A Closer Look at Model Adaptation using Feature Distortion and Simplicity Bias

Abstract

Advances in the expressivity of large-scale pretrained models have increased interest in the design of adaptation protocols which enable safe *and* effective transfer learning. Going beyond conventional linear probing (LP) and fine tuning (FT) strategies, protocols that can effectively control feature distortion, i.e., the failure to update features orthogonal to the in-distribution, during FT have been found to achieve improved out-of-distribution generalization. A popular example is the recent LP+FT protocol which first learns a linear probe and then uses that initialization during FT. However, in this paper, we find that when adaptation protocols are also evaluated on a variety of safety objectives (e.g., calibration, robustness etc.), that a complementary perspective to feature distortion is required explain protocol behavior. To this end, we study the susceptibility of protocols to simplicity bias (SB), i.e. the well-known propensity of neural networks to rely upon simple features, as SB has recently been shown to underlie several problems in robust generalization. Using a synthetic dominoes dataset obtained by pairing (complex) CIFAR10 with (simple) MNIST samples, we demonstrate that the susceptibility of existing protocols to SB. Given the strong effectiveness of LP+FT, we propose incorporating hardness-promoting perturbations during LP to obtain initializations for FT that further decrease SB. We verify the effectiveness of these modified LP+FT protocols by decreasing SB on the dominoes dataset, and jointly improving OOD generalization and safety on standard adaptation benchmarks.

1 Introduction

Recent developments in the representation quality of large-scale, pretrained self-supervised models have produced unprecedented capabilities in transfer learning. Through the use of larger datasets (Yalniz et al., 2019), better architectures (Zhai et al., 2022; Chen et al., 2022; Steiner et al., 2022; Tolstikhin et al., 2021), and different self-supervised learning (SSL) approaches (He et al., 2020; Chen et al., 2020; Grill et al., 2020; Caron et al., 2020), these models are more robust (Hendrycks et al., 2019b; Liu et al., 2021), transferable (Ericsson et al., 2021) and semantically consistent (Caron et al., 2021). In this regard, designing adaptation protocols that lead to improved generalization on the downstream task by exploting these high-quality representations have gained significant interest Typical strategies for transfer learning from pre-trained feature learners include constructing linear probes without updating the feature encoder (referred to as `LP`), and fine-tuning the features along with the linear probe (referred as `FT`). While `LP` is known to demonstrate reasonable out-of-distribution (OOD) generalization, it can sometimes produce lower in-distribution (ID) test performance when compared to `FT`. However, recently, Kumar et al. (2022) showed that `FT` can compromise OOD performance due to excessive feature distortion, *i.e.*, the phenomenon of exclusively updating only a subset of features aligned with the ID data, and thus fail to effectively utilize the expressiveness of the pretrained model. In order to systematically control this distortion, Kumar et al. (2022) propose to first train the linear probe prior to starting `FT`, and introduce a new family of `LP+ FT` protocols. Here, the key intuition is that providing a strong `LP` initialization reduces the updates needed in `FT` , thereby reducing feature distortion without compromising task performance.

While the efficacy of adaptation protocols is typically evaluated using ID/OOD generalization performance, in this paper, we are interested in understanding their behavior under the lens of safety evaluation metrics that are often used to characterize reliability of deep models (Hendrycks et al., 2021); examples include prediction calibration error, anomaly rejection rate, robustness

under distribution shifts, ability to avoid shortcut decision rules and adversarial robustness (see Figure 1). This study is motivated by our empirical observation that even the well-studied LP, FT and LP+ FT protocols achieve varying levels of success on each of these evaluation metrics, and that they demonstrate disparate behavior when we consider datasets with different degrees of distribution shift from the original dataset used for pre-training. In fact, the underlying idea of curtailing the feature distortion through LP+ FT (Kumar et al., 2022) makes it difficult to improve the safety metrics, as FTremains in close vicinity of the LPinitialization.

Proposed Work. In this work, we take a closer look at the behavior of adaptation protocols when additional safety metrics are considered. To this end, we study the susceptibility of protocols to simplicity bias (SB) (Brutzkus et al., 2017; Soudry et al., 2018; Gunasekar et al., 2018; Geirhos et al., 2019; Hermann et al., 2020) , *i.e.*, the tendency to prefer simpler features over complex features, which has recently been to shown to underlie the non-robustness of DNNs (Shah et al., 2020). Using a synthetic dataset comprised of "dominoes" of complex features (CIFAR10 or STL10 images) and simple features (MNIST images), we investigate a protocol's the OOD generalization performance (CIFAR10 → STL10) and ability to avoid shortcuts, i.e., exclusively relying on simple features to make the predictions. This study clearly reveals the susceptibility of FT to simplicity bias and how LP+ FT can produce improved models through controlled feature distortion. However, in quest to reduce the distortion only, LP+ FT compromises on our safety evaluation

Figure 1: **Strong and Safe Adaptation.** Practical deployment in high risk applications requires that adapted models not only generalize well to in- and out-of distribution data of the downstream task, but also that adapted models are reliable. By considering these widely-adopted safety metrics, we are able to holistically evaluate adaptation protocols.

(scenario where the pairing of CIFAR10 and MNIST classes is randomly flipped). Therefore, with the goal of systematically mitigating simplicity bias *and* to controlling feature distortion, we propose new variants to the family of LP+ FT, wherein we either leverage optimized perturbations (virtual adversarial training, uncertainty-driven perturbations) or construct a *soup* (*i.e.*, average multiple models) of probes to improve the LP initialization. Our results with both our synthetic dataset as well as standard benchmarks reveal that the proposed LP+ FT variants consistently provide significant improvements over vanilla LP+ FT in both OOD generalization and safety metrics.

2 BACKGROUND

In this section, we provide a brief overview of adaptation protocols used with pre-trained representations, widely adopted augmentation strategies and popular metrics used for evaluating the safety of deep neural networks. Please see the supplementary for an expanded discussion of related work.

Adaptation Protocols. Given a pre-trained model, common practices for adapting it to a target task of interest are to either fine-tune (FT) all model parameters or train only a linear probe (LP) while freezing the network parameters. In general, large-scale, pre-trained models have sufficiently expressive features to perform well on both ID and OOD data. However, in practice, LP can result in lower classification accuracies due to the limited expressivity of the linear probe, while end-to-end FT can distort pretrained features toward ID data, thus harming OOD performance. Given these inherent limitations of both LPand FT, there is a need to design adaptation protocols that can lead to models with improved generalization performance and safety characteristics. In this spirit, Kumar et al. 2022 recently proposed to perform LP prior to FT (abbrev. LP + FT) and demonstrated that this protocol improves OOD performance without comprising ID generalization of the target task by limiting feature distortion. Namely, that FT only modifies features in the ID representation subspace and not in other directions, which can lead higher OOD error as direction outside the ID subspace are

necessary for OOD generalization. Concurrently, Kirichenko et al. 2022 also found that retraining the last-layer of a model on a minority group or a simple data re-weighting can significantly improve robustness to spurious correlations and argue that classifiers poorly utilize the expressive features learnt by the model, instead relying upon spurious (instead of core) features. Notably, the model is able to learn *both* spurious and core features, so only simple re-weighting on minority data is needed, if we assume disentangled features. In this paper, we focus on the generic protocols such as LP,FT, and LP + FT, since they are effective, inexpensive and do not to perform any additional re-weighting data. Notably, we find that feature distortion can explain the ID vs. OOD generalization behavior of FTand LP, it cannot be straightforwardly extended to understand the trade-off between OOD and safety performance (see Sec. 3.1), necessitating a complementary perspective (simplicity bias), which we discuss in Sec. 4.

Simplicity Bias. It is well-known that deep neural networks demonstrate a bias toward simple, potentially less expressive features (Brutzkus et al., 2017; Soudry et al., 2018; Gunasekar et al., 2018; Geirhos et al., 2019; Hermann et al., 2020), such as textures and backgrounds, and that this bias can lead to shortcuts that limit the generalization of DNNs. Indeed, recently Shah et al. (2020) formalized this intuition by more precisely defining simplicity bias, based on the number of linear components to define a decision boundary, and showed that SB leads to non-robust decision boundaries that effects a model's sensitivity to distribution shifts and adversarial perturbations. In brief, by learning simple features first, models become invariant to complex features, potentially leading to narrow decision boundaries which can fail to generalize under data shifts. While various methods have recently been proposed to mitigate simplicity bias when training from scratch or in the context of pretraining Teney et al. (2021), we focus the susceptibility of existing adaptation protocols to simplicity bias as a tool for gaining insights into their safety behavior.

3 A HOLISTIC EVALUATION OF ADAPTATION PROTOCOLS

Given that practical transfer learning applications require that models not only generalize well to the target task, but also do so safely, we perform the following joint evaluation to better understand how existing adaptation protocols (LP, FT, LP + FT) uphold both these objectives. Specifically, in addition to in-distribution and out-of-distribution downstream task generalization, we evaluate adapted models on the following important aspects of machine learning safety (Hendrycks et al., 2021): robustness to corruptions (Hendrycks & Dietterich, 2019; Mintun et al., 2021) and adversarial perturbations (Ilyas et al., 2019), prediction calibration error (Guo et al., 2017), and the ability to detect reliably detect anomalous samples (Hendrycks & Gimpel, 2017; Hendrycks et al., 2019a). Below, we introduce this set-up more detail.

Experimental Setup. LP, FT, and LP + FT protocols are evaluated for generalization and safety performance on three downstream adaptation tasks: CIFAR-10, Living17, and Domainnet-Sketch, where we report the following additional metrics for each dataset. We select these datasets as they correspond to two different types of distribution shifts (standard domain adaptation and subpopulation) and 3 levels of distortion (low, medium, high). Our safety evaluation protocol is similar to Hendrycks et al. (2022).

- *OOD Accuracy:* Models are expected to generalize well under the following distribution shifts: Living17(Source) $\rightarrow$ Living17(Target), CIFAR-10 $\rightarrow$ {STL10, CIFAR10.1} and Domainnet-Sketch $\rightarrow$ {Domainnet-ClipArt, Domainnet-Painting, Domainnet-Real}. CIFAR10 and Domainnet-Sketch shifts are popular domain-adaptation datasets, while Living17 is a recently proposed sub-population shift benchmark (Santurkar et al., 2020).

- *Mean corruption accuracy (mCA/m$\bar{C}$A):* We consider two sets of corruptions that a model should be robust to: the 15 naturalistic corruptions (C) proposed by Hendrycks & Dietterich (2019), and the 10 perceptually dissimilar corruptions ($\bar{C}$) proposed by Mintun et al. (2021). Corruptions are applied to each ID test dataset and the average accuracy over each set is reported.

- *Calibration Error (RMSE)*: It is important that models are well-calibrated so that practitioners may trust the provided predictions in high-risk applications. We measure the root mean square error of calibration as follows: $\sqrt{\mathbb{E}_C\left[(\mathbb{P}(Y = \hat{Y} \mid C = c) - c)^2\right]}$, where C indicates the confidence scores, while $\hat{Y}$ and Y denote the model's predictions and ground-truth labels respectively.

- *Anomaly Detection Performance (AUROC):* Recognizing when samples are anomalous allows models to abstain from making uninformed and inapplicable predictions. We consider samples from Blobs, Gaussian, LSUN, Places69, Rademacher, Textures, and SVHN datasets as anomalies and report the AUROC (area under the ROC curve) of the binary classification problem of detecting such samples as anomalies.

- *Adversarial Accuracy:* DNNs are well-known to be fooled by imperceptible distortions (Ilyas et al., 2019). We use a 2/225, 10-step PGD attack to measure the robustness of models to such perturbations.

- *Representational Similarity (CKA)*: Kumar et al. (2022) claim that feature distortion harms OOD performance of adapted models by only updating representations in the span of the training data. We measure this distortion by computing the batched centered kernel alignment (CKA) score (Nguyen et al., 2021) with respect to the representations of the ID test dataset obtained from the pretrained and adapted models.

Training Details. As discussed in Sec. 2, high quality pretrained representations are required to effectively generalize to both in-distribution and out-of-distribution downstream data. To this end, we use a MoCo-V2 ResNet-50 (He et al., 2020) pretrained on ImageNet-1K as the base-feature extractor for CIFAR10 and Living17 experiments, and a CLIP ResNet-50 for Domainnet-Sketch. See supplementary for detailed discussion. In brief, we performed grid-search to find the best parameters, report all results over 3 seeds, and follow Kumar et al. (2022) when training adaptation protocols.

Dataset	Protocol	Generalization		Robustness			Calibration				Anomaly Det.	Rep. Similarity
		ID Acc.	OOD[1] Acc.	C Acc.	$\overline{C}$[2]. Acc.	Adv. Acc.	ID 1-RMS	C 1-RMS	$\overline{C}$ 1-RMS	OOD. 1-RMS	Out-of-Class AUROC	ID CKA
CIFAR10	LP	0.9138	0.8188/0.8192	0.6912	0.6553	0.0003	0.95945	0.83025	0.8142	0.8696	0.6206	1.0000
CIFAR10	FT	**0.9539**	**0.8962**/0.8545	**0.7434**	**0.7553**	0.0231	**0.9668**	**0.83635**	**0.8453**	**0.923175**	**1.0000**	0.6831
CIFAR10	LP+FT	0.9442	0.8775/**0.8581**	0.6921	0.6790	0.0018	0.9521	0.7849	0.7721	0.88633	0.6511	0.7853
DomainNet	LP	0.8913	**0.8013**	0.6019	**0.6020**	0.1768	**0.9638**	**0.9045**	**0.8571**	**0.9264**	0.8679	1.0000
DomainNet	FT	0.7613	0.4522	0.5186	0.2744	**0.4164**	0.8368	0.7234	0.7234	0.6379	0.8841	0.6092
DomainNet	LP+FT	**0.8985**	0.7990	**0.6343**	0.5979	0.1927	0.9566	0.8445	0.8445	0.8899	**0.9022**	0.9222
Living17	LP	0.9521	0.8124	0.7010	0.7377	**0.2350**	0.9313	0.8693	0.8801	0.9117	0.9907	1.0000
Living17	FT	0.9518	0.7168	0.7011	0.7164	0.1563	0.8873	0.9019	0.8604	**0.9295**	0.9794	0.7847
Living17	LP+FT	**0.9643**	**0.8261**	**0.7426**	**0.7671**	0.2135	**0.9782**	**0.9472**	**0.9451**	0.8742	**0.9924**	0.9887

Table 1: **Safety and Generalization Performance of Adaptation Protocols.** While LP+FT indeed achieves strong ID and OOD performance across datasets, we see that different protocols may perform better when safety evaluation is also considered. For CIFAR-10, which requires the most distortion as evidenced by lower CKA scores, we see that FT is the most effective; while LP+FT and LP, are most effective, respectively, on Living17 and Domainnet, which requires significantly less distortion. This suggests that, while mitigating feature distortion is effective for improving generalization, it is not always sufficient for also improving safety.

3.1 EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS

We report the results from evaluating adaptation protocols with the respect to the above metrics in Table. 1, and make the following observations regarding the behavior of different protocols. In brief, we find that no single protocol is effective across all datasets in jointly obtaining strong and safe adaptation, and that, on low distortion adaptation tasks, the quality of the LP initialization is critical as pre-trained feature extractor is not substantially updated during LP+FT. Together, these observations indicate that a complementary view to feature distortion is required to understand and improve the behavior of different protocols (see Sec. 4), and that improving the LP initialization may lead to improvements in both generalization and safety (see Sec. 5).

Varying Efficacy of Protocols. Across datasets, we see that LP+FT achieves strong ID and OOD performance, and mitigates feature distortion, as measured by higher CKA scores than FT. (LP has a CKA score of 1.0 since the feature encoder remains unchanged). However, when we consider performance across safety measures, e.g., robustness, calibration and anomaly detection, we see that the best-performing protocol varies. For example, on CIFAR10, which requires the most distortion as evidenced by the lowest average CKA scores, FT is the most effective protocol for safety measures and is very comparable on generalization performance. (CIFAR10.1 is designed to be very similar to

CIFAR10, so it is not unreasonable that `FT` performs better than `LP+FT` here). However, on Living17 and DomainNet, we see that `LP+FT` and `LP`, respectively, are considerably more effective. This suggests that, while mitigating feature distortion is effective for improving OOD generalization, it remains insufficient for also explaining safety performance. In Sec. 4, we argue that the understanding how these protocols mitigate simplicity bias is complementary perspective and can be jointly used to better understand adaption protocol behavior.

Effectiveness of `LP` Initialization.   On DomainNet and Living17, we see that minimal distortion (CKA ≥ 0.9) is required to obtain competitive `LP+FT` performance. The effectiveness of `LP` and `LP+FT` on Living17 in improving OOD generalization over `FT` is hardly surprising, as Living17 is a subset of ImageNet, on which the base feature-encoder was already trained. In contrast, on DomainNet, the difficulty of `FT` in matching the ID *test* task performance, despite achieving high training accuracy, suggests `FT` may learn a solution that over-fits to the training data or relies upon shortcuts (or simple features) that do not generalize to even the test set or OOD data, despite using an expressive pre-trained model. We will show in Sec. 4 through controlled experiments that `FT` is particularly susceptible to simplicity bias and that controlling this susceptibility can permit higher-levels of distortion, without comprising generalization. We want to emphasize that both these low-distortion datasets greatly benefit from strong `LP` initializations during `LP+FT`, as very limited updates are made during subsequent `FT` to the underlying feature encoder. Indeed, while `LP+FT` does induce some meaningful benefits over `LP` on Living17 and performs comparably to `LP` on Domainnet, empirically we see that central to its effectiveness are the use of small learning rates (3e-7,1e-5) and frozen batch-norm parameters. This suggests that improving the `LP` initialization may be a viable solution to improving both generalization and safety performance.

Given the above observations regarding the variability of protocol effectiveness and the role of strong `LP` initializations, we next study the susceptibility of different adaptation protocols to simplicity bias as complementary view for understanding safety and generalization behavior in Sec. 4.

4   SIMPLICITY BIAS, FEATURE DISTORTION AND ADAPTATION

4.1   A CLOSER LOOK AT `LP+FT`

Simplicity bias has been argued to underlie various safety issues in machine learning (Shah et al., 2020) by inducing decision boundaries which are sensitivity to adversarial perturbation and distribution shifts. Given that practical transfer learning requires both strong and safe generalization, understanding the susceptibility of different protocols to simplicity bias not only helps explain the observations made in Sec. 3.1 but also can inform improved protocols with better safety performance.

Figure 2: **Understanding Effect of Simplicity Bias.** We introduce a new dataset compromised of "dominoes" of simple (MNIST) and complex (CIFAR10) features to understand the effect of simplicity bias on generalization and safety.

Experimental Set-up.   To this end, we introduce the following controlled setting, and corresponding experiments to help better understand the interactions between adaptation protocols, simplicity bias, and generalization. We evaluate the susceptibility to simplicity bias of `LP`, `FT`, and `LP + FT` protocols on a custom variant of the dominoes dataset (Shah et al., 2020).

Dataset: As shown in Fig. 2, we create "dominoes" of complex and simple features by pairing each class from CIFAR10 (complex) with the corresponding "digit" class in MNIST (simple), e.g., "bird" samples are paired with digit "2" samples, where the label for each domino is determined by the complex, CIFAR10 sample. Datasets with 3 levels of correlation (95%, 99%, 100%) between the simple and complex features are constructed for training. While 100% correlation allows models to only learn the simple feature for perfect generalization, the more realistic lower correlation settings require models learn at least some aspect of the complex features.

For evaluation, we also construct a randomized (10% correlation) variant, where simple features are randomly paired with complex features. (See Fig. 2, panels 3/4). To assess OOD generalization, we create a variant where complex features are sampled from STL10, instead of CIFAR10. (See 2, panels 1/2.)

Metrics: We assess the reliance simple features using the following metrics: *Randomized Accuracy*, e.g., the accuracy on the variant where samples contain random pairings between simple and complex features, and *Correlated Accuracy*, where pairings between simple and complex features remain correlated. Models that (are)/(are not) susceptible to simplicity bias will have high *Correlated Accuracy* and (low/high) *Randomized Accuracy*.

Training Details: We use a MoCo-V2 ResNet-50 (He et al., 2020) pretrained on ImageNet-1K as the base-feature extractor. See supplementary for additional details. We performed grid-search to find the best parameters, report all results over 3 seeds and 3 correlation strengths.

Protocol	Correlation = 0.95			Correlation = 0.99			Correlation = 1.00		
	Corr. ID Acc.	Corr. OOD Acc	Rand.OOD Acc.	Corr. ID Acc.	Corr. OOD Acc	Rand.OOD Acc.	Corr. ID Acc.	Corr. OOD Acc	Rand.OOD Acc.
LP	0.9728	0.9156	0.7910	0.9809	0.9386	**0.7862**	0.9836	0.9505	**0.7696**
FT	0.9866	**0.9814**	0.6021	**0.9923**	**0.9928**	0.3629	0.9855	**0.9789**	0.2697
LP+FT	**0.9902**	0.9793	**0.8422**	0.9844	0.9484	0.7813	**0.9874**	0.9594	0.7548

Table 2: **Simplicity Bias and Performance of Adaptation Protocols.**

Given the above experimental set-up, we report the performance of different adaptation protocols in Table. 2. We explore the use of different learning rates during the FT step to better understand understand the role of feature distortion in conjunction with simplicity bias. Due to the relative simplicity of the dataset, models achieve high accuracy across learning-rates, but those with larger learning rates are more distorted. Across all correlation strengths FT has the lowest *Rand.* OOD Acc. and high *Corr.* OOD Acc. This clearly indicates that FT has learned to rely upon simple features, effectively disregarding the expressive features of the pretrained model, and is easily susceptible to simplicity bias. In contrast, by preserving the expressive features of the underlying feature encoder, LP best mitigates simplicity bias in high correlation (0.99,1.0) settings as evidenced by the highest *Rand* OOD Acc (though *Corr.* ID/OOD Acc does slightly suffer). However, in moderate correlation (0.95), LP+ FT improves upon LP to achieve better *Corr.* OOD Acc than LP and the best *Rand.* OOD Acc across protocols. This suggests that when the correlation is not extreme, that moderate distortion, given a suitable LP, is in fact beneficial in mitigating simplicity bias. At higher correlation strengths (0.99,1.0), however, LP+ FT has lower *Rand* OOD Acc, while improving the *Corr.* OOD Acc relative to LP, indicating in such extreme settings the distortion incurred by subsequent FT is not beneficial and has increased reliance upon simple features.

4.2 IMPROVED LINEAR PROBES FOR MITIGATING SIMPLICITY BIAS

As discussed earlier, adaptation protocols have varying susceptibility to simplicity bias, and mitigating this susceptibility can help improve generalization and safety. In particular, we observe that LP+ FT and LP are effective protocols for reducing reliance upon simple features on both synthetic datasets, and on low-distortion real datasets (Sec 3.1). However, as some level of distortion is typically required when adapting to downstream tasks to obtain sufficient ID task performance, we propose new variants of the LP+ FT protocol that attempt to enable the subsequent FT step to distort features without compromising generalization or increasing simplicity bias.

We note that, while it is certainly possible to modify the FT step as well, modifications to LP are inexpensive as the feature-encoder is not updated. Moreover, as discussed in Sec. 3.1, the FT step of LP+ FT often relies upon small learning-rates and frozen batch-norm parameters. This implies that the fine-tuned solution remains in close vicinity of the initial LP initialization, further motivating a strong starting solution. To this end, we define the following common notation and introduce modifications to LP step of LP+ FT below. Let h be the hidden representations, θ model parameters, y labels, $\hat{y}$ predicted classes, C the number of classes, g the classifier, and δ the perturbation.

- **LP (VAT)**: Virtual Adversarial Training (VAT) (Miyato et al., 2017) enforces local distribution smoothness by minimizing the KL-divergence between the predictions of perturbed pairs of examples. Since we are using expressive pretrained models, such perturbations maybe meaningful

Figure 3: **Hardness Promoting Augmentations help Mitigate Simplicity Bias.** We compare the modified `LP`+ `FT` protocols discussed on the synthetic, dominoes dataset, and find that hardness promoting augmentations improve the Rand. OOD Accuracy over vanilla `FT`and `LP`+ `FT`. This indicates that modified protocols perform well on the OOD dataset without relying upon shortcuts or simple features.

in the inverted latent space as well, and resulting classifiers become robust in some ϵ-neighborhood around each latent-space input. Formally, let ϵ be some perturbation budget, and α a hyper-parameter weighting distributional label smoothness, we minimize the following loss:

$$\min_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{\text{CE}}(g_\theta(h), y) - \alpha \text{KL}\left[p\left(y \mid g_\theta(h)\right), p\left(y \mid g_\theta(h+\delta)\right)\right] \tag{1}$$

$$\text{where } \delta := \underset{\|\delta\|_2 \le \epsilon}{\arg\max} \quad \text{KL}\left[p\left(y \mid g_\theta(h)\right), p\left(y \mid g_\theta(h+\delta)\right)\right]. \tag{2}$$

- **`LP (UDP)`**: Instead of maximizing the loss to when training with adversarial perturbations, uncertainty-driven perturbations (UDP) (Pagliardini et al., 2022) adversarially maximize a model's estimated uncertainty and have been shown to be effective in decreasing simplicity bias and improving generalization in non-adaptation settings. Formally, UDPs are defined as: $\delta_u = \underset{\|\delta\|_2 \le \epsilon}{\arg\max} \mathcal{H}(g_\theta(h) + \delta)$, where $\mathcal{H}(g_\theta(h)) = -\sum_{c \in C} \hat{y}_c \log \hat{y}_c$, (e.g., entropy of predictions).

- **`LP (Soup)`**: Inspired by Wortsman et al. (2022), we train multiple, sparse, linear probes jointly and then take the average of their weights (aka soup) as the learned `LP` for subsequent `FT`. While soups of large models improve generalization by combining models from the same low-error basin, we consider sparse classifiers soups as an alternative strategy which seeks to average of diverse decision rules, to avoid relying upon a single set of simple features. Given k classifiers, we minimize the following loss: $\min_{\theta_{1\dots k}} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{k} \mathcal{L}_{\text{CE}}(g_{\theta_i}(h), y)$ and let $g_{\bar{\theta}} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i}^{k} \theta_i$ for the `FT` step.

Empirical Evaluation of Hardness Promoting Augmentations. We evaluate the effectiveness of the above `LP` variants, which we collectively refer to as "hardness promoting", in mitigating the simplicity of bias of `LP`+ `FT` and summarize the results in Fig. 3. We make the following observations.

Across all correlation strengths, we find that using the modified hardness promoting `LP`s during `LP`+ `FT` (aka hp-`LP`+ `FT`) improves the Rand. OOD Accuracy over vanilla `LP`+ `FT`($\ge 2\%$) and `FT`($> 20\%$). This clearly indicates that hp-`LP`+ `FT` is indeed effective in decreasing reliance on simple features, potentially also leading to improved safety. Furthermore, with the exception of

`LP (Soup)+FT`, that hp-`LP+FT` also performs better than vanilla `LP+FT` on Corr. ODD accuracy. Vanilla `FT` does out-perform all `LP+FT` protocols in this setting, but this is due to reliance upon simple features. Lastly, we observe that with respect to Corr. ID Accuracy that hp-`LP+FT` improves performance at low correlation strength, but slightly lose performance at higher correlation strengths. This is not entirely unexpected as `FT`'s reliance upon simple will be useful in the correlated setting. Given that hp-`LP+FT`is able to reduce reliance upon simple features in this controlled setting, we next evaluate whether these modified protocols are beneficial in improving the performance of `LP+FT`on real datasets.

5   EVALUATING GENERALIZATION AND SAFETY OF `LP+FT` FAMILY

Given the effectiveness of incorporating hardness promoting (hp) augmentations with the family of `LP+FT` protocols (hp-`LP+FT`) in avoiding shortcuts, we also evaluate on the modified protocols on the three real-world datasets (Living17, DomainNet, and CIFAR10) with respect to the generalization and safety metrics introduced in Sec. 3.1. We summarize our results in Tables 3,4,5 and our observations below. We tune any method-specific hyperparameters (e.g., epsilon) using ID validation data and report all results over three seeds. (See supplementary for additional results.)

As discussed in Sec. 3.1, these three datasets represent scenarios where different levels of distortion are necessary when adapting the pretrained model. On Living17, a setting which requires minimal distortion during adaptation, we see that vanilla `LP+FT` is quite effective with respect to both generalization and safety metrics and is a difficult baseline to surpass. Indeed, while hp-`LP+FT` variants do not lead to significant benefits, they generally perform comparably to vanilla `LP+FT`. On DomainNet, a setting where fairly low distortion is required for `LP+FT` but `FT` struggles to find a good solution, we see that hp-`LP+FT` induces some slight benefits with respect to ID/OOD generalization and robustness, though vanilla `LP` and hp-`LP` have better calibration performance. In contrast on CIFAR10, which requires more distortion to obtain an acceptable solution, we see that hp-`LP+FT` leads to improved generalization and a noticeable boost in corruption robustness. `LP (VAT)+FT` is particularly effective in this regard. Lastly, across all datasets, we observe that hp-`LP+FT` protocols lead to similar distortion to vanilla `LP+FT`, which suggests that any additional benefits of hp-`LP+FT` should not be attributed to only reducing feature distortion.

In summary, we find that while vanilla `LP+FT` is already an effective protocol, especially in settings where low distortion is required, hp-`LP+FT` can provide some benefits and performs competitively. To this end, we recommend incorporating hardness promoting augmentations during `LP` as a potential safe-guard to simplicity bias.

	Generalization		Robustness			Calibration				Anomaly Det.	Rep. Similarity
Protocol	ID	OOD	C	$\overline{\text{C}}$	Adv.	ID	C	$\overline{\text{C}}$	OOD.	Out-of-Class	ID
	Acc.	Acc.	Acc.	Acc.	Acc.	1-RMS	1-RMS	1-RMS	1-RMS	AUROC	CKA
LP	0.9521	0.8124	0.7010	0.7378	0.2350	0.9313	0.8693	0.8802	0.9117	0.9907	1.0000
FT	0.9518	0.7168	0.7011	0.7164	0.1563	0.8873	0.9019	0.8604	**0.9295**	0.9794	0.7847
LP+FT	**0.9643**	**0.8261**	0.7426	0.7671	0.2135	**0.9782**	0.9472	0.9451	0.8742	0.9924	0.9887
LP (UDP)	0.9524	0.8110	0.7017	0.7382	**0.2353**	0.9308	0.8691	0.8801	**0.9118**	0.9908	1.0000
LP (VAT)	0.9524	0.8122	0.7010	0.7379	0.2345	0.9299	0.8682	0.8791	0.9103	0.9907	1.0000
LP (Soup)	0.9439	0.7996	0.6874	0.7290	**0.2451**	0.8806	0.7868	0.8094	0.9064	0.9897	1.0000
LP (UDP)+FT	0.9637	**0.8265**	0.7448	**0.7681**	0.2157	0.9768	0.9464	0.9467	0.8757	0.9927	0.98927
LP (VAT)+FT	**0.9647**	0.8247	0.7425	0.7650	0.2224	0.9727	**0.9521**	0.9463	0.8775	0.9925	0.9893
LP (Soup)+FT	0.9608	0.8163	**0.7456**	**0.7684**	0.1855	0.9760	0.9498	**0.9492**	0.8678	**0.9936**	0.98540

Table 3: **Living17: Hardness Promoting Augmentation and Adaptation.** In this low-distortion adaptation setting, we see that vanilla `LP+FT` is an effective baseline and that hardness promoting variants of `LP+FT` tend to perform comparably.

6   DISCUSSION

In this work, we take a closer look at the behavior of protocols designed for adapting large-scale pretrained models to downstream datasets. While it is argued that adaptation protocols should be designed to mitigate feature distortion (e.g., `LP+FT`) in order to improve ID and OOD generalization,

Protocol	Generalization		Robustness			Calibration				Anomaly Det.	Rep. Similarity
	ID Acc.	OOD Acc.	C Acc.	$\overline{C}$ Acc.	Adv. Acc.	ID 1-RMS	C 1-RMS	$\overline{C}$ 1-RMS	OOD. 1-RMS	Out-of-Class AUROC	ID CKA
LP	0.8913	0.8013	0.6019	0.6020	0.1768	0.9638	0.9264	**0.9045**	0.9014	0.8679	1.0000
FT	0.7613	0.4522	0.5186	0.2744	0.4164	0.8368	0.7234	0.7234	0.6379	0.8841	0.6092
LP+FT	0.8985	0.7990	0.6343	0.5979	0.1927	0.9566	0.8445	0.8445	0.8899	0.9022	0.9222
LP (UDP)	0.8919	**0.8021**	0.6022	0.6101	0.1345	0.9635	0.9250	**0.9047**	0.8619	0.8714	1.0000
LP (VAT)	0.8836	0.7914	0.5893	0.5963	0.1687	0.8897	**0.9552**	0.8905	0.9178	0.8735	1.0000
LP (Soup)	0.8787	0.7977	0.5951	0.6048	0.1731	0.8844	0.9479	0.8861	0.9176	0.8661	1.0000
LP (UDP)+FT	0.9033	0.7965	0.6414	**0.6178**	0.1778	0.9436	0.8533	0.79415	0.752	0.8857	0.9662
LP (VAT)+FT	**0.9048**	0.8009	**0.6466**	0.6131	0.1942	**0.9686**	0.8911	0.8428	0.7985	**0.9204**	0.9370
LP (Soup)+FT	**0.9051**	0.8013	0.6393	0.6091	**0.1954**	0.9670	0.9042	0.8692	0.8246	0.9097	0.9281

Table 4: **DomainNet: Hardness Promoting Augmentations and Adaptation.** While relatively low distortion is induced by LP+FT , FT struggles to find a viable solution. Here, hardness-promoting LP+FT variants, particularly LP (VAT)+FT do slightly improve ID and OOD generalization as well as robustness to corruptions.

Protocol	Generalization		Robustness			Calibration				Anomaly Det.	Rep. Similarity
	ID Acc.	OOD Acc.	C Acc.	$\overline{C}$ Acc.	Adv. Acc.	ID 1-RMS	C 1-RMS	$\overline{C}$ 1-RMS	OOD. 1-RMS	Out-of-Class AUROC	ID CKA
LP	0.9138	0.8190	0.6912	0.6553	0.0003	0.9595	0.8303	0.8142	0.8696	0.6206	1.0000
FT	0.9539	0.8754	0.7434	**0.7553**	**0.0231**	0.9668	0.8364	0.8453	0.9232	**1.0000**	0.6831
LP+FT	0.9442	0.8678	0.6921	0.6790	0.0018	0.9521	0.7849	0.7721	0.8864	0.6511	0.7853
LP (UDP)	0.9033	0.8356	0.6948	0.6643	0.0003	0.9689	0.9111	0.9023	0.9277	0.9033	1.0000
LP (VAT)	0.8977	0.8251	0.6742	0.6483	0.0002	0.9265	0.9255	0.9139	**0.9375**	0.7200	1.0000
LP (Soup)	0.9052	0.8353	0.6917	0.6588	0.0003	0.9605	0.9205	0.9037	0.9364	0.8859	1.0000
LP (UDP)+FT	0.944	0.8848	0.7028	0.6986	0.0004	0.9670	**0.8472**	**0.8476**	0.9237	0.9559	0.7764
LP (VAT)+FT	**0.9611**	**0.8900**	**0.7442**	0.7321	0.0027	0.9294	0.8355	0.8281	0.9178	0.8276	0.7839
LP (Soup)+FT	0.9466	0.8892	0.7031	0.6931	0.0001	**0.9678**	0.8390	0.8287	0.9216	0.9265	0.7806

Table 5: **CIFAR10: Hardness Promoting Augmentations and Adaptation.** In contrast to Living17 and DomainNet, FT is more effective than LP+FT with respect safety metrics and performs comparably on ID/OOD generalization. However, hardness-promoting variants, particularly LP (VAT), see noticeable improvements with respect to generalization & corruptions, performing comparably to FT.

we find that when additional aspects of safe generalization are evaluated (e.g., prediction calibration error, adversarial robustness, etc) mitigating feature distortion alone is not sufficient. To this end, we consider the complementary perspective, that adaptation protocols should also mitigate simplicity bias. Using a synthetic "dominoes" dataset that allows for control over the correlation between simple and complex features, we find that protocols have varying levels of effectiveness in reducing reliance upon simple features. While, as expected, FT, is most susceptible to simplicity bias, we see that LP+FT is able to balance both distortion and simplicity bias in settings where the correlation between simple and complex features is not too extreme. Motivated by the benefits of LP+FT and given the known relationship between simplicity bias and sub-optimal generalization, we use "hardness promoting" LP initializations to further improve LP+FT's performance. We create such initializations by using virtual adversarial or uncertainty driven perturbations during LP, or creating a soup of sparse linear probes. These modifications further reduce LP+FT's reliance upon simple features on the synthetic dataset. On three real-world datasets, these improved protocols can lead to better safety and generalization performance, further validating the need to consider both distortion and simplicity bias when design adaptation protocols.

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A APPENDIX

B ADDITIONAL RELATED WORK

For a comprehensive overview of transfer learning, please see the surveys of Zhuang et al. and Pan & Yang. Here, we discuss a few directly works directly relevant to our own.

Recently, Kumar et al. demonstrated that learning probing prior to fine-tuning (e.g., `LP+FT`) can improve both in-distribution and out-of-distribution performance when transferring to a downstream task given a highly expressive, pretrained model. They demonstrated that `FT` only modifies features in the ID representation subspace and not in other directions, which can lead higher OOD error as direction outside the ID subspace are necessary for OOD generalization. However, by initializing `FT` with a trained linear probe, feature distortion can be decreased since this initialization is closer to optimal model, and thus requires less distortion in ID subspace, preserving the expressiveness of the original model. Concurrently, Kirichenko et al. demonstrated that models are able to learn both core features and spurious features. However, classifiers can rely upon spurious features, harming performance on minority groups. To reduce the reliance on spurious features, they propose to retrain the classifier on a small amount of "re-weighting" data, that allows the model to leverage the core features instead of the spurious features.

Other modifications and heuristics have also been proposed to improve fine-tuning, including side-tuning Zhang et al. (2019), which tunes a small secondary network that is then combined with the original model, using larger/smaller learning rates for the classifier, as well as regularization-based methods Jiang et al. (2020). We focus on the `LP+FT` protocol, as it is principled and achieves strong OOD performance.

Additionally, several works have studied properties of the model that influence the effectiveness of transfer learning Azizpour et al. (2016); Huh et al. (2016); Kornblith et al. (2019), including the robustness of pretrained features Salman et al. (2020); Utrera et al. (2021). While the connection between adversarial training and improved feature representations Allen-Zhu & Li (2021); Kaur et al. (2019) has been studied, we use virtual adversarial training during `LP` to learn a better classifier that is less reliant upon simple features, and we do not use an adversarially trained feature extractor. Finally, we note that while we are, to the best of our knowledge, the first to consider this holistic evaluation of safety and generalization in the context of transfer learning with highly expressive pretrained models, Hendrycks et al. have considered the trade-offs induced by different data augmentation strategies Yun et al. (2019); Devries & Taylor (2017); Hendrycks et al. (2020); Cubuk et al. (2019; 2020) on safety metrics in supervised learning. We emphasize that while our evaluation is similar, that our work focuses on a different context and contains an additional layer of complexity as we consider the interaction between adaptation protocols, generalization behavior and safety performance.

C EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS

Please see the Anonymous Git repository for training details. In brief, we performed grid-search to find the best parameters, which are as follows. For CIFAR-10 and CIFAR-100, we train only the classifier for 200 epochs with LR=30 during `LP`. For `FT`, the entire model is trained for 20 epochs with LR=1e-5. For `LP+FT`, the model's classifier is initialized with the solution found by `LP`, and then it is fine-tuned for 20 epochs. A grid-search was conducted to determine the LR for `LP` and `FT`. For Domain-Net Experiments, we use 200 epochs with LR=30 during `LP`. For `FT`, the entire model is trained for 20 epochs with LR=3e-4. For `LP+FT`, the model's classifier is initialized with the solution found by `LP`, and then it is fine-tuned for 20 epochs, using LR=3e-7. Furthermore, following Kumar et al., we freeze the batchnorm layers during `LP+FT`. A CLIP Radford et al. (2021) pretrained ResNet-50 is used for the DomainNet experiments, while a MoCoV2 He et al. (2020) is used for all CIFAR experiments. We use augmentation functions from timm Wightman (2019) and compute CKA scores using the packaged provided by torch-cka. When using augmented protocols, the same LRs are used. Note, all results were obtained by averaging over 3 seeds. We consider model soups of sizes 5,10,20, tune ϵ in 0.005, 0.01, 0.02 and 0.1 for UDP, and α in 0.001, 0.01, 0.1 for VAT. For CIFAR-MNIST results, LP is done for 100 epochs, and FT is done for 20 epochs.

D ADDITIONAL RESULTS

Protocol	Generalization		Robustness			Calibration				Anomaly Detection	Rep. Similarity
	ID Acc.	OOD Acc.	C Acc.	$\overline{\text{C}}$ Acc.	Adv. Acc.	ID 1-RMS	C 1-RMS	$\overline{\text{C}}$ 1-RMS	OOD. 1-RMS	Out-of-Class AUROC	ID CKA
LP	0.9138	0.8190	0.6912	0.6553	0.0003	0.9595	0.8303	0.8142	0.8696	0.6206	1.0000
LP+ soup-5	0.9108	0.8348	0.7007	0.6678	0.0002	0.9748	0.8943	0.8835	0.9108	0.8463	1.0000
LP+ soup-10	0.9129	0.8359	0.6985	0.6652	0.0003	0.9669	0.9104	0.8956	0.9205	0.8713	1.0000
LP+ soup-20	0.9052	0.8353	0.6917	0.6588	0.0003	0.9605	0.9205	0.9037	0.9364	0.8859	1.0000
LP+ udp-0.005	0.9129	0.8332	0.7015	0.6702	0.0003	0.9729	0.8879	0.8817	0.9017	0.8708	1.0000
LP+ udp-0.01	0.9033	0.8356	0.6948	0.6643	0.0003	0.9689	0.9111	0.9023	0.9277	0.9033	1.0000
LP+ udp-0.02	0.8885	0.8281	0.6796	0.6492	0.0004	0.9655	0.9259	0.9142	0.9473	0.9217	1.0000
LP+ udp-0.1	0.8573	0.8005	0.6290	0.6064	0.0007	0.9245	0.9235	0.9143	0.9531	0.8570	1.0000
LP+ vat-0.001	0.9189	0.8276	0.6945	0.6606	0.0006	0.9714	0.8564	0.8442	0.8927	0.7159	1.0000
LP+ vat-0.01	0.8977	0.8251	0.6742	0.6483	0.0002	0.9265	0.9255	0.9139	0.9375	0.7200	1.0000
FT	0.9539	0.8754	0.7434	0.7553	0.0231	0.9668	0.8364	0.8453	0.9232	1.0000	0.6831
LP+FT	0.9442	0.8678	0.6921	0.6790	0.0018	0.9521	0.7849	0.7721	0.8864	0.6511	0.7853
(LP+soup-5) +FT	0.9466	0.8832	0.6997	0.6861	0.0001	0.9639	0.8197	0.8051	0.9155	0.9020	0.7603
(LP+soup-10) +FT	0.9467	0.8857	0.7022	0.6907	0.0001	0.9660	0.8307	0.8182	0.9184	0.9161	0.7671
(LP+soup-20) +FT	0.9466	0.8892	0.7031	0.6931	0.0001	0.9678	0.8390	0.8287	0.9216	0.9265	0.7806
(LP+udp-0.005) +FT	0.9458	0.8864	0.6962	0.6893	0.0005	0.9643	0.8127	0.8110	0.9119	0.9180	0.7742
(LP+udp-0.01) +FT	0.9450	0.8869	0.7048	0.6977	0.0004	0.9642	0.8335	0.8311	0.9209	0.9419	0.7746
(LP+udp-0.02) +FT	0.9440	0.8848	0.7028	0.6986	0.0004	0.9670	0.8472	0.8476	0.9237	0.9559	0.7764
(LP+udp-0.1) + FT	0.9435	0.8836	0.6959	0.6952	0.0000	0.9676	0.8449	0.8525	0.9355	0.9651	0.7382
(LP+vat)+FT	0.9611	0.8900	0.7442	0.7321	0.0027	0.9294	0.8355	0.8281	0.9178	0.8276	0.7839

Table 6: **CIFAR10, Hardness Promoting Augmentations**

Protocol	Generalization		Robustness			Calibration				Anomaly Detection	Rep. Similarity
	ID Acc.	OOD Acc.	C Acc.	$\overline{\text{C}}$ Acc.	Adv. Acc.	ID 1-RMS	C 1-RMS	$\overline{\text{C}}$ 1-RMS	OOD. 1-RMS	Out-of-Class AUROC	ID CKA
LP	0.9521	0.8124	0.7010	0.7378	0.2350	0.9313	0.8693	0.8802	0.9117	0.9907	1.0000
LP+ udp-0.005	0.9524	0.8114	0.7012	0.7379	0.2337	0.9304	0.8699	0.8806	0.9108	0.9907	1.000
LP+ udp-0.01	0.9524	0.8110	0.7017	0.7382	0.2353	0.9308	0.8691	0.8801	0.9118	0.9908	1.000
LP+ udp-0.02	0.9500	0.8126	0.7036	0.7387	0.2373	0.9343	0.8621	0.8763	0.9135	0.9913	1.000
LP+ udp-0.1	0.9459	0.8165	0.6840	0.7220	0.2339	0.9032	0.8243	0.8427	0.8990	0.9882	1.000
LP+ soup-5	0.9439	0.7996	0.6874	0.7290	0.2451	0.8806	0.7868	0.8094	0.9064	0.9897	1.0000
LP+ soup-10	0.9373	0.7904	0.6767	0.7220	0.2547	0.8496	0.7478	0.7709	0.8841	0.9887	1.0000
LP+ soup-20	0.9298	0.7841	0.6601	0.7082	0.2575	0.8056	0.7084	0.7305	0.8274	0.9867	1.0000
LP+ vat-0.001	0.9524	0.8122	0.7010	0.7379	0.2345	0.9299	0.8682	0.8791	0.9103	0.9907	1.0000
FT	0.9518	0.7168	0.7011	0.7164	0.1563	0.8873	0.9019	0.8604	0.9295	0.9794	0.7847
LP+FT	0.9643	0.8261	0.7426	0.7671	0.2135	0.9782	0.9472	0.9451	0.8742	0.9924	0.9887
(LP+udp-0.005) +FT	0.9627	0.8243	0.7434	0.7666	0.2153	0.9811	0.9456	0.9445	0.8736	0.9922	0.98950
(LP+udp-0.01) +FT	0.9627	0.8253	0.7436	0.7669	0.2133	0.9812	0.9454	0.9447	0.8737	0.9923	0.98957
(LP+udp-0.02) +FT	0.9637	0.8265	0.7448	0.7681	0.2157	0.9768	0.9464	0.9467	0.8757	0.9927	0.98927
(LP+udp-0.1) +FT	0.9614	0.8249	0.7499	0.7689	0.2165	0.9808	0.9441	0.9420	0.8711	0.9912	0.9861
(LP+soup-5) + FT	0.9608	0.8163	0.7456	0.7684	0.1855	0.9760	0.9498	0.9492	0.8678	0.9936	0.98540
(LP+soup-10) + FT	0.9580	0.8114	0.7445	0.7678	0.1753	0.9838	0.9503	0.9488	0.8748	0.9938	0.98360
(LP+soup-20) + FT	0.9594	0.8165	0.7450	0.7684	0.1782	0.9893	0.9503	0.9490	0.8609	0.9936	0.98190
(LP+vat-0.001) +FT	0.9647	0.8247	0.7425	0.7650	0.2224	0.9727	0.9521	0.9463	0.8775	0.9925	0.9370

Table 7: **Living17, Hardness Promoting Augmentations**

Protocol	Generalization		Robustness			Calibration				Anomaly Detection	Rep. Similarity
	ID Acc.	OOD Acc.	Sketch-C Acc.	Real-C Acc.	Adv. Acc.	ID 1-RMS	Sketch-C 1-RMS	Real-C 1-RMS	OOD. 1-RMS	Out-of-Class AUROC	ID CKA
LP	0.8913	0.8013	0.6019	0.6020	0.1768	0.9638	0.9264	0.9045	0.9014	0.8679	1.0000
LP+augmix	0.8897	0.7998	0.6336	0.6104	0.1872	0.9718	0.9230	0.9263	0.9083	0.8818	1.0000
LP+autoaug	0.8944	0.8057	0.6419	0.6257	0.1857	0.9614	0.9357	0.9309	0.9022	0.8849	1.0000
LP+randaug	0.8971	0.8090	0.6392	0.6232	0.1877	0.9559	0.9321	0.9312	0.9036	0.8875	1.0000
LP+vat	0.8836	0.7914	0.5893	0.5963	0.1687	0.8897	0.9552	0.8905	0.9178	0.8735	1.0000
FT	0.7613	0.4522	0.5186	0.2744	0.4164	0.8368	0.6379	0.7234	0.5597	0.8841	0.6092
FT+augmix	0.8246	0.5233	0.5911	0.3408	0.4802	0.9308	0.8042	0.8665	0.6761	0.9255	0.5272
FT+autoaug	0.7786	0.5161	0.5561	0.3160	0.4313	0.9157	0.7485	0.8246	0.7324	0.9231	0.7025
FT+randaug	0.7823	0.5370	0.5610	0.3298	0.4551	0.9160	0.7970	0.8682	0.7444	0.9318	0.6477
LP+FT	0.8985	0.7990	0.6343	0.5979	0.1927	0.9566	0.8899	0.8445	0.8024	0.9022	0.9222
LP+(FT+augmix)	0.9047	0.8081	0.6673	0.5980	0.2597	0.9768	0.9200	0.9067	0.8443	0.9155	0.8811
LP+(FT+autoaug)	0.9023	0.8028	0.6571	0.5851	0.2354	0.9830	0.9249	0.8990	0.8484	0.9034	0.9096
LP+(FT+randaug)	0.9054	0.8099	0.6703	0.6152	0.2489	0.9786	0.9194	0.9044	0.8598	0.9252	0.9000
(LP+vat) +FT	0.9048	0.8009	0.6466	0.6131	0.1942	0.9686	0.8911	0.8428	0.7985	0.9204	0.9370
(LP+vat) +(FT+augmix)	0.9032	0.8024	0.6589	0.5896	0.2525	0.9769	0.9169	0.8929	0.8384	0.9212	0.8673
(LP+vat)+(FT+autoaug)	0.9003	0.8049	0.6600	0.5862	0.2331	0.9783	0.9178	0.9000	0.8381	0.9149	0.9244
(LP+vat)+(FT+randaug)	0.9006	0.8060	0.6651	0.5894	0.2622	0.9762	0.9197	0.8993	0.8414	0.9238	0.8956

Table 8: **Domainnet, Diversity Promoting Augmentations and Generalization Trade-offs.**