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 Analyzes the influences of architectural choices on the loss landscape and thus explains why certain "tricks" and structures are easier to optimize



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How Does Batch Normalization Help Optimization?

- BN popular technique for training NNs but poorly understood
- Shows that effectiveness of BN is not related to internal covariance shift
- Rather, BN smoothes the loss landscape and thus leads to better gradients, a more stable training and faster convergence

Robustness May Be at Odds with Accuracy

- Shows that there is a trade-off between adversarial robustness and (training) accuracy for **any** classifier
- Feature representations learned by robust classifier are fundamentally different



<u>Spherical Latent Spaces for Stable Variational</u> <u>Autoencoders</u>

- Uses a von Mises-Fisher distribution instead of a Gaussian distribution as the prior in a Variatonal Autoencoder
- Avoids "collapse" of latent space

