Module 5.6 : Stochastic And Mini-Batch Gradient Descent

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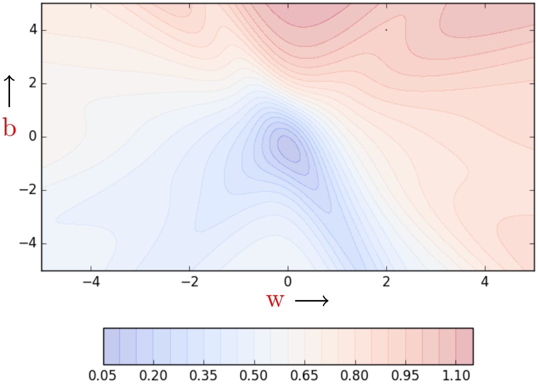
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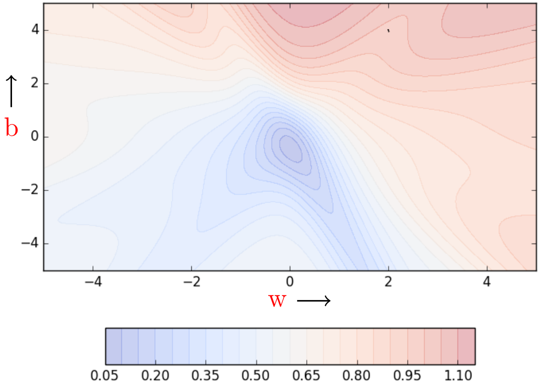

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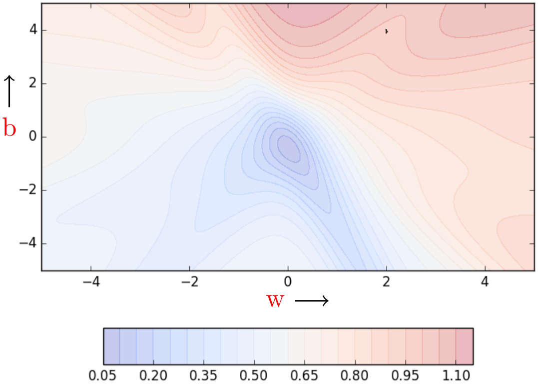
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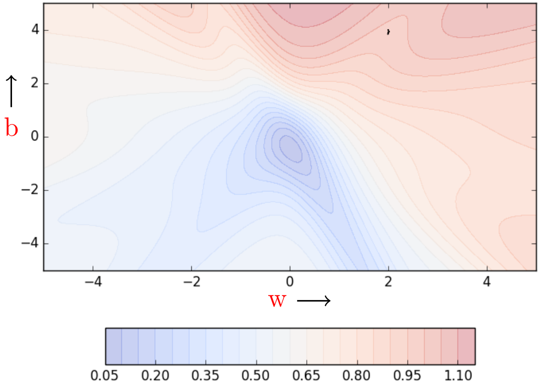
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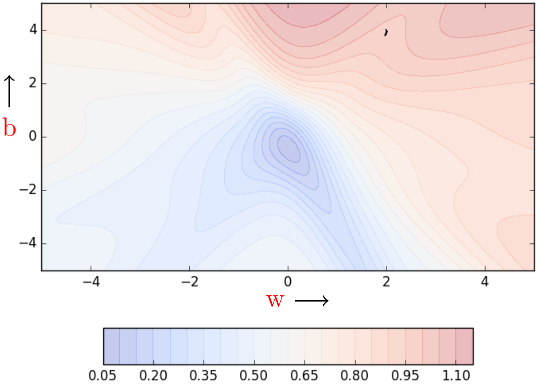

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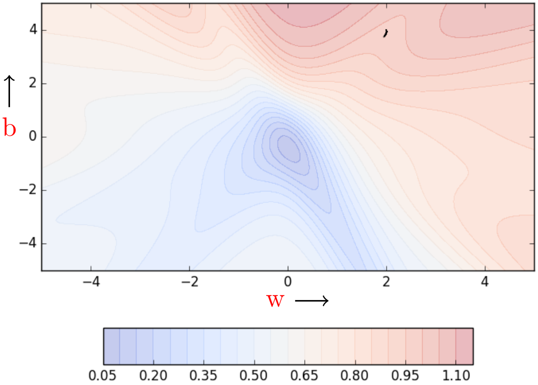

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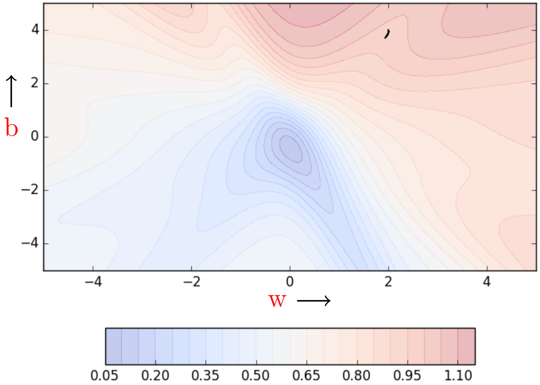
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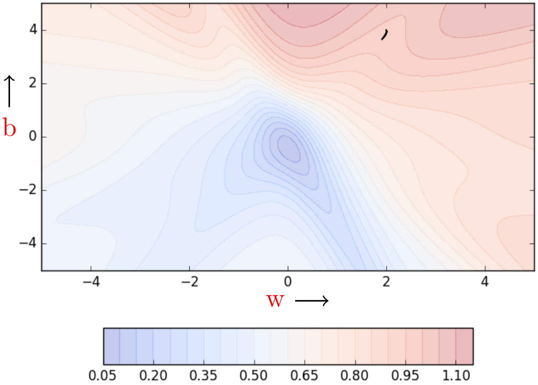
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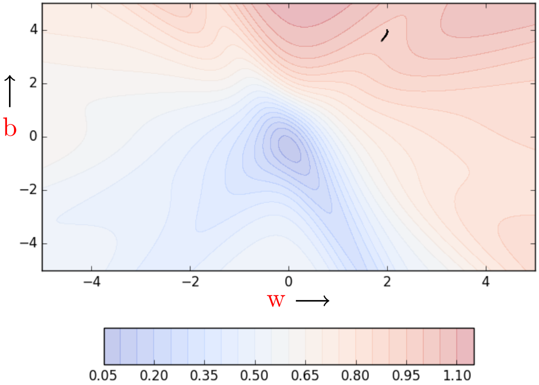

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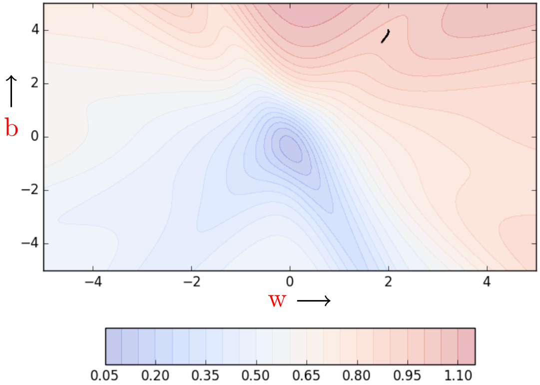
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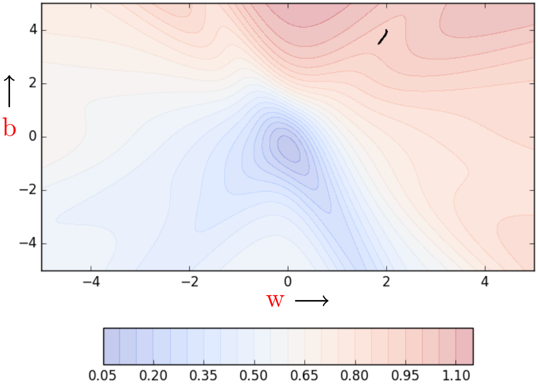
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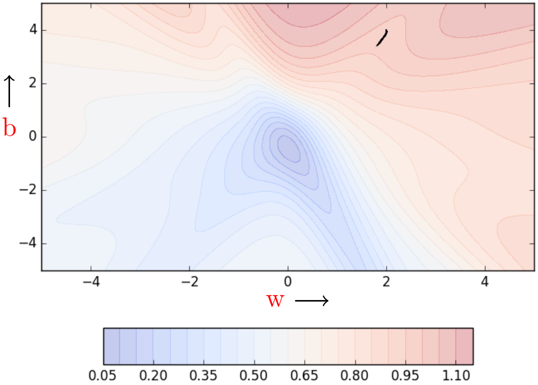
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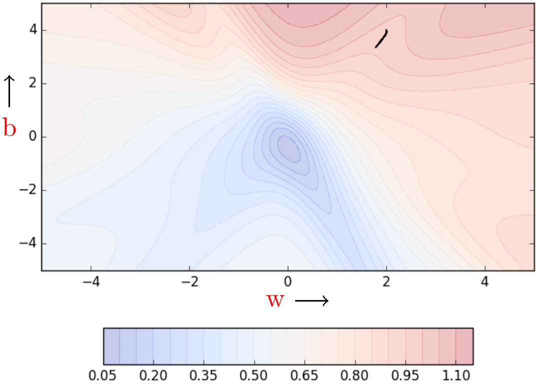

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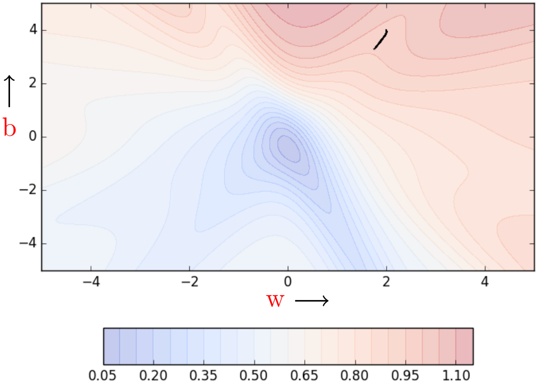
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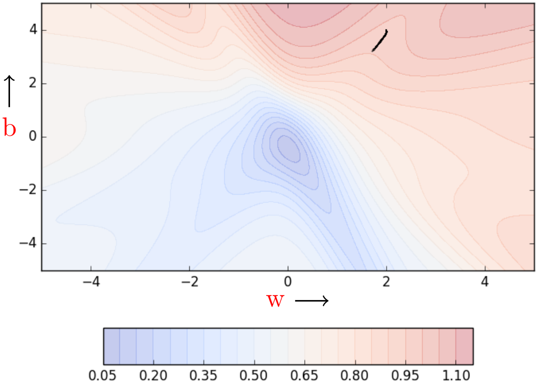
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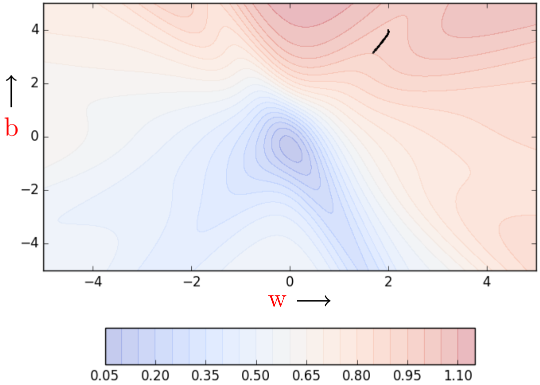
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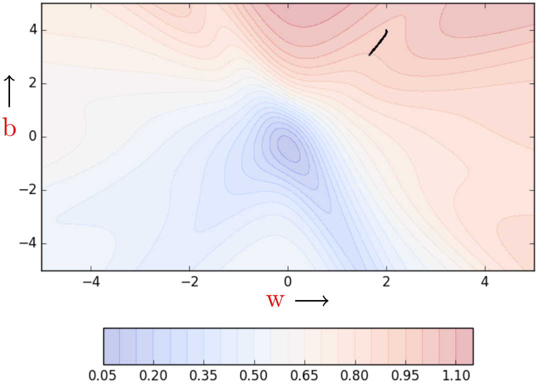
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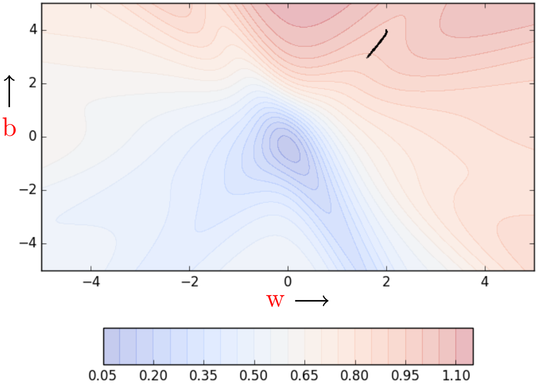
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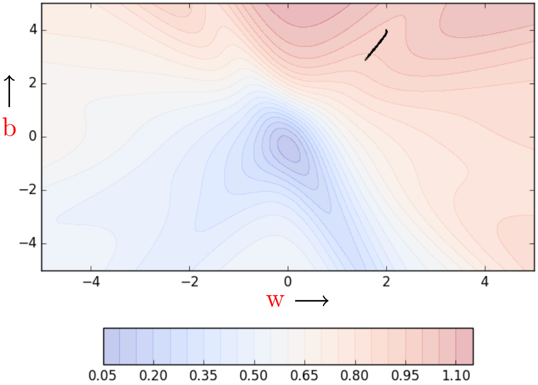
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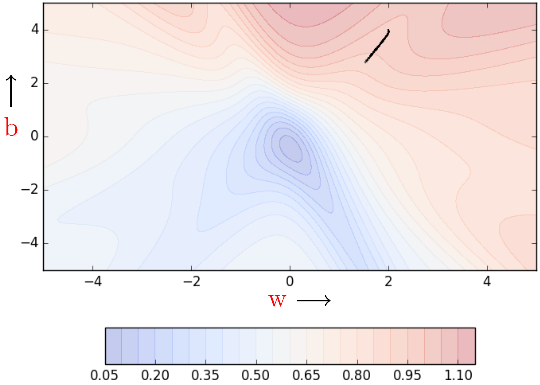

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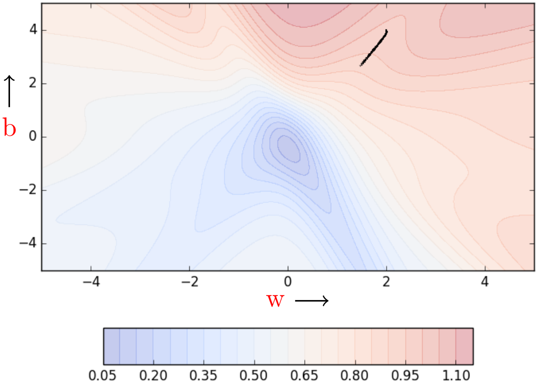

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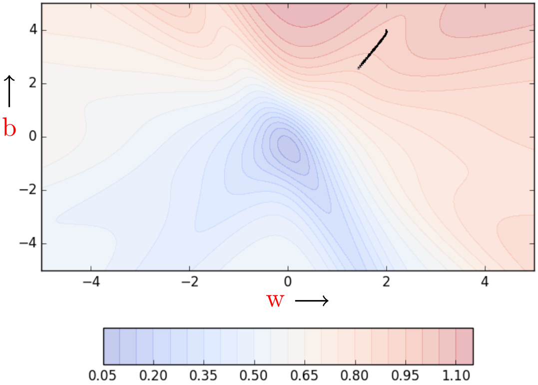

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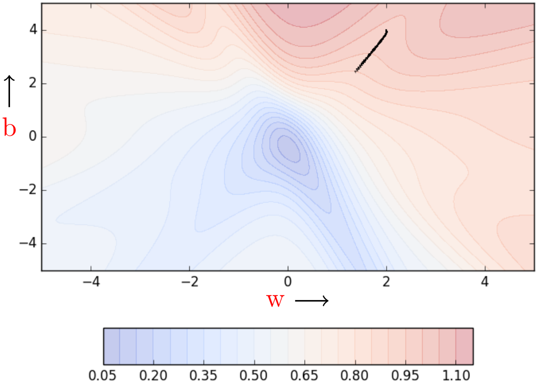

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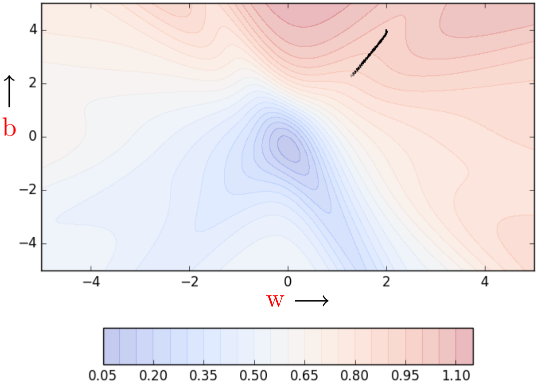
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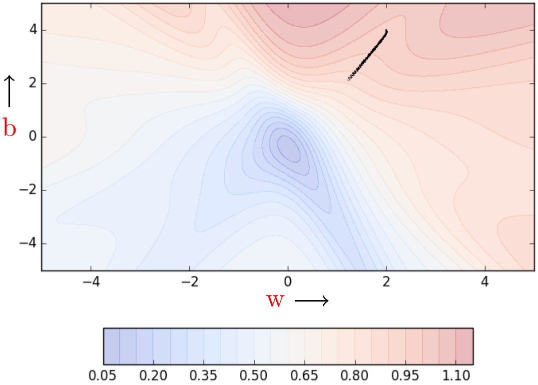
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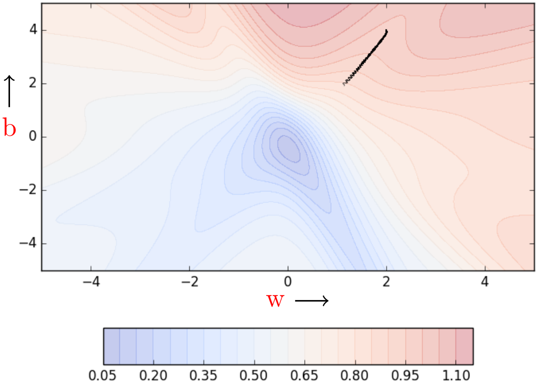

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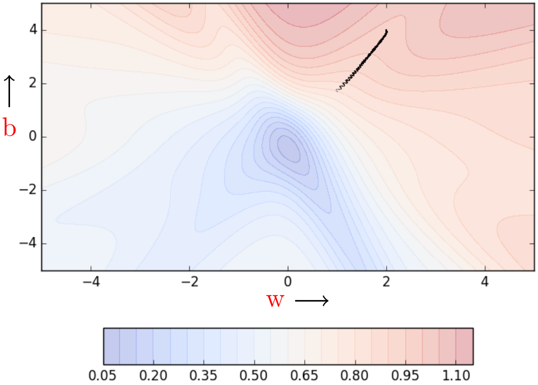
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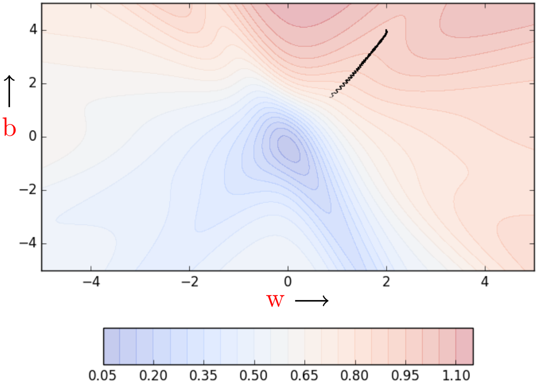
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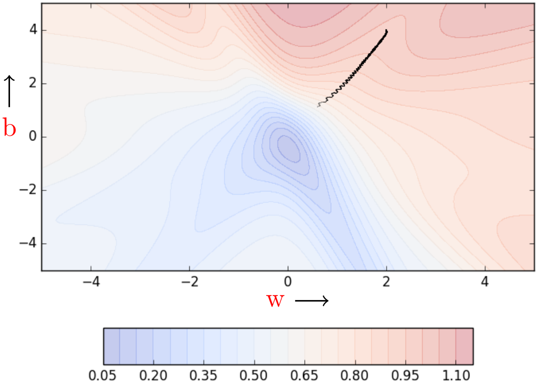
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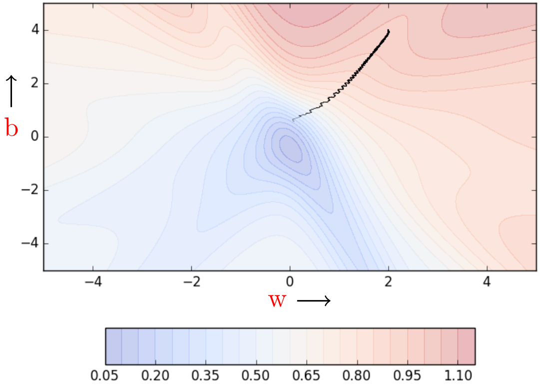
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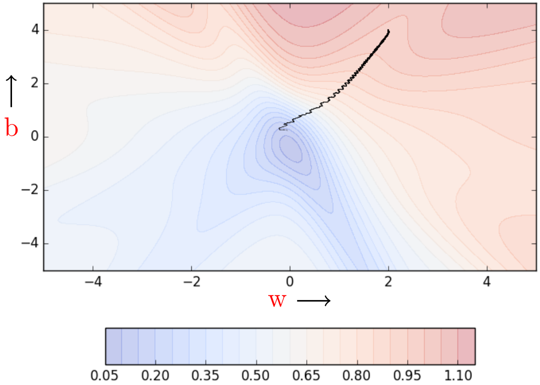
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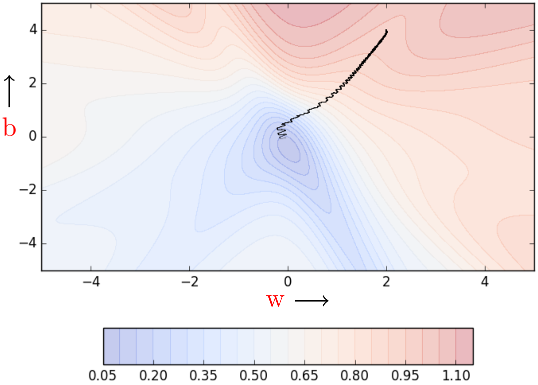
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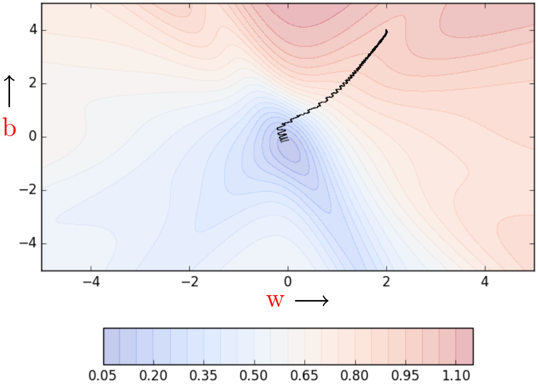
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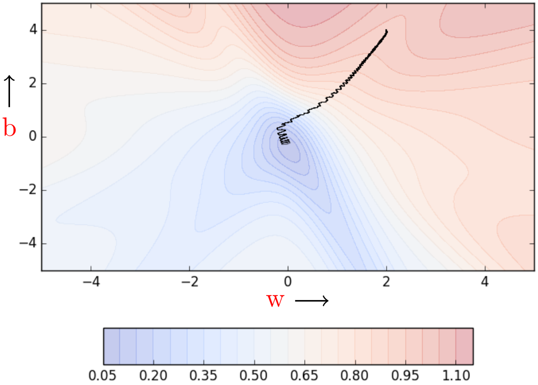
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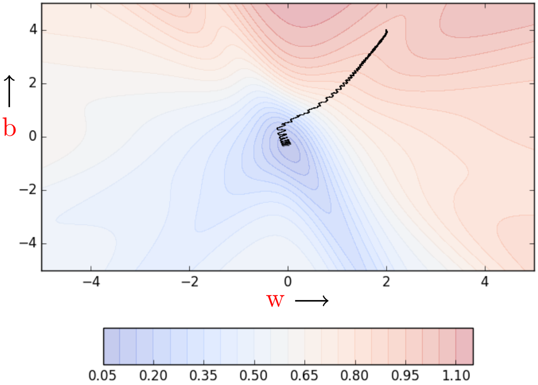
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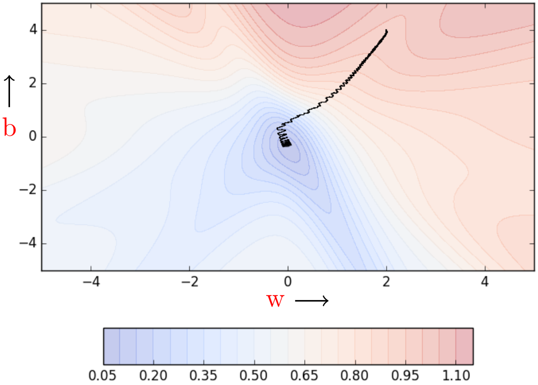
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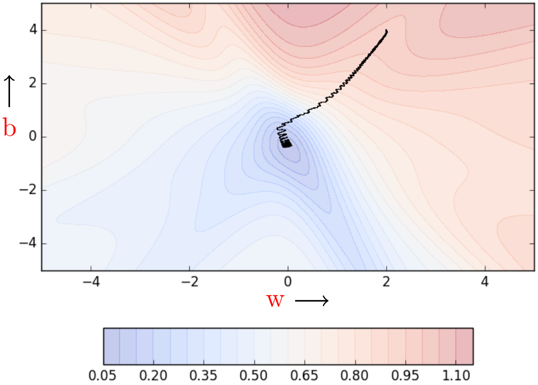

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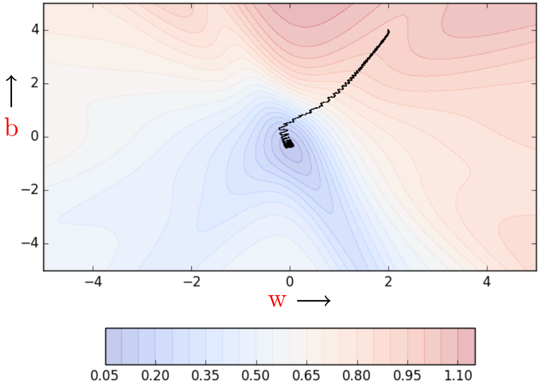

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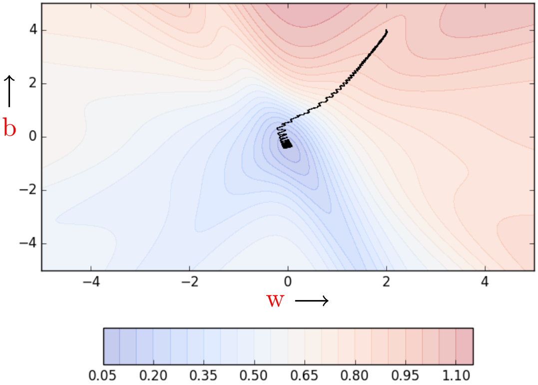

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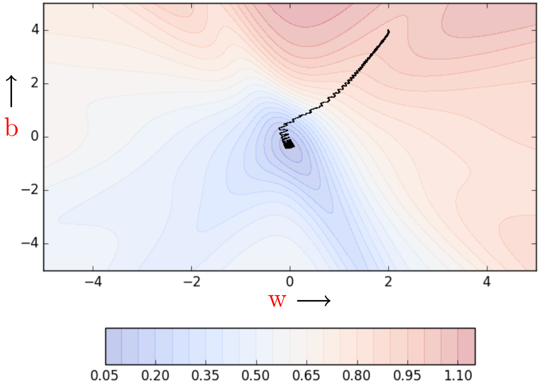

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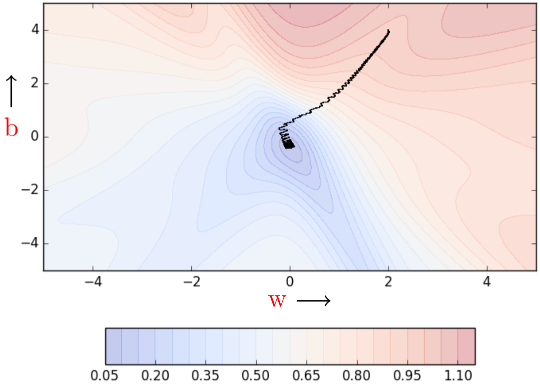

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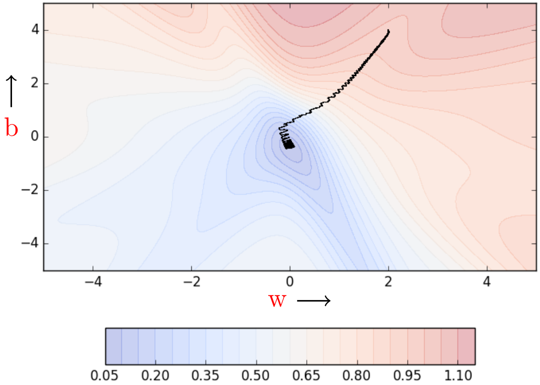

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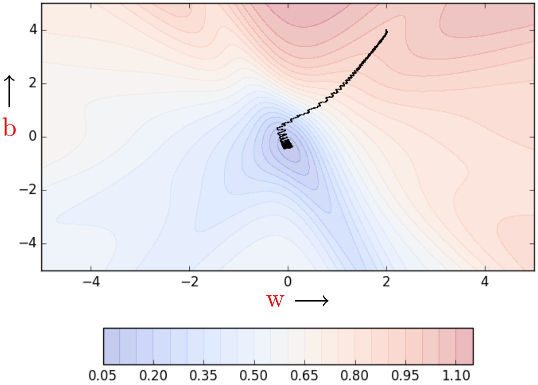

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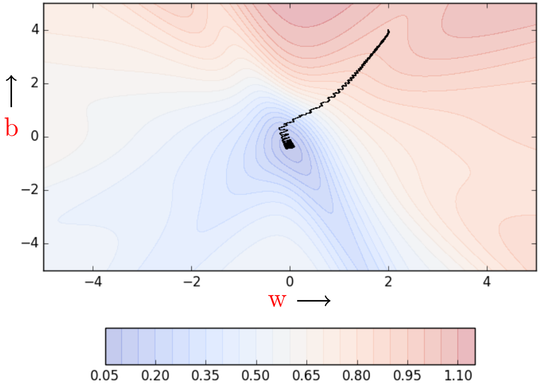

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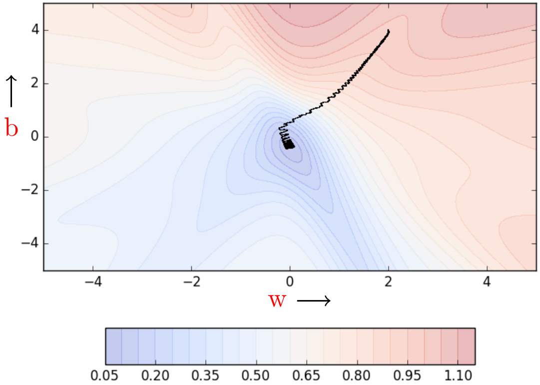
- Yes, let's look at mini-batch gradient descent



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    w, b, eta =-2, -2, 1.0
    mini_batch_size, num_points_seen = 2, 0
    for i in range(max_epochs) :
        dw, db, num_points = 0, 0, 0
        for x,y in zip(X, Y) :
            dw += grad_w(w, b, x, y)
            db += grad_b(w, b, x, y)
            num_points_seen +=1

            if num_points_seen % mini_batch_size == 0 :
                # seen one mini_batch
                w = w - eta * dw
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                dw, db = 0, 0 #reset gradients
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    for i in range(max_epochs):
        dw, db = 0, 0
        for x, y in zip(X, Y):
            dw = grad_w(w, b, x, y)
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- Notice that the algorithm updates the parameters after it sees *mini_batch_size* number of data points

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                b = b - eta * db
                dw, db = 0, 0 #reset gradients
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def do_stochastic_gradient_descent():
    w, b, eta, max_epochs = -2, -2, 1.0, 1000
    for i in range(max_epochs):
        dw, db = 0, 0
        for x, y in zip(X, Y):
            dw = grad_w(w, b, x, y)
            db = grad_b(w, b, x, y)
            w = w - eta * dw
            b = b - eta * db
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- Notice that the algorithm updates the parameters after it sees *mini_batch_size* number of data points
- The stochastic estimates are now slightly better

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def do_mini_batch_gradient_descent() :
    w, b, eta =-2, -2, 1.0
    mini_batch_size, num_points_seen = 2, 0
    for i in range(max_epochs) :
        dw, db, num_points = 0, 0, 0
        for x,y in zip(X, Y) :
            dw += grad_w(w, b, x, y)
            db += grad_b(w, b, x, y)
            num_points_seen +=1

            if num_points_seen % mini_batch_size == 0 :
                # seen one mini_batch
                w = w - eta * dw
                b = b - eta * db
                dw, db = 0, 0 #reset gradients
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def do_stochastic_gradient_descent():
    w, b, eta, max_epochs = -2, -2, 1.0, 1000
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            w = w - eta * dw
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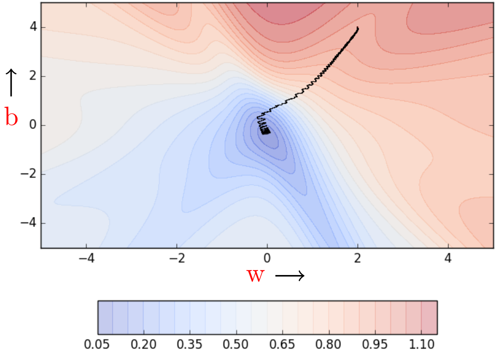
- Notice that the algorithm updates the parameters after it sees $mini\_batch\_size$ number of data points
- The stochastic estimates are now slightly better
- Let's see this algorithm in action when we have k = 2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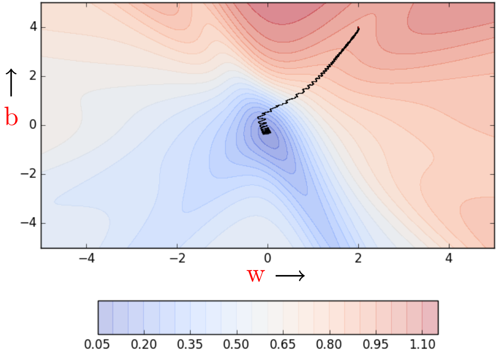

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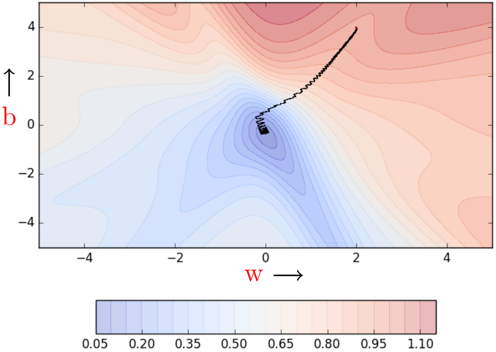
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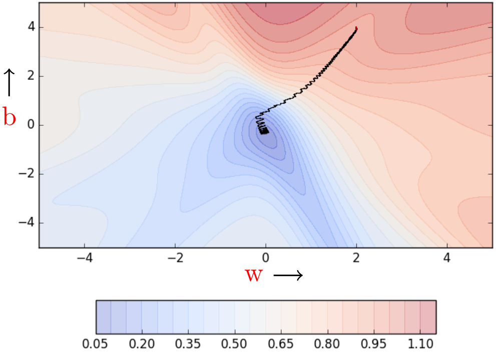

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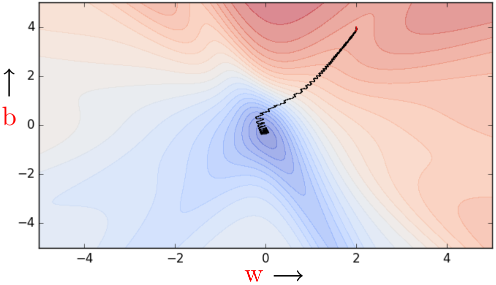

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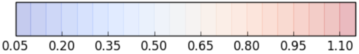

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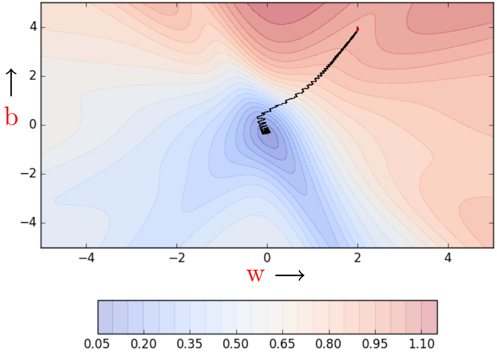
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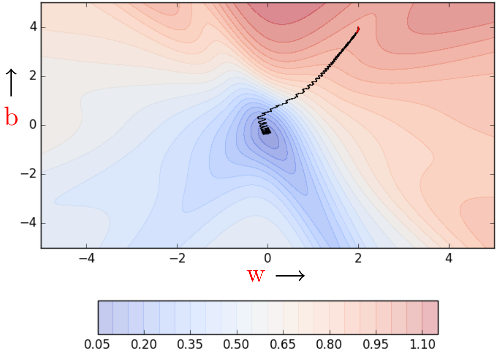
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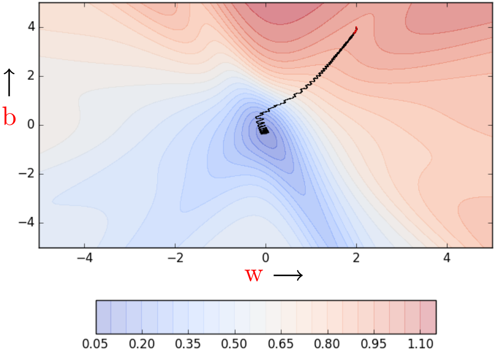
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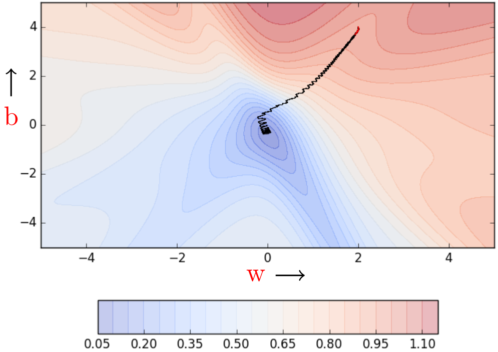

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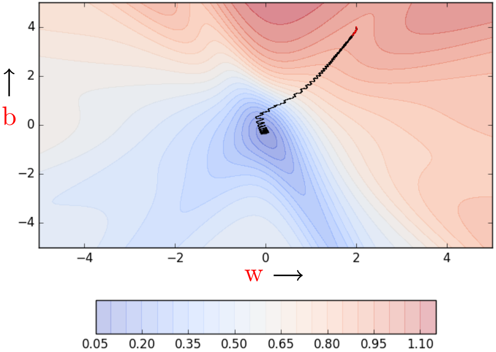
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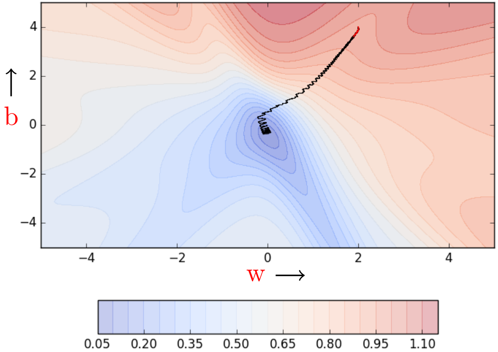

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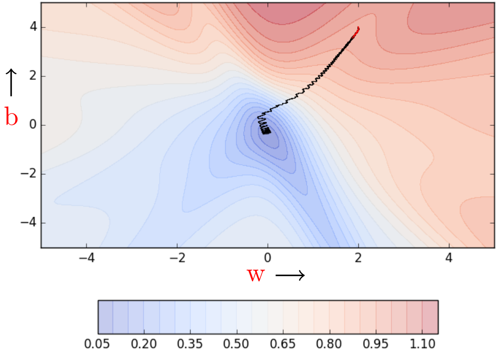
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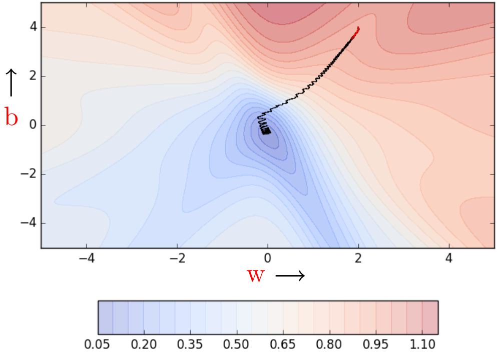

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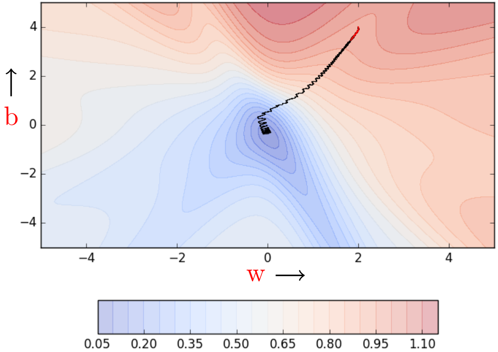
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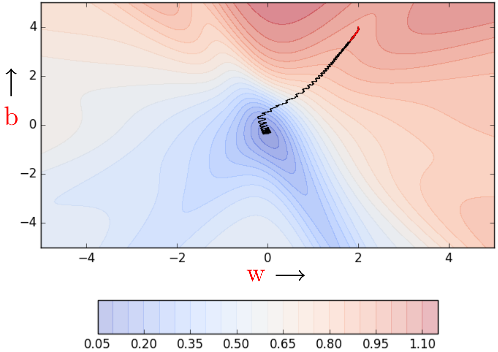
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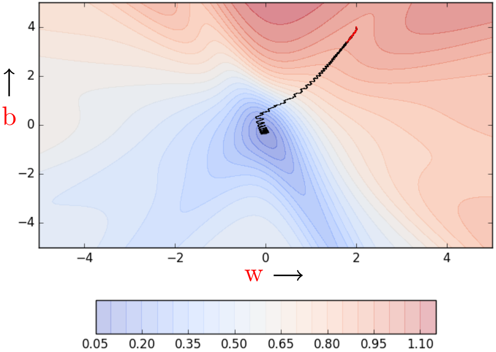

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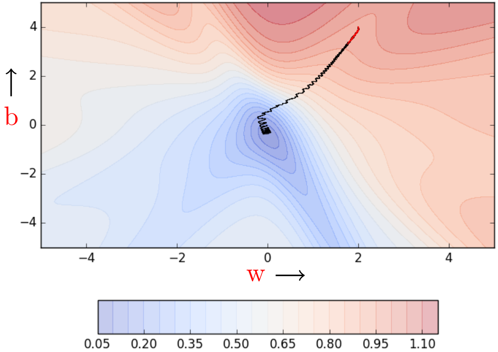

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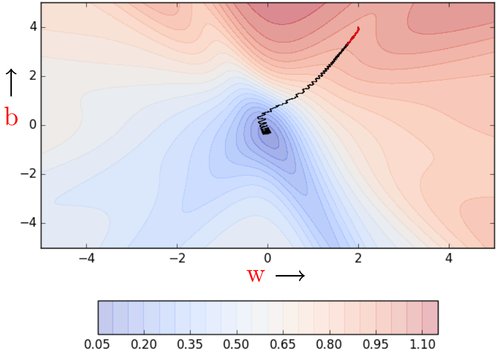

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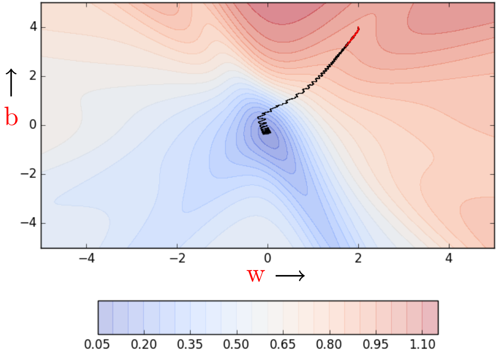
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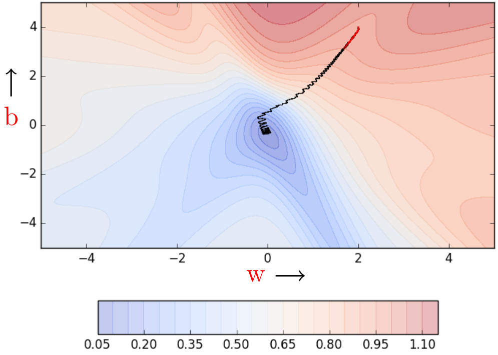

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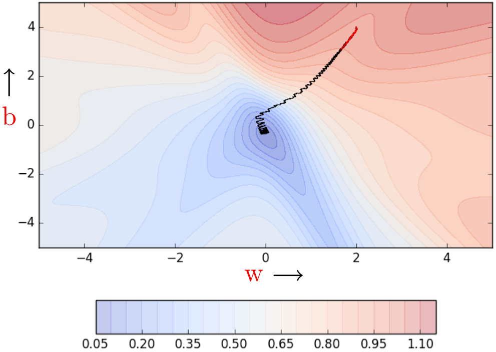

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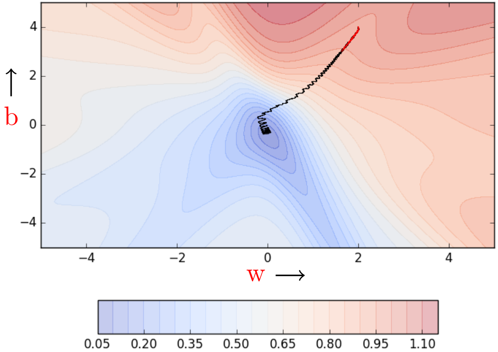

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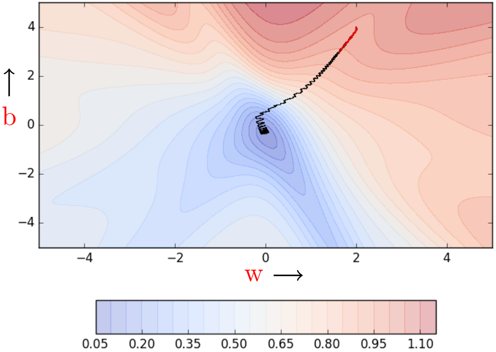

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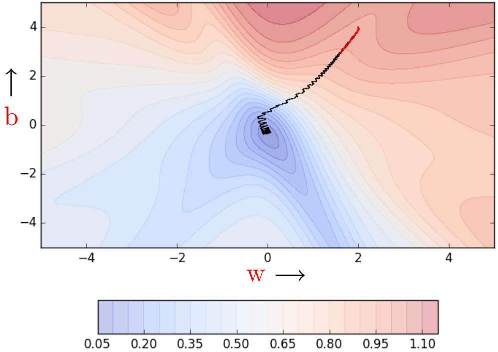

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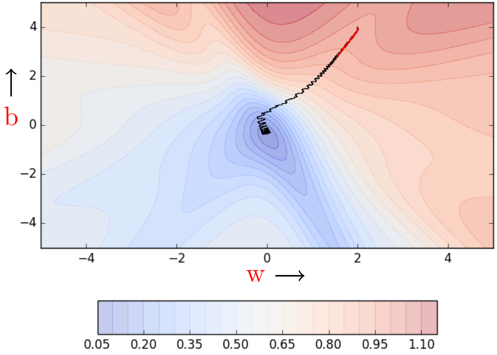

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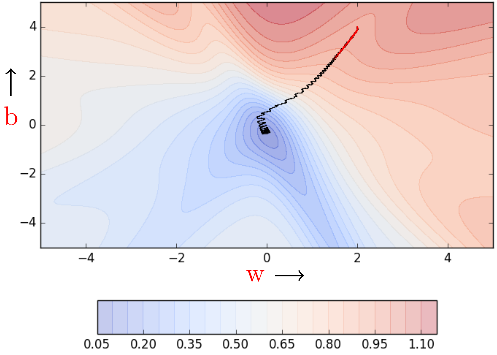

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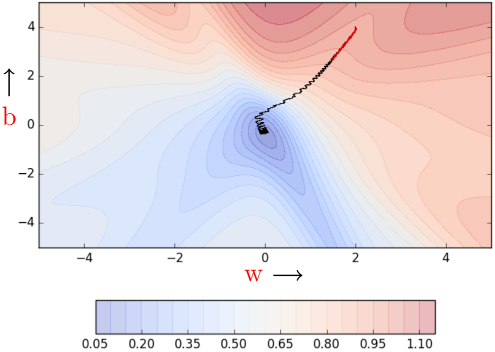

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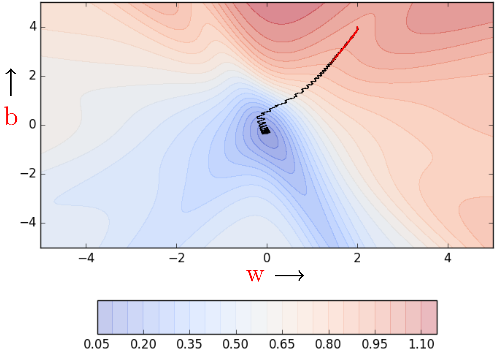

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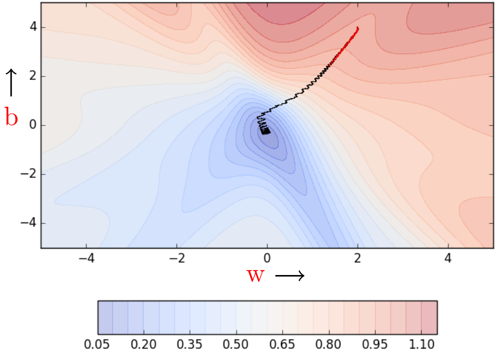
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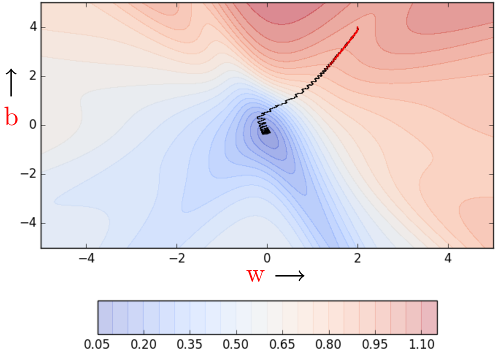
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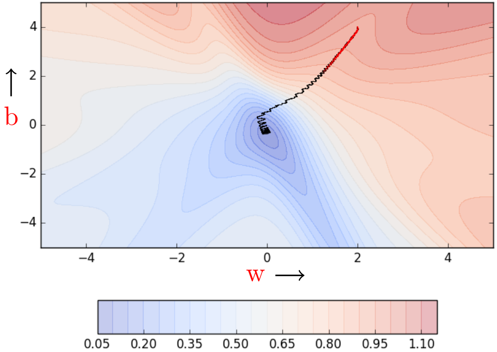

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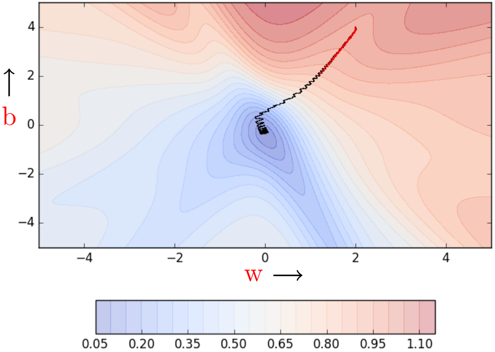
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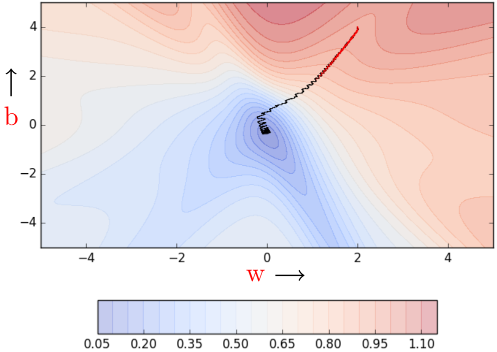

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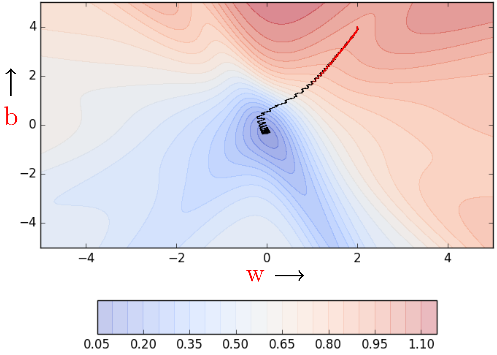

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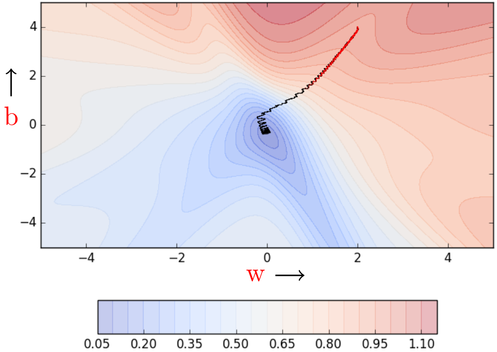
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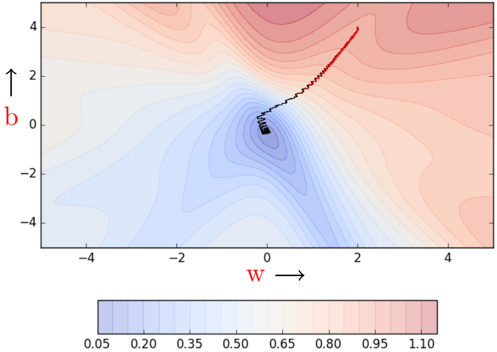
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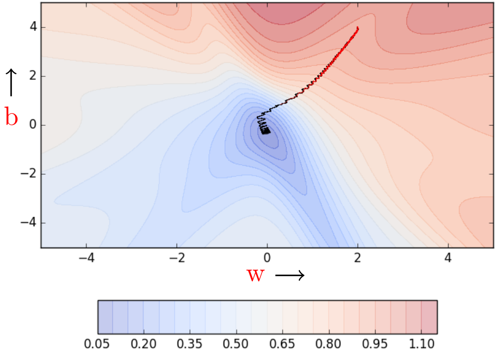

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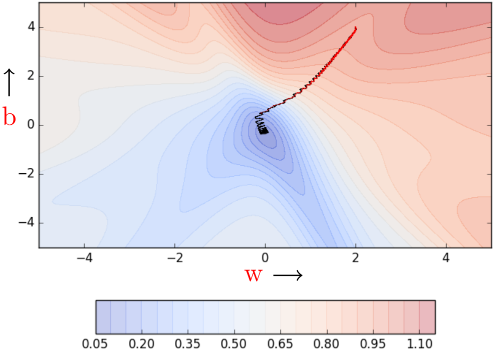

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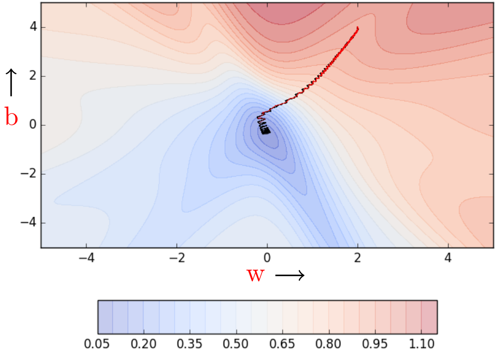
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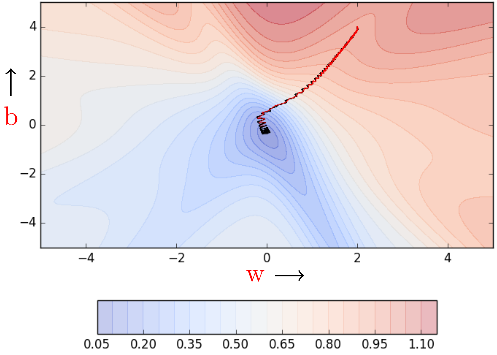
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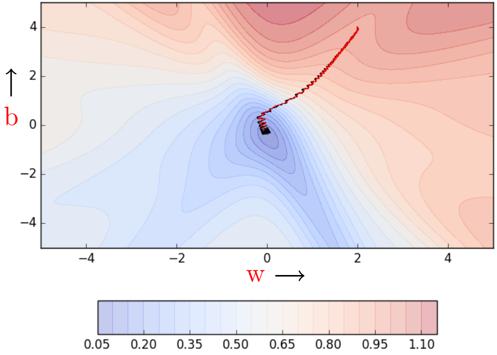
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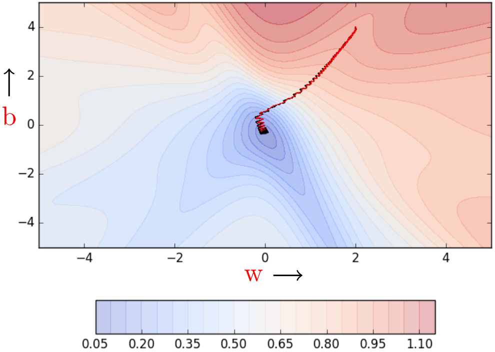
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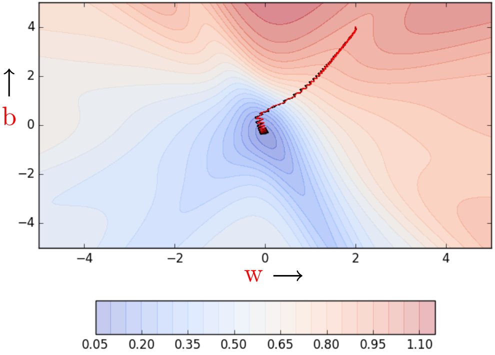

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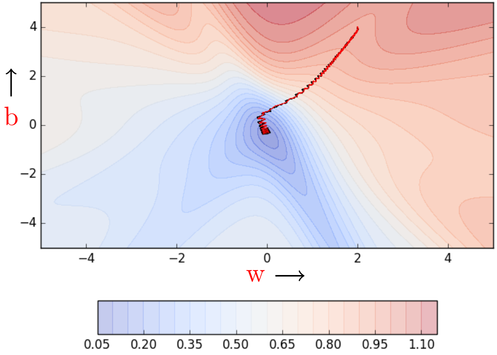

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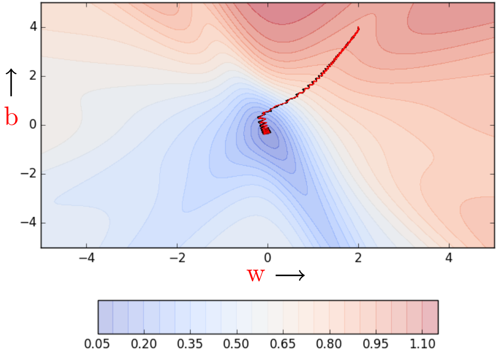

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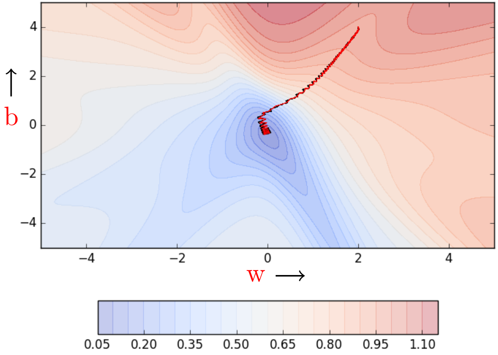

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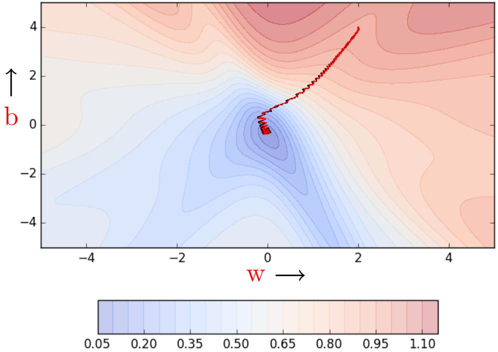

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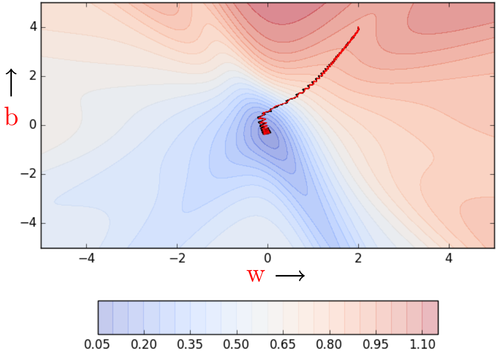

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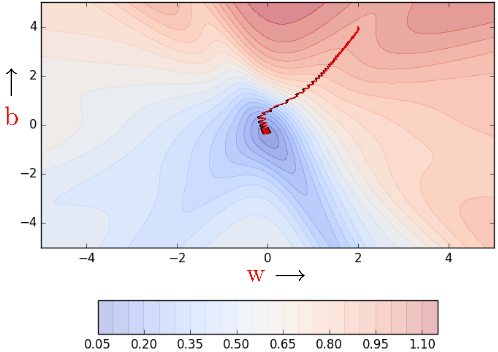

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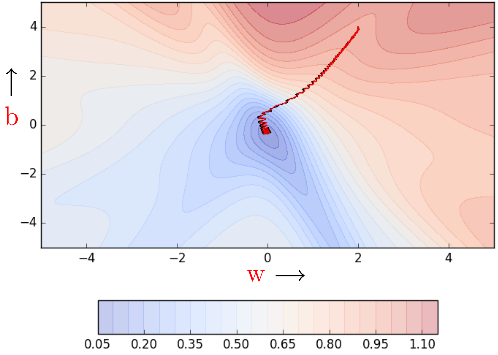

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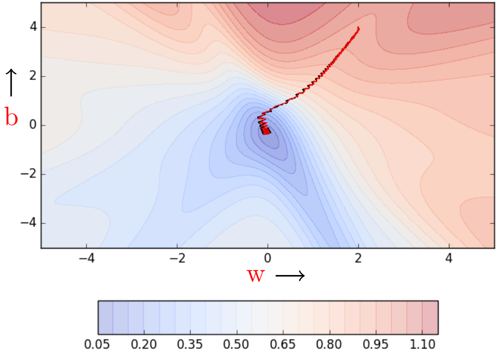

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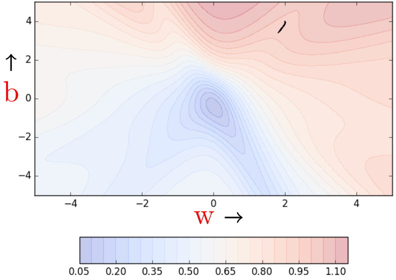
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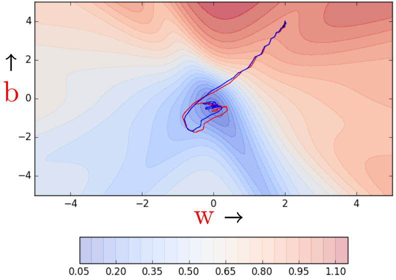
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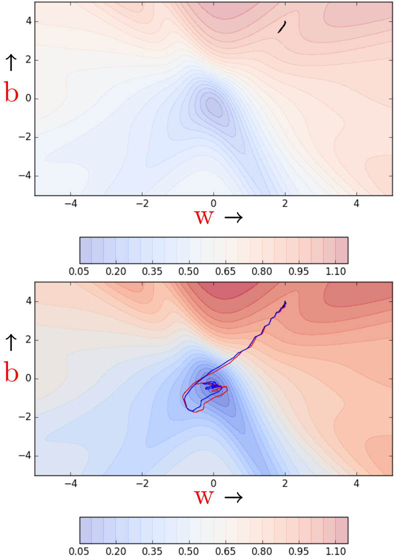

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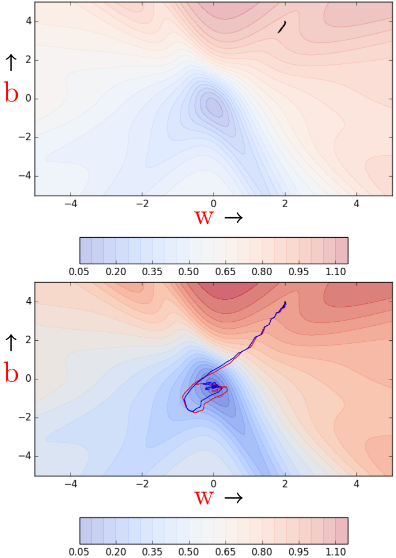

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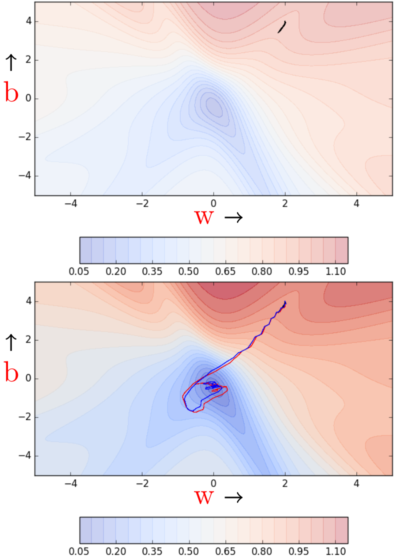

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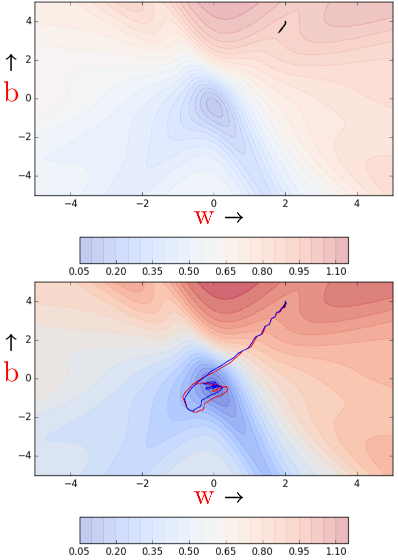

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