Optimization

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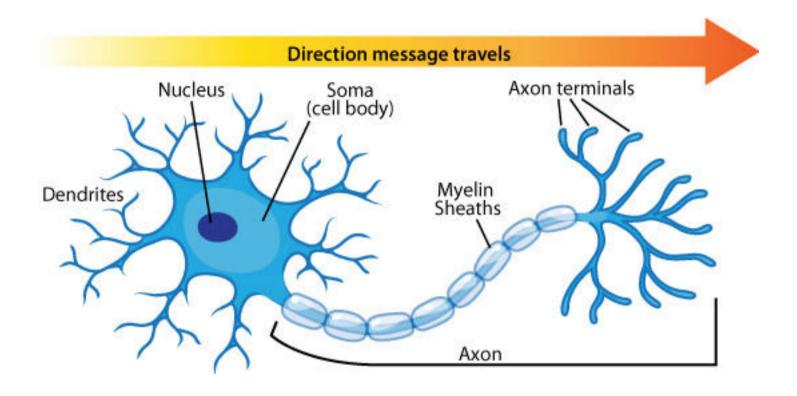
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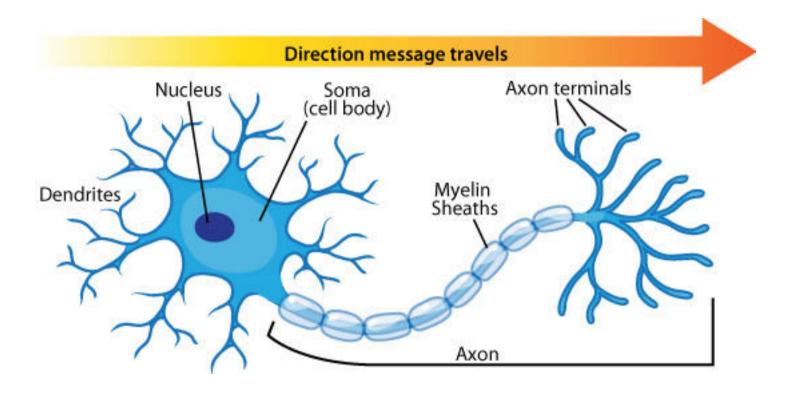
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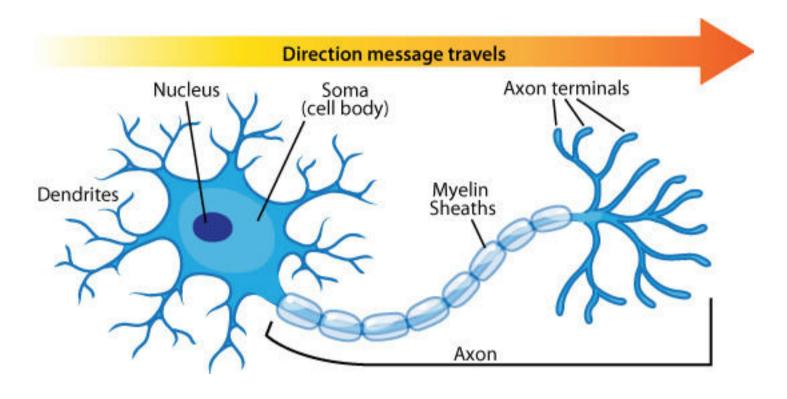
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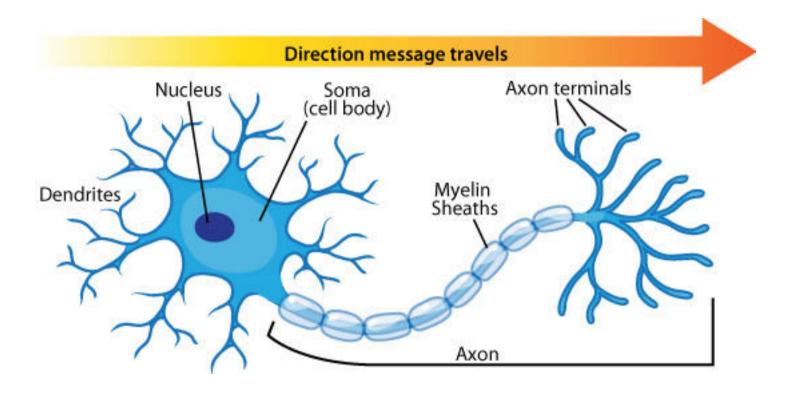
Neurons send messages based on messages received from other neurons



Incoming electrical signals travel along dendrites



Electrical charges collect in the Soma (cell body)



The axon outputs an electrical signal to other neurons

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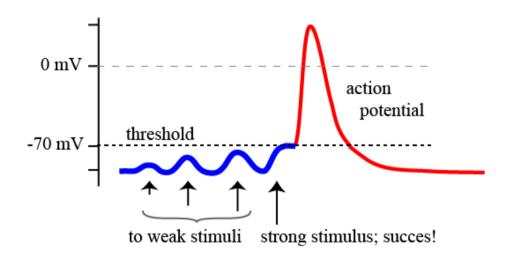
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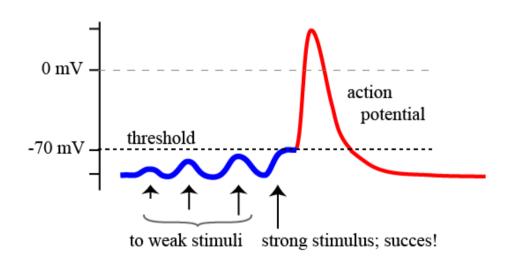


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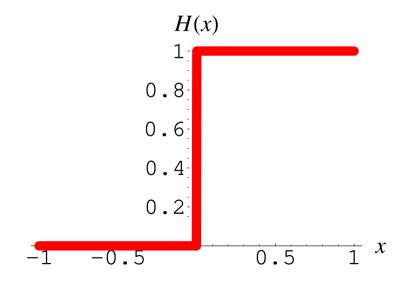
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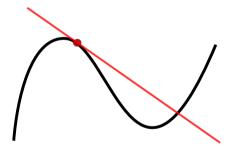
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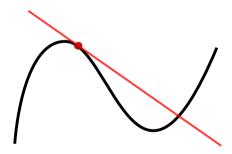
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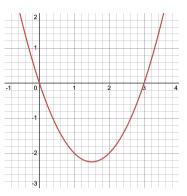
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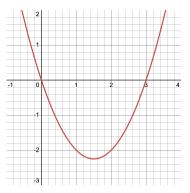
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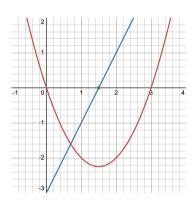
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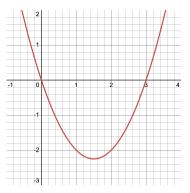
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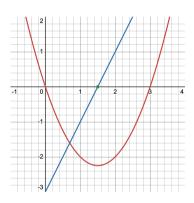


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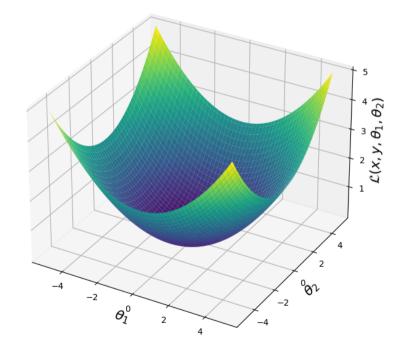
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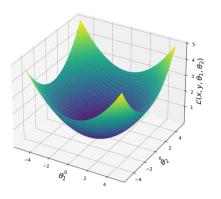
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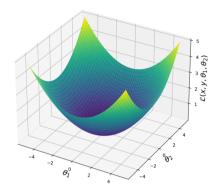
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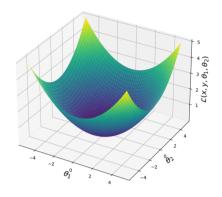
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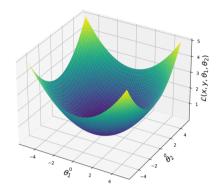


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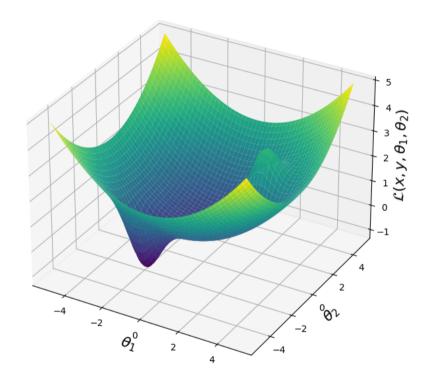
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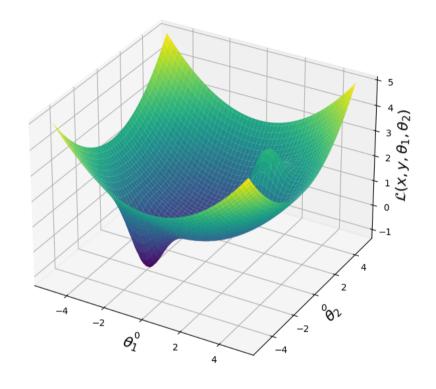
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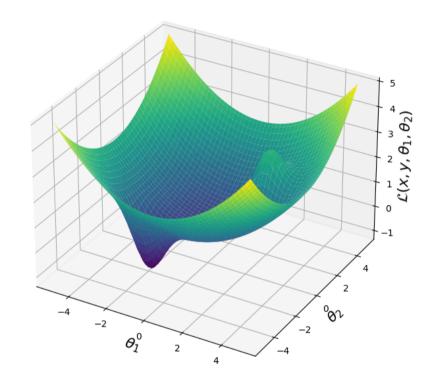


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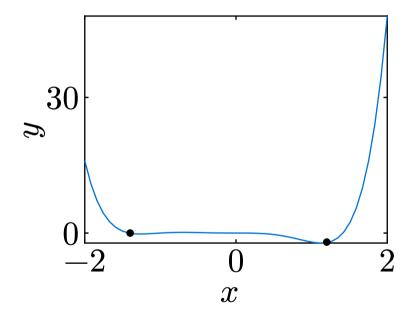
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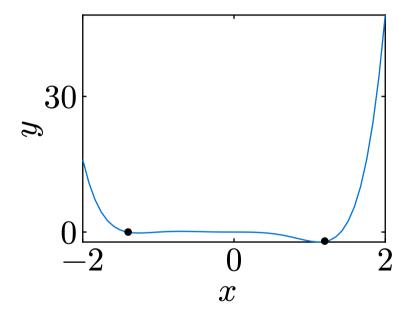
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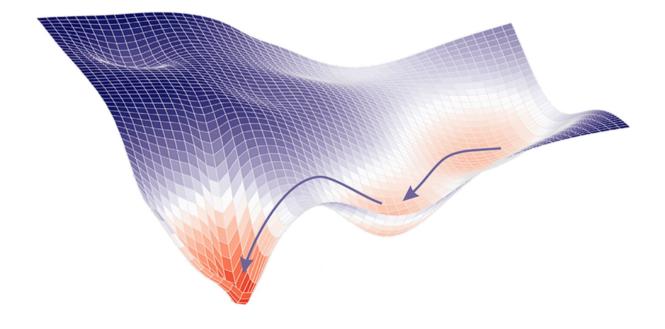


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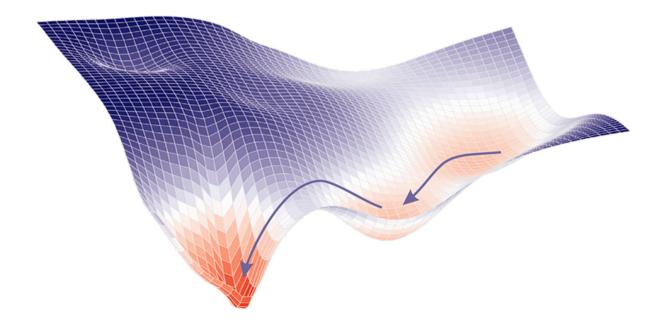
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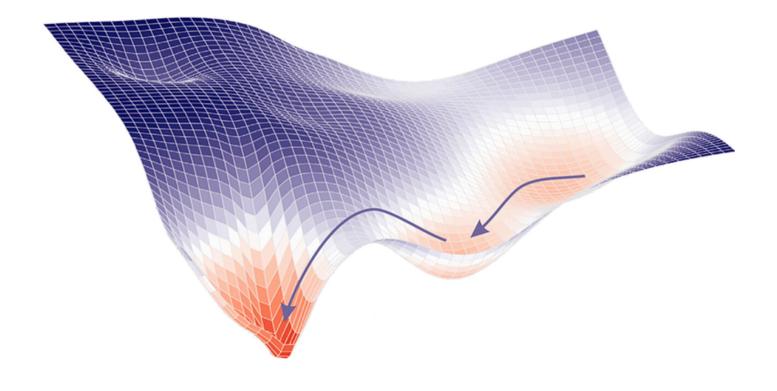
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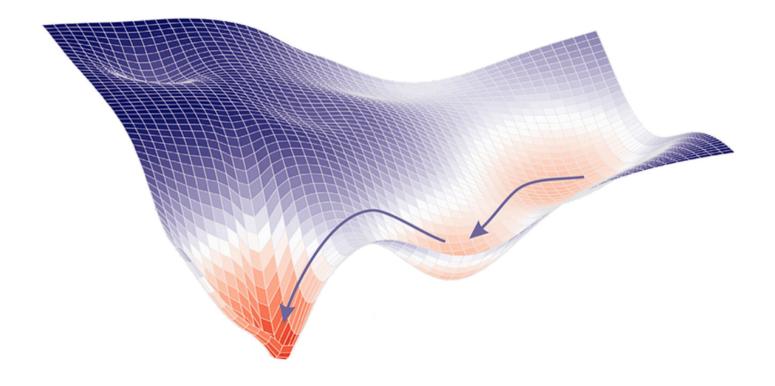


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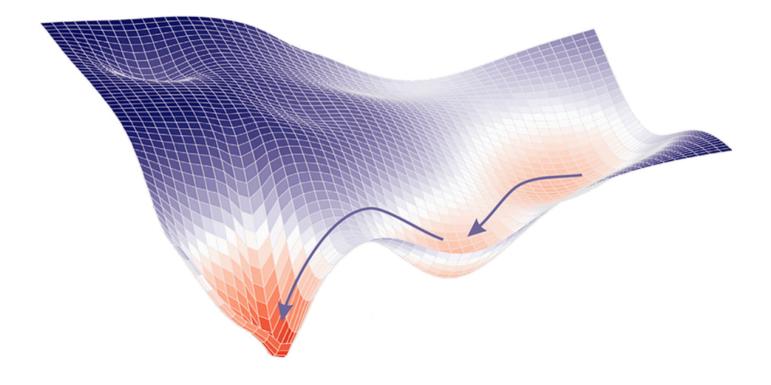


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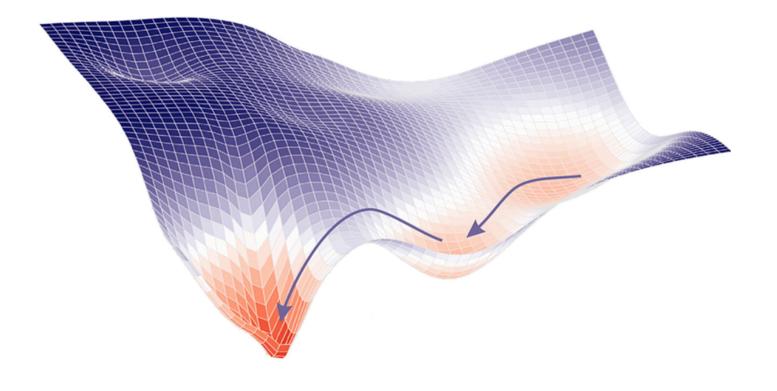


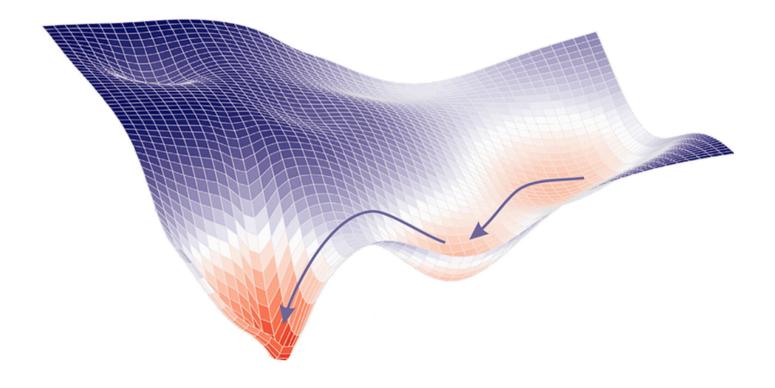
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Eventually, we arrive at the bottom

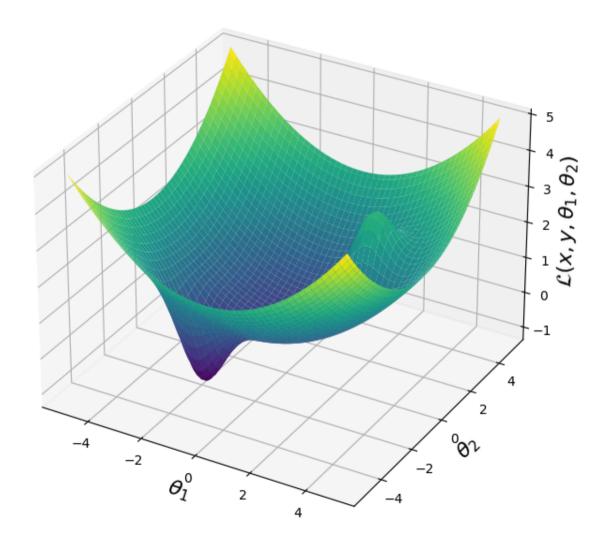
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- 1:**function** Gradient Descent $(x, y, \mathcal{L}, t, \alpha)$
- > Randomly initialize parameters 2:
- $\boldsymbol{\theta} \leftarrow \mathcal{N}(0,1)$ 3:
- for $i \in 1...t$ do 4:
- > Compute the gradient of the loss 5:
- $J \leftarrow \nabla_{oldsymbol{ heta}} \mathcal{L}(oldsymbol{x}, oldsymbol{y}, oldsymbol{ heta})$ 6:
- > Update the parameters using the negative gradient 7:
- $\boldsymbol{\theta} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta} \alpha \boldsymbol{J}$ 8:
- 9: return θ



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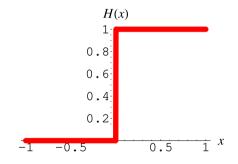
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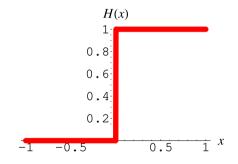
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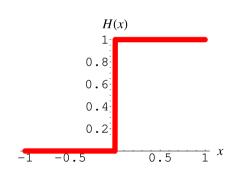
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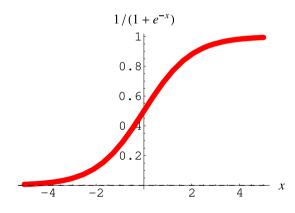
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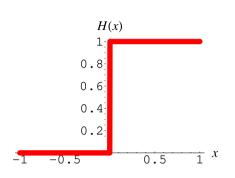
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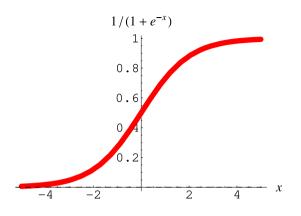
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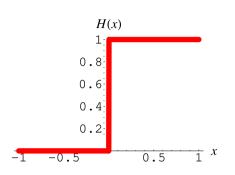


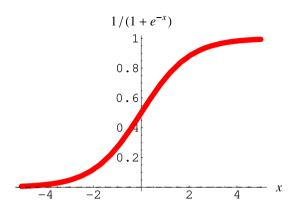


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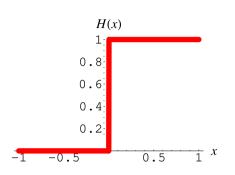


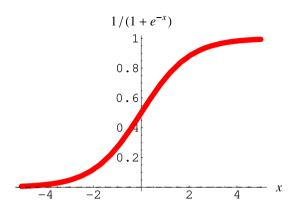
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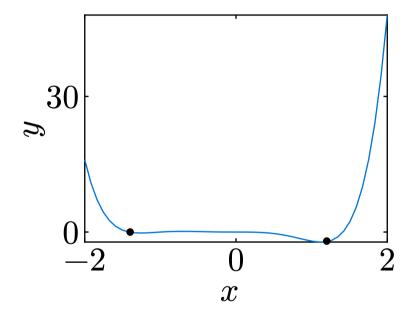
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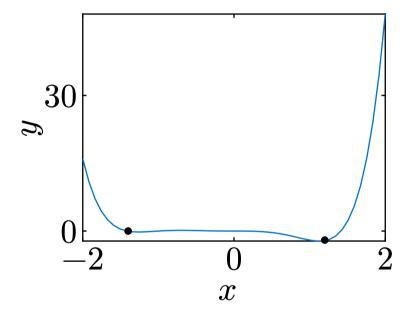
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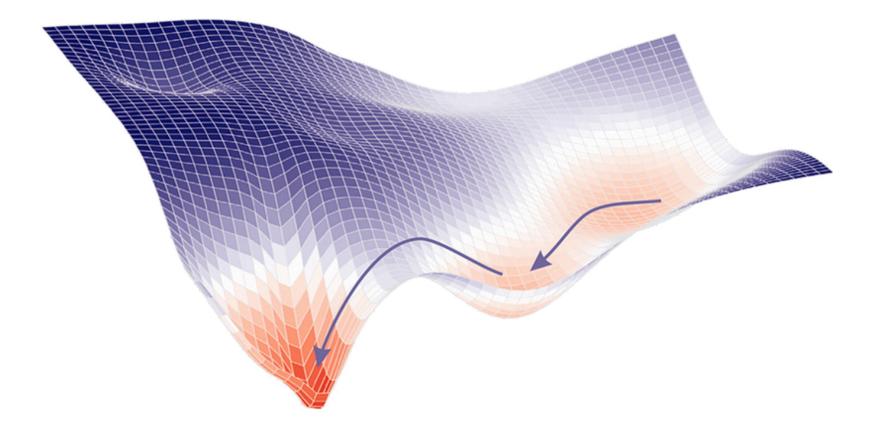
The gradient descent algorithm is as follows:

1:**function** Gradient Descent($X, Y, \mathcal{L}, t, \alpha$)

- > Randomly initialize parameters 2:
- $\boldsymbol{\theta} \leftarrow \mathcal{N}(0,1)$ 3:
- for $i \in 1...t$ do 4:
- > Compute the gradient of the loss 5:
- $oldsymbol{J} \leftarrow \partial \mathcal{L}(oldsymbol{X}, oldsymbol{Y}, oldsymbol{ heta}) \ / \ \partial oldsymbol{ heta}$ 6:
- > Update the parameters using the negative gradient 7:
- $\theta \leftarrow \theta \alpha J$ 8:
- return θ 9:

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$$\boldsymbol{J} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\theta_1 x & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{\top}$$

$$\boldsymbol{J} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot 2.5 \cdot 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{\top} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{\top}$$

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Plug in \mathcal{L}

Differentiate

Plug in x, y, θ

3. Update θ using J

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta} - \alpha \boldsymbol{J}$$

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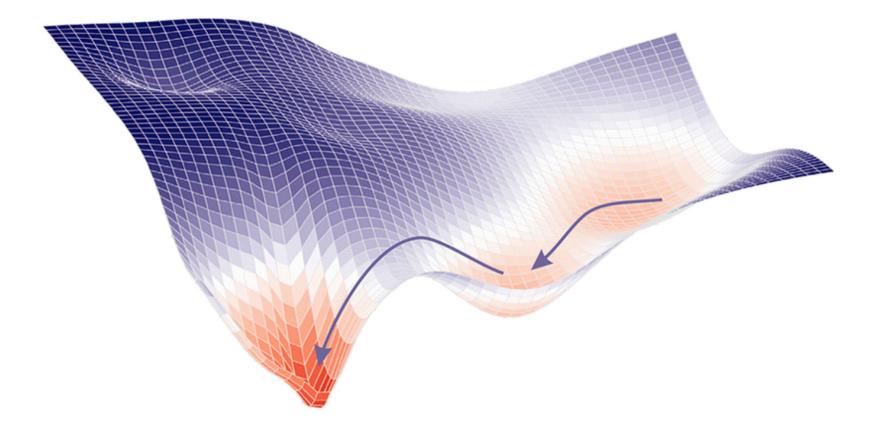
Plug in $oldsymbol{ heta}$ and $oldsymbol{J}$

Let
$$\alpha = 0.1$$

Evaluate

4. Repeat this process until convergence (loss no longer decreases)

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TODO: Summary

The are different types of gradient descent, depending on how much training data we use:

Batch gradient descent: uses the entire dataset $\mathcal{L}\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}, \theta\right)$

Stochastic gradient descent: Gradient descent over one datapoint at a time $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{y}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta})$

Minibatch gradient descent: Gradient descent over many (but not all)

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