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1.

Which notation would you use to denote the 3rd layer's activations when the input is the 7th example from the 8th minibatch?

☐ $a^{[8]\{3\}(7)}$

☒ $a^{[3]\{8\}(7)}$



Correct

☐ $a^{[8]\{7\}(3)}$

☐ $a^{[3]\{7\}(8)}$



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2.

Which of these statements about mini-batch gradient descent do you agree with?

☐ Training one epoch (one pass through the training set) using mini-batch gradient descent is faster than training one epoch using batch gradient descent.

☐ You should implement mini-batch gradient descent without an explicit for-loop over different mini-batches, so that the algorithm processes all mini-batches at the same time (vectorization).

☒ One iteration of mini-batch gradient descent (computing on a single mini-batch) is faster than one iteration of batch gradient descent.



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3.

Why is the best mini-batch size usually not 1 and not m, but instead something in-between?





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Un-selected is correct



If the mini-batch size is 1, you lose the benefits of vectorization across examples in the mini-batch.



Correct



If the mini-batch size is m , you end up with batch gradient descent, which has to process the whole training set before making progress.



Correct



If the mini-batch size is 1, you end up having to process the entire training set before making any progress.



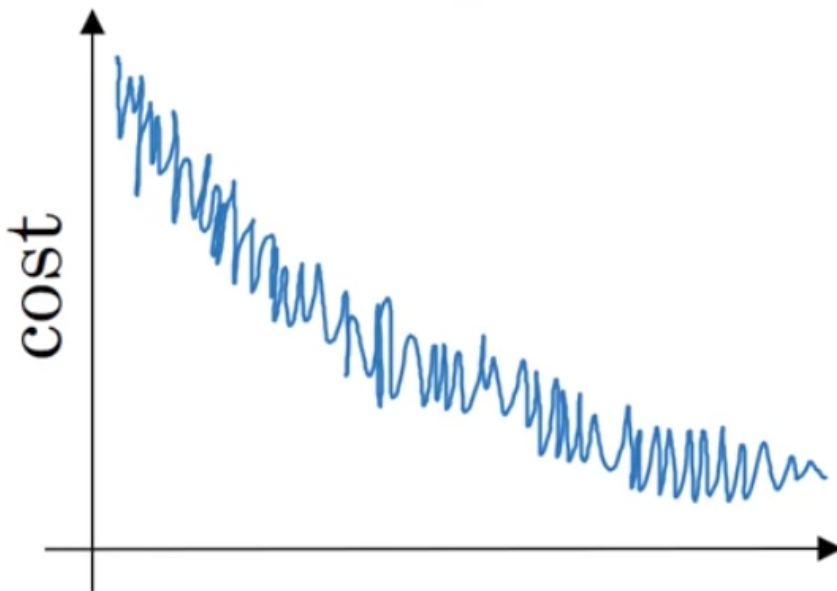
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4.

Suppose your learning algorithm's cost J , plotted as a function of the number of iterations, looks like this:



Which of the following do you agree with?



Whether you're using batch gradient descent or mini-batch gradient descent, this looks acceptable.



Whether you're using batch gradient descent or mini-batch gradient descent, something is wrong.

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If you're using mini-batch gradient descent, this looks acceptable. But if you're using batch gradient descent, something is wrong.

Correct

- ☐ If you're using mini-batch gradient descent, something is wrong. But if you're using batch gradient descent, this looks acceptable.



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5.

Suppose the temperature in Casablanca over the first three days of January are the same:

Jan 1st: $\theta_1 = 10^\circ C$

Jan 2nd: $\theta_2 = 10^\circ C$

(We used Fahrenheit in lecture, so will use Celsius here in honor of the metric world.)

Say you use an exponentially weighted average with $\beta = 0.5$ to track the temperature: $v_0 = 0$, $v_t = \beta v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta)\theta_t$. If v_2 is the value computed after day 2 without bias correction, and $v_2^{corrected}$ is the value you compute with bias correction. What are these values? (You might be able to do this without a calculator, but you don't actually need one. Remember what is bias correction doing.)

☒ $v_2 = 7.5, v_2^{corrected} = 10$

Correct

☐ $v_2 = 7.5, v_2^{corrected} = 7.5$

☐ $v_2 = 10, v_2^{corrected} = 10$

☐ $v_2 = 10, v_2^{corrected} = 7.5$



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6.

Which of these is NOT a good learning rate decay scheme? Here, t is the epoch number.

☐ $\alpha = 0.95^t \alpha_0$

☐ $\alpha = \frac{1}{1+2*t} \alpha_0$

☒ $\alpha = e^t \alpha_0$

Correct



$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \alpha_0$$

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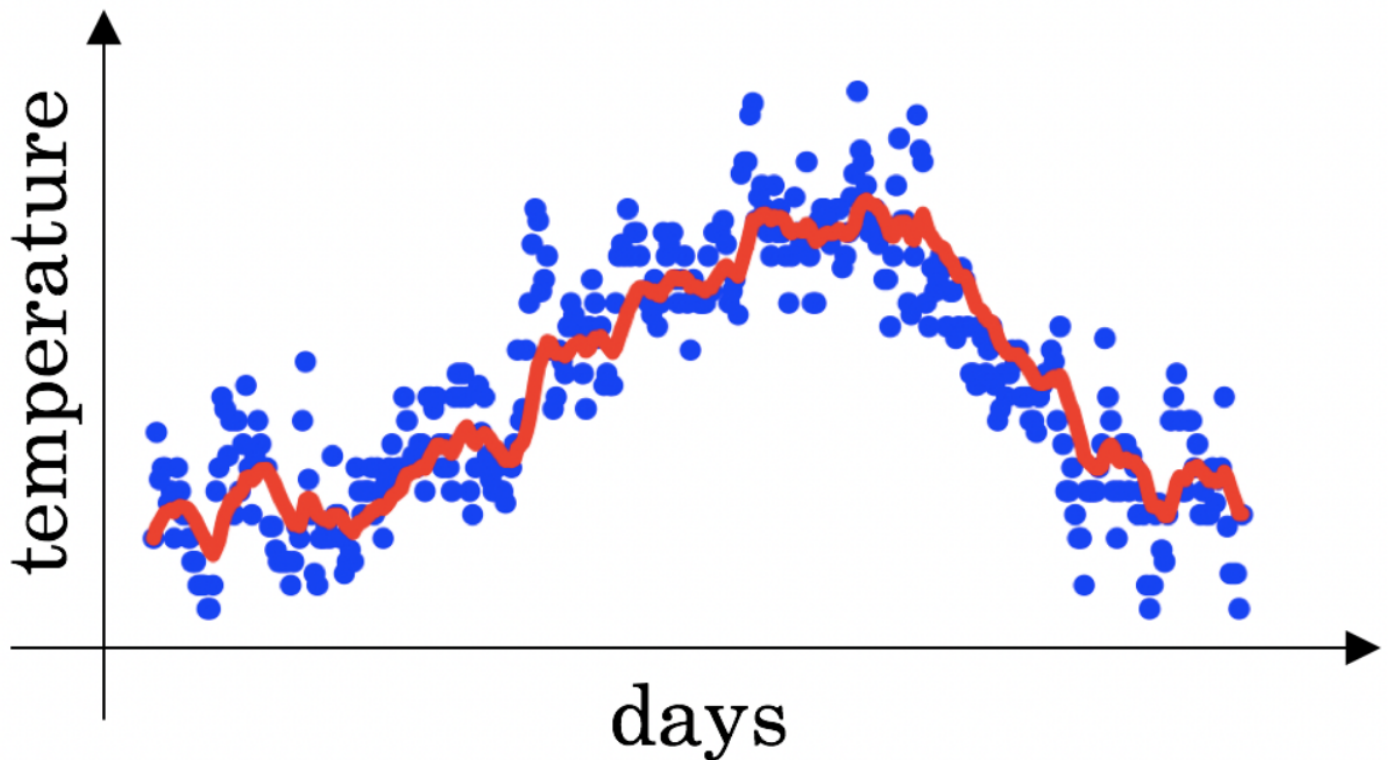


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7.

You use an exponentially weighted average on the London temperature dataset. You use the following to track the temperature:

$v_t = \beta v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta) \theta_t$. The red line below was computed using $\beta = 0.9$. What would happen to your red curve as you vary β ? (Check the two that apply)



Decreasing β will shift the red line slightly to the right.



Un-selected is correct



Increasing β will shift the red line slightly to the right.



Correct

True, remember that the red line corresponds to $\beta = 0.9$. In lecture we had a green line ($\beta = 0.98$) that is slightly shifted to the right.



Decreasing β will create more oscillation within the red line.



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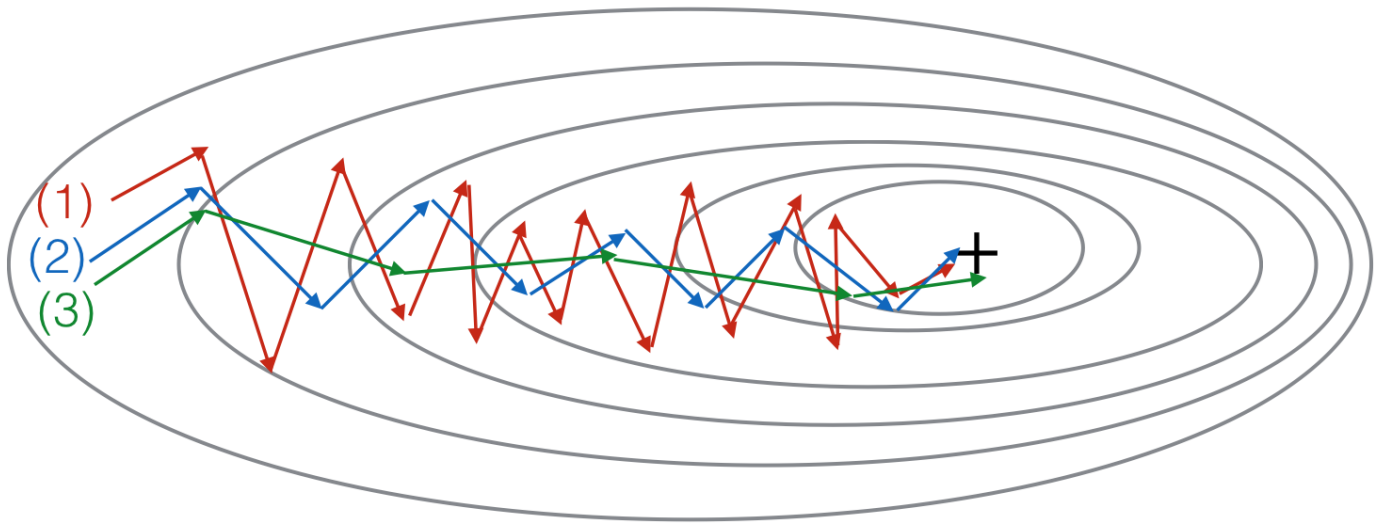
← **Correct** True, remember that the red line corresponds to $\beta = 0.9$. In lecture we had a yellow line $\beta = 0.98$ that had a lot of oscillations.
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☐ Increasing β will create more oscillations within the red line.

Un-selected is correct

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8.
Consider this figure:



These plots were generated with gradient descent; with gradient descent with momentum ($\beta = 0.5$) and gradient descent with momentum ($\beta = 0.9$). Which curve corresponds to which algorithm?

☒ (1) is gradient descent. (2) is gradient descent with momentum (small β). (3) is gradient descent with momentum (large β)

Correct

☐ (1) is gradient descent. (2) is gradient descent with momentum (large β). (3) is gradient descent with momentum (small β)

☐ (1) is gradient descent with momentum (small β). (2) is gradient descent. (3) is gradient descent with momentum (large β)

☐ (1) is gradient descent with momentum (small β), (2) is gradient descent with momentum (small β), (3) is gradient descent

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9.

Suppose batch gradient descent in a deep network is taking excessively long to find a value of the parameters that achieves a small value for the cost function ($J(\theta^0, \theta^1, \dots, \theta^L)$). Which of the following techniques could help find parameter values that attain a small value for J ? (Check all that apply)

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☐ Try better random initialization for the weights

Correct

☐ Try using Adam

Correct

☐ Try initializing all the weights to zero

Un-selected is correct

☐ Try mini-batch gradient descent

Correct

☐ Try tuning the learning rate α

Correct



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10.

Which of the following statements about Adam is False?

- ☐ The learning rate hyperparameter α in Adam usually needs to be tuned.
- ☐ We usually use "default" values for the hyperparameters β_1, β_2 and ϵ in Adam ($\beta_1 = 0.9, \beta_2 = 0.999, \epsilon = 10^{-8}$)
- ☐ Adam combines the advantages of RMSProp and momentum
- ☒ Adam should be used with batch gradient computations, not with mini-batches.

Correct



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