

# Hyperparameter Tuning and Batch Normalization

Most of this material is from Prof. Andrew Ng's and Chang's slides.

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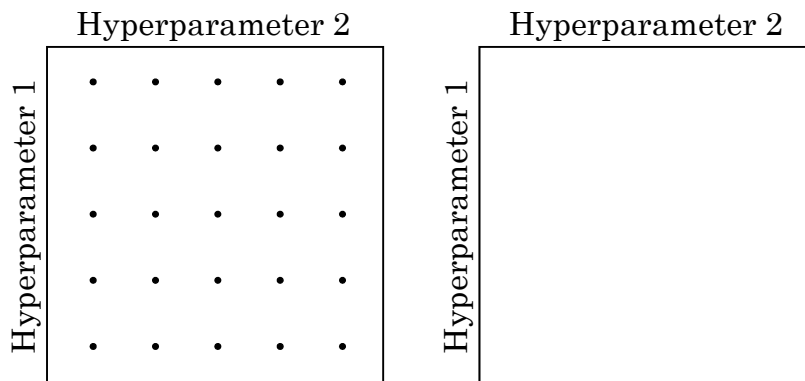
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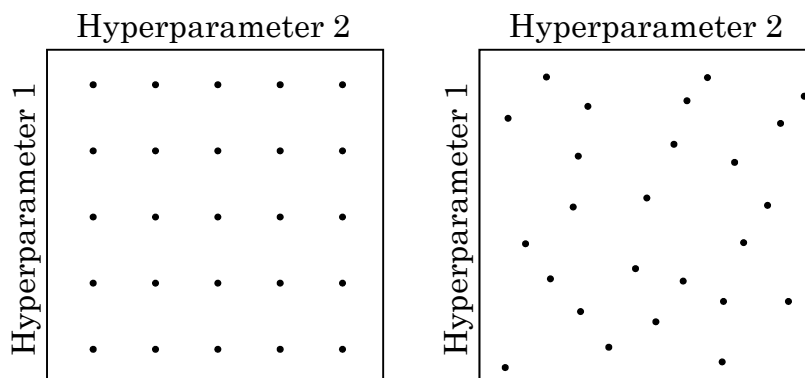
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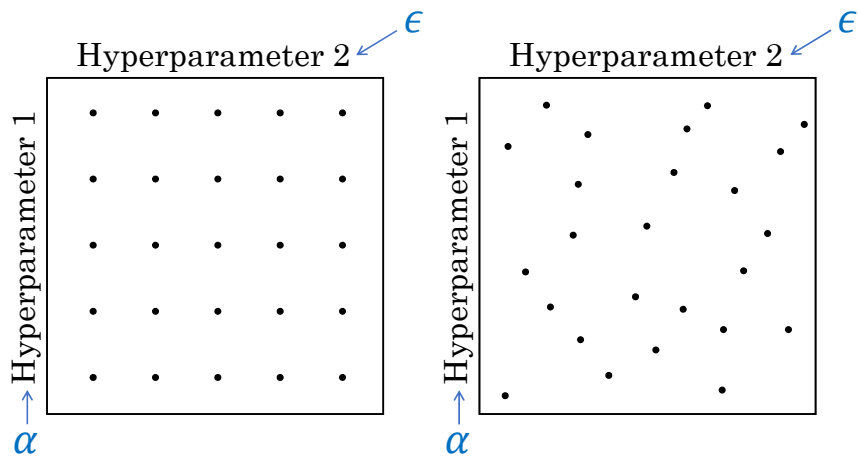
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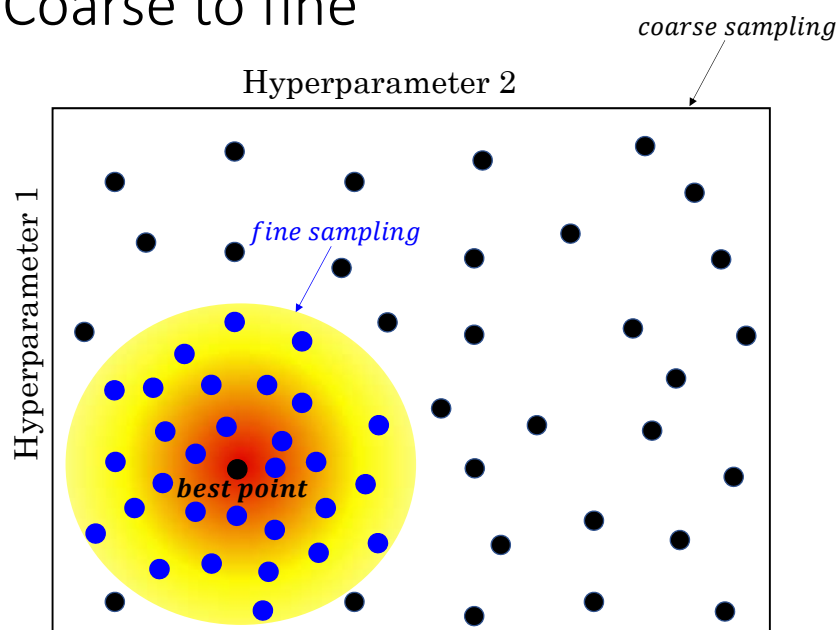
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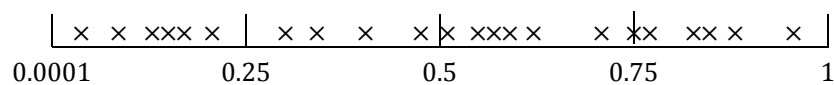
## Picking hyperparameters at random

- $n^{[l]} = 50, \dots, 100$ 
  - the number of hidden units can be **sampled uniformly at random** between 50 and 100
- $L = 2, \dots, 5$ 
  - the number of layers can be **sampled uniformly** between 2 and 5

 **OK!**

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uniform over all scales (x)

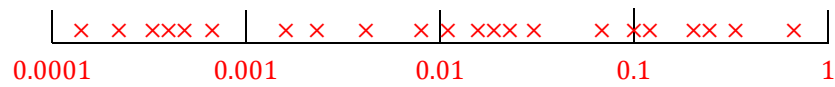
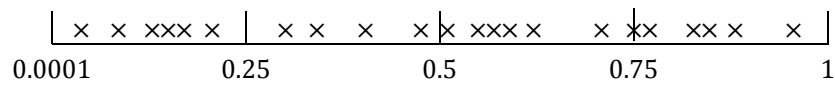


large scale  $\rightarrow$  sparse & small scale  $\rightarrow$  dense (O)

**How!**

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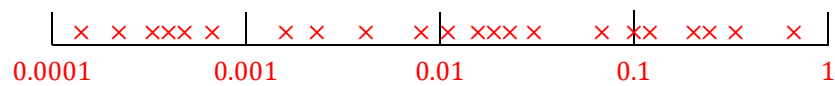
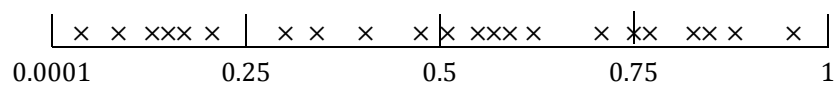
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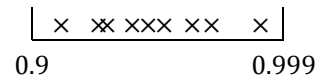
uniform (random) sample  $r \in [-4, 0]$

log-scale uniform sample  $\alpha = 10^r \in [10^{-4}, 10^0]$

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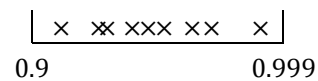
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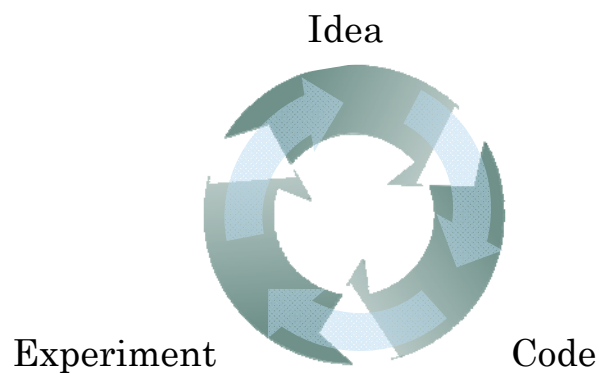
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$\beta = 0.9000 \rightarrow 0.9005$  (little significant!)

$\beta = 0.9990 \rightarrow 0.9995$  (significant enough!)

## Re-test hyperparameters occasionally

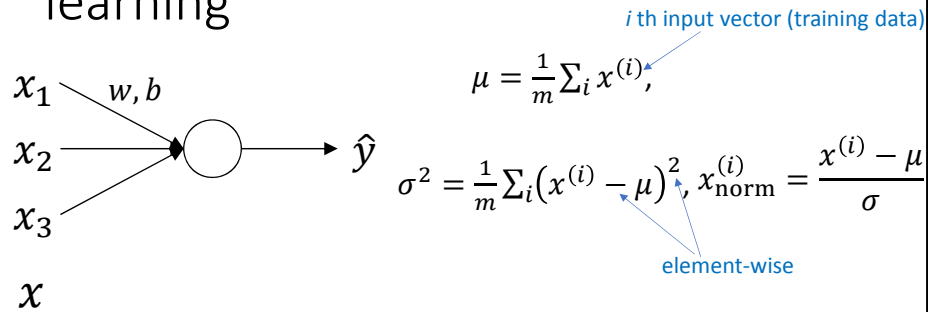


- NLP, Vision, Speech, Ads, logistics, ....
- Existing intuitions do get stale. **Do not reuse but re-search occasionally especially for different domains.**

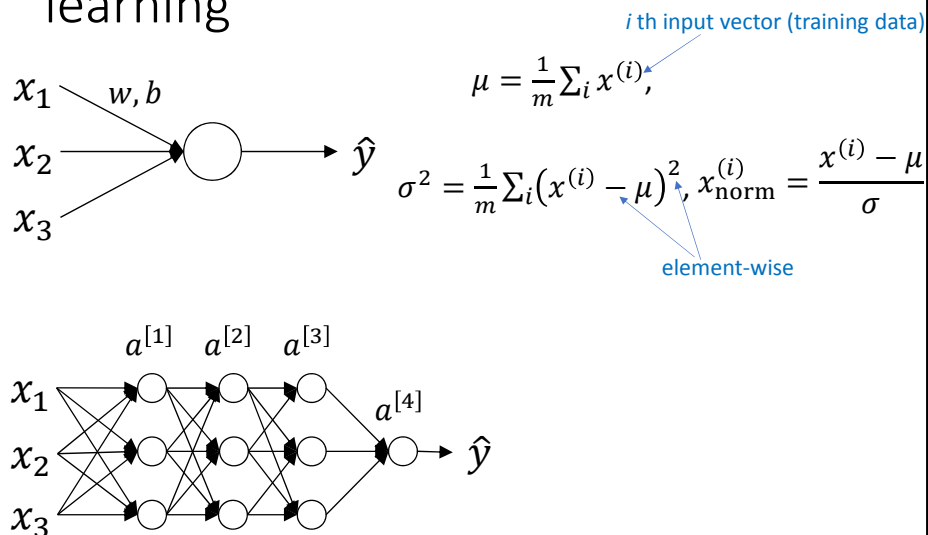
## Batch Normalization

- One of the most important algorithms in deep learning created by Sergey Ioffe and Christian Szegedy
- Makes the hyperparameters search problem much easier
- Make the neural network much more robust to the choice of hyperparameters
- There is a much bigger range of hyperparameters that work well
- Enable you to much more easily train even very deep networks

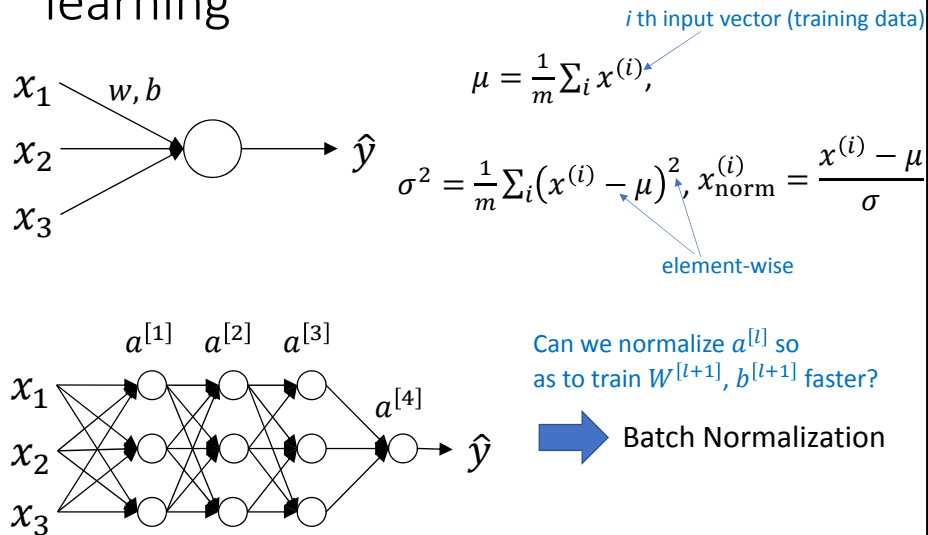
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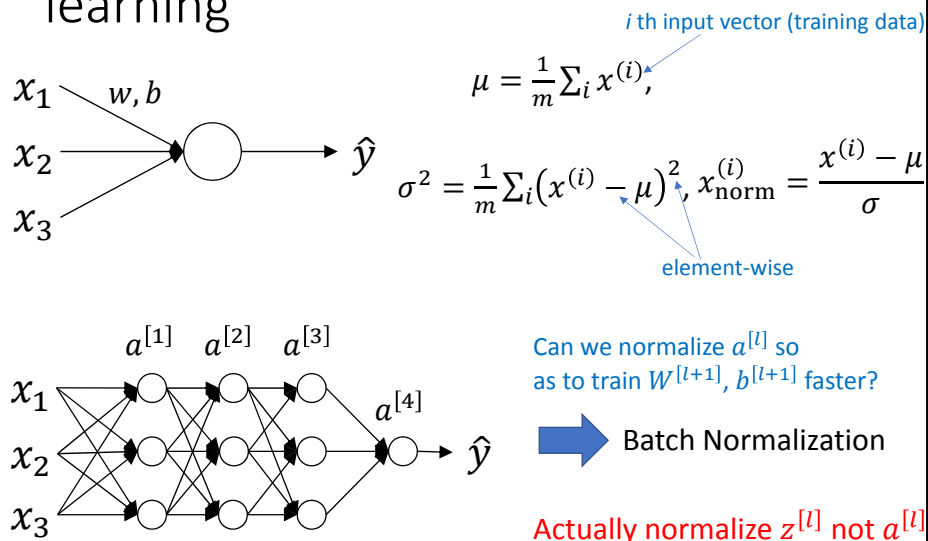
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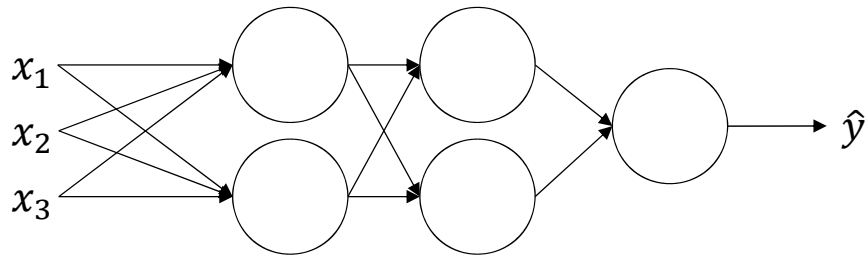
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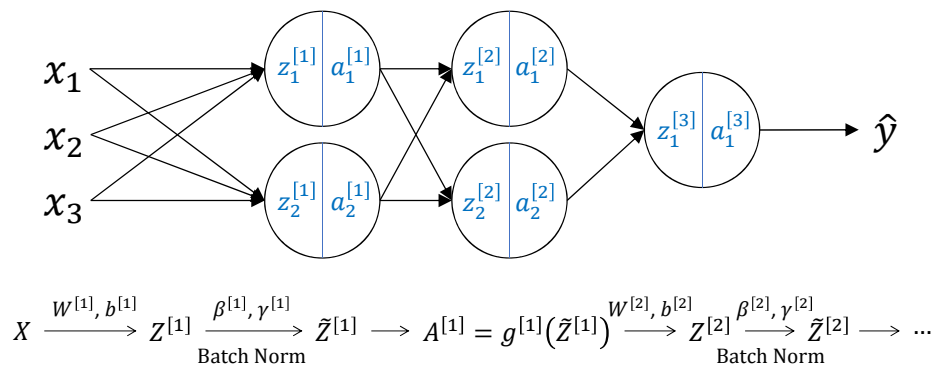
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→ flexible normalization!

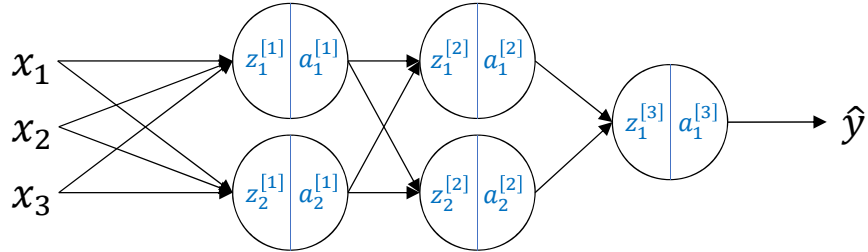
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## Implementing gradient descent

for  $t = 1, \dots, \text{numMiniBatches}$

compute forward prop on  $X^{\{t\}}$

In each hidden layer, use BN to replace  $Z^{[l]}$  with  $\tilde{Z}^{[l]}$

use backprop to compute  $dW^{[l]}, d\cancel{b}^{[l]}, d\beta^{[l]}, d\gamma^{[l]}$

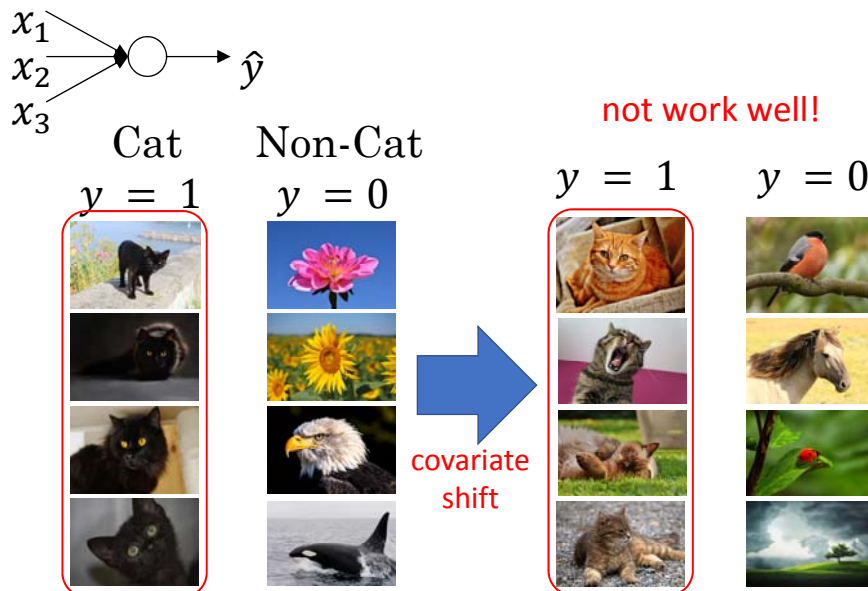
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we can also use momentum, rmsprop, adam, ...

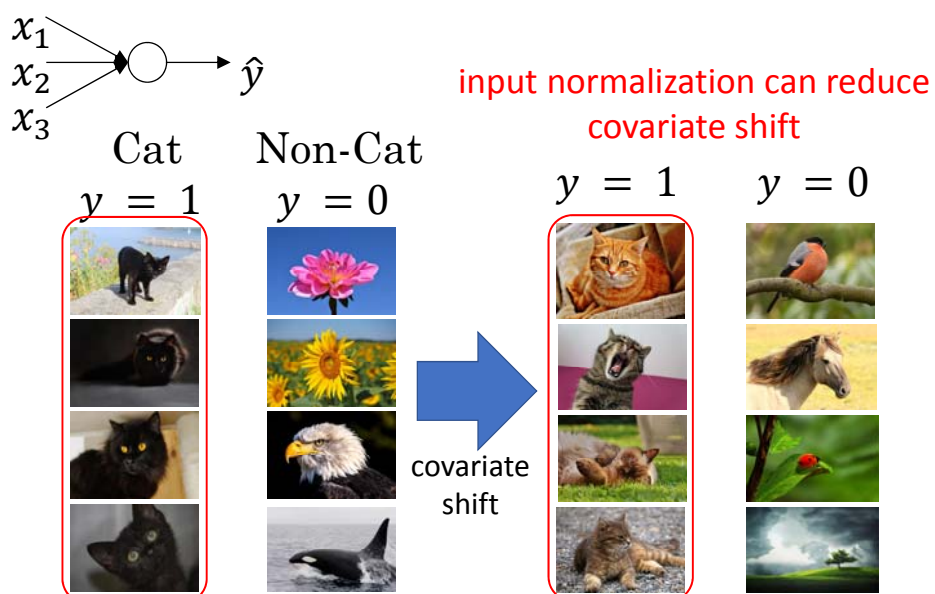
## Why does batch norm work?

- Normalizing the input features to mean zero and variance one speed up learning
- Batch norm is doing a similar thing, but for the values in the hidden units and not just for the input units
- But, this is just a partial picture for what batch norm is doing and there are a couple of further intuitions

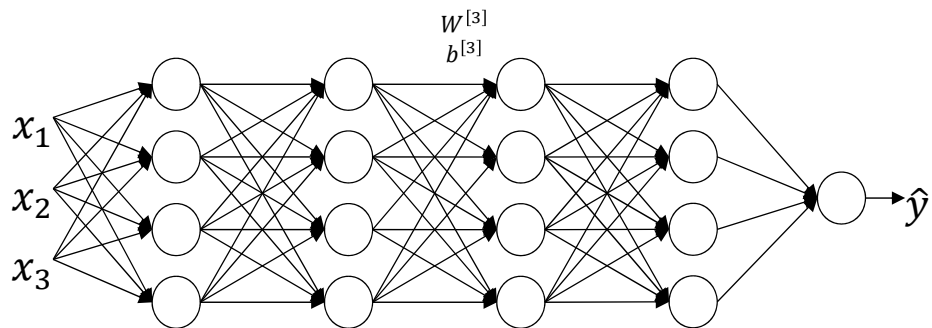
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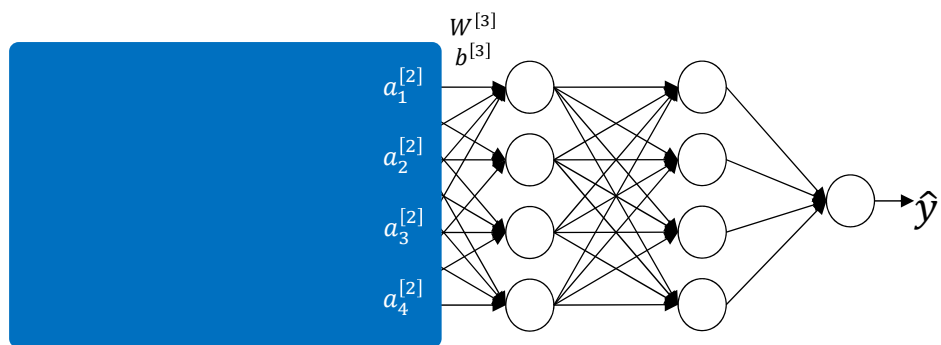
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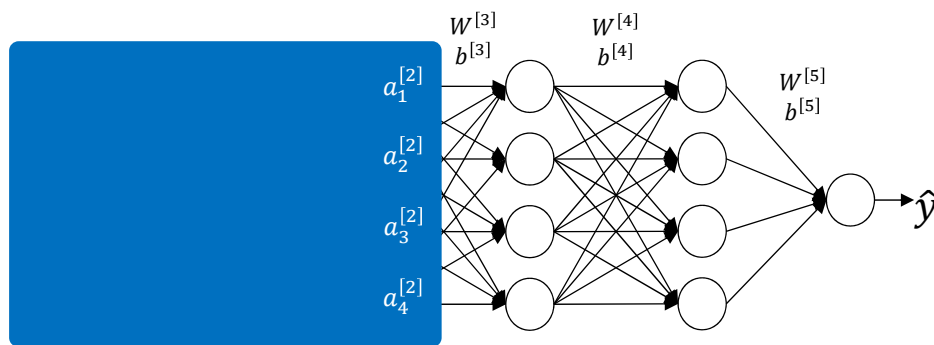
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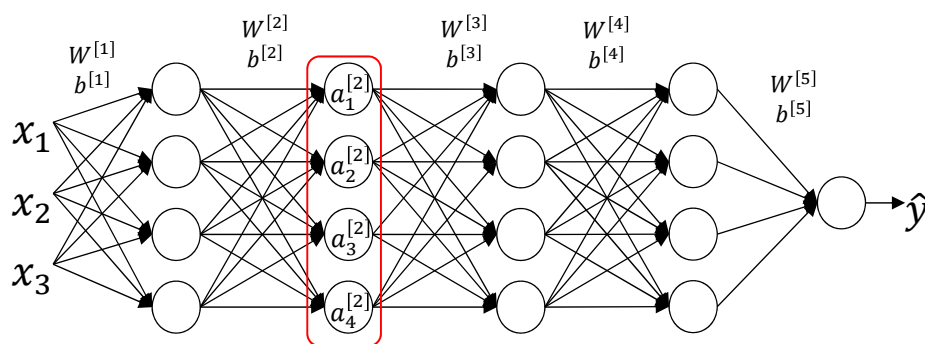
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BN reduces covariate shift on each hidden layer

## 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**.

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