

Deep Learning with JAX

Introduction

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2.5000

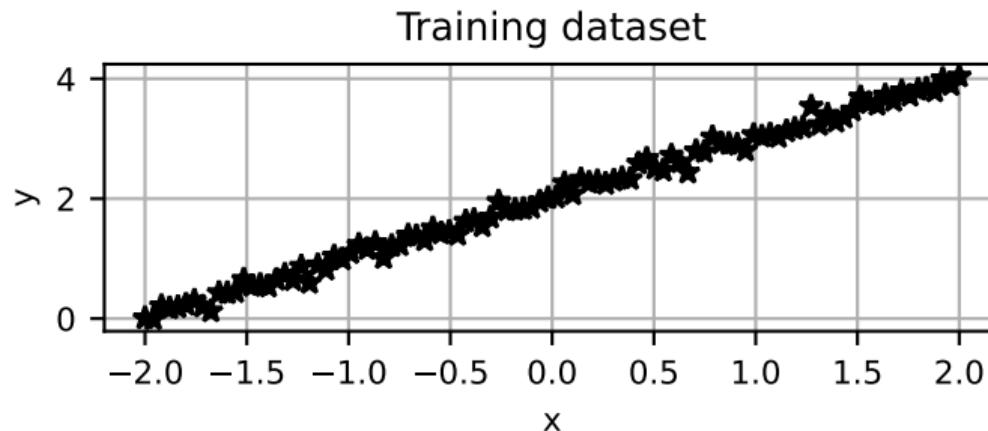
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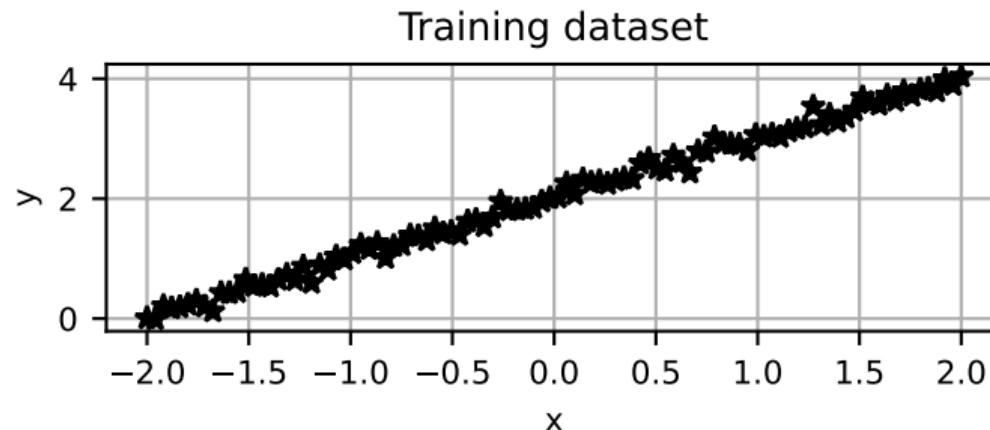
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Function f works correctly both with scalar and vector input x .

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Array(1.7047384, dtype=float32)

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The function `grad_fn` can be called on arbitrary arguments:

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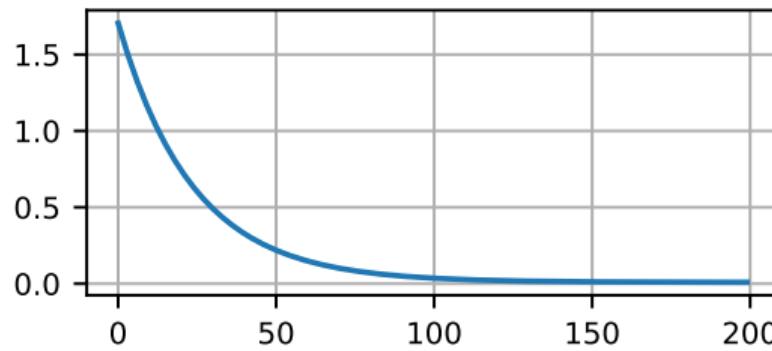
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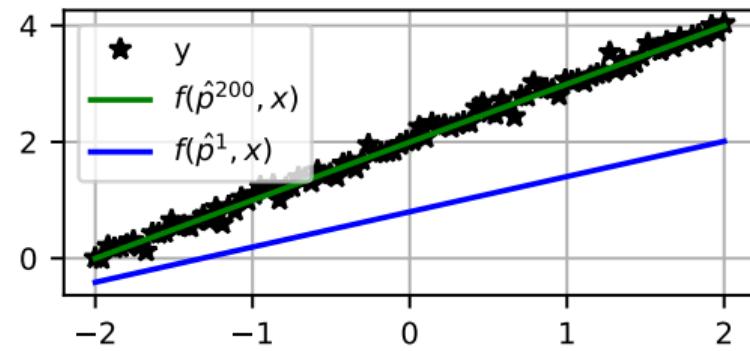
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Loss vs. Iterations



Model fit



Exercises

- Open the accompanying notebook and familiarize with the environment/code
- Verify that the optimized \hat{p} is close to p^o
- Save and visualize the loss vs. iteration
- Verify that the gradient returned by JAX is correct