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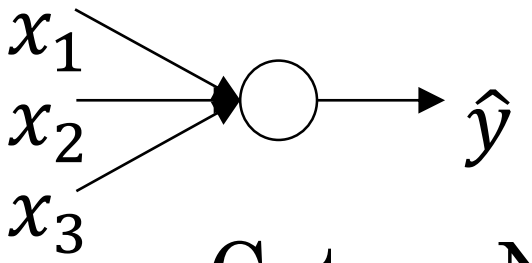
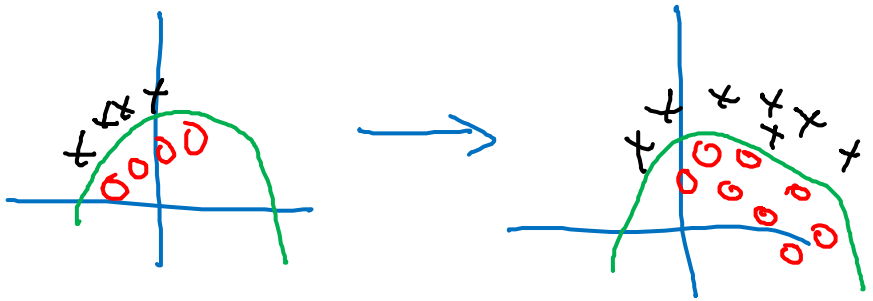
Batch Normalization

Why does Batch Norm work?

Learning on shifting input distribution





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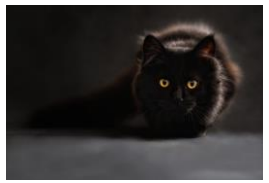


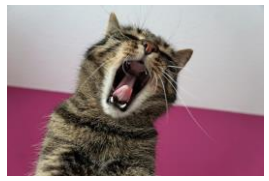
Non-Cat $y = 0$




"Covariate shift"

$X \rightarrow y$

$y = 1$

$y = 0$

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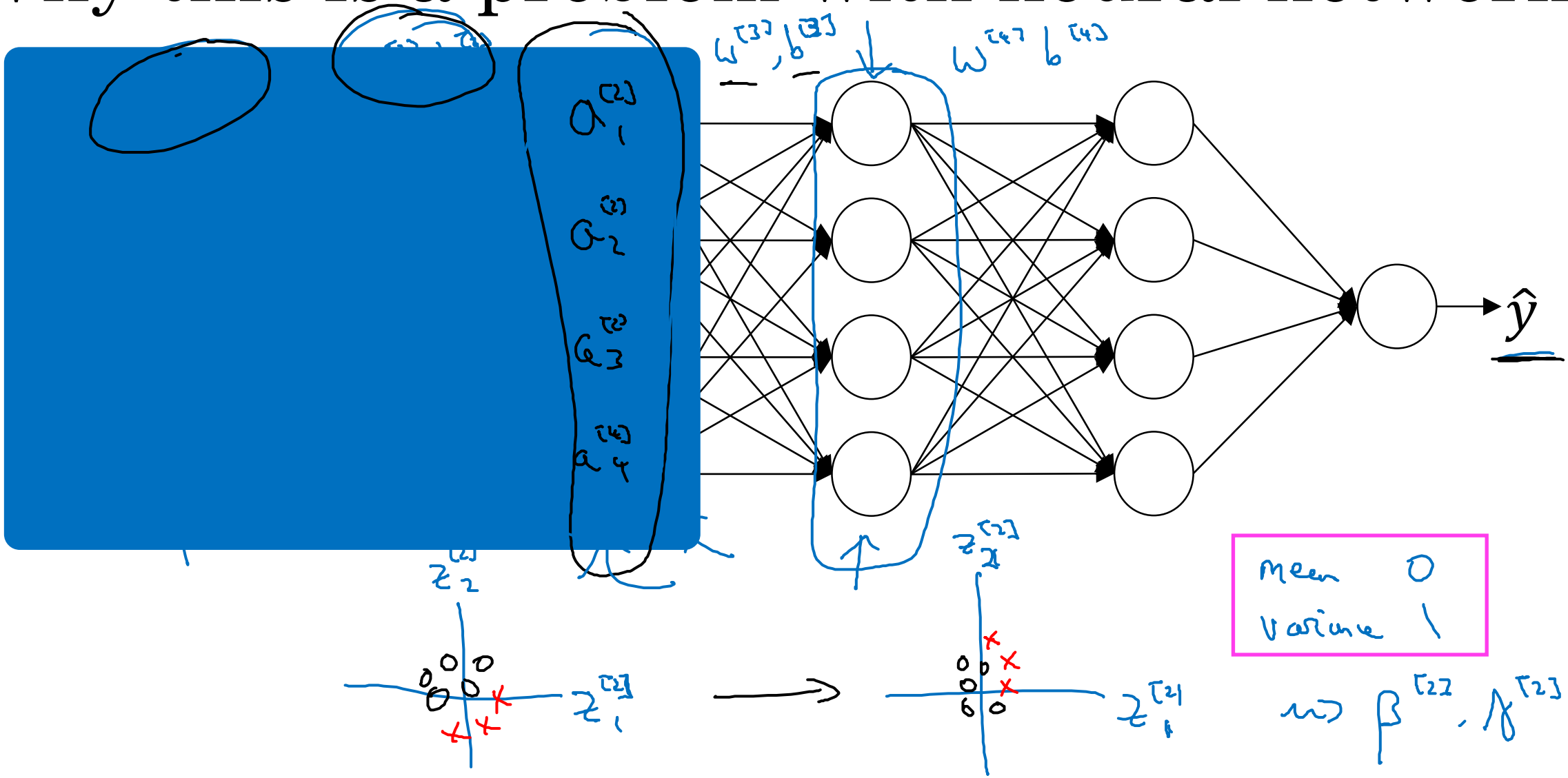
Why this is a problem with neural networks?



Batch Norm as regularization

- Each mini-batch is scaled by the mean/variance computed on just that mini-batch.
- This adds some noise to the values $z^{[l]}$ within that minibatch. So similar to dropout, it adds some noise to each hidden layer's activations.
- This has a slight regularization effect.