

# Finding maximum value

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### Question:

Our aim is to find the maximum value of the function:

$$f(x) = [x(x - 1) + 1]^{1/3} \quad (1)$$

in the interval  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  using the gradient ascent method

Simplify the expression

$$f(x) = [x^2 - x + 1]^{1/3} \quad (2)$$

Letting , the derivative of using the chain rule is:

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (g(x)^{1/3}) = \frac{1}{3} g(x)^{-2/3} \cdot g'(x), \text{ where: } g'(x) = 2x - 1 \quad (3)$$

The gradient ascent update rule is:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + \eta \cdot f'(x_n) \quad (4)$$

where:

- 1)  $x_n$  is the current estimate.
- 2)  $\eta$  is the learning rate.
- 3)  $f'(x)$  is the derivative calculated above.

Implementing gradient ascent:

- 1) We need to Choose a small learning rate  $\eta$  (say, 0.01).
- 2) Choose a starting point  $x_0$  (say 0.0)

Compute the gradient  $f'(x_n)$

Update the current point using the formula

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + \eta \cdot f'(x_n) \quad (5)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + \eta \cdot \frac{1}{3} ([x_n^2 - x_n + 1]^{-\frac{2}{3}}) \cdot (2x_n - 1) \quad (6)$$

For finding minimum we use gradient descent method. Update the value of  $x$  using the formula:

**gradient descent update rule is:**

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \eta \cdot f'(x_n) \quad (7)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \eta \cdot \frac{1}{3} ([x_n^2 - x_n + 1]^{-\frac{2}{3}}) \cdot (2x_n - 1) \quad (8)$$

Check if the stopping condition is met.

The value of  $x$  after sufficient iterations will be the approximate point where the function attains its minimum.

**Behavior in each region:**

for  $x > 0.5$  :  $g'(x) = 2x - 1 > 0$

for  $x < 0.5$  :  $g'(x) = 2x - 1 < 0$

Stop when the gradient is close to zero (e.g.,  $|f'(x_n)| < 10^{-6}$ )

Stop if the next step takes  $x$  out of the interval  $[0,1]$ .

Since the interval is restricted to  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ :

- 1) Compute the function value at the boundaries  $f(0)$  and  $f(1)$ .
- 2) Compare with the value obtained using gradient ascent.

**Boundary values:**

$$f(0) = [0(0 - 1) + 1]^{\frac{1}{3}} = 1$$

$$f(1) = [1(1 - 1) + 1]^{\frac{1}{3}} = 1$$

