

Gradient Descent Algorithm (GDA)

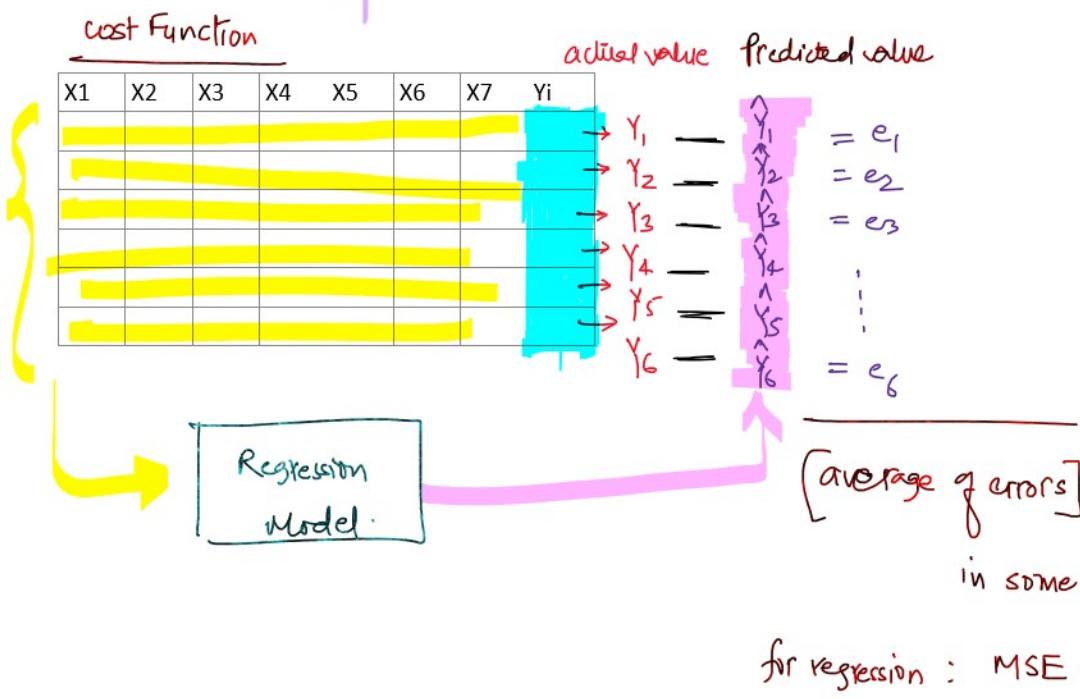
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* Pro-tip Loss Function vs Cost Function

Loss Function: It is the function to capture the difference between actual and predicted value.
for a single row or a single record or a single training example.

$$\text{error} = [y_i - \hat{y}_i] \text{ for some } i\text{th row}$$

actual predicted
value value



Cost Function:

It is used to refer an average of the loss functions in some way over the entire training dataset

Some famous cost Functions

... Convex Functions

MSE: Mean Squared Error



$$\textcircled{1} \text{ error} = (y_i - \hat{y}_i)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ squaring the error} = (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

\textcircled{3} Meaning the squared error =
avg.

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{n}$$

$$\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{MSE}$$

Task: Read about different cost functions for classification problems. → What is a logit???

- Logistic Regression

- Decision Trees

→ Support vector Machines

↳ SVM: ...

Binary
as well as
Multi-class.

Gradient Descent Algorithm (GDA)

Gradient: is the rate of change \rightarrow differentiation (partial derivatives) or derivative



\rightarrow (slope / rate of change)

Descent: coming down (direction is downwards)

Gradient descent tells us how steep the slope is and which direction decreases the error.

∇J : gradient of $J \rightarrow$ it points in the direction of maximum increase
↓
cost function of the cost/error function

GD: Gradient descent moves in the opposite direction of the gradient because we want to minimize the error.

Gradient descent algorithm

repeat until convergence {

$$\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta_0, \theta_1)$$

(for $j = 1$ and $j = 0$)

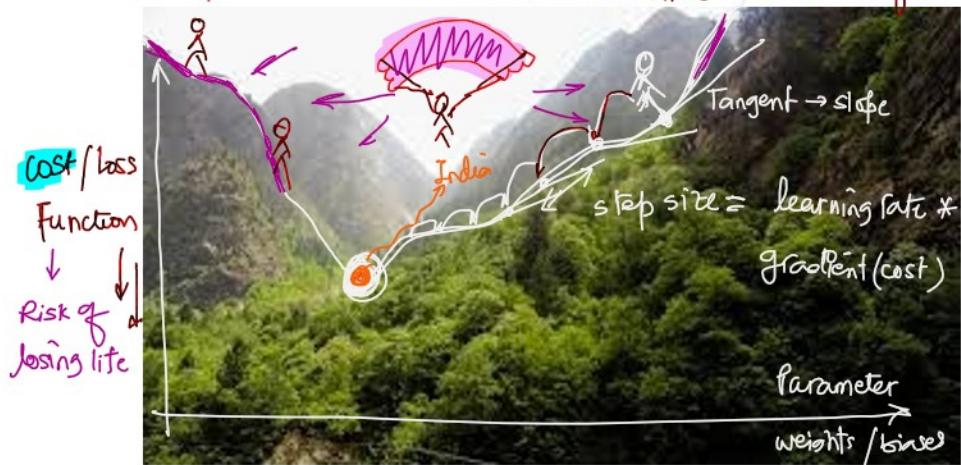
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Intuition: Abhinandan - Mig-21 Pilot got captured on the enemy's land.

② abc: Abhinandan needs to minimize the chance to getting caught.

J

c) abc: Abhinandan needs to minimize the chance of getting caught.

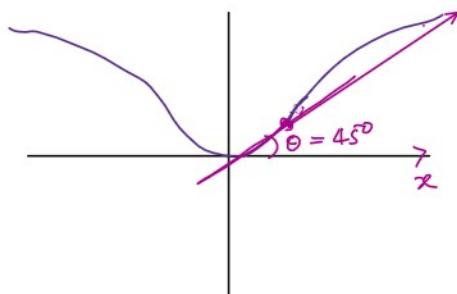


$$\text{Gradient} \rightarrow \text{slope} \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \rightarrow \tan\theta$$

Descent → coming down.

Gradient Descent → follows the path of the **steepest descent**
 taking steps in the direction that
 decreases the slope and brings Abhinandan
 closer to the **local minimum** (coming to plains)

$$\tan\theta = \text{slope} = m = \frac{dy}{dx}$$



$$\tan(\theta) = \tan 45^\circ = 1$$

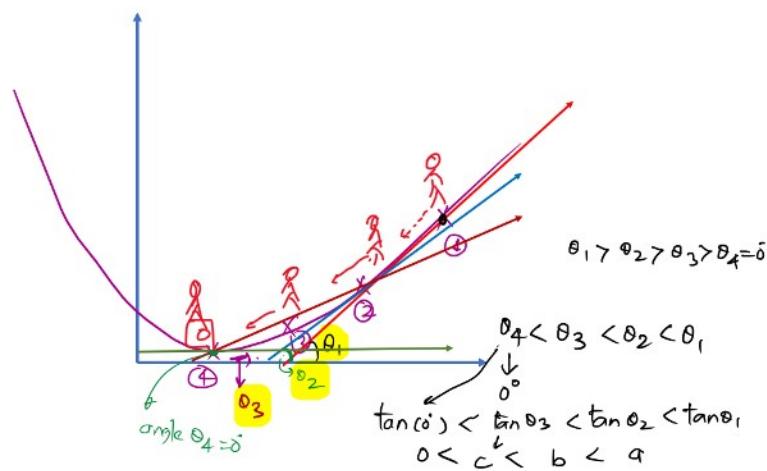
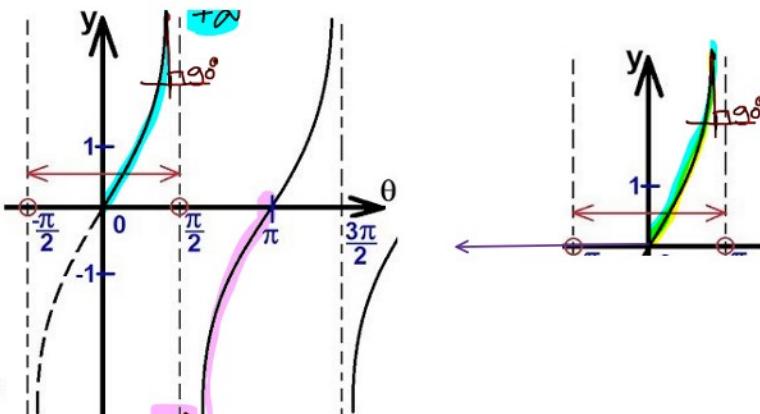
$$\text{slope} = \frac{dy}{dx} = m = 1$$

Graph for tangent function

θ (degree)	θ (radian)	$\tan\theta$
0	0	0 0



θ (degree)	θ (radian)	$\tan \theta$
0	0	0
30	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ 0.577
45	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	1 1
60	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\sqrt{3}$ 1.732
90	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	∞ ∞
120	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$-\sqrt{3}$ -1.732
135	$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	-1 -1
150	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ -0.577



- ① As 'θ' increased from 0° till $90^\circ \rightarrow \tan \theta \rightarrow$ slope also increases
- ② and as θ increases from 90° till $180^\circ \rightarrow \tan \theta \rightarrow$ slope also decreases