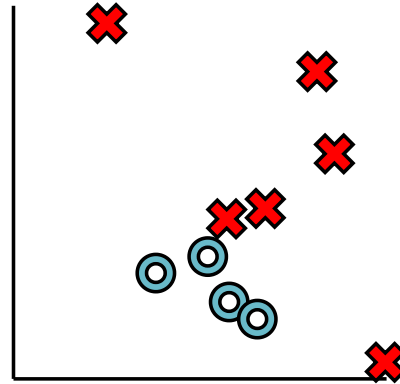


# Module 1.1 - Learning With Derivatives

# Training Data

- Set of datapoints, each  $(x, y)$
- $x$  position  $x_1, x_2$
- $y$  true label, color



# Math

- Linear Model

$$m(x; \theta = w, b) = x_1 \times w_1 + x_2 \times w_2 + b$$

```
def forward(self, x1: float, x2: float) -> float:  
    return self.w1.value * x1 + self.w2.value * x2 + self.b.value
```

# Graphical Notation

- Red is more positive, blue is more negative.
- $m(x)$  provides a value for every  $x_1, x_2$  every point.
- Line represents separator

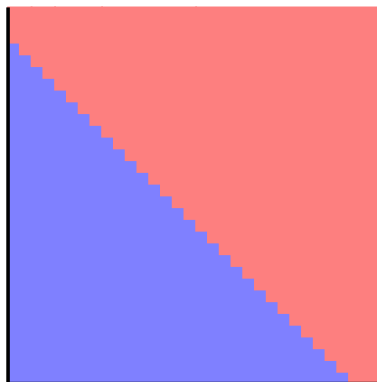
# Model 1

- Linear Model

```
from minitorch import Parameter, Module
class Linear(Module):
    def __init__(self, w1, w2, b):
        super().__init__()
        self.w1 = Parameter(w1)
        self.w2 = Parameter(w2)
        self.b = Parameter(b)

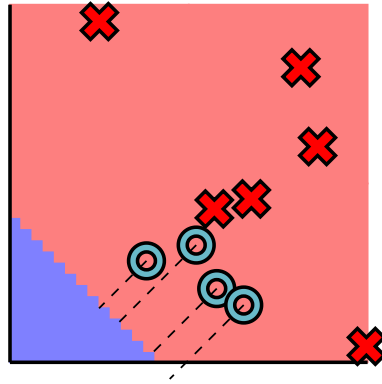
    def forward(self, x1: float, x2: float) -> float:
        return self.w1.value * x1 + self.w2.value * x2 + self.b.value
```

# Decision Boundary: Model 1

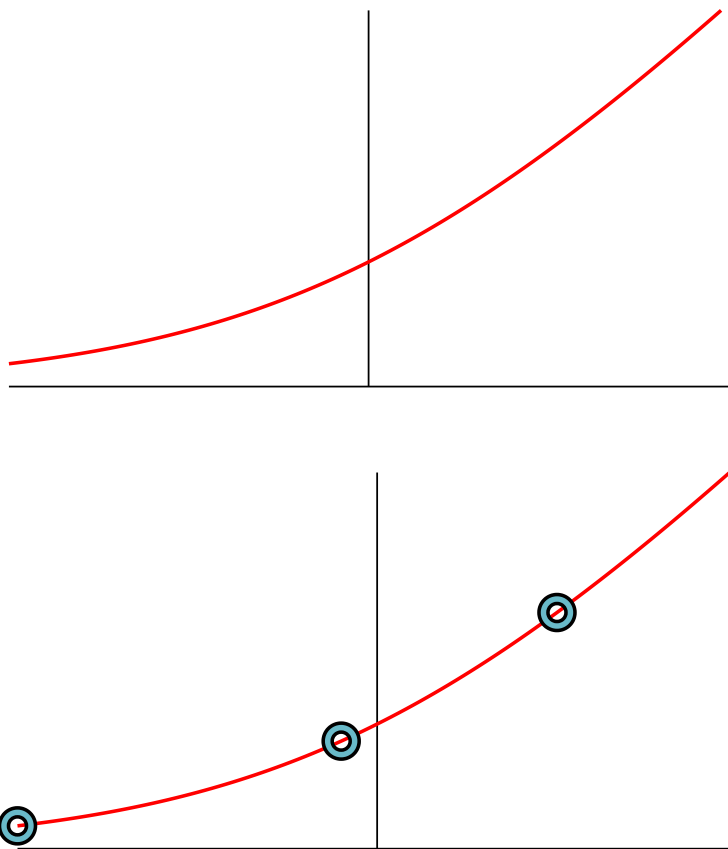


# Distance Determines Fit

- $m(x)$  red or blue.



# Point Loss

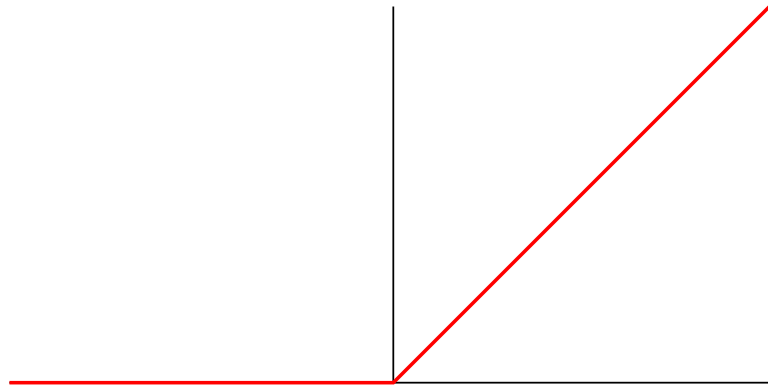


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# Warmup: ReLU

```
def point_loss(m_x):  
    return minitorch.operators.relu(m_x)
```



# Loss

- $L(\theta)$  loss is a function of parameters
- We change parameters, decision boundary changes

# Lecture Quiz

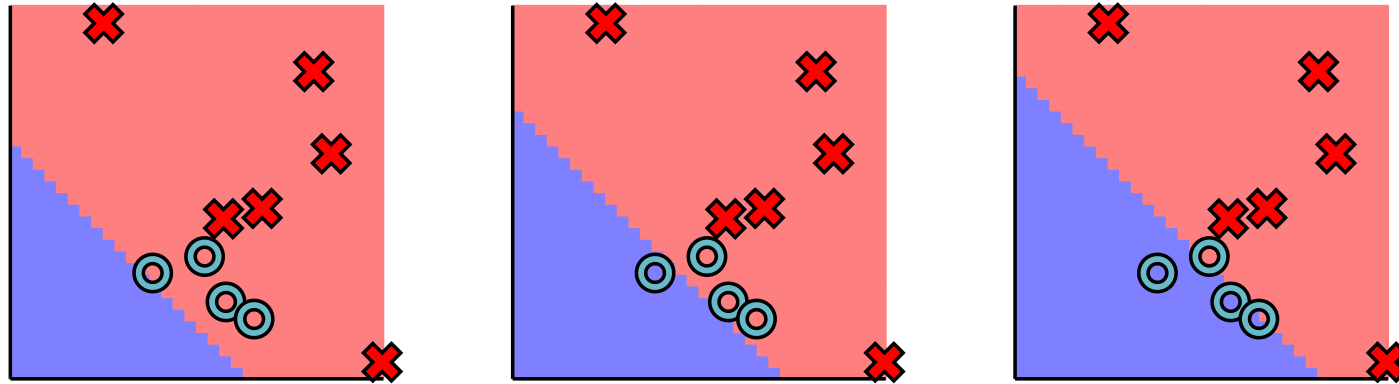
# Outline

- Model Fit
- Symbolic Derivatives
- Numerical Derivatives
- Module 1

# Model Fitting

# Class Goal

- Find parameters that minimize loss



# Numerical Optimization

- Many, many different approaches
- Our focus: *gradient descent*
- Workhorse of modern machine learning

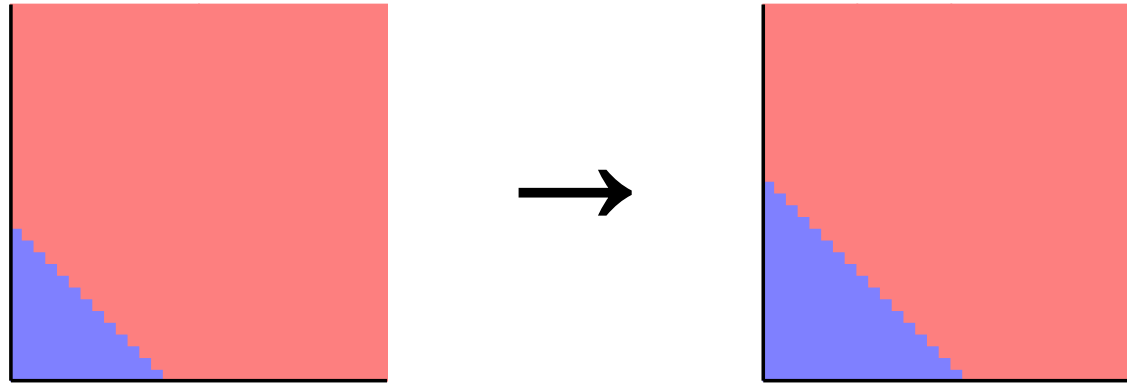
# Iterative Parameter Fitting

1. Compute the loss function,  $L(\theta)$
2. See how small changes would change the loss
3. Update to parameters to locally reduce the loss

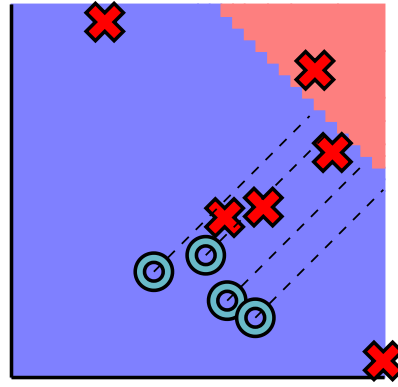


# Example: Update Bias

```
model1 = Linear(w1=1, w2=1, b=-0.4)  
model2 = Linear(w1=1, w2=1, b=-0.5)
```



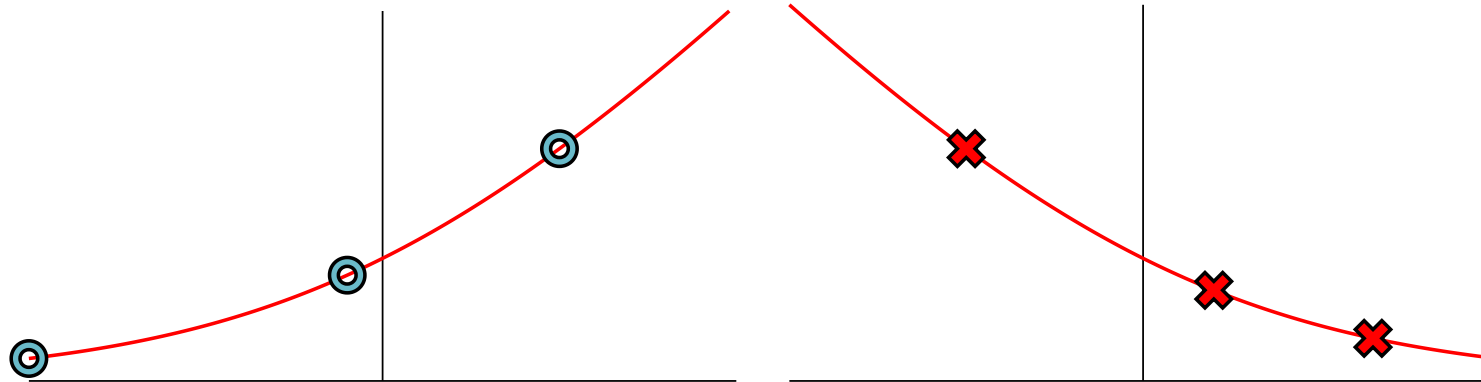
# Step 1: Compute Loss



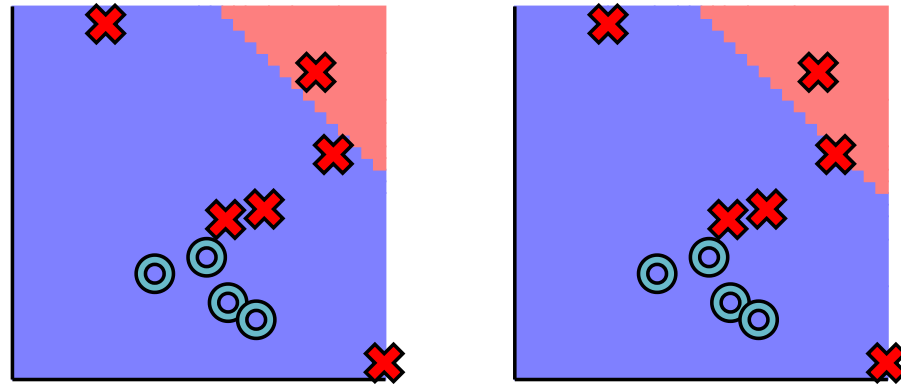
```
def point_loss(out, y=1):  
    return y * -math.log( # Correct Side  
        minitorch.operators.sigmoid(-out) # Log-Sigmoid  
    ) # Distance
```

# Loss

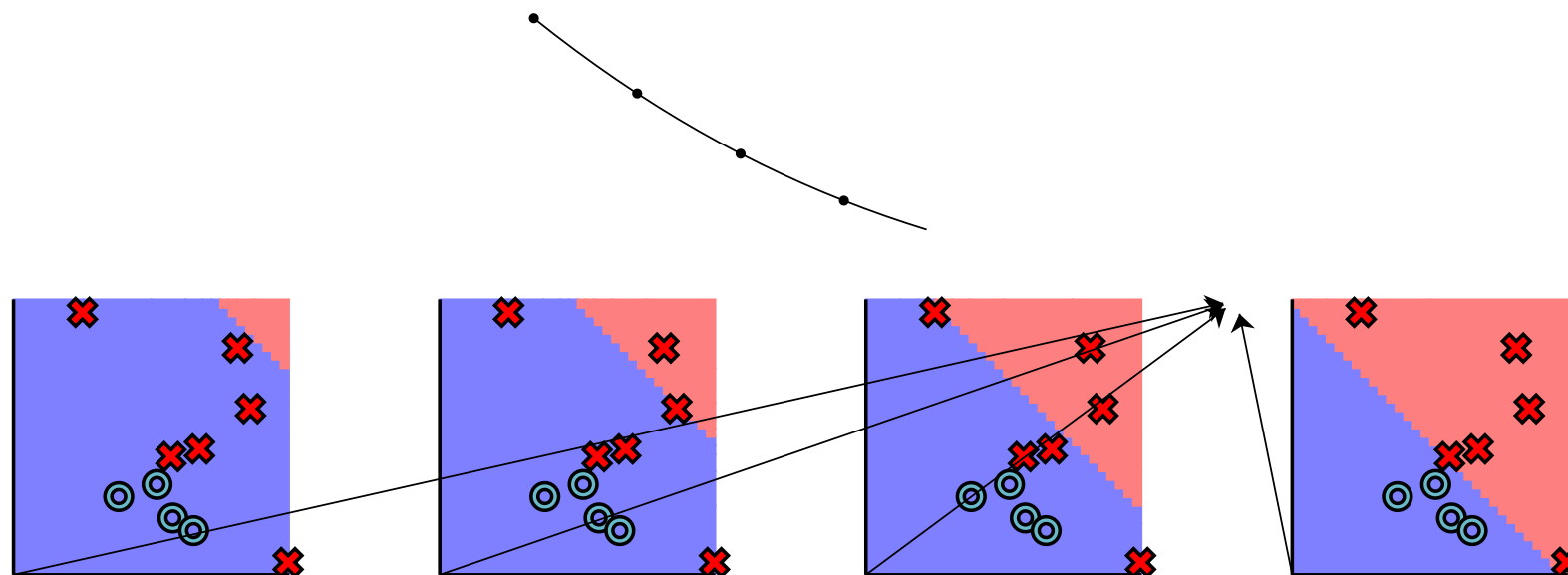
```
def full_loss(m): # Given  $m$  ;  $\theta$ 
    l = 0
    for x, y in zip(s.X, s.y): # For all training data
        l += point_loss(-m.forward(*x), y)
    return -l
```



## Step 2: Find Direction of Improvement



# Step 3: Update Parameters Iteratively



# Our Challenge

How do we find the right direction?

# Symbolic Derivatives

# Review: What is a Derivative?

How small changes in input impact output.

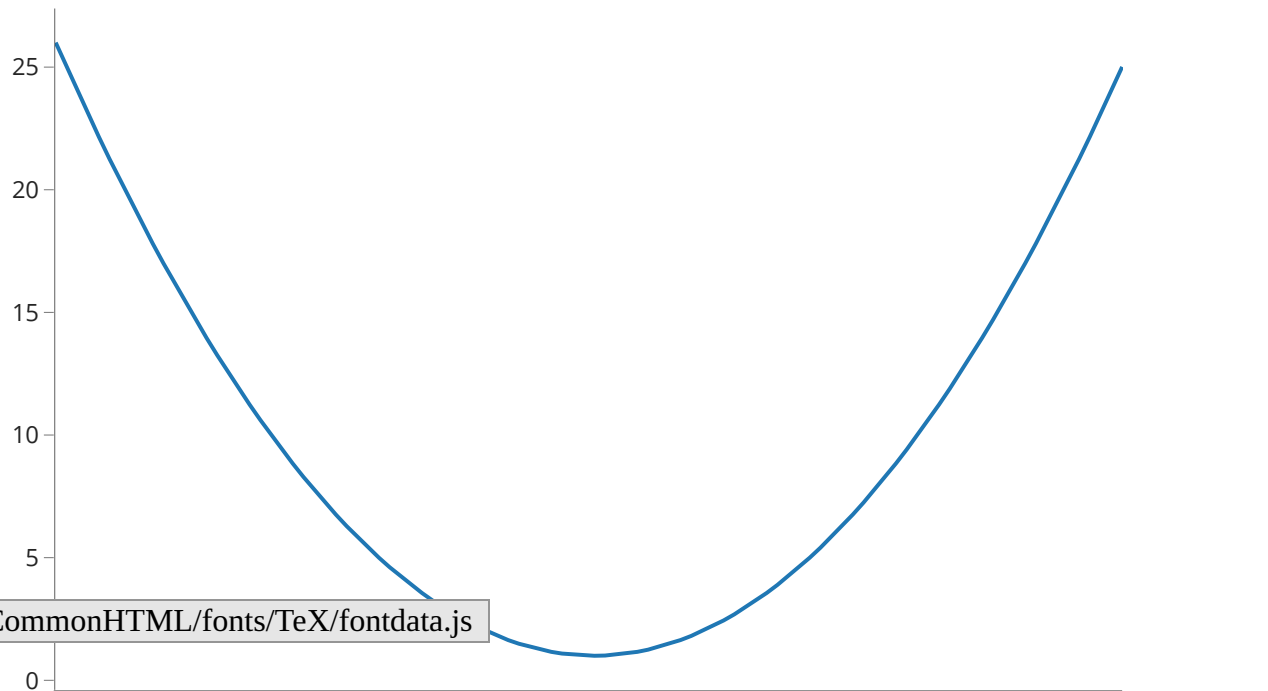
- $f(x)$  - function
- $x$  - point
- $f'(x)$  - "rise/run"



# Review: Derivative

$$f(x) = x^2 + 1$$

f(x)

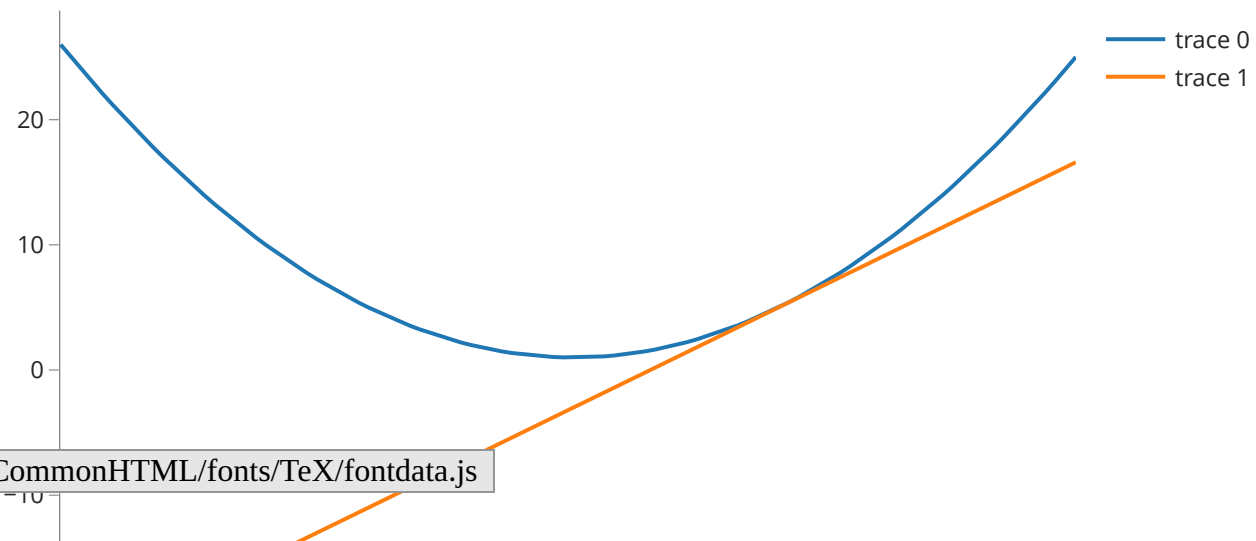


# Review: Derivative

$$f(x) = x^2 + 1$$

$$f'(x) = 2x$$

f(x) vs f'(2)



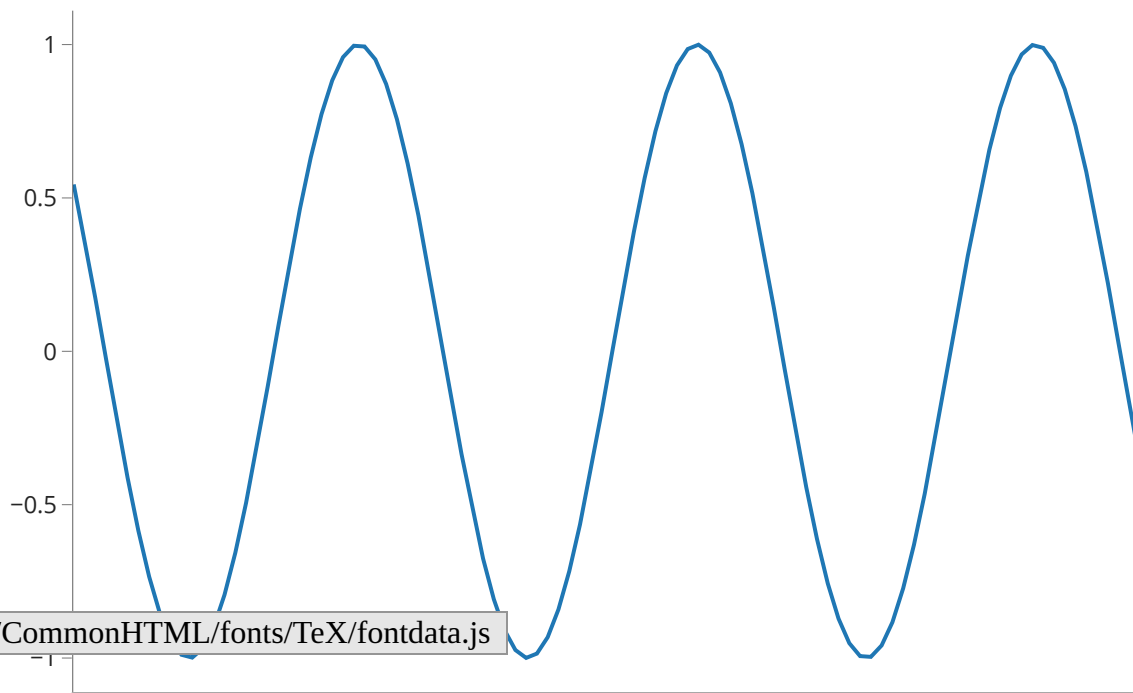
# Symbolic Derivative

- Standard high-school derivatives
- Rewrite  $f$  to new form  $f'$
- Produces mathematical function

# Example Function

$$f(x) = \sin(2x)$$

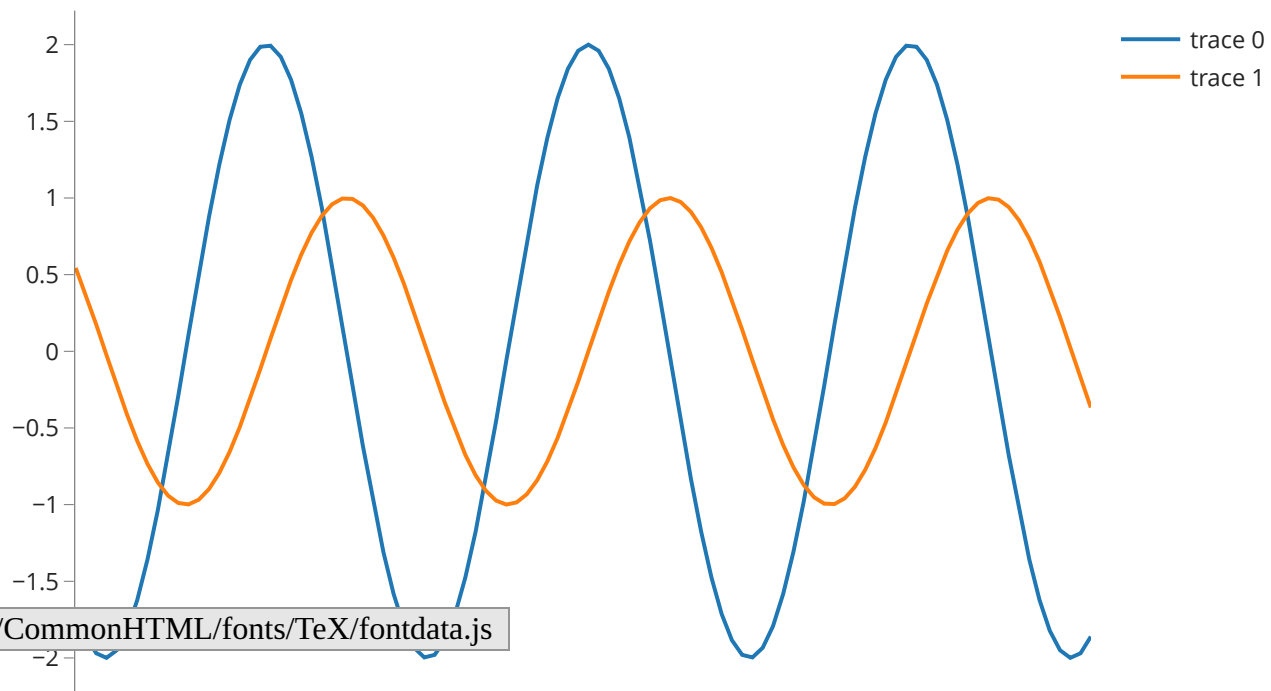
$f(x) = \sin(2x)$



# Symbolic Derivative

$$f(x) = \sin(2x) \Rightarrow f'(x) = 2 \cos(2x)$$

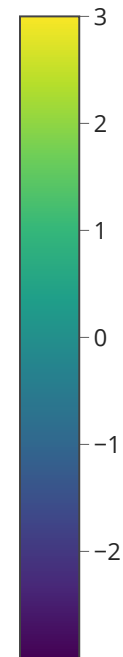
$$f'(x) = 2 \cos(2x)$$



# Multiple Arguments

$$f(x, y) = \sin(x) + \cos(y)$$

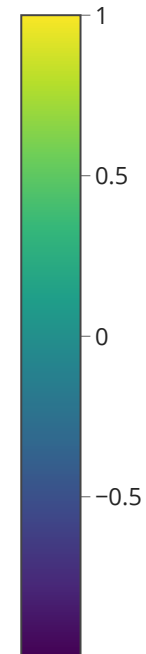
$$f(x, y) = \sin(x) + 2 * \cos(y)$$



# Derivatives with Multiple Arguments

$$f'_x(x, y) = \cos(x) \quad f'_y(x, y) = -2 \sin(y)$$

$$f'_x(x, y) = \cos(x)$$



# Review: Symbolic Derivatives

Expectation: Apply basic derivative rules.

- Differentiation Rules



# Numerical Derivatives

# What if we don't have symbols?

$$f(x) = \dots$$

$$f'(x) = \dots$$

For example if  $f$  is unseen code.

```
def f(x: float) -> float: ...
```

# Derivative as higher-order function

$$f(x) = \dots$$

$$f'(x) = \dots$$

```
def derivative(f: Callable[[float], float]) -> Callable[[float], float]:  
    def f_prime(x: float) -> float: ...  
  
    return f_prime
```

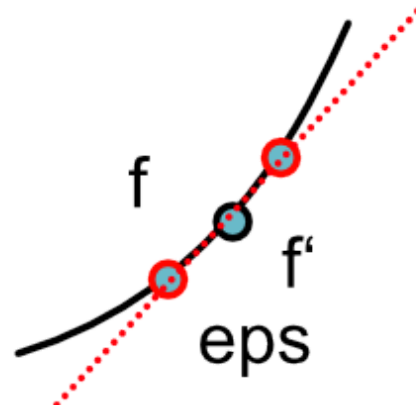
# Definition of Derivative

$$f'(x) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \epsilon) - f(x - \epsilon)}{2\epsilon}$$

# Central Difference

Approximate derivative

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x + \epsilon) - f(x - \epsilon)}{2\epsilon}$$



# Approximating Derivative

Key Idea: Only need to call  $f$ .

```
def central_difference(f: Callable[[float], float], x: float) -> float: ...
```

# Derivative as higher-order function

$$f(x) = \dots$$

$$f'(x) = \dots$$

```
def derivative(f: Callable[[float], float]) -> Callable[[float], float]:  
    def f_prime(x: float) -> float:  
        return minitorch.central_difference(f, x)  
  
    return f_prime
```

# Advanced: Multiple Arguments

Turn 2-argument function into 1-arg.

```
def f(x, y): ...

def f_x_prime(x: float, y: float) -> float:
    def inner(x: float) -> float:
        return f(x, y)

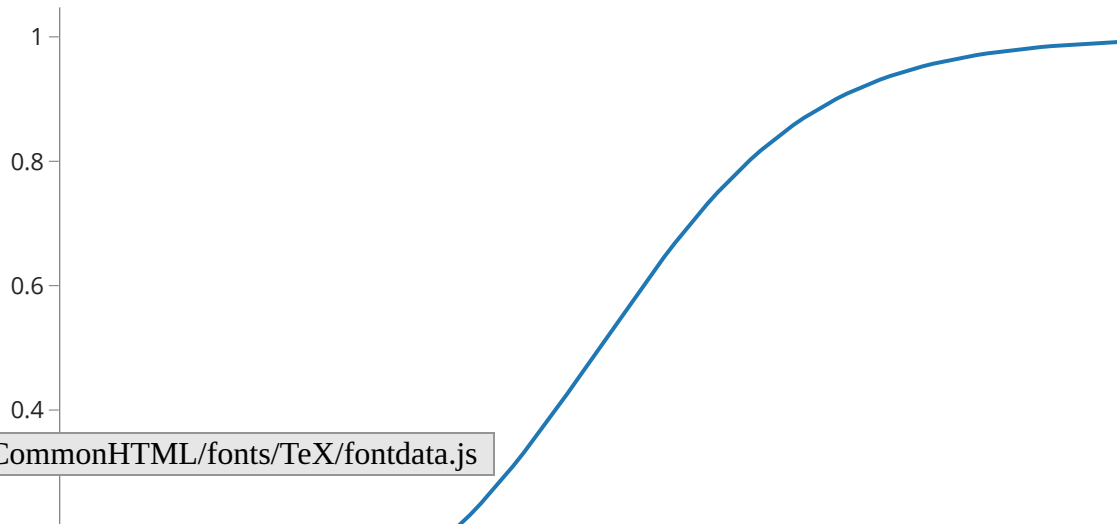
    return derivative(inner)(x)
```



# Example

```
def sigmoid(x: float) -> float:  
    if x >= 0:  
        return 1.0 / (1.0 + math.exp(-x))  
    else:  
        return math.exp(x) / (1.0 + math.exp(x))  
  
plot_function("sigmoid", sigmoid)
```

sigmoid

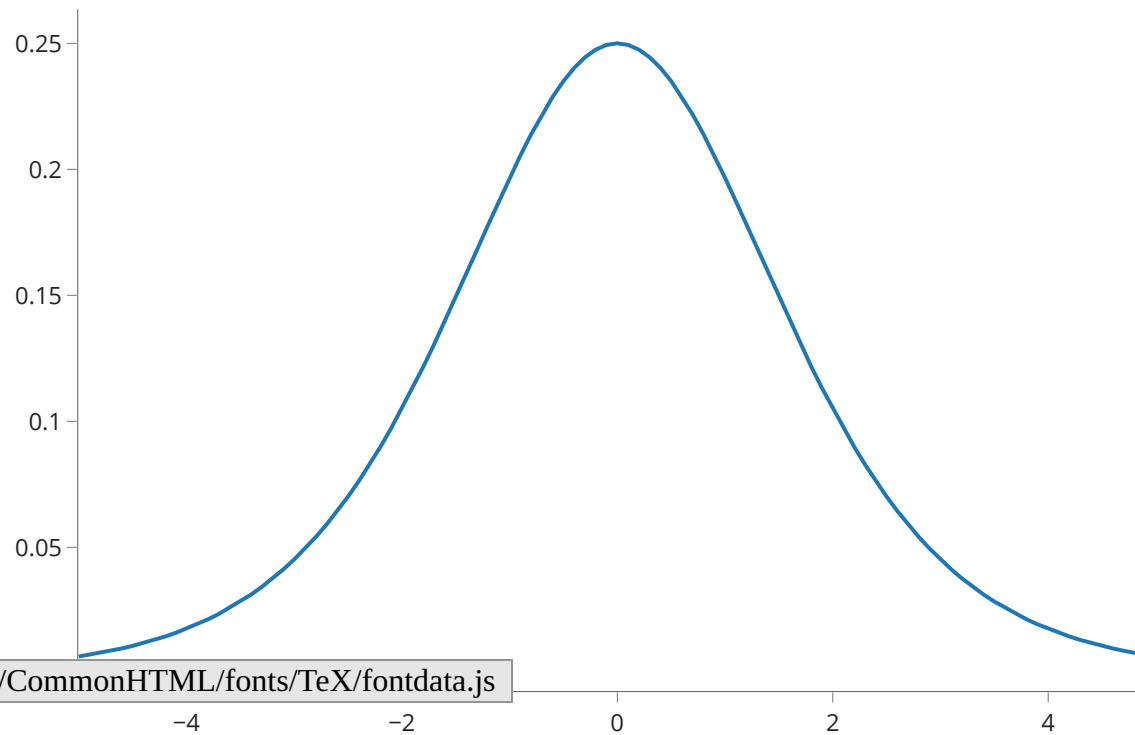


# Example

```
sigmoid_prime = derivative(sigmoid)  
plot_function("Derivative of sigmoid", sigmoid_prime)
```



Derivative of sigmoid



# Symbolic

- Transformation of mathematical function
- Gives full form of derivative
- Utilizes mathematical identities

# Numerical

- Only requires evaluating function
- Computes derivative at a point
- Can be applied to fully black-box function

# Next Class: Autodifferentiation

- Computes derivative on programs trace
- Efficient for large number of parameters
- Works directly on python code

# Module-1

# Module-1 Learning Objectives

- Practical understanding of derivatives
- Dive into autodifferentiation
- Parameters and their usage

# Module-1: What is it?

- Numerical and symbolic derivatives
- Implement our numerical class
- Implement autodifferentiation
- Everything is scalars for now (no "gradients")



# Module-1 Overview

- 5 Tasks
- **Module 1**

# Q&A