Spontaneous emergence of robustness to light variation in CNNs with precortically inspired module

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Consider an image \vec{x} , with pixels x_i . We define the **brightness change** as the mean offset

$$x_i \rightarrow x_i - \mu$$

and the **contrast change** as the rescaling

$$x_i o rac{x_i - \langle \vec{x} \rangle}{\sigma} + \langle \vec{x} \rangle$$