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1.

Which notation would you use to denote the 3rd layer's activations when the input is the 7th example from the 8th minibatch?



$a^{[3]\{8\}}(7)$



Correct



$a^{[8]\{7\}}(3)$



$a^{[8]\{3\}}(7)$



$a^{[3]\{7\}}(8)$



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2.

Which of these statements about mini-batch gradient descent do you agree with?



Training one epoch (one pass through the training set) using mini-batch gradient descent is faster than training one epoch using batch gradient descent.



This should not be selected



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One iteration of mini-batch gradient descent (computing on a single mini-batch) is faster than one iteration of batch gradient descent.

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You should implement mini-batch gradient descent without an explicit for-loop over different mini-batches, so that the algorithm processes all mini-batches at the same time (vectorization).



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3.

Why is the best mini-batch size usually not 1 and not m , but instead something in-between?



If the mini-batch size is 1, you end up having to process the entire training set before making any progress.



Un-selected is correct



If the mini-batch size is m , you end up with batch gradient descent, which has to process the whole training set before making progress.



Correct



If the mini-batch size is 1, you lose the benefits of vectorization across examples in the mini-batch.



Correct



If the mini-batch size is m , you end up with stochastic gradient descent, which is usually slower than mini-batch gradient descent.



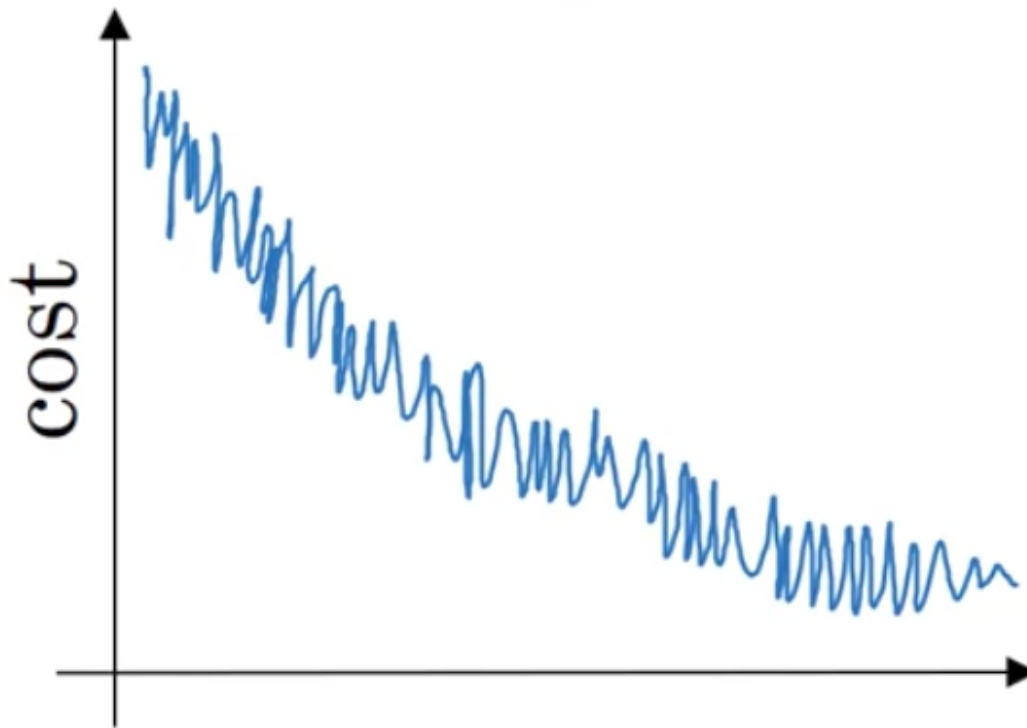
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Suppose your learning algorithm's cost J , plotted as a function of the number of iterations, looks like this: **9/10 points (90%)**



Which of the following do you agree with?

- ☐ Whether you're using batch gradient descent or mini-batch gradient descent, this looks acceptable.
- ☐ Whether you're using batch gradient descent or mini-batch gradient descent, something is wrong.
- ☐ If you're using mini-batch gradient descent, something is wrong. But if you're using batch gradient descent, this looks acceptable.
- ☒ If you're using mini-batch gradient descent, this looks acceptable. But if you're using batch gradient descent, something is wrong.



Correct

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5.

Suppose the temperature in Casablanca over the first three days of January are the same:

Jan 1st: $\theta_1 = 10^\circ C$

Jan 2nd: $\theta_2 = 10^\circ C$

(We used Fahrenheit in lecture, so will use Celsius here in honor of the metric world.)

Say you use an exponentially weighted average with $\beta = 0.5$ to track the temperature: $v_0 = 0$, $v_t = \beta v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta)\theta_t$. If v_2 is the value computed after day 2 without bias correction, and $v_2^{corrected}$ is the value you compute with bias correction. What are these values? (You might be able to do this without a calculator, but you don't actually need one. Remember what is bias correction doing.)

☐ $v_2 = 10, v_2^{corrected} = 10$

☒ $v_2 = 7.5, v_2^{corrected} = 10$



Correct

☐ $v_2 = 10, v_2^{corrected} = 7.5$

☐ $v_2 = 7.5, v_2^{corrected} = 7.5$

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6.

Which of these is NOT a good learning rate decay scheme? Here, t is the epoch number.

☐ $\alpha = 0.95^t \alpha_0$

☐ $\alpha = \frac{1}{1+2*t} \alpha_0$



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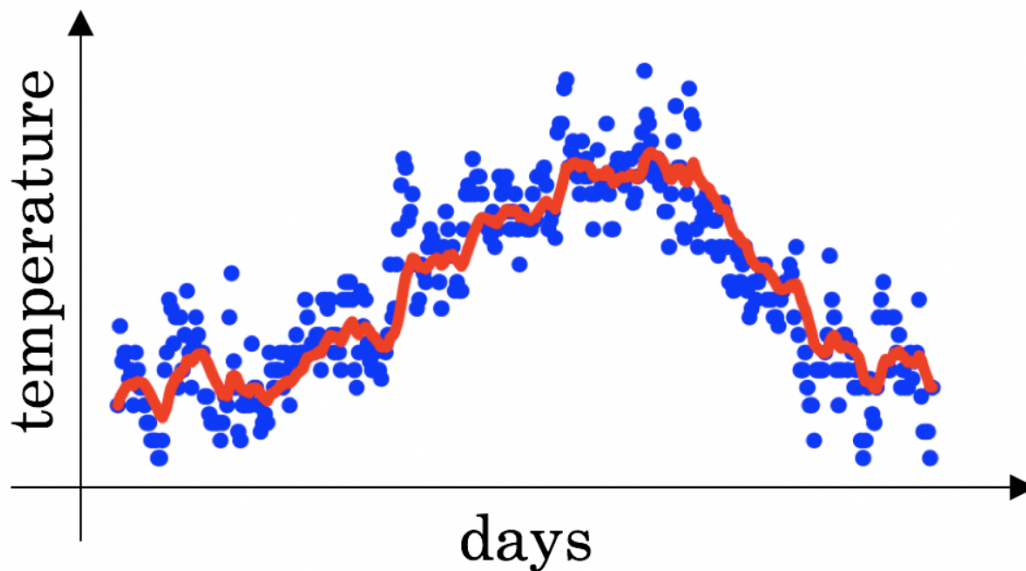
Correct

☐ $\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \alpha_0$

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7.

You use an exponentially weighted average on the London temperature dataset. You use the following to track the temperature: $v_t = \beta v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta) \theta_t$. The red line below was computed using $\beta = 0.9$. What would happen to your red curve as you vary β ? (Check the two that apply)

Decreasing β will shift the red line slightly to the right.

Un-selected is correct

Increasing β will shift the red line slightly to the right.

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True, remember that the red line corresponds to $\beta = 0.9$. In lecture we had a green line ($\beta = 0.98$) that is slightly shifted to the right.



Decreasing β will create more oscillation within the red line.



Correct

True, remember that the red line corresponds to $\beta = 0.9$. In lecture we had a yellow line ($\beta = 0.98$) that had a lot of oscillations.



Increasing β will create more oscillations within the red line.



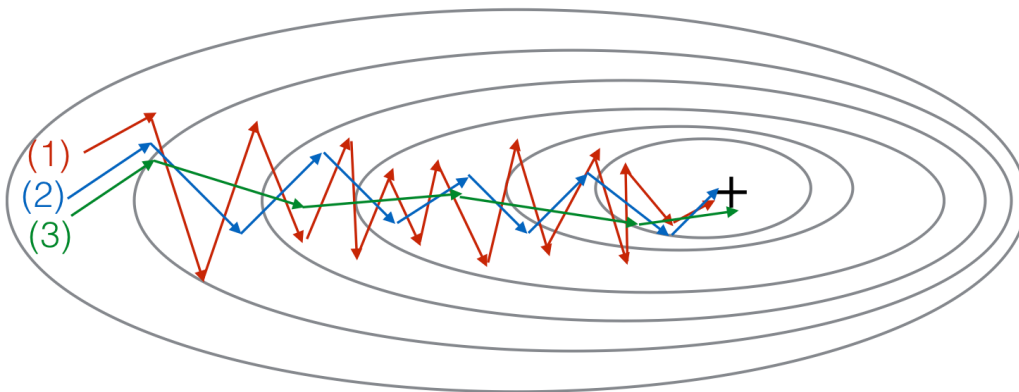
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8.

Consider this figure:



These plots were generated with gradient descent; with gradient descent with momentum ($\beta = 0.5$) and gradient descent with momentum ($\beta = 0.9$). Which curve corresponds to which algorithm?



(1) is gradient descent. (2) is gradient descent with momentum (large β). (3) is gradient descent with momentum (small β)



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- ☐ (1) is gradient descent with momentum (small β), (2) is gradient descent with momentum (small β), (3) is gradient descent
- ☐ (1) is gradient descent with momentum (small β). (2) is gradient descent. (3) is gradient descent with momentum (large β)



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9.

Suppose batch gradient descent in a deep network is taking excessively long to find a value of the parameters that achieves a small value for the cost function $\mathcal{J}(W^{[1]}, b^{[1]}, \dots, W^{[L]}, b^{[L]})$. Which of the following techniques could help find parameter values that attain a small value for \mathcal{J} ? (Check all that apply)



Try better random initialization for the weights

**Correct**

Try mini-batch gradient descent

**Correct**

Try using Adam

**Correct**

Try initializing all the weights to zero

**Un-selected is correct**

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Try tuning the learning rate α

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Correct



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10.

Which of the following statements about Adam is False?



Adam should be used with batch gradient computations, not with mini-batches.



Correct



The learning rate hyperparameter α in Adam usually needs to be tuned.



Adam combines the advantages of RMSProp and momentum



We usually use "default" values for the hyperparameters β_1, β_2 and ϵ in Adam ($\beta_1 = 0.9, \beta_2 = 0.999, \epsilon = 10^{-8}$)

