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Setting up your optimization problem

Numerical approximation of gradients

Checking your derivative computation

$$g(\theta) = \frac{d}{d\theta} f(\theta) = f'(\theta)$$

$$g(\theta) = 3\theta^2$$

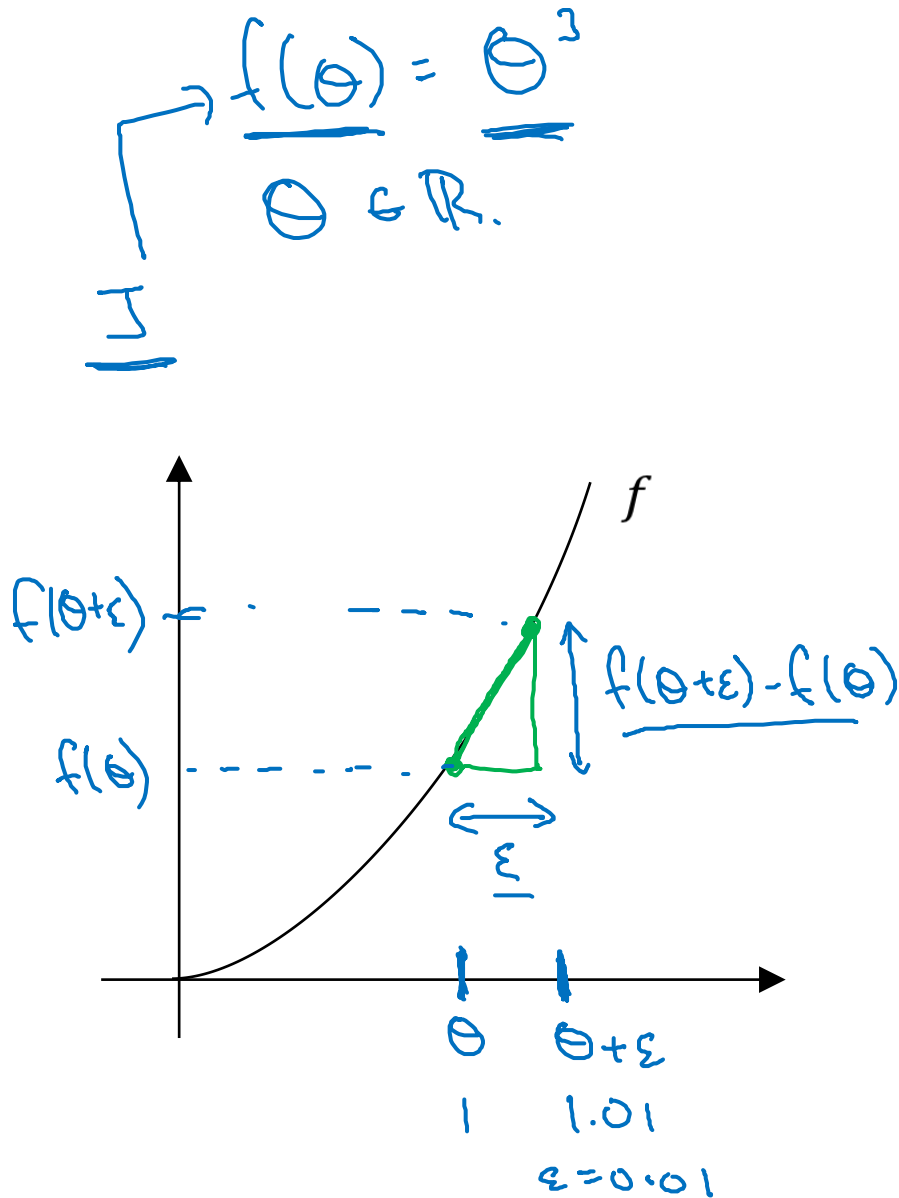
$$g(\theta) = 3 \cdot (1)^2 = 3 \text{ when } \theta = 1$$

$$\frac{f(\theta + \epsilon) - f(\theta)}{\epsilon} \approx g(\theta)$$

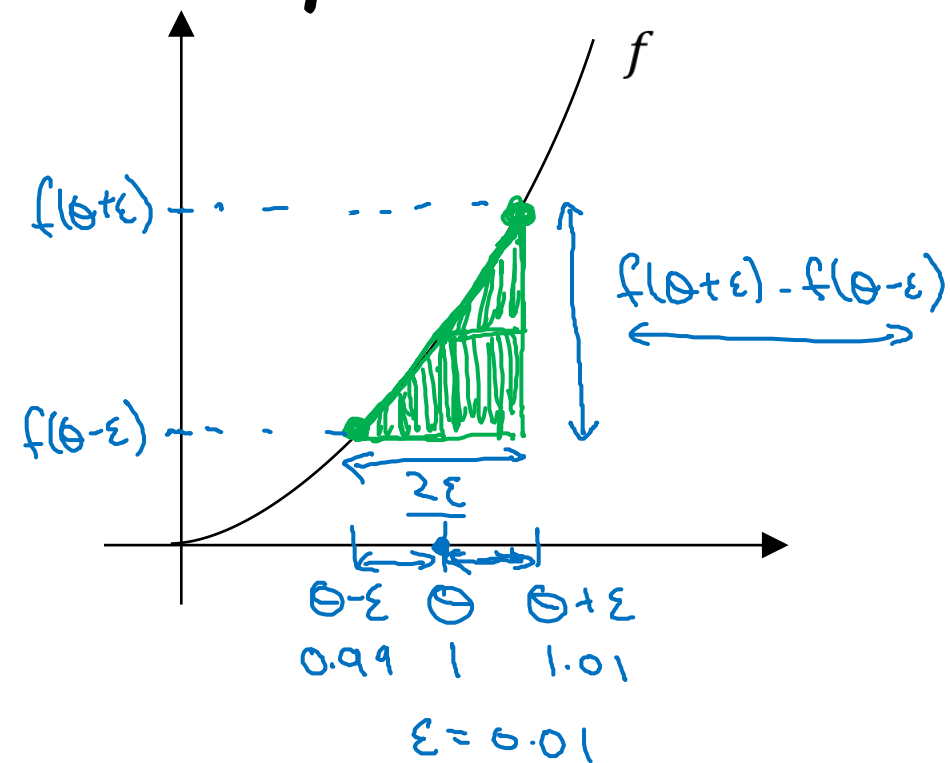
$$\frac{(1.01)^3 - 1^3}{0.01} = 3.0301 \approx 3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.0301 \\ 3.1 \\ 3.2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= 1 \\ \theta + \epsilon &= 1.01 \\ \epsilon &= 0.01 \end{aligned}$$



Checking your derivative computation



$$\left[\frac{f(\theta + \epsilon) - f(\theta - \epsilon)}{2\epsilon} \approx \underline{g(\theta)} \right]$$

$$\frac{(1.01)^3 - (0.99)^3}{2(0.01)} = 3.0001 \approx 3$$

$$g(\theta) = 3\theta^2 = 3$$

approx error: 0.0001

(prev slide: 3.0301 , error: 0.03)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f'(\theta) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\theta + \epsilon) - f(\theta - \epsilon)}{2\epsilon} \quad \begin{array}{l} O(\epsilon^2) \\ 0.01 \\ 0.0001 \end{array} \quad \left| \quad \frac{f(\theta + \epsilon) - f(\theta)}{\epsilon} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{error: } O(\epsilon) \\ 0.01 \end{array} \end{array} \right.$$