

ED5340 - Data Science: Theory and Practise

L15 - Optimization for multiple variable

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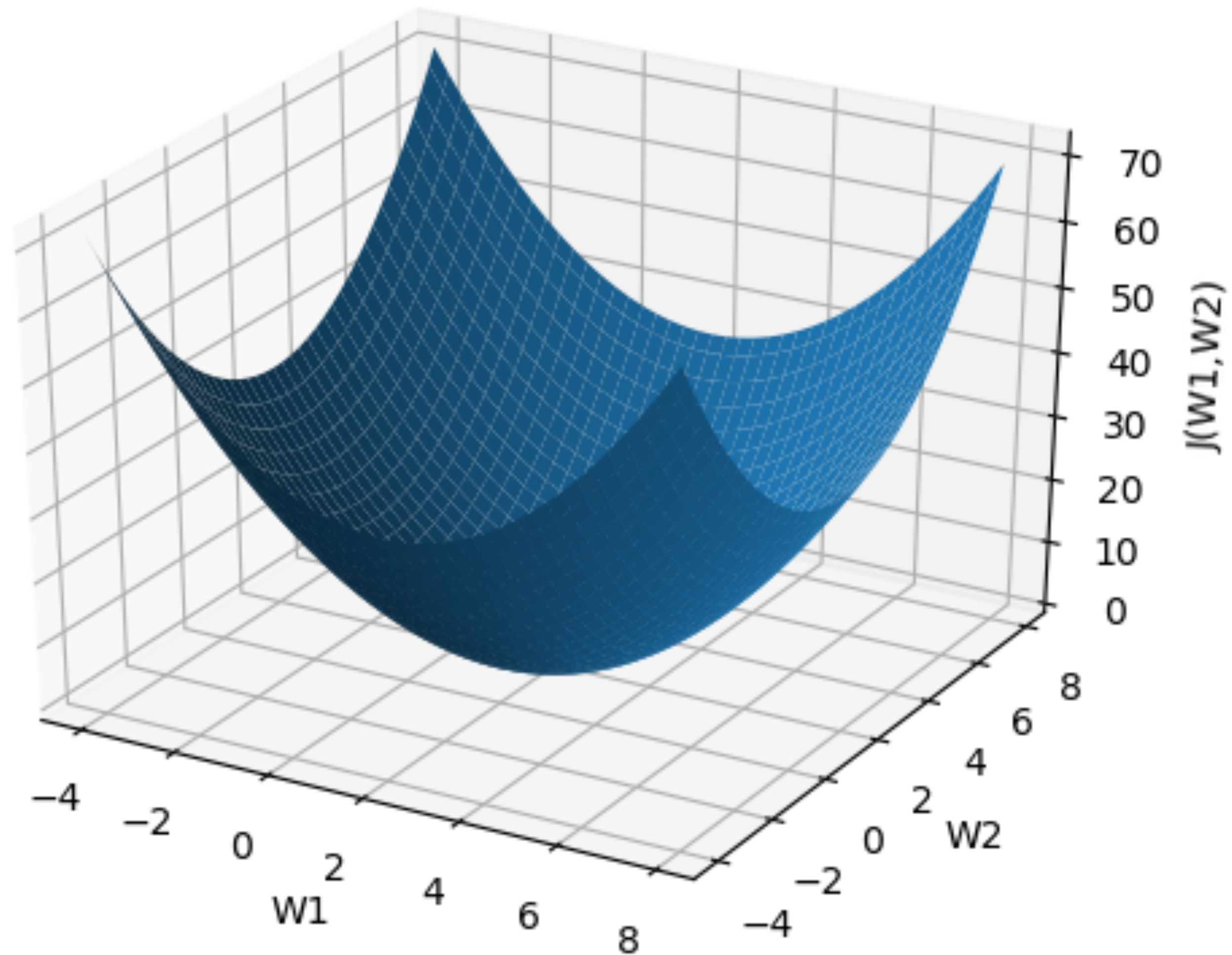
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Unconstrained optimization

- Single variable (e.g. $\min J(w)$, e.g. $J(w) = w^2$, $J(w) = w^3$, $J(w) = w^2 + 54/w$)
- multivariable (e.g. $\min J(w_1, w_2) = (w_1 - 2)^2 + (w_2 - 2)^2$)
- n-dimensional multivariable (e.g. $J(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) = (w_1 - 2)^2 + (w_2 - 2)^2 + \dots + (w_n - 2)^2$)
- $\min J(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$

Surface plot

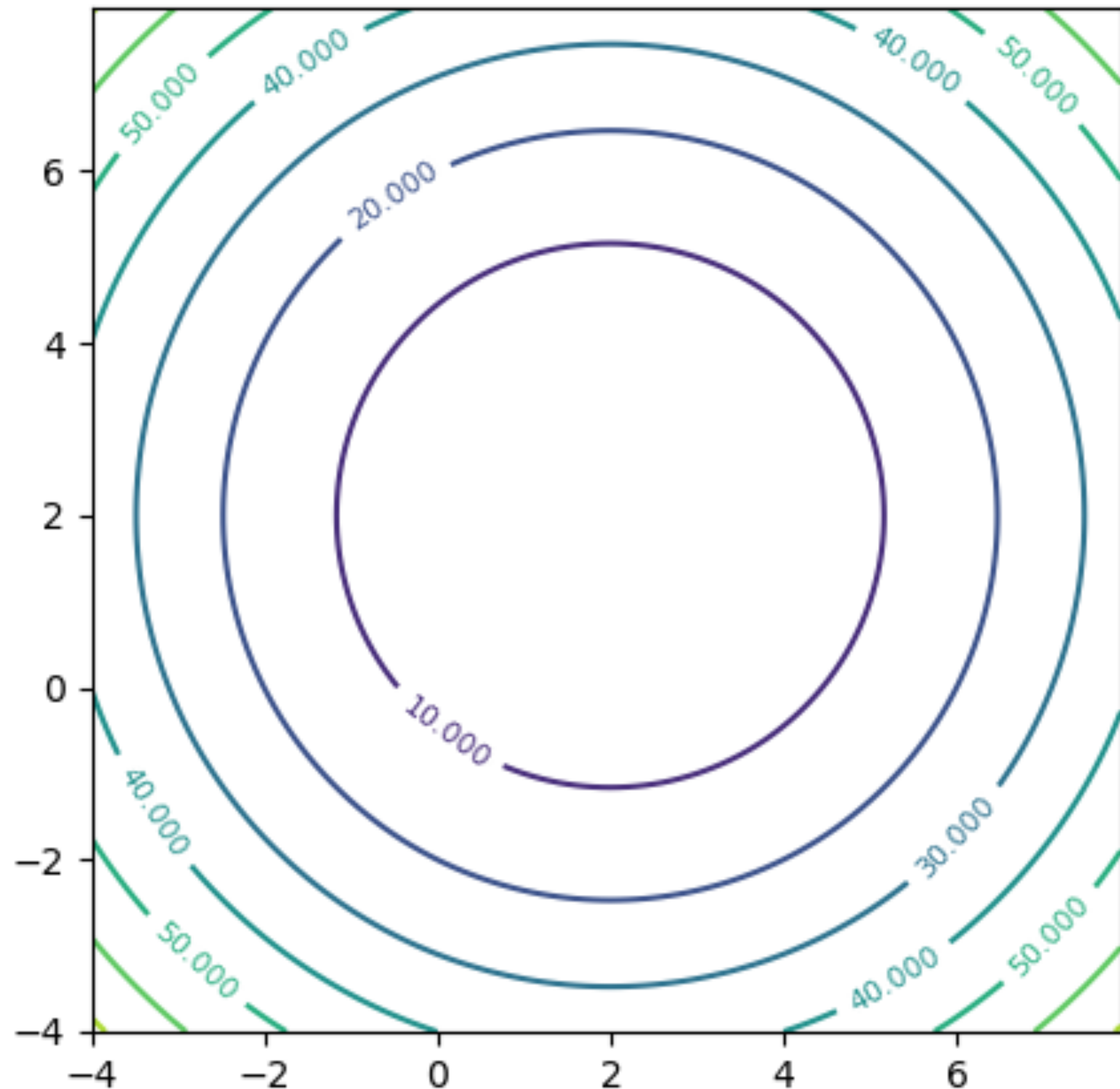
$$J(w_1, w_2) = (w_1 - 2)^2 + (w_2 - 2)^2$$



Contour plot / level set / height function

$$J(w_1, w_2) = (w_1 - 2)^2 + (w_2 - 2)^2$$

- Two points in a contour have the same J value
- Imaging cutting with J-plane at different J-values



Demo using SrfPlots.py

Optimality criteria - multiple variables

- $\min J(w)$
 - The value of w for which the function $J(w)$ has the least (minimum) value
 - Local minimum

Gradient - multiple variables

$\min J(w_1, w_2) = (w_1 - 2)^2 + (w_2 - 2)^2$ - **Partial derivatives**

- $J(w_1, w_2) = (w_1 - 2)^2 + (w_2 - 2)^2$
- $\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_1}$ - Partial derivation of $J(w_1, w_2)$ wrt w_1
- $\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_2}$ - Partial derivation of $J(w_1, w_2)$ wrt w_2
- $\nabla J(w_1, w_2) = \left(\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_1}, \frac{\partial J}{\partial w_2} \right)$, where $\nabla J(w_1, w_2)$ or grad. J
- NOTE: grad. J is a vector.

Gradient - multiple variables

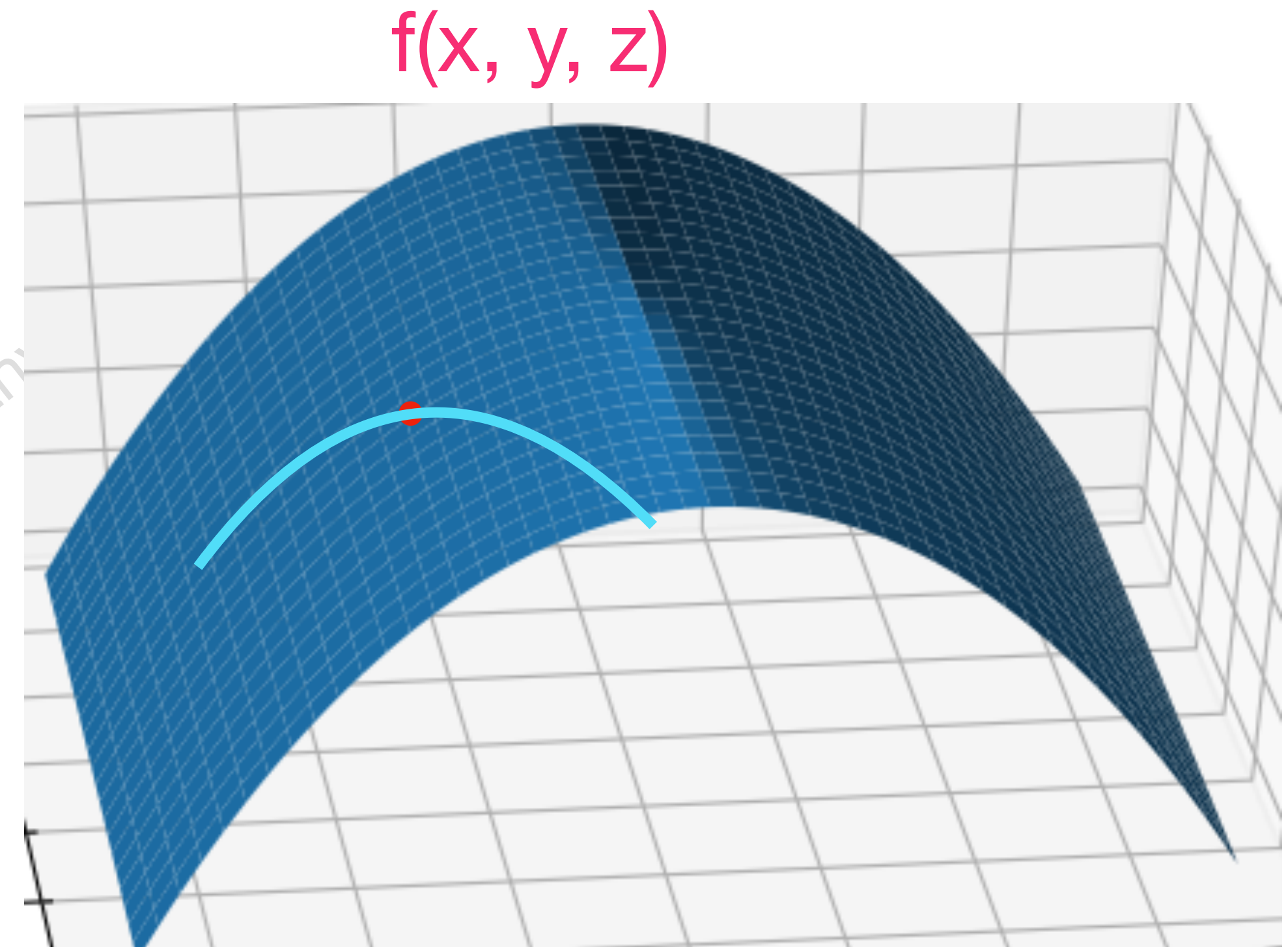
What is $\nabla J(w_1, w_2)$ or grad. J ?

- Surface $f(x, y, z) = c$
- Any curve $f(x(t), y(t), z(t))$

- $$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} = 0$$

- $$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}, \frac{dz}{dt} \right) = 0$$

- $$\nabla f \cdot (x'(t), y'(t), z'(t)) = 0$$

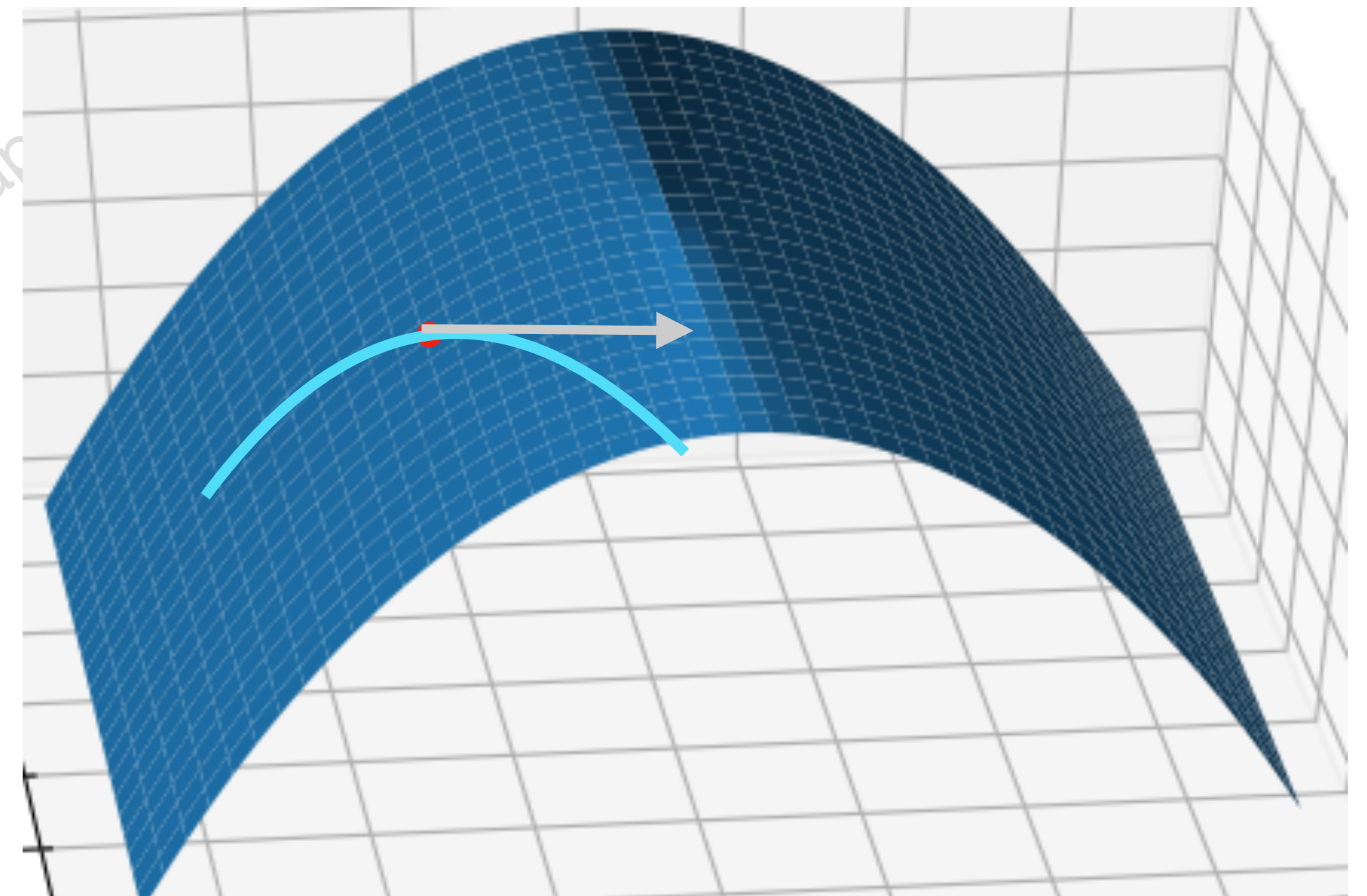


Gradient - multiple variables

What is $\nabla J(w_1, w_2)$ or grad. J ?

- ∇f is the grad. f and $(x'(t), y'(t), z'(t))$ is the tangent vector.

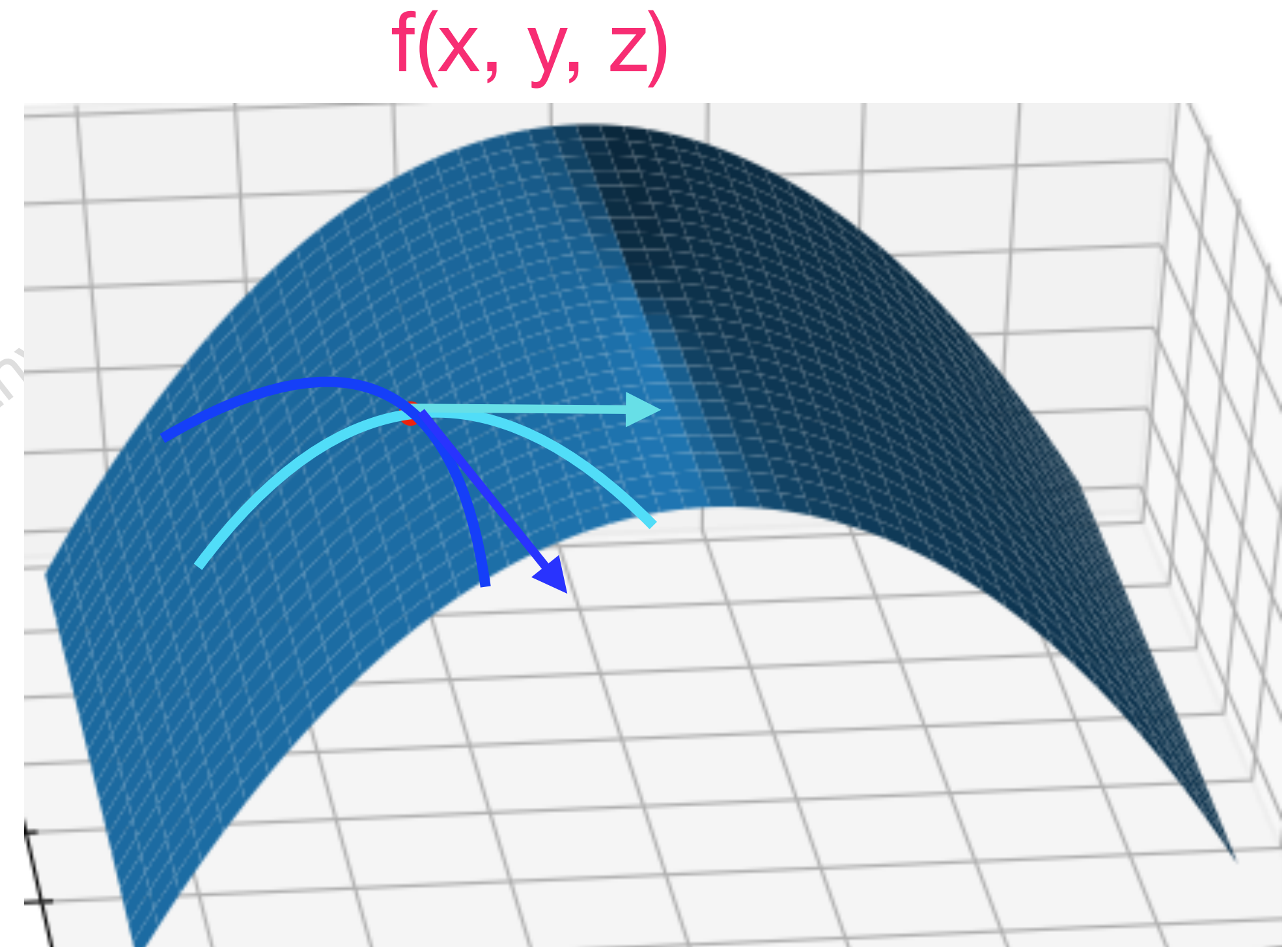
$f(x, y, z)$



Gradient - multiple variables

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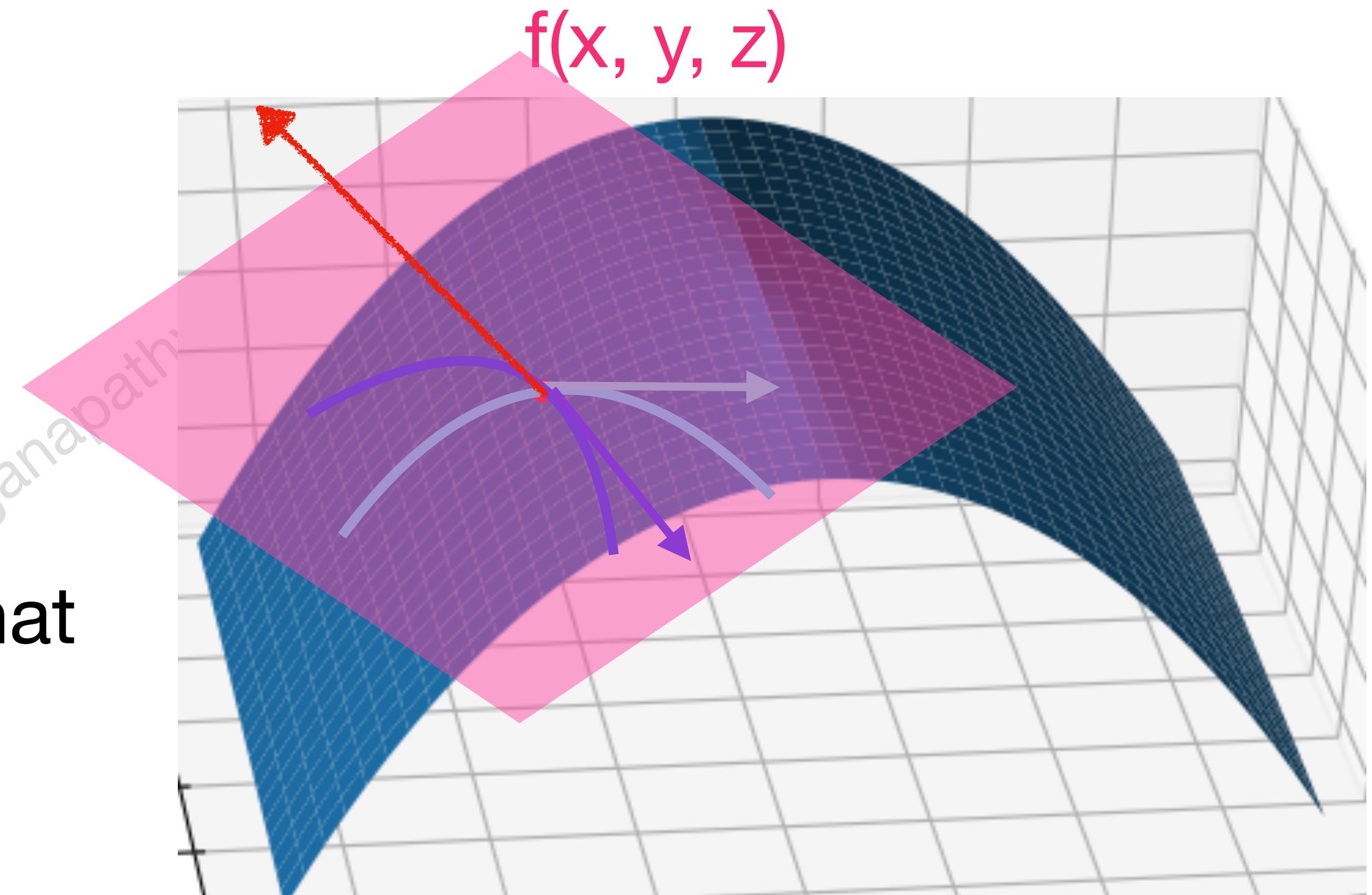
- Take another curve (blue)
- $\nabla f \cdot (x'(t), y'(t), z'(t)) = 0$
- Dot product
- ∇f is perpendicular to set of tangents at that point.



Gradient - multiple variables

What is $\nabla J(w_1, w_2)$ or grad. J ?

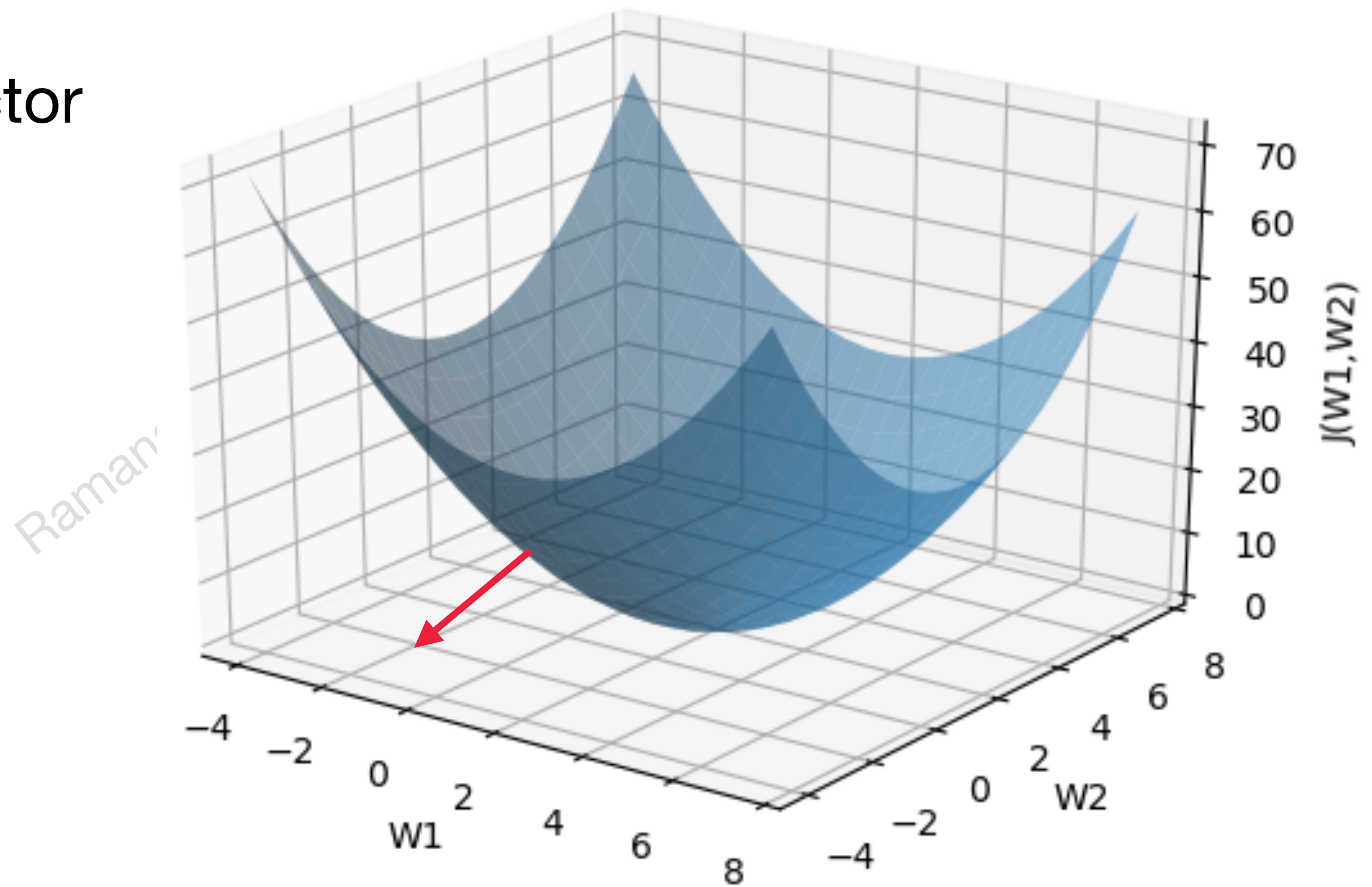
- $\nabla f \cdot (x'(t), y'(t), z'(t)) = 0$
- Dot product
- ∇f is perpendicular to set of tangents at that point.
- ∇f is the Normal vector at a point.



Gradient at a point

What is $\nabla J(w_1, w_2)$ or grad. J ? - Back to our notation

- $\nabla J(w_1, w_2)$ is a normal vector



Hessian Matrix

$\min J(w_1, w_2) = (w_1 - 2)^2 + (w_2 - 2)^2$ - **Second partial derivatives**

- $\frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial w_1^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial w_1} \left(\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_1} \right)$
- $\frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial w_2^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial w_2} \left(\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_2} \right)$
- $\frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial w_1 \partial w_2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial w_1} \left(\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_2} \right)$
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Hessian Matrix

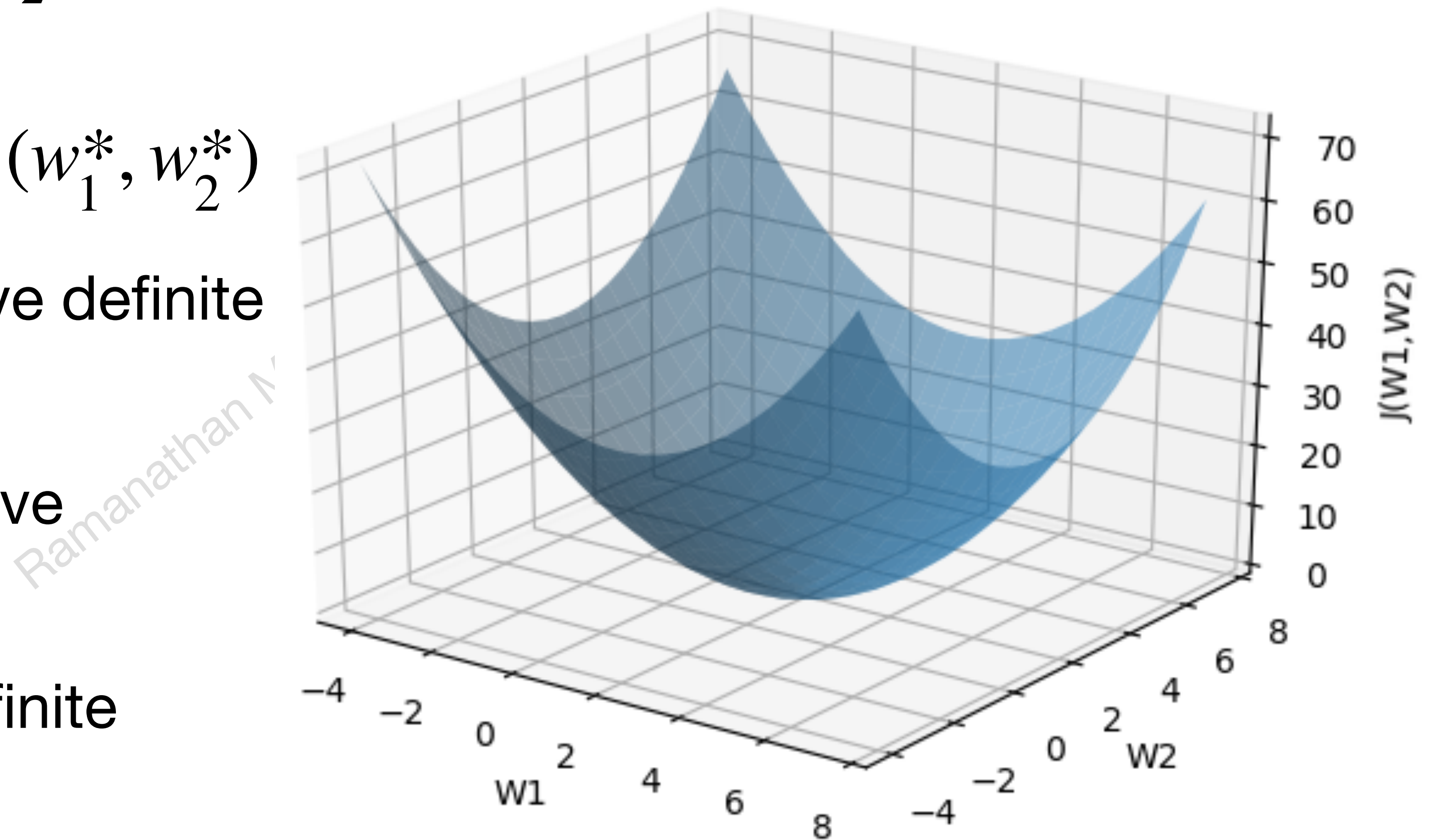
Matrix of second partial derivatives

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial w_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial w_1 \partial w_2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial w_2 \partial w_1} & \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial w_2^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Optimality Criteria for Multiple Variables

$$\min J(w_1, w_2) = (w_1 - 2)^2 + (w_2 - 2)^2$$

- $\nabla J(w_1, w_2) = 0$, Get $w^* = (w_1^*, w_2^*)$
- Hessian H should be positive definite at w^* for min
- Hessian H should be negative definite at w^* for max
- At a saddle point, H is indefinite



Optimality Criteria for Multiple Variables

How to find the type for H? (Use LA)

- H is positive definite if all the Eigenvalues are > 0 (All $\lambda'_i > 0$)
- H is negative definite if all the Eigenvalues are < 0 (All $\lambda'_i < 0$)
- H is indefinite if some Eigenvalues are > 0 and some are < 0 (All $\lambda'_i > 0$)

Example

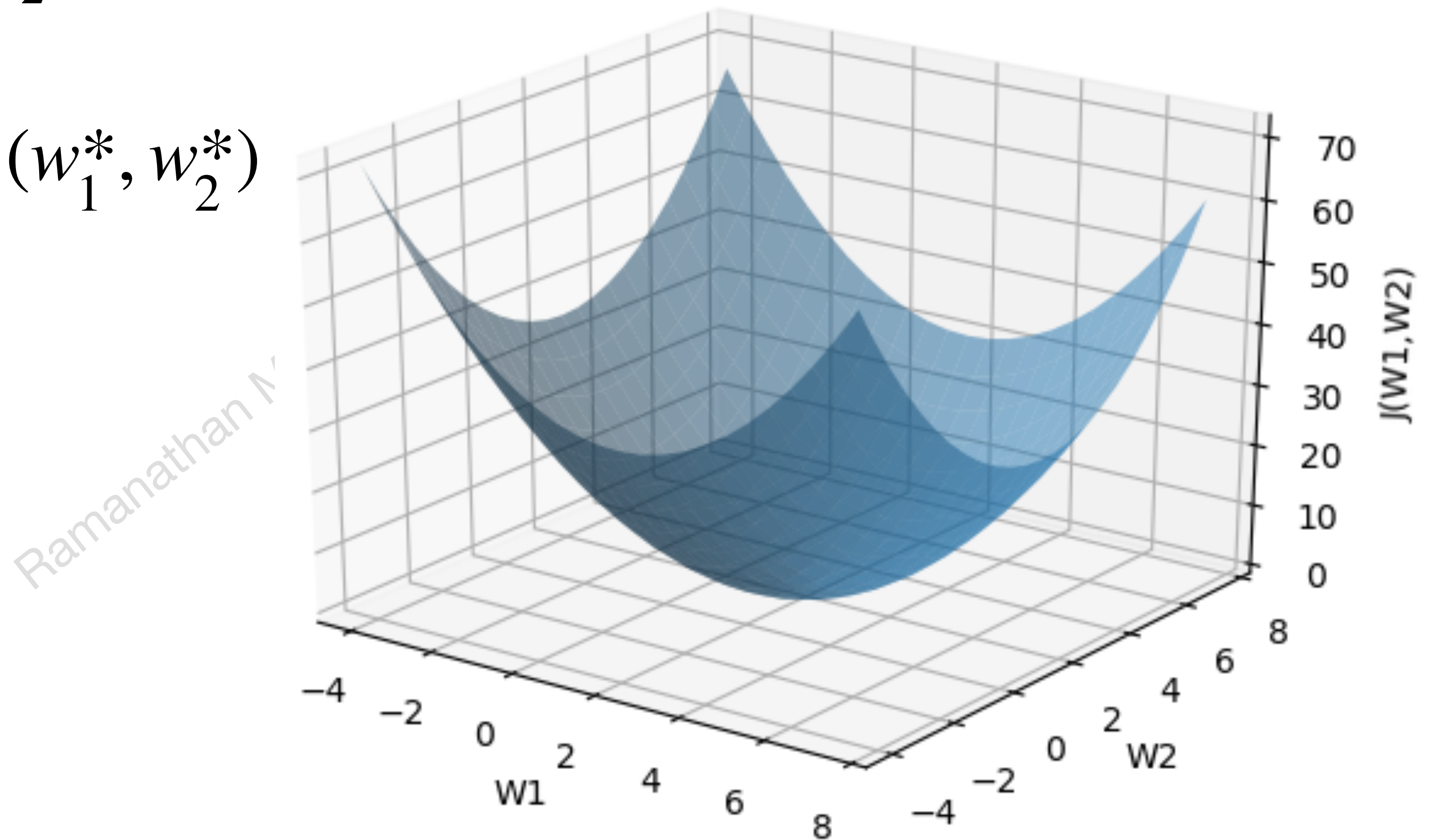
$$\min J(w_1, w_2) = (w_1 - 2)^2 + (w_2 - 2)^2$$

- $\nabla J(w_1, w_2) = 0$, Get $w^* = (w_1^*, w_2^*)$

- $\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_1} = 2(w_1 - 2)$

- $\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_2} = (2w_2 - 2)$

- Critical point
 $w^* = (w_1^*, w_2^*) = (2, 2)$



Example

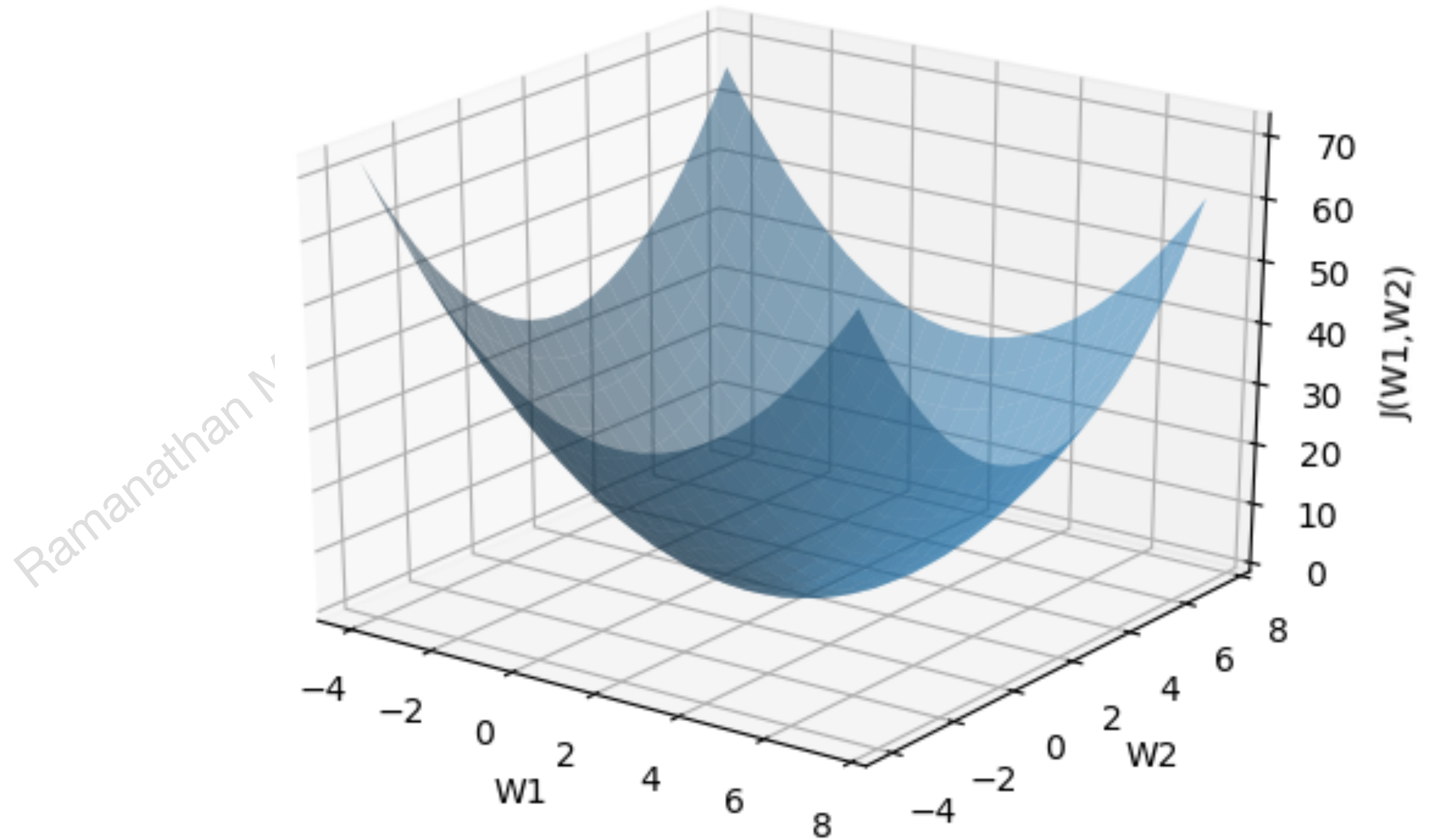
Compute Hessian at (2, 2)

- $\frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial w_1^2} = 2$

- $\frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial w_2^2} = 2$

- $\frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial w_1 \partial w_2} = 0$

- $\frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial w_2 \partial w_1} = 0$



Hessian Matrix

Matrix of second partial derivatives

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigen values ?

H is then _____ definite and hence the point $w^* = (w_1^*, w_2^*) = (2, 2)$ is local _____

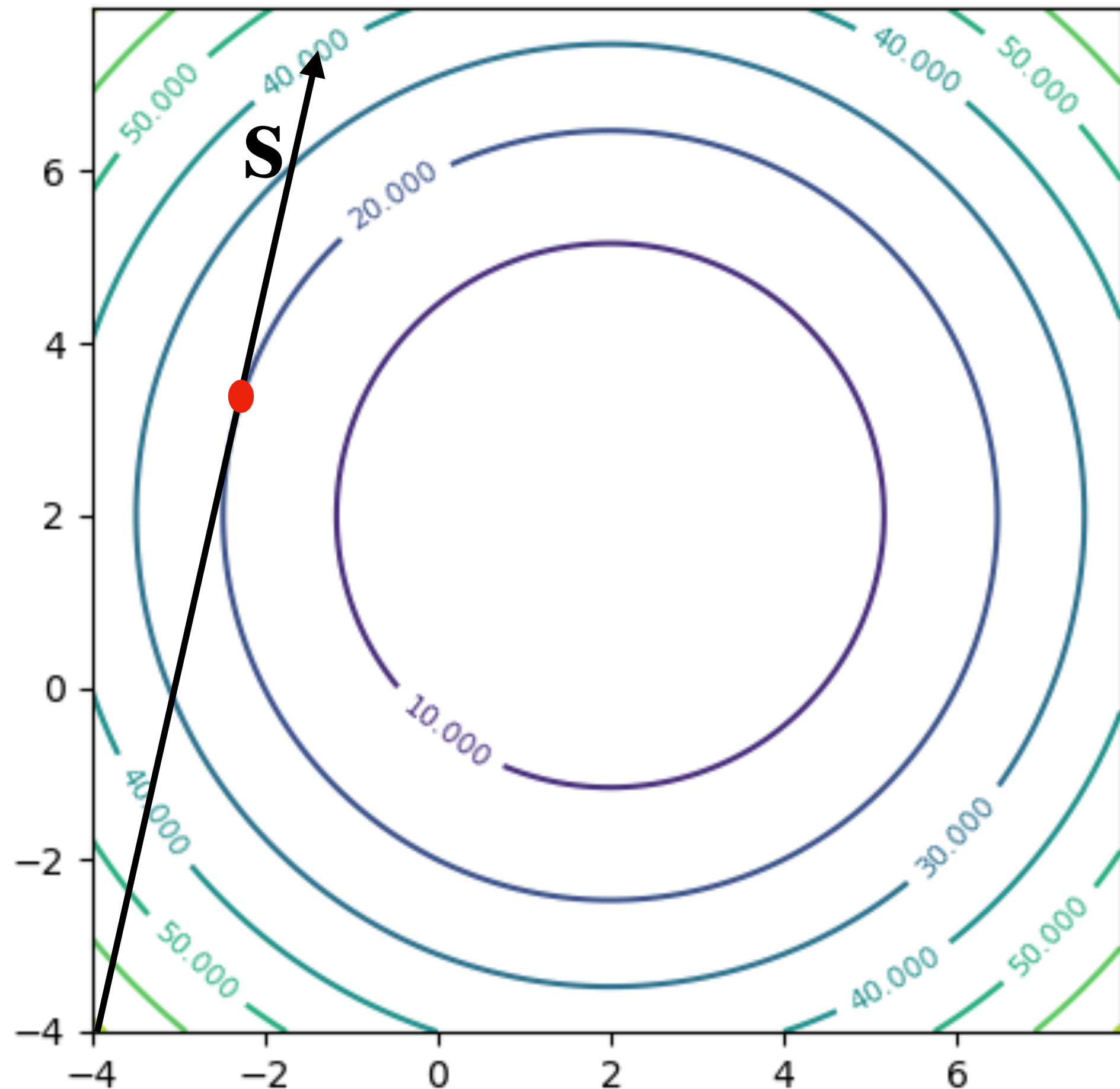
CW: Do a similar exercise for

$$J(w_1, w_2) = w_1^2 - w_2^2$$

Unidirectional search

$$J(w_1, w_2) = (w_1 - 2)^2 + (w_2 - 2)^2$$

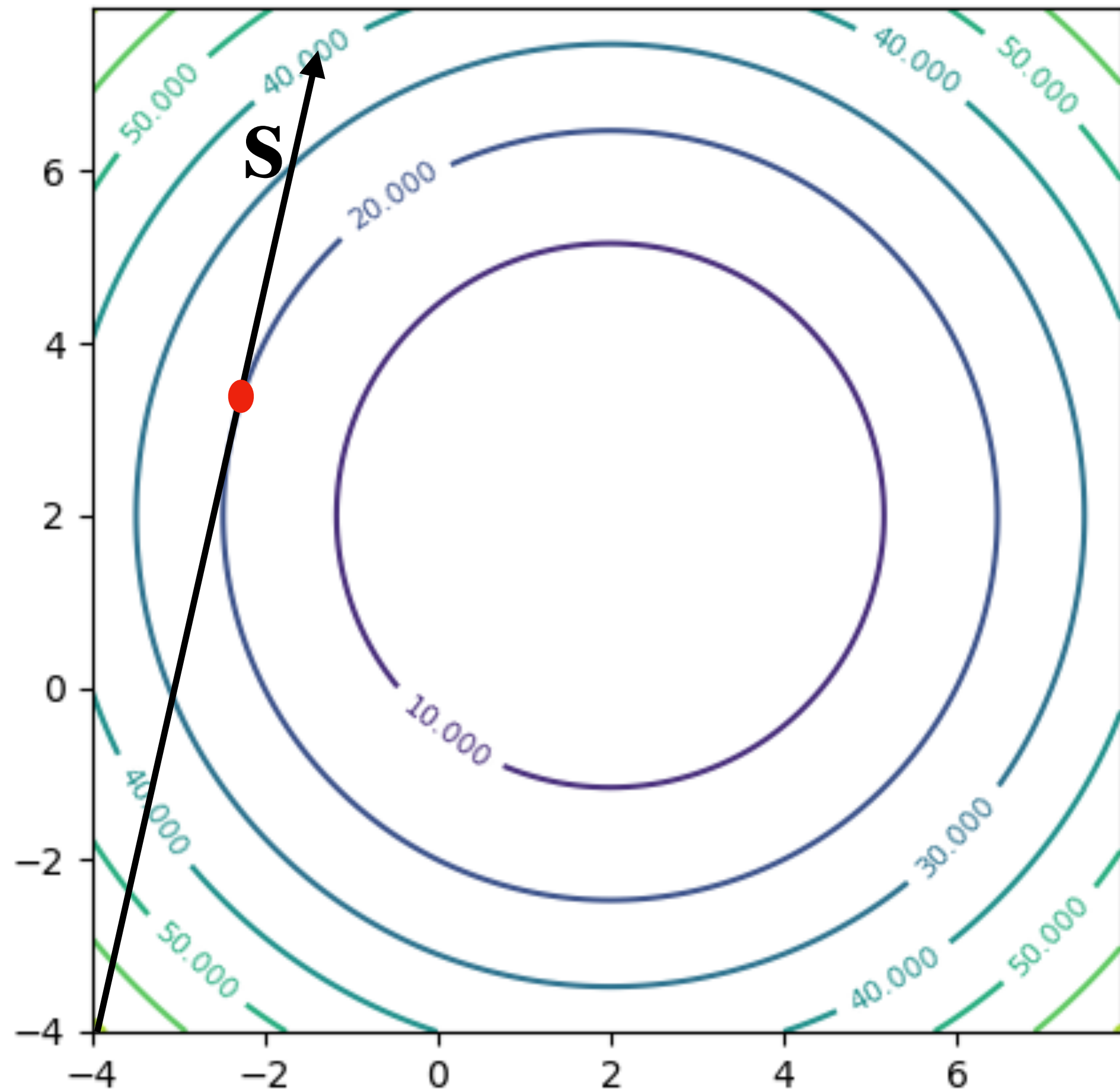
- Starting point
 $w^s = (w_1^s, w_2^s) = (-4, -4)$
- Search direction s (vector)
- $w^* = w^s + \alpha S$
- Bracketing method to find α
- Fine tuning with interval halving (or golden search etc.)



Unidirectional search - Issues

$$J(w_1, w_2) = (w_1 - 2)^2 + (w_2 - 2)^2$$

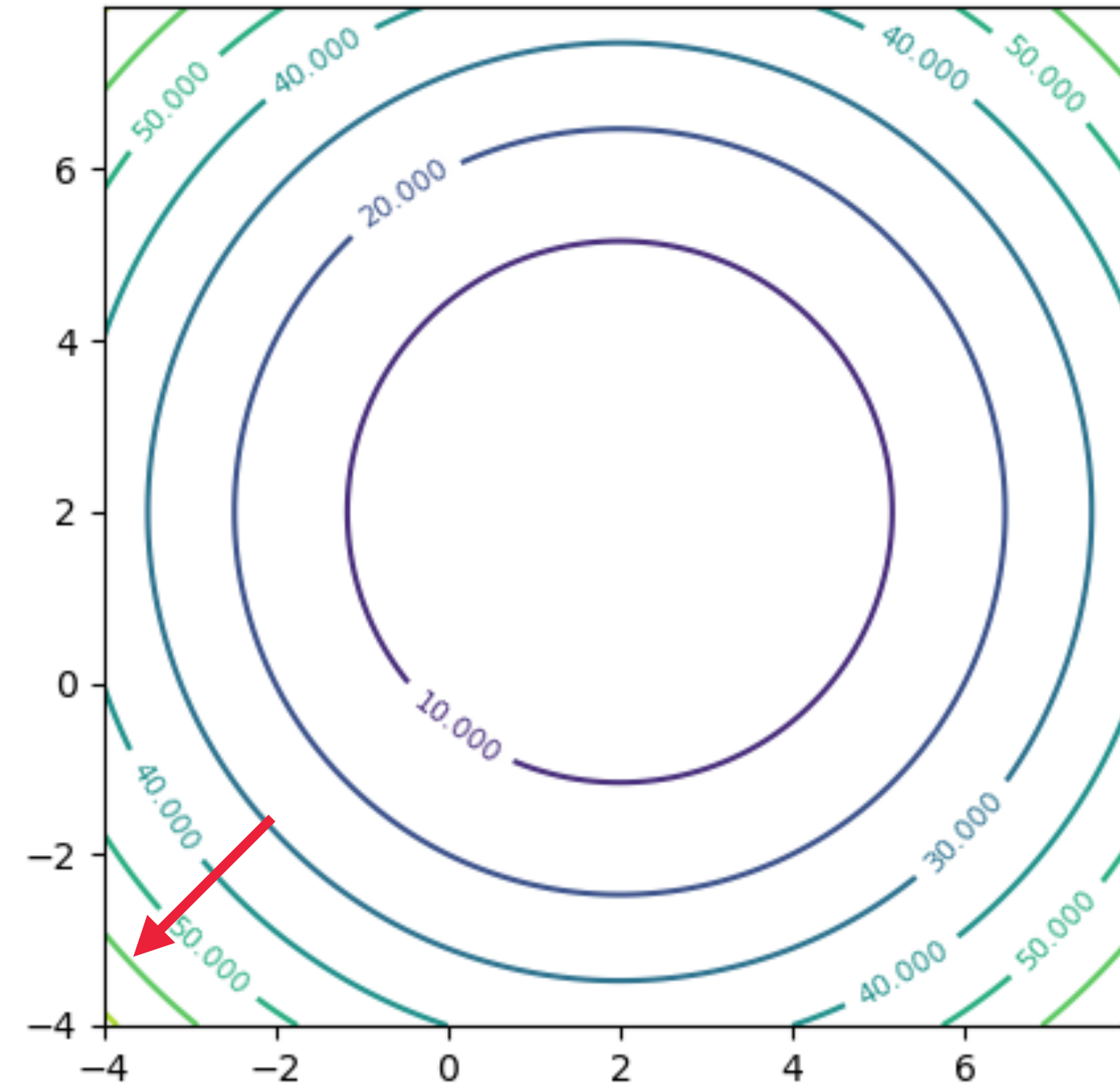
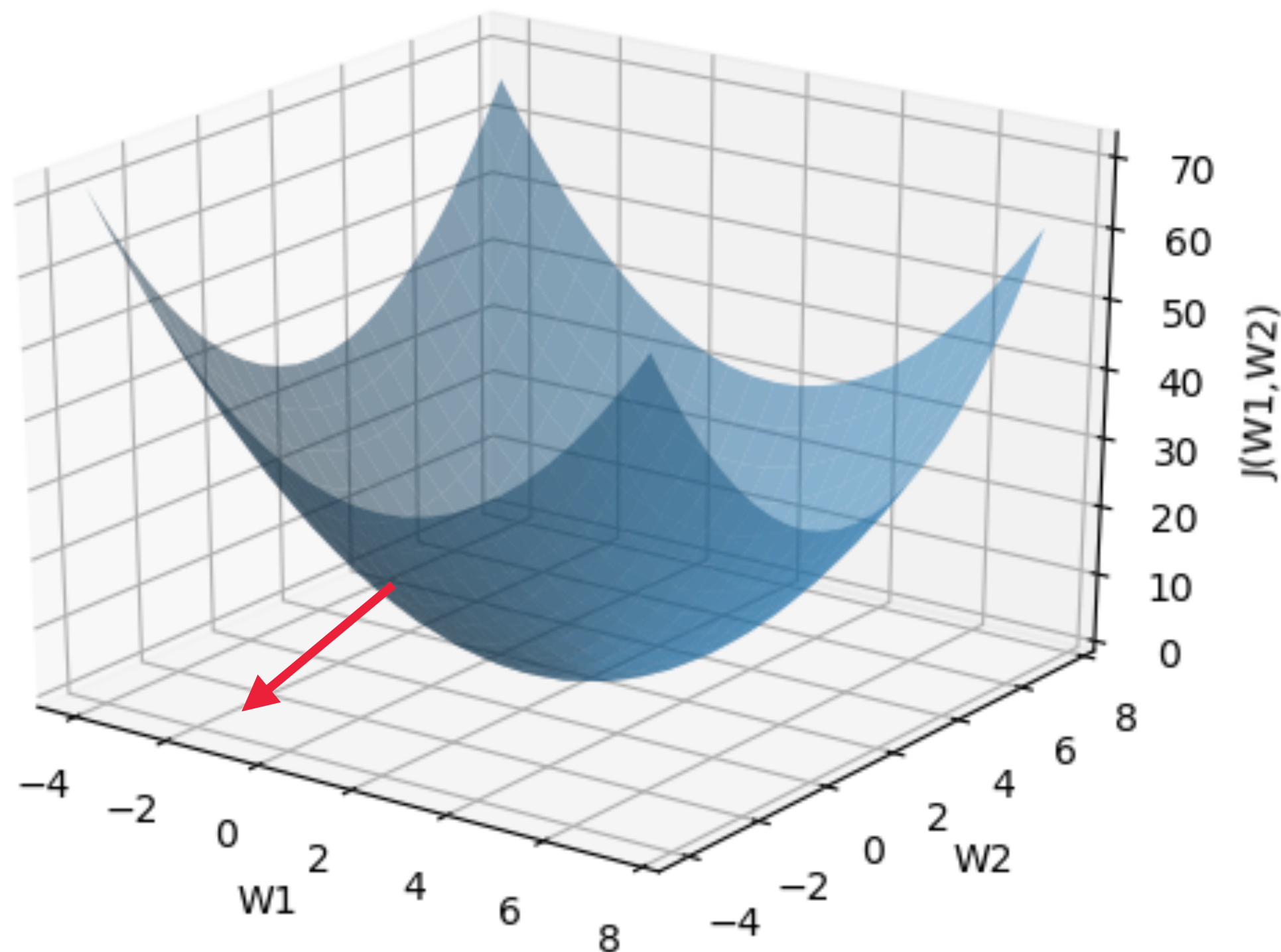
- Starting point
- Search direction \mathbf{s} (vector)



Gradient at a point

What is $\nabla J(w_1, w_2)$ or grad. J ? - Back to our notation

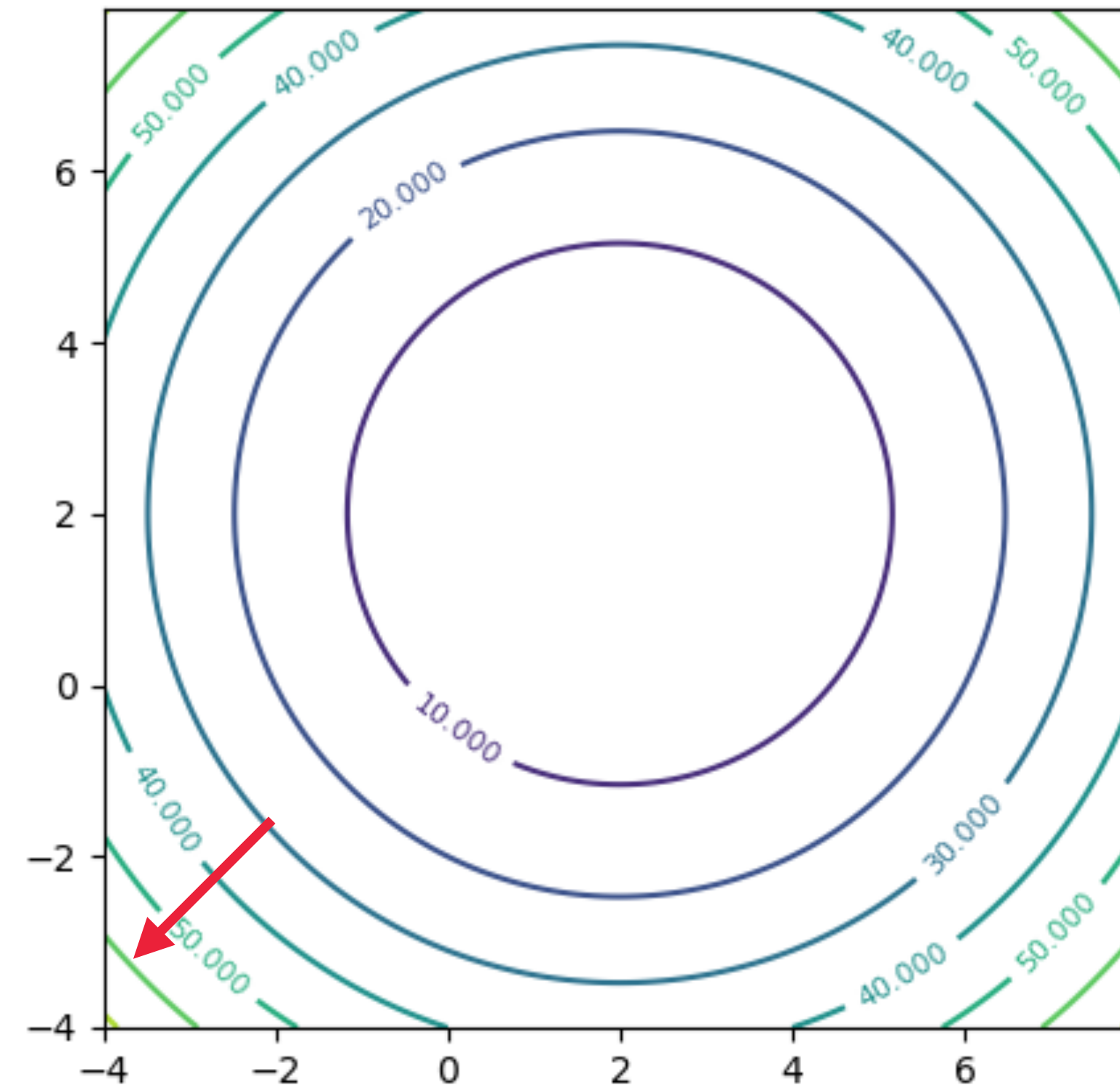
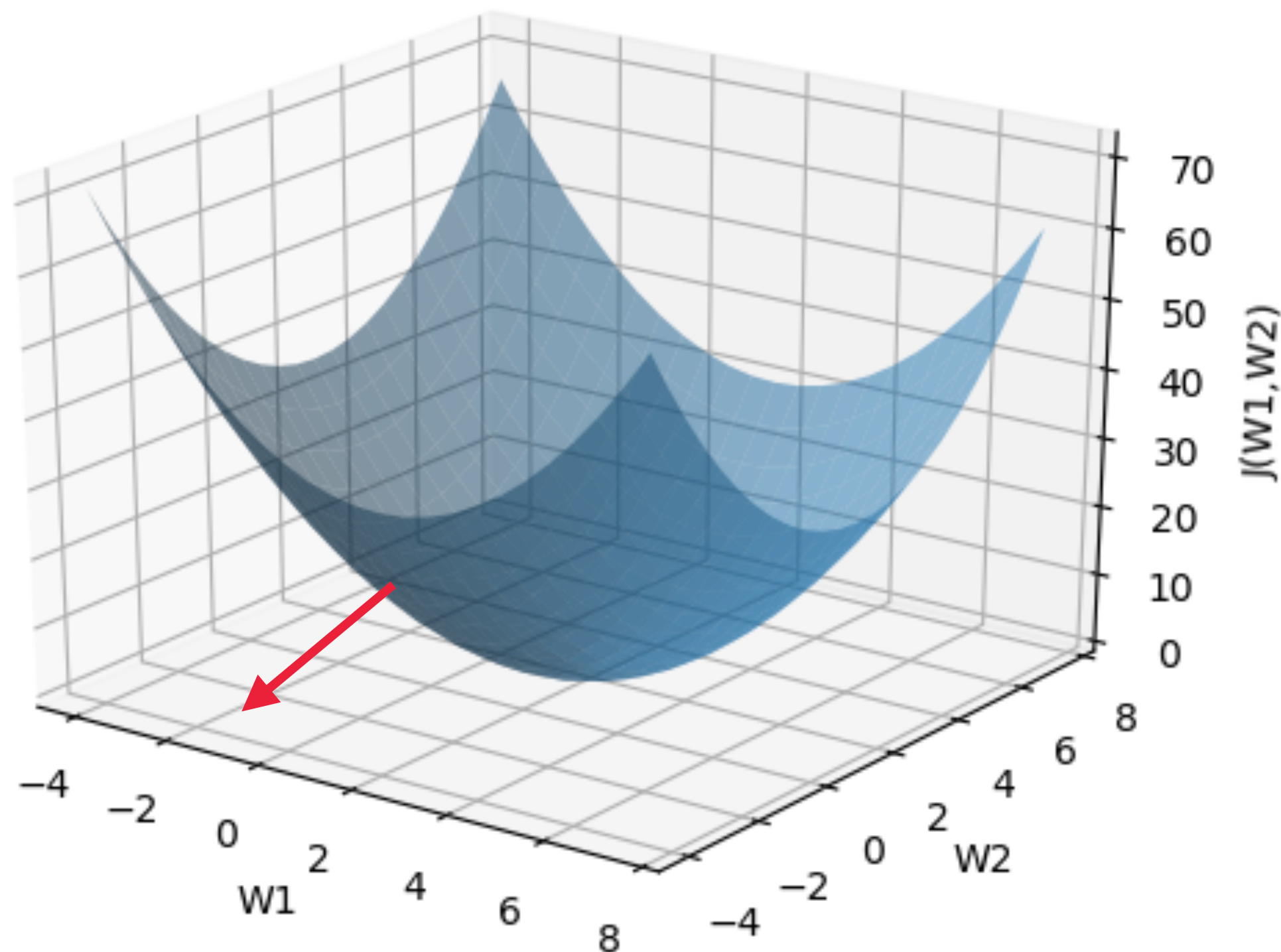
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Gradient at a point

Traveling along grad. J

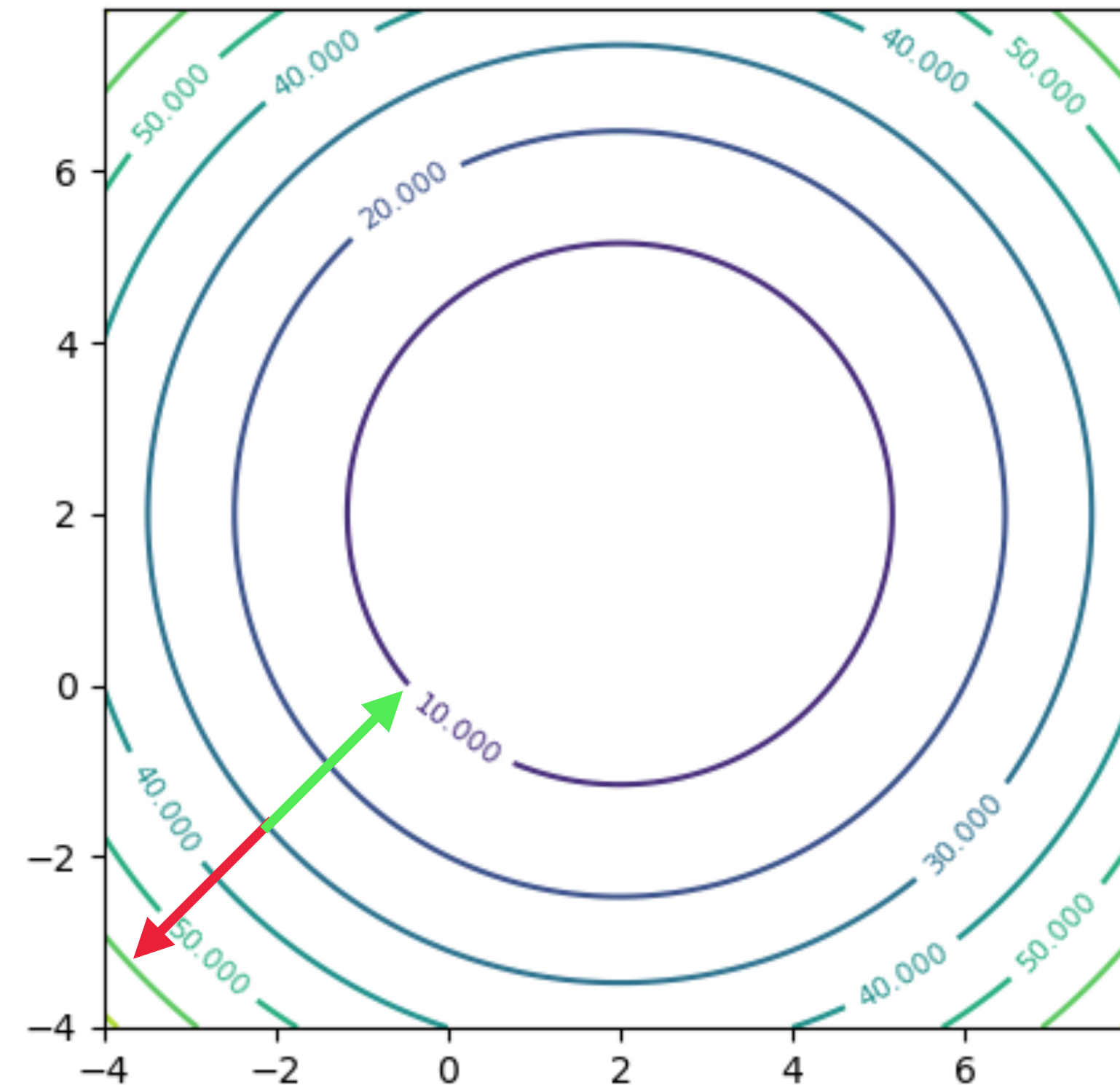
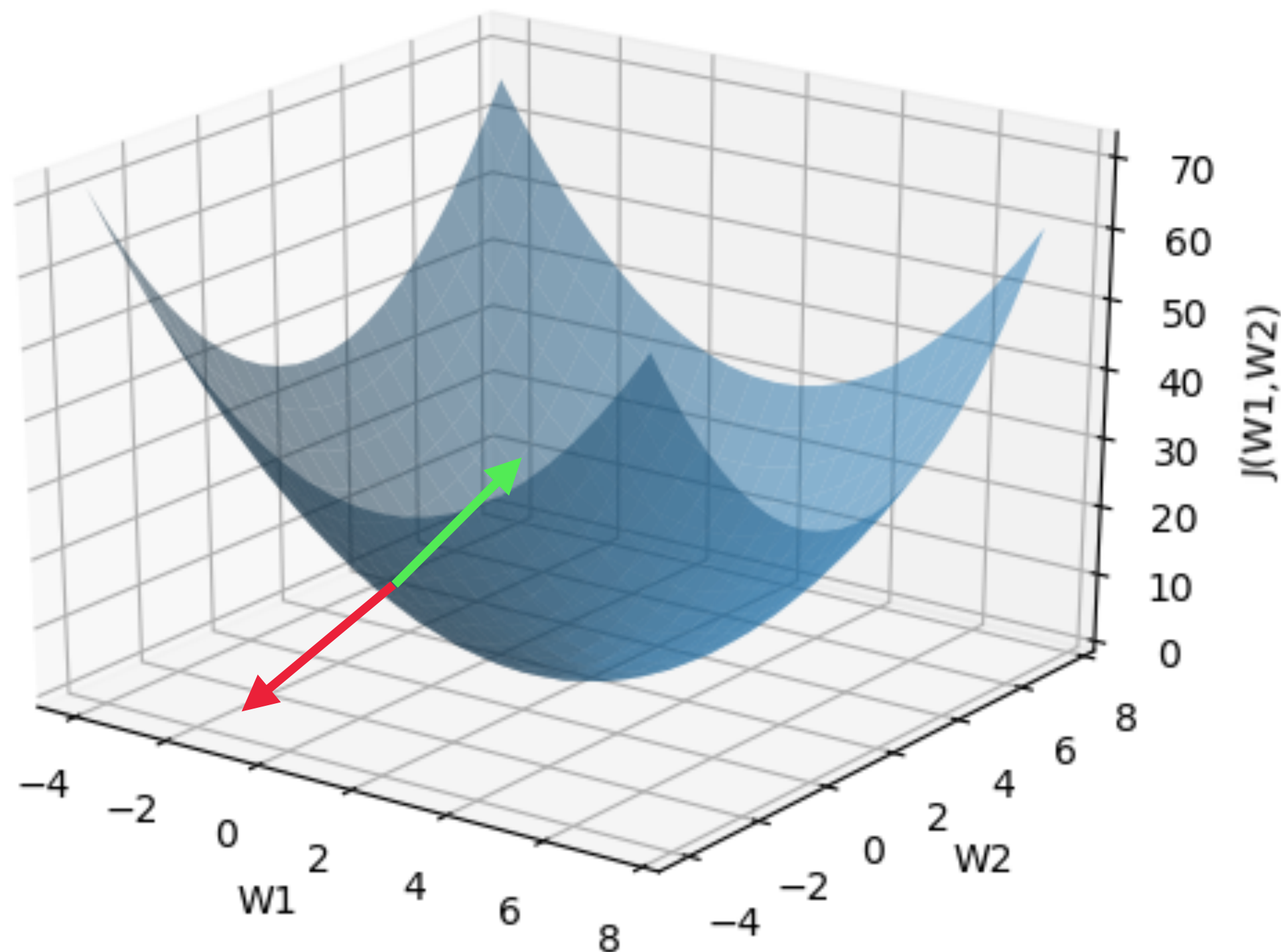
- If you travel along the direction of the grad. J , what happens to J ?



Gradient descent

Traveling along -grad. J or $-\nabla J(w_1, w_2)$

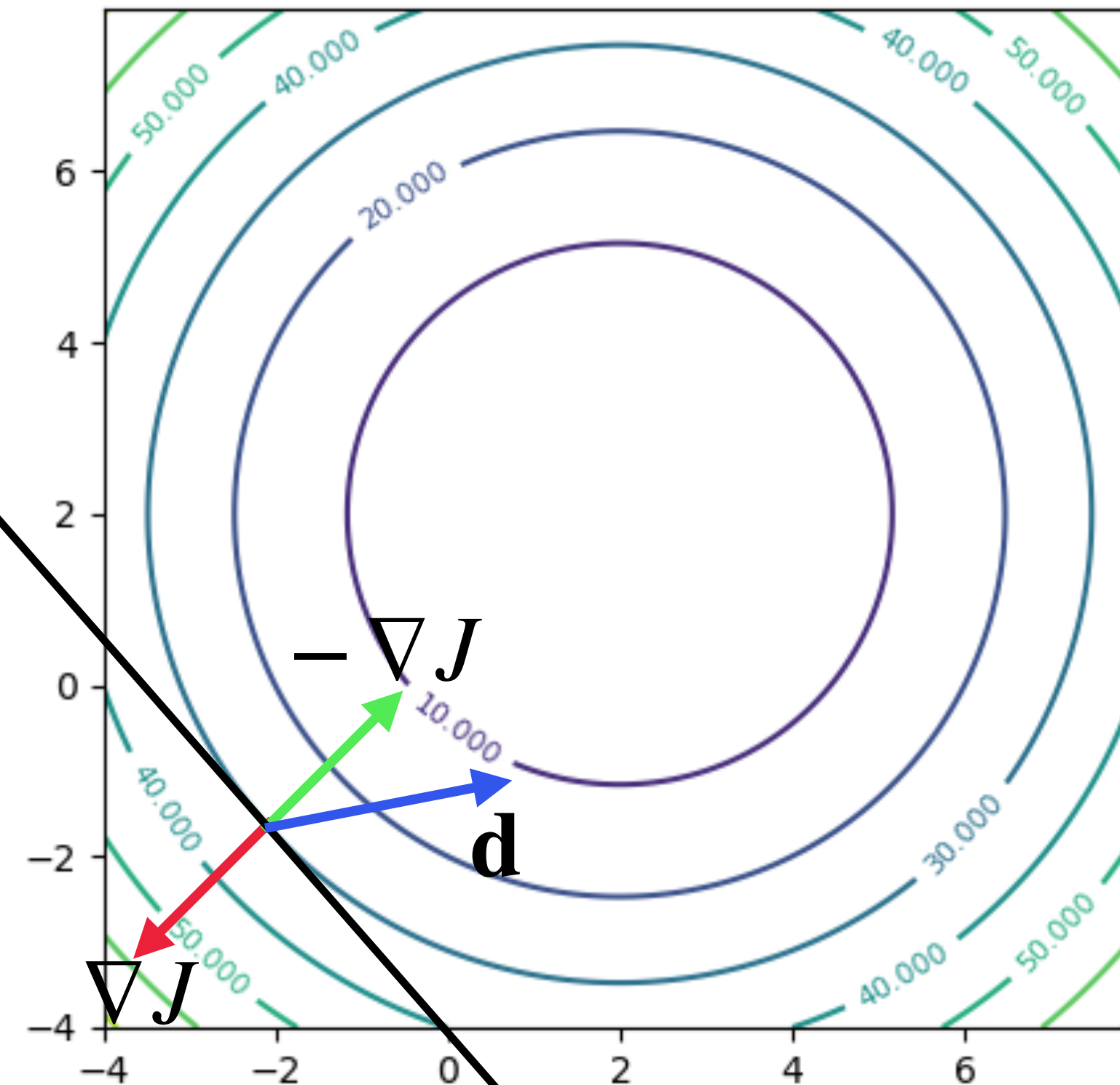
- We should travel along $-\nabla J$



Potential directions and steepest descent

Traveling along -grad. J or $-\nabla J(w_1, w_2)$

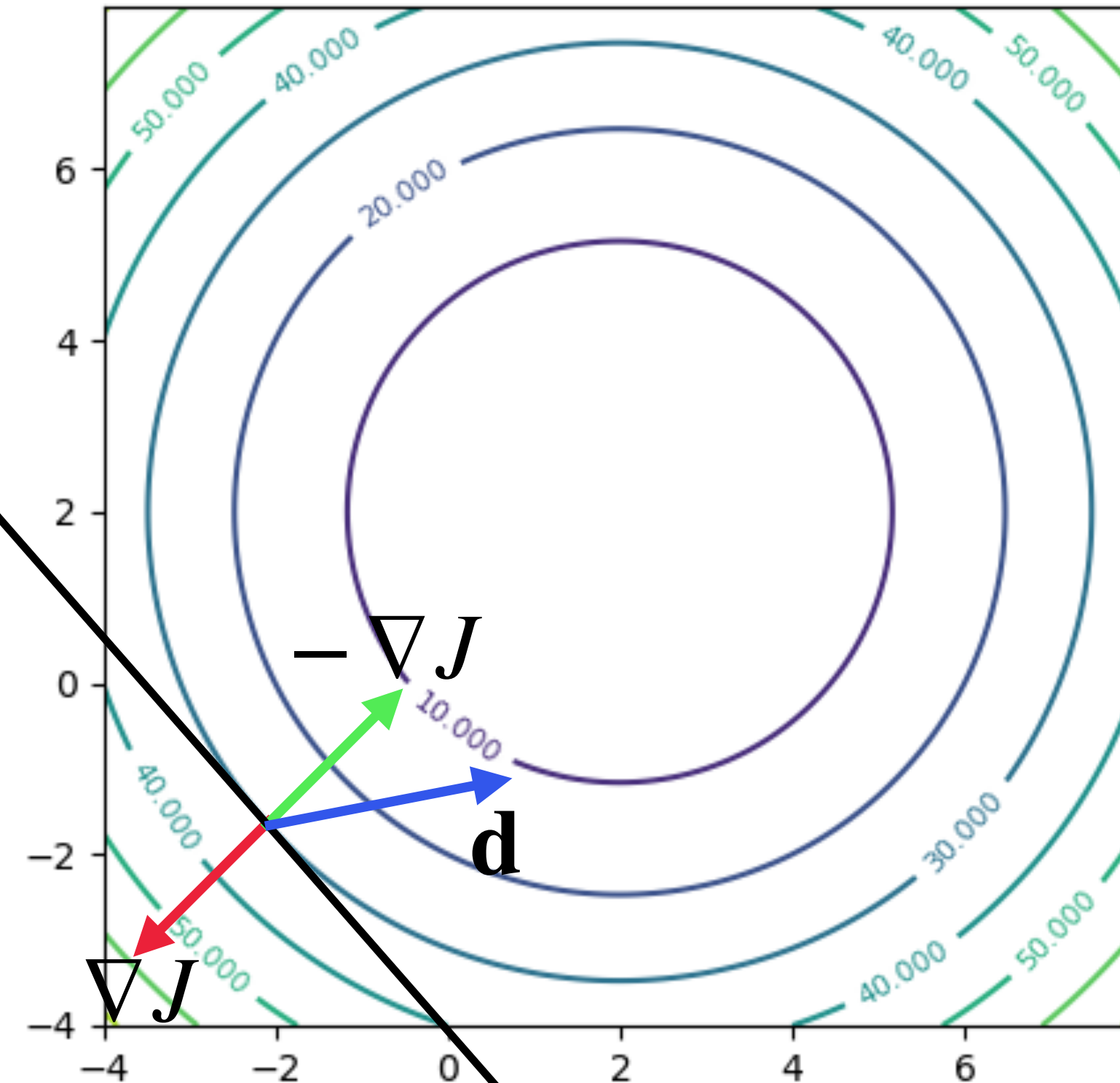
- Let \mathbf{d} be such that $\nabla J \cdot \mathbf{d}$ is -ve.
- Let \mathbf{d} be such that $\mathbf{d} = -\nabla J$
- $\nabla J \cdot -\nabla J = -1$
- Hence $-\nabla J$ is the steepest!
- Steepest (Cauchy's) Gradient Descent



Algorithm - Gradient descent

Traveling along -grad. J or $-\nabla J(w_1, w_2)$

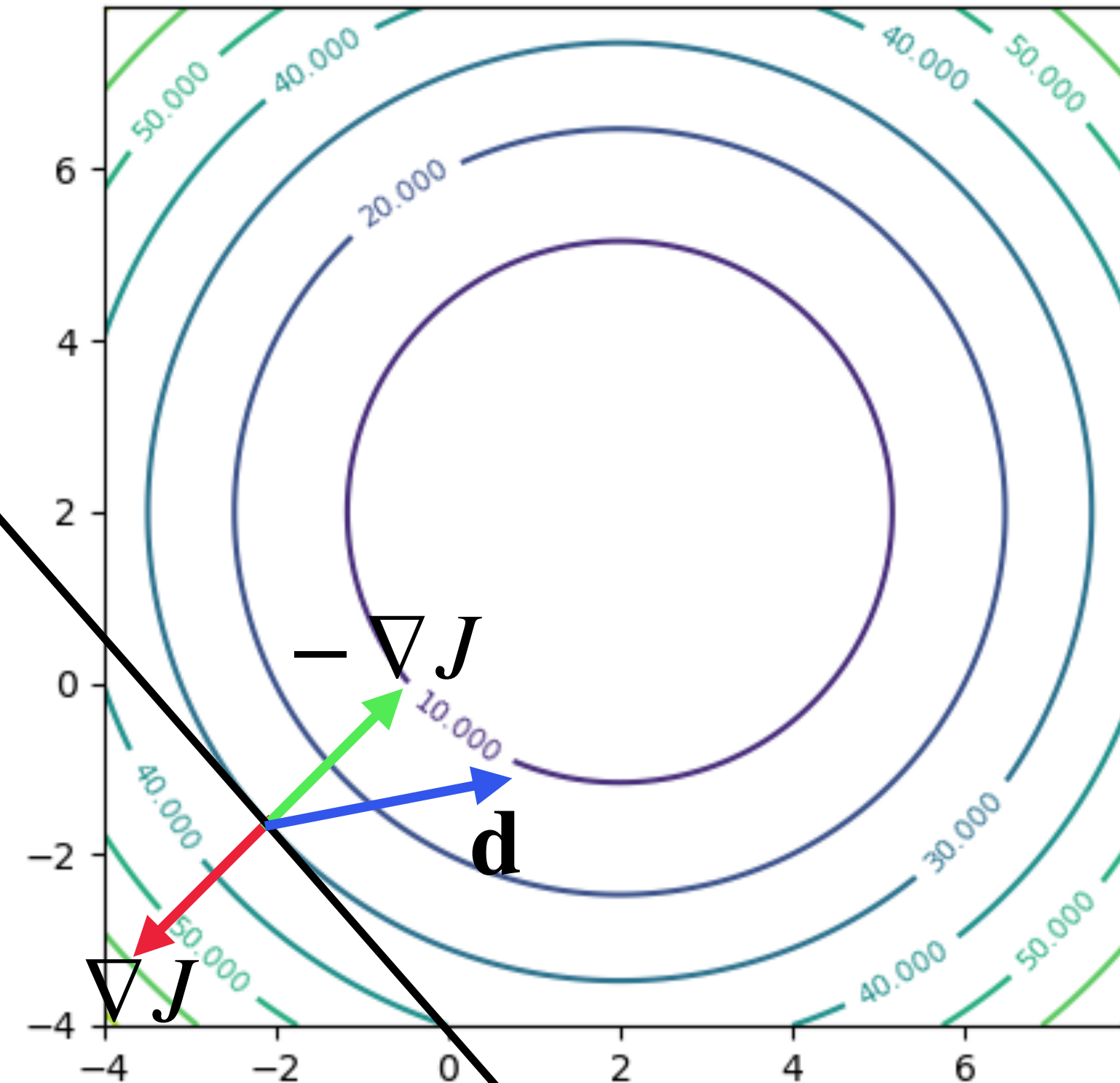
- Starting point $w^* = (w_1^*, w_2^*)$
- Compute J , $-\nabla J$ at $w_k^* = w^*$.
- Update w 's
 - $w_{k+1}^* = w_k^* - \alpha_k \nabla J$
- Check for stopping criteria
- Else continue the iteration



Algorithm - Update step

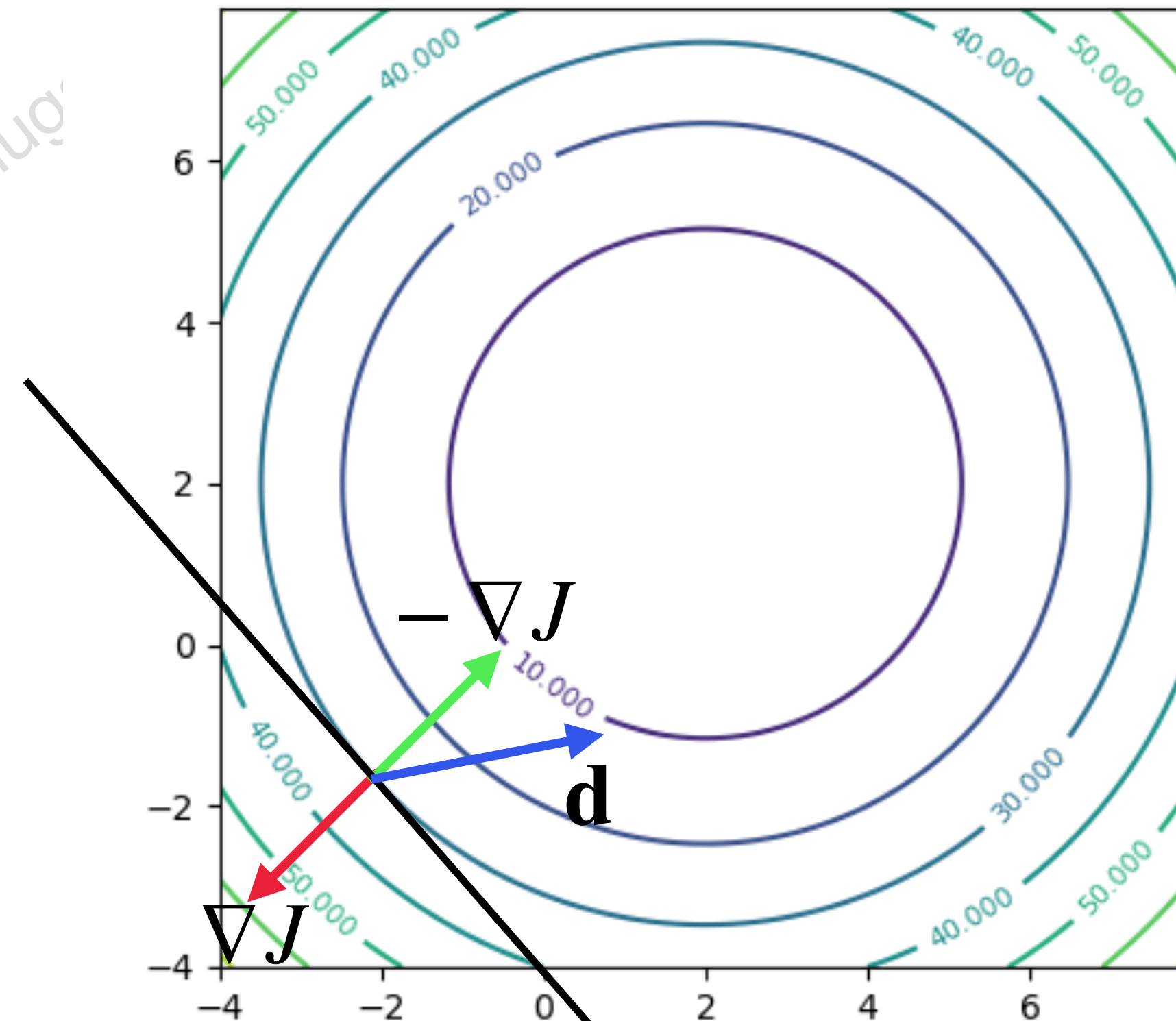
$$w_{k+1}^* = w_k^* - \alpha_k \nabla J$$

- Update w 's
 - $w_1^{k+1} = w_1^k - \alpha_k \nabla J$
 - $w_2^{k+1} = w_2^k - \alpha_k \nabla J$
 - Compute J , $-\nabla J$ at w_{k+1}^* .
- Finding α_k
 - Unidirectional search (or)
 - Make it a constant (Learning rate in ML)



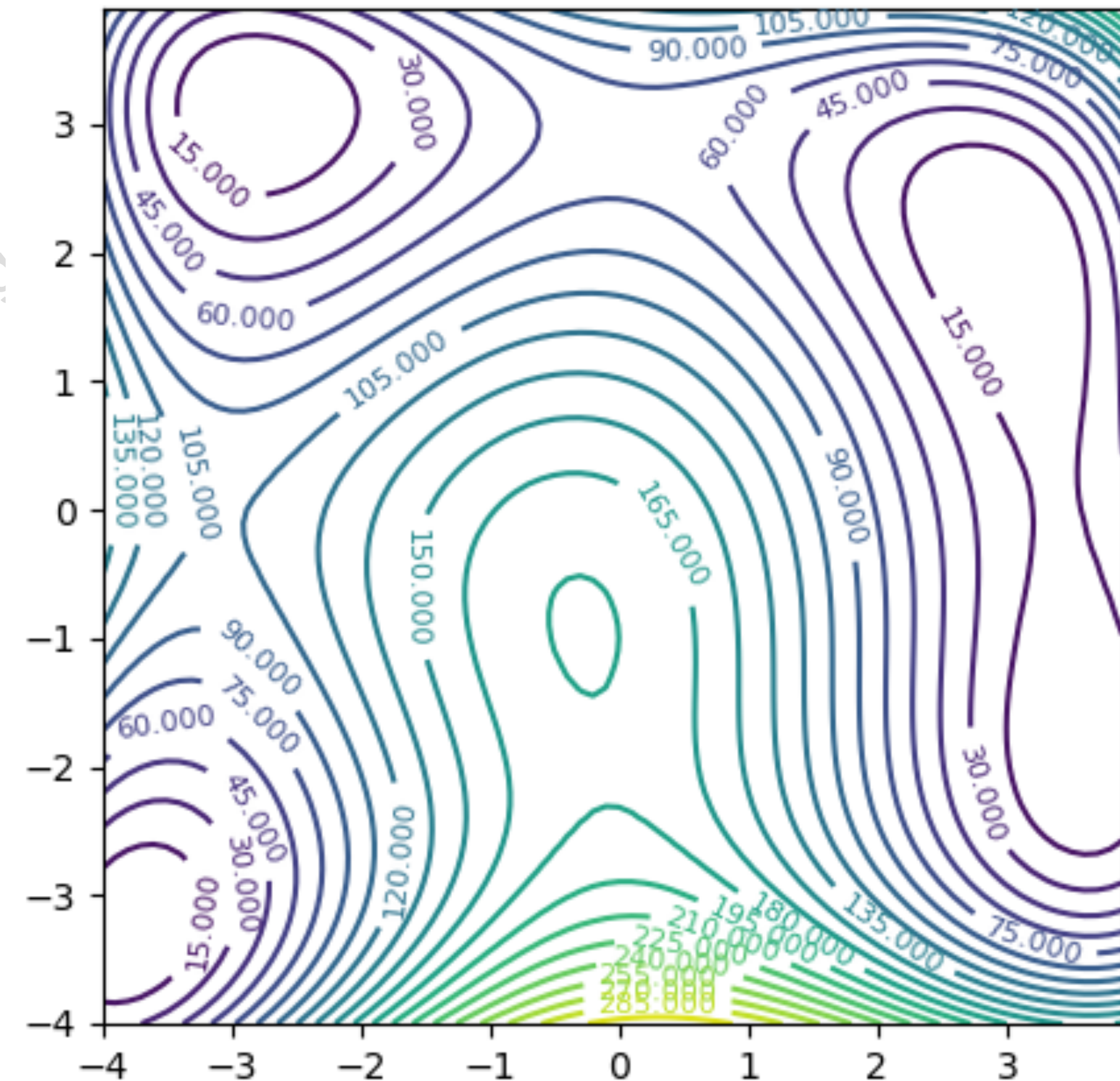
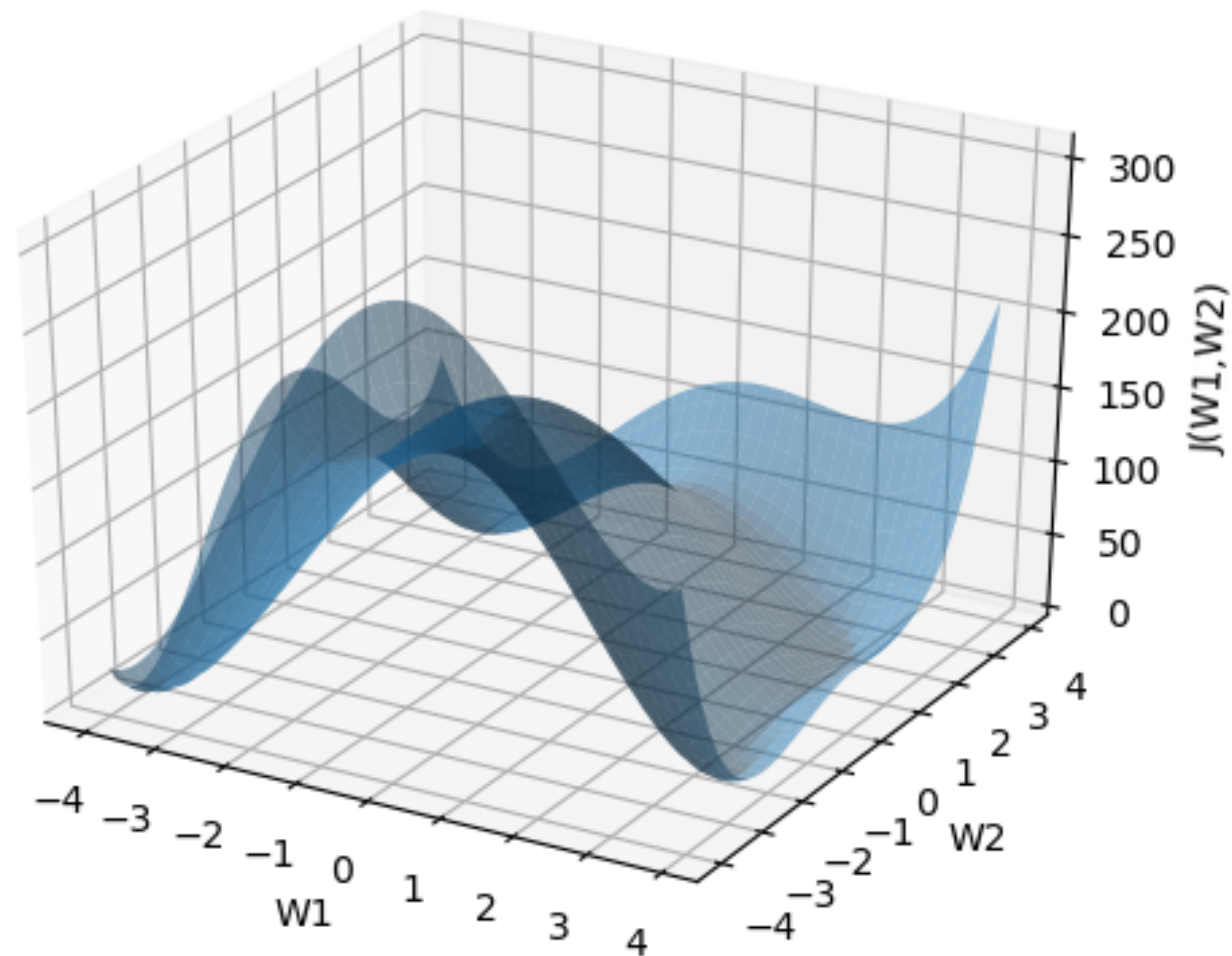
Algorithm - Stopping criteria

1. if $||\nabla J(w_k^*)|| \leq \epsilon_1$
 2. if $|\nabla J(w_{k+1}^*) \cdot \nabla J(w_k^*)| \leq \epsilon_2$
 3. if $\frac{||w_{k+1}^* - w_k^*||}{||w_k^*||} \leq \epsilon_1$
 4. if number of iterations exceeds a predefined constant ($k > 100$, say)
- NOTE: Compute 1 or 4 before update and 2 or 3, after



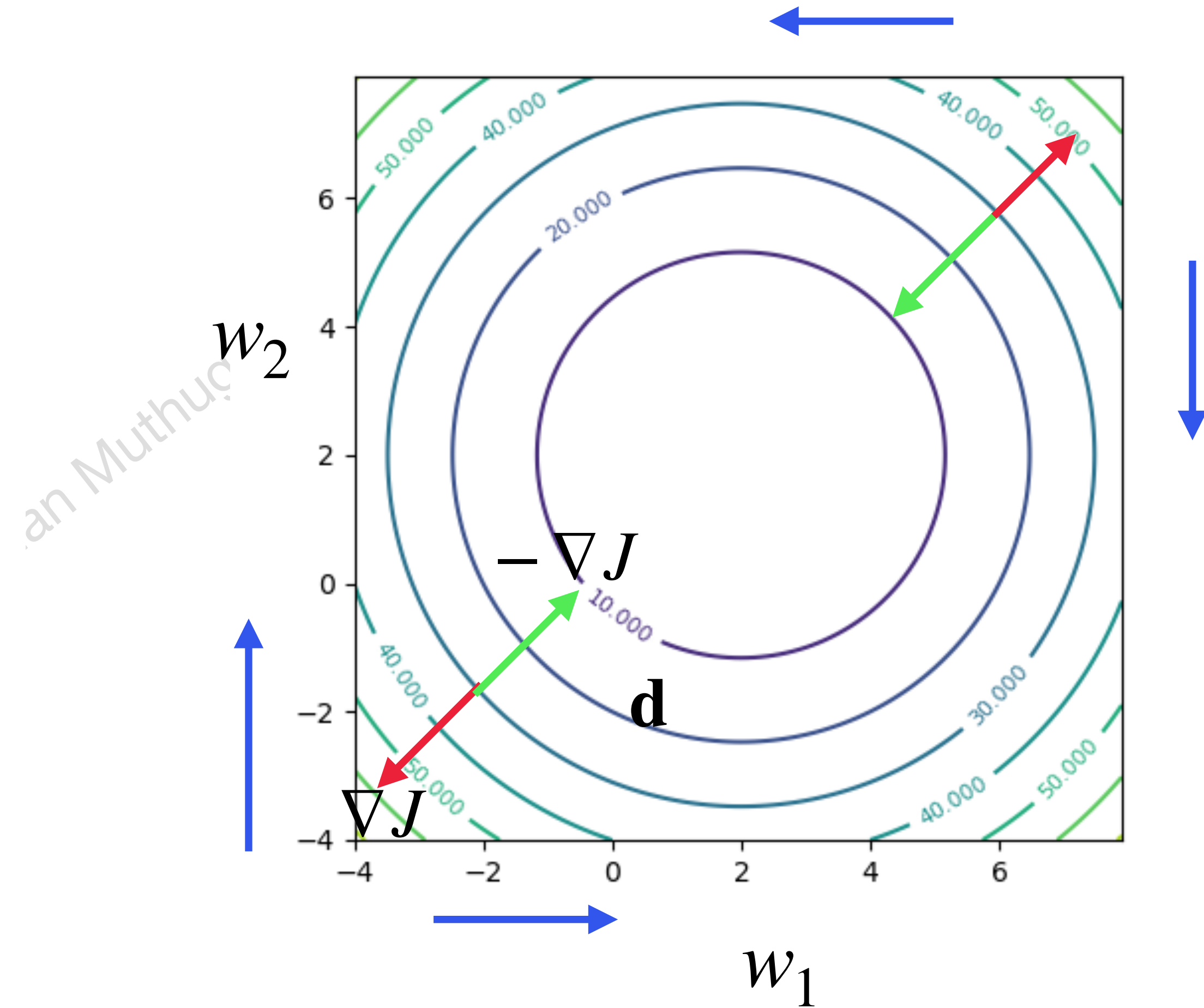
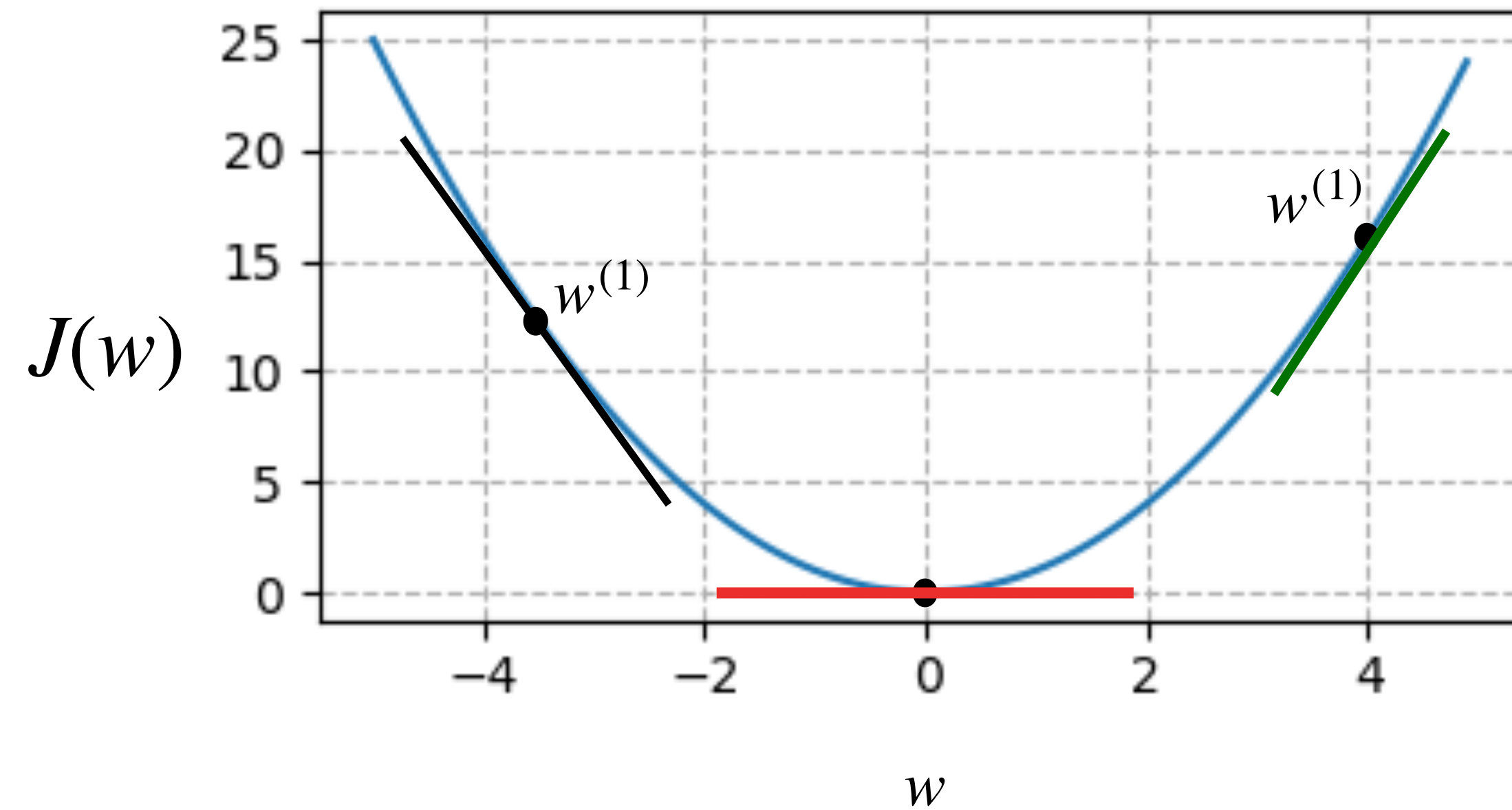
Himmelblau function

$$J(w_1, w_2) = (w_1^2 + w_2 - 11)^2 + (w_1 + w_2^2 - 7)^2$$



Recap - Single vs Multiple

$$w_{k+1}^* = w_k^* - \alpha_k \nabla J$$



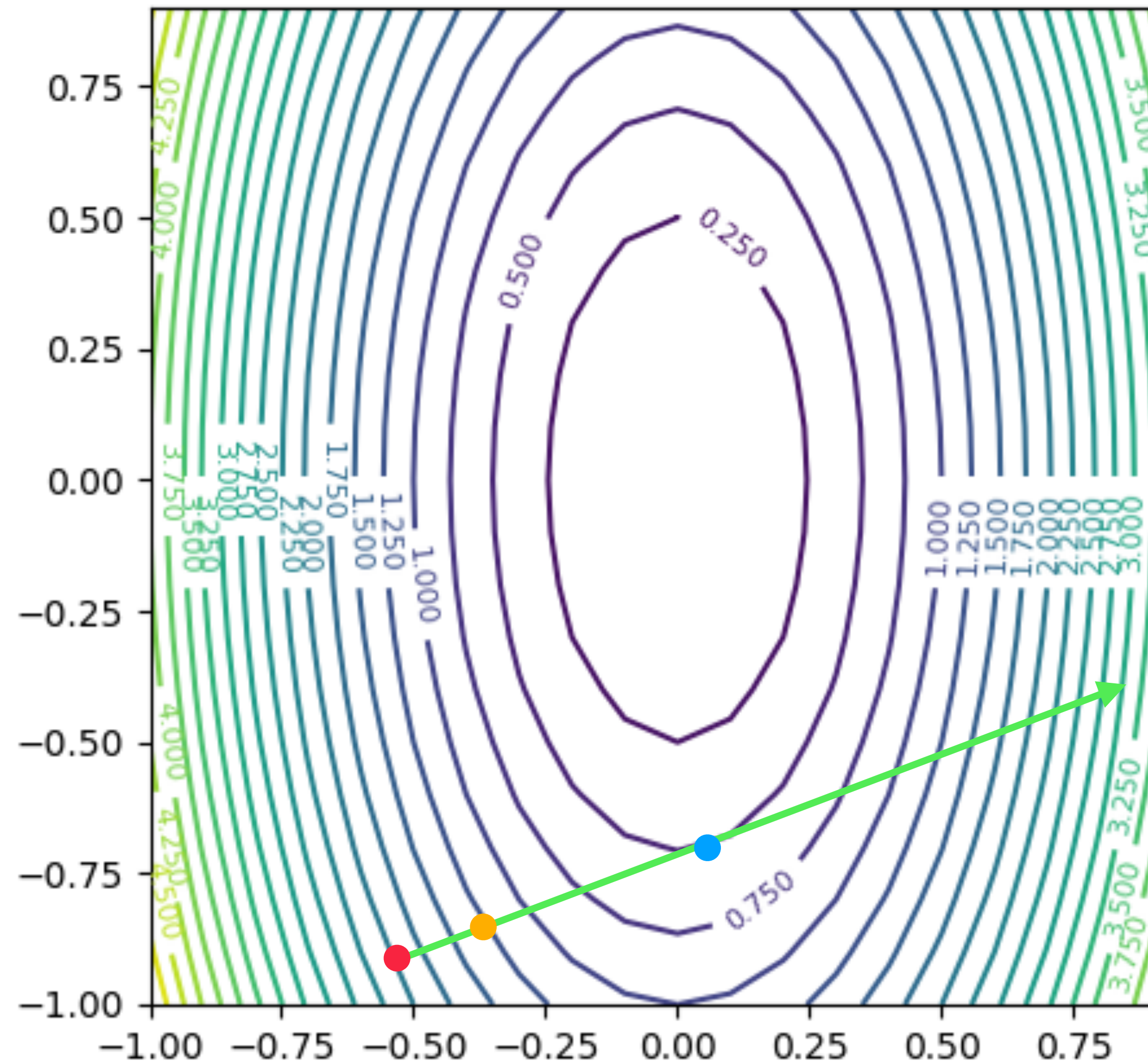
Optimization strategies

Variations in (steepest) gradient descent

- Constant step length α
- Adaptive step length (α_k) using line search
- Stochastic gradient descent

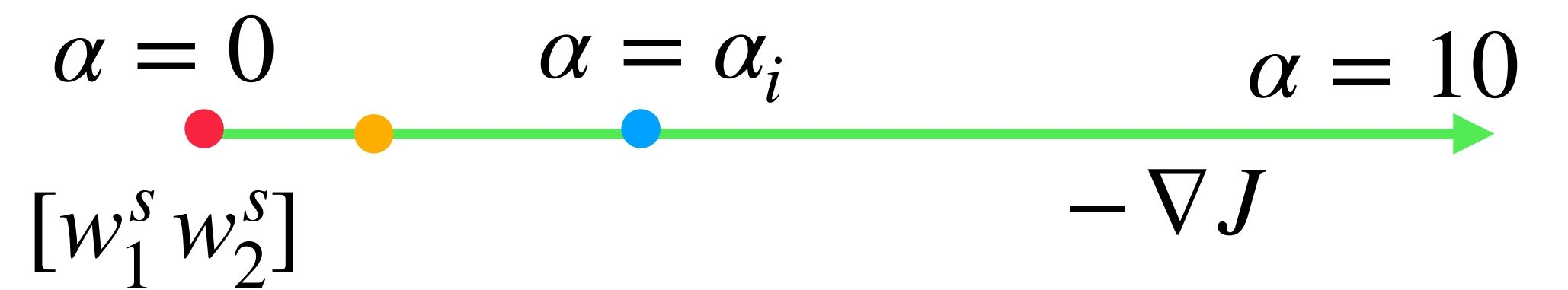
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Line Search



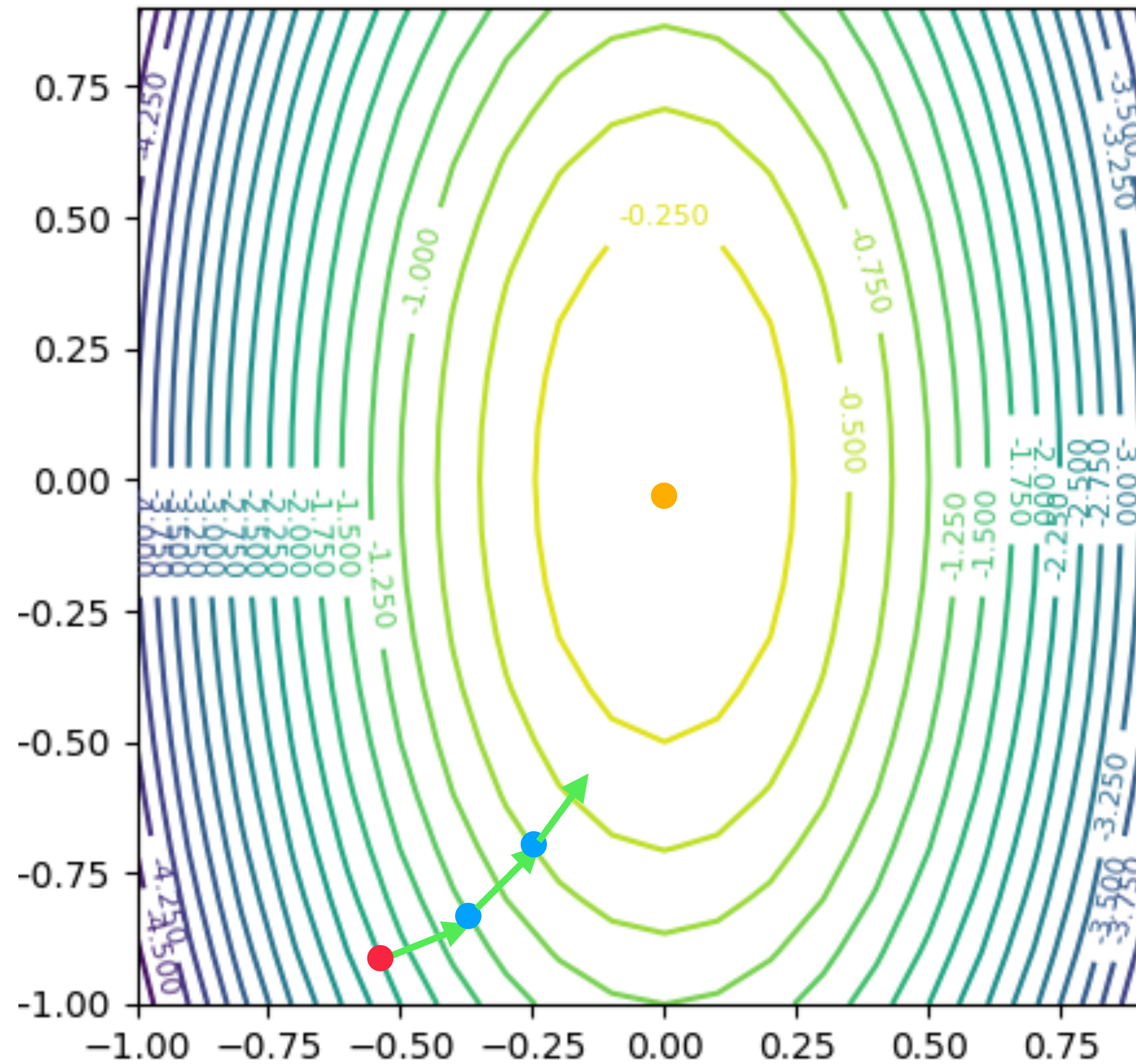
$$[w_1^* \ w_2^*] = [w_1^s \ w_2^s] + \alpha \mathbf{S}$$

● $[w_1^* \ w_2^*] = [w_1^s \ w_2^s] + \alpha(-\nabla J)$



$$[w_1^s \ w_2^s] + \alpha(-\nabla J)$$

S. Grad. Des.



• $[w_1^s, w_2^s]$

$\alpha = 0.01$

