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Aim: Implement Gradient descent algorithm to minimise given objective function.

For eg., let $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^3 + 6x_2^2$.

Theory

- A gradient is nothing but derivative that defines the effects on outputs of the function with little bit of variations in input.
- Gradient descent stands as a cornerstone orchestrating the intricate dance of model optimization.
- As its core, it is a numerical optimization algorithm that aims to find the optimal parameters (weights and biases) of a neural network by minimizing a defined cost function.
- It works by iteratively adjusting the weights or parameters of the model in the direction of negative gradient of the cost function until the minimum of the cost function is reached.
- The cost function evaluates the difference between the actual and predicted outputs.
- Gradient descent is a fundamental optimization technique in ML used to minimise the cost or loss function during model

- i) It iteratively adjust model parameters by moving in the direction of the steepest decrease in the cost function.
- ii) The algorithm calculates gradients, representing the partial derivative of the cost function concerning each parameter.

- The steps are:
- i) Initialize the parameters a and b with some initial values.
 - ii) Compute the gradient of the function with respect to each parameter.
 - iii) Update the parameters by

$$a = a - \alpha \frac{\partial F}{\partial a}$$

$$b = b - \alpha \frac{\partial F}{\partial b}$$

where,

α = learning rate

iv) Repeat step (ii) and (iii) until convergence.

For e.g., $f(x_1, x_2) = -x_1^3 + 6x_2^2$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial (-x_1^3 + 6x_2^2)}{\partial x_1}$$

$$= -3x_1^2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} = \frac{\partial (-x_1^3 + 6x_2^2)}{\partial x_2}$$

$$= 12x_2$$

• Update the parameters:

$$x_1 = x_1 - \alpha (-3x_1^2)$$

$$x_2 = x_2 - \alpha (12x_2)$$

$$\therefore x_1 = x_1 + 3\alpha x_1^2$$

$$x_2 = x_2 - 12\alpha x_2$$

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