



Lecture 10 Taylor's approximation

Recap

- Covered Gram Schmidt
- Finished Chapter 5

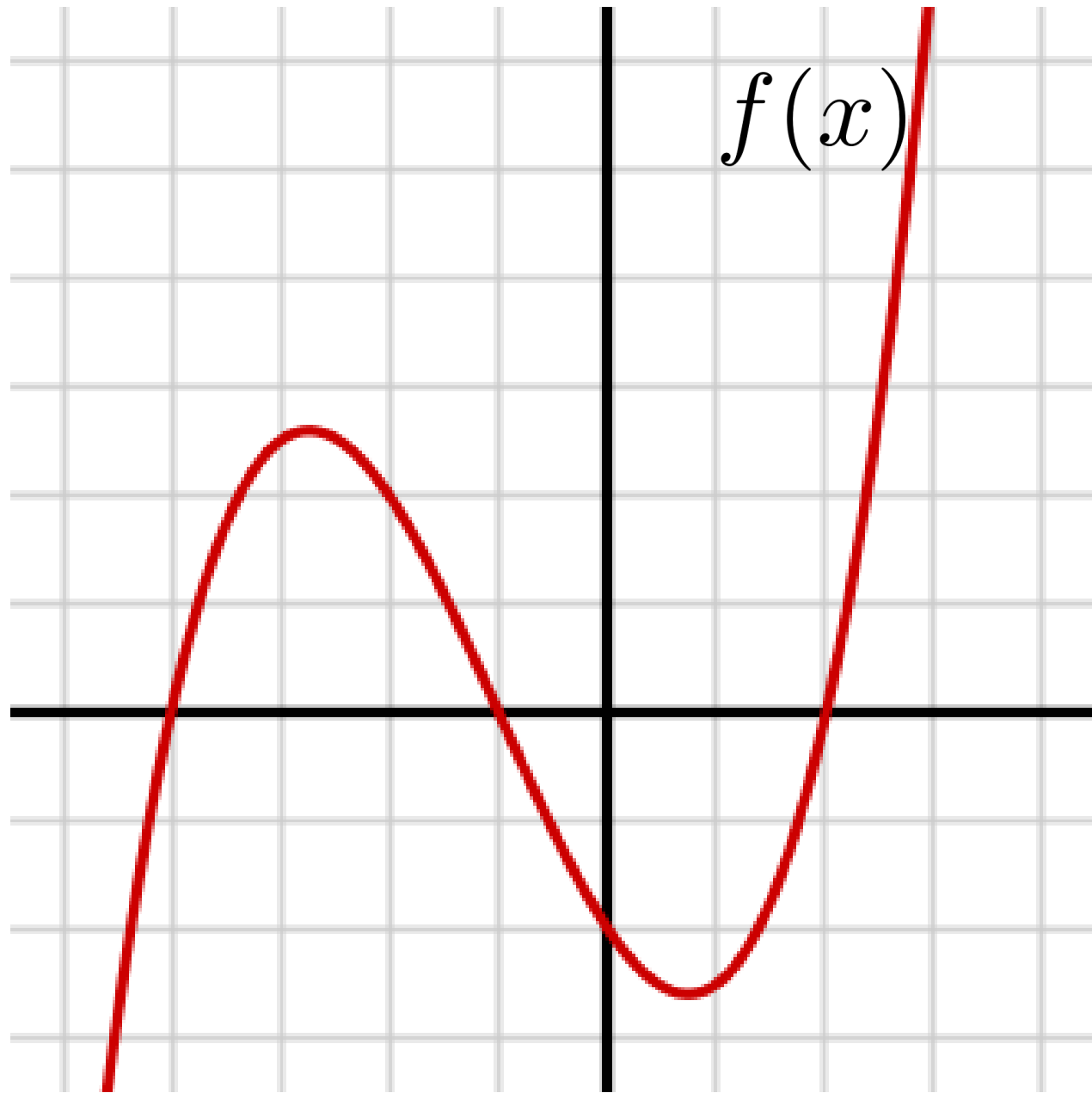
Why study Taylor's approximation?

- Numerical method for
 - Gradient descent in Machine Learning is based on Taylor's first order approximation
 - Newton Raphson's method in convex optimization is based on Taylor's second order approximation
- Single & multivariable intuition



Taylor's approximation & gradient descent in one variable

Function approximation at 0



- $f(x)$ is continuous, differentiable at $x=0$
- Approximate with a polynomial

$$p(0) = f(0)$$

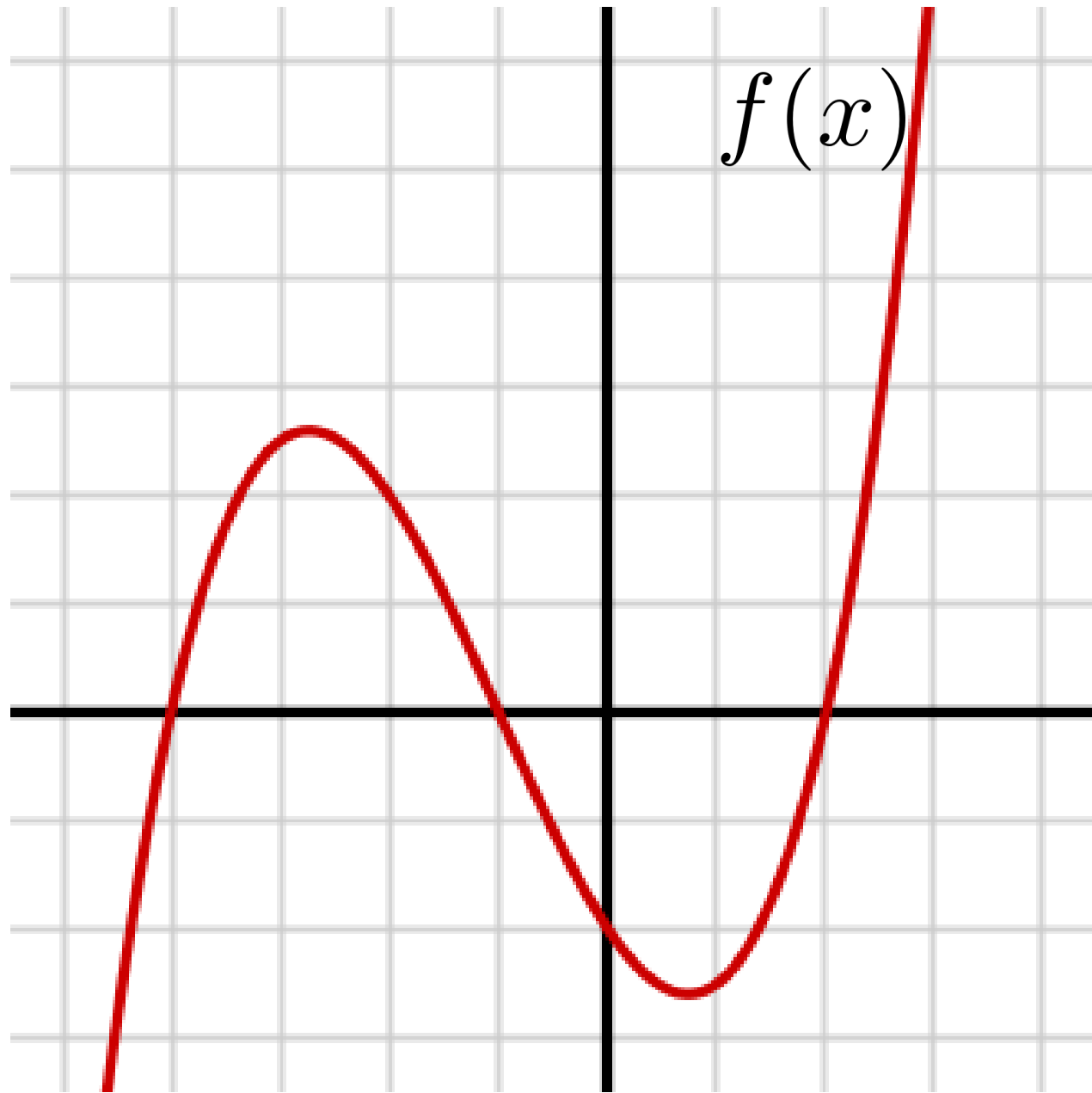
$$p(x) \approx f(0)$$

$$p'(0) = f'(0)$$

$$p(x) \approx f(0) + f'(0)x$$

$$p''(0) = f''(0) \quad p(x) \approx f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{1}{2}f''(0)x^2$$

Function approximation at any constant z



- $f(x)$ is continuous, differentiable at $x=z$
- Approximate with a polynomial

$$p(z) = f(z)$$

$$p(x) \approx f(z)$$

$$p'(z) = f'(z)$$

$$p(x) \approx f(z) + f'(z)(x - z)$$

$$p''(z) = f''(z)$$

$$p(x) \approx f(z) + f'(z)x + \frac{1}{2}f''(z)(x - z)^2$$

Univariate gradient descent

$$p(x) \approx f(z) + f'(z)(x - z)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(w) \approx \mathcal{L}(z) + \mathcal{L}'(z)(w - z)$$

$$w \rightarrow z; \quad w - z = s$$

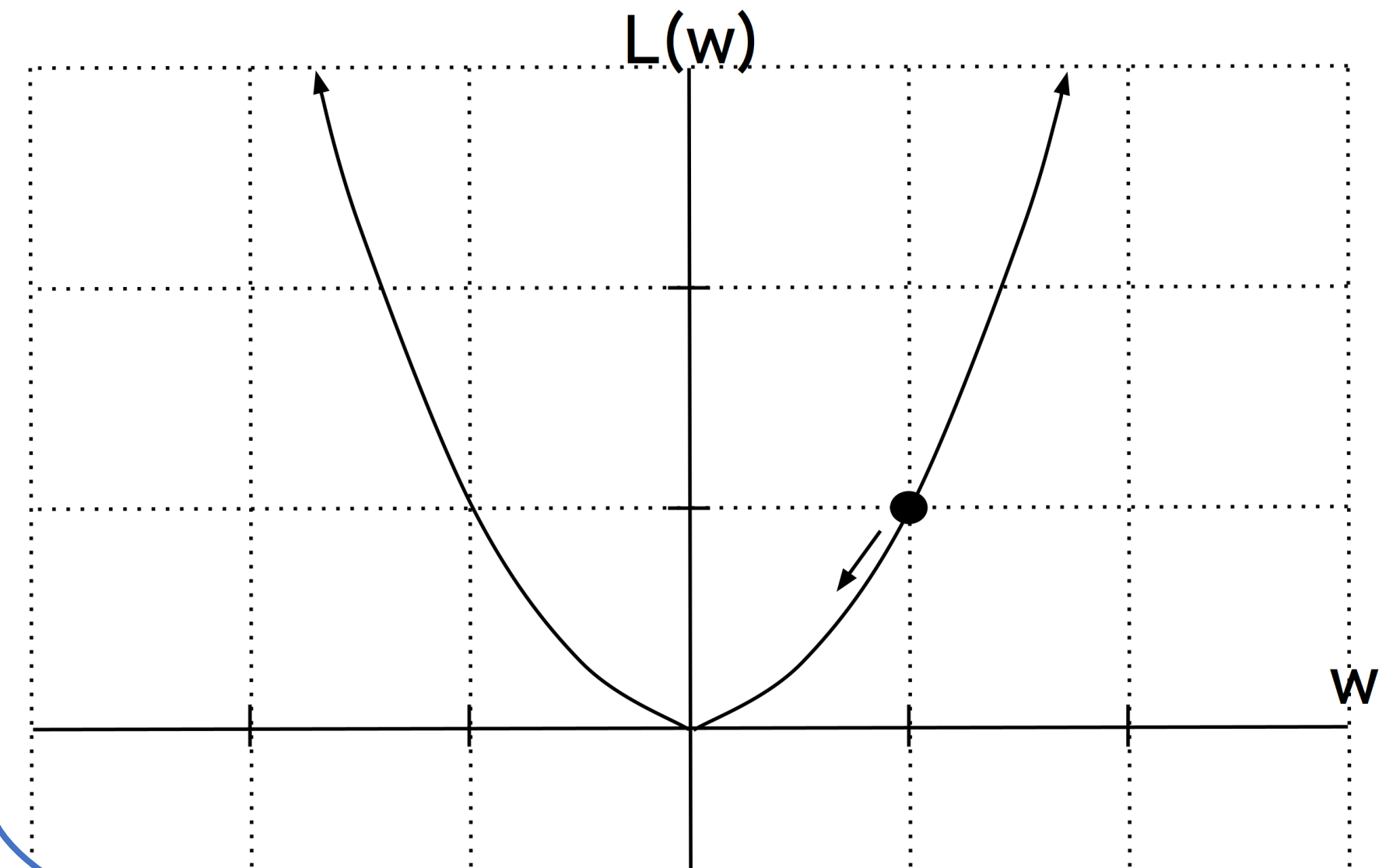
$$\underbrace{\mathcal{L}(z + s)}_{w_{\text{new}}} \approx \underbrace{\mathcal{L}(z)}_{w_{\text{old}}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{L}'(z)}_{w_{\text{old}}} s$$

$$s = -\alpha \mathcal{L}'(w)$$

$$w_{\text{new}} = w_{\text{old}} - \alpha \mathcal{L}'(w_{\text{old}})$$

$$\mathcal{L}(w_{\text{new}}) \approx \mathcal{L}(w_{\text{old}}) - \alpha \mathcal{L}'(w_{\text{old}})^2 < \mathcal{L}(w_{\text{old}})$$

**Less than holds only
for convex function**

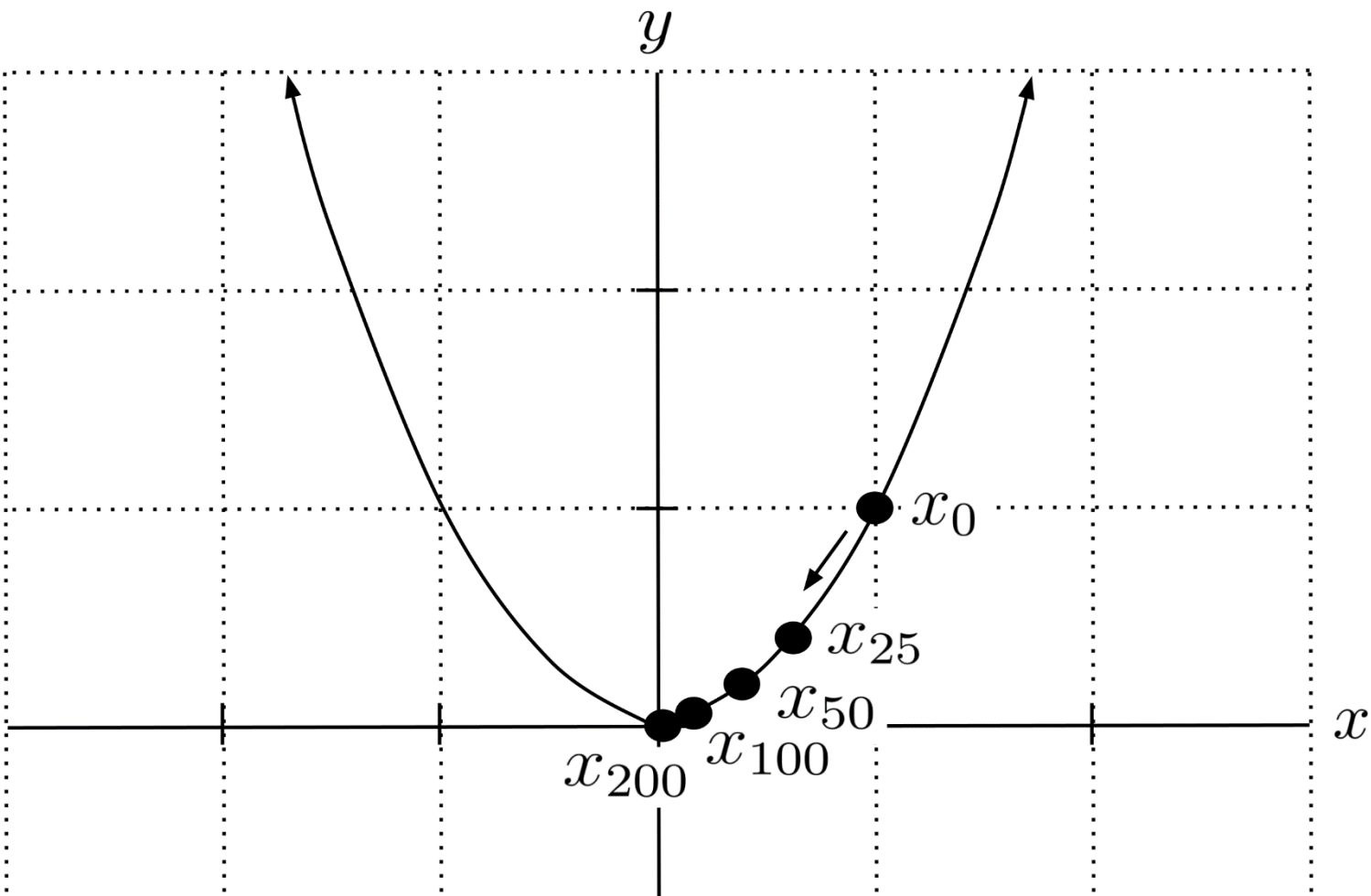


Univariate gradient descent example

$$w_{new} = w_{old} - \alpha \mathcal{L}'(w_{old})$$

$$\alpha = 0.01$$

$$\mathcal{L}(w_{new}) \approx \mathcal{L}(w_{old}) - \alpha \mathcal{L}'(w_{old})^2$$

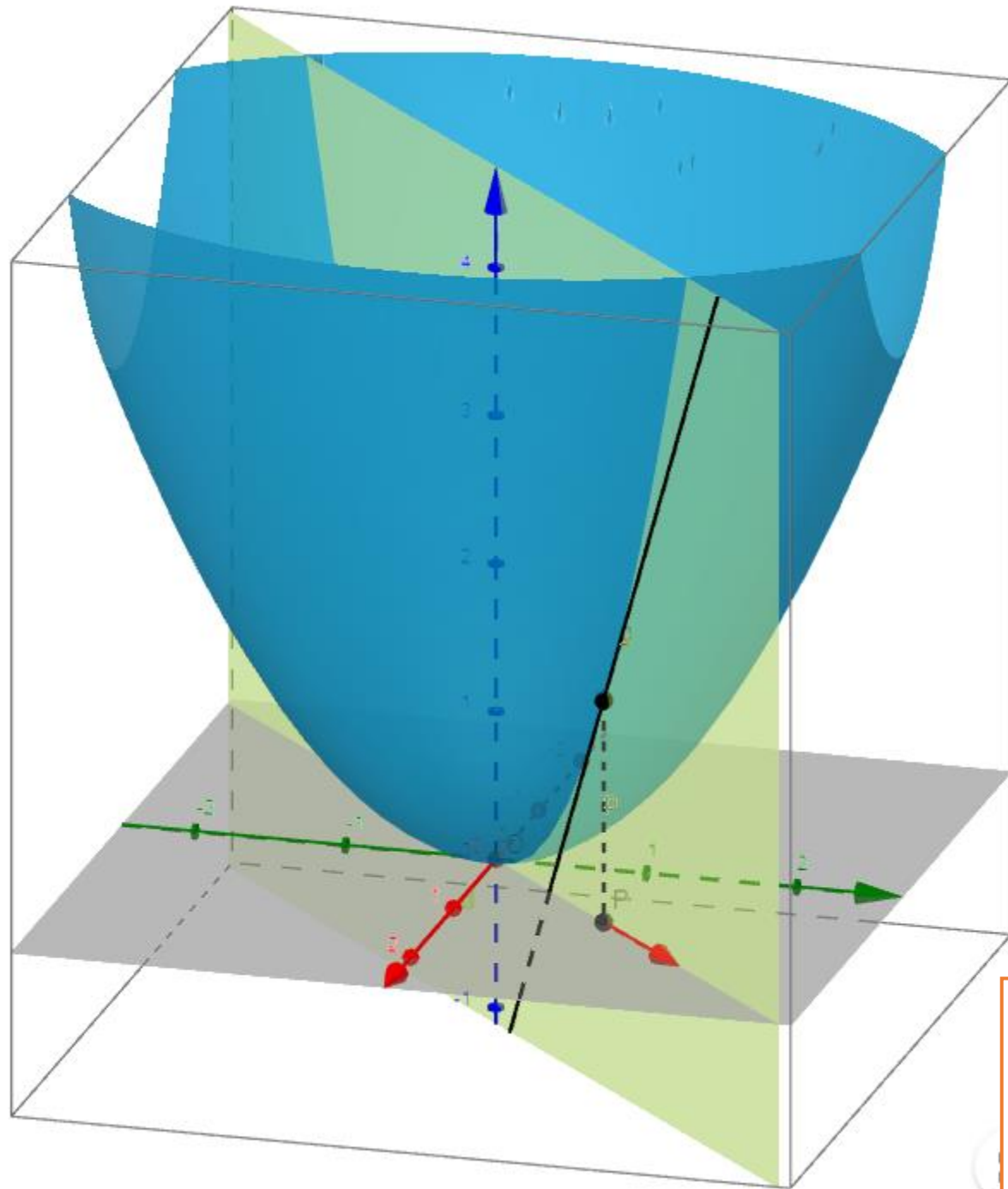


n	w_n	$\mathcal{L}'(w_n)$	$\alpha \mathcal{L}'(w_n)$
0	1	2	0.02
1	0.98	1.96	0.0196
2	0.9604	1.9208	0.019208
3	0.941192	1.882384	0.018824
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
25	0.603465	1.206929	0.012069
50	0.364170	0.728339	0.007283
100	0.132620	0.265239	0.002652
200	0.017588	0.035176	0.000352
300	0.002333	0.004665	0.000047
400	0.000309	0.000619	0.000006



Taylor's approximation & gradient descent in multiple variables

Multivariate calculus refresher



$$y = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) : \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}$$

- What is partial derivative?
- What is directional derivative (aka slope)?

**Max value
when theta = 0**

**Gradient: Direction
of steepest ascent**

$$D_{\vec{u}} f(a, b) = (\nabla f)^T \vec{u}$$

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \right|_{(a,b)} \\ \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \right|_{(a,b)} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Negative
gradient:
Direction of
steepest descent**

Multivariate function approximation at any constant z

- $f(x)$ is multivariate continuous, differentiable at $x=z$

$$p(x) \approx f(z) + f'(z)(x - z)$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad z = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix} \quad p(x) \approx f(z) + \frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial x_1}(x - z) + \frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial x_2}(x - z) + \dots + \frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial x_n}(x - z)$$

$$p(x) \approx f(z) + \nabla f(z)^T (x - z)$$

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

You have to remember this

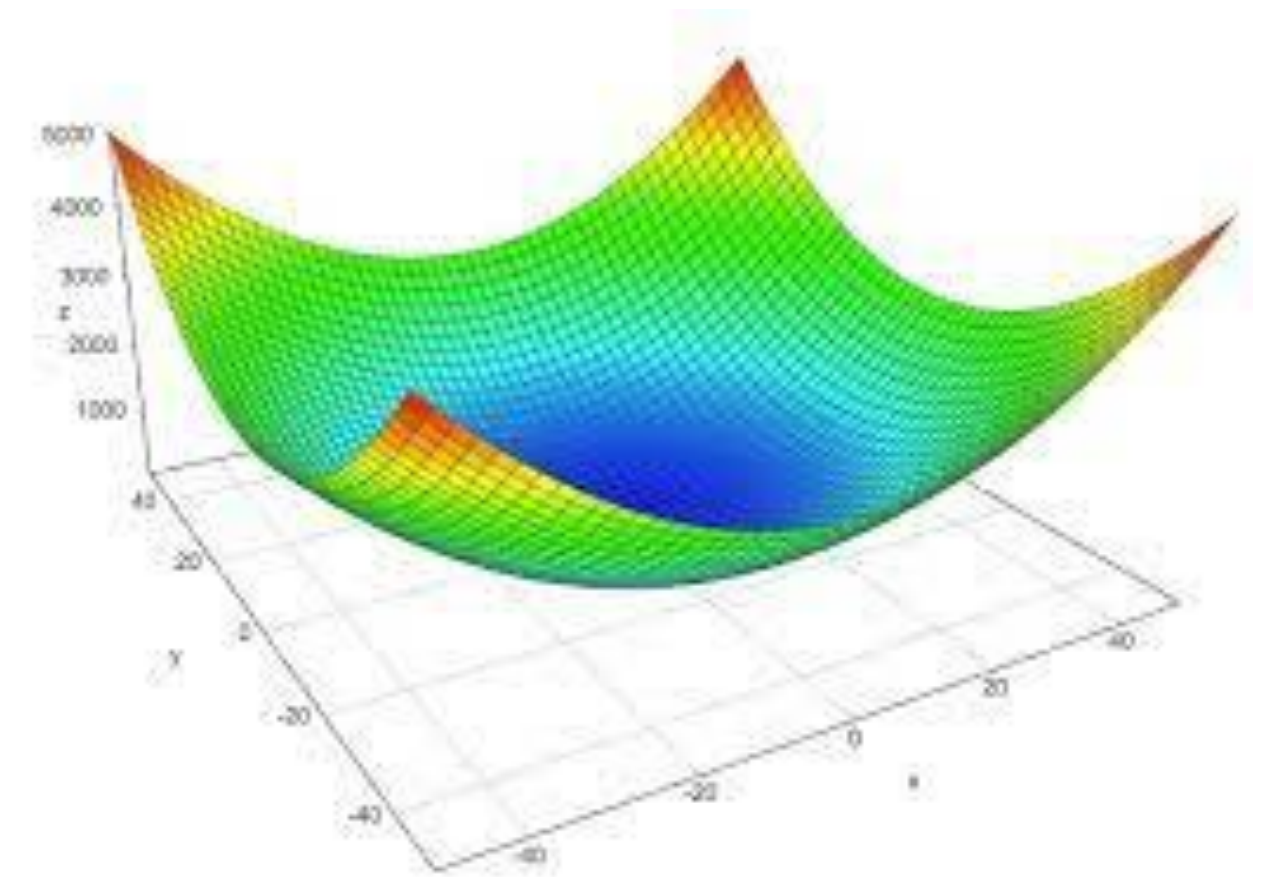
Multivariate gradient descent with first order approx.

$$p(x) \approx f(z) + \nabla f(z)^T (x - z)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}) \approx \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{z}) + \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{z})^T (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{z})$$

$$w \rightarrow z; \quad w - z = s$$

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{L}(z + s)}_{w_{new}} \approx \underbrace{\mathcal{L}(z)}_{w_{old}} + \nabla \mathcal{L}(\underbrace{z}_{w_{old}})^T s$$



$$s = -\alpha \nabla \mathcal{L}(w)$$

$$w_{new} = w_{old} - \alpha \nabla \mathcal{L}(w_{old})$$

$$\mathcal{L}(w_{new}) \approx \mathcal{L}(w_{old}) - \alpha \nabla \mathcal{L}(w_{old})^T \nabla \mathcal{L}(w_{old})$$

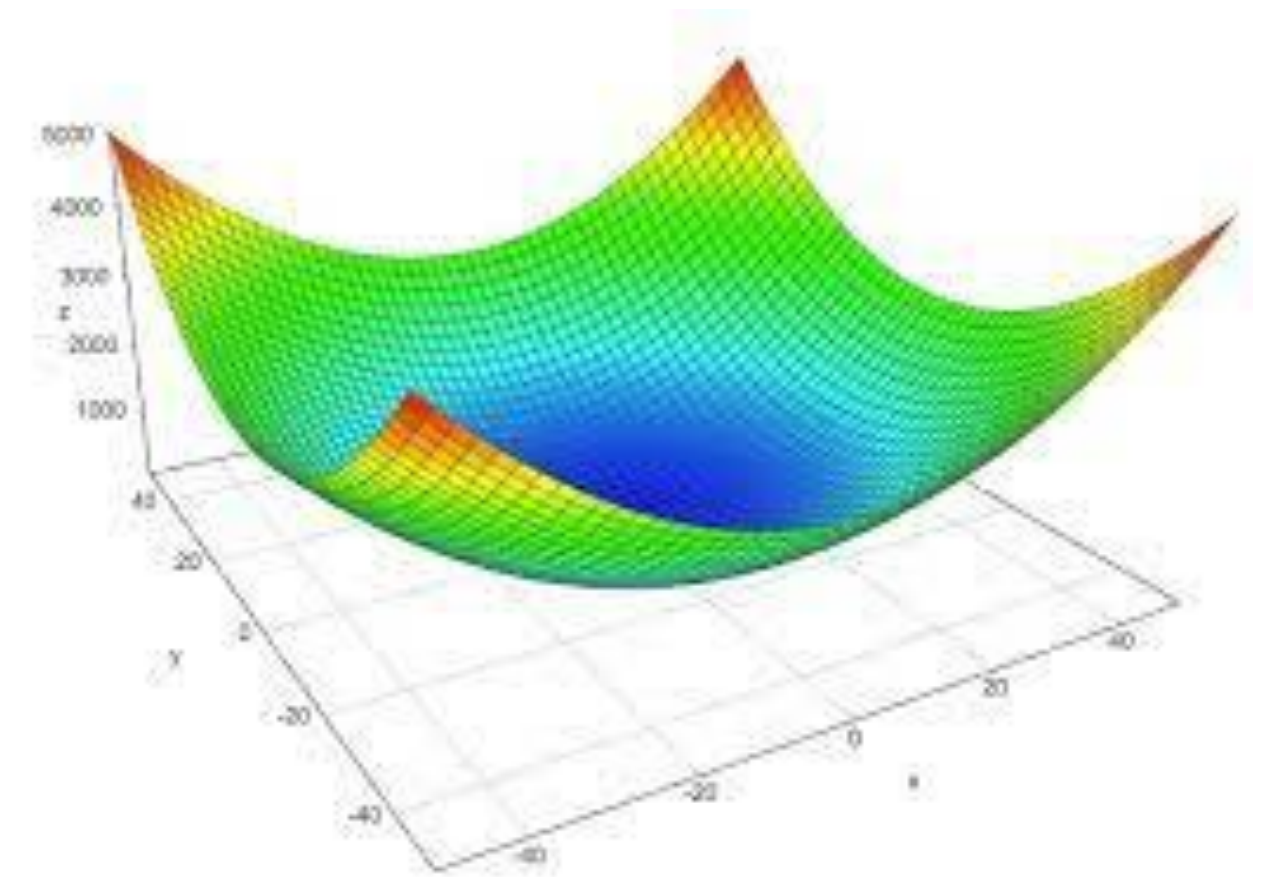
Newton's method: second order approximation

$$p(x) \approx f(z) + f'(z)x + \frac{1}{2}f''(z)(x - z)^2$$

$$p(x) \approx f(z) + \nabla f(z)^T (x - z) + \frac{1}{2}(w - z)^T \mathbf{H}(w - z)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}) \approx \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{z}) + \nabla \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{z})^T (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{z}) + \frac{1}{2}(w - z)^T \mathbf{H}(w - z)$$

$$w \rightarrow z; \quad w - z = s$$



$$H(\mathbf{w}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial w_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial w_1 \partial w_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial w_1 \partial w_n} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial w_n \partial w_1} & \cdots & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial w_n^2} \end{pmatrix},$$



QUESTIONS



Thank You!