# Sibling-Attack: Rethinking Transferable Adversarial Attacks Against Face Recognition 

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## Introduction

> Transferable adversarial attack against face recognition (FR) task.
$>$ Leverage adversarial information from multiple tasks.
(a) Previous Attacks

(b) Sibling Attack


## Auxiliary Task Selection

> Theoretical analysis conducted in previous works supports FR and AR are highly correlated tasks.
Empirical analysis demonstrates that AR exhibits best attacking transferability performance for intuitive multi-task attack.

| Dataset | CelebA-HQ |  | LFW |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Target Model | IR50 | ResNet101 | IR50 | ResNet101 |
| FR+FR | 73.40 | 76.00 | 75.80 | 78.20 |
| FR+FLD | 75.20 | 78.10 | 52.00 | 78.60 |
| FR+FP | 66.50 | 85.10 | 71.80 | 83.40 |
| FR+AR(Ours) | $\mathbf{9 3 . 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{9 3 . 4 0}$ | $\mathbf{9 7 . 6 0}$ | $\mathbf{9 6 . 8 0}$ |

## Optimization Framework

> Joint Task Meta Optimization (JTMO)
> Cross Task Gradient Stabilization (CTGS)


## Quantitative Results

Sibling-Attack improves the attack success rate by $\mathbf{1 2 . 6 1 \%}$ and $\mathbf{5 5 . 7 7 \%}$ on average on pre-trained face recognition models and commercial face recognition systems.

| Methods | Dataset | LFW |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Source Model | IR152+FaceNet |  |  |  | IR152+IRSE50 |  |  |  |
|  | Target Model | Offline Model |  | Online Model |  | Offline Model |  | Online Model |  |
|  |  | IR50 | ResNet101 | Face++ | Microsoft | IR50 | ResNet101 | Face++ | Microsoft |
| Face-based | Adv-Hat [37] | 1.80 | 9.30 | 1.80 | 0.10 | 5.00 | 13.40 | 2.20 | 0.10 |
|  | Adv-Glasses [57] | 0.80 | 5.00 | 3.70 | 0.00 | 1.90 | 4.90 | 4.70 | 0.00 |
|  | Adv-Face [13] | 13.80 | 29.70 | 30.70 | 0.40 | 13.80 | 24.80 | 19.00 | 0.40 |
|  | Adv-Makeup [69] | 2.40 | 9.20 | 5.30 | 0.20 | 4.70 | 12.60 | 5.50 | 0.30 |
|  | GenAP [66] | 4.20 | 13.60 | 15.20 | 0.30 | 4.30 | 14.50 | 13.90 | 0.50 |
| Transfer-based | PGD [45] | 75.80 | 78.20 | 46.70 | 19.10 | 89.30 | 89.70 | 60.40 | 36.50 |
|  | TAP [75] | 76.90 | 81.00 | 54.10 | 28.60 | 89.60 | 89.60 | 64.30 | 45.60 |
|  | MI-FGSM [17] | 68.40 | 71.00 | 41.90 | 21.10 | 92.20 | 86.30 | 60.10 | 38.80 |
|  | VMI-FGSM [62] | 76.80 | 80.80 | 41.50 | 10.90 | 76.40 | 79.30 | 40.80 | 11.90 |
| Ours | Sibling-Attack | 98.70 | 98.60 | 96.10 | 59.30 | 98.70 | 98.60 | 96.10 | 59.30 |
|  |  | $21.80 \uparrow$ | $17.60 \uparrow$ | $42.00 \uparrow$ | $30.70 \uparrow$ | $6.50 \uparrow$ | $8.90 \uparrow$ | $31.80 \uparrow$ | $13.70 \uparrow$ |

## Qualitative Results

> Gradient responses from Sibling-Attack and the target mode (FR-W) both focus more on the similar key facial regions, interprets the stronger transferability.


## Ablation Study \& Analysis

> Attack success rate gradually increase with adding each proposed component, validating effectiveness of each components.

| Methods | DatasetSource Model |  |  | LFW |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Offline Model |  | Online Model |  |
|  | IR152 | FaceNet | IRSE50 | IR50 | ResNet101 | Face++ | Microsoft |
| Single Model | $\checkmark$ | - | - | 76.50 | 79.30 | 43.40 | 13.10 |
|  | - | $\checkmark$ | - | 1.30 | 5.10 | 4.90 | 0.20 |
|  | - | - | $\checkmark$ | 63.40 | 76.80 | 56.50 | 14.20 |
| Ensemble | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | - | 75.80 | 78.20 | 46.70 | 19.10 |
|  | $\checkmark$ | - | $\checkmark$ | 89.30 | 89.70 | 60.40 | 36.50 |
|  | - | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | 65.80 | 77.90 | 59.20 | 16.80 |
| Ours | Basic framework |  |  | 80.90 | 92.20 | 69.80 | 37.20 |
|  | + Hard P.S. |  |  | 97.60 | 96.80 | 77.40 | 45.40 |
|  | + JTMO |  |  | 98.30 | 98.40 | 95.50 | 51.20 |
|  | + CTGS |  |  | 98.70 | 98.60 | 96.10 | 59.30 |

Sibling-Attack could generate visuallyindistinguishable adversarial examples competitive to mainstream methods.

| Dataset | LFW |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Source Model | IR152+FaceNet | IR152+IRSE50 |  |  |
| Metrics | SSIM | MSE | SSIM | MSE |
| PGD [45] | 0.619 | $\mathbf{1 7 5 . 9 1 5}$ | 0.594 | 193.801 |
| TAP [75] | 0.613 | 181.279 | 0.591 | 196.942 |
| MI-FGSM [17] | 0.473 | 343.227 | 0.463 | 350.162 |
| VMI-FGSM [62] | 0.588 | 200.418 | 0.574 | 215.346 |
| Sibling-Attack | $\mathbf{0 . 6 2 6}$ | 187.491 | $\mathbf{0 . 6 2 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 7 . 4 9 1}$ |

## Discussion \& Conclusion

> Go beyond face recognition: boost transferability of attacking other tasks.
> Adversarial attack for good: improve model robustness.
> Attack success rate of Sibling-Attack significantly outperforms current SOTA single-task attacks particularly on several online commercial FR systems by a large margin.
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