

- A network needs to have an input and an output
  - Two definitions for output:
    - Approximated output ("Predicted output" in TensorFlow syntax)
    - Labeled, target output
      - Target output calculated: model-free
      - Target output given: use labeled data
  - How close the predicted/approximated is from the labeled/target output is a loss function, and its value is the loss value
  - Optimization: using mathematical operations to reduce the loss value using gradients.

- Loss functions (to calculate loss):
  - Take two parameters: Approximated/predicted output and target output
  - Some commonly used loss functions are:
    - MSELoss: (mean square error):
      - Typical for regression and approximation problems
      - Calculates differences between target and predicted/approximated outputs

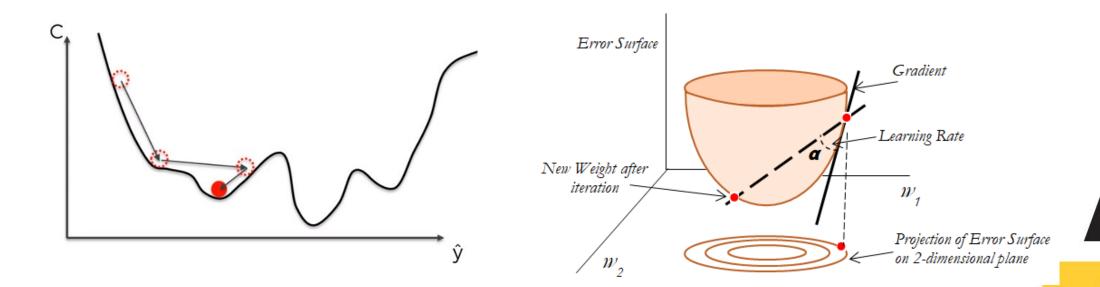
$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y^i - \hat{y}^i)^2$$

Categorical Cross-Entropy: Typical for classification/categories problems

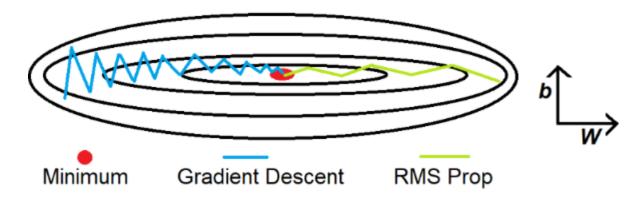
$$CEL = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{M} y_{ij} \cdot log p_{ij} \text{ or } -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{N} log_{P_{model}} \left[ y_i \in C_{yi} \right]$$

- Now that we have a loss value, we need to optimize to improve the model in training.
  - Gradients: vector that denotes the fastest increase and direction
- The optimization process:
  - Take the gradients of model parameters
    - Weights and biases
  - Change these parameters in order to decrease the loss value
  - Once the parameters are recalculated:
    - Update the parameters through **backpropagation**

- Typical optimization methods:
  - SGD: stochastic gradient descent
    - Stochastic: randomly choose from the batch
    - Variable parameter: learning rate



- RMSProp (Root mean squared propagation):
  - Based on AdaGrad (adaptive gradient)
    - Calculation of the step size (learning rate, LR) is "automatic". Adapts the LR according to each parameter
    - Can slow down the process
  - RMSProp: uses a decay for learning rate using moving average (or weighted average)



- Adam (adaptive moment)
  - Combination of AdaGrad and RMSProp
  - The learning rate is adapted in two calculations (moments):
    - Uses the average of the second moment (through the exponential moving average of gradients and square gradients)
    - Controlled decay: beta 1 & beta 2

