

# Homework 4

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## 0.1 Homework 4 (DL Friday, October 11 at 12:00)

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[1]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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**0.1.1 QUESTION:** Implement the gradient descent algorithm to minimize  $J(x) = (1.1 - \sin(x))^2$ . Also, empirically test the effect of the step size on the convergence speed.

**0.1.2** Gradient decent formulation (check page 12 of houndout 4):

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(i+1)} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)} - \gamma \frac{\partial J(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}=\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)}}, \quad (1)$$

**0.1.3** where  $J(\mathbf{x})$  is the cost function.

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[2]: def J(x):
    return (1.1 - np.sin(x))**2
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**0.1.4** Part a (1 point): For the gradient descent implementation, you need to compute the gradient of the cost function. In the section below, implement the code for the gradient of the cost function  $J(\mathbf{x})$ .

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[3]: def gradient_of_J(x):
    """ Return the gradient of the cost function.
    """
    # YOUR CODE HERE
    return 2 * (1.1 - np.sin(x)) * (-np.cos(x))
    raise NotImplementedError()
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[4]: """Check the result for several inputs"""
assert gradient_of_J(0.0) == -2.2
assert np.allclose(gradient_of_J(np.pi/2), 0.)
assert np.allclose(gradient_of_J(np.pi), 2.2)
assert np.allclose(gradient_of_J(3 * np.pi/2), 0.0)
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0.1.5 Part b (2 points): Implement the gradient descent algorithm.

0.1.6 In the (partially) provided code below, the aim is to compute the outcomes of the gradient descent algorithm when minimizing the cost function  $J$ . The algorithm starts with a given initial value denoted as  $x_0$ . Our goal here is to obtain the results after running the algorithm for 5 iterations. Your task is to code the update rule for the gradient descent algorithm in the mentioned place.

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[7]: def gradient_descent_algorithm(x0, step_size, number_of_iterations = 5):
    x_results = np.zeros((number_of_iterations + 1,)) # To set the first result,
    ↪as the initial value x0, we increase the count of x_results by one.
    x_results[0] = x0
    for i in range(number_of_iterations):
        #Implement the gradient descent update rule here
        # HINT: you should calculate x_results[i+1] from x_results[i]
        # and the code should call function gradient_of_J
        # YOUR CODE HERE
        x_results[i+1] = x_results[i] - step_size * gradient_of_J(x_results[i])
    return x_results
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0.1.7 You can evaluate the correctness of your code by executing the following provided code with initial value  $x_0 = 0$  and different step sizes  $[1, 0.1, 0.01]$ .

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[8]: """Check the result for several inputs"""
assert np.allclose(gradient_descent_algorithm(0.0, 1, 5), np.array([0.0, 2.2, 1.
    ↪8569, 1.7775, 1.7277, 1.6926]), rtol=1e-03, atol=1e-04)
assert np.allclose(gradient_descent_algorithm(0.0, 0.1, 5), np.array([0.0, 0.
    ↪22, 0.3921, 0.5248, 0.6285, 0.7113]), rtol=1e-03, atol=1e-04)
assert np.allclose(gradient_descent_algorithm(0.0, 0.01, 5), np.array([0.0, 0.
    ↪022, 0.04355, 0.0647, 0.08533, 0.1055]), rtol=1e-03, atol=1e-04)
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0.1.8 In the code below, you will observe the effect of the step size when running the gradient descent algorithm for 5 iterations.

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[9]: def plot_GD_stepsize(number_of_iteration):
    x = np.linspace(-5,10)
    x_results_1 = gradient_descent_algorithm(0.0, 1, number_of_iteration)
    x_results_2 = gradient_descent_algorithm(0.0, 0.1, number_of_iteration)
    x_results_3 = gradient_descent_algorithm(0.0, 0.01, number_of_iteration)

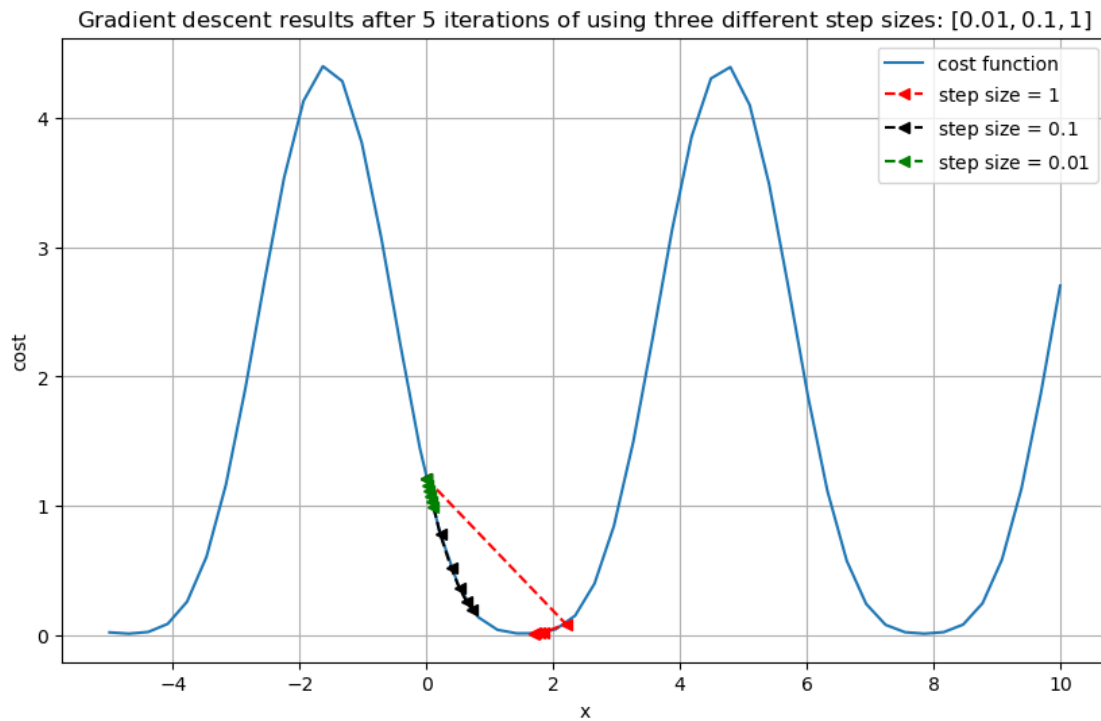
    mu = 0.1
    plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
    plt.plot(x, J(x), label='cost function')
    plt.plot(x_results_1, J(x_results_1), 'r<--', label = 'step size = $1$')
    plt.plot(x_results_2, J(x_results_2), 'k<--', label = 'step size = $0.1$')
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plt.plot(x_results_3, J(x_results_3), 'g<--', label = 'step size = $0.01$')

plt.title("Gradient descent results after {} iterations of using three_
different step sizes: $[0.01, 0.1, 1]$".format(number_of_iteration))
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel('cost')
plt.legend()
plt.grid()
return True
plot_GD_stepsize(5);

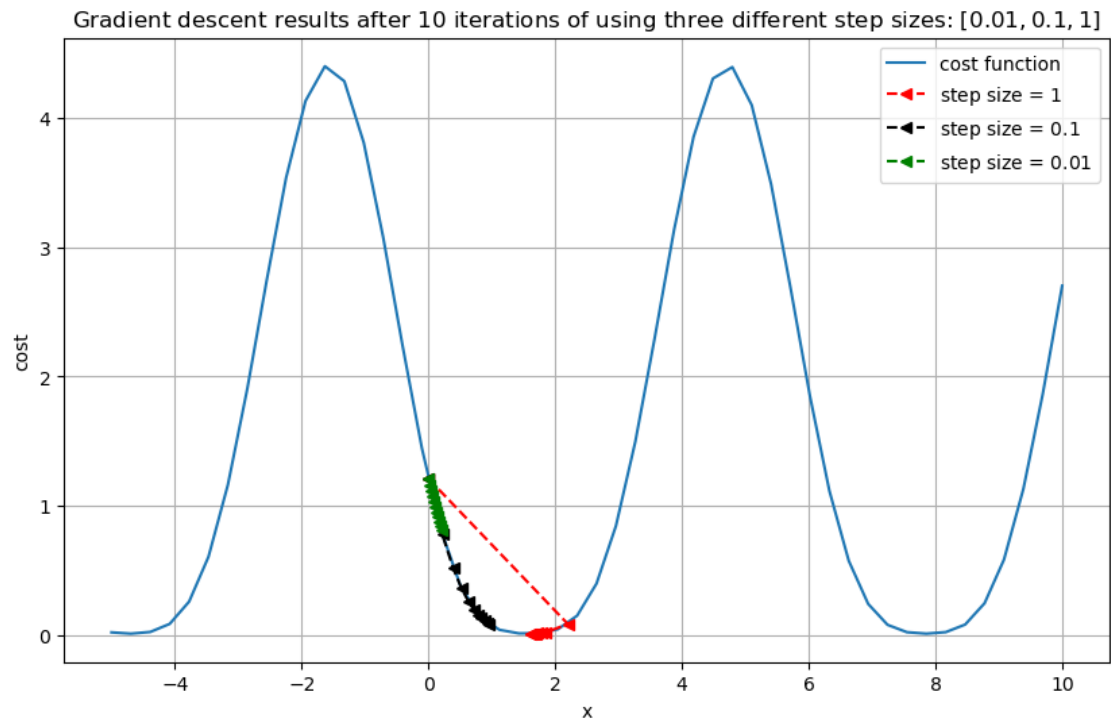
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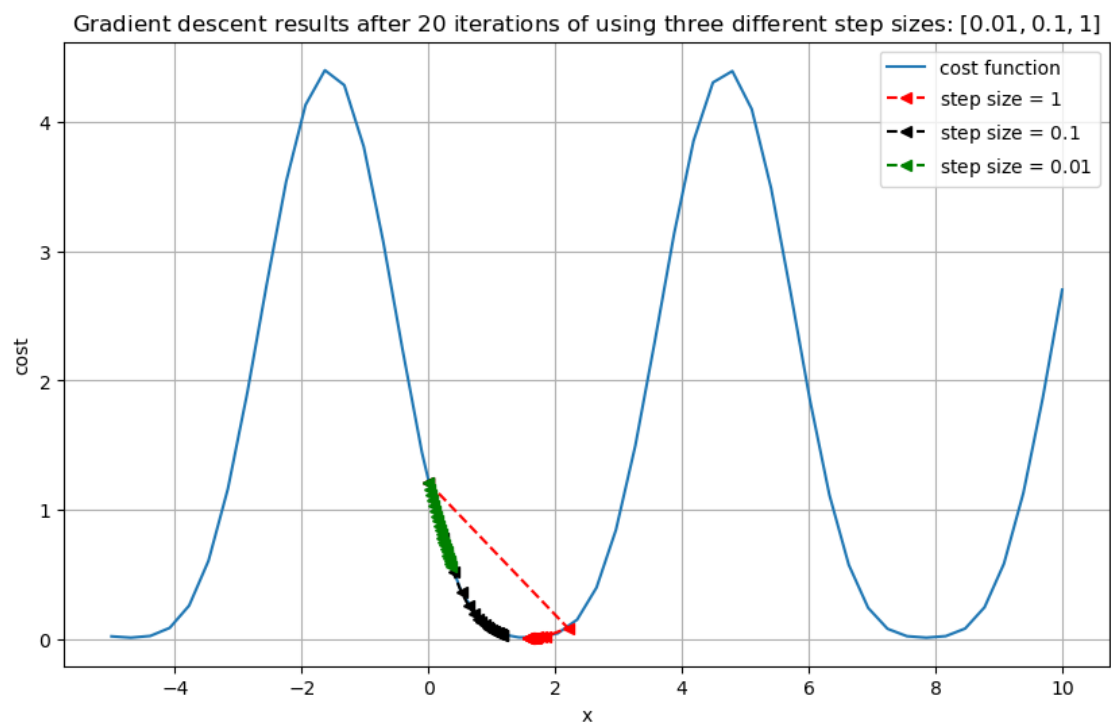
**0.1.9 Part c) (1 point):** Your task here is to run the “plot\_GD\_stepsize” function for several numbers of iterations, specifically [10, 20, 50], and observe the results. (You do not need to code anything here; just run the code below and observe the effect of the step size on the convergence rate.)

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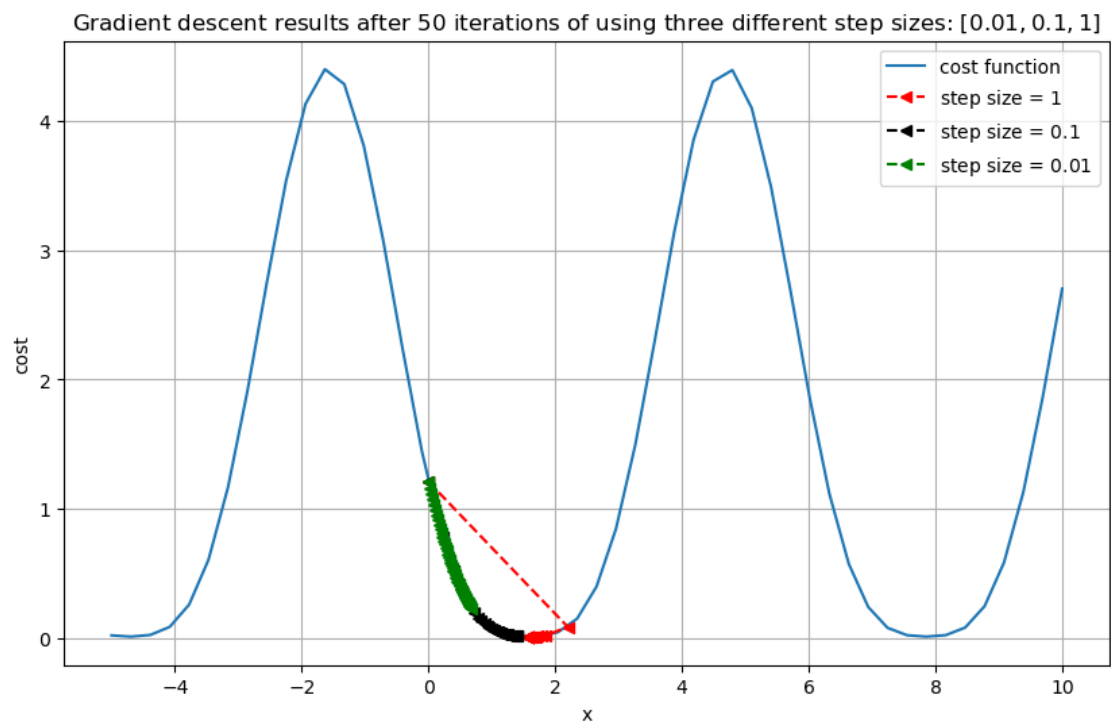
[10]: plot\_GD\_stepsize(10);



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[11]: plot_GD_stepsize(20);
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[12]: plot_GD_stepsize(50);
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