It begins with a boundary: Robustness on the interface of geometry and probability

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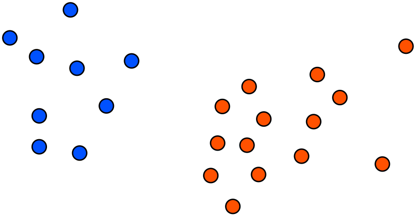

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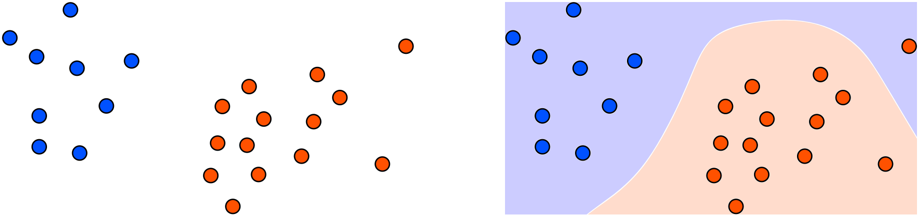

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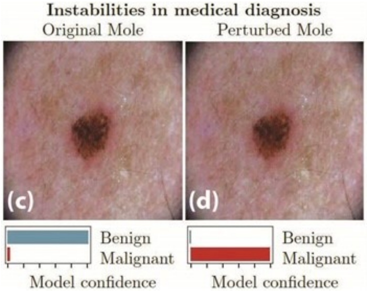

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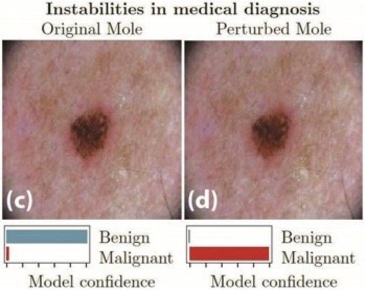

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Adversarial attack[1] with budget $\varepsilon > 0$:

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Unveiling unlearned knowledge:

Question	Without Attack	Attacked
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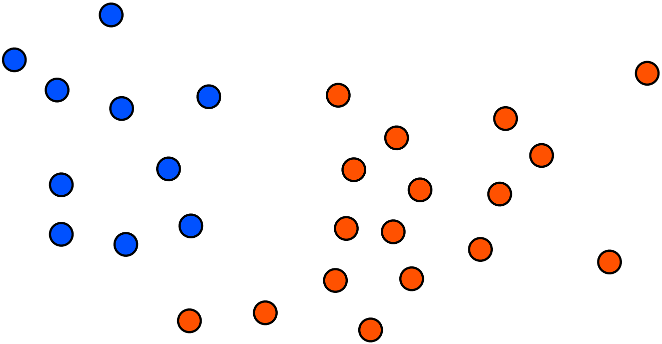

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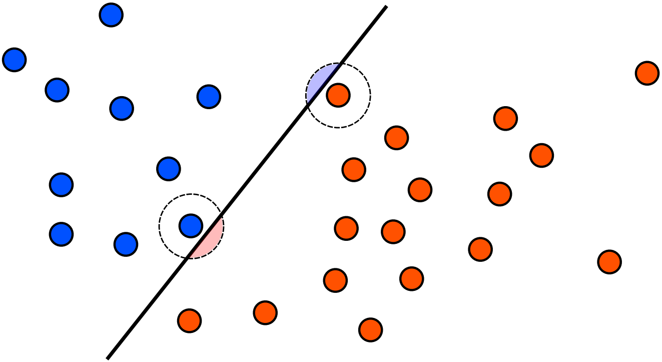

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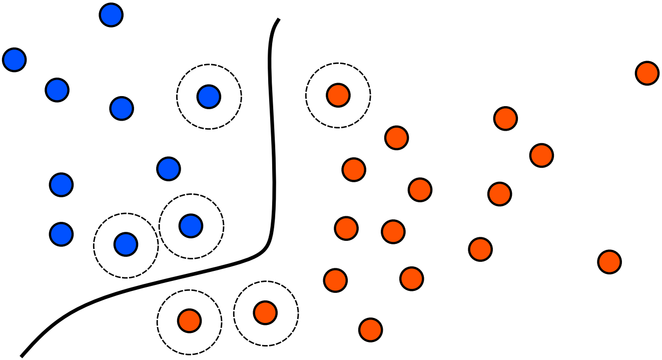

Robust classifier (cf. SVMs)

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From Training to Adversarial Training

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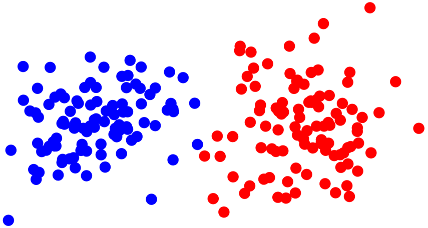

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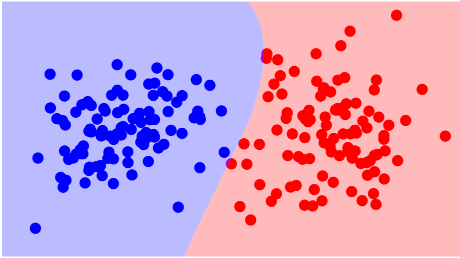

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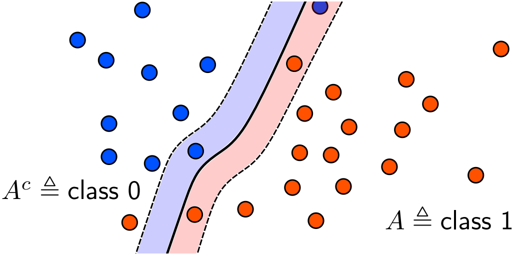

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Related results: TRADES method (Zhang et al. 2019), input gradient regularization (Finlay and Oberman 2021)

Implications

1. TV_ε-problem as convex relaxation of Per_ε-problem $\rightsquigarrow$ existence of measurable solutions
2. Primal-dual algorithms (Chambolle and Pock 2011) become applicable:

$$\inf_u \mathcal{L}(u) + \varepsilon \, \mathrm{TV}_\varepsilon(u) = \inf_u \sup_{p \in \mathfrak{P}} \mathcal{L}(u) + \varepsilon \, \langle \mathrm{div}_\varepsilon \, p, u \rangle$$

   with nonlocal divergence div_ε (with PhD student Lucas Schmitt).
3. Sets up asymptotic study as $\varepsilon \to 0$ in the flavor of variational regularization methods.

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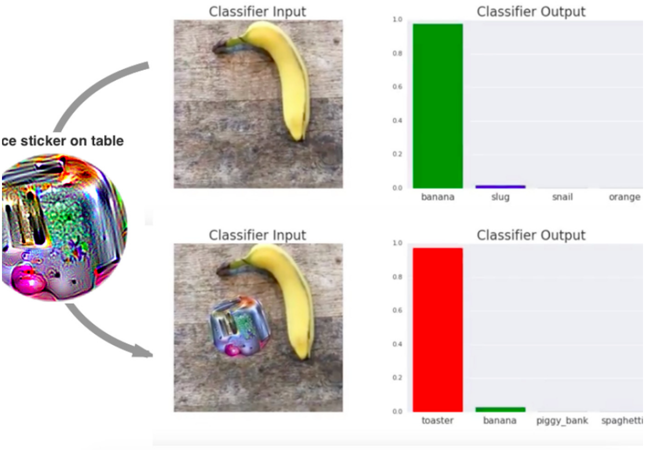

Figure: Adversarial sticker. ε too large?

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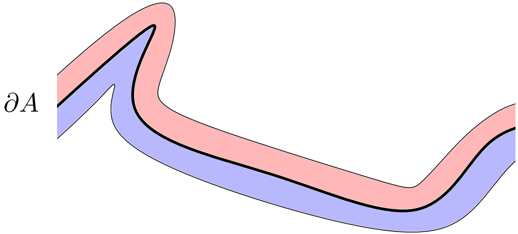

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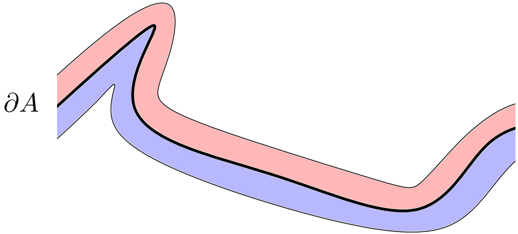

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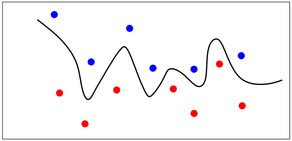

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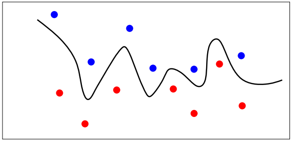

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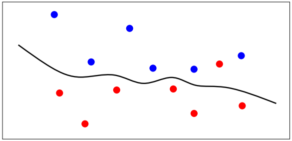

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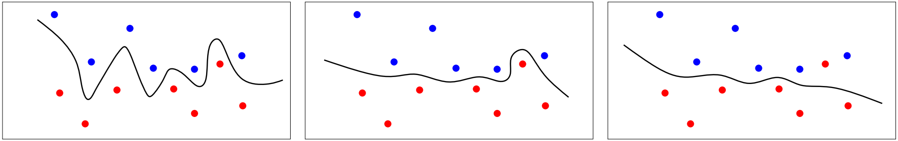

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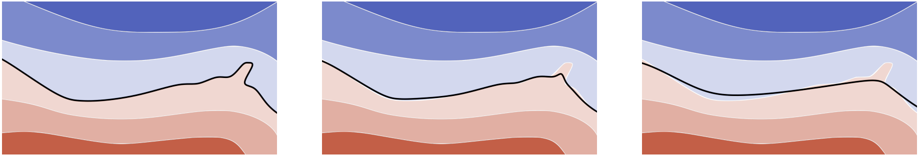

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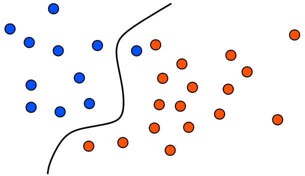

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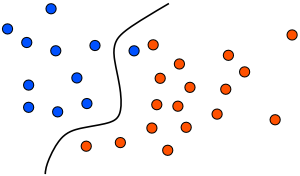

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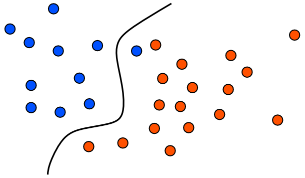

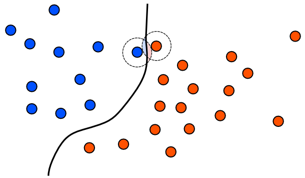

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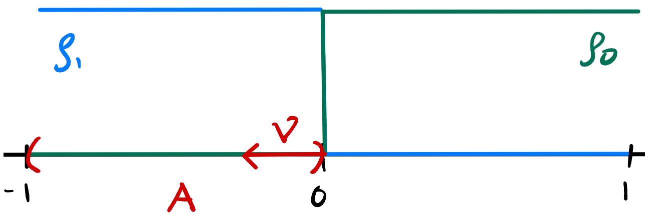

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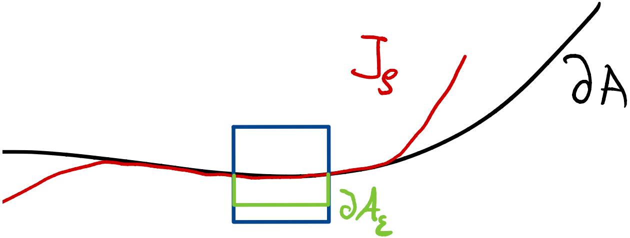

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Future: show this using Gamma-convergence of $\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\left(\mathrm{Per}_\varepsilon(A;\mu) - \mathrm{Per}(A;\mu)\right)$.

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$A \subset \mathcal{X}$ is called ε-inner / outer regular if for all $x \in \partial A$ there exists $y \in \mathcal{X}$ with $B_{\varepsilon}(x) \subset A$ / A^c.

Ex: $\mathrm{op}_{\varepsilon}(A)$ is inner and $\mathrm{cl}_{\varepsilon}(A)$ outer regular.

Theorem (LB, García Trillos, and Murray 2023)

1. *Let $A \in \mathcal{X}$ be a minimizer of*

$$\min_{A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X})} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y)\sim\mu}\left[|1_A(x) - y|\right] + \varepsilon \operatorname{Per}_\varepsilon(A; \mu).$$

   Then every set $B \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X})$ with $\operatorname{op}_\varepsilon(A) \subset B \subset \operatorname{cl}_\varepsilon(A)$ is a minimizer.

2. *The problem admits minimal and maximal solutions (w.r.t. set inclusion).*
3. *If $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^d$ the problem admits a $C^{1,1/3}$-solution.*

Proof ingredients: morphological operations, regularized distance function.