

1 We thank the reviewers for insightful and constructive comments. We have submitted [code](#) for full reproducibility.

2 **Common Questions:**

3 **Q1. Consistently compare with AdaBN and AutoDIAL in all the experiments.**

4 **A1.** Besides ablation result already given in Figure 5, we show complete results in the table below. **TransNorm (TN)**  
 5 significantly improves upon AdaBN and AutoDIAL. Without exploiting the discriminative statistics of the target domain  
 6 at training, CDAN+AdaBN performs worse than CDAN. We will analyze why TransNorm is better than AutoDIAL.

Normalization	DANN [3]	DANN+AdaBN	DANN+AutoDIAL	DANN+TN	CDAN [17]	CDAN+AdaBN	CDAN+AutoDIAL	CDAN+TN
A→W	82.0	82.4	84.8	<b>91.8</b>	94.1	88.8	92.3	<b>95.7</b>
D→W	96.9	97.7	97.7	<b>97.7</b>	98.6	98.6	98.6	<b>98.7</b>
W→D	99.1	99.8	100.0	<b>100</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	<b>100.0</b>
A→D	79.7	81.0	85.7	<b>88.0</b>	92.9	92.7	93.0	<b>94.0</b>
D→A	68.2	67.2	63.9	<b>68.2</b>	71.5	70.8	71.5	<b>73.4</b>
W→A	67.4	68.2	68.7	<b>70.4</b>	69.3	70.0	72.2	<b>74.2</b>
Avg	82.2	82.7	83.5	<b>86.0</b>	87.7	86.8	87.9	<b>89.3</b>

7 **Q2. Why transferability  $\alpha$  is designed in this way? Comparison with other types of transferability design.**

8 **A2.** The domain adaptive alpha aims to highlight more transferable channels by calculating channel-wise transferability  
 9  $\alpha$  in two steps: for each channel, **(a) Calculating Distance** in Eq. (5) and **(b) Generating Probability** in Eq. (6).

10 **(a)** Calculating the distance only between means  $\mu$  cannot capture the variance  $\sigma$ . While Wasserstein distance uses  
 11 both  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ , the relative impact of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  are not well balanced. Our strategy calculates the distance between means  
 12 normalized by variance  $\mu/\sqrt{\sigma^2 + \epsilon}$ , which is consistent with BatchNorm [11] and yields the best results (table below).

13 **(b)** Generating the distance-based probability to quantify the transferability of each channel, Softmax’s *winner-takes-all*  
 14 strategy is not suitable, while Gaussian’s tail is not as heavy as Student-t. Only Student-t distribution has *heavier tails*  
 that highlight transferable channels while avoiding overly penalizing the others, supported by the results (table below).

Type	Ablation	Distance Type			Probability Type			Hand Keypoint Estimation		
Abalation	$\alpha = 1$	$\mu$	Wasserstein Distance	$\mu/\sqrt{\sigma^2 + \epsilon}$	Softmax	Gaussian	Student	Method	PCK@0.2	PCK@0.05
A→W	94.6	95.0	94.5	<b>95.7</b>	94.9	94.8	<b>95.7</b>	JAN [19]	77.00	26.70
D→W	98.6	98.7	98.7	<b>98.7</b>	97.9	98.6	<b>98.7</b>	DANN [3]	80.10	29.61
W→D	100.0	100.0	100.0	<b>100.0</b>	99.8	100.0	<b>100.0</b>	<b>DANN+TN</b>	81.00	30.80
A→D	93.4	93.0	91.0	<b>94.0</b>	91.4	93.1	<b>94.0</b>	MCD [30]	80.15	30.10
D→A	71.5	72.8	72.6	<b>73.4</b>	69.7	72.4	<b>73.4</b>	MCD+AutoDIAL	80.38	30.51
W→A	72.9	73.7	73.6	<b>74.2</b>	73.2	73.0	<b>74.2</b>	<b>MCD+TN (<math>\alpha = 1</math>)</b>	80.80	31.10
Avg	88.5	88.9	88.4	<b>89.3</b>	87.9	88.7	<b>89.3</b>	<b>MCD+TN</b>	<b>82.12</b>	<b>32.42</b>

15 **Q3. Why domain specific mean and variance? What the performance will be if  $\alpha$  is set to 1.**

16 **A3.** Result of TransNorm ( $\alpha = 1$ ) is better than that of AutoDIAL (above table), concluding that *domain-specific* mean  
 17 and variance are better than *domain-mixed* ones by AutoDIAL. AutoDIAL learns *mixing* parameter which converges to  
 18  $\alpha \approx 1$  (implying domain-specific) in Figure 3 (Inception-BN) of its original paper and in the figure below (ResNet-50).

20 **R1/1. The performance of TransNorm when applying into other real scenarios.**

21 We apply TransNorm to a challenging regression task: **Hand Keypoint Estimation** for domain adaptation. The above  
 22 table shows transfer results from *CMU Panoptic Dataset* to *Rendered HandKeypoint Dataset* (depicted in figure below).  
 23 Note that, MCD+AutoDIAL performs worse than MCD+TN ( $\alpha = 1$ ), validating that its alpha does not work generally.

24 **R4/1. Addressing domain-shift via domain specific moments is not new.**

25 Most existing works such as MMD [16] address domain-shift via *domain specific moments*, serving as the [theoretical](#)  
 26 [foundation](#) of our approach. We further provide an [architecture perspective](#): A transferable normalization layer. It can  
 27 work with all deep domain adaptation methods. Further, as Reviewer #1 points that our *Domain Adaptive Alpha* is new.

28 **R4/2. Why is exactly that gamma and beta should be domain-agnostic, but alpha should be domain specific.**

29 As justified in BatchNorm [11] and ResNet [8],  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  should be shared across domains to uncover the *identity map*.  
 30 We clarify that  $\alpha$  is also shared across domains, although it is specific to each channel to highlight transferable channels.

31 **R4/3. Theoretical analysis to justify the specific design choices.**

32 Ben-David *et al.* gave the learning bound of domain adaptation as  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{T}}(h) \leq \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{S}}(h) + \frac{1}{2}d_{\mathcal{H}\Delta\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}) + \lambda$ . By calculating  
 33 A-Distance  $d_{\mathcal{H}\Delta\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T})$  and  $\lambda$  on transfer task A → W, we found that our TransNorm can achieve **a lower A-distance**  
 and **a lower  $\lambda$**  and thus guarantees a lower generalization error. We will add these theoretical analyses to the revision.

