

# Controlling Neural Level Sets

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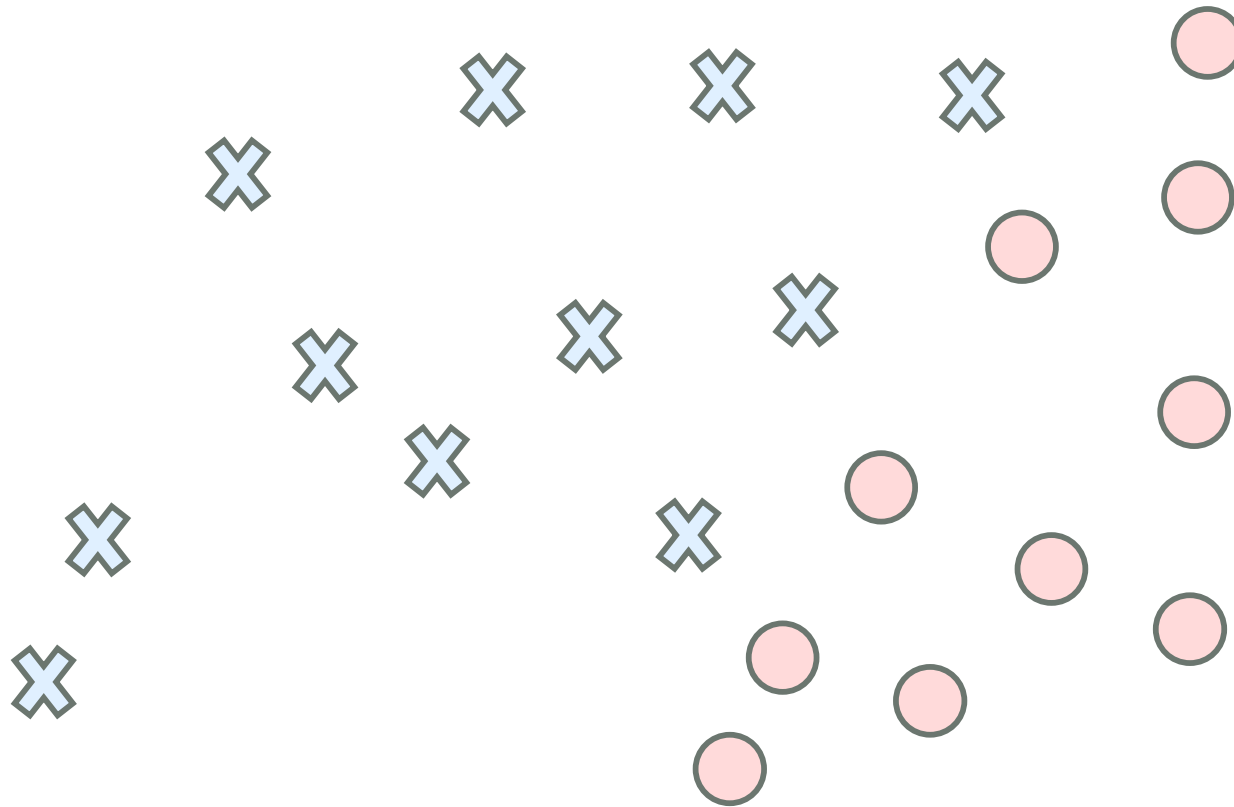
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# Classification with Neural Networks

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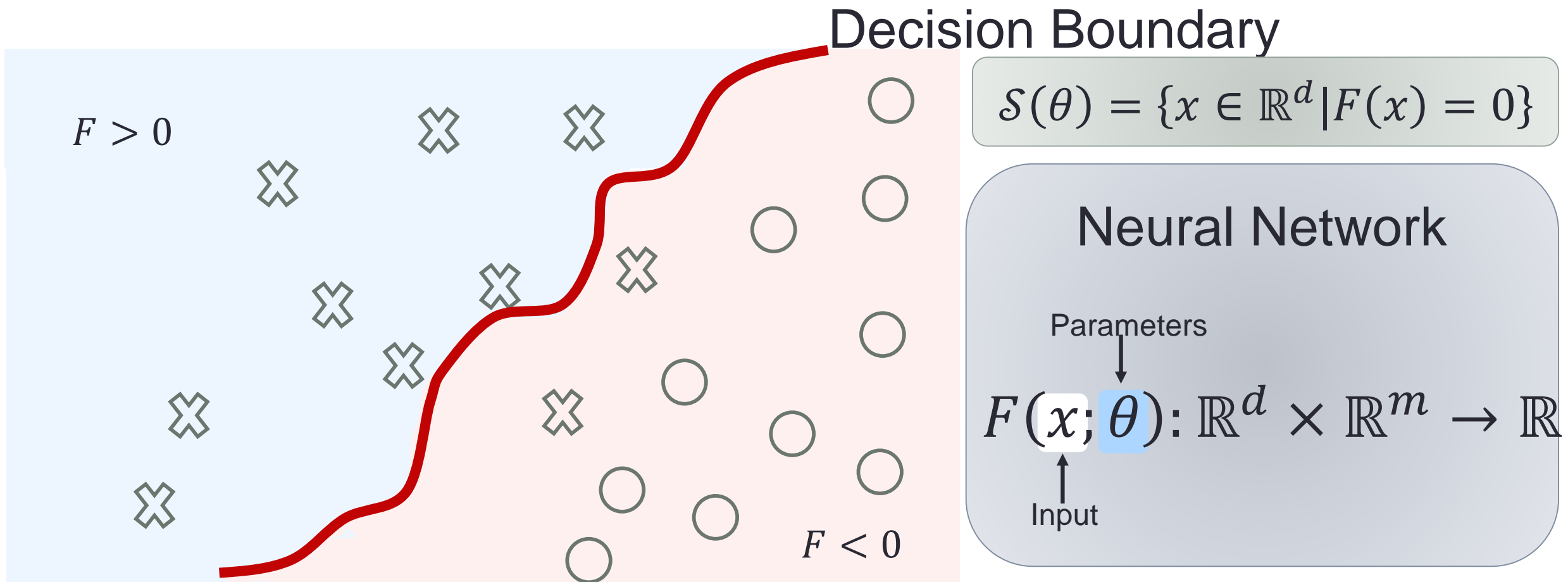
## Neural Network

Parameters

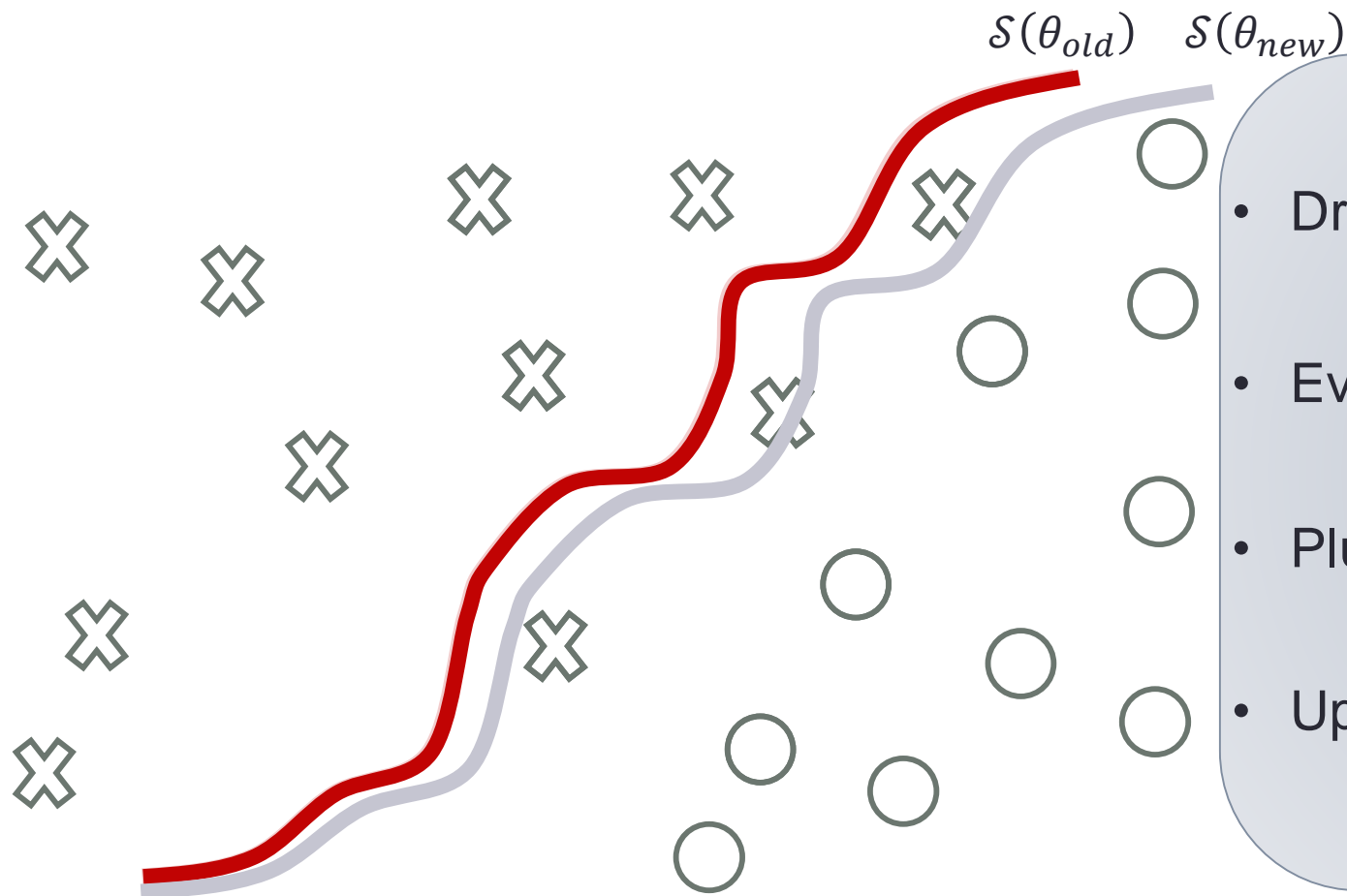
$$F(x; \theta): \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Input

# Classification with Neural Networks



# Training Neural Networks



- Draw a batch of points  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^N$
- Evaluate the network  $\{F(x_i)\}_{i=1}^N$
- Plug it in a loss function  $\sum_i L(F(x_i), y_i)$
- Update  $\theta$  to decrease the Loss

# Motivation

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- Loss functions(e.g., cross entropy loss) **only** measure network output values of training examples
- Therefore, decision boundary is only controlled **indirectly**

# Motivation

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$F(x)$  = "panda"

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adversarial perturbation

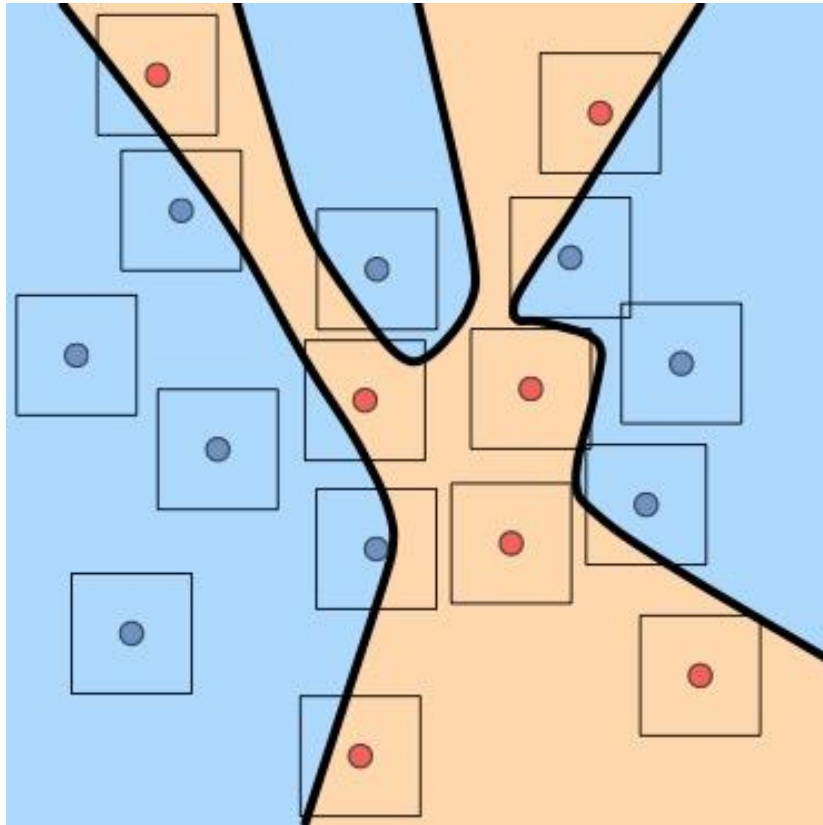
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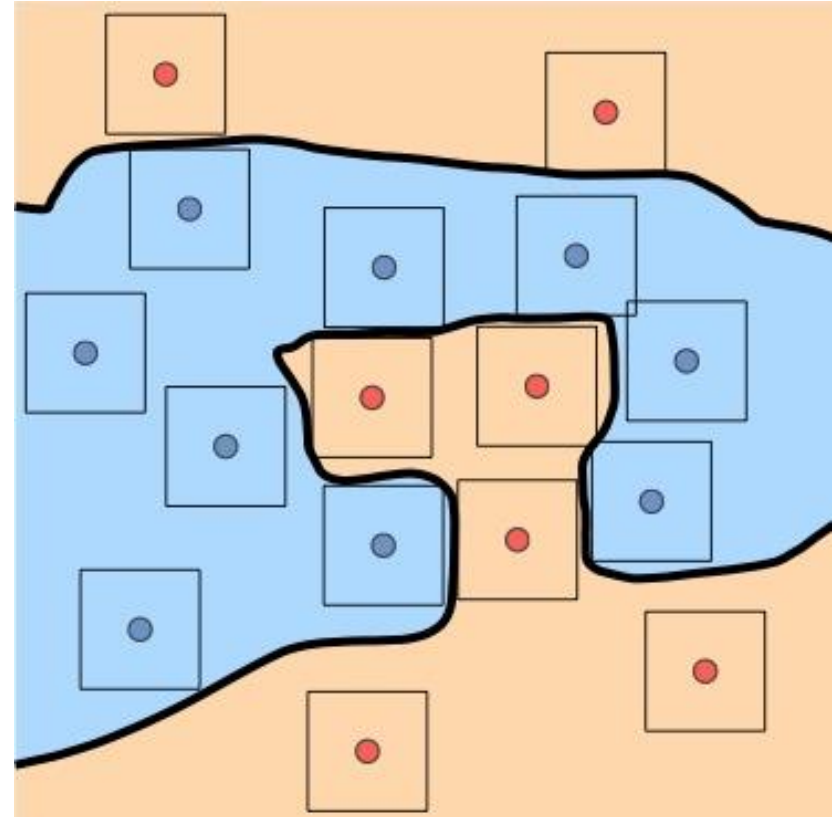
$F(x)$  = "gibbon"

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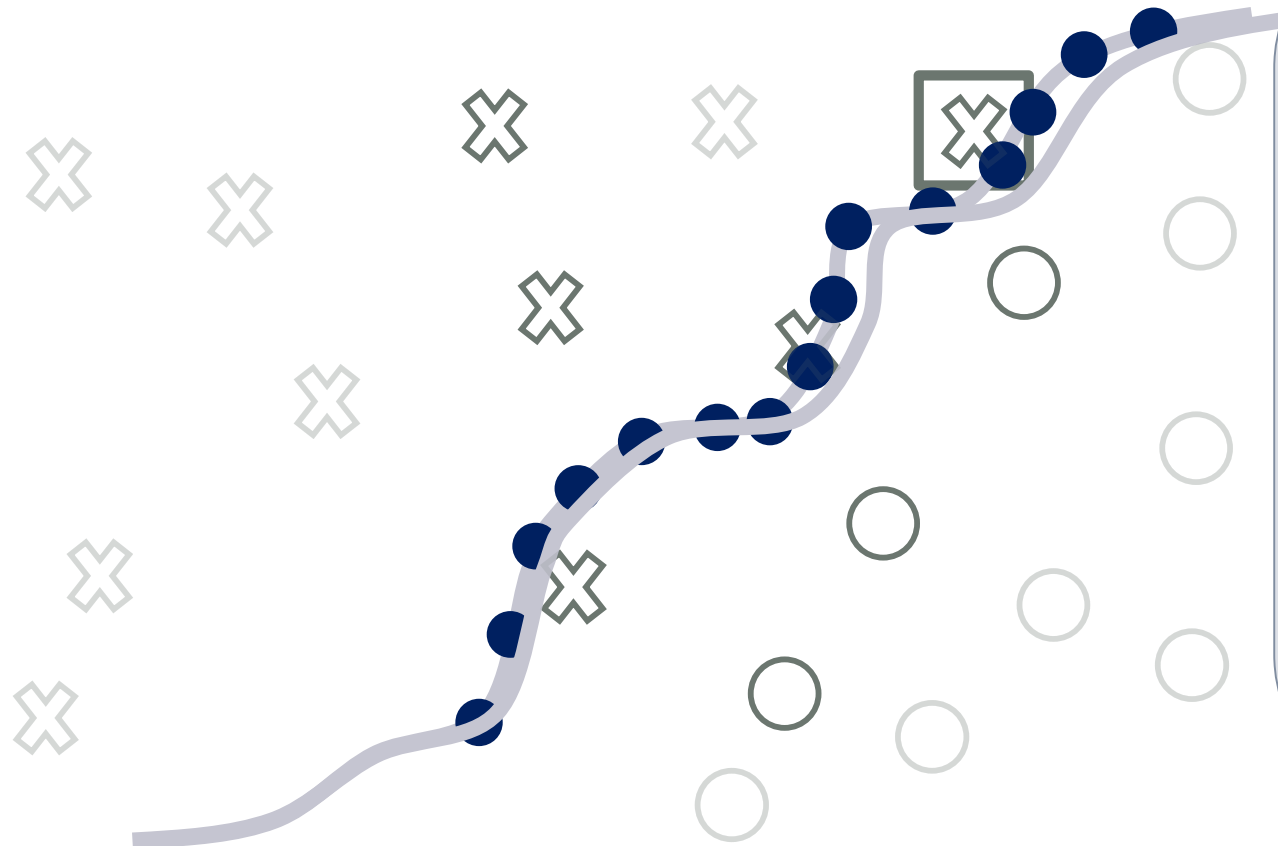


Training with Cross Entropy Loss



Training with our method

# Idea – Direct Control of Level Sets



- Draw a sample of points  $\{p_i\}$  from the decision boundary
- Draw a batch of points  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^N$
- Relate the samples to network parameters  $p_i \mapsto p_i(\theta)$
- Evaluate the network  $\{F(x_i)\}_{i=1}^N$
- Incorporate samples into a loss function
- Plug it in a loss function  $\sum_i p_i(\theta) \max(0, \varepsilon - \text{sign}(F(x_i)) \cdot x_i)$
- Updating  $\theta$  moves the decision boundary
- Update  $\theta$  to decrease the Loss in a controlled fashion



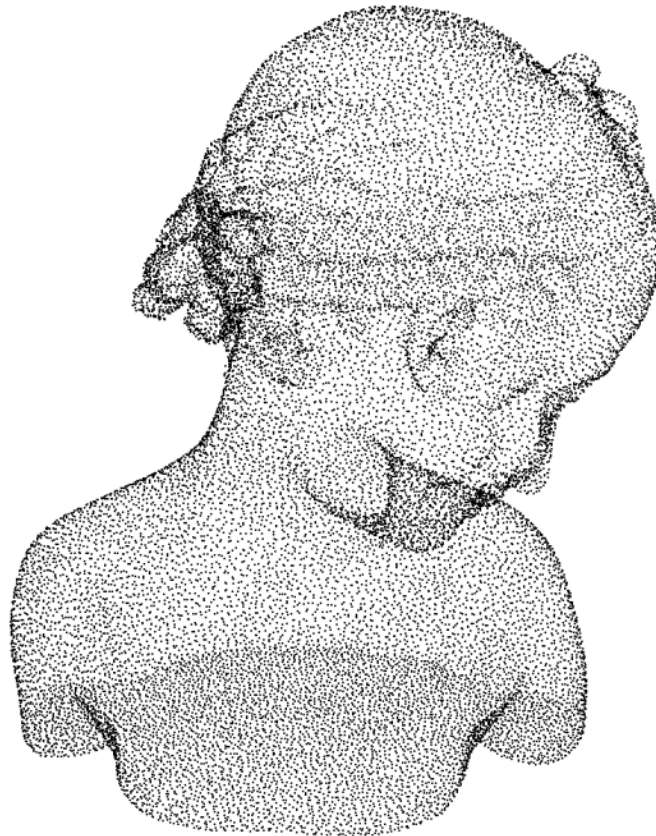
# Surface Reconstruction

# Motivation – Surface Reconstruction

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Laser scanning



Point Cloud

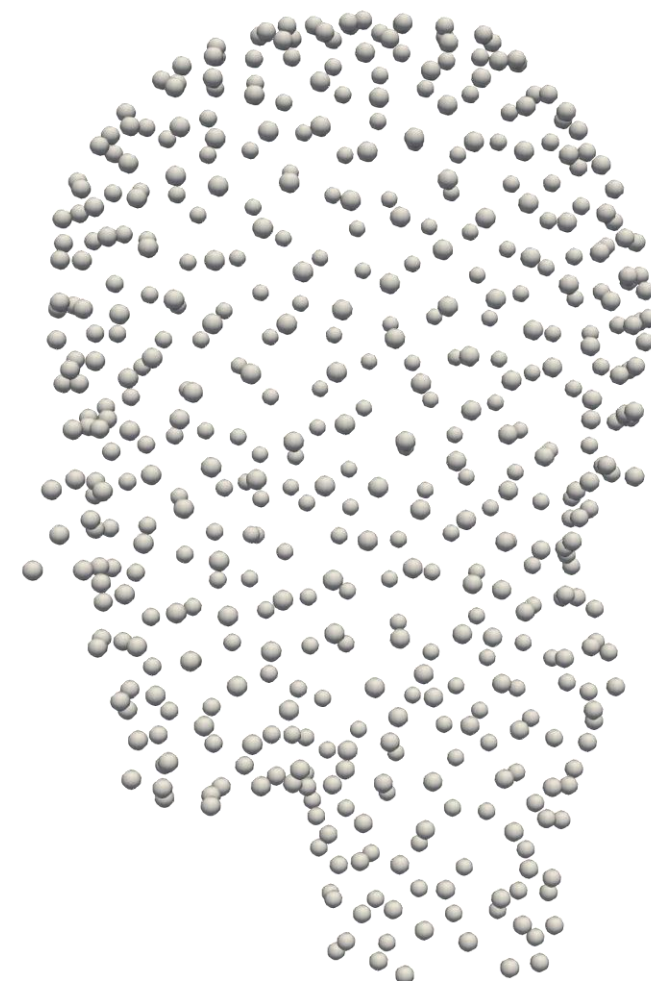
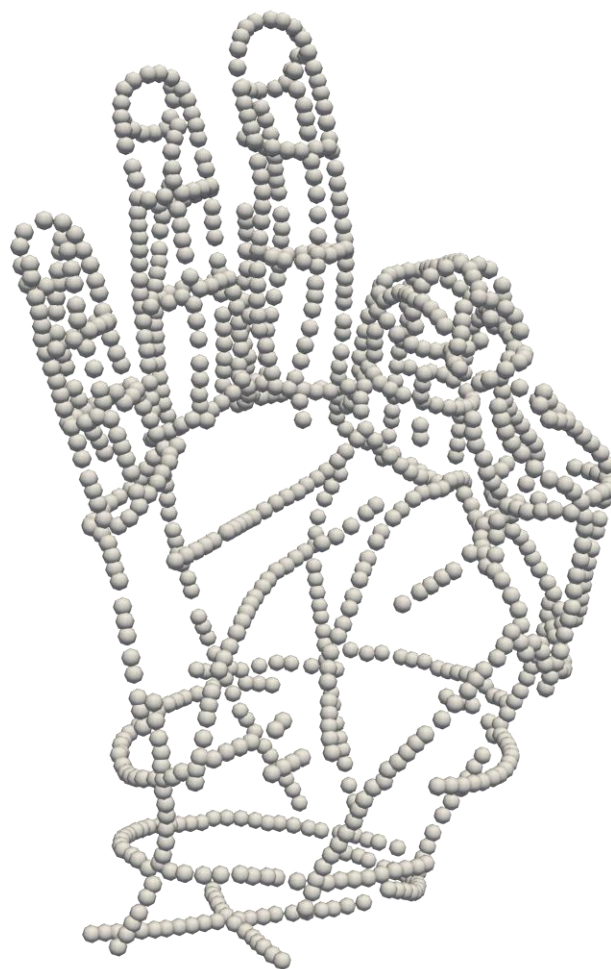


Reconstructed Surface

# Surface Reconstruction Challenges

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- Varying Sampling Density
- Noise
- Outliers
- Missing data



# Surfaces with Neural Networks

- Model a surface implicitly using a level set of a neural network

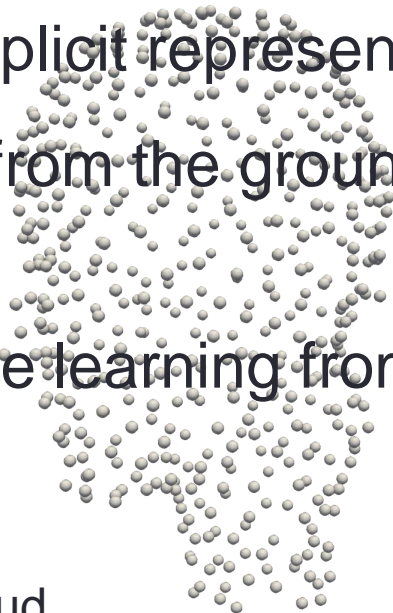
$$\mathcal{S}(\theta) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 | F(x) = 0\}$$

- In related works, implicit representation were learned using regression, to a function computed from the ground truth surface  
[Park et al. 2019, Chen et al. 2019, Mescheder etl a. 2019]

- Our goal is to enable learning from raw data

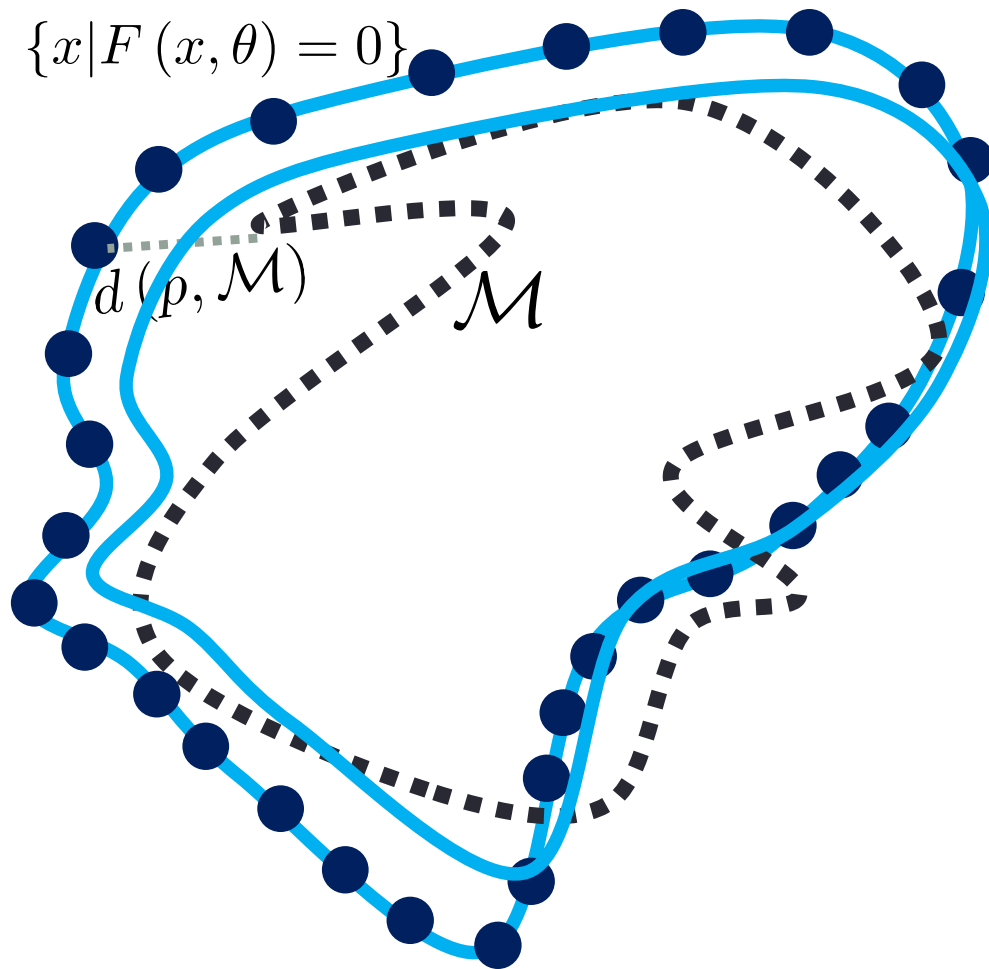


Point Cloud



0 Level set of a neural network

# Idea – Direct Control of Level Sets



- Draw a sample  $\{p_i\}$  from the network zero level set
- Relate the samples to network parameters  

$$p_i \mapsto p_i(\theta)$$

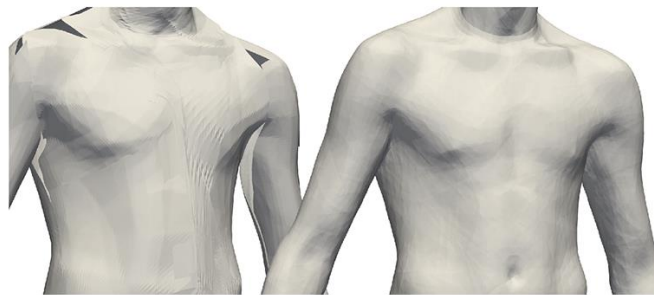
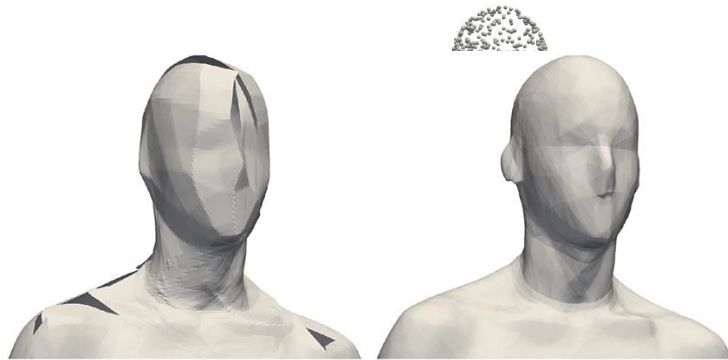
- Incorporate samples into a loss function

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}(\theta)} \min_{x \in \mathcal{M}} \|x - p(\theta)\|_2 dv(p) + \lambda \sum_{x \in \mathcal{M}} |F(x)|$$

- Updating  $\theta$  moves the zero level set towards the input



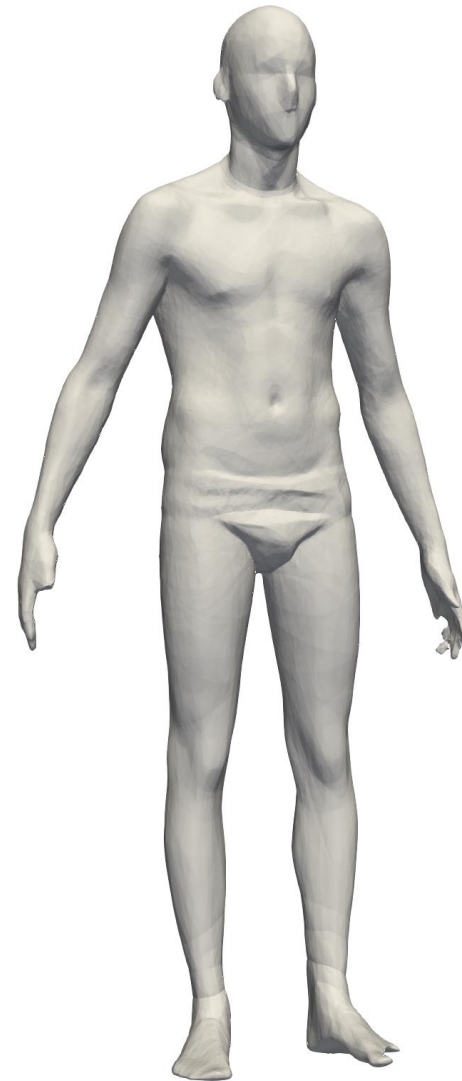
# Results on Faust scans dataset



AtlasNet



Ours



Ours

	Chamfer L1	Chamfer L2
AtlasNet-1 sphere	$23.56 \pm 2.91$	$17.69 \pm 2.45$
AtlasNet-1 patch	$18.67 \pm 3.45$	$13.38 \pm 2.66$
AtlasNet-25 patches	$11.54 \pm 0.53$	$7.89 \pm 0.42$
Ours	<b><math>10.71 \pm 0.63</math></b>	<b><math>7.32 \pm 0.46</math></b>

# Results on Adversarial Robustness

Method	Dataset	Attack	Test Acc.	Rob. Acc. Xent	Rob. Acc. Margin
Standard	MNIST	PGD <sup>40</sup> ( $\varepsilon = 0.3$ )	99.34%	13.59%	0.00%
Madry et al. [2]	MNIST	PGD <sup>40</sup> ( $\varepsilon = 0.3$ )	99.35%	96.04%	96.11%
TRADES [4]	MNIST	PGD <sup>40</sup> ( $\varepsilon = 0.3$ )	98.97%	96.75%	96.74%
Ours	MNIST	PGD <sup>40</sup> ( $\varepsilon = 0.3$ )	99.35%	99.23%	97.35%
Standard	CIFAR10	PGD <sup>20</sup> ( $\varepsilon = 0.031$ )	83.67%	0.00%	0.00%
Madry et al. [2]	CIFAR10	PGD <sup>20</sup> ( $\varepsilon = 0.031$ )	71.86%	39.84%	38.18%
TRADES [4]	CIFAR10	PGD <sup>20</sup> ( $\varepsilon = 0.031$ )	71.24%	41.89%	38.4%
Ours	CIFAR10	PGD <sup>20</sup> ( $\varepsilon = 0.031$ )	71.96%	38.45%	38.54%

Results of  $L_\infty$ -bounded attacks compared to other methods.

# Our Approach

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- Sampling of neural level sets
- Relating the samples' positions to the network parameters
- Achieved by adding a fixed linear layer to the original network

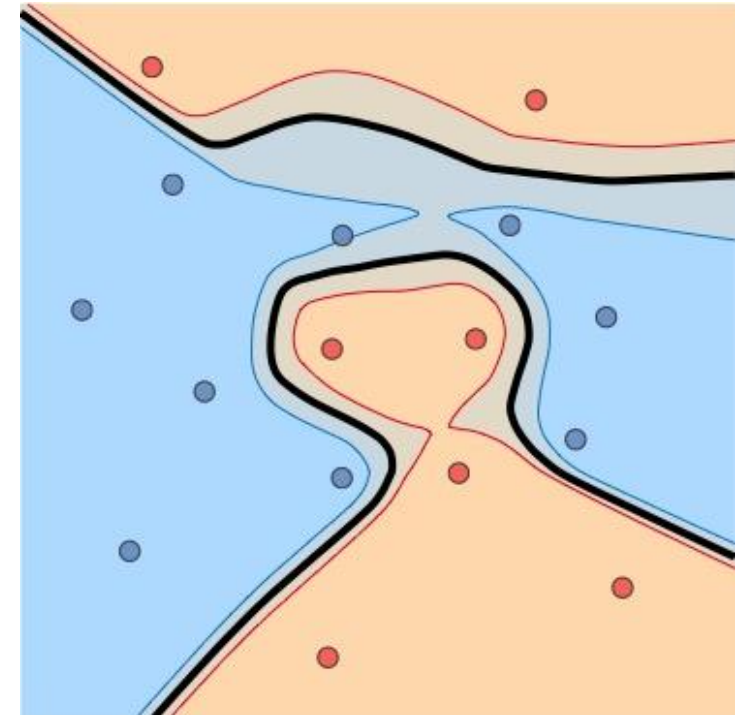
$$p(\theta) = p - D_x F(p; \theta_0)^\dagger F(p; \theta)$$



# Summary

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- Incorporate level sets of neural networks into new loss functions
- Robustness to adversarial examples
- Surface reconstruction from raw data
- Generalize SVM to Neural Networks (Not covered)



# Future Directions

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- Investigating control of intermediate layers' level sets
- Developing sampling conditions to ensure coverage of neural level sets
- Employing additional geometrical regularization to the neural level sets

# The End

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- Code is online: <https://github.com/matanatz/ControllingNeuralLevelsets>
- Support
  - ERC Consolidator Grant (LiftMatch)
  - Israel Science Foundation
- Thanks for listening