



Understanding Workings of Neural Networks

Video 7: Common Optimization Techniques – Part 2



AdaGrad

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- Parameters with **infrequent updates** → **Bigger updates**
- Parameters with **frequent updates** → **Smaller updates**

AdaGrad

1. Updated weights:

$$w_{t+1} = w_t - \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{G_t + \epsilon}} \cdot \nabla L(w_t)$$

2. Modified learning rate:

$$\eta' = \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{G_t + \epsilon}}$$

ϵ = Small positive constant to ensure numerical stability

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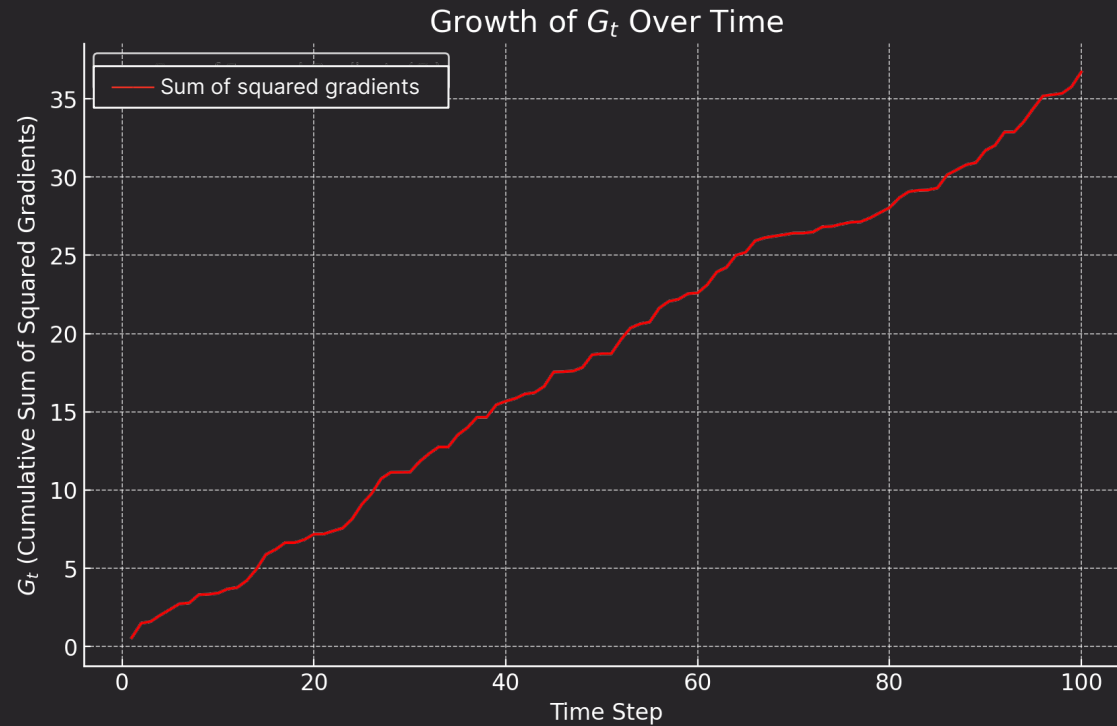
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AdaGrad - Drawback

Problem: AdaGrad may reduce the learning rate aggressively .



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Learning rate decay is used to reduce the learning rate over time. It can be fixed or scheduled or dynamically adjusted.

$$\eta' = \frac{\eta_0}{1 + \text{Decay_Rate} \times \text{Epoch_Number}}$$

- **Decay_Rate** is the rate at which the learning rate decays,
- **Epoch_Number** is the current epoch number in the training process.

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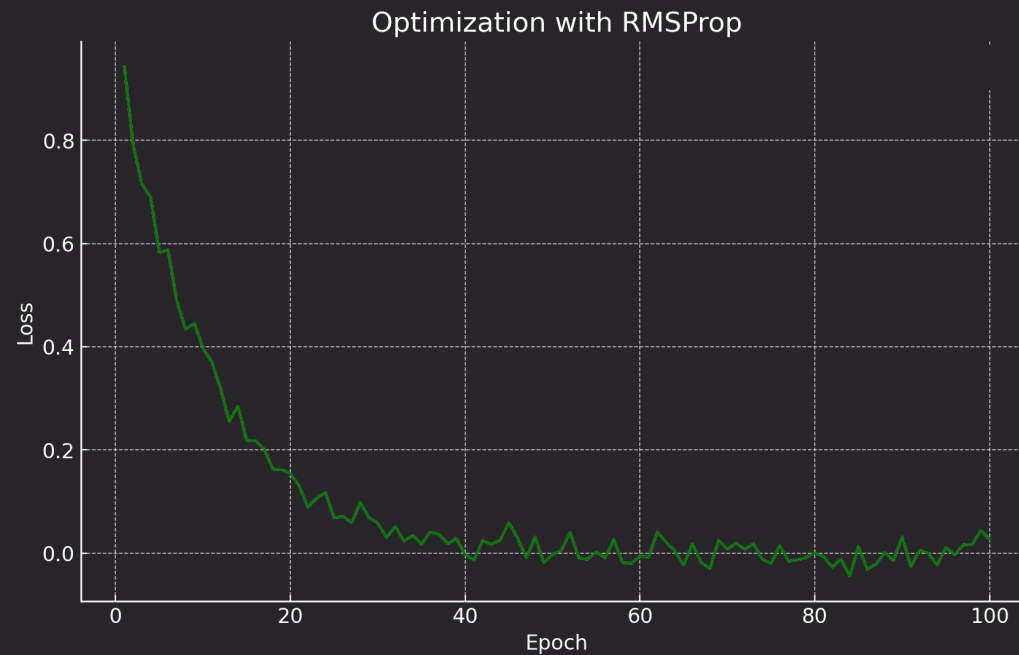
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- **Default value = 0.1 ; in PyTorch**
- **Higher decay rate → Lower new learning rate**



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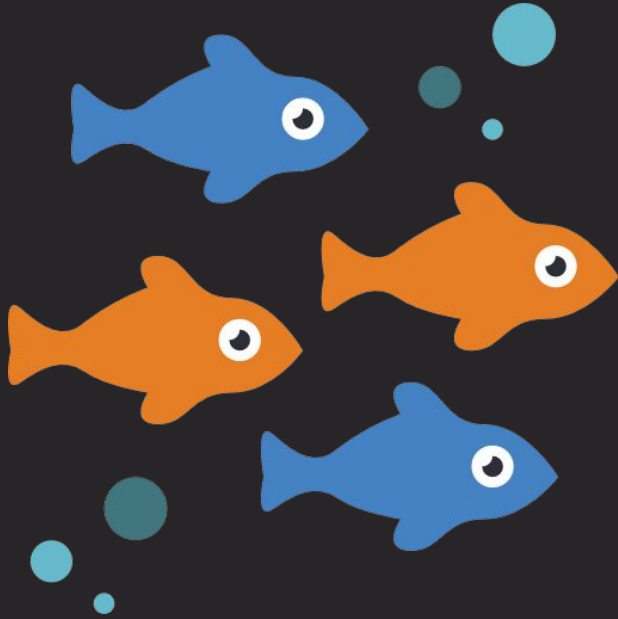
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$v(w_t)$ = is the moving average of the squared gradients up to time step t

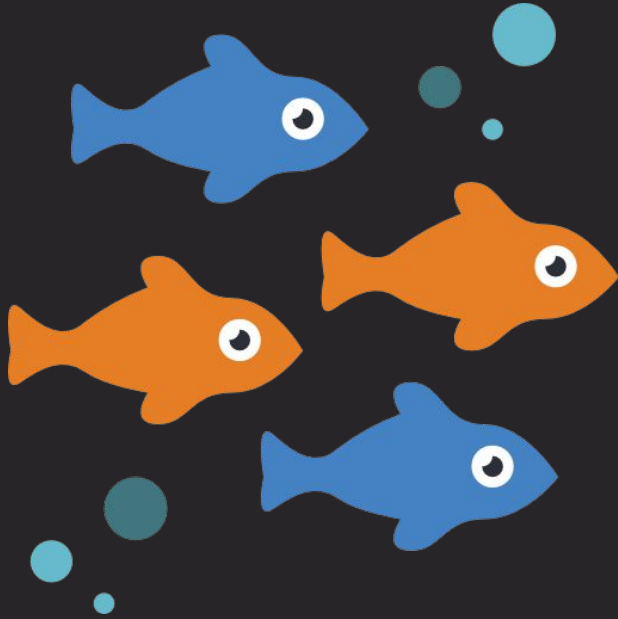
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- Penalizes parameter “Color”
- Rely on other features

RMSPprop

1. Moving average of squared gradients

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β = Decay Factor

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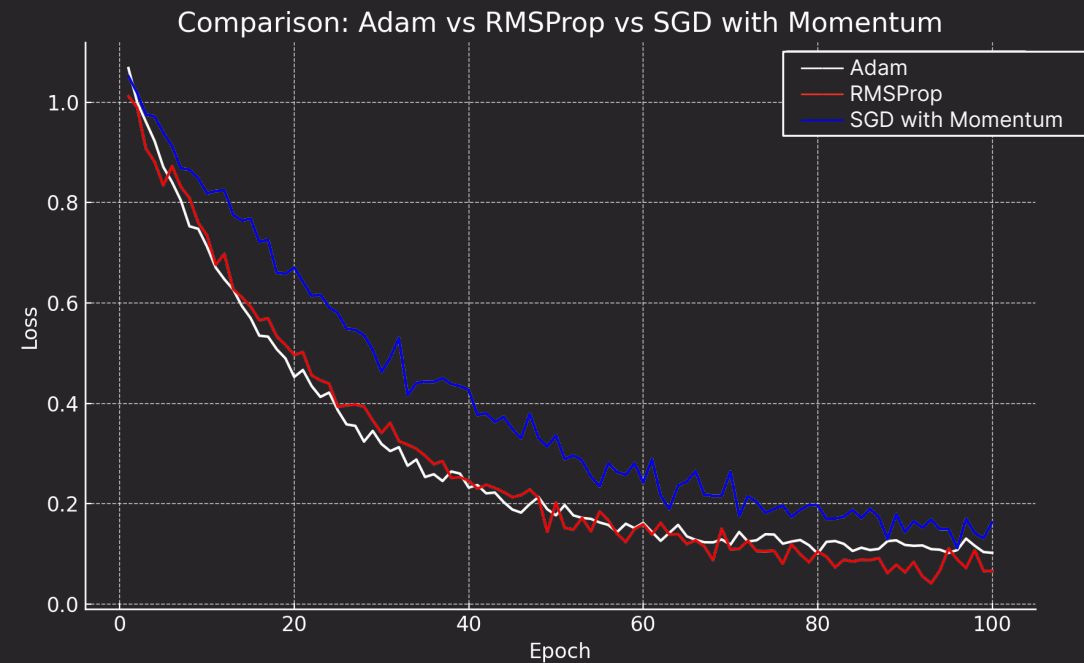
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Adaptive Moment Estimation or Adam is a combination of RMSProp and Momentum.



Adam Optimizer

1. First Moment (Mean) Estimate

$$\mathbf{m}_t = \beta_1 \mathbf{m}_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_1) \nabla L(\mathbf{w}_t)$$

\mathbf{m}_t = First moment vector (moving average of the gradients) at time step t

β_1 = Exponential decay for the first moment estimate

2. Second Moment (Uncentered Variance) Estimate

$$\mathbf{v}_t = \beta_2 \mathbf{v}_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_2) \nabla L(\mathbf{w}_t)^2$$

\mathbf{v}_t = Second moment vector (moving average of the squared gradients) at time step t

β_2 = Exponential decay for the second moment estimate

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$$\mathbf{v}_t = \beta_2 \mathbf{v}_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_2) \nabla L(\mathbf{w}_t)^2$$

3. Update rule for Adam Optimizer

$$\mathbf{w}_{t+1} = \mathbf{w}_t - \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{\mathbf{v}_t} + \epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{m}_t$$

Hands-on: Applying these optimizers to our model