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from sympy import symbols, diff
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↳ Amazing module for handling math.

↳ Use this with Python functions to turn them into ~~late~~ formulas

↳ Together with "symbols", this can differentiate from within your code.

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a, b = symbols('x, y')
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f(a, b) # Returns the late function
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diff(f(a, b), a) # Returns the derivative  
                  ↳ with respect to "x".
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↳ Here "a" will represent "x" and "b" will represent "y".

To evaluate a derivative at a given point:

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diff(f(a, b), a).evalf(sub={a: 1.8, b: 1.0})
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you pass in
the key-value
pairs to substitute

↳ To avoid writing this awfully long code every time, we can move this into a function to evaluate it in a easier way:

$dfx = \text{lambdify}(\underbrace{[a, b]}_{\text{Iterable}}, \underbrace{\text{diff}(f(a, b), a)}_{\text{Expression}})$

↳ Now you can easily call it directly

$dfx(1.8, 1.0)$

I initially thought lambdify wouldn't make much of a difference.
I was wrong!

10k iterations with lambdify is way faster than 1000 differentiating every time (in the gradient descent algorithm).