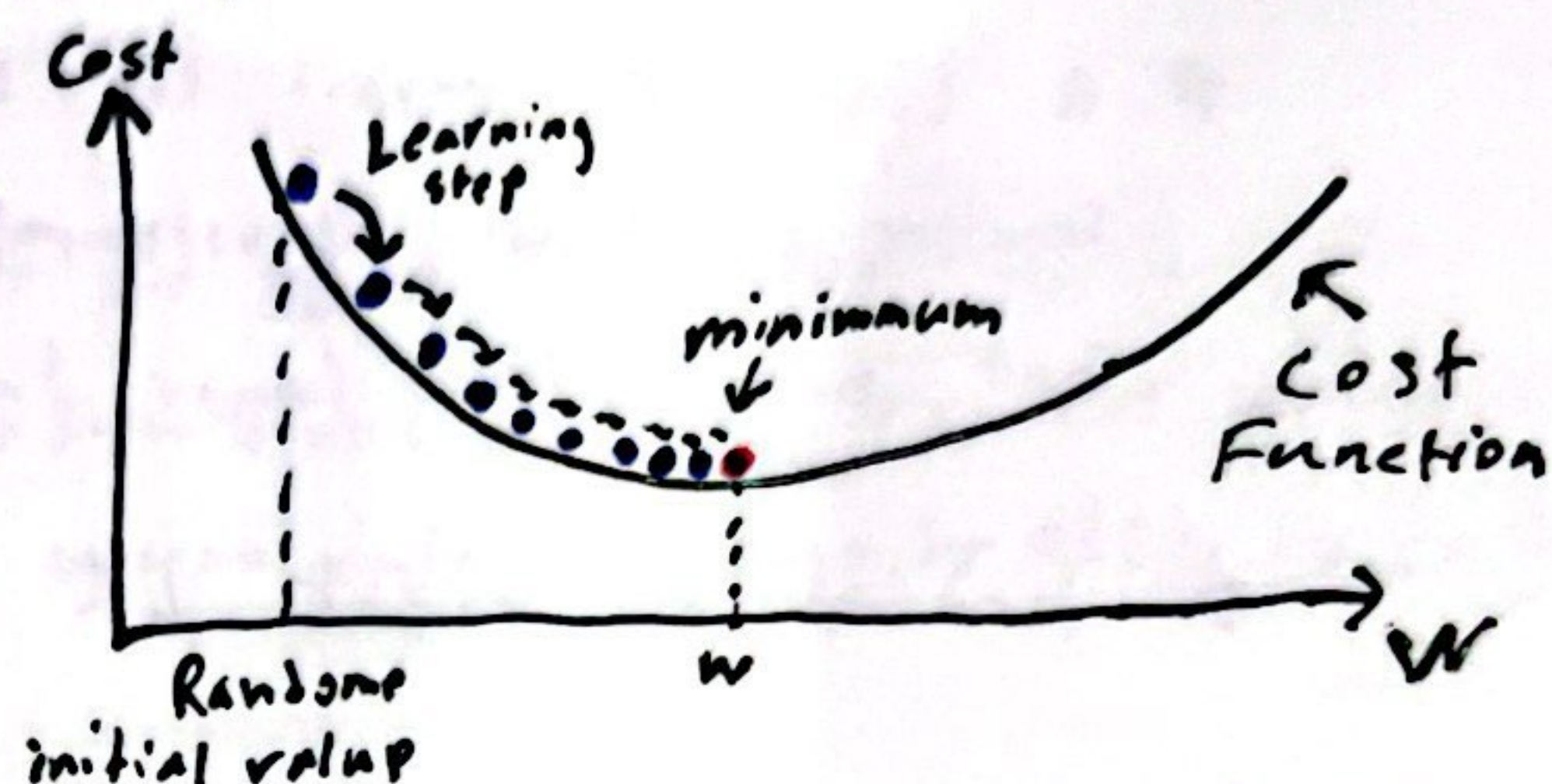


Gradient Descent (Basic)

- a very important optimization algorithm used to train ML models by iteratively adjusting model parameters to minimize errors

★ it is one of the main methods of minimizing cost functions like a hiker trying to find the lowest point in a valley by always stepping in the steepest downhill direction

★ Gradient Descent calculates the direction in which the model's error decreases most rapidly and updates parameters accordingly



★ How: for each step it computes the gradient, essentially the slope of the error with respect to each parameter then adjust these parameters in the opposite direction of the gradient using the Learning Rate to determine the step size. This process goes on until the model reaches a minimum error or stops improving significantly.

Momentum-Based Gradient Descent

- just like a ball rolling down a hill gradient descent can get stuck in a local minimum. But a real ball has momentum which can help it shoot past local minima helping it find a lower local minimum or the global minimum

★ Since the actual space is large and high dimensional it's very rare to find a global min but we find a local min that's good enough for the model

★ Backpropagation is used to calculate gradients which GD then uses to update model params

