

Optimization

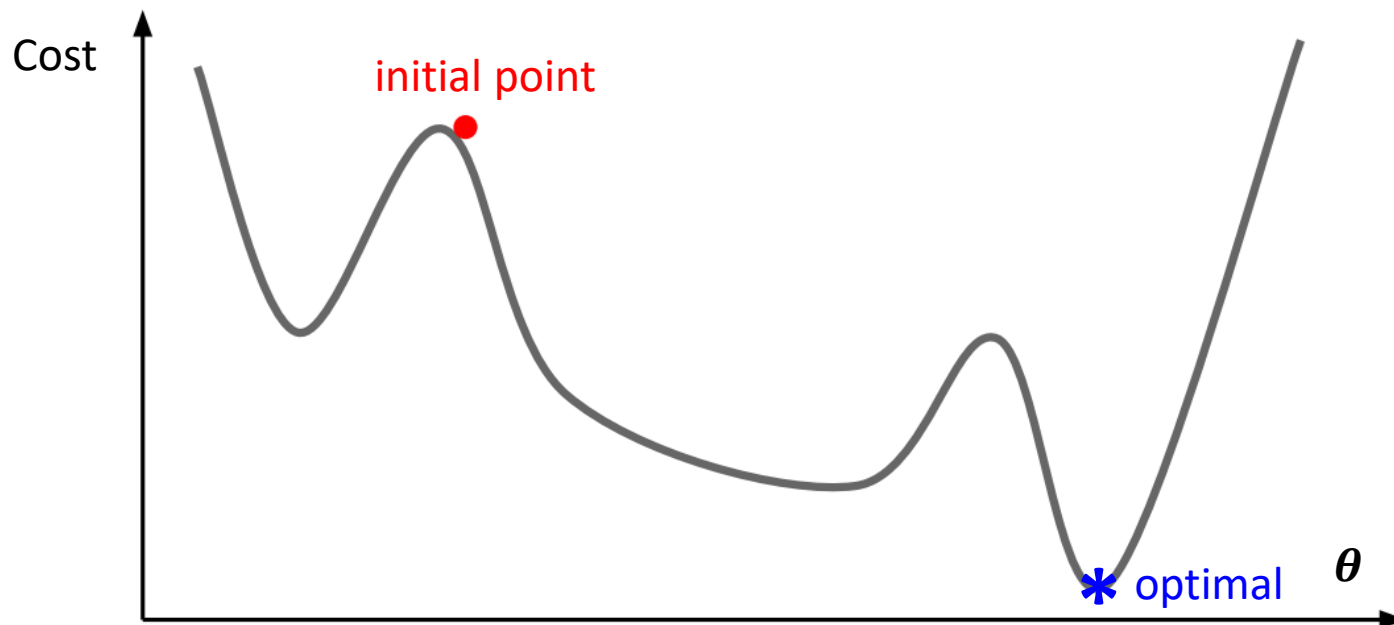
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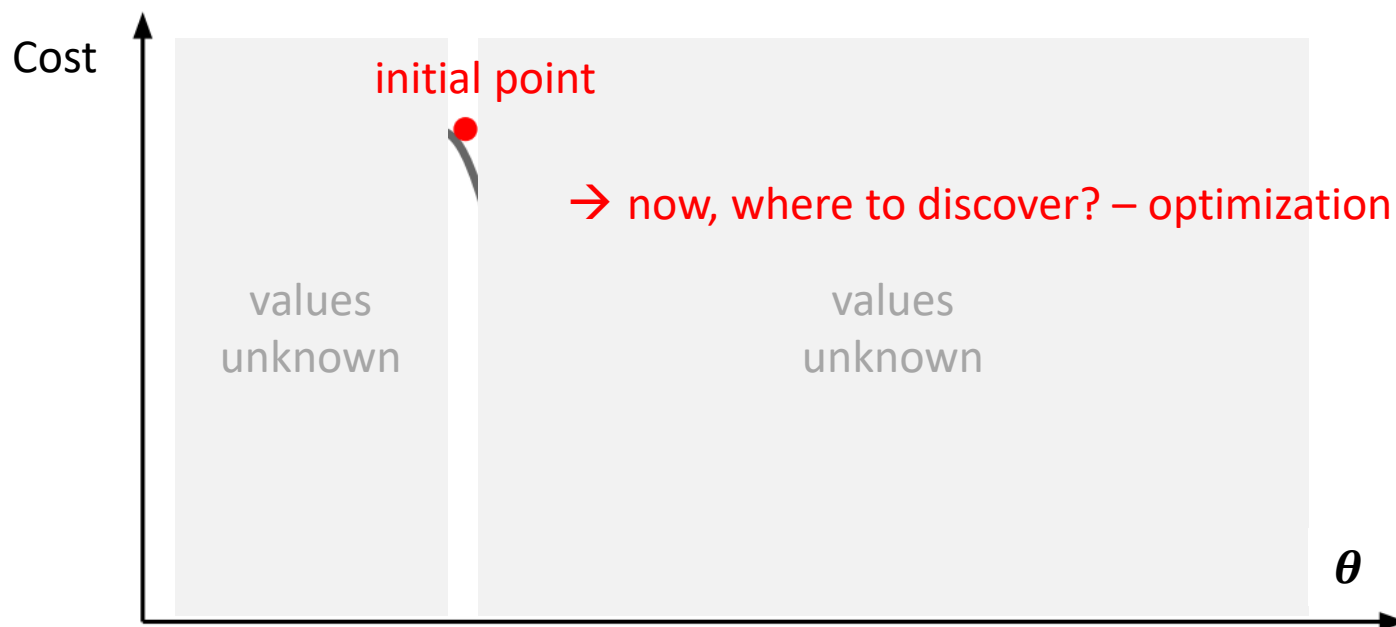
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Optimization in Machine Learning

- **Traditional Optimization**
 - Optimize the **objective function** directly.
- **Optimization in Machine Learning**
 - The **objective function** is the generalization performance, but it cannot be optimized directly.
 - We **indirectly optimize the objective function by optimizing the cost function $J(\theta)$ over the training dataset D** instead, and hope that doing so will improve the generalization performance. (Indirect optimization of the objective function)
 - Optimization algorithms for machine learning typically include some specialization on the specific structure of objective functions.

Empirical Risk Minimization

- **Risk:** The expected generalization error of the **true data distribution** p_{data} (which we don't know)

$$J^*(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim p_{\text{data}}} [L(y_i, f(x_i; \boldsymbol{\theta}))]$$

- **Empirical Risk:** The expected generalization error on the **empirical data distribution** \hat{p}_{data} (which is observed as the **training dataset** D)

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim \hat{p}_{\text{data}}} [L(y_i, f(x_i; \boldsymbol{\theta}))] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in D} L(y_i, f(x_i; \boldsymbol{\theta}))$$

- **Empirical Risk Minimization:** The training process based on minimizing the empirical risk
 - Prone to overfitting (especially, models with high capacity can simply memorize the training set)
 - In practice, we use a slightly different approach rather than empirical risk minimization. (use regularization)

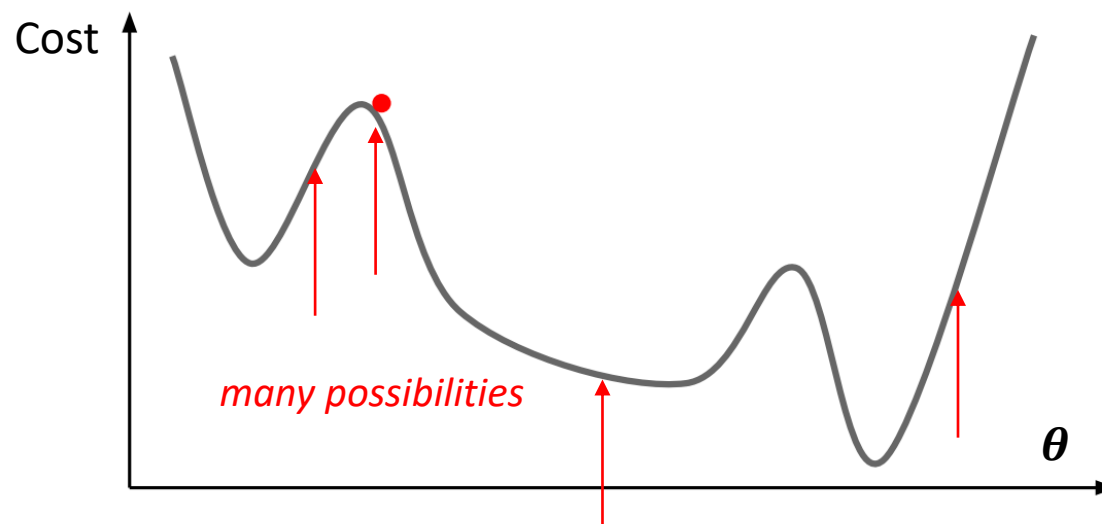
* **Structural Risk Minimization** describes a general model of capacity control and provides a trade-off between **hypothesis space complexity** and **the quality of fitting the training data (empirical risk)** (e.g., some regularization techniques, support vector machines)

Training a Neural Network

1. Design a neural network
2. Initialize parameters to small random numbers
3. Repeat following until terminating condition is met (when error is very small, etc.)
 - A. (forward propagation) Propagate the inputs forward
 - B. (backpropagation) Backpropagate the cost and update parameters

Parameter Initialization

- **Initialization: Where to start the training of a neural network?**
 - It determines,
 - (1) whether the training converges,
 - (2) how quickly the training converges,
 - (3) whether it converges to a point with high or low cost.
 - We should choose the initial parameters appropriately.
 - More importantly, neural network optimization is not yet well understood.
→ most initialization strategies are simple and heuristic.



Parameter Initialization

- **Strategy 1: Zero Initialization**

- What if we initialize all the parameters with zero?
 - If we use ReLU activation function? Can't compute gradients.
 - If we use activation functions satisfying $g(0)=0$ (e.g. \tanh)?
 - All parameters will remain zero.
 - Otherwise (e.g. sigmoid), every unit in a layer will perform the same calculation.
- The initialization need to break “**symmetry**” between different units in a layer.

Example:

If two hidden units with the same activation function are connected to the same inputs and have the same initial parameters, then a deterministic optimization algorithm will constantly update them in the same way.

Parameter Initialization

- **Strategy 2: Random Initialization**
 - *e.g.*, random sampling from a Uniform distribution or a Gaussian distribution
 - Definitely better than zero initialization
 - It breaks symmetry, so every unit no longer performs the same calculation.
 - **Issue: The scale of initial parameters**
 - **Small initial parameters can result in ...**
 - : Shrinking activation ranges during forward/backpropagation
 - : Slow convergence
 - **Large initial parameters can result in ...**
 - : Exploding values during forward/backpropagation
 - : Vanishing gradient problem when using *sigmoid* or *tanh* activation functions

Parameter Initialization

- **Strategy 3: Heuristics**

- There have been numerous studies on developing heuristics.
- In practice, they work well!

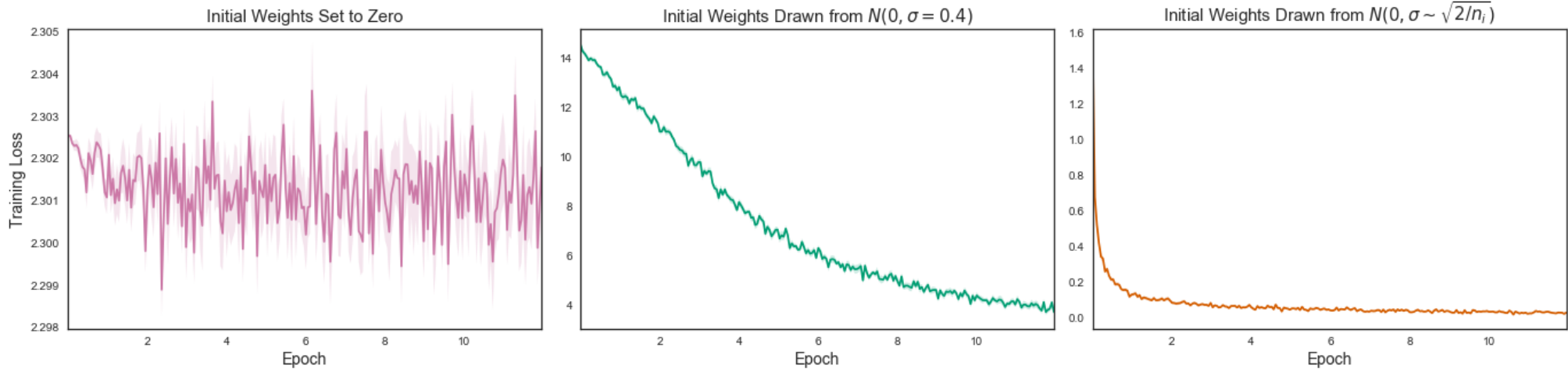
Example: Xavier Initialization (Random initialization with normalization)

For a fully connected layer with m inputs and n outputs,
each parameter is sampled from the following uniform distribution.

$$U\left(-\sqrt{\frac{6}{m+n}}, \sqrt{\frac{6}{m+n}}\right)$$

Parameter Initialization

- **Empirical study** from <https://intoli.com/blog/neural-network-initialization/>



Parameter Initialization

- **Strategy 4: Transfer Learning**
 - next class – Lecture 4 Regularization

Training a Neural Network

- Given a training dataset $D = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, y_2), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)\}$ such that $\mathbf{x}_i = (x_{i1}, \dots, x_{id}) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is the i -th input vector of the d input variables and y_i is the corresponding label of the output variable.
- The model: $\hat{y} = f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$
- The cost function (to be minimized)

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \in D} L(y_i, \hat{y}_i)$$

- Training: let's consider simple gradient descent

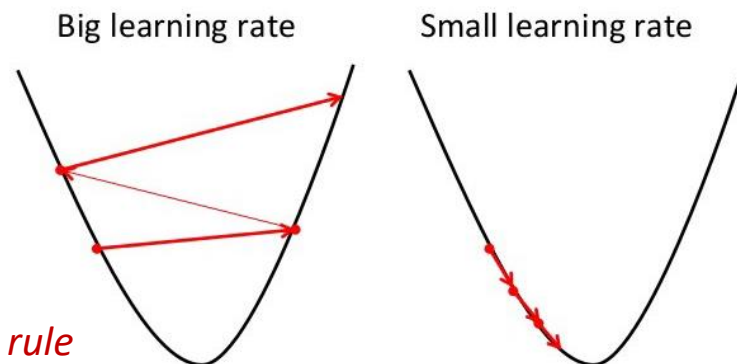
$$\boldsymbol{\theta} := \boldsymbol{\theta} - \epsilon \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$\rightarrow \theta_j := \theta_j - \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \forall \theta_j \in \boldsymbol{\theta}$$

$\epsilon > 0$ is the learning rate

how to calculate $\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ for a deep neural network? \rightarrow apply chain rule

the cost function for a deep neural network is non-convex.



Optimization based on First-Order Approximation

- $\theta := \theta - \epsilon \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta)$? Where does it come from?

- Let's recall "Taylor series" of calculus

- Taylor expansion of a function of θ

$$J(\theta) = J(\theta_0) + (\theta - \theta_0)^T \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta_0) + \frac{1}{2} (\theta - \theta_0)^T \nabla_{\theta}^2 J(\theta_0) (\theta - \theta_0) + \dots$$

- First-order approximation (assume that θ is very close to θ_0)

$$J(\theta) \simeq J(\theta_0) + (\theta - \theta_0)^T \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta_0)$$

- We want to find a direction $\theta_0 \rightarrow \theta$ to make $J(\theta) < J(\theta_0)$

$$J(\theta) - J(\theta_0) \simeq (\theta - \theta_0)^T \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta_0) < 0$$

linear function w.r.t. θ

- The best direction

$$\nabla_{\theta} J(\theta_0) \propto -(\theta - \theta_0)$$

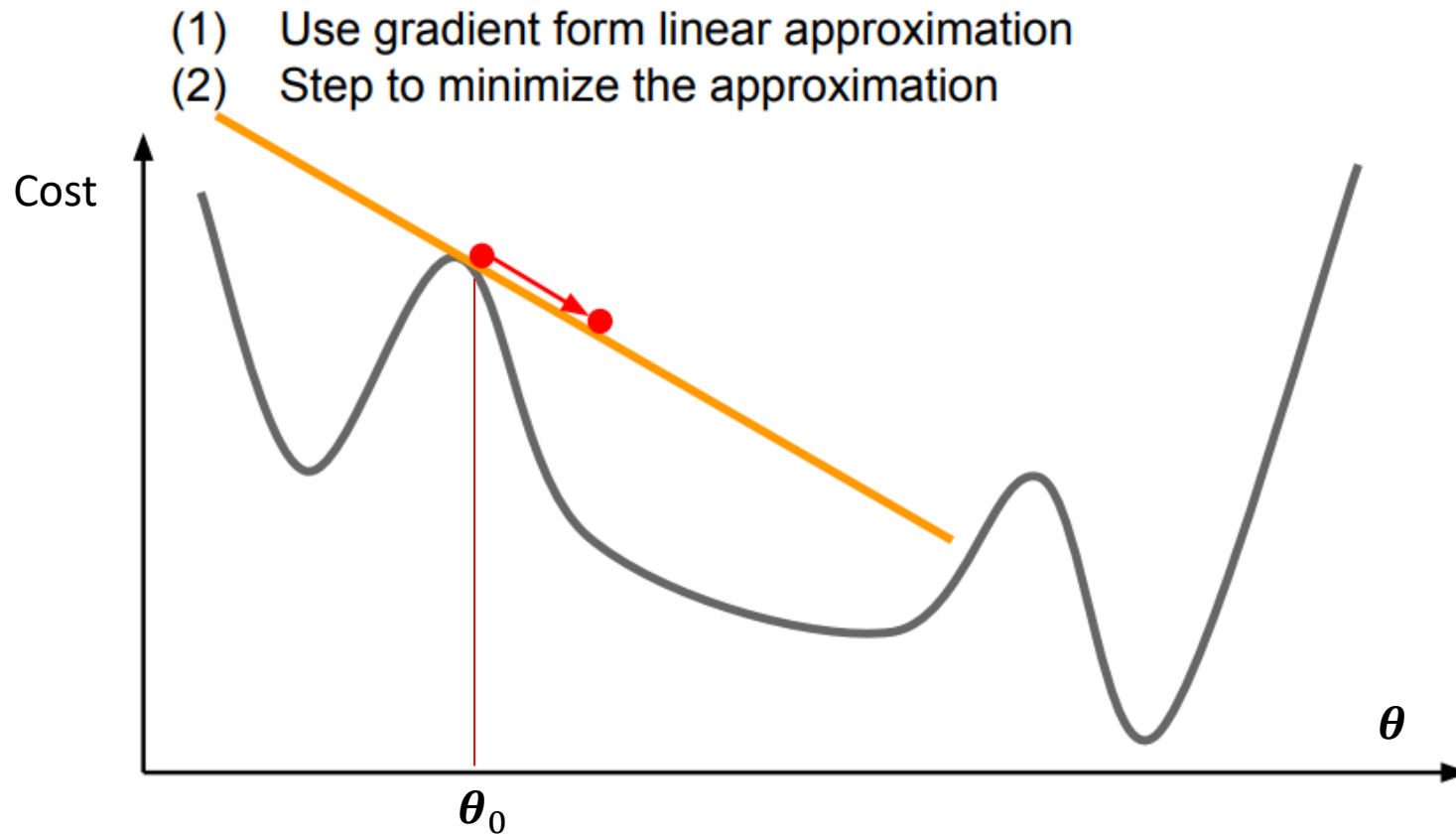
$$\nabla_{\theta} J(\theta_0) = -\epsilon(\theta - \theta_0), \epsilon > 0$$

$$\theta = \theta_0 - \epsilon \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta_0), \epsilon > 0$$

why?

Optimization based on First-Order Approximation

- Illustrative Example of Optimization based on First-Order Approximation



Gradient Descent

- **Batch Gradient Descent**

- **Batch:** The entire training set
- Simple and straightforward
- Each iteration is computationally expensive when the training dataset is large.

Algorithm 1 Batch Gradient Descent at Iteration k

Require: Learning rate ϵ_k

Require: Initial Parameter θ

- 1: **while** stopping criteria not met **do**
 - 2: Compute gradient estimate over N examples:
 - 3: $\hat{\mathbf{g}} \leftarrow +\frac{1}{N} \nabla_{\theta} \sum_i L(f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \theta), \mathbf{y}^{(i)})$
 - 4: Apply Update: $\theta \leftarrow \theta - \epsilon \hat{\mathbf{g}}$
 - 5: **end while**
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Stochastic Gradient Descent

- **From “Batch” to “Minibatch”**
 - **Batch**: the entire training dataset
 - **Minibatch**: a subset of m data points (typically $m=32,64,128,\dots$) chosen from the training dataset
- **Stochastic Gradient Descent**
 - Computation time per iteration does not grow with the size of the training set, but related to m .
 - Gradient estimates can be very noisy. → do not use too small m !
 - The cost function changes with time. (different minibatch, randomness)
 - It is necessary to gradually decrease the learning rate over time.

Algorithm 8.1 Stochastic gradient descent (SGD) update

Require: Learning rate schedule $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots$

Require: Initial parameter θ

$k \leftarrow 1$

while stopping criterion not met **do**

Sample a minibatch of m examples from the training set $\{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(m)}\}$ with corresponding targets $\mathbf{y}^{(i)}$.

Compute gradient estimate: $\hat{\mathbf{g}} \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \nabla_{\theta} \sum_i L(f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \theta), \mathbf{y}^{(i)})$

Apply update: $\theta \leftarrow \theta - \epsilon_k \hat{\mathbf{g}}$

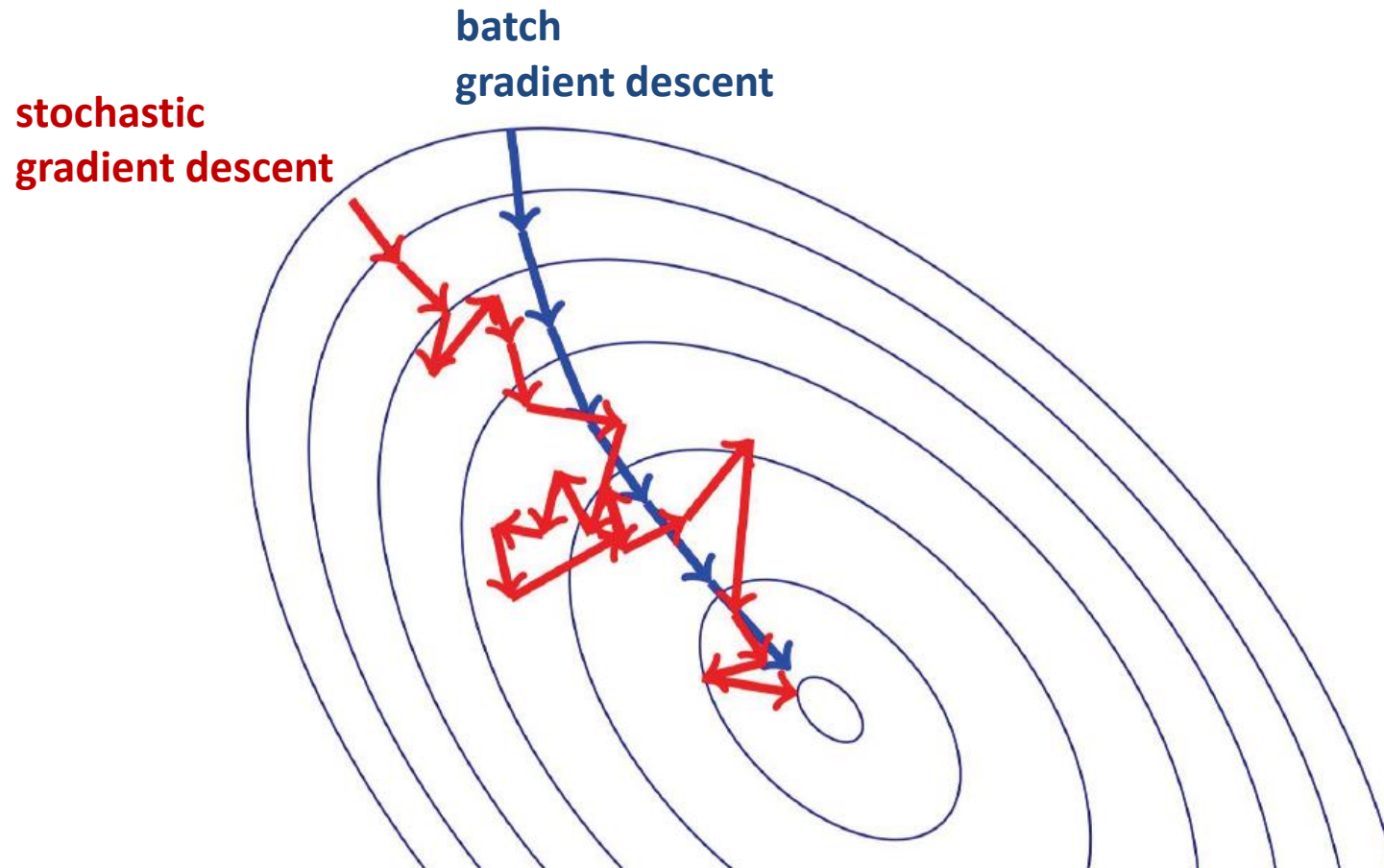
$k \leftarrow k + 1$

end while

Stochastic Gradient Descent

- **Illustrative Example of SGD**

- Each iteration of SGD is noisy, but faster than that of Batch GD.
- (On extremely large datasets) After many iterations, SGD may converge to the optimum.



Note

- **epoch:** *one time processing of the entire training dataset*
- **minibatch:** *the number of training data points used for a single parameter update.*
- **iteration:** *one time processing of a minibatch*

no. iterations \cong no. epochs \times no. minibatches

** For each epoch, we randomly divide the training set into a number of minibatches*

Example. *If we divide the training set of 2000 data points into minibatches of 50, then it will take 40 iterations to complete 1 epoch, and it will take 120 iterations to complete 3 epochs.*

Note

- **Determining the size of a minibatch**
 - **Larger minibatch**: higher computational cost, higher memory usage
 - **Smaller minibatch**: more iterations, more noisy, empirically better generalization (?)



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Training with large minibatches is bad for your health.
More importantly, it's bad for your test error.
Friends dont let friends use minibatches larger than 32. arxiv.org/abs/1804.07612

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SGD with Momentum

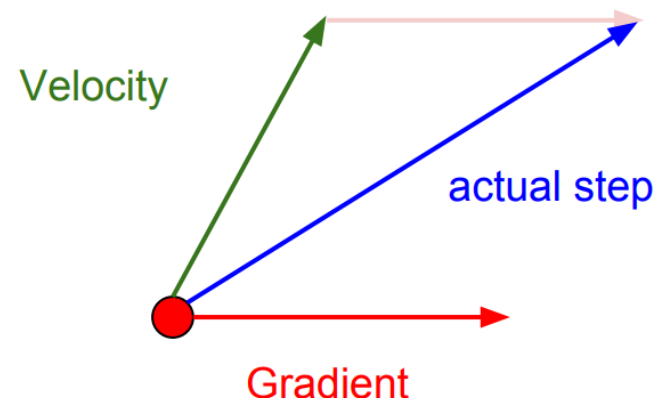
- **Momentum:** Accumulates an exponentially decaying moving average of past gradients and continues to move in their direction
 - hyperparameter $\alpha \in [0,1)$ determines how quickly the contributions of previous gradients exponentially decay.
 - If $\alpha = 0$, no momentum

previous direction
(accumulation of past gradients)

$$\mathbf{v} \leftarrow \alpha \mathbf{v} + \epsilon \nabla_{\theta} \left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m L(\mathbf{f}(x^{(i)}; \theta), \mathbf{y}^{(i)}) \right)$$

current direction

current gradient



SGD with Momentum

- **Stochastic Gradient Descent with Momentum**

- Without momentum, the size of direction (to be added to θ) is $\epsilon \|g\|$
- With momentum, if we always observe the same g at each iteration,

the size of direction is $\frac{\epsilon \|g\|}{1-\alpha}$ *why? use a recurrence relation*

- If $\alpha = 0.9$, it multiplies the maximum speed by 10 relative to SGD without momentum.

Algorithm 8.2 Stochastic gradient descent (SGD) with momentum

Require: Learning rate ϵ , momentum parameter α .

Require: Initial parameter θ , initial velocity v .

while stopping criterion not met **do**

 Sample a minibatch of m examples from the training set $\{x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(m)}\}$ with corresponding targets $y^{(i)}$.

 Compute gradient estimate: $g \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \nabla_{\theta} \sum_i L(f(x^{(i)}; \theta), y^{(i)})$

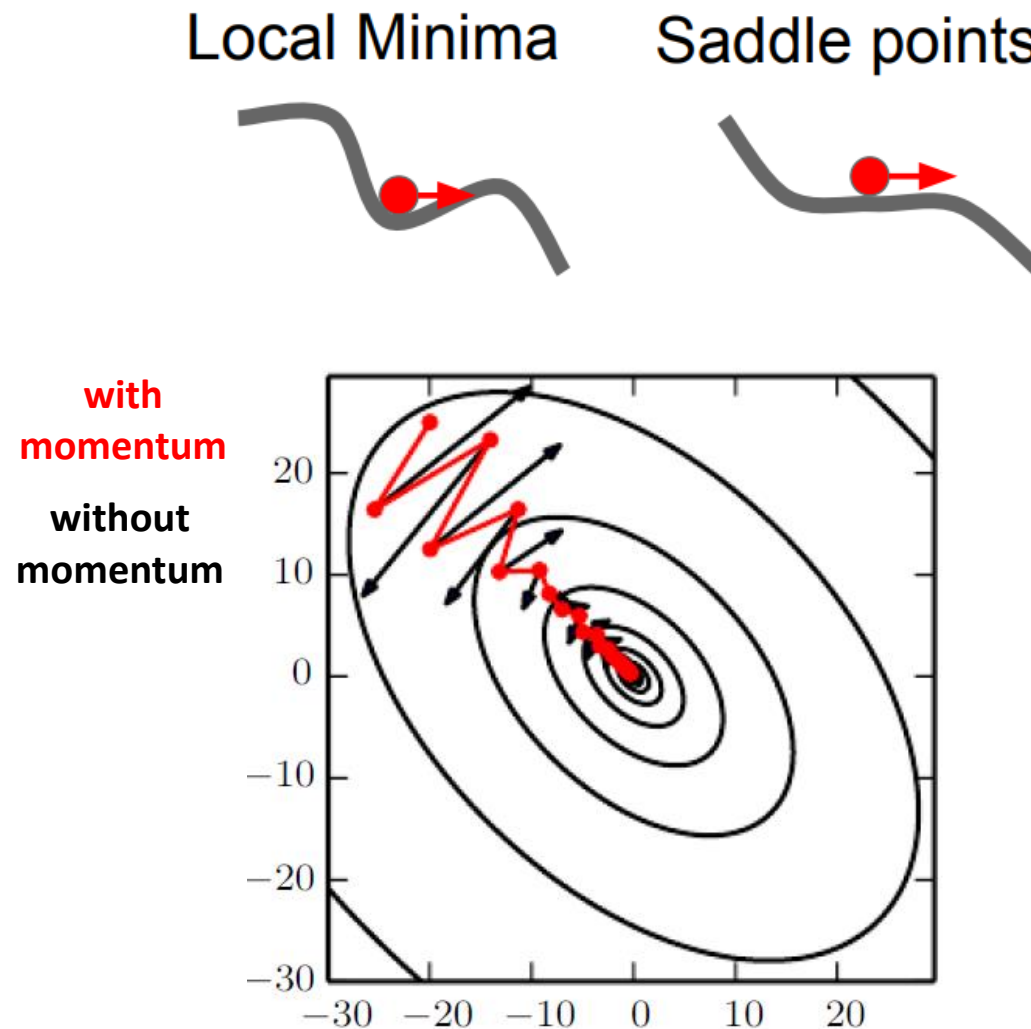
 Compute velocity update: $v \leftarrow \alpha v + \epsilon g$

 Apply update: $\theta \leftarrow \theta + v$

end while

SGD with Momentum

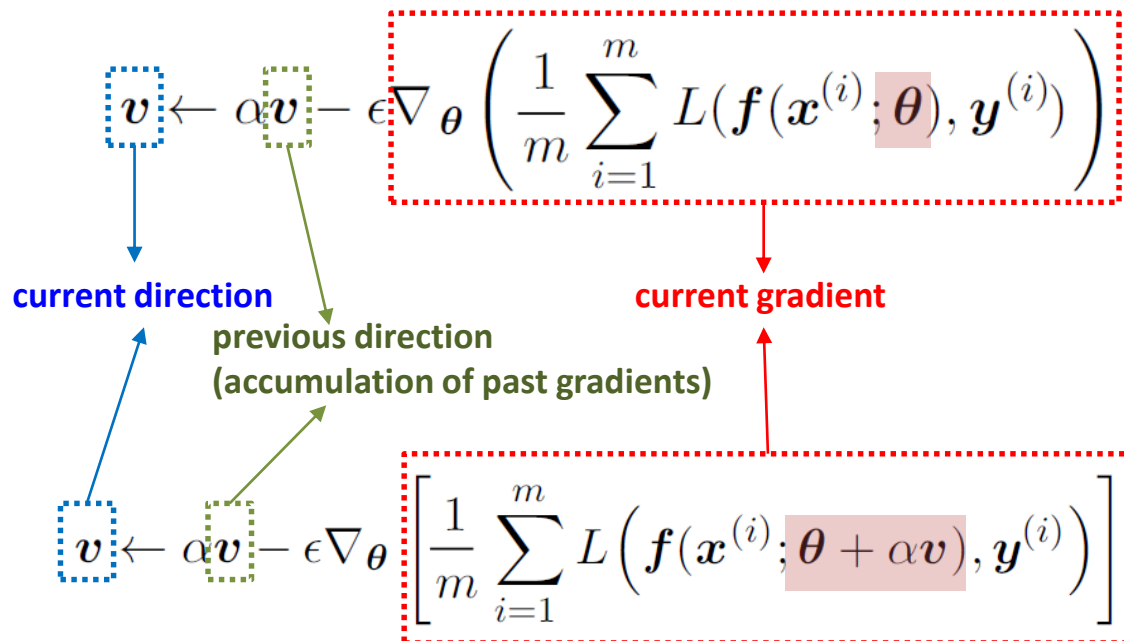
- Illustrative Example of Stochastic Gradient Descent with Momentum



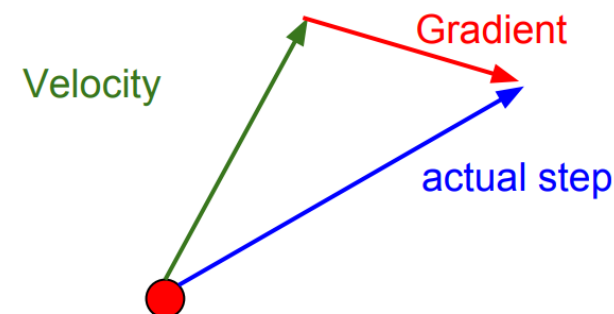
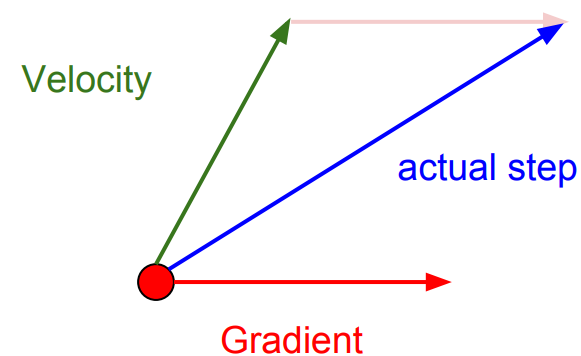
SGD with Nesterov Momentum

- **Nesterov Momentum:** The gradient is evaluated after the current velocity is applied.

Momentum



Nesterov Momentum



SGD with Nesterov Momentum

- **Stochastic Gradient Descent with Nesterov Momentum**

- **Two steps update:**

First, take a step in the direction of the velocity, and calculate the gradient

Second, take a step in the direction of the gradient

Algorithm 8.3 Stochastic gradient descent (SGD) with Nesterov momentum

Require: Learning rate ϵ , momentum parameter α .

Require: Initial parameter θ , initial velocity v .

while stopping criterion not met **do**

Sample a minibatch of m examples from the training set $\{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(m)}\}$ with corresponding labels $\mathbf{y}^{(i)}$.

Apply interim update: $\tilde{\theta} \leftarrow \theta + \alpha v$

Compute gradient (at interim point): $\mathbf{g} \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \nabla_{\tilde{\theta}} \sum_i L(f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \tilde{\theta}), \mathbf{y}^{(i)})$

Compute velocity update: $v \leftarrow \alpha v - \epsilon \mathbf{g}$

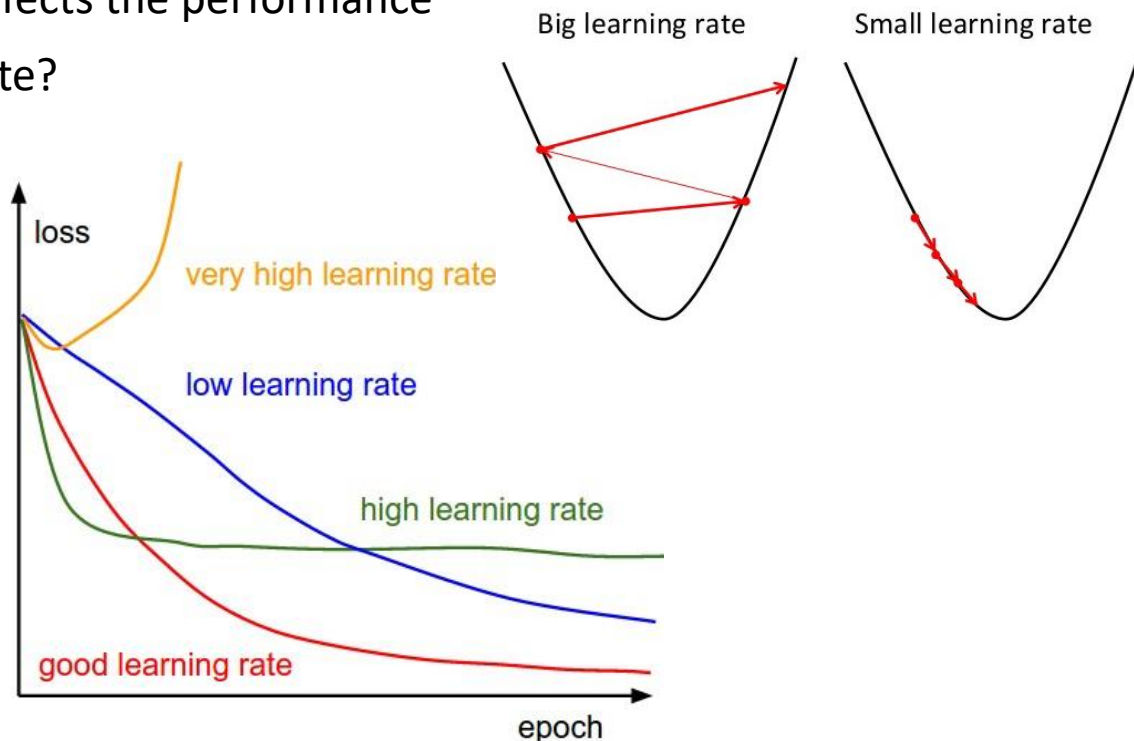
Apply update: $\theta \leftarrow \theta + v$

end while

Adaptive Learning Rates

- **What was the main issue of the aforementioned optimization algorithms?**

- The learning rate ϵ significantly affects the performance
- How to determine the learning rate?
- learning rate decay over time
 - *Step*
 - *Linear*
 - *Exponential*
- Separate learning rate for each parameter



- **Adaptive Learning Rate:** To use a separate learning rate for each parameter and automatically adapt these learning rates throughout the course of learning

AdaGrad

- **AdaGrad (ADaptive GRADient descent):** The learning rates of individual parameters are scaled by the accumulation of past squared gradients.
 - Each parameter has a different learning rate.
 - Larger/Smaller learning rate for parameters with smaller/larger historical values of gradients.
 - The learning rate can become too small after many iterations.

Algorithm 8.4 The AdaGrad algorithm

Require: Global learning rate ϵ

Require: Initial parameter θ

Require: Small constant δ , perhaps 10^{-7} , for numerical stability

Initialize gradient accumulation variable $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{0}$

while stopping criterion not met **do**

 Sample a minibatch of m examples from the training set $\{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(m)}\}$ with corresponding targets $\mathbf{y}^{(i)}$.

 Compute gradient: $\mathbf{g} \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \nabla_{\theta} \sum_i L(f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \theta), \mathbf{y}^{(i)})$

 Accumulate squared gradient: $\mathbf{r} \leftarrow \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{g} \odot \mathbf{g}$

 Compute update: $\Delta\theta \leftarrow -\frac{\epsilon}{\delta + \sqrt{\mathbf{r}}} \odot \mathbf{g}$. (Division and square root applied element-wise)

 Apply update: $\theta \leftarrow \theta + \Delta\theta$

end while

RMSProp

- **RMSProp (Root Mean Square Propagation)**: A modification of AdaGrad that accumulates squared gradients based on an exponentially decaying moving average
→ discards history from the extreme past

$$\mathbf{r} \leftarrow \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{g} \odot \mathbf{g} \quad \blacktriangleright \quad \mathbf{r} \leftarrow \rho \mathbf{r} + (1 - \rho) \mathbf{g} \odot \mathbf{g}$$

Algorithm 8.5 The RMSProp algorithm

Require: Global learning rate ϵ , decay rate ρ .

Require: Initial parameter $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

Require: Small constant δ , usually 10^{-6} , used to stabilize division by small numbers.

Initialize accumulation variables $\mathbf{r} = 0$

while stopping criterion not met **do**

 Sample a minibatch of m examples from the training set $\{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(m)}\}$ with corresponding targets $\mathbf{y}^{(i)}$.

 Compute gradient: $\mathbf{g} \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_i L(f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}), \mathbf{y}^{(i)})$

 Accumulate squared gradient: $\mathbf{r} \leftarrow \rho \mathbf{r} + (1 - \rho) \mathbf{g} \odot \mathbf{g}$

 Compute parameter update: $\Delta \boldsymbol{\theta} = -\frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{\delta + \mathbf{r}}} \odot \mathbf{g}$. ($\frac{1}{\sqrt{\delta + \mathbf{r}}}$ applied element-wise)

 Apply update: $\boldsymbol{\theta} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta} + \Delta \boldsymbol{\theta}$

end while

Adam

- **Adam (“Adaptive moments”)**: the combination of RMSProp and Momentum

$$\Delta\theta = -\epsilon \frac{\hat{\mathbf{s}}}{\sqrt{\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \delta}}$$

- **First-order Moment: Momentum**

(Accumulates an exponentially decaying moving average of past gradients)

$$\mathbf{s} \leftarrow \rho_1 \mathbf{s} + (1 - \rho_1) \mathbf{g}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}} \leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{s}}{1 - \rho_1^t}$$

- **Second-order Moment: RMSProp**

(Accumulates an exponentially decaying moving average of past squared gradients)

$$\mathbf{r} \leftarrow \rho_2 \mathbf{r} + (1 - \rho_2) \mathbf{g} \odot \mathbf{g}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}} \leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{r}}{1 - \rho_2^t}$$

Adam

Algorithm 8.7 The Adam algorithm

Require: Step size ϵ (Suggested default: 0.001)

Require: Exponential decay rates for moment estimates, ρ_1 and ρ_2 in $[0, 1)$.
(Suggested defaults: 0.9 and 0.999 respectively)

Require: Small constant δ used for numerical stabilization. (Suggested default: 10^{-8})

Require: Initial parameters θ

Initialize 1st and 2nd moment variables $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{0}$, $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{0}$

Initialize time step $t = 0$

while stopping criterion not met **do**

 Sample a minibatch of m examples from the training set $\{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(m)}\}$ with corresponding targets $\mathbf{y}^{(i)}$.

 Compute gradient: $\mathbf{g} \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \nabla_{\theta} \sum_i L(f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \theta), \mathbf{y}^{(i)})$

$t \leftarrow t + 1$

 Update biased first moment estimate: $\mathbf{s} \leftarrow \rho_1 \mathbf{s} + (1 - \rho_1) \mathbf{g}$

 Update biased second moment estimate: $\mathbf{r} \leftarrow \rho_2 \mathbf{r} + (1 - \rho_2) \mathbf{g} \odot \mathbf{g}$

 Correct bias in first moment: $\hat{\mathbf{s}} \leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{s}}{1 - \rho_1^t}$

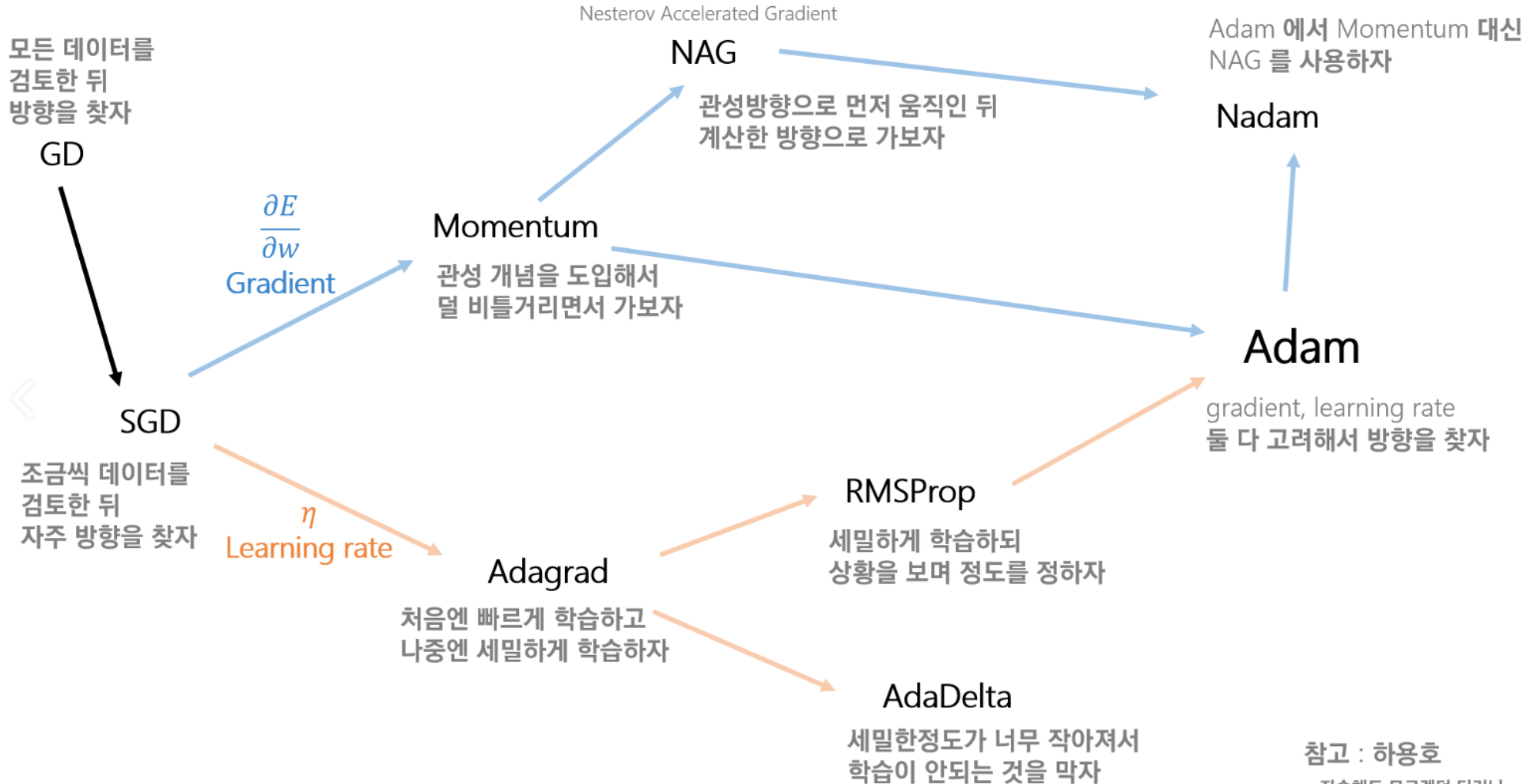
 Correct bias in second moment: $\hat{\mathbf{r}} \leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{r}}{1 - \rho_2^t}$

 Compute update: $\Delta \theta = -\epsilon \frac{\hat{\mathbf{s}}}{\sqrt{\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \delta}}$ (operations applied element-wise)

 Apply update: $\theta \leftarrow \theta + \Delta \theta$

end while

Summary: Optimization based on First-Order Approximation



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$$\text{SGD: } \theta \leftarrow \theta - \epsilon \hat{\mathbf{g}}$$

$$\text{Momentum: } \mathbf{v} \leftarrow \alpha \mathbf{v} - \epsilon \hat{\mathbf{g}} \text{ then } \theta \leftarrow \theta + \mathbf{v}$$

$$\text{Nesterov: } \mathbf{v} \leftarrow \alpha \mathbf{v} - \epsilon \nabla_{\theta} \left(L(f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \theta + \alpha \mathbf{v}), \mathbf{y}^{(i)}) \right) \text{ then } \theta \leftarrow \theta + \mathbf{v}$$

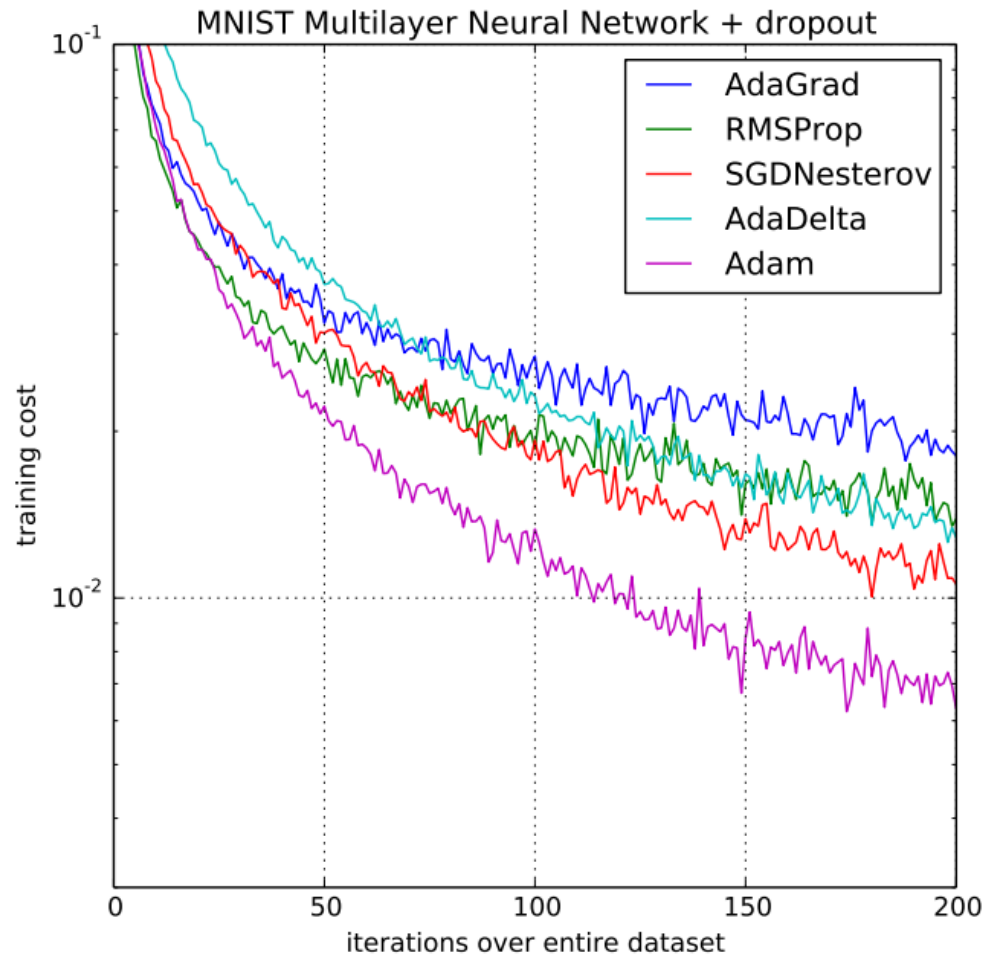
$$\text{AdaGrad: } \mathbf{r} \leftarrow \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{g} \odot \mathbf{g} \text{ then } \Delta\theta \leftarrow -\frac{\epsilon}{\delta + \sqrt{\mathbf{r}}} \odot \mathbf{g} \text{ then } \theta \leftarrow \theta + \Delta\theta$$

$$\text{RMSProp: } \mathbf{r} \leftarrow \rho \mathbf{r} + (1 - \rho) \hat{\mathbf{g}} \odot \hat{\mathbf{g}} \text{ then } \Delta\theta \leftarrow -\frac{\epsilon}{\delta + \sqrt{\mathbf{r}}} \odot \hat{\mathbf{g}} \text{ then } \theta \leftarrow \theta + \Delta\theta$$

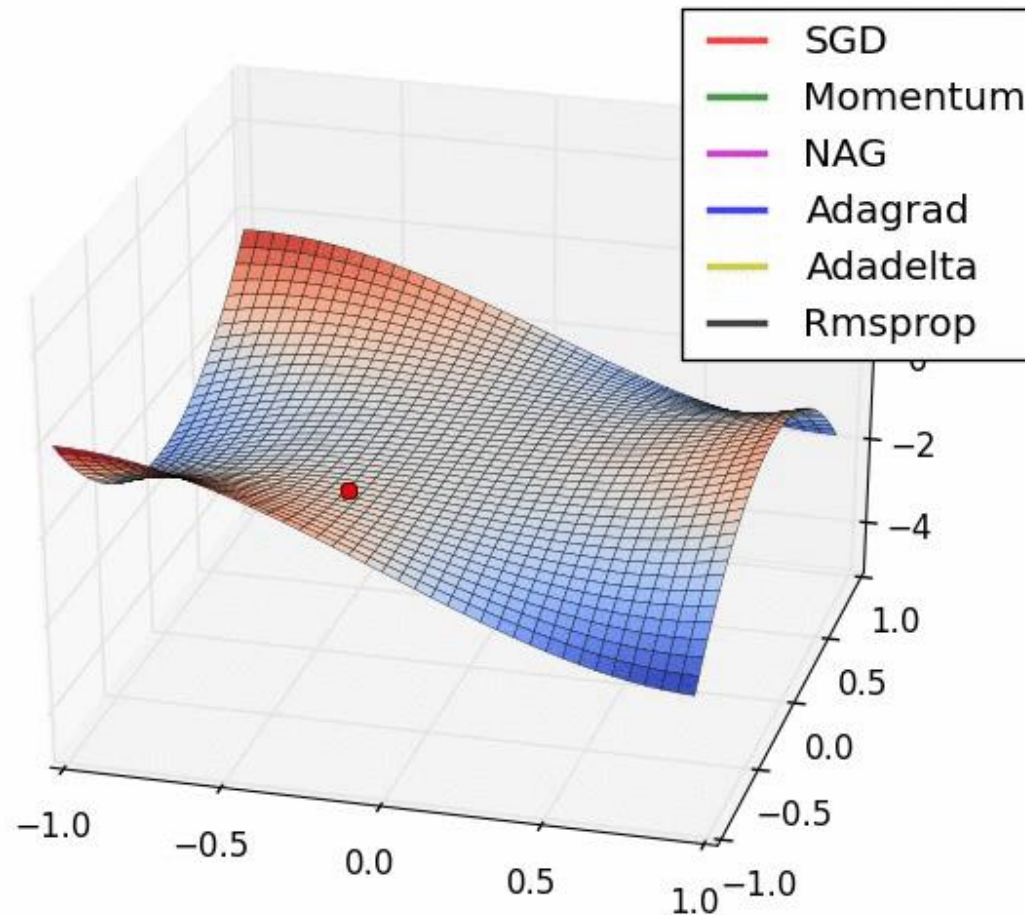
$$\text{Adam: } \hat{\mathbf{s}} \leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{s}}{1 - \rho_1^t}, \hat{\mathbf{r}} \leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{r}}{1 - \rho_2^t} \text{ then } \Delta\theta = -\epsilon \frac{\hat{\mathbf{s}}}{\sqrt{\hat{\mathbf{r}}} + \delta} \text{ then } \theta \leftarrow \theta + \Delta\theta$$

Summary: Optimization based on First-Order Approximation

- **Example:** Empirical study (Kingma and Ba, 2015)



Summary: Optimization based on First-Order Approximation



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Optimization based on Second-Order Approximation

- Let's recall "Taylor series" of calculus again

- Taylor expansion of a function of θ

$$J(\theta) = J(\theta_0) + (\theta - \theta_0)^T \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta_0) + \frac{1}{2} (\theta - \theta_0)^T \nabla_{\theta}^2 J(\theta_0) (\theta - \theta_0) + \dots$$

- Second-order approximation (assume that θ is very close to θ_0)

$H = \nabla_{\theta}^2 J(\theta_0)$ is the Hessian of J with respect to θ evaluated at θ_0 .

$$J(\theta) \simeq J(\theta_0) + (\theta - \theta_0)^T \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta_0) + \frac{1}{2} (\theta - \theta_0)^T H (\theta - \theta_0)$$

- We want to find a direction $\theta_0 \rightarrow \theta$ to make $J(\theta) < J(\theta_0)$

$$\underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} [J(\theta) - J(\theta_0)] \simeq \left[(\theta - \theta_0)^T \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta_0) + \frac{1}{2} (\theta - \theta_0)^T H (\theta - \theta_0) \right] < 0$$

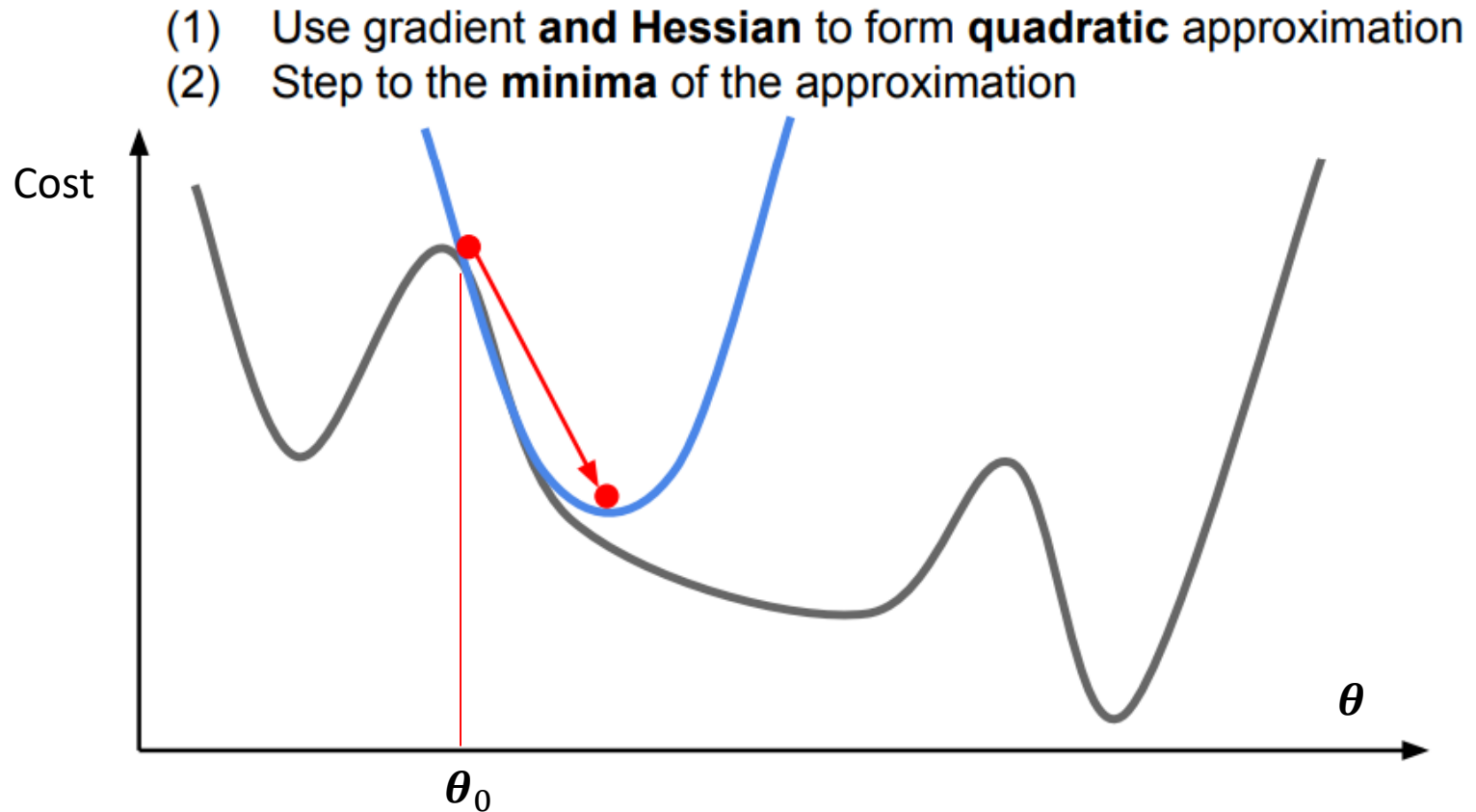
convex function w.r.t. θ

- The best direction $\nabla_{\theta} [J(\theta) - J(\theta_0)] = 0$

$$\theta^* = \theta_0 - H^{-1} \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta_0)$$

Second-Order Optimization

- Illustrative Example of Second-Order Optimization



Newton's Method

- **Newton's Method**

- First, compute the inverse Hessian \mathbf{H}^{-1} *← why that's a problem?*
- Second, update the parameters based on $\boldsymbol{\theta} := \boldsymbol{\theta} - \mathbf{H}^{-1} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

computational complexity of matrix inversion? $O(m^3)$

- **Regularized Newton's Method**

- \mathbf{H}^{-1} is replaced by $(\mathbf{H} + \alpha \mathbf{I})^{-1}$ *← regularization*

Algorithm 8.8 Newton's method with objective $J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m L(f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}), \mathbf{y}^{(i)})$

Require: Initial parameter $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0$

Require: Training set of m examples

while stopping criterion not met **do**

 Compute gradient: $\mathbf{g} \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_i L(f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}), \mathbf{y}^{(i)})$

 Compute Hessian: $\mathbf{H} \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^2 \sum_i L(f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}), \mathbf{y}^{(i)})$

 Compute Hessian inverse: \mathbf{H}^{-1}

 Compute update: $\Delta \boldsymbol{\theta} = -\mathbf{H}^{-1} \mathbf{g}$

no learning rate!

 Apply update: $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \boldsymbol{\theta} + \Delta \boldsymbol{\theta}$

It does not work well with minibatches.

end while

Conjugate Gradient

- **Conjugate Gradient:** To efficiently avoid the calculation of the inverse Hessian by iteratively descending conjugate directions.
 - Search direction at time t , ρ_t , satisfies $\rho_t^T H \rho_{t-1} = 0 \rightarrow \rho_t$ and ρ_{t-1} are conjugated.

Algorithm 8.9 The conjugate gradient method

Require: Initial parameters θ_0

Require: Training set of m examples

how to choose β_t ?

Initialize $\rho_0 = \mathbf{0}$

Initialize $g_0 = \mathbf{0}$

Initialize $t = 1$

while stopping criterion not met **do**

Initialize the gradient $g_t = \mathbf{0}$

Compute gradient: $g_t \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \nabla_{\theta} \sum_i L(f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \theta), \mathbf{y}^{(i)})$

Compute $\beta_t = \frac{(g_t - g_{t-1})^T g_t}{g_{t-1}^T g_{t-1}}$ (Polak-Ribière)

(Nonlinear conjugate gradient: optionally reset β_t to zero, for example if t is a multiple of some constant k , such as $k = 5$)

Compute search direction: $\rho_t = -g_t + \beta_t \rho_{t-1}$

Perform line search to find: $\epsilon^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\epsilon} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m L(f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \theta_t + \epsilon \rho_t), \mathbf{y}^{(i)})$
(On a truly quadratic cost function, analytically solve for ϵ^* rather than explicitly searching for it)

Apply update: $\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t + \epsilon^* \rho_t$

$t \leftarrow t + 1$

end while

BFGS and L-BFGS

- **BFGS (Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shanno):** To approximate the inverse of Hessian H^{-1} with a matrix M that is iteratively refined by low-rank updates.
 - Computational cost scales at $O(m^2)$ → *still impractical for large datasets*
- **L-BFGS (Limited Memory BFGS):** To avoid storing the complete inverse Hessian approximation M
 - It still does not work well with minibatches.

Practical Guideline

from Lecture 6 of Stanford CS231n: Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition

In practice:

- **Adam** is a good default choice in most cases
- If you can afford to do full batch updates then try out **L-BFGS** (and don't forget to disable all sources of noise)

from scikit-learn package,

Tips on Practical Use

Empirically, we observed that **L-BFGS** converges faster and with better solutions on **small datasets**. For relatively **large datasets**, however, **Adam** is very robust. It usually converges quickly and gives pretty good performance.

