

# A Lie Group Approach to Riemannian Batch Normalization

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## Motivation

### Euclidean Batch Normalization:

Facilitating network training by controlling mean and variance

$$\forall i \leq N, x_i \leftarrow \gamma \frac{x_i - \mu_b}{\sqrt{v_b^2 + \epsilon}} + \beta$$

### Existing Riemannian Batch Normalization:

Fails to normalize statistics in a general manner

Table 2: Summary of some representative RBN methods.

Methods	Involved Statistics	Controllable Mean	Controllable Variance	Application Scenarios
SPDBN [Brooks et al., 2019b]	Mean	✓	N/A	SPD manifolds under AIM
SPDBN [Kobler et al., 2022b]	Mean+Variance	✓	✓	SPD manifolds under AIM
Chakraborty [2020, Algs. 1-2]	Mean+Variance	✗	✗	Riemannian homogeneous space
Chakraborty [2020, Algs. 3-4]	Mean+Variance	✓	✓	A certain Lie group structure and distance
RBN [Lou et al., 2020, Alg. 2]	Mean+Variance	✗	✗	Geodesically complete manifolds
Ours	Mean+Variance	✓	✓	General Lie groups

## Prelimianries

### Lie Groups and Pullback

**Definition 2.1** (Lie Groups). A manifold is a Lie group, if it forms a group with a group operation  $\odot$  such that  $m(x, y) \mapsto x \odot y$  and  $i(x) \mapsto x^{-1}$  are both smooth, where  $x^{-1}$  is the group inverse.

**Definition 2.2** (Left-invariance). A Riemannian metric  $g$  over a Lie group  $\{G, \odot\}$  is left-invariant, if for any  $x, y \in G$  and  $V_1, V_2 \in T_x M$ ,

$$g_y(V_1, V_2) = g_{L_x(y)}(L_{x \odot y}(V_1), L_{x \odot y}(V_2)), \quad (1)$$

where  $L_x(y) = x \odot y$  is the left translation by  $x$ , and  $L_{x \odot y}$  is the differential map of  $L_x$  at  $y$ .

**Definition 2.3** (Pullback Metrics). Suppose  $\mathcal{M}_1, \mathcal{M}_2$  are smooth manifolds,  $g$  is a Riemannian metric on  $\mathcal{M}_2$ , and  $f : \mathcal{M}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_2$  is smooth. Then the pullback of  $g$  by  $f$  is defined point-wisely,

$$(f^* g)_p(V, W) = g_{f(p)}(f_{*,p}(V), f_{*,p}(W)), \quad (2)$$

where  $p \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $f_{*,p}(\cdot)$  is the differential map of  $f$  at  $p$ , and  $V, W \in T_p \mathcal{M}$ . If  $f^* g$  is positive definite, it is a Riemannian metric on  $\mathcal{M}_1$ , called the pullback metric defined by  $f$ .

### Geometries on the SPD Manifold

Table 1: Lie group structures and the associated Riemannian operators on SPD manifolds.

Metric	( $\alpha, \beta$ )-LEM	( $\alpha, \beta$ )-AIM	LCM
$g_P(V, W)$	$\langle \text{mlog}_{*,P}(V), \text{mlog}_{*,P}(W) \rangle^{(\alpha, \beta)}$	$\langle P^{-1}V, WP^{-1} \rangle^{(\alpha, \beta)}$	$\sum_{i>j} V_{ij} W_{ij} + \sum_{j=1}^n V_{jj} W_{jj} L^{-2}$
$d(P, Q)$	$\ \text{mlog}(P) - \text{mlog}(Q)\ ^{(\alpha, \beta)}$	$\left\  \text{mlog}\left(Q^{-\frac{1}{2}} P Q^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \right\ ^{(\alpha, \beta)}$	$\ \psi_{LC} \circ \text{Chol}(P) - \psi_{LC} \circ \text{Chol}(Q)\ _F$
$Q \odot P$	$\text{mexp}(\text{mlog}(P) + \text{mlog}(Q))$	$KPK^\top$	$\text{Chol}^{-1}([L + K] + \mathbb{K}L)$
$\text{FM}\{P_i\}$	$\text{mexp}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_i \text{mlog} P_i\right)$	Karcher Flow	$\psi_{LC}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_i \psi_{LC}(P_i)\right)$
$\text{Log}_P Q$	$(\text{mlog}_{*,P})^{-1}[\text{mlog}(Q) - \text{mlog}(P)]$	$P^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{mlog}\left(P^{-\frac{1}{2}} Q P^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) P^{\frac{1}{2}}$	$(\text{Chol}^{-1})_{*,L}[[K] - [L] + \mathbb{L} \text{Dlog}(\mathbb{L}^{-1} \mathbb{K})]$
Invariance	Bi-invariance	Left-invariance	Bi-invariance

### Geometry on the Rotation Matrix

Table 8: The associated Riemannian operators on Rotation matrices.

Operators	$d^2(R, S)$	$\text{Log}_I R$	$\text{Exp}_I(A)$	$\gamma_{(R, S)}(t)$	FM
Expression	$\ \text{mlog}(R^\top S)\ _F^2$	$\text{mlog}(R)$	$\text{mexp}(A)$	$R \text{mexp}(t \text{mlog}(R^\top S))$	Manton [2004, Alg. 1]



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## LieBN on General Lie Groups

**Riemannian Gaussian:**  $p(X | M, \sigma^2) = k(\sigma) \exp\left(-\frac{d(X, M)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$

Centering to the neutral element  $E$ :  $\forall i \leq N, \tilde{P}_i \leftarrow L_{M_\odot^{-1}}(P_i)$ ,

**Key operations:** Scaling the dispersion:  $\forall i \leq N, \tilde{P}_i \leftarrow \text{Exp}_E\left[\frac{s}{\sqrt{v^2 + \epsilon}} \text{Log}_E(\tilde{P}_i)\right]$ ,

Biassing towards parameter  $B \in \mathcal{M}$ :  $\forall i \leq N, \tilde{P}_i \leftarrow L_B(\tilde{P}_i)$ ,

**Proposition 4.1** (Population). Given a random point  $X$  over  $\mathcal{M}$ , and the Gaussian distribution  $\mathcal{N}(M, v^2)$  defined in Eq. (12), we have the following properties for the population statistics:

- (MLE of  $M$ ) Given  $\{P_{i \dots N} \in \mathcal{M}\}$  i.i.d. sampled from  $\mathcal{N}(M, v^2)$ , the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of  $M$  is the sample Fréchet mean.
- (Homogeneity) Given  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(M, v^2)$  and  $B \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $L_B(X) \sim \mathcal{N}(L_B(M), v^2)$

**Proposition 4.2** (Sample). Given  $N$  samples  $\{P_{i \dots N} \in \mathcal{M}\}$ , denoting  $\phi_s(P_i) = \text{Exp}_E[s \text{Log}_E(P_i)]$ , we have the following properties for the sample statistics:

Homogeneity of the sample mean:  $\text{FM}\{L_B(P_i)\} = L_B(\text{FM}\{P_i\}), \forall B \in \mathcal{M}$ , (16)

Controllable dispersion from  $E$ :  $\sum_{i=1}^N w_i d^2(\phi_s(P_i), E) = s^2 \sum_{i=1}^N w_i d^2(P_i, E)$ , (17)

where  $\{w_{1 \dots N}\}$  are weights satisfying a convexity constraint, i.e.,  $\forall i, w_i > 0$  and  $\sum_i w_i = 1$ .

### Algorithm 1: Lie Group Batch Normalization (LieBN) Algorithm

**Input** : A batch of activations  $\{P_{1 \dots N} \in \mathcal{M}\}$ , a small positive constant  $\epsilon$ , and momentum  $\gamma \in [0, 1]$   
running mean  $M_r = E$ , running variance  $v_r^2 = 1$ ,  
biasing parameter  $B \in \mathcal{M}$ , scaling parameter  $s \in \mathbb{R}/\{0\}$ ,

**Output** : Normalized activations  $\{\tilde{P}_{1 \dots N}\}$

**if** training **then**

  Compute batch mean  $M_b$  and variance  $v_b^2$  of  $\{P_{1 \dots N}\}$ ;  
  Update running statistics  $M_r \leftarrow \text{WFM}(\{1 - \gamma, \gamma\}, \{M_r, M_b\})$ ,  $v_r^2 \leftarrow (1 - \gamma)v_r^2 + \gamma v_b^2$ ;

**end**

**if** training **then**  $M \leftarrow M_b$ ,  $v^2 \leftarrow v_b^2$ ;

**else**  $M \leftarrow M_r$ ,  $v^2 \leftarrow v_r^2$ ;

**for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $N$  **do**

  Centering to the neutral element  $E$ :  $\tilde{P}_i \leftarrow L_{M_\odot^{-1}}(P_i)$

  Scaling the dispersion:  $\tilde{P}_i \leftarrow \text{Exp}_E\left[\frac{s}{\sqrt{v^2 + \epsilon}} \text{Log}_E(\tilde{P}_i)\right]$

  Biassing towards parameter  $B$ :  $\tilde{P}_i \leftarrow L_B(\tilde{P}_i)$

**end**

**Proposition D.1.** The LieBN algorithm presented in Alg. 1 is equivalent to the standard Euclidean BN when  $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{R}^n$ , both during the training and testing phases.

### Transformation of Latent Gaussian Distribution

$$\phi_s(P) = \text{Exp}_E[s \text{Log}_E(P)]$$

**Lemma C.1.** Given a random point  $X$  distributed over  $\mathcal{M}$  with P.D.F.  $p_X$ , the P.D.F. of  $Y = \phi_s(X)$  is given by:

$$p_Y(Q) = \Delta p_X(\phi_s^{-1}(Q)). \quad (26)$$

where  $\Delta = \frac{|\phi_s^{-1}|}{L_{\phi_s^{-1}(Q) \odot Q^{-1}}}$ . Here  $|\cdot|$  denotes the determinant, and  $\phi_s^{-1}$  and  $L_{\phi_s^{-1}(Q) \odot Q^{-1}}$  are the differentials.

**Corollary C.2.** Following the notations in Lem. C.1 if  $\Delta = c$  is a constant and  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(E, \sigma^2)$ , then  $Y$  also follows a Gaussian distribution, i.e.,  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(E, s^2 \sigma^2)$

**Corollary C.4.** Given a Lie group  $\mathcal{M}$  pulled back from the Euclidean space, and a random point  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(E, \sigma^2)$  over  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $Y = \phi_s(X) \sim \mathcal{N}(E, s^2 \sigma^2)$

**LEM, LCM and their variants:**  $\mathcal{N}(M, \sigma^2) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(E, \sigma^2) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(E, s^2) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(B, s^2)$

### LieBN on the deformed SPD Lie groups

Table 3: Key operators in calculating LieBN on SPD manifolds.

Metric	( $\theta, \alpha, \beta$ )-AIM	( $\alpha, \beta$ )-LEM	$\theta$ -LCM
Pullback Map	$P_\theta$	mlog	$P_\theta \circ \psi_{LC}$
Codomain	$\{\mathcal{S}_{++}^n, \odot^{AI}, \frac{1}{\theta} g^{(\alpha, \beta)-AI}\}$	$\{\mathcal{S}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle^{(\alpha, \beta)}\}$	$\{\mathcal{L}^n, \frac{1}{\theta} \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\}$
$L_Q(P)$	$KPK^\top$	$P + Q$	$P + Q$
$L_{Q_\odot}(P)$	$K^{-1}PK^{-\top}$	$P - Q$	$P - Q$
$\text{Exp}_E[s \text{Log}_E(P)]$	$P^s$	$sP$	$sP$
FM	Karcher Flow	Arithmetic average	Arithmetic average
$\text{WFM}(\{g, 1 - g\}, \{P_1, P_2\})$	$P_2^{\frac{1}{2}} (P_2^{-\frac{1}{2}} P_1 P_2^{-\frac{1}{2}})^{\gamma} P_2^{\frac{1}{2}}$	Arithmetic weighted average	Arithmetic weighted average

**Proposition 5.1** (Deformation). ( $\theta, \alpha, \beta$ )-LEM is equal to ( $\alpha, \beta$ )-LEM.  $\theta$ -LCM interpolates between  $\tilde{g}$ -LEM ( $\theta = 0$ ) and LCM