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# Numerical Optimization for ML & DS.

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1) Review of ~~Partial~~ differentiation.

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

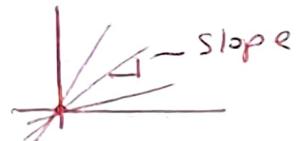
2) Contour plot ←

⇒ Objective function (Review)

3) Gradient of a cost function

(Linear regression / Logistic Reg.)

- ↳ 1-parameter
- ↳ 2-parameter
- ↳ ... n-parameter



4) Problems with "Vanilla Gradient Descent" algorithm.

5) feature scaling

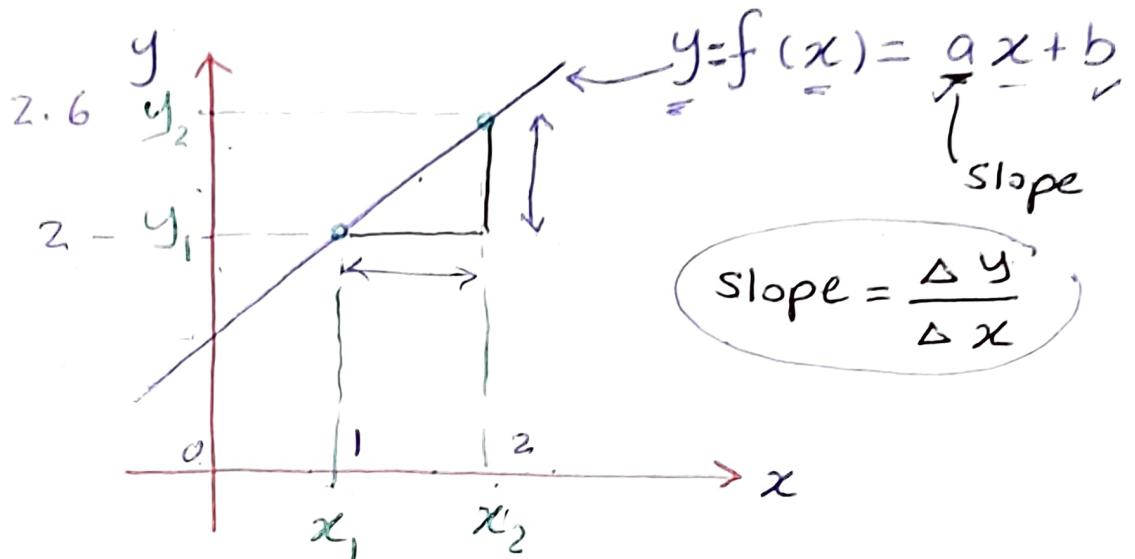


6) Variants of GD algorithm.

→ derivative of a function

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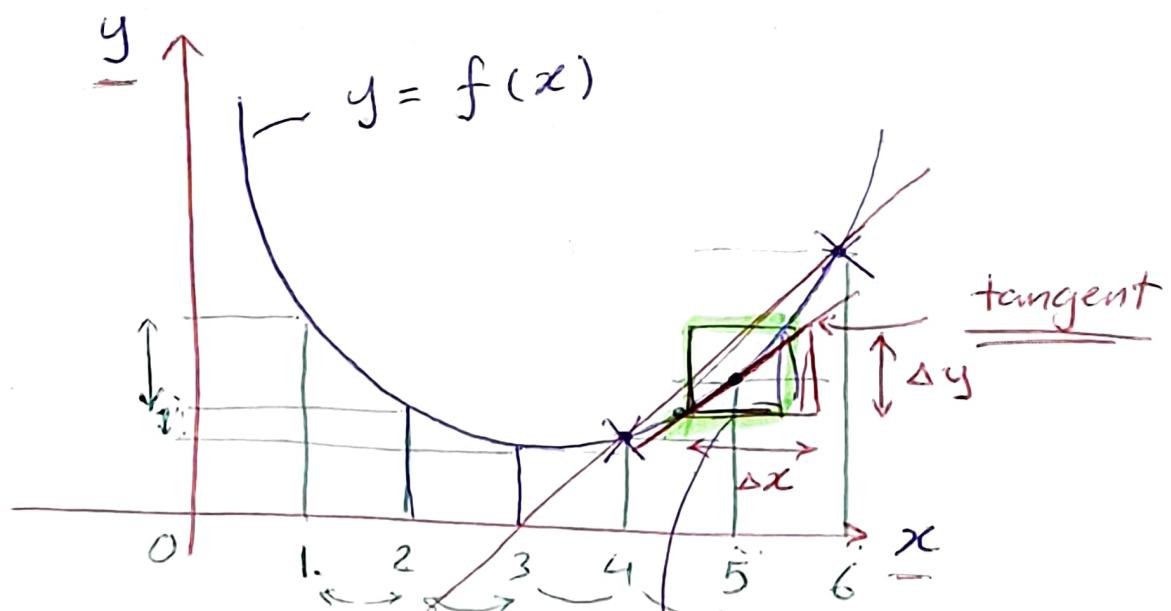
"differentiation"



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

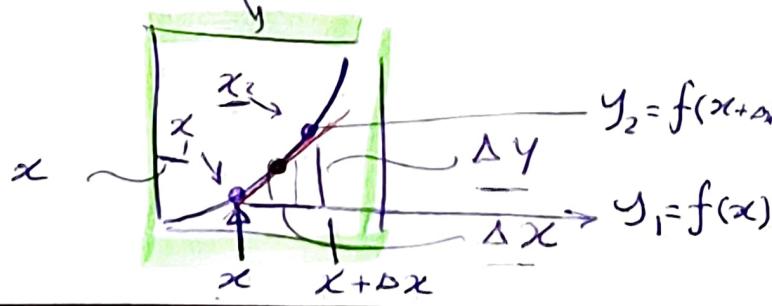
rate of change = 0.6

of  $y$  value w.r.t.  $x$  value



$$\left( \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \right)_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0}$$

$\Delta x \rightarrow 0 ; \underline{dx}$



→ for continuous functions

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

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

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

$$\Delta x = x_2 - x_1$$

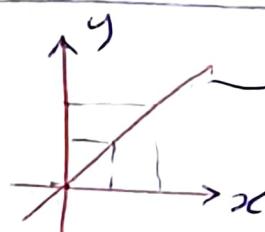
$$x_2 = x_1 + \Delta x$$

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

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

$$\frac{dx}{dx} = \Delta x, \Delta x \rightarrow 0$$

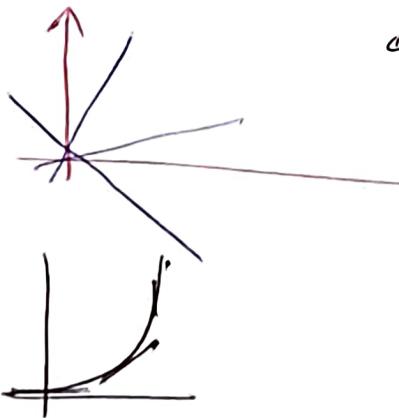
$$y = x$$



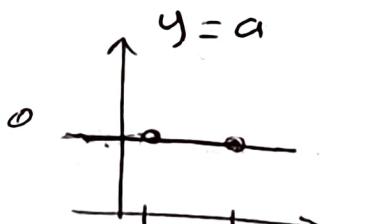
$$y = f(x) = x$$

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

$$y = ax$$



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



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

$$y = f(x)$$

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

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

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

$$y = a x$$

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

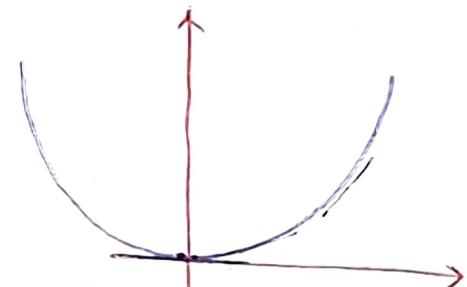
$$y = a x + b$$

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

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

$$y = a x^2$$

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



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

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

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

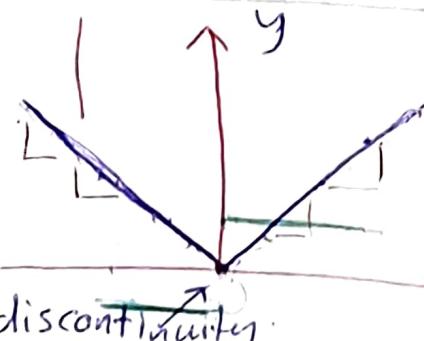
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{df}{dx} \cdot \frac{dg(x)}{dx}$$

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

$$y = (\underline{ax+b})^2$$

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

$$y = |x|$$



Piecewise continuous

derivative is  
not defined

# Partial Derivatives

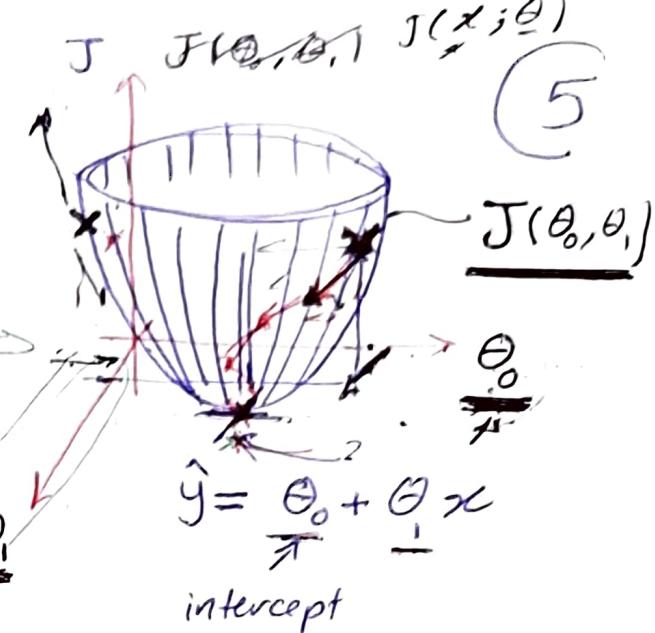
## Gradient $\nabla J$

Partial derivatives

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

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

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



→ initialize  $\underline{\theta}_1^{(\text{initial})}$

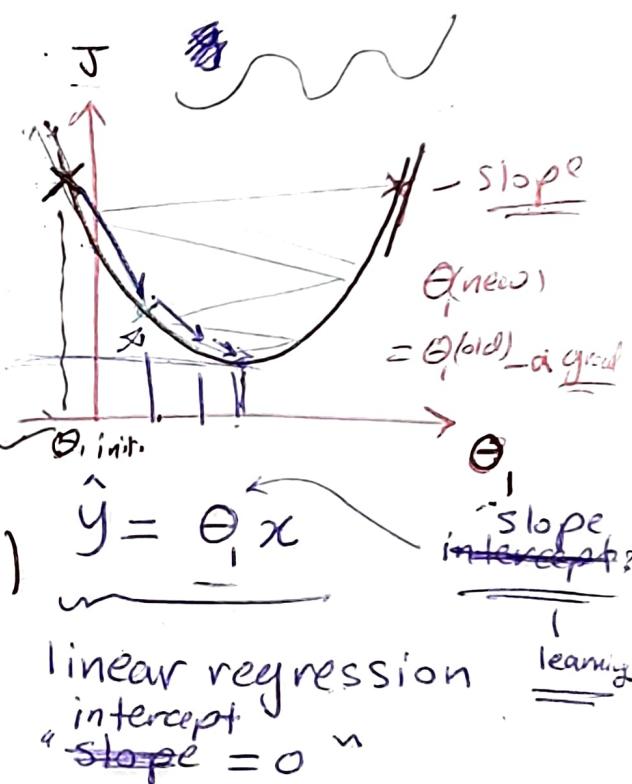
→ find gradient at  $\theta_1$   
of  $J(\theta_1)$

→ update  ~~$\underline{\theta}_1^{(\text{new})}$~~   ~~$\underline{\theta}_1^{(\text{old})}$~~  ~~gradient~~

$$\underline{\theta}_1^{(\text{new})} = \underline{\theta}_1^{(\text{old})} - \alpha \text{ gradient}(J(\theta_1^{(\text{old})}))$$

learning rate

→ repeat until convergence

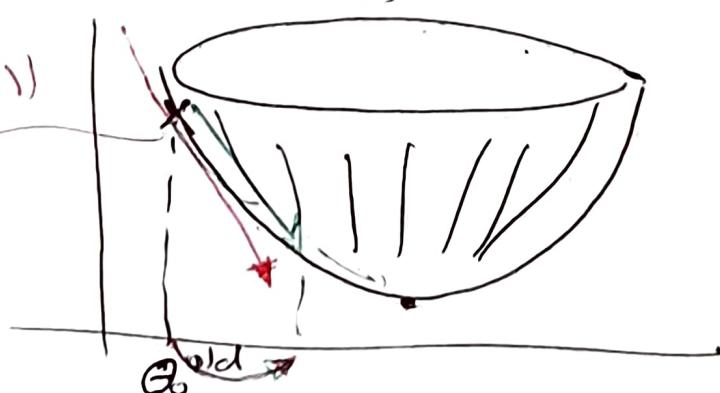


$$\underline{\theta}_1^{(\text{old})} = \underline{\theta}_1^{(\text{old})} + \text{positive value}$$

$\rightarrow$  VR.

$$\underline{\theta}_1^{(\text{new})} = \underline{\theta}_1^{(\text{old})} - \alpha \text{ gradient}(J(\theta_1^{(\text{old})}))$$

$$\text{grad}(J(\theta_1^{(\text{old})})) = -ve, \text{ large}$$



$\nabla$  : Del,  $\underline{\text{Nabla}}$  operator

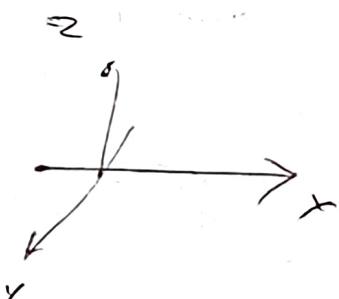
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$$\cdot \nabla = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_0} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

e.g., 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  $\rightarrow \nabla \underline{f} = \text{vector}$   
 "Vector"  $\underline{f}$  Scalar function

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

gradient ( $f$ )  
grad ( $f$ )

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

gradient

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

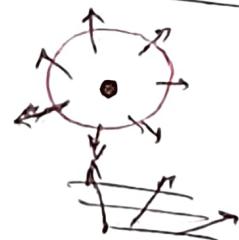
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2x + 3y^2 - z^3) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y}( ) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z}( ) \end{bmatrix}$$

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

gradient

note

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



divergence of  $\vec{v}$

cross product

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



curl of  $\vec{u}$

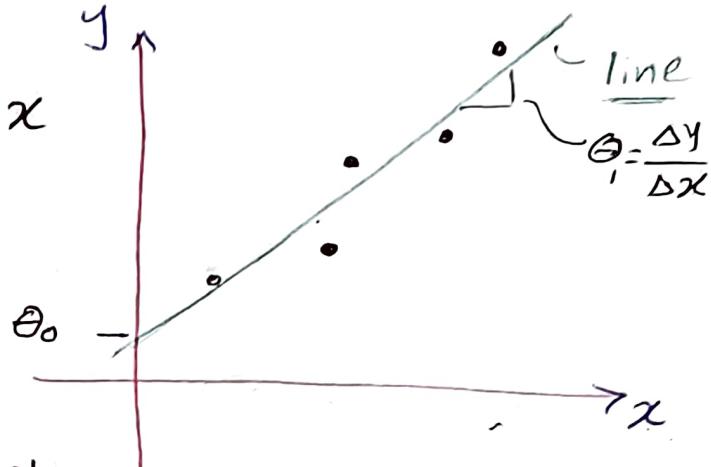
Magnetic monopoles?

are they used in ML?

# → Linear Regression (two parameters) (8)

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

↑  $\theta$   
predicted  $y$   
model  
 $\theta_0$



→ loss:  $\ell(\cdot)$ ; for a single certain example (1-data point)

$$\rightarrow \text{cost: } \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^m \ell(\cdot)}_{\text{sum of losses}} = J(\theta)$$

→ 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

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

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

ex

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

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

q

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

update      learning rate

or  $\eta$ 

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

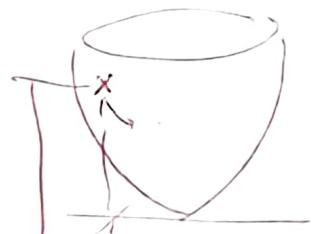
$$\vec{\theta}^{(new)} = \vec{\theta}^{(old)} - \alpha \nabla J(\vec{\theta}^{(old)})$$

repeat until convergence

$$\vec{\theta}^{(K+1)} = \vec{\theta}^{(K)} - \alpha \nabla J(\vec{\theta}^{(K)})$$

time index / step index

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



and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

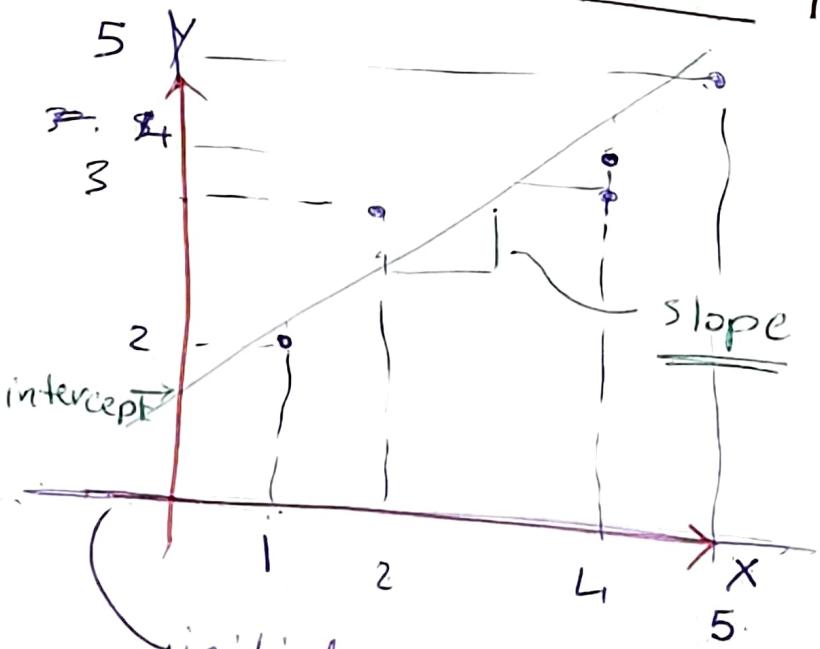
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_1} = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} (y_i - (\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_i))^2$$

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

$$\nabla J(\theta) = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_0} \\ \frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_1} \end{array} \right]$$

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



m = 4 : 4-example,

$$\vec{\hat{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\vec{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{slope} = 0 = \theta_1$$

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

$$\vec{\theta}_{(\text{init})} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

$$= \cancel{\frac{1}{2}} \cancel{m}$$

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

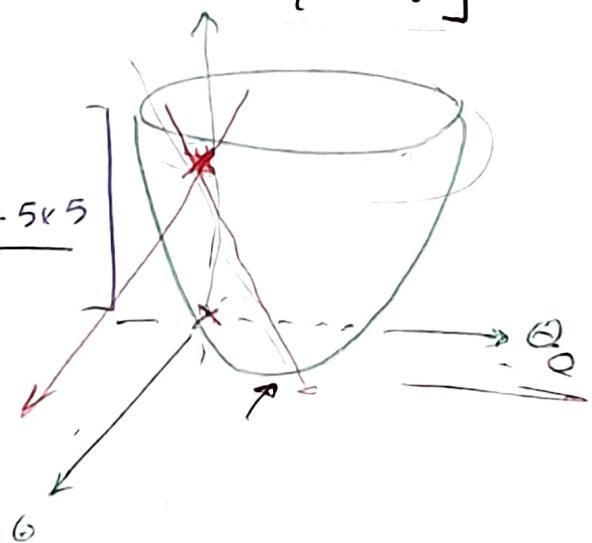
for old  $\theta$

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

evaluated at old  $\theta$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{14}{4} \\ -\frac{1x2 + 2x3 + 4x4 + 5x5}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{14}{4} \\ -\frac{49}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$



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

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

$\Rightarrow$  update  $\vec{\theta}$ ; update simultaneously  $\theta_0, \theta_1$

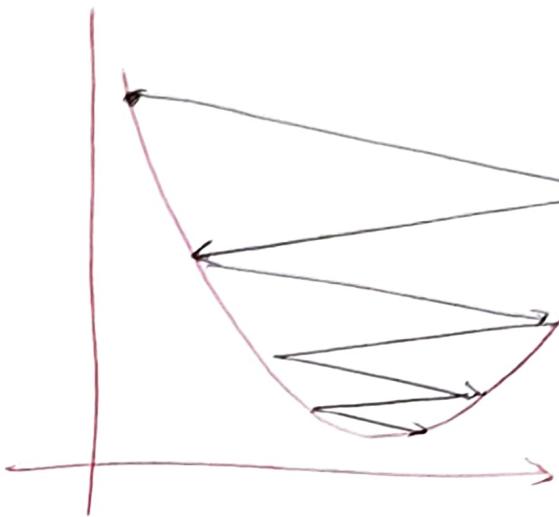
$$\theta_0^{(new)} = \theta_0^{(old)} - \alpha (-3.5) = 0.35$$

$$\theta_1^{(new)} = \theta_1^{(old)} - \alpha (-12.25) = 1.225$$

let  $\alpha = 0.1$

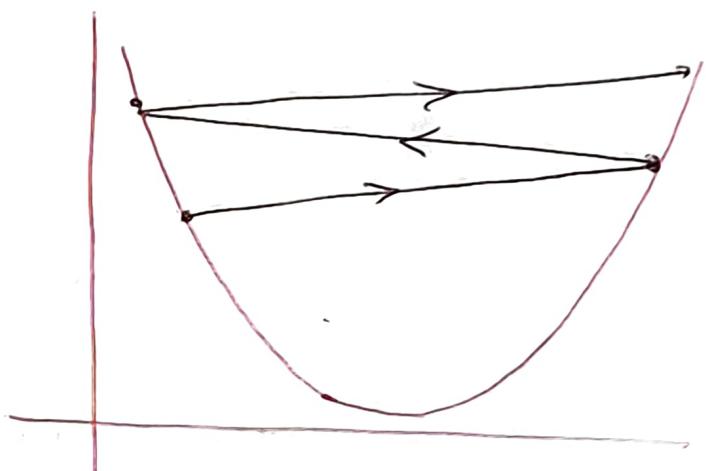
learning rate  $\propto \uparrow$

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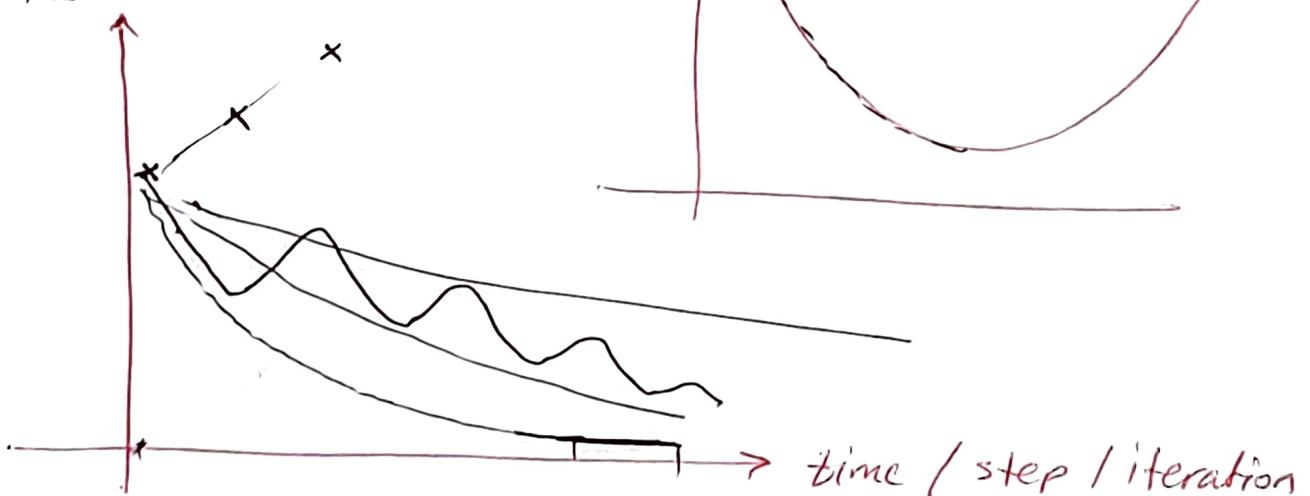
learning rate too big

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learning rate too small

error



dataset  $m \times n$  matrix

$m$  rows: # of samples

$n$  columns: # of features

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	$x_0$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3 \dots x_n$	$y$
$i=1$	1	100	1	-	-
$i=2$	1	90	2	-	-
		150	3	-	-
		120	2	-	-
$i=m$	1	-	-	-	-

linear regression,

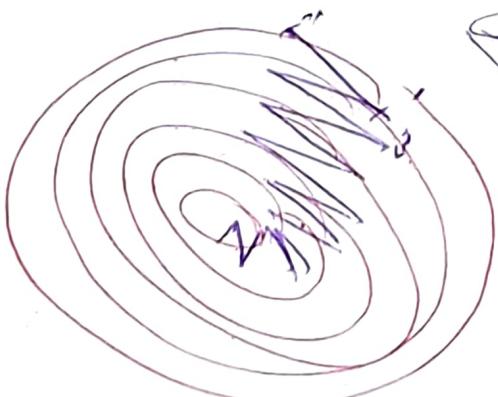
$$\hat{y} = h_{\theta}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \underbrace{\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_n x_n}_{\text{intercept}}$$

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

$n+1$  Parameters

add one extra feature

feature scaling  $\rightarrow$



Contour plot

