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Numerical Optimization for ML & DS.

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1) Review of ~~Proof~~ differentiation.

⇒ Gradient $\nabla \rightarrow \underline{\text{del / nabra}}$

2) Contour plot

⇒ Objective function (Review)

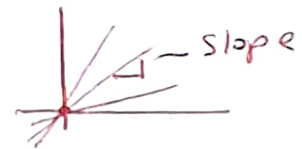
3) Gradient of a cost function

(Linear regression / Logistic Reg.)

↳ 1-parameter

↳ 2-parameter

↳ \vdots n-parameter



4) Problems with "Vanilla Gradient Descent" algorithm.

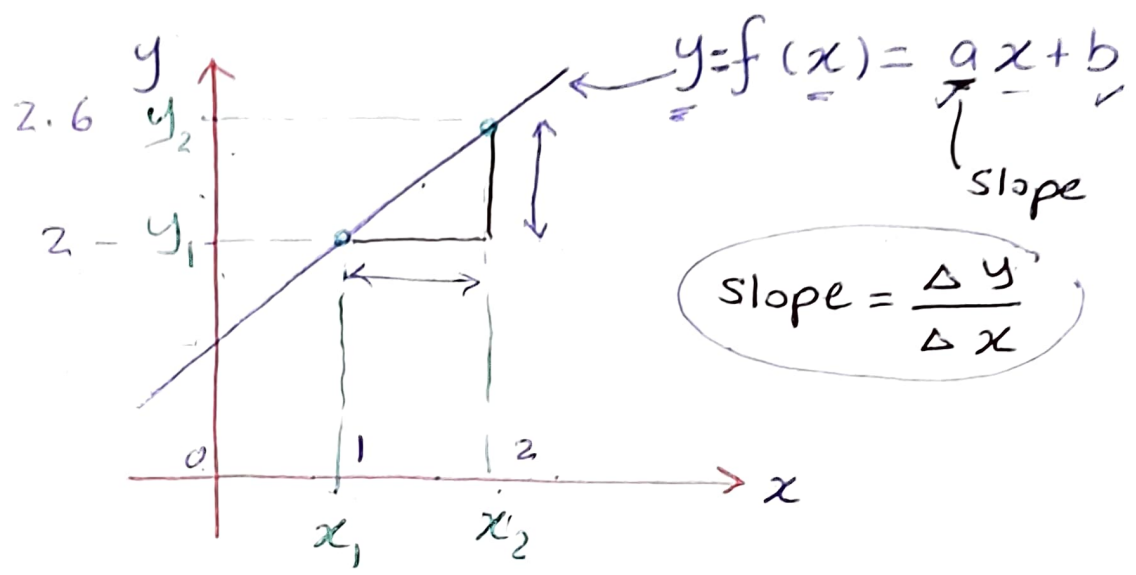
5) feature scaling

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6) Variants of GD algorithm.

→ derivative of a function

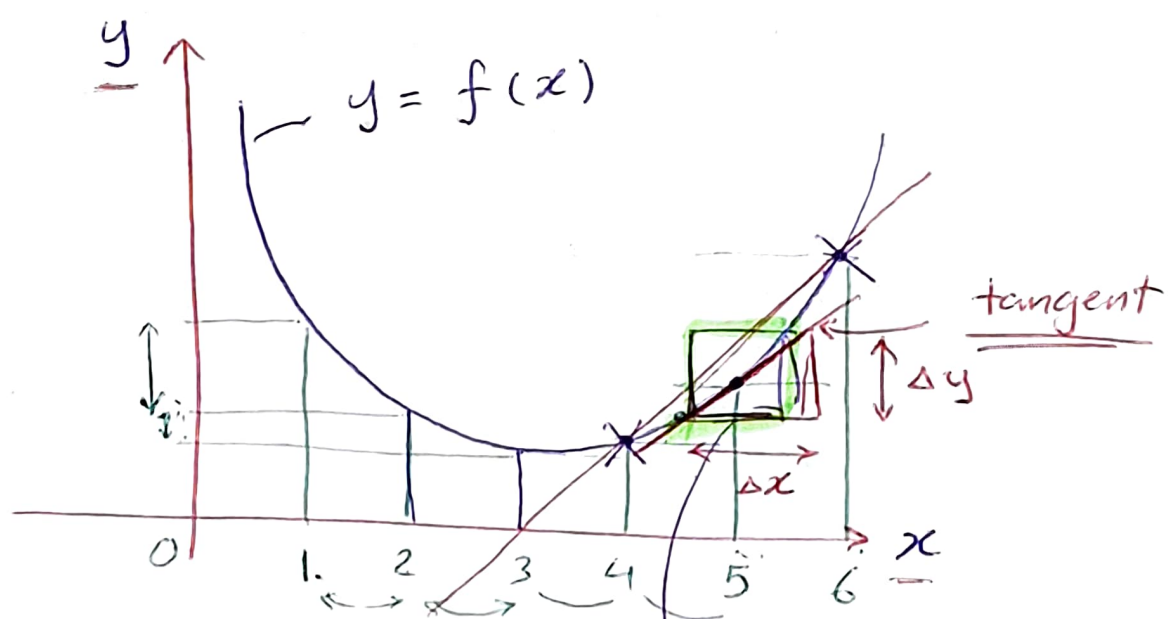
"differentiation"



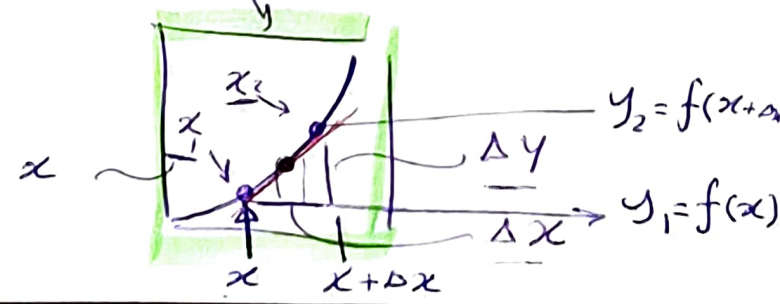
ex. $\text{slope} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{2.6 - 2}{2 - 1} = \frac{0.6}{1} = \underline{0.6}$

rate of change = 0.6

↳ of y value w.r.t. x value



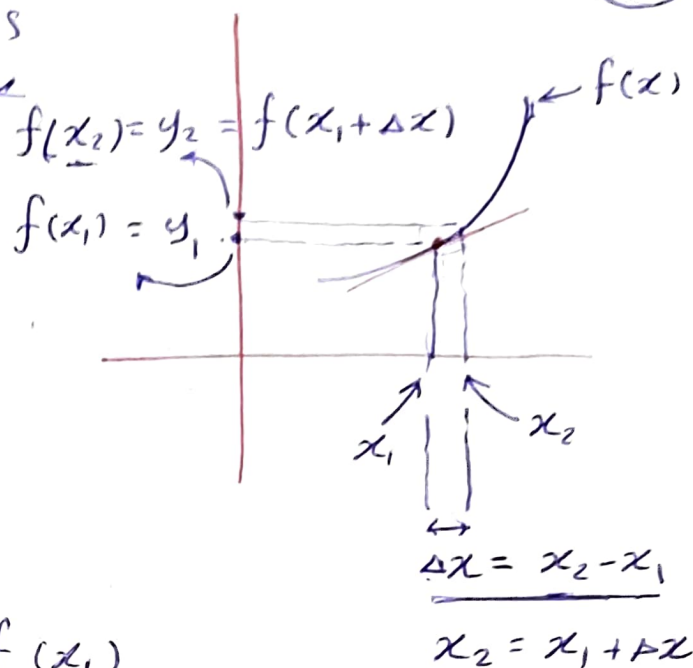
$\left(\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \right) \Delta x \rightarrow 0$
 $\Delta x \rightarrow 0 ; \underline{dx}$



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→ for continuous functions

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$
$$= \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{\Delta x}$$



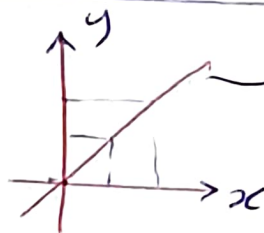
$$\text{slope} \Big|_{x=x_1} \approx \frac{f(x_1 + \Delta x) - f(x_1)}{\Delta x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

$$dy \doteq f(x + \Delta x) - f(x), \Delta x \rightarrow 0$$
$$dx \doteq \Delta x, \Delta x \rightarrow 0$$

$$y = x$$

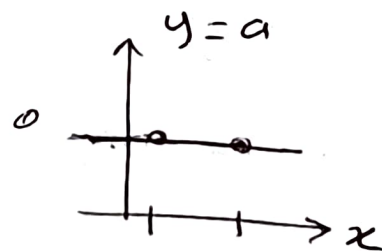
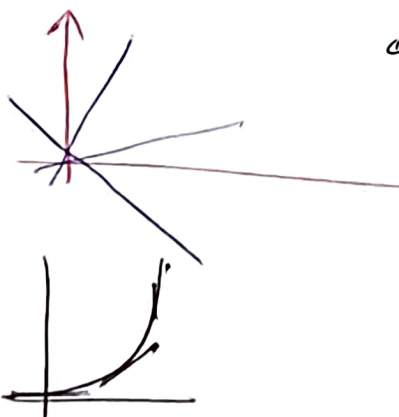
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$



$$y = f(x) = x$$

$$y = \underline{a} x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \underline{a}$$



$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \underline{0}$$

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$$y = f(x)$$

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$y = \text{const.}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$y = ax$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = a$$

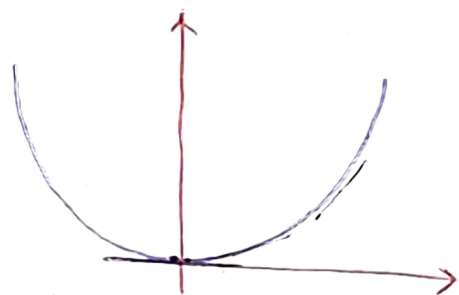
$$y = ax + b$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d(ax)}{dx} + \frac{d(b)}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = a$$

$$y = ax^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = a(2x)$$



$$y = b \cdot x^k$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = b \cdot k \cdot x^{k-1}$$

$$y = f(g(x))$$

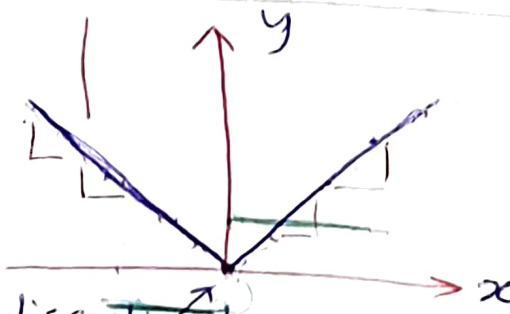
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{df}{dg} \cdot \frac{dg(x)}{dx}$$

~~$$y = (ax+b)^2$$~~

$$y = (ax+b)^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2(ax+b) \cdot \frac{d(ax+b)}{dx}$$

$$y = |x|$$



Piecewise
continuous

derivative is
not defined

← discontinuity

Partial Derivatives

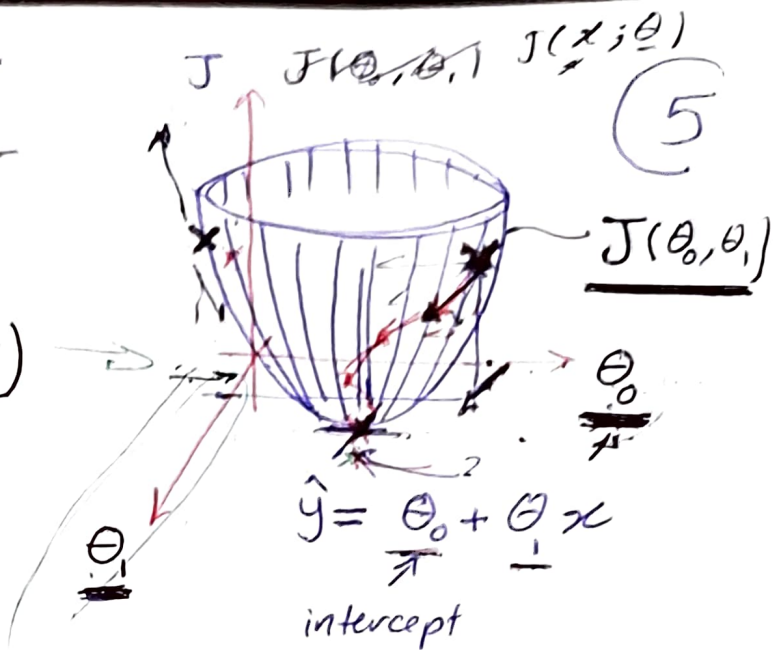
~~Gradient~~ ∇J

Partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_0}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_1}$$

$$J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$$



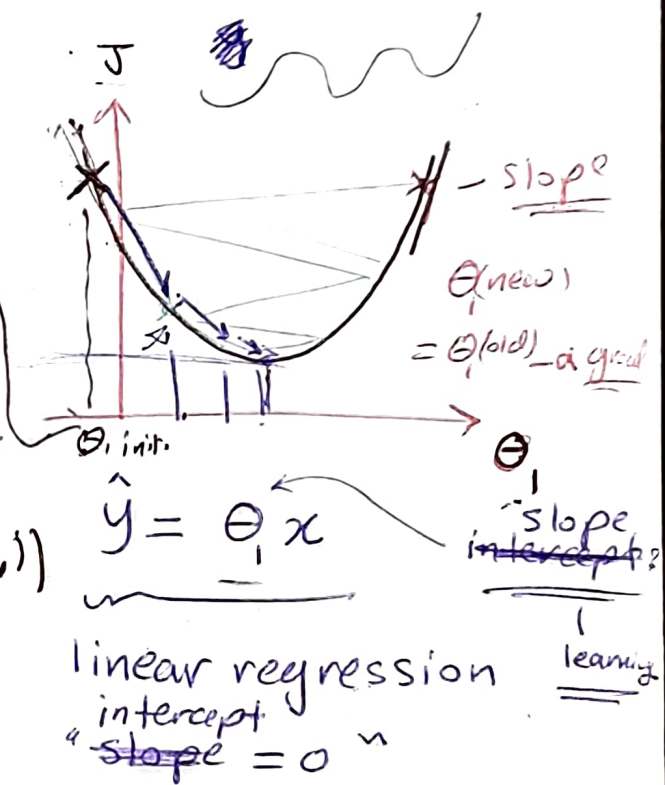
→ initialize θ_1 (initial)

→ find gradient at θ_1 of $J(\theta_1)$

→ update ~~θ_1 (new)~~ ~~θ_1 (old)~~

$$\theta_1^{(new)} = \theta_1^{(old)} - \alpha \text{gradient}(J(\theta_{old}))$$

learning rate

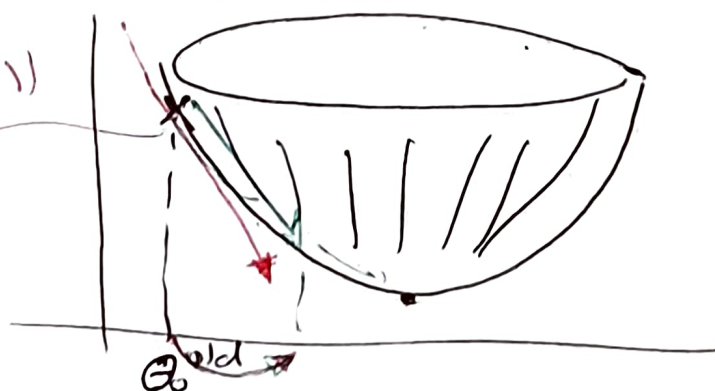


→ repeat until convergence

$$\theta_{old} = \theta_{old} + \text{positive value}$$

$$\theta_{new} = \theta_{old} - \alpha \text{gradient}(J(\theta_{old}))$$

$$\text{grad}(J(\theta_{old})) = -ve, \text{ large}$$



∇ : Del, Nabla operator

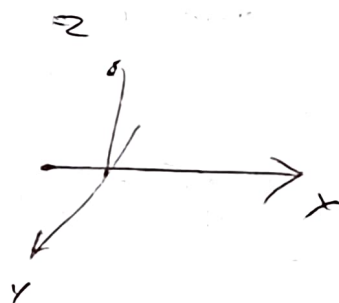
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$$\nabla = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_0} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

eg., 3D problem

$$f(x, y, z) = 2x + 3y^2 - z^3$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$$



gradient $\nabla f \equiv$ vector
"vector" \nwarrow scalar function

$$\underline{\underline{\nabla}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\underline{\underline{\nabla}} f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix}$$

gradient (f)
grad (f)

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gradient

$$\vec{\nabla} f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(f) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(f) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(f) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f = 2x + 3y^2 - z^3$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2x + 3y^2 - z^3) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\quad) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\quad) \end{bmatrix}$$

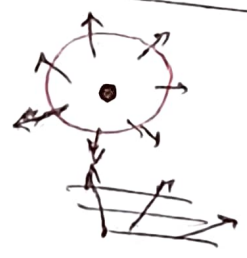
gradient

$$\vec{\nabla} (f(x, y, z)) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6y \\ -3z^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

note

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = \text{scalar}$$

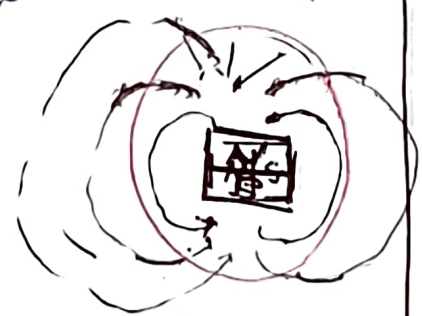
divergence of \vec{v}



Cross product

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{u} = \text{vector}$$

curl of \vec{u}



magnetic monopoles?

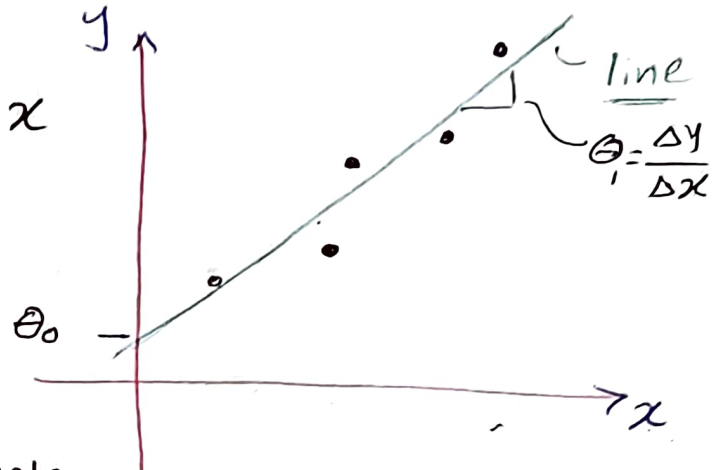
are they used in ML?

→ Linear Regression (two parameters) (8)

$$f(x; \theta_0, \theta_1) \equiv h_{\theta}(x) = \hat{y} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$$

\uparrow
hypothesis
model

\hat{y}
predicted y



→ loss: $l(\cdot)$; for a ^{single} ~~certain~~ example (1-data point)

→ cost; $\sum_{i=1}^m l(\cdot) = J(\theta)$

Sum of losses

→ let MSE objective: minimize $J(\theta)$
 $\theta_0, \theta_1 \sim ?$

m-data points

m-examples

$$J(\theta_0, \theta_1) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2$$

RSS

$$\equiv \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{m} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2} = (\|\vec{y} - \hat{\vec{y}}\|)^2 / m$$

$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix}$
 $\begin{bmatrix} \hat{y}_1 \\ \hat{y}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}_m \end{bmatrix}$

 \cdot

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix}$
 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix}$

ex

$$\hat{y} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$$

$$\vec{\hat{y}} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \vec{x}$$

$$\vec{\Theta} := \vec{\Theta} - \alpha \vec{\nabla} (J(\vec{\Theta}))$$

update
learning rate
"or" η

$$\vec{\Theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Theta}^{(new)} = \vec{\Theta}^{(old)} - \alpha \vec{\nabla} (J(\vec{\Theta}^{(old)}))$$

repeat until convergence

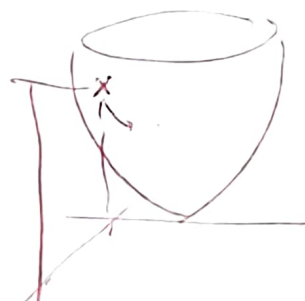
$$\vec{\Theta}^{(k+1)} = \vec{\Theta}^{(k)} - \alpha \vec{\nabla} (J(\vec{\Theta}^{(k)}))$$

time index / step index

$$\theta_0^{new} := \theta_0^{old} - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_0} J(\vec{\Theta}^{old})$$

and

$$\theta_1^{new} := \theta_1^{old} - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} J(\vec{\Theta}^{old})$$



all parameters $(\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$
are updated simultaneously!

$$J(\theta_0, \theta_1) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

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$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_0} \left(\frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - (\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_i))^2 \right)$$

$$\cancel{\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_1}} = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m \cancel{2} (y_i - (\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_i)) \times (-1)$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_0} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_i - y_i)$$

$$\text{if } J(\theta_0, \theta_1) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_0} = \frac{1}{2m} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_0} \sum_{i=1}^m (\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_i - y_i)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_0} = \frac{1}{m} (\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_i - y_i) (+1)$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_0} = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_0} (y_i - (\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_i))^2 \right) \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_1} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - (\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_i)) (-x_i)$$

$$\nabla J(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_0} \\ \frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_1} \end{bmatrix}$$

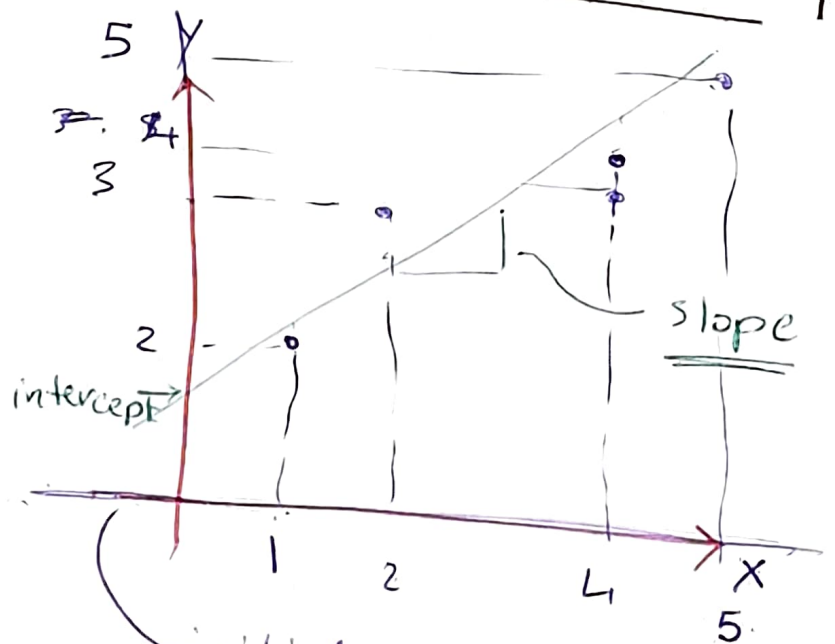
i	x	y
1	1	2
2	2	3
3	4	4
4	5	5

$m=4$: 4-examples

$$\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\text{error}} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ -4 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\text{slope} = 1 = \theta_1$$

$$\text{intercept} = 0 = \theta_0$$

$$\vec{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{\theta}_{\text{init}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

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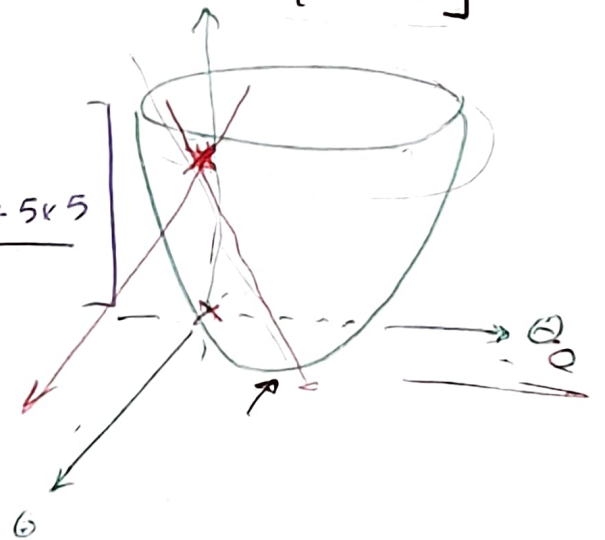
$$= \frac{1}{8}$$

$\nabla J(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \partial J / \partial \theta_0 \\ \partial J / \partial \theta_1 \end{bmatrix}$
 for old θ

$$\nabla J(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_i - y_i) \\ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_i - y_i) x_i \end{bmatrix}$$

evaluated at old θ

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -14/4 \\ -\frac{1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 4 \times 4 + 5 \times 5}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$



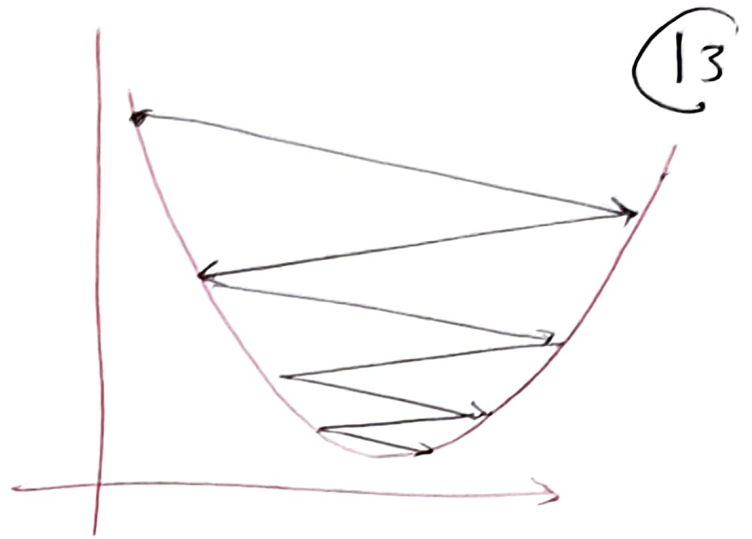
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_0} = -3.5$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_1} = -12.25$$

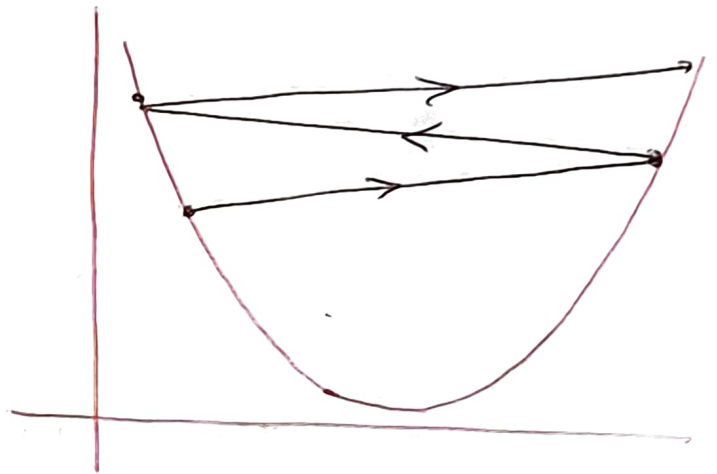
\Rightarrow update $\vec{\theta}$; update simultaneously θ_0, θ_1

$$\begin{aligned} \checkmark \theta_0^{(new)} &= \theta_0^{(old)} - \alpha (-3.5) = 0.35 \\ \checkmark \theta_1^{(new)} &= \theta_1^{(old)} - \alpha (-12.25) = 1.225 \end{aligned} \quad \boxed{\text{let } \alpha = 0.1}$$

learning rate $\alpha \uparrow$

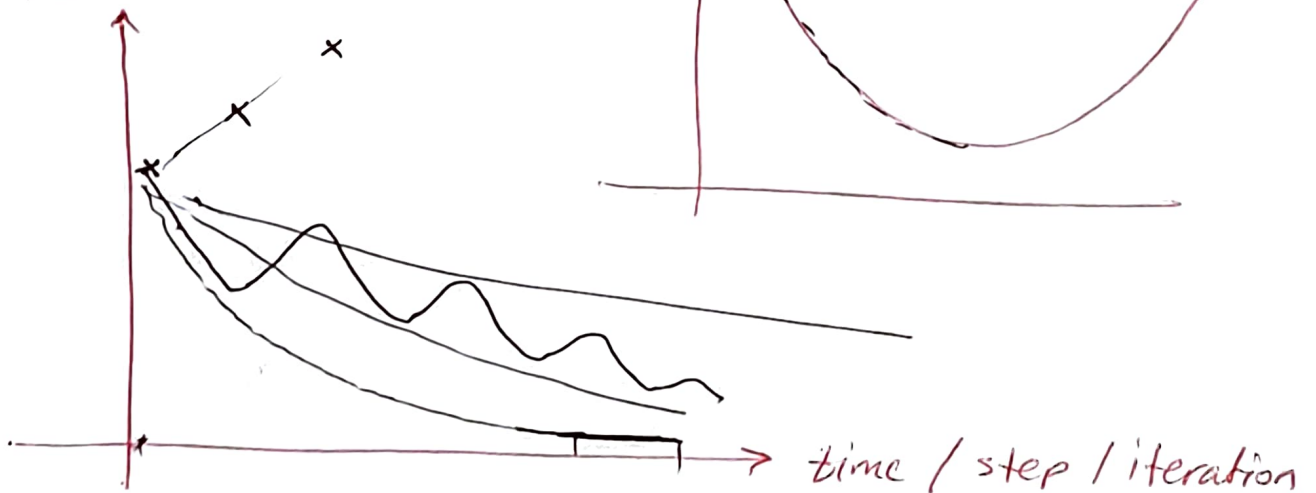


learning rate too big
(diverge)



learning rate too small

error



dataset $m \times n$ matrix

m rows: # of samples

n columns: # of features

Price

	area		how add			
	x_0	x_1	x_2	x_3	$\dots x_n$	y
$i=1$	1	✓ 100	✓ 1	✓	...	
$i=2$	1	90	2			
\vdots	\vdots	150	3			
\vdots	\vdots	170	2			
$i=m$	1					

linear regression,

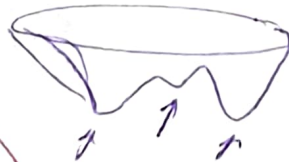
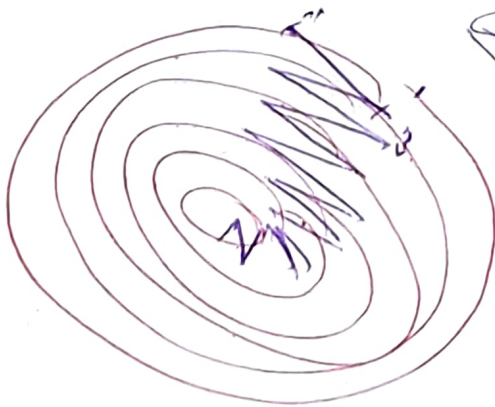
$$\hat{y} = h_{\theta}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \underbrace{\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_n x_n}_{n+1 \text{ parameters}}$$

intercept

$$\hat{y}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_n \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_{i1} \\ x_{i2} \\ \vdots \\ x_{in} \end{bmatrix}$$

add one extra feature

feature scaling \rightarrow



Contour plot

