ML LECTURE-4

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Linear Regression using Gradient Descent

Gradient descent is an iterative optimization algorithm to find the minimum of a function. Here that function is our Loss Function. We will use **Mean Square Error (MSE)** as Loss Function in this topic which is shown below:

Understanding Gradient Descent



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- Mathematical derivation of Gradient Descent in simple Linear Regression :
- ❖ 1. Initially let **a** = **0** and **b** = **0**. Let **L** be our learning rate. This controls how much the value of **b** changes with each step. **L** could be a small value like **0.0001** for good accuracy.
- Calculate the partial derivative of the loss function with respect to a and b, and plug in the current values of x, y, b and a in it to obtain the derivative value D.

• D_b =
$$2\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} [y_i - (a + bx_i)](-x_i)$$

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- \bullet **D**_b is the value of the partial derivative with respect to **b**.
- \diamond Similarly, the partial derivative with respect to **a** is D_a :

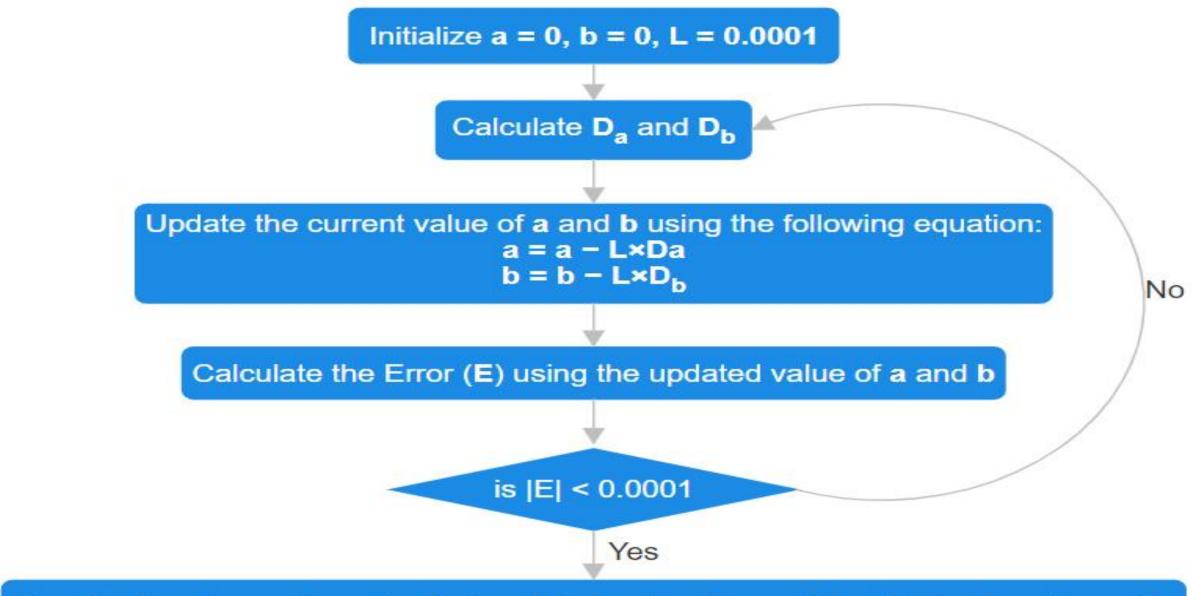
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 D_a = $2\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} [y_i - (a + bx_i)](-1)$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 D_a = $\frac{-2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [y_i - (a + bx_i)]$

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- **❖** Mathematical derivation of Gradient Descent in simple Linear Regression :
- ❖ 3. Now we update the current value of **b** and **a** using the following equation:
- \Rightarrow b = b L×D_b
- \Rightarrow a = a L×D_a
- ❖ 4. We repeat this process until our loss function is a very small value or ideally 0 (which means 0 error or 100% accuracy). The value of b and a that we are left with now will be the optimum values.
- Now going back to our analogy, b can be considered the current position of the person. D is equivalent to the steepness of the slope and L can be the speed with which he moves. Now the new value of b that we calculate using the above equation will be his next position, and L×D will be the size of the steps he will take.
- When the slope is more steep (D is more) he takes longer steps and when it is less steep (D is less), he takes smaller steps.
- Finally he arrives at the bottom of the valley which corresponds to our loss = 0.
- Now with the optimum value of **b** and **a** our model is ready to make predictions!

Flowchart of Linear Regression using Gradient Descent



Stop the iteration and use the last updated value of a and b as final value of a and b

