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Towards domain-agnostic Video action recognition

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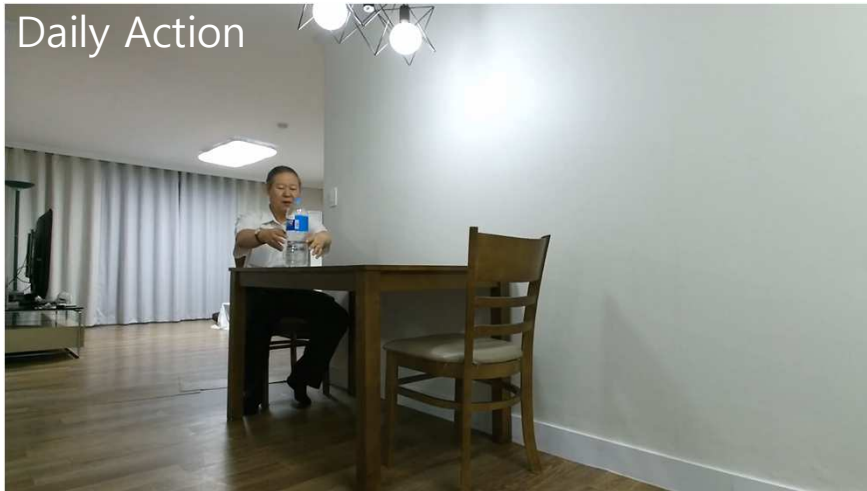
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Human action recognition in Human-Robot Interaction



Video from [1]

- Problem definition :

Given input video v_i

Model predicts corresponding action label y_i

Video
acquisition



"Drinking something"

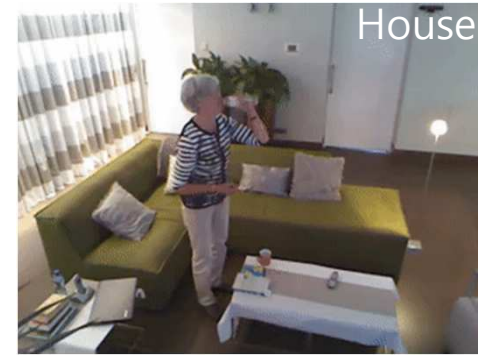
Service robot encounters numerous domains



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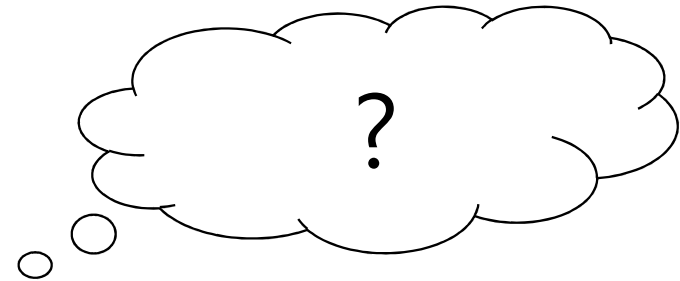
Video from [2]



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- Care-robot encounters numerous domains

Apartment, House, Building, Office



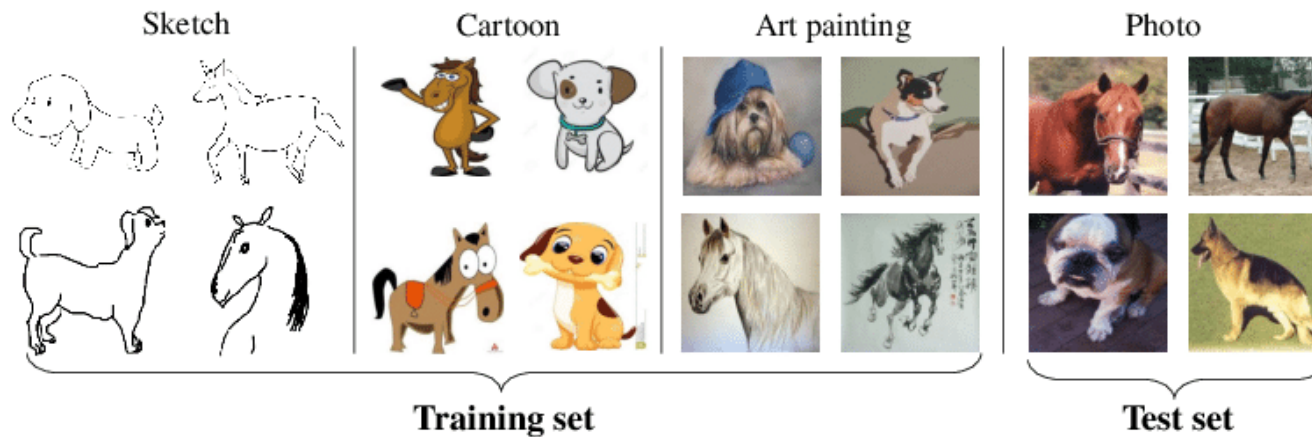
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What is Domain Generalization?

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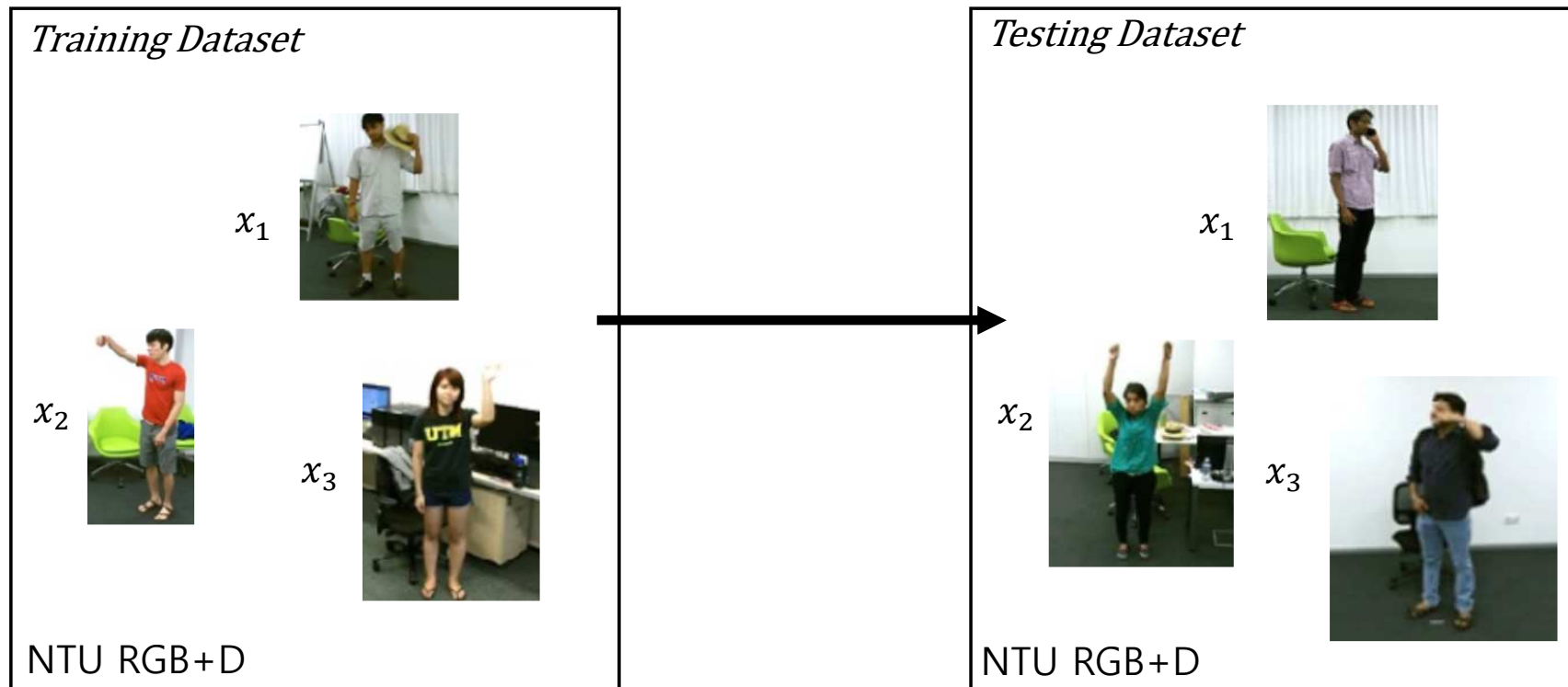


Train a generalized model with datasets from different domains that share the same semantic to improve performance on Un-seen domain.

In i.i.d. assumption...

- Usually, the training set and test set are obtained in the same or similar way. Each sample is Independent Identically distributed.

Similar back ground, similar camera view point, etc...



i.i.d. assumption is easily violated in **real world**

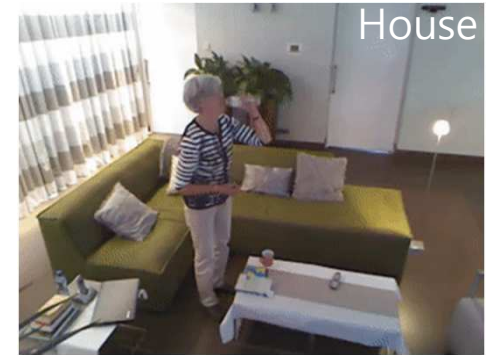
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Inferred domains



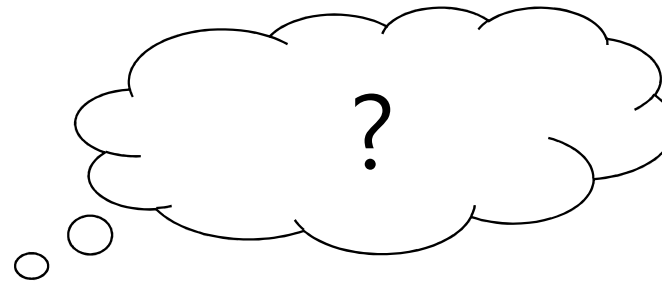
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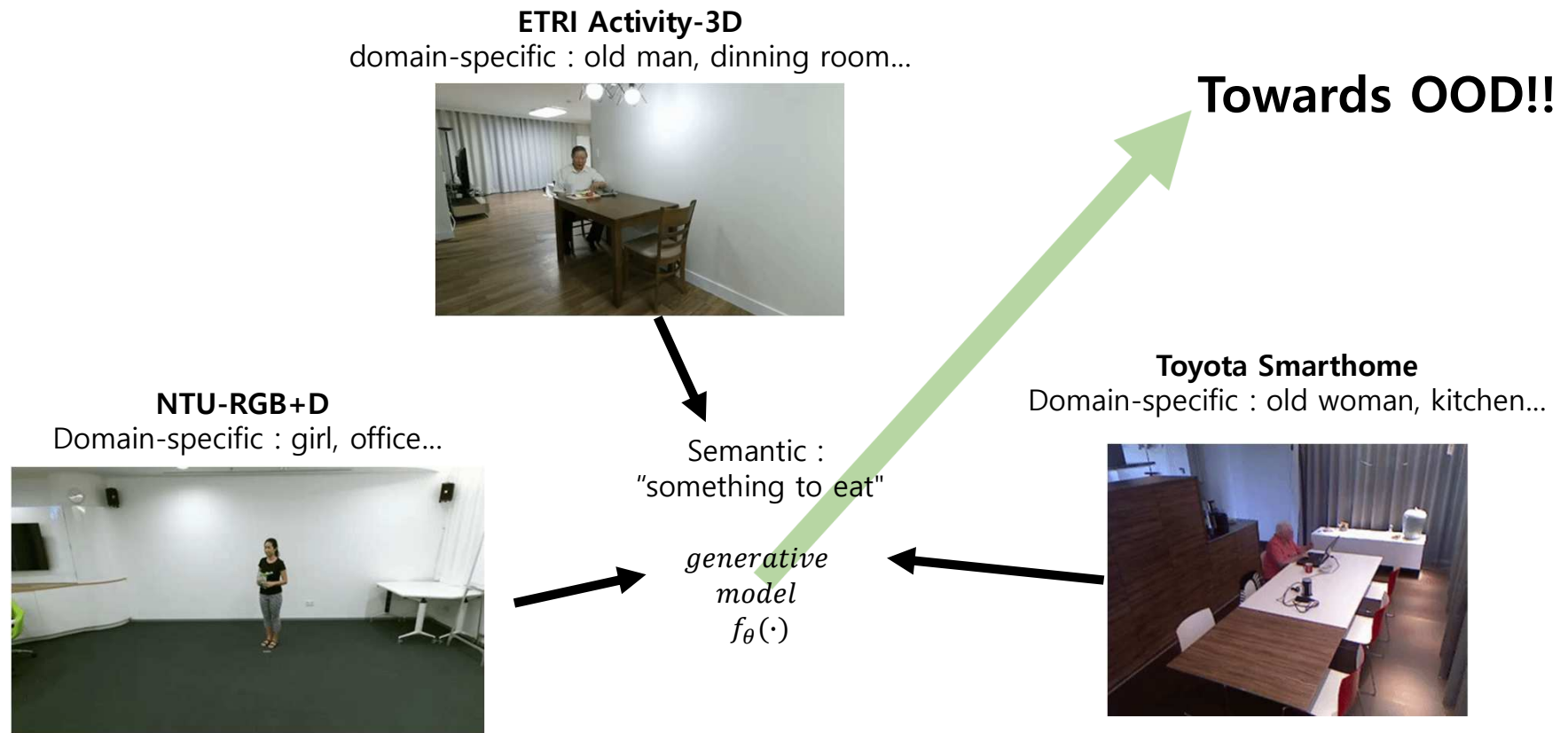
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The goal of DG

Using many training domains well
to train models that are **robust to domain differences**.



Evaluation protocol

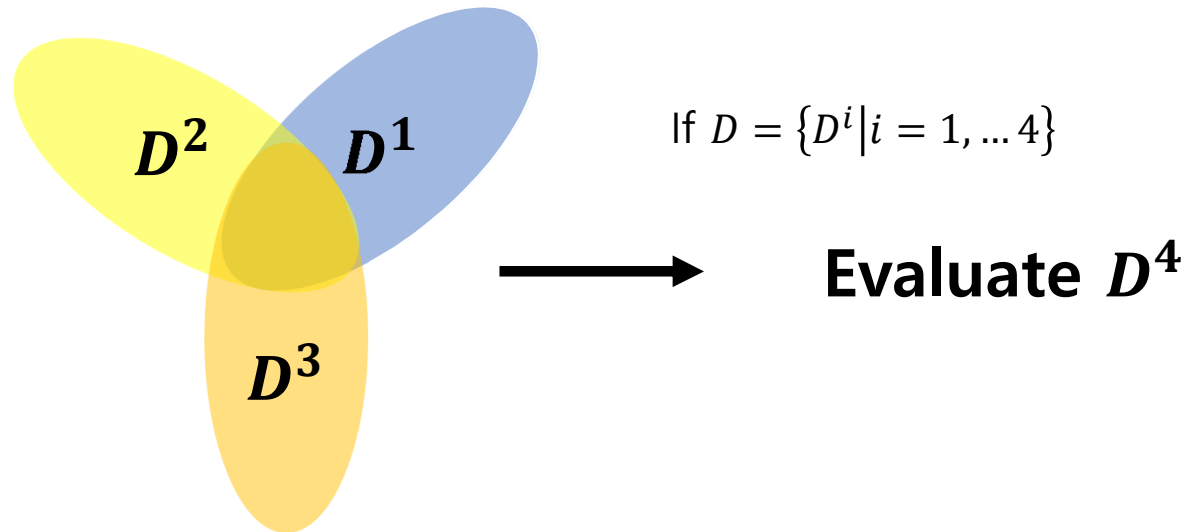
- **Leave-one-domain-out protocol**

Set of domains $D = \{D^i | i = 1, \dots, M\}$

Each domain $D^i = \{(x^{i,j}, y^{i,j})\}_{j=1}^{n_i}$

one domain from D is excluded or left out during training,
while the remaining domains of D are used for training the model.

- n_j : number of samples of D^i
- M : number of domains



Domain Generalization

1. Data Augmentation

Transform or generate input data to **make it domain-agnostic**.

This is primarily achieved through the use of generative models or augmentation techniques

2. Feature Alignment

A research field that **utilizes domain priors (domain numbers) to align features**, primarily leveraging **contrastive learning**.

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Domain generalization using **meta-learning** techniques, primarily involving the **creation of diverse pseudo domain sets**

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The **feature augmentation method** using **style representation and normalization**.

Style and Domain

- Domain is closely related to the style!

ETRI Activity-3D

domain-specific : male, old man, dinning room...



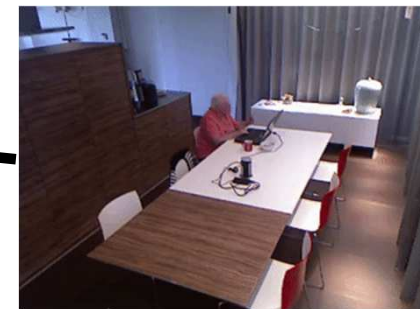
NTU-RGB+D

Domain-specific : girl, laboratory...



Toyota Smart home

Domain-specific : old woman, dinning room...



Semantic :
"Eat something"

parameterized
 $f_{\theta}(\cdot)$

How to model the style information?

- Instance Normalization? Style information modeling!

왜 효과가 있는가? Back to the style-transfer

$$BN(X) = \gamma \left(\frac{X - \mu_{batch}}{\sigma_{batch}} \right) + \beta \quad \quad IN(x) = \gamma \frac{x - \mu(x)}{\sigma(x)} + \beta, \quad \quad AdaIN(x) = \sigma(y) \frac{x - \mu(x)}{\sigma(x)} + \mu(y).$$

For reasons unknown (empirically), the addition of Batch Normalization resulted in improved image generation performance [5]

It indicates that through Instance Normalization, the second-order statistics of each instance can model style information and, by utilizing this for normalization, it implies that style information can be removed (normalized) [6].

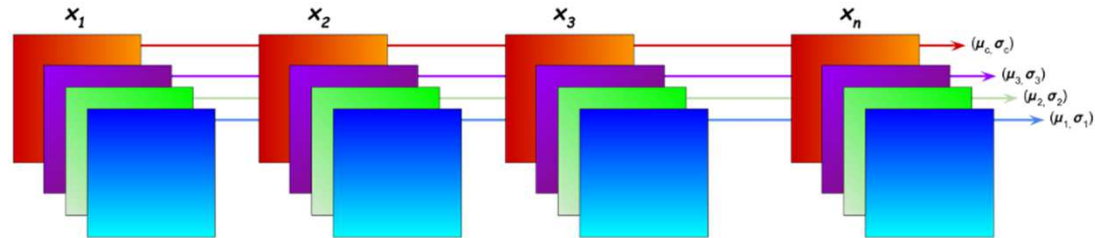
So, if we use Instance Normalization to remove style information and then extract second-order statistics from another image and transfer them, we should achieve style transfer, right? [7]

[5] Radford, A., et al., Unsupervised representation learning with deep convolutional generative adversarial networks. *arXiv*, 2015

[6] Ulyanov, D., et al., Instance normalization: The missing ingredient for fast stylization. *arXiv 2016*.

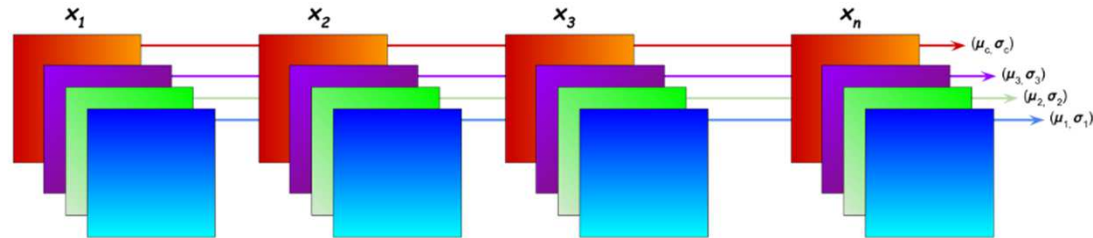
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Batch normalization vs Instance normalization



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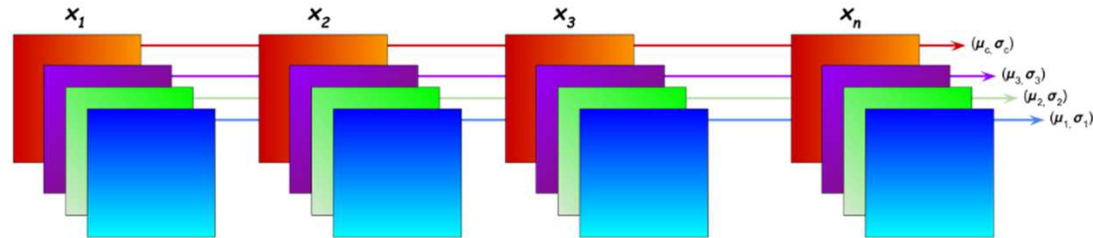
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Batch Normalization

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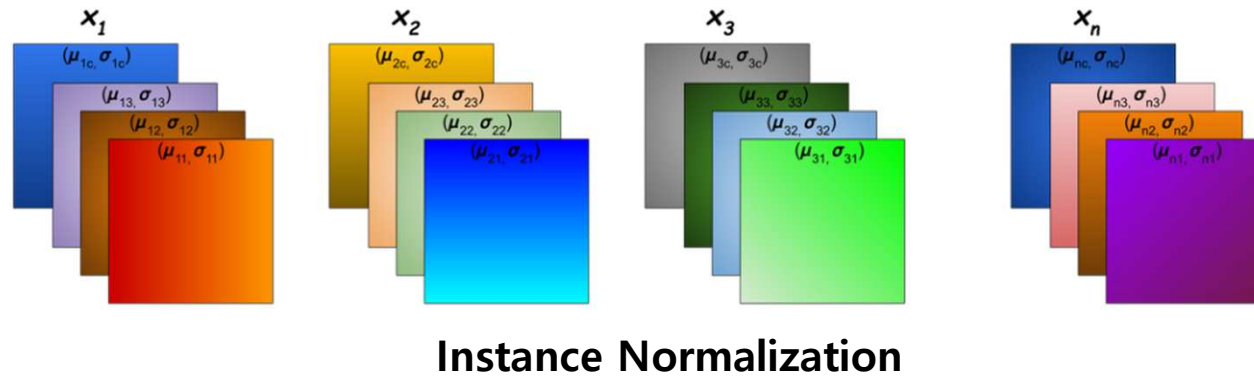


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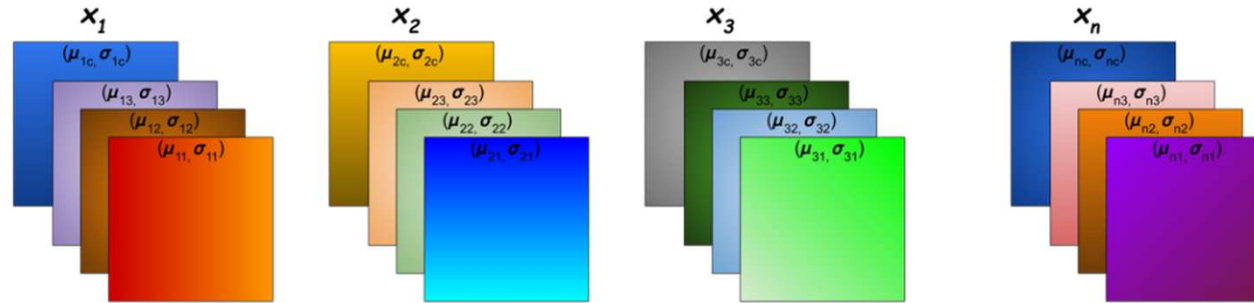
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$$\mu_c = \frac{1}{NHW} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^H \sum_{k=1}^W x_{icjk}$$
$$\sigma_c^2 = \frac{1}{NHW} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^H \sum_{k=1}^W (x_{icjk} - \mu_c)^2$$
$$\hat{x} = \frac{x - \mu_c}{\sqrt{\sigma_c^2 + \epsilon}}$$

Batch normalization vs Instance normalization



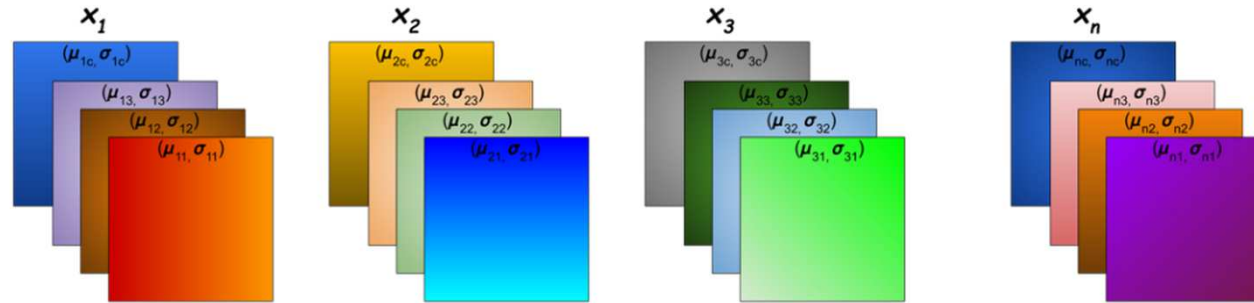
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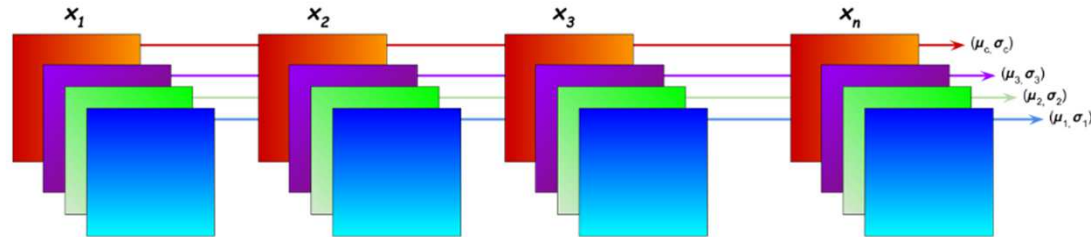


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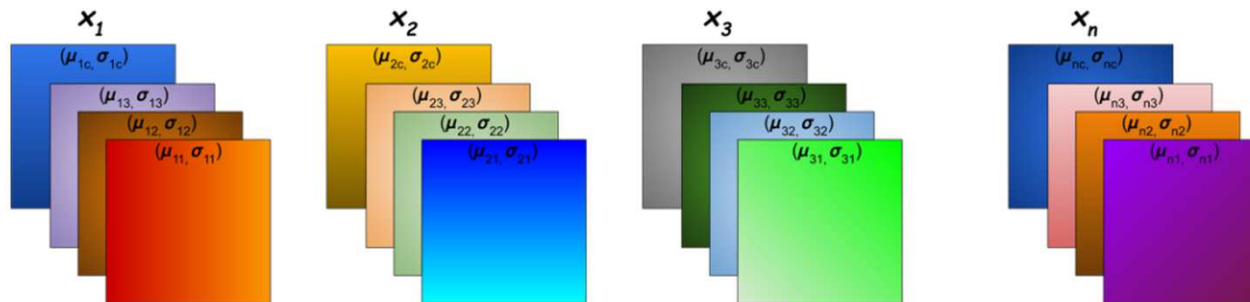
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AdaBN (Domain Adaptation)

- AdaBN

Domain adaptation technique using Batch Normalization.

The parameters of Batch Norm are trained based on the training set.
There is a possibility of them being affected when the domain changes

As an early related work, a **method updates the parameters of Batch Normalization with data from the target domain**.

Let's remember that **domain shift is closely associated with style**

Batch normalization

$$BN(X) = \gamma \left(\frac{X - \mu_{batch}}{\sigma_{batch}} \right) + \beta$$

Moving update

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \mu - \mu_j, \\ \mu_j &\leftarrow \mu_j + \frac{dk}{n_j}, \\ \sigma_j^2 &\leftarrow \frac{\sigma_j^2 n_j}{n_j + k} + \frac{\sigma^2 k}{n_j + k} + \frac{d^2 n_j k}{(n_j + k)^2}, \\ n_j &\leftarrow n_j + k, \end{aligned}$$

Algorithm 1 Adaptive Batch Normalization (AdaBN).

```
for neuron  $j$  in DNN do
    Collect the neuron responses  $\{x_j(m)\}$  on all images of target
    domain  $t$ , where  $x_j(m)$  is the response for image  $m$ .
    Compute the mean and variance of the target domain:  $\mu_j^t$  and
     $\sigma_j^t$  by Eq. (2).
end for
for neuron  $j$  in DNN, testing image  $m$  in target domain do
    Compute BN output  $y_j(m) := \gamma_j \frac{(x_j(m) - \mu_j^t)}{\sigma_j^t} + \beta_j$ 
end for
```

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Insight from [9] related to the Batch Normalization

Table 1. Effects of training batch normalization on the PACS dataset using a ResNet-18 architecture. Each column shows the performance on the target domain when a network is trained using the remaining domains as sources. Fine-tuning BN parameters degrades the generalization performance by overfitting to source domains.

| | Art painting | Cartoon | Sketch | Photo | Avg. |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| BN fixed | 79.25 | 74.61 | 71.52 | 95.99 | 80.34 |
| BN finetuned | 78.47 | 70.41 | 70.68 | 95.87 | 78.86 |

When **fixing the Batch Normalization parameters** in a **pre-trained** ResNet-18 on **ImageNet**, there was an improvement in generalization performance in the domain generalization task.

“This is because the **batch statistics overfit to the particular training domains, resulting in poor generalization performance in unseen domains.”**

In the context of the earlier mentioned materials, this is a compelling

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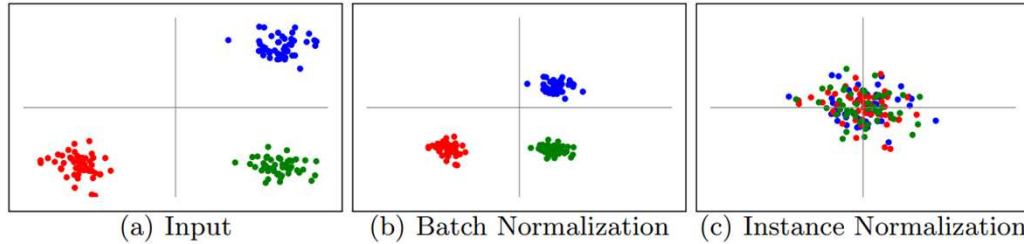
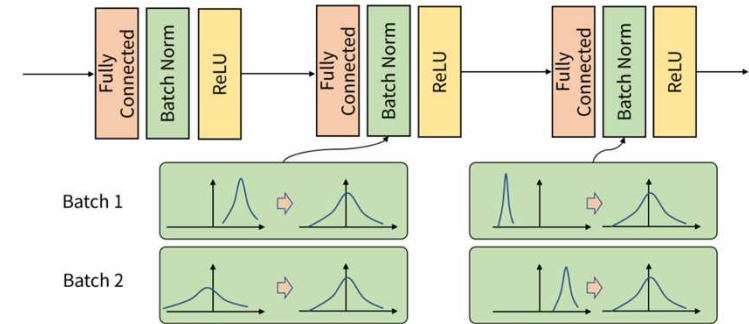


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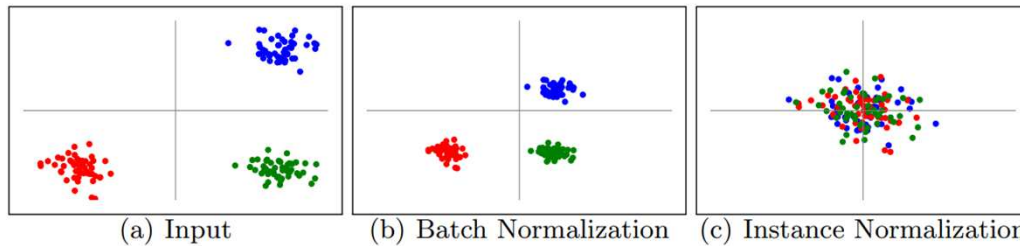
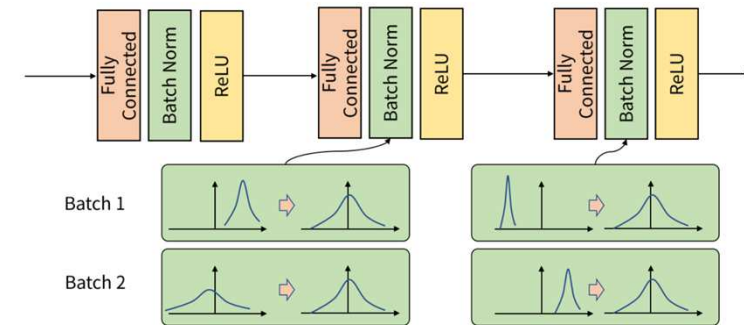


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Close to the **Clustering**



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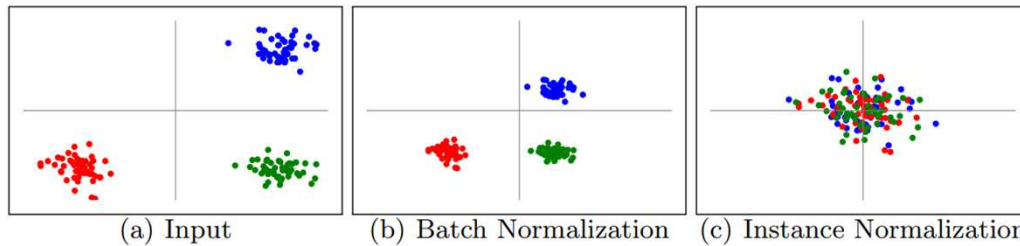
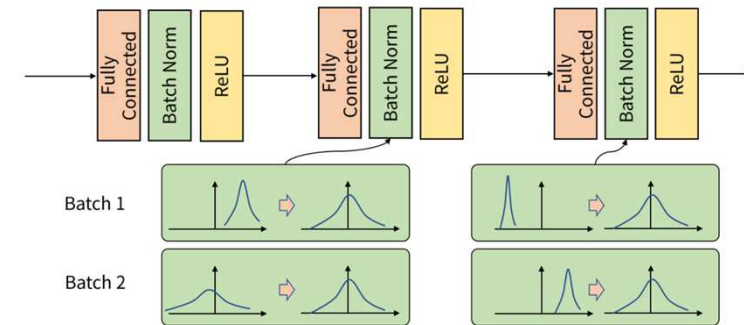


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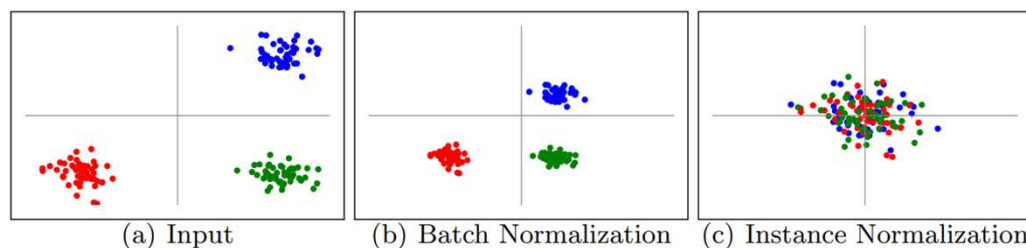


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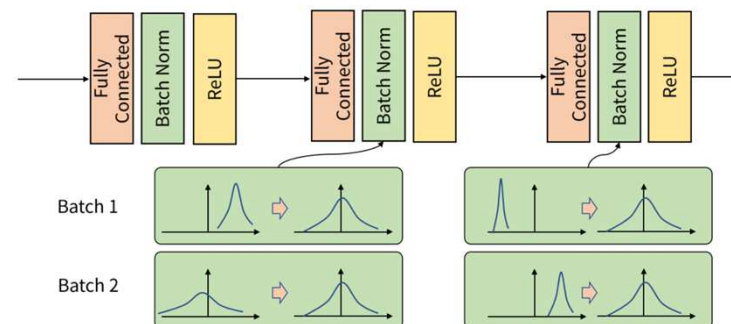
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Pixel-relationship

Close to the **Whitening**



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mean/var represents not inter-class relationships, but
The average tendencies that constitute an image,
In other words, modeling the style of the dataset.
 γ and β have the ability to manipulate certain
Tendencies(style) inherent to the dataset itself.

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- Domain-specific Normalization : DSON (BN+IN)

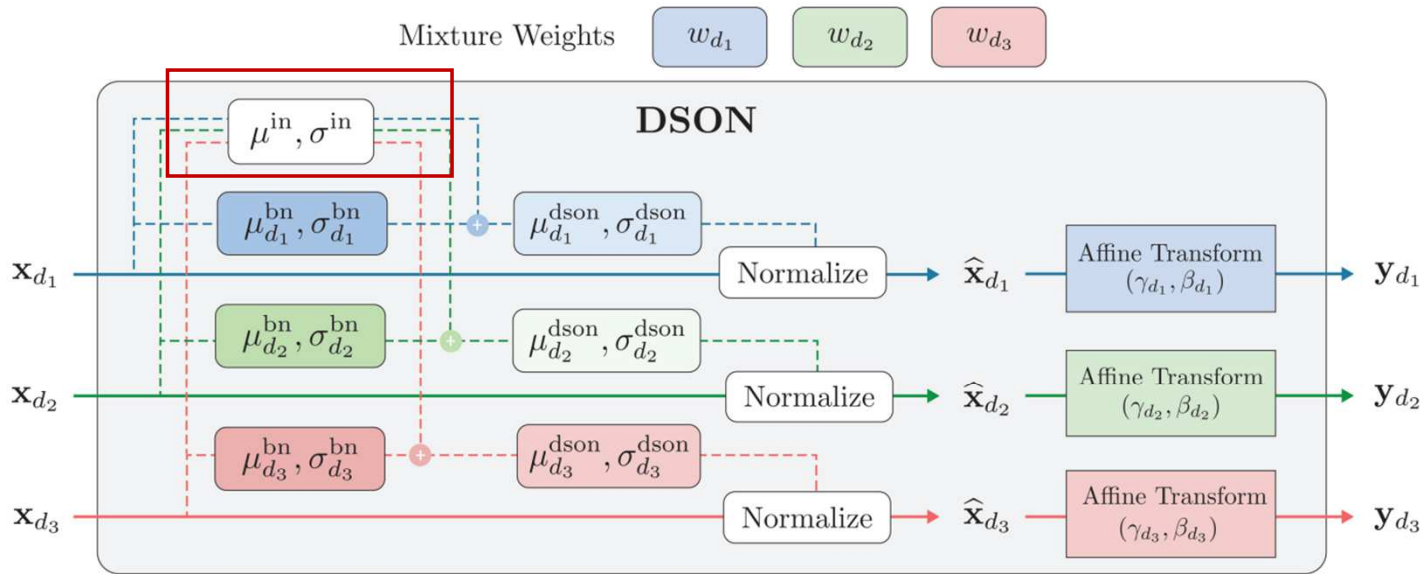


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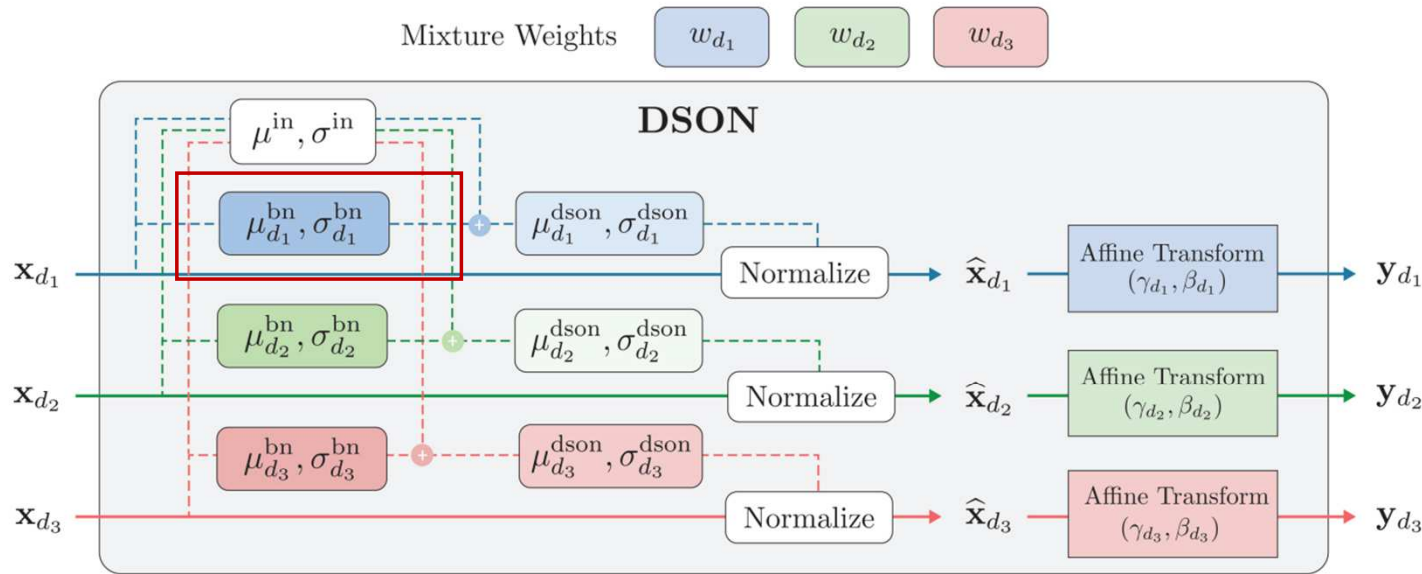
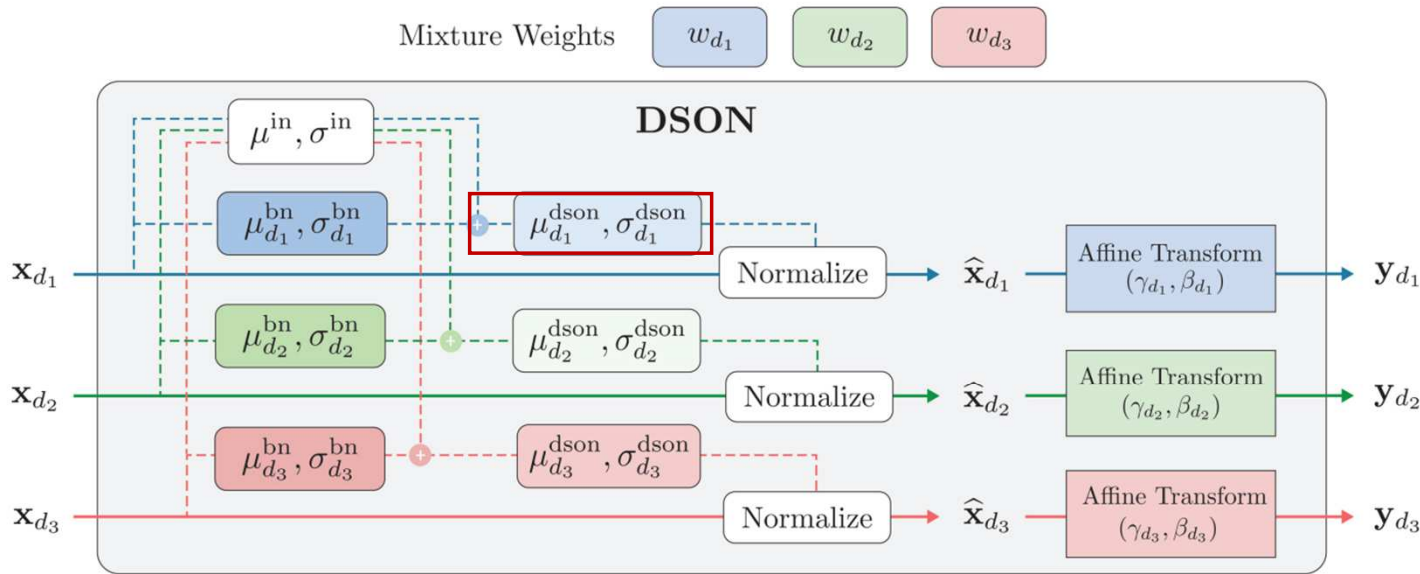


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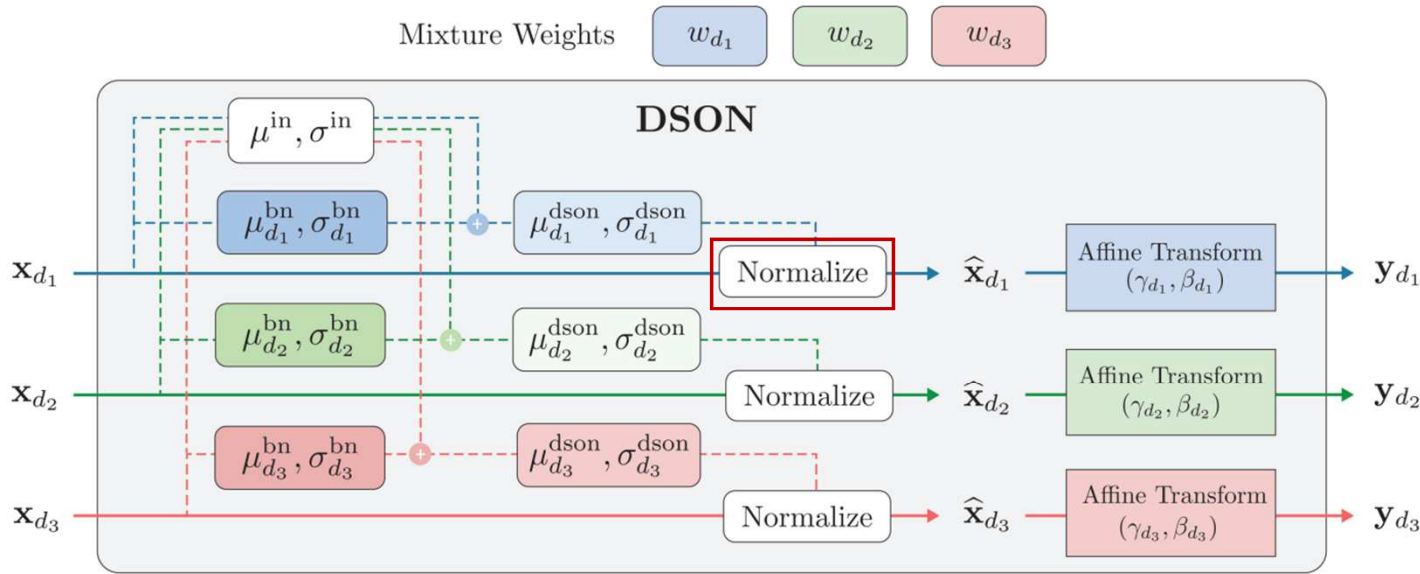
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3. Convex combination IN and BN parameters

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4. Domain-specific whitening

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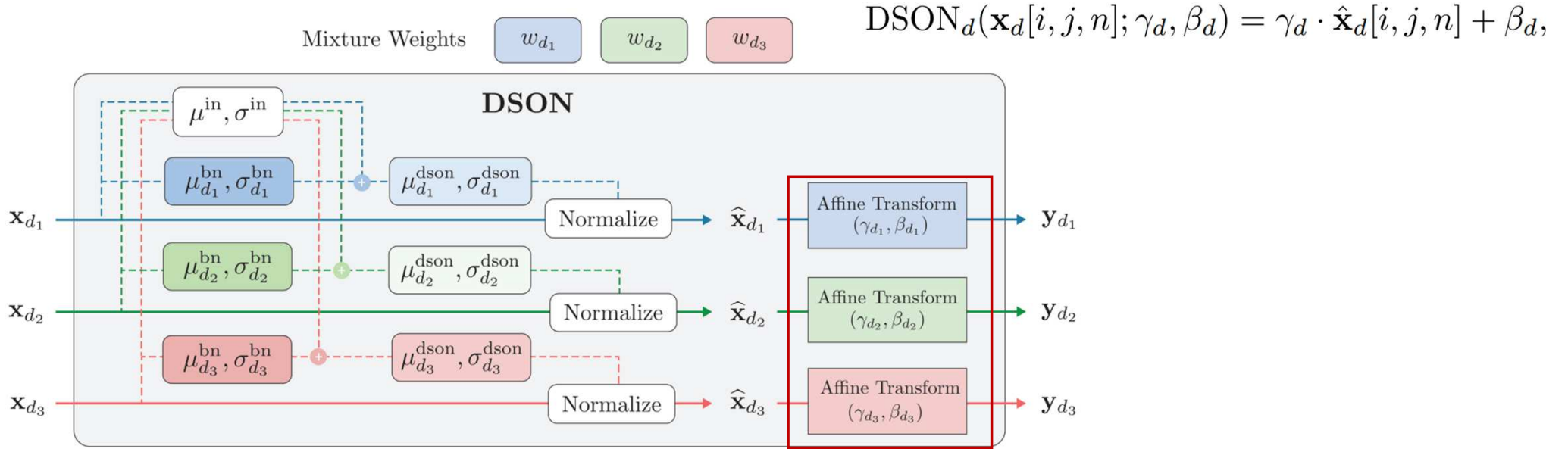


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5. Affine Transform(domain-specific learnable parameter)

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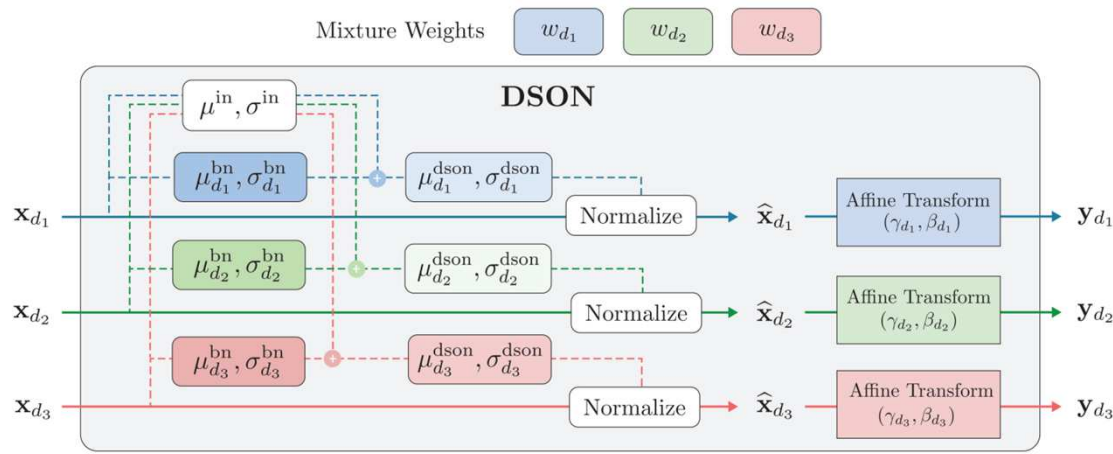


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While maintaining the advantages of IN, it complements the inter-class variance minimization problem with BN. BN is used for learning domain-specific statistics, which are subsequently employed for whitening (domain-specific removal). Then, IN+BN is employed for domain-agnostic feature learning.

This process **preserves the 'semantic' while eliminating the 'style' (style whitening, domain-agnostic).**

1. Domain-specific mean/var whitening

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_d[i, j, n] = \frac{\mathbf{x}_d[i, j, n] - \mu_{dn}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{dn}^2 + \epsilon}}$$

2. BN+IN

$$\mu_{dn} = w_d \mu_d^{bn} + (1 - w_d) \mu_n^{in},$$

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Mixstyle

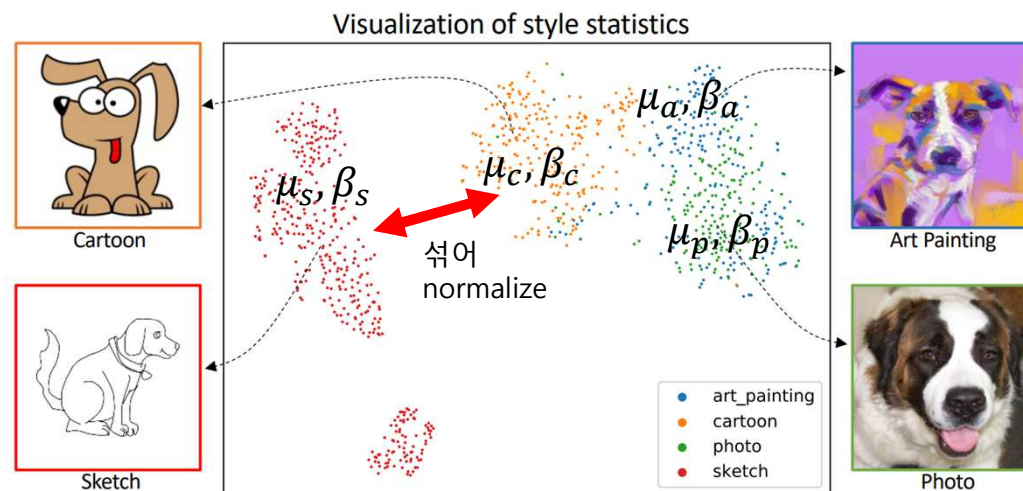
1. Mix Style representation

$$\gamma_{mix} = \lambda\sigma(x) + (1 - \lambda)\sigma(\tilde{x}),$$

$$\beta_{mix} = \lambda\mu(x) + (1 - \lambda)\mu(\tilde{x}),$$

2. Whitening and affine transform using Mixed mean and standard deviation

$$\text{MixStyle}(x) = \gamma_{mix} \frac{x - \mu(x)}{\sigma(x)} + \beta_{mix}.$$



- Easy to implement
- Plug-in-play manner
- No additional computational cost in test time

Deterministic feature statistics is not enough!

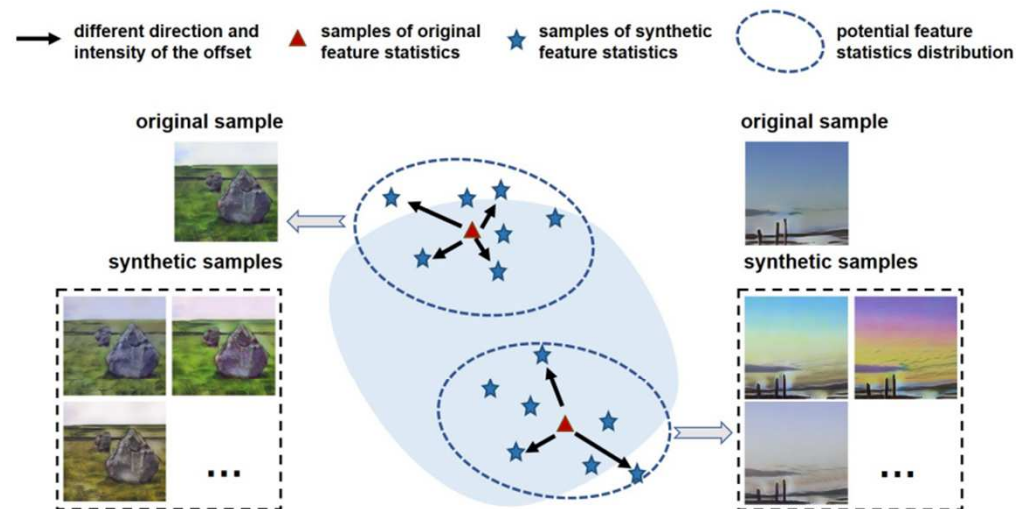


Figure 1: The visualization of reconstructed samples with synthesized feature statistics, using a pre-trained style transfer auto-encoder (Huang & Belongie, 2017). The illustration of the feature statistics shifts, which may vary in both intensity and direction (*i.e.*, different offsets in the vector space of feature statistics). We also show images of “new” domains generated by manipulating feature statistic shifts with different direction and intensity. Note these images are for visualization only, rather than feeding into the network for training.

Extracted Mean/variance is deterministic
But the target is unknown. Should be probabilistic

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- Previously, the style representation(domain-specific information) is modeled
- By deterministic values (channel-wise mean/std)

$$\mu(x) = \frac{1}{HW} \sum_{h=1}^H \sum_{w=1}^W x_{b,c,h,w},$$

$$\sigma^2(x) = \frac{1}{HW} \sum_{h=1}^H \sum_{w=1}^W (x_{b,c,h,w} - \mu(x))^2.$$

$$\text{IN}(x) = \gamma \frac{x - \mu(x)}{\sigma(x)} + \beta,$$

Mean, std \rightarrow **Deterministic!!!**
Linear manipulation

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Mean, std \rightarrow **Deterministic!!!**
Simply mix deterministic values

- limitations

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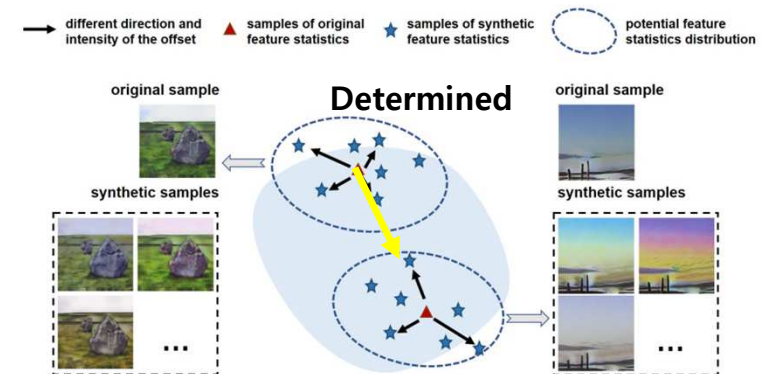


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The direction of their variants is determined **By the chosen reference sample**
Their variety is sub-optimal!
(because we performed Instance Normalization)

- Uncertainty estimation

[1] Suppose the sample's mean and std. are sampled from some normal distribution $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma_\mu^2)$ $\mathcal{N}(\sigma, \Sigma_\sigma^2)$

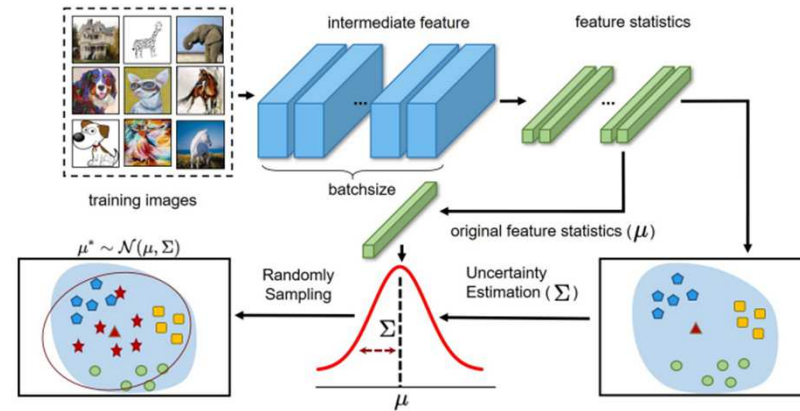


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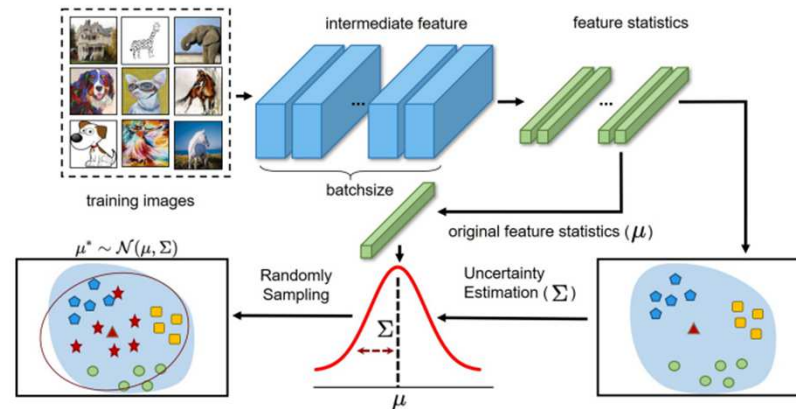


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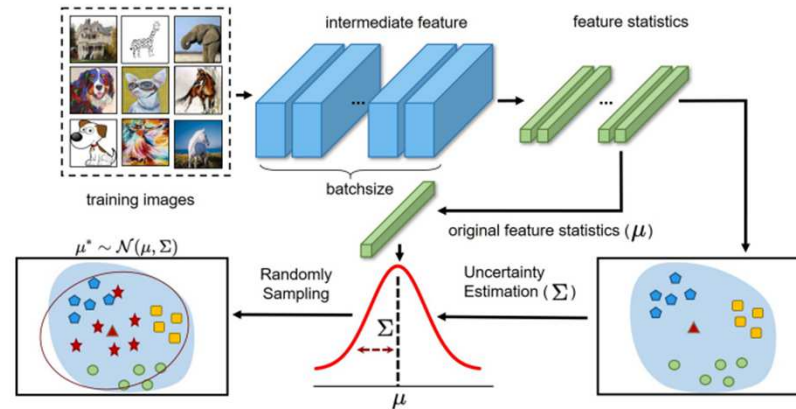


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We can estimate the variances
Using Batch statistics

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^2]$$

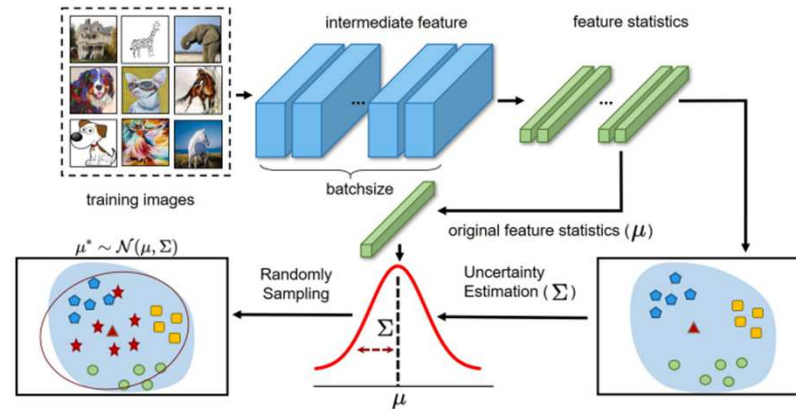


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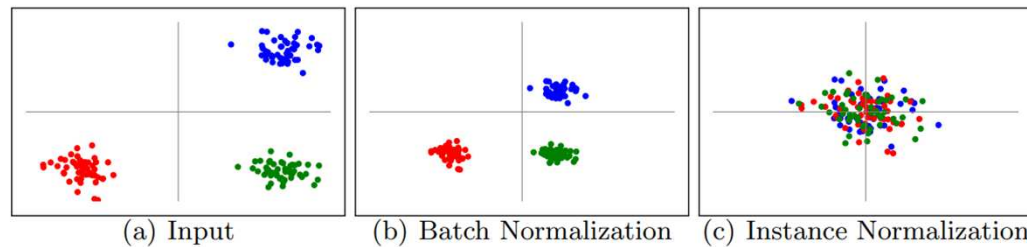
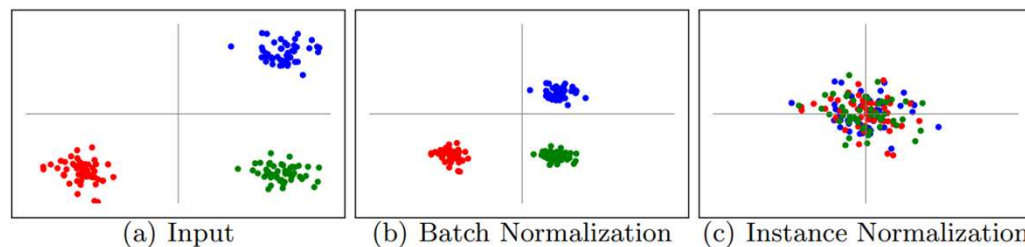


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 The **uncertainty estimation captured from the mini batch** can provide an appropriate and **meaningful variation range for each feature channel**



Batch mean → class-wise mean (more semantic)
 Instance mean → channel-wise mean (more domain-specific)

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Add perturbations with certain range ($\mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma_\mu^2)$ $\mathcal{N}(\sigma, \Sigma_\sigma^2)$)

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Now we can sample the
Mean and std from the
Estimated gaussian distribution!!!

$$\text{DSU}(x) = \underbrace{(\sigma(x) + \epsilon_\sigma \Sigma_\sigma(x))}_{\gamma(x)} \left(\frac{x - \mu(x)}{\sigma(x)} \right) + \underbrace{(\mu(x) + \epsilon_\mu \Sigma_\mu(x))}_{\beta(x)}.$$

DSU

- DSU vs Mixstyle

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sampling

$$\text{MixStyle}(x) = \boxed{\gamma_{mix}} \frac{x - \mu(x)}{\sigma(x)} + \boxed{\beta_{mix}}.$$

deterministic

Following presentation

- Set up the experiment
- Set up the previous approach's disadvantages
- Acquire baseline experimental result
- Set up the future work

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