

# Deep-Learning Do-It-Yourself

## Optimization



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# The workhorse: Empirical Risk Minimisation

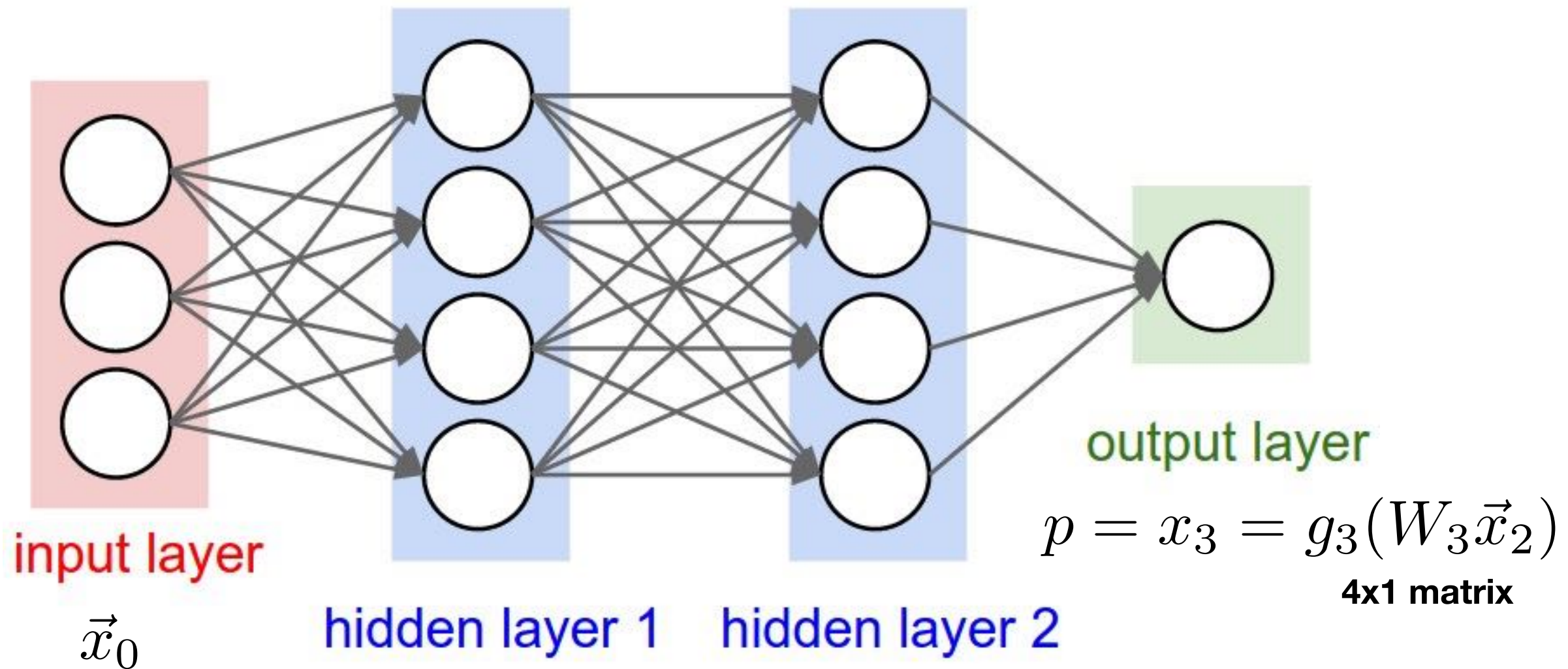
**Minimize**

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{empirical}}(W) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^{\text{dataset}} \ell(W, (\vec{x}_i), y_i)$$

**Rationale: it should be close to**

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{population}}(W) = \mathbb{E} \ell(W, (\vec{x}), y)$$

# Feed-forward Neural networks



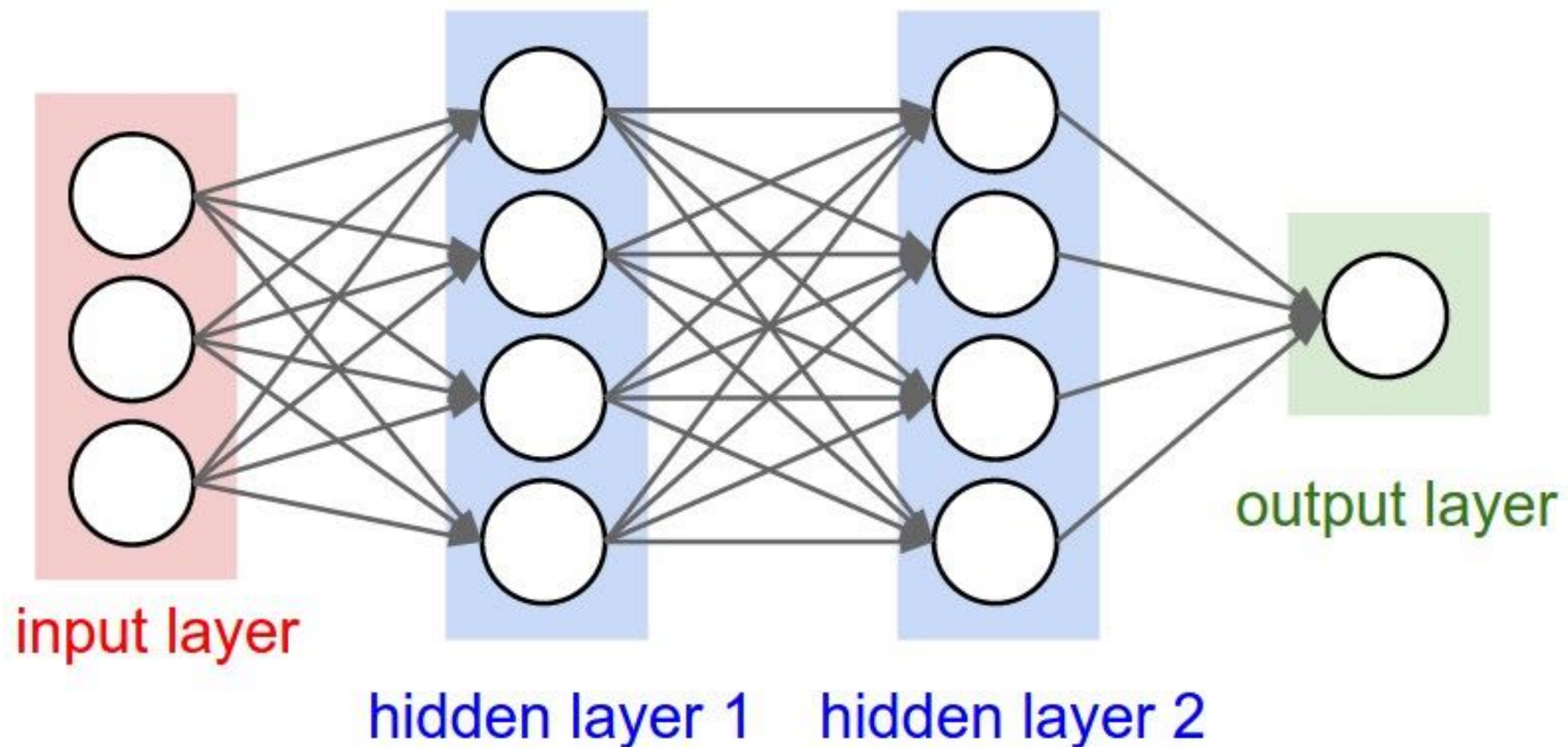
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Choose a loss function, for instance the quadratic loss, then one has to minimise:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - p_i)^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - g_3(W_3 g_2(W_2 g_1(W_1 \vec{x}_0^i))))^2$$

# Gradient descent vs Newton

## Gradient descent

$$\mathbf{W}_{t+1} = \mathbf{W}_t - \gamma_t \nabla f(\mathbf{W}_t)$$

## Newton *(requires the Hessian)*

$$\mathbf{W}_{t+1} = \mathbf{W}_t - \gamma [\mathbf{H} f(\mathbf{W}_t)]^{-1} \nabla f(\mathbf{W}_t)$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial W_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial W_1 \partial W_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial W_1 \partial W_n} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial W_2 \partial W_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial W_2^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial W_2 \partial W_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial W_n \partial W_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial W_n \partial W_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial W_n^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Newton converges faster to local minima...**

**... but no one wants to compute a Hessian (or worst: inverse it)**

**Solution exist:**

- Quasi-newton methods such as L-BFGS approximate the inverse
- Conjugate gradient technics allows to by-pass the inversion

**But most people tend to use gradient descent**

# Gradient descent

## Batch gradient descent

$$\mathbf{W}_{t+1} = \mathbf{W}_t - \gamma_t \nabla f(\mathbf{W}_t)$$

```
for i in range(nb_epochs):  
    params_grad = evaluate_gradient(loss_function, data, params)  
    params = params - learning_rate * params_grad
```

## Mini-batch gradient descent

$$\mathbf{W}_{t+1/num} = \mathbf{W}_t - \gamma_t \nabla f(\mathbf{W}_t; x^{(i,i+b)}, y^{(i,i+b)})$$

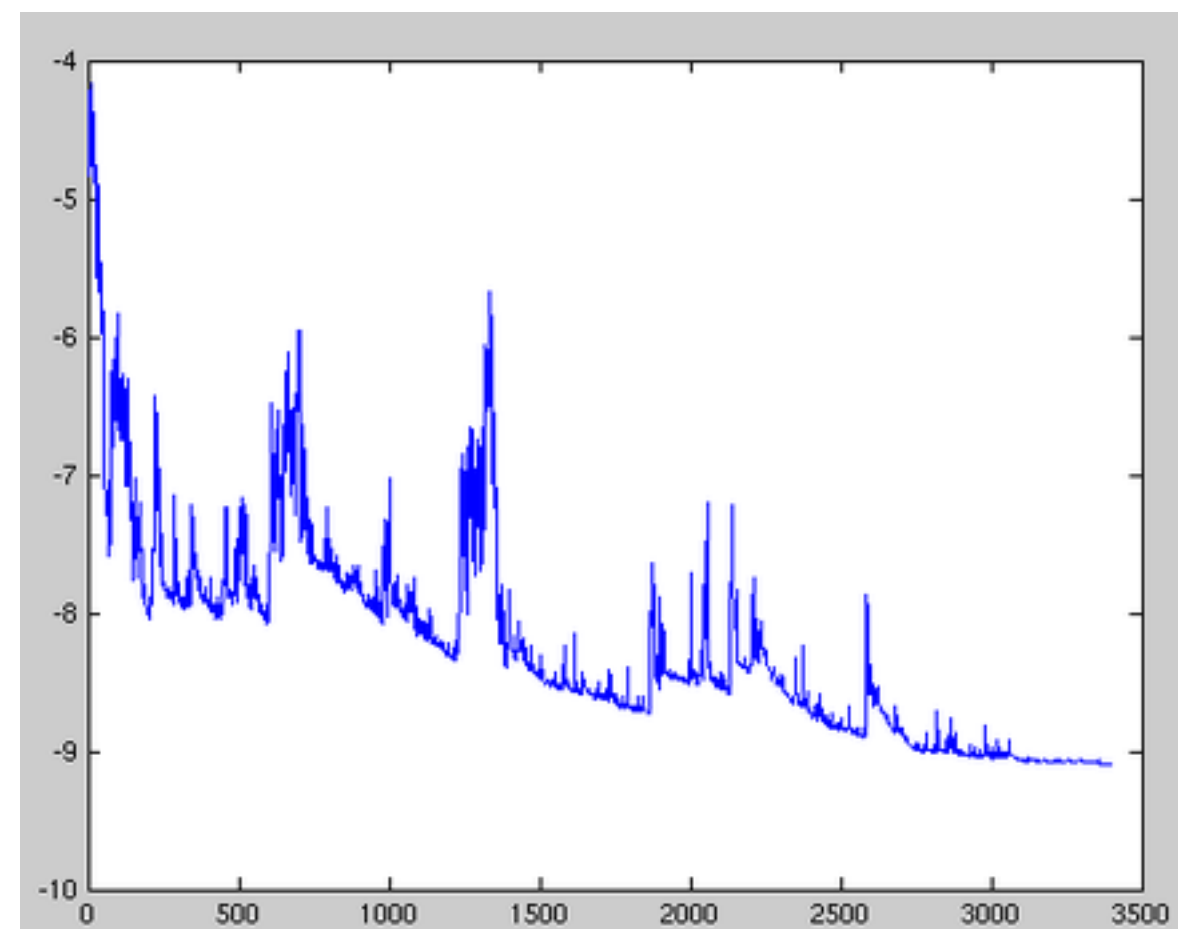
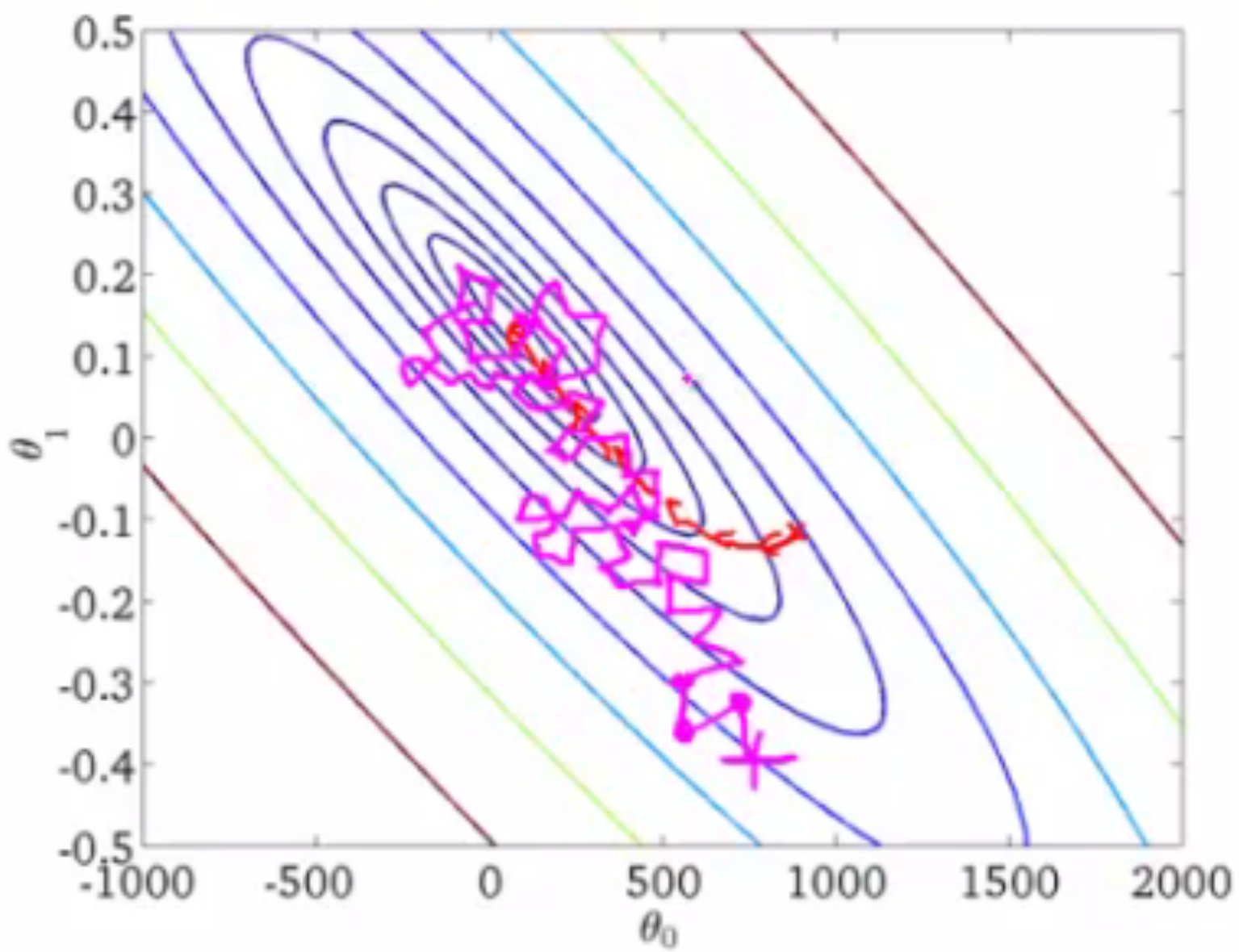
```
for i in range(nb_epochs):  
    np.random.shuffle(data)  
    for batch in get_batches(data, batch_size=50):  
        params_grad = evaluate_gradient(loss_function, batch, params)  
        params = params - learning_rate * params_grad
```

## Stochastic gradient descent

$$\mathbf{W}_{t+1/N} = \mathbf{W}_t - \gamma_t \nabla f(\mathbf{W}_t; x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$$

```
for i in range(nb_epochs):  
    np.random.shuffle(data)  
    for example in data:  
        params_grad = evaluate_gradient(loss_function, example, params)  
        params = params - learning_rate * params_grad
```

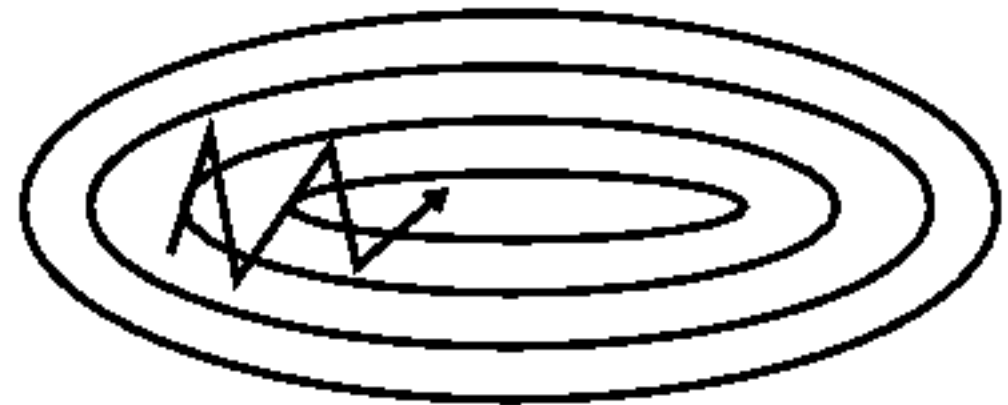




Fluctuations in the total objective function as gradient steps with respect to mini-batches are taken.

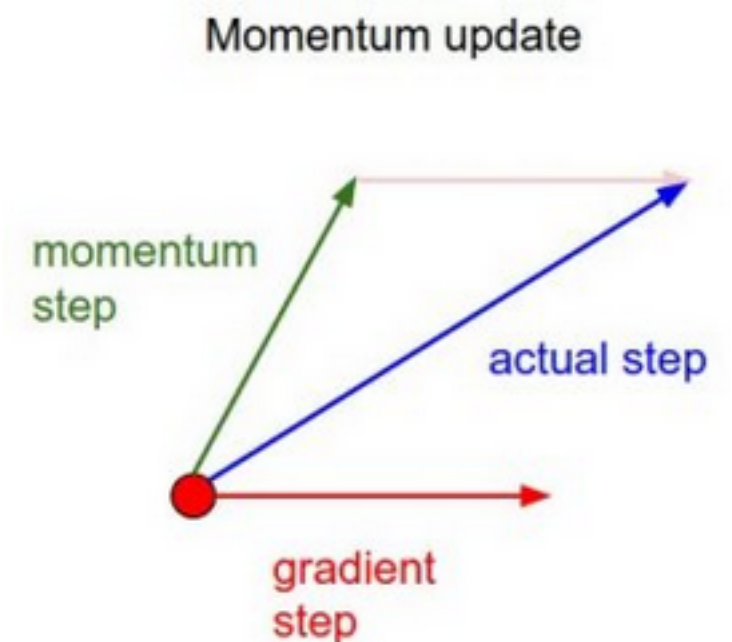
# Momentum

Keep the ball rolling on the same direction



$$\mathbf{v}^{t+1} = \eta \mathbf{v}^t + \gamma \nabla f(\mathbf{W})$$

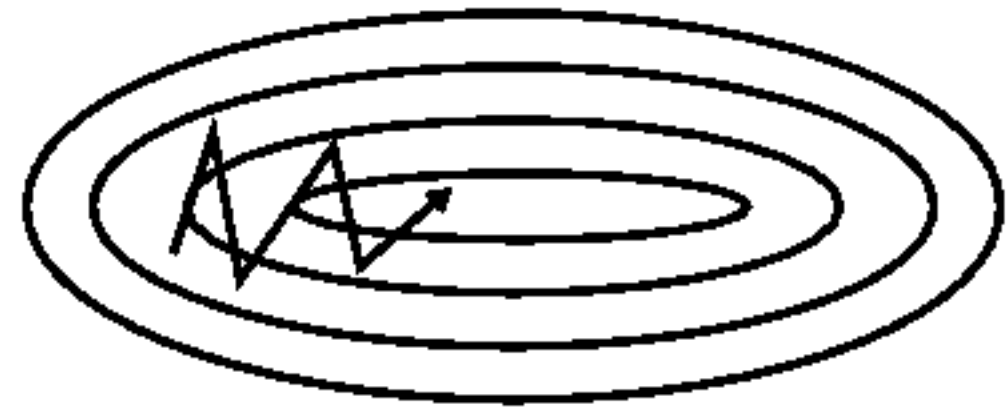
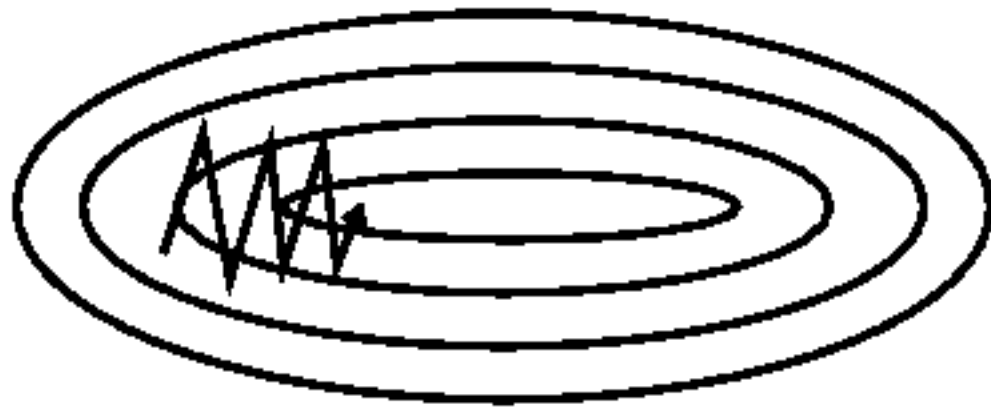
$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W} - \mathbf{v}^{t+1}$$





# Nesterov acceleration

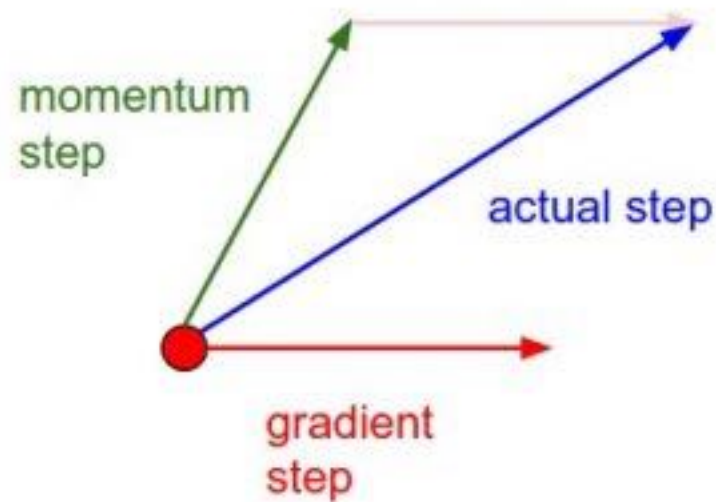
A slightly more clever ball



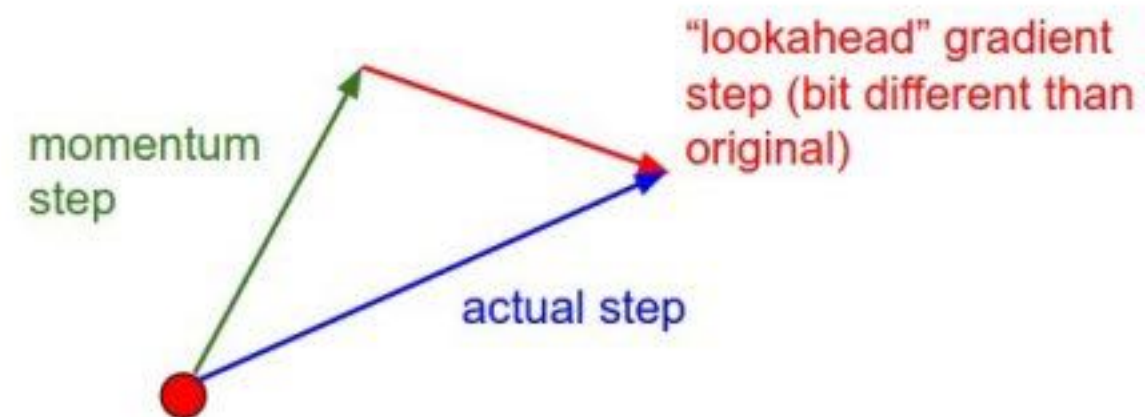
$$\mathbf{v}^{t+1} = \eta \mathbf{v}^t + \gamma \nabla f(\mathbf{W} - \eta \mathbf{v}^t)$$

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Momentum update



Nesterov momentum update



# Pytorch optimizer

```
class torch.optim.SGD(params, lr=<object object>, momentum=0, dampening=0,  
weight_decay=0, nesterov=False) \[source\]
```

Implements stochastic gradient descent (optionally with momentum).

Nesterov momentum is based on the formula from [On the importance of initialization and momentum in deep learning](#).

- Parameters:
- `params` (*iterable*) – iterable of parameters to optimize or dicts defining parameter groups
  - `lr` (*float*) – learning rate
  - `momentum` (*float, optional*) – momentum factor (default: 0)
  - `weight_decay` (*float, optional*) – weight decay (L2 penalty) (default: 0)
  - `dampening` (*float, optional*) – dampening for momentum (default: 0)
  - `nesterov` (*bool, optional*) – enables Nesterov momentum (default: False)

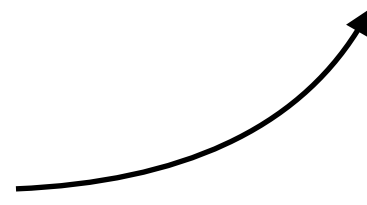
## Example

```
>>> optimizer = torch.optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=0.1, momentum=0.9)  
>>> optimizer.zero_grad()  
>>> loss_fn(model(input), target).backward()  
>>> optimizer.step()
```

# Adaptive learning rates

$$\mathbf{W}_{t+1} = \mathbf{W}_t - \gamma_t \nabla f(\mathbf{W}_t)$$

What about this guy ?



## Adagrad:

Adagrad scales  $\gamma$  for each parameter according to the history of gradients (previous steps)

$$\mathbf{W}^{t+1} = \mathbf{W}^t - \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{G_t + \epsilon}} \nabla f(\mathbf{W}^t)$$

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## RMSprop

The only difference RMSprop has with Adagrad is that the term is calculated by exponentially decaying average and not the sum of gradients.

$$G_t = \gamma G_t + (1 - \gamma)(\nabla f)^2$$

# Adaptive learning rates

## Adam: Adaptive Moment Estimation

Adam also keeps an exponentially decaying average of past gradients, similar to momentum

$$G_t = \beta_2 G_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_2)(\nabla f)^2$$

$$M_t = \beta_1 M_t + (1 - \beta_1)(\nabla f)$$

These are estimates of the first moment (the mean) and the second moment (the uncentered variance) of the gradients respectively, hence the name of the method.

$$\hat{M}_t = \frac{M_t}{1 - \beta_1} \quad \hat{G}_t = \frac{G_t}{1 - \beta_2}$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{t+1} = \mathbf{w}^t - \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{\hat{G}_t + \epsilon}} \hat{M}_t$$

# Pytorch optimizer

```
class torch.optim.Adagrad(params, lr=0.01, lr_decay=0, weight_decay=0) \[source\]
```

Implements **Adagrad** algorithm.

It has been proposed in **Adaptive Subgradient Methods for Online Learning and Stochastic Optimization**.

- Parameters:
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  - `lr` (*float, optional*) – learning rate (default: 1e-2)
  - `lr_decay` (*float, optional*) – learning rate decay (default: 0)
  - `weight_decay` (*float, optional*) – weight decay (L2 penalty) (default: 0)

```
step(closure=None) \[source\]
```

Performs a single optimization step.

- Parameters:
- `closure` (*callable, optional*) – A closure that reevaluates the model and returns the loss.



# Pytorch optimizer

```
class torch.optim.RMSprop(params, lr=0.01, alpha=0.99, eps=1e-08, weight_decay=0, momentum=0, centered=False) \[source\]
```

Implements RMSprop algorithm.

Proposed by G. Hinton in his [course](#).

The centered version first appears in [Generating Sequences With Recurrent Neural Networks](#).

**Parameters:**

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- **lr** (*float, optional*) – learning rate (default: 1e-2)
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- **alpha** (*float, optional*) – smoothing constant (default: 0.99)
- **eps** (*float, optional*) – term added to the denominator to improve numerical stability (default: 1e-8)
- **centered** (*bool, optional*) – if True, compute the centered RMSProp, the gradient is normalized by an estimation of its variance
- **weight\_decay** (*float, optional*) – weight decay (L2 penalty) (default: 0)

# Pytorch optimizer

```
class torch.optim.Adam(params, lr=0.001, betas=(0.9, 0.999), eps=1e-08, weight_decay=0)  
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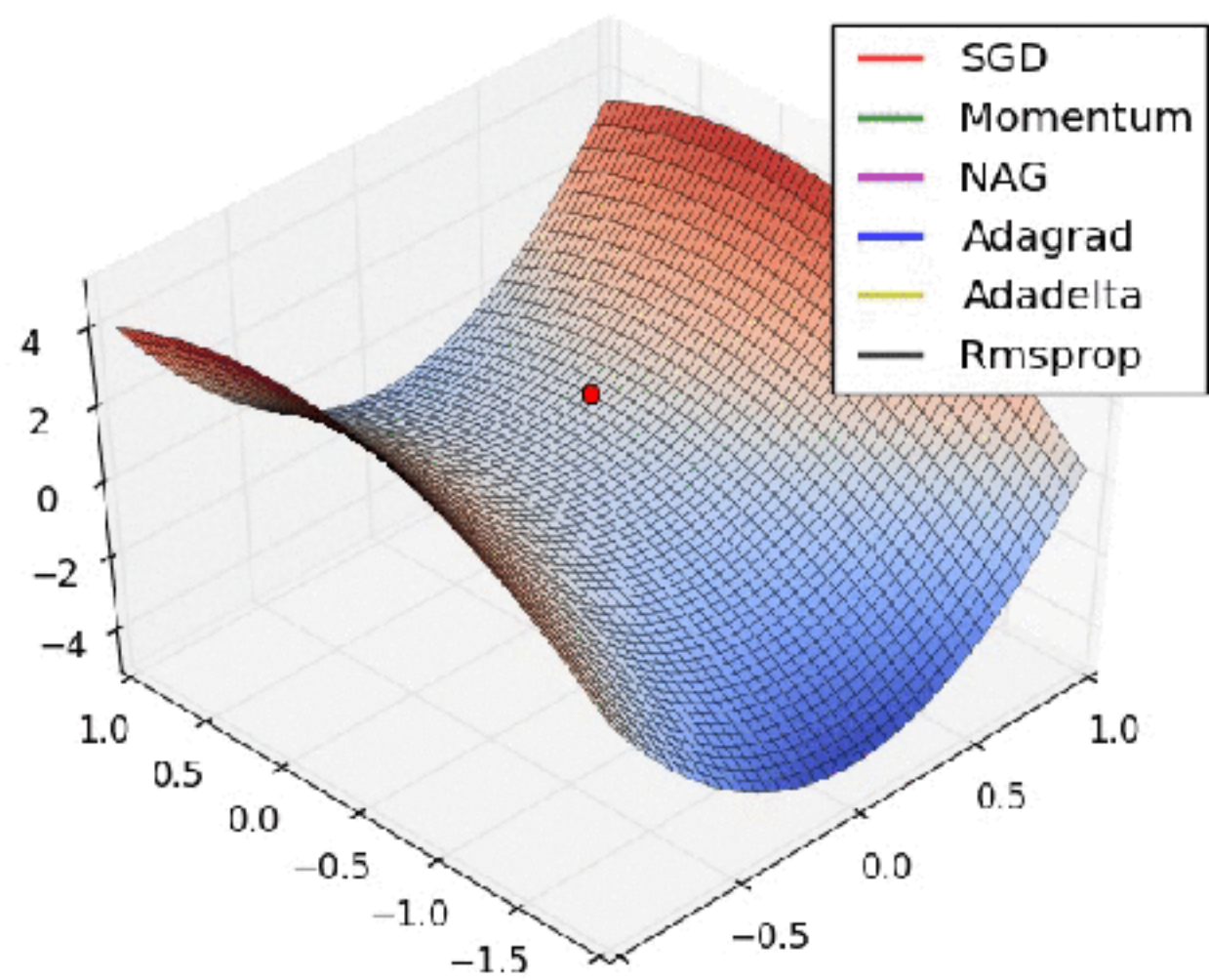
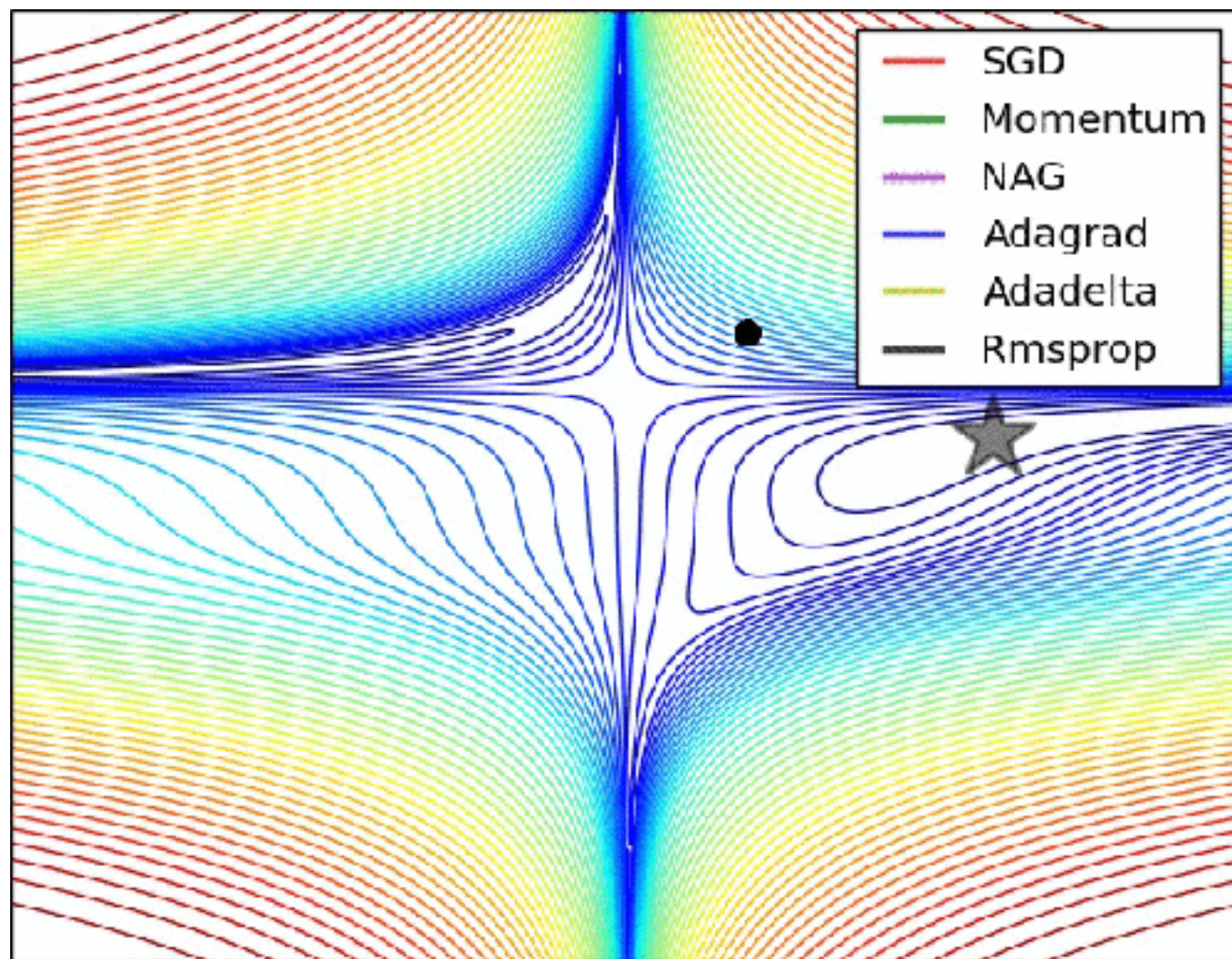
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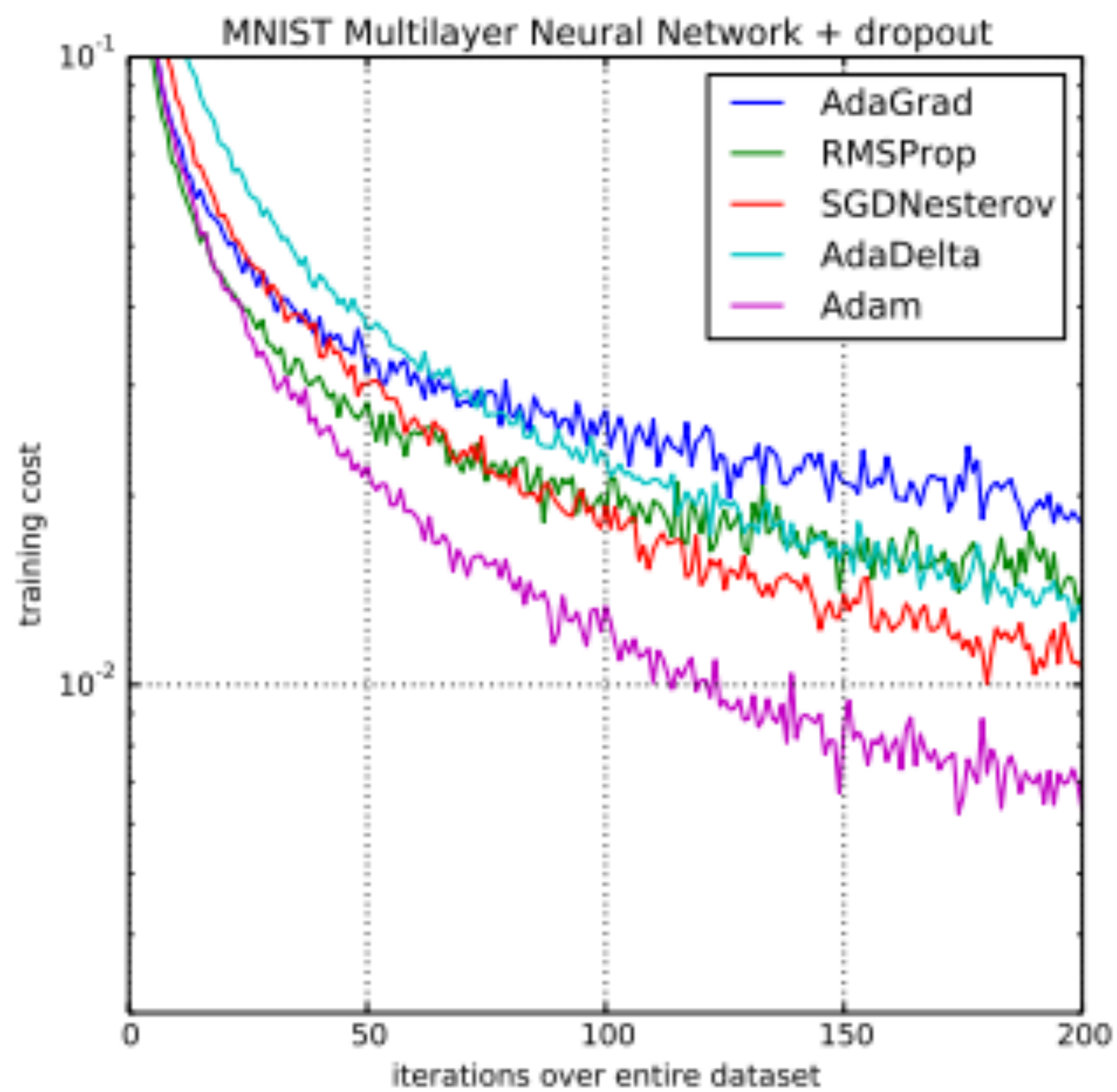
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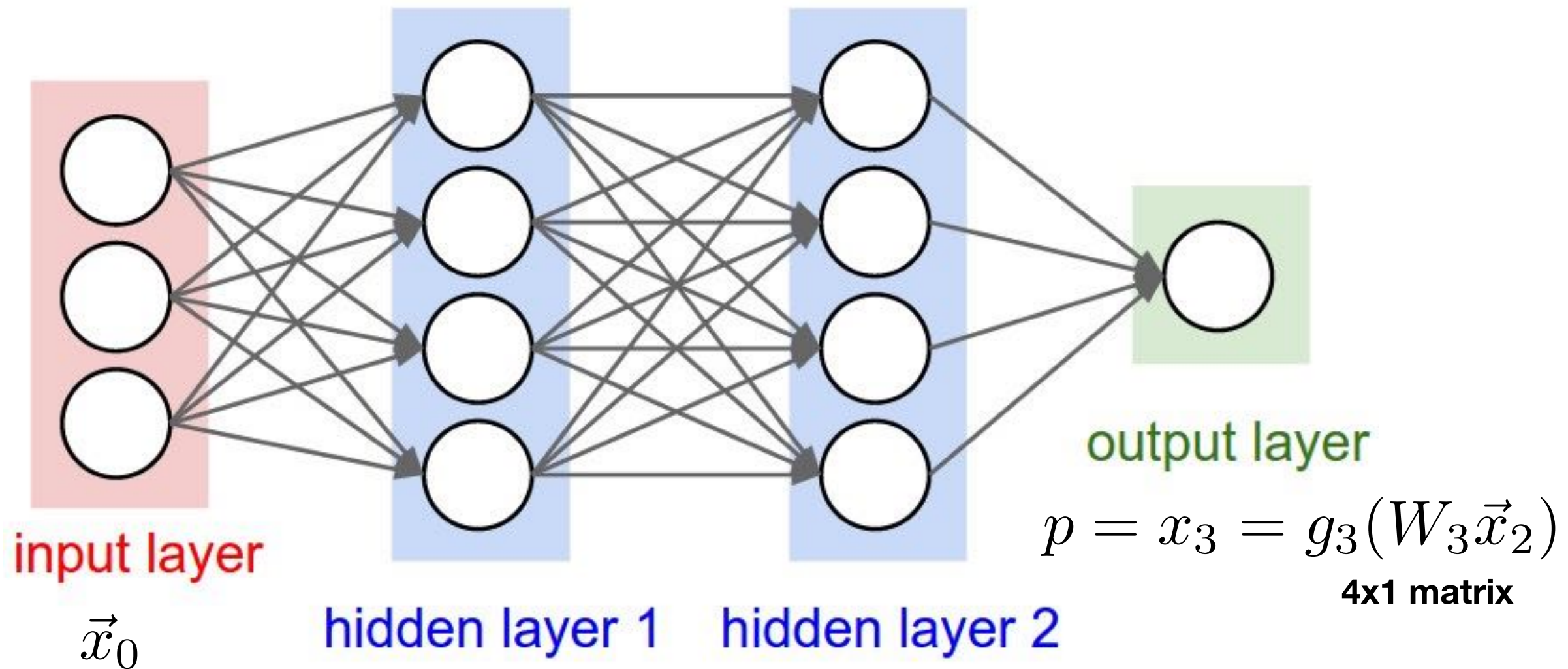








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**Feed-forward**

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**Back-propagation of errors**

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# Demonstration by the chain rule of derivatives

$$L = \frac{(y - p)^2}{2} \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{ab}^{(l)}} = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{ab}^{(l)}} &= \overbrace{(p - y)g'^{(L)}(h^{(L)})}^{e^L = g_L'(h^L)(p - y)} \sum_k w_k^{(L)} \frac{\partial x_k^{(L-1)}}{\partial w_{ab}^{(l)}} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{ab}^{(l)}} = \sum_k w_k^{(L)} \frac{\partial x_k^{(L-1)}}{w_{ab}^{(l)}} e^L \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{ab}^{(l)}} &= \sum_k w_k^{(L)} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{ab}^{(l)}} g^{(L-1)} \left[ \sum_{k'} w_{kk'}^{(L-1)} x_{k'}^{(L-2)} \right] \right) e^L \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{ab}^{(l)}} &= \sum_{k'} \frac{\partial x_{k'}^{(L-2)}}{\partial w_{ab}^{(l)}} \sum_k w_{kk'}^{(L-1)} w_k^{(L)} \underbrace{\left( g^{(L-1)'}[h_k^{L-1}] \right)}_{e_k^{L-1}} e^L = \sum_{k'} \frac{\partial x_{k'}^{(L-2)}}{\partial w_{ab}^{(l)}} \sum_k w_{kk'}^{(L-1)} e_k^{L-1} \\ &\quad \dots \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{ab}^{(l)}} &= \sum_k \frac{\partial x_k^{(n-2)}}{w_{ab}^{(l)}} \sum_i w_{ik}^{(n-1)} e_i^{(n-1)} \\ &\quad \dots \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{ab}^{(l)}} &= \sum_k \frac{\partial x_k^{(l)}}{w_{ab}^{(l)}} \sum_i w_{ik}^{(l+1)} e_i^{(l+1)} = x_b^{(l-1)} e_a^{(l)} \end{aligned}$$

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