

---

# Make Some Noise: Reliable and Efficient Single-Step Adversarial Training

---

Pau de Jorge<sup>1,2</sup> Adel Bibi<sup>1</sup> Riccardo Volpi<sup>2</sup> Amartya Sanyal<sup>3,4</sup>  
Philip H.S. Torr<sup>1</sup> Grégory Rogez<sup>2</sup> Puneet K. Dokania<sup>1,5</sup>

## Abstract

Recently, Wong et al. (2020) showed that adversarial training with single-step FGSM leads to a characteristic failure mode named *Catastrophic Overfitting* (CO), in which a model becomes suddenly vulnerable to multi-step attacks. Experimentally they showed that simply adding a random perturbation prior to FGSM (RS-FGSM) could prevent CO. However, Andriushchenko & Flammarion (2020) observed that RS-FGSM still leads to CO for larger perturbations, and proposed a computationally expensive regularizer (GradAlign) to avoid it. In this work, we methodically revisit the role of noise and clipping in single-step adversarial training. Contrary to previous intuitions, we find that using a *stronger noise* around the clean sample combined with *not clipping* is highly effective in avoiding CO for large perturbation radii. We then propose *Noise-FGSM* (N-FGSM) that, while providing the benefits of single-step adversarial training, does not suffer from CO. Empirical analyses on a large suite of experiments show that N-FGSM is able to match or surpass the performance of previous state-of-the-art GradAlign, while achieving 3× speed-up. Code can be found in <https://github.com/pdejorge/N-FGSM>

## 1. Introduction

Deep neural networks have achieved remarkable performance on a variety of tasks (He et al., 2015; Silver et al., 2016; Devlin et al., 2019). However, it is well known that they are vulnerable to small worst-case perturbations around the input data – commonly referred to as *adversarial examples* (Szegedy et al., 2014). The existence of such

adversarial examples poses a security threat to deploying models in sensitive environments (Biggio & Roli, 2018; Bloor et al., 2019). This has motivated a large body of work towards improving the *adversarial robustness* of neural networks (Goodfellow et al., 2015; Papernot et al., 2016; Tramèr et al., 2018; Sanyal et al., 2018; Cisse et al., 2017).

The most popular family of methods for learning robust neural networks is based on the concept of *adversarial training* (Goodfellow et al., 2015; Madry et al., 2018). In a nutshell, adversarial training can be posed as a min-max problem where instead of minimizing some loss over a dataset of *clean* samples, we augment the inputs with worst-case perturbations that are generated online during training. However, obtaining such perturbations is NP-hard (Weng et al., 2018) and hence, different *adversarial attacks* have been suggested that approximate them. In their seminal work, Goodfellow et al. (2015) proposed the *Fast Gradient Sign Method* (FGSM), that generates adversarial attacks by performing a gradient ascent step on the loss function. Yet, while FGSM-based adversarial training provides robustness against single-step FGSM adversaries, Tramèr et al. (2018) showed that these models are still vulnerable to multi-step attacks, namely those allowed to perform multiple gradient ascent steps. Given their better (robust) performance, multi-step attacks such as *Projected Gradient Descent* (PGD) (Madry et al., 2018) have now become the de facto standard for adversarial training.

The main downside of multi-step adversarial training is that the cost of these attacks increases linearly with the number of steps, making their applicability often computationally prohibitive. For this reason, several works have focused on reducing the cost of adversarial training by approximating the worst-case perturbations with single-step attacks (Wong et al., 2020; Shafahi et al., 2019; Vivek & Babu, 2020). In particular, Wong et al. (2020) studied FGSM adversarial training and discovered that it suffers from a characteristic failure mode, in which a model suddenly becomes vulnerable to multi-step attacks despite remaining robust to single-step attacks. This phenomenon is referred to as *Catastrophic Overfitting* (CO). As a solution, they argued that adding a random perturbation prior to FGSM (RS-FGSM) seemed sufficient to prevent CO and produce robust models. Yet, Andriushchenko &

<sup>1</sup>University of Oxford, Oxford, UK <sup>2</sup>Naver Labs Europe, Grenoble, France <sup>3</sup>ETH, Zürich, Switzerland <sup>4</sup>ETH AI Center, Zürich, Switzerland <sup>5</sup>Five AI Ltd., Oxford, UK. Correspondence to: Pau de Jorge <pau@robots.ox.ac.uk>.

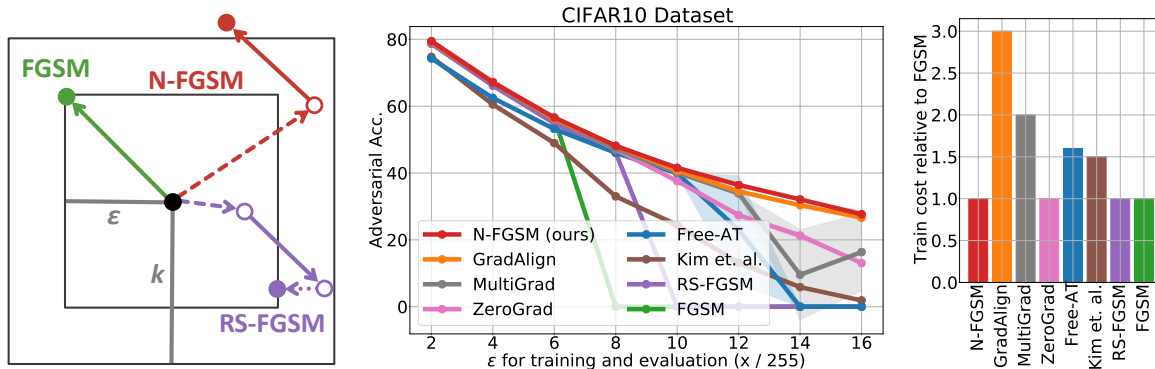


Figure 1. **Left:** Visualization of FGSM (Goodfellow et al., 2015), RS-FGSM (Wong et al., 2020) and N-FGSM (ours) attacks. While RS-FGSM is limited to noise in the  $\epsilon - l_\infty$  ball, N-FGSM draws noise from an arbitrary  $k - l_\infty$  ball. Moreover, N-FGSM does not clip the perturbation around the clean sample. **Middle:** Comparison of single-step methods on CIFAR-10 with PreactResNet18 over different perturbation radii ( $\epsilon$  is divided by 255). Our method, N-FGSM, can match or surpass state-of-the-art results while *reducing the cost by a  $3\times$  factor*. Adversarial accuracy is based on PGD-50-10 and experiments are averaged over 3 seeds. **Right:** Comparison of training costs relative to FGSM baseline based on the number of Forward-Backward passes, see Appendix O for details.

Flammarion (2020) recently observed that RS-FGSM still leads to CO as one increases the perturbation radii of the attacks. They suggested a regularizer (GradAlign) that can avoid CO in the settings they considered, but at the expense of computing a double derivative – significantly increasing the computational cost with respect to RS-FGSM.

In this paper, we revisit the idea of including noise in single-step attacks. Differently from previous methods that consider the noise as part of the attack, we propose an adversarial training procedure where the noise is used as a form of *data augmentation*. As we detail in Section 4, this motivates us to introduce two main changes with respect to previous methods: 1) We center adversarial perturbations with respect to noise-augmented samples and therefore, unlike previous RS-FGSM, we do not clip around the clean samples. 2) We use noise perturbations larger than the  $\epsilon$ -ball, since they are not restricted by the strength of the attack anymore.

Our experiments show that performing data augmentation with sufficiently *strong noise* and removing the *clipping step* improves model robustness and prevents CO, even against large perturbation radii. Our new method, termed N-FGSM, matches, or even surpasses, the robust accuracy of the regularized FGSM introduced by Andriushchenko & Flammarion (2020) (GradAlign), while *providing a  $3\times$  speed-up*.

To corroborate the effectiveness of our solution, we present an experimental survey of recently proposed single-step attacks and empirically demonstrate that N-FGSM trades-off robustness and computational cost better than any other single-step approach, evaluated over a large spectrum of perturbation radii (see Figure 1, middle and right panels), over several datasets (CIFAR-10, CIFAR-100, and SVHN) and architectures (PreActResNet18 and WideResNet28-10). We will release our code to reproduce the experiments.

## 2. Related Work

Since the discovery of adversarial examples, many defense mechanisms have been proposed, *adversarial training* being one of the most popular and empirically validated. We can categorise adversarial training methods based on how they approximate the perturbations applied to training samples. *Multi-step* approaches approximate an inner maximization problem to find the worst-case perturbation with several gradient ascent steps (Zhang et al., 2019; Kurakin et al., 2017; Madry et al., 2018). While this provides a better approximation, it is also more expensive. At the other end of the spectrum, *single-step* methods only use one gradient step to approximate the worst case perturbation. Goodfellow et al. (2015) first proposed FGSM; Tramèr et al. (2018) proposed a new variant with an additional random step (R+FGSM), but observed that both methods were vulnerable to multi-step attacks. Shafahi et al. (2019) proposed *Free Adversarial Training* (Free-AT), which successfully reduced the computational cost of training by using a single backward pass to compute both weight update and attack. Motivated by this, Wong et al. (2020) explored a variant of R+FGSM, namely RS-FGSM, that uses a less restrictive form of noise and showed this can improve robustness for moderate perturbation radii at the same cost as FGSM. Recently, Andriushchenko & Flammarion (2020) proposed the GradAlign regularizer. Combining FGSM with GradAlign results in robust models at even larger perturbation radii. However, GradAlign suffers from a *threefold* increase in the training cost to as compared to FGSM. The need for more efficient solutions has motivated a growing body of work whose goal is the design of computationally lighter single-step methods (Golgooni et al., 2021; Kim et al., 2021; Vivek & Babu, 2020; Park & Lee, 2021; Li et al., 2020).

In this work, we revisit the idea of combining noise with the FGSM attack. Our method builds upon FGSM and intuitions from R+FGSM and RS-FGSM to combine it with random perturbations, however, we consider the noise step as data augmentation rather than part of the attack. This motivates us to use a stronger noise *without* clipping. As opposed to (Kang & Moosavi-Dezfooli, 2021), our thorough study leads to a practically effective approach that yields robustness also against large perturbation radii.

### 3. Preliminaries

Given a classifier  $f_\theta : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  parameterized by  $\theta$  and a perturbation set  $\mathcal{S}$ ,  $f_\theta$  is defined as *robust* at  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  on the set  $\mathcal{S}$  if for all  $\delta \in \mathcal{S}$  we have  $f_\theta(x + \delta) = f_\theta(x)$ . One of the most popular definitions for  $\mathcal{S}$  is the  $\epsilon - \ell_\infty$  ball, *i.e.*,  $\mathcal{S} = \{\delta : \|\delta\|_\infty \leq \epsilon\}$ . This is known as the  $\ell_\infty$  threat model which we adopt throughout this work.

To train networks that are robust against  $\ell_\infty$  threat models, adversarial training modifies the classical training procedure of minimizing a loss function over a dataset  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1:N}$  of images  $x_i \in \mathcal{X}$  and labels  $y_i \in \mathcal{Y}$ . In particular, adversarial training instead minimizes the worst-case loss over the perturbation set  $\mathcal{S}$ , *i.e.*, training is on the adversarially perturbed samples  $\{(x_i + \delta_i, y_i)\}_{i=1:N}$ . Under the  $\ell_\infty$  threat model, we can formalize adversarial training as solving the following problem:

$$\min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^N \max_{\delta} \mathcal{L}(f_\theta(x_i + \delta), y_i) \quad \text{s.t. } \|\delta\|_\infty \leq \epsilon, \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathcal{L}$  is typically the cross-entropy loss. Due to the difficulty of finding the exact inner maximizer, the most common procedure for adversarial training is to approximate the worst-case perturbation through several PGD steps (Madry et al., 2018). While PGD has been shown to yield robust models, its cost increases linearly with the number of steps. As a result, several works have focused on reducing the cost of adversarial training by approximating the inner maximization with a single-step.

If the loss function is linear with respect to the input, the inner maximization of Equation (1) will enjoy a closed form solution. Goodfellow et al. (2015) leveraged this to propose FGSM, where the adversarial perturbation follows the direction of the sign of the gradient. Tramèr et al. (2018) proposed adding a random initialization prior to FGSM. However, both methods were later shown to be vulnerable against multi-step attacks, such as PGD. Contrary to prior intuition, recent work from Wong et al. (2020) observed that combining a random step with FGSM can actually lead to a promising robustness performance. In particular, most recent single-step methods approximate the worst-case

perturbation solving the inner maximization problem in Equation (1) with the following general form:

$$\delta = \psi\left(\eta + \alpha \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_{x_i} \mathcal{L}(f_\theta(x_i + \eta), y_i))\right), \quad (2)$$

where  $\eta$  is drawn from a distribution  $\Omega$ . For example, when  $\psi$  is the projection operator onto the  $\ell_\infty$  ball and  $\Omega$  is the uniform distribution  $[-\epsilon, \epsilon]^d$ , where  $d$  is the dimension of  $\mathcal{X}$ , this recovers RS-FGSM. Under a different noise setting where  $\Omega = (\epsilon - \alpha) \cdot \text{sign}(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}_d, \mathbf{I}_d))$  and by choosing the step size  $\alpha$  to be in  $[0, \epsilon]$ , we recover R+FGSM by Tramèr et al. (2018). This was among the first works to explore the application of noise to FGSM, but did not report improvements over it. If we consider  $\Omega$  to be deterministically 0 and  $\psi$  to be the identity map, we recover FGSM. Finally, if we take FGSM and add a gradient alignment regularizer, this recovers GradAlign.

### 4. Noise and FGSM

Previous methods that combined noise with FGSM, *e.g.*, R+FGSM (Tramèr et al., 2018) and RS-FGSM (Wong et al., 2020), have considered the noise as a *random step* integrated within the attack. Since it is a common practice to restrict adversarial perturbations to the  $\epsilon$ -ball, we argue that this introduces a trade-off between the magnitude of the random step and that of the attack. For illustration, consider the purple lines corresponding to RS-FGSM in Figure 1 (left). If the initial random step is significantly larger than the  $\epsilon$ -ball, then the final clipping step will have a noticeable impact on the perturbation, possibly removing a considerable portion of the FGSM step (middle arrow). To prevent this from happening, R+FGSM and RS-FGSM restrict the random step to lie within the  $\epsilon$ -ball, thereof implicitly entangling the noise magnitude and the attack strength.

Contrary to previous methods, we note that adding noise to the clean sample can be considered as a form of *data augmentation* to be applied independently from the attack. We make two considerations from this perspective 1) When one performs data augmentation during adversarial training, the input after the corresponding transformation is the starting point to compute the adversarial perturbations, therefore, we argue that adversarial attacks should be centered around the noise-augmented samples. This motivates us to *avoid clipping* around the clean sample. 2) We do not need to restrict the noise augmentation to lie inside an  $\epsilon$ -ball, since its strength is disentangled from that of the attack. Thus, we can use *stronger noise-augmentations* than previous methods.

These modifications lead to a novel adversarial training method that combines noise-based data augmentations with FGSM. We denote it as Noise-FGSM (N-FGSM). Following the notation introduced in Section 3, we define the noise augmented sample as  $x_{\text{aug}} = x + \eta$  where  $\eta$  is

sampled from a uniform distribution on  $[-k, k]^d$  (where we can have  $k > \epsilon$ ). Then the adversarially perturbed samples have the following form:

$$x_{\text{N-FGSM}} = x_{\text{aug}} + \alpha \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_{x_{\text{aug}}} \mathcal{L}(f_{\theta}(x_{\text{aug}}), y)). \quad (3)$$

This construction corresponds to augmenting the clean sample  $x$  with the perturbation defined in Equation (2) where  $\psi$  is the identity map and  $\Omega$  is the uniform distribution spanning  $[-k, k]^d$ . We detail our full adversarial training procedure in Algorithm 1. In what follows, we analyse the effect of treating the noise as data augmentation as opposed to treating it as a random step within the attack. In particular, we show that clipping around the clean sample  $x$  (as done in RS-FGSM) can strongly degrade the robustness of the network. Moreover, we show that as we increase the  $\epsilon$  radii of adversarial attacks, we need stronger noise perturbations than previously used to prevent CO.

**Clipping around clean sample  $x$  hinders the effectiveness of perturbations.** We analyse two variants, one where perturbations are clipped around the clean sample  $x$  (as done in previous methods) and another where no clipping is applied. In Figure 2 (left), we report the robust accuracy using PGD-50-10 (*i.e.*, PGD attack with 50 iterations and 10 restarts) with  $\epsilon = 8/255$  and observe that clipping significantly degrades the effectiveness of FGSM training. To understand this drop, consider the following perturbations; (1) a baseline perturbation where we only use noise  $\delta_{\text{random}} = \psi(\eta)$  and (2) a perturbation that combines noise with FGSM  $\delta_{\text{full}} = \psi(\eta + \alpha \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_x \mathcal{L}(f_{\theta}(x + \eta), y)))$ . Moreover, we consider two cases in which we either define  $\psi$  as a clipping operator or as the identity. We define the effective FGSM step size as the magnitude corresponding to the ratio<sup>1</sup>  $\alpha_{\text{effective}} = \|\delta_{\text{full}} - \delta_{\text{random}}\|_2 / \|\eta\|_2$  which measures the contribution of the FGSM step in the final perturbation compared to simply following the noise direction  $\eta$ . In Figure 2 (middle), we observe that the clipping operator reduces the effective magnitude of FGSM, thus, perturbations become more similar to only using random noise. On the other hand, without clipping we always take the full step in the FGSM direction. This highlights the trade-off between noise magnitude and attack strength discussed above.

**Larger noise is also necessary to prevent CO.** As discussed above, previous work did not investigate the effects of using noise perturbations potentially larger than the attack strength. However, we empirically find that increasing the noise magnitude is key to avoiding CO. In particular, as seen in Figure 2 (right), when no clipping is performed, it is crucial that we augment with larger noise magnitude in order to prevent CO in all settings. We find the noise magnitude of  $k = 2\epsilon$  to work well in most of our

<sup>1</sup>The denominator  $\|\eta\|_2$  is simply to normalize the  $\ell_2$ -norm and be comparable to the FGSM step size  $\alpha$ .

---

**Algorithm 1** N-FGSM adversarial training
 

---

- 1: **Inputs:** epochs  $T$ , batches  $M$ , radius  $\epsilon$ , step-size  $\alpha$  (default:  $\epsilon$ ), noise magnitude  $k$  (default:  $2\epsilon$ ).
  - 2: **for**  $t = 1, \dots, T$  **do**
  - 3:   **for**  $i = 1, \dots, M$  **do**
  - 4:     *// Augment sample with additive noise.*
  - 5:      $\eta \sim \text{Uniform}[-k, k]^d$
  - 6:      $x_{\text{aug}}^i = x^i + \eta$
  - 7:     *// N-FGSM augmented sample.*
  - 8:      $x_{\text{N-FGSM}}^i = x_{\text{aug}}^i + \alpha \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_{x_{\text{aug}}^i} \mathcal{L}(f_{\theta}(x_{\text{aug}}^i), y^i))$
  - 9:      $\nabla_{\theta} = \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(f_{\theta}(x_{\text{N-FGSM}}^i), y^i)$
  - 10:      $\theta = \text{optimizer}(\theta, \nabla_{\theta})$  *// Standard weight update.*
- 

experiments, however, a more extensive hyperparameter tuning might improve our results further.

Note that these results are contrary to previous intuitions: [Andriushchenko & Flammarion \(2020\)](#) suggested that the random step in RS-FGSM is not important per se, arguing that its main role is reducing the  $\ell_2$  norm of the perturbations, so that the loss remains to be approximately locally linear. In contrast, N-FGSM perturbations are larger on expectation than those of RS-FGSM, while they do not suffer from CO (refer Appendix L). We believe that our findings will lead to a better understanding of the role of noise in avoiding CO in future work. Moreover, in Appendix C we conduct extensive analyses to show that, despite N-FGSM obtains larger perturbations, clean accuracy does not degrade and other methods do not benefit from simply increasing the strength of their attacks.

**Why does noise augmentation avoid CO?** [Andriushchenko & Flammarion \(2020\)](#) found that after CO, the gradients of the loss with respect to the input around clean samples became strongly misaligned, which is a sign of non-linearity. Moreover, [Kim et al. \(2021\)](#) showed that the loss surface of models suffering from CO appears distorted, *i.e.*, there is a sharp peak in the loss surface along the FGSM direction, which seems to render FGSM ineffective (observe from Figure 11 how after after CO, visually, FGSM perturbations change drastically). In order to prevent CO, GradAlign explicitly regularizes the loss surface so it remains linear. To investigate further, we plot the loss surface at the end of training for different methods (see Figure 13 in Appendix) and find that, while FGSM or RS-FGSM lead to a distorted loss, N-FGSM obtains a non-distorted loss surface similar to that obtained by GradAlign regularizer. Thus, it seems that adding strong noise-augmentations implicitly regularizes the loss landscape, leading to more effective single-step attacks.

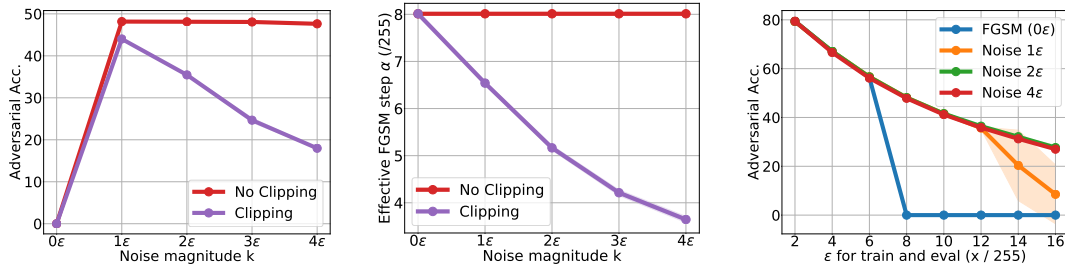


Figure 2. **Left:** Ablation of clipping vs not clipping around the clean sample  $x$  for  $\epsilon = 8/255$ . Clipping leads to a significant drop in robustness which increases with the strength of the noise augmentations. **Middle:** Analysis of the effective FGSM step size after clipping. We observe that clipping leads to a decrease in the effective FGSM step size, thus, adversarial perturbations will be more similar to random noise. **Right:** N-FGSM (ours) when varying the noise magnitude  $k$  ( $\epsilon$  is divided by 255). Increasing the amount of noise is key to avoiding CO. For (left) and (right) plots, adversarial accuracy is based on PGD-50-10 and experiments are averaged over 3 seeds.

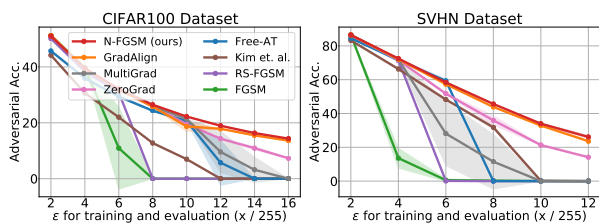


Figure 3. Comparison of single-step methods on CIFAR-100 (left) and SVHN (right) with PreactResNet18 over different perturbation radius ( $\epsilon$  is divided by 255). Our method, N-FGSM, can match or surpass prior art results while *reducing the cost by a  $3\times$  factor*. Adversarial accuracy is based on PGD-50-10 and experiments are averaged over 3 seeds. Legend is shared among plots.

## 5. Robustness Evaluations and Comparisons

We compare N-FGSM against several adversarial training methods, on a broad range of  $\epsilon - l_\infty$  radii. Following Wong et al. (2020), we evaluate adversarial robustness on CIFAR-10/100 and SVHN with PGD-50-10 attacks using PreactResNet18 (He et al., 2016).

### 5.1. Comparison against Single-Step Methods

We start by comparing N-FGSM against other single-step methods. Note that not all single-step methods are equally expensive, since they may involve more or less computationally demanding operations. For instance, GradAlign uses a regularizer that is considerably expensive, while MultiGrad requires evaluating input gradients on multiple random points. For a comparison of training costs of different single-step methods, we refer the reader to Figure 1 (right).

We use RS-FGSM and Free-AT with the settings recommended by Wong et al. (2020). We apply GradAlign with hyperparameters reported in the official repository<sup>2</sup>. ZeroGrad and Kim et al. (2021) do not have a recommended set

<sup>2</sup><https://github.com/tml-epfl/understanding-fast-adv-training/>

of hyperparameters; for a fair comparison we ablate them and select the ones with highest adversarial accuracy (for every  $\epsilon$  and dataset). We train on CIFAR-10/100 for 30 epochs and on SVHN for 15 epochs with a cyclic learning rate. Only for Free-AT, we use 96 and 48 epochs for CIFAR-10/100 and SVHN, respectively, to obtain comparable results following Wong et al. (2020). CIFAR-10 results are in Figure 1 (middle), whereas CIFAR-100 and SVHN are in Figure 3.

As observed in Figure 1 and Figure 3, FGSM and RS-FGSM suffer from CO for larger  $\epsilon$  attacks on all reported datasets. For instance, RS-FGSM fails against attacks with  $\epsilon = 8/255$  on CIFAR-10 and CIFAR-100 and against  $\epsilon = 6/255$  on SVHN. With appropriate hyperparameters, ZeroGrad is able to consistently avoid CO. However, it obtains sub-par robustness compared to N-FGSM and GradAlign, especially against large  $\epsilon$  attacks. Neither MultiGrad nor Kim et al. (2021) avoid CO in all settings despite being more expensive. Free-AT also suffers from CO on all three datasets as also observed by Andriushchenko & Flammarion (2020). In contrast, N-FGSM avoids CO on all datasets, achieving comparable or superior robustness to GradAlign while being 3 times faster.

### 5.2. Comparison against Multi-Step Attacks

In Section 5.1, we compared the performance of single-step methods and observed that N-FGSM is able to match or surpass the state-of-the-art method, *i.e.*, GradAlign, while reducing the computational cost by a factor of 3. In this section, we compare the performance of N-FGSM against multi-step attacks. In particular, we compare against PGD-2 with  $\alpha = \epsilon/2$  and PGD-10 with  $\alpha = 2/255$ , keeping the same training settings as described in Section 5.1. PGD- $x$  denotes  $x$  iterations and no restarts.

In Figure 4, we observe that PGD-2, despite being a multi-step method, still suffers from CO for larger  $\epsilon$  as opposed to our proposed N-FGSM. On the other hand, despite achieving comparable clean accuracies, there is a gap in adver-

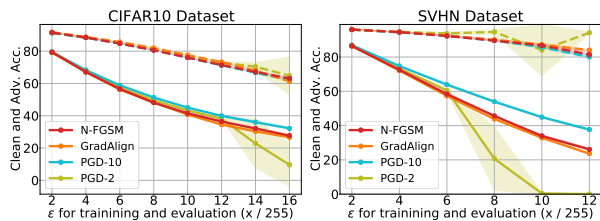


Figure 4. Comparison of N-FGSM and GradAlign with multi-step methods on CIFAR-10 (Left) and SVHN (Right) with PreactResNet18 over different perturbation radii ( $\epsilon$  is divided by 255). Despite all methods achieving comparable clean accuracy (dashed lines), there is a gap in robust accuracy between PGD-10 and single-step methods. However, note that PGD-10 is  $10\times$  more expensive than N-FGSM. Adversarial accuracy is based on PGD-50-10 and experiments are averaged over 3 seeds.

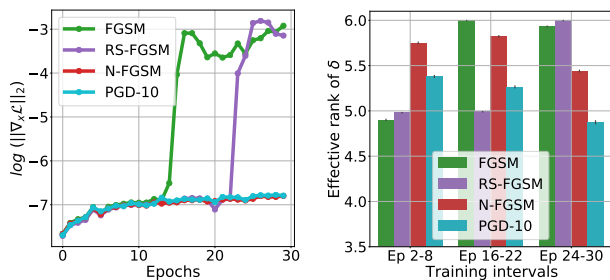


Figure 5. **Left:** Mean  $\ell_2$  norm of per-sample-gradients across all test set samples. After CO, both FGSM and RS-FGSM gradients increase by several orders of magnitude. **Right:** Effective rank of perturbations ( $\delta$ ) across three training intervals Ep 2-8 before CO for all methods; Ep 16-22: after FGSM presents CO but not RS-FGSM; Ep 24-30: after both FGSM and RS-FGSM had CO.

arial accuracies between PGD-10, and other single-step methods that grows with perturbation size. This can be partially expected since the search space for adversaries grows exponentially with  $\epsilon$ ; and PGD, with more iterations, can explore it more thoroughly. Nevertheless, *computing a PGD-10 attack is  $10\times$  more expensive to N-FGSM*. An important direction for future work would be addressing this gap and analysing, both theoretically and empirically, whether single-step methods can match the performance of their multi-step counterparts.

### 5.3. Analysis of Gradients and Adversarial Perturbations

To gain further insights into CO, we visually explore the perturbations generated with FGSM, RS-FGSM, N-FGSM, and PGD-10 attacks. We show that N-FGSM generates perturbations that exhibit behavior similar to PGD-10. In particular, for a given test sample, we average the adversarial perturbations ( $\delta$ ) and gradients across several epochs at the beginning of training (Epoch 2 to 8) and at

the end (Epoch 24 to 30) and visualise them in Figure 11 in Appendix. We observe that early in training all methods generate consistent and interpretable  $\delta$ . However, after CO, FGSM and RS-FGSM generate  $\delta$  that are harder to interpret, idem for their gradients. On the other hand, we observe that N-FGSM provides consistent and interpretable  $\delta$  throughout training, similar to those generated by PGD-10. This provides further evidence that N-FGSM enjoys similar properties to the more expensive PGD-10 training.

Figure 5 analyzes the gradients and  $\delta$  throughout the test set. Aside from losing interpretability, post-CO the gradient norm increases by several orders of magnitude for FGSM and RS-FGSM while it remains low for N-FGSM and PGD-10. We also compute the effective rank (number of singular vectors required to explain 90% of the variance.) of  $\delta$  for each example before and after CO to measure the consistency of  $\delta$  before and after CO. We consider three training intervals, (Epoch 2 to 8): before CO for all methods; (Epoch 16 to 22): after FGSM suffers CO but not RS-FGSM; (Epoch 24 to 30): after both FGSM and RS-FGSM suffer CO. Prior to CO, PGD-10 has a larger effective rank (*i.e.*, the perturbations span a larger subspace) than FGSM and RS-FGSM. N-FGSM has the highest effective rank, arguably due to the higher noise magnitude. Note that RS-FGSM, which has a smaller noise magnitude and clipping, also has a larger effective rank than FGSM, however, the difference is much lower. When either FGSM or RS-FGSM suffer from CO, the effective rank of their  $\delta$  increases significantly above that of PGD-10 and N-FGSM. This would suggest that  $\delta$  loose consistency after CO and is aligned with our visualizations in Figure 5. All of these show properties of  $\delta$  and gradients that are consistent across methods (N-FGSM and PGD) that avoid CO and different from methods like RS-FGSM and FGSM, which suffer from CO.

## 6. Conclusion

In this work, we explore the role of noise and clipping in single-step adversarial training. Contrary to previous intuitions, we show that increasing the noise magnitude and removing the  $\epsilon - \ell_\infty$  constraint leads to an improvement in adversarial robustness while maintaining a competitive clean accuracy. These findings led us to propose N-FGSM, a simple and effective approach that can match or surpass the performance of GradAlign (Andriushchenko & Flammarion, 2020), while achieving a  $3\times$  speed-up.

We perform an extensive comparison with other relevant single-step methods, observing that all of them achieve sub-optimal performance and most of them are not able to avoid CO for larger  $\epsilon$  attacks. Moreover, we also analyze gradients and adversarial perturbations during training and observe that they have a similar behaviour for N-FGSM and PGD-10

as opposed to other methods that present CO such as FGSM and RS-FGSM. However, despite impressive improvements of single-step adversarial training methods, there is still a gap between single-step and multi-step methods such as PGD-10 as we increase the  $\epsilon$  radius. Therefore, future work should put an emphasis on formally understanding the limitations of single-step adversarial training and explore how, if possible, this gap can be reduced.

## Acknowledgements

We thank Guillermo Ortiz-Jiménez, for the fruitful discussions and feedback. This work is supported by the UKRI grant: Turing AI Fellowship EP/W002981/1 and EPSRC/MURI grant: EP/N019474/1. We would also like to thank the Royal Academy of Engineering and FiveAI. A. Sanyal acknowledges support from the ETH AI Center postdoctoral fellowship.

## References

- Andriushchenko, M. and Flammarion, N. Understanding and improving fast adversarial training. In *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2020.
- Biggio, B. and Roli, F. Wild patterns: Ten years after the rise of adversarial machine learning. *Pattern Recognition*, 2018.
- Bolloor, A., He, X., Gill, C. D., Vorobeychik, Y., and Zhang, X. Simple physical adversarial examples against end-to-end autonomous driving models. *arxiv:1903.05157*, 2019.
- Cisse, M., Bojanowski, P., Grave, E., Dauphin, Y., and Usunier, N. Parseval networks: Improving robustness to adversarial examples. In *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2017.
- Croce, F. and Hein, M. Reliable evaluation of adversarial robustness with an ensemble of diverse parameter-free attacks. In *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2020.
- Devlin, J., Changm, M., Lee, K., and Toutanova, K. BERT: pre-training of deep bidirectional transformers for language understanding. In *Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies (NAACL HLT)*, 2019.
- Fawzi, A., Moosavi-Dezfooli, S.-M., Frossard, P., and Soatto, S. Empirical study of the topology and geometry of deep networks. In *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2018.
- Gilmer, J., Ford, N., Carlini, N., and Cubuk, E. Adversarial examples are a natural consequence of test error in noise. In *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2019.
- Golgooni, Z., Saberi, M., Eskandar, M., and Rohban, M. H. Zerograd: Mitigating and explaining catastrophic overfitting in fgsm adversarial training. *arXiv:2103.15476*, 2021.
- Goodfellow, I., Shlens, J., and Szegedy, C. Explaining and harnessing adversarial examples. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2015.
- He, K., Zhang, X., Ren, S., and Sun, J. Delving deep into rectifiers: Surpassing human-level performance on imagenet classification. In *IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2015.
- He, K., Zhang, X., Ren, S., and Sun, J. Identity mappings in deep residual networks. In *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2016.
- Kang, P. and Moosavi-Dezfooli, S.-M. Understanding catastrophic overfitting in adversarial training. *arXiv:2105.02942*, 2021.
- Kim, H., Lee, W., and Lee, J. Understanding catastrophic overfitting in single-step adversarial training. In *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2021.
- Kurakin, A., Goodfellow, I., and Bengio, S. Adversarial machine learning at scale. In *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2017.
- Li, B., Wang, S., Jana, S., and Carin, L. Towards understanding fast adversarial training. *arXiv:2006.03089*, 2020.
- Madry, A., Makelov, A., Schmidt, L., Tsipras, D., and Vladu, A. Towards deep learning models resistant to adversarial attacks. In *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2018.
- Papernot, N., McDaniel, P., Wu, X., Jha, S., and Swami, A. Distillation as a defense to adversarial perturbations against deep neural networks. In *IEEE symposium on security and privacy (SP)*, 2016.
- Park, G. Y. and Lee, S. W. Reliably fast adversarial training via latent adversarial perturbation. In *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), Workshops*, 2021.
- Rice, L., Wong, E., and Kolter, Z. Overfitting in adversarially robust deep learning. In *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2020.
- Sanyal, A., Kanade, V., and Torr, P. H. S. Robustness via deep low-rank representations. *arxiv:1804.07090*, 2018.

- Shafahi, A., Najibi, M., Ghiasi, M. A., Xu, Z., Dickerson, J., Studer, C., Davis, L. S., Taylor, G., and Goldstein, T. Adversarial training for free! *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2019.
- Silver, D., Huang, A., Maddison, C. J., Guez, A., Sifre, L., Van Den Driessche, G., Schrittwieser, J., Antonoglou, I., Panneershelvam, V., Lanctot, M., et al. Mastering the game of go with deep neural networks and tree search. *Nature*, 2016.
- Simonyan, K. and Zisserman, A. Very deep convolutional networks for large-scale image recognition. In *International Conference on Learning Representations*, 2015.
- Szegedy, C., Zaremba, W., Sutskever, I., Bruna, J., Erhan, D., Goodfellow, I., and Fergus, R. Intriguing properties of neural networks. In *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2014.
- Tramèr, F., Kurakin, A., Papernot, N., Goodfellow, I., Boneh, D., and McDaniel, P. Ensemble adversarial training: Attacks and defenses. In *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2018.
- Vivek, B. and Babu, R. V. Single-step adversarial training with dropout scheduling. In *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2020.
- Weng, L., Zhang, H., Chen, H., Song, Z., Hsieh, C.-J., Daniel, L., Boning, D., and Dhillon, I. Towards fast computation of certified robustness for relu networks. In *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2018.
- Wong, E., Rice, L., and Kolter, J. Z. Fast is better than free: Revisiting adversarial training. In *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2020.
- Zhang, H., Yu, Y., Jiao, J., Xing, E., Ghaoui, L. E., and Jordan, M. Theoretically principled trade-off between robustness and accuracy. In *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2019.



## A. Additional plots for PreActResNet18 experiments

In the main paper we compare N-FGSM with other single-step methods and multi-step methods separately and remove clean accuracies for better visualization. In this section we present the curves for all methods with both the clean and robust accuracy. The tendency in the three datasets is for N-FGSM PGD-50-10 accuracy to be slightly above that of GradAlign, while the opposite happens to the clean accuracy. We also observe that clean accuracy becomes significantly more noisy when catastrophic overfitting happens. Exact numbers for all the curves are in Appendix Q.

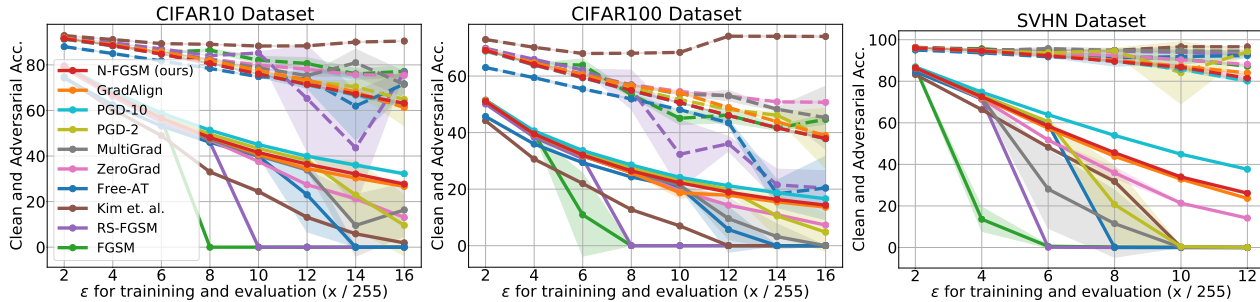


Figure 6. Comparison of all methods on CIFAR-10, CIFAR-100 and SVHN with PreActResNet18 over different perturbation radius ( $\epsilon$  is divided by 255). We plot both the robust (solid line) and the clean (dashed line) accuracy for each method. Our method, N-FGSM, is able to match or surpass the state-of-the-art single-step method GradAlign while *reducing the cost by a  $3\times$  factor*. Adversarial accuracy is based on PGD-50-10 and experiments are averaged over 3 seeds. Legend is shared among all plots.

## B. Experiments with WideResNet28-10 architecture

In this section we present the plots of our experiments with WideResNet28-10. We report the results in two figures. In Figure 7 we compare all single-step methods and we do not plot the clean accuracy for better visualization. In Figure 8 we plot all methods, including multi-step methods, and report the clean accuracy as well with dashed lines. Since we observed that our baseline, RandAlpha, outperformed (Kim et al., 2021) in all settings for PreActResNet18, we only report RandAlpha for WideResNet. As mentioned in the main paper, we observe that catastrophic overfitting seems to be more difficult to prevent for WideResNet. In particular, for GradAlign we observed the regularizer hyperparameter settings proposed by (Andriushchenko & Flammarion, 2020) for CIFAR-10 (searched for a PreActResNet18) worked well. However, those parameters led to catastrophic overfitting for  $6 \leq \epsilon \leq 12$  in CIFAR-100. Since  $\epsilon = 14, 16$  did not show catastrophic overfitting, we increased the GradAlign regularizer hyperparameter  $\lambda$  for CIFAR-100 so that each  $6 \leq \epsilon \leq 12$  would have the default value corresponding to  $\epsilon + 2$ , for instance,  $\lambda$  for  $\epsilon = 6$  would be the default  $\lambda$  in (Andriushchenko & Flammarion, 2020) for  $\epsilon = 8$ .

For SVHN we observed that the default values for  $\lambda$  led to models close to a constant classifier for  $\epsilon \geq 6$ . We tried to increase the lambda for those  $\epsilon$  values to  $1.25\lambda$  but observed the same result. Since the model did not show typical catastrophic

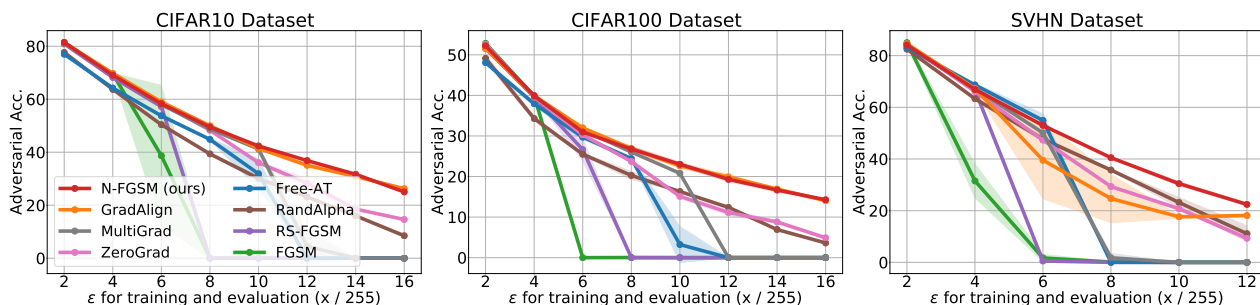


Figure 7. Comparison of single-step methods on CIFAR-10, CIFAR-100 and SVHN with WideResNet28-10 over different perturbation radius ( $\epsilon$  is divided by 255). Our method, N-FGSM, is able to match or surpass the state-of-the-art single-step method GradAlign while *reducing the cost by a  $3\times$  factor*. Moreover, we could not find any competitive hyperparameter setting for GradAlign for  $\epsilon \geq 6$  in SVHN dataset. Adversarial accuracy is based on PGD-50-10 and experiments are averaged over 3 seeds. Legend is shared among all plots.

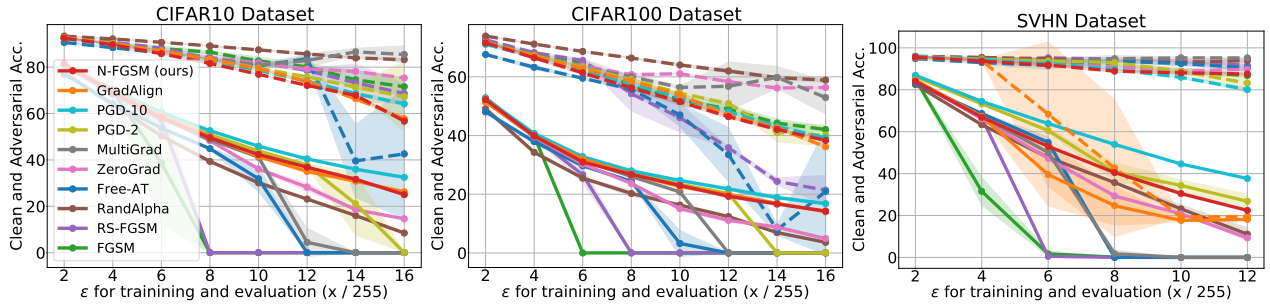


Figure 8. Comparison of all methods on CIFAR-10, CIFAR-100 and SVHN with WideResNet28-10 over different perturbation radius ( $\epsilon$  is divided by 255). We plot both the robust (solid line) and the clean (dashed line) accuracy for each method. Legend is shared among all plots.

overfitting but rather it seemed as it was underfitting, we tried to reduce the step-size to  $\alpha = 0.75\epsilon$  and also both decreasing  $\alpha$  and increasing  $\lambda$ . When reducing the step size we obtain accuracies above those of a constant classifier for some radii, however, some or all seeds converge to a constant classifier for each setting, hence the large standard deviations. For N-FGSM, the default configuration of N-FGSM ( $\alpha = \epsilon$ ,  $k = 2\epsilon$ ) works well in all settings except for  $\epsilon = 16$  on CIFAR-10 and  $\epsilon = 10, 12$  on SVHN. For CIFAR-10, we increase the noise magnitude to  $k = 4\epsilon$ . For SVHN we find that decreasing  $\alpha$  as we tried for GradAlign works better than increasing the noise. We use  $\alpha = 8$  for both  $\epsilon$  radii. Exact numbers for all the curves are in Appendix Q

### C. Increasing Adversarial Perturbations

In Section 4, we observed that removing clipping and increasing the noise magnitude were both necessary for the improved performance of N-FGSM. However, as discussed in Theorem L.2 this will result in an increase of the squared norm of the training perturbation  $\delta_{N-FGSM}$  as compared to FGSM. In this section, we perform further ablations to corroborate that it is indeed the increase in noise magnitude – and not the mere increase of the perturbation’s magnitude – that helps to stabilize N-FGSM.

**Increasing  $\alpha$  alone is not sufficient.** N-FGSM combines a noise perturbation with an FGSM step. Thus, we can increase the perturbation magnitude by increasing any of the two. This begs the question: Is it sufficient to increase the N-FGSM step-size  $\alpha$  to avoid CO without adding any noise? We observe in Figure 9 (A) that training without noise (essentially, FGSM) leads to CO, with robust accuracy equal to zero, even for large values of  $\alpha$ . This indicates that it is not an increase in the perturbation norm, but the combination with noise which plays an essential role in circumventing CO for N-FGSM.

**Increasing  $\alpha$  requires adjusting the noise magnitude.** As observed in Figure 9 (A), increasing  $\alpha$  for N-FGSM leads to CO if the noise magnitude is not large enough. For example, while a noise magnitude  $k = 1\epsilon$  and an adversarial step size  $\alpha = 1.25\epsilon$  yield a robust accuracy of 49.68%, increasing  $\alpha$  to  $1.5\epsilon$  while keeping the same noise magnitude results in CO – with robust accuracy equal to zero. This further suggests that an increase in the adversarial step-size  $\alpha$  requires a commensurate increase in the noise magnitude. We find that setting the noise magnitude  $k = 2\epsilon$  works well for most settings.

**Larger noise perturbations preserve clean accuracy.** Increasing the norm of training perturbations by increasing  $\alpha$  results in a drop in the clean accuracy (discussed later in Appendix D). This has also been observed in prior works (Wong et al., 2020). However, we show in Figure 4 that the clean accuracy for N-FGSM is similar to that of GradAlign, despite the magnitude of the perturbations being larger. We ablate the effects of adversarial and noise perturbations on the clean accuracy in Figure 9 (B): we observe that augmenting training samples with noise alone (*i.e.*,  $\alpha = 0$ ) has a much milder effect on the clean accuracy than augmenting in an adversarial direction. In general, increasing noise is more forgiving on the clean accuracy than increasing the adversarial step size. This is not surprising, considering that moving in random directions along the input space has a significantly lower impact on the loss than moving along the FGSM direction (see Figure 13 in the Appendix) and that training with noise alone does not provide any significant robustness against larger attacks (for a more detailed ablation, see Appendix Figure 15).

**Other methods do not benefit from larger training  $\epsilon$ .** As previously mentioned, N-FGSM perturbations have  $\ell_\infty$ -norm larger than  $\epsilon$ . We have seen that the benefits of N-FGSM can not be reproduced by simply increasing  $\alpha$  without increasing the noise. However, for the sake of completeness, we also ablate other single-step baselines by using a larger  $\epsilon$  during training,

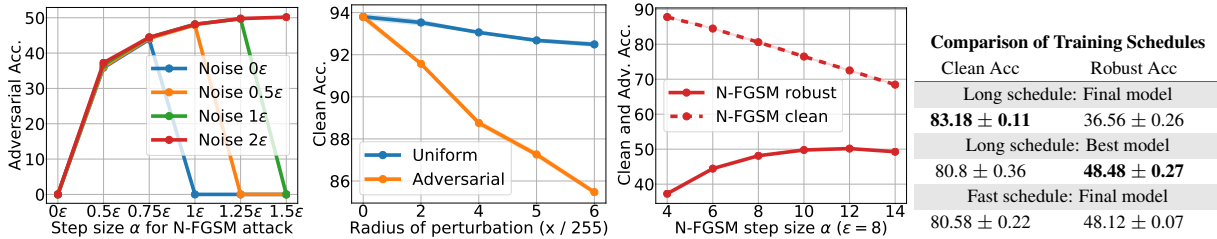


Figure 9. Different ablations on N-FGSM parameters and training schedule. From left to right: **A**: Adversarial accuracy when varying step-size  $\alpha$  and noise magnitude  $k$  ( $\epsilon = 8$ ). Increasing  $\alpha$  does not suffice to prevent CO, we must also increase the noise magnitude. **B**: Clean accuracy after training with random or adversarial perturbations. With comparable radius, random perturbations have a much milder effect than adversarial. **C**: Ablation of step size  $\alpha$  in N-FGSM  $\epsilon = 8$ ,  $k = 2\epsilon$ . As we increase the magnitude of the FGSM perturbation we observe an increase in robustness coupled with a drop on the clean accuracy. **D**: Comparison of the “fast” training schedule from (Wong et al., 2020) and “long” training schedule described in (Rice et al., 2020). N-FGSM shows robust overfitting but not CO with the long schedule. Adversarial accuracy is based on PGD-50-10 and experiments are averaged over 3 seeds.

while testing with a fixed  $\epsilon = 8/255$  on CIFAR10. We observe that increasing  $\epsilon_{\text{train}}$  seems to lead to a decrease in robustness for most methods; for instance, PGD-50-10 accuracy for RS-FGSM drops from  $46.08 \pm 0.18$  when training with  $\epsilon = 8/255$  to  $0.0 \pm 0.0$  with  $\epsilon = 12/255$ . In two cases (GradAlign and MultiGrad), we observe a small increase, with the highest increase being for GradAlign, which improves from  $48.14 \pm 0.15$  to  $50.6 \pm 0.45$ ; yet, the clean accuracy drops from  $81.9 \pm 0.22$  to  $73.29 \pm 0.23$ . This is similar to increasing  $\alpha$  for N-FGSM (see Figure 9 (C)). However, this is tied to a significant degradation of clean accuracy. All in all, taking into account both clean and robust accuracy, we conclude that all single-step baselines suffer from either CO or a severe degradation in their clean accuracy when increasing the training  $\epsilon$ . Full results are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Ablation of the PGD-50-10 accuracy for single-step methods when increasing the  $\epsilon_{\text{train}}$ . All models are evaluated with PGD-50-10 attack and  $\epsilon_{\text{test}} = 8/255$ . Note that considering the trade-off between clean and robust accuracy, all methods perform best when training with the same epsilon to be applied at test time.

Method	$\epsilon_{\text{train}} = 1\epsilon_{\text{test}}$		$\epsilon_{\text{train}} = 1.5\epsilon_{\text{test}}$		$\epsilon_{\text{train}} = 2\epsilon_{\text{test}}$		Rel. Cost
	Clean acc.	PGD acc.	Clean acc.	PGD acc.	Clean acc.	PGD acc.	
GradAlign	$81.9 \pm 0.22$	$48.14 \pm 0.15$	$73.29 \pm 0.23$	$50.6 \pm 0.45$	$61.3 \pm 0.15$	$46.67 \pm 0.29$	3
MultiGrad	$82.33 \pm 0.14$	$47.29 \pm 0.07$	$75.28 \pm 0.2$	$50.0 \pm 0.79$	$71.42 \pm 5.63$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	2
AT Free	$78.41 \pm 0.18$	$46.03 \pm 0.36$	$73.91 \pm 4.19$	$32.4 \pm 22.91$	$71.64 \pm 3.89$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	1.6
Kim et. al.	$89.02 \pm 0.1$	$33.01 \pm 0.09$	$88.35 \pm 0.31$	$27.36 \pm 0.31$	$90.45 \pm 0.08$	$9.28 \pm 0.12$	1.5
FGSM	$86.41 \pm 0.7$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$80.6 \pm 2.59$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$77.14 \pm 2.46$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	1
RS-FGSM	$84.05 \pm 0.13$	$46.08 \pm 0.18$	$65.22 \pm 23.23$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$76.66 \pm 0.38$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	1
ZeroGrad	$82.62 \pm 0.05$	$47.08 \pm 0.1$	$78.11 \pm 0.2$	$46.43 \pm 0.37$	$75.42 \pm 0.13$	$45.63 \pm 0.39$	1
N-FGSM	$80.58 \pm 0.22$	$48.12 \pm 0.07$	$71.46 \pm 0.14$	$50.23 \pm 0.31$	$63.18 \pm 0.49$	$46.46 \pm 0.1$	1

## D. Ablations on hyperparameters and training schedules

**Hyperparameter selection.** While FGSM relies on a fixed step-size (*i.e.*,  $\alpha = \epsilon$ ), Wong et al. (2020) explored different values of  $\alpha$  for RS-FGSM, finding that an increase of the step-size improves the adversarial accuracy – up to a point where CO occurs. We also ablate the value of  $\alpha$  for N-FGSM in Figure 9 (C). We find that by increasing the noise magnitude, N-FGSM can use larger  $\alpha$  values than RS-FGSM, without suffering from CO. This leads to an increase in the adversarial accuracy at the expense of a decrease in the clean accuracy. In light of this trade-off, we also use  $\alpha = \epsilon$  for N-FGSM. Regarding the noise hyperparameter  $k$ , we find that  $k = 2\epsilon$  works in all but one SVHN experiment ( $\epsilon = 12$ , in which we set  $k = 3\epsilon$ ). In comparison, GradAlign regularizer hyperparameter or ZeroGrad quantile value need to be modified for every radius with a noticeable shift between CIFAR-10 and SVHN hyperparameters, suggesting they may require additional tuning when applied to novel datasets.

**Long vs fast training schedules.** Throughout our experiments, we used the RS-FGSM training setting introduced in (Wong

et al., 2020). However, Rice et al. (2020) suggest that a longer training schedule coupled with early stopping may lead to a boost in performance. Kim et al. (2021) and Li et al. (2020) report that longer training schedules increase the chances of CO for RS-FGSM and that this limits its performance. We test the longer training schedule with N-FGSM and find that it does not suffer from CO. However, it does suffer from *robust overfitting*, i.e., adversarial accuracy on the training set is larger than on the test set as described in (Rice et al., 2020) for PGD-10. Notice the difference between the robust accuracy of the final and best models in Figure 9 (D). Interestingly, although we observe a slight increase in performance when using the long training schedule with early stopping, we find the fast training schedule to be remarkably competitive. In Table 2 we compare the performance of N-FGSM and GradAlign for the long training schedule. We observe that GradAlign does not seem to benefit from the long training schedule. It is worth mentioning that for GradAlign, the default regularizer hyperparameter for  $\epsilon = 8/255$  and CIFAR-10 ( $\lambda = 0.2$ ) does not prevent catastrophic overfitting. We do a hyperparameter search and keep the value with the largest final robust accuracy ( $\lambda = 0.632$ ).

N-FGSM		Grad Align	
Clean Acc	Robust Acc	Clean Acc	Robust Acc
<b>Long schedule: Final model</b>			
<b>83.18 ± 0.11</b>	36.56 ± 0.26	<b>84.13 ± 0.24</b>	36.17 ± 0.19
<b>Long schedule: Best model</b>			
80.8 ± 0.36	<b>48.48 ± 0.27</b>	81.57 ± 0.44	47.86 ± 0.1
<b>fast schedule: Final model</b>			
80.58 ± 0.22	48.12 ± 0.07	81.9 ± 0.22	<b>48.14 ± 0.15</b>

Table 2. Comparison of “long” (Rice et al., 2020) and “fast” (Wong et al., 2020) training schedules for N-FGSM and GradAlign. GradAlign does not seem to benefit from the long training schedule. Although N-FGSM seems to obtain a slight increase in performance, the “fast” schedule provides comparable performance.

## E. Randomized Alpha

Kim et al. (2021) evaluate intermediate points along the RS-FGSM direction in order to pick the “optimal” perturbation size. However, we find that increasing the number of intermediate evaluated points does not necessarily lead to increased adversarial accuracy. Moreover, for large perturbations we could not prevent CO even with twice the number of evaluations tested by (Kim et al., 2021). This motivates us to test a very simple baseline where instead of evaluating intermediate steps, the RS-FGSM perturbation size is randomly selected as:  $\delta = t \cdot \delta_{\text{RS-FGSM}}$  where  $t \sim \mathcal{U}[0, 1]^d$ . Interestingly, as reported in Figure 10, we find that this very simple baseline, dubbed *RandAlpha*, is able to avoid CO for all values of  $\epsilon$  and outperforms (Kim et al., 2021) on CIFAR-10, CIFAR-100 and SVHN. This is aligned with our main finding that combining noise with adversarial attacks is indeed a powerful tool that should be explored more thoroughly before developing more expensive solutions.

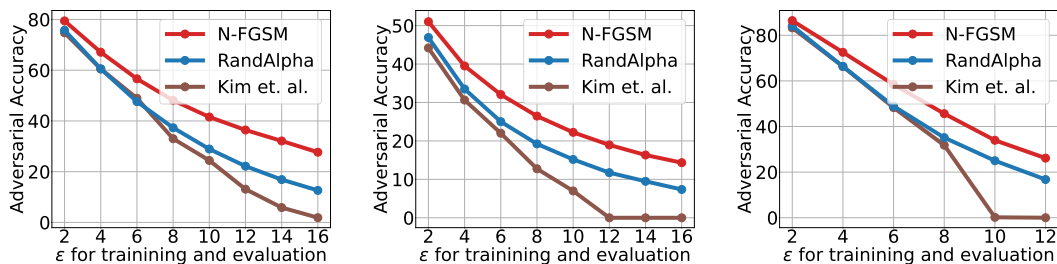


Figure 10. Comparison of (Kim et al., 2021) with RandomAlpha, our baseline where we multiply the RS-FGSM perturbation by a scalar uniformly sampled in  $[0, 1]$ . We present results on CIFAR-10 (Left), CIFAR-100 (Middle) and SVHN (Right) with PreActResNet18.

## F. Further visualizations of adversarial perturbations and gradients

In this section we present an extension of Figure 5 with further examples. As observed in the main paper, early in training adversarial perturbations ( $\delta$ ) and gradients are consistent across epochs, however, after CO they become hard to interpret. Note that although we label rows as either pre-CO or post-CO we only observe CO for FGSM and RS-FGSM. Both PGD-10 and N-FGSM obtain robust models as shown in detail in the paper.

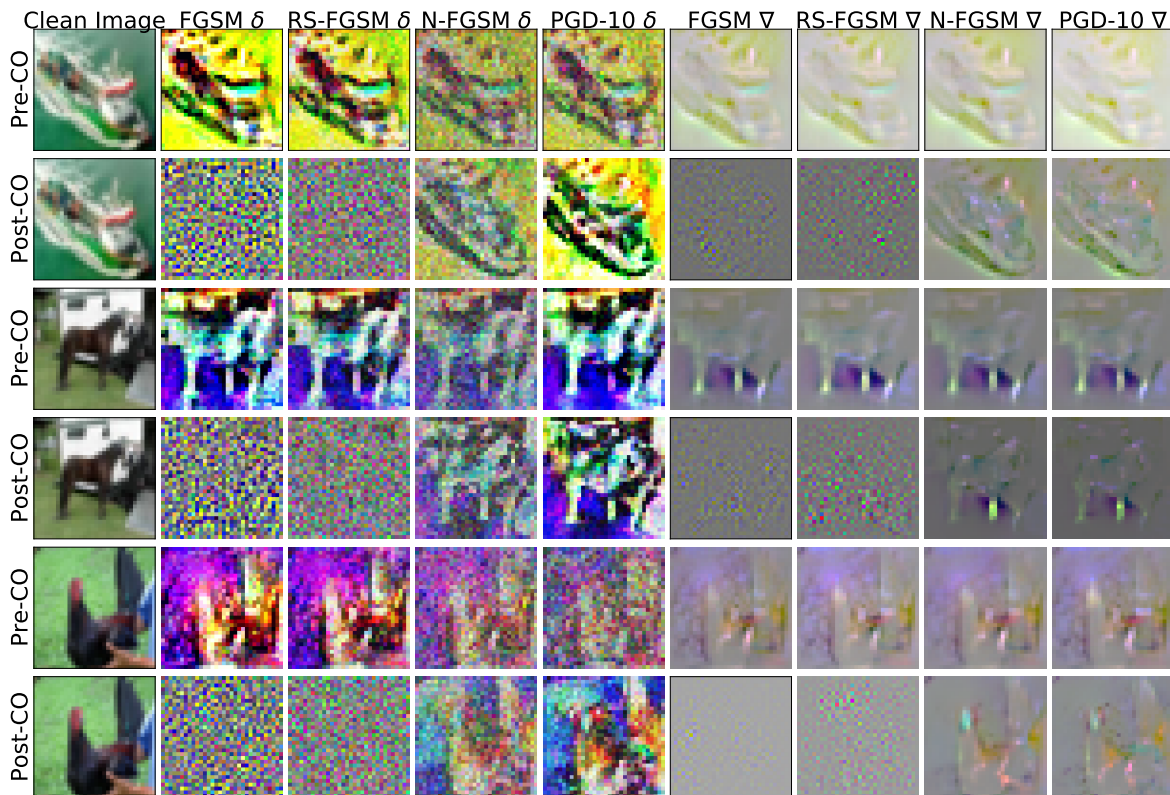


Figure 11. Visualization of adversarial perturbations ( $\delta$ 's) and gradients averaged across several epochs before CO (pre-CO) and after (post-CO). Note that only FGSM and RS-FGSM present CO, PGD-10 and N-FGSM do not. Post-CO, FGSM and RS-FGSM obtain  $\delta$ 's that are hard to interpret, idem for their gradients.

## G. Robust evaluations with autoattack

Table 3. Clean (top) and robust accuracy (bottom) for CIFAR-10 and PreacResNet18 evaluated with autoattack (Croce & Hein, 2020). As observed when evaluating with PGD50-10, N-FGSM is able to prevent CO in all tested perturbation radii. Note  $k = 0$  would correspond to FGSM while  $k = 2$  is our default noise hyperparameter for N-FGSM.

	$\epsilon = 2/255$	$\epsilon = 4/255$	$\epsilon = 6/255$	$\epsilon = 8/255$	$\epsilon = 10/255$	$\epsilon = 12/255$	$\epsilon = 14/255$	$\epsilon = 16/255$
$k = 0$	91.52 $\pm$ 0.08	88.59 $\pm$ 0.08	85.17 $\pm$ 0.03	86.62 $\pm$ 0.08	83.35 $\pm$ 2.03	78.51 $\pm$ 3.3	77.31 $\pm$ 1.9	75.88 $\pm$ 1.49
	78.99 $\pm$ 0.19	65.99 $\pm$ 0.24	54.0 $\pm$ 0.32	0.0 $\pm$ 0.0	0.0 $\pm$ 0.0	0.0 $\pm$ 0.0	0.0 $\pm$ 0.0	0.0 $\pm$ 0.0
$k = 2\epsilon$	91.44 $\pm$ 0.09	88.36 $\pm$ 0.04	84.56 $\pm$ 0.12	80.36 $\pm$ 0.03	75.81 $\pm$ 0.22	71.03 $\pm$ 0.16	66.49 $\pm$ 0.36	62.86 $\pm$ 0.88
	78.99 $\pm$ 0.17	66.06 $\pm$ 0.25	53.94 $\pm$ 0.3	44.36 $\pm$ 0.26	36.73 $\pm$ 0.27	30.45 $\pm$ 0.2	25.08 $\pm$ 0.15	19.0 $\pm$ 1.08

Following previous work, (Andriushchenko & Flammarion, 2020; Goodfellow et al., 2015) we have evaluated robustness with PGD50-10, i.e. PGD with 50 iterations and 10 restarts. However, for the sake of completeness, we also present results of robust accuracy evaluated with autoattack (Croce & Hein, 2020). In Table 3 we evaluate models adversarially trained with our proposed method N-FGSM (corresponding to  $k = 2$ ) and FGSM ( $k = 0$ ). As observed with PGD50-10, FGSM

suffers CO for  $\epsilon \geq 8/255$  while N-FGSM is able to prevent it for all tested  $\epsilon$ .

## H. Catastrophic Overfitting outside the ResNet family

Previous work focusing on CO has only used architectures from the ResNet family. In Table 4 we present results for adversarial training with a VGG-16 architecture (Simonyan & Zisserman, 2015). Similarly to other studied models we observe that FGSM leads to CO while N-FGSM is able to prevent it. However, it seems that FGSM presents CO for slightly larger  $\epsilon$  radii, indicating that the architecture might play a role in CO. We consider investigating this further a promising direction of future work.

Table 4. Clean (top) and robust accuracy (bottom) for CIFAR-10 and VGG-16 (Simonyan & Zisserman, 2015) evaluated with PGD50-10. We also observe CO for VGG architecture when trained with FGSM, moreover, N-FGSM is able to prevent CO. Interestingly, for VGG CO happens for slightly large  $\epsilon$  values indicating that the architecture might play a role in CO.

	$\epsilon = 4/255$	$\epsilon = 6/255$	$\epsilon = 8/255$	$\epsilon = 10/255$	$\epsilon = 12/255$	$\epsilon = 14/255$	$\epsilon = 16/255$
$k = 0$	85.04 $\pm$ 0.1	79.34 $\pm$ 0.11	73.39 $\pm$ 0.0	82.6 $\pm$ 0.0	83.04 $\pm$ 0.0	81.4 $\pm$ 0.0	80.41 $\pm$ 0.21
	62.94 $\pm$ 0.07	52.72 $\pm$ 0.12	44.0 $\pm$ 0.02	0.07 $\pm$ 0.0	0.8 $\pm$ 0.0	0.25 $\pm$ 0.0	0.31 $\pm$ 0.15
$k = 2\epsilon$	84.53 $\pm$ 0.0	79.42 $\pm$ 0.0	72.01 $\pm$ 0.28	66.81 $\pm$ 0.54	61.19 $\pm$ 0.0	56.97 $\pm$ 0.0	53.1 $\pm$ 1.19
	63.32 $\pm$ 0.0	53.0 $\pm$ 0.0	44.3 $\pm$ 0.09	38.25 $\pm$ 0.1	33.36 $\pm$ 0.0	29.23 $\pm$ 0.0	25.72 $\pm$ 0.22

## I. Further increasing the attack radii

Following previous work (Andriushchenko & Flammarion, 2020) we have studied  $\epsilon$  attack radii up to  $\epsilon = 16/255$ . Indeed, the performance at these radius is already significantly degraded and thus it would not be very practical for most applications. However, to show that N-FGSM can prevent CO at even larger radii we test two additional radii,  $\epsilon = 20/255$  and  $\epsilon = 24/255$ . In both cases N-FGSM is able to prevent CO. For  $\epsilon = 20/255$  we obtain a clean accuracy of  $51.63 \pm 0.38$  and robust of  $20.62 \pm 0.37$  while for  $\epsilon = 24/255$  we obtain a clean accuracy of  $40.16 \pm 0.96$  and robust of  $15.3 \pm 1.49$ . We argue that it is of little interest to try even larger perturbations unless more effective methods to improve both the clean and robust performance are found.

## J. Testing other norms

Following previous work, we have focused on the  $\ell_\infty$  threat model. Although this is where works studying CO have mainly focused, we observe that CO is also present in other norms such as  $\ell_1$  and  $\ell_2$ . Moreover, in both cases we observe that N-FGSM is able to prevent CO. Interestingly, the range of norms in which we observe CO is usually much higher than normally tested for these norms which would explain why the  $\ell_\infty$  norm has been the main focus of study in related works.

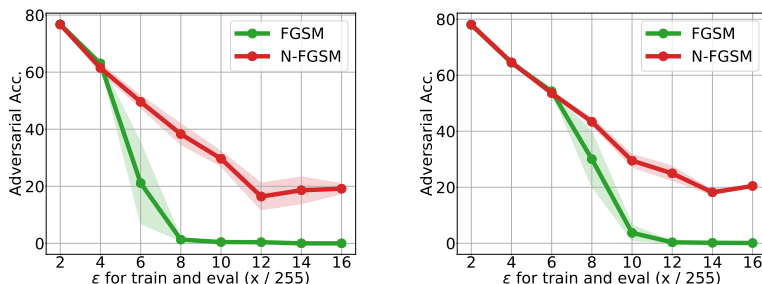


Figure 12. Robust accuracy after training with FGSM or N-FGSM using  $\ell_1$  (left) and  $\ell_2$  (right) perturbations. As observed for  $\ell_\infty$  perturbations FGSM leads to CO, while N-FGSM is able to prevent it. Note that the strength of the perturbations is indicated to be equivalent to  $\ell_\infty$  perturbations where all pixels have maximum magnitude i.e.  $\epsilon = 8/255$  indicates perturbations were restricted to an  $\ell_p$  norm of a vector where all components are in  $\{-\epsilon, +\epsilon\}$ . Which would correspond to an  $\ell_1$  norm of  $n\epsilon$  and an  $\ell_2$  norm of  $\epsilon\sqrt{n}$  where  $n$  indicates the dimensionality of the input.

### K. Visualization of the loss surface

In this section we present a visualization of the loss surface. We adapted the code from (Kim et al., 2021) to analyse the shape of the loss surface at the end of training for different methods. (Kim et al., 2021) reported that after adversarial training CO, the loss surface would become non-linear. In particular, they found that the FGSM perturbation seems to be misguided by local maxima very close to the clean image that result in ineffective attacks. We note this was already reported by (Tramèr et al., 2018) which proposed to perform a random step to *escape* those maxima. We argue that adding noise to the random step, when properly implemented, actually prevents those maxima to appear in the first place.

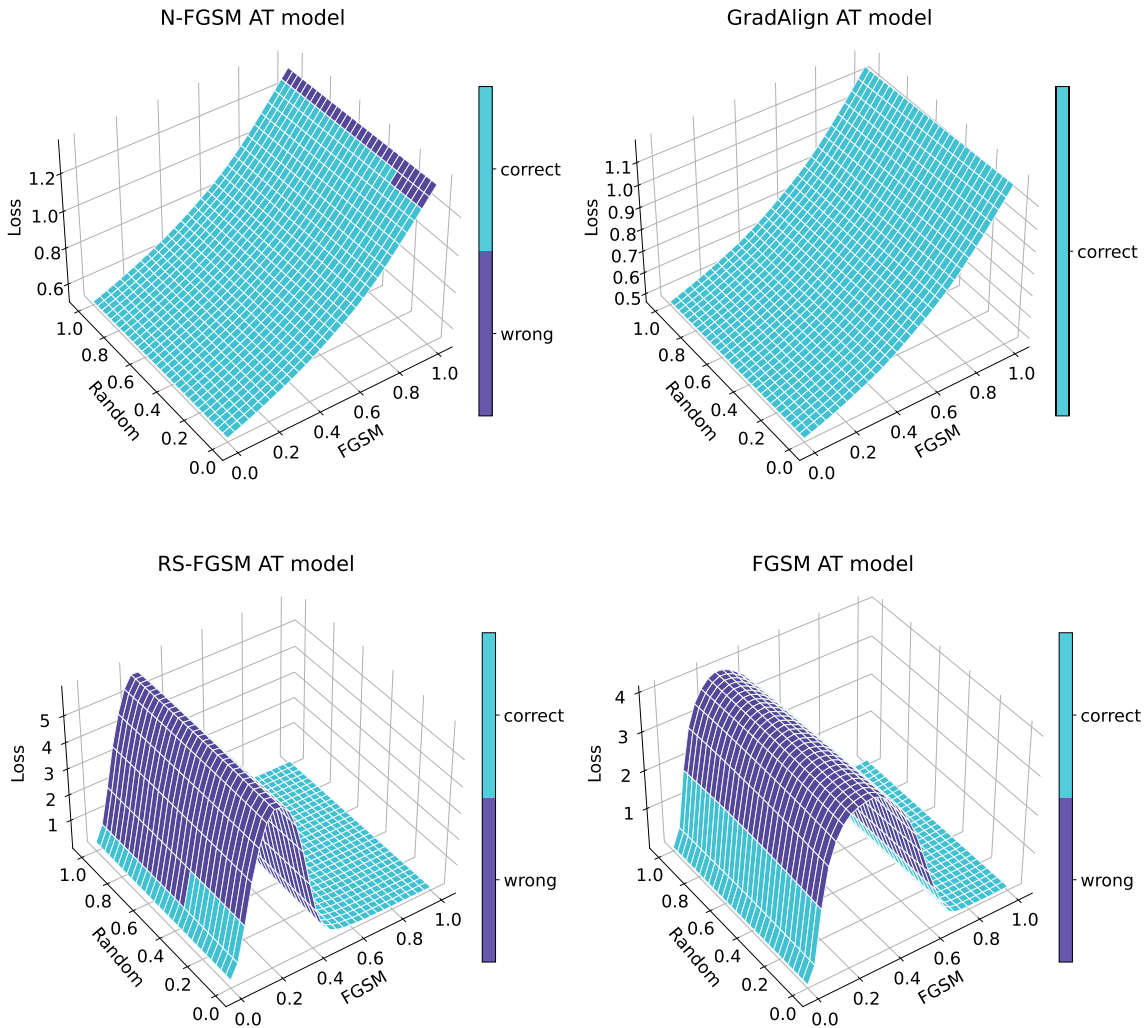


Figure 13. Visualization of the loss surface for models trained using different methods. Given a clean sample from the test set in coordinate  $(0, 0)$ , we compute the FGSM perturbation and evaluate the loss on the subspace generated by the FGSM perturbation direction and a random direction. That is, we evaluate  $x_{\text{clean}} + t_1 \cdot \delta_{\text{FGSM}} + t_2 \cdot \delta_{\text{random}}$ , where  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, 1]$ . Note that FGSM and RS-FGSM both have CO and the final models present a highly non-linear loss surface, on the other hand, both N-FGSM and GradAlign produce final models with a very linear loss surface which is key to obtain meaningful perturbations.

## L. Magnitude of N-FGSM perturbations

**Lemma L.1** (Expected perturbation). *Consider the N-FGSM perturbation as defined in Equation (3)*

$$\delta_{N\text{-FGSM}} = \eta + \alpha \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_x \ell(f(x + \eta), y)), \text{ where } \eta \sim \Omega.$$

Let the distribution  $\Omega$  be the uniform distribution  $\mathcal{U}([-k\epsilon, k\epsilon]^d)$  and  $\alpha > 0$ . Then,

$$\mathbb{E}_\eta [\|\delta_{N\text{-FGSM}}\|_2^2] = d \left( \frac{k^2 \epsilon^2}{3} + \alpha^2 \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}_\eta [\|\delta_{N\text{-FGSM}}\|_2] \leq \sqrt{d \left( \frac{k^2 \epsilon^2}{3} + \alpha^2 \right)}$$

*Proof.* By Jensen's inequality, we have

$$\mathbb{E}_\eta [\|\delta_{N\text{-FGSM}}\|_2] \leq \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_\eta [\|\delta_{N\text{-FGSM}}\|_2^2]}$$

Then let us consider the term  $\mathbb{E}_\eta [\|\delta_{N\text{-FGSM}}\|_2^2]$  and use the shorthand  $\nabla(\eta)_i = (\nabla_x \ell(f(x + \eta), y))_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_\eta [\|\delta_{N\text{-FGSM}}\|_2^2] &= \mathbb{E}_\eta \|\eta + \alpha \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_x \ell(f(x + \eta), y))\|_2^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}_\eta \left[ \sum_{i=1}^d (\eta_i + \alpha \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla(\eta)_i))^2 \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d \mathbb{E}_\eta \left[ (\eta_i + \alpha \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla(\eta)_i))^2 \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d \mathbb{E}_\eta \left[ (\eta_i + \alpha \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla(\eta)_i))^2 \mid \text{sign}(\nabla(\eta)_i) = 1 \right] \mathbb{P}_\eta [\text{sign}(\nabla(\eta)_i) = 1] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^d \mathbb{E}_\eta \left[ (\eta_i + \alpha \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla(\eta)_i))^2 \mid \text{sign}(\nabla(\eta)_i) = -1 \right] \mathbb{P}_\eta [\text{sign}(\nabla(\eta)_i) = -1] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{1}{2k\epsilon} \int_{-k\epsilon}^{k\epsilon} (\eta_i + \alpha)^2 d\eta_i \cdot \mathbb{P}_\eta [\text{sign}(\nabla(\eta)_i) = 1] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2k\epsilon} \sum_{i=1}^d \int_{-k\epsilon}^{k\epsilon} (\eta_i - \alpha)^2 d\eta_i \cdot \mathbb{P}_\eta [\text{sign}(\nabla(\eta)_i) = -1] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{1}{2k\epsilon} \int_{\alpha-k\epsilon}^{\alpha+k\epsilon} z^2 dz \cdot \mathbb{P}_\eta [\text{sign}(\nabla(\eta)_i) = 1] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2k\epsilon} \sum_{i=1}^d \int_{-\alpha-k\epsilon}^{-\alpha+k\epsilon} z^2 dz \cdot \mathbb{P}_\eta [\text{sign}(\nabla(\eta)_i) = -1] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{1}{2k\epsilon} \int_{\alpha-k\epsilon}^{\alpha+k\epsilon} z^2 dz \cdot \mathbb{P}_\eta [\text{sign}(\nabla(\eta)_i) = 1] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2k\epsilon} \sum_{i=1}^d \int_{\alpha-k\epsilon}^{\alpha+k\epsilon} z^2 dz \cdot \mathbb{P}_\eta [\text{sign}(\nabla(\eta)_i) = -1] \\ &= \frac{1}{2k\epsilon} \int_{\alpha-k\epsilon}^{\alpha+k\epsilon} z^2 dz \sum_{i=1}^d (\mathbb{P}_\eta [\text{sign}(\nabla(\eta)_i) = 1] + \mathbb{P}_\eta [\text{sign}(\nabla(\eta)_i) = -1]) \\ &= \frac{d}{6k\epsilon} [(\alpha + k\epsilon)^3 - (\alpha - k\epsilon)^3] = \frac{dk^2\epsilon^2}{3} + d\alpha^2 \end{aligned}$$



Therefore,

$$\mathbb{E}_\eta [\|\delta_{\text{N-FGSM}}\|_2] \leq \sqrt{d \left( \frac{k^2 \epsilon^2}{3} + \alpha^2 \right)}.$$

□

**Theorem L.2.** Let  $\delta_{\text{N-FGSM}}$  be our proposed single-step method defined by Equation (3),  $\delta_{\text{FGSM}}$  be the FGSM method (Goodfellow et al., 2015) and  $\delta_{\text{RS-FGSM}}$  be the RS-FGSM method (Wong et al., 2020). Then, with default hyperparameter values and for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , we have that

$$\mathbb{E}_\eta [\|\delta_{\text{N-FGSM}}\|_2^2] > \mathbb{E}_\eta [\|\delta_{\text{FGSM}}\|_2^2] > \mathbb{E}_\eta [\|\delta_{\text{RS-FGSM}}\|_2^2].$$

*Proof.* From Lemma L.1 we have that

$$\mathbb{E}_\eta [\|\delta_{\text{N-FGSM}}\|_2^2] = d \left( \frac{k^2 \epsilon^2}{3} + \alpha^2 \right).$$

On the other hand, (Andriushchenko & Flammarion, 2020) showed that

$$\mathbb{E}_\eta [\|\delta_{\text{RS-FGSM}}\|_2^2] = d \left( -\frac{1}{6\epsilon} \alpha^3 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 + \frac{1}{3} \epsilon^2 \right).$$

Finally, we note that

$$\mathbb{E}_\eta [\|\delta_{\text{FGSM}}\|_2^2] = \|\delta_{\text{FGSM}}\|_2^2 = d\epsilon^2.$$

The default hyperparameters for N-FGSM are  $k = 2$ ,  $\alpha = \epsilon$  and RS-FGSM uses  $\alpha = 5\epsilon/4$ . With these hyperparameters and any  $\epsilon > 0$  we have

$$\mathbb{E}_\eta [\|\delta_{\text{N-FGSM}}\|_2^2] = \frac{7}{3} d\epsilon^2 > \mathbb{E}_\eta [\|\delta_{\text{FGSM}}\|_2^2] = d\epsilon^2 > \mathbb{E}_\eta [\|\delta_{\text{RS-FGSM}}\|_2^2] = \frac{101}{128} d\epsilon^2$$

□

In Lemma L.1 we compute the expected value of the squared  $\ell_2$  norm of N-FGSM perturbations and by Jensen’s inequality we obtain an upper bound for the expected  $\ell_2$  norm of N-FGSM perturbations. However, obtaining the exact expected magnitude is more complex. To compliment our analytic results, we approximate the  $\ell_2$  norm of FGSM, RS-FGSM and N-FGSM via Monte Carlo sampling. Results are presented in Figure 14. We observe that the empirical estimations are very close to the analytical upper bounds and that indeed, N-FGSM has a magnitude significantly above that of FGSM or RS-FGSM.

## M. N-FGSM with Gaussian noise

In the main paper we have only explored noise sources coming from a Uniform distribution. Since we are measuring robustness against  $l_\infty$ - attacks, the Uniform distribution is a natural choice because the random perturbations will be bounded to the  $l_\infty$  ball defined by the span of the distribution. However, for the sake of completeness, we also explore the performance of augmenting the samples from a Gaussian distribution where we choose its standard deviation to match that of the uniform distribution. In Table 5 we present a comparison of the clean (top) and PGD-50-10 (bottom) accuracy for different values of  $\alpha$  and noise magnitude with  $\epsilon = 8/255$ . Recall that by default we use Uniform distribution  $\mathcal{U}[-k, k]$ , therefore hyperparameter  $k$  sets the noise magnitude.

Increasing the FGSM step size without increasing the amount of noise leads to CO. Note results for  $k = 0.5\epsilon$ . More importantly, results are very similar when the two noise distributions share the same standard deviation. Thus, using Gaussian instead of Uniform noise does not seem to alter the results. Although this might be expected, we remark that the Gaussian is an unbounded noise distribution and the common practice in adversarial training is to always restrict the norm of the perturbations.

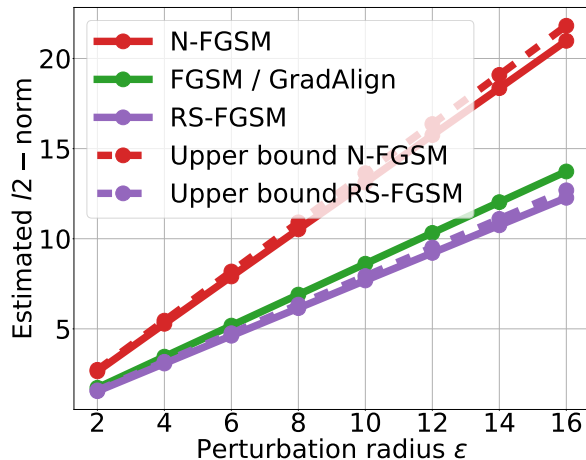


Figure 14. Monte Carlo estimations of the expected  $l_2$ -norm of perturbations from different methods and corresponding analytical upper bounds. As mentioned in (Andriushchenko & Flammarion, 2020), we observe that RS-FGSM perturbations have lower  $l_2$  norm than FGSM. However, N-FGSM perturbations have a significantly higher  $l_2$ -norm than both RS-FGSM and FGSM. This seems to indicate that the role of random step is not simply to lower the  $l_2$  norm as previously suggested (Andriushchenko & Flammarion, 2020).

Table 5. Comparison of the clean (top) and PGD-50-10 (bottom) accuracy across different values of step-size  $\alpha$  and noise magnitude for the Uniform and Gaussian distributions with  $\epsilon = 8/255$ . For every value of  $k$ , we use a Gaussian with matching standard deviation. We observe that when we match the standard deviation, both distribution perform similarly.

	Uniform Noise			Gaussian Noise		
	$\alpha = 6/255 (0.75\epsilon)$	$\alpha = 8/255 (1\epsilon)$	$\alpha = 10/255 (1.25\epsilon)$	$\alpha = 6/255 (0.75\epsilon)$	$\alpha = 8/255 (1\epsilon)$	$\alpha = 10/255 (1.25\epsilon)$
$k = 0.5\epsilon$	$85.52 \pm 0.23$	$81.54 \pm 0.19$	$82.81 \pm 1.11$	$85.27 \pm 0.11$	$81.71 \pm 0.27$	$83.34 \pm 1.48$
	$44.14 \pm 0.24$	$47.93 \pm 0.11$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$44.23 \pm 0.17$	$47.98 \pm 0.14$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$
$k = 1\epsilon$	$85.03 \pm 0.09$	$81.57 \pm 0.07$	$77.32 \pm 0.14$	$85.01 \pm 0.17$	$81.35 \pm 0.14$	$77.22 \pm 0.32$
	$44.44 \pm 0.13$	$48.16 \pm 0.21$	$49.68 \pm 0.25$	$44.41 \pm 0.04$	$48.21 \pm 0.11$	$49.83 \pm 0.1$
$k = 2\epsilon$	$84.49 \pm 0.1$	$80.58 \pm 0.22$	$76.49 \pm 0.14$	$84.35 \pm 0.24$	$80.44 \pm 0.31$	$76.33 \pm 0.37$
	$44.44 \pm 0.15$	$48.12 \pm 0.07$	$49.77 \pm 0.37$	$44.59 \pm 0.22$	$48.34 \pm 0.1$	$49.77 \pm 0.23$

## N. Training with noise augmented samples

Gilmer et al. (2019) and Fawzi et al. (2018) report a close link between robustness to adversarial attacks and robustness to random noise. Actually, (Gilmer et al., 2019) report that training with noise-augmented samples can improve adversarial accuracy and vice-versa. We note that N-FGSM can actually be seen as a combination of noise-augmentation and adversarial attacks. Here we perform an ablation where we train models with samples augmented with uniform noise  $\mathcal{U}[-k, k]$  and then test the PGD-50-10 accuracy. We observe, that indeed random noise can increase the robustness to worst-case perturbations for small  $\epsilon - l_\infty$  balls. However, as we increase  $\epsilon$ , noise augmentation is no longer very effective. With N-FGSM, we apply a weak attack to these noise-augmented samples and this seems to be enough to make them effective for adversarial training.

## O. Comparison of adversarial training cost

In this section we describe how we compute the relative training cost for single-step methods shown in Figure 1 (right). We approximate the cost based on the number of forward/backward passes each method uses, disregarding the cost of other additional operations such as adding a random step for RS-FGSM or N-FGSM. We understand these operations have a negligible cost compared to a full forward or backward pass.

**FGSM:** FGSM is the cheapest of all methods since it only uses one forward/backward to compute the attack and an additional forward/backward to compute the weight update. Hence, Cost FGSM = 2 F/B.

**RS-FGSM:** As previously mentioned, we do not take into account the cost of random steps or clipping, hence we consider

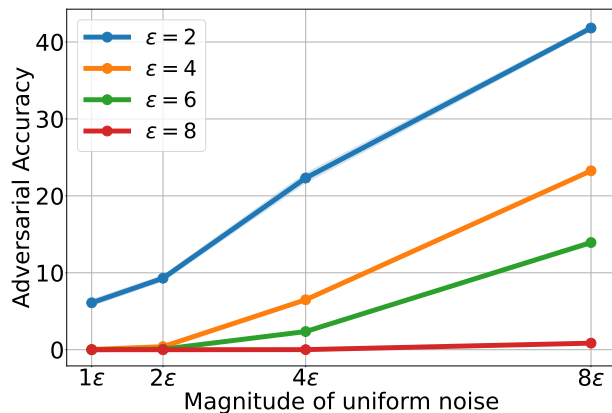


Figure 15. Training with uniform noise augmented samples improves adversarial accuracy for small perturbations but is not effective to protect against larger  $l_\infty$  radius  $\epsilon$ . This motivates us to further augment the noisy samples with FGSM. All experiments are averaged over 3 runs.

RS-FGSM to have the same cost as standard FGSM. Cost RS-FGSM = 2 F/B.

**N-FGSM:** Idem as before, cost of N-FGSM = 2 F/B.

**ZeroGrad:** For ZeroGrad they need to do an additional sorting operation to find the smallest gradient components. This could be potentially expensive, however, since the size of the input image is several orders of magnitude smaller than that of the network, we also ignore this cost. Cost ZeroGrad = 2 F/B.

**MultiGrad:** MultiGrad computes 3 random steps and evaluates the gradient in all of them. Therefore, it needs to do 3 F/B to compute the attack and an additional one to update the weights. Cost MultiGrad = 4 F/B.

**(Kim et al., 2021):** (Kim et al., 2021) compute the RS-FGSM perturbation and evaluate the model on  $c$  points along this direction. Therefore, they will spend 1F/B on the RS-FGSM attack,  $c - 1$  F on the evaluations since the clean image has already been evaluated; and 1 F/B for the weight update. In our plot, we used  $c = 3$  since it was the most chosen setting. (Kim et al., 2021) assume the cost of a forward is similar to that of a backward pass, following this assumption, cost of (Kim et al., 2021) is  $1 \text{ F/B} + 2 \text{ F} + 1 \text{ F/B} = 3 \text{ F/B}$

**Free-AT:** (Shafahi et al., 2019) re-use the gradient from the previous backward pass to compute the FGSM perturbation of the current iteration. Hence, the cost of their training is only 1 F/B per iteration. However, (Wong et al., 2020) observed they needed a longer training schedule to produce comparable results. Therefore, the total training cost per iteration (1 F/B) is scaled by 96 in the case of Free-AT, while it is only scaled by 30 for other methods. Relative cost Free =  $(96 \cdot 1 \text{ F/B}) / (30 \cdot 2 \text{ F/B})$ .

**GradAlign:** Finally, GradAlign uses FGSM with a regularizer. However, this regularizer needs to compute second-order derivatives via double backpropagation, which does not have the same cost as regular backpropagation. (Andriushchenko & Flammarion, 2020) report that the cost of using GradAlign regularizer increased the cost of FGSM by 3.

## P. Infrastructure details and GPU hours

All our training runs have been conducted on either NVIDIA GPU V-100 or P-100 from an internal cluster. The total compute for the results presented in this work is roughly 2500 hours.

## Q. Detailed results for Section 5.1 and Appendix B

In this section we present the tables with the exact numbers used in plots comparing adversarial training methods. For each method and  $\epsilon - l_\infty$  radius, the top number is the clean accuracy while the bottom number is the PGD-50-10 accuracy. We separate single-step from multi-step methods with a double line.

Make Some Noise: Reliable and Efficient Single-Step Adversarial Training

PreActResNet18 – CIFAR-10 Dataset

	$\epsilon = 2/255$	$\epsilon = 4/255$	$\epsilon = 6/255$	$\epsilon = 8/255$	$\epsilon = 10/255$	$\epsilon = 12/255$	$\epsilon = 14/255$	$\epsilon = 16/255$
N-FGSM	91.48 ± 0.17	88.44 ± 0.09	84.72 ± 0.04	80.58 ± 0.22	75.98 ± 0.1	71.46 ± 0.14	67.11 ± 0.37	63.18 ± 0.49
	<b>79.43 ± 0.21</b>	<b>67.09 ± 0.31</b>	<b>56.62 ± 0.26</b>	<b>48.12 ± 0.07</b>	<b>41.56 ± 0.16</b>	<b>36.43 ± 0.16</b>	<b>32.11 ± 0.2</b>	<b>27.67 ± 0.93</b>
Grad Align	91.73 ± 0.04	88.76 ± 0.0	85.67 ± 0.02	81.9 ± 0.22	77.54 ± 0.06	73.29 ± 0.23	68.01 ± 0.32	61.3 ± 0.15
	79.16 ± 0.03	<b>67.13 ± 0.26</b>	<b>56.27 ± 0.31</b>	<b>48.14 ± 0.15</b>	40.75 ± 0.28	34.51 ± 0.63	30.36 ± 0.27	<b>26.64 ± 0.27</b>
FGSM	91.6 ± 0.1	88.77 ± 0.04	85.58 ± 0.11	86.41 ± 0.7	82.08 ± 1.62	80.6 ± 2.59	76.04 ± 2.37	77.14 ± 2.46
	79.35 ± 0.06	67.11 ± 0.09	56.33 ± 0.41	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
RS-FGSM	92.09 ± 0.05	89.69 ± 0.01	87.0 ± 0.12	84.05 ± 0.13	85.21 ± 0.51	65.22 ± 23.23	43.59 ± 25.01	76.66 ± 0.38
	78.64 ± 0.08	66.12 ± 0.22	54.87 ± 0.22	46.08 ± 0.18	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Kim et. al.	92.85 ± 0.11	91.1 ± 0.04	89.34 ± 0.05	89.02 ± 0.1	88.27 ± 0.14	88.35 ± 0.31	90.01 ± 0.25	90.45 ± 0.08
	74.74 ± 0.35	60.51 ± 0.4	48.95 ± 0.45	33.01 ± 0.09	24.43 ± 0.84	13.11 ± 0.63	5.86 ± 0.57	1.88 ± 0.05
AT Free	87.99 ± 0.16	84.98 ± 0.13	81.77 ± 0.11	78.41 ± 0.18	74.79 ± 0.22	73.91 ± 4.19	61.92 ± 14.94	71.64 ± 3.89
	74.27 ± 0.33	62.47 ± 0.25	53.18 ± 0.15	46.03 ± 0.36	39.87 ± 0.07	22.99 ± 16.26	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
ZeroGrad	91.71 ± 0.08	88.8 ± 0.11	85.71 ± 0.1	82.62 ± 0.05	79.91 ± 0.12	78.11 ± 0.2	75.66 ± 0.46	75.42 ± 0.13
	79.36 ± 0.05	<b>67.32 ± 0.02</b>	56.14 ± 0.21	47.08 ± 0.1	37.58 ± 0.2	27.41 ± 0.27	21.29 ± 0.97	13.06 ± 0.22
MultiGrad	91.57 ± 0.16	88.74 ± 0.12	85.75 ± 0.05	82.33 ± 0.14	78.73 ± 0.16	75.28 ± 0.2	80.94 ± 5.94	71.42 ± 5.63
	79.34 ± 0.02	66.81 ± 0.02	56.02 ± 0.3	47.29 ± 0.07	40.11 ± 0.24	33.87 ± 0.17	9.55 ± 13.5	16.35 ± 11.57
PGD-2	91.4 ± 0.07	88.46 ± 0.13	85.14 ± 0.13	81.41 ± 0.05	77.18 ± 0.15	72.9 ± 0.26	70.39 ± 2.71	64.81 ± 11.58
	<b>79.55 ± 0.15</b>	67.62 ± 0.03	57.39 ± 0.13	49.58 ± 0.08	43.3 ± 0.11	38.13 ± 0.15	22.89 ± 15.26	9.6 ± 13.37
PGD-10	91.25 ± 0.04	88.34 ± 0.11	84.79 ± 0.11	80.71 ± 0.14	76.13 ± 0.35	71.24 ± 0.3	66.7 ± 0.39	62.11 ± 0.62
	<b>79.47 ± 0.13</b>	<b>68.29 ± 0.24</b>	<b>58.85 ± 0.18</b>	<b>51.33 ± 0.31</b>	<b>45.02 ± 0.49</b>	<b>39.93 ± 0.5</b>	<b>36.02 ± 0.67</b>	<b>32.22 ± 0.64</b>

PreActResNet18 – CIFAR-100 Dataset

	$\epsilon = 2/255$	$\epsilon = 4/255$	$\epsilon = 6/255$	$\epsilon = 8/255$	$\epsilon = 10/255$	$\epsilon = 12/255$	$\epsilon = 14/255$	$\epsilon = 16/255$
N-FGSM	69.12 ± 0.27	64.0 ± 0.06	59.53 ± 0.02	54.9 ± 0.2	50.6 ± 0.16	46.06 ± 0.14	41.67 ± 0.25	37.91 ± 0.11
	<b>51.02 ± 0.34</b>	<b>39.5 ± 0.12</b>	<b>32.06 ± 0.37</b>	<b>26.46 ± 0.22</b>	<b>22.23 ± 0.17</b>	<b>18.95 ± 0.15</b>	<b>16.33 ± 0.15</b>	<b>14.34 ± 0.07</b>
Grad Align	68.96 ± 0.15	64.71 ± 0.16	60.42 ± 0.23	56.53 ± 0.31	54.06 ± 0.44	48.87 ± 0.32	43.84 ± 0.14	38.93 ± 0.21
	<b>51.31 ± 0.12</b>	<b>39.37 ± 0.25</b>	<b>31.91 ± 0.28</b>	25.8 ± 0.14	18.7 ± 1.92	17.86 ± 0.04	15.51 ± 0.16	13.62 ± 0.19
FGSM	69.01 ± 0.13	64.47 ± 0.15	63.85 ± 2.18	53.42 ± 0.65	45.06 ± 2.29	46.14 ± 2.58	41.66 ± 0.88	44.68 ± 1.74
	51.3 ± 0.19	39.7 ± 0.16	10.93 ± 14.64	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
RS-FGSM	69.83 ± 0.29	65.9 ± 0.36	62.15 ± 0.23	55.26 ± 6.86	32.33 ± 12.12	36.07 ± 2.59	21.52 ± 5.56	20.38 ± 6.15
	50.13 ± 0.32	38.36 ± 0.19	30.82 ± 0.08	0.01 ± 0.01	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Kim et. al.	72.92 ± 0.41	70.16 ± 0.07	67.98 ± 0.19	68.07 ± 0.1	68.37 ± 0.21	74.09 ± 0.06	74.06 ± 0.34	74.01 ± 0.36
	44.19 ± 0.25	30.63 ± 0.28	22.0 ± 0.02	12.75 ± 0.21	6.98 ± 0.23	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
AT Free	63.01 ± 0.19	59.41 ± 0.27	55.43 ± 0.37	51.91 ± 0.08	48.11 ± 0.09	43.48 ± 1.25	18.33 ± 4.86	20.43 ± 11.25
	45.7 ± 0.33	35.95 ± 0.09	29.37 ± 0.21	24.32 ± 0.4	20.64 ± 0.22	5.71 ± 8.05	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
ZeroGrad	69.35 ± 0.36	64.59 ± 0.32	60.69 ± 0.09	56.94 ± 0.13	54.55 ± 0.17	52.97 ± 0.34	50.87 ± 0.26	50.73 ± 0.3
	<b>51.1 ± 0.09</b>	<b>39.38 ± 0.15</b>	31.72 ± 0.21	25.87 ± 0.09	19.49 ± 0.08	14.32 ± 0.08	10.92 ± 0.59	7.3 ± 0.16
MultiGrad	69.01 ± 0.16	64.44 ± 0.11	60.65 ± 0.26	56.84 ± 0.2	53.62 ± 0.25	53.05 ± 1.85	48.28 ± 0.66	45.28 ± 11.14
	51.15 ± 0.03	39.16 ± 0.03	31.73 ± 0.09	25.96 ± 0.11	21.37 ± 0.16	9.57 ± 7.32	3.2 ± 4.49	0.0 ± 0.0
PGD-2	69.18 ± 0.1	64.32 ± 0.14	60.21 ± 0.13	55.8 ± 0.16	51.68 ± 0.1	48.2 ± 0.1	46.14 ± 1.24	37.97 ± 10.52
	<b>51.36 ± 0.03</b>	40.06 ± 0.14	32.99 ± 0.24	27.38 ± 0.16	23.39 ± 0.19	19.83 ± 0.29	10.55 ± 7.51	4.79 ± 6.75
PGD-10	68.83 ± 0.07	63.87 ± 0.09	59.37 ± 0.07	54.79 ± 0.38	50.53 ± 0.15	46.05 ± 0.21	41.76 ± 0.07	37.81 ± 0.14
	<b>51.51 ± 0.27</b>	<b>40.59 ± 0.36</b>	<b>33.65 ± 0.02</b>	<b>28.55 ± 0.27</b>	<b>24.17 ± 0.12</b>	<b>21.2 ± 0.12</b>	<b>18.72 ± 0.06</b>	<b>16.59 ± 0.16</b>

PreActResNet18 – SVHN Dataset

	$\epsilon = 2/255$	$\epsilon = 4/255$	$\epsilon = 6/255$	$\epsilon = 8/255$	$\epsilon = 10/255$	$\epsilon = 12/255$
N-FGSM	96.01 ± 0.04	94.54 ± 0.15	92.25 ± 0.33	89.56 ± 0.49	86.74 ± 0.86	81.48 ± 1.64
	<b>86.44 ± 0.1</b>	<b>72.53 ± 0.19</b>	58.42 ± 0.14	<b>45.63 ± 0.11</b>	<b>33.96 ± 0.49</b>	<b>26.13 ± 0.81</b>
Grad Align	96.02 ± 0.05	94.56 ± 0.21	92.53 ± 0.24	90.1 ± 0.34	87.23 ± 0.75	84.01 ± 0.46
	<b>86.43 ± 0.1</b>	72.12 ± 0.19	57.34 ± 0.24	43.85 ± 0.14	32.87 ± 0.33	23.62 ± 0.41
FGSM	96.04 ± 0.07	95.67 ± 0.07	93.73 ± 0.68	91.74 ± 0.86	90.76 ± 0.63	87.17 ± 0.43
	<b>86.5 ± 0.05</b>	13.61 ± 5.83	0.56 ± 0.72	0.26 ± 0.36	0.07 ± 0.1	0.0 ± 0.0
RS-FGSM	96.18 ± 0.11	95.09 ± 0.09	95.11 ± 0.44	94.46 ± 0.16	93.88 ± 0.24	92.74 ± 0.5
	86.16 ± 0.14	71.28 ± 0.4	0.11 ± 0.08	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
Kim et. al.	96.35 ± 0.02	95.25 ± 0.08	94.83 ± 0.02	94.88 ± 0.29	96.61 ± 0.09	96.61 ± 0.01
	83.26 ± 0.24	66.32 ± 0.63	48.27 ± 0.52	31.8 ± 1.1	0.18 ± 0.21	0.0 ± 0.0
AT Free	95.01 ± 0.09	93.66 ± 0.12	91.72 ± 0.29	91.29 ± 4.07	91.86 ± 3.66	92.36 ± 1.0
	84.55 ± 0.27	71.61 ± 0.75	<b>59.31 ± 1.0</b>	0.01 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
ZeroGrad	96.06 ± 0.03	94.81 ± 0.16	93.53 ± 0.26	92.42 ± 1.29	90.34 ± 0.32	88.09 ± 0.4
	<b>86.43 ± 0.1</b>	71.59 ± 0.22	51.72 ± 0.53	35.93 ± 2.73	21.34 ± 0.31	14.14 ± 0.32
MultiGrad	96.01 ± 0.08	94.71 ± 0.17	95.75 ± 0.58	94.86 ± 0.97	94.7 ± 0.12	94.48 ± 0.19
	<b>86.4 ± 0.08</b>	<b>71.98 ± 0.26</b>	28.1 ± 18.85	11.49 ± 16.19	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
PGD-2	96.03 ± 0.14	94.66 ± 0.1	93.77 ± 0.61	94.63 ± 1.29	84.09 ± 14.99	94.16 ± 0.54
	86.72 ± 0.06	73.29 ± 0.29	60.53 ± 0.73	20.68 ± 18.56	0.41 ± 0.29	0.02 ± 0.03
PGD-10	95.92 ± 0.08	94.37 ± 0.13	92.46 ± 0.25	89.67 ± 0.34	85.75 ± 0.65	80.08 ± 0.93
	<b>86.94 ± 0.14</b>	<b>74.76 ± 0.19</b>	<b>63.9 ± 0.48</b>	<b>53.95 ± 0.55</b>	<b>44.91 ± 0.45</b>	<b>37.65 ± 0.53</b>

WideResNet28-10 – CIFAR-10 Dataset

	$\epsilon = 2/255$	$\epsilon = 4/255$	$\epsilon = 6/255$	$\epsilon = 8/255$	$\epsilon = 10/255$	$\epsilon = 12/255$	$\epsilon = 14/255$	$\epsilon = 16/255$
N-FGSM	92.51 ± 0.11	89.65 ± 0.09	85.8 ± 0.23	81.59 ± 0.32	76.92 ± 0.04	72.13 ± 0.15	67.82 ± 0.43	56.73 ± 0.42
	<b>81.43 ± 0.3</b>	69.11 ± 0.24	58.29 ± 0.14	49.53 ± 0.25	<b>42.37 ± 0.36</b>	<b>36.85 ± 0.2</b>	<b>31.66 ± 0.6</b>	25.01 ± 0.23
Grad Align	92.59 ± 0.05	89.95 ± 0.3	86.98 ± 0.06	83.19 ± 0.26	79.35 ± 0.26	73.79 ± 0.72	66.38 ± 0.53	57.75 ± 0.75
	<b>81.33 ± 0.4</b>	<b>69.81 ± 0.47</b>	<b>59.0 ± 0.13</b>	<b>50.0 ± 0.05</b>	41.48 ± 0.51	35.06 ± 0.74	30.83 ± 0.39	<b>26.26 ± 0.13</b>
FGSM	92.65 ± 0.17	90.06 ± 0.18	87.99 ± 1.3	86.46 ± 0.45	82.67 ± 1.78	80.14 ± 1.2	74.54 ± 4.01	71.56 ± 3.78
	<b>81.38 ± 0.22</b>	<b>69.59 ± 0.25</b>	38.69 ± 26.54	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
RS-FGSM	92.85 ± 0.1	90.73 ± 0.2	88.24 ± 0.19	83.64 ± 1.74	82.1 ± 1.45	78.62 ± 0.7	73.25 ± 8.16	68.64 ± 4.3
	80.9 ± 0.13	68.23 ± 0.17	57.21 ± 0.17	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
RandAlpha	93.37 ± 0.22	92.17 ± 0.21	90.71 ± 0.14	89.16 ± 0.19	87.44 ± 0.31	85.69 ± 0.28	83.98 ± 0.24	83.23 ± 0.46
	77.67 ± 0.66	63.73 ± 0.31	50.4 ± 0.14	39.37 ± 0.42	30.13 ± 0.9	23.13 ± 0.33	16.0 ± 0.22	8.47 ± 0.66
AT Free	90.66 ± 0.25	88.37 ± 0.15	86.11 ± 0.29	83.5 ± 0.27	80.52 ± 0.32	83.59 ± 1.35	39.58 ± 15.8	42.59 ± 27.96
	77.0 ± 0.27	64.25 ± 0.33	53.76 ± 0.48	44.85 ± 0.39	31.87 ± 5.53	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
ZeroGrad	92.62 ± 0.11	90.17 ± 0.05	86.98 ± 0.28	84.25 ± 0.28	81.72 ± 0.29	79.24 ± 0.82	78.14 ± 0.46	75.34 ± 0.12
	<b>81.42 ± 0.28</b>	69.28 ± 0.29	58.4 ± 0.14	48.29 ± 0.16	36.08 ± 0.29	28.24 ± 1.79	18.54 ± 0.31	14.6 ± 0.12
MultiGrad	92.64 ± 0.1	90.18 ± 0.13	87.11 ± 0.36	83.87 ± 0.46	80.89 ± 0.14	82.88 ± 2.85	86.6 ± 1.52	85.46 ± 3.73
	<b>81.19 ± 0.28</b>	69.3 ± 0.2	57.98 ± 0.08	48.74 ± 0.09	41.22 ± 0.57	4.46 ± 6.09	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
PGD-2	92.69 ± 0.14	90.18 ± 0.19	86.87 ± 0.18	83.31 ± 0.16	79.61 ± 0.47	75.81 ± 0.24	71.41 ± 1.38	67.2 ± 14.94
	<b>81.54 ± 0.18</b>	69.87 ± 0.26	59.4 ± 0.19	50.88 ± 0.16	43.94 ± 0.24	37.77 ± 0.57	21.06 ± 13.39	0.0 ± 0.0
PGD-10	92.24 ± 0.31	89.65 ± 0.33	86.91 ± 0.51	82.82 ± 0.7	78.63 ± 0.66	74.0 ± 0.67	68.6 ± 0.58	64.17 ± 0.72
	81.18 ± 0.57	<b>70.34 ± 0.26</b>	<b>60.59 ± 0.21</b>	<b>52.58 ± 0.2</b>	<b>45.92 ± 0.38</b>	<b>40.44 ± 0.17</b>	<b>35.98 ± 0.56</b>	<b>32.5 ± 0.61</b>

Make Some Noise: Reliable and Efficient Single-Step Adversarial Training

WideResNet28-10 – CIFAR-100 Dataset

	$\epsilon = 2/255$	$\epsilon = 5/255$	$\epsilon = 6/255$	$\epsilon = 8/255$	$\epsilon = 10/255$	$\epsilon = 12/255$	$\epsilon = 14/255$	$\epsilon = 16/255$
N-FGSM	71.56 ± 0.13	66.49 ± 0.46	61.38 ± 0.68	56.23 ± 0.59	51.54 ± 0.63	46.43 ± 0.61	42.11 ± 0.32	38.34 ± 0.47
	<b>52.23 ± 0.33</b>	<b>39.93 ± 0.37</b>	30.97 ± 0.21	<b>26.77 ± 0.65</b>	<b>23.03 ± 0.54</b>	<b>19.3 ± 0.59</b>	<b>16.67 ± 0.4</b>	<b>14.27 ± 0.33</b>
Grad Align	71.68 ± 0.33	67.09 ± 0.19	62.86 ± 0.1	58.55 ± 0.41	53.85 ± 0.73	46.94 ± 0.86	42.63 ± 0.5	36.17 ± 0.45
	51.5 ± 0.45	<b>39.9 ± 0.42</b>	<b>32.0 ± 0.22</b>	<b>26.9 ± 0.62</b>	<b>22.63 ± 0.62</b>	<b>19.9 ± 0.65</b>	<b>16.93 ± 0.12</b>	<b>14.03 ± 0.24</b>
FGSM	71.92 ± 0.33	67.34 ± 0.36	64.72 ± 1.12	56.87 ± 1.24	52.31 ± 2.11	48.99 ± 1.17	44.27 ± 1.4	42.05 ± 1.03
	<b>52.83 ± 0.37</b>	<b>39.83 ± 0.31</b>	0.0 ± 0.0	0.03 ± 0.05	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
RS-FGSM	72.65 ± 0.28	68.26 ± 0.2	65.58 ± 0.69	54.25 ± 5.85	46.08 ± 4.87	35.84 ± 0.17	24.4 ± 1.25	21.37 ± 5.04
	51.63 ± 0.52	39.57 ± 0.09	26.63 ± 2.8	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
RandAlpha	73.9 ± 0.15	71.17 ± 0.12	68.65 ± 0.22	66.42 ± 0.13	64.05 ± 0.5	61.99 ± 0.6	59.74 ± 0.57	58.9 ± 0.78
	49.13 ± 0.91	34.3 ± 0.54	25.5 ± 0.33	20.27 ± 0.98	16.3 ± 0.14	12.4 ± 0.29	6.93 ± 0.19	3.63 ± 0.12
AT Free	67.62 ± 0.24	63.27 ± 0.72	59.53 ± 0.31	55.77 ± 0.28	47.02 ± 3.83	33.52 ± 9.24	7.87 ± 1.78	20.92 ± 21.48
	48.07 ± 0.31	37.93 ± 0.69	29.7 ± 0.51	24.43 ± 0.37	3.23 ± 4.43	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
ZeroGrad	71.68 ± 0.07	67.2 ± 0.14	63.69 ± 0.14	60.77 ± 0.26	61.05 ± 0.38	58.39 ± 0.16	56.19 ± 0.11	56.38 ± 0.18
	<b>52.63 ± 0.61</b>	39.57 ± 0.33	30.27 ± 0.54	23.7 ± 0.08	15.1 ± 0.49	11.13 ± 0.68	8.8 ± 0.36	4.9 ± 0.36
MultiGrad	71.8 ± 0.15	67.73 ± 0.48	63.24 ± 0.33	60.05 ± 0.79	56.39 ± 0.49	56.79 ± 8.27	59.8 ± 3.77	52.96 ± 5.58
	51.9 ± 0.29	39.7 ± 0.37	31.5 ± 0.62	26.03 ± 0.09	20.8 ± 0.29	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
PGD-2	71.62 ± 0.15	67.25 ± 0.43	63.18 ± 0.36	59.02 ± 0.4	54.47 ± 0.45	50.91 ± 0.35	41.03 ± 3.18	40.13 ± 3.66
	51.73 ± 0.48	<b>40.27 ± 0.7</b>	32.23 ± 0.19	27.13 ± 0.37	23.43 ± 0.31	20.23 ± 0.39	0.03 ± 0.05	0.0 ± 0.0
PGD-10	71.11 ± 0.62	66.9 ± 0.57	62.05 ± 0.47	57.64 ± 0.81	52.84 ± 0.88	48.14 ± 0.73	43.14 ± 0.87	39.2 ± 0.62
	<b>52.5 ± 0.59</b>	<b>40.73 ± 0.56</b>	<b>32.8 ± 0.29</b>	<b>27.97 ± 0.59</b>	<b>24.7 ± 0.36</b>	<b>21.8 ± 0.57</b>	<b>18.87 ± 0.6</b>	<b>16.8 ± 0.57</b>

WideResNet28-10 – SVHN Dataset

	$\epsilon = 2/255$	$\epsilon = 4/255$	$\epsilon = 6/255$	$\epsilon = 8/255$	$\epsilon = 10/255$	$\epsilon = 12/255$
N-FGSM	95.64 ± 0.09	93.66 ± 0.41	91.77 ± 0.42	88.89 ± 0.58	88.07 ± 0.59	87.52 ± 0.49
	<b>84.1 ± 0.73</b>	66.9 ± 0.86	<b>53.0 ± 0.36</b>	<b>40.5 ± 0.37</b>	<b>30.47 ± 0.76</b>	<b>22.43 ± 0.53</b>
Grad Align	95.41 ± 0.06	93.9 ± 0.48	68.36 ± 34.49	42.62 ± 32.73	19.3 ± 0.21	19.53 ± 0.08
	<b>84.57 ± 0.56</b>	67.27 ± 0.54	39.53 ± 14.89	24.7 ± 9.34	17.63 ± 0.62	18.13 ± 0.52
FGSM	95.83 ± 0.1	95.0 ± 0.24	94.23 ± 0.79	91.11 ± 1.36	88.83 ± 1.71	86.74 ± 0.7
	<b>85.03 ± 0.37</b>	31.53 ± 6.57	1.7 ± 1.36	0.13 ± 0.19	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
RS-FGSM	95.81 ± 0.25	94.53 ± 0.4	95.23 ± 0.26	94.68 ± 0.62	93.9 ± 0.52	91.64 ± 2.98
	83.8 ± 0.43	66.67 ± 0.65	0.53 ± 0.26	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
RandAlpha	96.02 ± 0.23	95.47 ± 0.18	94.69 ± 0.26	93.72 ± 0.44	93.08 ± 1.45	93.96 ± 0.68
	82.5 ± 0.45	63.33 ± 0.53	47.7 ± 0.99	35.73 ± 0.34	23.17 ± 1.97	11.1 ± 3.05
AT Free	94.85 ± 0.39	92.95 ± 0.65	91.62 ± 1.93	93.74 ± 0.69	92.47 ± 0.97	90.5 ± 1.41
	83.13 ± 0.17	<b>68.67 ± 0.53</b>	<b>54.93 ± 2.58</b>	0.03 ± 0.05	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
ZeroGrad	95.78 ± 0.21	94.06 ± 0.52	92.13 ± 0.98	91.04 ± 0.4	88.85 ± 0.92	89.8 ± 1.36
	<b>84.47 ± 0.83</b>	66.1 ± 0.37	47.3 ± 0.62	29.33 ± 0.56	20.77 ± 0.63	9.33 ± 0.76
MultiGrad	95.63 ± 0.16	94.27 ± 0.38	93.64 ± 1.21	94.83 ± 1.55	95.26 ± 0.34	95.22 ± 0.15
	<b>84.37 ± 0.59</b>	67.27 ± 0.31	50.1 ± 0.9	1.77 ± 1.72	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0
PGD-2	95.88 ± 0.35	94.66 ± 0.1	93.77 ± 0.61	92.99 ± 1.11	88.81 ± 0.93	83.17 ± 4.78
	<b>86.25 ± 0.7</b>	73.29 ± 0.25	60.53 ± 0.72	40.77 ± 4.39	34.33 ± 2.76	26.8 ± 3.31
PGD-10	95.92 ± 0.08	94.36 ± 0.13	92.46 ± 0.25	89.67 ± 0.34	85.98 ± 0.59	80.08 ± 0.93
	<b>86.94 ± 0.13</b>	<b>74.46 ± 0.54</b>	<b>63.87 ± 0.49</b>	<b>53.95 ± 0.55</b>	<b>44.59 ± 0.14</b>	<b>37.64 ± 0.49</b>