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Step size selection for gradient descent

• Constant step size: $\alpha_k = c \in (0,1)$;

Note that this approach won't guarantee convergence.

- Diminishing stepsize: $\alpha_k > 0$, $\alpha_k \to 0$, $\sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \alpha_k = +\infty$, for example $\alpha_k = \frac{1}{k}$, for k > 0.
- Exact line search:

$$\alpha_k = \arg\min_{\alpha \ge 0} f(x_k + \alpha s_k).$$

• Limited minimization:

$$\alpha_k = \arg\min_{\alpha \in [0,1]} f(x_k + \alpha s_k).$$