# Gradient Descent

## Review: Gradient Descent

 In step 3, we have to solve the following optimization problem:

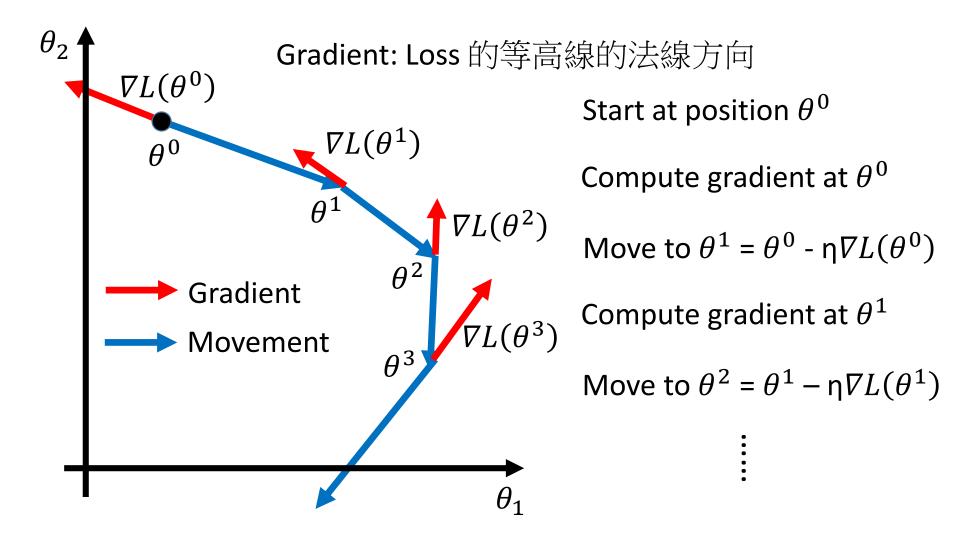
$$\theta^* = \arg\min_{\theta} L(\theta)$$
 L: loss function  $\theta$ : parameters

Suppose that  $\theta$  has two variables  $\{\theta_1, \theta_2\}$ 

Randomly start at 
$$\theta^0 = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1^0 \\ \theta_2^0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 
$$\nabla L(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L(\theta_1)}{\partial L(\theta_2)} / \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \theta_2} \end{bmatrix}$$
 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_1^1 \\ \theta_2^1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1^0 \\ \theta_2^0 \end{bmatrix} - \eta \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L(\theta_1^0)}{\partial L(\theta_2^0)} / \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \theta_2} \end{bmatrix} \implies \theta^1 = \theta^0 - \eta \nabla L(\theta^0)$$
 
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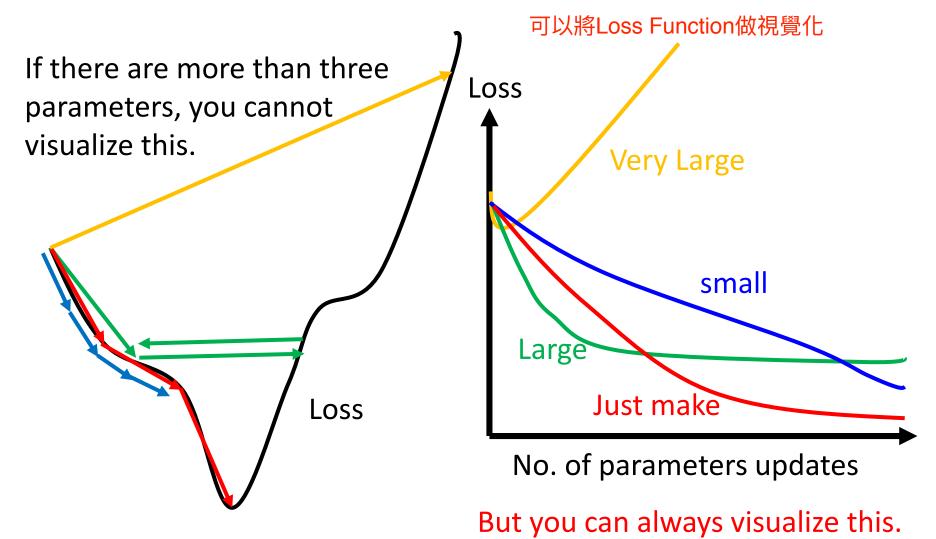


# Gradient Descent Tip 1: Tuning your learning rates

# Learning Rate

# $\theta^{i} = \theta^{i-1} - \eta \nabla L(\theta^{i-1})$

Set the learning rate η carefully



# Adaptive Learning Rates

起始learning rate要大一點,之後要越來越小比較好

- Popular & Simple Idea: Reduce the learning rate by some factor every few epochs.
  - At the beginning, we are far from the destination, so we use larger learning rate
  - After several epochs, we are close to the destination, so we reduce the learning rate
  - E.g. 1/t decay:  $\eta^t = \eta/\sqrt{t+1}$  t dependant
- Learning rate cannot be one-size-fits-all
  - Giving different parameters different learning rates

$$\eta^t = \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{t+1}}$$
  $g^t = \frac{\partial L(\theta^t)}{\partial w}$ 

 Divide the learning rate of each parameter by the root mean square of its previous derivatives

#### Vanilla Gradient descent

$$w^{t+1} \leftarrow w^t - \eta^t g^t$$

w is one parameters

#### Adagrad

$$w^{t+1} \leftarrow w^t - \frac{\eta^t}{\sigma^t} g^t$$

 $\sigma^t$ : **root mean square** of  $w^{t+1} \leftarrow w^t - \frac{\eta^t}{\sigma^t} g^t$  the previous derivatives of parameter w

Parameter dependent

# Adagrad

 $\sigma^t$ : **root mean square** of the previous derivatives of parameter w

$$w^{1} \leftarrow w^{0} - \frac{\eta^{0}}{\sigma^{0}} g^{0} \qquad \sigma^{0} = \sqrt{(g^{0})^{2}}$$

$$w^{2} \leftarrow w^{1} - \frac{\eta^{1}}{\sigma^{1}} g^{1} \qquad \sigma^{1} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} [(g^{0})^{2} + (g^{1})^{2}]}$$

$$w^{3} \leftarrow w^{2} - \frac{\eta^{2}}{\sigma^{2}} g^{2} \qquad \sigma^{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} [(g^{0})^{2} + (g^{1})^{2} + (g^{2})^{2}]}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$w^{t+1} \leftarrow w^{t} - \frac{\eta^{t}}{\sigma^{t}} g^{t} \qquad \sigma^{t} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{t+1} \sum_{i=0}^{t} (g^{i})^{2}}$$

# Adagrad Adam方法是目前比較穩定的 adaptive learning rate方法

 Divide the learning rate of each parameter by the root mean square of its previous derivatives

$$w^{t+1} \leftarrow w^t - \frac{\eta^t}{\sigma^t} g^t$$

$$\sigma^t = \sqrt{\frac{1}{t+1}} \sum_{i=0}^t (g^i)^2$$

$$w^{t+1} \leftarrow w^t - \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^t (g^i)^2}} g^t$$

Contradiction? 
$$\eta^t = \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{t+1}}$$
  $g^t = \frac{\partial L(\theta^t)}{\partial w}$ 

#### Vanilla Gradient descent

$$w^{t+1} \leftarrow w^t - \eta^t \underline{g}^t - \dots$$

Larger gradient, larger step

#### Adagrad

$$w^{t+1} \leftarrow w^t - \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^t (g^i)^2}} \underline{g^t}$$

參數調整步伐越大

Larger gradient, larger step

Larger gradient, smaller step

參數調整步伐越小

# Intuitive Reason

$$\eta^t = \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{t+1}} \ g^t = \frac{\partial C(\theta^t)}{\partial w}$$

• How surprise it is 反差

#### 特別大

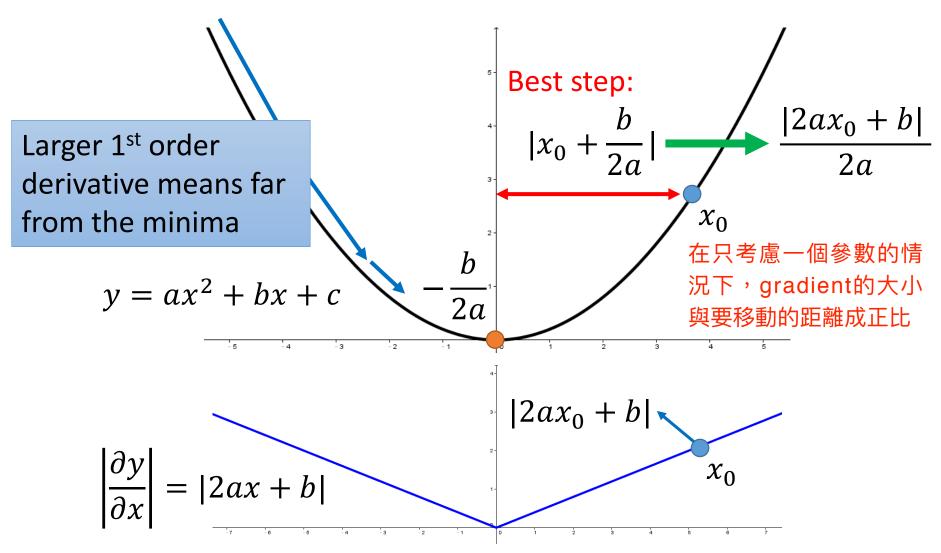
g <sup>0</sup>	g <sup>1</sup>	g <sup>2</sup>	g <sup>3</sup>	g <sup>4</sup>	•••••
0.001	0.001	0.003	0.002	0.1	•••••
g <sup>0</sup>	g <sup>1</sup>	g <sup>2</sup>	g <sup>3</sup>	g <sup>4</sup>	•••••

特別小

$$w^{t+1} \leftarrow w^t - \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^t (g^i)^2}} g^t$$
 造成反差的效果

強調反差(gradient變化)的感覺

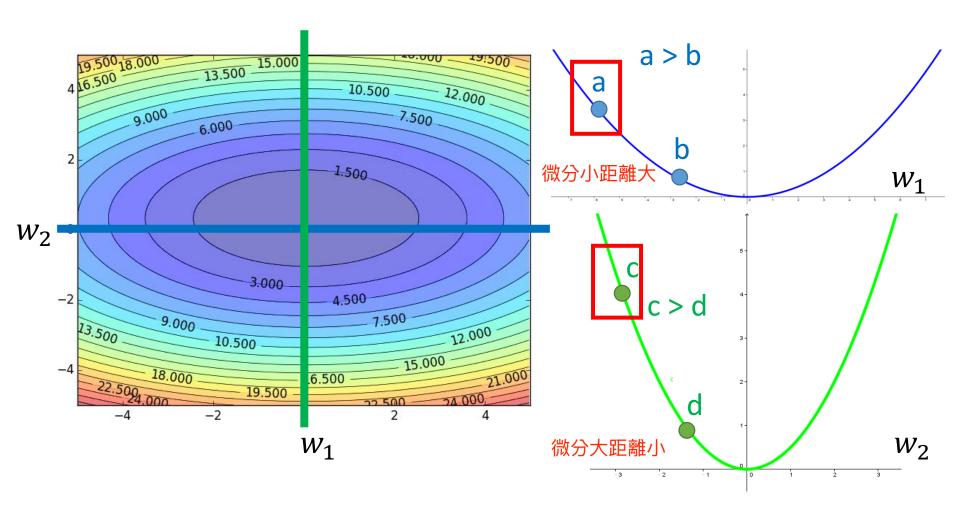
# Larger gradient, larger steps?



# Comparison between different parameters

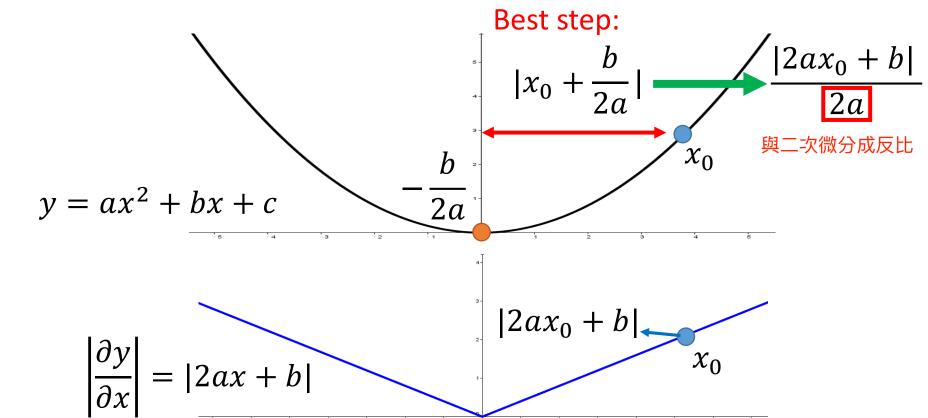
Larger 1<sup>st</sup> order derivative means far from the minima

Do not cross parameters



# Second Derivative

最好的調整方式為:與一次 微分成正比,與二次微分成 反比



$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = 2a$$
 The best step is

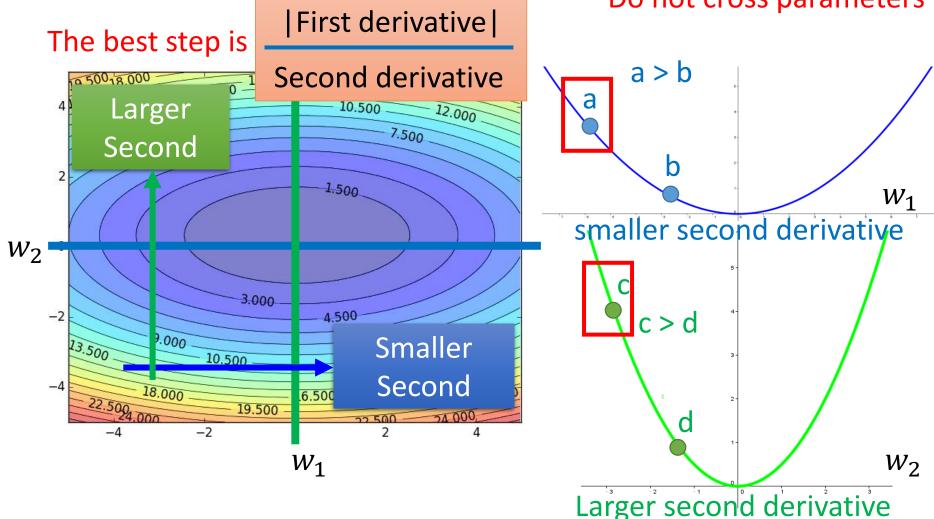
|First derivative|

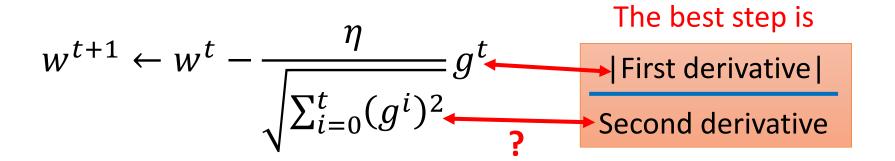
Second derivative

Comparison between different parameters

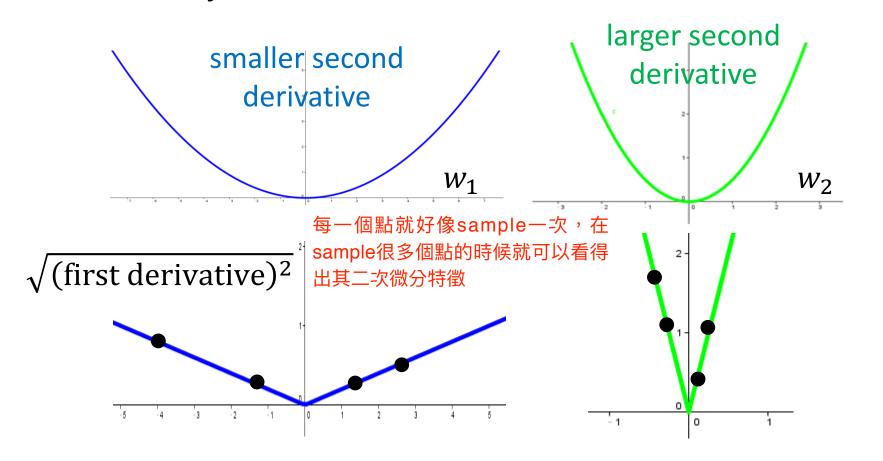
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Use first derivative to estimate second derivative



# Gradient Descent Tip 2: Stochastic Gradient Descent

Make the training faster

## Stochastic Gradient Descent

$$L = \sum_{n} \left( \hat{y}^{n} - \left( b + \sum_{i} w_{i} x_{i}^{n} \right) \right)^{2}$$
 Loss is the summation over all training examples

- Gradient Descent  $heta^i = heta^{i-1} \eta 
  abla Lig( heta^{i-1}ig)$
- Stochastic Gradient Descent

Faster!

Pick an example x<sup>n</sup> 只考慮一個example

$$L^n = \left(\hat{y}^n - \left(b + \sum w_i x_i^n\right)\right)^2$$
  $\theta^i = \theta^{i-1} - \eta \nabla L^n \left(\theta^{i-1}\right)$  只針對一個example就調整參數

Loss for only one example

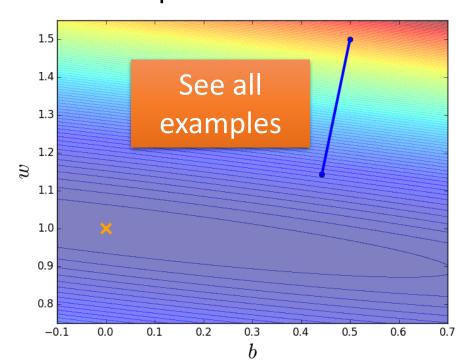
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• Demo

## Stochastic Gradient Descent

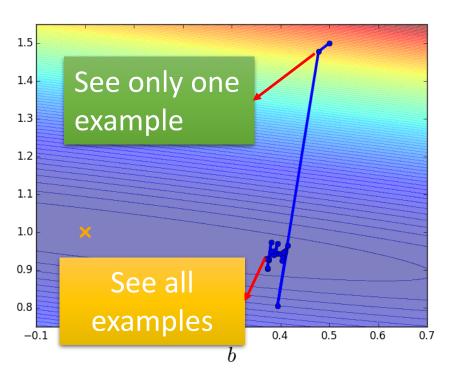
#### **Gradient Descent**

Update after seeing all examples



#### Stochastic Gradient Descent

Update for each example If there are 20 examples, 20 times faster.



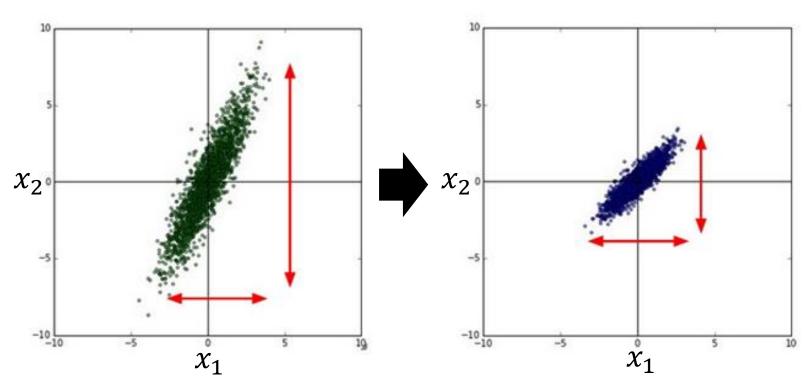
# Gradient Descent

Tip 3: Feature Scaling

# Feature Scaling

Source of figure: http://cs231n.github.io/neural-networks-2/

$$y = b + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2$$

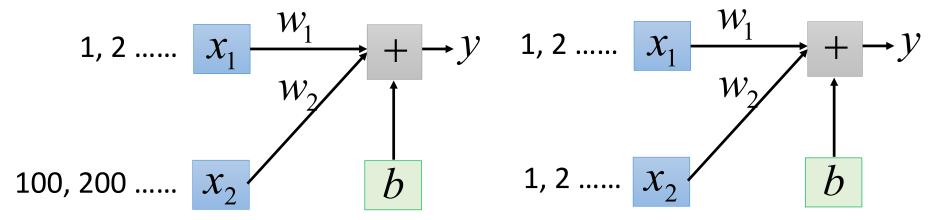


Make different features have the same scaling

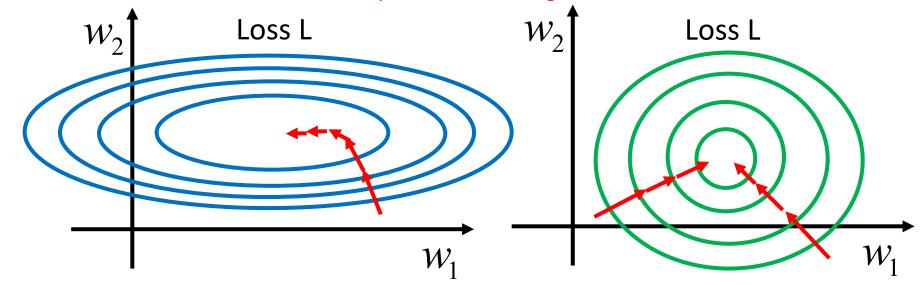
將所有的參數分布範圍re-scaling成一樣

# Feature Scaling

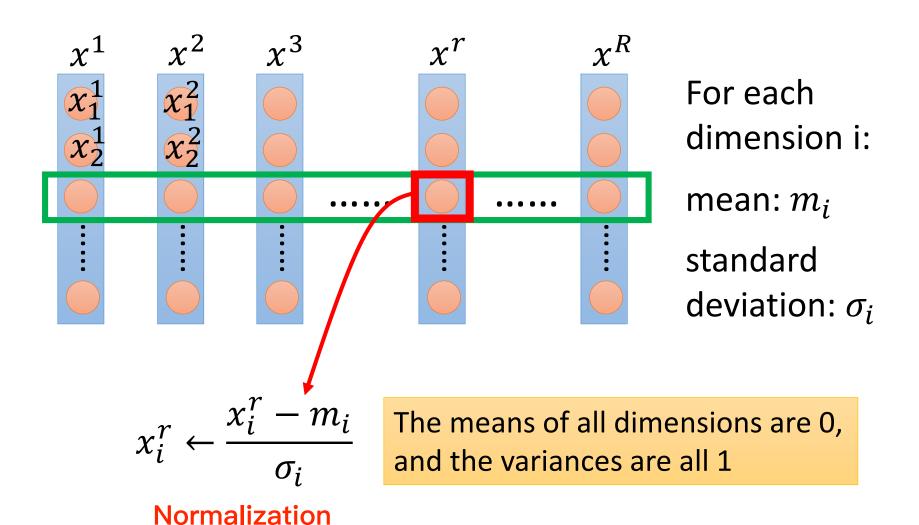
$$y = b + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2$$



update參數時是順著gradient方向移動,因此正圓形比較有效率



# Feature Scaling



# Gradient Descent Theory

# Question

When solving:

$$\theta^* = \arg \min_{\theta} L(\theta)$$
 by gradient descent

• Each time we update the parameters, we obtain  $\theta$  that makes  $L(\theta)$  smaller.

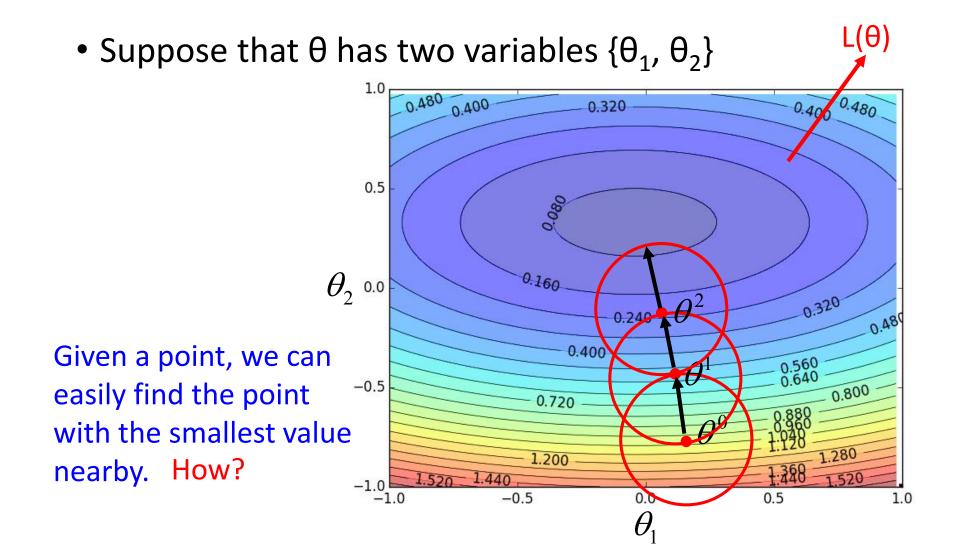
$$L(\theta^0) > L(\theta^1) > L(\theta^2) > \cdots$$

Is this statement correct?

不見得loss會下降

# Warning of Math

#### Formal Derivation



# **Taylor Series**

• **Taylor series**: Let h(x) be any function infinitely differentiable around  $x = x_0$ .

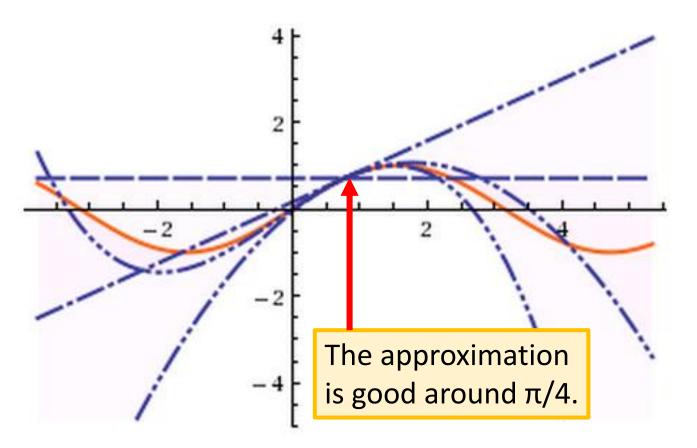
$$h(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{h^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x - x_0)^k$$

$$= h(x_0) + h'(x_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{h''(x_0)}{2!} (x - x_0)^2 + \dots$$

When x is close to  $x_0 \Rightarrow h(x) \approx h(x_0) + h'(x_0)(x - x_0)$ 

#### E.g. Taylor series for h(x)=sin(x) around $x_0=\pi/4$

$$\sin(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{x - \frac{\pi}{4}}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^2}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^3}{6\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^4}{24\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^5}{120\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^6}{720\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^8}{120\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^8}{40320\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^9}{362880\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{10}}{3628800\sqrt{2}} + \dots$$



# Multivariable Taylor Series

$$h(x,y) = h(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial h(x_0, y_0)}{\partial x} (x - x_0) + \frac{\partial h(x_0, y_0)}{\partial y} (y - y_0)$$

+ something related to  $(x-x_0)^2$  and  $(y-y_0)^2 + .....$ 

When x and y is close to  $x_0$  and  $y_0$ 



$$h(x,y) \approx h(x_0,y_0) + \frac{\partial h(x_0,y_0)}{\partial x} (x-x_0) + \frac{\partial h(x_0,y_0)}{\partial y} (y-y_0)$$
 零次微分 —次微分

## Back to Formal Derivation

#### **Based on Taylor Series:**

If the red circle is small enough, in the red circle

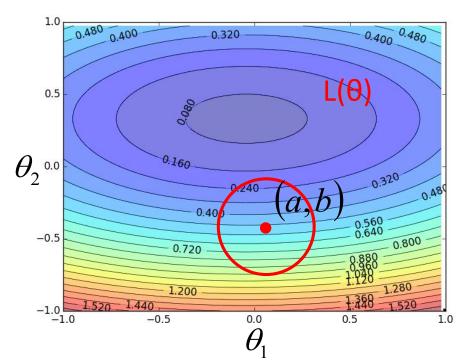
$$L(\theta) \approx L(a,b) + \frac{\partial L(a,b)}{\partial \theta_1} (\theta_1 - a) + \frac{\partial L(a,b)}{\partial \theta_2} (\theta_2 - b)$$

$$s = L(a,b)$$

$$u = \frac{\partial L(a,b)}{\partial \theta_1}, v = \frac{\partial L(a,b)}{\partial \theta_2}$$

$$L(\theta)$$

$$\approx S + u(\theta_1 - a) + v(\theta_2 - b)$$
 表示成一個圓



#### Back to Formal Derivation

#### **Based on Taylor Series:**

If the red circle is small enough, in the red circle

$$L(\theta) \approx s + u(\theta_1 - a) + v(\theta_2 - b)$$

Find  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  in the <u>red circle</u> **minimizing** L( $\theta$ )

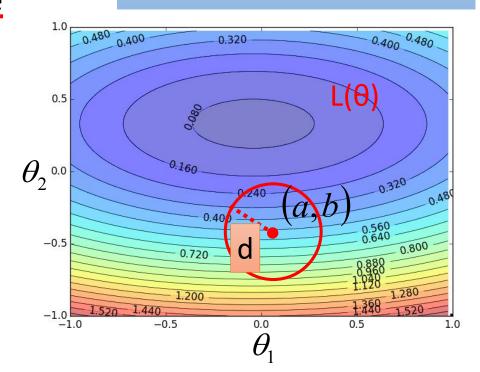
$$(\theta_1 - a)^2 + (\theta_2 - b)^2 \le d^2$$

Simple, right?

#### constant

$$s = L(a,b)$$

$$u = \frac{\partial L(a,b)}{\partial \theta_1}, v = \frac{\partial L(a,b)}{\partial \theta_2}$$



### Gradient descent – two variables

#### Red Circle: (If the radius is small)

因為是找min值因此s這個常數項不考慮

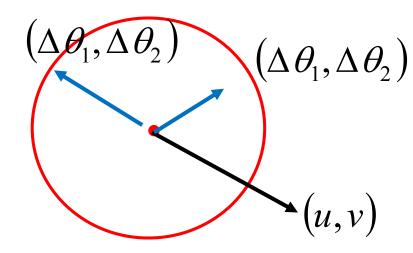
$$L(\theta) \approx s + u(\theta_1 - a) + v(\theta_2 - b)$$

$$\Delta \theta_1 \qquad \Delta \theta_2$$

Find  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  in the red circle minimizing  $L(\theta)$ 

$$\frac{\left(\underline{\theta_1} - a\right)^2 + \left(\underline{\theta_2} - b\right)^2 \le d^2}{\Delta \theta_1}$$

$$\Delta \theta_2$$



To minimize  $L(\theta)$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta \theta_1 \\ \Delta \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} = -\eta \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} - \eta \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

### Back to Formal Derivation

#### **Based on Taylor Series:**

If the red circle is **small enough**, in the red circle

$$s = L(a,b)$$

$$L(\theta) \approx s + u(\theta_1 - a) + v(\theta_2 - b)$$

前提是Taylor Series夠小夠精確才能使用 ->圈圈要夠小->learning rate越小越小越好

$$u = \frac{\partial L(a,b)}{\partial \theta_1}, v = \frac{\partial L(a,b)}{\partial \theta_2}$$

Find  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  yielding the smallest value of  $L(\theta)$  in the circle

This is gradient descent.

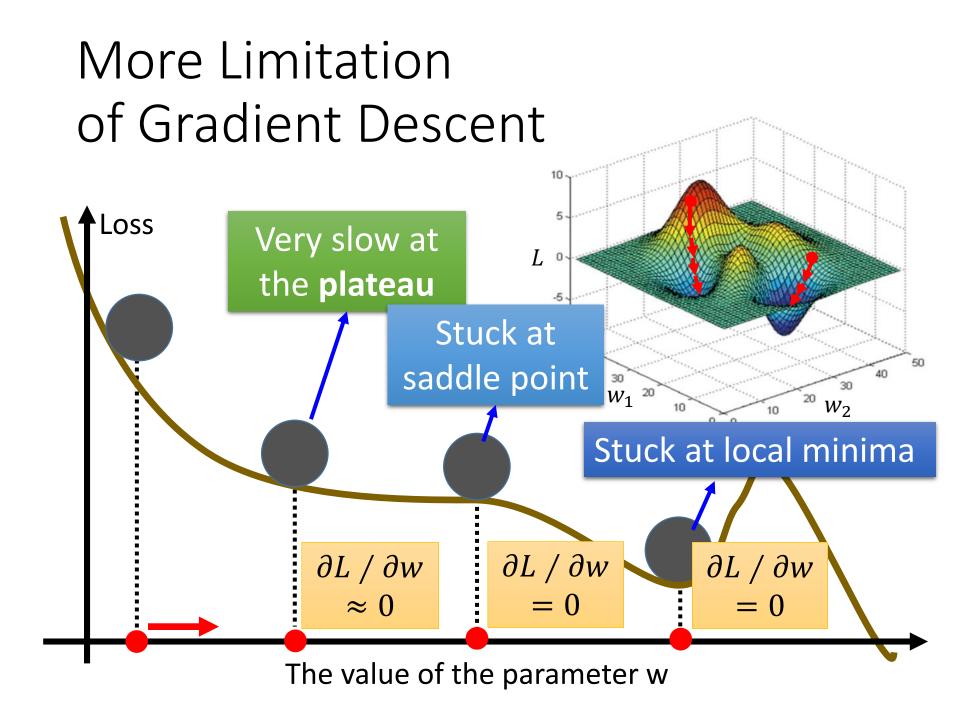
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This is gradient descent.

Solution of the circle (learning rate) is not small enough.

Not satisfied if the red circle (learning rate) is not small enough You can consider the second order term, e.g. Newton's method.

# End of Warning



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