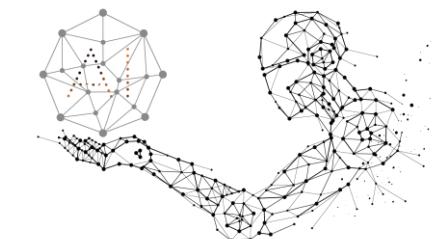


# Applied Machine Learning

## Chapter 5- Optimization



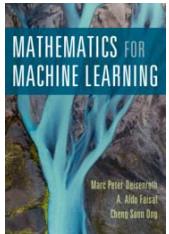
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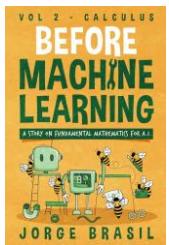
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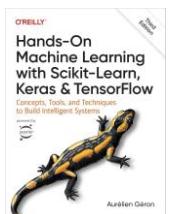
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- Online
  - Calculus for Machine Learning and Data Science
    - Instructor: Luis Serrano
    - DeepLearning.AI
    - **Some parts of this lecture's content is sourced from this course.**
  - Differential Equations for Engineers
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# A Fast Review of Derivatives

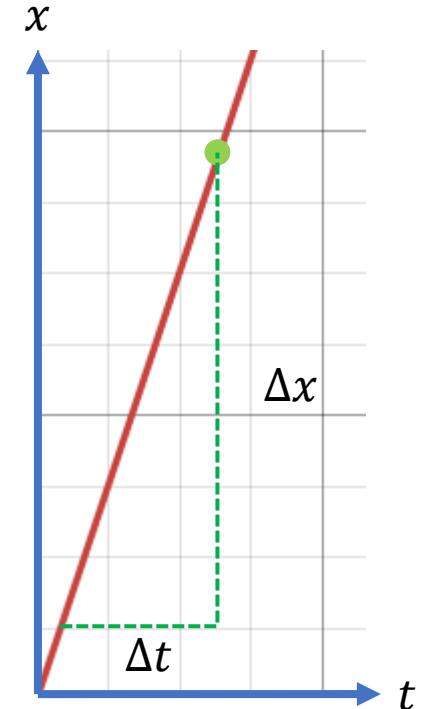
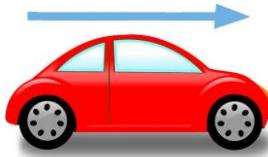
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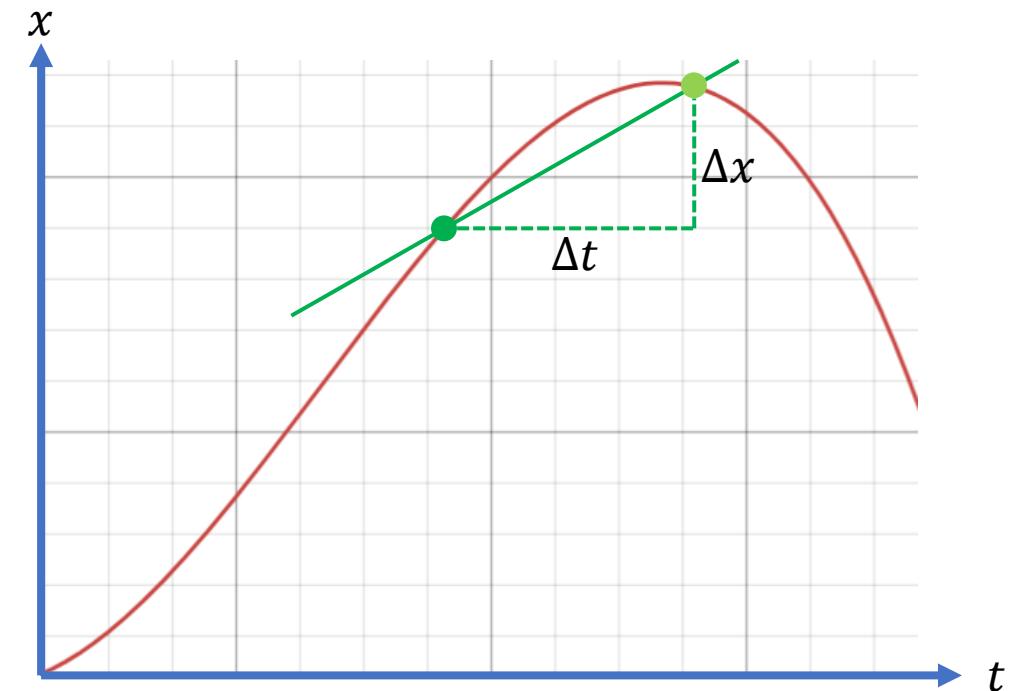
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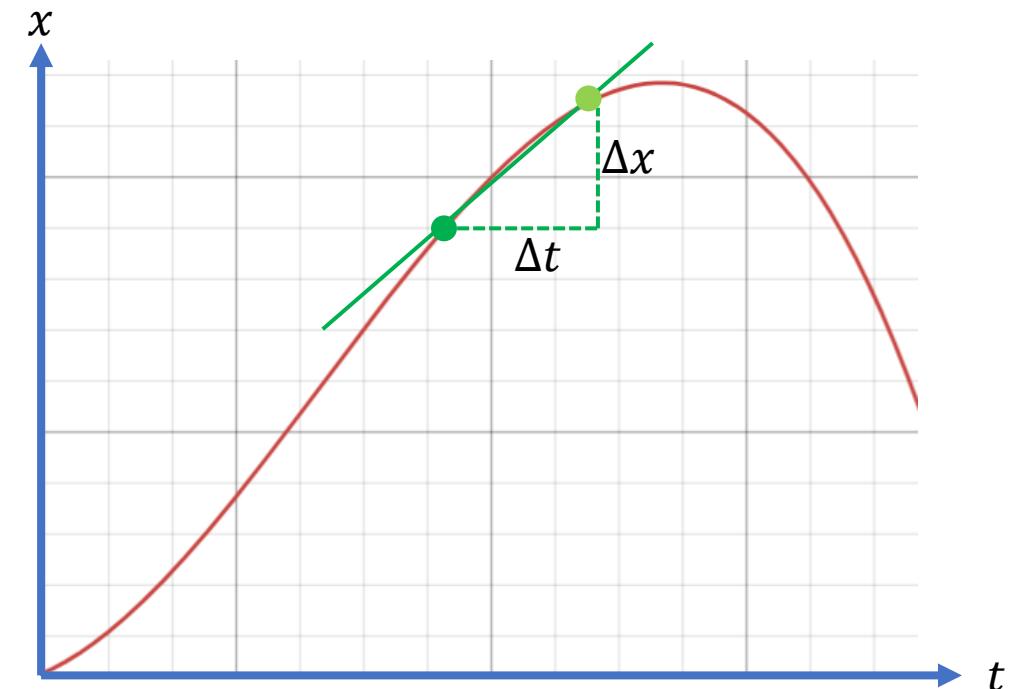
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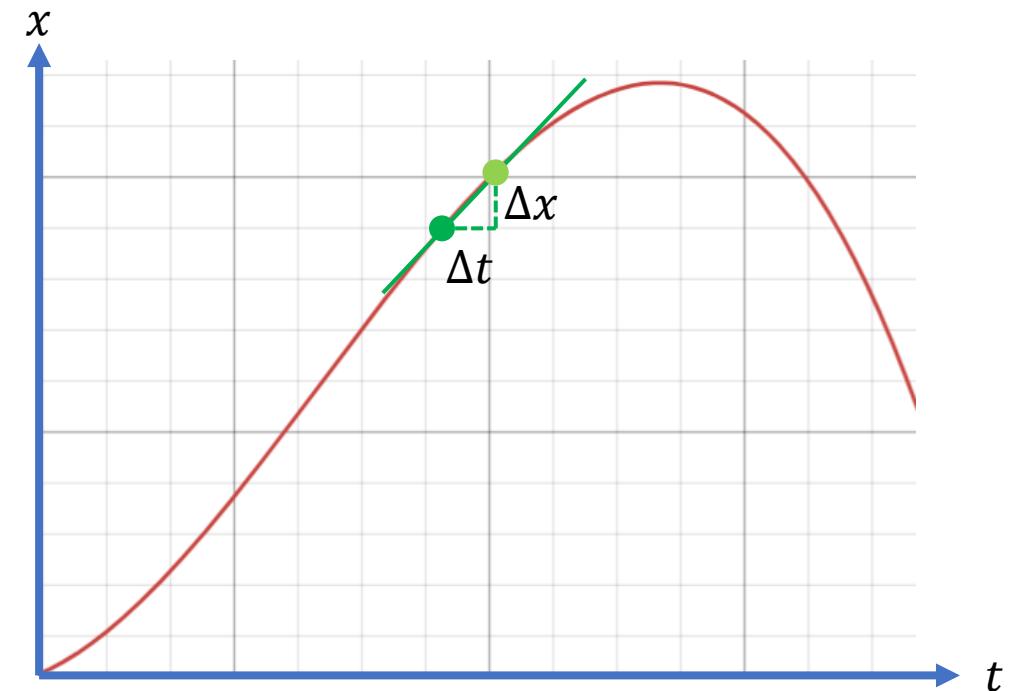
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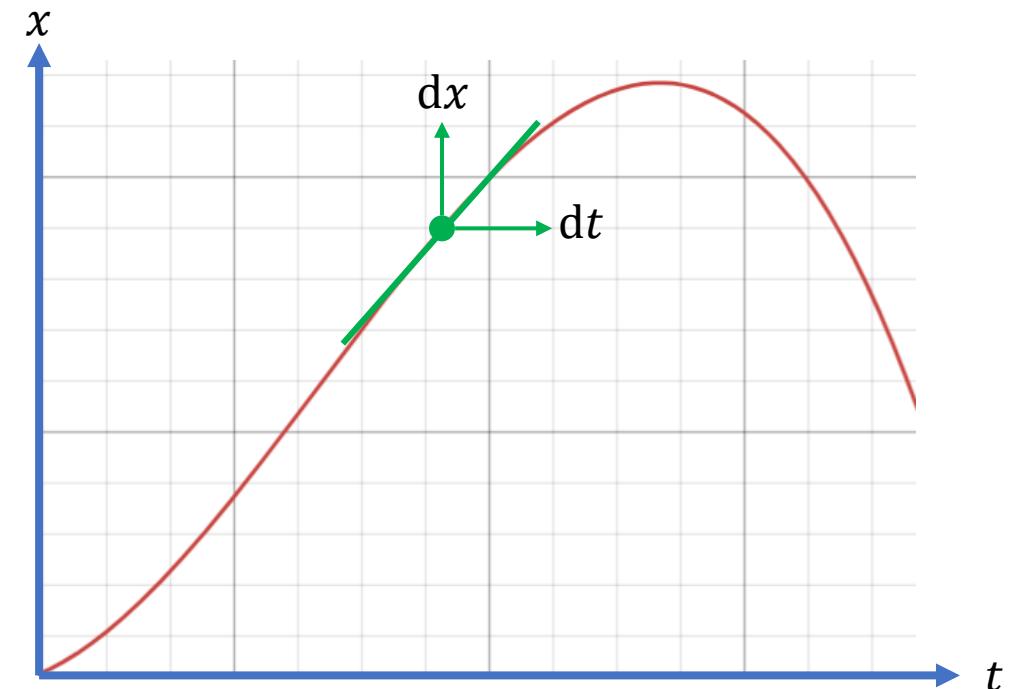


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$$\text{Slope} = \frac{\text{change in distance}}{\text{change in time}} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

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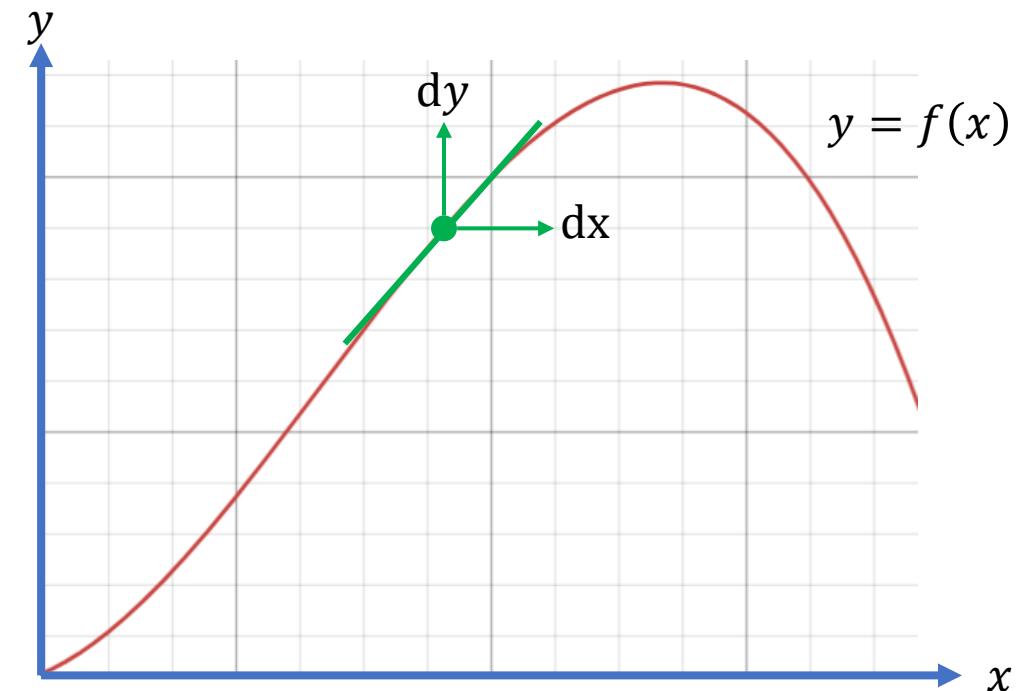
# ... Introduction

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Derivative of  $f$

Leibniz's notation:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} f(x)$

Lagrange's notation:  $f'(x)$



# Common Derivatives

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- Constants
  - $f(x) = c \Rightarrow f'(x) = 0$
- Lines
  - $f(x) = ax + b \Rightarrow f'(x) = a$
- Quadratic Functions
  - $f(x) = x^2 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 2x$
- Quadratic Functions
  - $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} = x^{-1} \Rightarrow f'(x) = -x^{-2}$
- Power functions in general
  - $f(x) = x^n \Rightarrow f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$



# ... Common Derivatives

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- Trigonometric functions
  - $f(x) = \sin(x) \Rightarrow f'(x) = \cos(x)$
  - $f(x) = \cos(x) \Rightarrow f'(x) = -\sin(x)$
- Exponential
  - $f(x) = e^x \Rightarrow f'(x) = e^x$
  - $f(x) = a^x \Rightarrow f'(x) = a^x \ln a$
- Logarithm
  - $f(x) = \ln x \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} , x > 0$
  - $f(x) = \log_a x \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{x \ln a}$

From now on, whenever we say log, we mean ln!



# Some Differentiation rules

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- Multiplication by scalar
  - If  $f = cg$  (for some functions  $f$  and  $g$ , and a constant  $c$ ), then  $f'(x) = cg'(x)$
- Sum rule
  - If  $f = g + h$ , then  $f' = g' + h'$
- Product rule
  - If  $f = gh$ , then  $f' = g'h + gh'$
- Chain rule
  - If  $l = f(g(h(t)))$ , then  $\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{df}{dg} \cdot \frac{dg}{dh} \cdot \frac{dh}{dt}$
  - Or,  $l' = f'(g(h(t))).g'(h(t)).h'(t)$
  - Example:  $f(x) = (3x + 1)^5 \rightarrow f'(x) = 5(3x + 1)^4 \cdot (3) = 15(3x + 1)^4$

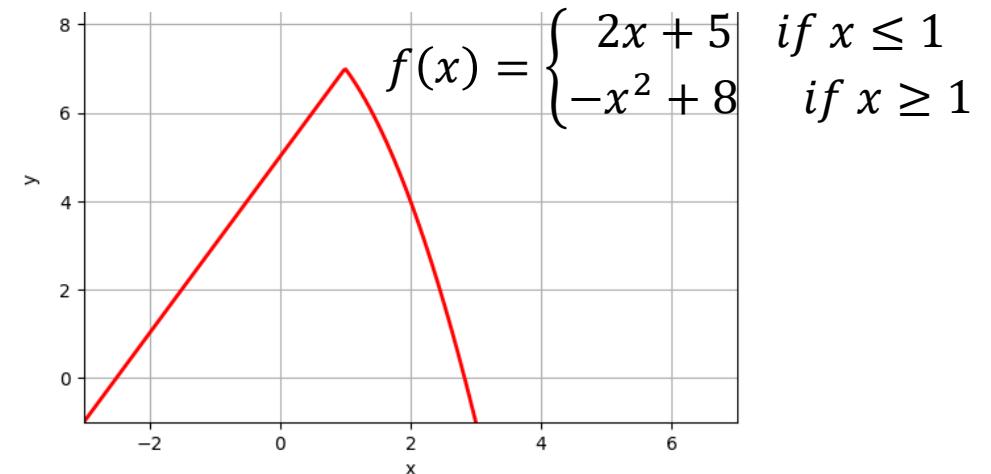
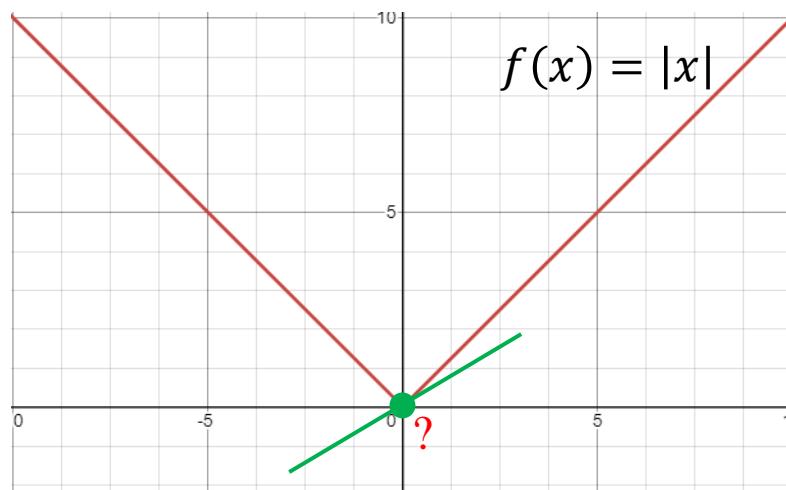
Exercise: prove that the derivative of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  is  $\frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$



# Non Differentiable Function

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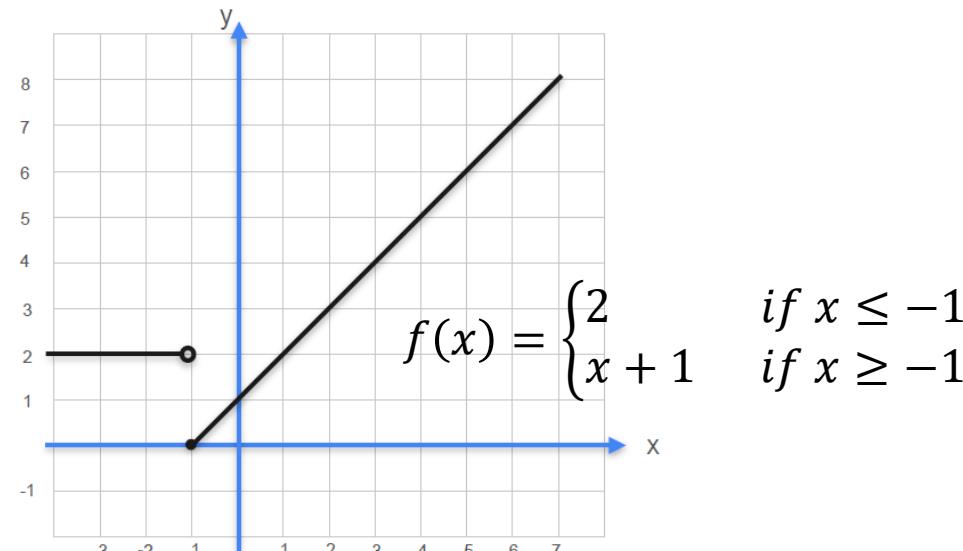
- Functions which have a corner or a cusp



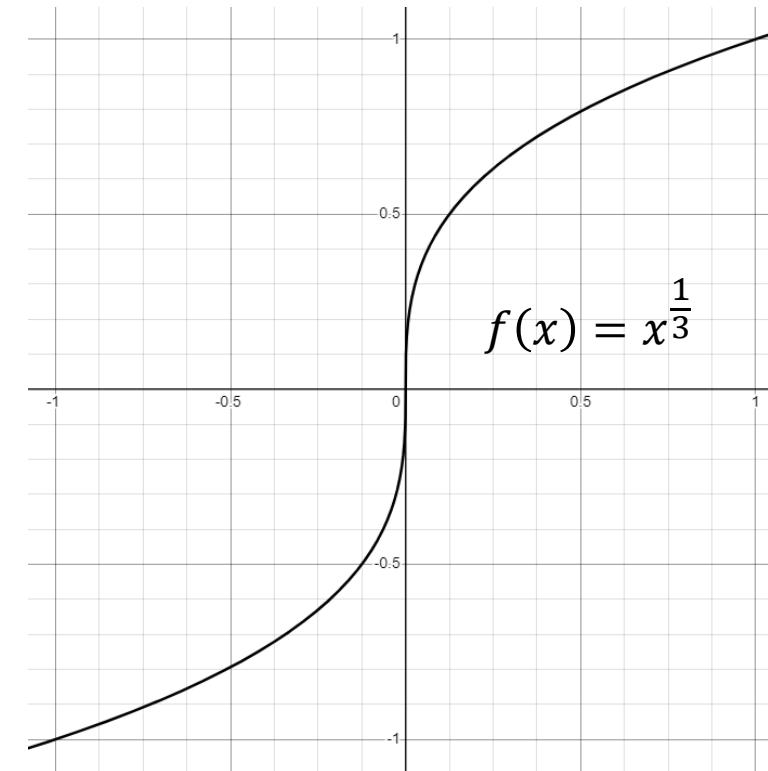
# ... Non Differentiable Function

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- Jump Discontinuity



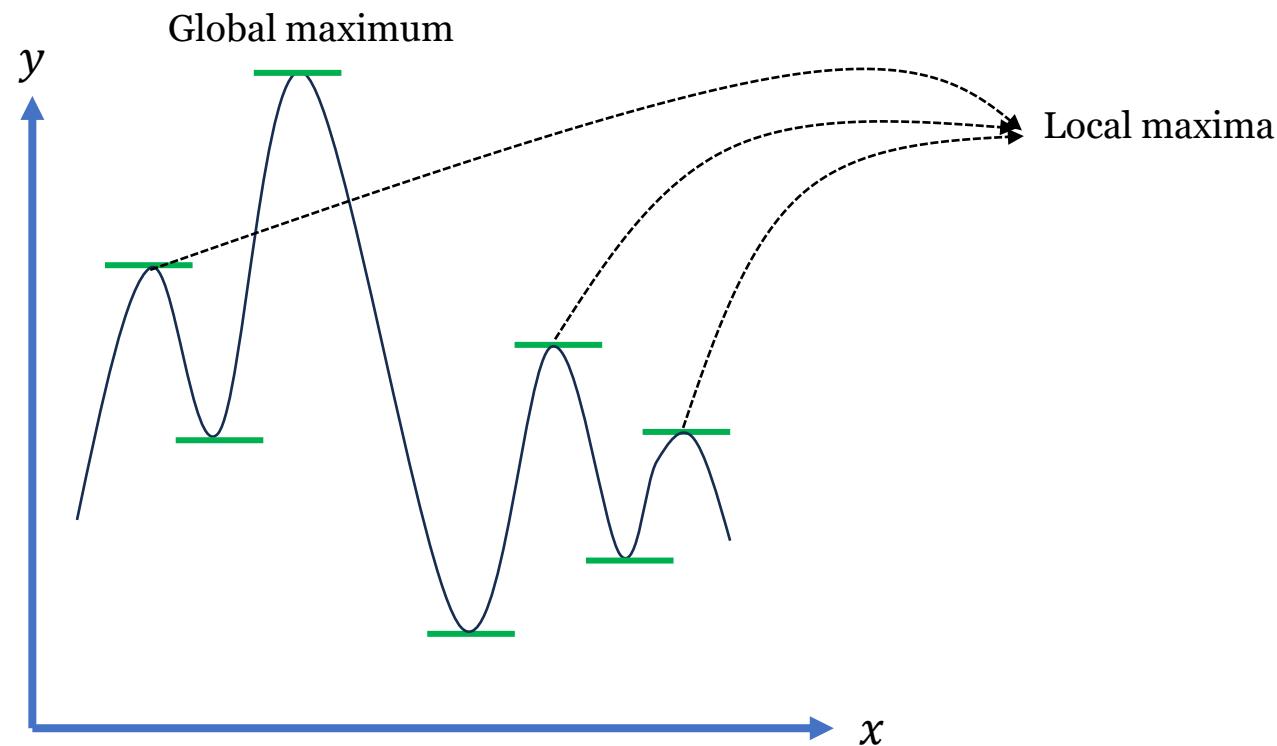
- Vertical tangents



# Minimum and Maximum

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- At the minima and maxima of a function, the derivative is zero.



# Partial Derivatives

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$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$$

Treat  $y$  as a constant

$$f_x = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x$$

The partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $x$

Treat  $x$  as a constant

$$f_y = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2y$$

The partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $y$



# ... Partial Derivatives

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- Example
  - $f(x, y) = 3x^2y^3$ 
    - $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 6xy^3$
    - $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 9x^2y^2$
  - $f(y_1, y_2, y_3) = 9 \frac{y_1y_2y_3}{y_1+y_2+y_3}$ 
    - $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y_3} = ?$
    - $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y_3} = 9 \frac{(y_1+y_2)y_1y_2}{(y_1+y_2+y_3)^2}$
  - $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = 3 \frac{\cos(x_1x_4)\sin(x_2^5)}{e^{x_2+(1+x_2^2)/(x_1x_2x_4)}} + 5x_1x_3x_4$ 
    - $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} = ?$
    - $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} = 5x_1x_4$



# Gradient

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- For a function that has  $n$  variables, the gradient of  $f$  (nabla  $f$ ) is a vector of  $n$  entries, each one corresponding to the partial derivative of the function with respect to each one of the  $n$  variables.

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Example

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 \rightarrow \nabla f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \end{bmatrix}$$



# Second Derivative

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- The derivative of the derivative!

Leibniz's notation:  $\frac{d^2 f(x)}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{df(x)}{dx} \right)$

Lagrange's notation:  $f''(x)$

- Example: velocity and acceleration

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

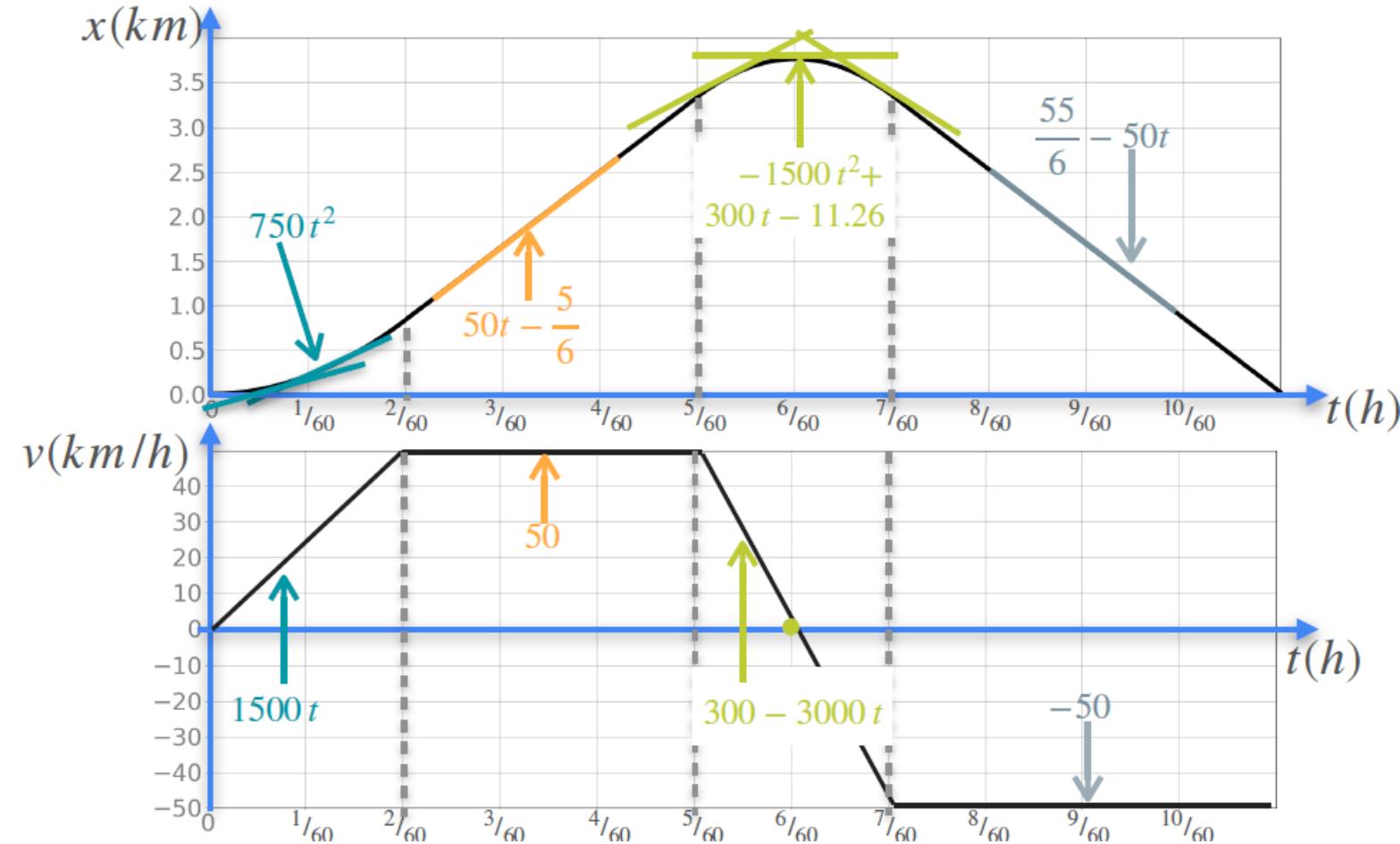
$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}$$

- Positive/Negative acceleration means the velocity is increasing/decreasing with respect to time. Zero means constant velocity.

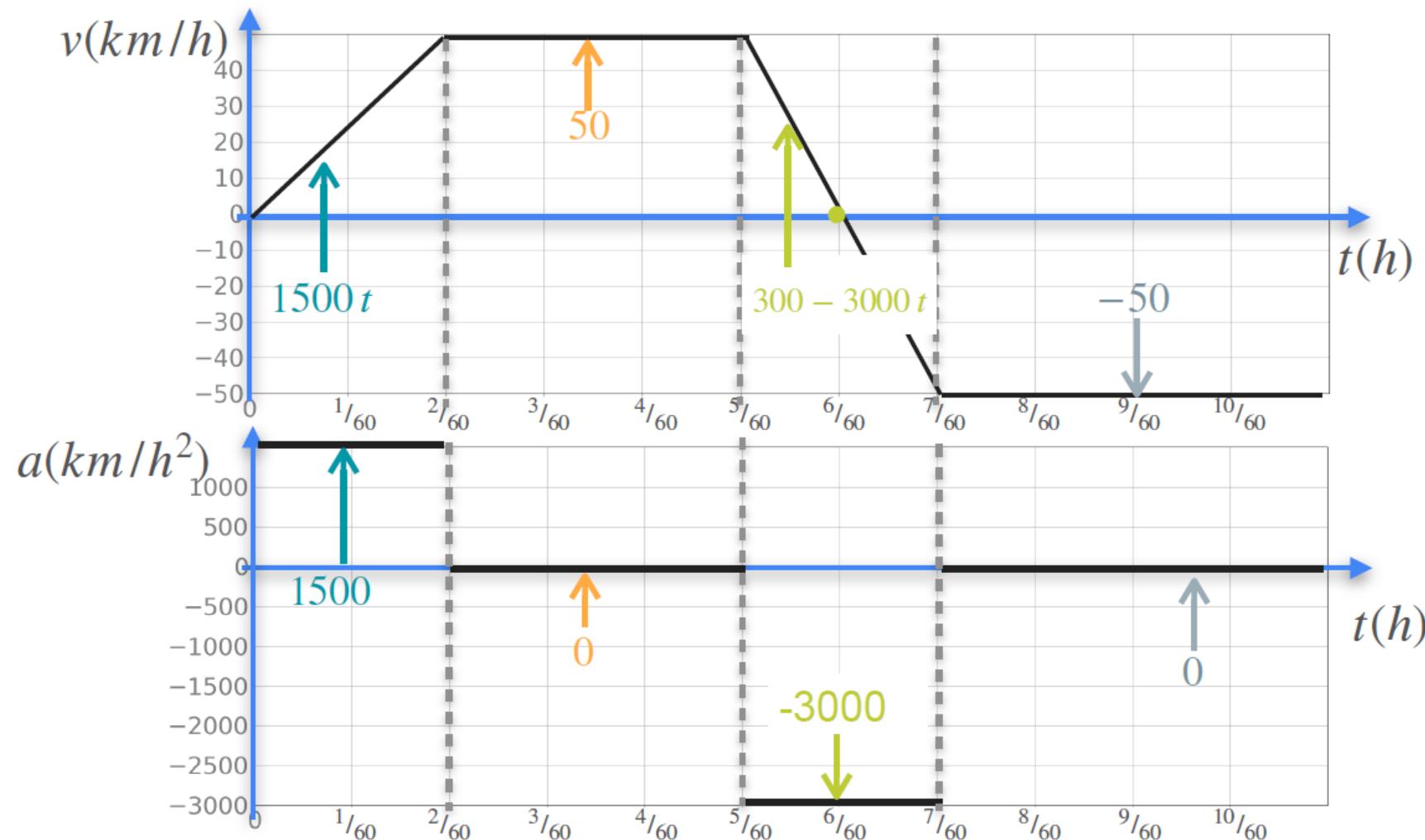


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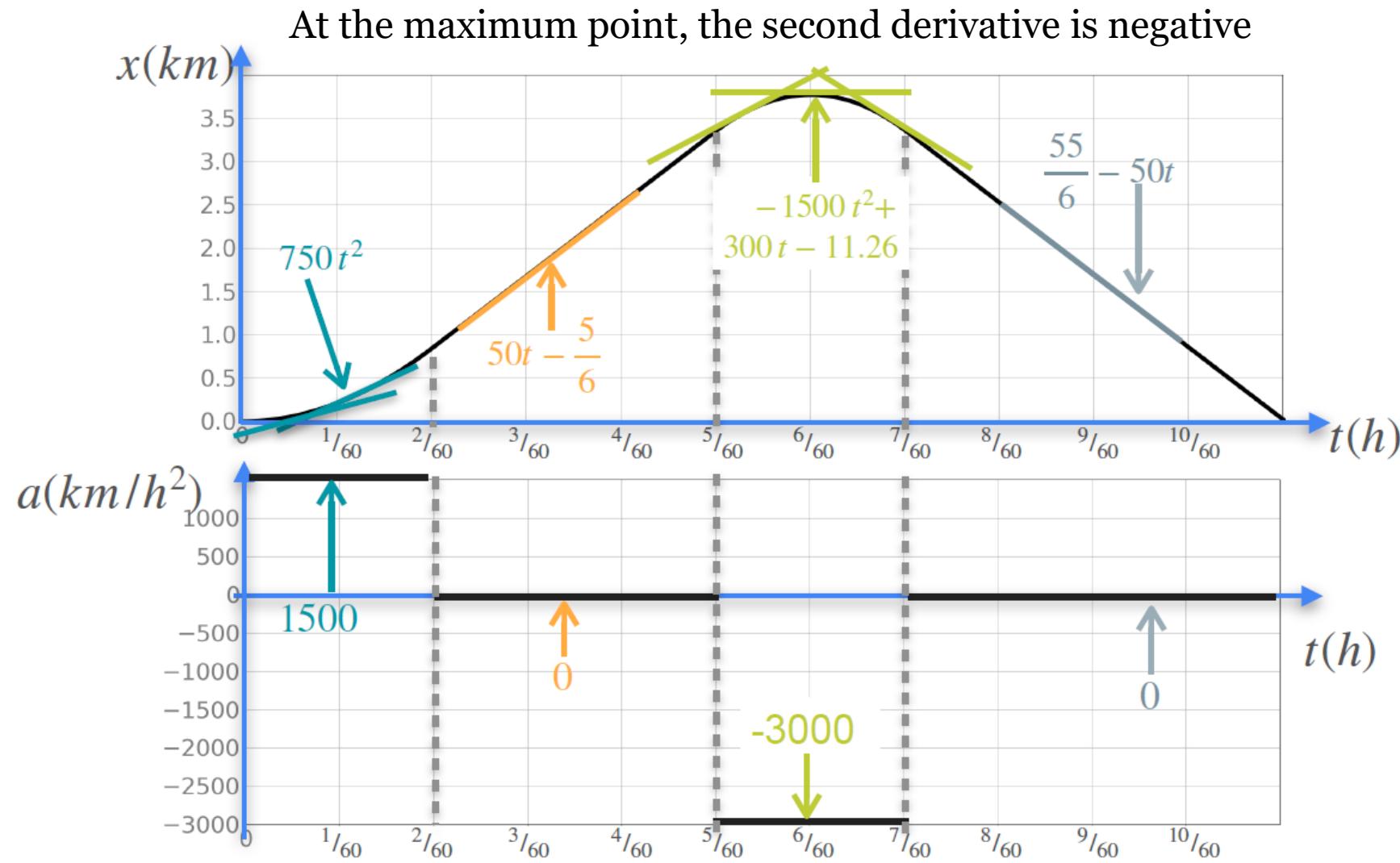
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# ... Second Derivative



# ... Second Derivative



# Hessian Matrix

	1 variable	2 variables
Function	$f(x)$	$f(x, y)$
1 <sup>st</sup> derivative	$f'(x)$ ↗ Rate of change of $f(x)$	$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, y)$ ↗ Rate of change with respect to $x$ $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y)$ ↗ Rate of change with respect to $y$ $\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$
2 <sup>nd</sup> derivative	$f''(x)$ ↗ Rate of change of the rate of change of $f(x)$	$\frac{\partial^2 f(x,y)}{\partial x^2}$ ↗ Rate of change of $f'_x(x, y)$ with respect to $x$ $\frac{\partial^2 f(x,y)}{\partial y \partial x}$ ↗ Rate of change of $f'_x(x, y)$ with respect to $y$ $\frac{\partial^2 f(x,y)}{\partial x \partial y}$ ↗ Rate of change of $f'_y(x, y)$ with respect to $x$ $\frac{\partial^2 f(x,y)}{\partial y^2}$ ↗ Rate of change of $f'_y(x, y)$ with respect to $y$ <b>Hessian matrix</b> = $H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{xx}(x, y) & f_{xy}(x, y) \\ f_{yx}(x, y) & f_{yy}(x, y) \end{bmatrix}$

# ...Hessian Matrix

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- For 3 variables  $x_1, x_2, x_3$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_3 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_3 \partial x_2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_3^2} \end{bmatrix}$$



# ...Hessian Matrix

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- For  $n$  variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} \end{bmatrix}$$



# Square & Log Loss

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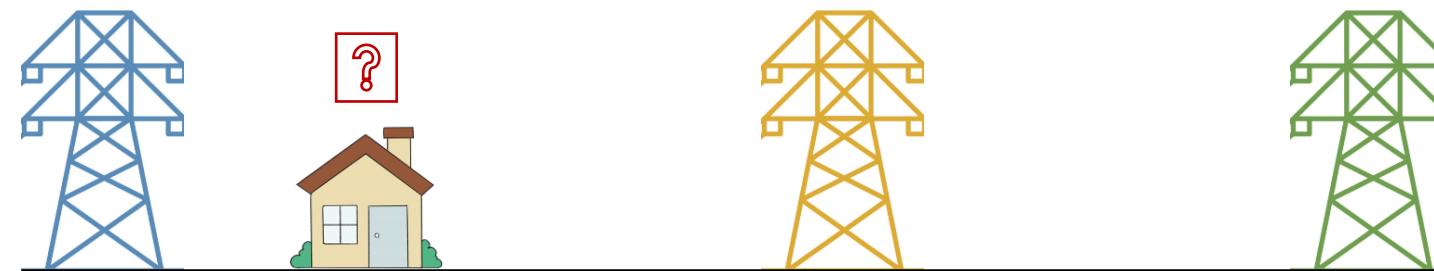
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# Example 1- Powerline Problem

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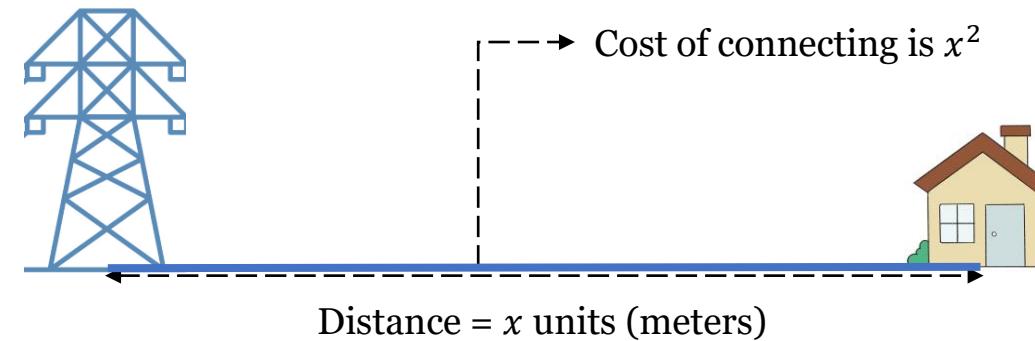
- Problem:
  - Building a house in a place that minimizes the cost of connecting it to several power lines (e.g. three lines) .
  - We should connect the house to all lines for better power supply.



# ... Example 1- Powerline Problem

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- Assume that the cost is related to the squared distance from the power line



- Importance:
  - This problem is similar to the cost minimization problem in linear regression and some neural networks.



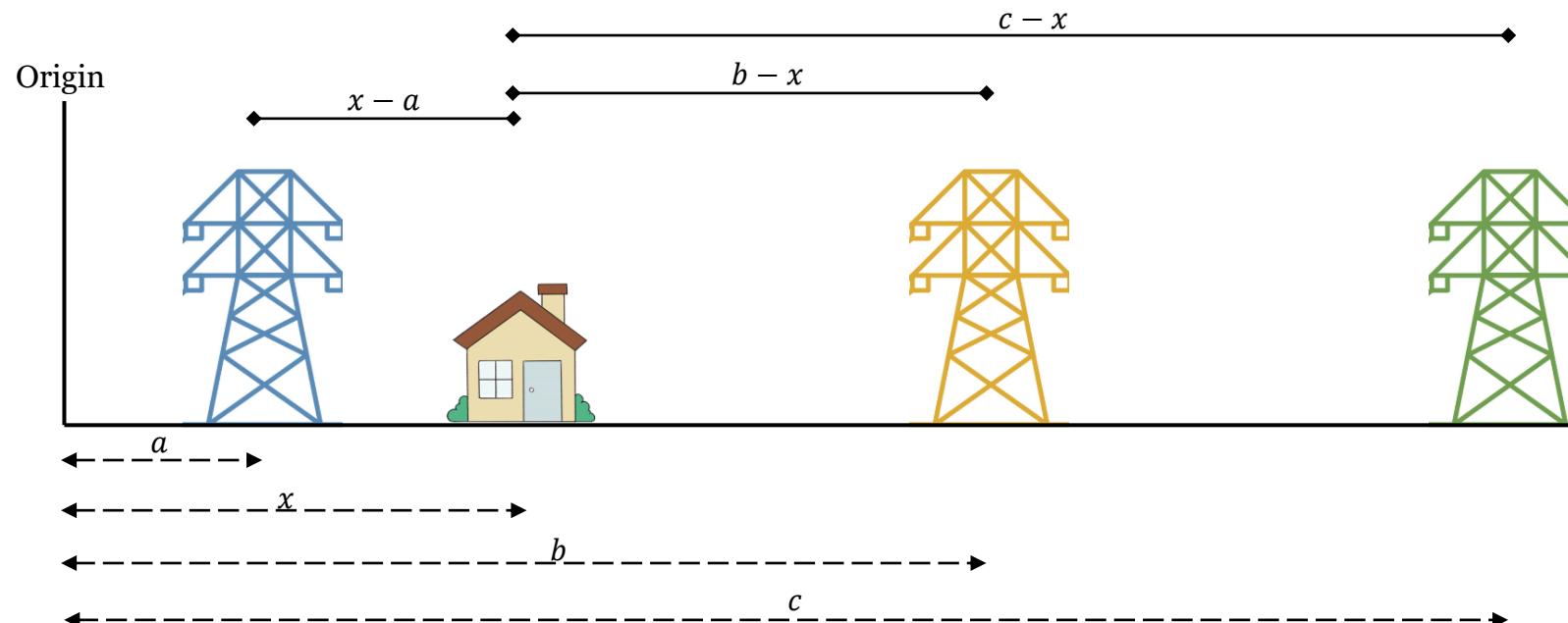
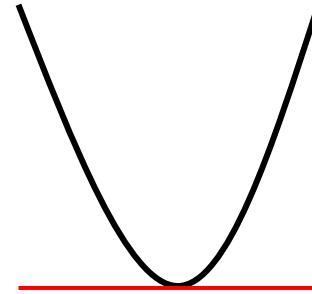
# ... Example 1- Powerline Problem

$$f = \text{cost function} = (x - a)^2 + (x - b)^2 + (x - c)^2$$

$$f' = 2(x - a) + 2(x - b) + 2(x - c) = 0$$

$$3x - a - b - c = 0 \rightarrow x = \frac{a + b + c}{3}$$

$$(x - a)^2 + (x - b)^2 + (x - c)^2$$



# ... Example 1- Powerline Problem

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- Generalized problem
  - The **square loss**
  - Minimize  $(x - a_1)^2 + (x - a_2)^2 + \cdots + (x - a_n)^2$
- Solution
  - $x = \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n}{n}$



## Example 2- Coin Toss

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- Problem
  - Toss a coin 10 times
  - If the results are 7 head followed by three tail, we will win money!
  - Otherwise, don't win any money



- We should pick a coin among lots of coin
  - We can pick a biased coin
    - E.g. head probability = 0.3 and tail probability = 0.7
    - Which coin would be the best choice?



## ... Example 2- Coin Toss

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- Assume that we choose the coin that the probability of landing in heads and tails are  $p$  and  $1 - p$  respectively.
- Find the optimal value for  $p$  that maximize the probability of winning

$$f(p) = \text{chance of winning} = p^7(1 - p)^3$$

$$f'(p) = 7p^6(1 - p)^3 - 3p^7(1 - p)^2$$

$$f'(p) = p^6(1 - p)^2[7(1 - p) - 3p]$$

$$f'(p) = p^6(1 - p)^2(7 - 10p) = 0$$

$$p = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{X} \\ 1 & \text{X} \\ 0.7 & \end{cases}$$



## ... Example 2- Coin Toss

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- Is there any easier way to solve the problem?
  - Take the logarithm of  $f(p)$ 
    - If  $f(p)$  is maximum, then so it is the  $\log(f(p))$
    - Maximizing  $\log(f(p))$  is the same thing as maximizing  $f(p)$
  - Why logarithm?
    - The logarithm of a product is the sum of the logarithms
      - Derivative of product is hard, derivative of sum is easy.
    - Product of tiny things ( $0 \leq p \leq 1$ ) is tiny.
      - It is difficult for computers to handle these tiny numbers.

$$G(p) = \log(f(p)) = \log(p^7(1-p)^3) = \log(p^7) + \log((1-p)^3) = 7\log(p) + 3\log(1-p)$$

$$G'(p) = 7\frac{1}{p} + 3\frac{1}{1-p}(-1) = 0$$

$$\frac{7(1-p) - 3p}{p(1-p)} = 0 \rightarrow p = 0.7$$



## ... Example 2- Coin Toss

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- Generalized problem
  - The **log loss**
  - Minimize  $-\log(f(p))$ 
    - Instead of maximizing  $\log(f(p))$
- Importance
  - Useful in lot of classification problems



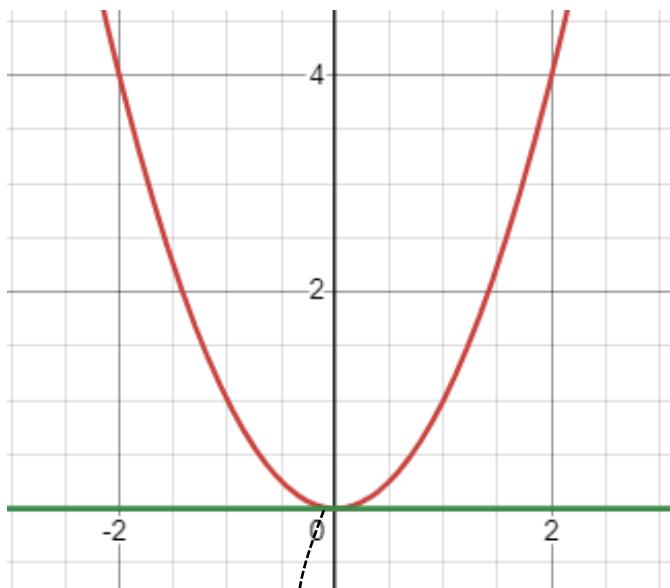
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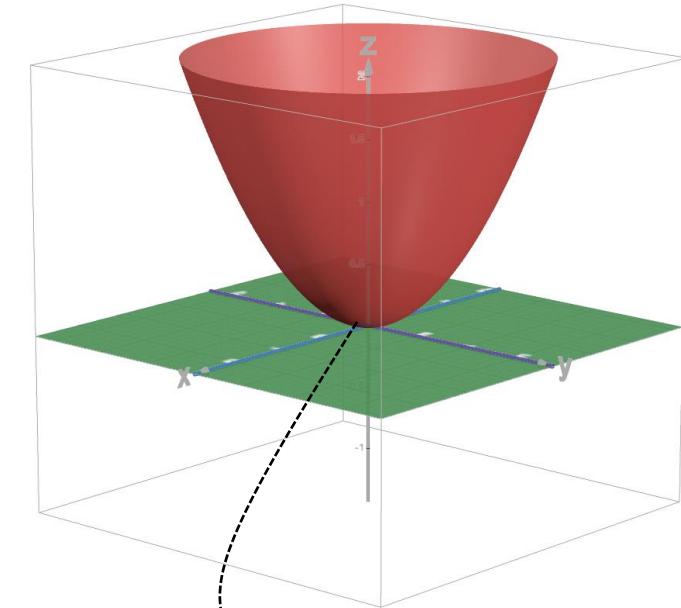


# Gradient & Maxima/Minima

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Minimum: slope = 0  
 $f'(x) = 0$



Minimum: the tangent plane is parallel to the floor  
both slopes = 0  
 $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$



# ... Gradient & Maxima/Minima

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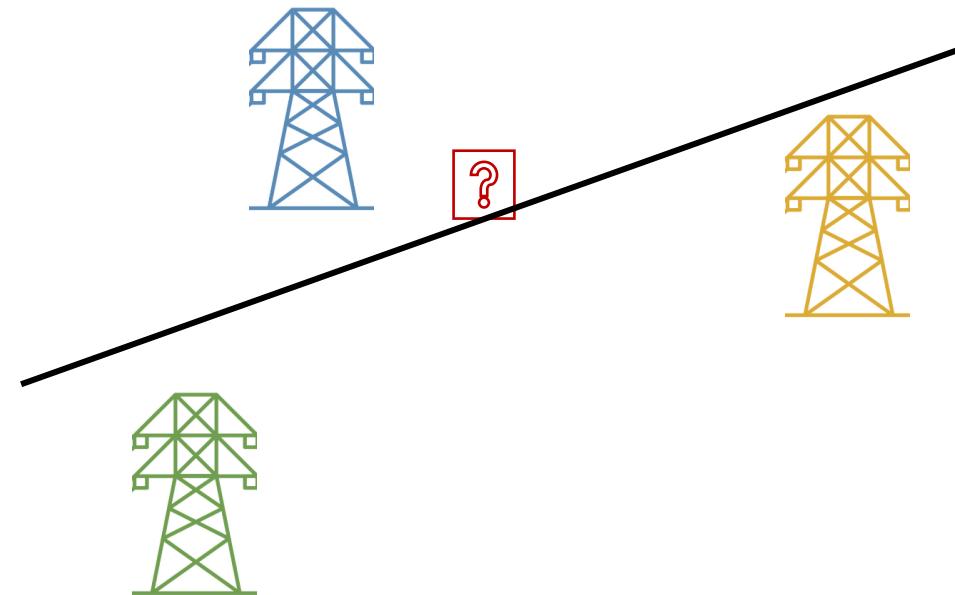
- Example
  - $f(x, y) = 85 - \frac{1}{90}x^2(x - 6)y^2(y - 6)$
  - $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{90}x(3x - 12)y^2(y - 6) = 0 \rightarrow x = 0, x = 4, y = 0, y = 6$
  - $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{90}x^2(x - 6)y(3y - 12) = 0 \rightarrow x = 0, x = 6, y = 0, y = 4$
- Based on other limitations of the problem we can choose the appropriate combinations.
  - Example of other constraints:  $0 \leq x, y \leq 5$



# Example- Powerline Problem

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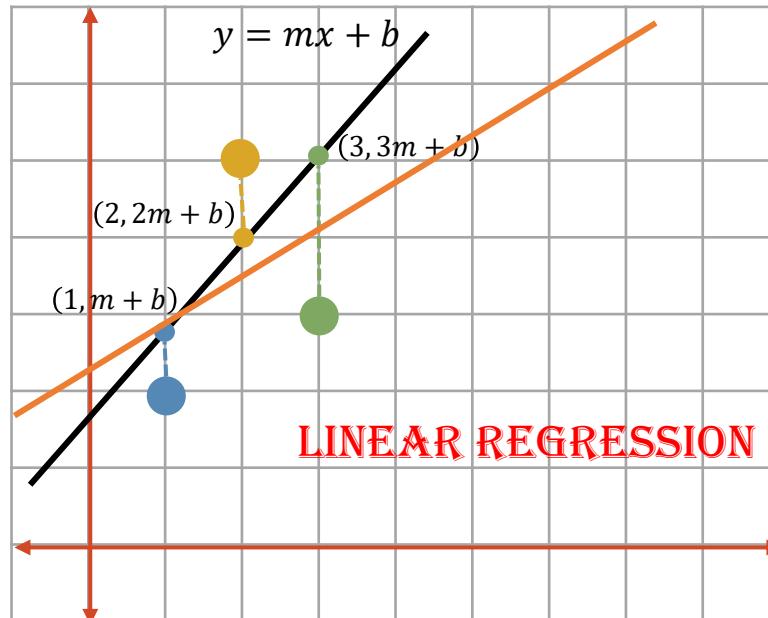
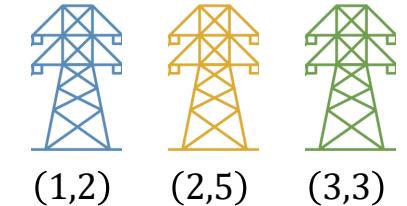
- Problem:
  - Find the optimal place for a fiber line connection that goes in a straight line in such a way that you reduce the total cost of connecting to the three power lines.



# ... Example- Powerline Problem

- Assumptions

- The powerlines are located at  $(1,2)$ ,  $(2,5)$ , and  $(3,3)$  coordinates.
- The wire needs to be parallel to the  $y$ -axis .
- The cost for connection is the square of the length of the wires.



Minimize the cost function

$$\begin{aligned} E(m, b) &= (m + b - 2)^2 + (2m + b - 5)^2 + (3m + b - 3)^2 \\ &= 14m^2 + 3b^2 + 38 + 12mb - 42m - 20b \end{aligned}$$

Solve the following system of linear equations:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial E}{\partial m} = 28m + 12b - 42 = 0 \\ \frac{\partial E}{\partial b} = 6b + 12m - 20 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow m = \frac{1}{2}, b = \frac{7}{3}$$

The Minimum cost is  $E\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{7}{3}\right) = 4.167$

# ... Example- Powerline Problem

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- Problem!
  - Solving the system of equations for two unknowns is pretty hard.
  - What happens when you have many variables?
    - It can be expensive!
  - What happens when you want to find the min/max of a complex function?
    - It may be impossible!
- Is there a faster method to find the minimum of a function?
  - Yes, **Gradient Descent**



# Gradient Descent

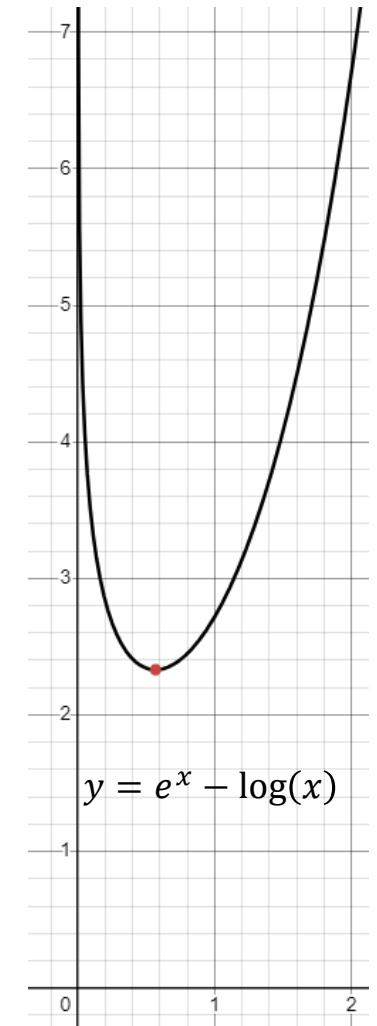
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- Problem description
  - Find the minimum of  $f(x) = e^x - \log(x)$
  - Hard to solve analytically

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= e^x - \frac{1}{x} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow e^x &= \frac{1}{x} \\ \Rightarrow ?\end{aligned}$$

$x = 0.5671 \dots$

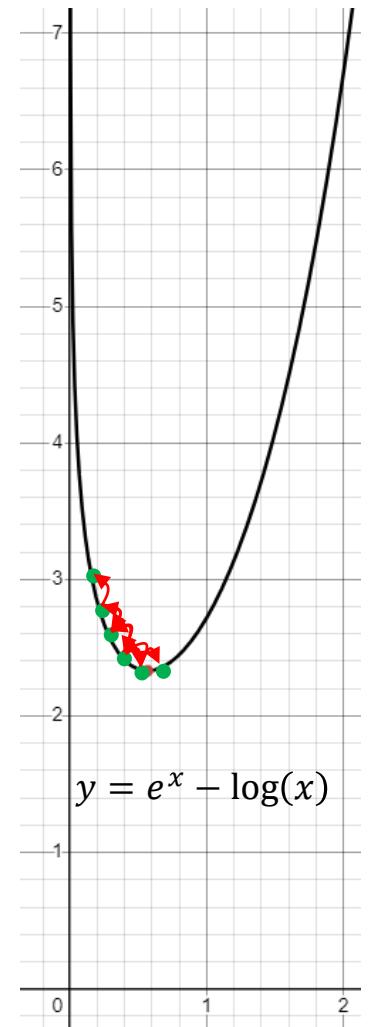
→ Omega constant ( $\Omega$ )



# ... Gradient Descent

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- Solving method
  - Pick some random value
  - Move to the left and right a little bit
  - Choose the better point
  - Repeat until no better point found
  - Result: the point that is **close enough** to the minimum

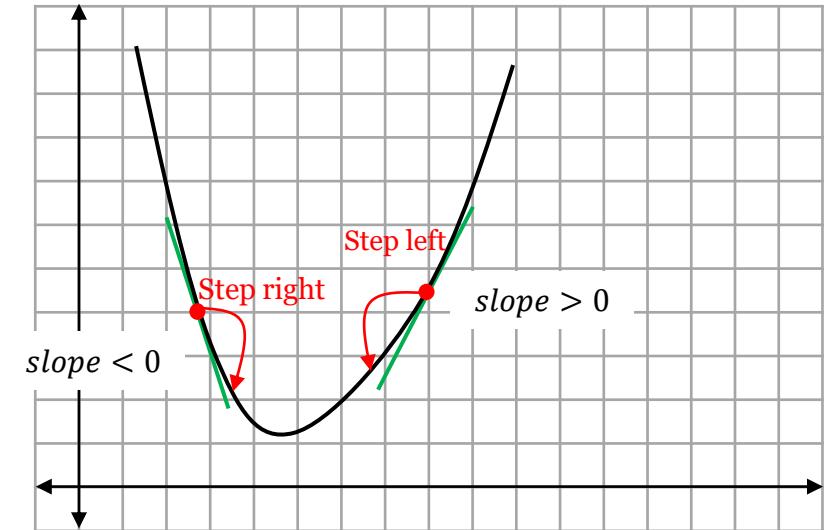


# ... Gradient Descent

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- Be smarter!
  - New point = old point – slope

$$x_1 = x_0 - f'(x_0)$$



# ... Gradient Descent

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- ... Be smarter!
  - What happens if you are at a very steep part of the curve?
    - The derivative at the point is very large
    - Make a long jump

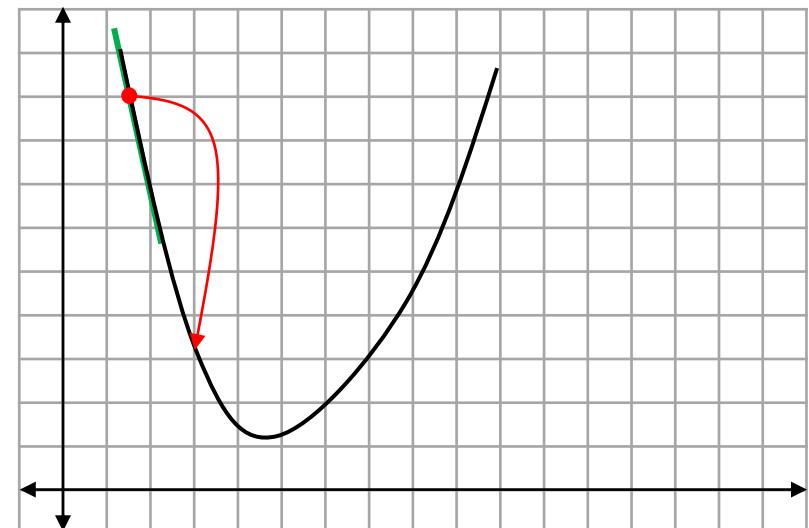
$$x_1 = x_0 - f'(x_0)$$



$$x_1 = x_0 - \alpha f'(x_0)$$

→ Learning rate

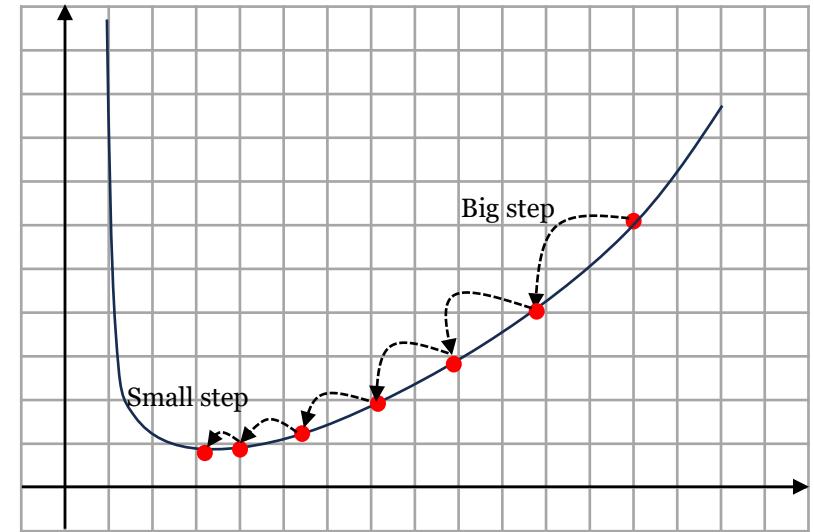
Example:  $x_1 = x_0 - 0.01f'(x_0)$



# ... Gradient Descent

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- Gradient Descent (GD) Algorithm
  - Input: Function  $f(x)$
  - Output: Minimum of  $f(x)$
- Step-1:
  - Define a learning rate  $\alpha$
  - Choose a starting point  $x_0$
- Step-2: Update  $x_k = x_{k-1} - \alpha f'(x_{k-1})$
- Step-3: Repeat step-2 until you are close enough to the true minimum
  - When your steps don't really change that much.
  - The algorithm **converges** to a minimum



We do **not** need to solve the equation  $f'(x) = 0$

We only need to know  $f'(x)$

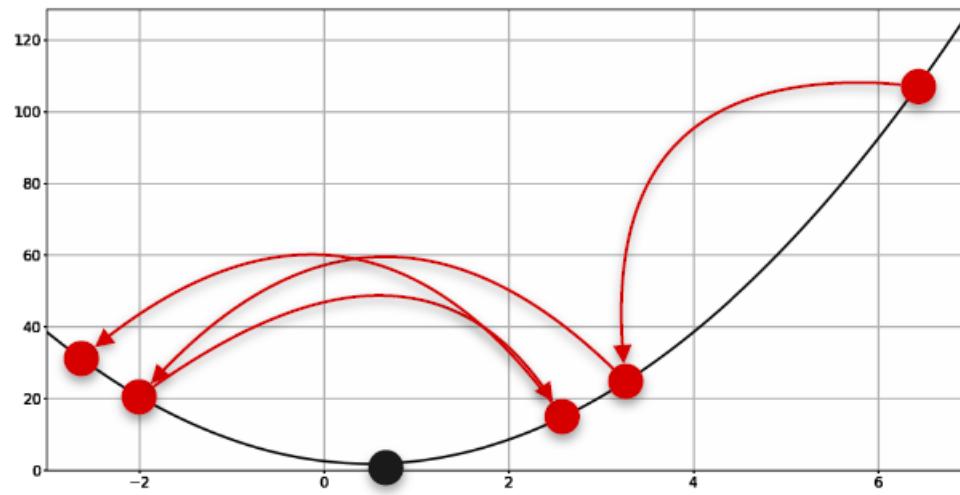


# GD Challenges

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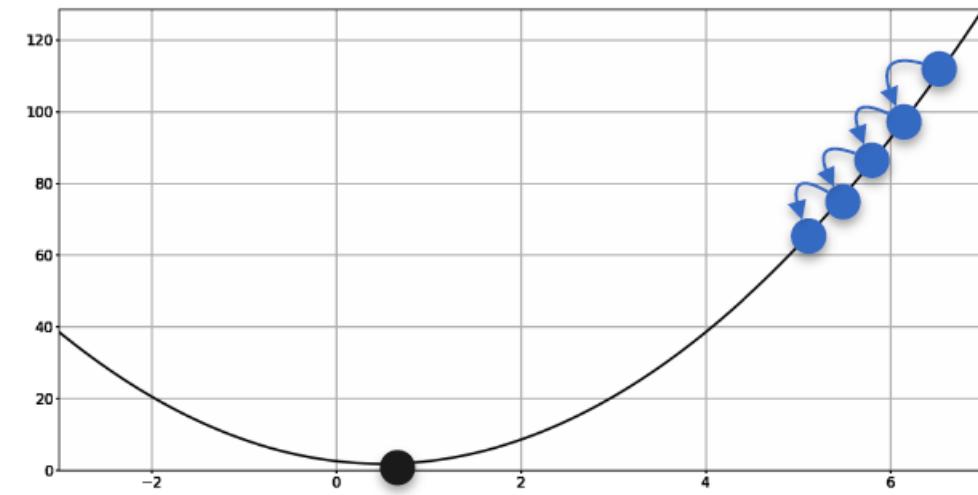
- Finding a good learning rate is influential
- There is no definite method to give the best learning rate.

Too large



Miss the minimum

Too small



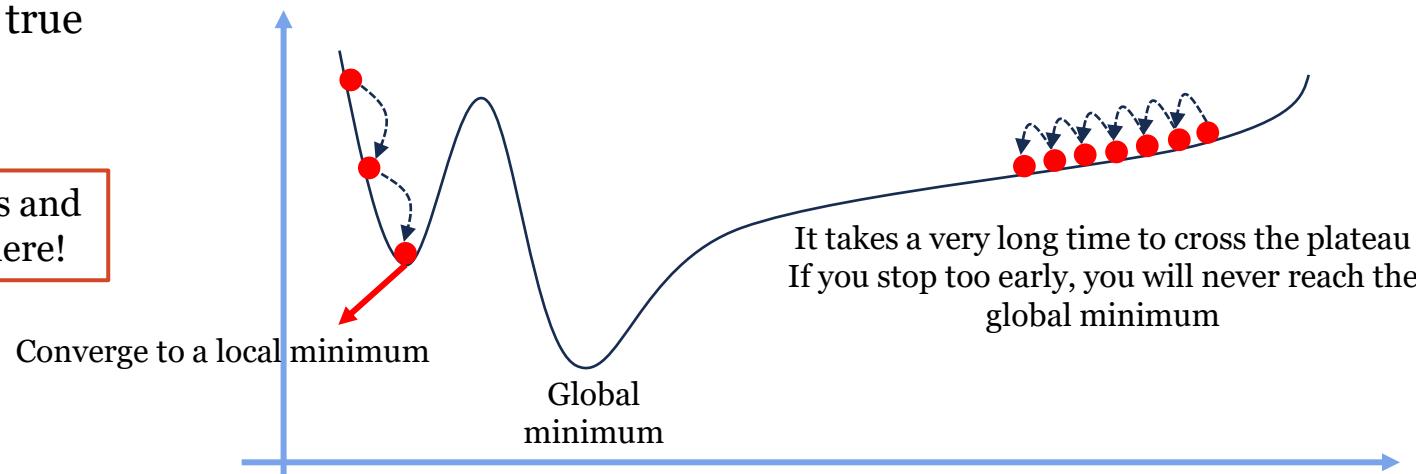
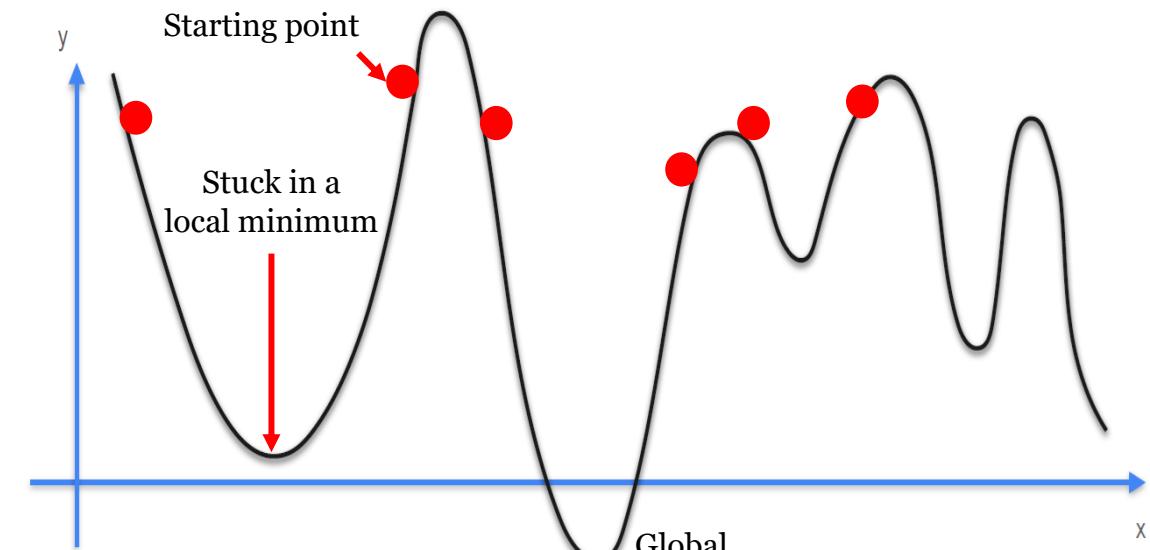
Take forever or never reach the minimum



# ... GD Challenges

- Problem: Finding the global minimum
  - Stuck in a local minimum
  - Different convergence time
- How to solve?
  - There is no secure way
  - But, there is a method to get a better result
    - Run the GD algorithm many times with different starting points.
      - Increase the chance of finding the true minimum

There exist more techniques to address the flat regions and avoid poor initial points; But, we do not cover them here!



# GD for Multiple Variables

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- Algorithm for two variables ( $x, y$ )
  - Input: Function  $f(x, y)$
  - Output: Minimum of  $f(x, y)$
  - Steps:
    - Step-1:
      - Define a learning rate  $\alpha$
      - Choose a starting point  $(x_0, y_0)$
    - Step-2: Update  $\begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{k-1} \\ y_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} - \alpha \nabla f(x_{k-1}, y_{k-1})$
    - Step-3: Repeat step-2 until you are close enough to the true minimum  $(x_{min}, y_{min})$ 
      - When your steps don't really change that much.
- More variables are the same



# ... GD for Multiple Variables

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- Example- Solving the powerline problem by GD
  - Minimize the cost function

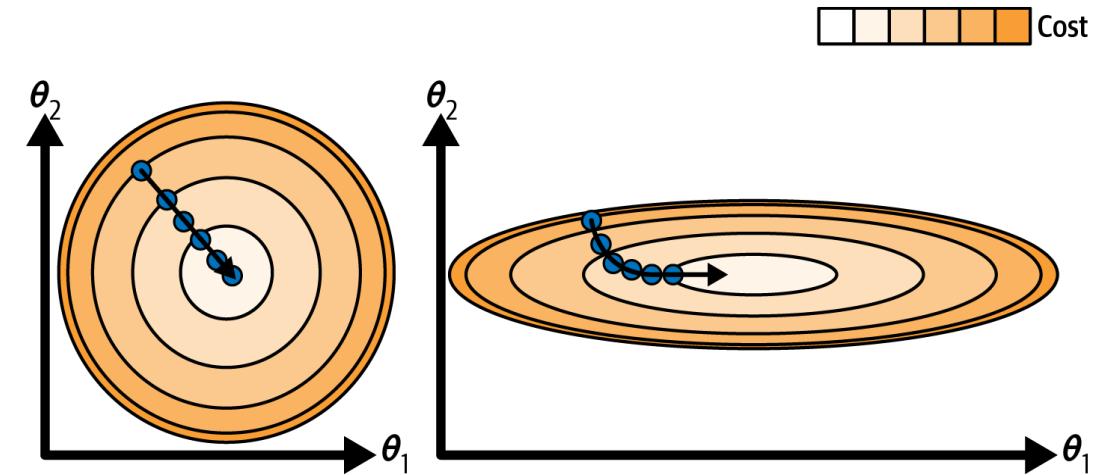
$$E(m, b) = 14m^2 + 3b^2 + 38 + 12mb - 42m - 20b$$

- Solution
  - Start with  $(m_0, b_0)$
  - Iterate  $(m_{k+1}, b_{k+1}) = (m_k, b_k) - \alpha \nabla E(m_k, b_k)$ 
    - Where  $\nabla E = \begin{bmatrix} 28m + 12b - 42 \\ 6b + 12m - 20 \end{bmatrix}$



# ... GD for Multiple Variables

- Problem: feature scaling impact
  - Features have the same scale
    - The GD algorithm goes straight toward the minimum
  - Features have very different scales
    - The GD algorithm goes in a direction almost orthogonal to the direction of the global minimum, and it ends with a long march down the flat valley.
    - Take a long time
- Solution
  - Ensure that all features have a similar scale.



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# GD for Linear Regression

- Model
  - $f_{w,b}(x) = wx + b$
- Cost function (squared error)
  - $J(w, b) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (f_{w,b}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$
- (Batch) Gradient Descent Algorithm
  - Repeat until convergence

$$\begin{cases} w = w - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial w} J(w, b) = w - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (f_{w,b}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})(x^{(i)}) \\ b = b - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial b} J(w, b) = b - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (f_{w,b}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) \end{cases}$$

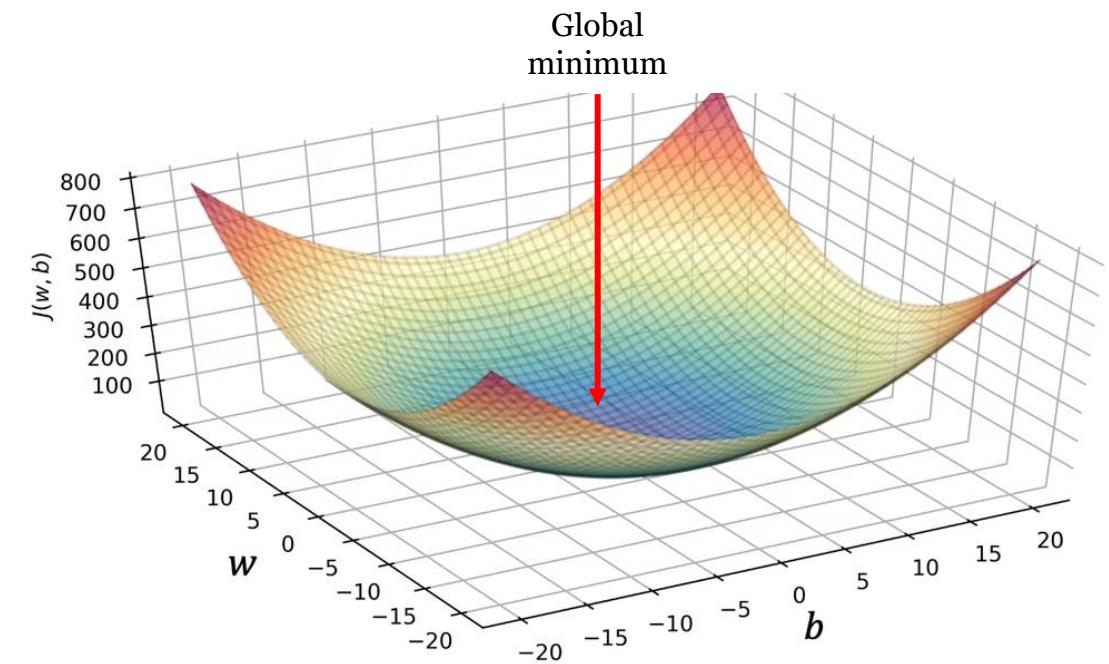
Each step of GD uses all training examples makes it very slow when the training set is large



# ... GD for Linear Regression

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- Good news!
  - The squared error cost function has a bowl-shaped curve
  - It has a single global minimum
    - We will not trap in local minimums



Slides of Machine Learning Specialization, presented on Coursera, by Andrew Ng, DeepLearning.AI.



# Types of GD

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- Min square error cost function

- $$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

- $h_\theta$  is he hypothesis function (the predicted value)
- $y^{(i)}$  is the actual value
- $\theta$  represents the parameters

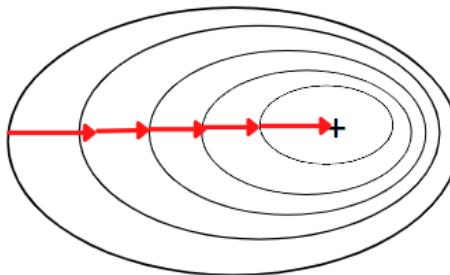


# ... Types of GD

## Batch GD

Explained ✓

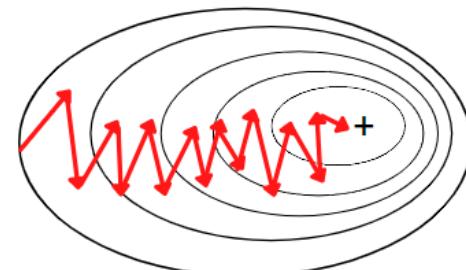
Update rule for each parameter  $\theta_j$   
$$\theta_j = \theta_j - \alpha \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$$



## Stochastic GD

Picks a random instance in the training set at every step and computes the gradients based only on that single instance.

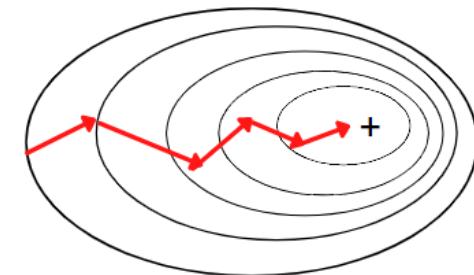
Update rule for each parameter  $\theta_j$   
$$\theta_j = \theta_j - \alpha (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$$



## Mini-batch GD

Computes the gradients on small random sets of instances

Update rule for each parameter  $\theta_j$   
$$\theta_j = \theta_j - \alpha \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$$



# ... Types of GD

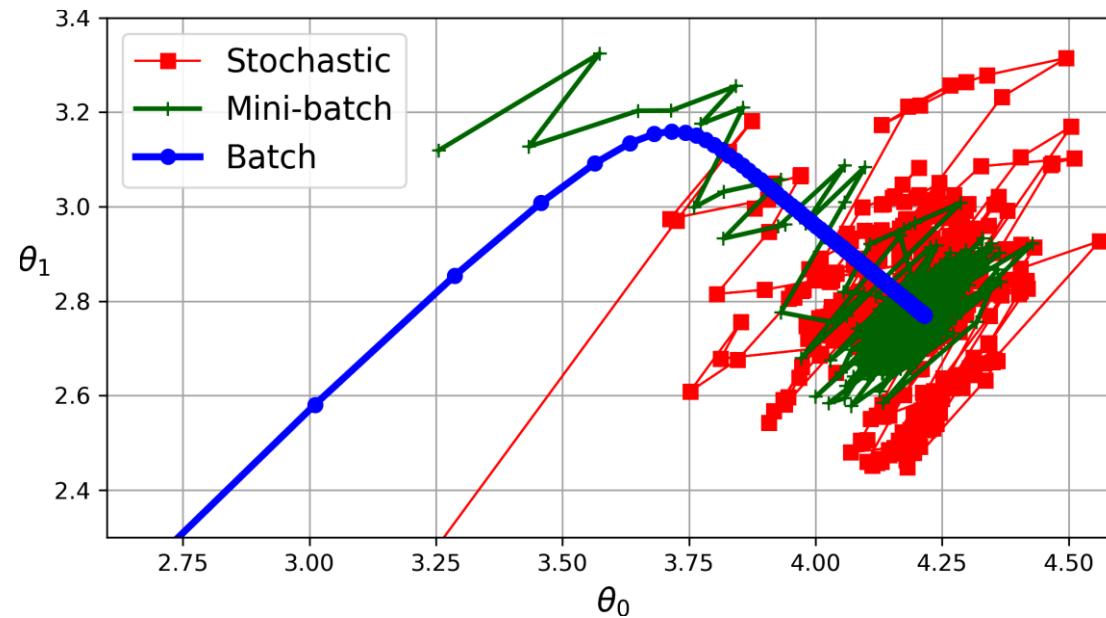
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- Stochastic GD
  - Advantages
    - Speed: Less computation → Faster
    - Memory efficiency: Only one instance needs to be in memory at each iteration → Makes it possible to train on huge training sets
    - Jump out of local minima → Better chance of finding the global minimum in irregular functions
  - Disadvantage
    - Less Accurate: Noisy updates → Over time it will end up very close to the minimum, but never settling down
    - Slow Convergence: updates the parameters for each training example one at a time → requires more iterations to converge
  - In comparison to mini-batch GD
    - Farther from the minimum
    - More chance to escape from local minima



# ... Types of GD

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# **Newton's Method**

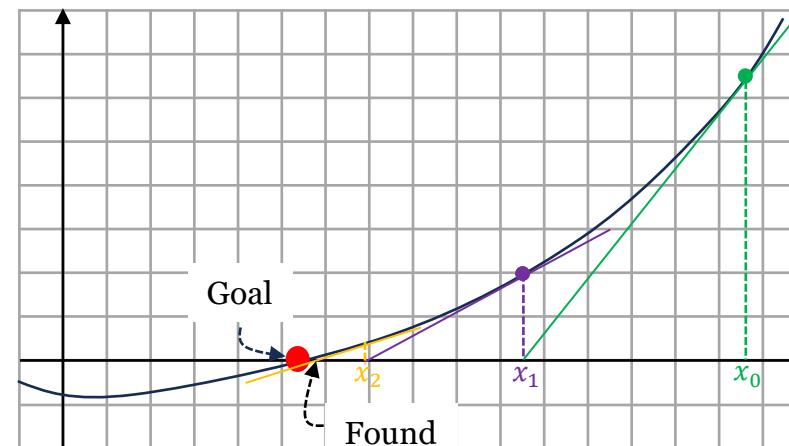
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# Overview

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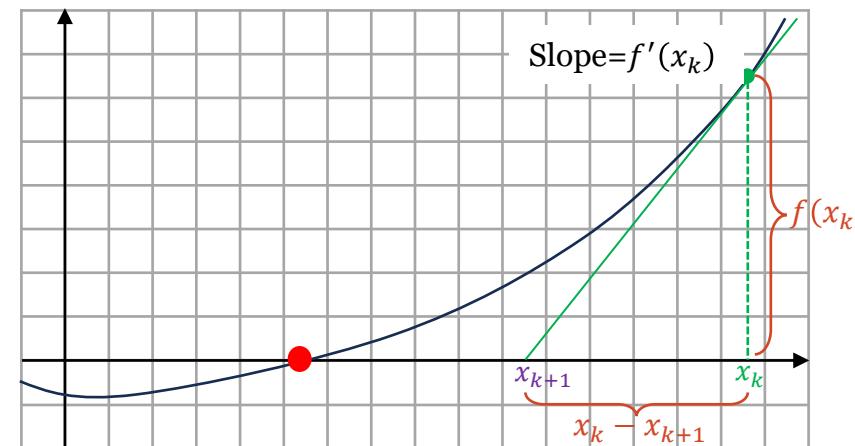
- An alternative method to gradient descent
- Globally, used to estimate the zeros of a function
  - We can adapt it to be used for optimization



# Iterative steps

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$$f'(x_k) = \frac{f(x_k)}{x_k - x_{k+1}} \Rightarrow x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$



# Newton's Method for Optimization

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- Goal: Finding the minimum of  $f(x)$ 
  - At the minimum point  $f'(x)$  equals to zero
- How?
  - Find zeros of  $f'(x)$
  - Use the Newton's method
    - Note that we should calculate  $(f'(x))'$
- Algorithm
  - Start with some  $x_0$
  - Update:  $x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f'(x_k)}{f''(x_k)}$
  - Repeat step 2 until you find the candidate for minimum



# Example

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- Problem: Find the minimum for  $f(x) = e^x - \log(x)$

- Solution:

- Find the zero of this function  $f'(x) = e^x - \frac{1}{x}$

- $f''(x) = e^x + \frac{1}{x^2}$

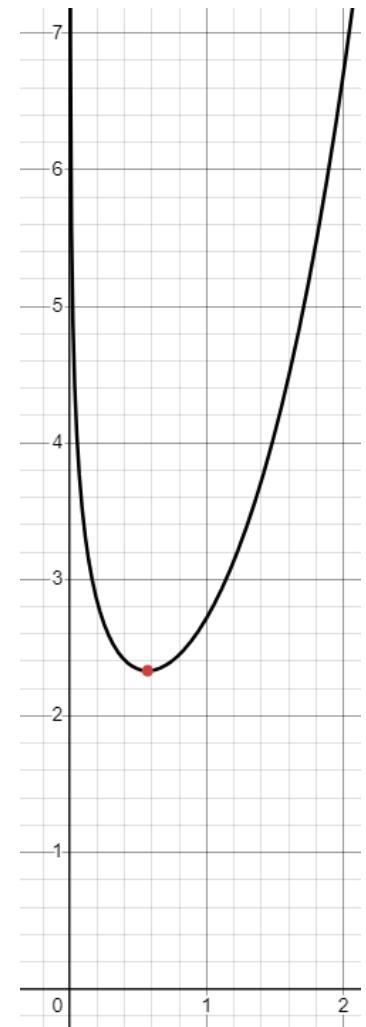
- Random initial point:  $x_0 = 0.05$

- Iterate using  $x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f'(x_k)}{f''(x_k)}$

- $x_1 = 0.05 - \frac{\left(e^{0.05} - \frac{1}{0.05}\right)}{\left(e^{0.05} + \frac{1}{0.05^2}\right)} = 0.097$

- $x_2 = 0.097 - \frac{\left(e^{0.097} - \frac{1}{0.097}\right)}{\left(e^{0.097} + \frac{1}{0.097^2}\right)} = 0.183$

- $x_3 = 0.320 \rightarrow x_4 = 0.477 \rightarrow x_5 = 0.558 \rightarrow x_6 = 0.567$



# Newton's Method to Optimize Functions of Many Variables

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- For one variable

- $x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f'(x_k)}{f''(x_k)} \Rightarrow x_{k+1} = x_k - f''(x_k)^{-1}f'(x_k)$

- For two variables

- $\begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ y_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \end{bmatrix} - H^{-1}(x_k, y_k) \nabla f(x_k, y_k)$

- For  $n$  variables

- $$\begin{bmatrix} x_{1(k+1)} \\ x_{2(k+1)} \\ \vdots \\ x_{n(k+1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1(k)} \\ x_{2(k)} \\ \vdots \\ x_{n(k)} \end{bmatrix} - H^{-1}\left(x_{1(k)}, x_{2(k)}, \dots, x_{n(k)}\right) \nabla f\left(x_{1(k)}, x_{2(k)}, \dots, x_{n(k)}\right)$$



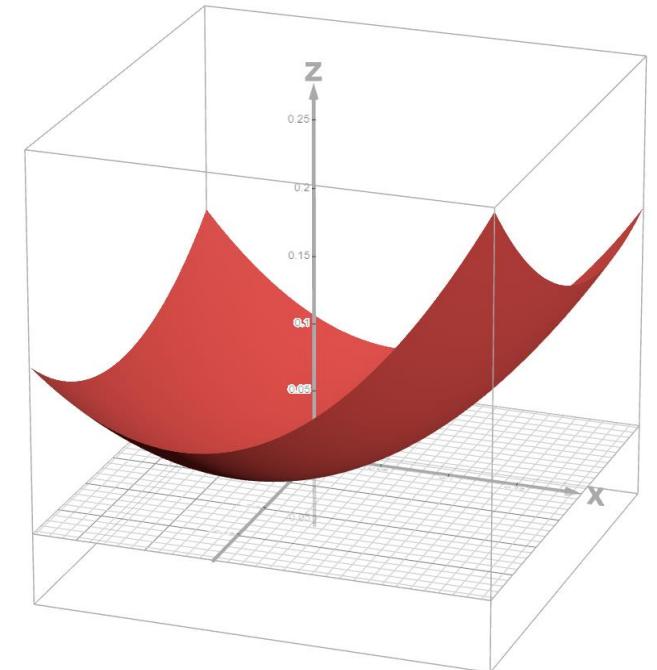
# Example

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$$f(x, y) = x^4 + 0.8y^4 + 4x^2 + 2y^2 - xy - 0.2x^2y$$

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 4x^3 + 8x - y - 0.4xy \\ 3.2y^3 + 4y - x - 0.2x^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 12x^2 + 8 - 0.4y & -1 - 0.4x \\ -1 - 0.4x & 9.6y^2 + 4 \end{bmatrix}$$



# ... Example

- Start at a random point  $\begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\nabla f(4,4) = \begin{bmatrix} 277.6 \\ 213.6 \end{bmatrix}, H(4,4) = \begin{bmatrix} 198.4 & -2.6 \\ -2.6 & 157.6 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 198.4 & -2.6 \\ -2.6 & 157.6 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 277.6 \\ 213.6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.58 \\ 2.61 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\nabla f(2.58, 2.61) = \begin{bmatrix} 84.25 \\ 63.4 \end{bmatrix}, H(2.58, 2.61) = \begin{bmatrix} 86.83 & -2.03 \\ -2.03 & 69.39 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.58 \\ 2.61 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 86.83 & -2.03 \\ -2.03 & 69.39 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 84.25 \\ 63.4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.59 \\ 1.67 \end{bmatrix}$
- ...
- $\begin{bmatrix} x_8 \\ y_8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4.15 \times 10^{-17} \\ -2.05 \times 10^{-17} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ y_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \end{bmatrix} - H^{-1}(x_k, y_k) \nabla f(x_k, y_k)$$

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