# Success of Uncertainty-Aware Deep Models Depends on Data Manifold Geometry

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#### Abstract

For responsible decision making in safety-critical settings, machine learning models must effectively detect and process edge-case data. Although existing works show that predictive uncertainty is useful for these tasks, it is not evident from literature which uncertainty-aware models are best suited for a given dataset. Thus, we compare six uncertainty-aware deep learning models on a set of edge-case tasks: robustness to adversarial attacks as well as out-of-distribution and adversarial detection. We find that the geometry of the data sub-manifold is an important factor in determining the success of various models. Our finding suggests an interesting direction in the study of uncertainty-aware deep learning models.

#### 1. Introduction

Responsible development and deployment of machine learning models in high-stakes real-life applications often require these models to have guarantees of desirable behaviors on edge-cases. In literature, the ability to handle edge-cases is often formalized as model's awareness of out-of distribution (OoD) and adversarial data, and its adversarial robustness. Although many recent works have developed models with those desired properties (Kendall & Gal, 2017; Filos et al., 2019; Sheikholeslami et al., 2019), it is not clear from literature which subset of existing uncertainty-aware deep models is generally well suited for a given dataset.

In this work, we evaluate the usefulness of a set of commonly used Bayesian and non-Bayesian uncertainty-aware deep models for (1) adversarial robustness, and (2) detection of adversarial and OoD data. Furthermore, we study to what extent commonly used metrics of uncertainty (e.g. predictive entropy) can be used as proxies for model performance on these tasks. Our key finding is that the effectiveness of uncertainty-aware models, as well as the usefulness of uncertainty metrics, varies depending on the geometry of the data. Specifically, we find that: (1) models that succeed on our tasks when the data sub-manifold is low dimensional (compared to the input space) may fail when the data manifold has co-dimension zero, and vice versa; (2) the ability of different uncertainty metrics to capture various aspects of the model's predictive uncertainty also depends on the dimension of the data sub-manifold. To our knowledge, we are the first to study how the geometry of data sub-manifolds effects the usefulness of uncertainty-aware deep models and uncertainty metrics.

#### 2. Related Work

Past work shows that uncertainty-aware deep learning models can be used to detect out-of-distribution data (Malinin & Gales, 2018; Liu et al., 2020; Lakshminarayanan et al., 2017). Furthermore, existing works show that these models are more robust to adversarial attacks (Bradshaw et al., 2017; Strauss et al., 2017; Carbone et al., 2020; Ritter et al., 2018; Feinman et al., 2017) and that methods for detecting OoD data can also be utilized for detecting adversarial data (Smith & Gal, 2018; Sheikholeslami et al., 2019; Carlini & Wagner, 2017). However, there is very little work on how to select amongst available uncertainty-aware deep models for a given general dataset. While previous works compare various types of models, such comparisons often focus on bench-marking model performance on a range of specific datasets (Xia et al., 2021; Arnez et al., 2020; Koh et al., 2021). However, such approaches do not always characterize the differences in model performance in terms of the intrinsic properties of the datasets themselves, making it potentially difficult to generalize insights to new settings. In contrast, we evaluate differences in model performance in relation to the inherent geometry of data sub-manifolds.

At the same time, model predictive uncertainty is often summarized by a choice of uncertainty metric (e.g. predictive entropy) that acts as a proxy for the intended task performance (e.g. adversarial robustness, detection of adversarial

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*Figure 1.* Model performance by dataset. (a) Certain models show clear increase in robustness to adversarial attacks in the MNIST setting over half moons. (b) For half moons data, ability to detect OoD points via uncertainty is poor for all models except single-pass. (c) In contrast, all models produce high uncertainty in for Fashion MNIST setting, relative to uncertainty on MNIST

and OoD data). For example, high uncertainty as measured by entropy can be used to flag edge-cases for human review (Filos et al., 2019). However, there are many uncertainty metrics one can consider but few works that compare them as proxies for our intended task performance. In this paper, we compare several commonly used uncertainty metrics in their ability to indicate model performance on adversarial robustness as well as detection of adversarial and OoD data. Here too, we relate the differences in the usefulness of uncertainty metrics to the geometry of the data sub-manifolds.

#### 3. Background

Adversarial Data Let  $x_n \in \mathbb{R}^D$  be a input vector and  $\mathcal{F}$  be a classification model with predicted class label  $y_n \in N$ . Of the many types of adversarial attacks, we consider adding a small perturbation  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}^D$  to the input  $x_n$ , which fools the model (i.e.  $\mathcal{F}(x_n + \delta) \neq y_n$ ) but does not fool a human. A model is robust to adversaries if it is able to correctly classify inputs modified by adversarial perturbations.

For our experiments, we consider a black-box attack that can only query the target model predictions but not the model parameters, which is a common practical constraint. Specifically, we take inspiration from previous work in black-box attacks (Papernot et al., 2016a;b) and train a deterministic proxy model that approximates the target model's decision boundary. We then execute an L2-PGD attack on the trained proxy to generate adversarial examples (Appendix D).

**Out-of-Distribution Data** Ideally, during test time, machine learning models will encounter data drawn from the same data generative process as the training data. However, in certain situations, such as the presence of anomalous examples or covariate shift, the new incoming data may not resemble the training data. We refer to such data as out-of-distribution (OoD) samples and the task of distinguishing among in-distribution and OoD data as OoD detection.

## 4. Experiment Setup

**Datasets** We consider three datasets: (1) the half moons dataset for binary classification, (2) MNIST for multi-

class image classification, (3) a binary classification dataset wherein data clusters primarily lie on a 1-dimensional line within 2-dimensional space to mimic the natural image manifold. (1) and (2) are commonly used benchmark datasets, (3) is a pedagogical dataset designed to demonstrate a low dimensional data sub-manifold structure.

For datasets (1) and (2), adversarial attacks are generated per model by adding adversarial perturbation to the inputs determined via a gradient-based attack to the proxy. For dataset (3), separate on and off-manifold adversaries are generated by perturbing the inputs by  $\delta \sim \mathcal{N}(\pm \epsilon, 0.5)$ , where  $\epsilon$  is a strength parameter (Appendix D).

For datasets (1) and (3), OoD clusters are hand placed in several distant positions in the feature space. For dataset (2), we use Fashion MNIST as OoD examples.

Models We consider a set of commonly used uncertaintyaware deep models. We study two Bayesian approaches: Bayesian Neural Networks (BNNs), in which we place a prior on the neural network weights and infer the posterior via Hamiltonian Monte Carlo; and Stochastic Weighted Average Gaussian (SWAG) (Maddox et al., 2019), which approximates the posterior of BNNs by parametrizing a Gaussian distribution around the iterates of averaged SGD solutions. We also study two frequentist approaches: Deep Ensembles, which aggregates a collection of independently trained neural networks (we note that although several methods exist for producing variance in ensembles (Wenzel et al., 2020; D'Angelo & Fortuin, 2021), we only consider variance through random initialization of model weights (Lakshminarayanan et al., 2017)); and Monte Carlo (MC) Dropout (Gal & Ghahramani, 2015), which provides a distribution over predictions via a sequence of dropout-enabled forward passes through a pre-trained network. Last, we employ two single-pass, deterministic models: Deterministic Uncertainty Quantification (DUQ) (van Amersfoort et al., 2020) and Spectral-Normalized Neural Gaussian Process (SNGP) (Liu et al., 2020). Both models encode predictive uncertainty via forms of distance-awareness (van Amersfoort et al., 2020; Liu et al., 2020).

**Uncertainty Metrics** We measure two types of uncertainty for all models: *epistemic uncertainty*, quantifying the uncertainty of the model due to insufficiency of observations, and *aleatoric uncertainty*, quantifying the uncertainty due to the inherent stochasticity in the data generating process.

For ensemble-based models, we quantify *aleatoric entropy* as the average entropy of the probability vectors output by each component of the ensemble. We quantify *epistemic entropy* under two frameworks with each distilling the degree to which the ensemble components disagree. First, we measure the entropy of the average predicted probability across models (Kendall & Gal, 2017). We note that this method may not always correctly identify instances in which the components disagree. To address this, we propose an alternative method for measuring epistemic uncertainty wherein we calculate Kullback-Leibler divergence for all combinations of ensemble predictions and average to produce a single value per datum (*KL uncertainty*).

Each single-pass model requires its own method for uncertainty quantification. For DUQ, we use the distance from the assigned class centroid as epistemic uncertainty (van Amersfoort et al., 2020) and entropy of the output correlations, transformed to valid probabilities, as aleatoric uncertainty. For SNGP, we draw samples from the predictive distribution,  $\mathcal{N}(\text{logit}(x_n), \text{var}(x_n))$ , in order to form an ensemble of predictions for each data point. These predictions are used to compute aleatoric and epistemic uncertainties in the same manner as the other ensemble models.



*Figure 2.* Uncertainties on half moons data for DUQ (top) and MC Dropout (bottom). For DUQ, uncertainty is divided into aleatoric entropy (left) and epistemic (right). MC Dropout uncertainty is divided into aleatoric entropy (left), epistemic entropy (middle), and epistemic KL-divergence (right). Out-of-distribution points are designated by red clusters.

#### 5. Results & Analyses

No single uncertainty-aware model performs best across all tasks. On the half moons dataset, all models show a relatively consistent robustness to adversarial attacks.

However, the single-pass models, i.e. DUQ and SNGP, are much more sensitive to out-of-distribution data (Table 1, Figure 1), as both models produce highly-curved decision boundaries and project uncertainty into all areas of the feature space outside the data-rich region (Appendix E). All other models produce uncertainty that increases outside of the data-region, but cling to a simpler decision boundary. Thus, the single-pass models are more sensitive to OoD data regardless of the data positions in feature space.

However, this pattern does not hold on natural image datasets (MNIST). First, some models demonstrate substantial adversarial robustness where others are more vulnerable. Next, all models now show high levels of uncertainty on OoD data. Unlike the half moons example, the discrepancy in performance does not follow any clear delineation along model classes (Figure 1).

So what can explain the discrepancy between the trends in model performance on the two datasets? In the following, we characterize these discrepancies in terms of the intrinsic data geometries.

Model performance differences depend on the geometry of the data sub-manifolds. There is a consensus in literature that natural images lie on or near low-dimensional manifolds relative to the high-dimensional pixel space (Ruderman, 1994; Pope et al., 2021). In contrast, the data manifold of half moons is full-dimensional, as data variance is significant in all input dimensions. To investigate the relationship between geometry of the data manifold and performance on detection and robustness tasks, we consider a simple dataset composed of clusters that lie on a simple, 1D linear manifold within a 2D space.

First, Figure 3 provides insight into the remediated discrepancy in sensitivity to OoD data. In this toy setting, deep ensembles – and to a lesser degree SWAG, BNN, and MC Dropout – now generate diverse decision boundaries by exploiting the freedom in higher dimensions and thus encode uncertainty omnidirectionally in off-manifold space (Appendix F). This behavior mimics that of single-pass models (i.e. DUQ and SNGP) on both half moons and toy manifold experiments. In contrast to some previous works (Abe et al., 2022), this observation highlights how ensemble diversity is critical for accurate and useful uncertainty.

Next, when given off-manifold adversaries of increasing strength, we see differences in robustness similar to MNIST. Notably, all models show similar vulnerability to on-manifold adversarial perturbations (Figure 6). Taking deep ensembles and DUQ as examples, we see that deep ensembles generate varied decision boundaries due to the flexibility in off-manifold space, meaning that adversarial attacks may cross one decision boundary, but will remain correctly assigned by others. As such, the boundaries of



*Figure 3.* Decision boundaries and epistemic uncertainties for Deep Ensemble (left) and DUQ (right) in toy manifold. Deep ensembles produce a variety of decision boundaries that extend into off manifold space. DUQ by definition draws a single decision boundary and the model confidence tightly hugs the data.

ensembles tend to be adversarially robust, a feature DUQ naturally lacks due to its single, deterministic boundary.

Results of this experiment highlight another way that the geometry of the data sub-manifold affects model performance: geometry of the loss surface. The clustered data on the 1-D manifold allows many probable decision boundaries and, as such, is a highly non-convex loss surface. As a result, model performance for SWAG, BNN, and MC Dropout can vary greatly by random restart (Figure 4).<sup>1</sup> With a smoother loss surface, we expect and observe more stable behavior (as in the case of MNIST experiments).

Effectiveness of uncertainty metrics as a proxy of the model's ability to handle edge-cases depends on data sub-manifold geometry. Just as there are numerous deep models that produce predictive uncertainty, there are many metrics for quantifying the predictive uncertainty of these models. We find that the degree to which each metric can be used to gauge model performance depends on the geometry of the data sub-manifold.

In Figure 2, we can see the uncertainty in the feature space under three metrics: mean predictive entropy (aleatoric), entropy of predictive mean (epistemic), and KL uncertainty between model predictions (epistemic). In both half moons and the toy manifold, as expected, we see that aleatoric entropy prioritizes the areas immediately between clusters, since misclassification due to noise is most likely where the clusters overlap, and KL focuses on regions away from the data, as incongruence among model predictions is most likely where training data is scarce. Epistemic entropy, however, spans both of these regions as it also increases in areas with low density of training data, but is left-bounded by aleatoric entropy.

These patterns have important implications in terms of adversarial and OoD awareness. For ensemble-based models on full dimensional data, aleatoric entropy is more sensitive to adversaries, since adversaries in this case lie close to the decision boundary. KL is sensitive to OoD data. This is because KL measures pairwise disagreement between the ensemble of predictions and, in this case, OoD data lie in regions where there are fewer data observations and that admits diverse decision boundaries. Finally, epistemic entropy serves as a catch-all for both since it quantifies both uncertainty over the predicted label as well as disagreements in the ensemble. However, these patterns change when the data sub-manifold is low-dimensional. In this setting, KL and epistemic entropy are generally more effective for detecting adversaries and OoD, since when the data sub-manifold is low-dimensional both adversarial examples and OoD are likely to fall off-manifold; aleatoric entropy will quantify uncertainty for on-manifold data, since it is measuring where the classes overlap.

#### 6. Conclusion & Discussion

In this work, we evaluate a set of deep uncertainty quantification models on their robustness to and ability to detect adversarial and out-of-distribution examples. We also study the extent to which commonly used uncertainty metrics are good proxies for model performance on these tasks. We show that the success of uncertainty-aware models and uncertainty metrics depends on the data geometry. Specifically, we observe that performance discrepancies can be traced to the presence of a low-dimensional data manifold.

Insights from these findings have important implications for the application of uncertainty-aware deep learning methods. Namely, for datasets that are not reducible to a manifold, such as half moons, methods in the vein of DUQ and SNGP are well-suited for OoD and adversarial detection. If using any other tested models, KL-based measurements are better suited for OoD detection, while aleatoric entropy will allow for specific detection of adversaries. However, should the data lie on a low-dimensional manifold, as is the case for natural images, model choice will have a strong impact on adversarial robustness, but the ability to detect OoD or adversarial data via uncertainty is generally assured. Additionally, aleatoric entropy in this case is more appropriate

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Each of these models train a single network and in distinct manners explore the area surrounding the given local minimum identified by training. This feature results in variable behavior for highly modal loss spaces.

for on-manifold data detection (e.g. OoD images), while the KL-based metric is better at detecting data that projects off-manifold (e.g. adversarial images).

The choices of model and uncertainty metric interact with data geometry and task-related desiderata in complex and potentially non-intuitive ways. As such, this work emphasizes the importance of a careful analysis of those factors when deploying uncertainty-aware deep learning models.

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### **A. Model Architectures**

All models share basic architecture. For half moons and toy manifold experiments, all models except MC Dropout use a feed-forward neural network with two hidden layers with 20 nodes per layer and ReLU activation. MC Dropout uses 128 nodes per layer. For MNIST we use a simple convolutional network with three layers with 64, 128, and 128 filters respectively and a  $3 \times 3$  kernel. Each layer is passed through batch-normalization layer followed by ReLU activation and max-pooling with a  $2 \times 2$  kernel. SNGP employs an additive residual connection after the batch-normalization layers. MC Dropout uses filter-wise dropout before each pooling layer.

## **B.** Hyperparameter Tuning

Where possible, models and the ideal hyperparameters were taking directly from the referenced papers. This was true for deep ensembles and DUQ taken from the DUQ paper (van Amersfoort et al., 2020). Otherwise, models were tuned using a grid search over model-specific parameters, following the tuning procedures specific to that model if they exist, e.g. the spec-norm value in SNGP. The halfmoons case is straight-forward to achieve good accuracy on and requires only standard parameters for each model. Below we briefly summarize the final model parameters in the MNIST and 1D Toy Manifold cases.

#### **B.1. MNIST**

**BCNN** RMSprop optimizer with learning rate of 0.0001 and batch size of 64. We compute the distribution for each parameter in this model with kernel divergence set to a KL divergence function.

**DE** SGD optimizer with momentum of 0.9, weight decay of 0.00001, learning rate 0.00001, and batch size 32. 30 models are trained at 5 epochs each.

**MC Dropout** Adam optimizer, batch size of 256, learning rate of 0.0001, filter-wise dropout rate of 10%. T = 100 forward passes were then averaged to get the final softmaxed probability vector.

**SWAG** SGD optimizer with momentum of 0.9, weight decay of 0.00001, learning rate 0.00001, and batch size 32. Model exploration proceeds for 30 epochs at constant learning rate 0.1 and low-rank matrix includes the last 10 epochs. 30 samples are taken from the parameterized Gaussian.

**DUQ** SGD optimizer with learning rate 0.0001, momentum of 0.9, and weight decay 0.00001.

**SNGP** SGD with a momentum of 0.9 and learning rate of 0.01, batch size of 64, spec\_norm\_iteration of 1, spec\_norm\_bound of 1.

#### **B.2. 1D Toy Manifold**

**BNN** For the BNN we use HMC with 1 chain, 1000 warmup steps while sampling 50 models each time. The sampler is tuned to start with an adaptable step size of  $10^{-6}$  and the acceptance probability is set as 0.95. The max tree depth of the sampler is set to 5.

**DE** SGD optimizer with learning rate 0.001. 20 models are trained at 500 epochs each.

**MC Dropout** Adam optimizer with a learning rate of 0.0001, clipnorm of 0.5, batch size of 32, dropout rate of 20%, 650 epochs regularized with early stopping on the loss with a patience of 50.

The uncertainties and decision boundaries produced for MC Dropout showed to be susceptible to random restarts. Figure 4 demonstrates the decision boundaries and epistemic uncertainties for two MC Dropout models trained on the toy manifold data using the above procedure, only differing by setting different random seeds.

**SWAG** SGD optimizer with learning rate 0.001. Model is pre-trained for 600 epochs with exploration for 30 epochs at learning rate 0.033 and low-rank matrix recording the last 5 epochs.

**DUQ** Adam optimizer with learning rate 0.0001, batch size 32, and trained for 500 epochs.

**SNGP** Adam with a learning rate of 0.0001, batch size of 32, spec\_norm\_iteration of 1, spec\_norm\_bound of 0.9, dropout rate of 10%, 750 epochs regularized with early stopping on the loss with a patience of 50.

## **C. Uncertainty Metrics**

Let M be the number of component models in an ensemble and C be the number of classes.



*Figure 4.* Epistemic Uncertainties for two different random restarts of MC Dropout on the Toy Manifold Data. All procedures are held the same except for the tensorflow random seed, which is set to 12345 on the left and 99999 on the right.

The aleatoric entropy is computed as:

$$\mathbf{H}_{a}(x_{n}) = -\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m}^{M} \sum_{c}^{C} p(y_{c}|x_{n}, W_{m}) \log(p(y_{c}|x_{n}, W_{m}))$$

The epistemic entropy is computed as:

$$\mathbf{H}_e(x_n) = -\sum_c^C \bar{p}_c \log(\bar{p}_c)$$

where,

$$\bar{p}_c = \frac{1}{M} \sum_m^M p(y_c | x_n, W_m)$$

The epistemic KL uncertainty is computed as:

$$\mathrm{KL}_{e}(x_{n}) = \frac{1}{P} \sum_{m',m''}^{P} KL\left(p(y|x_{n}, W_{m'}), p(y|x_{n}, W_{m''})\right)$$

where *P* is the  $\frac{M!}{(M-2)!}$  combinations of models. We do not restrict to unique combinations due to the asymmetry of KL-divergence.

For aleatoric entropy in DUQ we have M = 1 and

$$p(y|x_n, W) = \operatorname{softmax}(\log(f_W(x_n))))$$

#### **D.** Adversarial Robustness

To generate adversarial examples in both the halfmoons and MNIST cases, we design a proxy model  $(f_p)$  trained to approximate the target model's  $(f_t)$  decision boundary. Specifically, we have a trained target model that produces predictions  $\hat{y}_t$  that are optimized by minimizing the loss with respect to the true labels,  $\min \mathcal{L}(\hat{y}_t, y_{true})$ . The target model learns by matching the target model's predictions, i.e.  $\min \mathcal{L}(\hat{y}_p, \hat{y}_t)$ . With the trained proxy we then perform an iterative, L2 projected gradient descent (L2-PGD) attack.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, we learn a perturbation  $\delta$  over a number of iterations where in each iteration we update  $\delta$  such that,

$$\delta_{t+1} = \mathcal{P}(\delta_t + \alpha \nabla_\delta \mathcal{L}(f_p(x + \delta_t), \hat{y}_t))$$

where  $\alpha$  is the learning rate,  $\mathcal{P}$  is the projection onto the L2-ball, and  $\delta$  is bounded by a maximum perturbation  $\epsilon$ .

Iterative PGD attacks have three hyperparameters: maximum allowable perturbation ( $\epsilon$ ), step size ( $\alpha$ ), and number of gradient steps. In order to mimic real-world application of a proxy model based attack, we tuned the parameters in order to keep the degree to which the proxy model was fooled consistent. As a final check, we track the average L2 norm of the perturbations. For measuring adversarial robustness using SNGP we utilize the mean-field approximation to the posterior predictive (Liu et al., 2020; Nado et al., 2021), even though we take samples for uncertainty approximation. Empirically the difference in accuracy was not significant.

To generate on/off-manifold adversaries for the toy manifold data we add a perturbation,  $\delta$ , to the samples where  $\delta \sim \mathcal{N}(\epsilon, 0.5)$ .  $\epsilon$  serves as a strength parameter for our "attack." Additionally we randomly select with probability 0.5, for each data point, whether the perturbation will be applied in the positive or negative direction. To create on-manifold adversaries we add the perturbation to the x-coordinate, and to create off-manifold adversaries we add the perturbation to the y-coordinate. We show accuracy as a function of  $\epsilon$  for each model for on/off-manifold adversaries in Figure 6.

Table 1. Adversarial Robustness and Hyperparameters (half moons)

MODEL	PROXY ACC.	ADV. ACC.	$\epsilon$	$\alpha$	ITER.
BNN	32.14%	39.87%	0.6	0.01	40
DE	39.67%	39.58%	0.6	0.01	40
MC DROP.	32.80%	36.90%	0.6	0.008	40
SWAG	35.67%	39.58%	0.6	0.01	40
DUQ	38.33%	30.56%	0.6	0.01	40
SNGP	30.09%	36.20%	0.6	0.01	40

Table 2. Adversarial Robustness and Hyperparameters (MNIST)

MODEL	PROXY ACC.	ADV. ACC.	$\epsilon$	α	ITER.	L2
BNN	5.89%	90.20%	25	0.10	50	2.70
DE	3.50%	85.92%	25	0.10	50	10.92
MC DROP.	6.77%	90.39%	25	0.06	50	3.30
SWAG	8.47%	37.76%	25	0.12	50	12.41
DUQ	2.16%	43.53%	25	0.10	50	8.74
SNGP	3.45%	85.48%	25	0.07	50	4.18

In Figure 5 we show a visualization of a proxy model and generated adversaries on a deep ensemble. Similar visual-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Implementation adapted from https://adversarial-mltutorial.org/adversarial\_examples

izations can be generated for the other models, but we omit them for brevity.



Figure 5. Illustration of a black-box attack on deep ensembles using a standard Neural Network as a proxy model. Top left: The many decision boundaries in the deep ensemble (black) with the proxy model's approximating boundary (red). Top right: Deep Ensemble epistemic uncertainty with the generated adversaries plotted. Brightly colored points indicate that this adversary belonging to its color was incorrectly classified as the other.



Figure 6. Adversarial accuracy (robustness) in the toy manifold setting. Adversaries are generated by perturbing data on- or offmanifold for increasing values of epsilon. Off-manifold perturbations (left) elicit discrepancies in robustness similar to MNIST, though results vary for models that fluctuate by random restart. All models show consistent behavior for on-manifold perturbations (right).

## **E.** Halfmoons Uncertainties

We show here the aleatoric, epistemic, and KL uncertainties for each model. DUQ has no notion of KL uncertainty since its epistemic uncertainty is defined explicitly without an ensemble of predictions. In SNGP we use the meanfield approximation for producing the softmax probabilities that feed into the aleatoric uncertainty, but we use samples from the GP posterior to create an ensemble of predictions to calculate epistemic and KL uncertainties. We take 10 samples as was specified in the original paper (Liu et al.,

#### 2020).





(b) BNN Epistemic



(c) BNN KL

(a) BNN Aleatoric



(a) DE Aleatoric



(a) SWAG Aleatoric

(a) SNGP Aleatoric



(b) DE Epistemic



(c) DE KL

(b) MC Dropout Epistemic

(c) MC Dropout KL





(b) SWAG Epistemic

(b) SNGP Epistemic





(c) SNGP KL



(b) DUQ Epistemic

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(c) BNN KL

(a) BNN Aleatoric

(b) BNN Epistemic







(c) DE KL

(a) DE Aleatoric

(b) DE Epistemic





(b) MC Dropout Epistemic





(a) SWAG Aleatoric



(b) SWAG Epistemic





(a) SNGP Aleatoric

(a) DUQ Aleatoric







(b) DUQ Epistemic





(C) SNGP KL

