Optimizer Performance on Non-Convex Functions

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Introduction

In this report, we optimize two non-convex functions using various optimization algorithms. The optimization is performed with different learning rates to evaluate the performance of each algorithm.

Non-Convex Function Optimization

Function Definitions

We consider the following non-convex functions:

- Function 1: $f(x,y) = (1-x)^2 + 100(y-x^2)^2$
- Function 2: $f(x) = \sin(\frac{1}{x})$ with f(0) = 0

Optimization Algorithms

The following optimization algorithms are used:

- Gradient Descent
- Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)
- Adam
- RMSprop
- Adagrad

Learning Rates

The learning rates (α) used for optimization are:

- $\alpha = 0.01$
- $\alpha = 0.05$
- $\alpha = 0.1$

Results

Optimization of Function 1: $f(x,y) = (1-x)^2 + 100(y-x^2)^2$ Convergence Behavior:

ullet Gradient Descent:

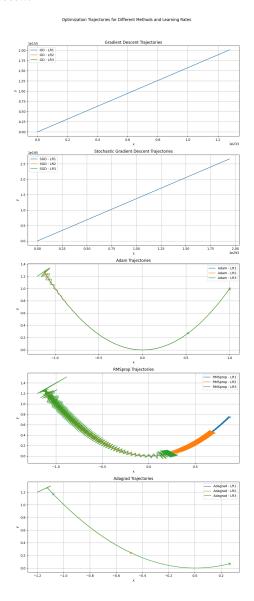


Figure 1:

- *SGD*:
- Adam:
- RMSprop:
- Adagrad:

Inference: The convergence of Adam and AdaGrad were better than others.

Impact of Learning Rates

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Optimization of Function 2: $f(x) = \sin(\frac{1}{x})$

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Discussion

The first function converges at (1, 1), while the second one converges at around 0.63 for substantial positive values.

Conclusion

Adam and Adagrad were the best performing algorithms.

Optimization Trajectories for Different Methods and Learning Rate

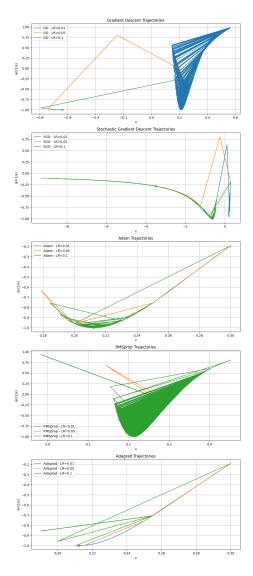


Figure 2: