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# schedule update

49	2024-12-03 Lecture #8	2024-12-05 Lecture #9
50	2024-12-10 Writing Exercise #4	2024-12-12 Writing Exercise #5
51	2024-12-17 Lecture #10	2024-12-19 Reading Exercise #3

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$$e(\langle x_u \rangle_{0 \le u \le t}, \tau) = x_{t+1} = x_t - \alpha \cdot \tau'(x_t).$$

The learning rate  $\alpha$  can also be given as a function, usually  $\alpha : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{R}$  so that  $e(\langle x_u \rangle_{0 \le u \le t}, \tau) = x_{t+1} = x_t - \alpha(t) \cdot \tau'(x_t)$ . If  $\tau$  is stochastic, this process is called stochastic gradient descent (SGD).

Algorithm 6 (gradient descent (policy)). Let  $\pi_{\theta}$  be a policy  $\pi$  that depends on vector of continuous parameters  $\theta \in \Theta$  such that usually  $\Theta = \mathbb{R}^N$  for some N. Let  $\tau : \Theta \to \mathcal{T}$  be a target function on the parameters  $\theta$  of a policy  $\pi_{\theta}$ . Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be continuous ( $\mathcal{T} = \mathbb{R}$ , e.g.) and let  $\tau' : \Theta \to \mathcal{T}$  be the first derivative of  $\tau$ , i.e.,  $\tau'(\theta) = \frac{\partial \tau(\theta)}{\partial \theta}$ . If  $\mathcal{D} = (\Theta, \mathcal{T}, \tau, e, \langle x_u \rangle_{0 \le u \le t})$  is an optimization process that continues via gradient descent,  $\mathcal{D}$  is a process of policy optimization via gradient descent.

### Many Variants of Gradient Descent



source:

return x+

https://optimization.cbe.cornell.edu/ index.php?title=AdaGrad

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Algorithm 1: AdaGrad general algorithm
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\begin{split} \eta &: \text{Stepsize} \ ; \\ f(x) &: \text{Stochastic objective function} \ ; \\ x_1 &: \text{Initial parameter vector}; \\ \textbf{for } t &= 1 \ to \ T \ \textbf{do} \\ &= \text{Evaluate} \ f_t(x_t) \ ; \\ \text{Get and save} \ g_t \ ; \\ G_t &\leftarrow \sum_{\tau=1}^t g_\tau g_\tau^\mathsf{T} \ ; \\ x_{t+1} &\leftarrow x_t - \eta G_t^{-1/2} g_t \ ; \\ \textbf{end} \end{split}
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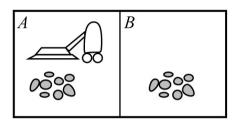
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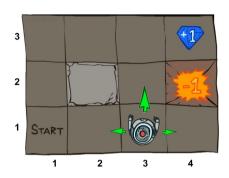
**Algorithm 1:** Adam, our proposed algorithm for stochastic optimization. See section 2 for details, and for a slightly more efficient (but less clear) order of computation.  $g_t^2$  indicates the elementwise square  $g_t \odot g_t$ . Good default settings for the tested machine learning problems are  $\alpha = 0.001$ ,  $\beta_1 = 0.9$ ,  $\beta_2 = 0.999$  and  $\epsilon = 10^{-8}$ . All operations on vectors are element-wise. With  $\beta_1^t$  and  $\beta_2^t$  we denote  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  to the power t.

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Require: \( \alpha \): Stepsize
Require: \beta_1, \beta_2 \in [0, 1): Exponential decay rates for the moment estimates
Require: f(\theta): Stochastic objective function with parameters \theta
Require: \theta_0: Initial parameter vector
   m_0 \leftarrow 0 (Initialize 1st moment vector)
   v_0 \leftarrow 0 (Initialize 2<sup>nd</sup> moment vector)
   t \leftarrow 0 (Initialize timestep)
   while \theta_t not converged do
      t \leftarrow t + 1
      q_t \leftarrow \nabla_{\theta} f_t(\theta_{t-1}) (Get gradients w.r.t. stochastic objective at timestep t)
      m_t \leftarrow \beta_1 \cdot m_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_1) \cdot g_t (Update biased first moment estimate)
      v_t \leftarrow \beta_2 \cdot v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_2) \cdot g_t^2 (Update biased second raw moment estimate)
      \widehat{m}_t \leftarrow m_t/(1-\beta_1^t) (Compute bias-corrected first moment estimate)
      \hat{v}_t \leftarrow v_t/(1-\beta_2^t) (Compute bias-corrected second raw moment estimate)
      \theta_t \leftarrow \theta_{t-1} - \alpha \cdot \widehat{m}_t / (\sqrt{\widehat{v}_t} + \epsilon) (Update parameters)
   end while
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**return**  $\theta_t$  (Resulting parameters)

#### running examples









Russel, Norvig. Artificial Intelligence – A Modern Approach. Third Edition. 2016. https://inst.eecs.berkeley.edu/~cs188/fa22/chatgpt.com encoding policies...

### Differentiable Programming





Zygote (Julia)

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julia> using Zygote

julia> f(x) = 5x + 3

julia> f(10), f'(10)
(53, 5.0)
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https://github.com/FluxML/Zygote.jl

https://aithub.com/aooale/iax

#### Neural Networks

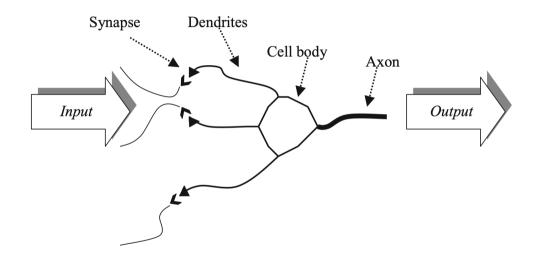


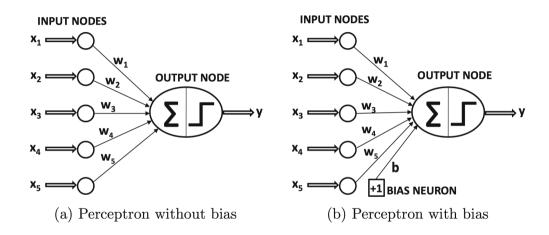


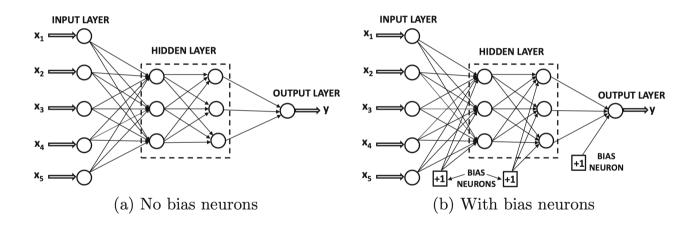
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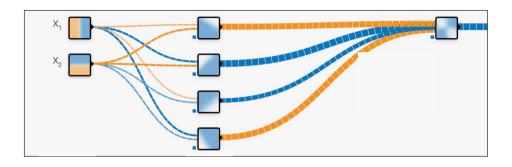
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# Let's try!



https://playground.tensorflow.org

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A network's output given an input  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$  is given via

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}) = \langle O(r, c) \rangle_{c=1, \dots, |L_r|} \in \mathbb{R}^q$$
where  $O(l, c) = \begin{cases} x_c & \text{if } l = 0, \\ f(B_{l,c} + \sum_{i=1}^{|L_{l-1}|} E_{l,c,i} \cdot O(l-1, i)) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$ 

**Definition 11** (training of a neural network). Let  $\mathcal{N}: \mathbb{R}^p \to \mathbb{R}^q$  be a neural network with n weights  $\overline{\mathcal{N}} = \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  as in Definition 8. Note that thus  $|\overline{\mathcal{N}}| = n$ . Let  $\tau: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  be a target function as in Definition 2. Note that thus  $\mathcal{T} = \mathbb{R}$ . The process of optimizing the network weights  $\overline{\mathcal{N}}$  so that  $\tau(\overline{\mathcal{N}})$  becomes minimal is called training.

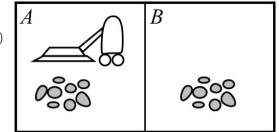
• Let  $\mathbb{T} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i) : i = 1, ..., N\}$  be a set of N points of training data, where  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^p, \mathbf{y}_i \in \mathbb{R}^q$  for all i. If  $\tau$  is of the form

$$au(\overline{\mathcal{N}}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathbf{y}_i)^2$$

or a similar form, the process of training  ${\cal N}$  is called supervised learning.

(to be continued)

Let  $\mathcal{O} = \big\{ (\mathtt{status\_A} = d_1, \mathtt{status\_B} = d_2, \mathtt{robot\_position} = p) \\ \mid (d_1, d_2) \in \{ \mathtt{dirty}, \mathtt{clean} \}^2, \ p \in \{\mathtt{A}, \mathtt{B} \} \big\}, \\ \text{let } \mathcal{A} = \{ \mathtt{vacuum}, \mathtt{move} \}.$ 



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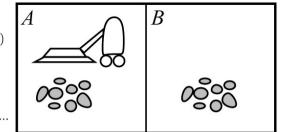
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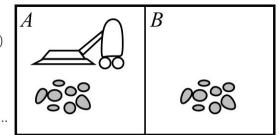
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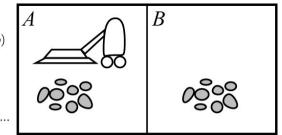
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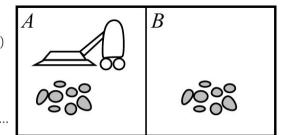
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We can now learn a policy  $\pi_{\theta}$  w.r.t. target function  $\tau:\Theta\to\mathcal{T}$  by solving the optimization problem  $\tau$ . If  $\tau'$  is the derivative of  $\tau$  w.r.t.  $\Theta$ , we can use gradient-based optimization as well.



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**Theorem 2** (Kolmogorov-Arnold representation [2]). Any continuous function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  can be written as a finite composition of continuous functions of a single variable  $(f_i: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} \text{ for } i \in \mathbb{R}, 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N})$  and addition  $(\underline{\ } + \underline{\ } : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R})$ .

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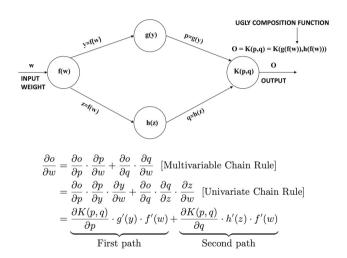


Figure 1.13: Illustration of chain rule in computational graphs: The products of node-specific partial derivatives along paths from weight w to output o are aggregated. The resulting value yields the derivative of output o with respect to weight w. Only two paths between input and output exist in this simplified example.

## The Goal Class Hierarchy

Goal Class 5: State Values

Goal Class 4: Rewards and Costs

Goal Class 3: Goal Direction

Goal Class 2: Goal Valuation

Goal Class 2.5: Multiple Goal Valuations

Goal Class 1: Goal Predicate

Goal Class 1.5: Multiple Goal Predicates

Goal Class 0: No Goals