

Module 3.4: Learning Parameters : Gradient Descent

Now let us see if there is a more efficient and principled way of doing this

Goal

Find a better way of traversing the error surface so that we can reach the minimum value quickly without resorting to brute force search!

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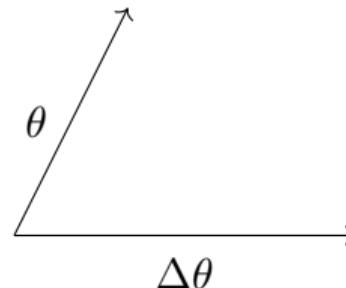
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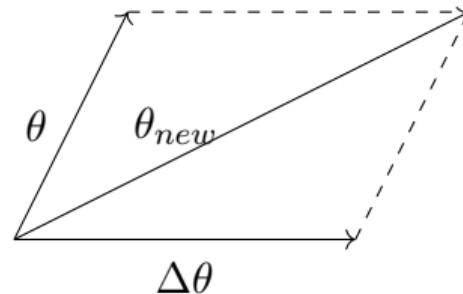


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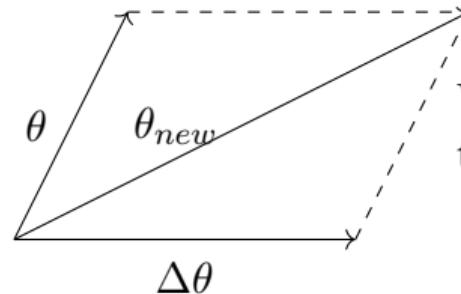


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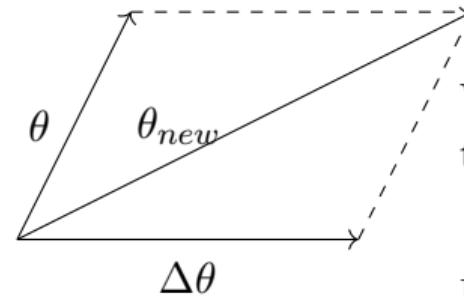


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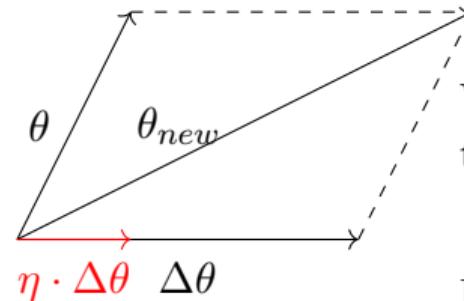
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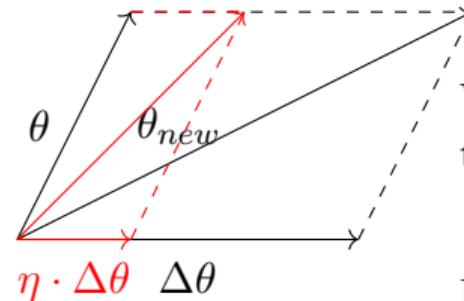
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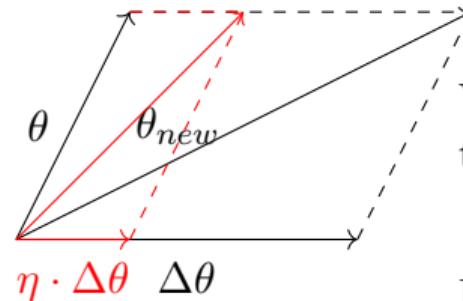
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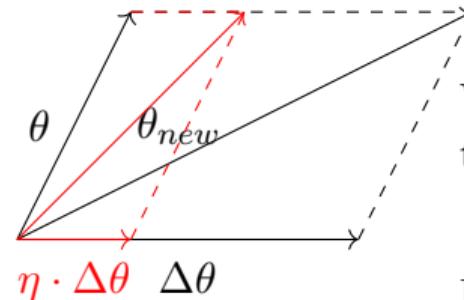
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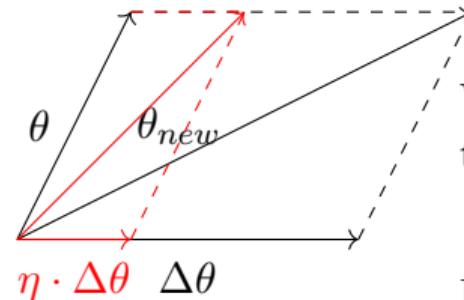
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So we now have a more principled way of moving in the w - b plane than our “guess work” algorithm

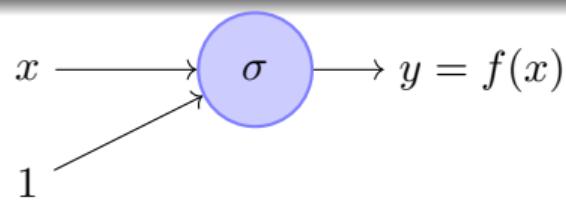
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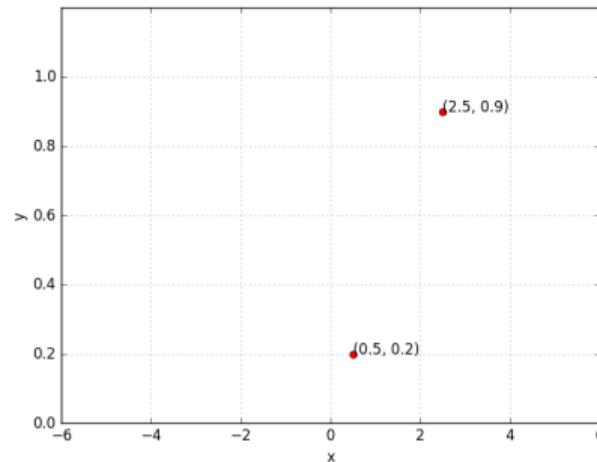
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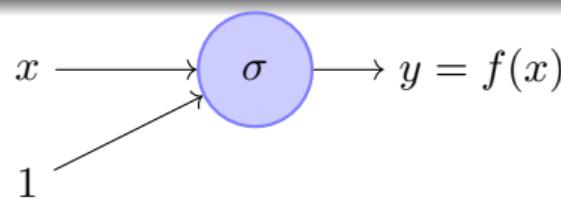
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- To see this algorithm in practice let's first derive ∇w and ∇b for our toy neural network



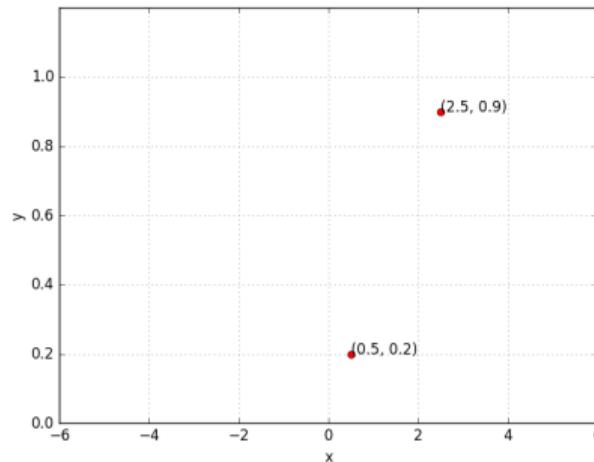
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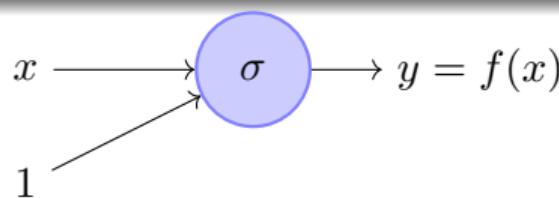




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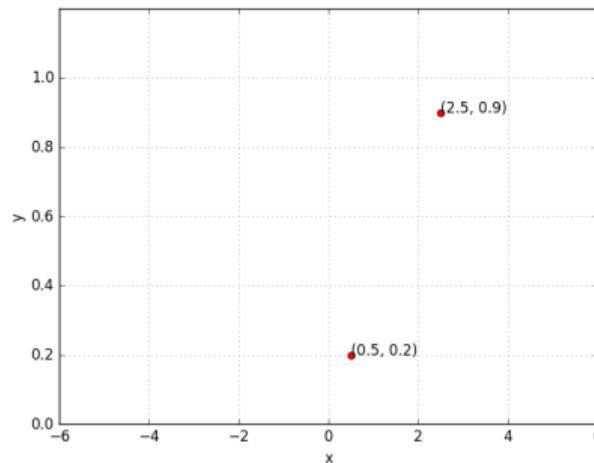
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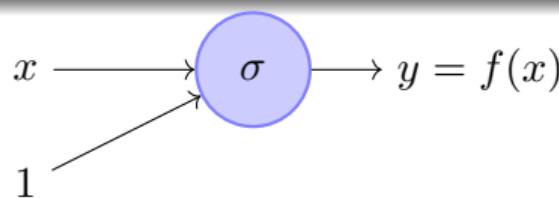


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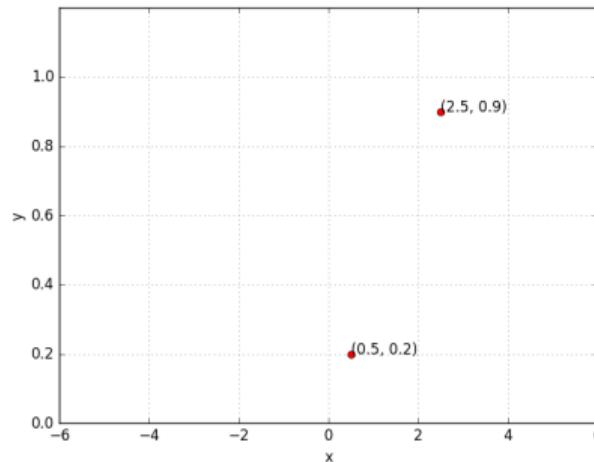
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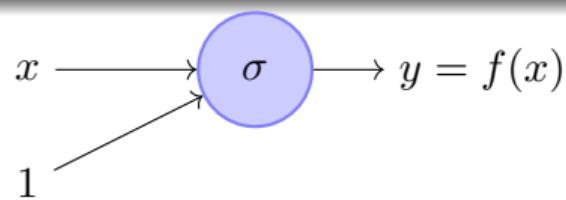
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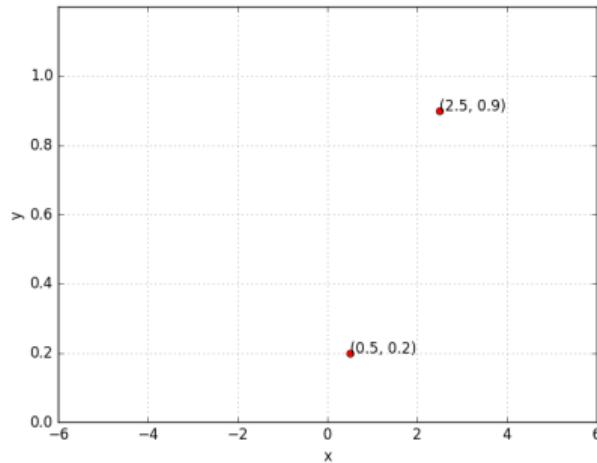
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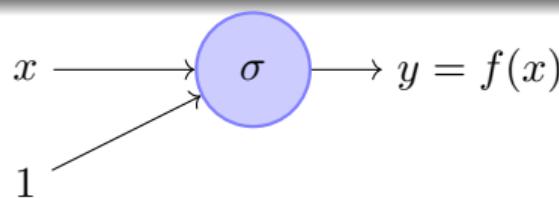
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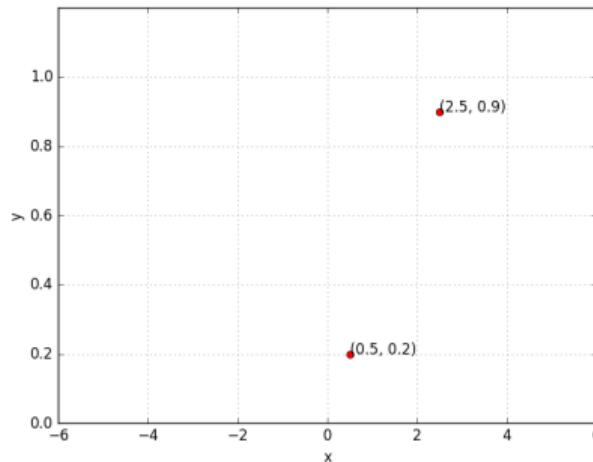
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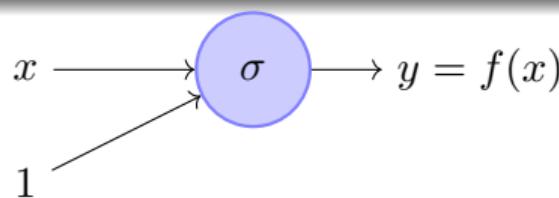


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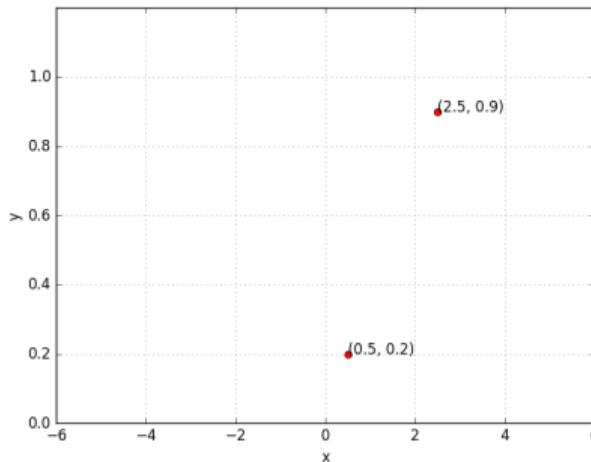


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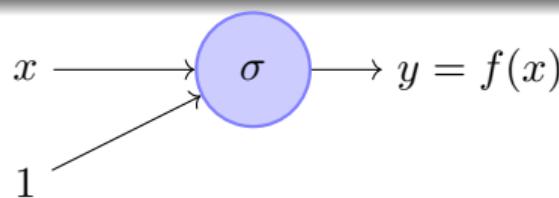
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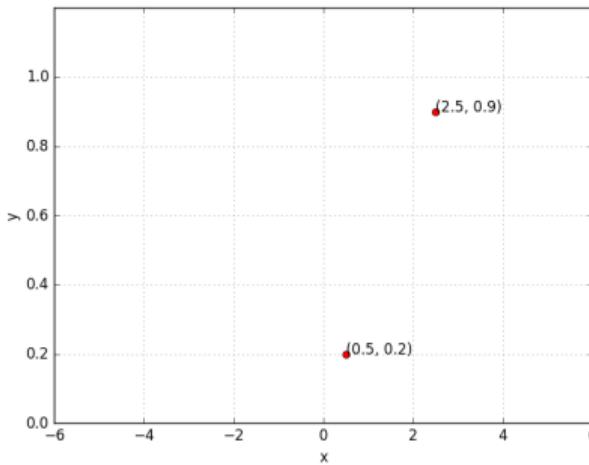
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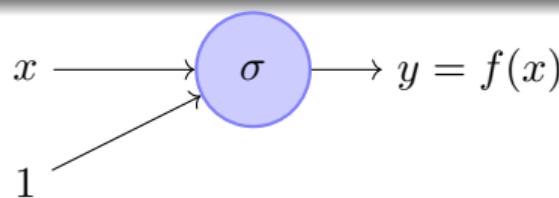


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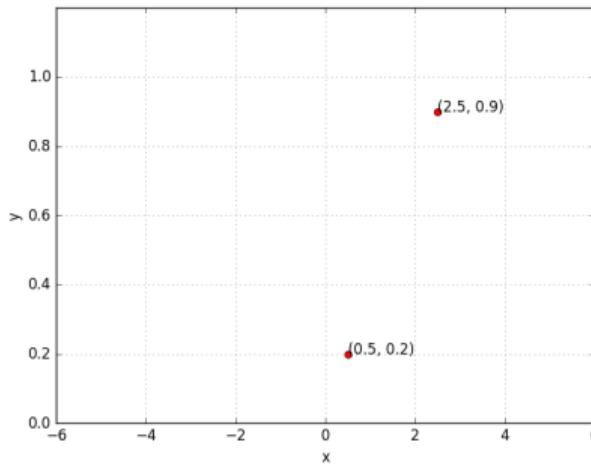
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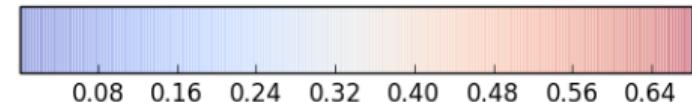
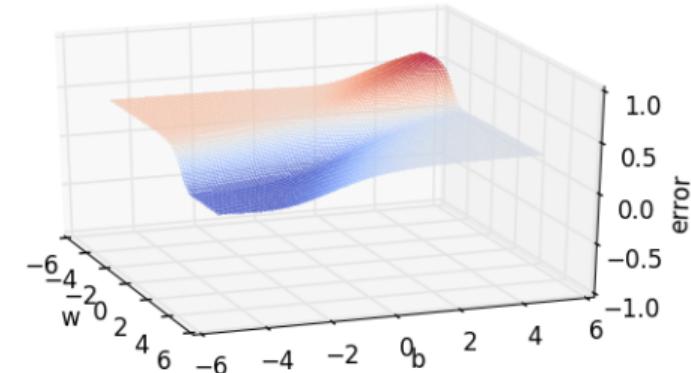
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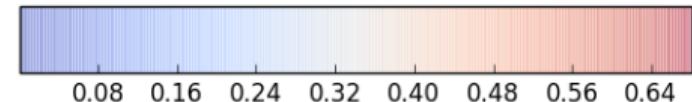
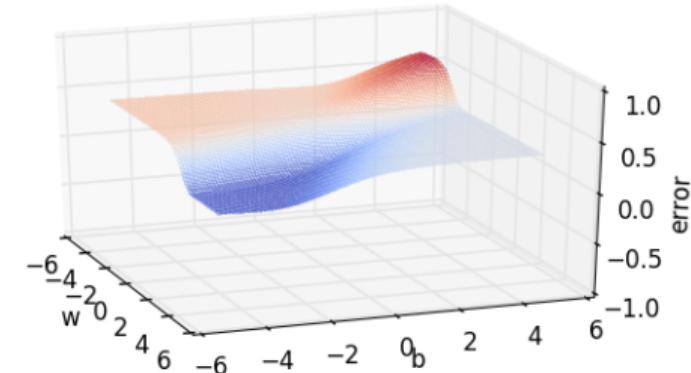
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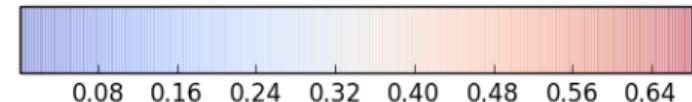
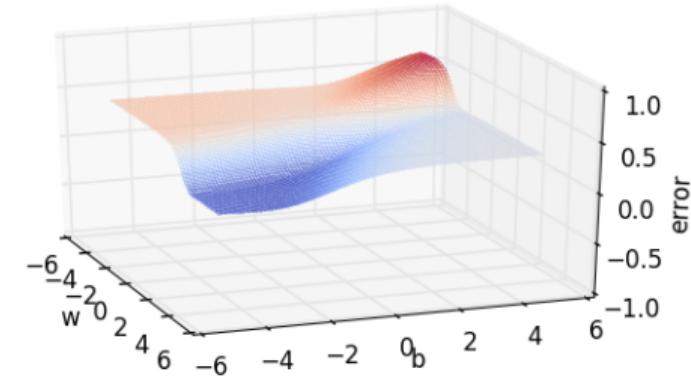
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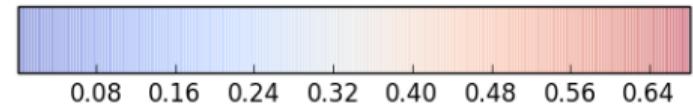
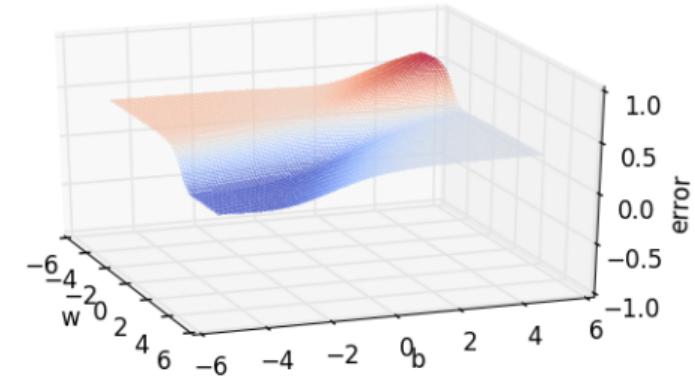
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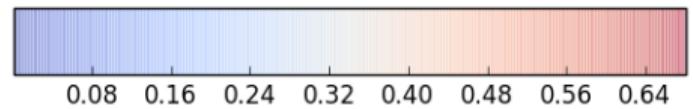
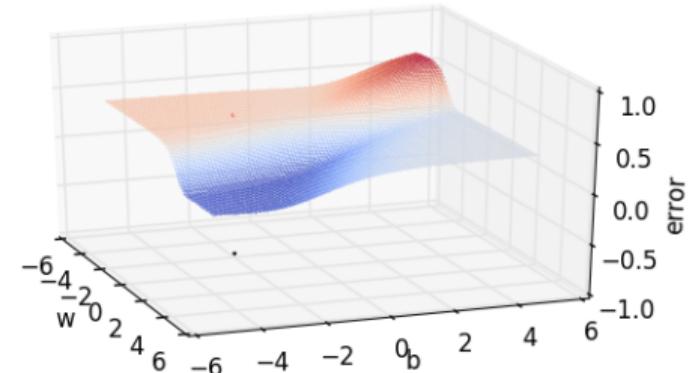
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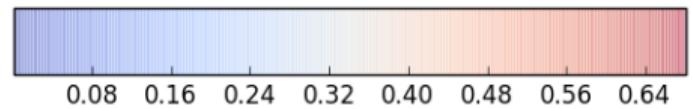
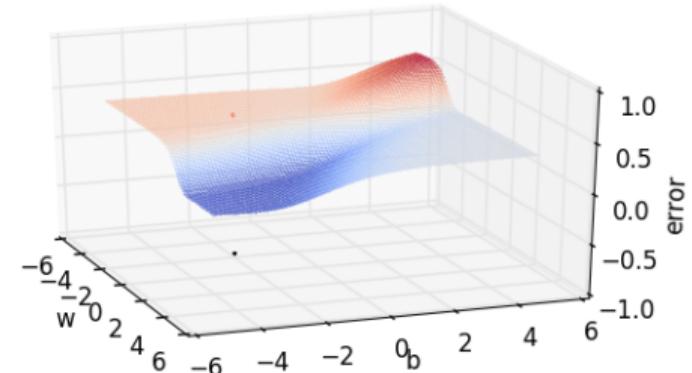
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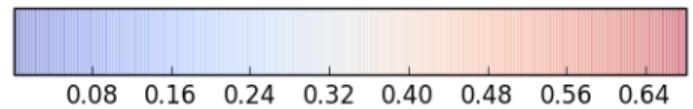
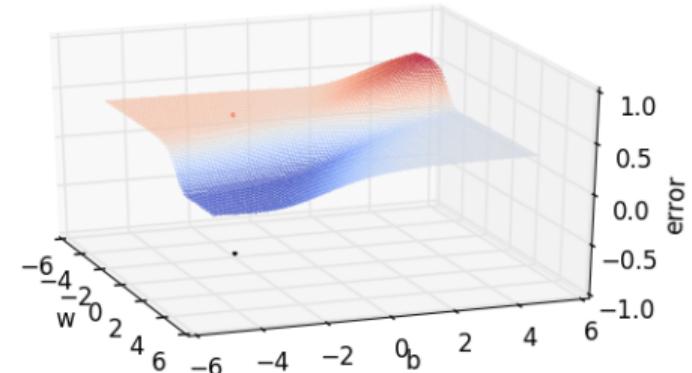
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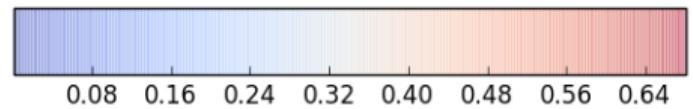
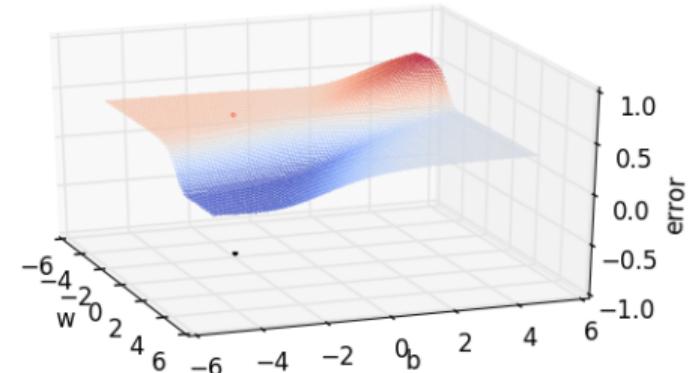
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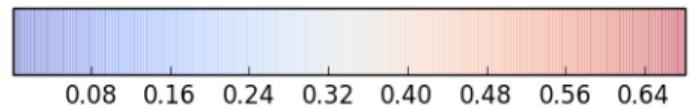
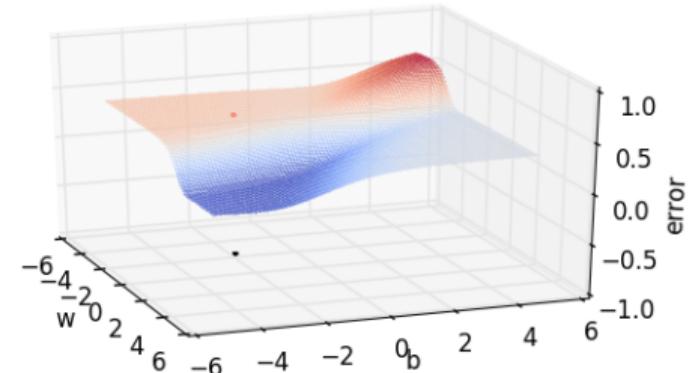
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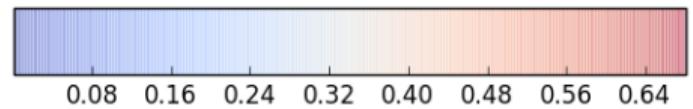
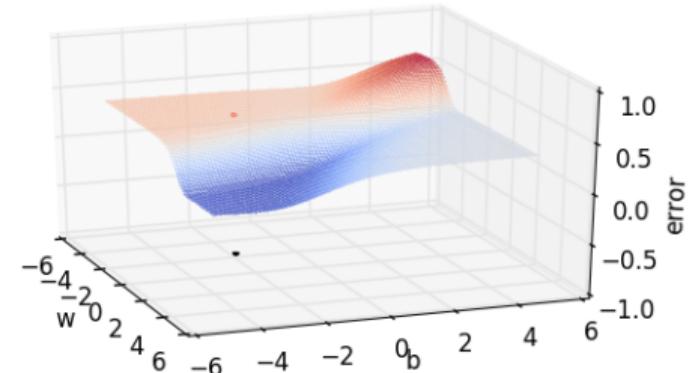
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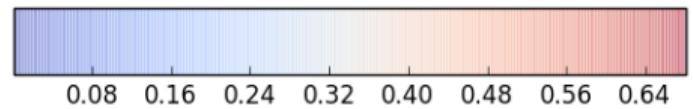
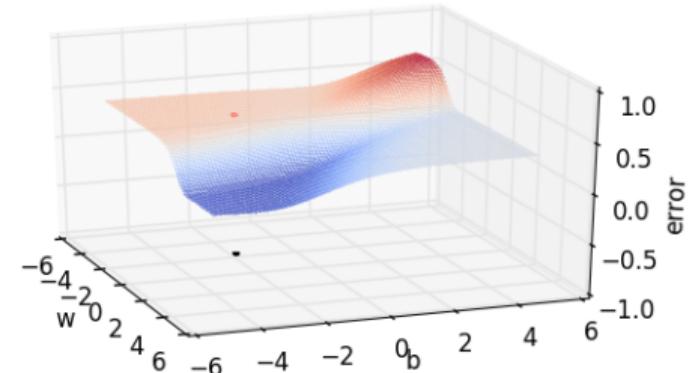
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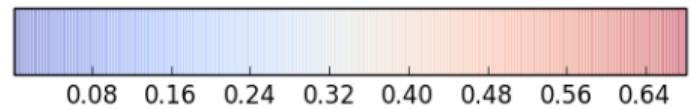
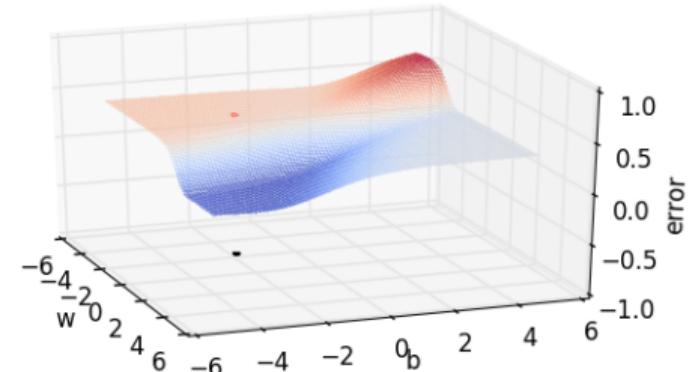
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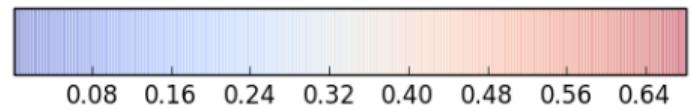
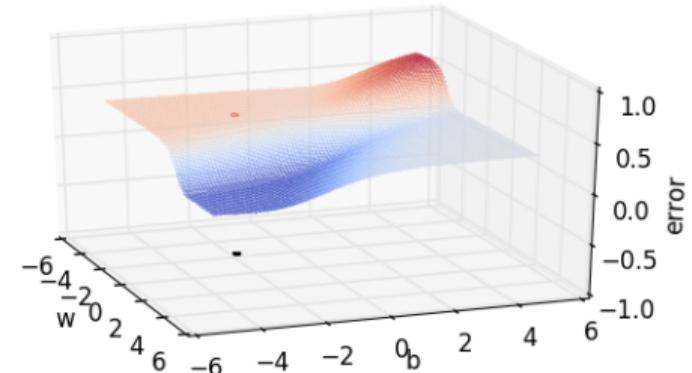
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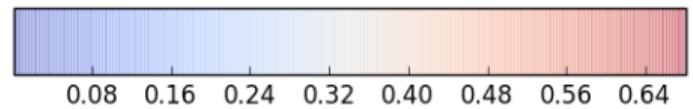
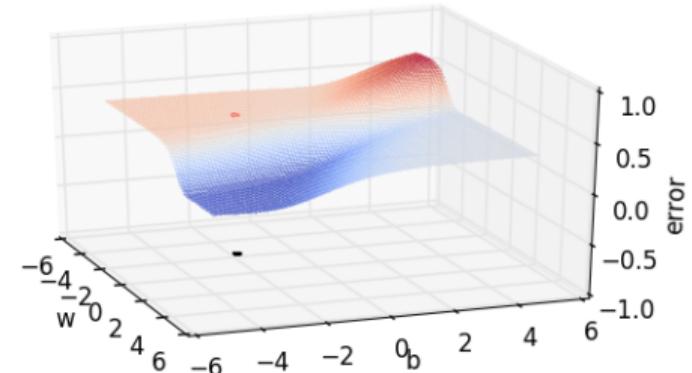
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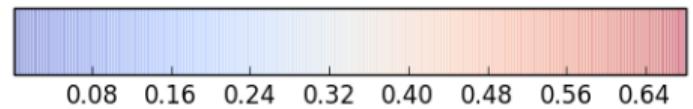
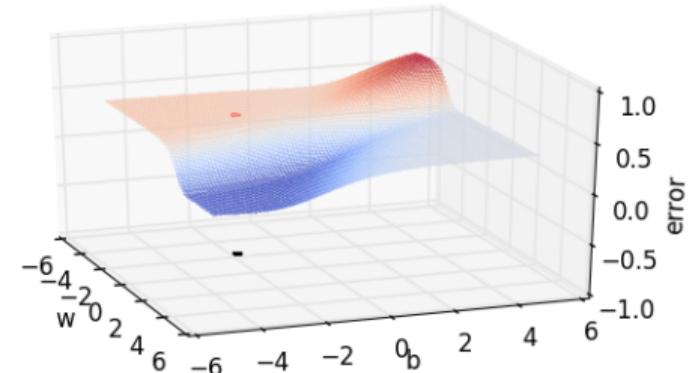
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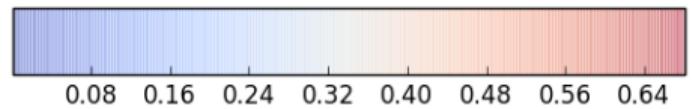
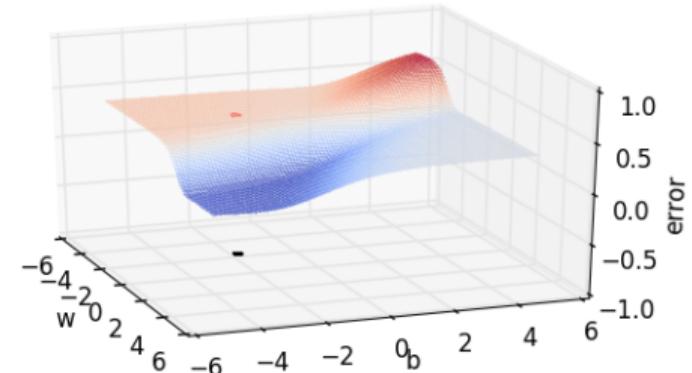
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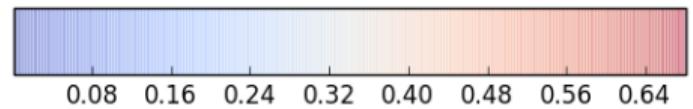
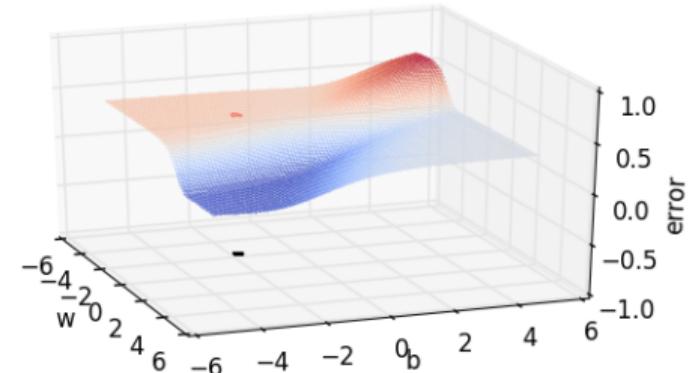
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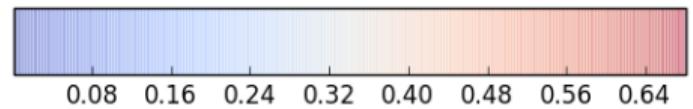
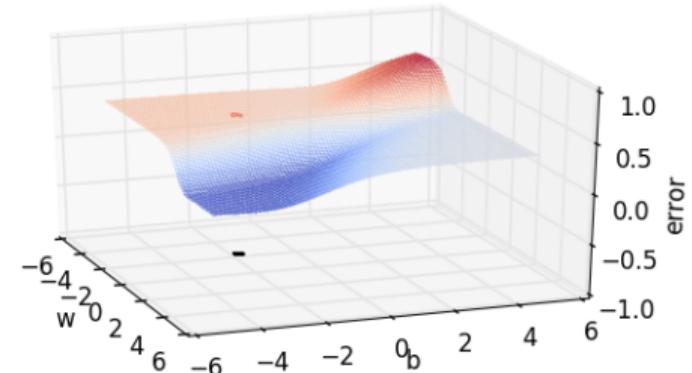
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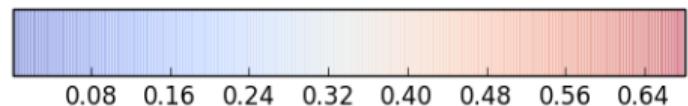
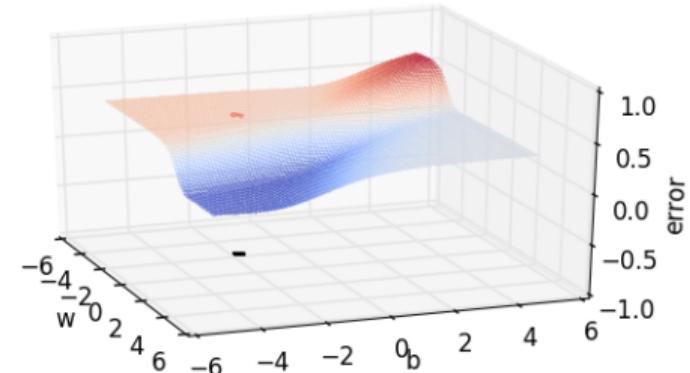
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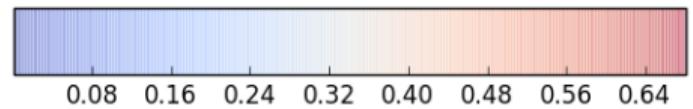
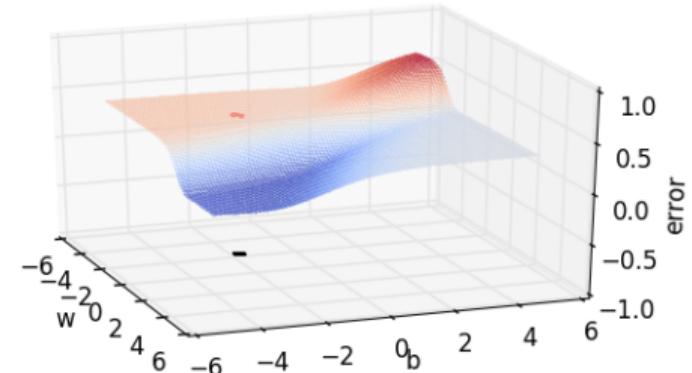
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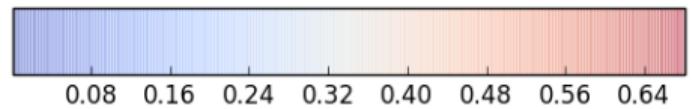
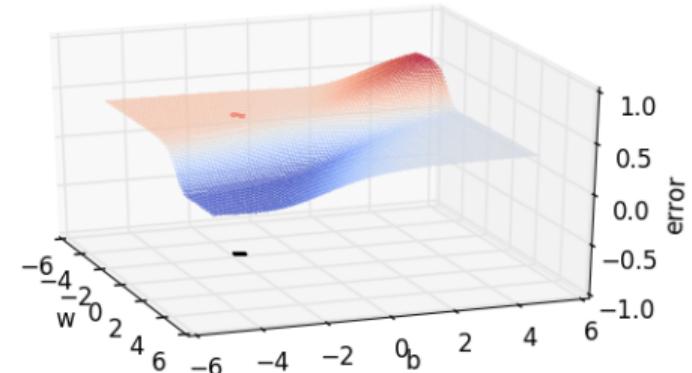
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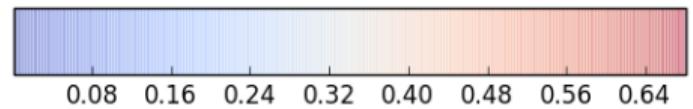
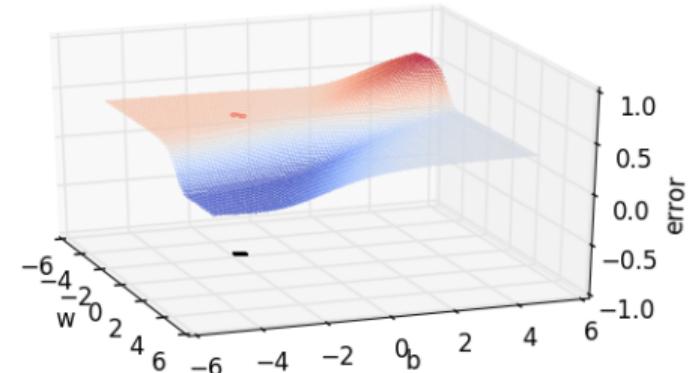
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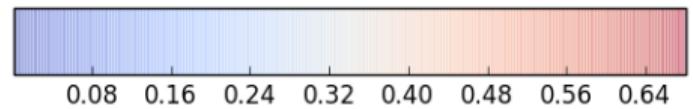
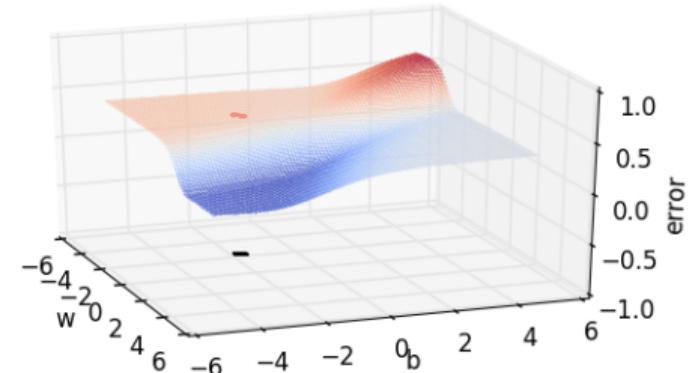
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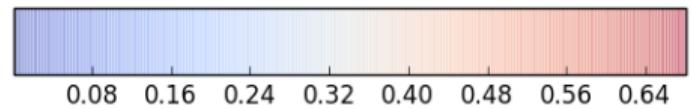
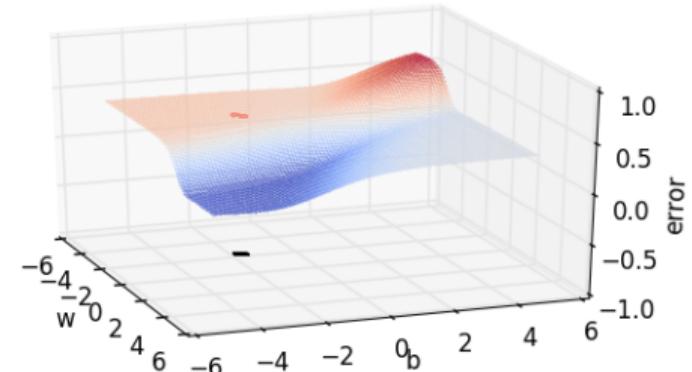
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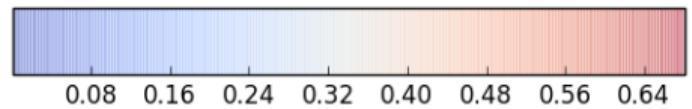
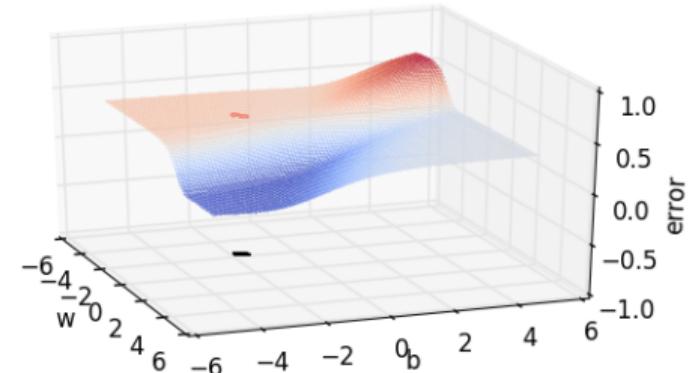
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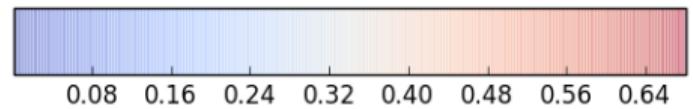
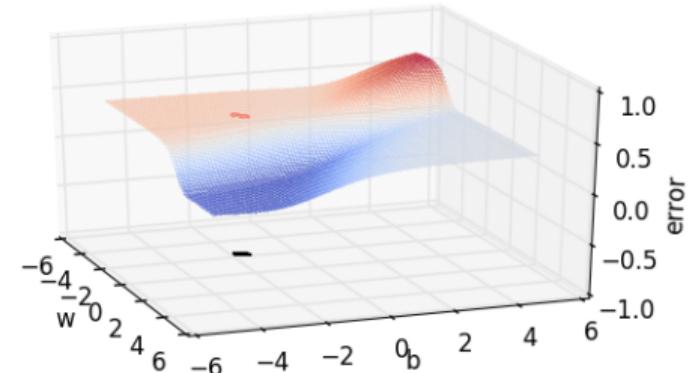
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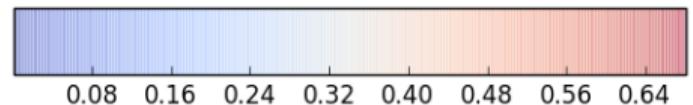
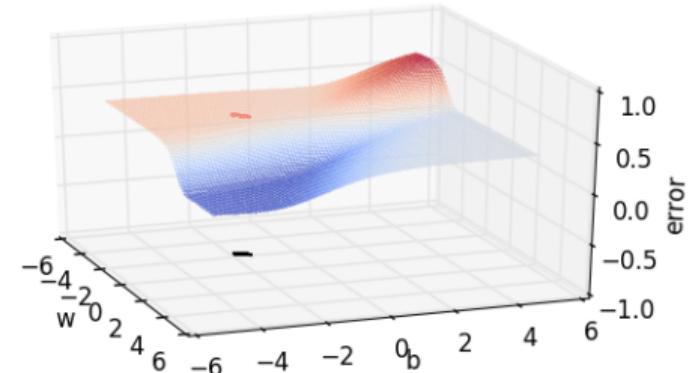
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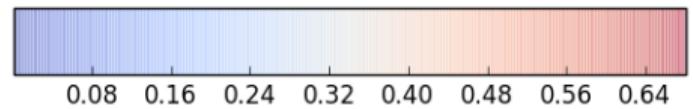
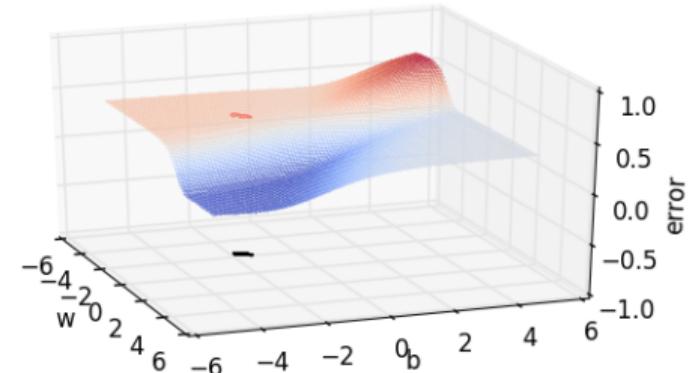
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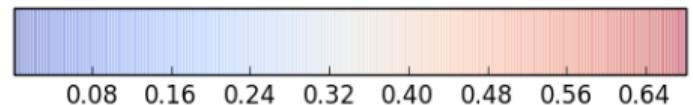
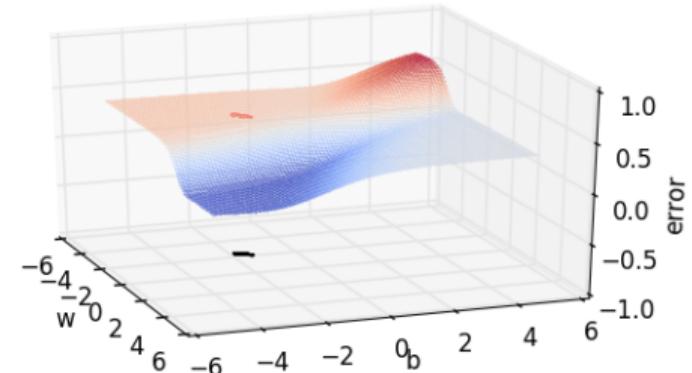
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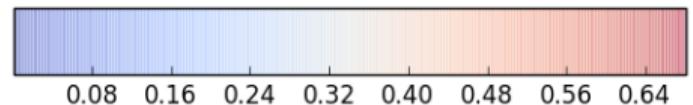
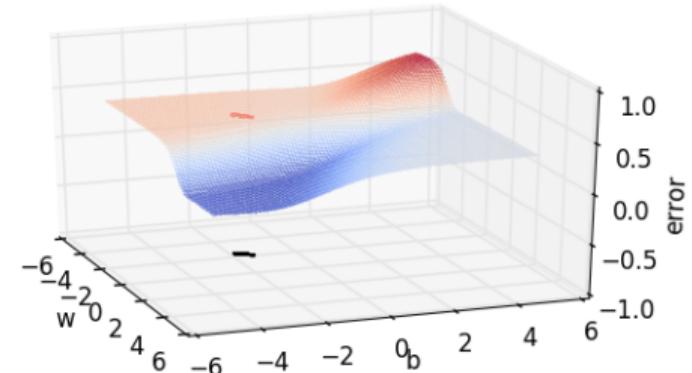
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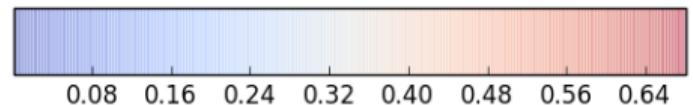
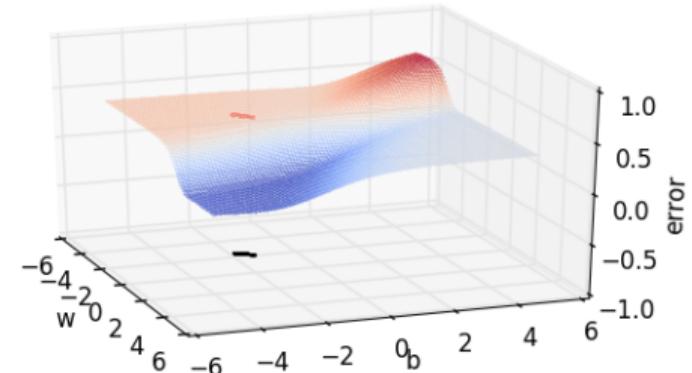
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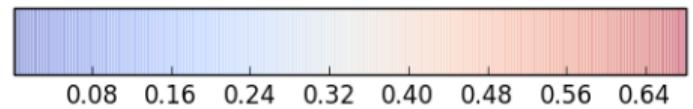
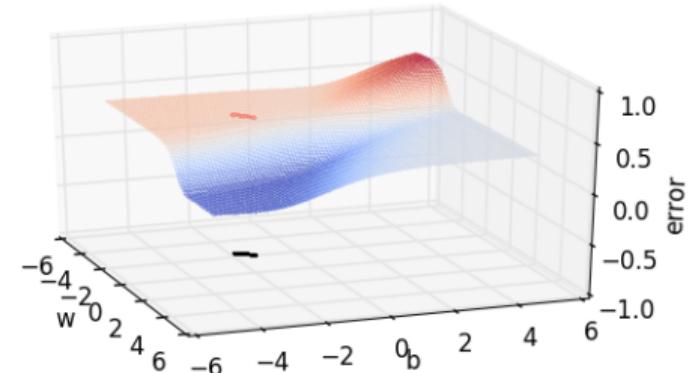
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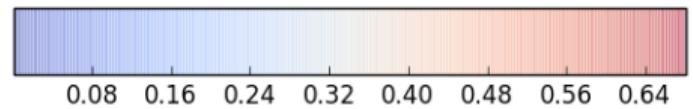
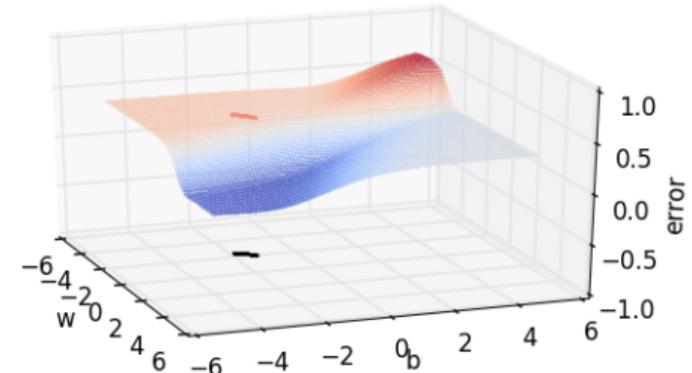
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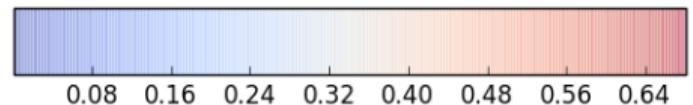
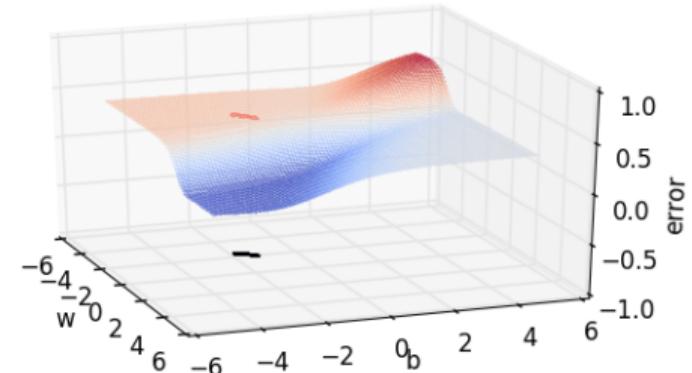
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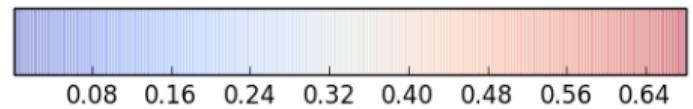
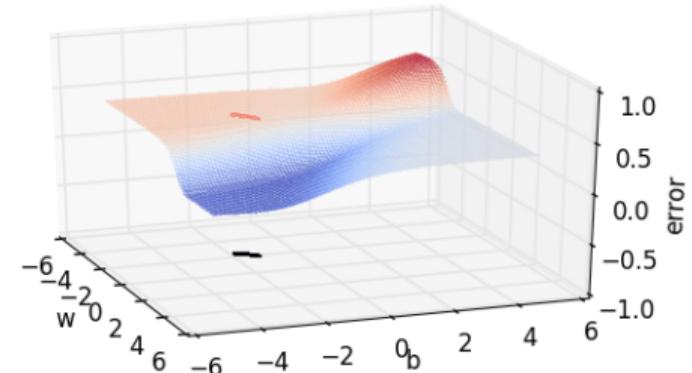
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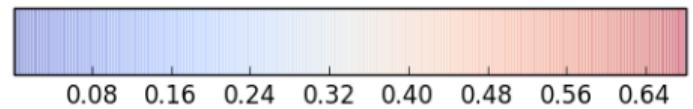
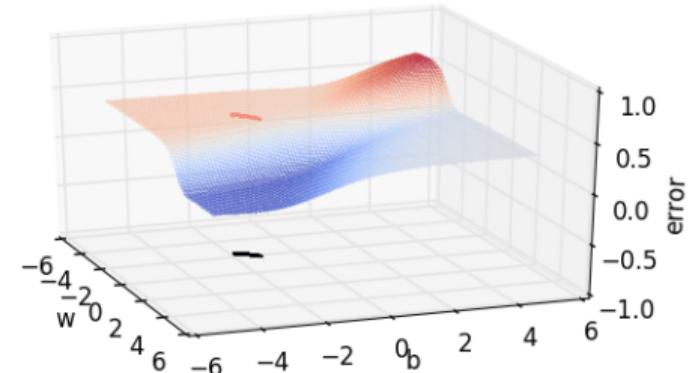
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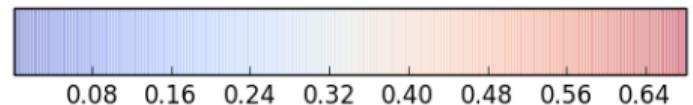
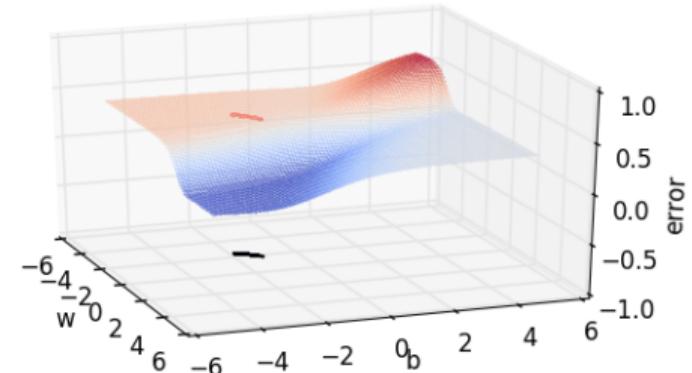
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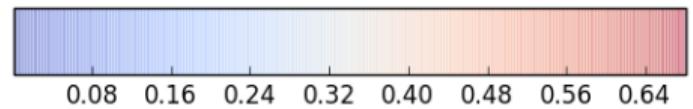
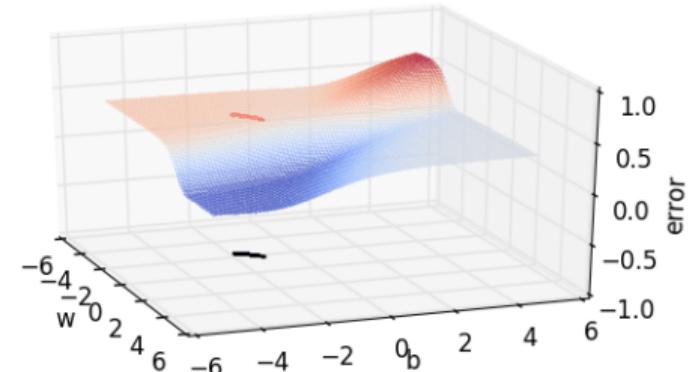
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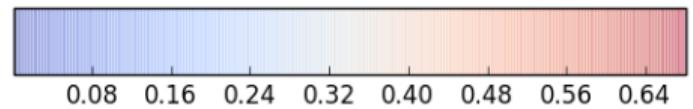
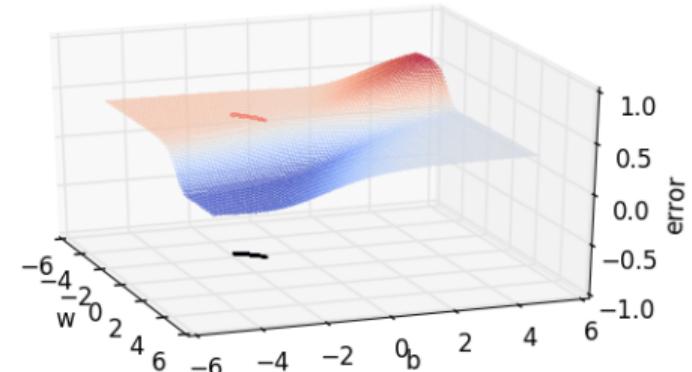
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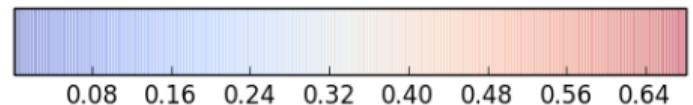
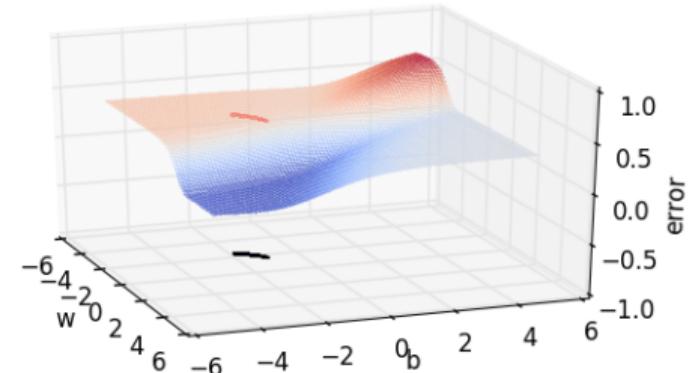
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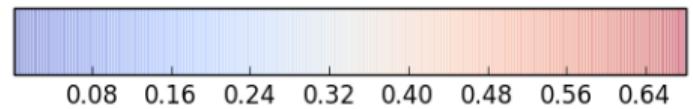
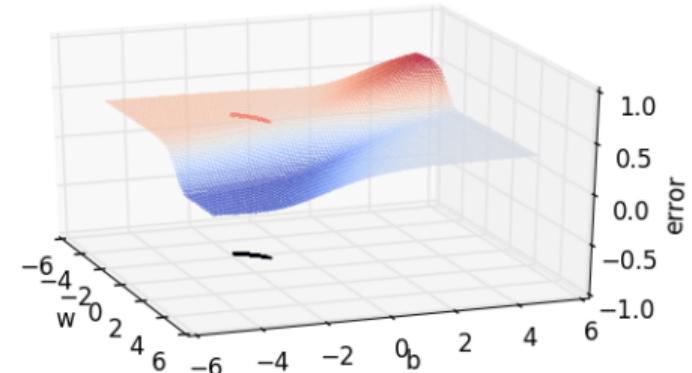
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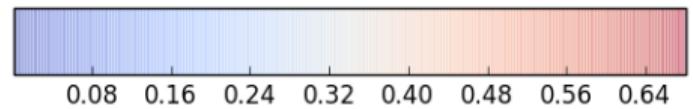
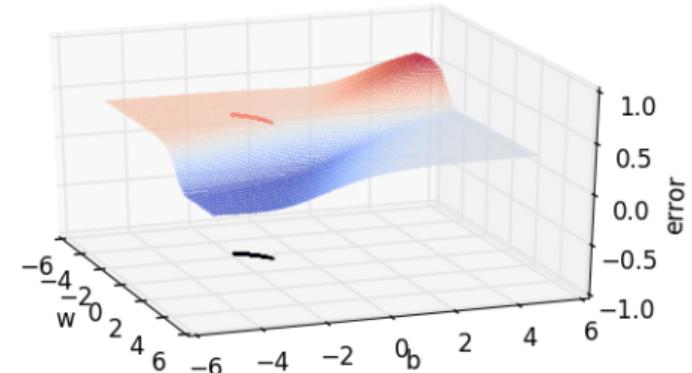
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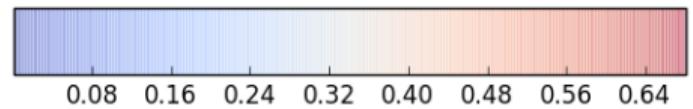
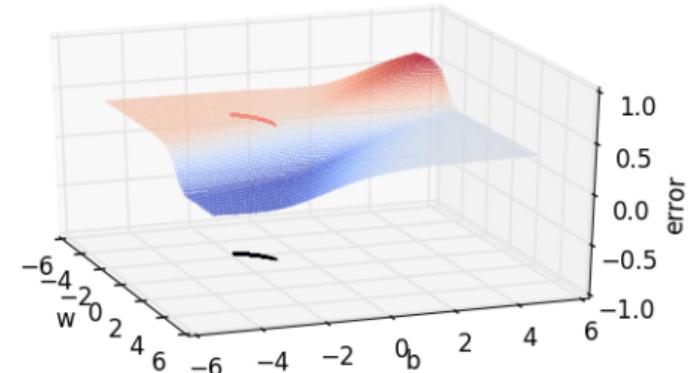
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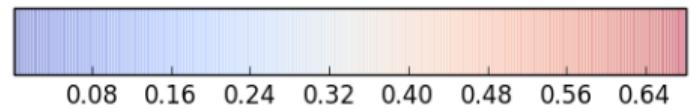
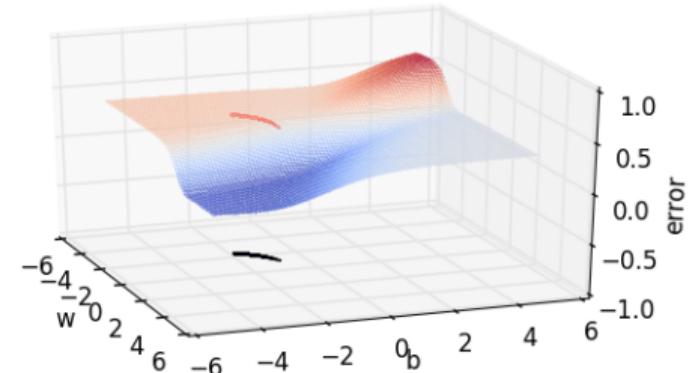
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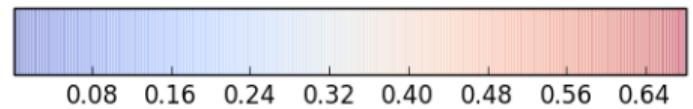
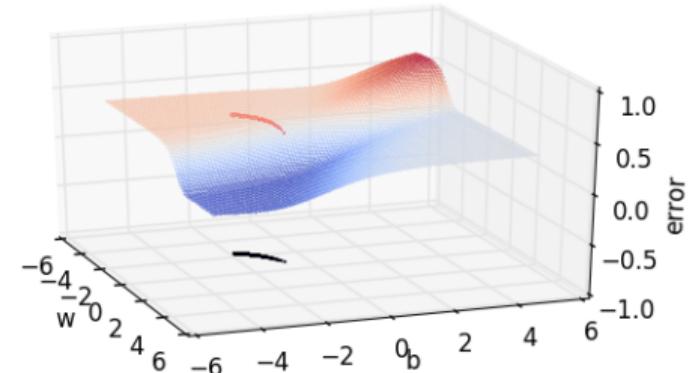
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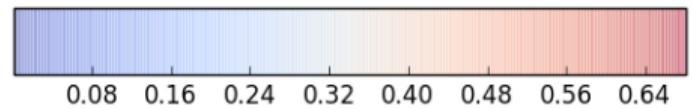
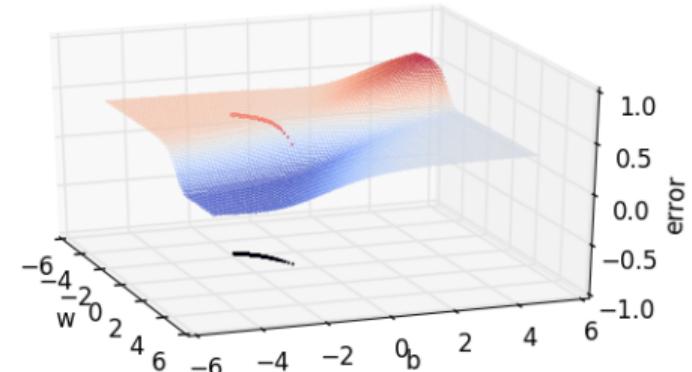
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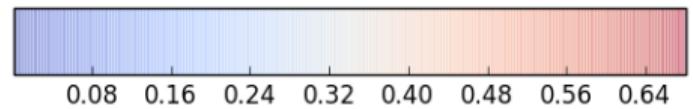
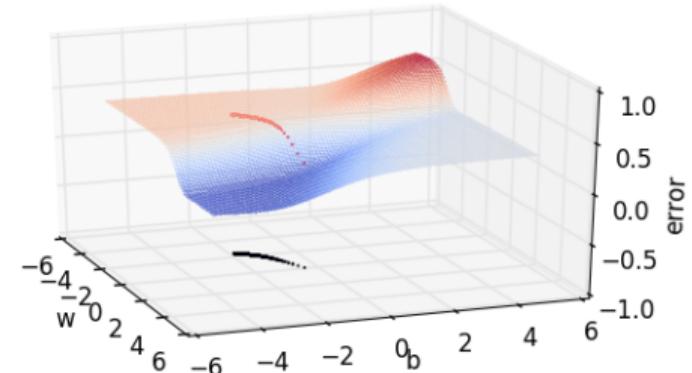
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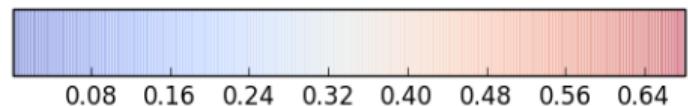
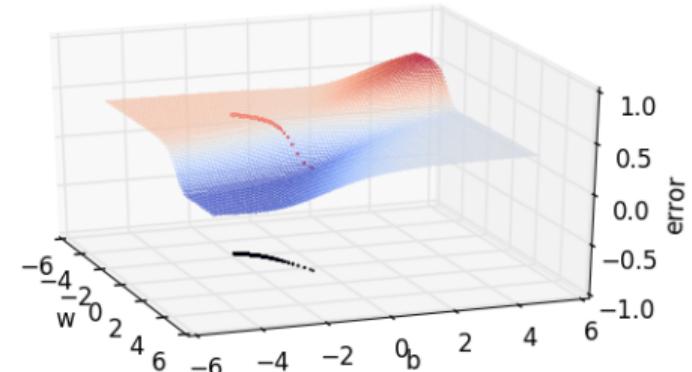
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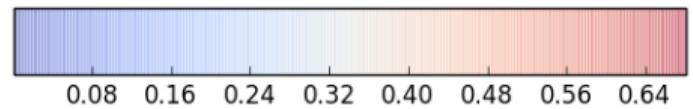
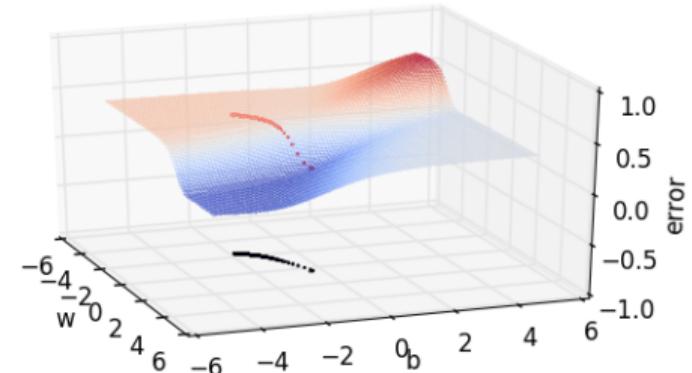
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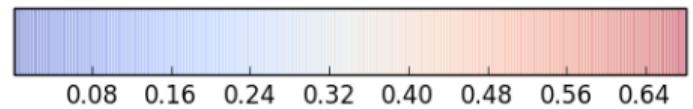
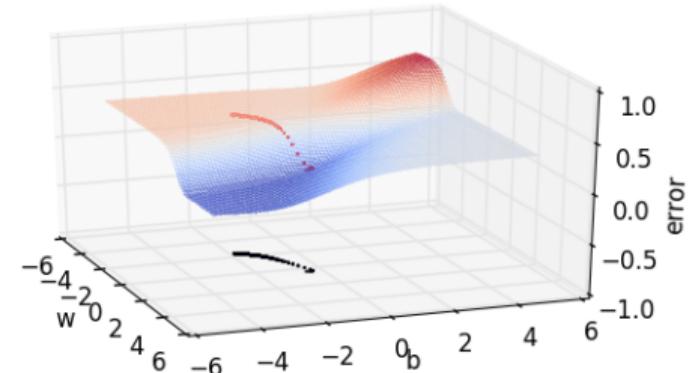
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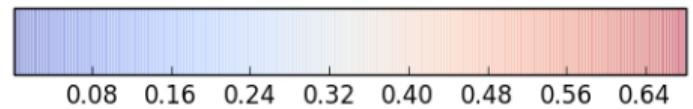
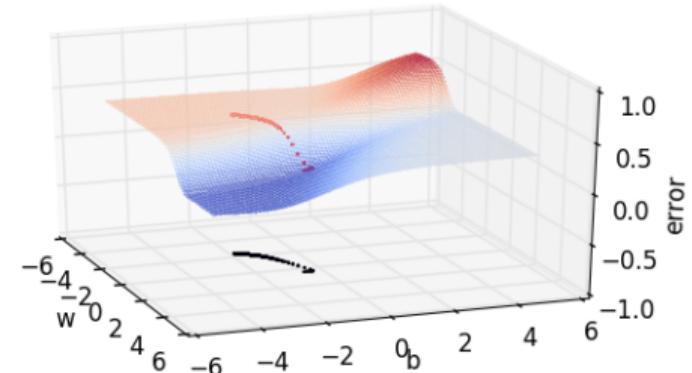
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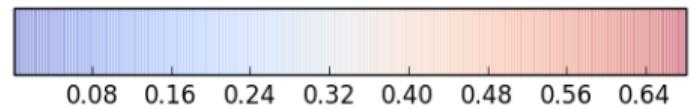
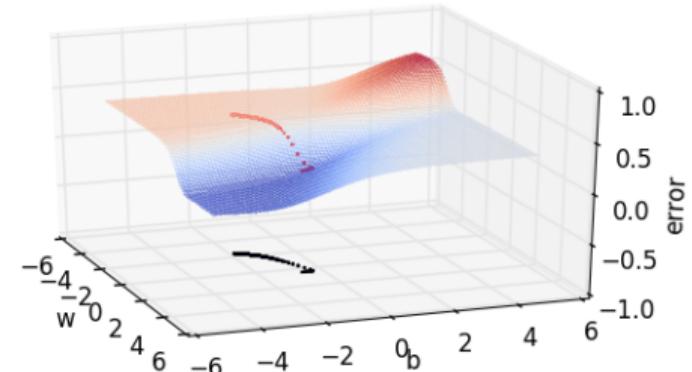
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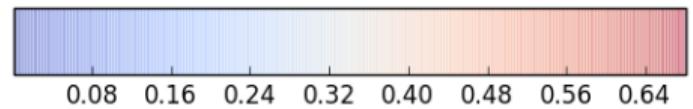
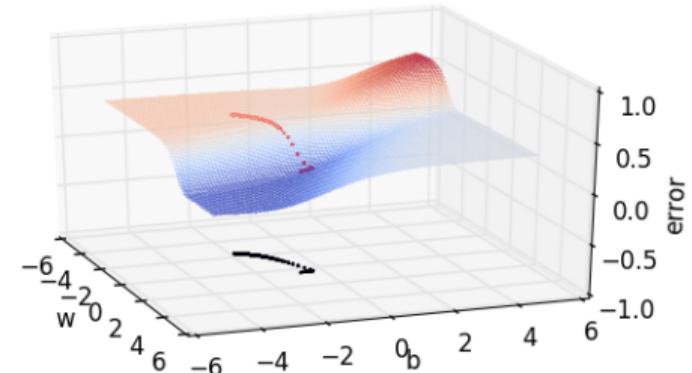
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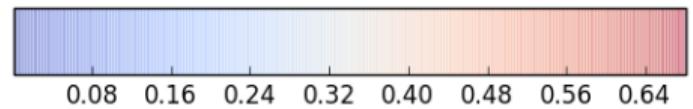
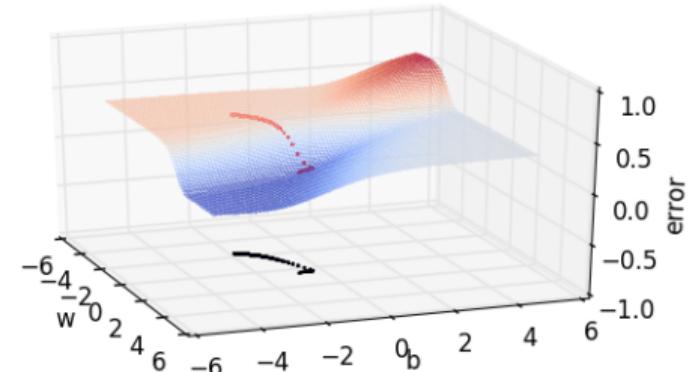
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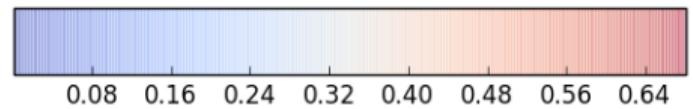
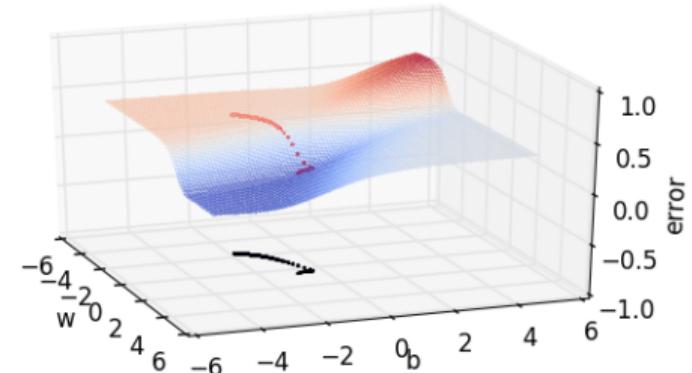
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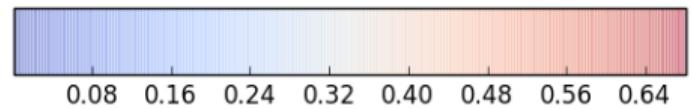
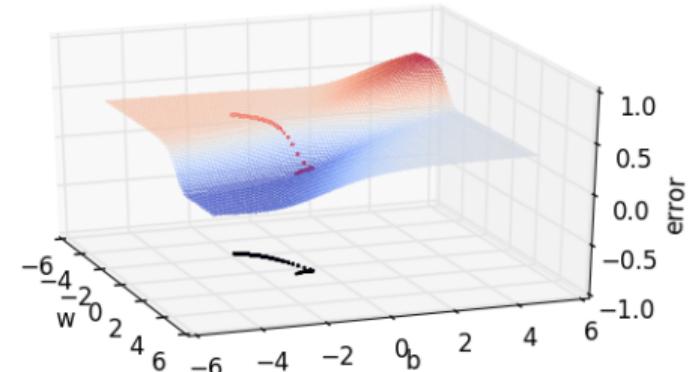
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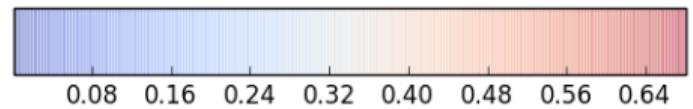
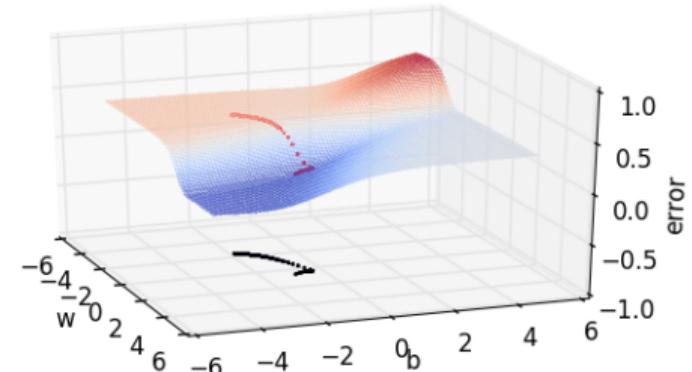
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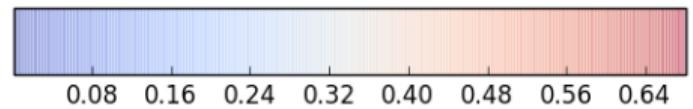
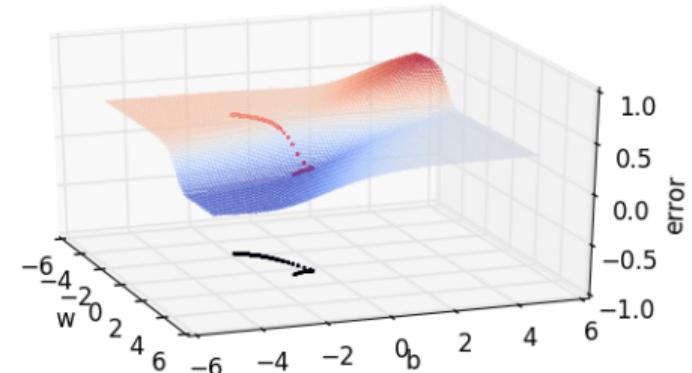
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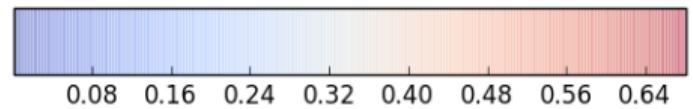
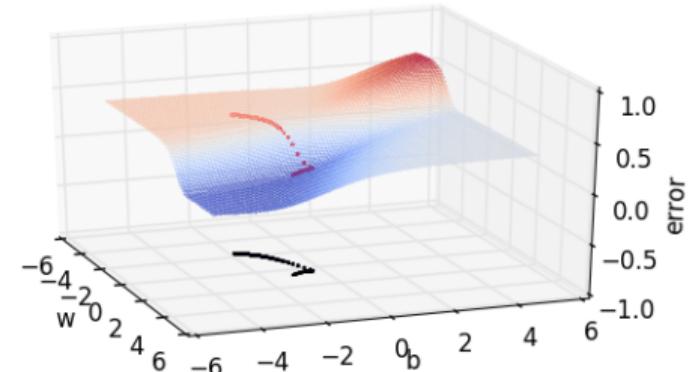
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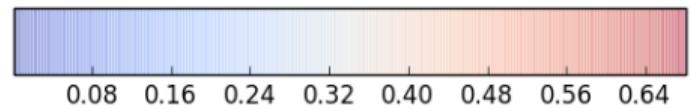
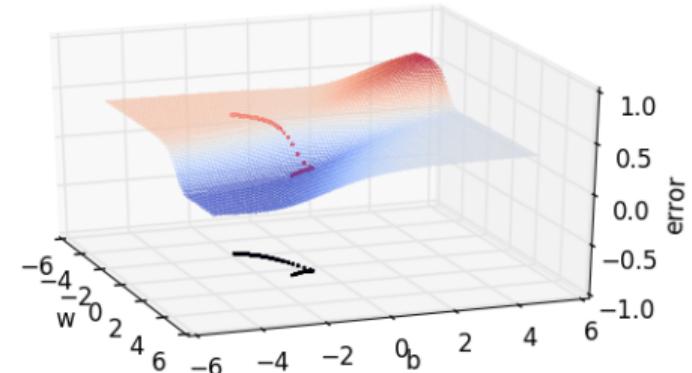
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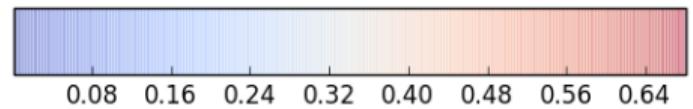
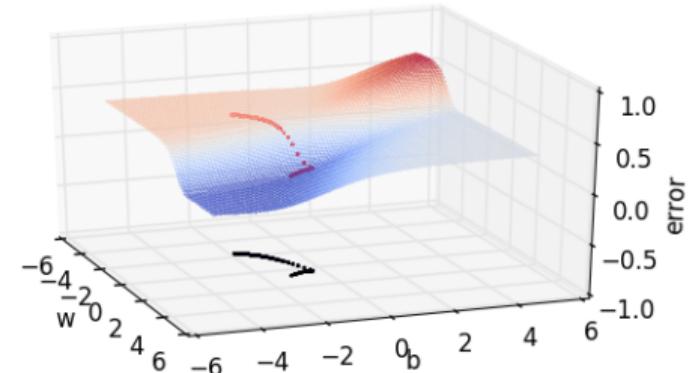
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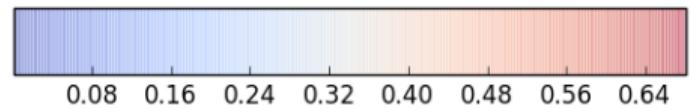
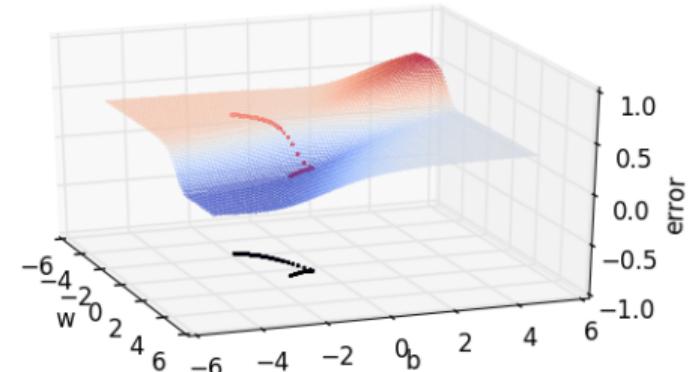
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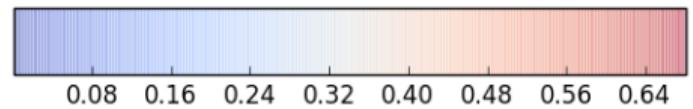
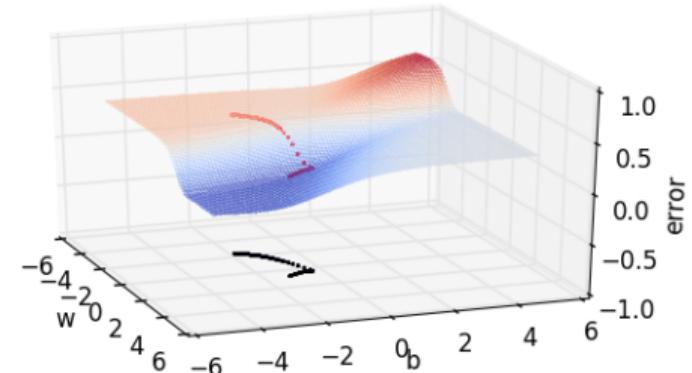
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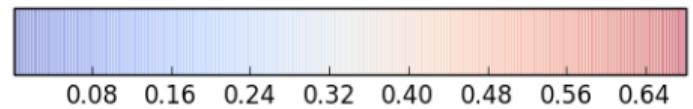
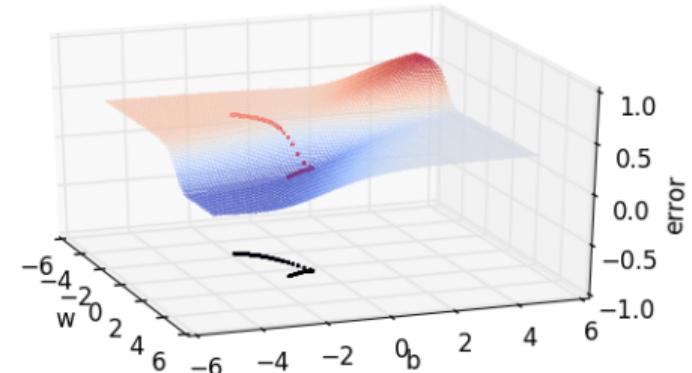
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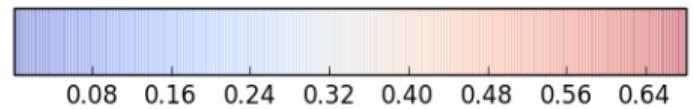
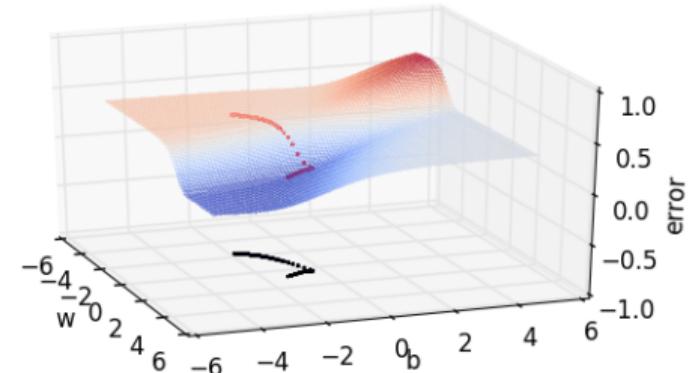
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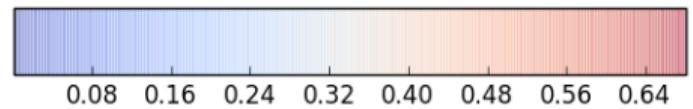
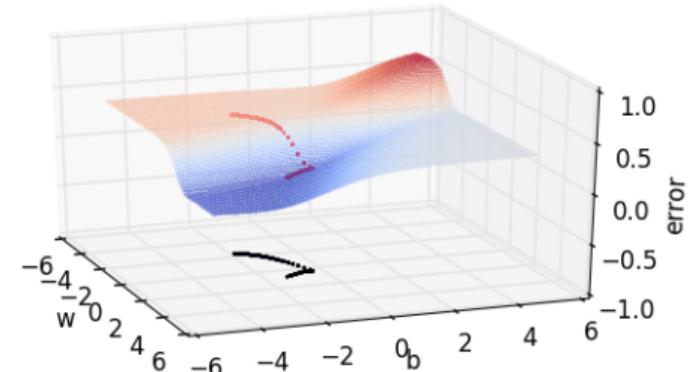
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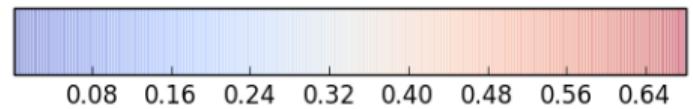
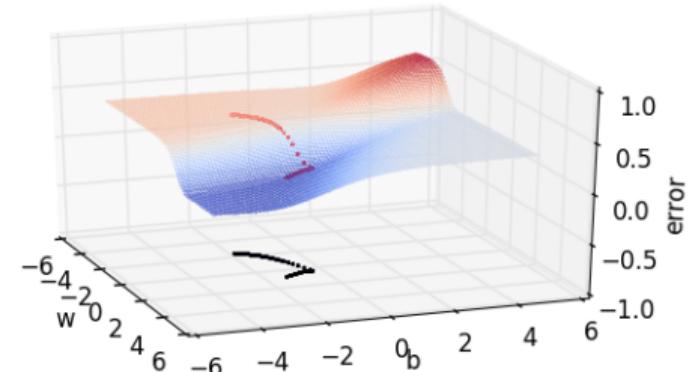
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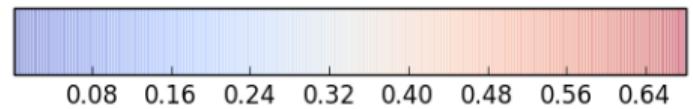
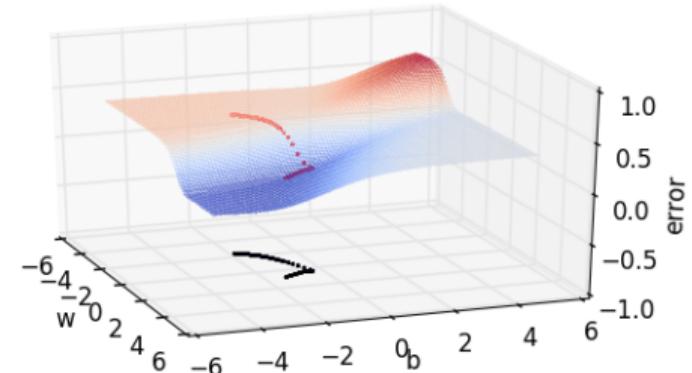
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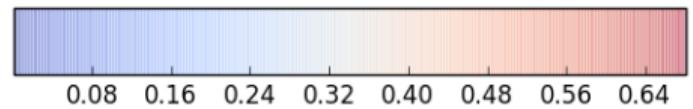
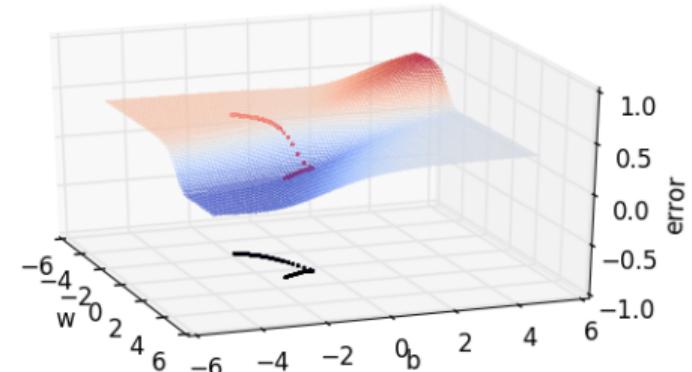
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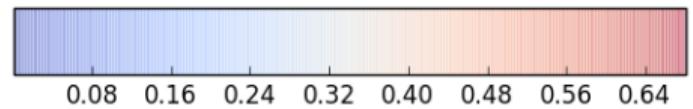
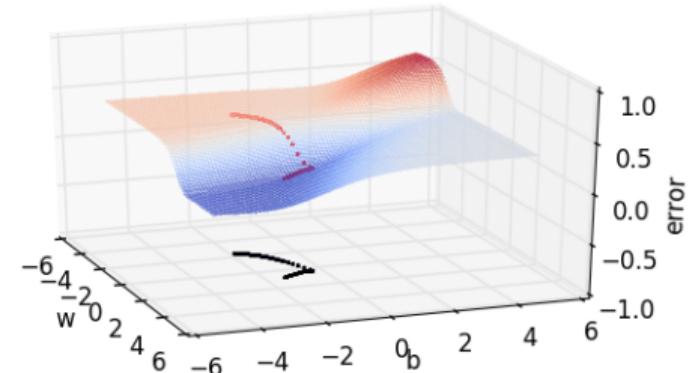
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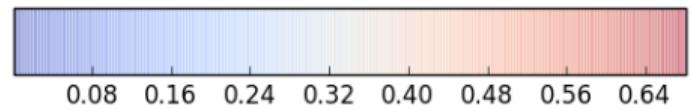
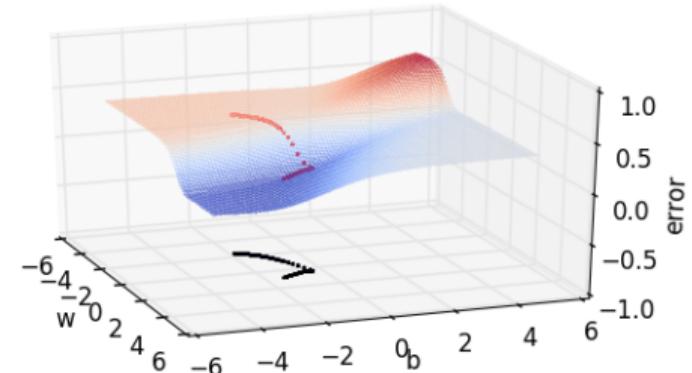
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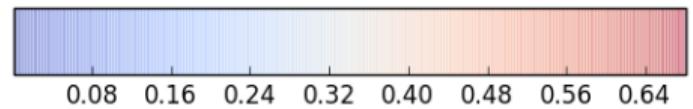
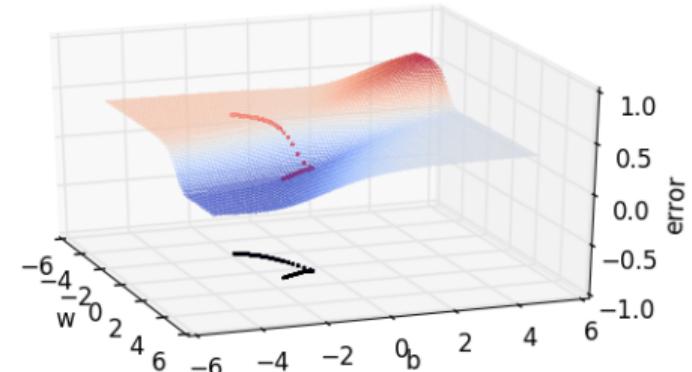
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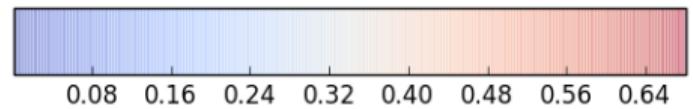
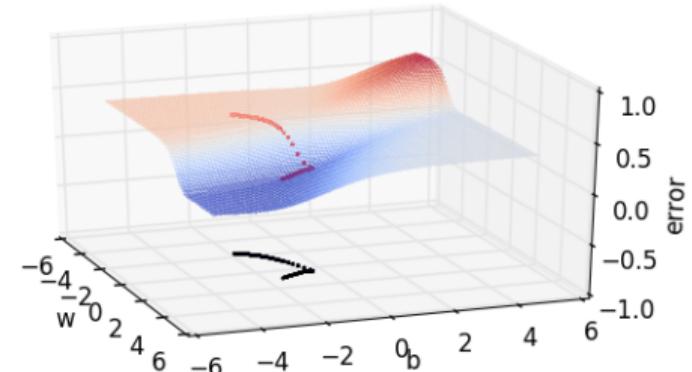
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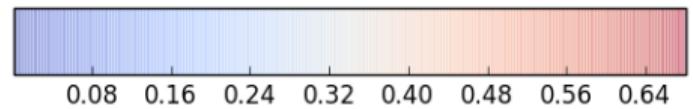
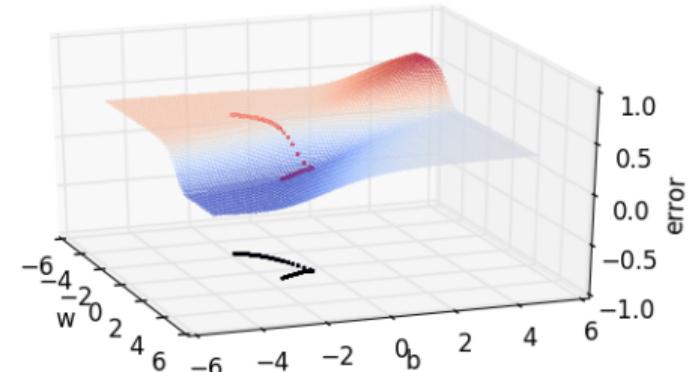
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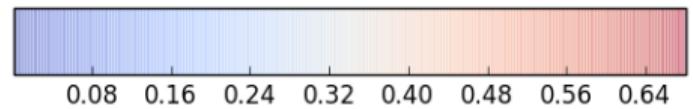
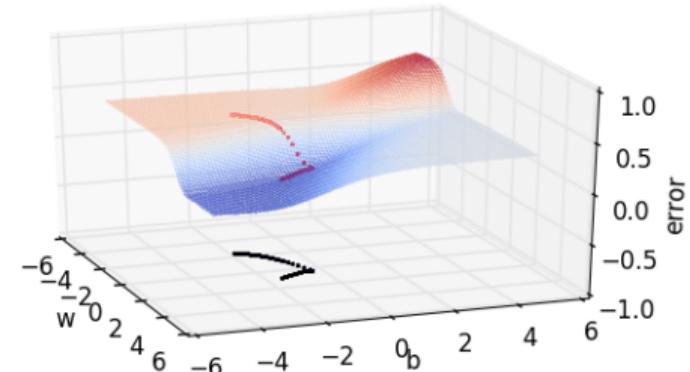
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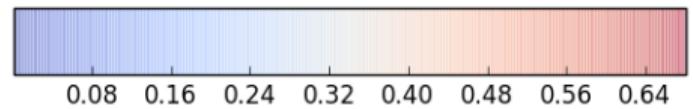
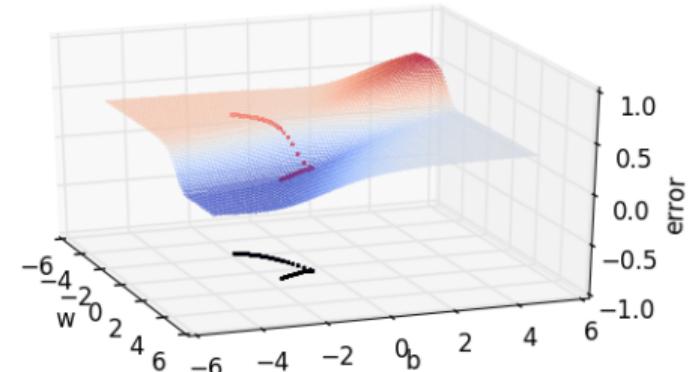
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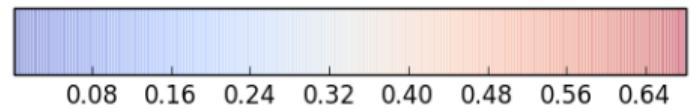
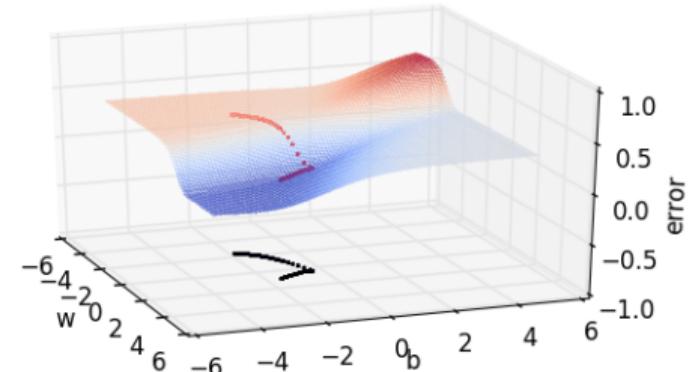
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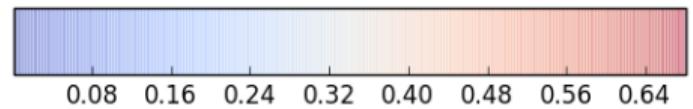
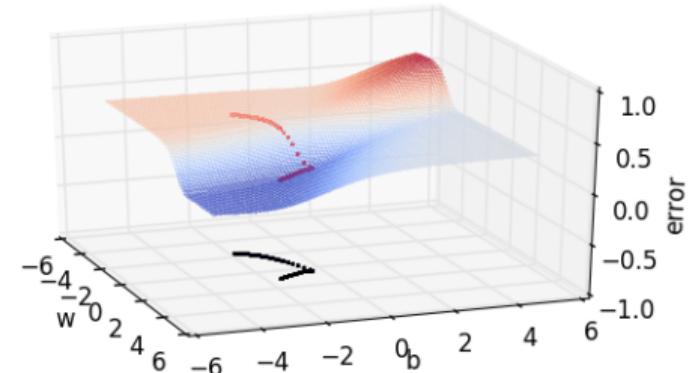
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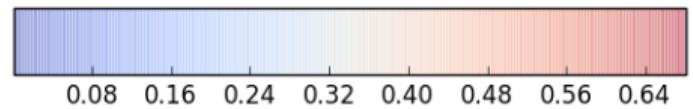
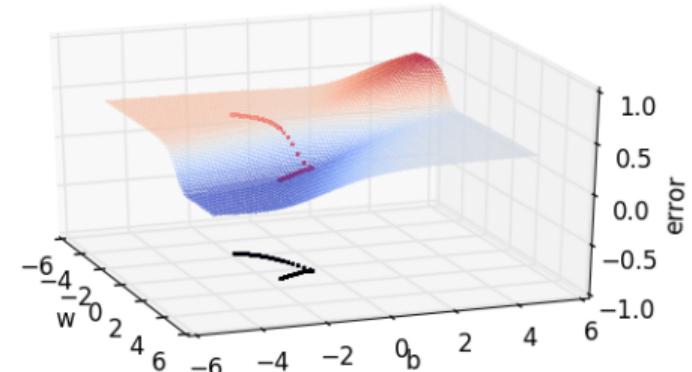
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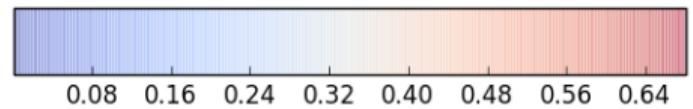
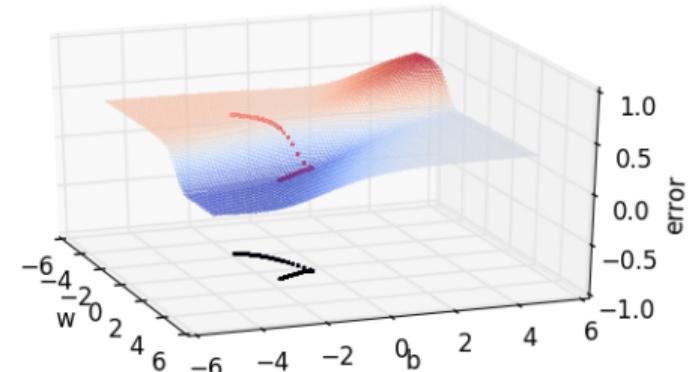
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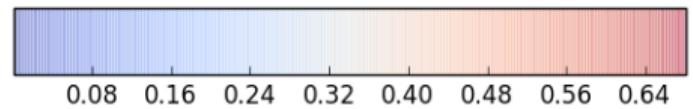
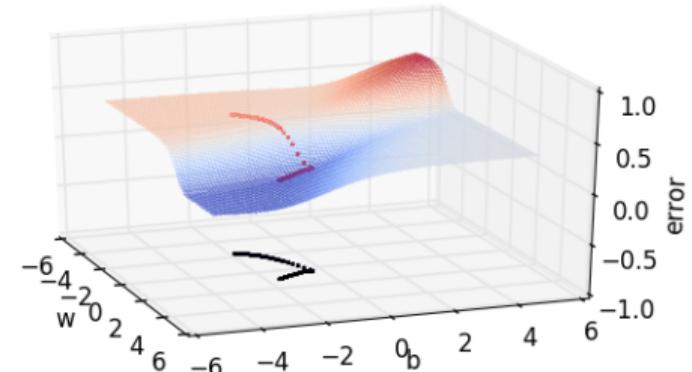
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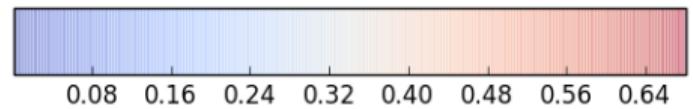
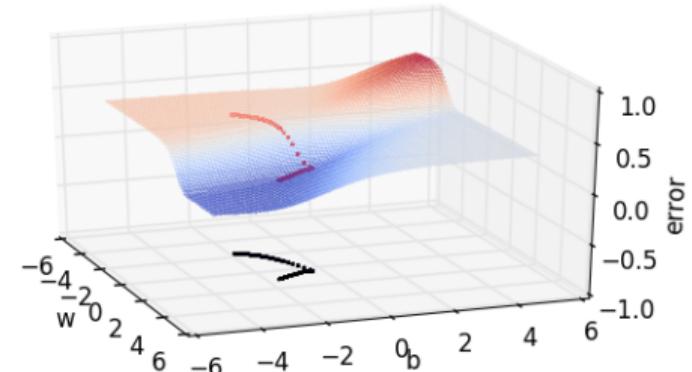
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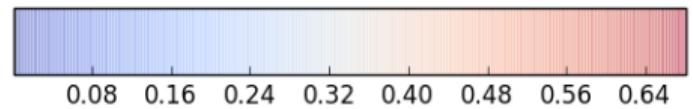
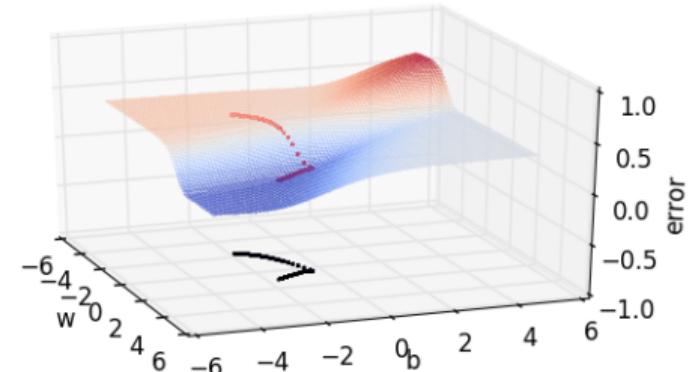
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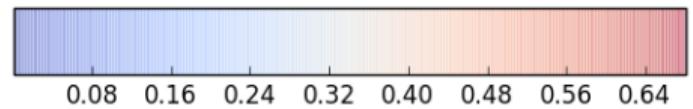
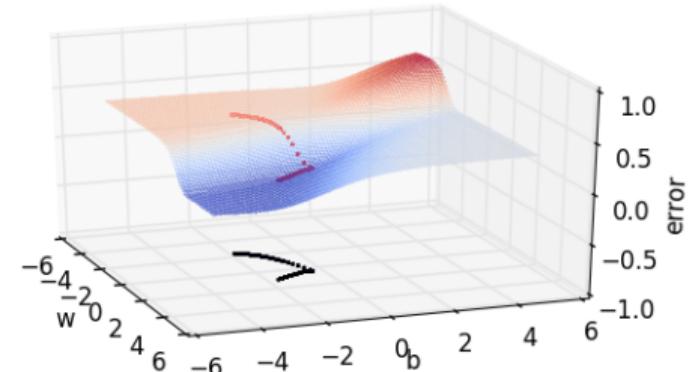
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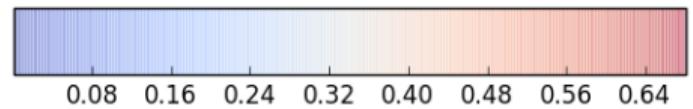
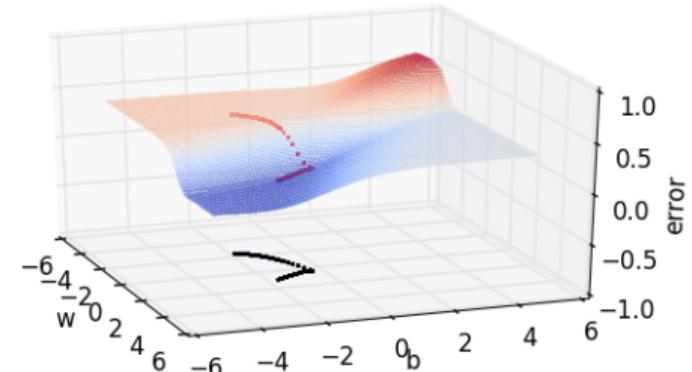
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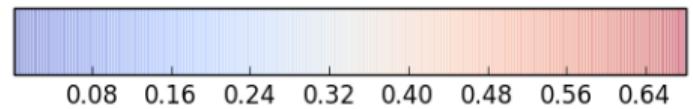
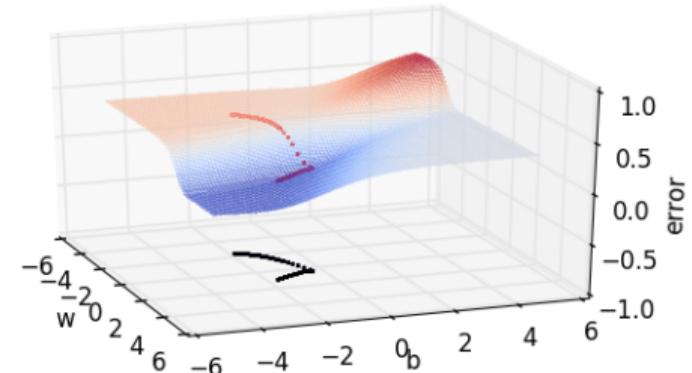
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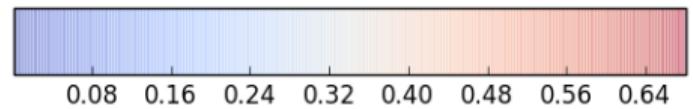
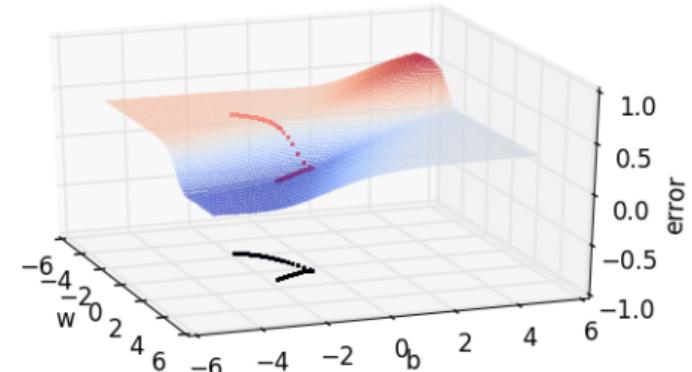
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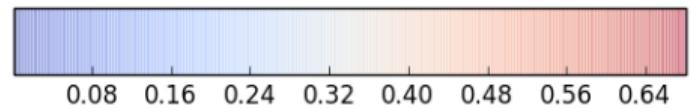
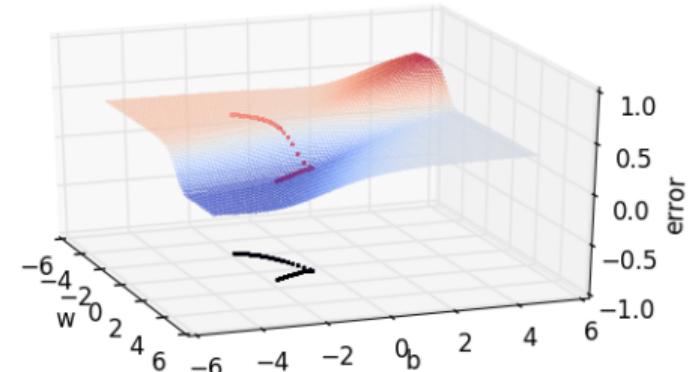
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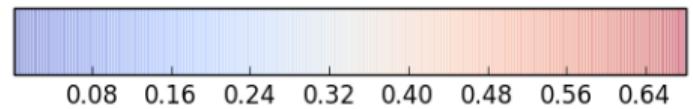
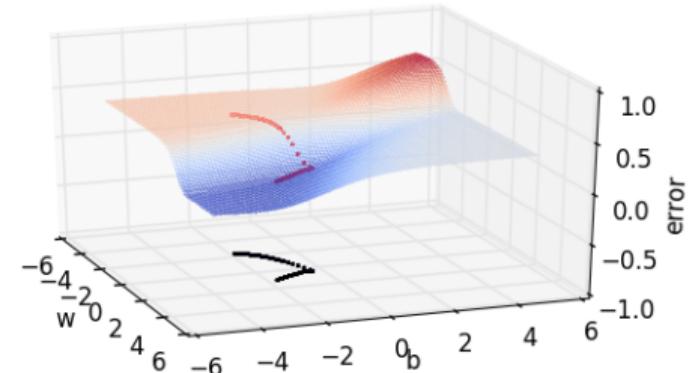
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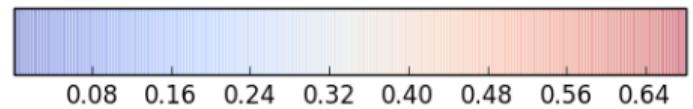
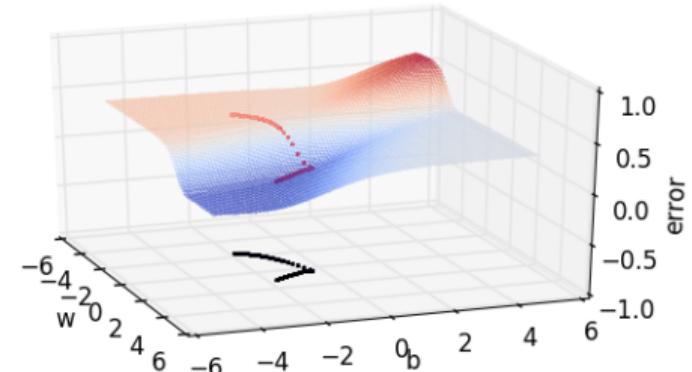
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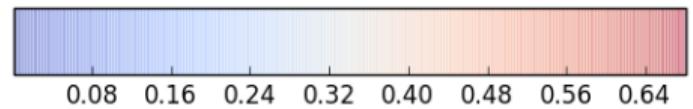
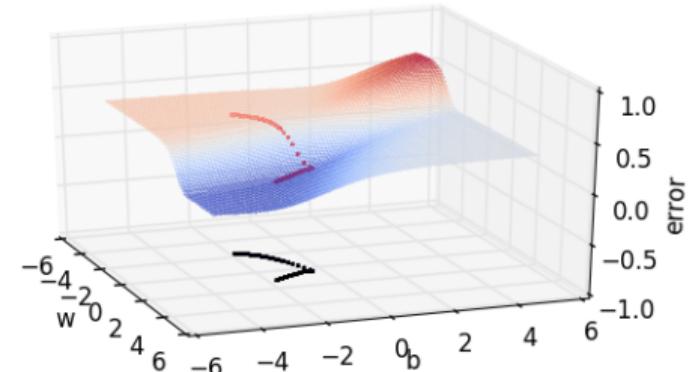
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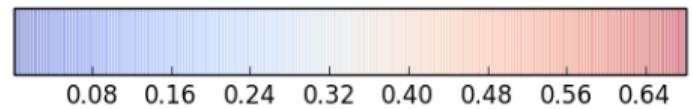
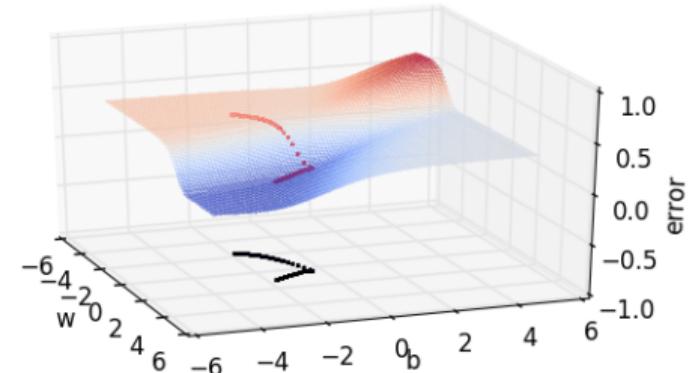
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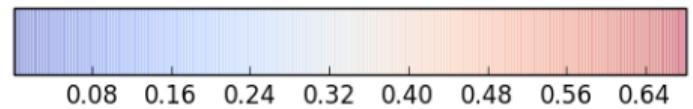
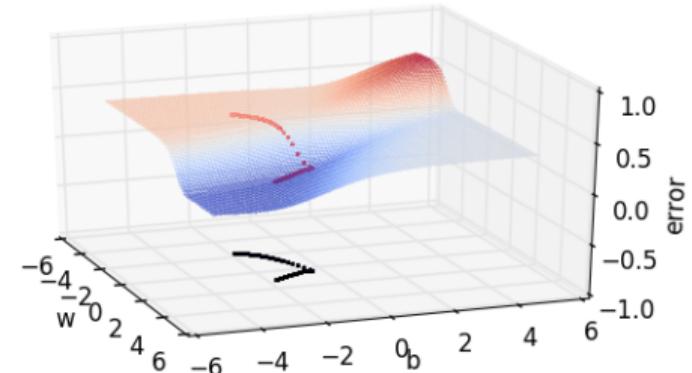
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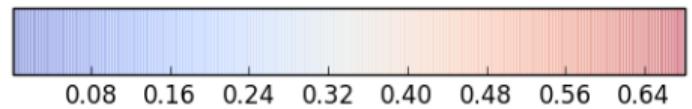
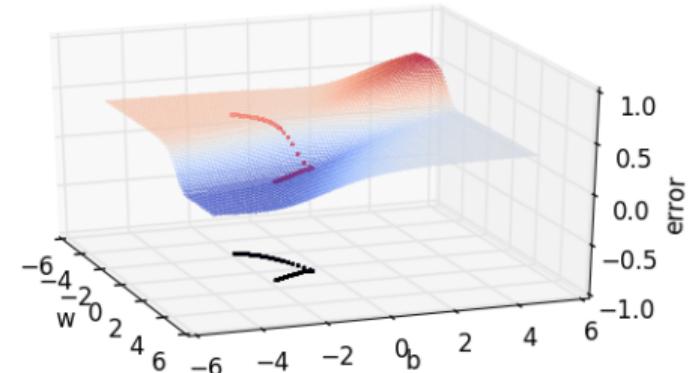
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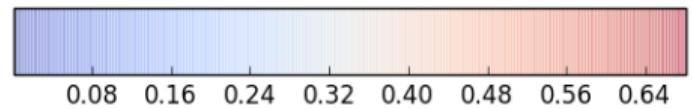
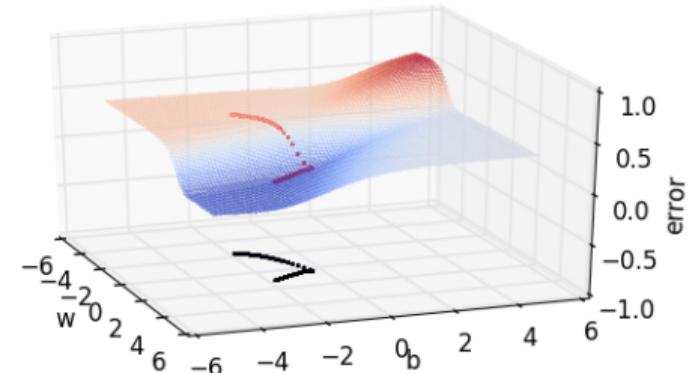
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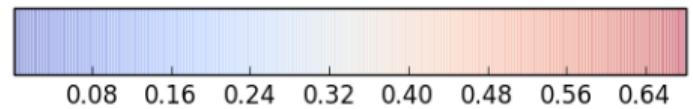
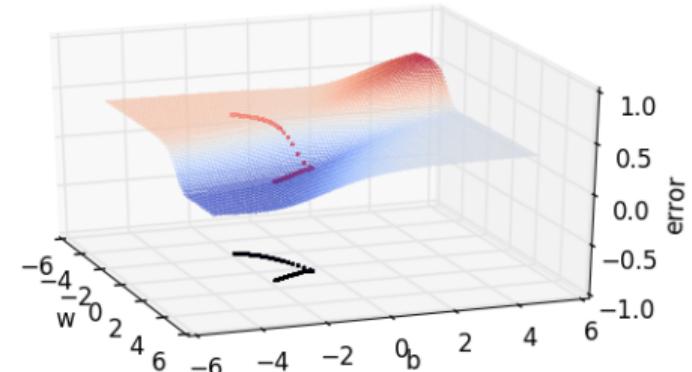
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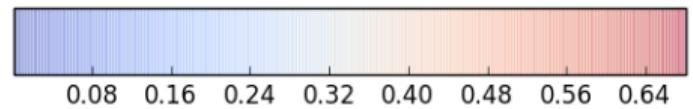
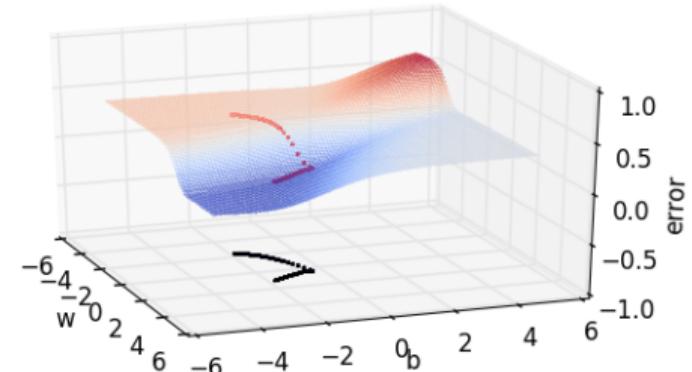
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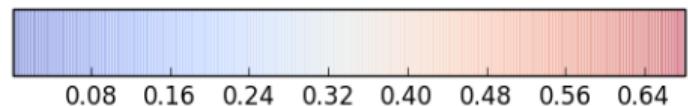
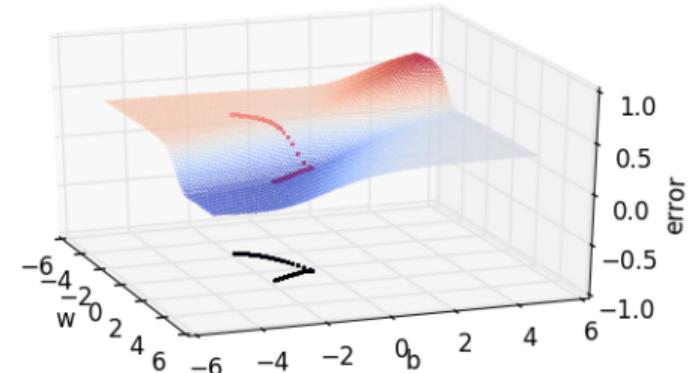
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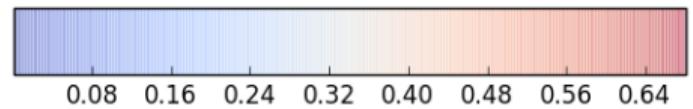
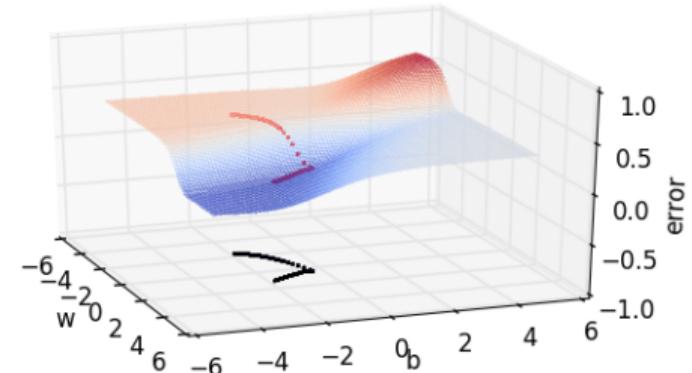
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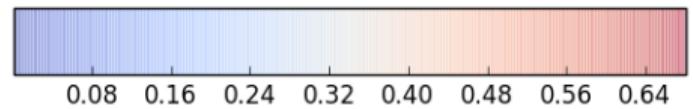
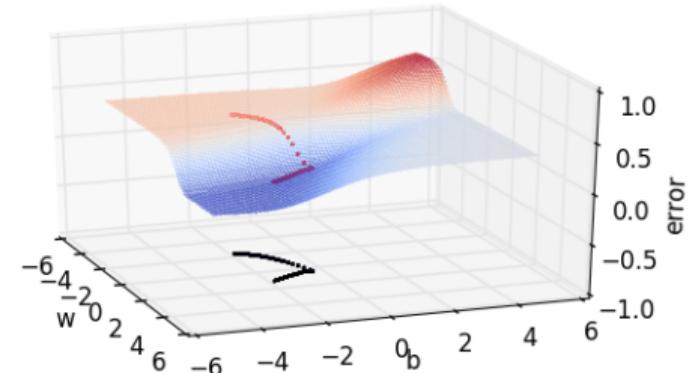
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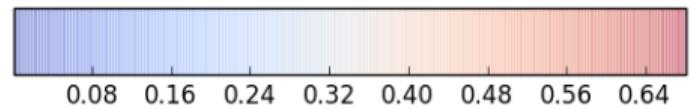
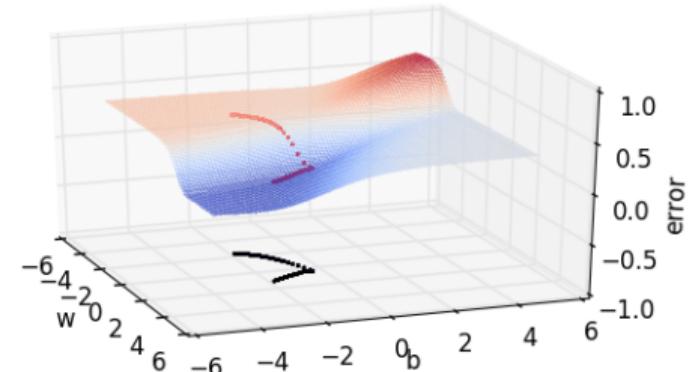
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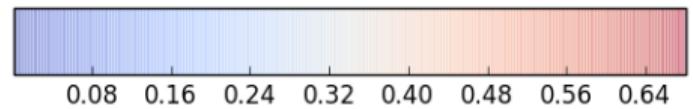
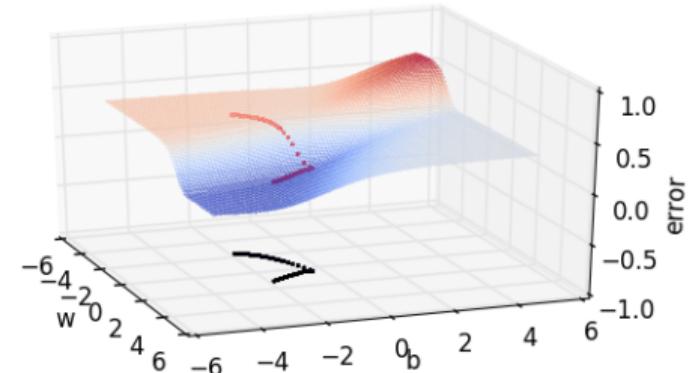
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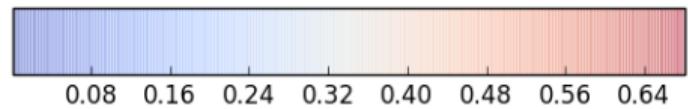
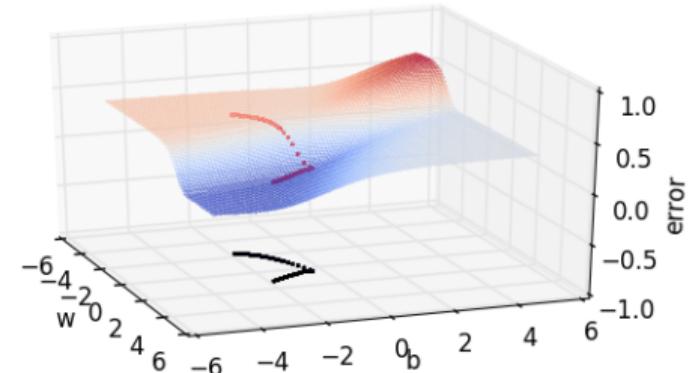
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    w, b, eta, max_epochs = -2, -2, 1.0, 1000
    for i in range(max_epochs) :
        dw, db = 0, 0
        for x,y in zip(X, Y) :
            dw += grad_w(w, b, x, y)
            db += grad_b(w, b, x, y)
        w = w - eta * dw
        b = b - eta * db

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Gradient descent on the error surface



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