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# Seasoning Model Soups for Robustness to Adversarial and Natural Distribution Shifts

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### **Overview**

### **Problems**

Robustness to particular Lp-bounded attacks does not generalize to other attacks

Adversarially trained models are not robust to other distribution shifts

Adapting the type of robustness requires retraining

### **Our solution**

Step 1. Start with a single Lp-robust model

Step 2. Fine-tune it to different threat models

Step 3. Make the soup!

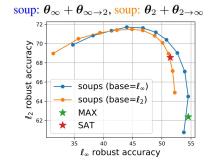
Using linear combinations of model parameters:

 $heta_{ ext{soup}} = w \cdot heta_p + (1-w) \cdot heta_q$ 

### Results

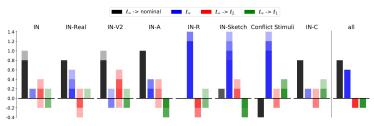


Control level and type of robustness without retraining





### Find a soup for each distribution shift



## **Motivation**

**Problem:** deep networks are vulnerable to *adversarial attacks*, small input perturbations that result in errors



**Solution:** adversarial training [Madry et al., 2018] gives robust models against Lp-bounded attacks

### But...

- Robustness to specific Lp-bounded attacks **does not generalize** to other attacks
- Adversarially trained models are **not robust to natural distribution shifts**
- Adapting type of robustness needs retraining

**Idea:** a short fine-tuning (even 1 epoch) of an Linf-robust model can give classifiers robust w.r.t. L2 or L1 threats or high clean performance [Croce & Hein, 2022]

... is it possible to efficiently combine these various models?

## Soups of Lp-robust models

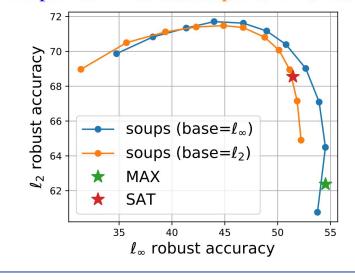
Classifiers fine-tuned from a single robust model to other threat models can be merged via **linear combination** of the parameters

This enables **soups** [Wortsmann et al., 2022] of models with different types of robustness

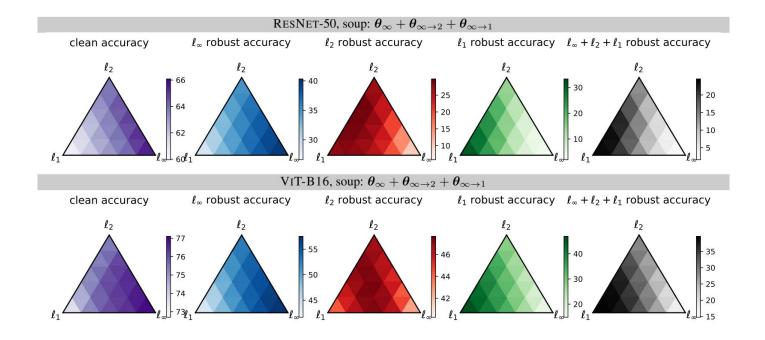
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We can **control the trade-off** between types of robustness via the interpolation weight **without training** additional models! *Example*. Soups of Linf and L2 robust models (CIFAR-10, WideResNet-28-10).

soup: 
$$\theta_{\infty} + \theta_{\infty \to 2}$$
, soup:  $\theta_2 + \theta_{2 \to \infty}$ 



## We can do the same for **three threat models**, robust w.r.t. Linf, L2 and L1 (for various architectures and datasets, e.g. ImageNet below)





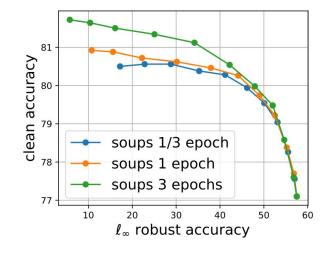
## Soups of nominal and robust models

We can also make model soups of nominal and robust models to balance clean performance and robustness.

> Longer fine-tuning improves the front formed by the soups

*Example*. Soups of nominal and Linf robust models (ImageNet, ViT-B).

soup:  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\infty} + \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\infty \rightarrow \text{nominal}}$ 





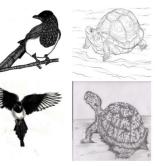
## **Soups for distribution shifts**

**Problem:** the performance of classifiers might deteriorate in the presence of shifts like ImageNet-R or ImageNet-Sketch

**Goal:** we want to find a soup which performs well on the new distribution



### ImageNet-Sketch



### Our framework:

### 1. Four base models

- Linf robust
- Linf  $\rightarrow$  L2
- Linf  $\rightarrow$  L1
- Linf  $\rightarrow$  nominal

### 2. Soup selection

- collect a few labelled images with the shift
- select best interpolation weights (grid search)

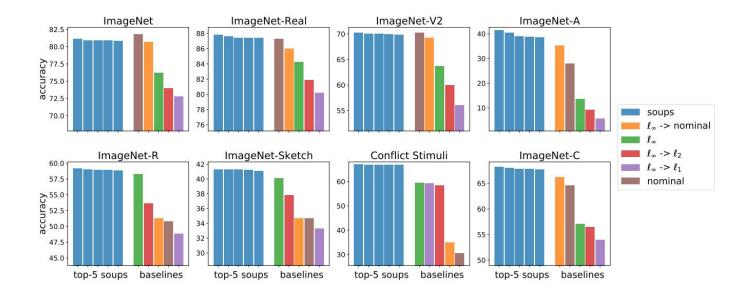
#### 3. Test on unseen images

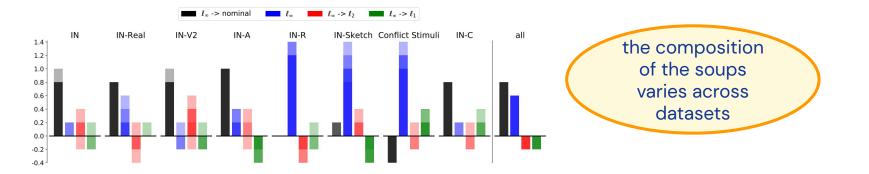
Test the model soup selected on the adaptation set on unseen validation images

## Soups for distribution shifts: results

- We test 8 datasets (ImageNet and various shifts)
- The best individual model varies across datasets

- In most cases the soups outperform the base models
- The soups composition changes according to the dataset





	Setup	# FP	IMAGENET	IN-REAL	IN-V2	IN-A	IN-R	IN- Sketch	Conflict Stimuli	IN-C	MEAN
a single soup	Baselines										
for all datasets	Nominal training	$\times 1$	82.64%	87.33%	71.42%	28.03%	47.94%	34.43%	30.47%	64.45%	55.84%
	Adversarial training	$\times 1$	76.88%	83.91%	64.81%	12.35%	55.76%	40.11%	59.45%	55.44%	56.09%
	Fine-tuned MAE-B16	$\times 1$	83.10%	88.02%	72.80%	37.92%	49.30%	35.69%	27.81%	63.23%	57.23%
	AdvProp	$\times 1$	83.39%	88.06%	73.17%	34.81%	53.04%	39.25%	38.98%	70.39%	60.14%
	Pyramid-AT	$\times 1$	83.14%	87.82%	72.53%	32.72%	51.78%	38.60%	37.27%	67.01%	58.86%
	Indep. networks ensemble	$\times 2$	82.86%	87.78%	71.73%	25.99%	54.20%	37.33%	46.41%	65.61%	58.99%
	Individual networks ensemble	$\times 4$	81.31%	86.97%	70.21%	23.13%	54.82%	39.51%	56.02%	68.17%	60.02%
	Fixed grid search on 1000 images										
	Single soup	×1	82.49%	87.85%	71.99%	34.31%	53.84%	39.84%	38.52%	66.82%	59.46%
	Dataset-specific soups	×1	82.29%	87.89%	71.95%	38.27%	56.39%	40.73%	67.03%	69.34%	(64.24%)

