# **Batch Normalization**

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# Feature Scaling for Linear Models

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• Hessian matrix of least squares regression model:

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Bad condition number means slow convergence of gradient descent!

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- Change metric.
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  - $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i \hat{\mu})^2$  is the sample variance.
  - After the scaling, the samples  $x_1', \dots, x_n'$  have zero mean and unit variance.

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# Min-Max Normalization
import numpy

d = x.shape[1]
xmin = numpy.min(x, axis=0).reshape(1, d)
xmax = numpy.max(x, axis=0).reshape(1, d)
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# Standardization
import numpy

d = x.shape[1]
mu = numpy.mean(x, axis=0).reshape(1, d)
sig = numpy.std(x, axis=0).reshape(1, d)
xnew = (x - mu) / sig
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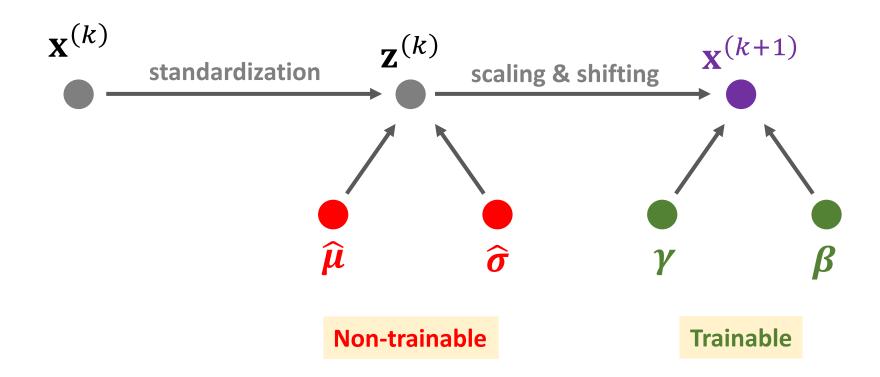
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 and pass it to the lower layers.

# **Batch Normalization Layer in Keras**

- Let  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  be the output of the k-th hidden layer.
- $\widehat{\mu}$ ,  $\widehat{\sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ : non-trainable parameters.
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**Difficulty:** There are 4d parameters which must be stored in memory. d can be very large!

#### **Example:**

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Conv Layer in VGG16 Net outputs a  $150 \times 150 \times 64$  tensor.
- The number of parameters in a single Batch Normalization Layer would be 4d = 1.44M.

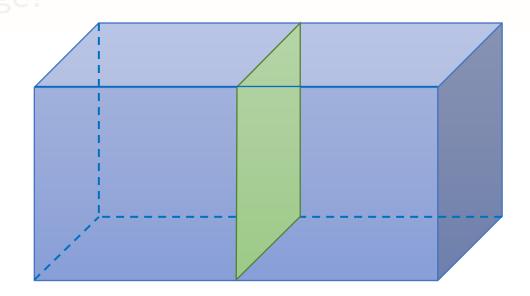
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- How?
- A scalar parameter for a slice (e.g., a  $150 \times 150$  matrix) of the tensor.
- Of course, you can make the parameters  $150 \times 1 \times 1$  or  $1 \times 150 \times 1$ .



```
from keras import models
from keras import layers
model = models.Sequential()
model.add(layers.Conv2D(10, (5, 5), input shape=(28, 28, 1)))
model.add(layers.BatchNormalization())
model.add(layers.Activation('relu'))
model.add(layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2)))
model.add(layers.Conv2D(20, (5, 5)))
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model.add(layers.Flatten())
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model.add(layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax'))
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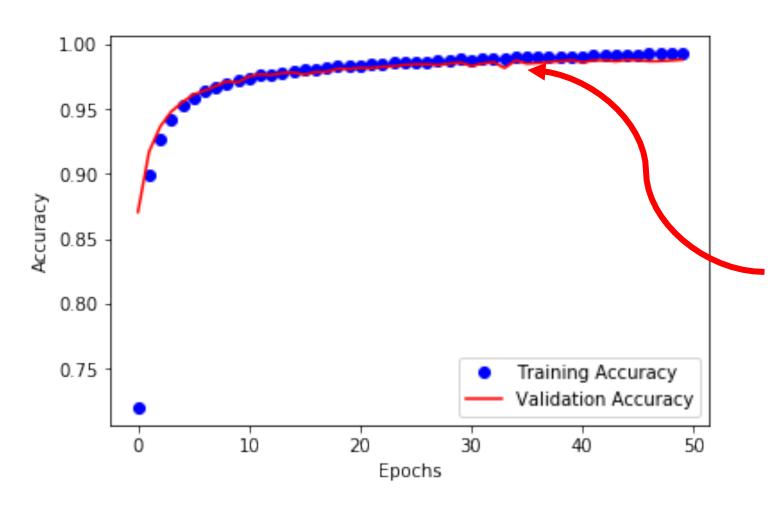
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Layer (type)		Shape	Param #
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(None,	24, 24, 10)	260
batch_normalization_1 (Batch	(None,	24, 24, 10)	40
activation_1 (Activation)	(None,	24, 24, 10)	0
max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2	(None,	12, 12, 10)	0
conv2d_2 (Conv2D)	(None,	8, 8, 20)	5020
batch_normalization_2 (Batch	(None,	8, 8, 20)	80
activation_2 (Activation)	(None,	8, 8, 20)	0
max_pooling2d_2 (MaxPooling2	(None,	4, 4, 20)	0
flatten_1 (Flatten)	(None,	320)	0
dense_1 (Dense)	(None,	100)	32100
batch_normalization_3 (Batch	(None,	100)	400
activation_3 (Activation)	(None,	100)	0
dense_2 (Dense)	(None,	10)	1010
Total params: 38,910 Trainable params: 38,650			

Non-trainable params: 260

Train the model (with Batch Normalization) on MNIST (n = 50,000).

```
Train on 50000 samples, validate on 10000 samples
Epoch 1/3
50000/50000 [================ ] - 29s 580us/step -
loss: 0.1599 - acc: 0.9595 - val loss: 0.1165 - val acc: 0.9644
Epoch 2/3
50000/50000 [=================== ] - 26s 516us/step -
loss: 0.0468 - acc: 0.9858 - val loss: 0.0562 - val acc: 0.9822
Epoch 3/3
50000/50000 [=============== ] - 25s 508us/step -
loss: 0.0325 - acc: 0.9902 - val loss: 0.0494 - val acc: 0.9832
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Train the model (without Batch Normalization) on MNIST (n = 50,000).



Without Batch Normalization, it takes 10x more epochs to converge.

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- Keras provides layers.BatchNormalization().
- Put the BN layer after Conv and before Activation.