

Figure1

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[ ]: import os
os.environ["JAX_PLATFORMS"] = "cpu" # use CPU only
from jax import config
config.update("jax_enable_x64", True) # float64 globally
import jax
import jax.numpy as jnp
import matplotlib
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
print(jax.__version__) # My jax version is 0.8.1
print(matplotlib.__version__) # My matplotlib version is 3.10.6
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# Objective & gradient
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def objective(w):
    x1, x2 = w
    return (x1 + 1) ** 2 * (x2 + 1) ** 2 + jnp.exp(
        -((x1**2 + 1) ** (1 / 8)) - (x2**2 + 1) ** (1 / 8)
    )

value_and_grad = jax.value_and_grad(objective)

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# Runner factory
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def make_gd_runner(K: int, alpha: float, save_every: int | None = None):
    if save_every is None:
        save_every = max(K // int(1e8), 1)

    # We *do* precompute sample_indices; this is at most ~1e8 entries.
    sample_indices = jnp.arange(0, K, save_every, dtype=jnp.int64)

    @jax.jit
    def run(w0: jnp.ndarray):
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num_points = sample_indices.size
dim = w0.size

def step(carry, _):
    w, saved, save_idx, i = carry
    _, grad = value_and_grad(w)
    w_next = w - alpha * grad

    # Decide whether to save w_next at this step
    do_save = (save_idx < num_points) & (i == sample_indices[save_idx])

    def save_branch(args):
        w_, saved_, idx_ = args
        saved_ = saved_.at[idx_].set(w_)
        return w_, saved_, idx_ + 1, i_

    def no_save_branch(args):
        return args

    w2, saved2, save_idx2, i2 = jax.lax.cond(
        do_save,
        save_branch,
        no_save_branch,
        (w_next, saved, save_idx, i),
    )

    # Increase loop index
    return (w2, saved2, save_idx2, i2 + 1), None

init_saved = jnp.zeros((num_points, dim), dtype=w0.dtype)
init_carry = (w0, init_saved, jnp.int32(0), jnp.int64(0))

# No jnp.arange(K) here; we only specify length=K
(w_final, saved_points, _, _), _ = jax.lax.scan(
    step,
    init_carry,
    xs=None,
    length=K,
)
return w_final, saved_points

return run, sample_indices

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[ ]: def add_auto_magnifier(ax, last_frac=0.5, inset_size=(0.35, 0.25), margin_frac=0.05):
    """

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Add a magnifier inset to `ax` for the last `last_frac` of the FIRST line's \hookrightarrow data.

- Call this *after* you have plotted your main trajectory on `ax`.
- If you don't call it, the plot is unchanged.

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# Use the first line on this axis
line = ax.lines[0]
x = jnp.asarray(line.get_xdata())
y = jnp.asarray(line.get_ydata())
n = x.size

# ----- 1) last `last_frac` portion -----
start = max(int((1.0 - last_frac) * n), 0)
x_last = x[start:]
y_last = y[start:]

# Zoom region in data coords, padded a bit
xmin = jnp.min(x_last)
xmax = jnp.max(x_last)
ymin = jnp.min(y_last)
ymax = jnp.max(y_last)

spanx = float(xmax - xmin)
spany = float(ymax - ymin)
if spanx == 0.0:
    spanx = 1.0
if spany == 0.0:
    spany = 1.0

xmin = float(xmin) - margin_frac * spanx * 2
xmax = float(xmax) + margin_frac * spanx * 2
ymin = float(ymin) - margin_frac * spany * 10
ymax = float(ymax) + margin_frac * spany * 10

inset_w, inset_h = inset_size

# ----- 3) Create inset & plot inside -----
axins = ax.inset_axes([0.55, 0.55, inset_w, inset_h])

# axins.plot(x, y, color=color, linewidth=lw)
axins.plot(x, y, "yo", markersize=2)
axins.set_xlim(xmin, xmax)
axins.set_ylim(ymin, ymax)

# Style: grey background, blue frame, no ticks (like your picture (2))
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edgecolor = "tab:blue"
facecolor = "#f0f0f0"

axins.set_facecolor(facecolor)
for sp in axins.spines.values():
    sp.set_edgecolor(edgecolor)
    sp.set_linewidth(1.0)

axins.set_xticks([])
axins.set_yticks([])
axins.tick_params(bottom=False, left=False)

# ----- 4) Connectors + shaded ROI on main axes -----

xmin = jnp.min(x_last)
xmax = jnp.max(x_last)
ymin = jnp.min(y_last)
ymax = jnp.max(y_last)

indicator = ax.indicate_inset(
    bounds=(
        xmin - 0.025 * (xmax - xmin),
        ymin - 0.15 * ymax * (ymax - ymin),
        1.05 * (xmax - xmin),
        0.45 * ymax * (ymax - ymin),
    ),
    inset_ax=axins,
    edgecolor="blue",
    facecolor="grey",
    alpha=0.25,
)

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Matplotlib 3.10: single artist with .rectangle / .connectors

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if hasattr(indicator, "rectangle") and hasattr(indicator, "connectors"):
    rect = indicator.rectangle
    connectors = indicator.connectors
else:
    # older Matplotlib: (rect, connectors) tuple
    rect, connectors = indicator

rect.set_facecolor("0.9")
rect.set_alpha(0.3)

# connectors may be None / a single artist / a list/tuple
if connectors is None:
    conn_iter = []
elif isinstance(connectors, (list, tuple)):

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        conn_iter = connectors
    else:
        conn_iter = [connectors]

    for c in conn_iter:
        c.set_color(edgecolor)
        c.set_alpha(0.4)
        c.set_linewidth(1.0)

    return axins

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[ ]: def plot_contour(trajectory, w0, alpha):
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6, 6))

    ax.plot(
        trajectory[:, 0],
        trajectory[:, 1],
        "yo",
        markersize=1,
        alpha=0.6,
        label="Marker Trajectory",
    )

    ax.plot(
        w0[0],
        w0[1],
        "ro",
        markersize=8,
        markerfacecolor="r",
        label=f"Initial Point ({w0[0]:.1f}, {w0[1]:.1f})",
    )

    # add-on: call this line to get the magnifier
    add_auto_magnifier(ax, last_frac=0.1)

    ax.set_xlabel(r"$x_1$", fontsize=18, fontweight="bold")
    ax.set_ylabel(r"$x_2$", fontsize=18, fontweight="bold")
    ax.set_title(
        f"GD Trajectory (Step size = {alpha:.2g})", fontsize=16,
        fontweight="bold"
    )
    ax.grid(True, linestyle="--", alpha=0.7)

    plt.show()
    fig.savefig("fig1.png", dpi=300)

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# Example usage
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key = jax.random.key(100)
w0 = jax.random.normal(key, (2,), dtype=jnp.float64)
print("Initial point w0:", w0)

## Try three different step sizes, as step sizes decrease, you need more steps
# to see the oscillations.

# K, alpha = 1 * 10**6, 1e-2
# K, alpha = 5 * 10**7, 1e-3 # This takes <1 minute.
K, alpha = 4 * 10**9, 1e-4 # This takes ~9 minutes.
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run, idx = make_gd_runner(K, alpha)
w_final, traj = run(w0)
print("K, alpha:", K, alpha)
print("saved indices:", idx.shape, "trajectory shape:", traj.shape)
plot_contour(traj, w0, alpha)
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Initial point w0: [-0.98128909  0.03826571]
K, alpha: 4000000000 0.0001
saved indices: (100000000,) trajectory shape: (100000000, 2)
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GD Trajectory (Step size = 0.0001)

