# 4. Optimization Methods

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# Today's Goal

- In this time, we will focus on how to find the minimum value of the loss function through various algorithms.
- And we will look at the characteristics of each optimizer through a formula and a picture.

# Overview

- The key points of our algorithms today are:

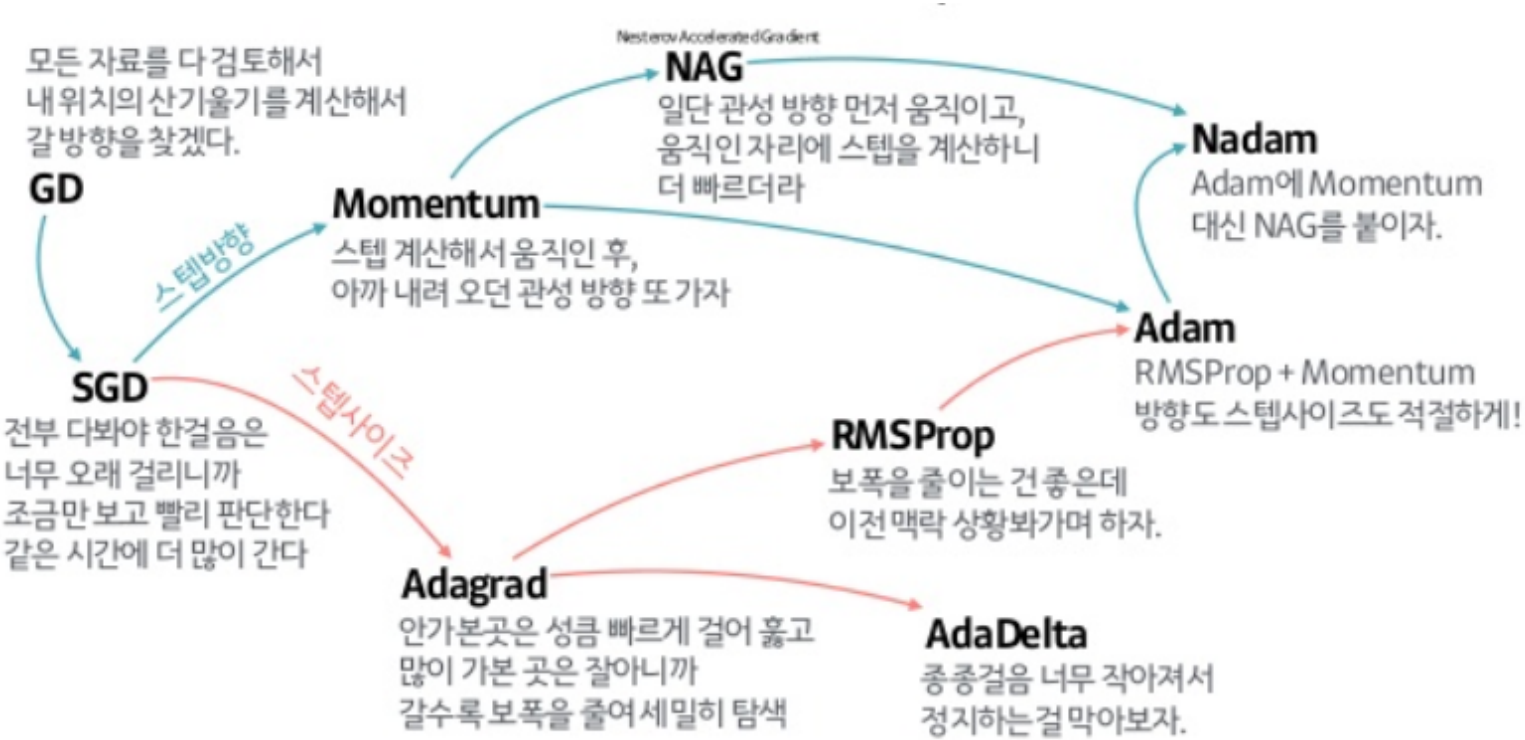


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Figure 1: Summary of Algorithms

# Gradient Descent(GD)

- The formula below is the basic equation to use when finding the minimum value of the loss function.

$$\omega_{t+1} \leftarrow \omega_t - \eta \frac{\partial L(\omega_t)}{\partial \omega_t}$$

$$\omega_t : \textit{Parameters}, \quad L(\omega_t) : \textit{Loss Function}, \quad \eta : \textit{Learning Rate}$$

- This concept can also be felt through the Taylor approximation.

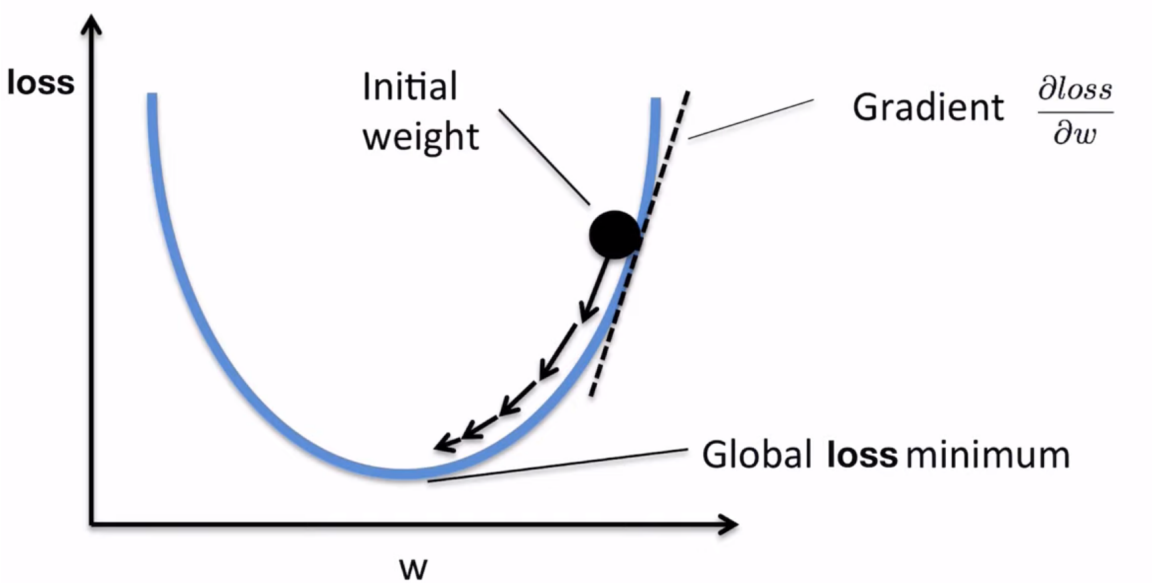
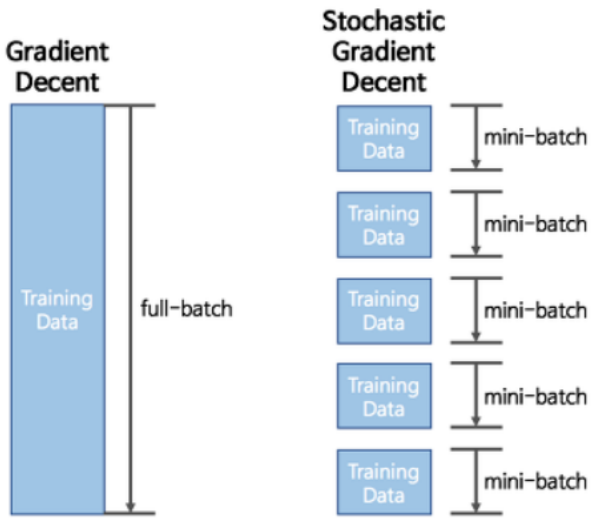


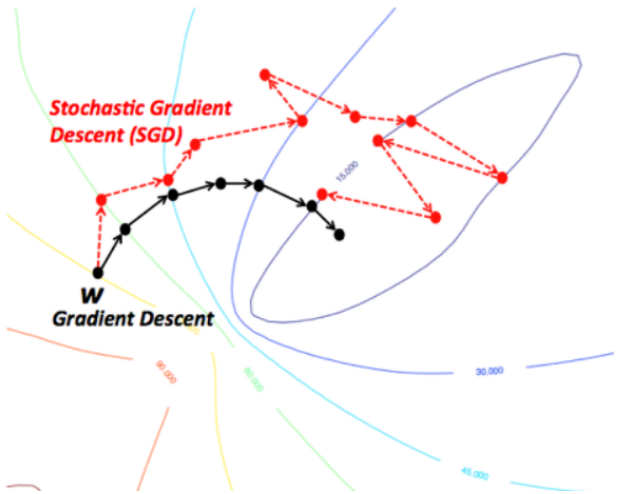

Figure 2: Gradient Descent

# SGD

- Stochastic Gradient Descent(SGD)[6] is a way of updating parameters for every single piece of data.
- We will skip the BGD and MB SGD shown in the figure below because we learned about chapter 3.




(a) BGD & Mini Batch SGD




(b) Optimization Route

Figure 3: Comparison between BGD and MB SGD

# Gradient Basis: Momentum

- By changing GD's differential term $\frac{\partial L(\omega)}{\partial \omega}$, the Momentum algorithm[7] compensates slightly for the shortcoming of falling into the local minimum, as if inertia worked.
- The algorithm formula is :

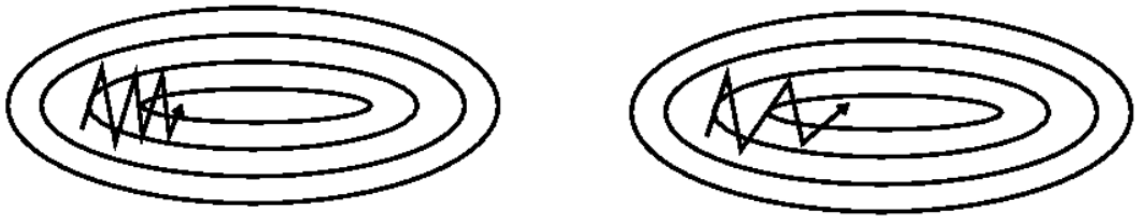
$$\nu_{t+1} \leftarrow \gamma \nu_t + \eta \frac{\partial L(\omega_t)}{\partial \omega_t}$$

$$\omega_{t+1} \leftarrow \omega_t - \nu_{t+1}$$

$\omega_t$ : *Parameters*, $L(\omega_t)$ : *Loss Function*, $\eta$ : *Learning Rate*,
$\gamma$ : *Momentum* (*HyperParameter*) $\nu_t$ : *Moment Parameter*

# Gradient Basis: Momentum

- Momentum is more effective when oscillating.



(a) SGD (b) Momentum

Figure 4: Comparison between SGD and Momentum

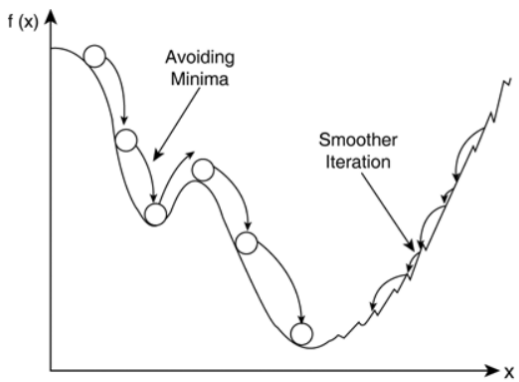



Figure 5: Expected Movement in Momentum

# Gradient Basis: NAG

- The momentum algorithm calculates the gradient by substracting the gradient of current point to update the inertia parameter.
- Nesterov Accelerated Gradient(NAG)[4], on the other hand, updates the inertia parameter by subtracting the gradient of the expected destination.

$$\nu_{t+1} \leftarrow \gamma\nu_t + \eta\frac{\partial L(\omega_t - \gamma\nu_t)}{\partial\omega_t}$$

$$\omega_{t+1} \leftarrow \omega_t - \nu_{t+1}$$

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# Gradient Basis: NAG

- NAG can move more effectively than Momentum method.
- In the case of the Momentum method, there is a disadvantage that it can go much further by inertia even when it needs to stop.
- But in the case of the NAG method, parameters change the movement path after moving properly in the direction of momentum.

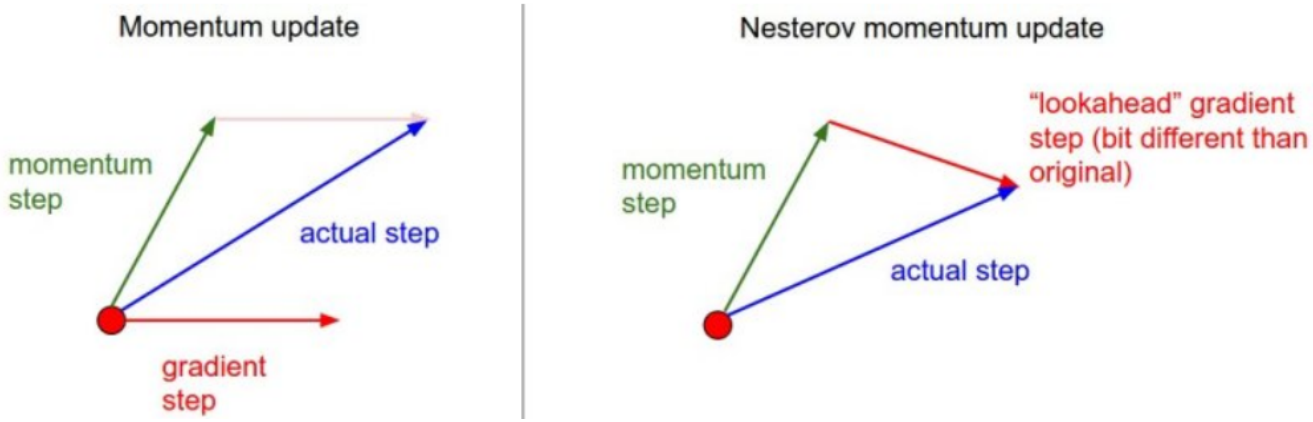
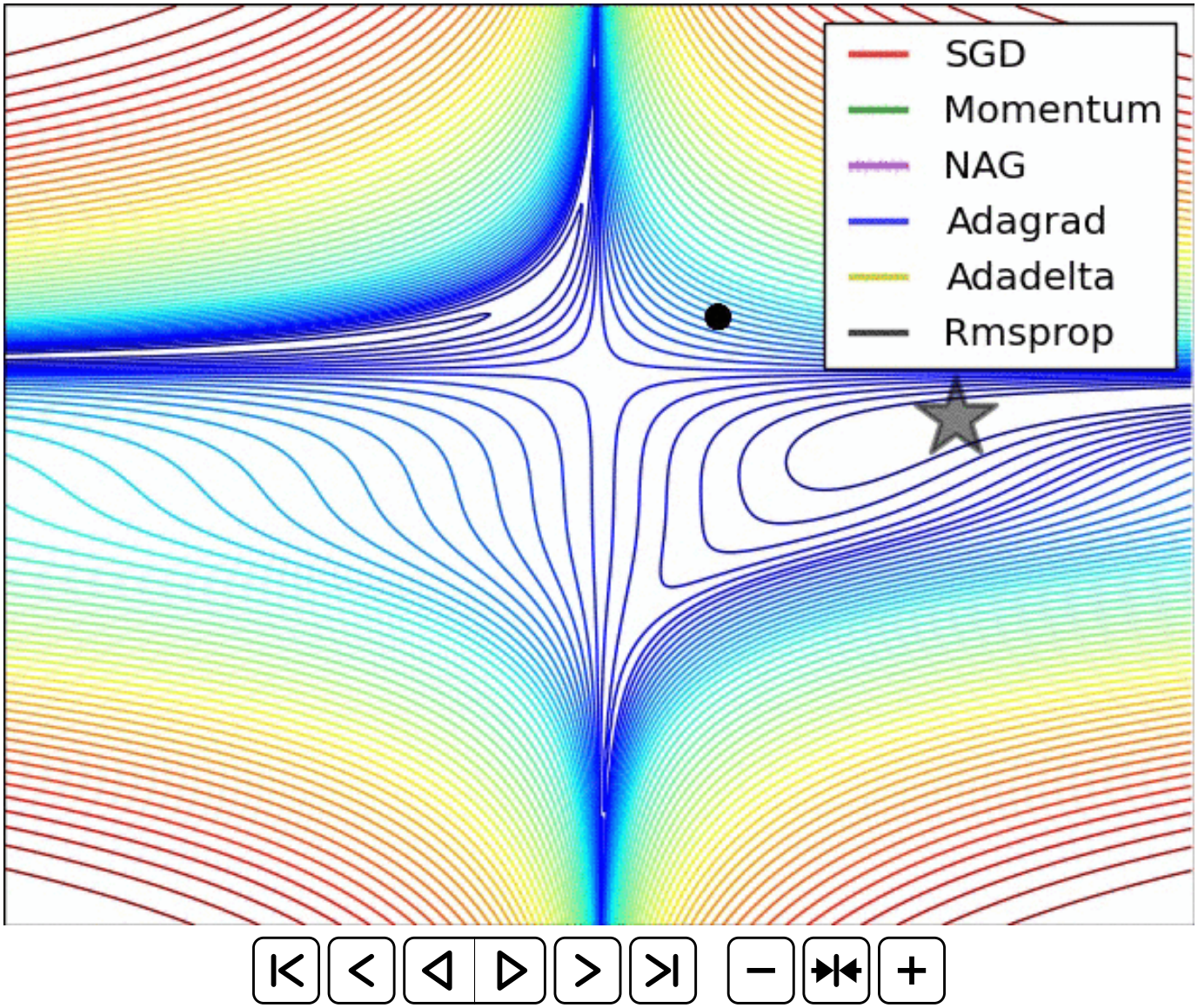



Figure 6: Comparison between Momentum and NAG

# Interim Summary



# Learning Rate Basis: AdaGrad

- Adaptive Gradient(AdaGrad)[2] is an algorithm associated with GD's learning rate term, $\eta$.
- In other words, the update is performed by giving different learning rates for each parameter.
- At this time gradient change and parameter change are inversely proportional.

$$g_{t+1} \leftarrow g_t + \frac{\partial L(\omega_t)}{\partial \omega_t} \odot \frac{\partial L(\omega_t)}{\partial \omega_t}$$

$$\omega_{t+1} \leftarrow \omega_t - \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{g_{t+1} + \epsilon}} \frac{\partial L(\omega_t)}{\partial \omega_t}$$

$\omega_t$ : *Parameters*, $L(\omega_t)$ : *Loss Function*, $\eta$ : *Learning Rate*,

$\epsilon$ : *Stabilization Parameters* $\odot$ : *Hadamard Product*

$g_t$ : *Leraning Parameter*(*Gradient Sqaured*)

# Learning Rate Basis: AdaGrad

- But AdaGrad's final learning rate is a structure that adds up by squaring gradients.
- This is a fatal flaw leading to slow learning.

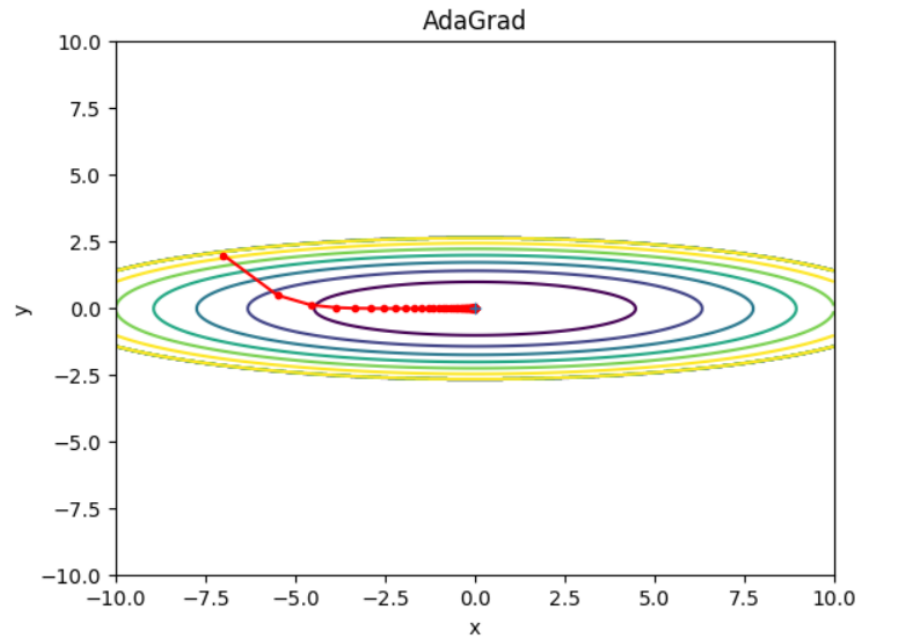



Figure 7: AdaGrad

# Learning Rate Basis: RMSProp

- It is almost identical to adadelta, which is introduced next slide, but it is introduced here for easy understanding of the concept.
- Root Mean Square Propagation(RMSProp)[9] is a concept that prof. Hinton used to describe adadelta in Coursera.

$$g_t^2 \leftarrow \frac{\partial L(\omega_t)}{\partial \omega_t} \odot \frac{\partial L(\omega_t)}{\partial \omega_t}$$

$$E[g^2]_t \leftarrow \gamma E[g^2]_{t-1} + (1-\gamma) g_t^2$$

$$\omega_{t+1} \leftarrow \omega_t - \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{E[g^2]_t + \epsilon}} \frac{\partial L(\omega_t)}{\partial \omega_t}$$

$\omega_t$ : *Parameters*, $L(\omega_t)$ : *Loss Function*, $\eta$ : *Learning Rate*,

$\epsilon$ : *Stabilization Parameters* $g_t$ : *Gradient*

$\odot$ : *Hadamard Product*, $\gamma$ : *Hyper Parameter*

# Learning Rate Basis: RMSProp

- While a gradient squared are just added in AdaGrad, RMSProp takes the form of exponential moving averages.

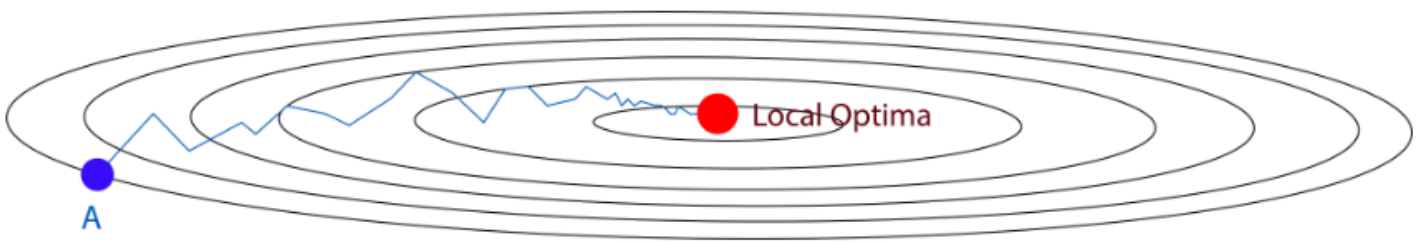



Figure 8: RMSProp

# Learning Rate Basis: Adadelta

- Adadelta[10] is an algorithm designed to avoid a situation where the learning rate in adagrad continues to decrease and eventually converges to zero.
- The characteristics of Adadelta are that the exponential moving average is in both the numerator and denominator, and the learning rate is not exist in the algorithm.

# Learning Rate Basis: Adadelta

- Assuming that $\gamma$, $\epsilon$, and $\omega_1$ are known, the algorithm is as follows :

1. Initialize $E[g^2]_0 = 0$, $E[\Delta\omega^2]_0 = 0$
2. For $t = 1 : T$ , Do
3. $\quad g_t^2 \leftarrow \frac{\partial L(\omega_t)}{\partial \omega_t} \odot \frac{\partial L(\omega_t)}{\partial \omega_t}$
4. $\quad E[g^2]_t \leftarrow \gamma E[g^2]_{t-1} + (1-\gamma) g_t^2$
5. $\quad \Delta\omega_t (= \omega_{t+1} - \omega_t) \leftarrow -\frac{\sqrt{E[\Delta\omega^2]_{t-1} + \epsilon}}{\sqrt{E[g^2]_t + \epsilon}} \frac{\partial L(\omega_t)}{\partial \omega_t}$
6. $\quad E[\Delta\omega^2]_t \leftarrow \gamma E[\Delta\omega^2]_{t-1} + (1-\gamma)\Delta\omega_t^2$
7. $\quad \omega_{t+1} \leftarrow \omega_t + \Delta\omega_t$

$$\omega_t : \textit{Parameters}, \quad L(\omega_t) : \textit{Loss Function} \quad \underline{g_t : \textit{Gradient}}$$

$$\epsilon : \textit{Stabilization Parameters}, \quad \odot : \textit{Hadamard Product}$$

$$\gamma : \textit{Hyper Parameter}$$

- In step 5, the gradient coefficient of Adadelta is calculated by taking a suitable approximation instead of calculating the Hessian. And this is mathematically valid.

# Combined: Adam

- Adaptive Moment Estimation(Adam) algorithm[3], which is widely used today, is important because it greatly reduces the risk of falling into the local minima or staying saddle point.
- Adam is an algorithm that combines the AdaGrad and Momentum methods.
- All the "Adaptive" methodologies we have seen so far have the effect of maximizing any information about slight parameter change.

# Combined: Adam

- Assuming that $(\beta_1,\ \beta_2) \in [0, 1)$, $\epsilon$, and $\omega_1$ are known, the algorithm is as follows :

1. Initialize $m_0 = 0,\ v_0 = 0$
2. For $t = 1 : T$ , Do
3. $\quad g_t^2 \leftarrow \frac{\partial L(\omega_t)}{\partial \omega_t} \odot \frac{\partial L(\omega_t)}{\partial \omega_t}$
4. $\quad m_t \leftarrow \beta_1 m_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_1) g_t$
5. $\quad v_t \leftarrow \beta_2 v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_2) g_t^2$
6. $\quad \omega_{t+1} \leftarrow \omega_t - \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{v_t + \epsilon}} \frac{\sqrt{1-\beta_2^t}}{1-\beta_1^t} m_t$

$\omega_t$ : *Parameters*, $L(\omega_t)$ : *Loss Function* $g_t$ : *Gradient*

$\epsilon$ : *Stabilization Parameters*, $\odot$ : *Hadamard Product*

$\beta_1,\ \beta_2$ : *Hyper Parameter*, $m_t$ : *Momentum*

$v_t$ : *Decay Parameter*

# Combined: Adam

- In Keras, the initial values of the adam parameter are as follows: $\eta = 0.001$, $\beta_1 = 0.9$, $\beta_2 = 0.999$, $\epsilon = None$
- Remember to set the initial value of the epsilon parameter.

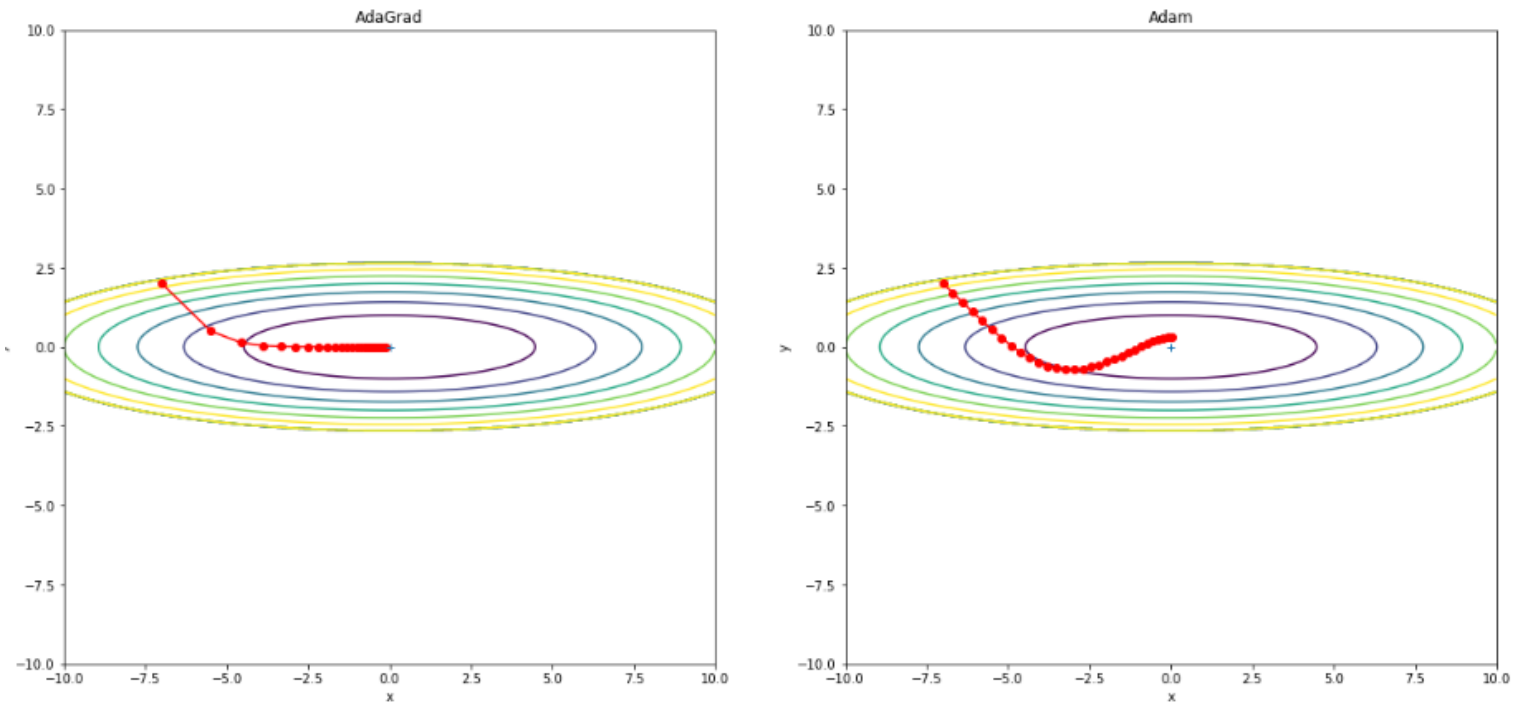


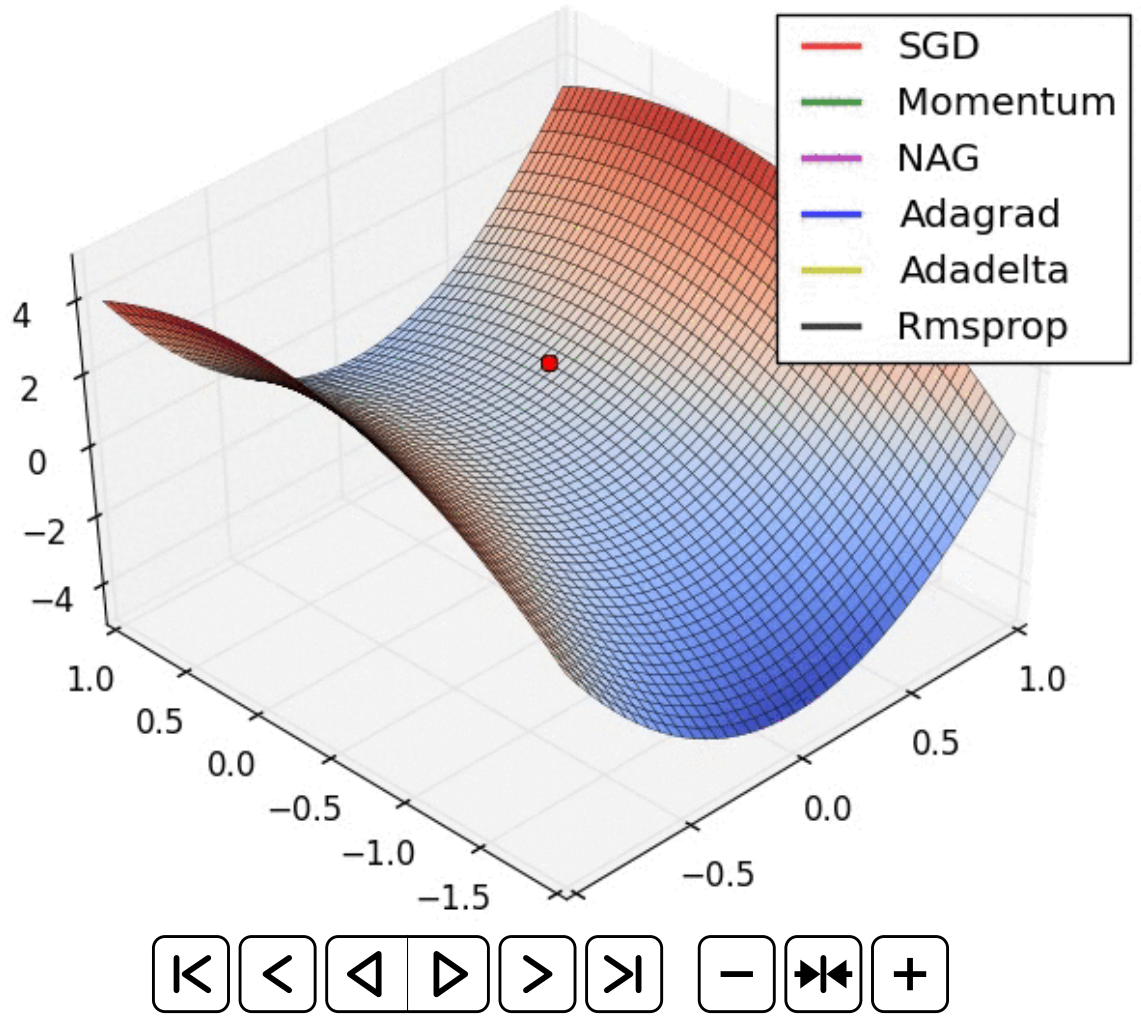

Figure 9: Adam

# Combined: Adam

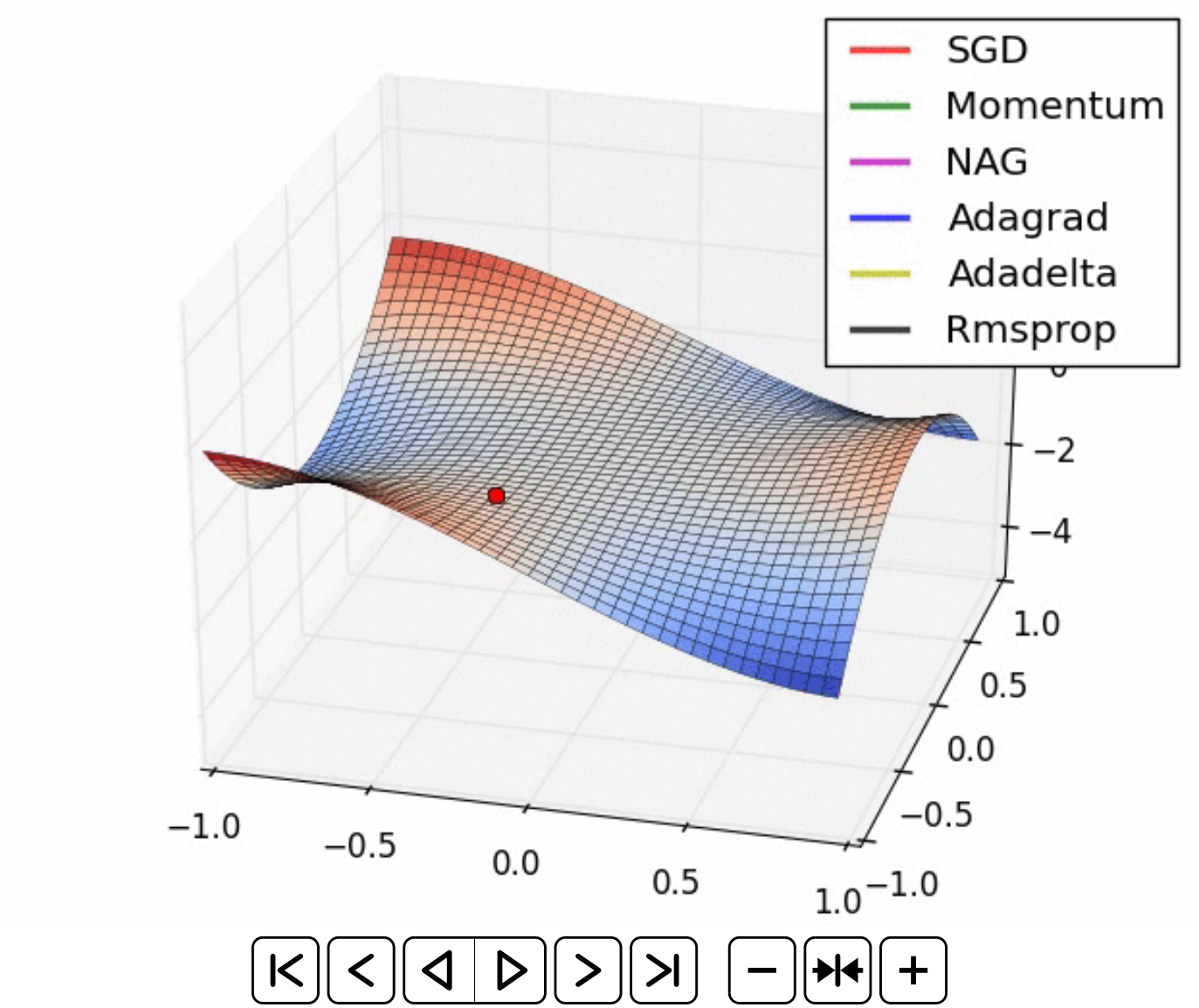
- In Adam, the $\beta_1$ and $\epsilon$ parameters are especially important.
- Empirically, when solving the regression problem, it is known that the $\epsilon$ is good at $10^{-2}$ or $10^{-4}$ values.
- And in the case of classification, $\epsilon$ may use $10^{-8}$.
- If I want to feel the effect of inertia, then use adam, otherwise RMSProp is fine.

# Summary

- The .gif below has some problems with Momentum, SGD, and NAG.



# Summary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# Besides..

- Another optimization algorithm, there are Adamax[3], NAdam[1], AMSGrad[5] and so on.
- In summary :
  1. Adamax : Replace with the expression $v_t = \beta_2^\infty v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_2^\infty)|g_t|^\infty$ in Adam alogrithm step 5. $(= max(\beta_2 \cdot v_{t-1}, |g_t|))$
  2. NAdam : NAG + Adam
  3. AMSGrad : Use the maximum of past squared gradients $v_t$ rather than the exponential average to update the parameters.

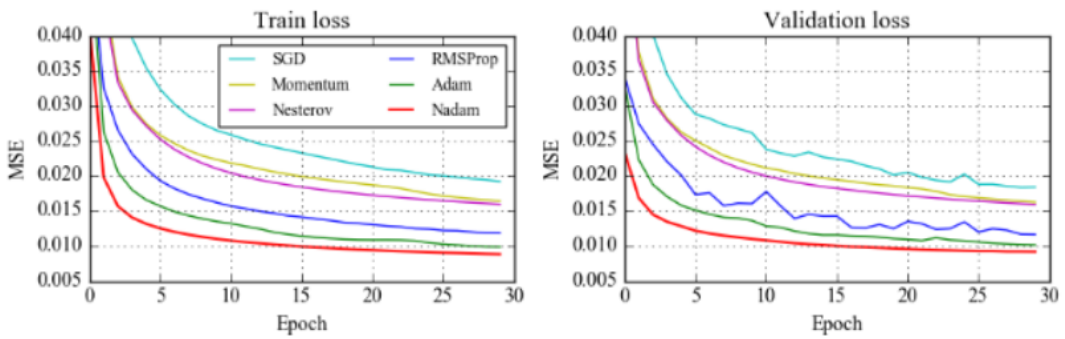


Figure 10: MSE Change for Each Epoch

# Besides..

- The overall algorithm is summarized as follows :

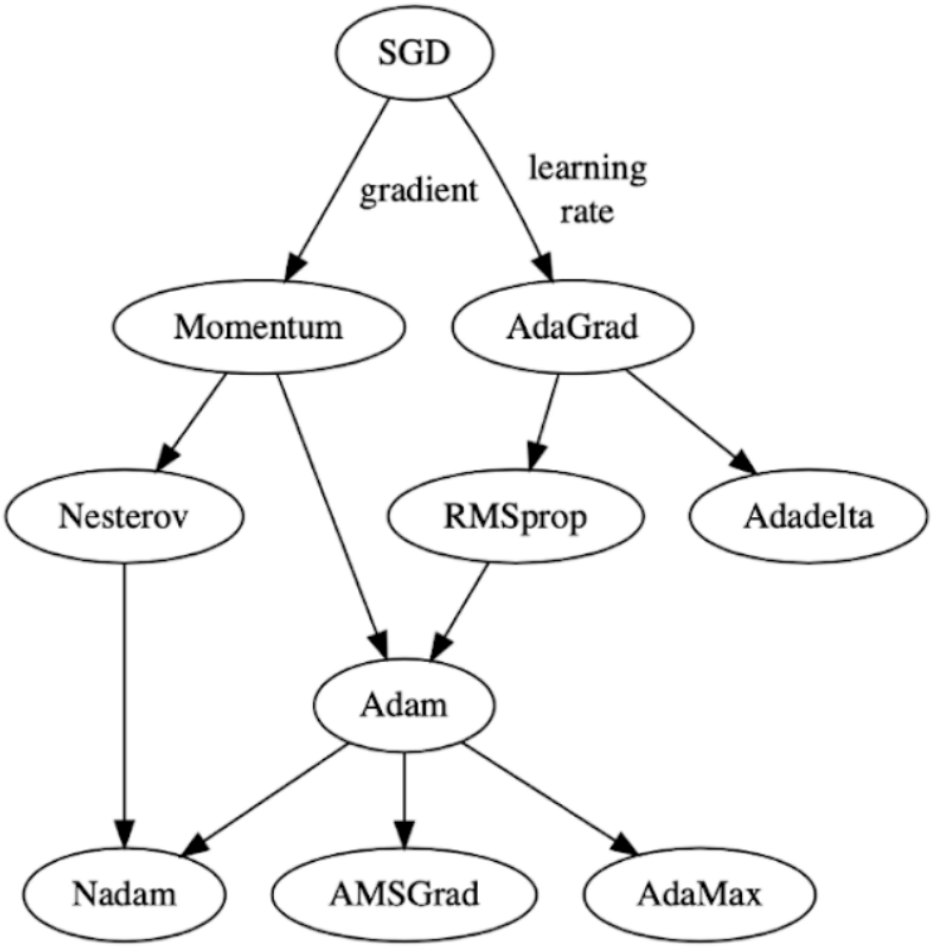


Figure 11: Total Summary

# Additional Strategies for Optimization

1. Training data should "be mixed" at every epoch.
2. "Curriculum Learning" that learns easy data first and then difficult data is important.
3. First of all, "Batch Normalization(BN)" is the most important
4. For faster learning, "applying noise to the gradient" is also useful.
5. Be careful to have proper "Early Stopping" and "learning rate".
6. After the appropriate epoch, you can artificially slow down the learning speed through the "Learning Decay".
7. There is also a "Cyclical Learning Rate"[8] that gives a period to the value of learning rate.

# Additional Strategies for Optimization

- The application of the Cyclical Learning Rate is as follows :

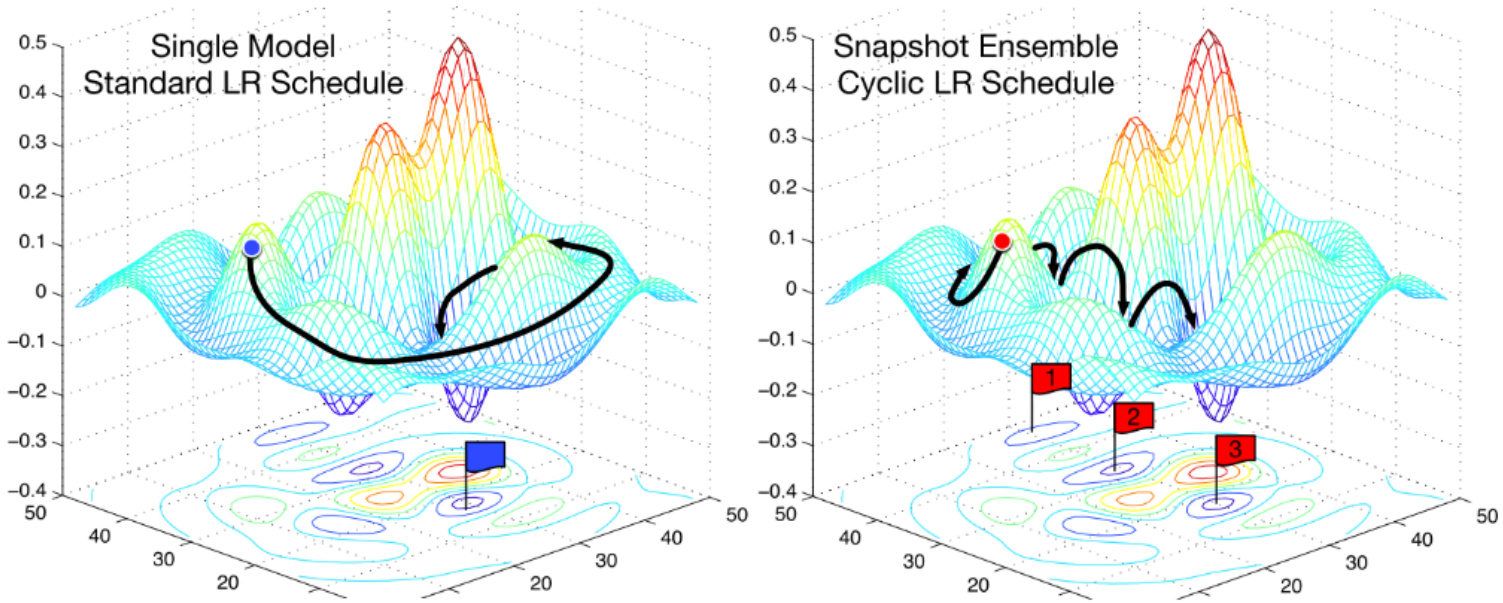


Figure 12: Snapshot Ensemble with CLR

# Next

- Next time, we'll deal with the followings:
  1. Initial value problems in parameters.
  2. Type of loss function.
  3. More complex CNN models.
  4. About the RNN Model.
- Of course, Python code learning proceeds at the same time.

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