

Lecture 06:

Optimization



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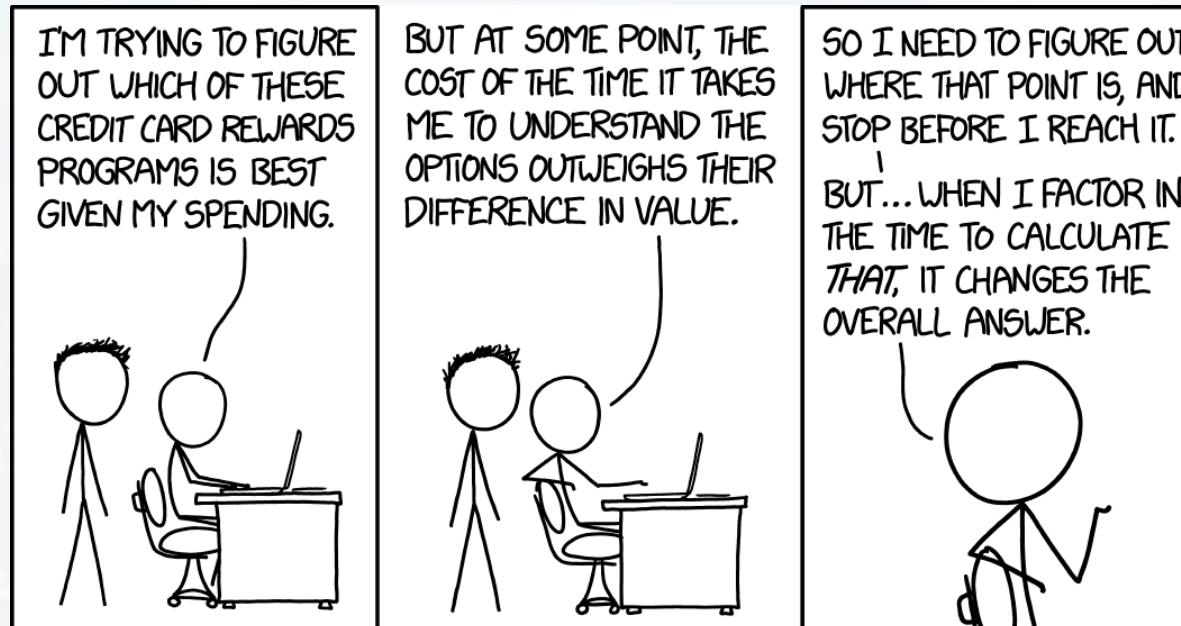
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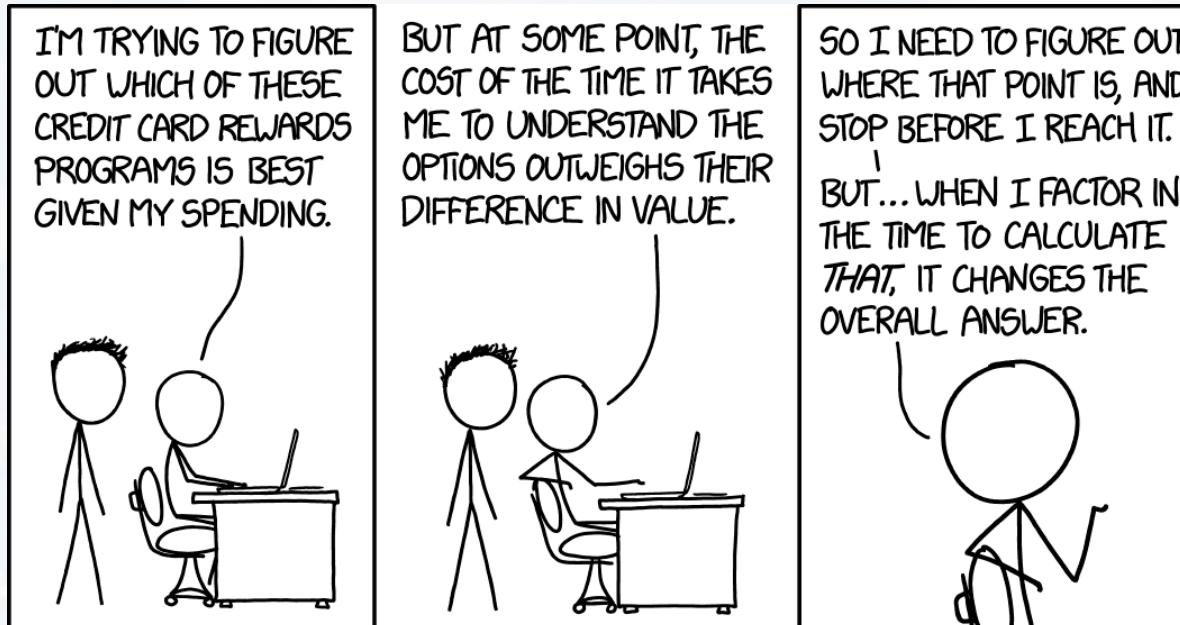


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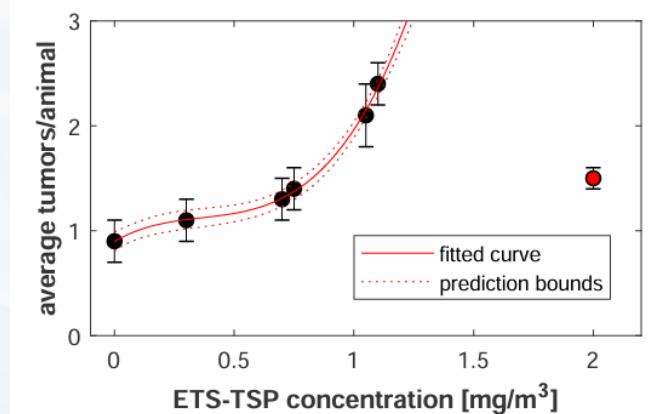
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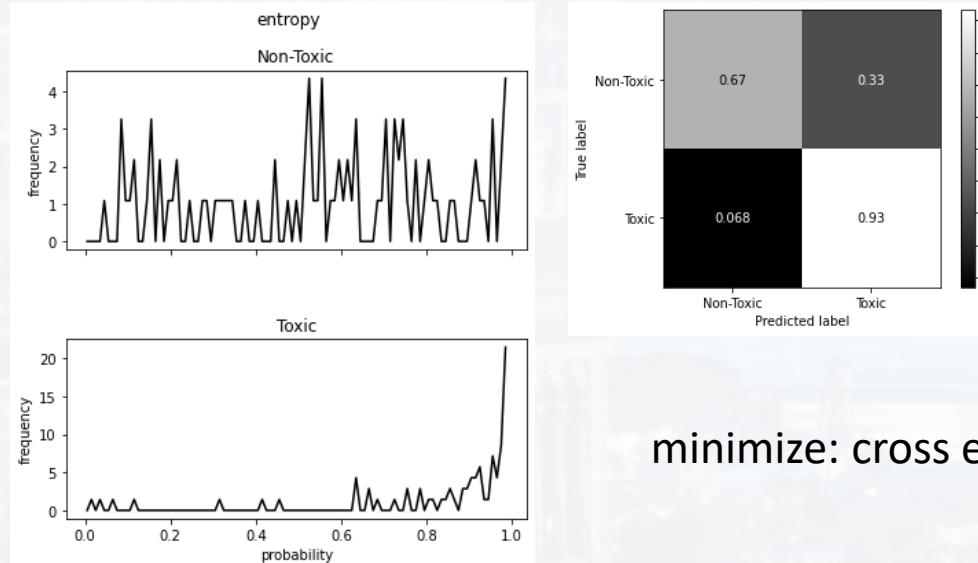
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regression, e. g.
curve fitting



minimize: $\chi^2_{red} = \frac{1}{N - p - 1} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(\hat{y}(model)_i - y_i)^2}{\sigma_i^2}$

classification



maximize: accuracy

minimize: cross entropy

$$S = - \sum_i p(true)_i \cdot \ln p(model)_i$$



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Often, the extreme of the objective function is subject to **constraints**

cross entropy

$$S = - \sum_i p(\text{true})_i \cdot \ln p(\text{model})_i$$

constrain: $\sum_i p_i = 1$

→ Lagrangian Multipliers and variational calculus

→ mathematically: *Free Energy like term = Energy like term – Entropy term*

examples:

- Evidence Lower Bound
- Lasso method (linear regression)
- actual energy → Boltzmann distribution

etc

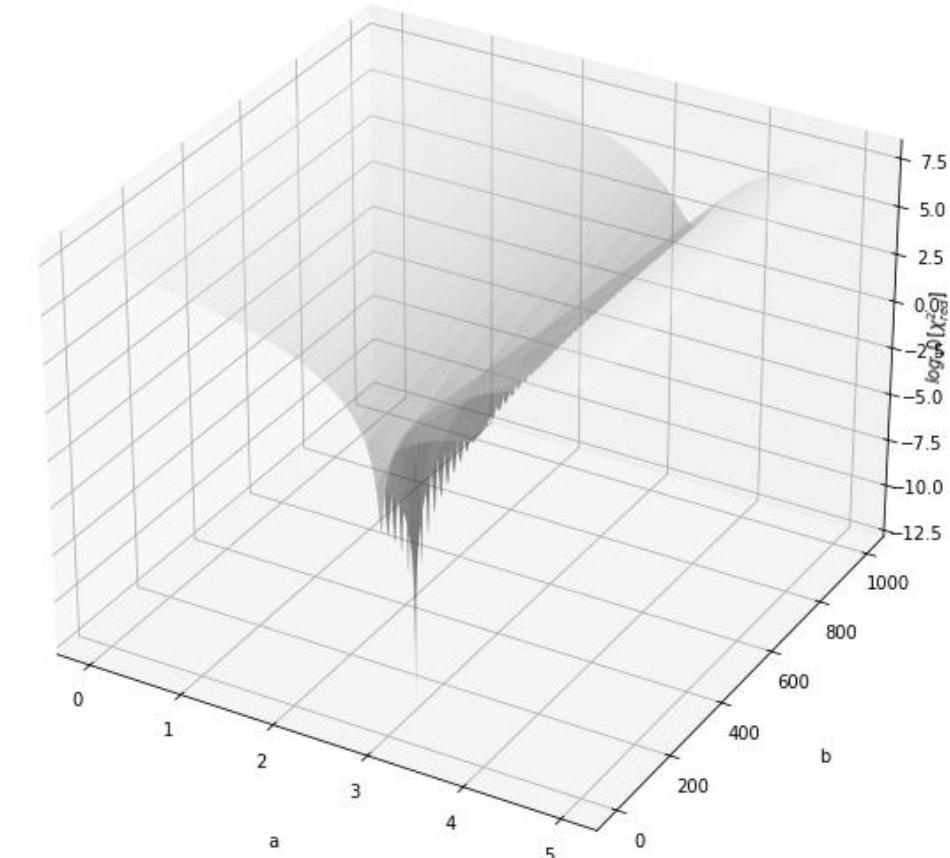


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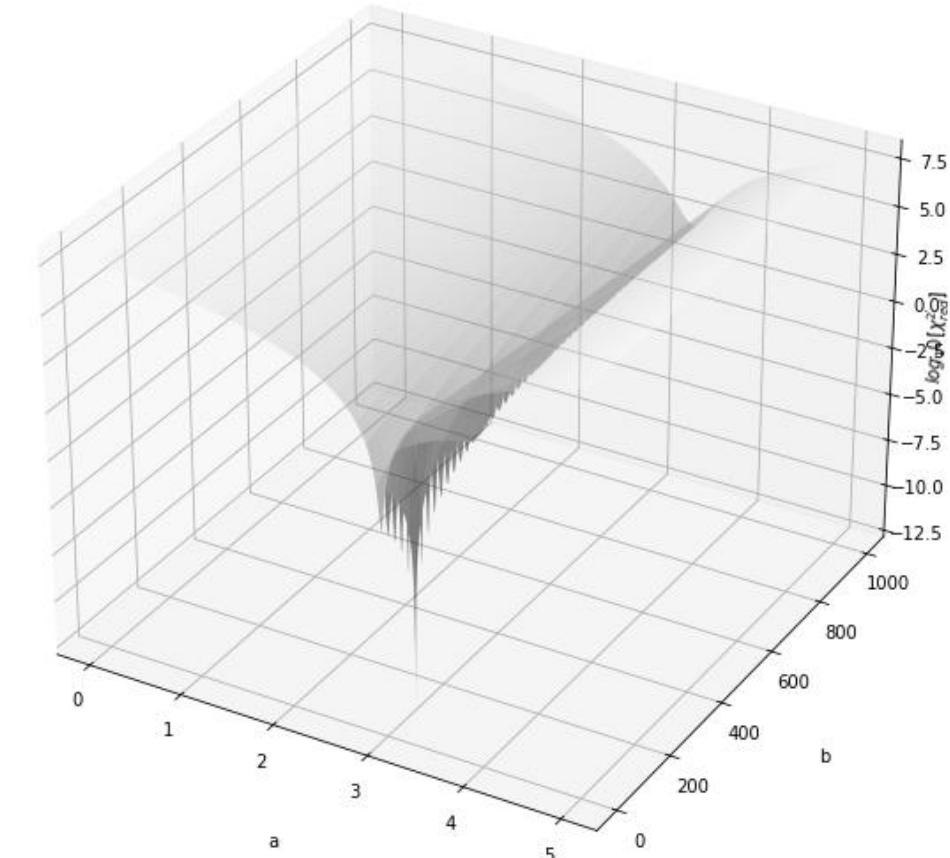


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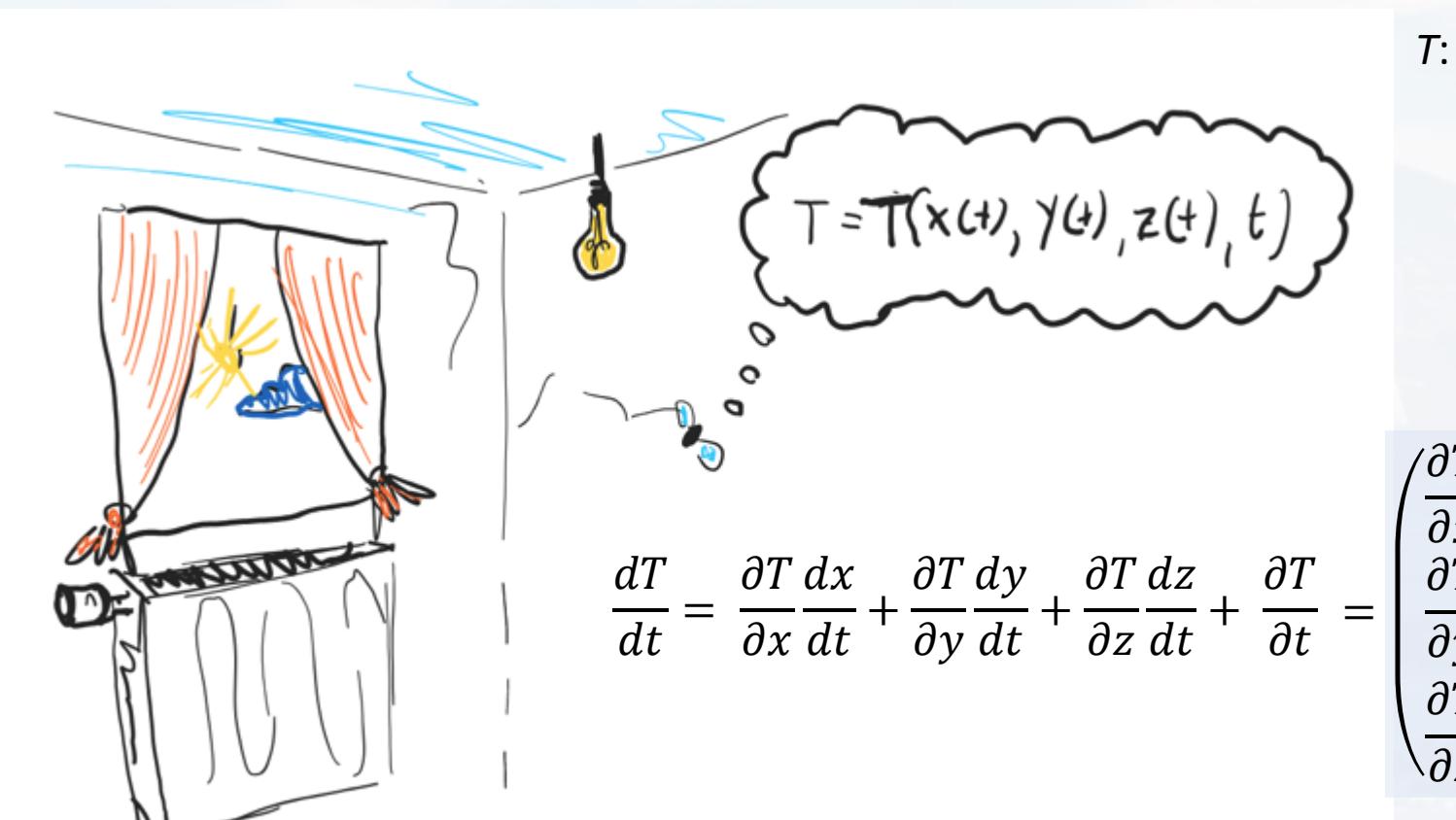




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gradient descent

temperature profile in space and time



T : temperature

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If T doesn't change with time!



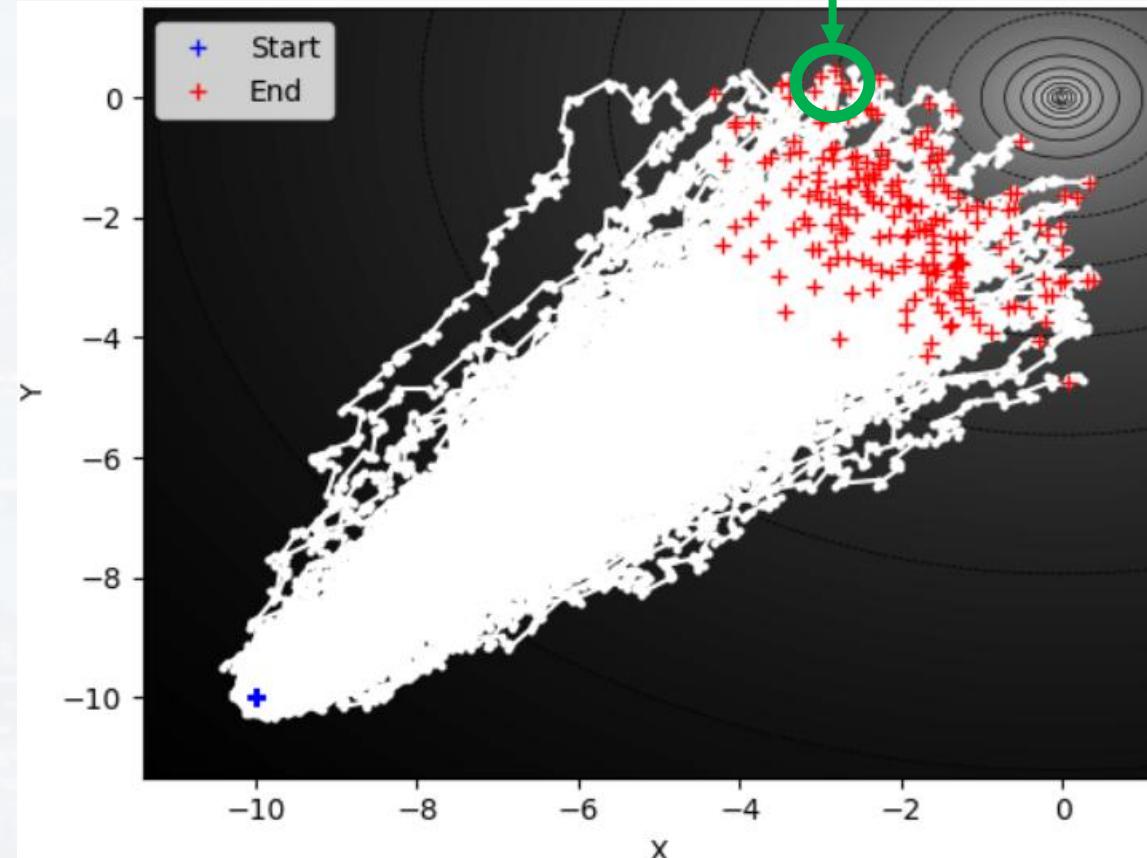
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concentration profile in space and time

E. Coli

c: concentration



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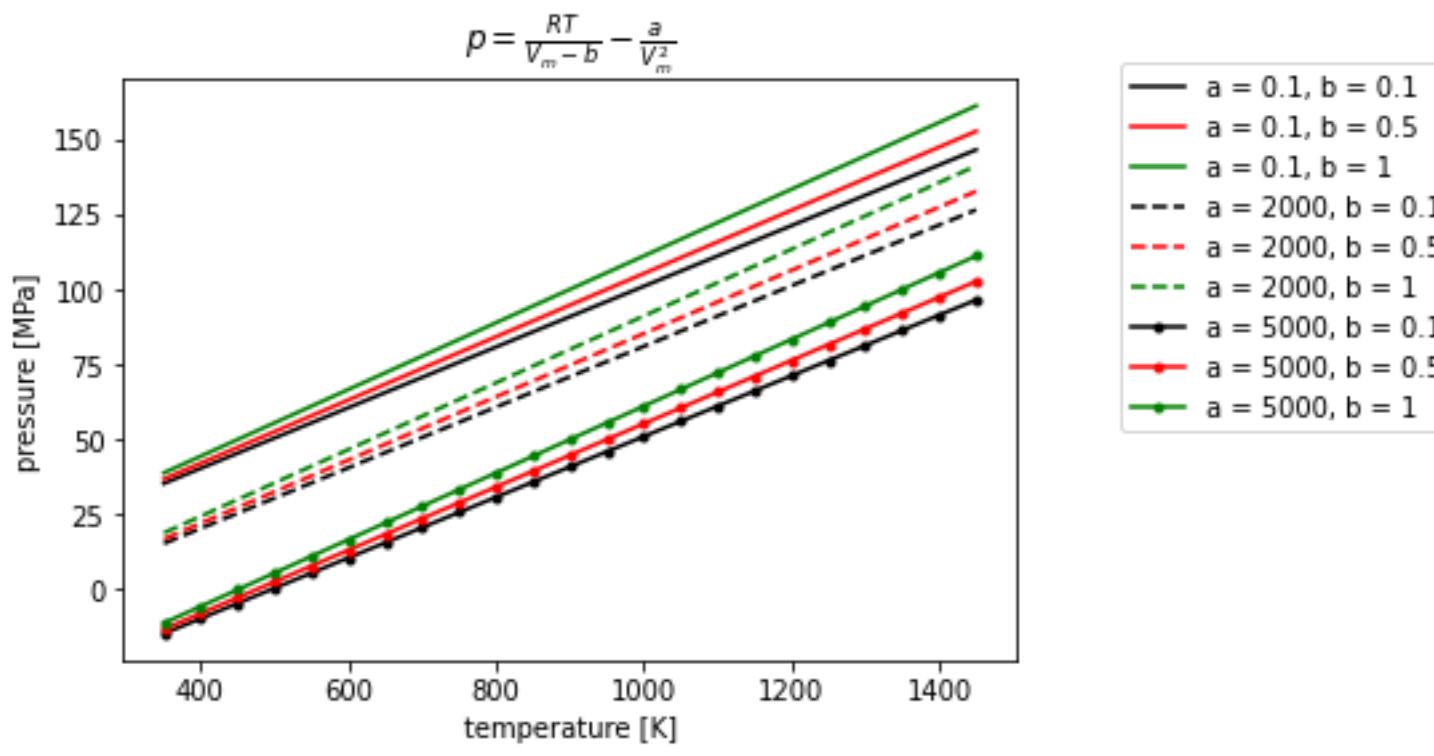
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descent



finding **a** and **b** of
a van-der-Waals gas

if critical points are not
accessible

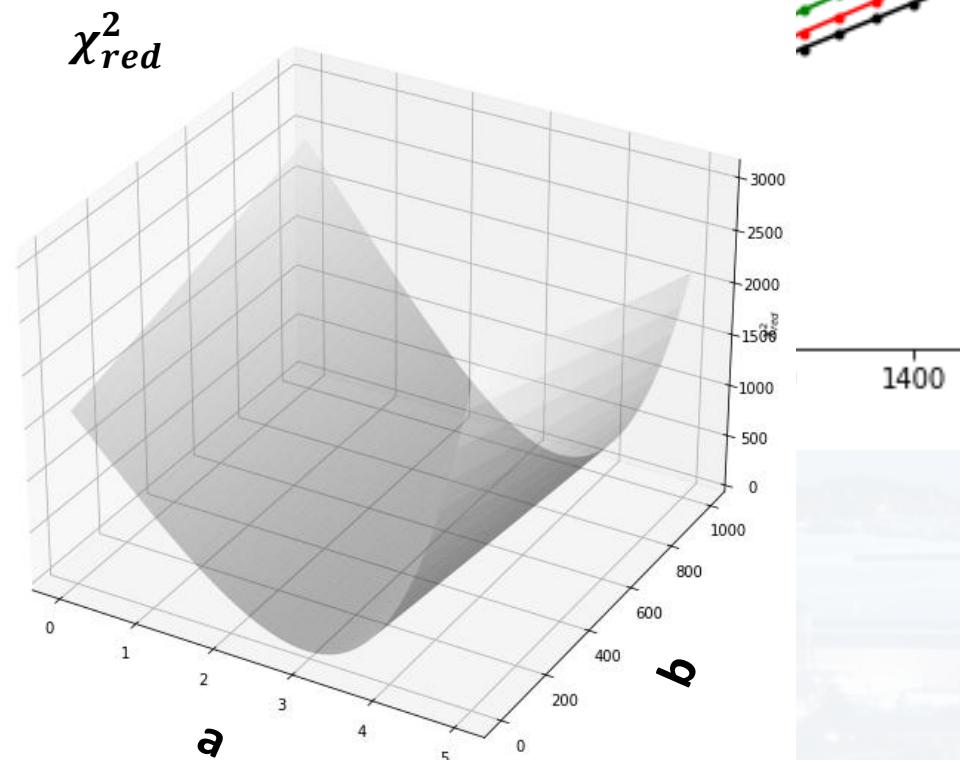
→ fitting curve, finding **a** and **b**



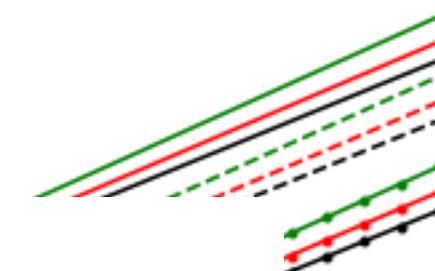
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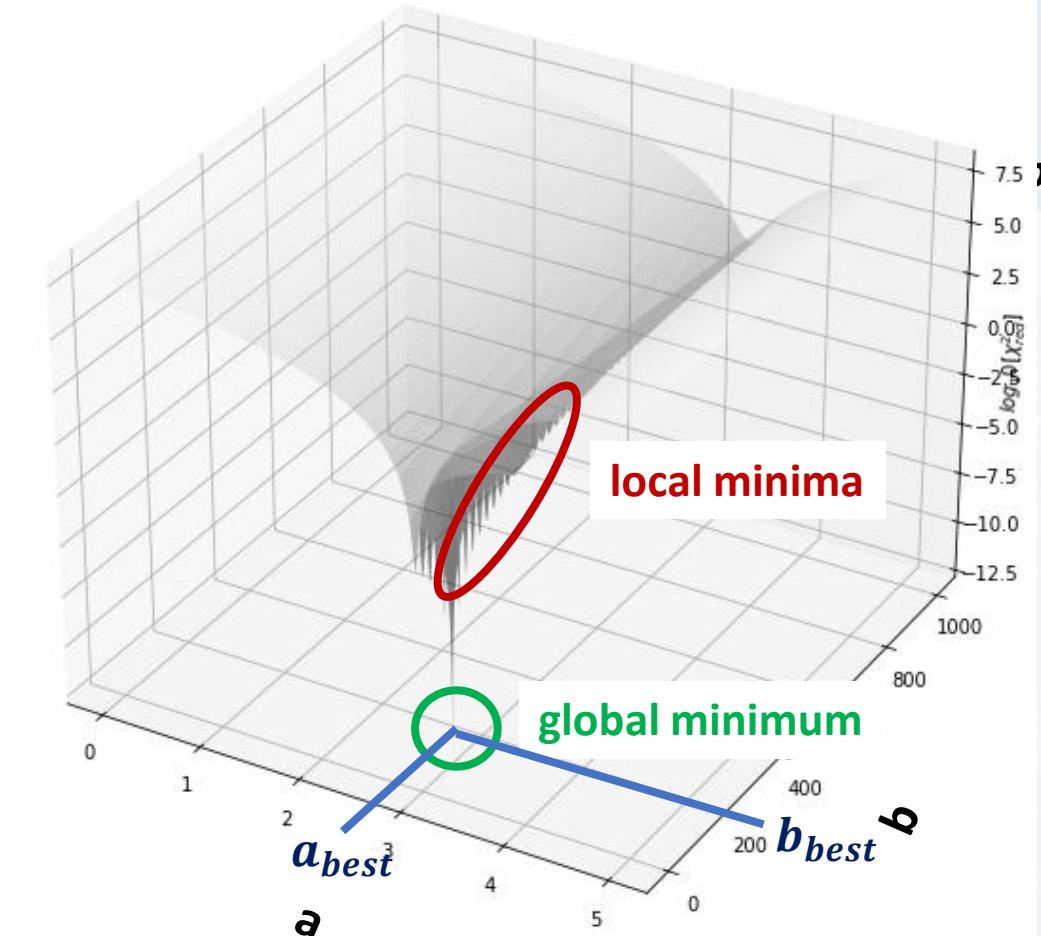
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$$p = \frac{RT}{V_m - b} - \frac{a}{V_m^2}$$



$\log(\chi^2_{red})$



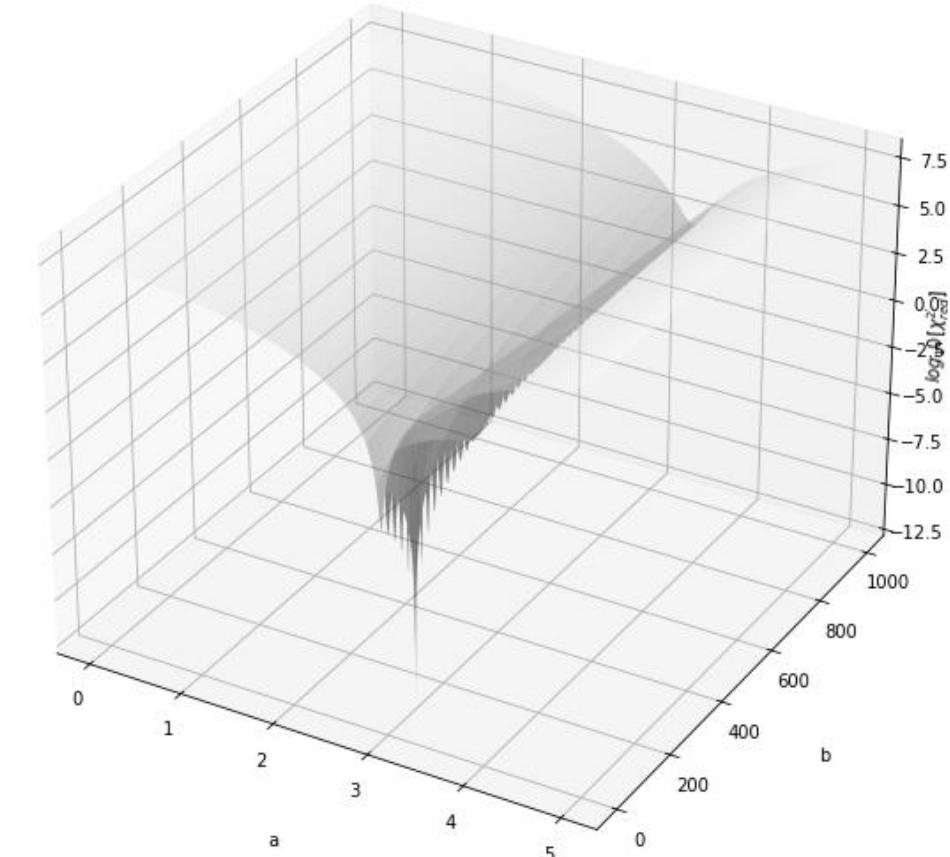


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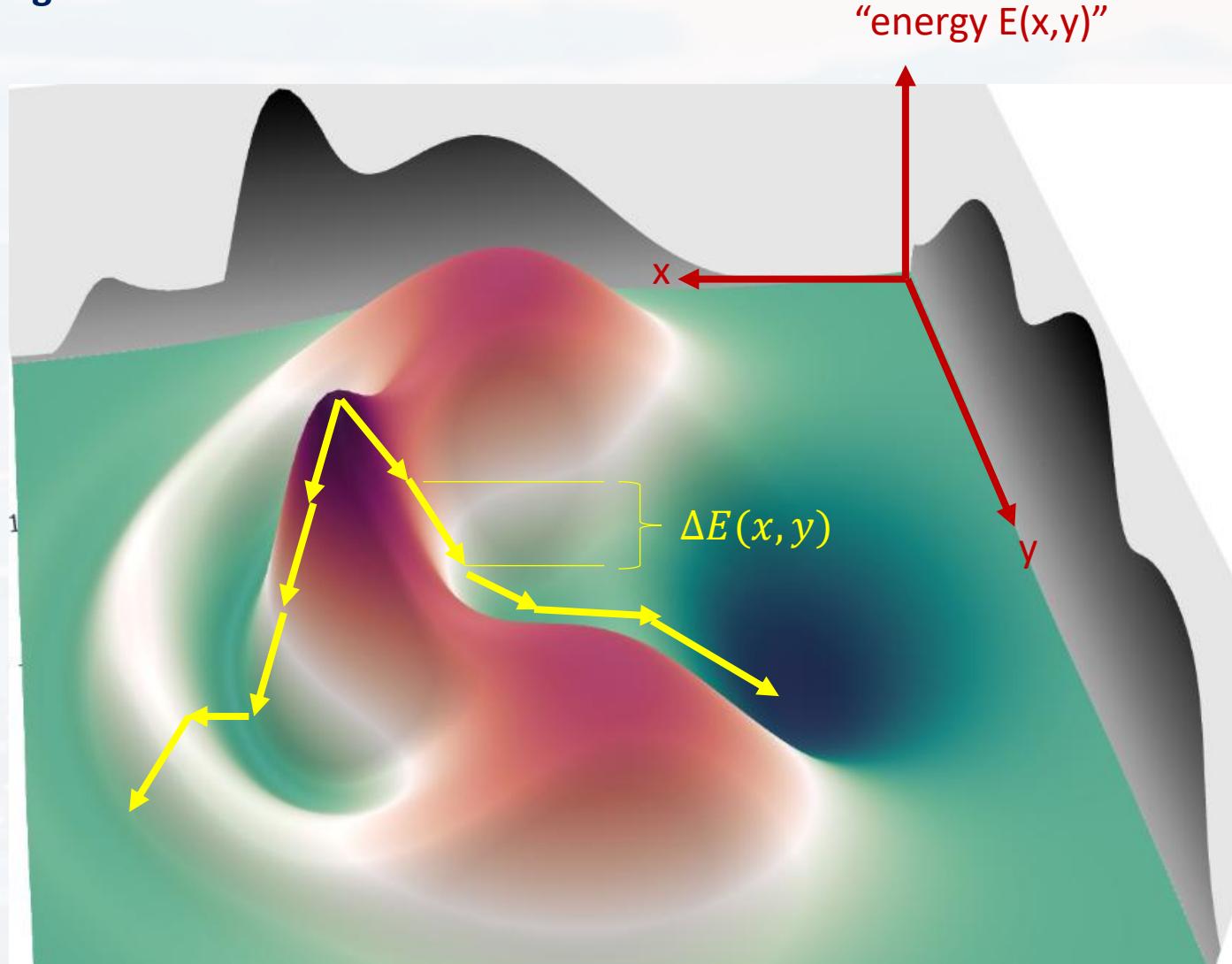
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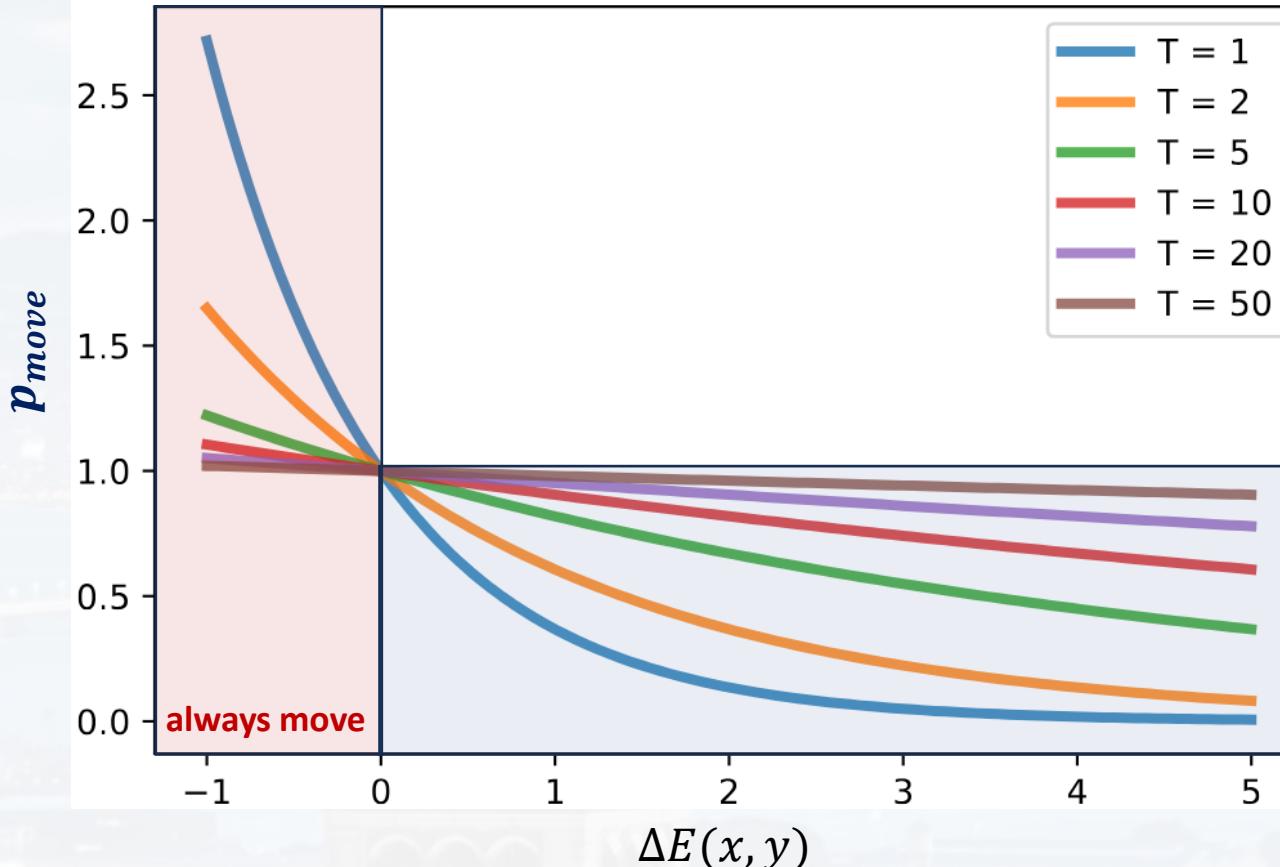
Boltzmann factor

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slowly reducing T → making larger jumps ($\Delta E(x, y)$) less likely over time

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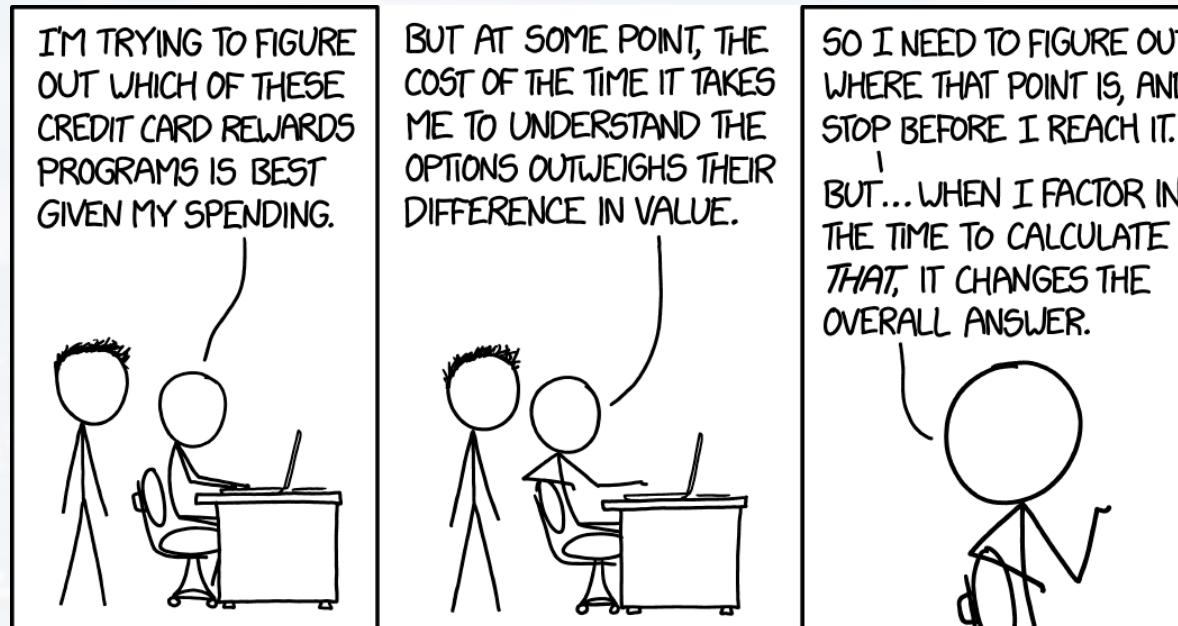
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Metropolis (Chem 273):

- 1) suggest a random move Δx and Δy
- 2) calculate $\Delta E(x, y)$ based on Δx and Δy
- 3) move or not:
 - a) move if $\Delta E(x, y) < 0$
 - b) if $\Delta E(x, y) > 0$
 - draw a **random number ρ** from a **uniform distribution** in the interval **(0, 1)**
 - move if $\rho < \exp\left[-\frac{\Delta E(x,y)}{T}\right]$
- 4) reduce T and repeat



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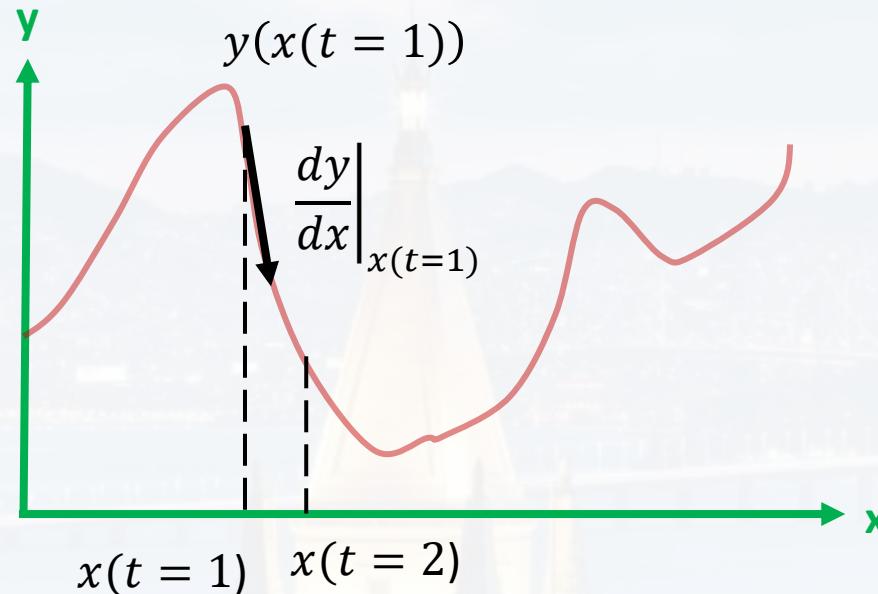


main application: ANN!





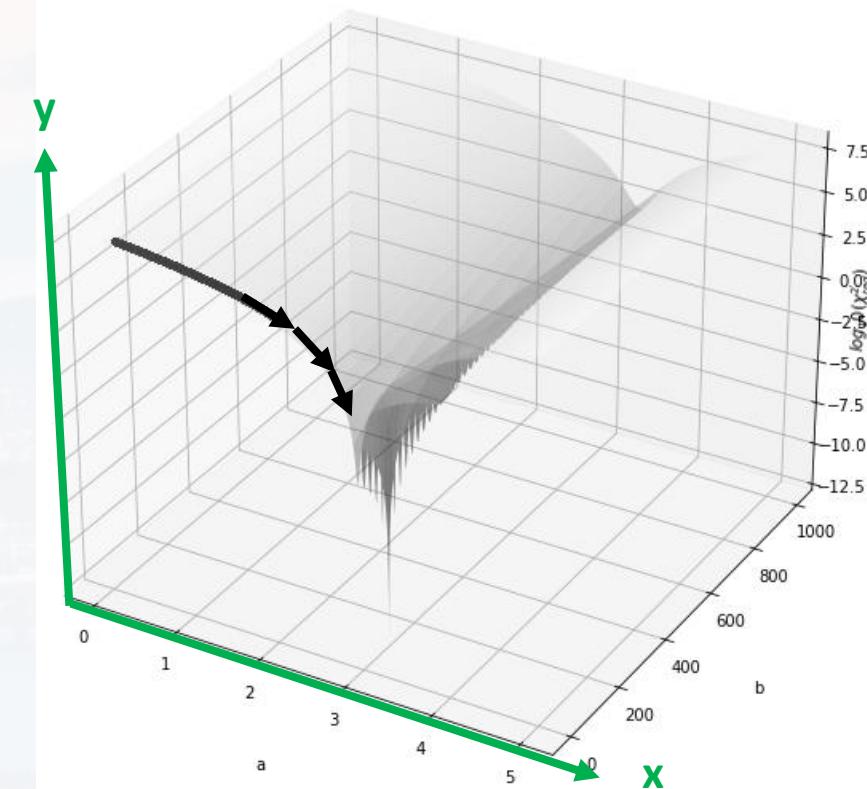
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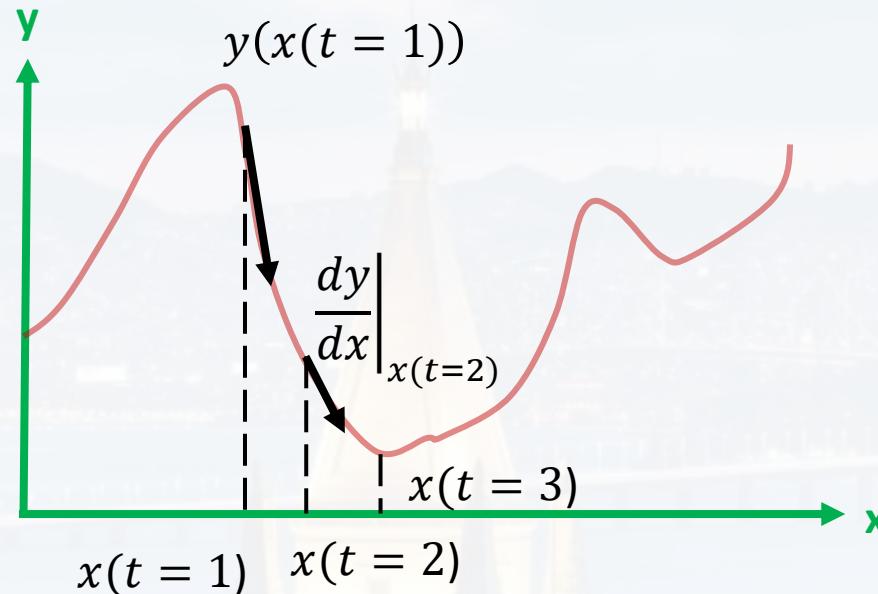
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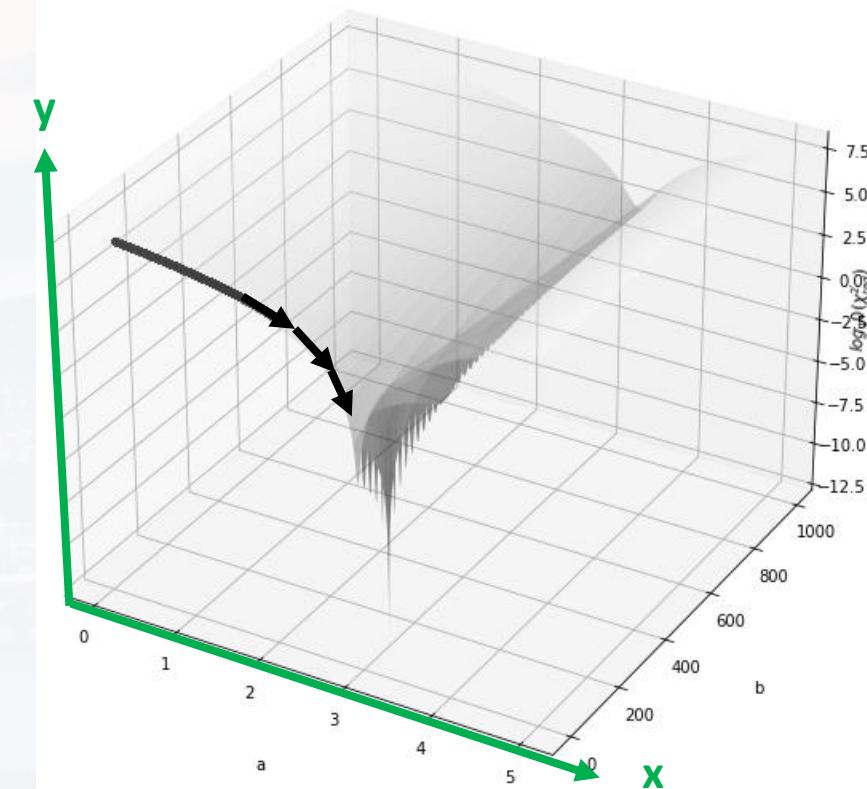
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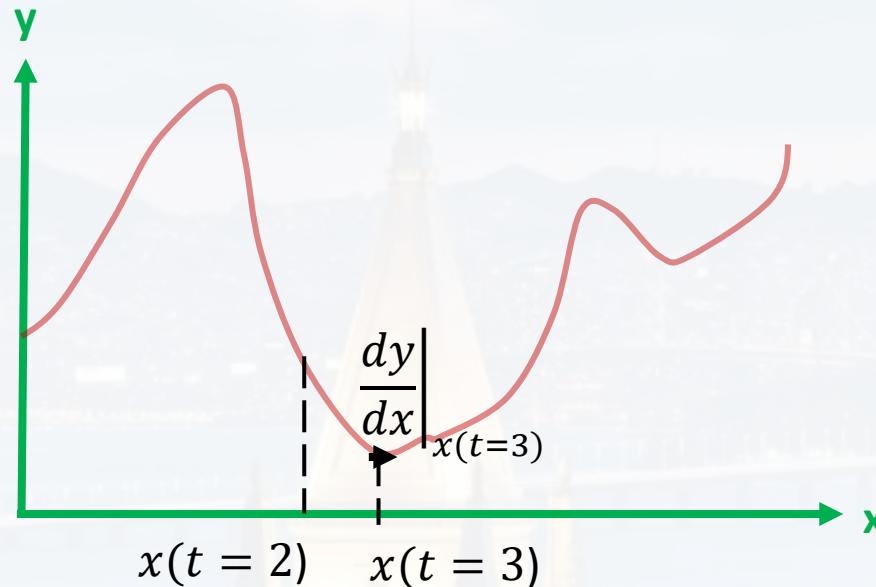
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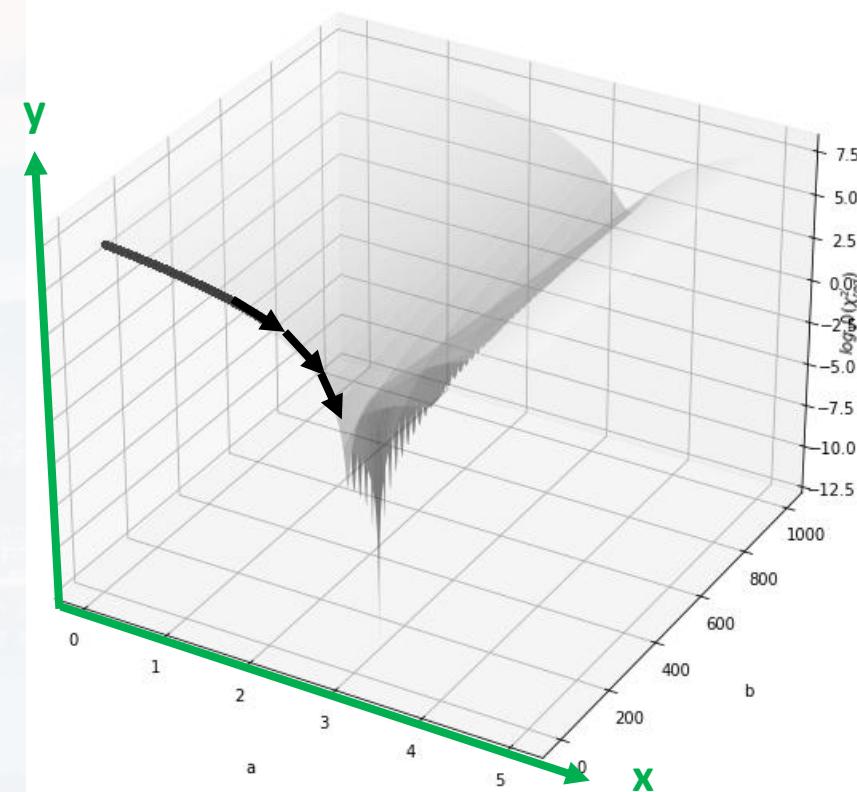
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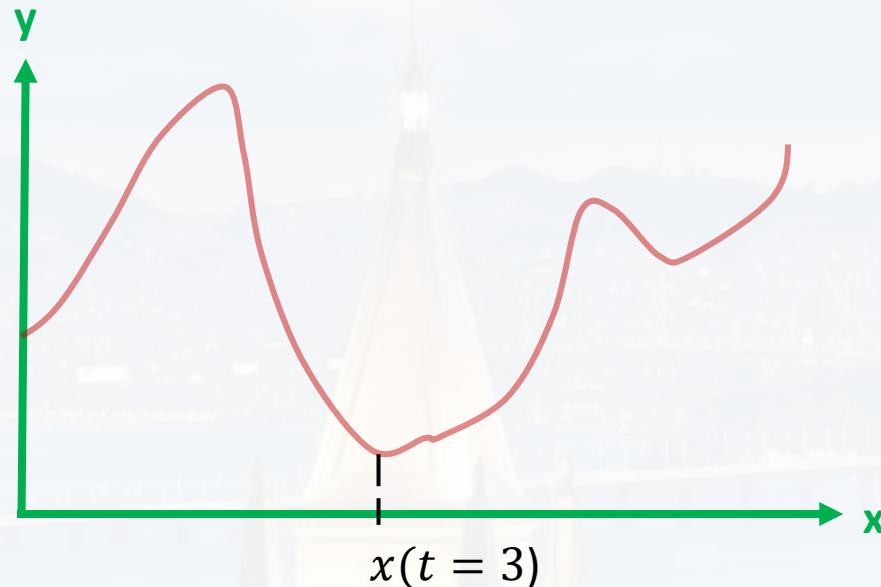
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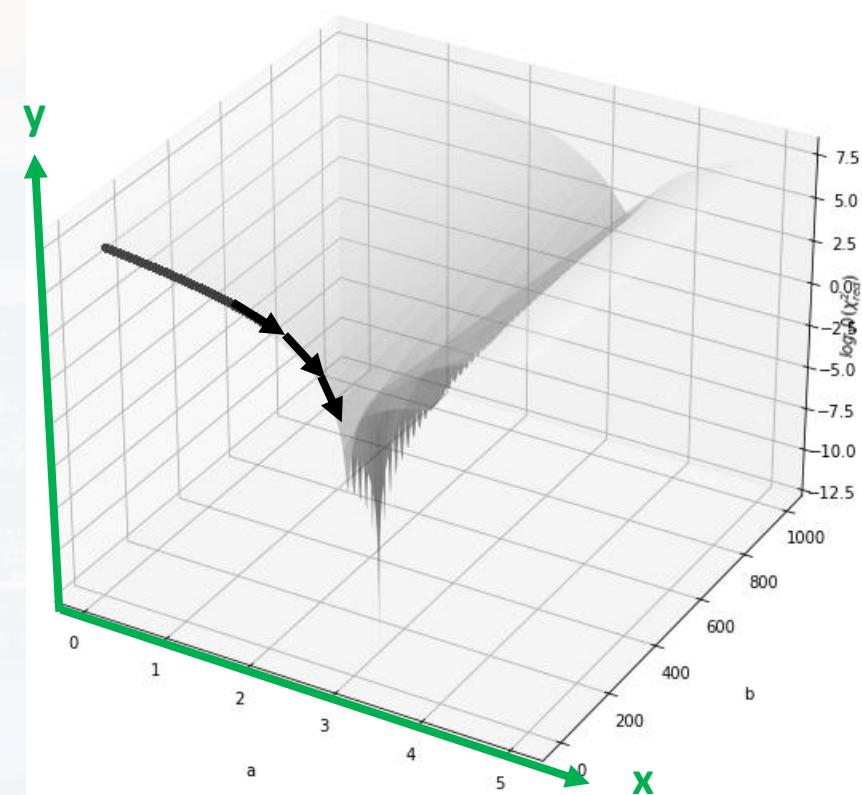
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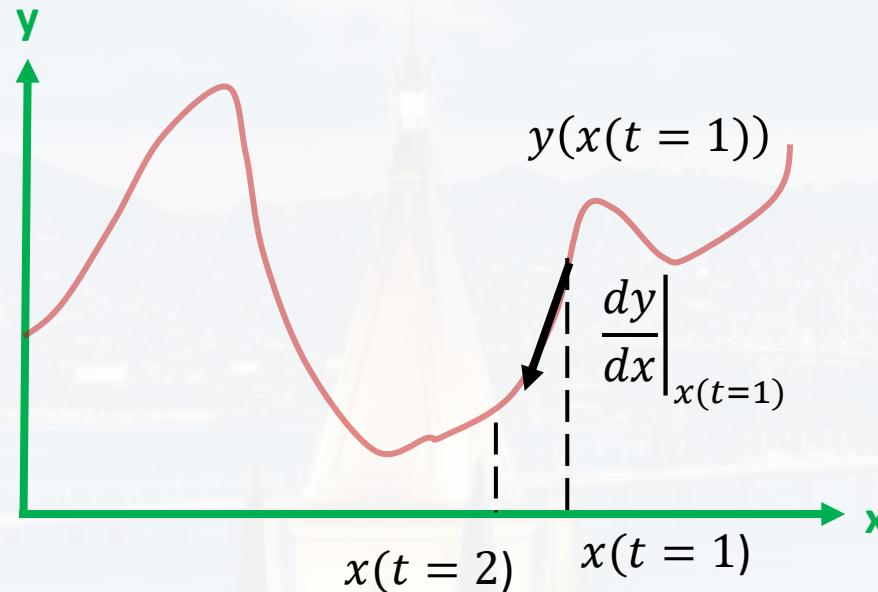
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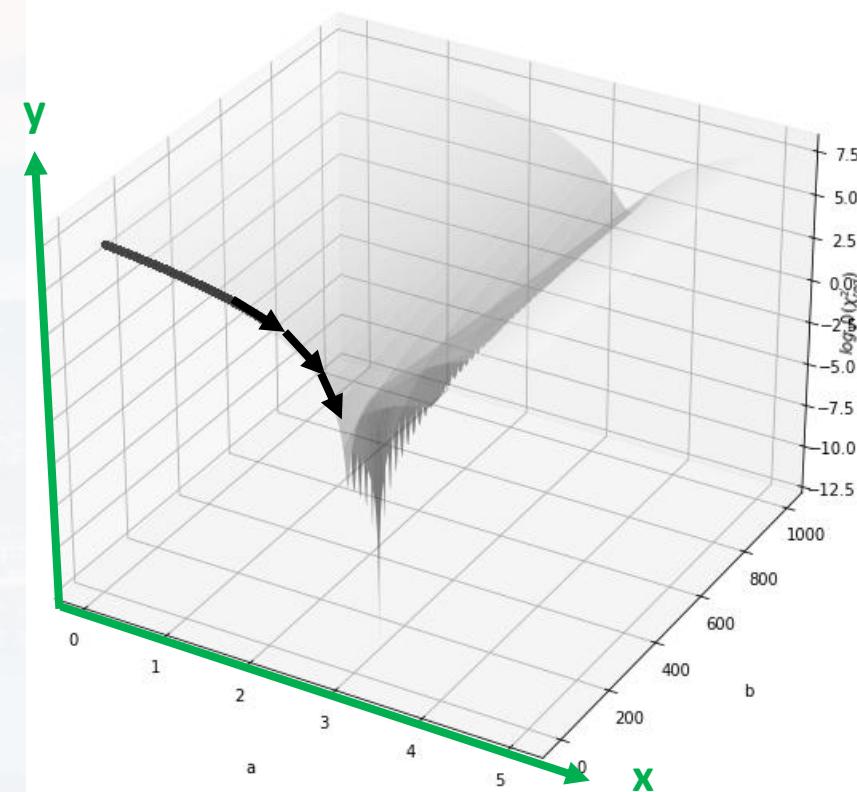
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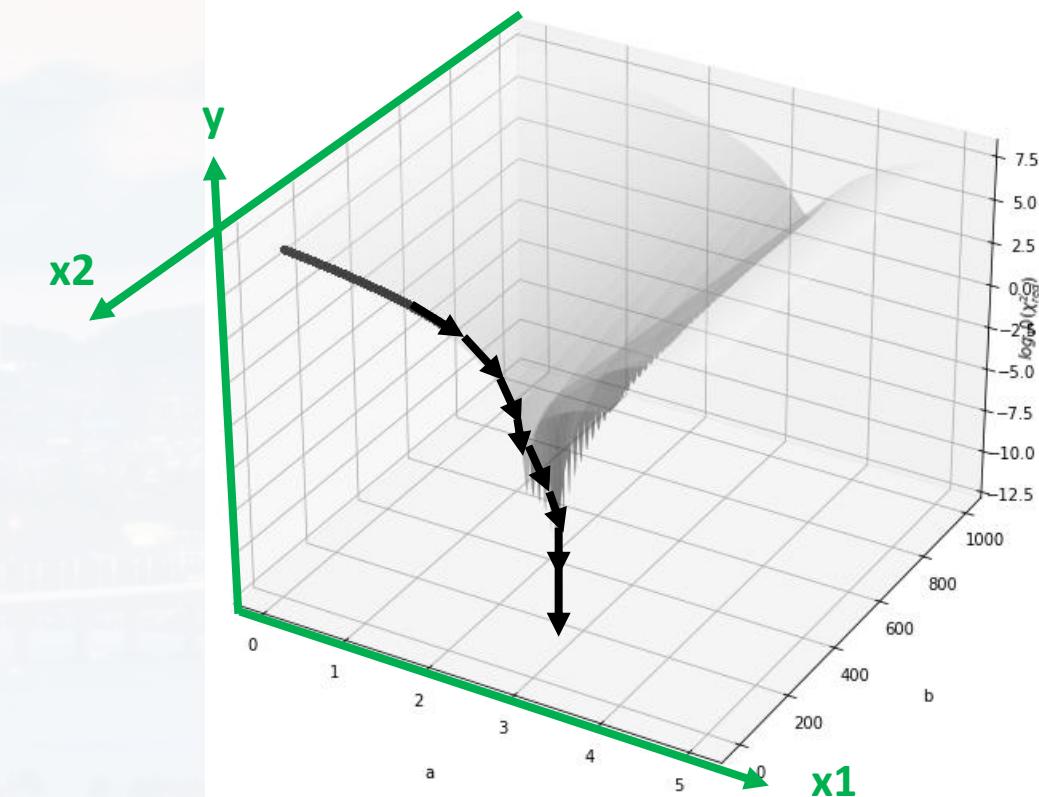
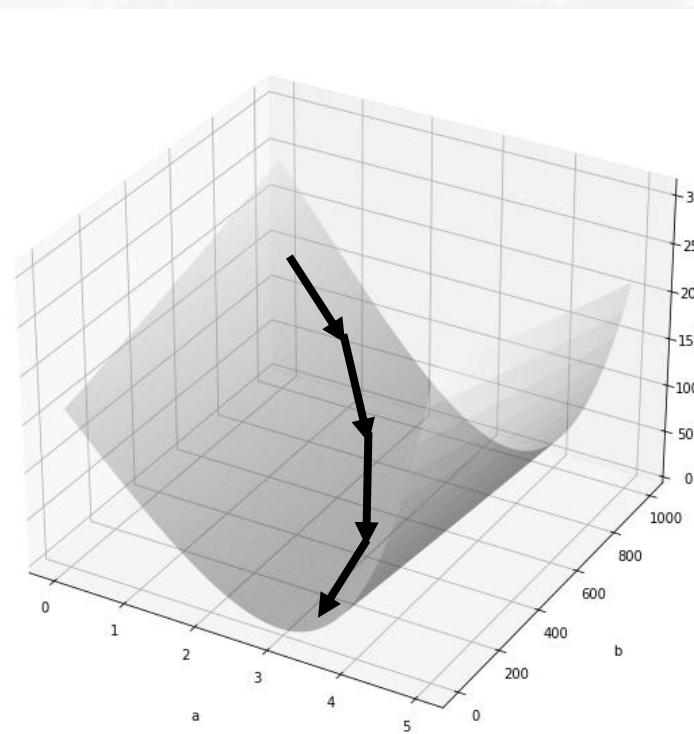
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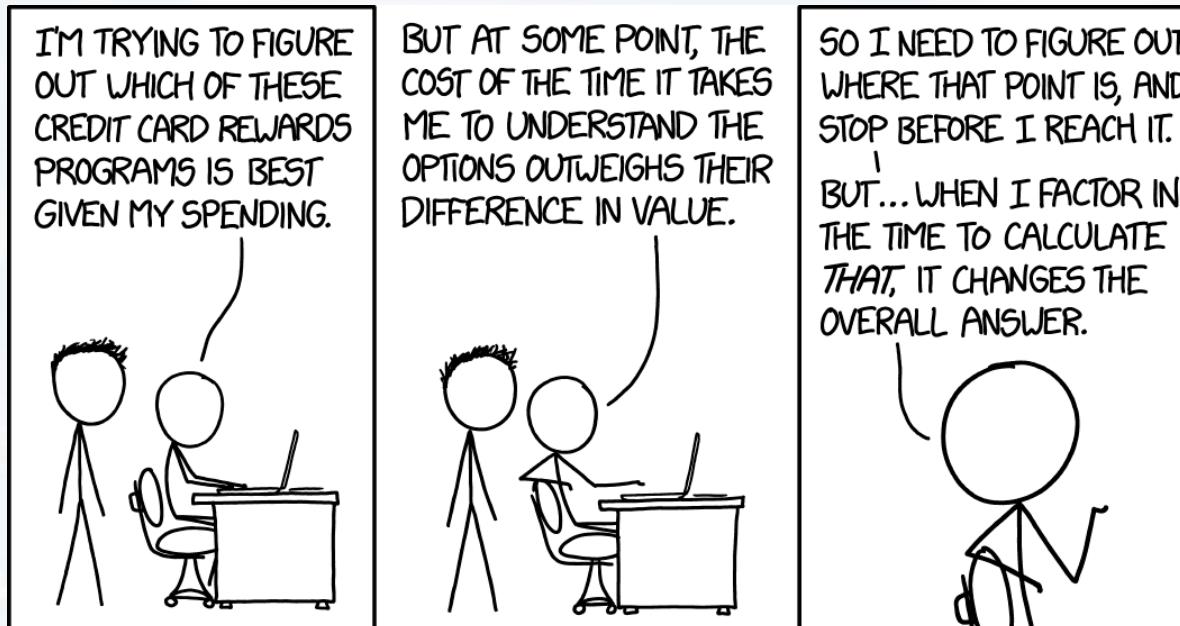
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= $\text{grad}(y)_x$

gradient of y wrt x



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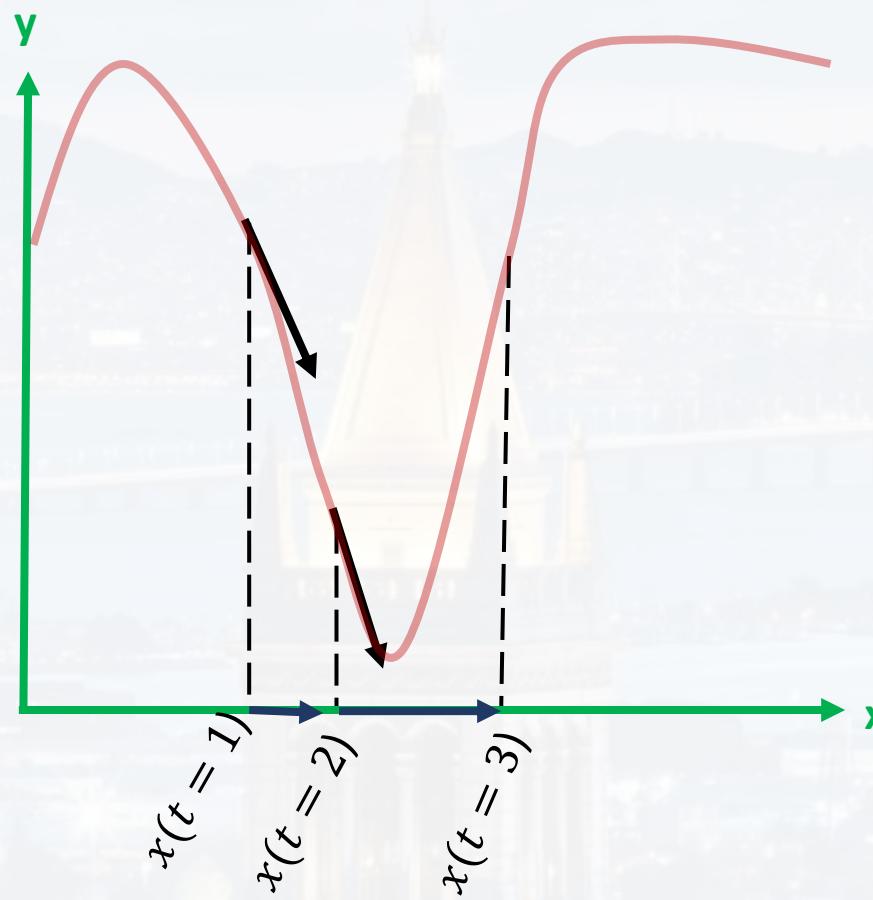
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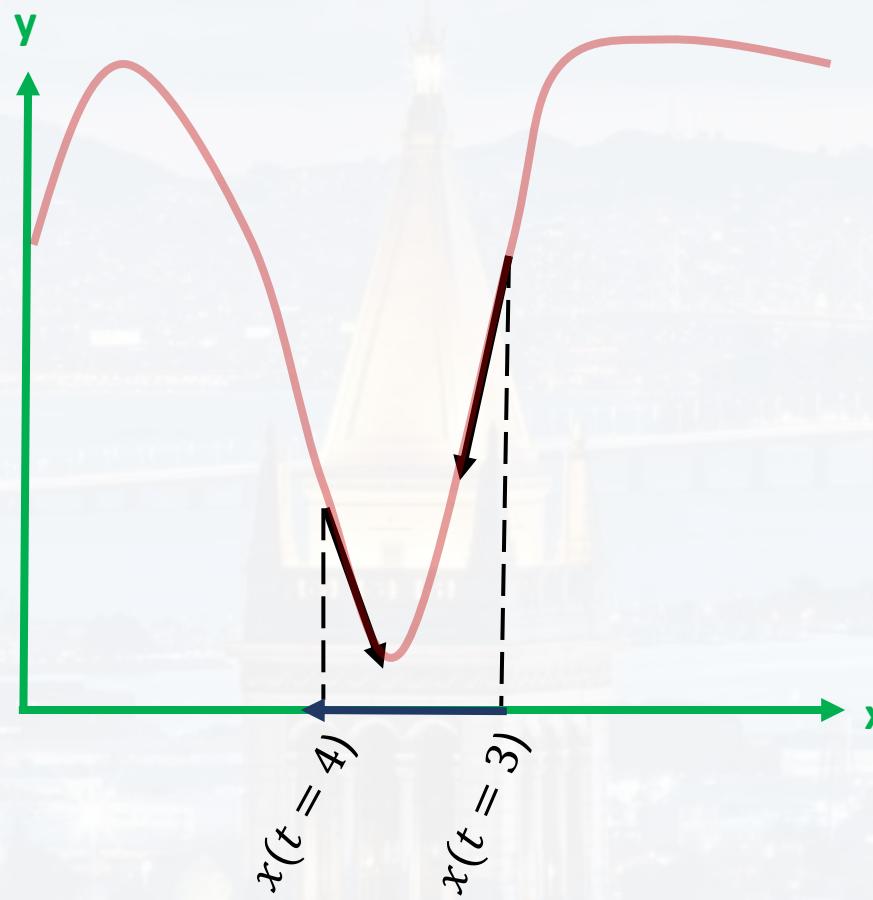
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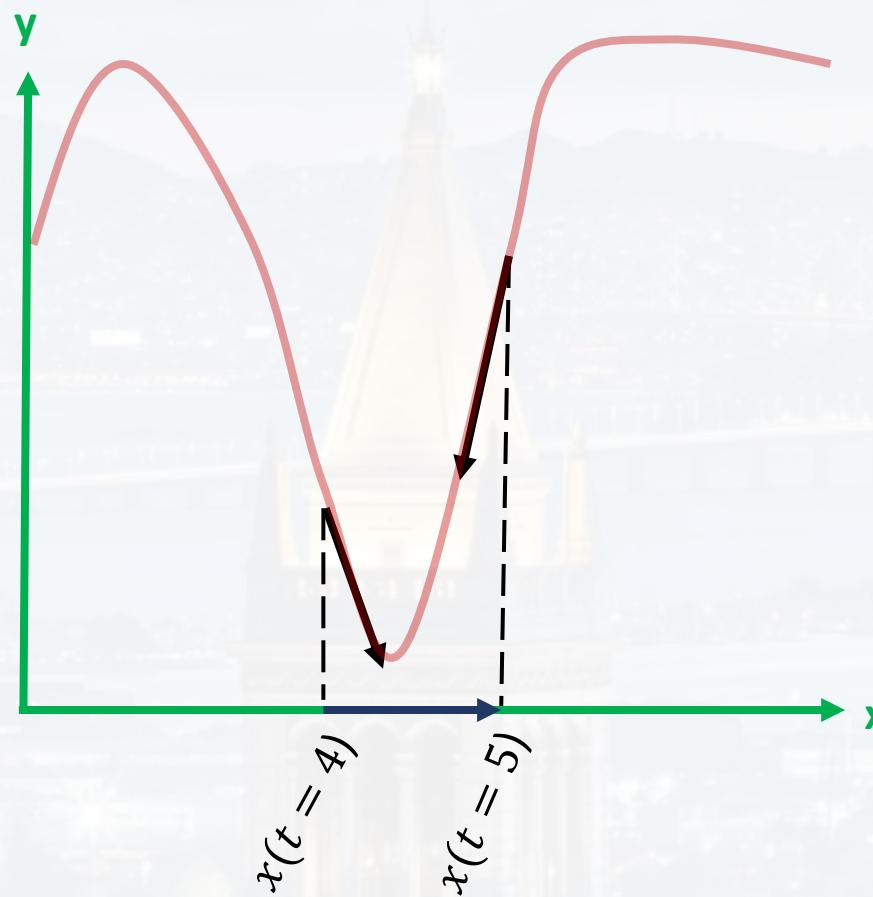
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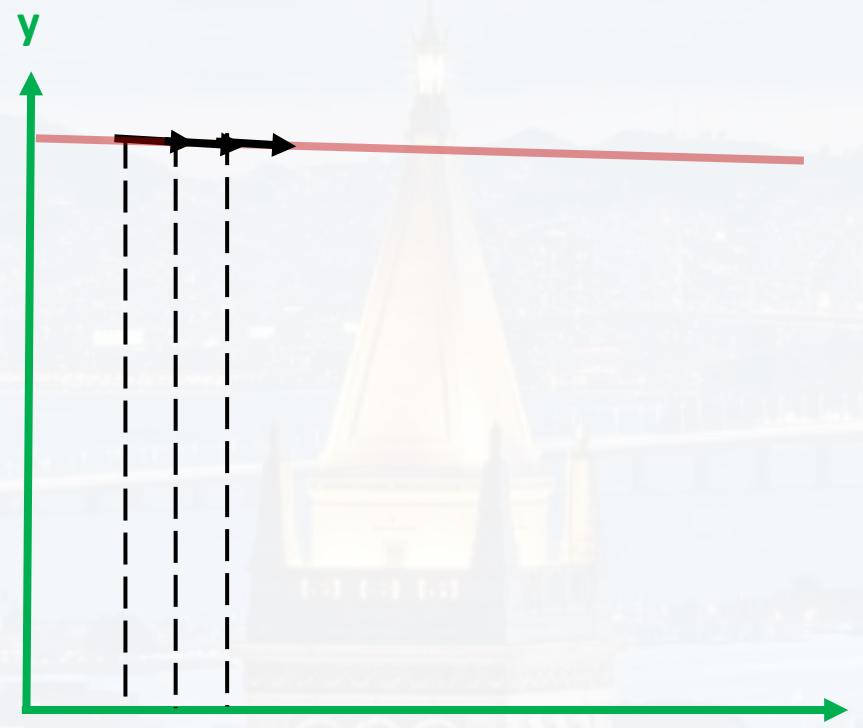
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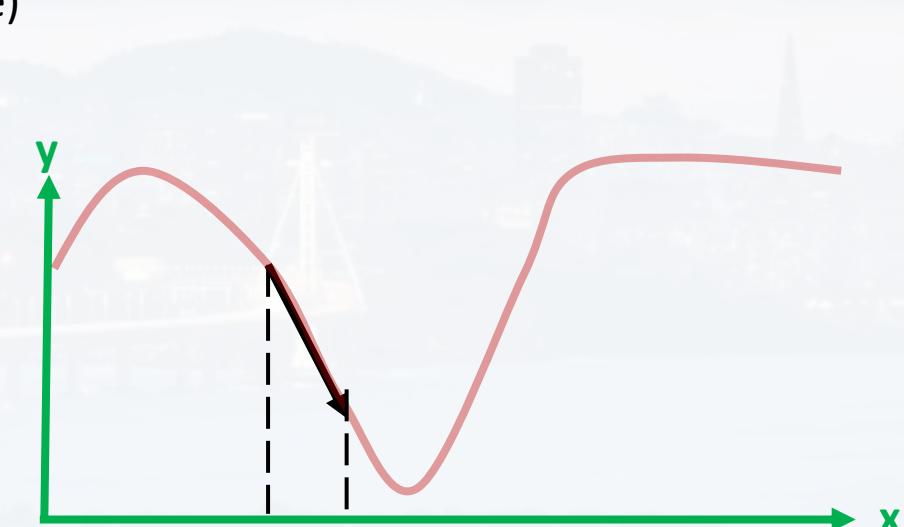


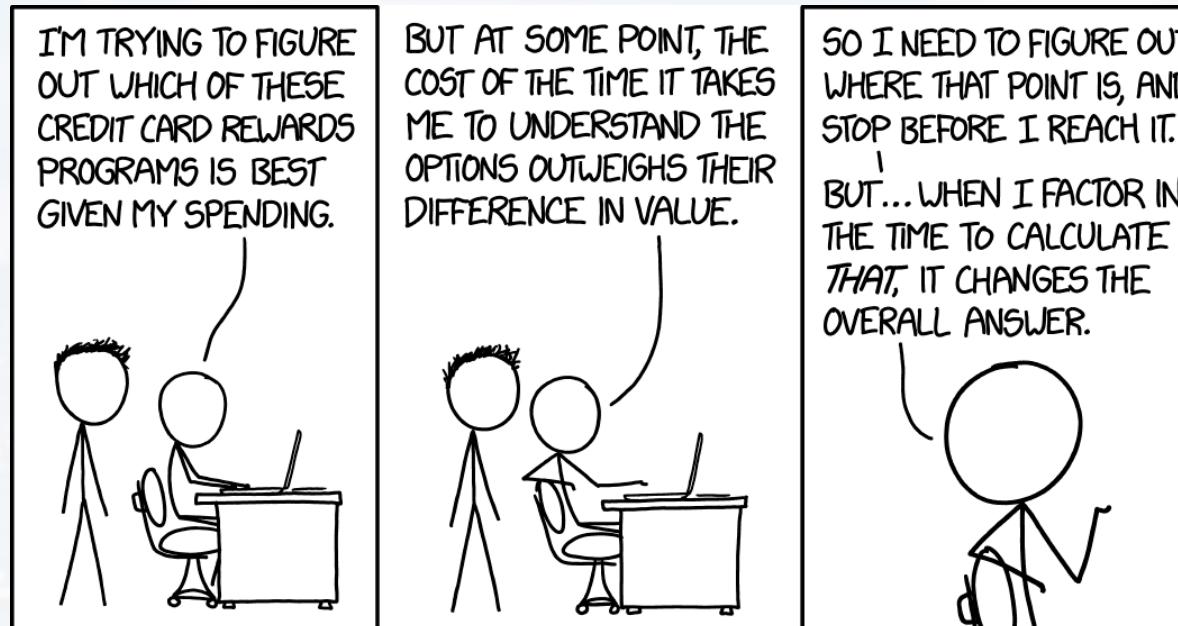
better:
adaptive gradient, aka AdaGrad

$$r_{t+1} = r_t + \text{grad}(y)_x \oplus \text{grad}(y)_x$$

\oplus : outer product
 δ : small, > 0

$$\epsilon \rightarrow \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{r_{t+1}} + \delta}$$





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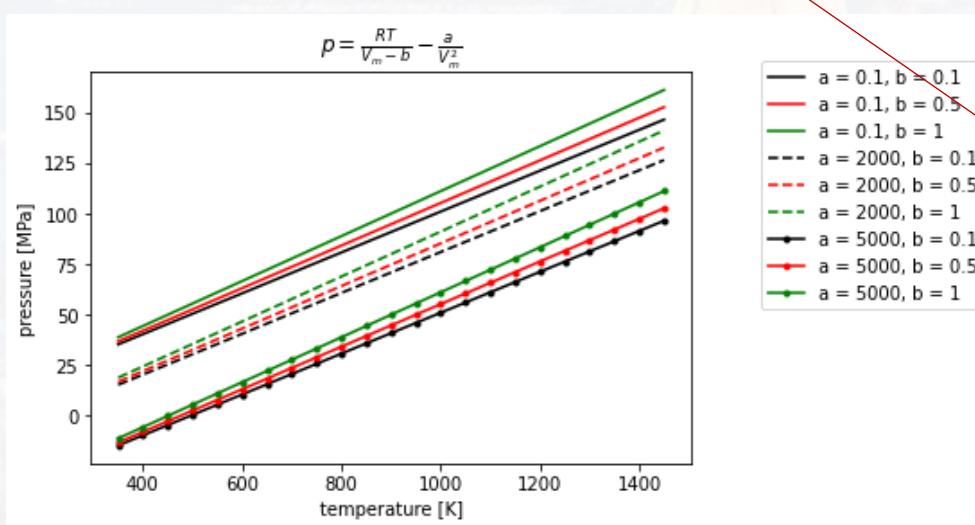
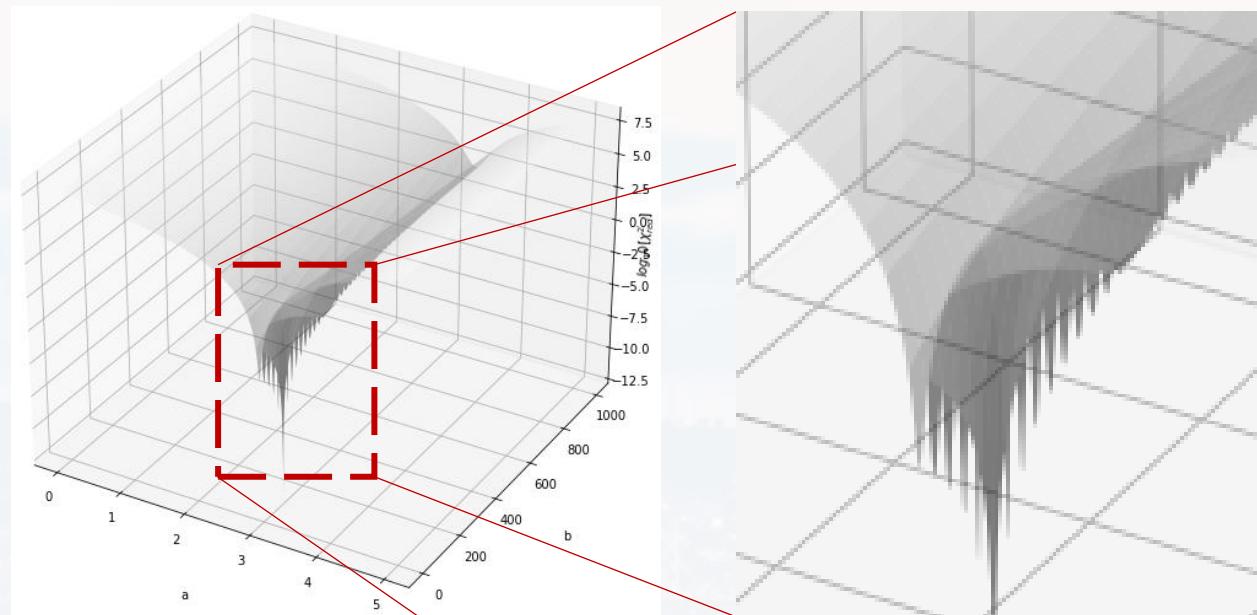
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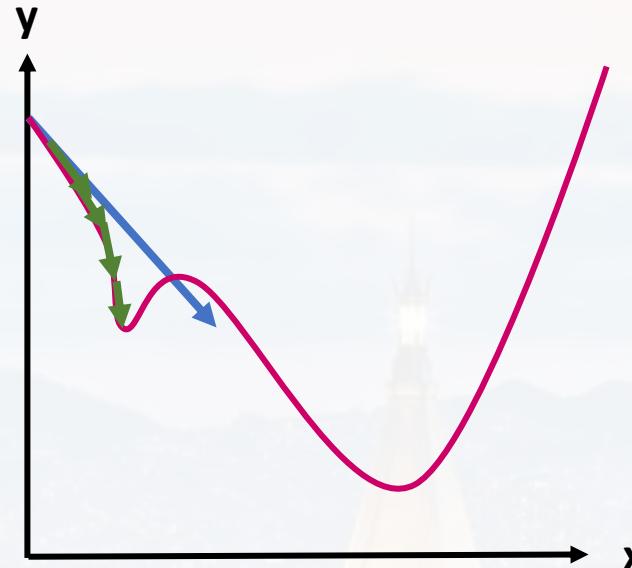
even with AdaGrad and learning rate schedule
→ would get stuck in local minimum

need to roll over → **momentum**





Momentum



taking the **average** of N previous gradients

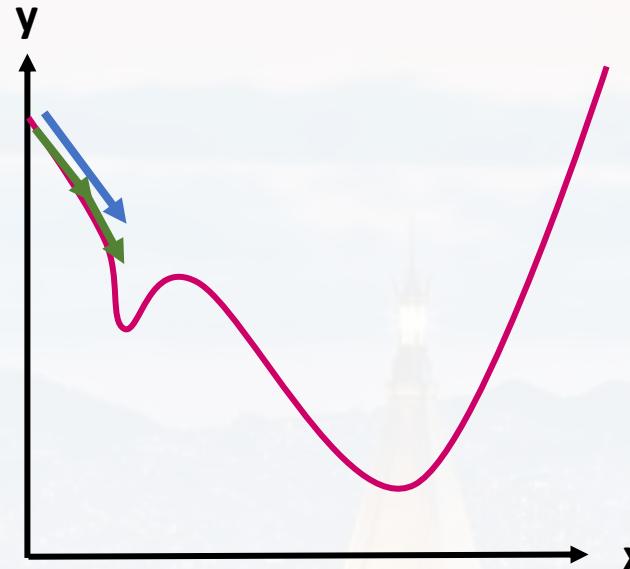
$$\langle \text{grad}(y)_{x(t)} \rangle = \frac{1}{N} [\text{grad}(y)_{x(t-1)} + \text{grad}(y)_{x(t-2)} + \dots + \text{grad}(y)_{x(t-N)}]$$

but we want more recent gradients to contribute more than older gradients

→ **weighted average** with weighting factor μ_k

$$\langle \text{grad}(y)_{x(t)} \rangle = \sum_{k=t-N}^{t-1} \mu_k \cdot \text{grad}(y)_{x(k)}$$

Finding a clever way to adjust μ_k during every iteration t



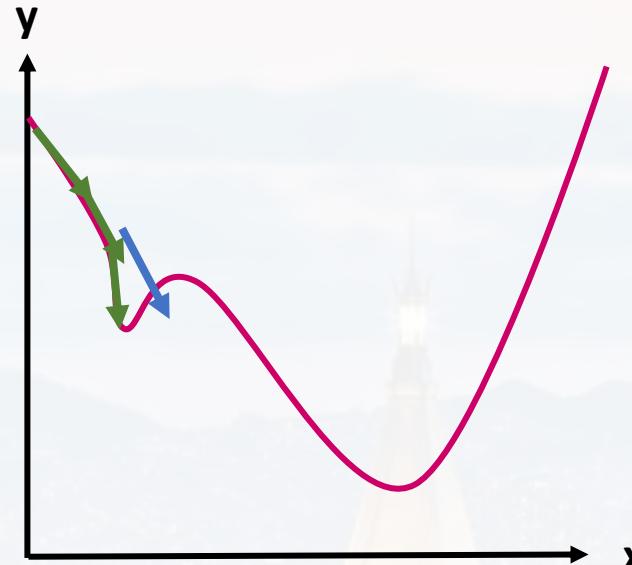
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$$\mu_{k=2} = \mu_0 \quad \mu_0 = \mu_0^2$$

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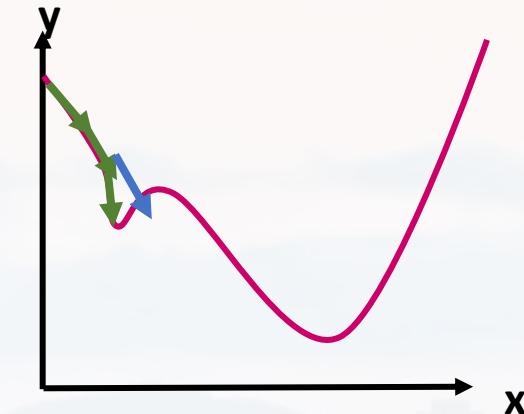


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$\mu_0 = (0,1)$ called "momentum"

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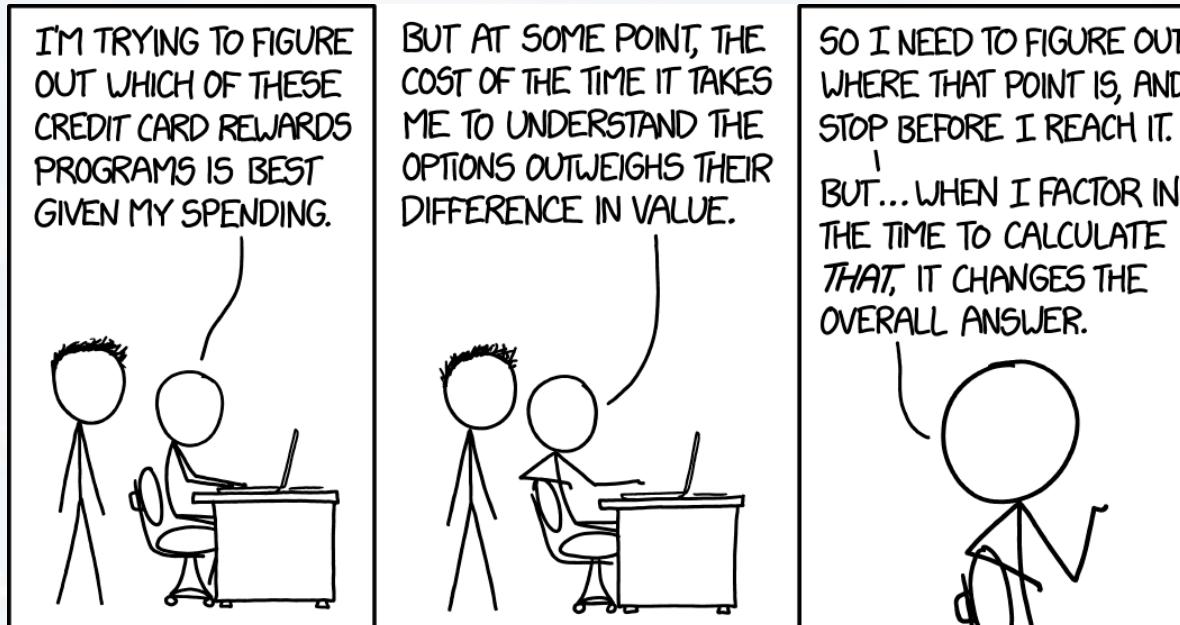
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Momentum

class Optimizer:

```
def __init__(self, learning_rate = 0.1, decay = 0, momentum = 0):
    self.learning_rate      = learning_rate
    self.decay              = decay
    self.current_learning_rate = learning_rate
    self.iterations         = 0
    self.momentum            = momentum
```



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now:

constrain: **encourages sparsity of β**

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λ Lagrangian Multiplier

called **L1 regularization**, or LASSO

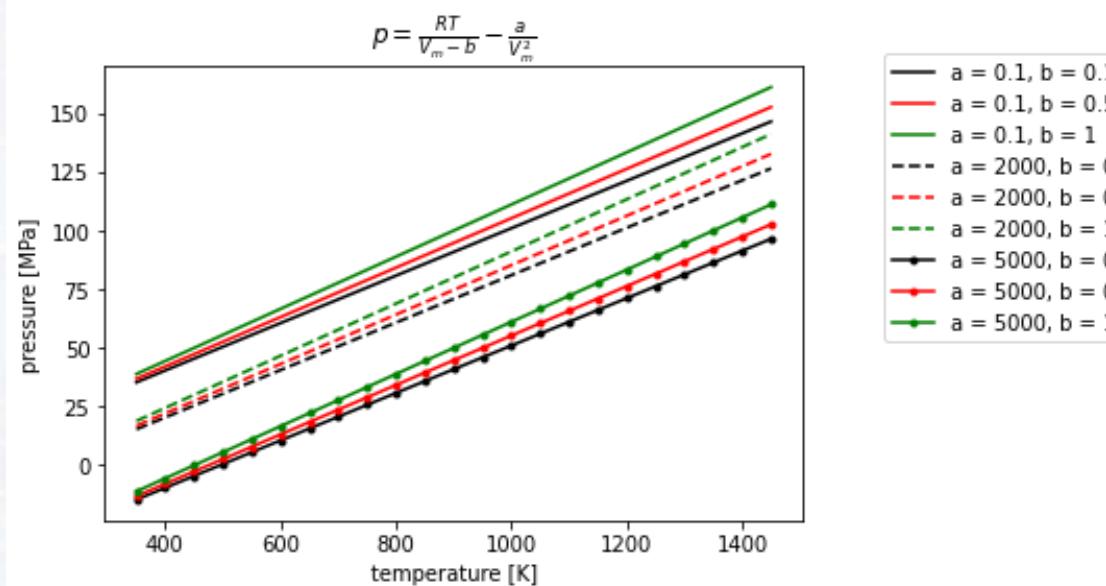
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We often have even hard constraints based on the laws of physics!



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$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T Y \quad \longrightarrow$$

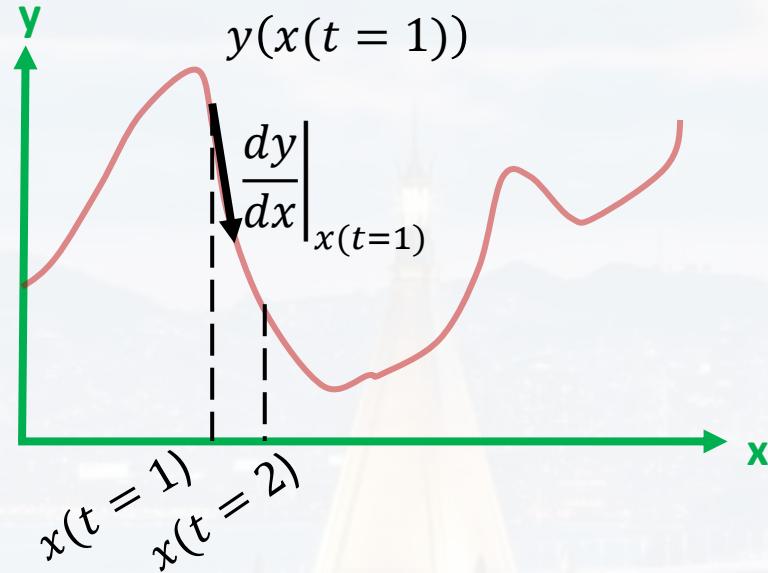
$$\min_{\beta} \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \|Y - X\beta\|^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|^2 \right\}$$

λ Lagrangian Multiplier

called **L2 regularization**, or RIDGE penalizes large β

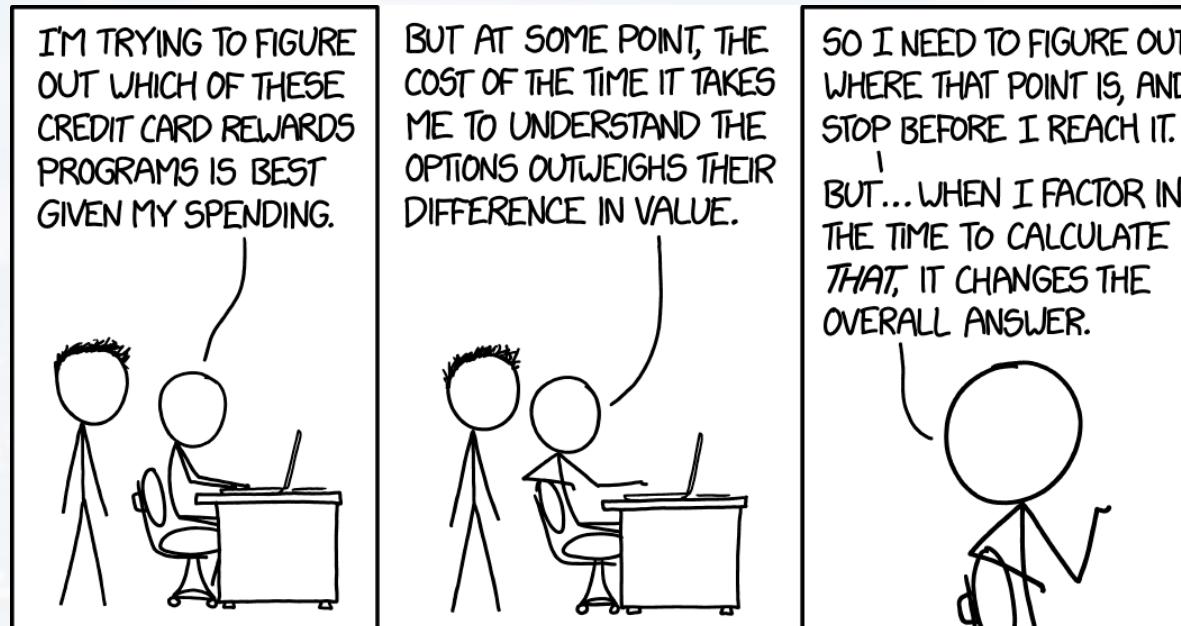
L1 and L2 regularization

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$$\begin{aligned} x(t=2) &= x(t=1) - \varepsilon \frac{d[y + \lambda_1 \|x\|^1 + \lambda_2 \|x\|^2]}{dx} \Big|_{x(t=1)} \\ x(t=2) &= x(t=1) - \varepsilon \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x(t=1)} \\ &\quad - \varepsilon \frac{\lambda_1 d\|x\|^1}{dx} \Big|_{x(t=1)} - \varepsilon \frac{\lambda_2 d\|x\|^2}{dx} \Big|_{x(t=1)} \end{aligned}$$

- gradient descent does not stop if values for x are too large and prefers sparsity
- note: the derivative of $\|x\|^1$ returns the sign (i. e. direction)
- usually $\lambda \ll \|x\|^n$
- will be important for ANNs later



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Vanilla Gradient Descent → Stochastic Gradient Descent

More Fine Tuning



Learning Rate Schedule, L1, L2



momentum



$\varepsilon \rightarrow \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{r_{t+1}} + \delta}$

adaptive gradient, aka AdaGrad



Multiplying a decay factor to the sum of gradient squared (similar to momentum),
aka Root Mean Square Propagation RMSProp

different scaling for all different directions



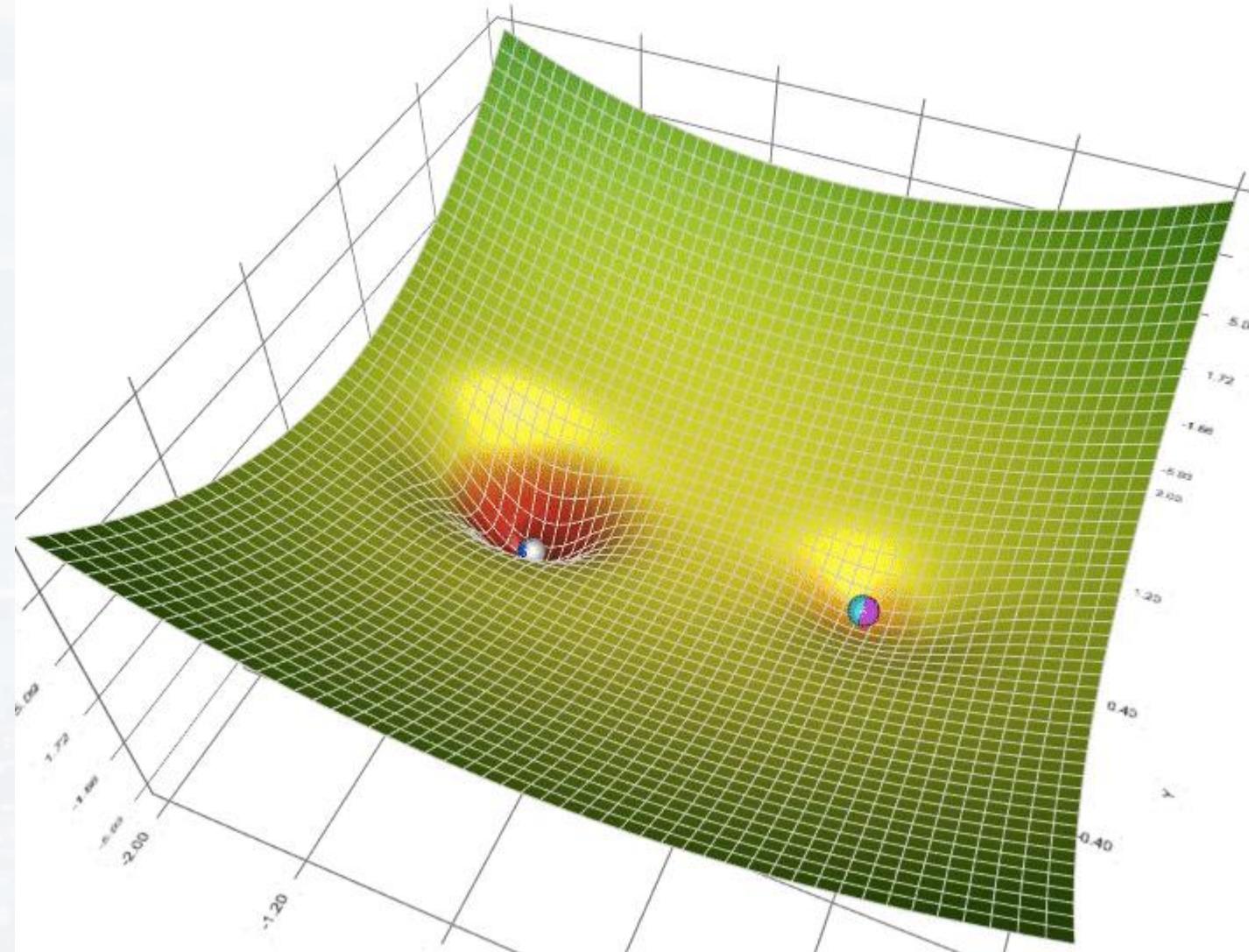
all combined:
Adaptive Moment Estimation
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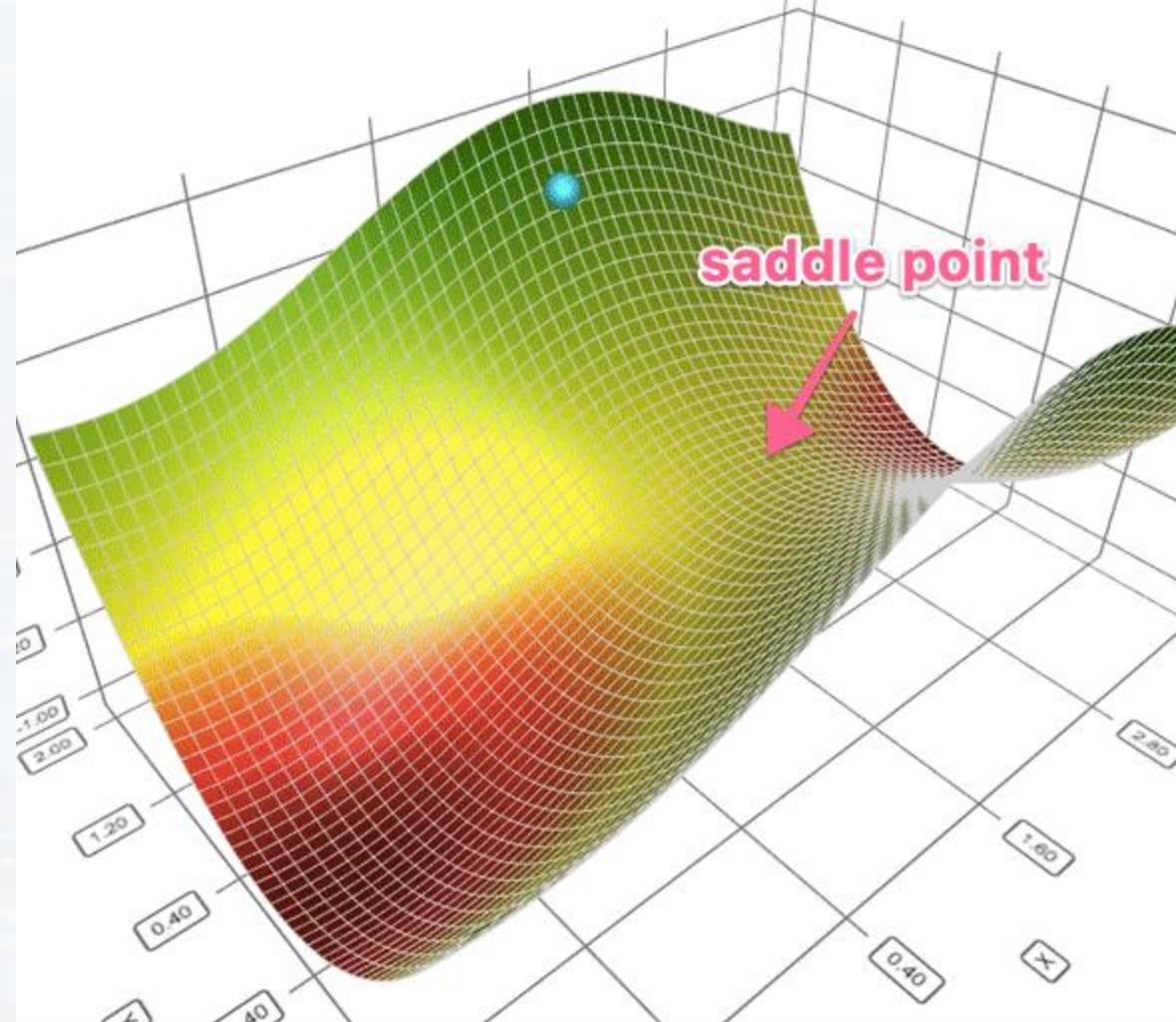
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Thank you very much for your attention!

