

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_i} = \delta \cdot x_i$$

where x_i is input received from a prev layer
that utilized activation fn.

$\Rightarrow x_i > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_i}$ depends on sign of δ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{Dirn of "step"} &= \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_n} \right) \\ &= (\delta \cdot x_1, \delta \cdot x_2, \dots, \delta \cdot x_n) \\ &= \delta(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \end{aligned}$$

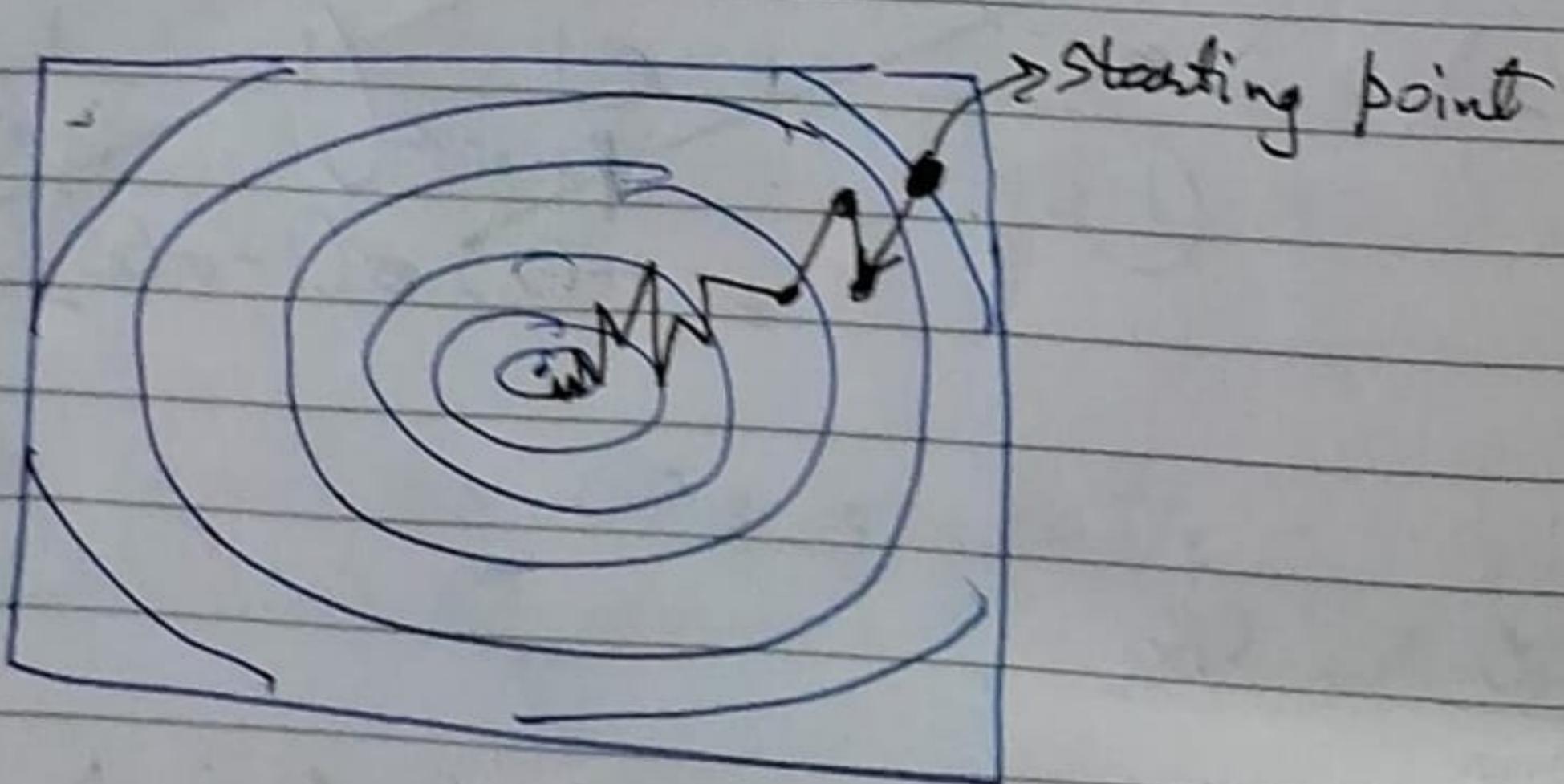
$$\Rightarrow w_i \leftarrow w_i - \alpha \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_i}$$

$$\Rightarrow w_i \leftarrow w_i - \alpha s \cancel{x_i}$$

This means all w_i 's either increase or decrease simultaneously. The dirn of motion "step" is same and depends only on s .

Problem with the above

Consider contour plot of ~~L(w,b)~~ $L(w,b)$:



Suppose in two iterations we get s with opposite signs, ~~which is~~ This is possible because ~~the~~ all inputs increasing/decreasing simultaneously does not guarantee ~~actual~~ dirn of steepest decent

In such a case, we first "overshoot" (increase w_i 's in one dirn) and then retract ~~(move~~ in another dirn). This causes "zig-zag" ~~motion~~ and chaotic convergence.