

1 Thanks to all for thoughtful and helpful comments, and positive feedback! Reviewers agree we have proposed a “simple  
 2 and general” (R1) yet “imaginative and thoughtful” (R4) method which tackles an “extremely important” problem (R4)  
 3 and produces significant, interesting (R2, R3), and “thought-initiat[ing]” (R4) results. We now address specific points:  
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5 **R1: Our method requires (hand-labeled) semantic annotations.** Not neces-  
 6 sarily: in the natural language inference (NLI) experiments, we use a pretrained  
 7 model to label the probe dataset with part-of-speech tags. One could also use  
 8 a semantic segmentation network to generate visual concepts. Of course, these  
 9 models must be trained on annotated data—at some point, any procedure for  
 10 labeling neurons with concepts requires some starting source of labeled concepts.  
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12 **R1: Heuristic generation of concepts is a limitation and hinders repro-  
 13 ducibility.** We agree that the choice of primitive concepts and compositions  
 14 highly influence the discovered concepts, and that beam search only approximates  
 15 the preferable, but intractable, enumeration over logical forms. However, we  
 16 disagree that this hinders the *reproducibility* of our results; as R2 notes, we have  
 17 tried to precisely specify our set of inputs, concepts, and models, especially for  
 18 NLI. We will also release code with the camera-ready paper, which should ease  
 19 reproducibility concerns (cc R2).

20 **R1: We may not find a strong relationship between interpretability and ac-  
 21 curacy if we don’t generate the right explanations.** This is true, because  
 22 “interpretability” is defined by the space of concepts we specify. If we find  
 23 no relationship between interpretability and accuracy in a model for an ex-  
 24 plored set of concepts, it could be that we are simply using the wrong defi-  
 25 nition of “interpretability”, and that alternative concept spaces could lead to  
 26 more informative results. We show two tasks where we discover interpretable  
 27 concepts with a noisy, but still highly significant, correlation with accuracy.

28 **R4: NLI isn’t the best task to explore semantics, since NLI datasets are  
 29 poorly built.** Indeed, this is precisely why we chose NLI: since previous work  
 30 has shown that NLI models learn non-robust, shallow heuristics, our experiments  
 31 explore how these strategies are implemented in individual neurons.

32 **R2: Do neurons identify similar compositional concepts? What about dif-  
 33 ferent models?** Great questions! Figure S1 plots the counts of each concept  
 34 across the 512 units of ResNet-18, by length. At length 1 (NetDissect), many  
 35 concepts appear multiple times; the mean number of occurrences per concept is 2.61 (42% of concepts are unique).  
 36 Uniqueness increases dramatically by length 3 (mean 1.03; 97% unique), 5 (1.01; 99%), and 10 (1.00; 100%). Our  
 37 explanations thus reveal significant specialization in neuron function (vs. NetDissect). Table S1 shows some repeated  
 38 concepts. We will add this to the supplement and analyze NLI as well (omitted here for space). We leave the question  
 39 of different vision models for future work; our code will facilitate the necessary experiments. The adversarial examples  
 40 in Figure 8 hint that some concepts (e.g. *non-blue water*) are shared across models.

41 **R3: How sensitive are copy-paste examples to size and position?**

42 In Figure S2 we vary the size and position of subimages for the  
 43 copy-paste examples (note this analysis is less straightforward for  
 44 examples like *non-blue water*). Sensitivity depends on the specific  
 45 example. In general, if the sub-image is too small (left), the original  
 46 class prevails; otherwise, the *igloo* → *clean room* example is quite  
 47 reliable, while the *street* → *fire escape* example is less so. We will  
 48 add this to the supplement.

49 **R1: Why not object detection?** As noted by the original NetDis-  
 50 sect work, for networks explicitly trained on object detection tasks, it  
 51 would be less surprising that neurons specialize for object detection.  
 52 This motivates us to explore a scene recognition network, and see  
 53 whether or not interpretable object-level concepts emerge without explicit object-level supervision. Still, probing object  
 54 detection models is an interesting and straightforward extension of our method.

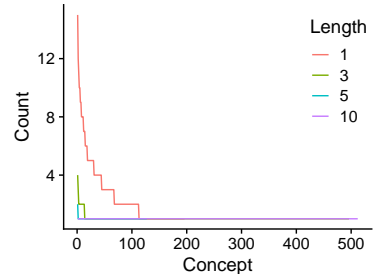


Figure S1: Number of unique concepts based on length.

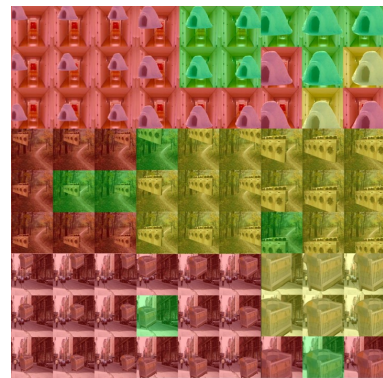


Figure S2: Varying the size and position of sub-images. Green: prediction changes to intended adversarial class; yellow: prediction changes to a different class (e.g. *aqueduct* for the middle row); red = no change.

Table S1: Most common concepts by length  $N$

$N$	Concept	#
1	pool table	15
	house	12
	corridor	11
3	pillow OR (bed AND bedroom)	4
	sink OR toilet OR bathtub	3
	water OR river AND (NOT blue)	2
5	auditorium OR theater OR conference center...	2