

TPC: Transformation-Specific Smoothing for Point Cloud Models

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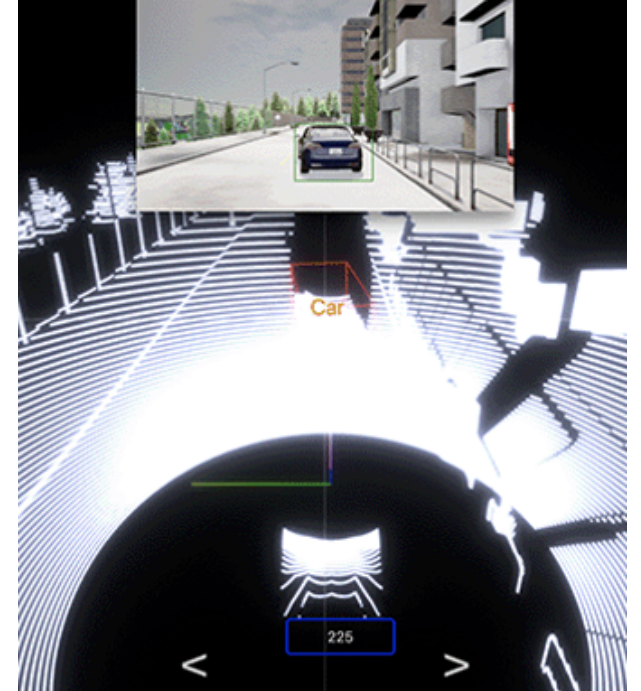
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Robustness Vulnerabilities

- Point cloud models widely used in autonomous driving
- Autonomous driving has shown vulnerable to adversarial perturbations
 - Not only ℓ_p -bounded perturbations, but also semantic attacks
- We propose TPC framework that **boosts** certified robustness of **large point cloud models** against various **semantic attacks**



Simulation shows a rotated car cannot be detected.

Green: car detected Red: car not detected

Background: Randomized Smoothing

- Idea: add random noise to a base classifier $h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$
 - The smoothed classifier has easy-to-compute robustness certification

$$g(x) := \arg \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \Pr[h(x + \epsilon) = y], \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I).$$

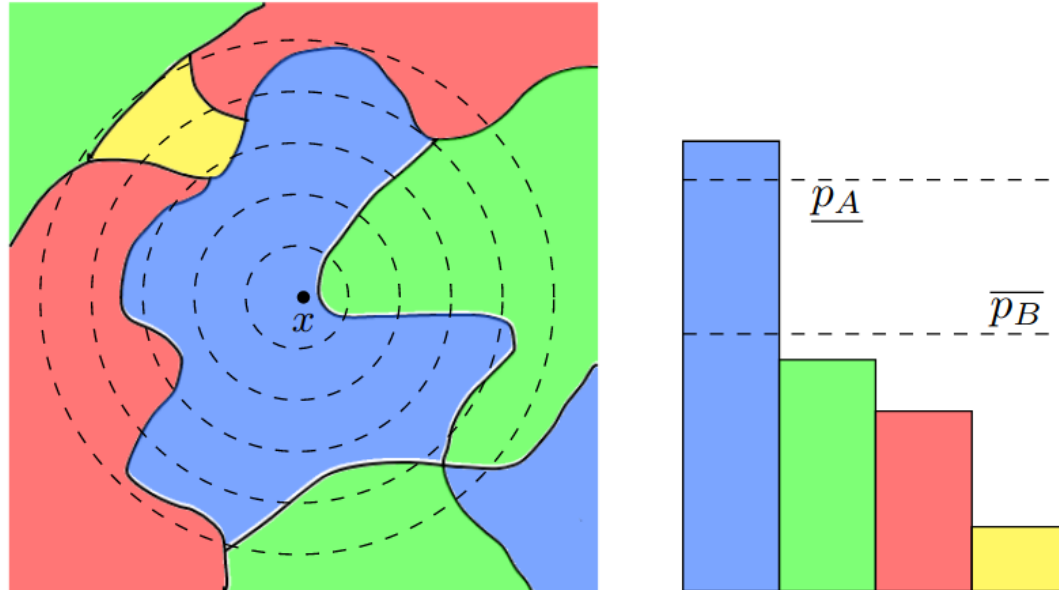


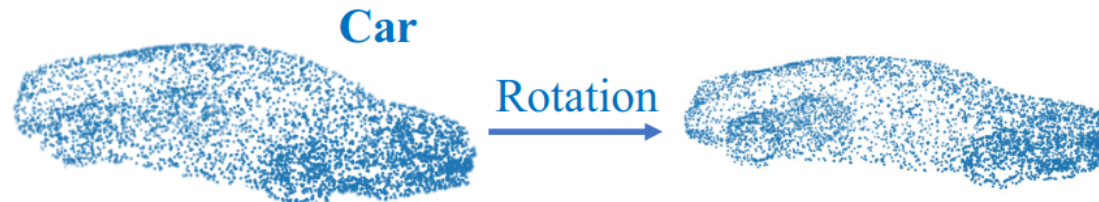
Image source: [Cohen et al. 2019]

Threat Model

- Adversary: applies parameterized transformations to point clouds

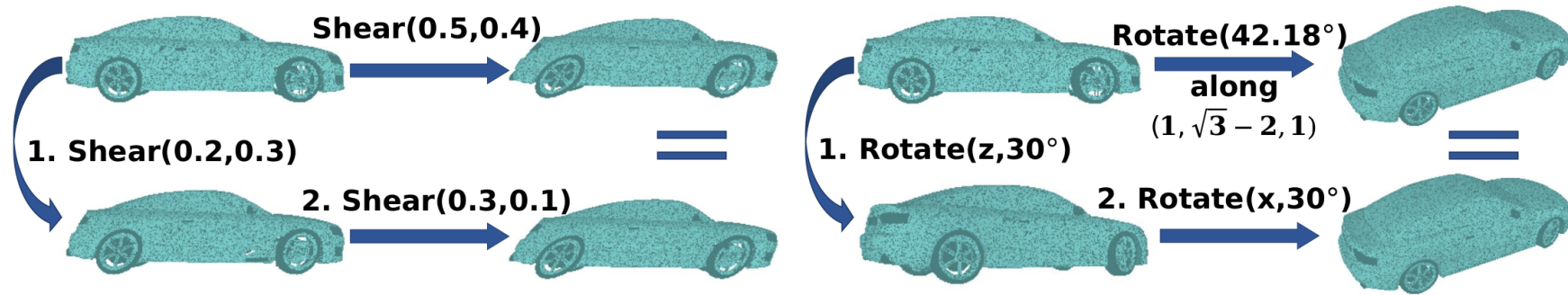
Point cloud Parameter space

- Transformation $\phi : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$
- Including: rotation, twist, shear, taper, L_p norm noise, etc.



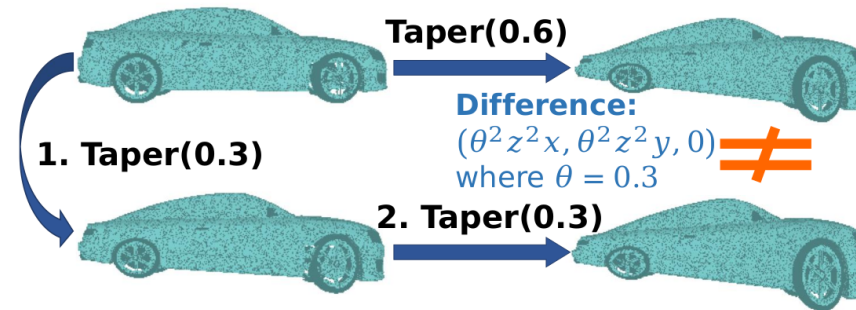
Transformation Taxonomy

Transformations $\phi : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ fall into three categories:



(a) Additive

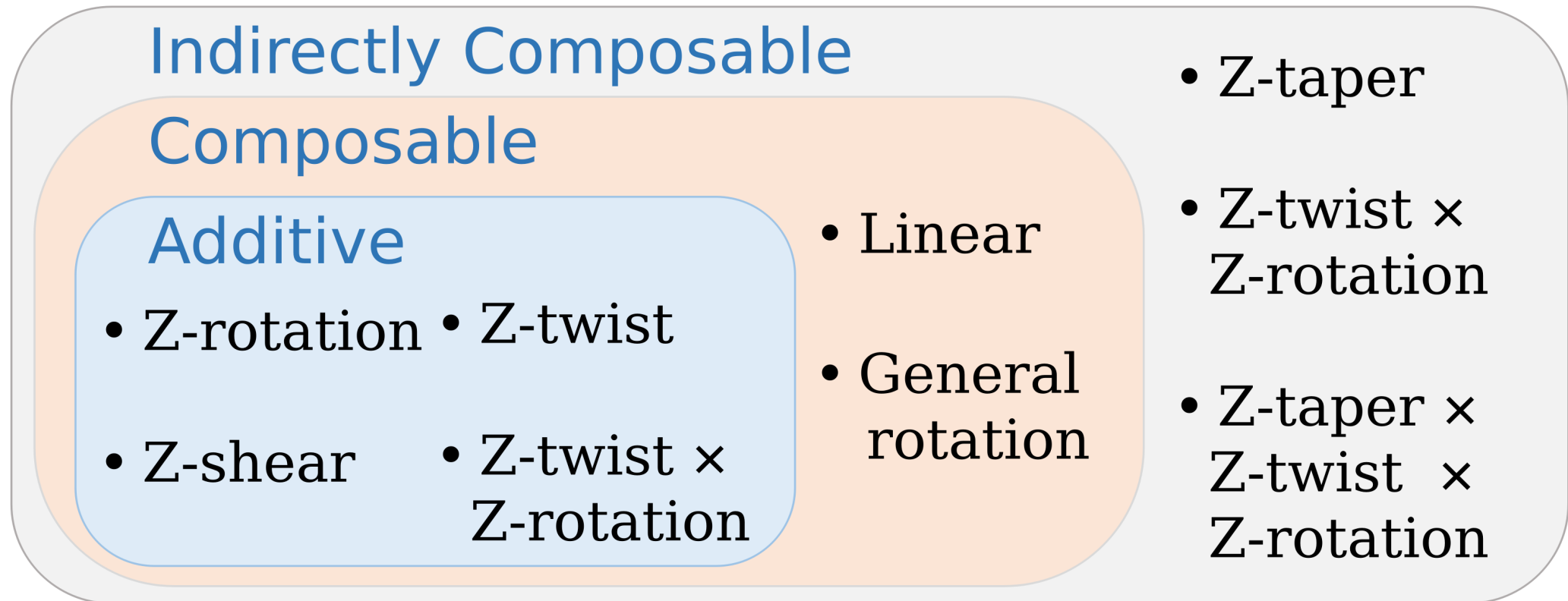
(b) Composable



(c) Indirectly composable

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Certification Strategy

- Additive $\phi(\phi(x, \alpha), \beta) = \phi(x, \alpha + \beta)$

$$\|\alpha\|_2 \leq \frac{\sigma}{2} \left(\Phi^{-1}(p_A) - \Phi^{-1}(p_B) \right), \alpha \in \mathcal{Z}.$$

- Composable

– e.g., Linear transformations, $\phi(x, \alpha) = (I + \alpha)x, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$

$$\|\alpha\|_F \leq R, \quad R = \frac{\sigma \left(\Phi^{-1}(\tilde{p}_A) - \Phi^{-1}(1 - \tilde{p}_A) \right)}{2 + \sigma \left(\Phi^{-1}(\tilde{p}_A) - \Phi^{-1}(1 - \tilde{p}_A) \right)}.$$

Certification Strategy

- Indirectly composable

- Draw N samples $\{\alpha_i\}$ from the parameter space

- Check that $p_A^{(i)} \geq p_B^{(i)}$ for each transformed point cloud $\phi(x, \alpha_i)$

- **Interpolation error** $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{Z}} := \max_{\alpha \in \mathcal{Z}} \min_{1 \leq i \leq N} \mathcal{M}(\alpha, \alpha_i)$
 $= \max_{\alpha \in \mathcal{Z}} \min_{1 \leq i \leq N} \|\phi(x, \alpha) - \phi(x, \alpha_i)\|_2$

- Guaranteed to be robust if

$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{Z}} \leq \frac{\sigma}{2} \min_{1 \leq i \leq N} \left(\Phi^{-1}(p_A^{(i)}) - \Phi^{-1}(p_B^{(i)}) \right)$$

Empirical Results

Dataset: **ModelNet40** [Wu et al. 2015]

Architecture: **PointNet** [Qi et al. 2017]

Baseline: **DeepG3D** [Lorenz et al. 2021]

(a) $\theta = \pm 3^\circ$ compared with DeepG3D (Lorenz et al., 2021)

Points	16	32	64	128	256	512	1024
TPC	83.2	83.8	86.6	87.4	89.4	89.8	90.5
DeepG3D	75.4	78.4	79.1	69.4	57.5	42.8	32.3

(b) Certified accuracy of TPC under $\theta = \pm 180^\circ$

Points	16	32	64	128	256	512	1024
TPC	73.6	79.3	81.3	81.8	83.0	84.6	83.8

Transformation	Attack radius	Certified Accuracy (%)	
		TPC	DeepG3D
ZYX-rotation	2°	81.4	61.6
	5°	69.2	49.6
General rotation	5°	78.5	-
	10°	69.2	-
	15°	55.5	-
Z-rotation	20°	84.2	81.8
	60°	83.8	81.0
	180°	81.3	-
Z-shear	0.03	83.4	59.8
	0.1	82.2	-
	0.2	77.7	-
Z-twist	20°	83.8	20.3
	60°	80.1	-
	180°	64.3	-
Z-taper	0.1	78.1	69.0
	0.2	76.5	23.9
	0.5	66.0	-
Linear	0.1	74.0	-
	0.2	59.9	-
Z-twist \circ Z-rotation	$20^\circ, 1^\circ$	78.9	13.8
	$20^\circ, 5^\circ$	78.5	-
	$50^\circ, 5^\circ$	76.9	-
Z-taper \circ Z-rotation	$0.1, 1^\circ$	76.1	58.2
	$0.2, 1^\circ$	72.9	17.5
Z-twist \circ Z-taper \circ Z-rotation	$10^\circ, 0.1, 1^\circ$	68.8	17.5
	$20^\circ, 0.2, 1^\circ$	63.1	4.6

Summary

TPC

- Robustness certification for randomized smoothing
- Significantly tighter certification against semantic perturbations
- For large-scale point cloud models
- Core idea: transformation-specific smoothing

Paper: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.12733>

Code & Model & Data:

github.com/Qianhewu/Point-Cloud-Smoothing

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DSRS

- Theoretically tight certification against ℓ_p perturbations
- For arbitrary classifiers
- Core idea: double sampling

Paper: arxiv.org/abs/2206.07912

Code & Model & Data: github.com/llylly/DSRS

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