ECE1784H: Trustworthy Machine Learning

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Logistics

• Course syllabus: papernot.fr/teaching/f19-trustworthy-ml
  • Schedule (will be updated)
  • Assigned reading (will be updated)
  • Assignment description
  • Grading information
  • Ethics statement

• Class: Mondays 1-3pm
• Office hours: Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm
• Office location: Pratt 484E
What is this class?

This is not a ML course
What do I mean by trustworthy ML?

- Security
- Privacy
- Confidentiality
- Fairness & Ethics
- Safety
Again, this is not a ML course.

• Exam
  • Questions will test ML background
  • No studying is necessary if you have taken a ML course
  • Friday September 13 from 4PM to 5PM
  • BA1170
  • Let me know by email before tomorrow (Tuesday) noon if you have a conflict for this time so I can arrange a time for you to take the exam in my office
  • 30% of grade
  • If you are unable to answer questions, I strongly recommend dropping the course and taking a ML class first (e.g., ECE1513 in the Winter)
Format for weeks 2-10

• 1h30mn presentation of reading materials
  • Research papers
  • One team will present and lead the discussion
  • Interactive discussion (everyone should do the reading ahead of class)
  • One team will take notes and synthetize the discussion

• 30mn work on research projects

• Deadlines:
  • Thursday before class: presenting team shares slides by 6.00pm
  • Wednesday following class: notes team should turn in notes by 6.00pm
Before class: 1-page reading summary

• Read all papers posted on website
• Summarize your reading through 1 page summary:
  • what did the papers do well?
  • where did the papers fall short?
  • what did you learn from these papers?
  • what questions do you have about the papers?
• Typeset report in LaTeX (https://www.latex-project.org/)
  • First report not in LaTeX issued a warning
  • All following reports assigned 0
During class: notes + discussion

• All: ask questions from your 1-page summary
• Presenting team:
  • May choose an appropriate format
    • Slides
    • interactive demos
    • code tutorials
  • Should involve class
  • Should cover (at least) the papers assigned for reading
  • Time the presentation to last 1h30
• Notes team:
  • Takes notes to prepare report
Presentation rubric

• papernot.fr/teaching/rubric.pdf
• Technical:
  • Depth of content
  • Accuracy of content
  • Paper criticism
  • Discussion lead
• Soft presentation skills:
  • Time management
  • Responsiveness to audience
  • Organization
  • Presentation aids
After class: notes

• Notes team:
  • Synthesize both the presentation and questions / discussions
  • Report written collectively as a team
  • Typeset notes in LaTeX
    • recommended min 4 pages in default LaTeX article style
    • Include references
Lateness policy

• Paper presentations:
  • Deadline: slides must be turned in by 6pm on Thursday before the class
  • 10% per-day late penalty
  • up to a max of 2 days

• Paper summaries:
  • Deadline: beginning of each class
  • late assignments not accepted
  • 0 for the week if physical copy not turned in at the beginning of class

• Class notes:
  • Deadline: 6pm on Wednesday following the class
  • 10% per-day late penalty
  • up to a max of 4 days
Grading scheme

• 30% exam
• 20% paper presentation
• 10% paper summaries
• 10% class notes
• 30% research project
Integrity

Any instance of sharing or plagiarism, copying, cheating, or other disallowed behavior will constitute a breach of ethics. Students are responsible for reporting any violation of these rules by other students, and failure to constitutes an ethical violation that carries with it similar penalties.
Ethics

This course covers topics in personal and public privacy and security. As part of this investigation we will explore technologies whose abuse may infringe on the rights of others. As an instructor, I rely on the ethical use of these technologies. Unethical use may include circumvention of existing security or privacy measurements for any purpose, or the dissemination, promotion, or exploitation of vulnerabilities of these services. Exceptions to these guidelines may occur in the process of reporting vulnerabilities through public and authoritative channels. Any activity outside the letter or spirit of these guidelines will be reported to the proper authorities and may result in dismissal from the class. When in doubt, please contact the course professor for advice. Do not undertake any action which could be perceived as technology misuse anywhere and/or under any circumstances unless you have received explicit permission from the instructor.
Machine learning paradigm

- Training data (input + label)
- Learning hypothesis
- Model
- Test data (input)
- Fitting
- Inference
- Predictions
ML for spam detection

Emails + labels (spam/ham)

Neural networks

Fitting

Model

Inference

Unlabeled email

Flag as spam or mark as ham
ML paradigm in adversarial settings

Poisoning: adversary inserts emails that contain spam but removes them from the spam folder back to inbox
ML paradigm in adversarial settings

- Emails + labels (spam/ham)
- Neural networks

Fitting → Model → Inference

Unlabeled email

Flag as spam or mark as ham

Evasion: adversary crafts adversarial example that evades detection (spam email instantly marked as ham)
Membership inference: adversary inspects model to test whether an email was used to train it (privacy violation)
Risk of diabetes

Anorexia

Healthy
Adversarial examples (Szegedy et al., Biggio et al.)

Anorexia

Risk of diabetes

Healthy

Age

Weight
Age

Weight

Risk of diabetes

Healthy

Anorexia

Healthy

Risk of diabetes
Membership inference attacks (Shokri et al.)
ML paradigm in adversarial settings

Emails + labels (spam/ham) → Fitting → Model → Inference

Neural networks

Unlabeled email

Flag as spam or mark as ham

Model extraction: adversary observes predictions and reconstructs model locally
Societal aspects of the ML paradigm

Driving data

Neural networks

Fitting

Autonomous Driving Model

Inference

New road condition

Turn wheel

Safety: if training data is not comprehensive, driveless car may not take appropriate action
Societal aspects of the ML paradigm

**Faces + Identity label**

**Neural networks**

**Fitting**

**Model**

**Inference**

**Identity**

**Face**

**Fairness:** if training data does not contain enough faces from a minority, accuracy at inference suffers (model does not build relevant features)
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<td>Reading: Wong and Kolter, Provable defenses against adversarial examples via the convex outer adversarial polytope.</td>
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<td>Reading: Lecuyer et al., Certified Robustness to Adversarial Examples with Differential Privacy.</td>
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<td>Reading: Geirhos et al., ImageNet-trained CNNs are biased towards texture; increasing shape bias improves accuracy and robustness.</td>
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Saltzer and Schroeder’s principles

**Economy of mechanism.**
Keep the design of security mechanisms simple.

**Fail-safe defaults.**
Base access decisions on permission rather than exclusion.

**Complete mediation.**
Every access to an object is checked for authority.

**Open design.**
The design of security mechanisms should not be secret.

**Separation of privilege.**
A protection mechanism that requires two keys to unlock is more robust and flexible.

**Least privilege.**
Every user operates with least privileges necessary.

**Least common mechanism.**
Minimize mechanisms depended on by all users.

**Psychological acceptability.**
Human interface designed for ease of use.

**Work factor.**
Balance cost of circumventing the mechanism with known attacker resources.

**Compromise recording.**
Mechanisms that reliably record compromises can be used in place of mechanisms that prevent loss.
Fail-safe defaults

**Example 1:** do not output low-confidence predictions at test time

**Example 2:** mitigate data poisoning resulting in a distribution drift

**Attacker:** submits poisoned points to gradually change a model’s decision boundary

**Defender:** compares accuracy on holdout validation set *before* applying gradients

Is performance comparable on holdout data? Yes

New data batch

Is

No
Open design

Example 1: black-box attacks are not particularly more difficult than white-box attacks

Insider leaks model
Reverse engineering
Model extraction
Black-box model
Transferability

ACM:2650798 (Šrndic and Laskov); arXiv:1602.02697 (Papernot et al.)
Separation of privilege
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https://www.cs.virginia.edu/~evans/cs551/saltzer/
Trusted Computing Base?

- Physical Domain: sensors, camera, I/O hardware
- Digital Representation: Object, action, Bits
- Machine Learning Model: Pre-processing, Apply model, Output analysis
- Physical Domain: Action

- Generic Machine Learning System: Object, action
- Automotive Computer Vision: Traffic sign, Camera, Pre-processing, 3D tensor in [0,1], Output analysis, Car brakes
- Network Intrusion Detection: Packet sniffing on network card, Pre-processing, Packet headers Flow metadata, Output analysis, Shutdown infrastructure
Research project

• 30mn in class each week, plus work outside class
• Take a look at topics and papers covered in the syllabus
• Identify two areas of interest
• Formulate a project proposal (1/2 page, due by next week)
  • Proposed title
  • Proposed team (optional)
  • Proposed problem
  • Proposed methodology (optional)
  • Alternative topic you would be interested in
• I will help form teams after September 23rd if you do not already have teammates by then
• Exam (30% of grade):
  • Friday September 13 from 4PM to 5PM
  • BA1170

• [ASSIGNMENT] 1 page summary of all papers assigned for reading is due at the beginning of each class (bring a physical copy)

• [ASSIGNMENT] Project proposal (1/2 page)

• I will reach out to a group of students to prepare the presentation for next class.

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• EXIT FORM
  • Write down name + 2 things you hope to learn this semester