

lecture 6: differentiation

deep learning for vision

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outline

gradient descent

gradient computation

automatic differentiation: units

automatic differentiation: functions

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i.e. , the gradient points in the direction of the greatest increase rate

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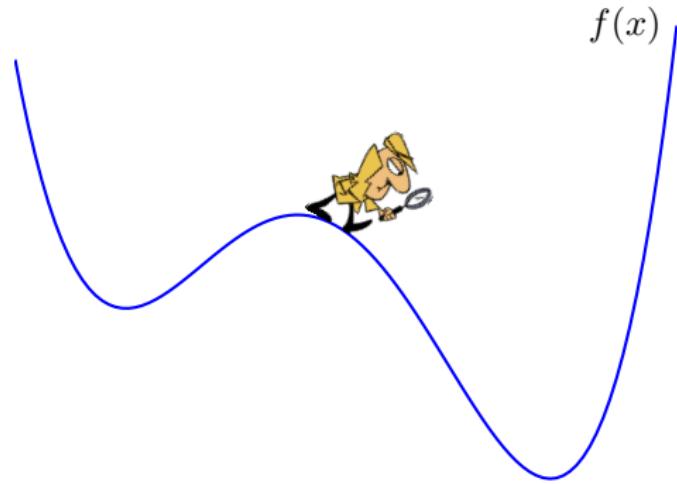
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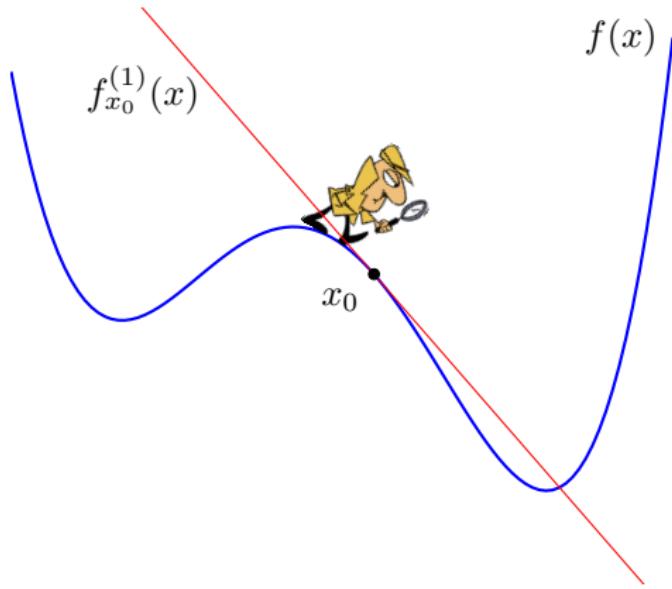
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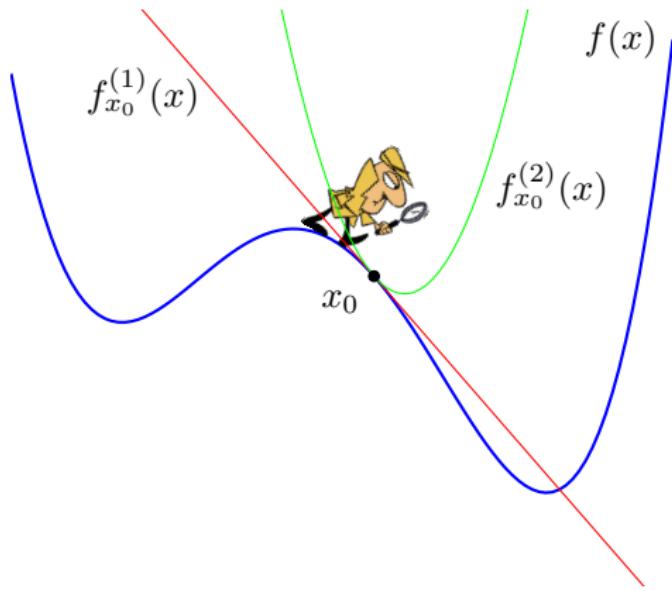
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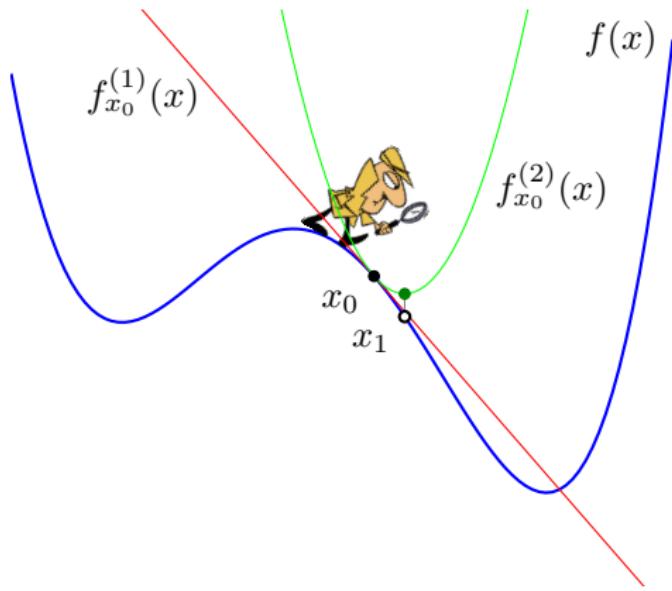
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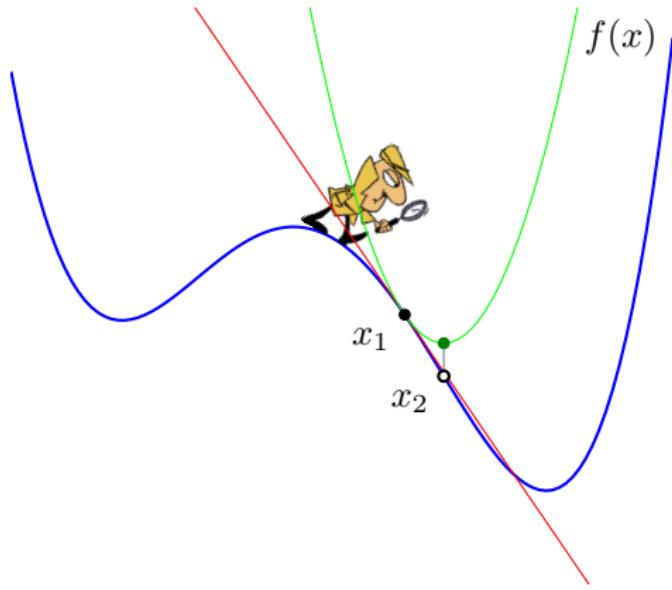
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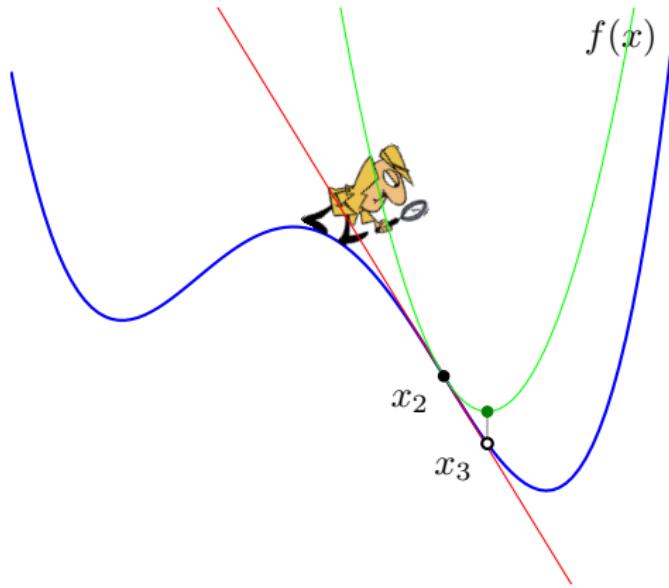
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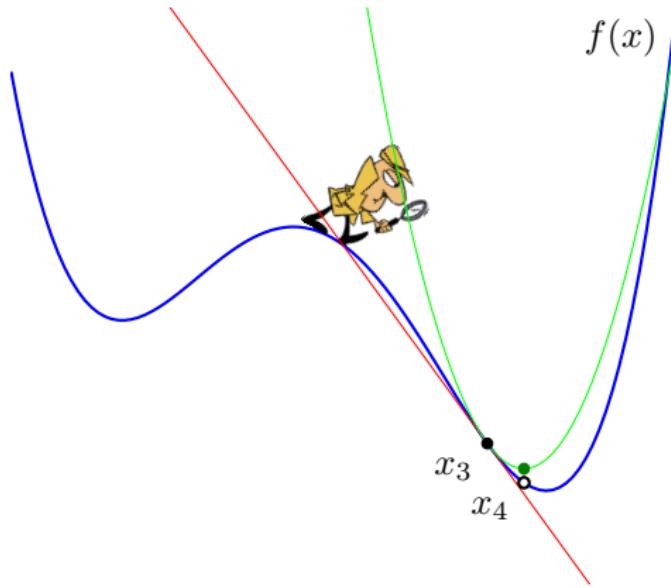
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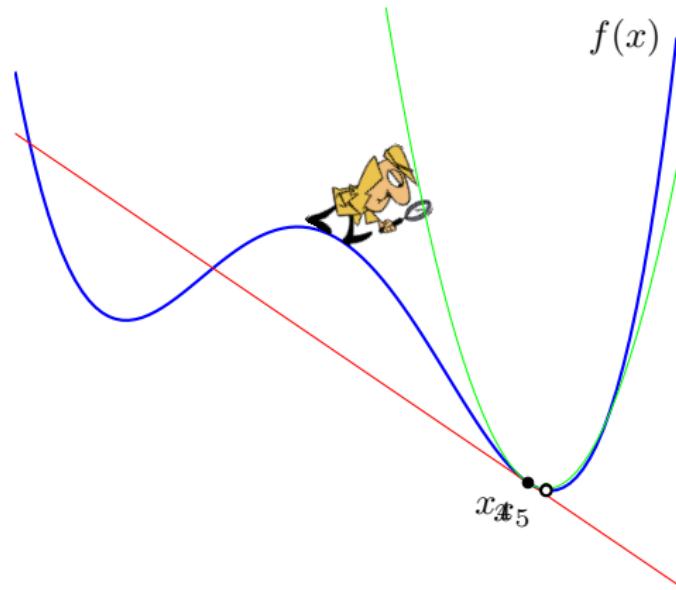
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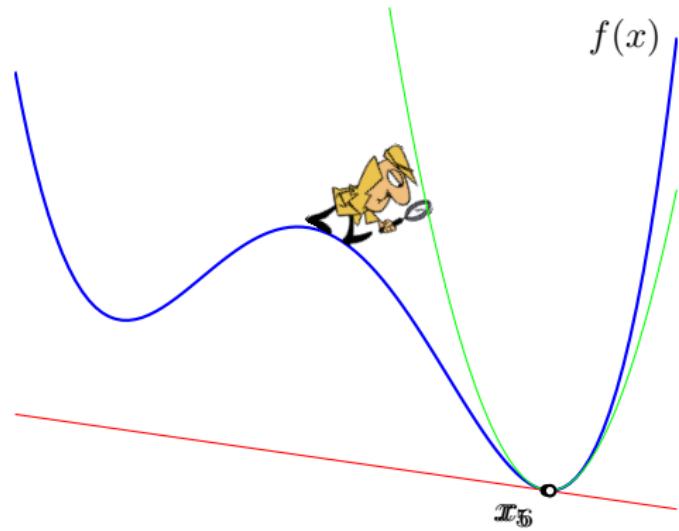
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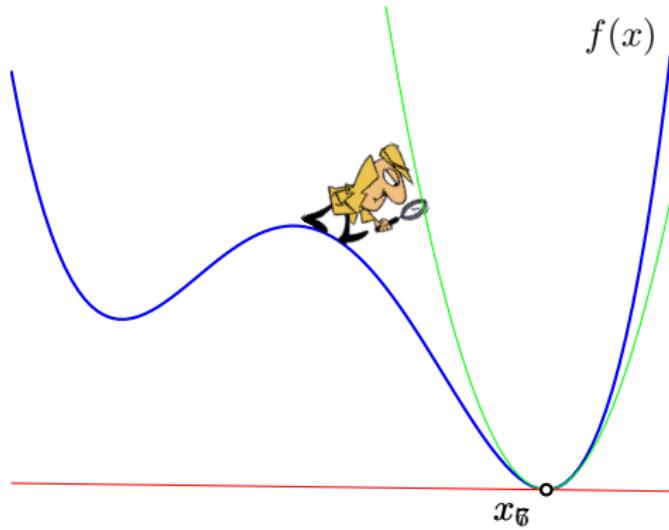
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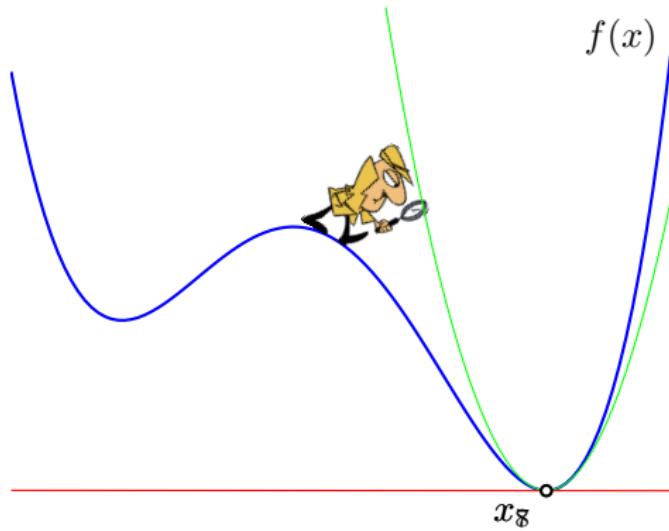
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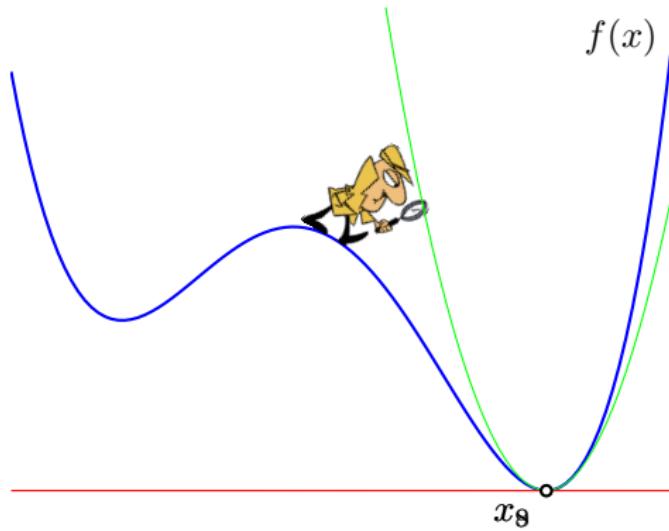
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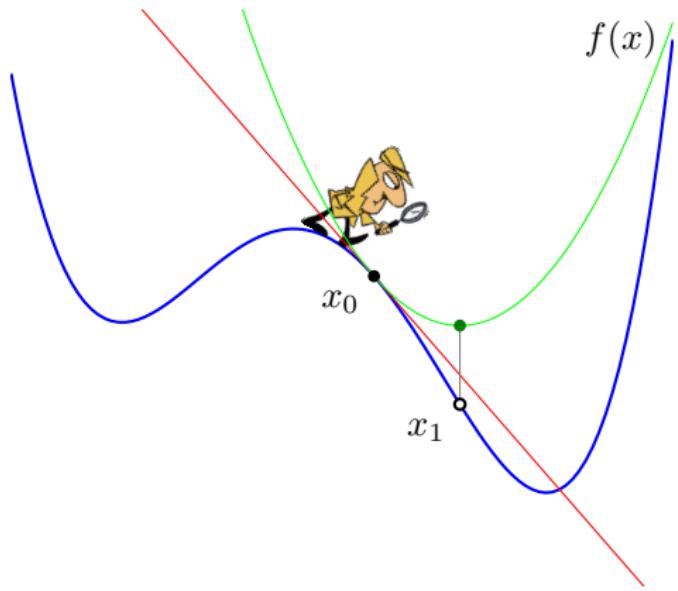
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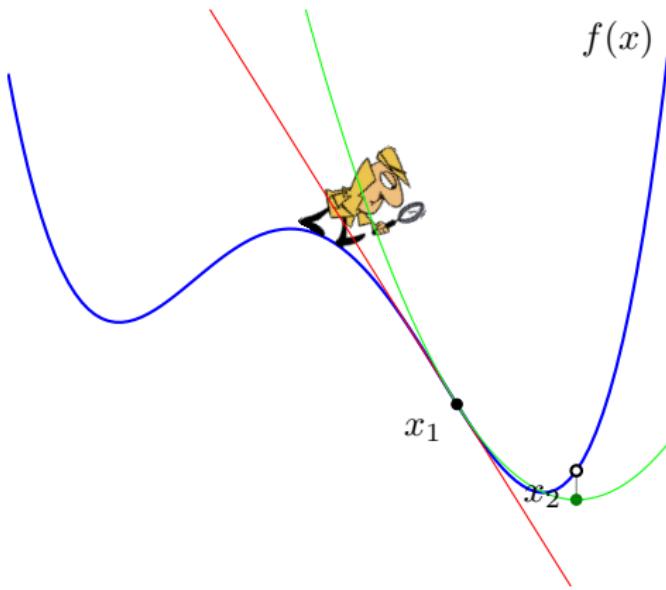
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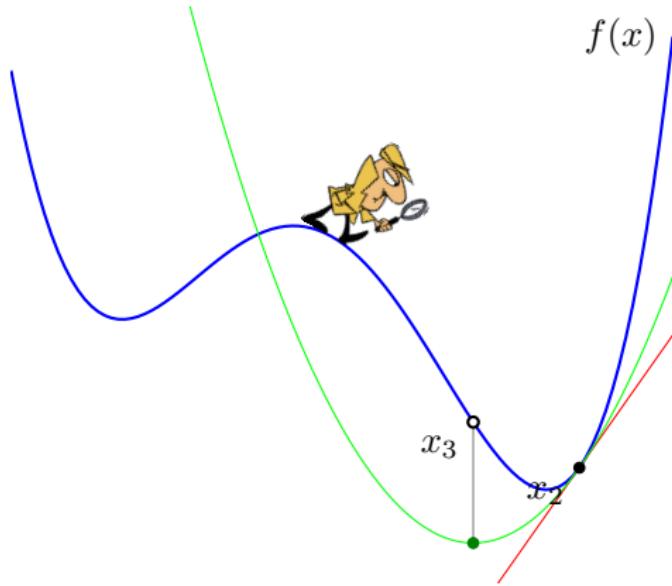
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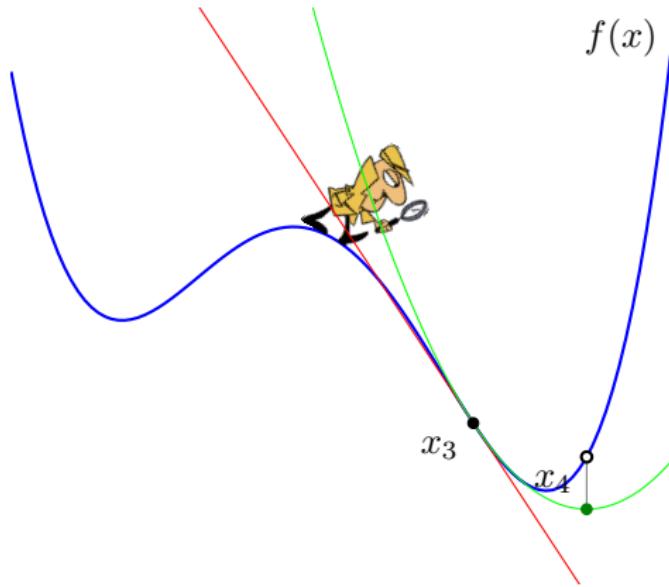
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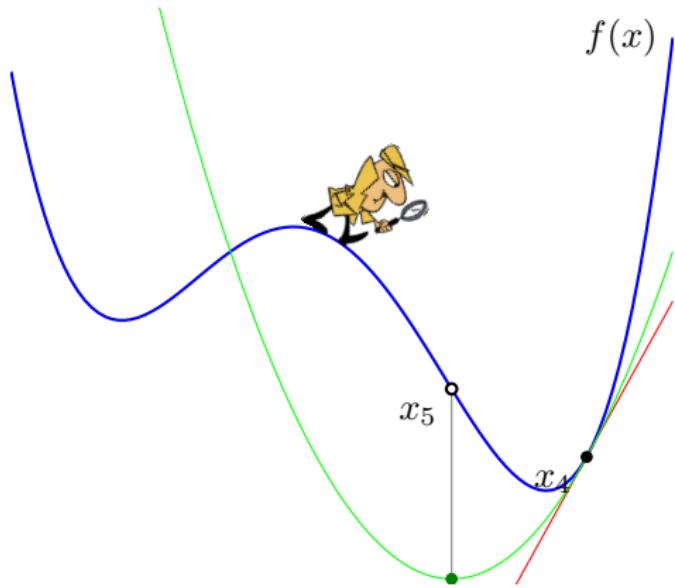
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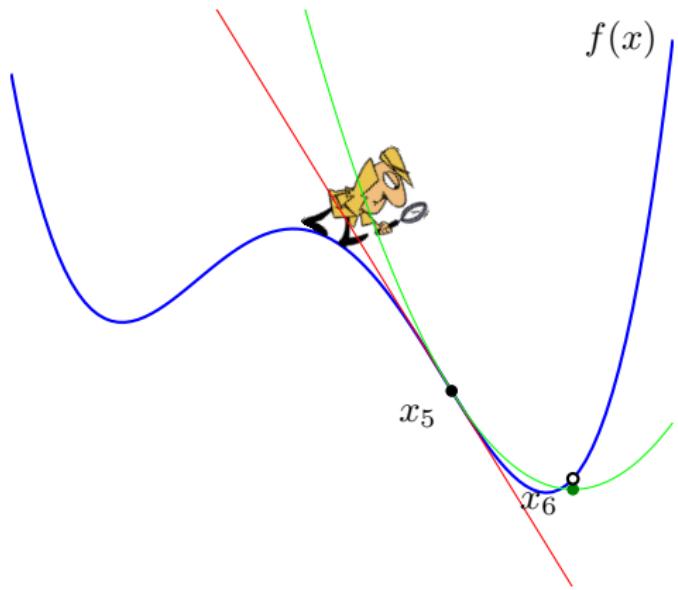
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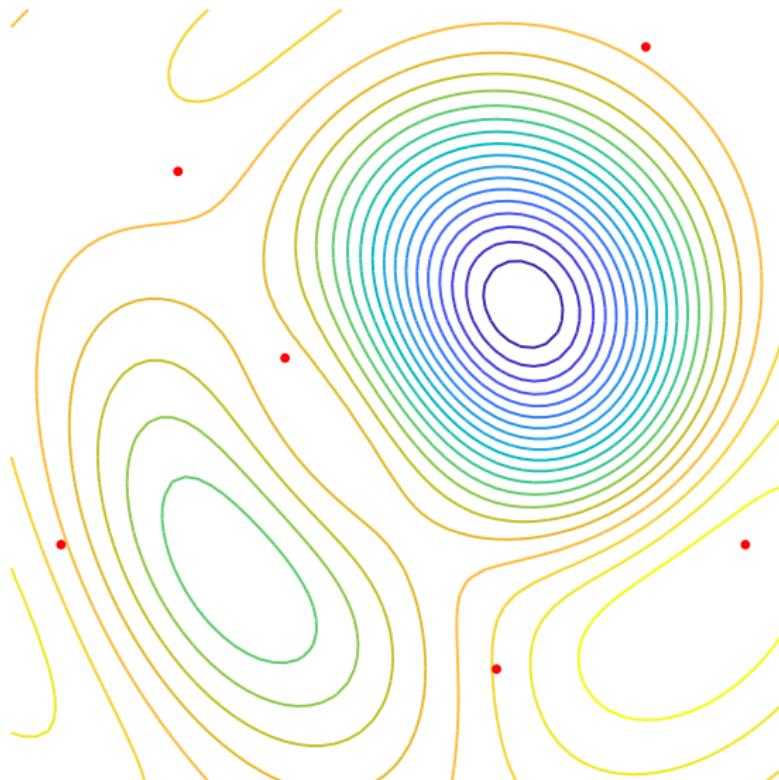
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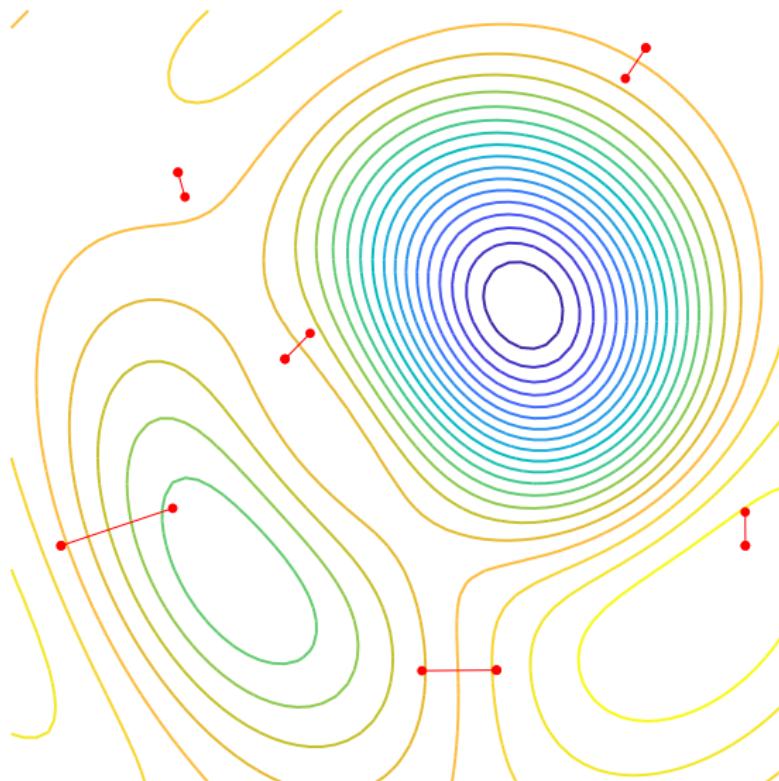
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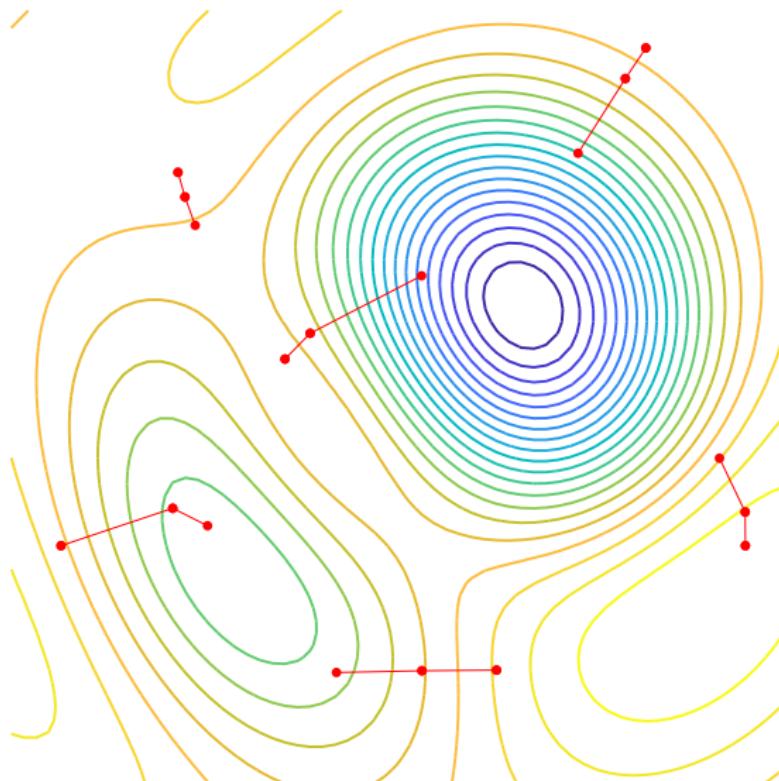
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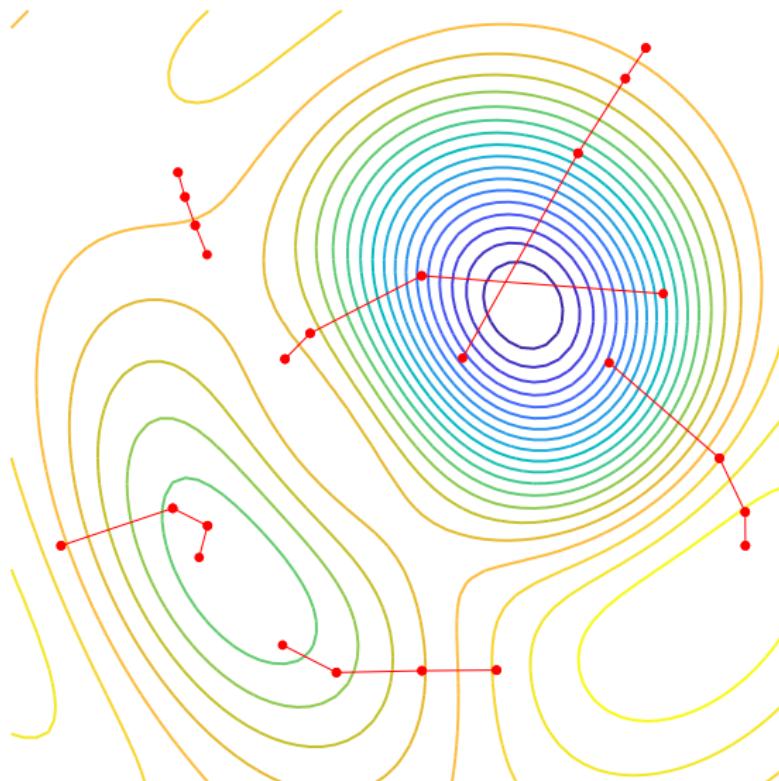
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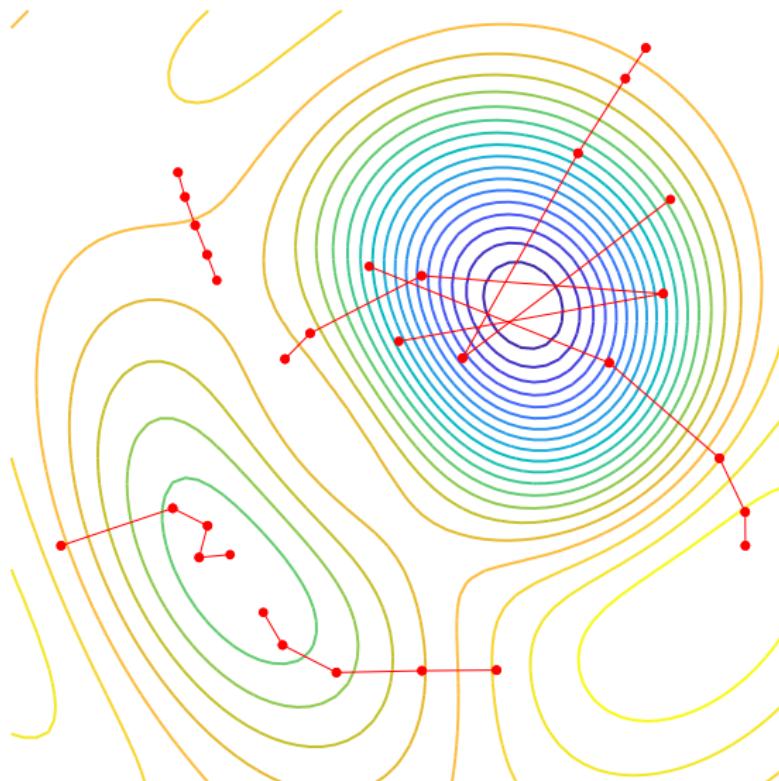
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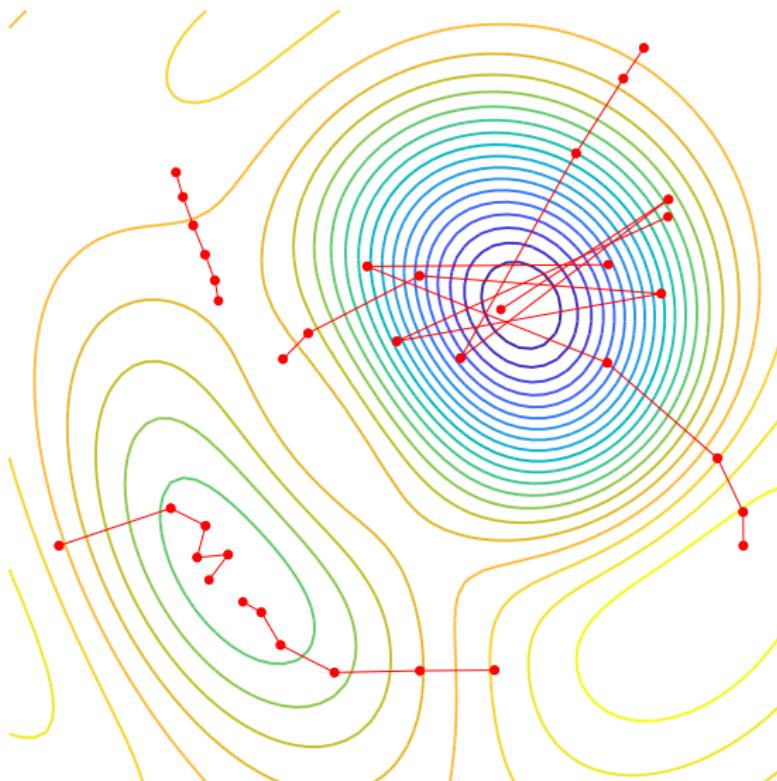
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gradient descent in two dimensions

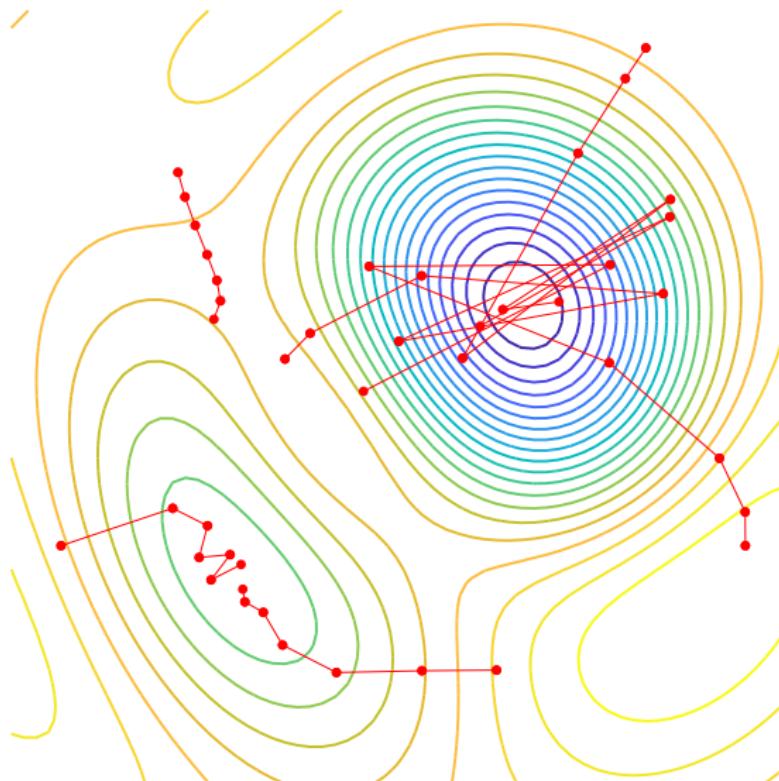


$\epsilon = 0.14$, iteration 4

gradient descent in two dimensions

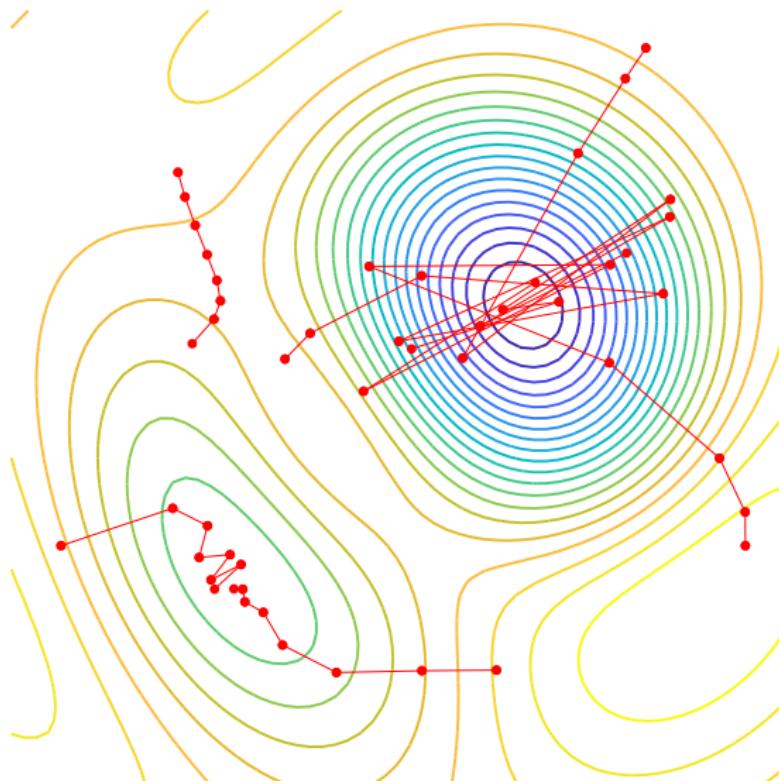


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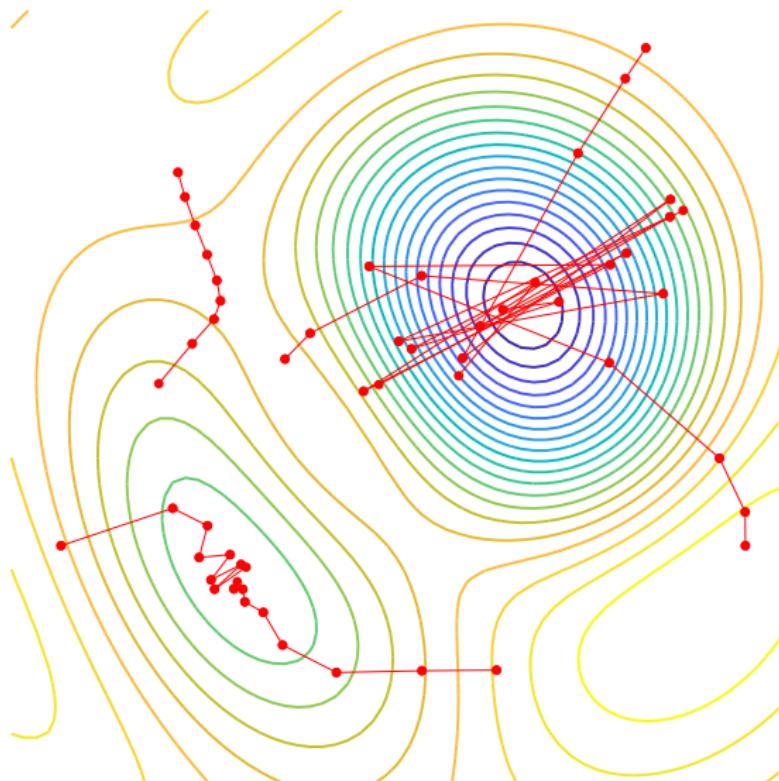
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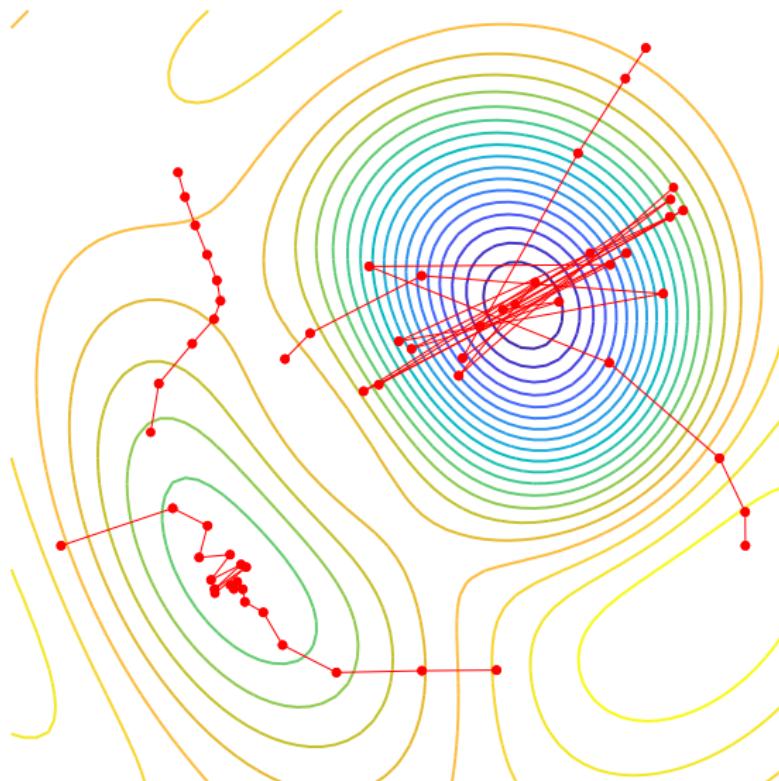
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gradient descent in two dimensions



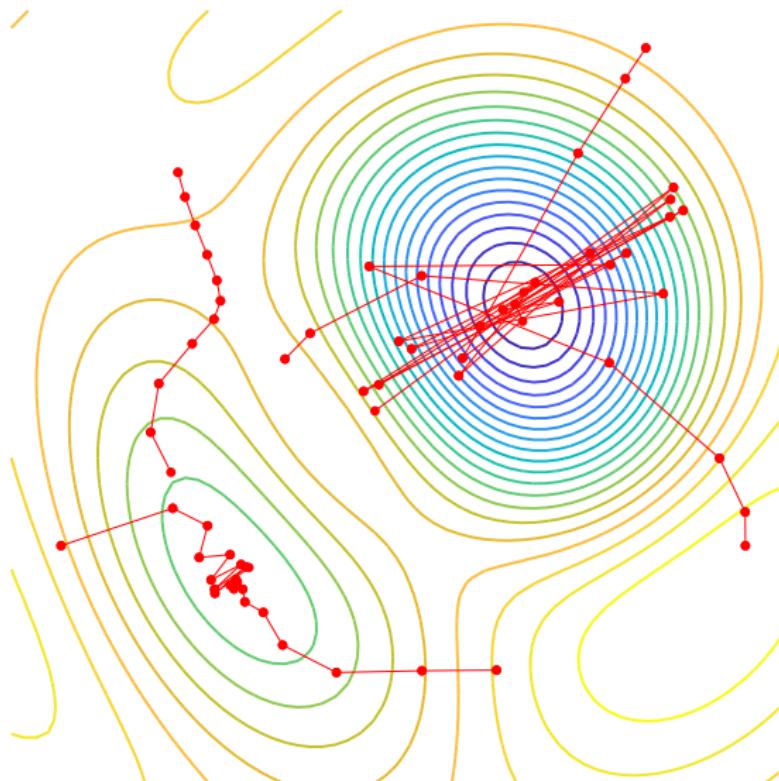
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gradient descent in two dimensions



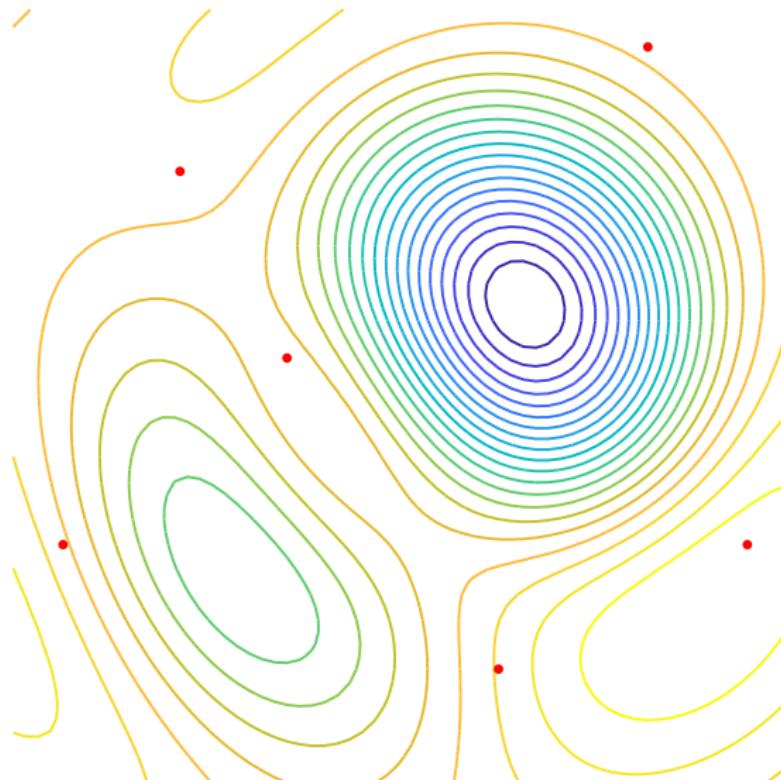
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gradient descent in two dimensions



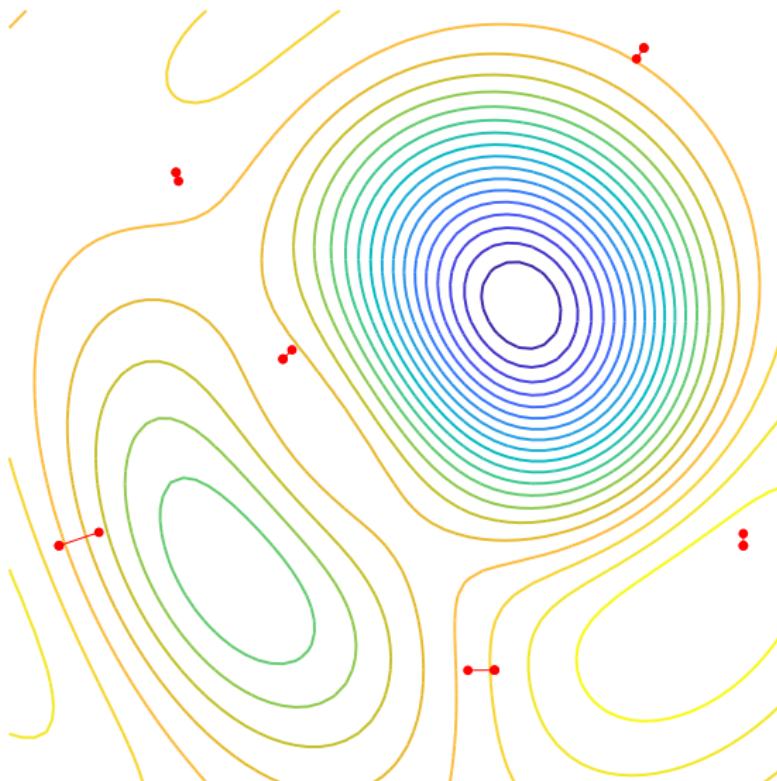
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gradient descent in two dimensions



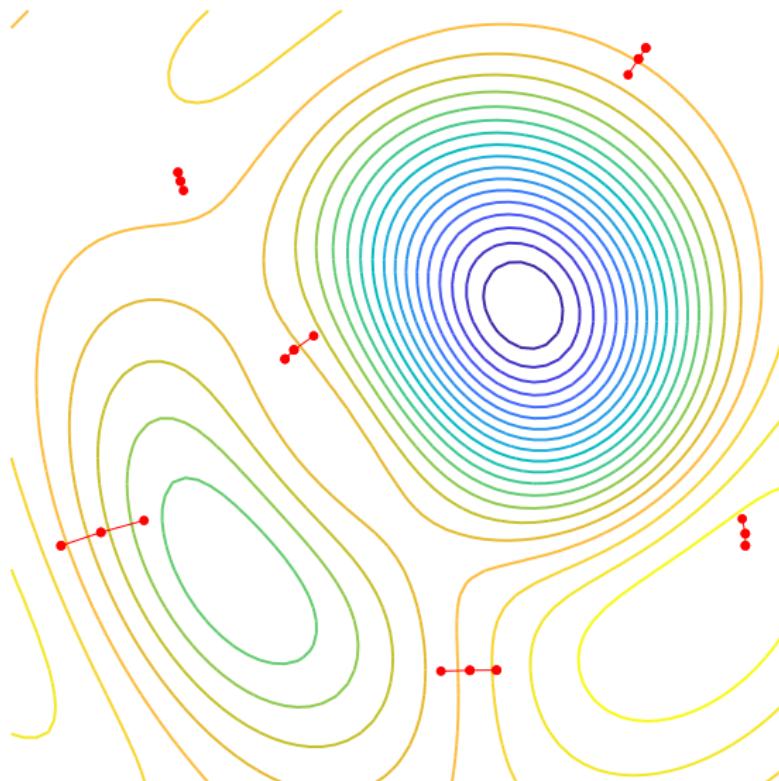
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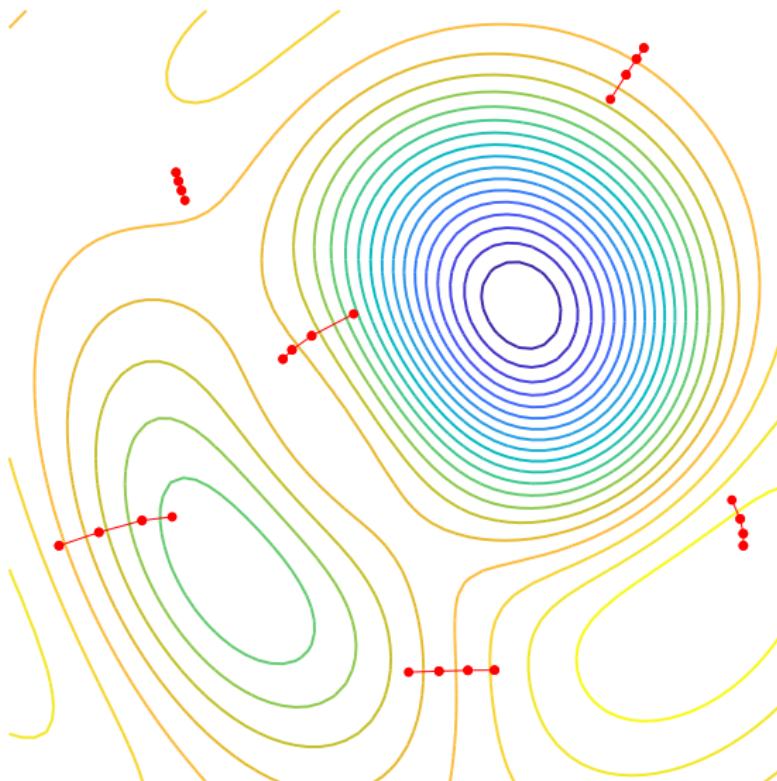
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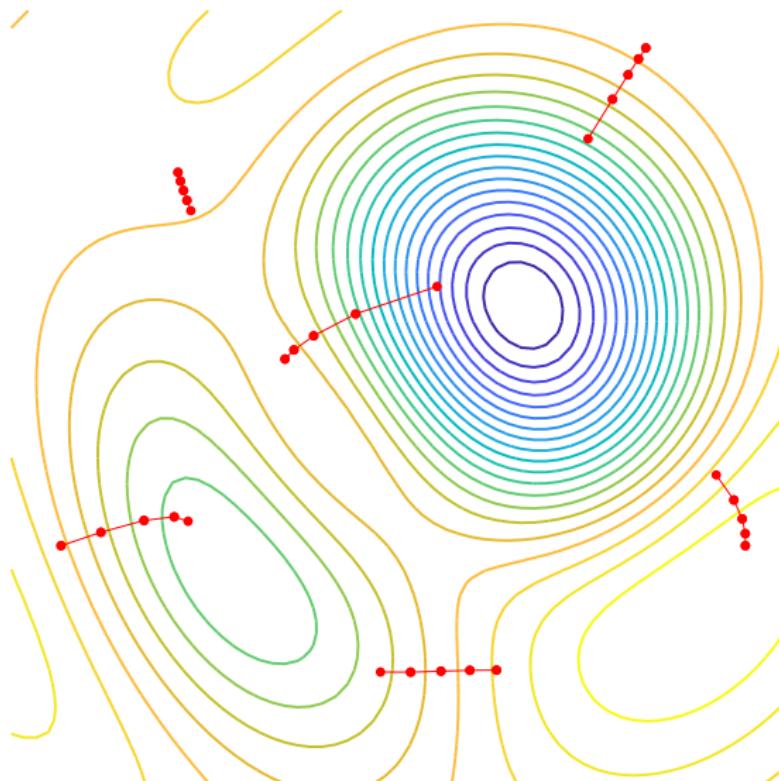
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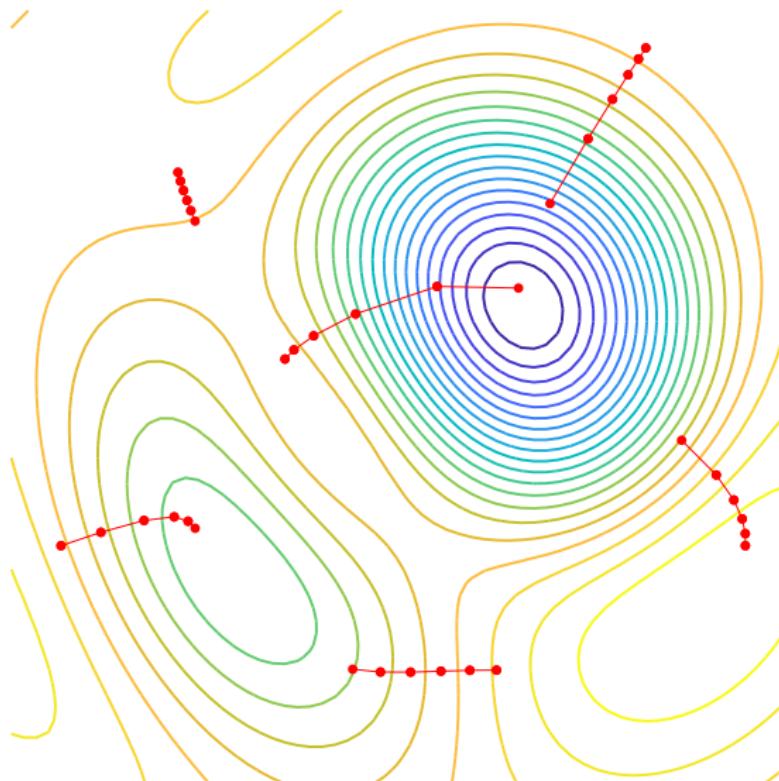


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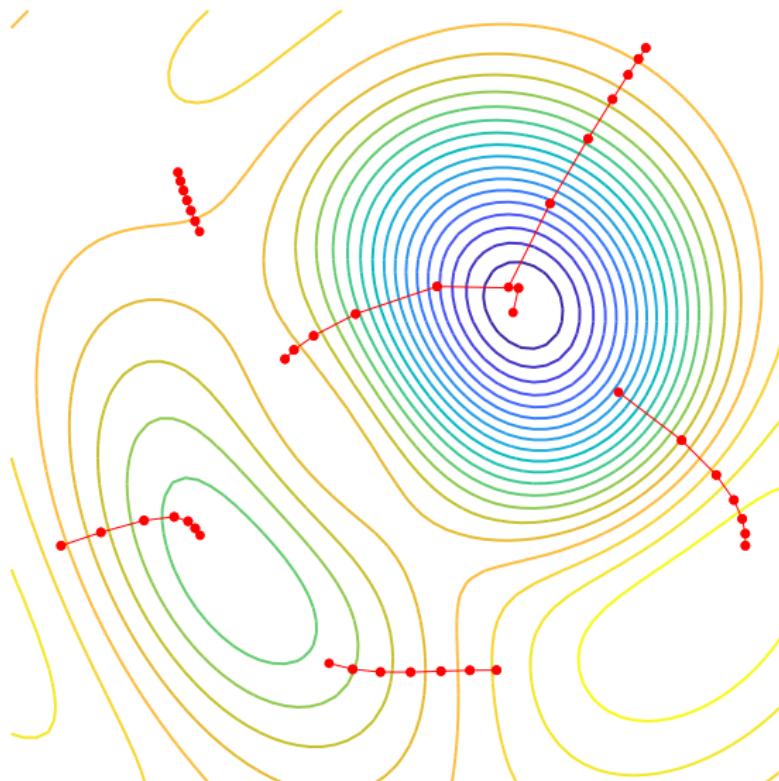


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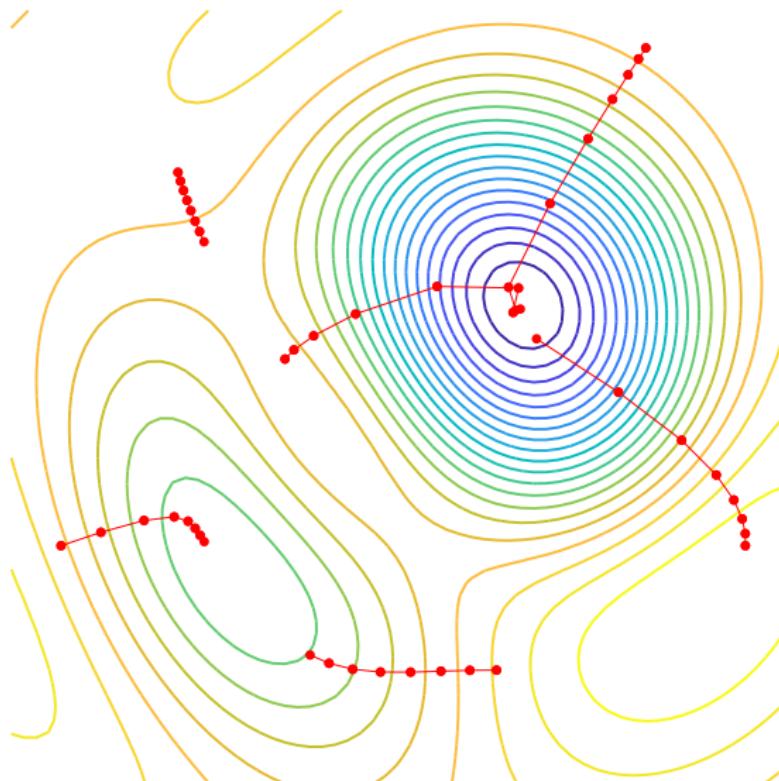
$\epsilon = 0.05$, iteration 5

gradient descent in two dimensions



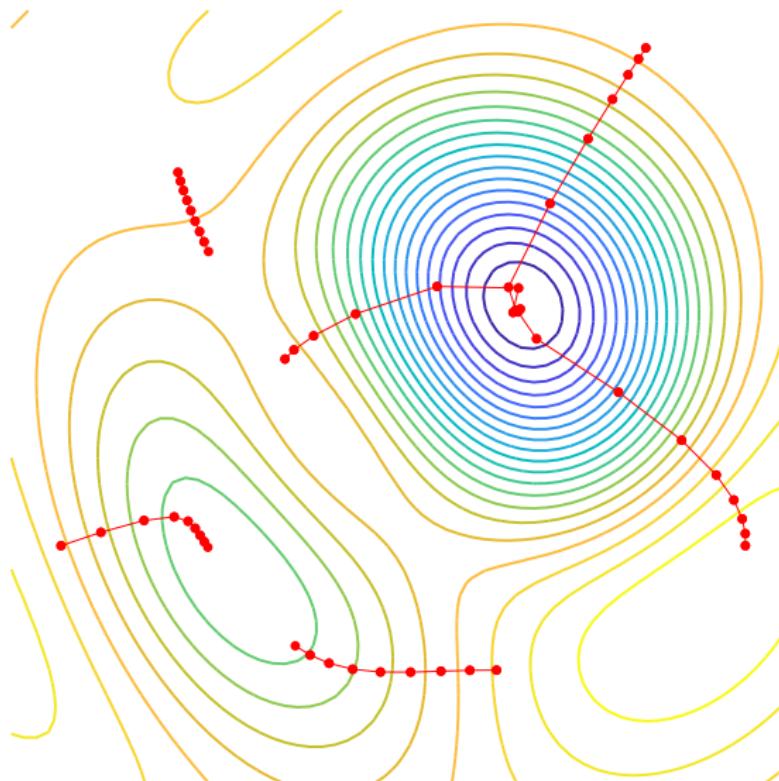
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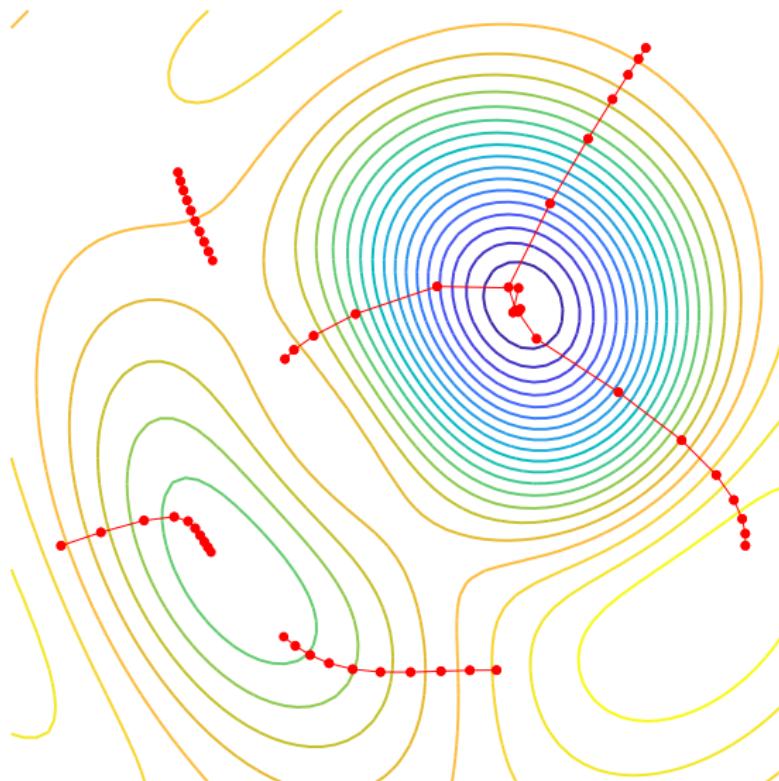
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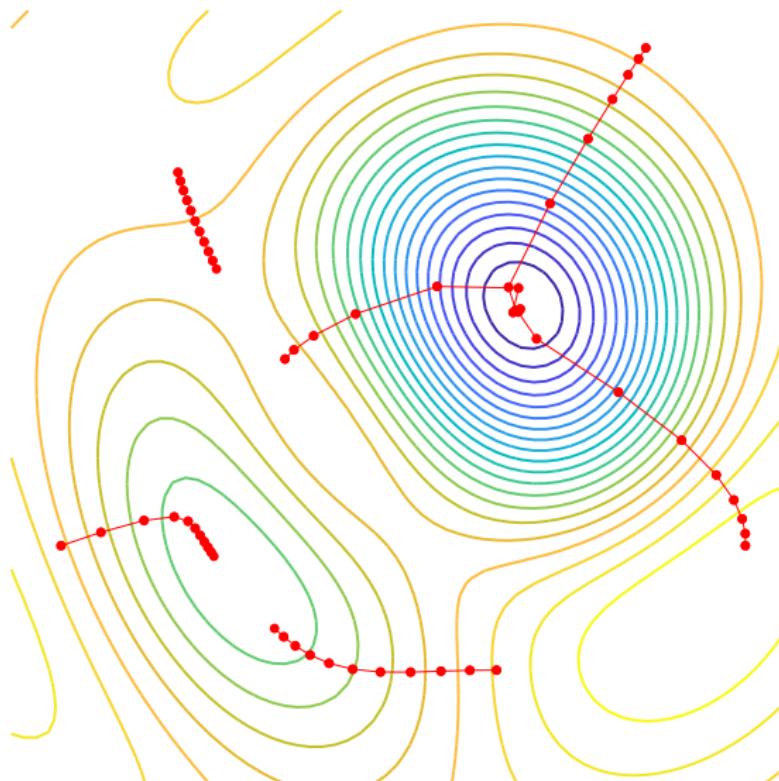
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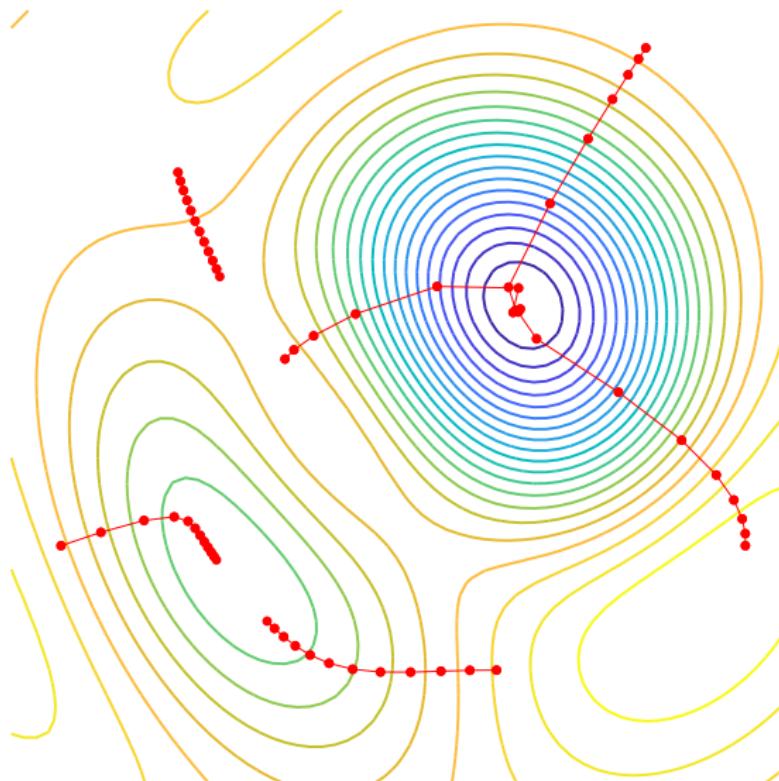
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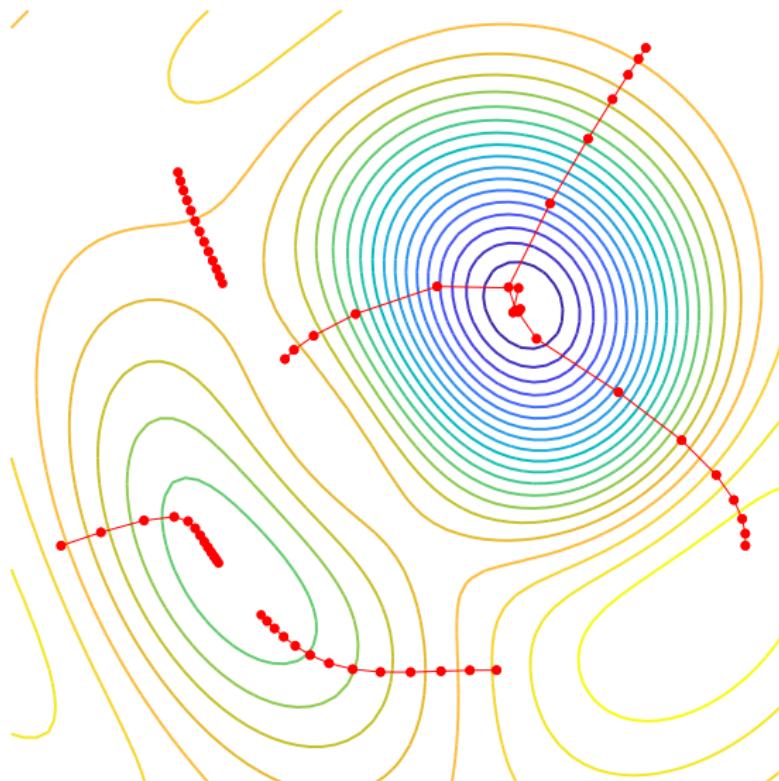
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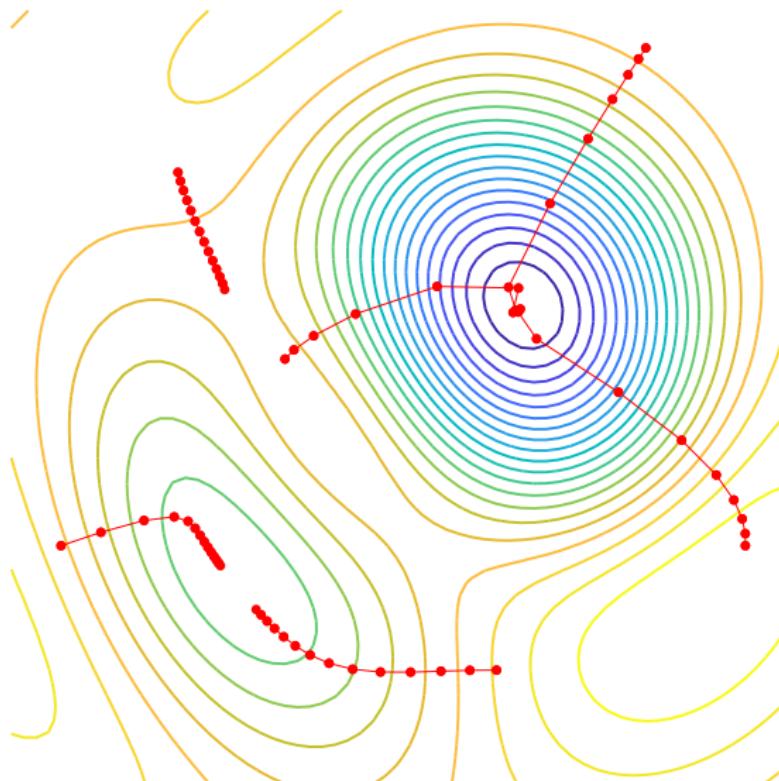
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gradient descent in two dimensions



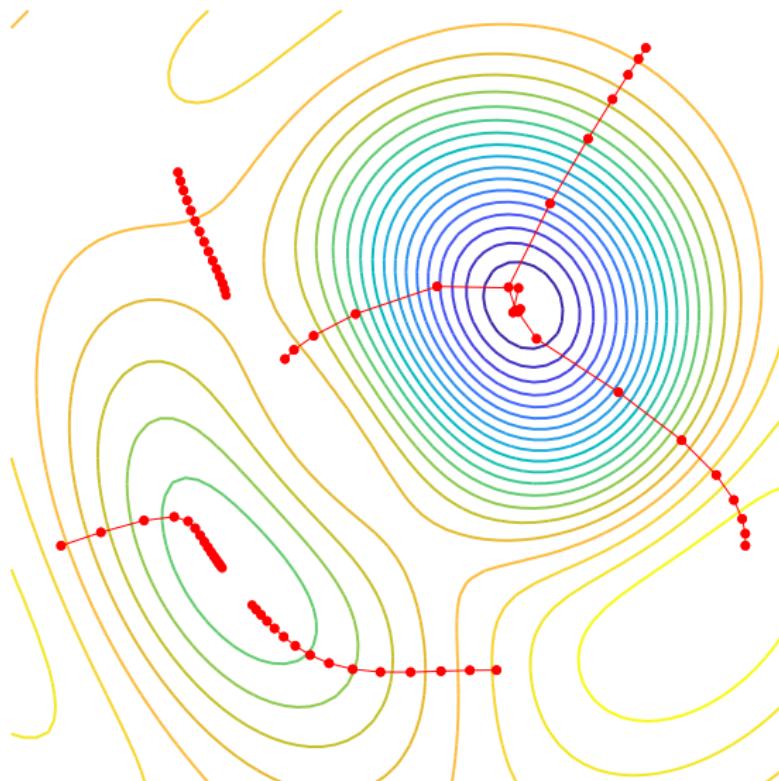
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gradient descent in two dimensions



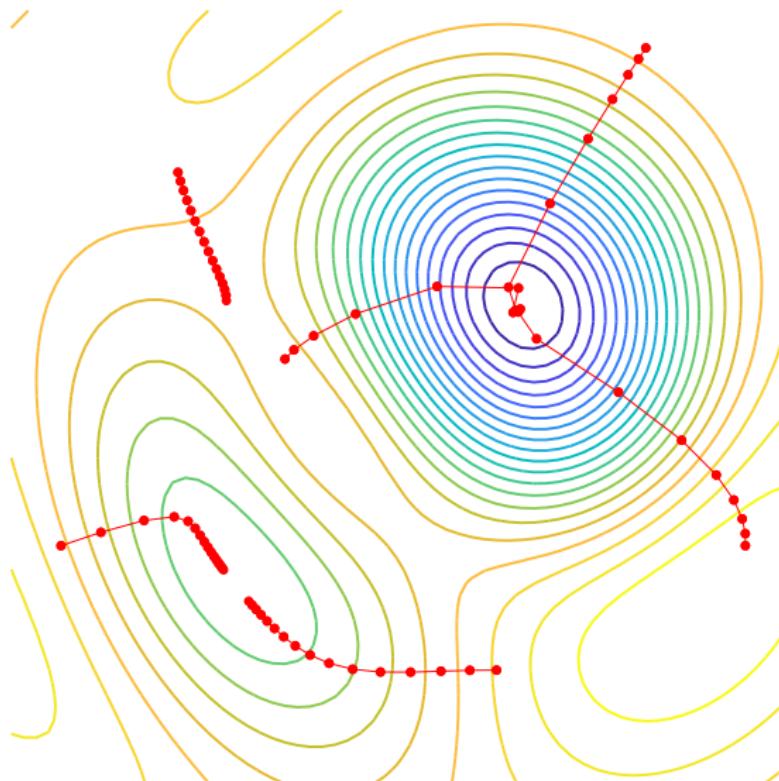
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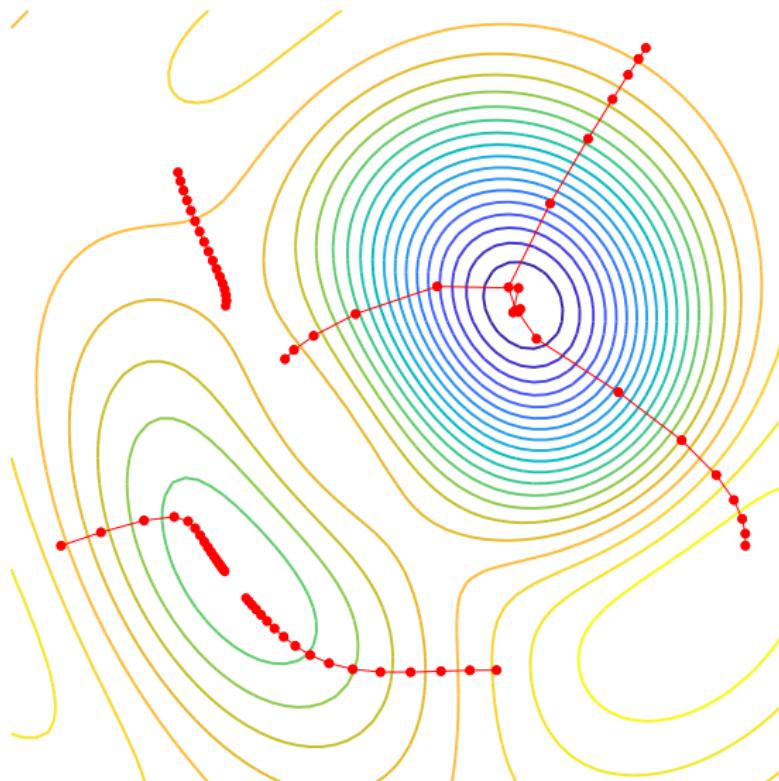
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gradient descent in two dimensions



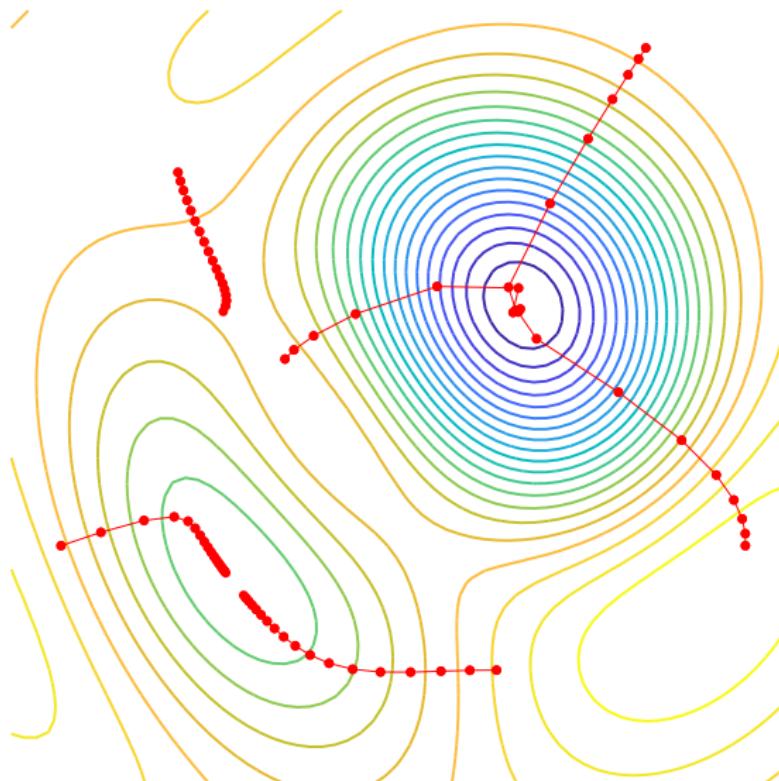
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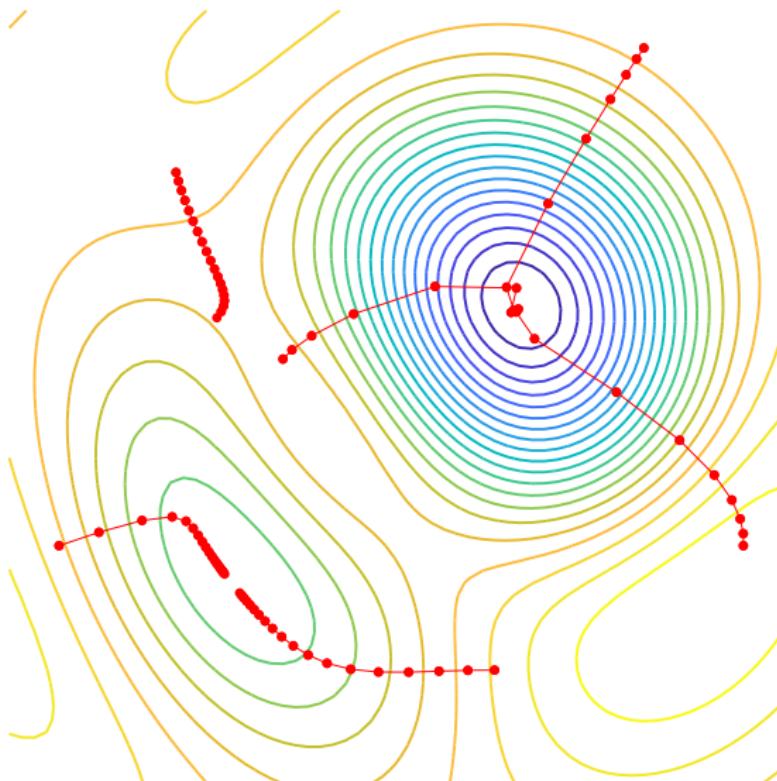
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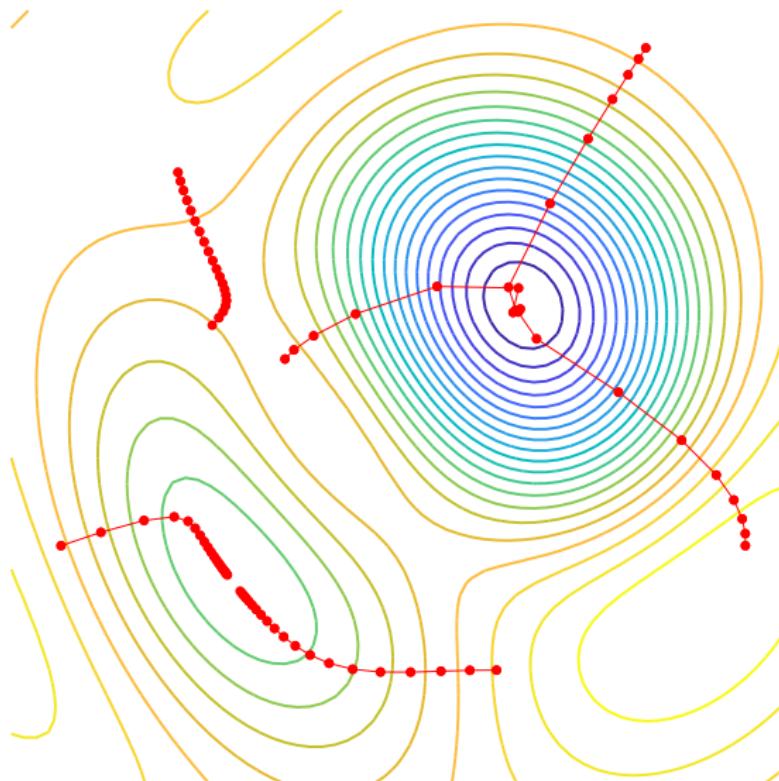
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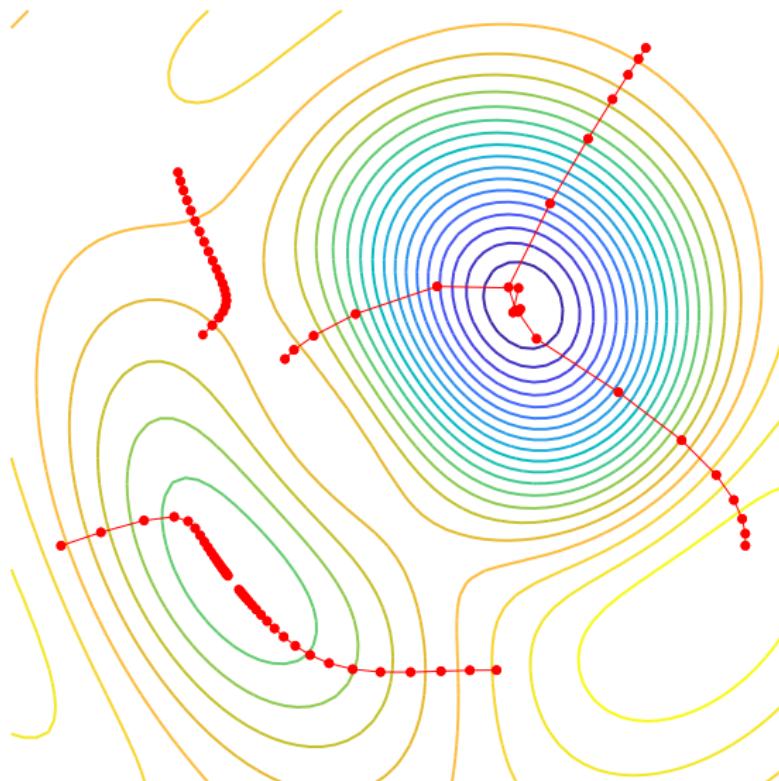
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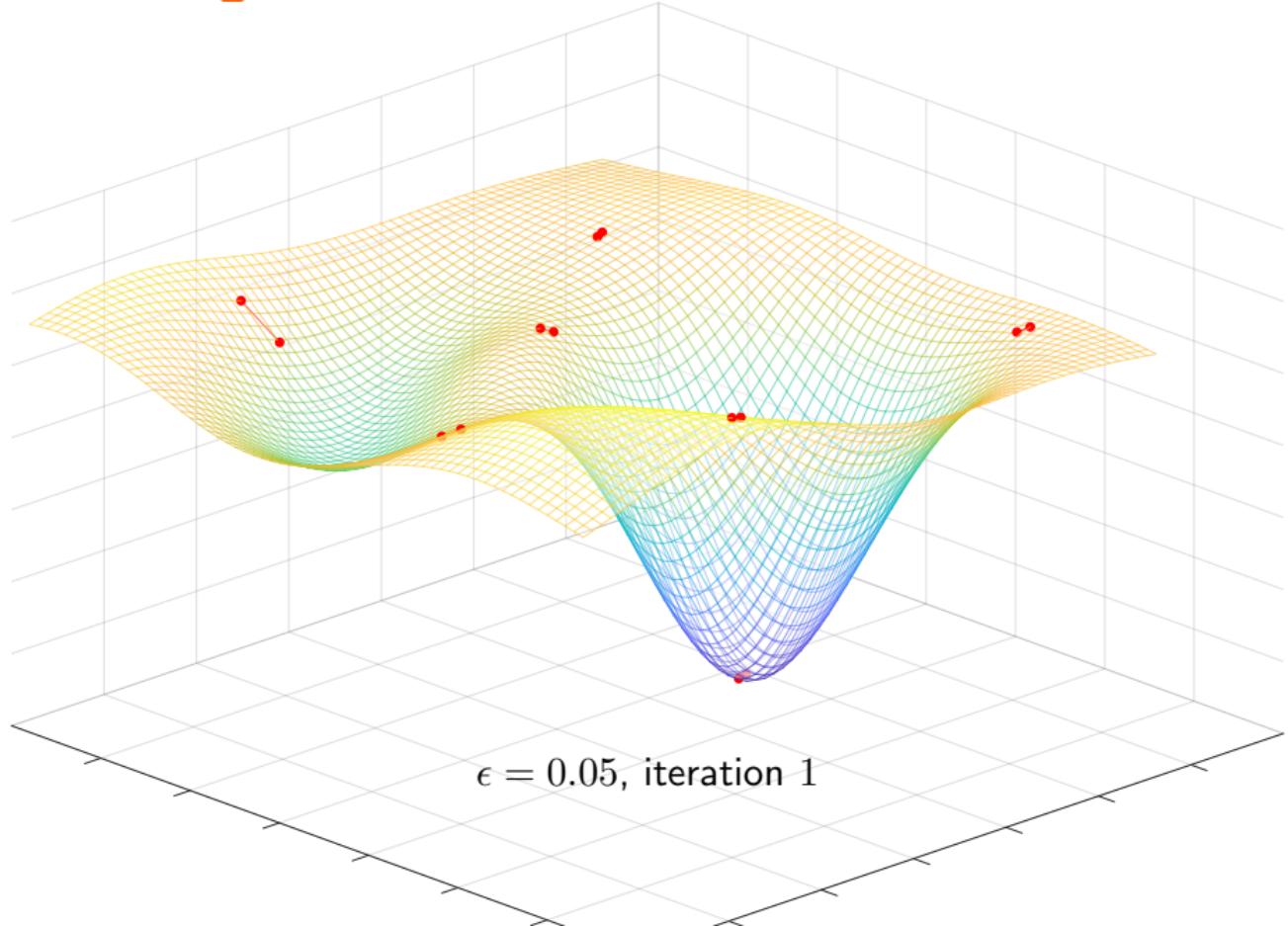
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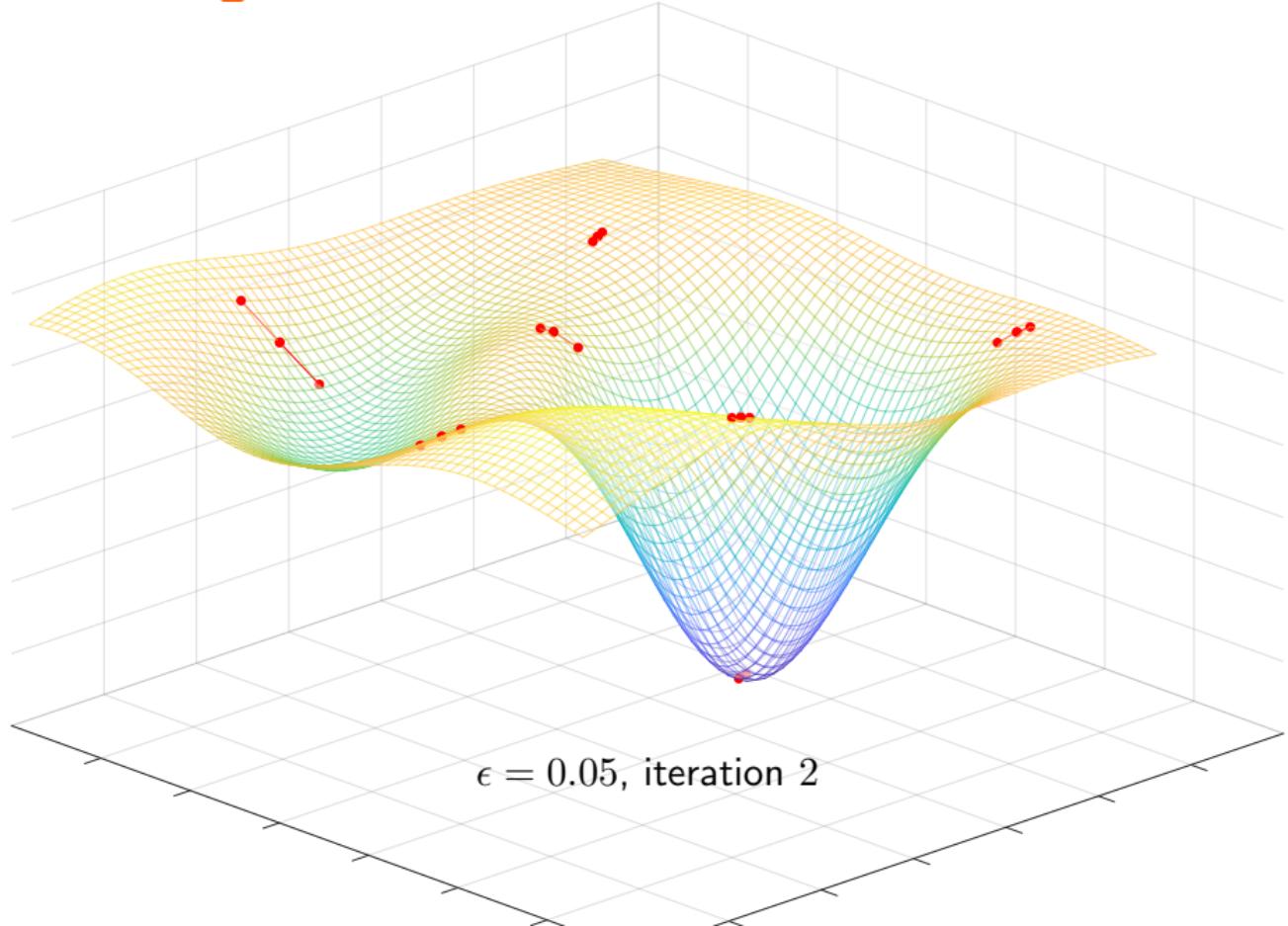


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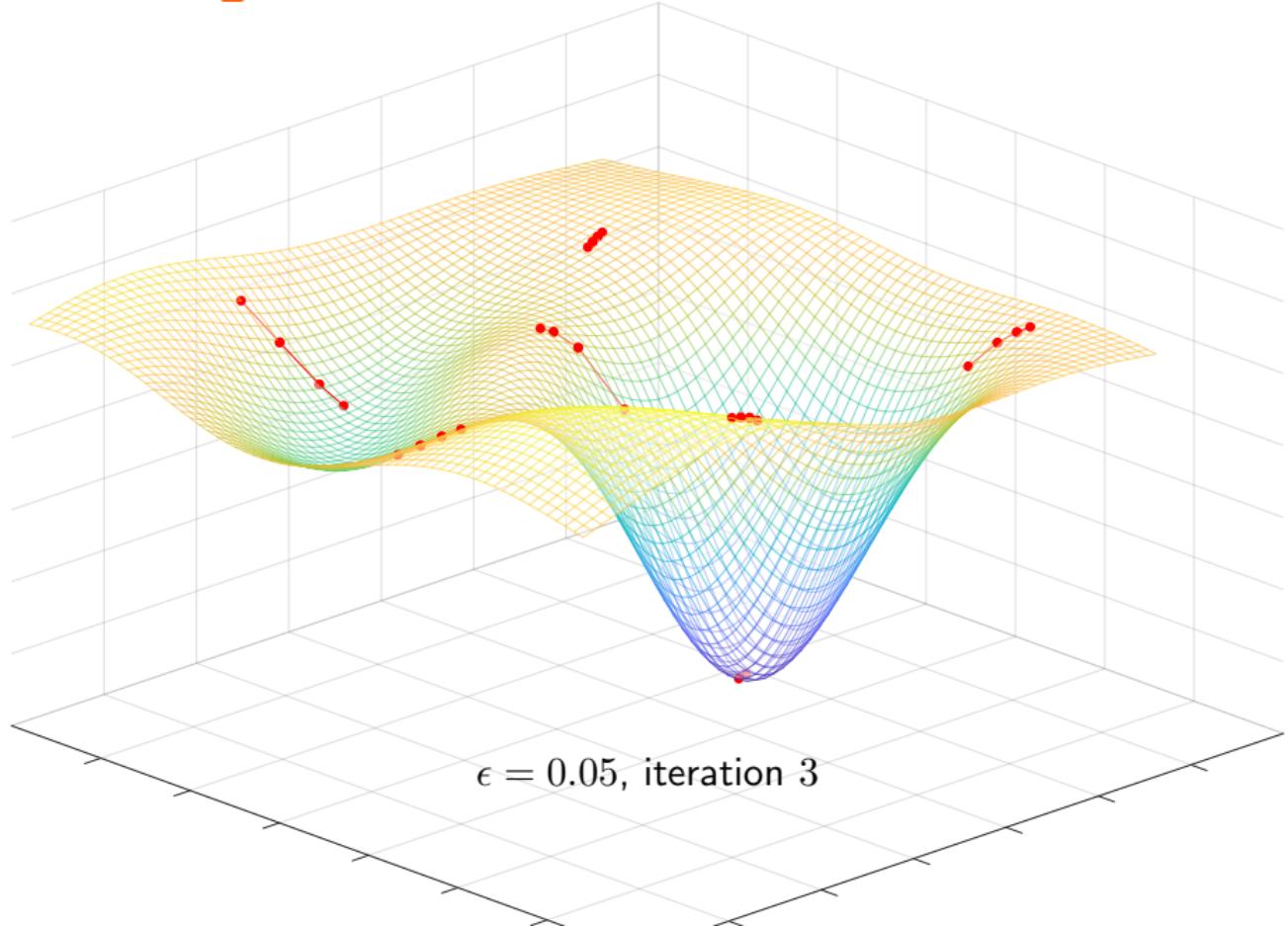
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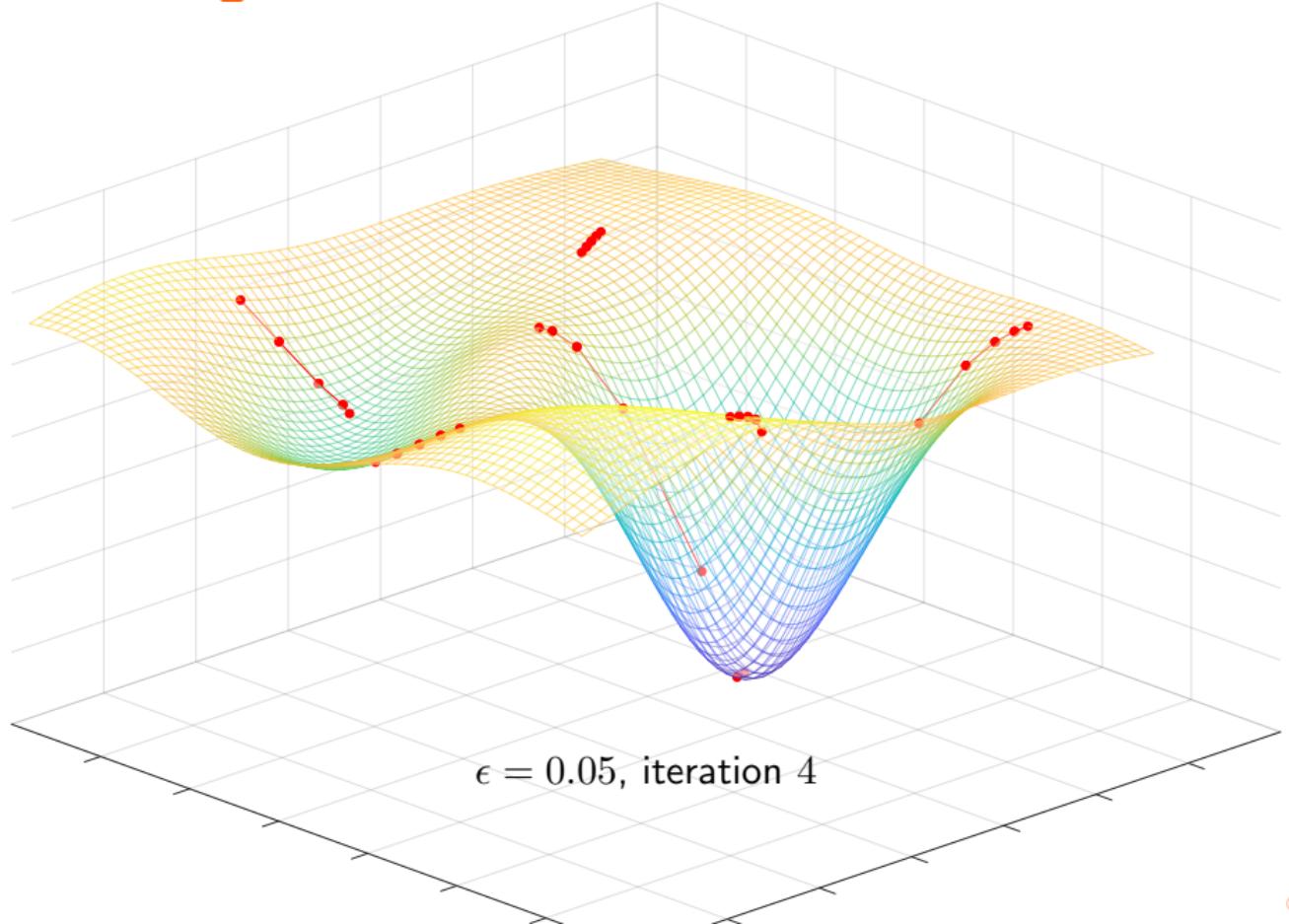
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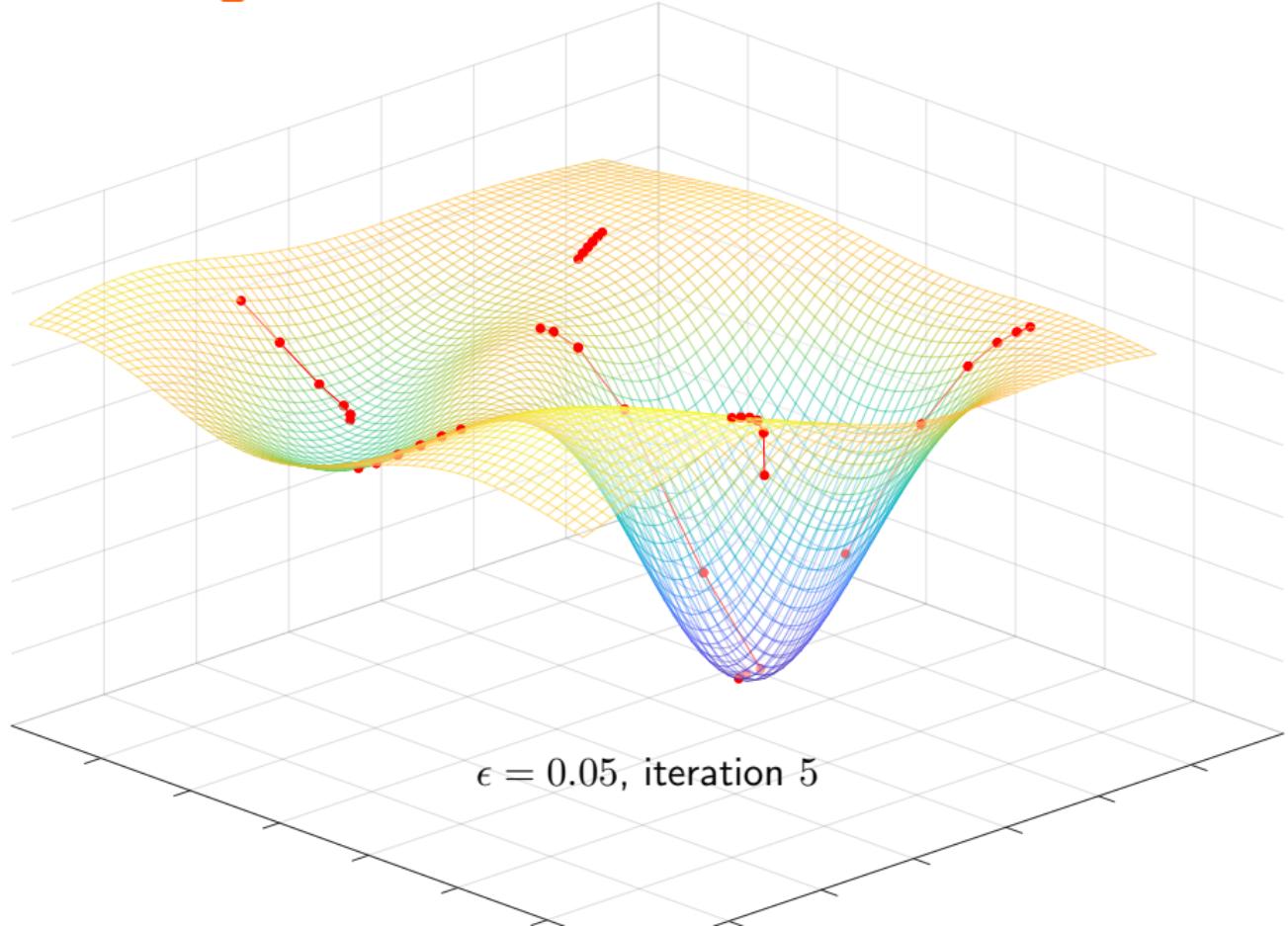
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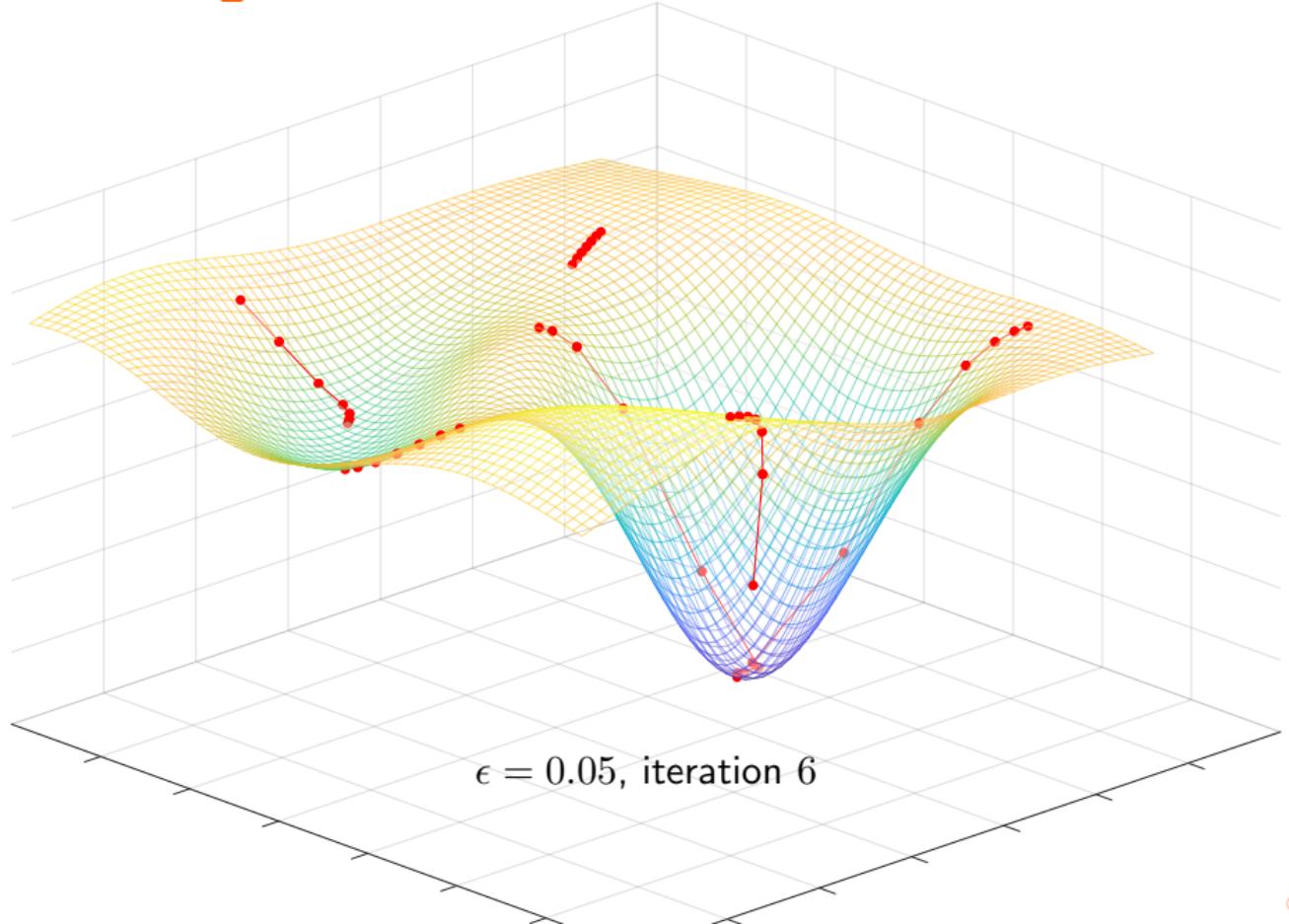
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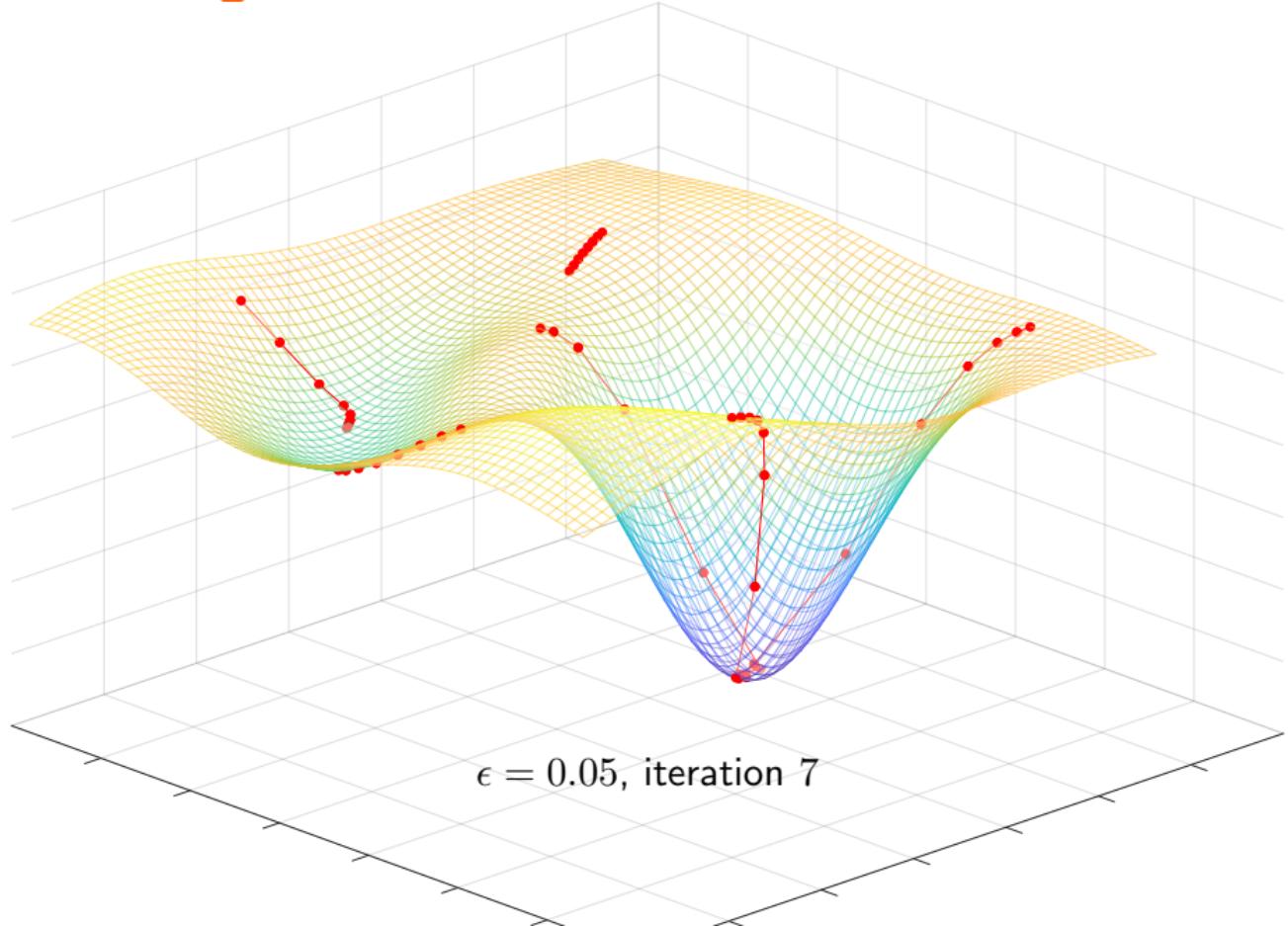
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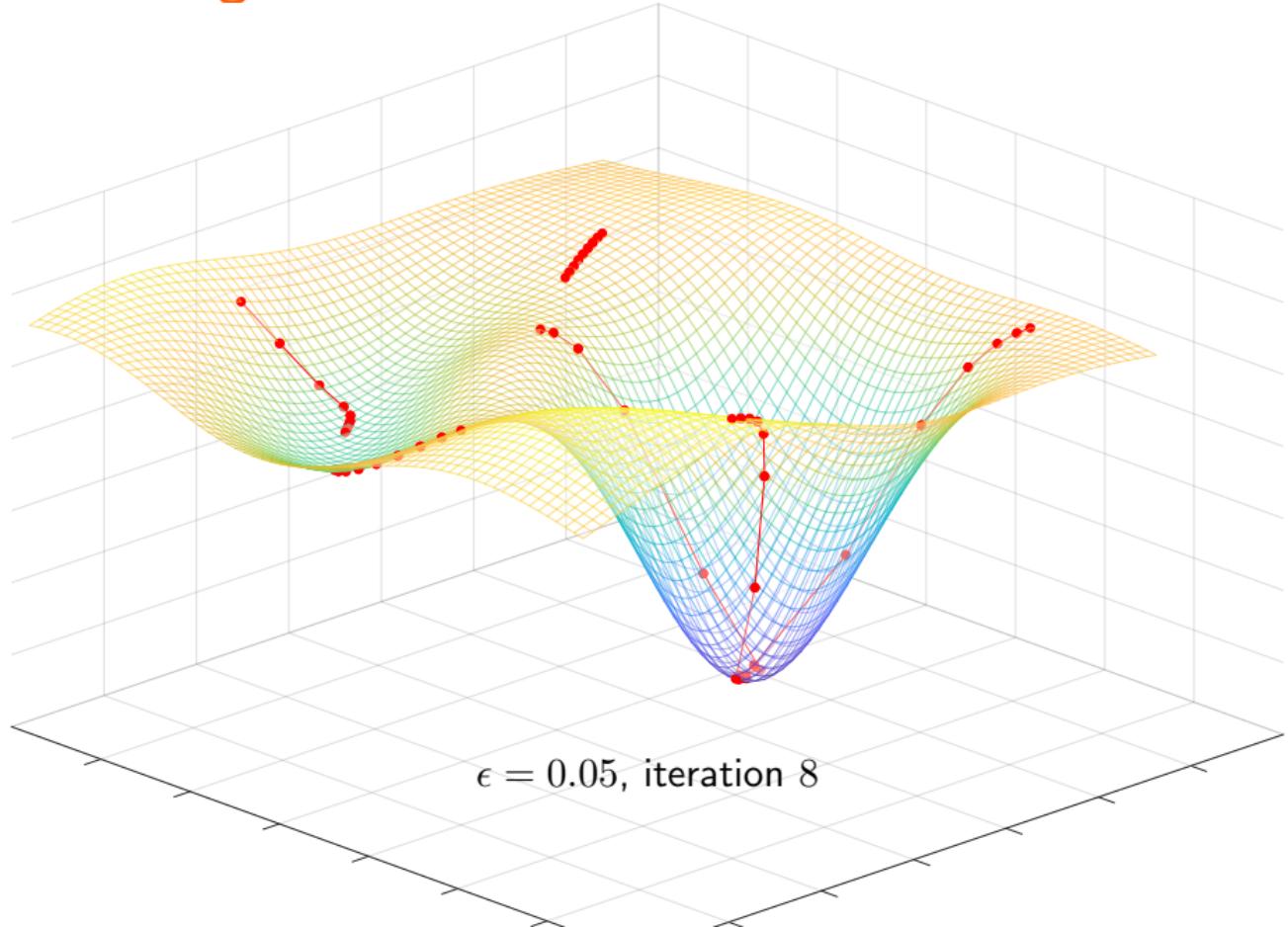
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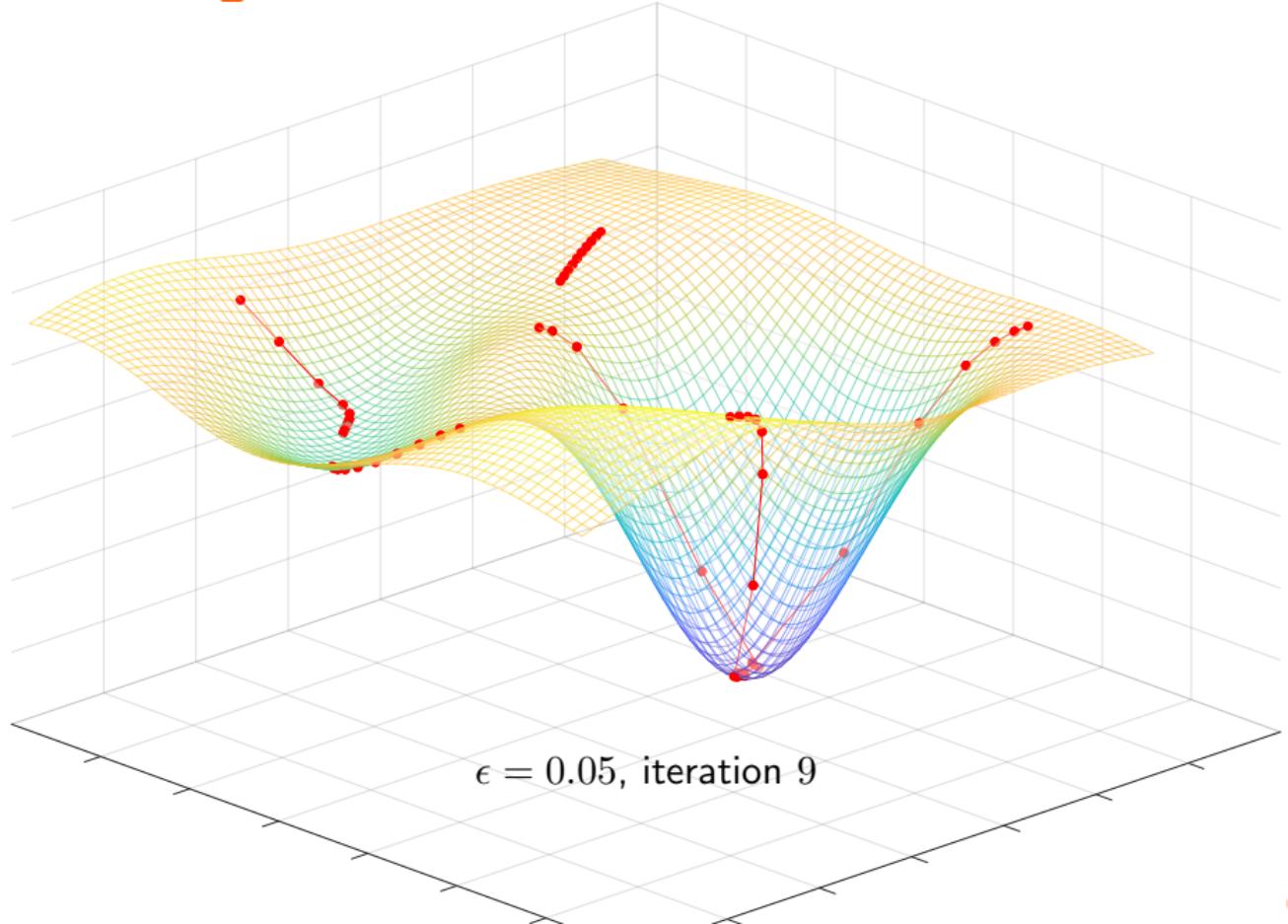
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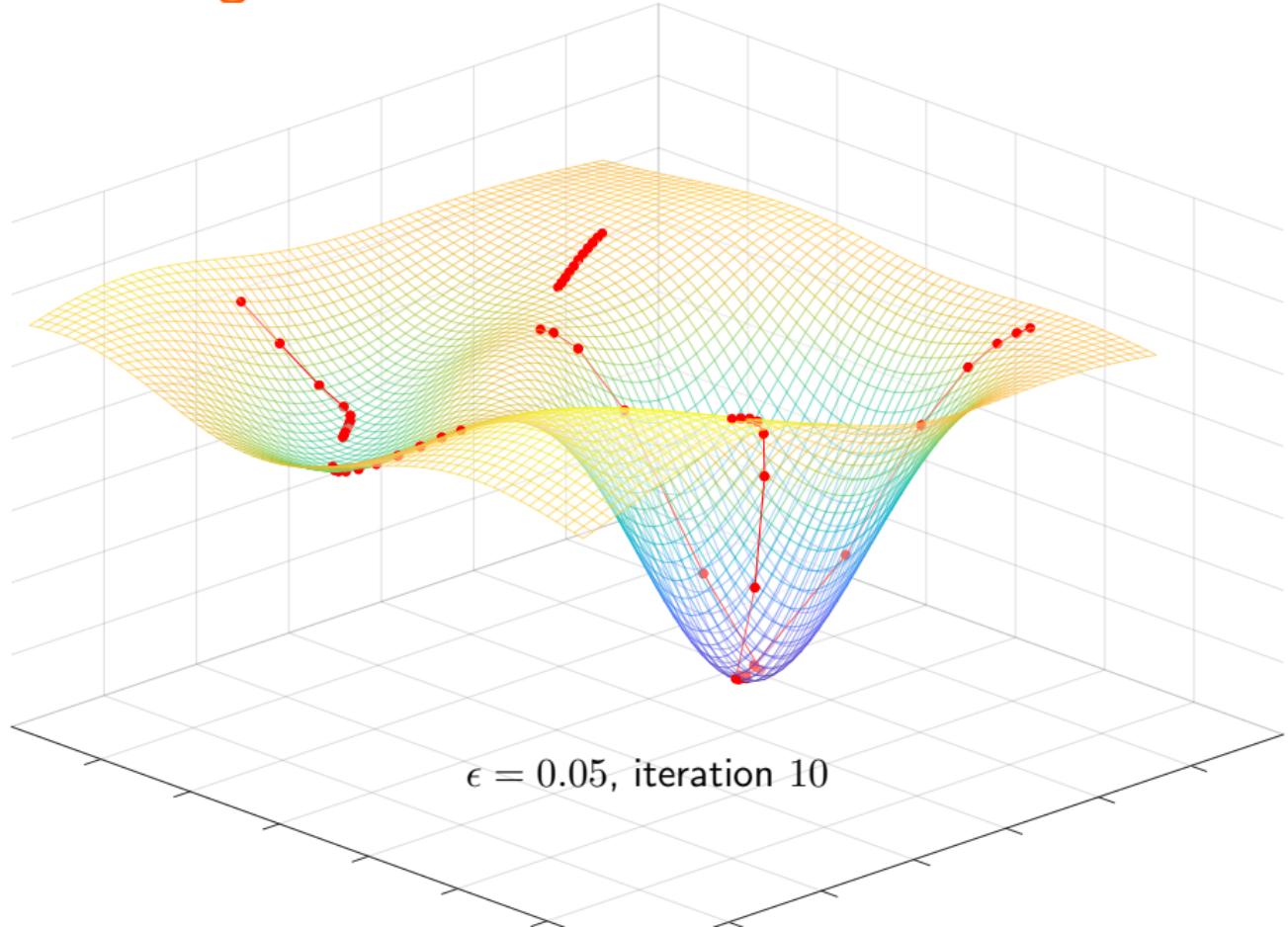
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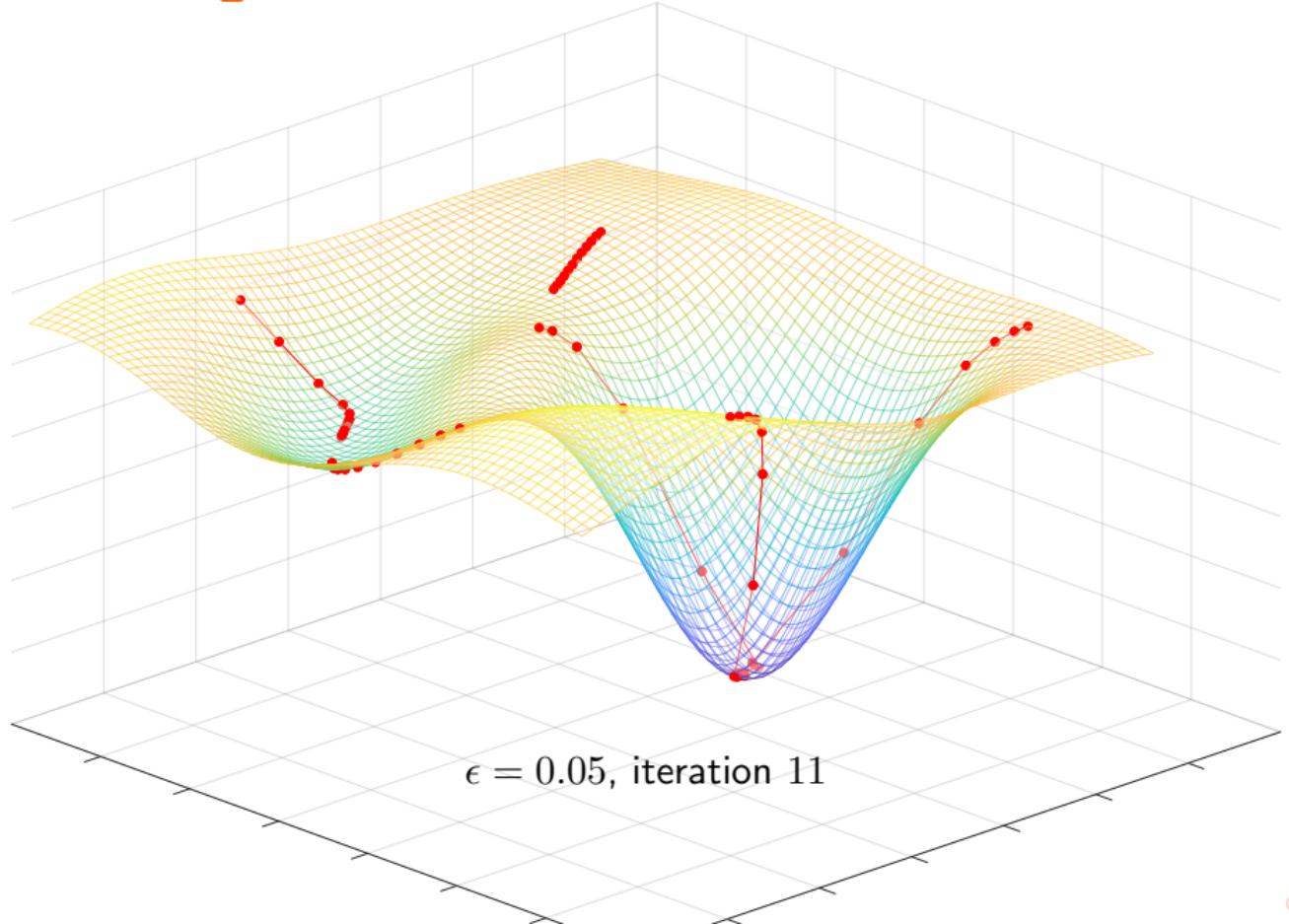
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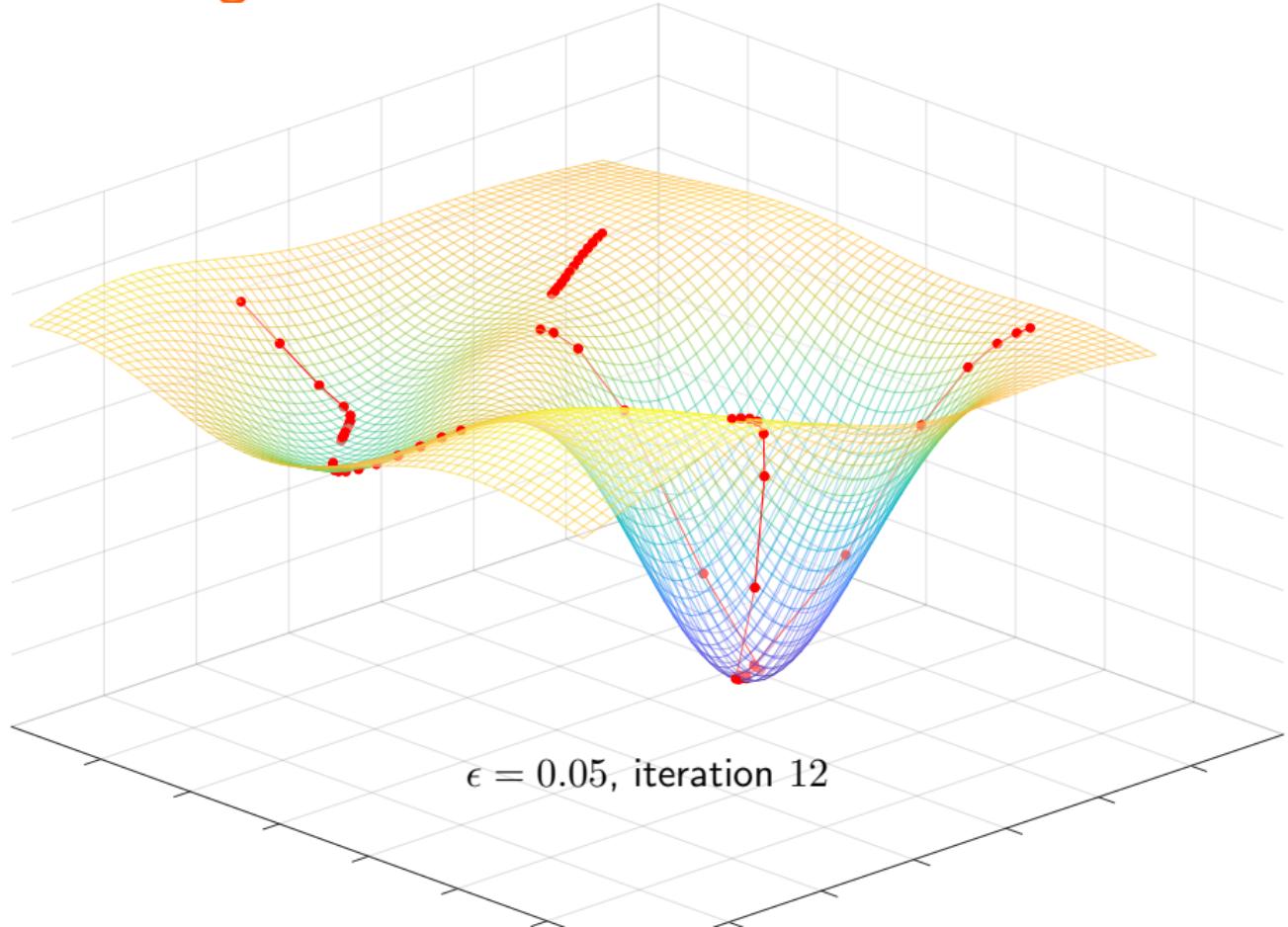
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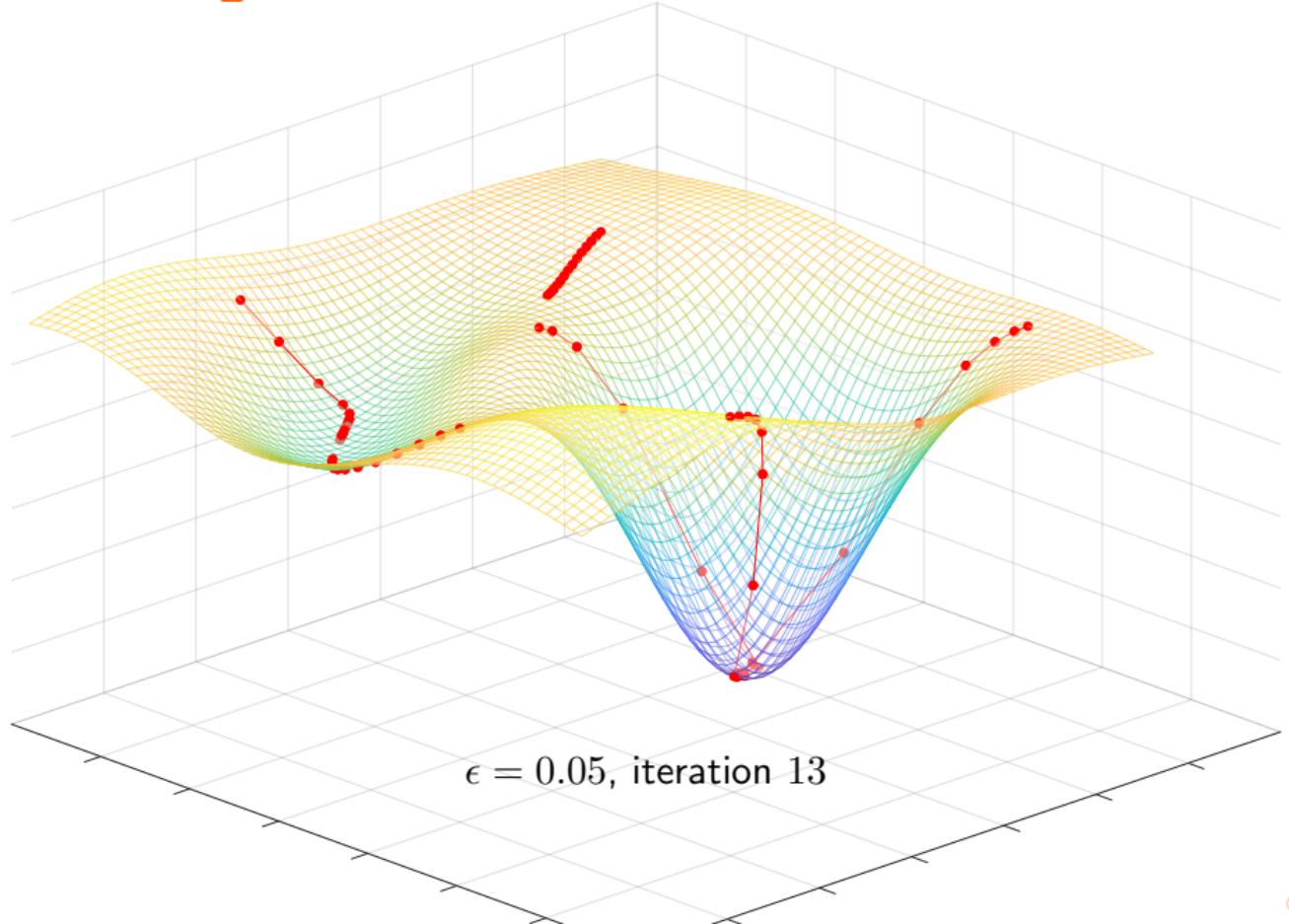
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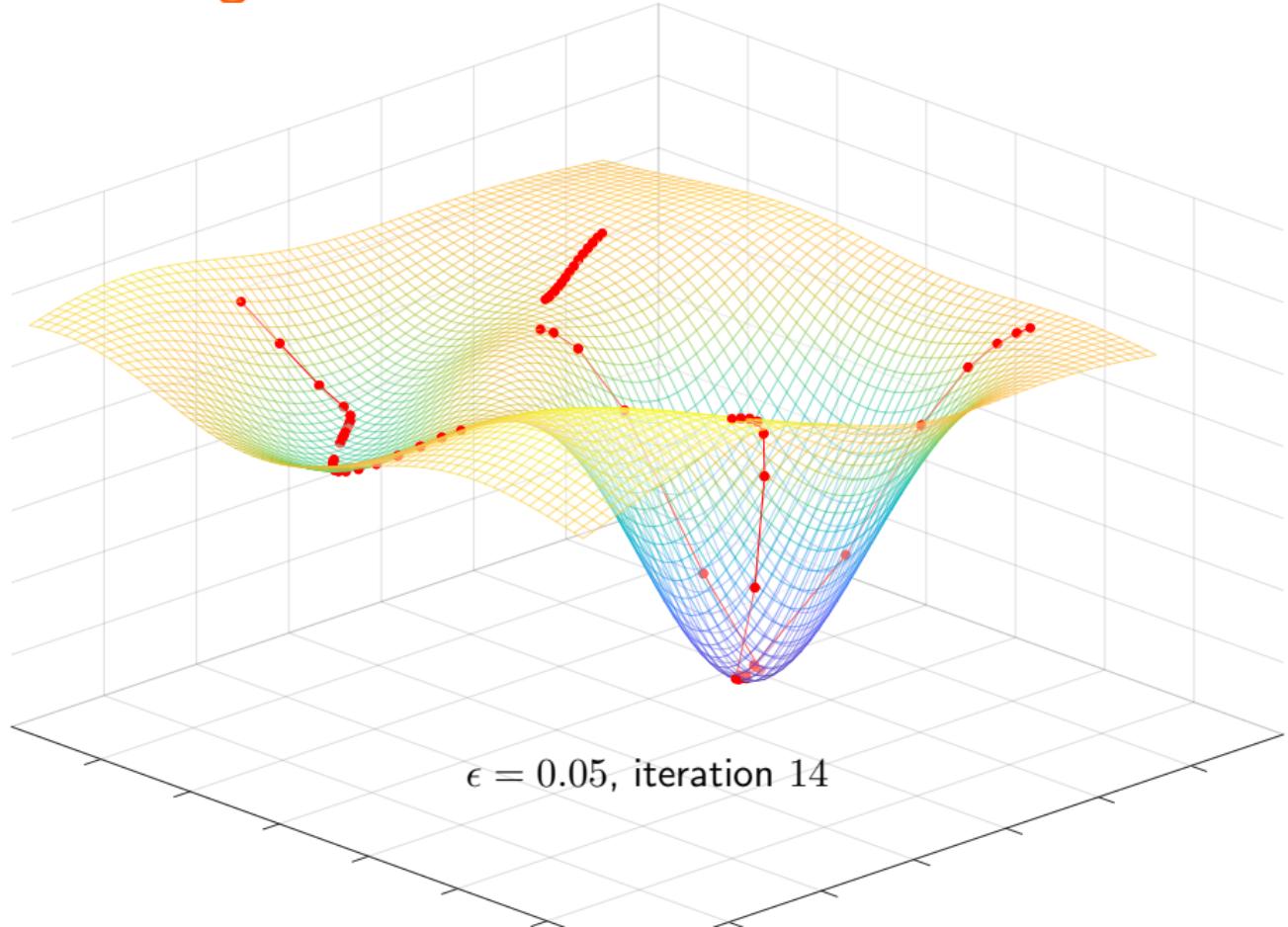
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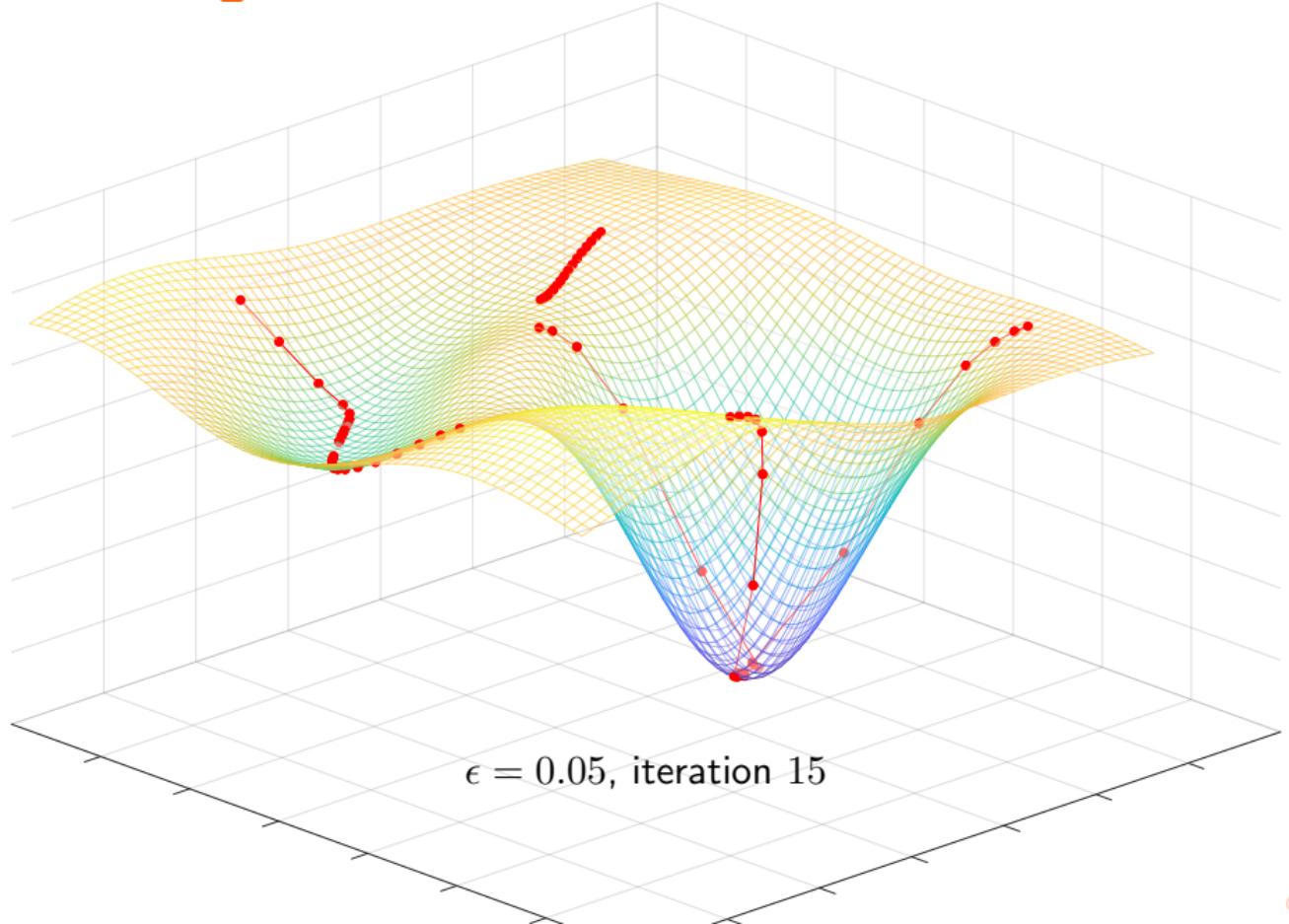
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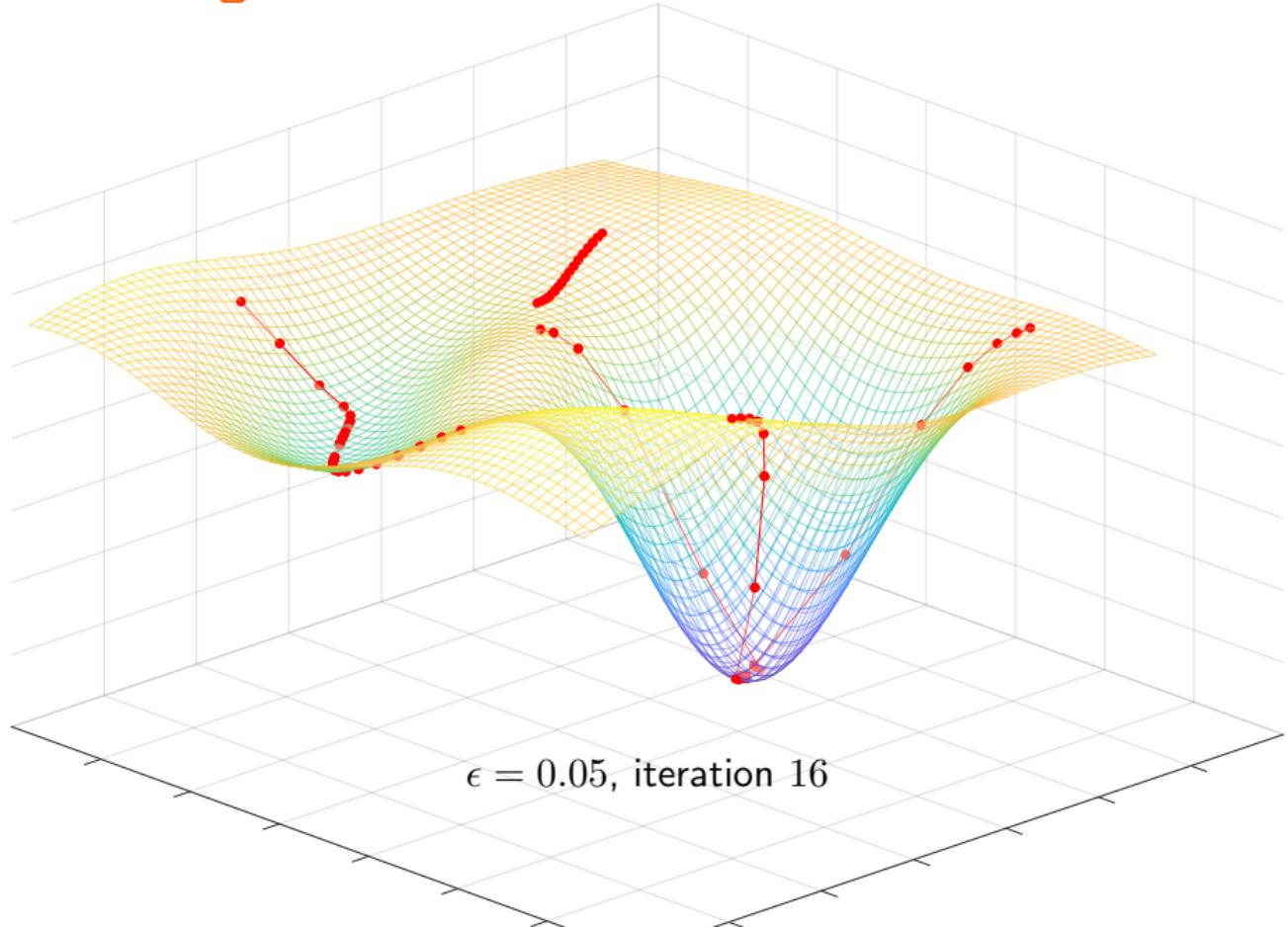
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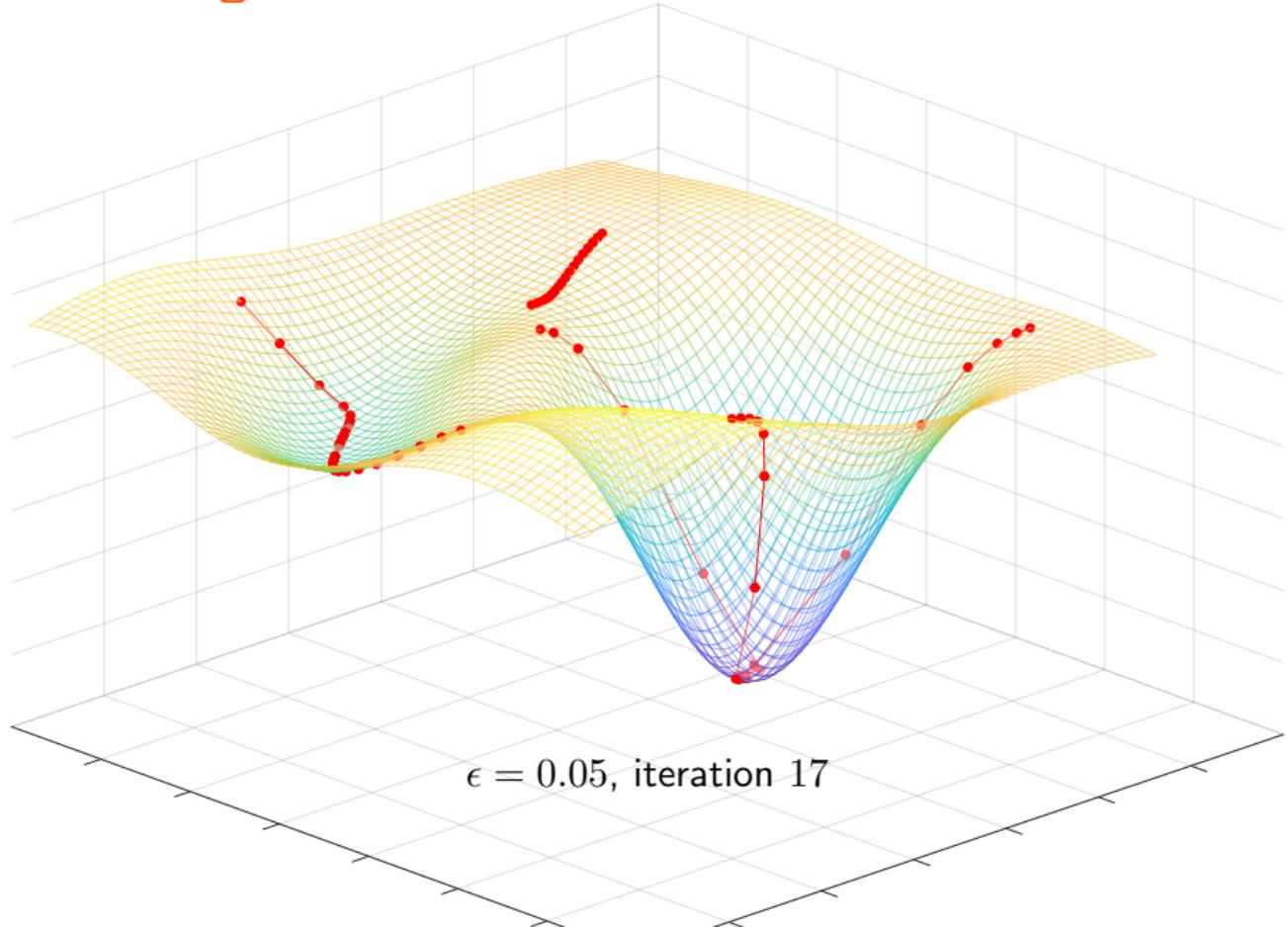
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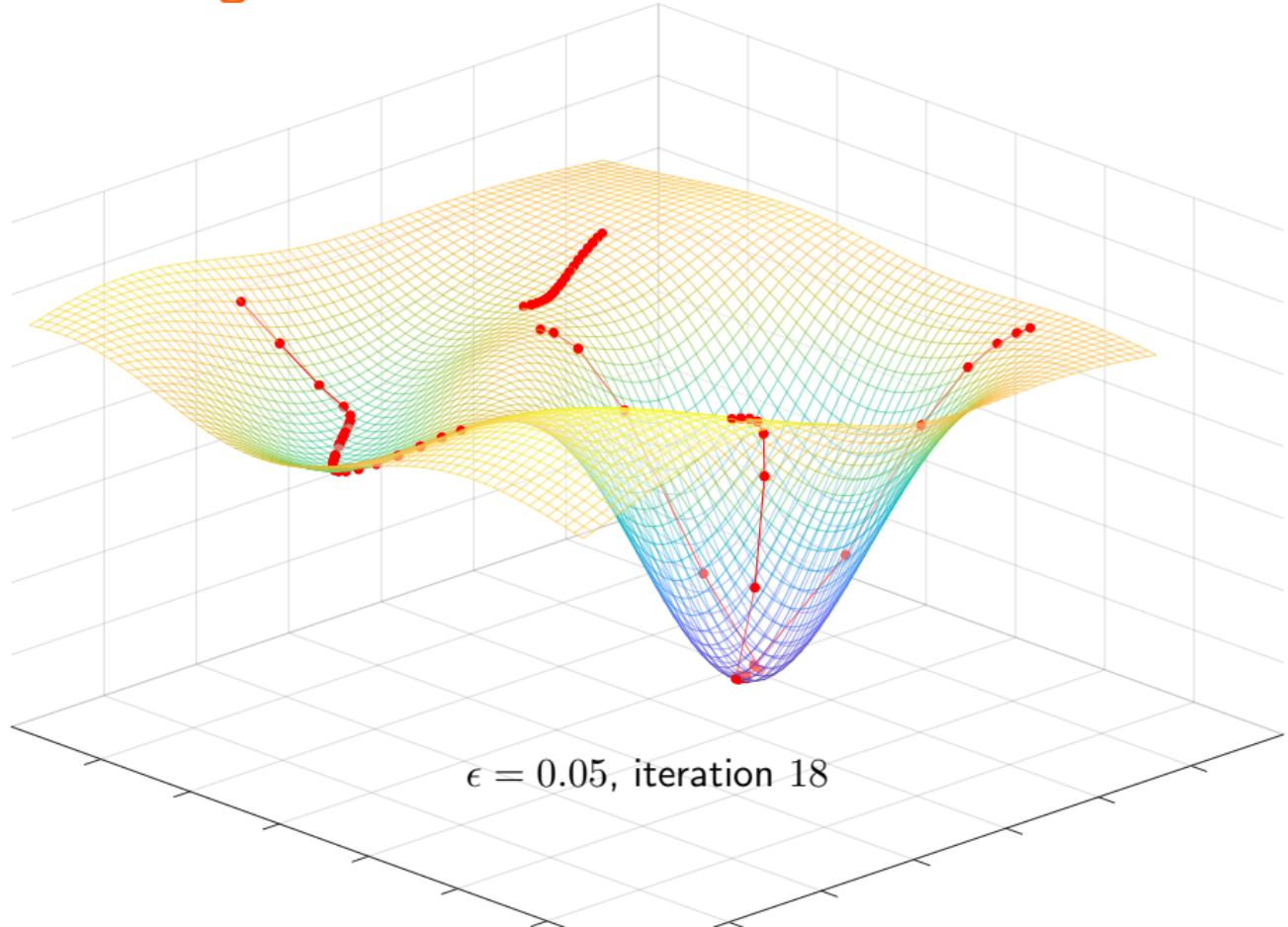
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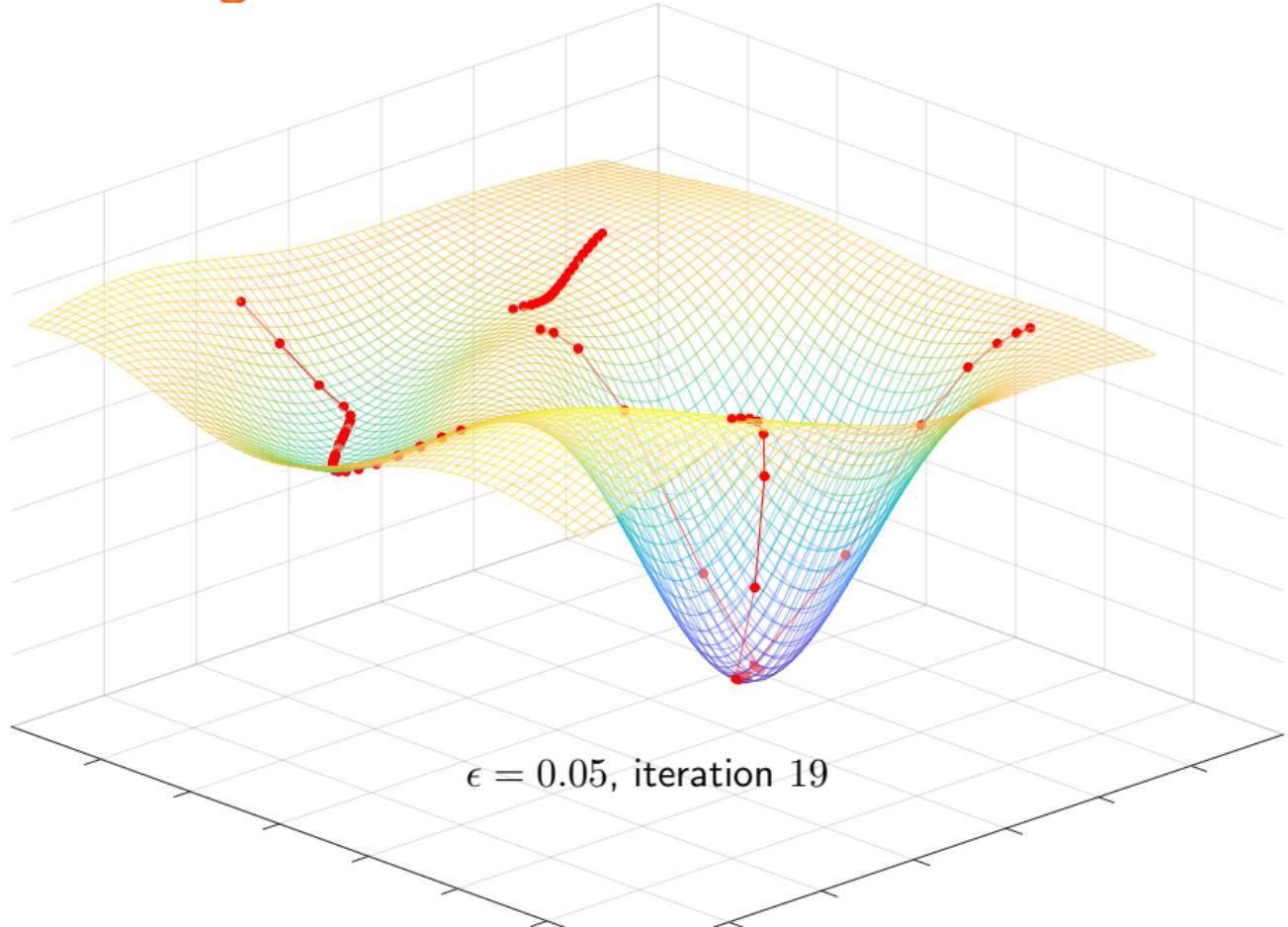
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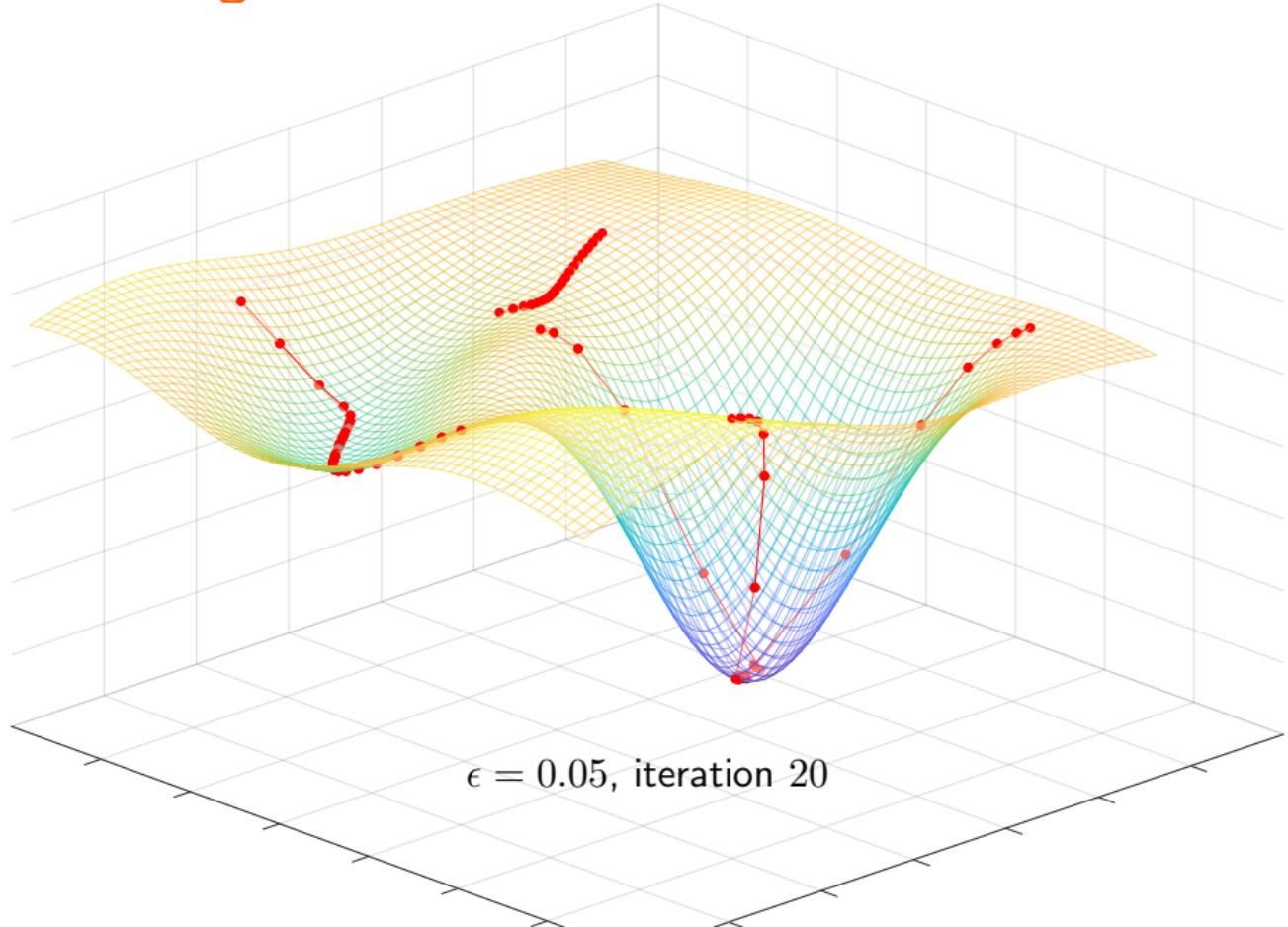
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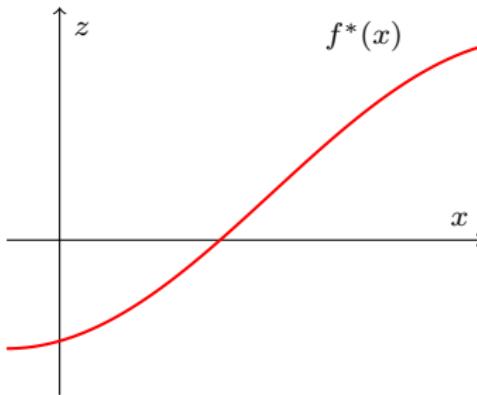
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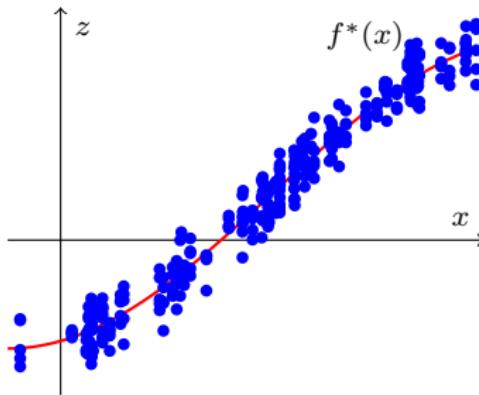
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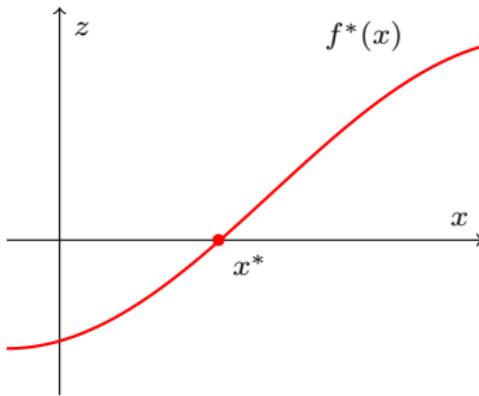
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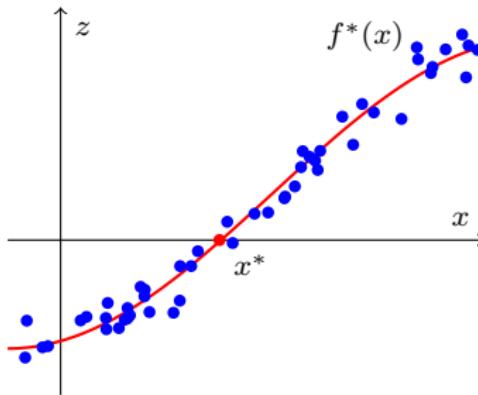
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where $z(x^{(\tau)})$ is an observation of z when $x = x^{(\tau)}$ and i is a random index in $\{1, \dots, n\}$

sufficient conditions for convergence

- successive corrections decrease in magnitude

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon_\tau = 0$$

- the algorithm does not converge short of the root

$$\sum_{\tau=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_\tau = \infty$$

- the accumulated “noise” has finite variance

$$\sum_{\tau=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_\tau^2 < \infty$$

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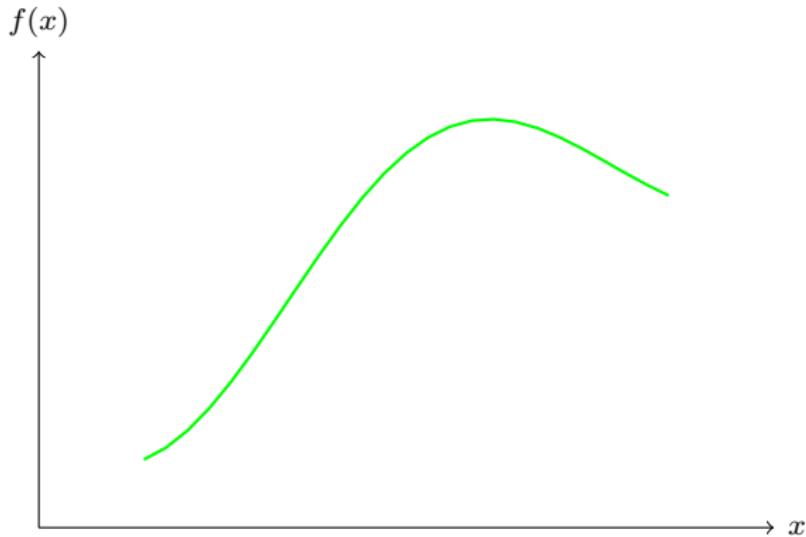
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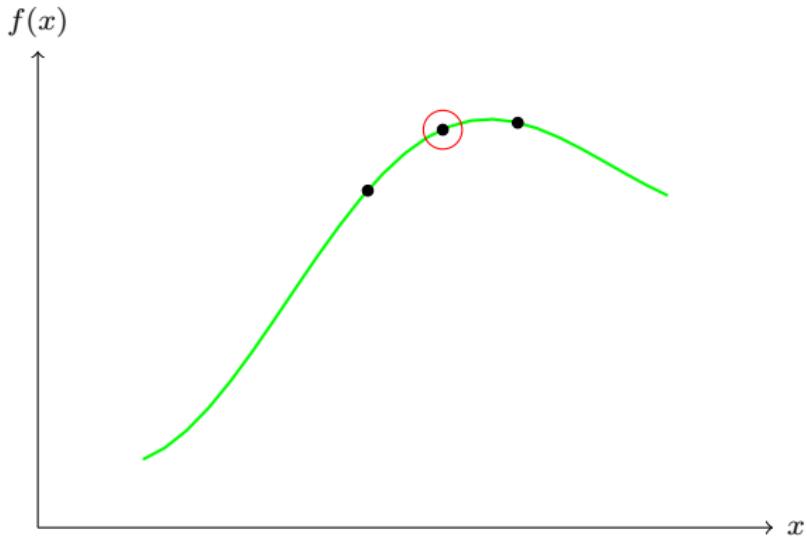
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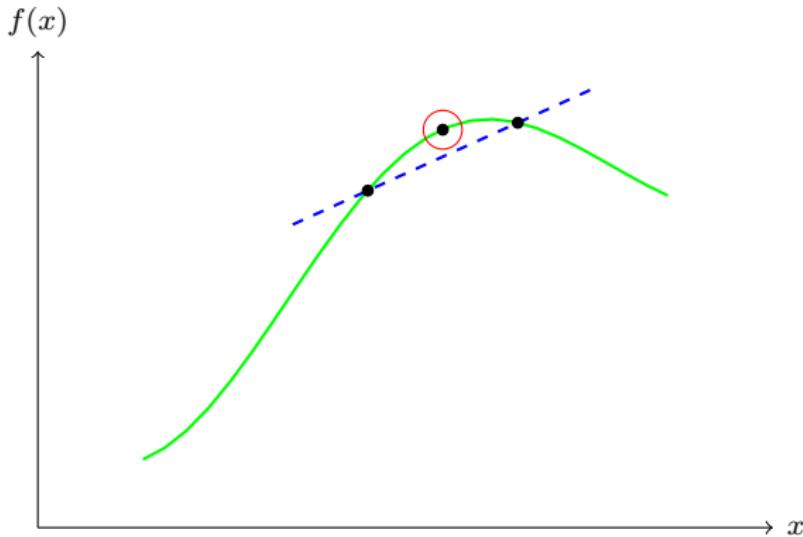
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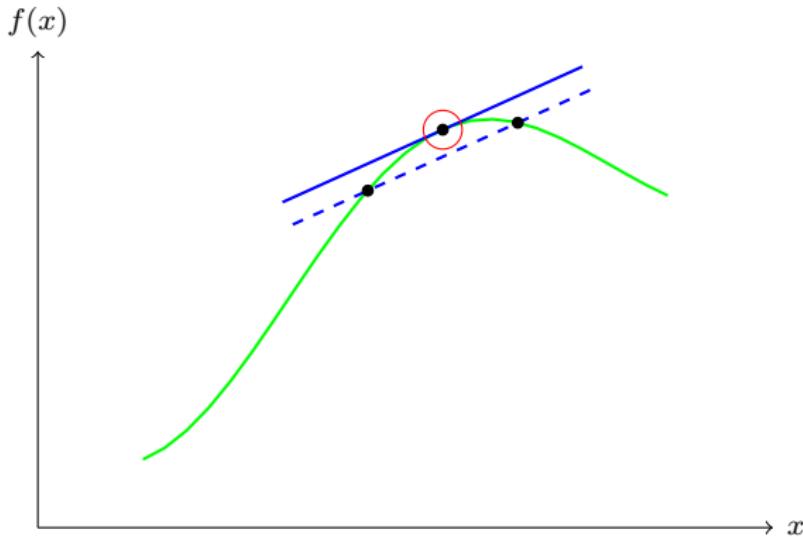
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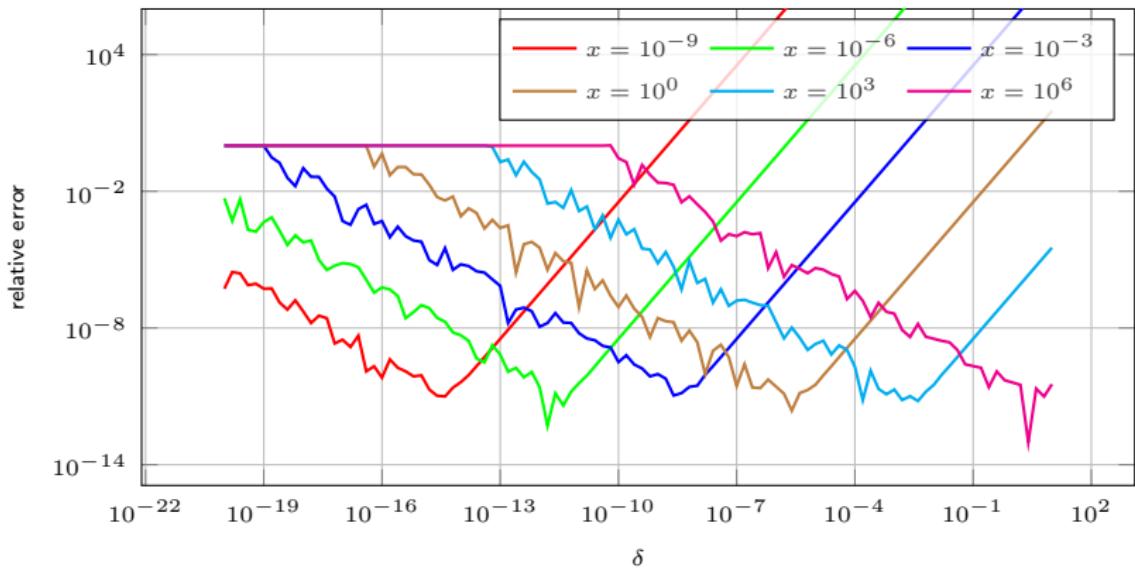
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- relative error for $f(x) = x^3$, $\nabla f(x) = 3x^2$

$$\frac{|\Delta f(x; \delta) - \nabla f(x)|}{\nabla f(x)}$$

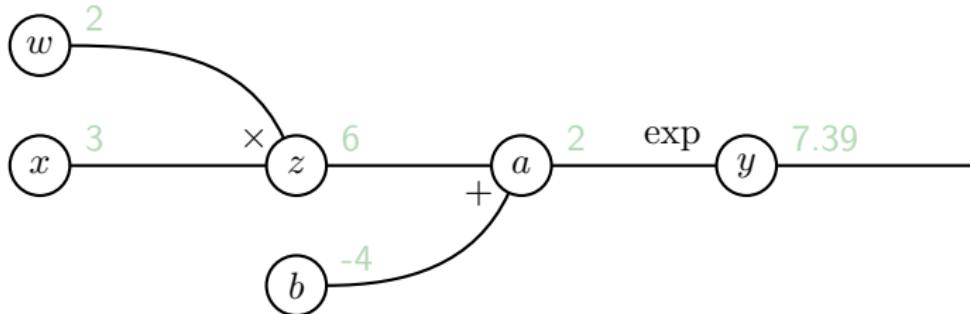
numerical vs. analytical

- apart from accuracy issues, the numerical approximation is impractical in high dimensions: one evaluation of Δf requires $2p$ evaluations of f , and dimension p is easily in the order of millions
- we turn to analytical computation of the gradient, which costs roughly as much as one evaluation of f
- but the numerical approximation always remains useful for double-checking

analytical computation

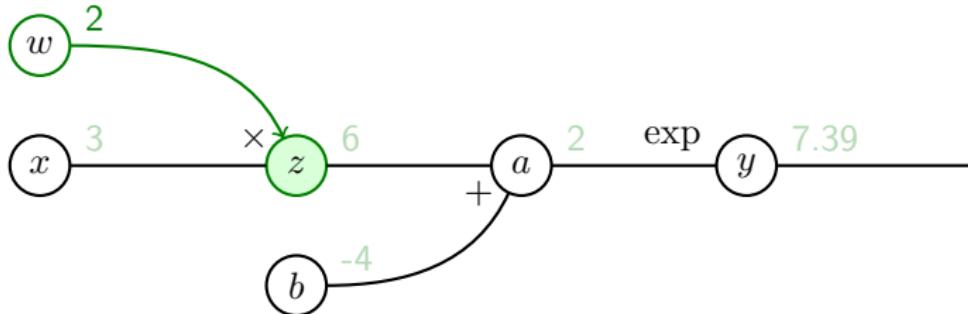
- all derivatives we care about are the derivatives of the error function with respect to the model parameters: the error function is **scalar** and we need its **gradient**
- we are going to write the error function as a composition of simpler functions, and use the **chain rule** to compute the gradient efficiently
- the error function can be as complex as a program with **control flow** statements
- each component function, called a **unit**, is assumed to be at least piecewise differentiable with a known formula for its derivative
- a unit may be a vector function, so we need **Jacobian matrices** in general, not just gradients

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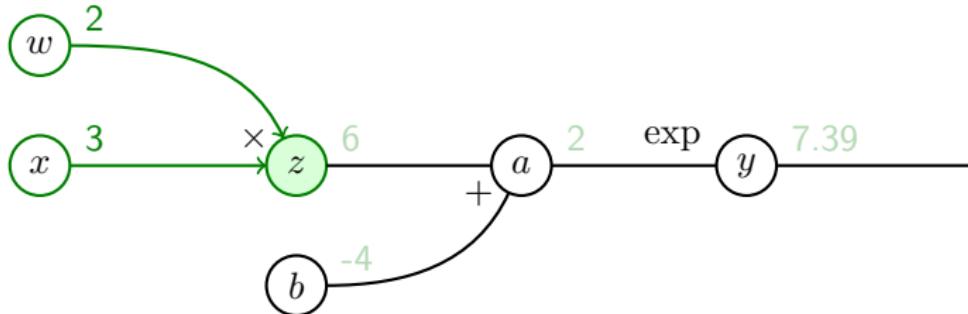
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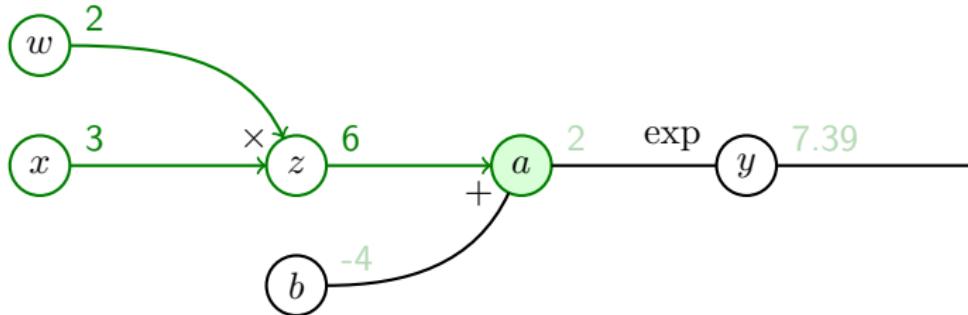
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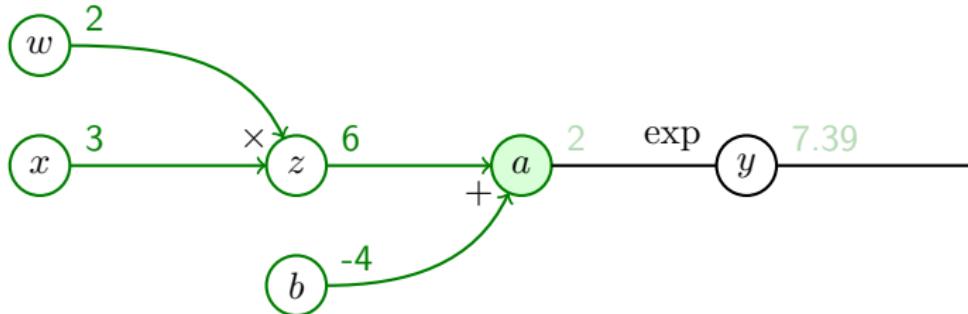
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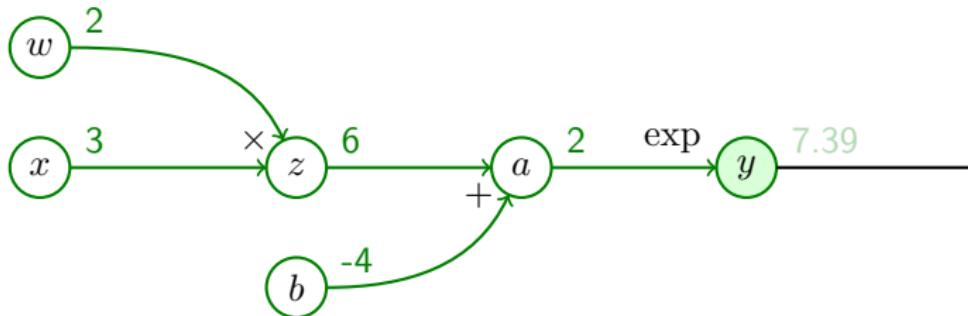
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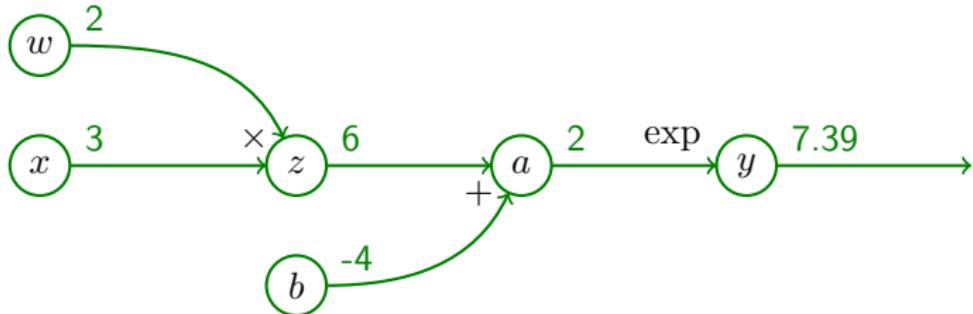
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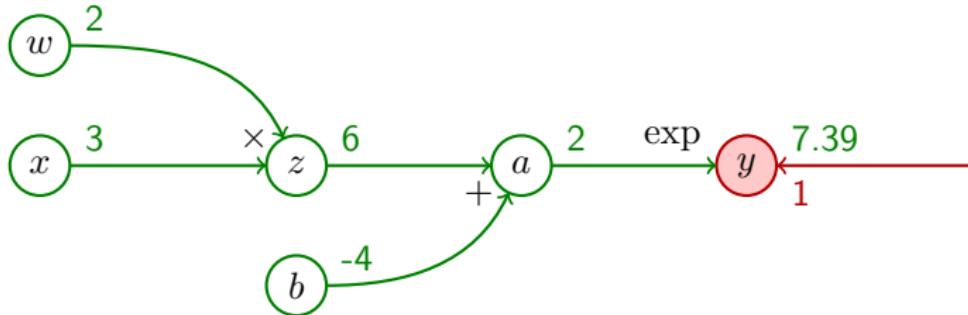
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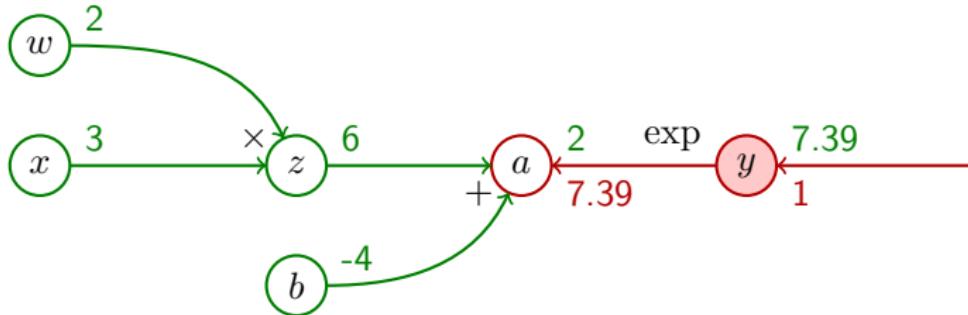
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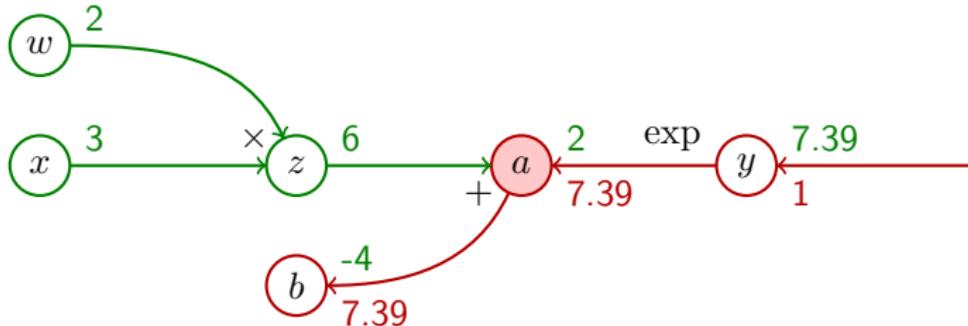
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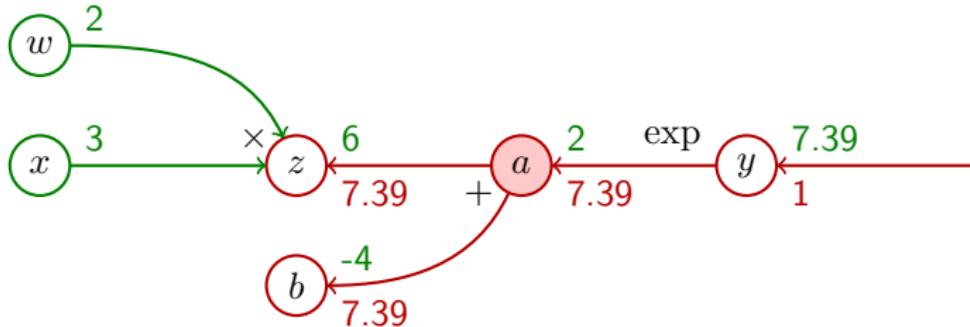
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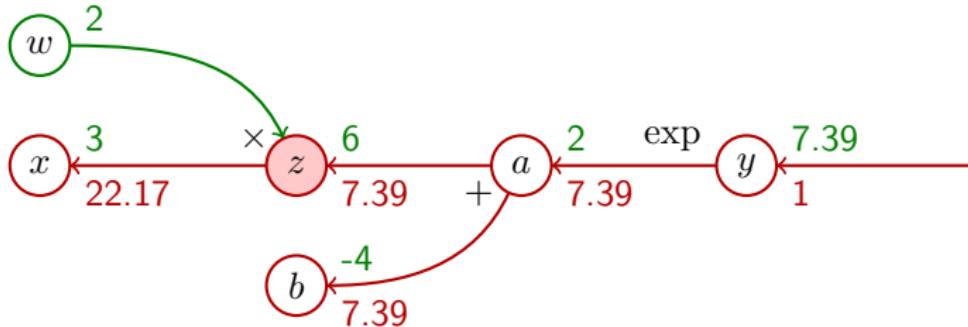
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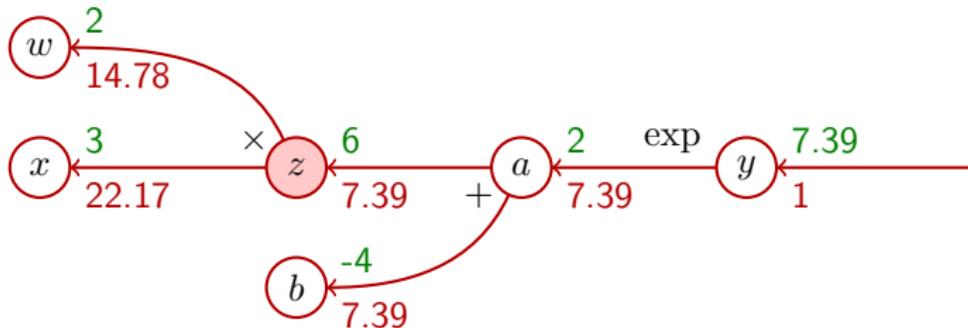
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$$\nabla f := \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_p} \right)$$

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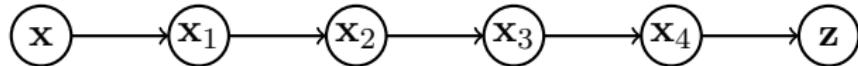
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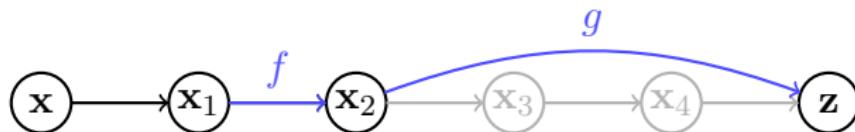
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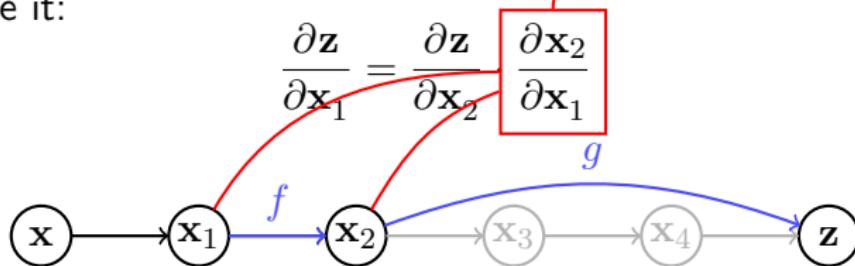
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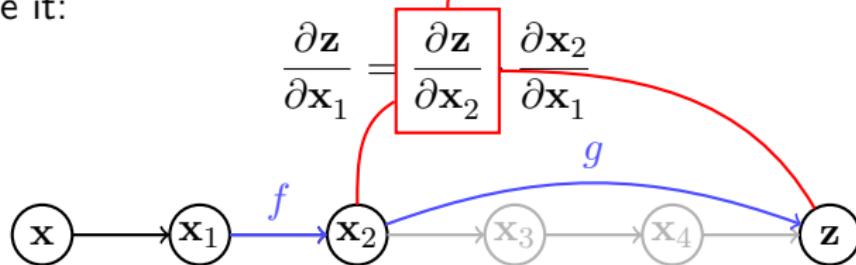
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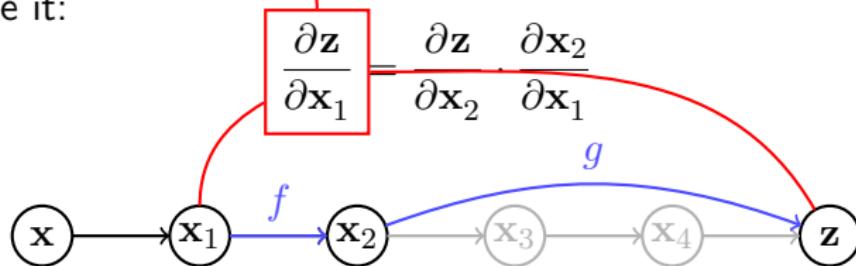
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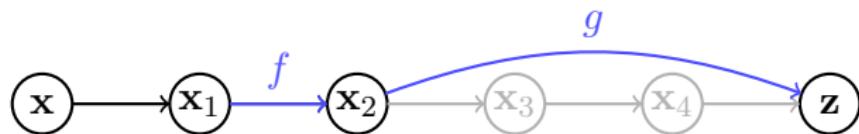
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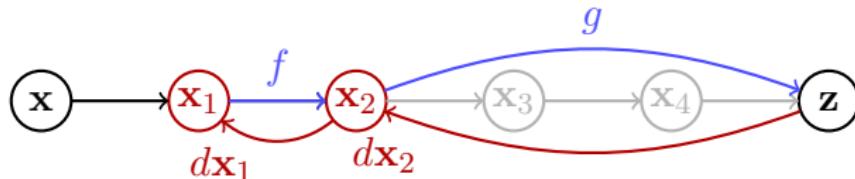
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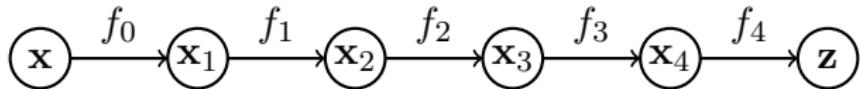


- then, we are **back-propagating** from $d\mathbf{x}_2$ to $d\mathbf{x}_1$

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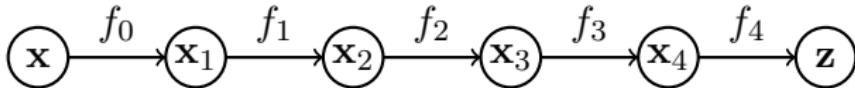
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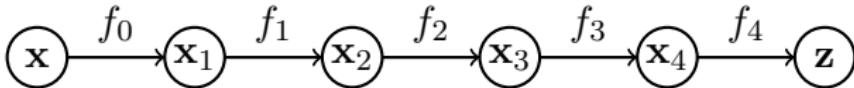


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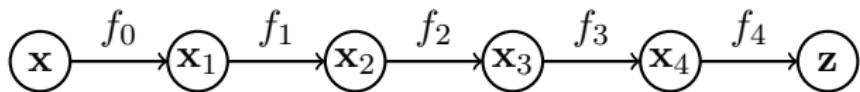
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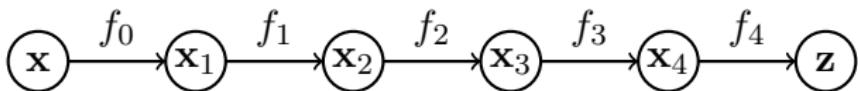
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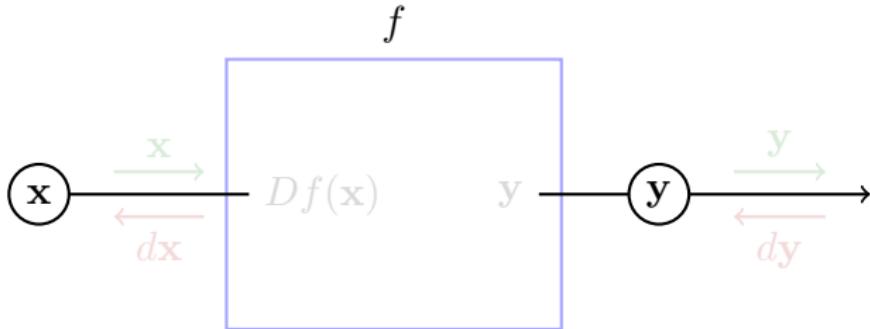
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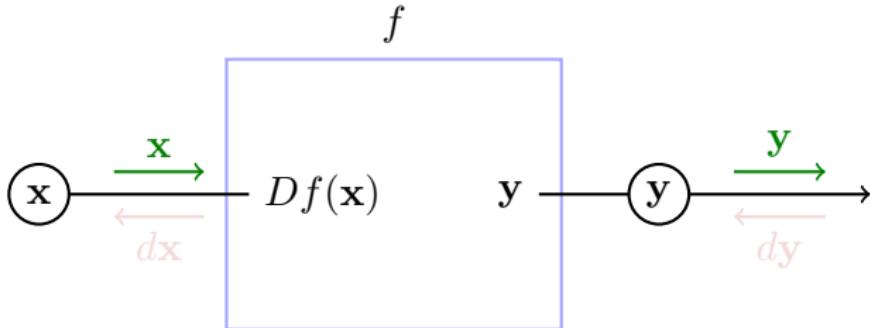
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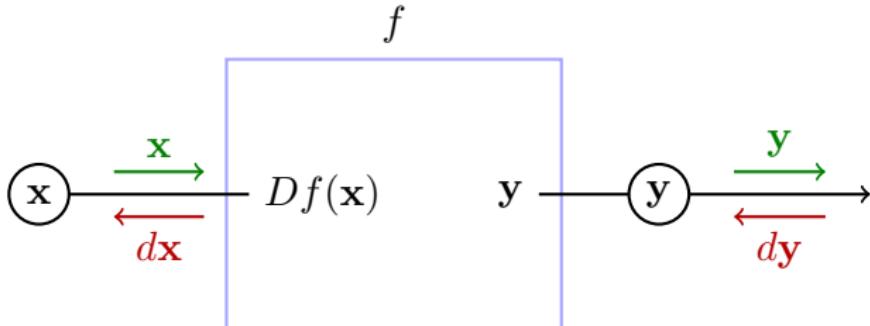
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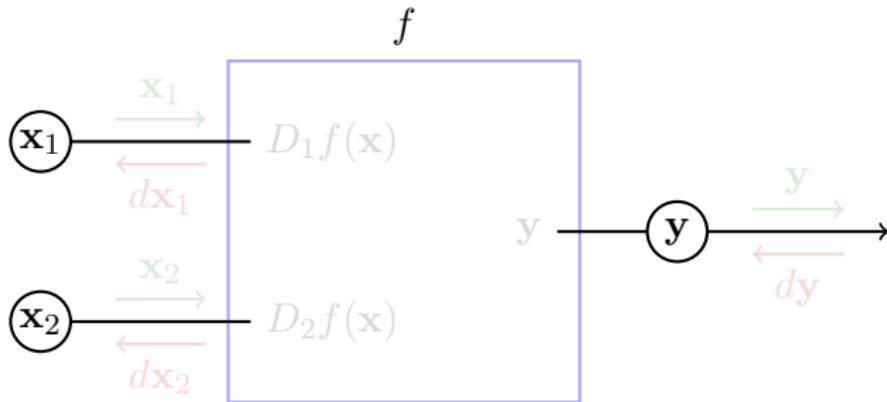
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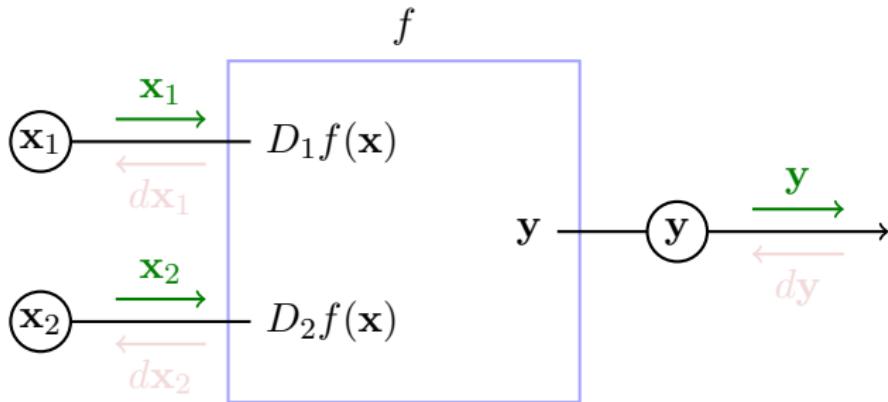
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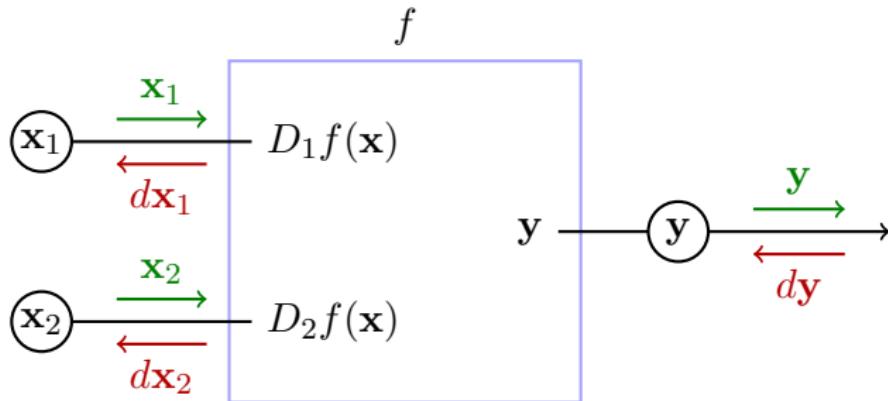
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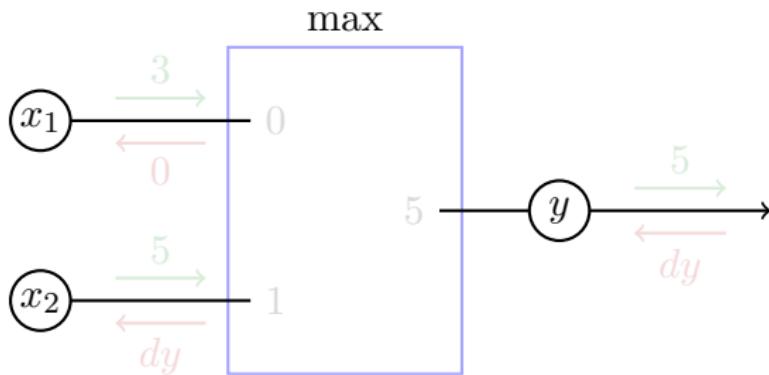
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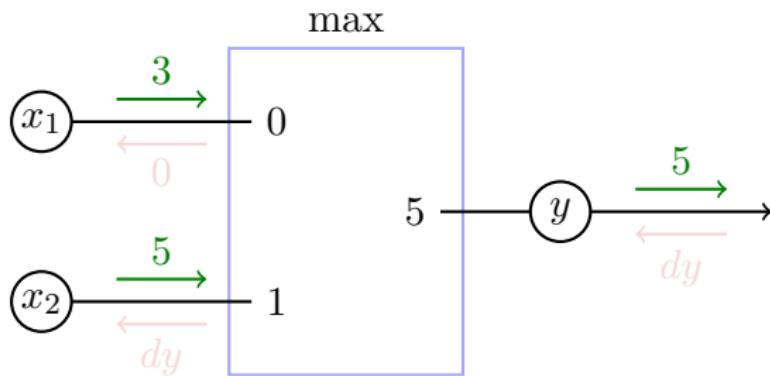
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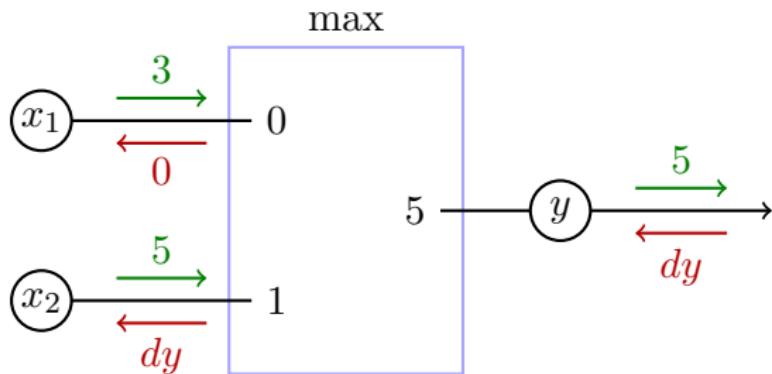
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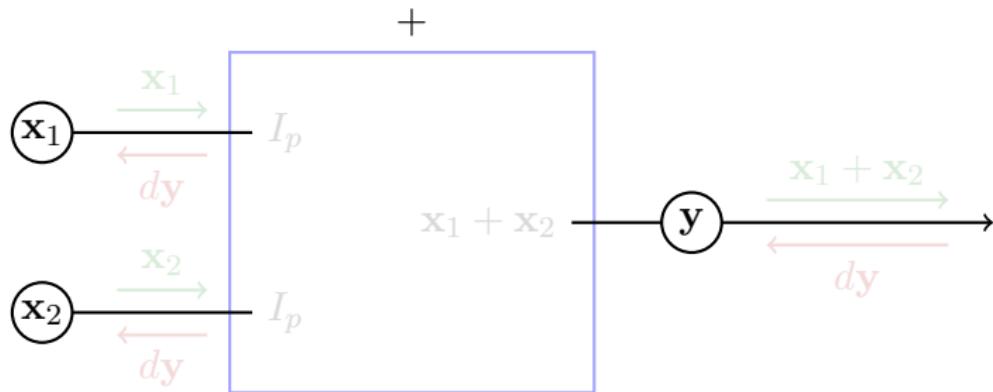
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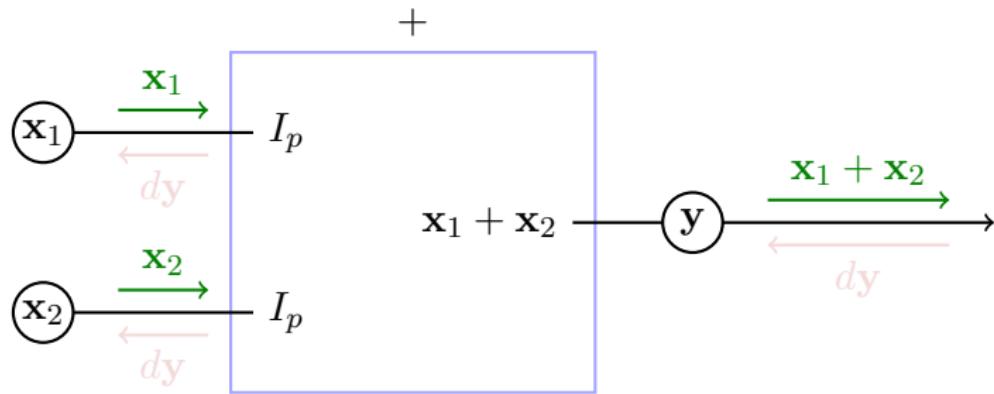
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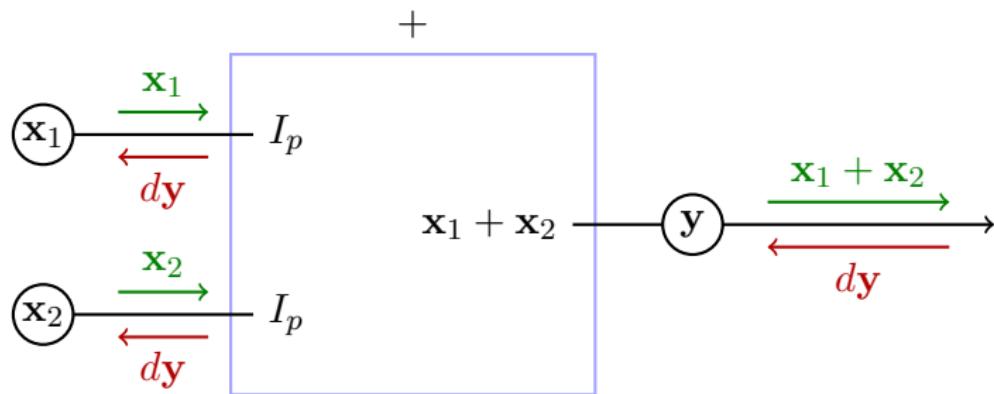
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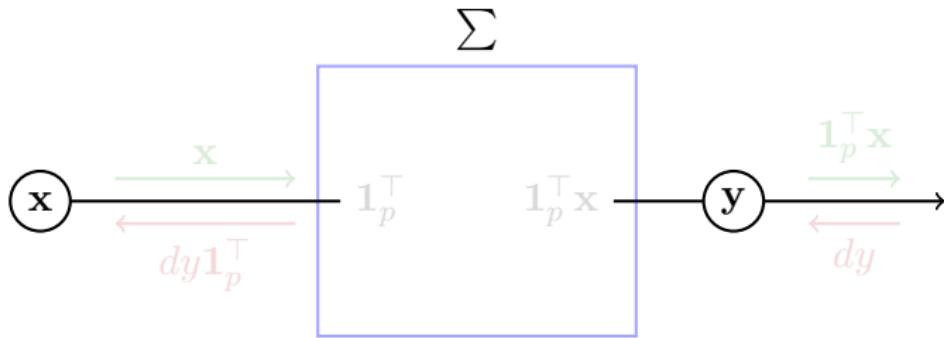
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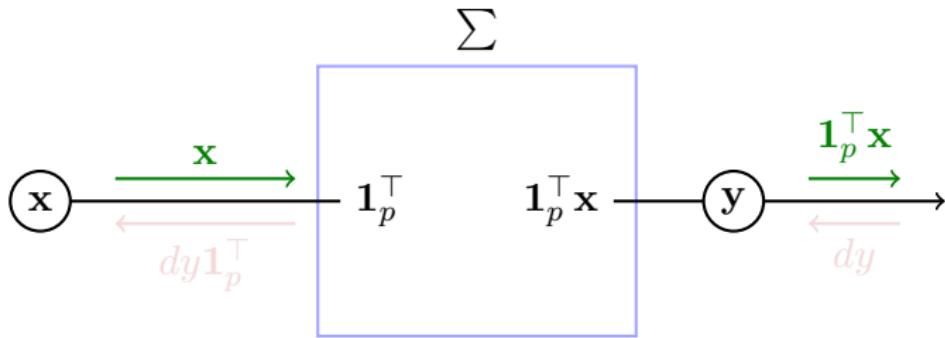
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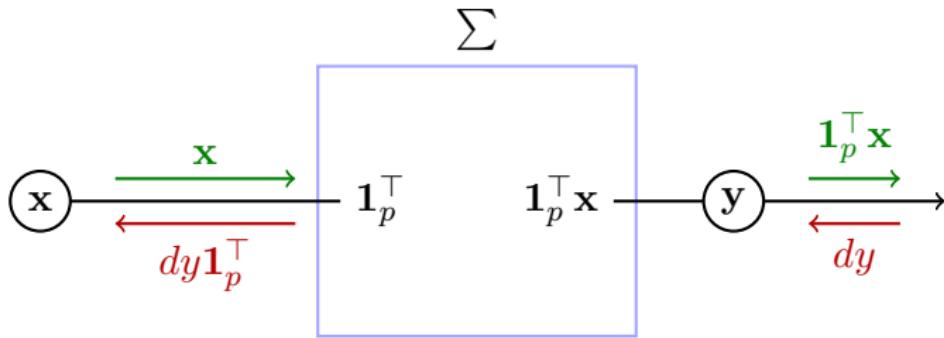
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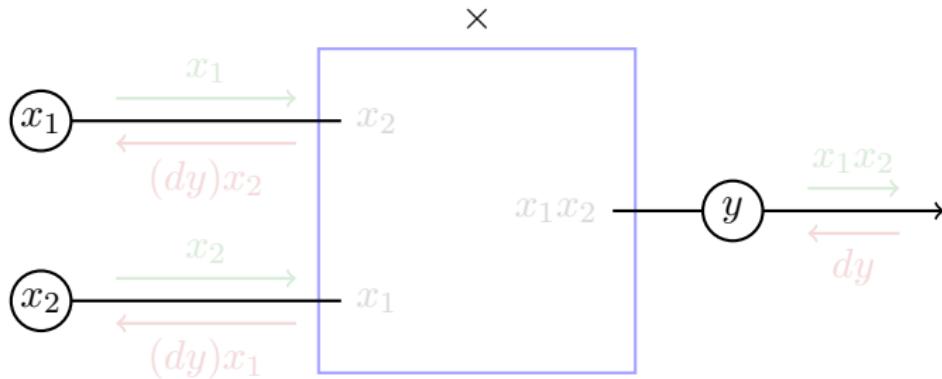
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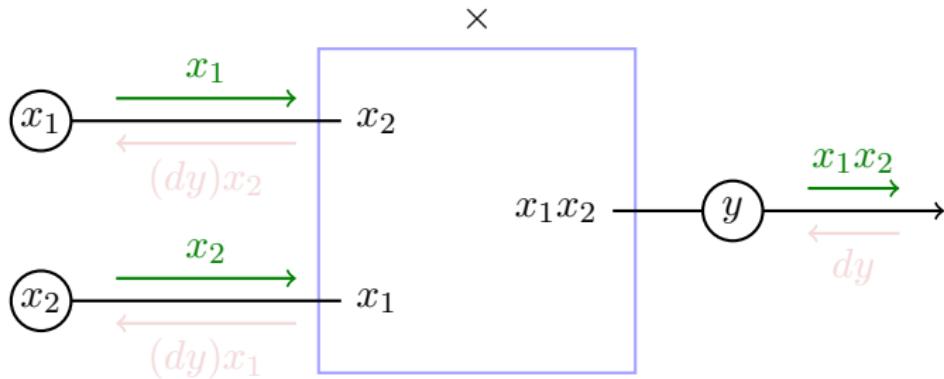
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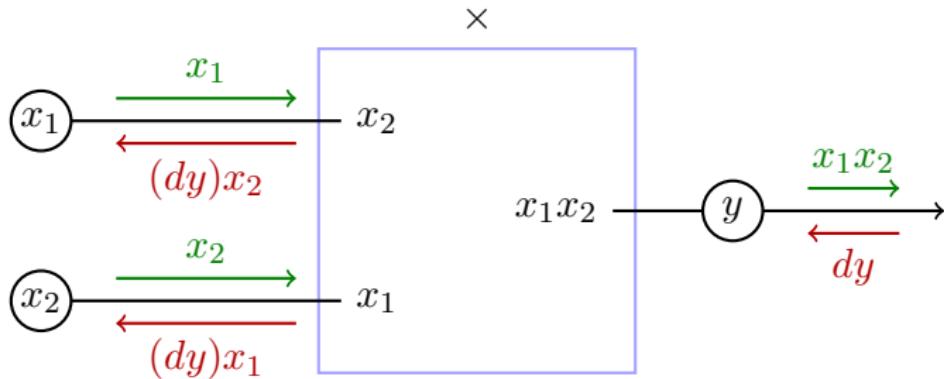
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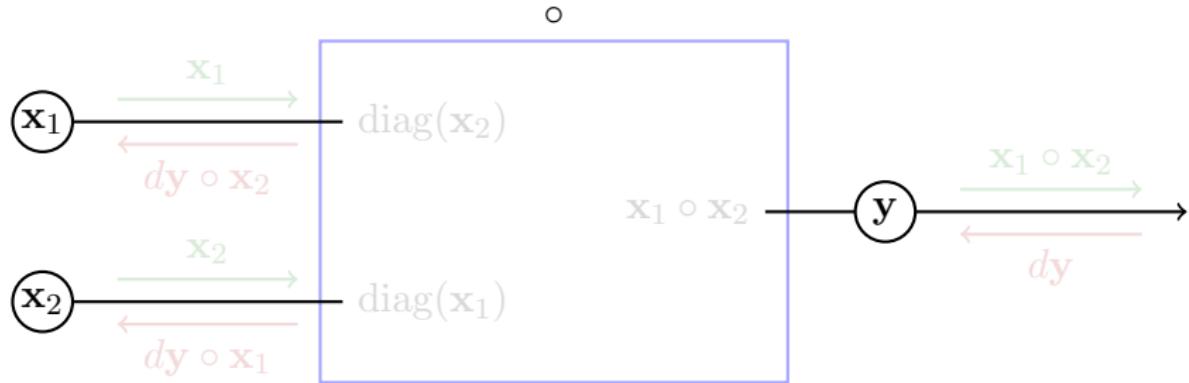
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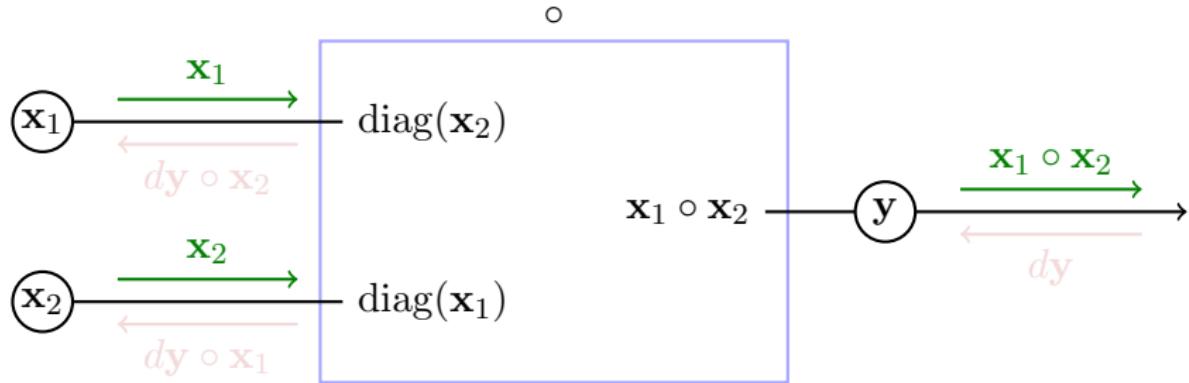
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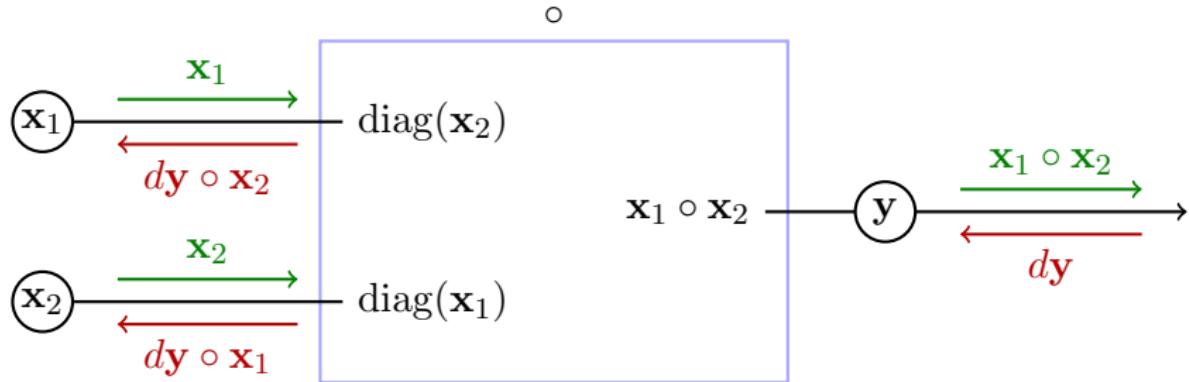
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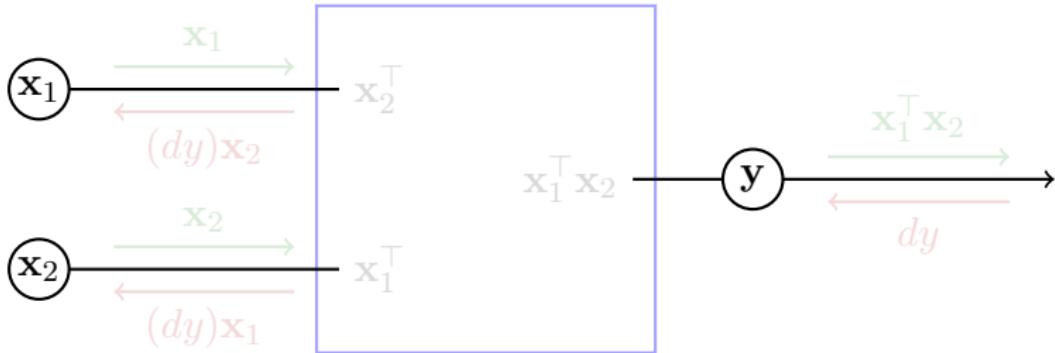
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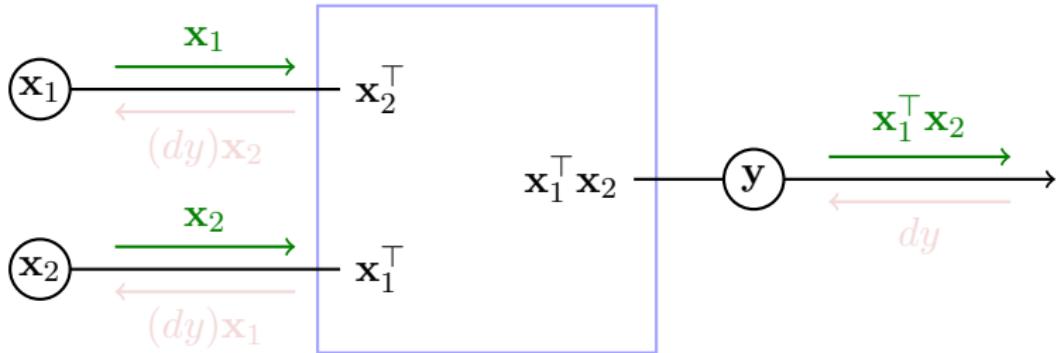
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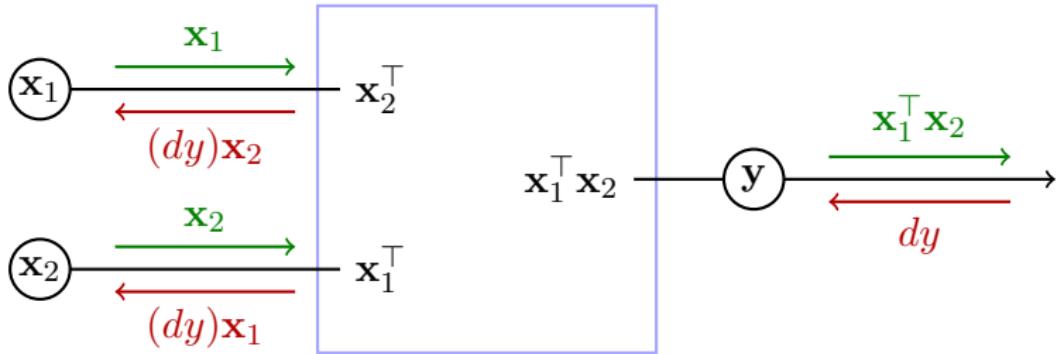
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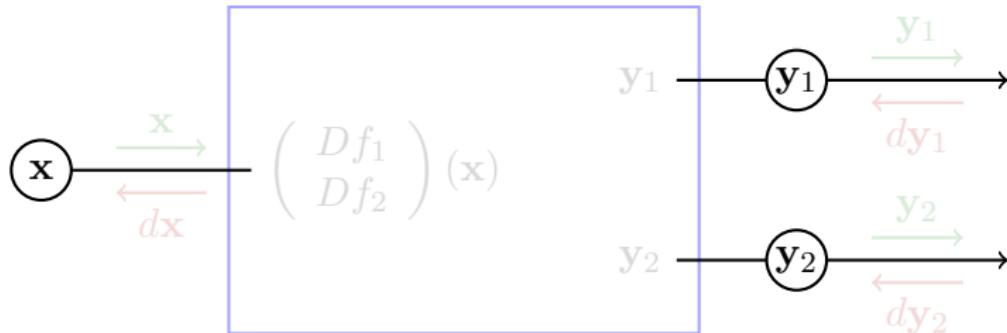
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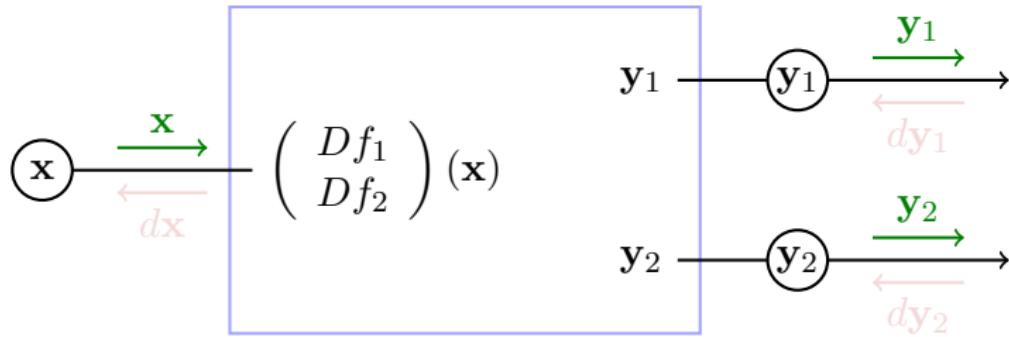
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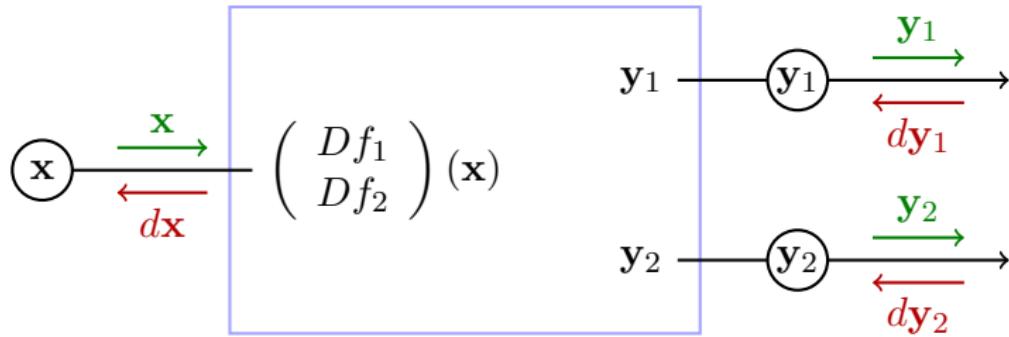
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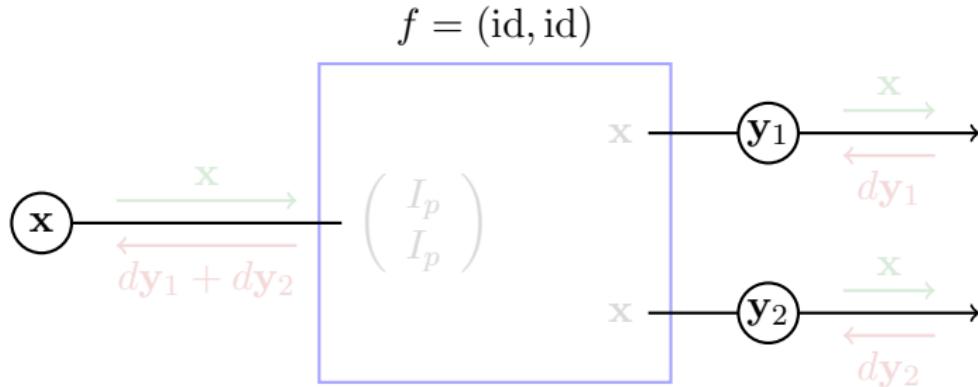
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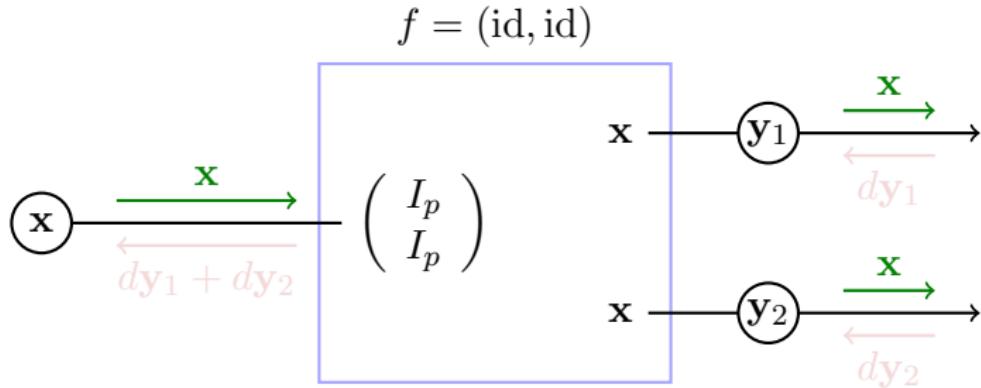


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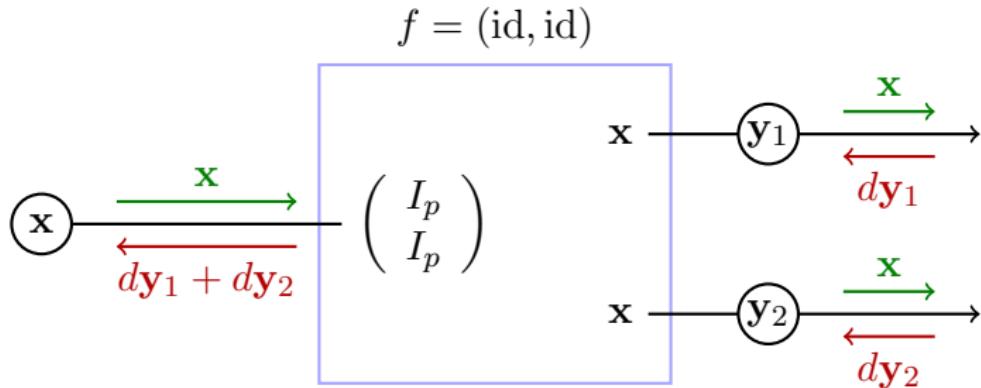


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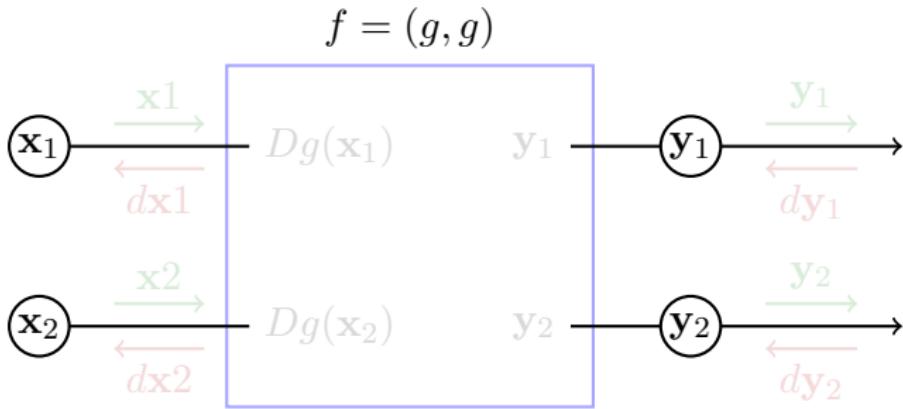


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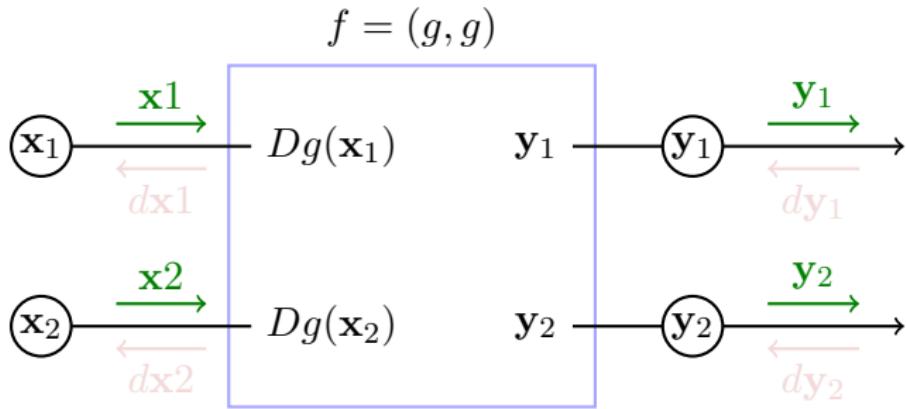
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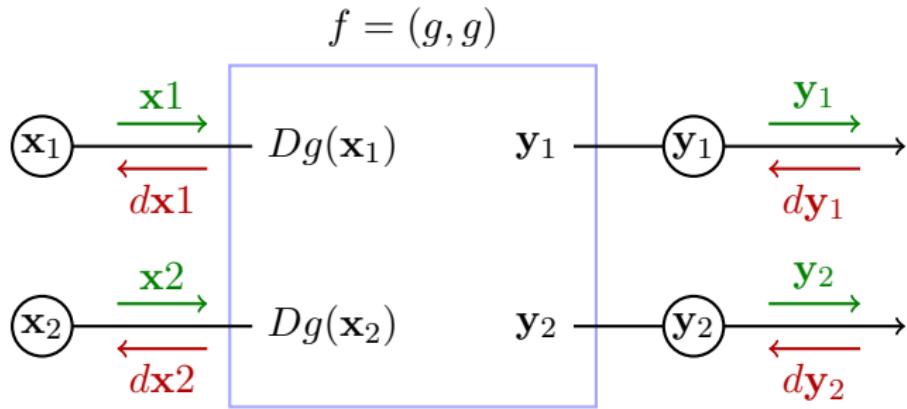
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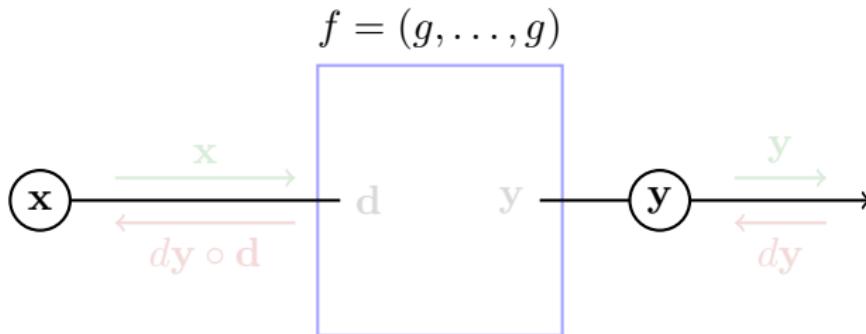
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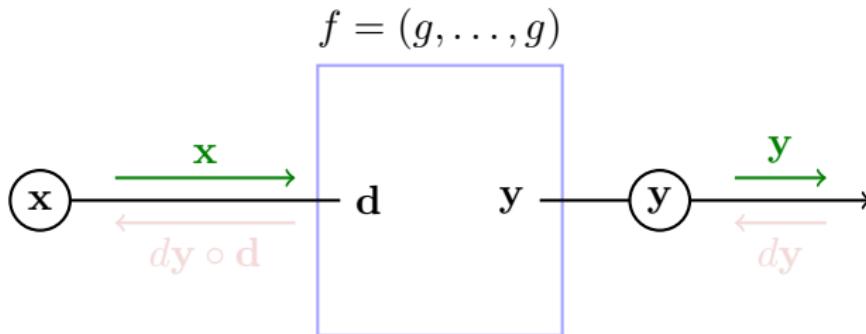
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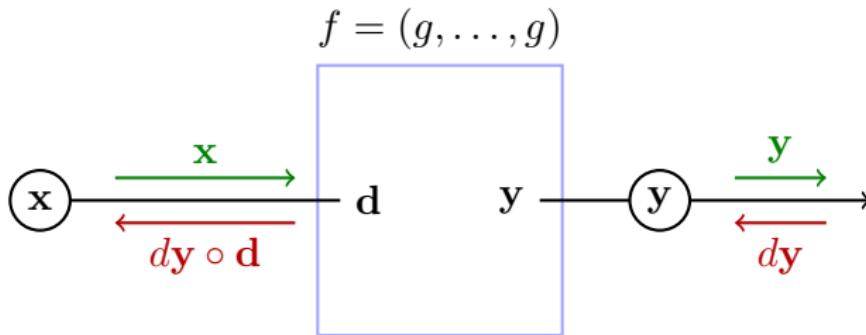
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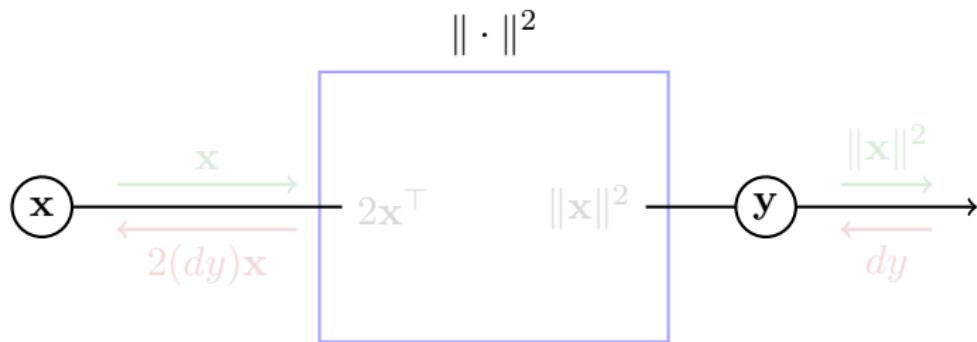
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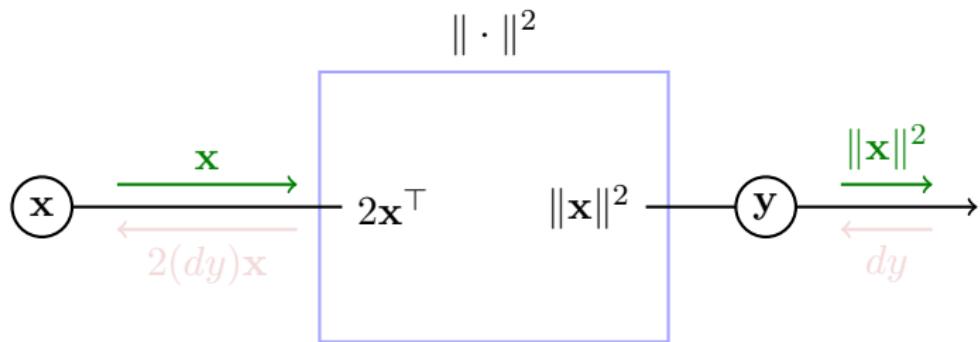
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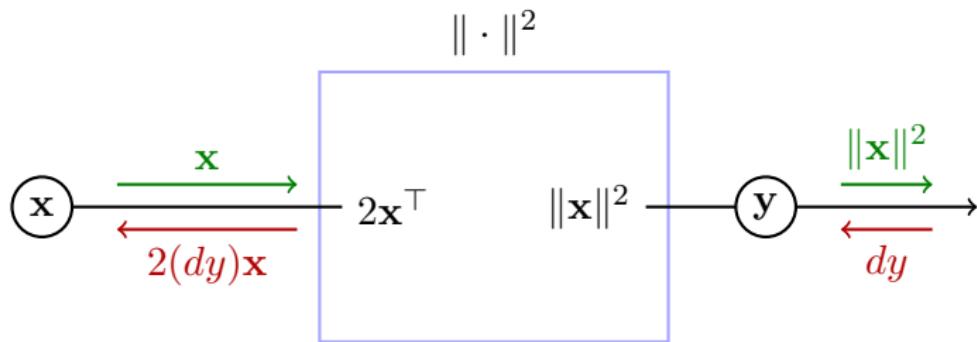
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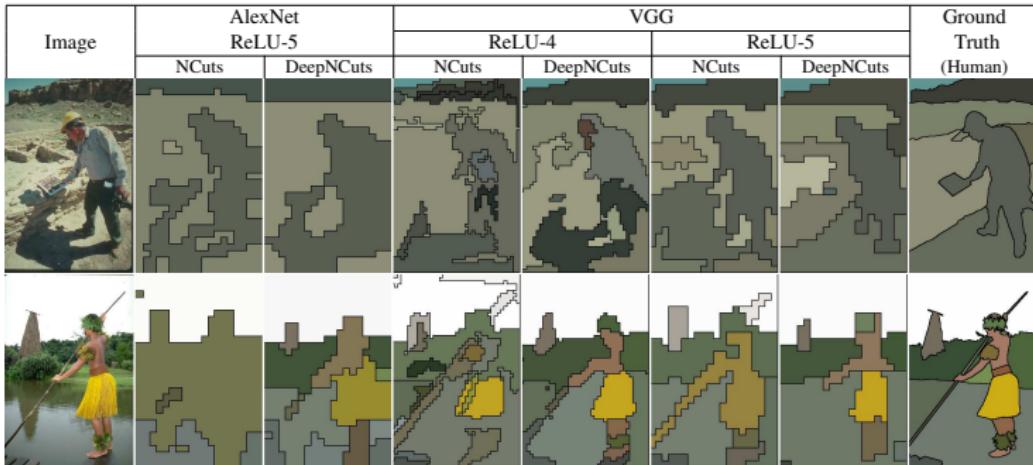
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matrix derivatives*

[Ionescu et al. 2015]



- derivatives for
 - SVD decomposition $A = U\Sigma V^\top$
 - eigenvalue decomposition $A = U\Sigma U^\top$
 - nonlinear matrix functions $f(A) = Uf(\Sigma)U^\top$
- application to spectral methods for image segmentation

matrix calculus*

- results like these, and many more

$$\frac{\partial A\mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = A$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^\top A\mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x}^\top (A + A^\top)$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{vec}(\mathbf{x}^\top A\mathbf{x})}{\partial \text{vec } A} = \mathbf{x}^\top \otimes \mathbf{x}^\top$$

$$\frac{\partial AXB}{\partial X} = B^\top \otimes A$$

$$\frac{dA^{-1}}{dA} = -(A^{-\top} \otimes A^{-1})$$

$$\frac{d \ln |A|}{dA} = \text{vec}(A^{-\top})^\top$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{tr}(AX)}{\partial X} = \text{vec}(A^\top)^\top$$

in general

- apparently, we do not need to store the Jacobian matrix $Df(\mathbf{x})$, which may be huge, but only what is needed to compute the partial derivatives in the backward pass
- our function can be decomposed into a **directed acyclic graph** (DAG) of nodes, called a **computational graph**
- each time we call the function in the forward pass, a new graph may be constructed if our program contains control flow statements like conditionals and loops; methods supporting this operation are called **dynamic**

automatic differentiation

[Wengert 1964]

- is the more general set of methods used to automatically evaluate the derivative of a given function at a given input; it is **not numerical** and **not symbolic**
- what we call back-propagation here is known as the **reverse accumulation** mode in this context and makes sense because we compute the gradient of a single scalar quantity with respect to maybe millions of parameters
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aside: higher-order derivatives*

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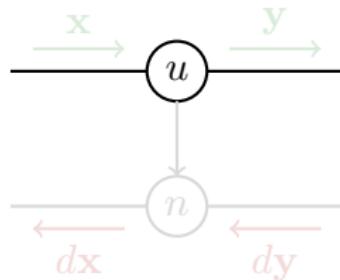
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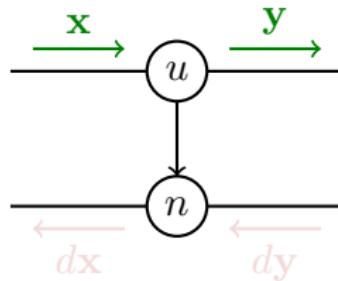
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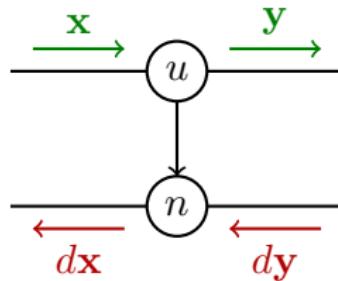
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$$\frac{\partial c_i}{\partial \mathbf{a}_i}(\mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{t}_i) = (\sigma(\mathbf{a}_i) - \mathbf{t}_i)^\top = (\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{t}_i)^\top$$

- since D is the **average** of the individual sample losses c_i , the derivative of the total error, which is 1 by default, is **distributed** over the samples with a factor of $\frac{1}{m}$

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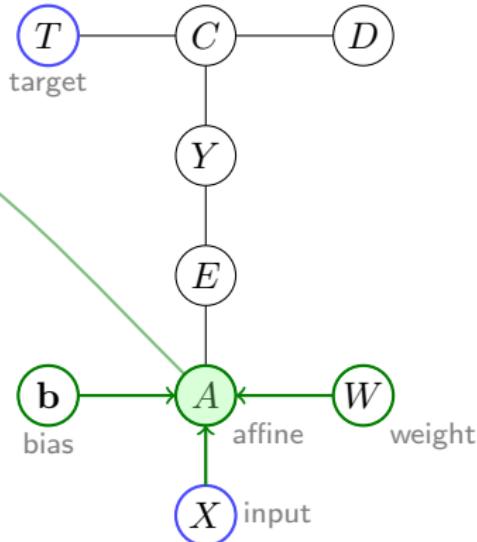
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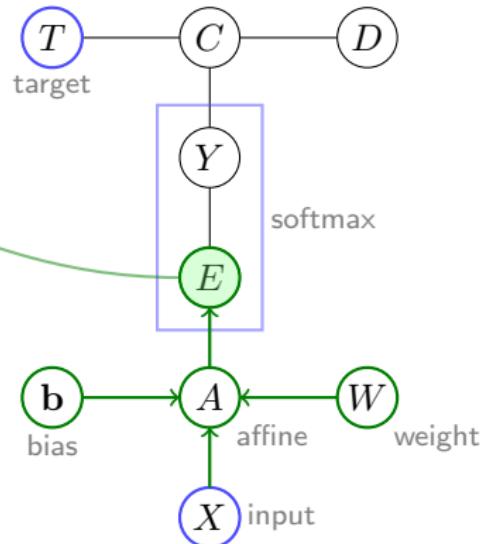
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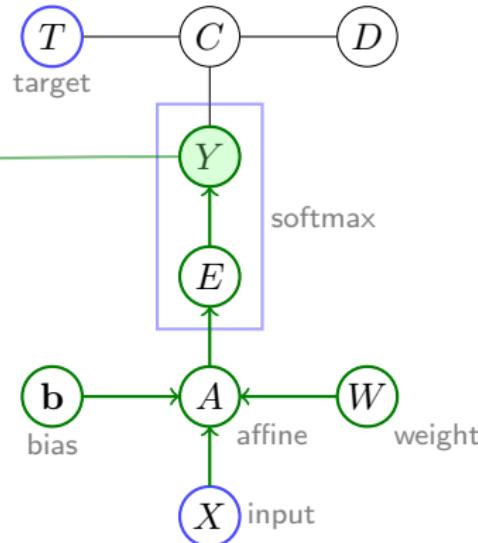
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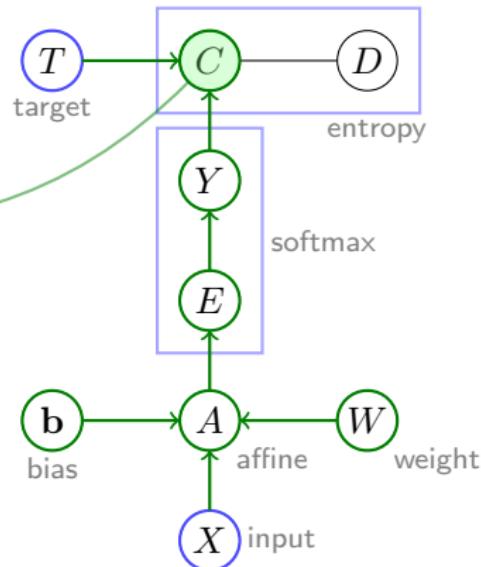
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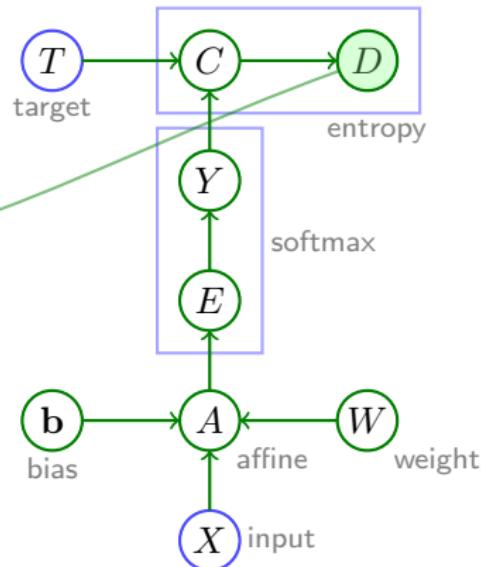
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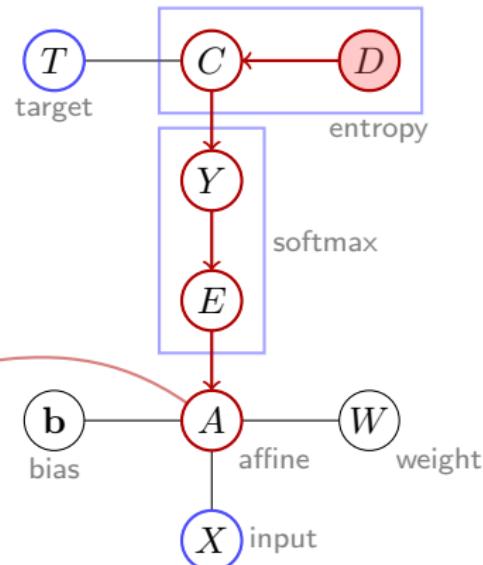
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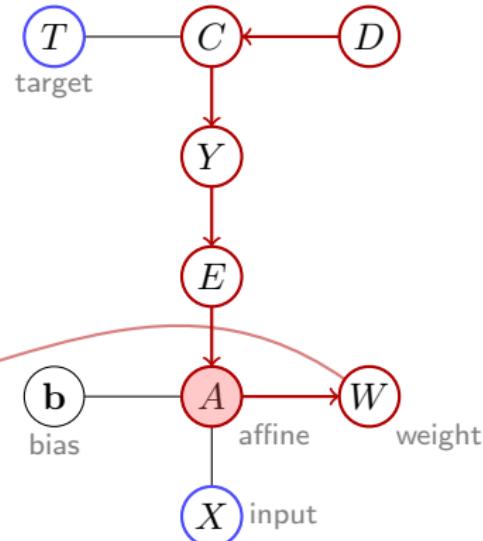
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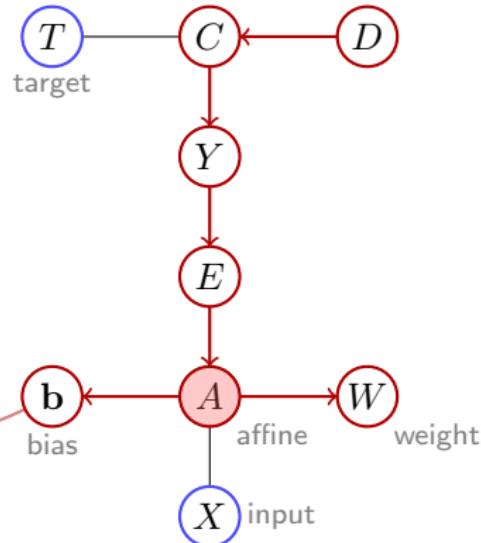
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automatic differentiation: functions

the relu unit*

- relu is an element-wise activation function; its input is **activation matrix** A and returns matrix Z of the same size
- its backward pass behaves like a **switch**

```
def relu(A):  
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    def back(dZ, dA):  
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- it takes as input the activation matrix A , the target matrix T and the weight matrix list W
- it calls the logistic unit on (A, T) and the decay unit on W , and returns the sum of the two scalar terms

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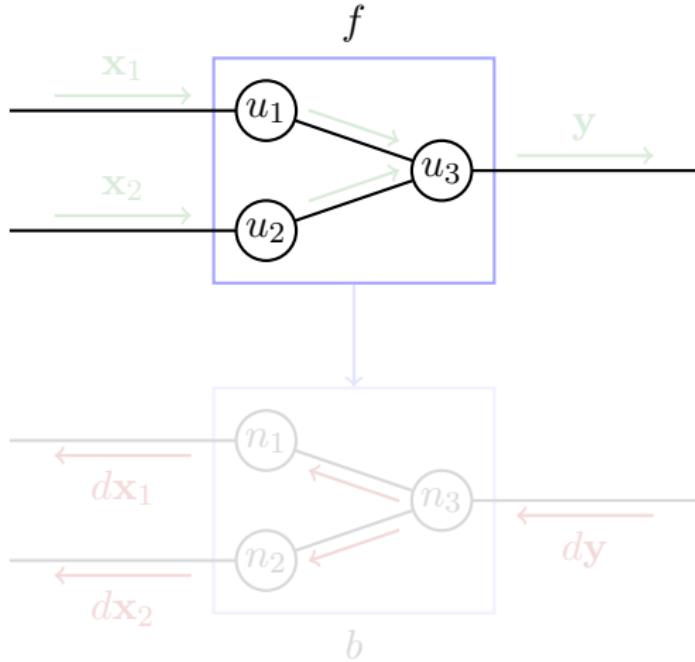
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the model function

- this is a two-layer network model where an affine layer is followed by a relu activation function and another affine layer
- the parameter tuple $U_i = (W_i, \mathbf{b}_i)$ for layer i contains a weight matrix W_i and a bias vector \mathbf{b}_i
- unit calls are nested like every other function

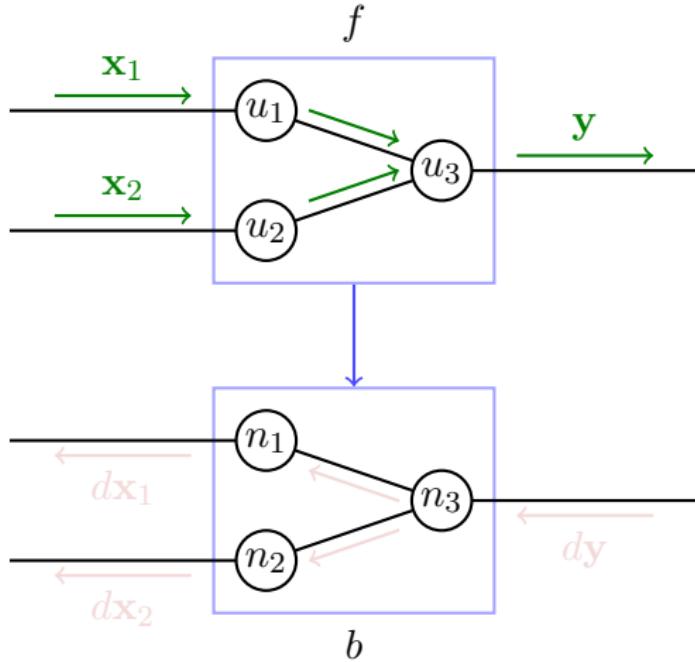
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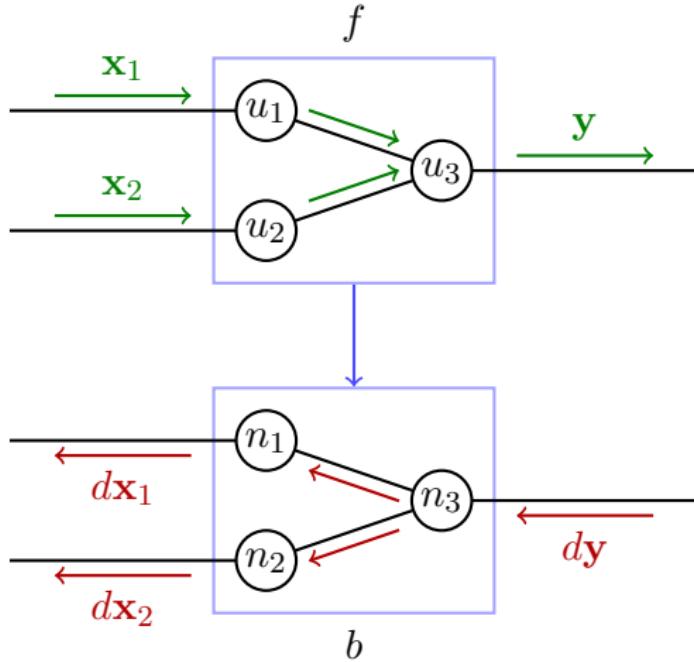
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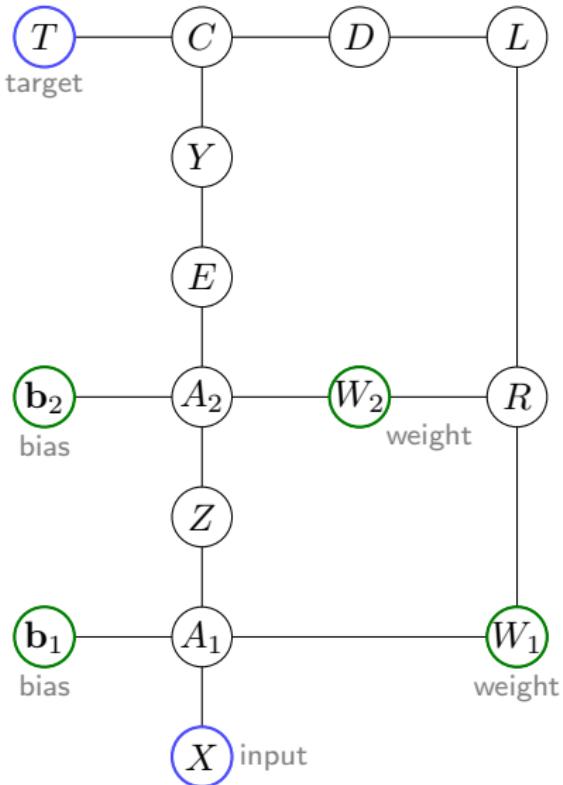
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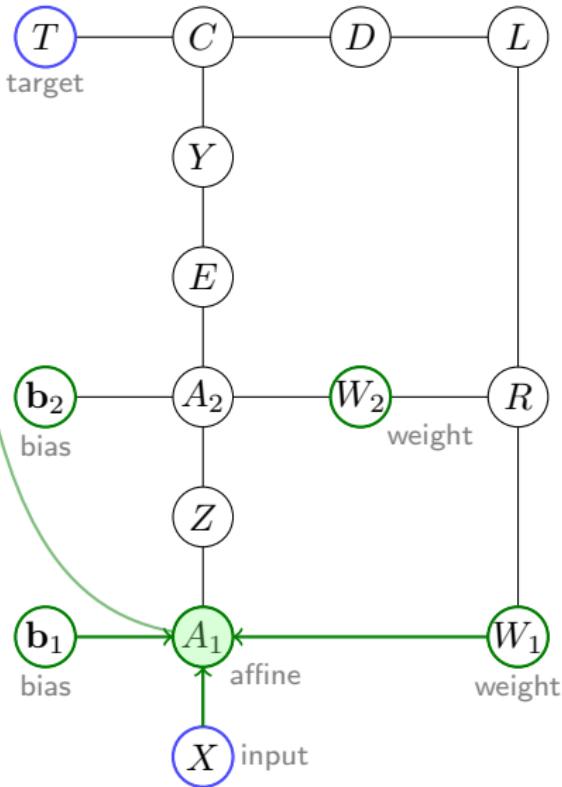
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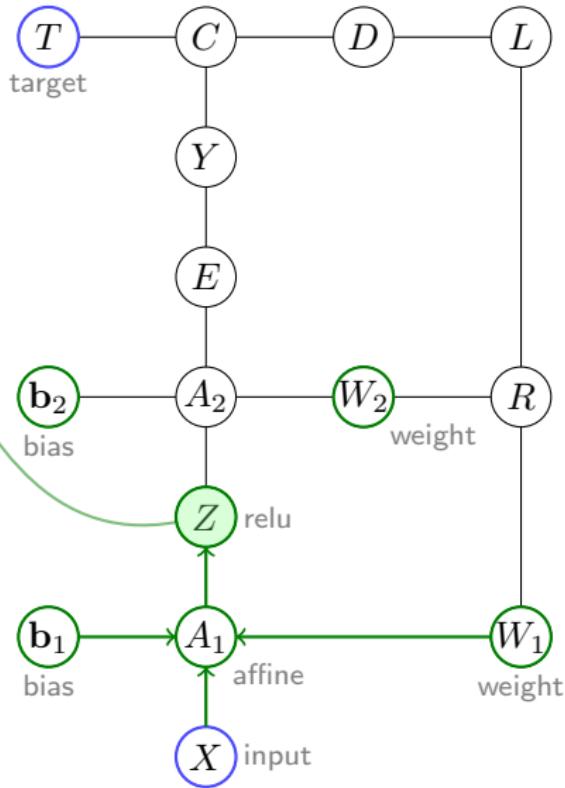
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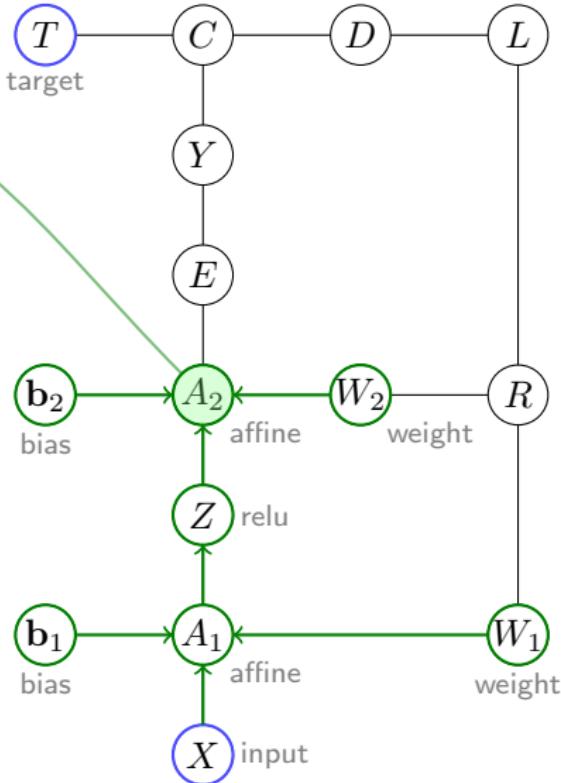


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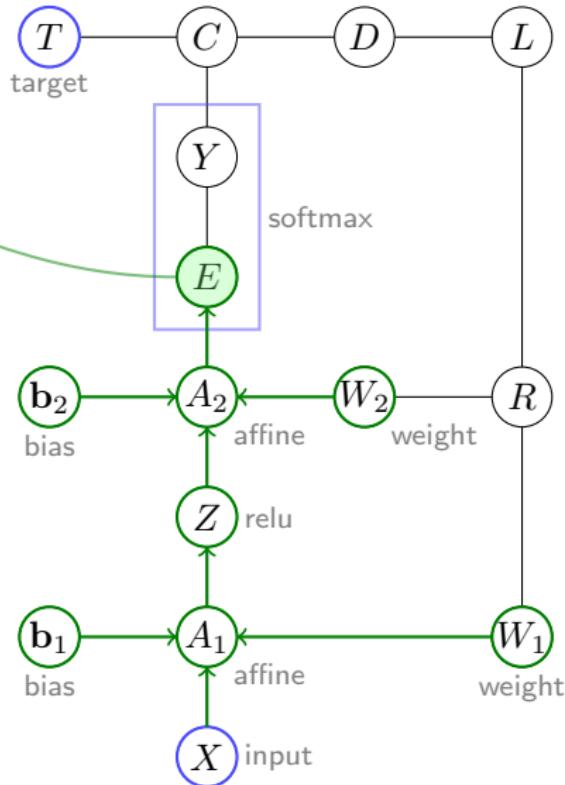
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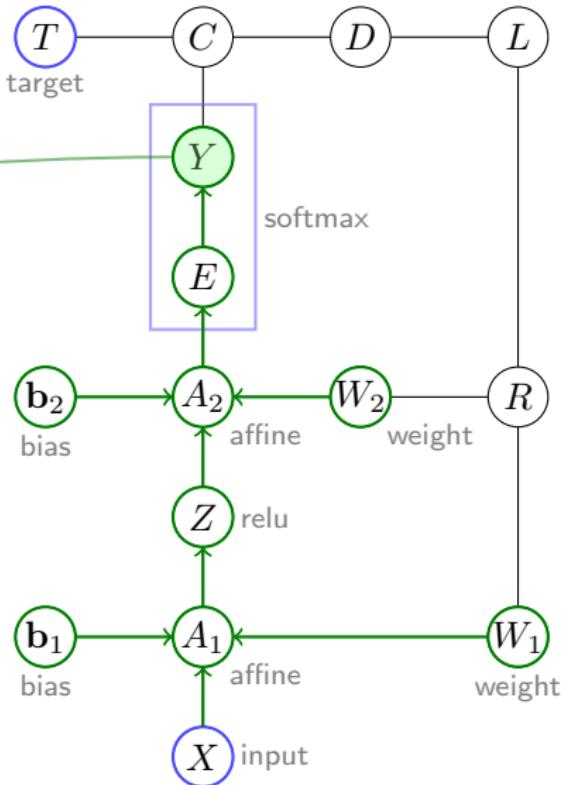
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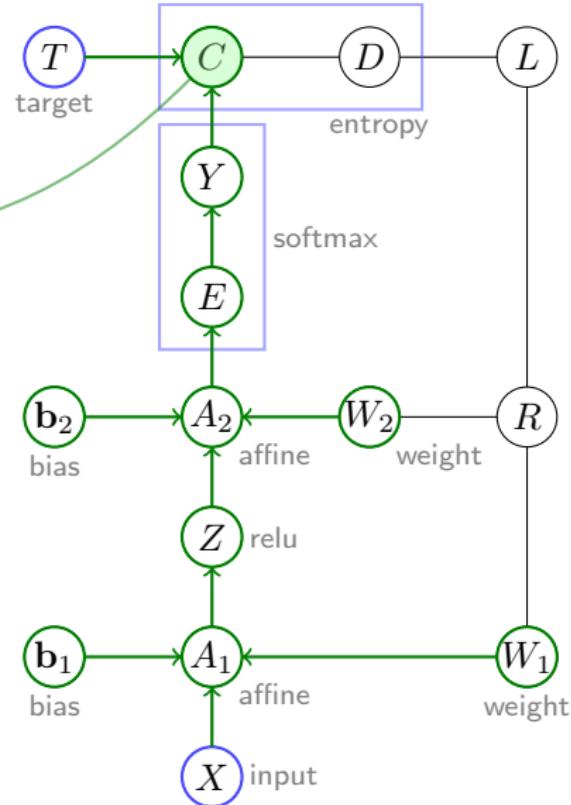
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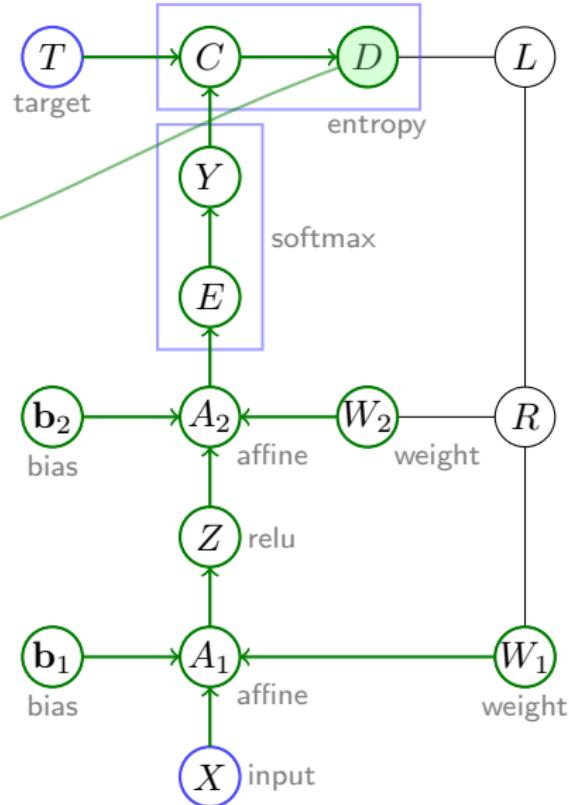
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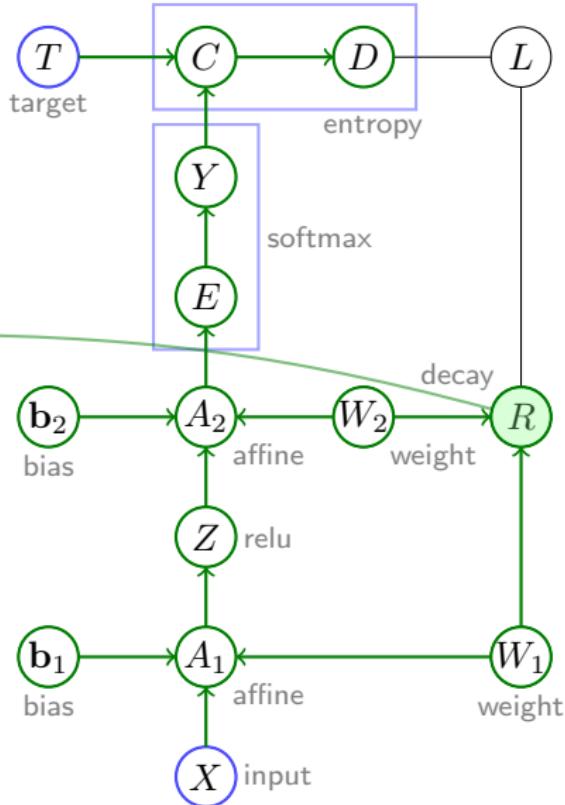
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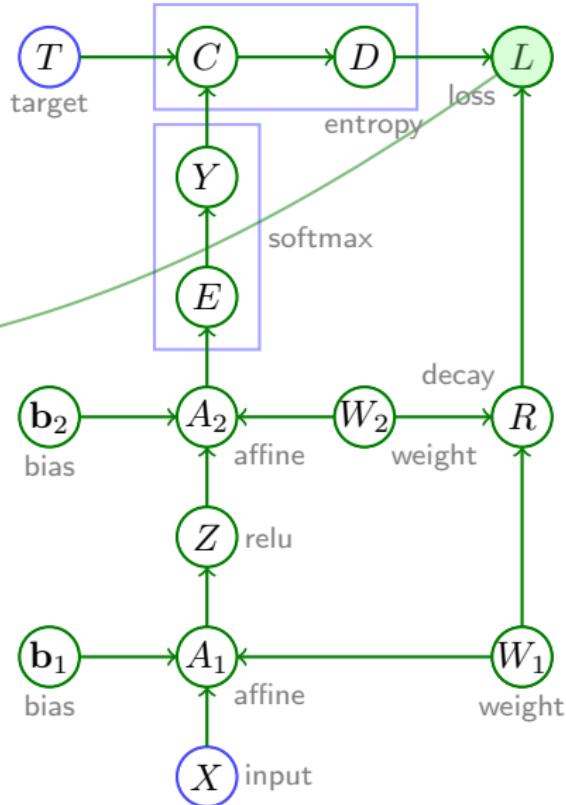
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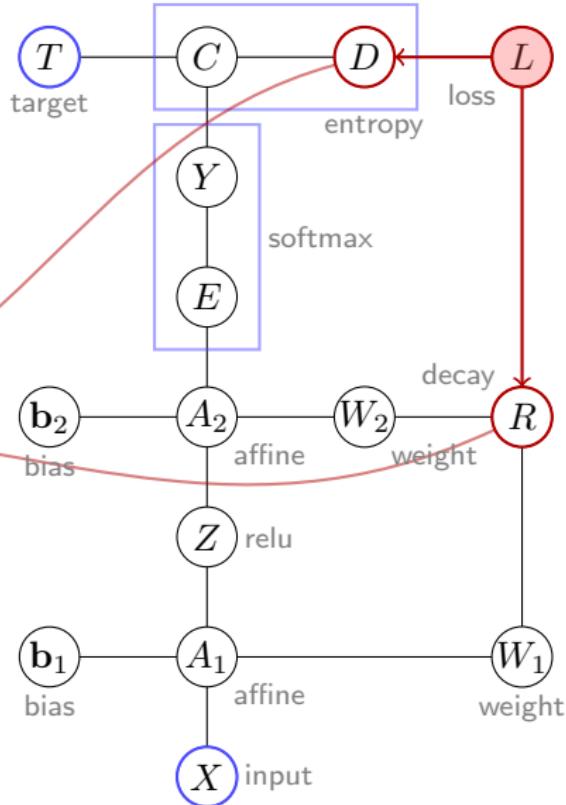
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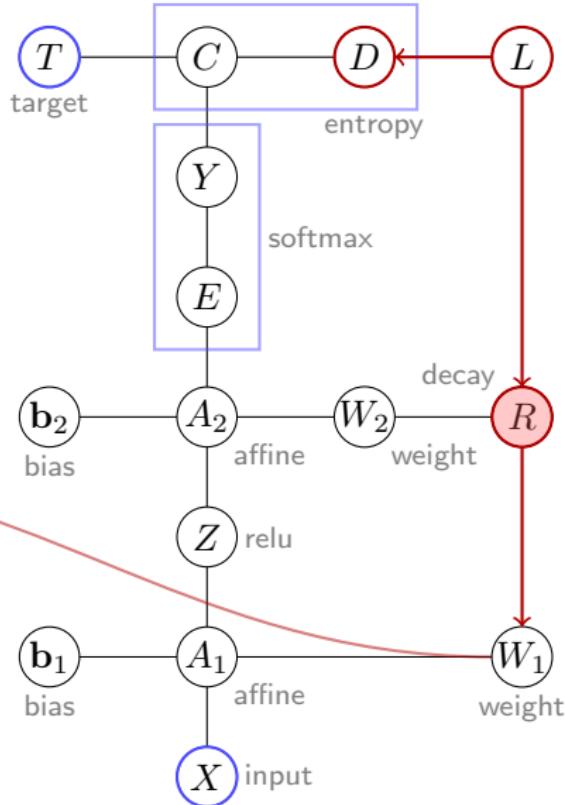
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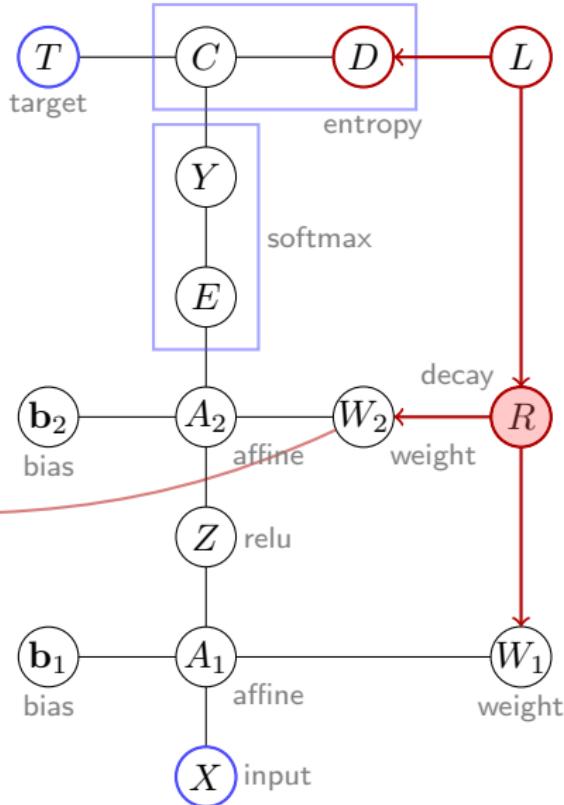
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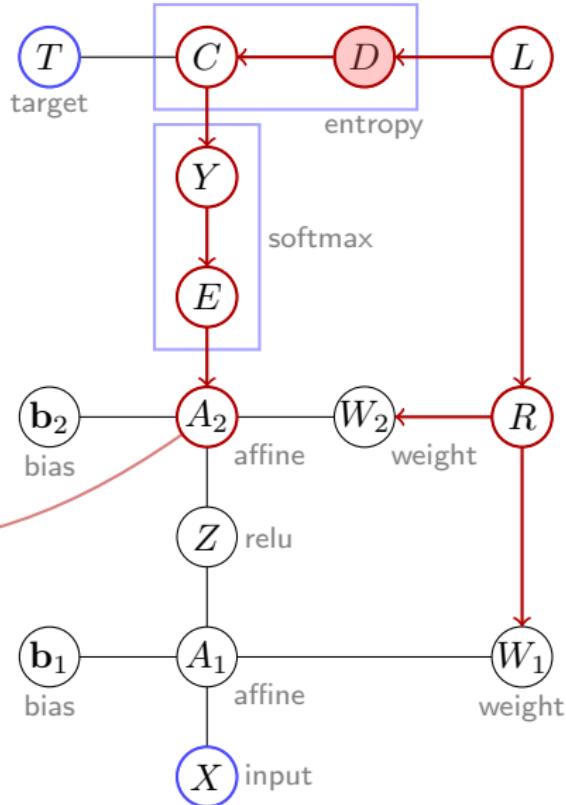
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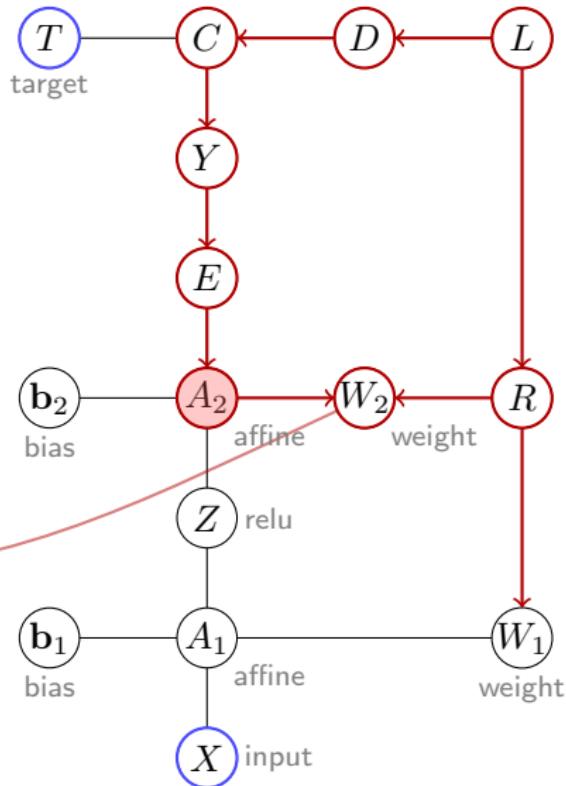
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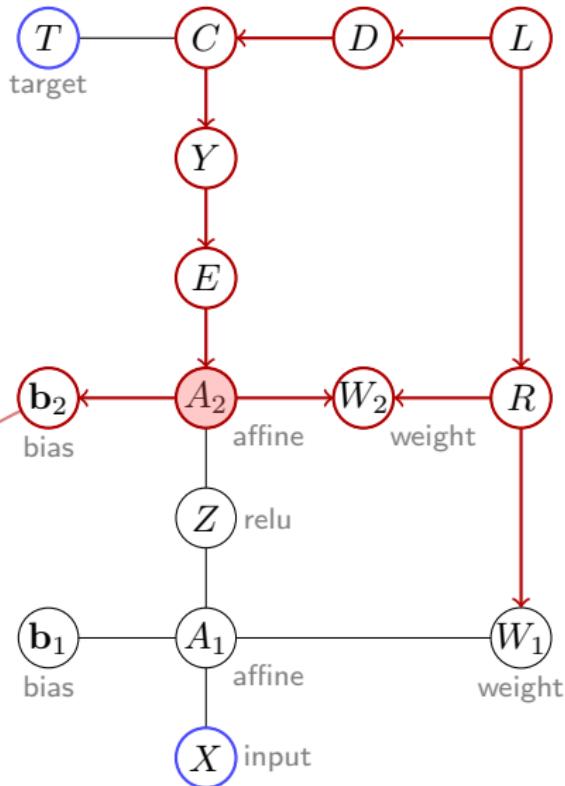
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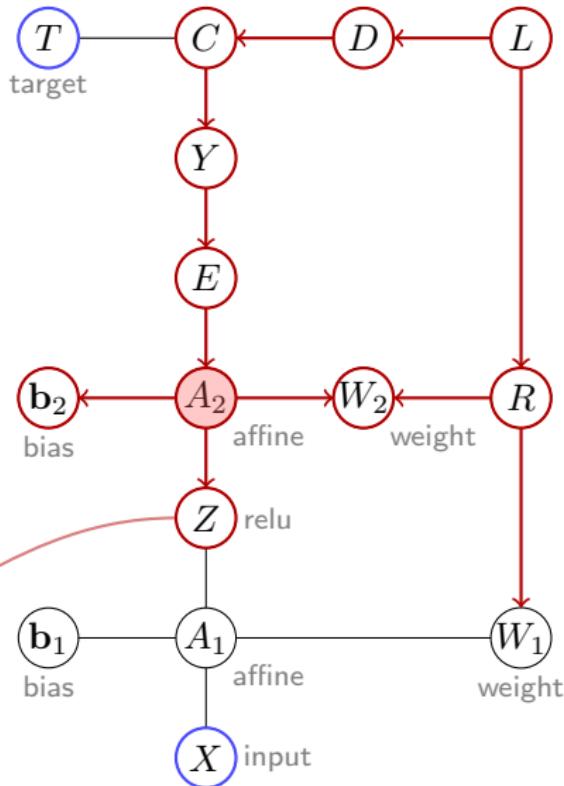
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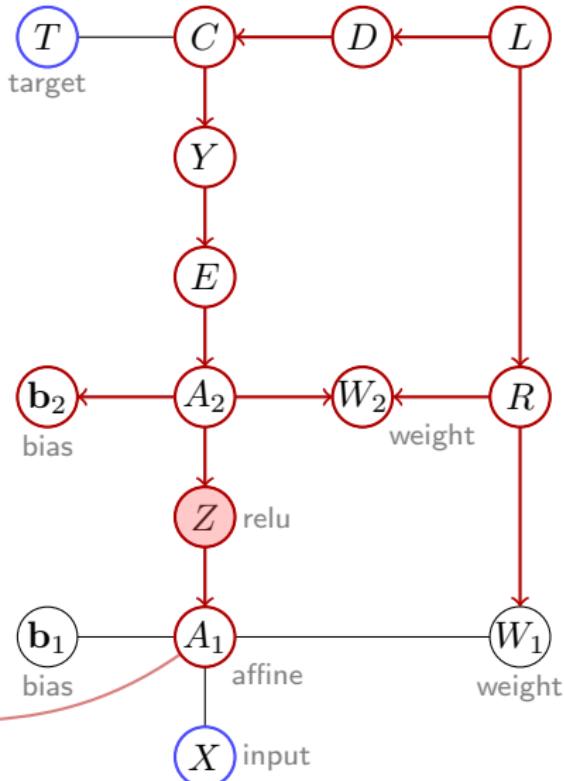
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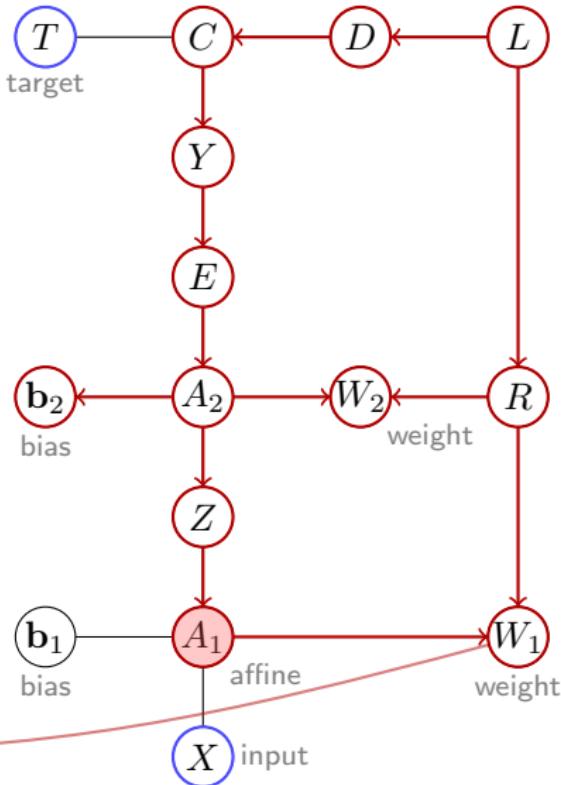
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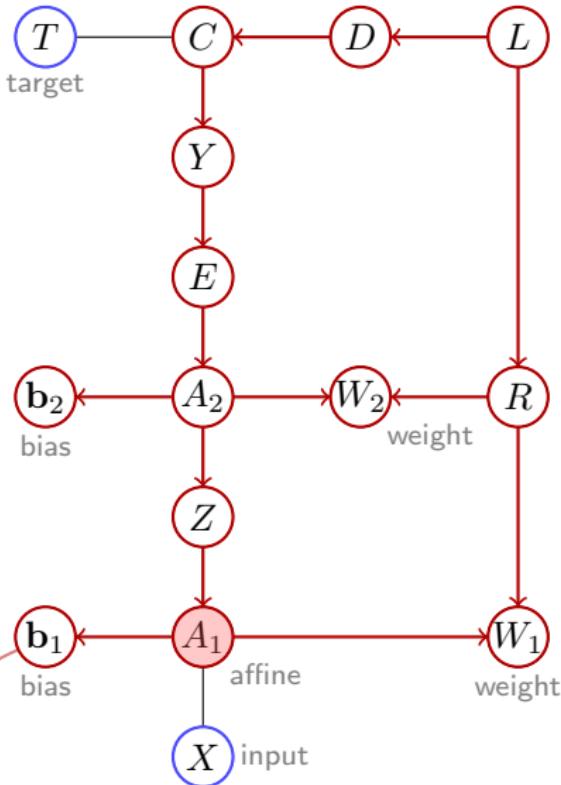
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C = -sum1(T * log(Y))
D = sum0(C) / m
R = λ / 2 * (||W1||F2 + ||W2||F2)
L = D + R
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dW1 = dR * λ * W1
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dW2 += dot(ZT, dA2)
db2 = sum0(dA2)
dZ = dot(dA2, W2T)
dA1 = dZ * (Z > 0)
dW1 += dot(XT, dA1)
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C = -sum1(T * log(Y))
D = sum0(C)/m
R = λ/2 * (||W1||F2 + ||W2||F2)
L = D + R
(dD, dR) = (dL, dL)
dW1 = dR * λ * W1
dW2 = dR * λ * W2
dA2 = dD * (Y - T)/m
dW2 += dot(ZT, dA2)
db2 = sum0(dA2)
dZ = dot(dA2, W2T)
dA1 = dZ * (Z > 0)
dW1 += dot(XT, dA1)
db1 = sum0(dA1)
```

```
def relu(A):
    Z = max(0, A)
    def back(dZ, dA):
        dA += dZ * (Z > 0)
    return node(Z, back)
```

automatic differentiation

$$A_1 = \text{dot}(X, W_1) + \mathbf{b}_1$$

$$Z = \text{relu}(A_1)$$

$$A_2 = \text{dot}(Z, W_2) + \mathbf{b}_2$$

$$E = \exp(A_2)$$

$$Y = E / \text{sum}_1(E)$$

$$C = -\text{sum}_1(T * \log(Y))$$

$$D = \text{sum}_0(C) / m$$

$$R = \frac{\lambda}{2} * (\|W_1\|_F^2 + \|W_2\|_F^2)$$

$$L = D + R$$

$$(dD, dR) = (dL, dL)$$

$$dW_1 = dR * \lambda * W_1$$

$$dW_2 = dR * \lambda * W_2$$

$$dA_2 = dD * (Y - T) / m$$

$$dW_2 += \text{dot}(Z^\top, dA_2)$$

$$d\mathbf{b}_2 = \text{sum}_0(dA_2)$$

$$dZ = \text{dot}(dA_2, W_2^\top)$$

$$Z.\text{back}(A_1)$$

$$dW_1 += \text{dot}(X^\top, dA_1)$$

$$d\mathbf{b}_1 = \text{sum}_0(dA_1)$$

```
def relu(A):
```

```
    Z = max(0, A)
```

```
def back(dZ, dA):
```

```
    dA += dZ * (Z > 0)
```

```
return node(Z, back)
```

automatic differentiation

```
A1 = dot(X, W1) + b1
Z = relu(A1)
A2 = dot(Z, W2) + b2
E = exp(A2)
Y = E / sum1(E)
C = -sum1(T * log(Y))
D = sum0(C) / m
R =  $\frac{\lambda}{2} * (\|W_1\|_F^2 + \|W_2\|_F^2)$ 
L = D + R
(dD, dR) = (dL, dL)
dW1 = dR * λ * W1
dW2 = dR * λ * W2
dA2 = dD * (Y - T) / m
dW2 += dot(Z⊤, dA2)
db2 = sum0(dA2)
dZ = dot(dA2, W2⊤)
Z.back(A1)
dW1 += dot(X⊤, dA1)
db1 = sum0(dA1)
```

```
def affine(X, (W, b)):
    A = dot(X, W) + b
    def back(dA, dX, (dW, db)):
        dW += dot(X⊤, dA)
        db += sum0(dA)
        dX += dot(dA, W⊤)
    return node(A, back)
```

automatic differentiation

```
A1 = affine(X, (W1, b1))  
Z = relu(A1)  
A2 = affine(Z, (W2, b2))  
E = exp(A2)  
Y = E / sum1(E)  
C = -sum1(T * log(Y))  
D = sum0(C) / m  
R =  $\frac{\lambda}{2} * (\|W_1\|_F^2 + \|W_2\|_F^2)$   
L = D + R  
(dD, dR) = (dL, dL)  
dW1 = dR * λ * W1  
dW2 = dR * λ * W2  
dA2 = dD * (Y - T) / m  
A2.back(Z, (W2, b2))
```

```
def affine(X, (W, b)):  
    A = dot(X, W) + b  
  
def back(dA, dX, (dW, db)):  
    dW += dot(X⊤, dA)  
    db += sum0(dA)  
    dX += dot(dA, W⊤)  
  
return node(A, back)
```

Z.back(A₁)

A₁.back(X, (W₁, b₁))

automatic differentiation

$A_1 = \text{affine}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

$Z = \text{relu}(A_1)$

$A_2 = \text{affine}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

$E = \exp(A_2)$

$Y = E / \text{sum}_1(E)$

$C = -\text{sum}_1(T * \log(Y))$

$D = \text{sum}_0(C) / m$

$R = \frac{\lambda}{2} * (\|W_1\|_F^2 + \|W_2\|_F^2)$

$L = D + R$

$(dD, dR) = (dL, dL)$

$dW_1 = dR * \lambda * W_1$

$dW_2 = dR * \lambda * W_2$

$dA_2 = dD * (Y - T) / m$

$A_2.\text{back}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

def logistic(A, T):

$E = \exp(A)$

$Y = E / \text{sum}_1(E)$

$C = -\text{sum}_1(T * \log(Y))$

$D = \text{sum}_0(C) / m$

def back($dD, dA, _$):

$dA += dD * (Y - T) / m$

return node(D, back)

$Z.\text{back}(A_1)$

$A_1.\text{back}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

automatic differentiation

$A_1 = \text{affine}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

$Z = \text{relu}(A_1)$

$A_2 = \text{affine}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

$D = \text{logistic}(A_2, T)$

$$R = \frac{\lambda}{2} * (\|W_1\|_F^2 + \|W_2\|_F^2)$$

$$L = D + R$$

$$(dD, dR) = (dL, dL)$$

$$dW_1 = dR * \lambda * W_1$$

$$dW_2 = dR * \lambda * W_2$$

$D.\text{back}(A_2, T)$
 $A_2.\text{back}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

```
def logistic(A, T):
    E = exp(A)
    Y = E/sum_1(E)
    C = -sum_1(T * log(Y))
    D = sum_0(C)/m

def back(dD, dA, _):
    dA += dD * (Y - T)/m
    return node(D, back)
```

$Z.\text{back}(A_1)$
 $A_1.\text{back}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

automatic differentiation

$A_1 = \text{affine}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

$Z = \text{relu}(A_1)$

$A_2 = \text{affine}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

$D = \text{logistic}(A_2, T)$

$$R = \frac{\lambda}{2} * (\|W_1\|_F^2 + \|W_2\|_F^2)$$

$$L = D + R$$

$$(dD, dR) = (dL, dL)$$

$$dW_1 = dR * \lambda * W_1$$

$$dW_2 = dR * \lambda * W_2$$

$D.\text{back}(A_2, T)$

$A_2.\text{back}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

def decay(W):

$$R = \frac{\lambda}{2} * \text{sum}(\|w\|_F^2 \text{ for } w \text{ in } W)$$

def back(dR, dW):

for (w, dw) **in** `zip`(W, dW):
 $dw += dR * \lambda * w$

return `node`(R , back)

$Z.\text{back}(A_1)$

$A_1.\text{back}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

automatic differentiation

$A_1 = \text{affine}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

$Z = \text{relu}(A_1)$

$A_2 = \text{affine}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

$D = \text{logistic}(A_2, T)$

$R = \text{decay}((W_1, W_2))$

$L = D + R$

$(dD, dR) = (dL, dL)$

$R.\text{back}((W_1, W_2))$

$D.\text{back}(A_2, T)$

$A_2.\text{back}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

$Z.\text{back}(A_1)$

$A_1.\text{back}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

def decay(W):

$R = \frac{\lambda}{2} * \text{sum}(\|w\|_F^2 \text{ for } w \text{ in } W)$

def back(dR, dW):

for (w, dw) **in** zip(W, dW):
 $dw += dR * \lambda * w$

return node(R , back)

automatic differentiation

$A_1 = \text{affine}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

$Z = \text{relu}(A_1)$

$A_2 = \text{affine}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

$D = \text{logistic}(A_2, T)$

$R = \text{decay}((W_1, W_2))$

$L = D + R$

$(dD, dR) = (dL, dL)$

$R.\text{back}((W_1, W_2))$

$D.\text{back}(A_2, T)$

$A_2.\text{back}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

$Z.\text{back}(A_1)$

$A_1.\text{back}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

```
def add(X):
    S = sum(X)
    def back(dS, dX):
        for dx in dX:
            dx += dS
    return node(S, back)
```

automatic differentiation

$A_1 = \text{affine}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

$Z = \text{relu}(A_1)$

$A_2 = \text{affine}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

$D = \text{logistic}(A_2, T)$

$R = \text{decay}((W_1, W_2))$

$L = \text{add}((D, R))$

$L.\text{back}((D, R))$

$R.\text{back}((W_1, W_2))$

$D.\text{back}(A_2, T)$

$A_2.\text{back}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

$Z.\text{back}(A_1)$

$A_1.\text{back}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

def add(X):

$S = \text{sum}(X)$

def back(dS, dX):

for dx **in** dX :

$dx += dS$

return node(S , back)

automatic differentiation

$A_1 = \text{affine}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

$Z = \text{relu}(A_1)$

$A_2 = \text{affine}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

$D = \text{logistic}(A_2, T)$

$R = \text{decay}((W_1, W_2))$

$L = \text{add}((D, R))$

$L.\text{back}((D, R))$

$R.\text{back}((W_1, W_2))$

$D.\text{back}(A_2, T)$

$A_2.\text{back}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

$Z.\text{back}(A_1)$

$A_1.\text{back}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

```
def loss(A, T, W):
    D = logistic(A, T)
    R = decay(W)
    L = add((D, R))
    def back(A, T, W):
        L.back((D, R))
        R.back(W)
        D.back(A, T)
    return block(L, back)
```

automatic differentiation

$A_1 = \text{affine}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

$Z = \text{relu}(A_1)$

$A_2 = \text{affine}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

$L = \text{loss}(A_2, T, (W_1, W_2))$

$L.\text{back}(A_2, T, (W_1, W_2))$

$A_2.\text{back}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

$Z.\text{back}(A_1)$

$A_1.\text{back}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

```
def loss(A, T, W):
    D = logistic(A, T)
    R = decay(W)
    L = add((D, R))

def back(A, T, W):
    L.back((D, R))
    R.back(W)
    D.back(A, T)

return block(L, back)
```

automatic differentiation

$A_1 = \text{affine}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

$Z = \text{relu}(A_1)$

$A_2 = \text{affine}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

$L = \text{loss}(A_2, T, (W_1, W_2))$

$L.\text{back}(A_2, T, (W_1, W_2))$

$A_2.\text{back}(Z, (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2))$

$Z.\text{back}(A_1)$

$A_1.\text{back}(X, (W_1, \mathbf{b}_1))$

```
def loss(A, T, W):
    L = logistic(A, T) + decay(W)
    return block(L)
```

```
def loss(A, T, W):
    D = logistic(A, T)
    R = decay(W)
    L = add((D, R))
```

```
def back(A, T, W):
    L.back((D, R))
    R.back(W)
    D.back(A, T)
    return block(L, back)
```

automatic differentiation

```
A1 = affine(X, (W1, b1))  
Z = relu(A1)  
A2 = affine(Z, (W2, b2))  
L = loss(A2, T, (W1, W2))
```

$L.$.back($A_2, T, (W_1, W_2)$)

$A_2.$.back($Z, (W_2, b_2)$)

$Z.$.back(A_1)
 $A_1.$.back($X, (W_1, b_1)$)

def model($X, (U_1, U_2)$):

```
A1 = affine(X, U1)  
Z = relu(A)  
A2 = affine(Z, U2)
```

def back($X, (U_1, U_2)$):

```
A2.back(Z, U2)  
Z.back(A)  
A1.back(X, U1)
```

return block(A_2 , back)

automatic differentiation

```
A2 = model(X, ((W1, b1), (W2, b2)))
```

```
L = loss(A2, T, (W1, W2))
```

```
L.back(A2, T, (W1, W2))
```

```
A2.back(X, ((W1, b1), (W2, b2)))
```

```
def model(X, (U1, U2)):  
    A1 = affine(X, U1)  
    Z = relu(A)  
    A2 = affine(Z, U2)  
  
def back(X, (U1, U2)):  
    A2.back(Z, U2)  
    Z.back(A)  
    A1.back(X, U1)  
    return block(A2, back)
```

automatic differentiation

$A_2 = \text{model}(X, ((W_1, \mathbf{b}_1), (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2)))$

$L = \text{loss}(A_2, T, (W_1, W_2))$

$L.\text{back}(A_2, T, (W_1, W_2))$

$A_2.\text{back}(X, ((W_1, \mathbf{b}_1), (W_2, \mathbf{b}_2)))$

```
def model(X, (U1, U2)):  
    A = affine(relu(affine(X, U1)), U2)  
    return block(A)
```

```
def model(X, (U1, U2)):  
    A1 = affine(X, U1)  
    Z = relu(A)  
    A2 = affine(Z, U2)
```

```
def back(X, (U1, U2)):  
    A2.back(Z, U2)  
    Z.back(A)  
    A1.back(X, U1)  
    return block(A2, back)
```

what is not shown*

- *units* and *functions* are actually **objects**
 - both expose a “call” operator () for the forward pass, which handles recording of calls
 - *function*’s operator also generates method **back** and constructs a *block* object for the backward pass
 - both expose method **init**, which handles **initialization** of parameters, if any

deep learning software

Caffe



Caffe²



PYTORCH



TensorFlow

theano



dmlc
mxnet

- automatically build computational graphs and compute derivatives
- run on GPU, multiple GPU, distributed
- component (unit, layer) libraries
- pre-trained models
- community

summary

- stochastic gradient descent and its limitations
- numerical gradient approximation
- analytical computation by decomposing and applying the chain rule
- back-propagation as dynamic programming
- chaining, splitting and sharing
- common patterns between forward and backward flow
- decomposition into units (forward) and nodes (backward)
- grouping into functions (forward) and blocks (backward)