Adversarial Attacks on Autonomous Vehicles

Using Universal Adversarial Network (UAN)

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OBJECTIVE

Universal Adversarial Network (UAN)

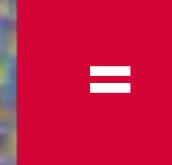
This project aims to study the safety of Autonomous Vehicles, specifically its Traffic Light Recognition systems. These uses Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) to classify traffic lights to determine their colours. Hence, they are prone to adversarial attacks. This paper uses generative models to build Universal Adversarial Perturbations, known as Universal Adversarial Network (UAN) attack, to fool the Traffic Light Recognition model to misclassify these traffic lights. This study uses Apollo Autonomous Vehicle system and its Caffe model.



Original Image
Truth Class: **Green**



UAN Perturbation



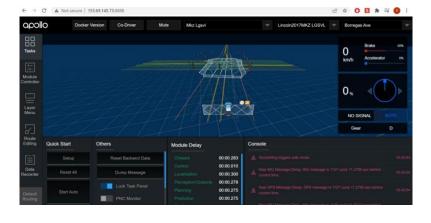
Adversarial Image

Misclassified Class: Black

RESULTS

Size of Perturbation	UAN Perturbation	Adversarial Image	Success Rate of Attack on Surrogate DenseNet model	Success Rate of Attack on Caffe model
0.2			29.4%	0%
0.45			88.6%	30.3%

UAN is effective in attacking Apollo's Caffe model, resulting in misclassifications





Apollo was still able to classify traffic lights correctly in runtime environment. These were due to Apollo defences against debugging and reverse engineering, as well as sequence and time constraints.

Defences of Apollo was robust to prevent insertion of UAN in runtime environment