

**accuracy** on adversarial examples

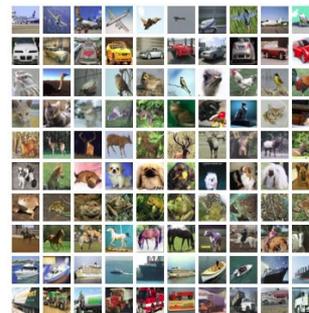
| Attack    | Norm       | Parameter          | No Defense | With Defense |
|-----------|------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| FGSM      | $L^\infty$ | $\epsilon = 0.005$ | 96.8%      | 100.0%       |
| FGSM      | $L^\infty$ | $\epsilon = 0.010$ | 91.1%      | 100.0%       |
| Iterative | $L^\infty$ | $\epsilon = 0.005$ | 95.2%      | 100.0%       |
| Iterative | $L^\infty$ | $\epsilon = 0.010$ | 72.0%      | 100.0%       |
| Iterative | $L^2$      | $\epsilon = 0.5$   | 86.7%      | 99.2%        |
| Iterative | $L^2$      | $\epsilon = 1.0$   | 76.6%      | 100.0%       |
| Deepfool  | $L^\infty$ |                    | 19.1%      | 99.4%        |
| Carlini   | $L^2$      |                    | 0.0%       | 99.5%        |
| Carlini   | $L^\infty$ |                    | 0.0%       | 99.8%        |
| Carlini   | $L^0$      |                    | 0.0%       | 92.0%        |



# Blackbox defense on CIFAR-10 dataset

**accuracy** on adversarial examples

| Attack    | Norm       | Parameter          | No Defense | With Defense |
|-----------|------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| FGSM      | $L^\infty$ | $\epsilon = 0.025$ | 46.0%      | 99.9%        |
| FGSM      | $L^\infty$ | $\epsilon = 0.050$ | 40.5%      | 100.0%       |
| Iterative | $L^\infty$ | $\epsilon = 0.010$ | 28.6%      | 96.0%        |
| Iterative | $L^\infty$ | $\epsilon = 0.025$ | 11.1%      | 99.9%        |
| Iterative | $L^2$      | $\epsilon = 0.25$  | 18.4%      | 76.3%        |
| Iterative | $L^2$      | $\epsilon = 0.50$  | 6.6%       | 83.3%        |
| Deepfool  | $L^\infty$ |                    | 4.5%       | 93.4%        |
| Carlini   | $L^2$      |                    | 0.0%       | 93.7%        |
| Carlini   | $L^\infty$ |                    | 0.0%       | 83.0%        |
| Carlini   | $L^0$      |                    | 0.0%       | 77.5%        |



# Detector vs. reformer

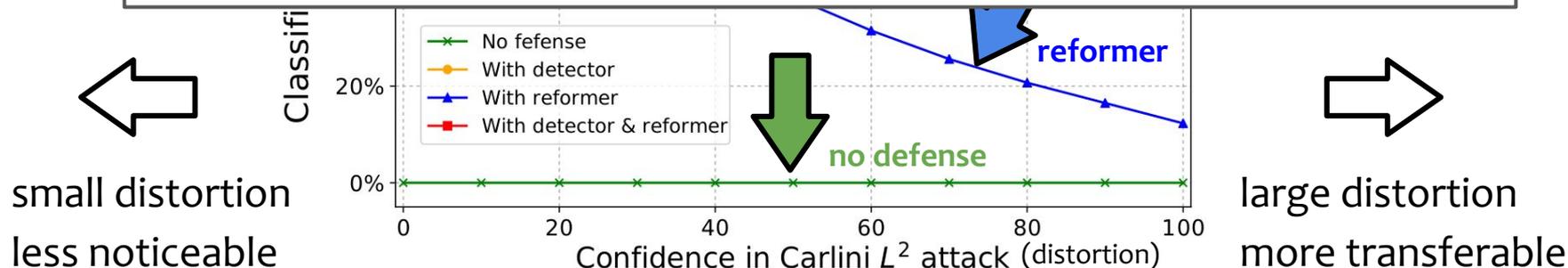
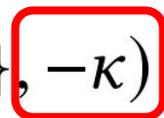


$$\underset{\delta}{\text{minimize}} \quad \|\delta\|_2 + c \cdot f(x + \delta)$$

$$\text{such that} \quad x + \delta \in [0, 1]^n$$

$$f(x') = \max(Z(x')_{l_x} - \max\{Z(x')_i : i \neq l_x\}, -\kappa)$$

confidence



Detector and reformer **complement each other.**

# Whitebox defense is not practical

To defeat whitebox attacker, defender has to either

- make it **impossible** for attacker to find adversarial examples,
- or create a **perfect** classification network.

# Graybox model



knows the parameters of...

classifier

defense

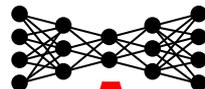
blackbox  
defense



graybox  
defense



whitebox  
defense



A



B



C



D

- Attacker knows possible defenses.
- Exact defense is only known at run time.

## Defense strategy

- Train diverse defenses.
- Randomly pick one for each session.

# Train diverse defenses

With MagNet, this means training diverse autoencoders.

## Our Method:

Train  $n$  autoencoders at the same time.

$$\text{Minimize } L(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{MSE}(x, ae_i(x)) - \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n \text{MSE}(ae_i(x), \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n ae_j(x))$$

reconstruction error

average reconstructed image

autoencoder diversity

# Graybox classification accuracy

generate attack on →

defend with

|        | A    | B    | C    | D    | E    | F    | G    | H    |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| A      | 0.0  | 92.8 | 92.5 | 93.1 | 91.8 | 91.8 | 92.5 | 93.6 |
| B      | 92.1 | 0.0  | 92.0 | 92.5 | 91.4 | 92.5 | 91.3 | 92.5 |
| C      | 93.2 | 93.8 | 0.0  | 92.8 | 93.3 | 94.1 | 92.7 | 93.6 |
| D      | 92.8 | 92.2 | 91.3 | 0.0  | 91.7 | 92.8 | 91.2 | 93.9 |
| E      | 93.3 | 94.0 | 93.4 | 93.2 | 0.0  | 93.4 | 91.0 | 92.8 |
| F      | 92.8 | 93.1 | 93.2 | 93.6 | 92.2 | 0.0  | 92.8 | 93.8 |
| G      | 92.5 | 93.1 | 92.0 | 92.2 | 90.5 | 93.5 | 0.1  | 93.4 |
| H      | 92.3 | 92.0 | 91.8 | 92.6 | 91.4 | 92.3 | 92.4 | 0.0  |
| Random | 81.1 | 81.4 | 80.8 | 81.3 | 80.3 | 81.3 | 80.5 | 81.7 |

# Limitations

The effectiveness of MagNet depends on assumptions that

- detector and reformer functions exist.
- we can approximate them with autoencoders.

We show empirically that these assumptions are likely correct.

# Conclusion

We propose MagNet framework:

- **Detector** detects examples far from the manifold
- **Reformer** moves examples closer to the manifold

We demonstrated effective defense against adversarial examples in blackbox scenario with MagNet.

Instead of whitebox model, we advocate **graybox** model, where security rests on model diversity.



# Thanks & Questions?

Find more about MagNet:

- <https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.09064>
- <https://github.com/Trevillie/MagNet>
- [mengdy.me](http://mengdy.me)

Paper

Demo code

Author homepage

