CS60021: Scalable Data Mining

Large Scale Machine Learning

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Much of ML is optimization

Linear Classification

$$\arg\min_{w} \sum_{i=1}^{n} ||w||^{2} + C \sum_{i=1}^{n} \xi_{i}$$
s.t.
$$1 - y_{i} x_{i}^{T} w \leq \xi_{i}$$

$$\xi_{i} \geq 0$$

Maximum Likelihood

$$\arg\max_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log p_{\theta}(x_i)$$

K-Means

$$\arg \min_{\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k} J(\mu) = \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i \in C_j} ||x_i - \mu_j||^2$$

Stochastic optimization

- Goal of machine learning :
 - Minimize expected loss

$$\min_{h} L(h) = \mathbf{E} \left[loss(h(x), y) \right]$$

given samples (x_i, y_i) i = 1, 2...m

- This is Stochastic Optimization
 - Assume loss function is convex

Batch (sub)gradient descent for ML

Process all examples together in each step

$$w^{(k+1)} \leftarrow w^{(k)} - \eta_t \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial L(w, x_i, y_i)}{\partial w} \right)$$

where L is the regularized loss function

- Entire training set examined at each step
- Very slow when n is very large

Stochastic (sub)gradient descent

- "Optimize" one example at a time
- Choose examples randomly (or reorder and choose in order)
 - Learning representative of example distribution

for
$$i = 1$$
 to n :
$$w^{(k+1)} \leftarrow w^{(k)} - \eta_t \frac{\partial L(w, x_i, y_i)}{\partial w}$$

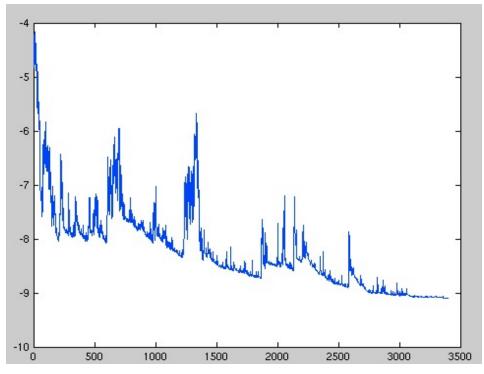
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- Equivalent to online learning (the weight vector w changes with every example)
- Convergence guaranteed for convex functions (to local minimum)



Iterations / updates

Stochastic gradient descent

From Indian Methods (
$$\theta^t$$
) = $f(\theta^t)$ = $f(\theta^t$

Stochastic gradient descent

- Input: *D*
- Output: $\bar{\theta}$

Algorithm:

- Initialize θ^0
- For $t=1,\ldots,T$ $\theta^{t+1}=\theta^t-\eta_t\nabla_\theta l(y_t,\theta^T\phi(x_t))$
- $\bar{\theta} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{T} \eta_t \theta^t}{\sum_{t=1}^{T} \eta_t}$.

SGD convergence

- Expected loss: $s(\theta) = E_{\mathcal{P}}[l(y, \theta^T \phi(x))]$
- Optimal Expected loss: $s^* = s(\theta^*) = \min_{\theta} s(\theta)$
- Convergence:

$$E_{\overline{\theta}}[s(\overline{\theta})] - s^* \le \frac{R^2 + L^2 \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t^2}{2 \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t}$$

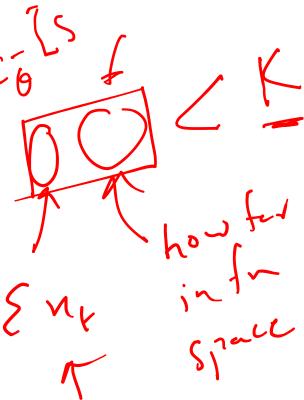
- Where: $R = \|\theta^0 \theta^*\|$
- $L = \max \nabla l(y, \theta^T \phi(x))$

SGD convergence proof

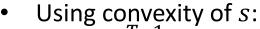


- Define $r_t = \|\theta^t \theta^*\|$ and $g_t = \nabla_{\theta} l(y_t, \theta^T \phi(x_t))$
- $r_{t+1}^2 = r_t^2 + \eta_t^2 ||g_t||^2 2\eta_t (\theta^t \theta^*)^T g_t$
- Taking expectation w.r.t $\mathcal{P}, \bar{\theta}$ and using $\underline{s}^* \underline{s}(\theta^t) \ge g_t^T(\theta^* \theta^t)$, we get: $E_{\overline{\theta}}[r_{t+1}^2 r_t^2] \le \eta_t^2 L^2 + 2\eta_t(s^* E_{\overline{\theta}}[s(\theta^t)])$
- Taking sum over t = 1, ..., T and using

$$E_{\overline{\theta}}[r_{t+1}^2 - r_0^2] \le L^2 \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} (\eta_t^2) + 2 \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} (\eta_t) (s^* - E_{\overline{\theta}}[s(\theta^t)])$$



SGD convergence proof



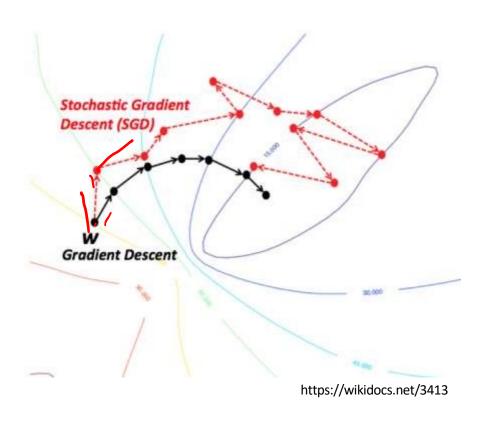
$$\left(\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \eta_t\right) E_{\bar{\theta}}\left[s(\bar{\theta})\right] \leq E_{\bar{\theta}}\left[\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \eta_t s(\theta^t)\right]$$

• Substituting in the expression from previous slide: T-1

$$E_{\overline{\theta}}[r_{t+1}^2 - r_0^2] \le L^2 \sum_{t=0}^{I-1} \eta_t^2 + 2 \sum_{t=0}^{I-1} \eta_t (s^* - E_{\overline{\theta}}[s(\overline{\theta})])$$

Rearranging the terms proves the result.

The fluctuation: Batch vs SGD



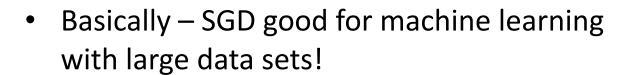
Batch gradient descent converges to the minimum of the basin the parameters are placed in and the fluctuation is small.

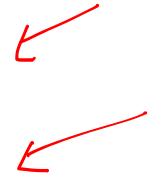
SGD's fluctuation is large but it enables to jump to new and potentially better local minima.

However, this ultimately complicates convergence to the exact minimum, as SGD will keep overshooting

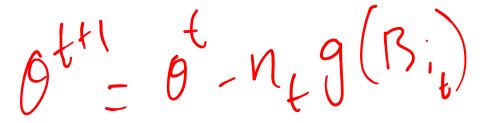
SGD - Issues

- Convergence very sensitive to learning rate (η_t) (oscillations near solution due to probabilistic nature of sampling)
 - Might need to decrease with time to ensure the algorithm converges eventually





Mini-batch SGD



- Stochastic 1 example per iteration
- Batch All the examples!
- Mini-batch SGD:
 - Sample m examples at each step and perform SGD on them
- Allows for parallelization, but choice of m based on heuristics

Example: Text categorization

- Example by Leon Bottou:
 - Reuters RCV1 document corpus
 - Predict a category of a document
 - One vs. the rest classification
 - n = 781,000 training examples (documents)
 - 23,000 test examples
 - d = 50,000 features
 - One feature per word
 - Remove stop-words
 - Remove low frequency words

Example: Text categorization

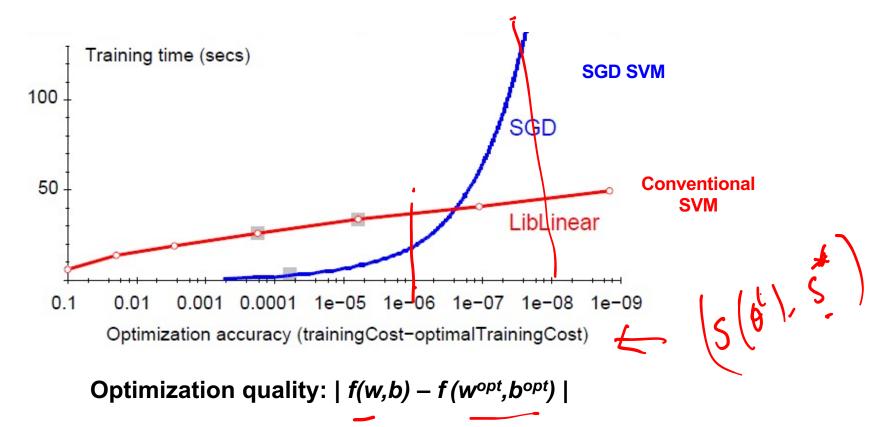
Questions:

- (1) Is SGD successful at minimizing f(w,b)?
- (2) How quickly does SGD find the min of f(w,b)?
- (3) What is the error on a test set?

	Training time	Value of f(w,b)	Test error
Standard SVM	23,642 secs	0.2275	6.02%
"Fast SVM"	66 secs	0.2278	6.03%
SGD SVM	1.4 secs	0.2275	6.02%

- (1) SGD-SVM is successful at minimizing the value of f(w,b)
- (2) SGD-SVM is super fast
- (3) SGD-SVM test set error is comparable

Optimization "Accuracy"

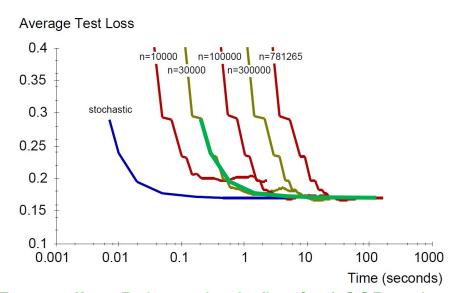


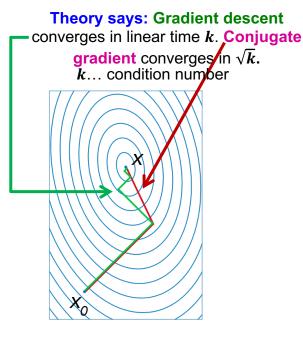
For optimizing f(w,b) within reasonable quality SGD-SVM is super fast

SGD vs. Batch Conjugate Gradient

SGD on full dataset vs. Conjugate Gradient on a sample of

n training examples





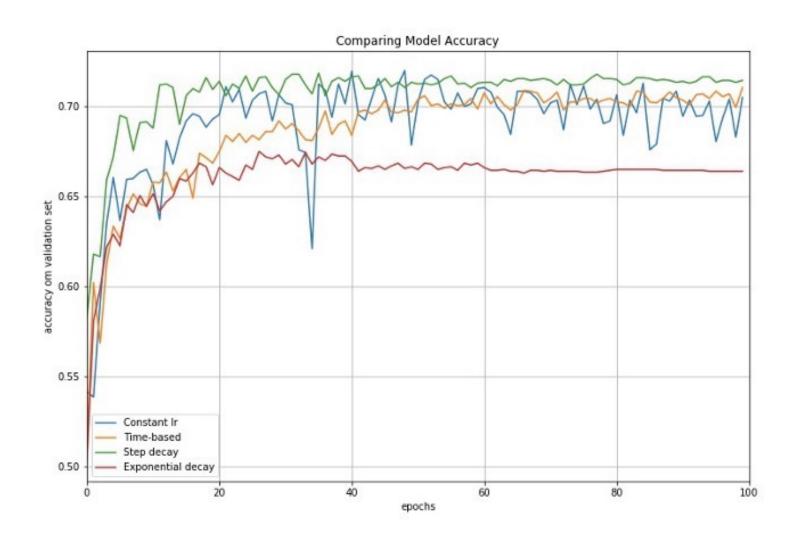
Bottom line: Doing a simple (but fast) SGD update many times is better than doing a complicated (but slow) CG update a few times

Need to choose learning rate η and t₀

$$w_{t+1} \leftarrow w_t - \frac{\eta_0}{t+t_0} \left(w_t + C \frac{\partial L(x_i, y_i)}{\partial w} \right)$$

- Leon suggests:
 - Choose t₀ so that the expected initial updates are comparable with the expected size of the weights
 - Choose η:
 - Select a small subsample
 - Try various rates η (e.g., 10, 1, 0.1, 0.01, ...)
 - Pick the one that most reduces the cost
 - Use η for next 100k iterations on the full dataset

Learning rate comparison



- Sparse Linear SVM:
 - Feature vector x_i is sparse (contains many zeros)
 - Do not do: $\mathbf{x}_i = [0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,5,0,0,0,0,0,0,\dots]$
 - But represent x_i as a sparse vector $x_i = [(4,1), (9,5), ...]$
 - Can we do the SGD update more efficiently?

$$w \leftarrow w - \eta \left(w + C \frac{\partial L(x_i, y_i)}{\partial w} \right)$$

– Approximated in 2 steps:

 $w \leftarrow w - \eta C \frac{\partial L(x_i, y_i)}{\partial w}$ cheap: x_i is sparse and so few coordinates j of w will be updated

 $w \leftarrow w(1-\eta)$ **expensive**: **w** is not sparse, all coordinates need to be updated

- Solution 1: $w = s \cdot v$
 - Represent vector w as the product of scalar s and vector v
 - Then the update procedure is:

• (1)
$$v = v - \eta C \frac{\partial L(x_i, y_i)}{\partial w}$$

• (2)
$$s = s(1 - \eta)$$

Two step update procedure:

$$(1)w \leftarrow w - \eta C \frac{\partial L(x_i, y_i)}{\partial w}$$

(2)
$$w \leftarrow w(1-\eta)$$

Solution 2:

- Perform only step (1) for each training example
- Perform step (2) with lower frequency and higher η

Stopping criteria:

How many iterations of SGD?

- Early stopping with cross validation
 - Create a validation set
 - Monitor cost function on the validation set
 - Stop when loss stops decreasing

Early stopping

- Extract two disjoint subsamples A and B of training data
- Train on A, stop by validating on B
- Number of epochs is an estimate of k
- Train for **k** epochs on the full dataset

ACCELERATED GRADIENT DESCENT

Stochastic gradient descent

Idea: Perform a parameter update for each training example x(i) and label y(i)

Update:
$$\theta = \theta - \eta \cdot \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta; x(i), y(i))$$

Performs redundant computations for large datasets

Momentum gradient descent

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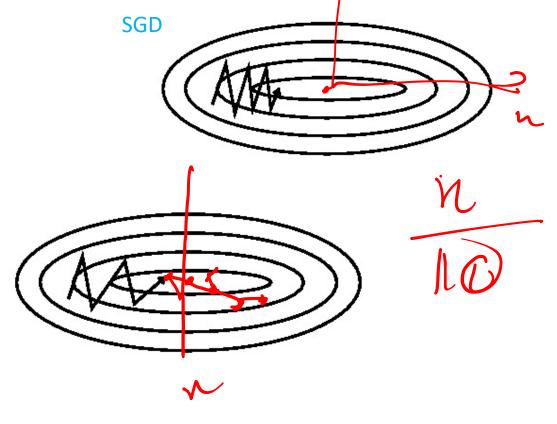
Idea: Overcome ravine oscillations by momentum

Update:

•
$$V_t = \gamma V_{t-1} + \eta \cdot \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta)$$

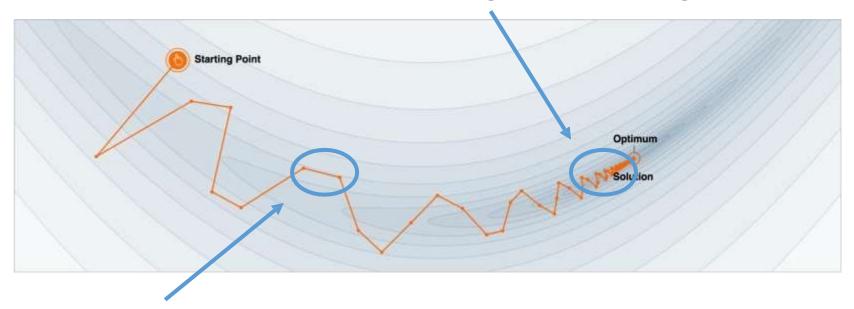
•
$$\theta = \theta - V_t$$

SGD with momentum



Why Momentum Really Works

The momentum term reduces updates for dimensions whose gradients change directions.



The momentum term increases for dimensions whose gradients point in the same directions.

Demo: http://distill.pub/2017/momentum/

 However, a ball that rolls down a hill, blindly following the slope, is highly unsatisfactory.

 We would like to have a smarter ball that has a notion of where it is going so that it knows to slow down before the hill slopes up again.

Nesterov accelerated gradient gives us a way of it.

$$v_{t} = \gamma v_{t-1} + \eta \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta - \gamma v_{t-1})$$

$$\theta = \theta - v_{t}$$

Approximation of the next position of the parameters' gradient(correction)

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Blue line : predict

Red line: correction

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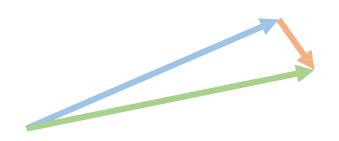
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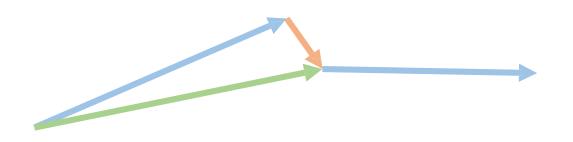
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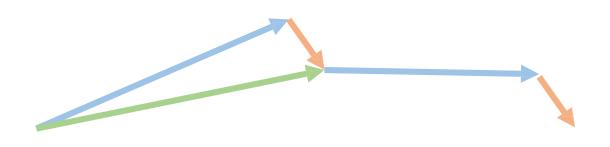
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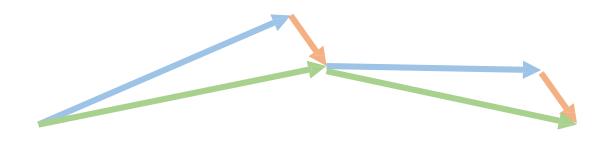
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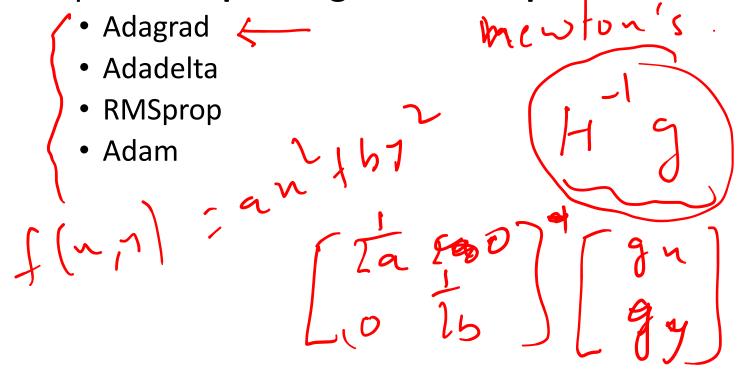
 This anticipatory update prevents us from going too fast and results in increased responsiveness.

 Now, we can adapt our updates to the slope of our error function and speed up SGD in turn.

What's next...?

Adaptive gindient gindient

 We also want to adapt our updates to each individual parameter to perform larger or smaller updates depending on their importance.



- Adagrad adapts the learning rate to the parameters
 - Performing larger updates for infrequent
 - Performing smaller updates for frequent parameters.
- Ex.
 - Training large-scale neural nets at Google that learned to recognize cats in Youtube videos.

Different learning rate for every parameter

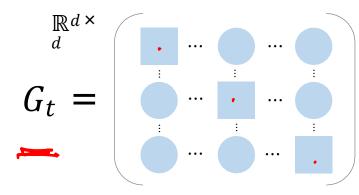
- Previous methods :
 - we used the same learning rate η for all parameters heta

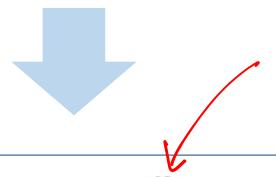
- Adagrad :
 - It uses a different learning rate for every parameter θ_i at every time step t

$$\nabla^2 \lambda \cdot (J_i)^2$$

Adagrad

SGD
$$heta_{t+1,i} = heta_{t,i} - \eta \cdot g_{t,i}$$





$$\theta_{t+1,i} = \theta_{t,i} - \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{G_{t,ii} + \epsilon}} \cdot g_{t,i}$$



$$g_{t,i} =
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$$\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t - \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{G_t + \epsilon}} \odot g_t.$$

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Adagrad modifies the general learning rate η based on the past gradients that have been computed for θ_i

Adagrad

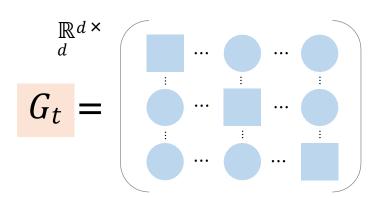
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SGD

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 G_t is a diagonal matrix where each diagonal element (i,i) is the sum of the squares of the gradients θ_i up to time step t.

Adagrad

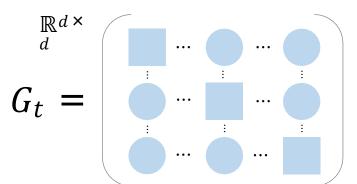
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 ε is a smoothing term that avoids division by zero (usually on the order of 1e - 8).

Adagrad

$$\theta_{t+1,i} = \theta_{t,i} - \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{G_{t,ii} + \epsilon}} \cdot g_{t,i}$$

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$$g_{t,i} = \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta_i)$$

$$\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t - \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{G_t + \epsilon}} \odot g_t.$$

Adagrad's advantages

- Advantages :
 - It is well-suited for dealing with sparse data.
 - It greatly improved the robustness of SGD.
 - It eliminates the need to manually tune the learning rate.

Adagrad's disadvantage

- Disadvantage:
 - Main weakness is its accumulation of the squared gradients in the denominator.

Adagrad's disadvantage

 The disadvantage causes the learning rate to shrink and become infinitesimally small. The algorithm can no longer acquire additional knowledge.

- The following algorithms aim to resolve this flaw.
 - Adadelta
 - RMSprop
 - Adam

Adadelta: extension of Adagrad

Adadelta is an extension of Adagrad.

Adagrad :

It accumulate all past squared gradients.

Adadelta :

• It restricts the window of accumulated past gradients to some fixed size w.

• Instead of inefficiently storing, the sum of gradients is recursively defined as a decaying average of all past squared gradients.

$$E[g^2]_t = \gamma E[g^2]_{t-1} + (1 - \gamma)g_t^2$$

- $E[g^2]_t$: The running average at time step t.
- γ : A fraction similarly to the Momentum term, around 0.9

Adagrad

$$\Delta heta_t = -rac{\eta}{\sqrt{G_t + \epsilon}} \odot g_t$$

\$GD

$$\Delta heta_t = -\eta \cdot g_{t,i} \ heta_{t+1} = heta_t + \Delta heta_t$$



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Replace the diagonal matrix G_t with the decaying average over past squared gradients $E[g^2]_t$

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Adagrad

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Adadelta

$$\Delta\theta_t = -\frac{\eta}{\sqrt{E[g^2]_t + \epsilon}} g_t$$



$$\Delta heta_t = -rac{\eta}{RMS[g]_t}g_t$$

Update units should have the same hypothetical units

- The units in this update do not match and the update should have the same hypothetical units as the parameter.
 - As well as in SGD, Momentum, or Adagrad

 To realize this, first defining another exponentially decaying average

$$E[\Delta \theta^2]_t = \gamma E[\Delta \theta^2]_{t-1} + (1 - \gamma) \Delta \theta_t^2$$



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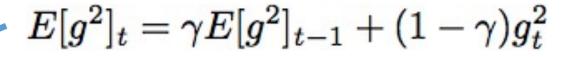


$$RMS[\Delta\theta]_t = \sqrt{E[\Delta\theta^2]_t + \epsilon}$$

Adadelta

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$$E[\Delta \theta^2]_t = \gamma E[\Delta \theta^2]_{t-1} + (1-\gamma)\Delta \theta_t^2$$



We approximate RMS with the RMS of parameter updates until the previous time step.

$$RMS[\Delta\theta]_t = \sqrt{E[\Delta\theta^2]_t + \epsilon}$$

Adadelta

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Adadelta update rule

• Replacing the learning rate η in the previous update rule with $RMS[\Delta\theta]_{t-1}$ finally yields the Adadelta update rule:

$$\Delta heta_t = -rac{RMS[\Delta heta]_{t-1}}{RMS[g]_t}g_t$$
 $heta_{t+1} = heta_t + \Delta heta_t$

 Note: we do not even need to set a default learning rate

RMSprop

RMSprop and Adadelta have both been developed independently around the same time to resolve Adagrad's radically diminishing learning rates.

RMSprop

$$E[g^2]_t = 0.9E[g^2]_{t-1} + 0.1g_t^2$$

$$\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t - \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{E[g^2]_t + \epsilon}} g_t$$

RMSprop

RMSprop as well divides the learning rate by an exponentially decaying average of squared gradients.

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Hinton suggests γ to be set to 0.9, while a good default value for the learning rate η is 0.001.

Adam

Adam's feature :

- Storing an exponentially decaying average of past squared gradients v_t like Adadelta and RMSprop
- Keeping an exponentially decaying average of past gradients m_t , similar to momentum.

$$m_t=eta_1 m_{t-1}+(1-eta_1)g_t$$
 The first moment (the mean) $v_t=eta_2 v_{t-1}+(1-eta_2)g_t^2$ The second moment (the uncentered variance)

Adam

- As m_t and v_t are initialized as vectors of 0's, they are biased towards zero.
 - Especially during the initial time steps
 - Especially when the decay rates are small
 - (i.e. β1 and β2 are close to 1).
- Counteracting these biases in Adam

$$\hat{m}_t = rac{m_t}{1-eta_1^t} \,.$$
 $\hat{v}_t = rac{v_t}{1-eta_2^t}$

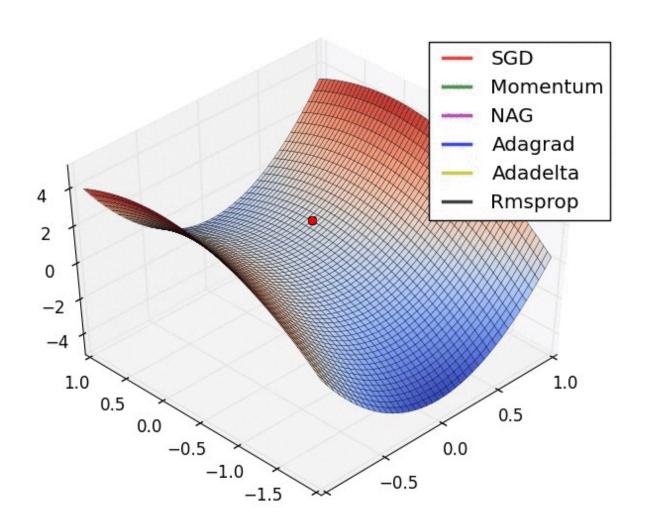
Adam

$$heta_{t+1} = heta_t - rac{\eta}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_t} + \epsilon} \hat{m}_t$$

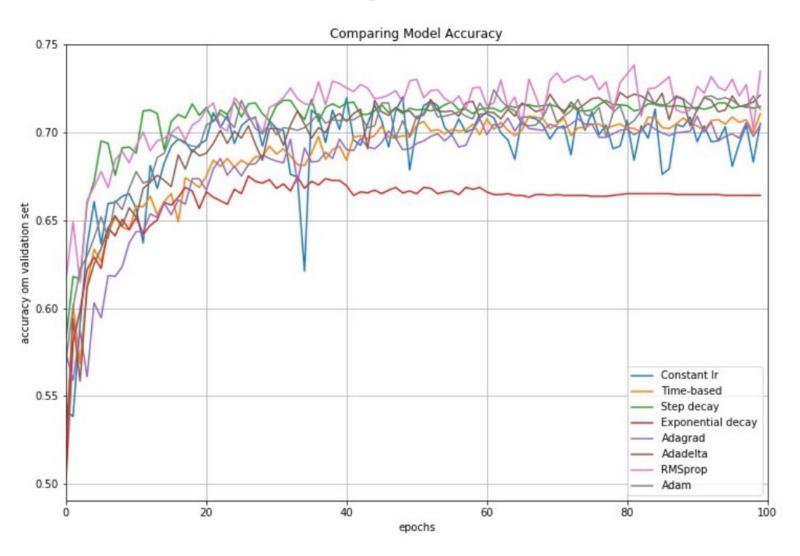
Note : default values of 0.9 for β_1 , 0.999 for β_2 , and 10⁻⁸ for ε

- SCAD - Simple
- RMSPAIR Visualization
- RMSPAIR Correction. SGD Momentum NAG Adagrad Adadelta Rmsprop

Visualization



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Summary

- There are two main ideas at play:
 - Momentum: Provide consistency in update directions by incorporating past update directions.
 - Adaptive gradient: Scale the scale updates to individual variables using the second moment in that direction.
 - This also relates to adaptively altering step length for each direction.

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