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DIFFERENTIATION

Solving (Optimization) problems: differentiation

✓ optmzn. problems: - PCA, logistic regn, lr. regression

✓ ML: - { differentiation → single-value, vector
maxima & minima } → 11th & 12th → { 99% }
 ↳ Undergrad

Integration
 Diff. eqns { less used }

The idea of Differentiation and Maxima, Minima is used in 99% of Machine Learning

Single-variable diff'n: $y = f(x)$

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$\left\{ \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{df}{dx} = y' = f' \right\}$

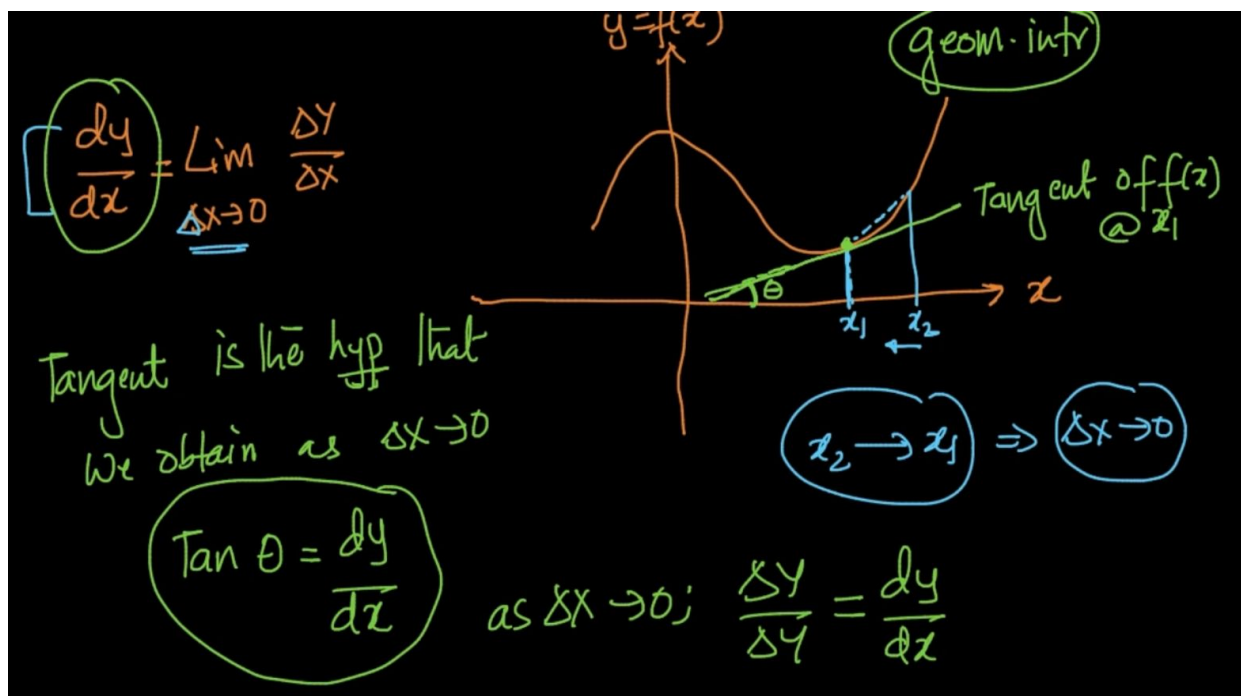
↳ differentiation of y wrt x

$\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \tan \theta$

x ↑ scalar

" $\frac{dy}{dx}$ " → intuitively → rate of change of y as x changes
 ↳ how much does y change as x changes

dy/dx - Rate of change of y as x changes. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \tan \theta$

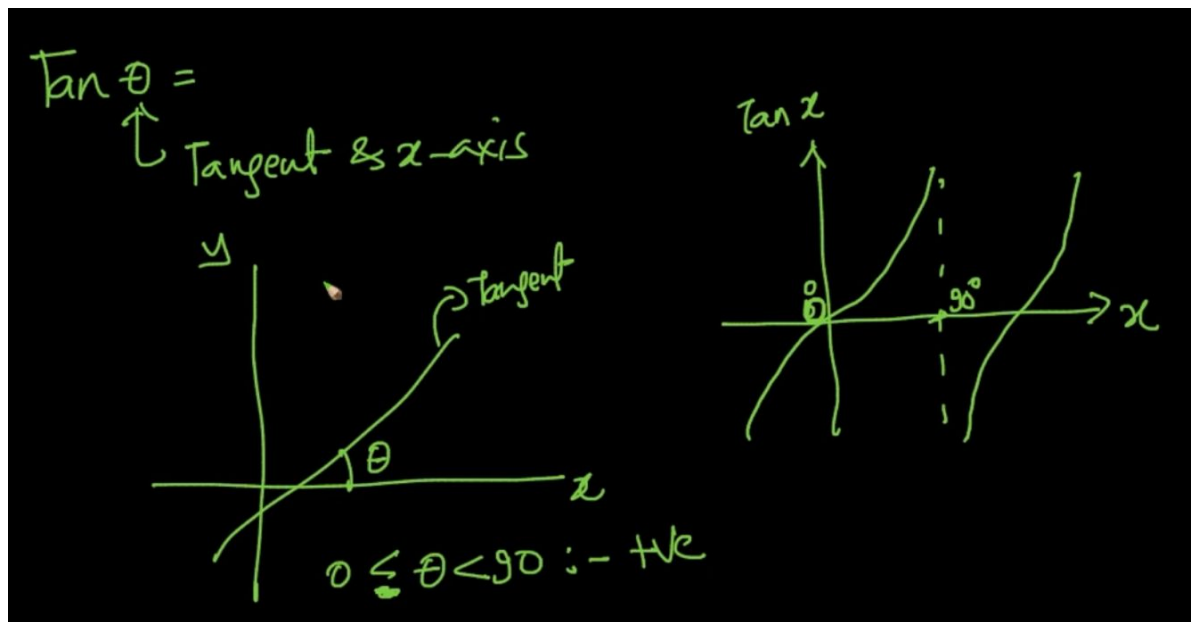


$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$. Let's break down it. The derivative of y w.r.t x ($\frac{dy}{dx}$) is equal to rate of change of y w.r.t rate of change of x i.e. $\left(\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \right)$ and Δx i.e. $x_2 - x_1$ is close to 0.

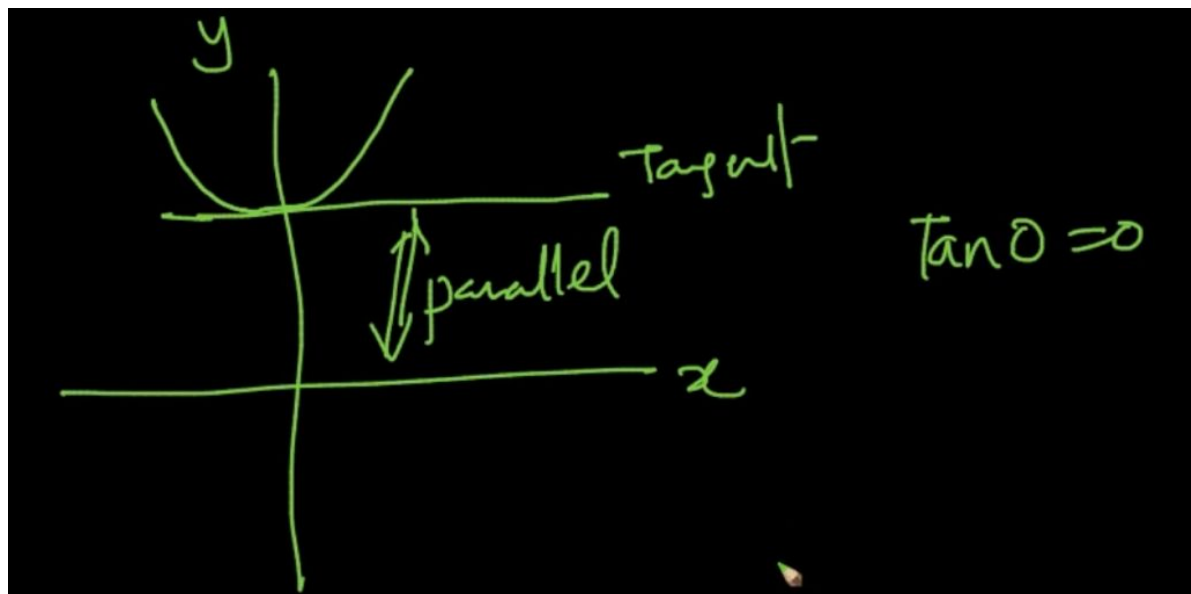
If Δx is 0 then the tangent of $f(x)$ at that point x is our $(\frac{dy}{dx})$ and it's θ is angle between slope and x -axis

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \text{slope of the tangent to } f(x)$$

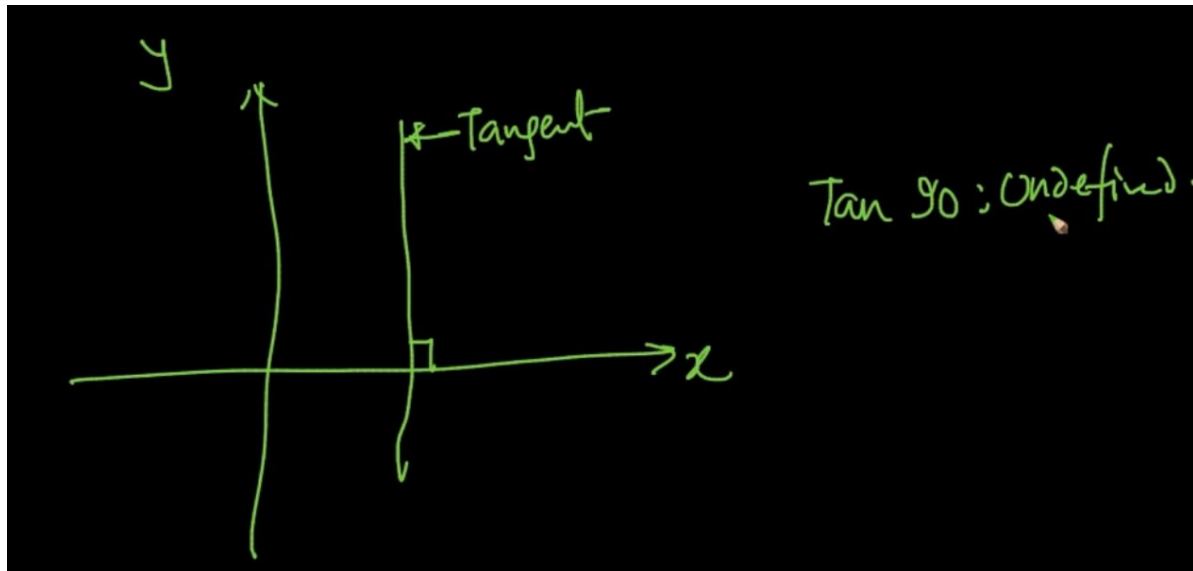
$$\left[\frac{dy}{dx} \right]_{x_1} = \text{slope of the tangent of } f(x) \text{ @ } x = x_1$$



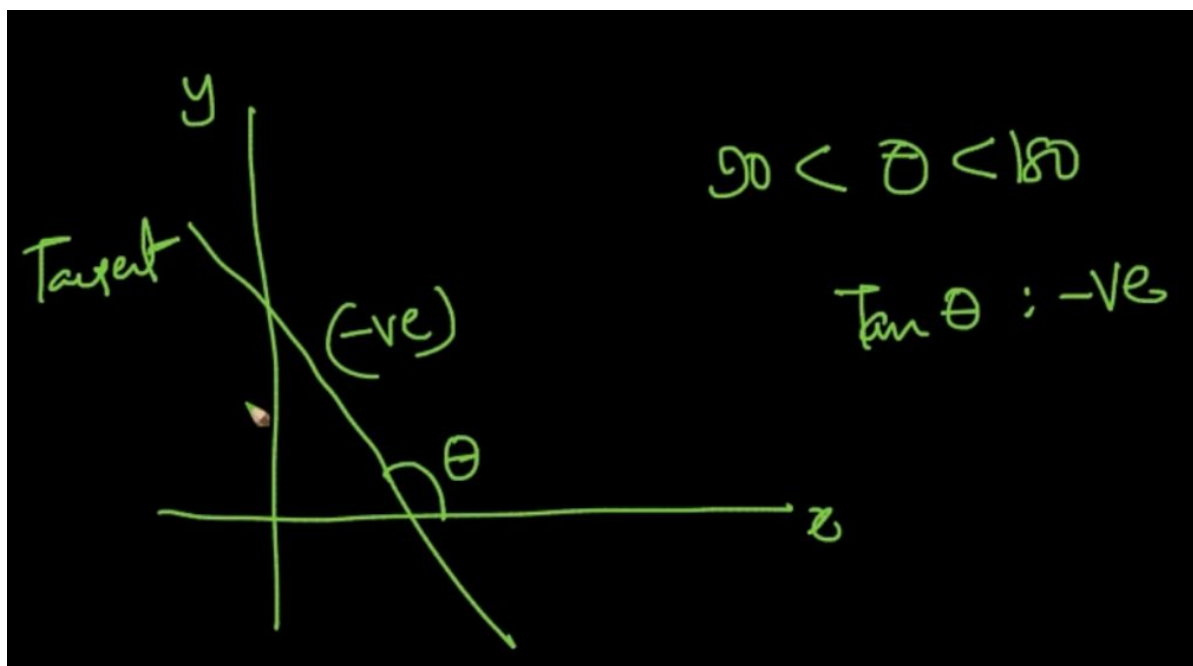
Tangent when $0 < \theta < 90$ is positive



When $\theta = 0$ tangent is parallel to x-axis



Tan 90 is undefined



Tan θ is negative when $90 < \theta < 180$

Chain-rule: $\frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) = \frac{df}{dg} \cdot \frac{dg}{dx}$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(g(x)) = (a-bx)^2 \\ g(x) = (a-bx) \\ f(x) = x^2 \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) = \frac{df}{dg} \cdot \frac{dg}{dx} \\ \frac{dg}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} (a-bx) = \cancel{\frac{d}{dx}(a)} - \frac{d}{dx}(bx) \\ \phantom{\frac{dg}{dx}} = -b \end{array} \right.$$

It's the most important concept of Calculus in Deep Learning and Machine Learning.

$\frac{d}{dx} (f(g(x))) = \frac{df}{dg} \cdot \frac{dg}{dx}$. First, we'll calculate $\frac{dg}{dx}$. Now, calculate df/dg .

$$\frac{dg}{dx} = -b$$

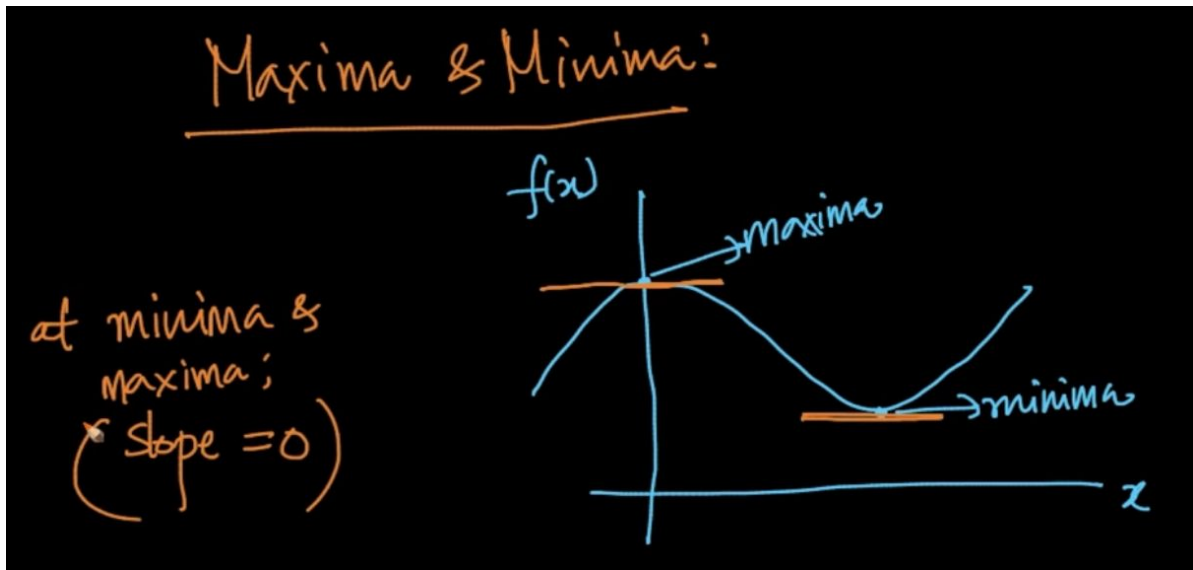
$$g(x) = z \quad f(g(x)) = z^2$$

$$\frac{df}{dg} = \frac{d z^2}{dz} = 2z$$

If we take $g(x) = z$ then $f(g(x)) = z^2$ for the above $f(g(x))$ so $df/dg = 2z$

So $\frac{df}{dg} \cdot \frac{dg}{dx} = 2(a-bx) \cdot -b$ for the above problem

MAXIMA AND MINIMA



At minima and maxima the slope is = 0

$f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$ maxima and/or minima

Eqn: $\boxed{\frac{df}{dx} = 0} \Rightarrow \text{slope} = 0$ (a) $x = \frac{3}{2}$; slope = 0

$\frac{df}{dx} = 2x - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5}$ (b) $f(1.5) = -0.25$

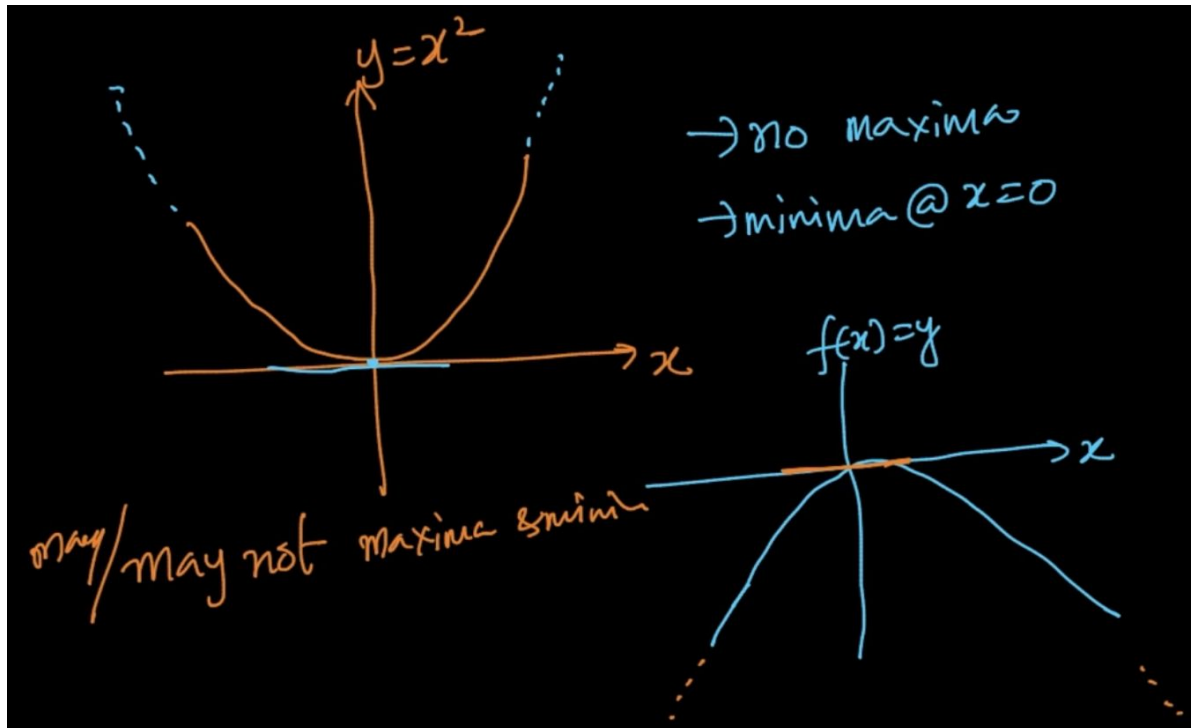
$\boxed{\text{minima @ } x = 1.5}$ $f(1) = 0$

$f(1.5) < f(1)$

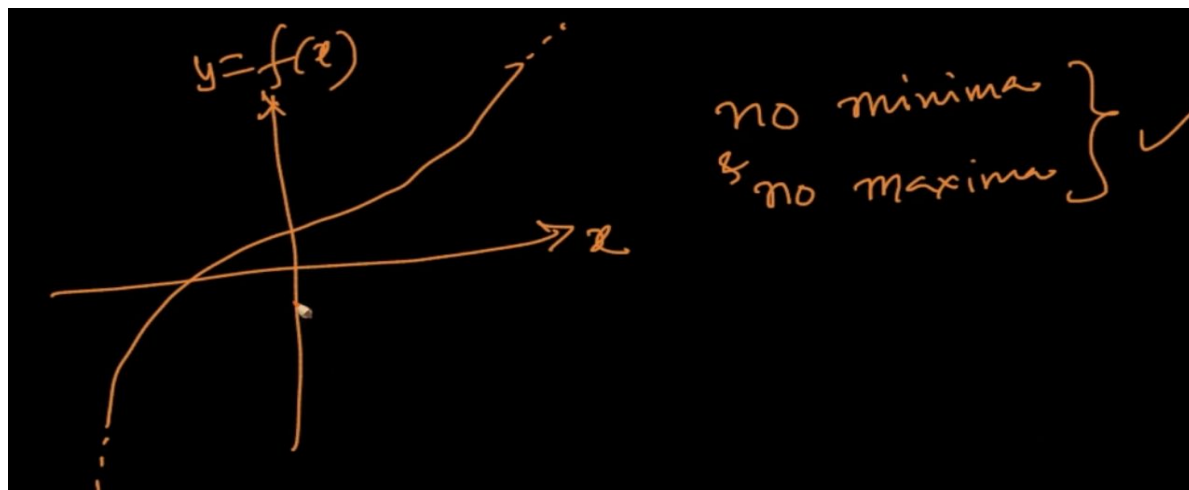
$\Rightarrow 1.5$ cannot be
 maxima

We know that df/dx is our slope so if we make it = 0 then we can get the value of maxima/minima. We are calculating $df/dx = 0$ and getting the value of x . So, $f(x)$ would tell

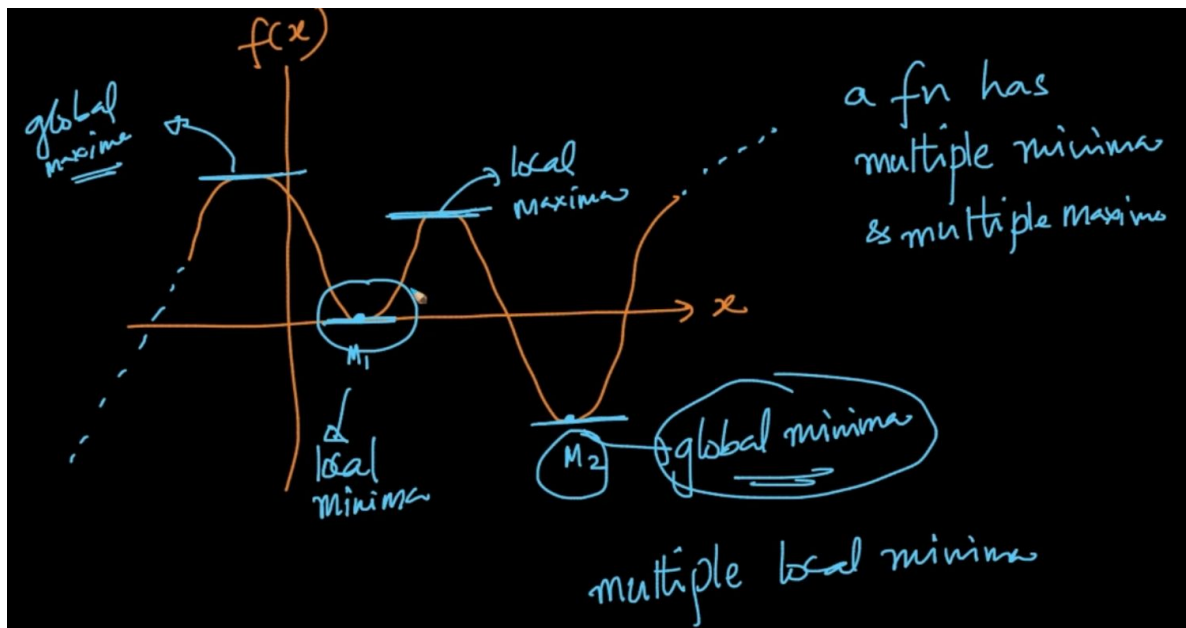
us the minima/maxima but we don't know whether it's telling maxima or minima .For this we calculate $f(x)$ for a near value towards it. Here, $df/dx = 0$ at $x = 1.5$ and $f(1.5) = -0.25$
We take $f(1)$ which is 0 , Since $f(1.5) < f(1)$ it cannot be maxima so it'll be minima



There can be some functions which might not have maxima/minima . Ex: In the above orange figure there's only minima not maxima and vice-versa for the blue figure



There can be some functions which might not have maxima/ minima



A function can have multiple maxima and minima as seen above.

Local Minima/ Maxima - It's the Minimum /Maximum in the neighborhood as seen above

Global Maxima/Minima - It's the Minimum/ Maximum among all the Minimums/ Maximums

min & max

$$f(x) = \log(1 + \exp(ax)) \rightarrow \text{like logistic loss}$$

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{a \exp(ax)}{1 + \exp(ax)} = 0 \left. \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{Solving this is} \\ \text{not trivial} \\ \rightarrow \text{v.v. hard} \end{array} \right\}$$

✓ $\boxed{\frac{df}{dx} = 0}$ \rightarrow $\boxed{\text{Gradient descent}}$

Some functions cannot be solved by simple $df/dx = 0$. So, we'll use Gradient Descent for that

VECTOR CALCULUS GRAD

Vector differentiation : Grad

x : scalar $f(x)$

$\{ \underline{x} : \text{Vector} \rightarrow \text{high-dim. space} \}$

$f(x) = y = a^T x$; $x = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d \rangle$
 $y = \sum_{i=1}^d a_i x_i$; $a = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_d \rangle \rightarrow \text{constants}$

We've dealt with scalars in Differentiation but in ML things are in vector. So we'll deal with vector calculus. Our, $y = f(x) = a^T x$ where x is vector and a is a vector of constants

$\frac{df}{dx} = \nabla_x f$ (Vector) $\xrightarrow{\text{grad (or) Del}}$ $\frac{df}{dx}$ (Scalar)

$\nabla_x f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{df}{dx_1} \\ \frac{df}{dx_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{df}{dx_d} \end{bmatrix}$ (Vector) $\in \mathbb{R}^d$

$\frac{df}{dx_i} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$ (partial diff'n)

$df/dx = \nabla_x f$ which is Del (∇) of f w.r.t x as seen. This is differentiation of vector

As seen above it's $\nabla_x f = [df/dx_1, df/dx_2, \dots, df/dx_d]$ but df/dx_1 is partial derivation and we write it as $\partial f / \partial x_1$. It means that x has $\langle x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_d \rangle$ but we are derivating the function with only one component x_1 at a time not the whole x

$$f(x) = y = a^T x = \sum_{i=1}^d a_i x_i = a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n$$

$$\nabla_x f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_d} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_d \end{bmatrix} = a$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = a_1$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} = a_2$$

$$\nabla_x (a^T x) = a$$

$$\frac{d(a^T x)}{dx} = a$$

$y = a^T x = a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n$. So when we do the derivation of above. We'll get 'a'

$$L(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + \exp(-y_i \omega^T x_i)) + \lambda \omega^T \omega$$

$\langle x_i, y_i \rangle \rightarrow \text{constants} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{\text{train}}$

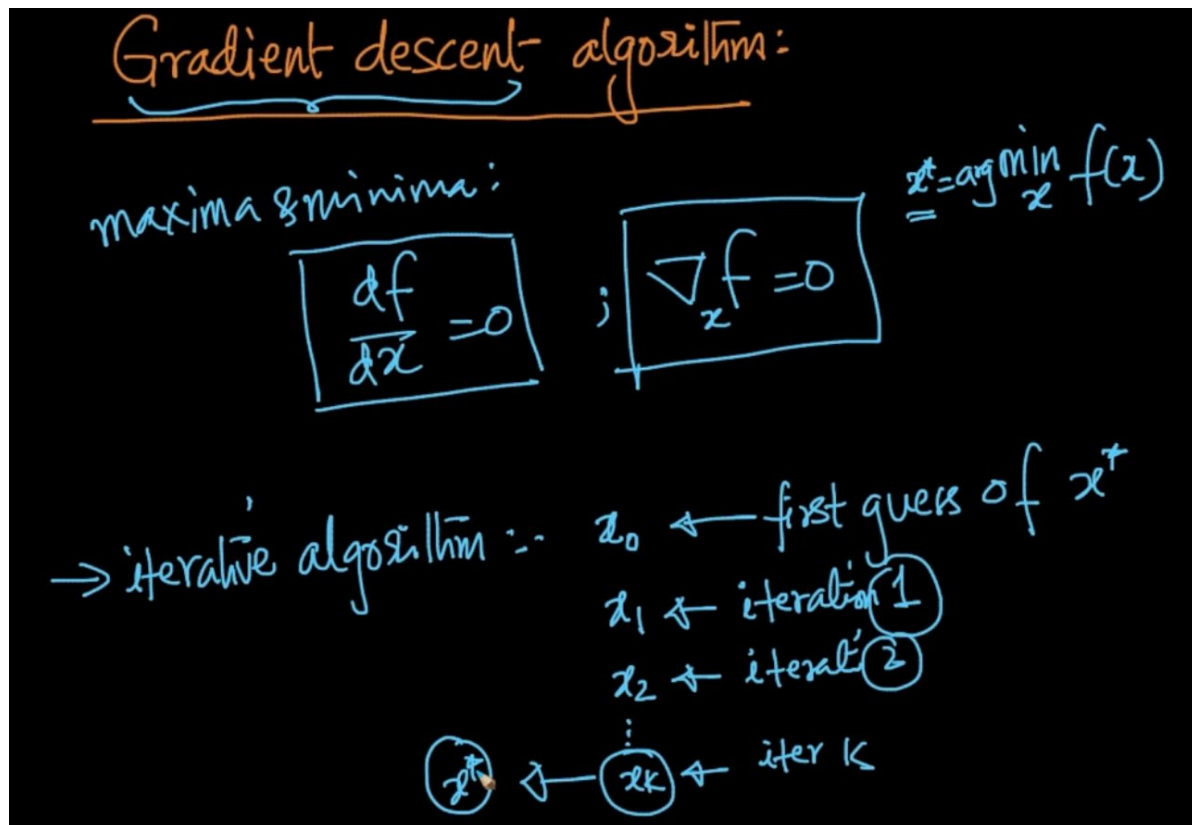
$$\frac{d \lambda \omega^T \omega}{d \omega} = 2 \lambda \omega$$

$$\nabla_{\omega} L = \frac{(-y_i x_i) (\exp(-y_i \omega^T x_i))}{1 + \exp(-y_i \omega^T x_i)} + 2 \lambda \omega = 0$$

(Gradient descent)

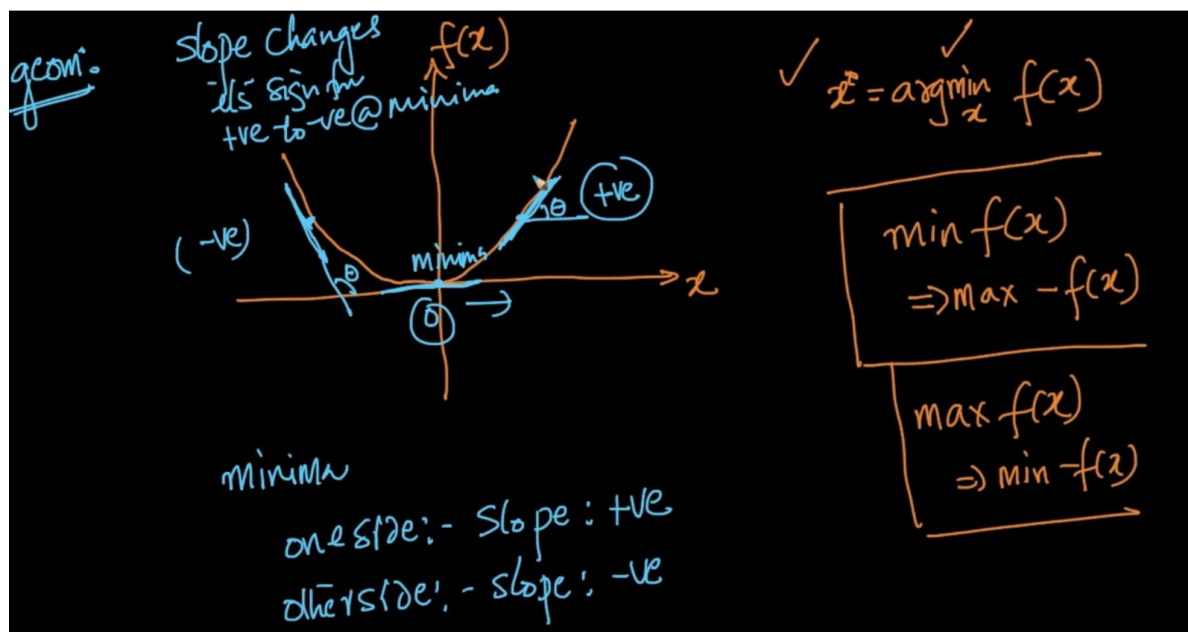
Finding minima.maxima with $\nabla_x L$ is very hard because the equation is complex af. So, we'll apply computational techniques like Gradient Descent to solve it

GRADIENT DESCENT: GEOMETRIC INTUITION

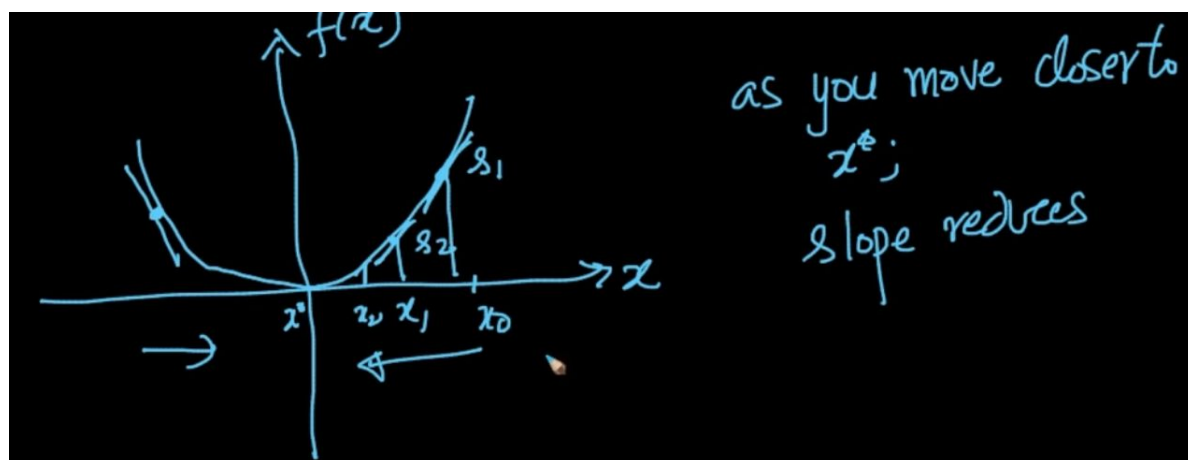


Gradient descent is an iterative algorithm. In an Iterative algorithm first we'll guess the value

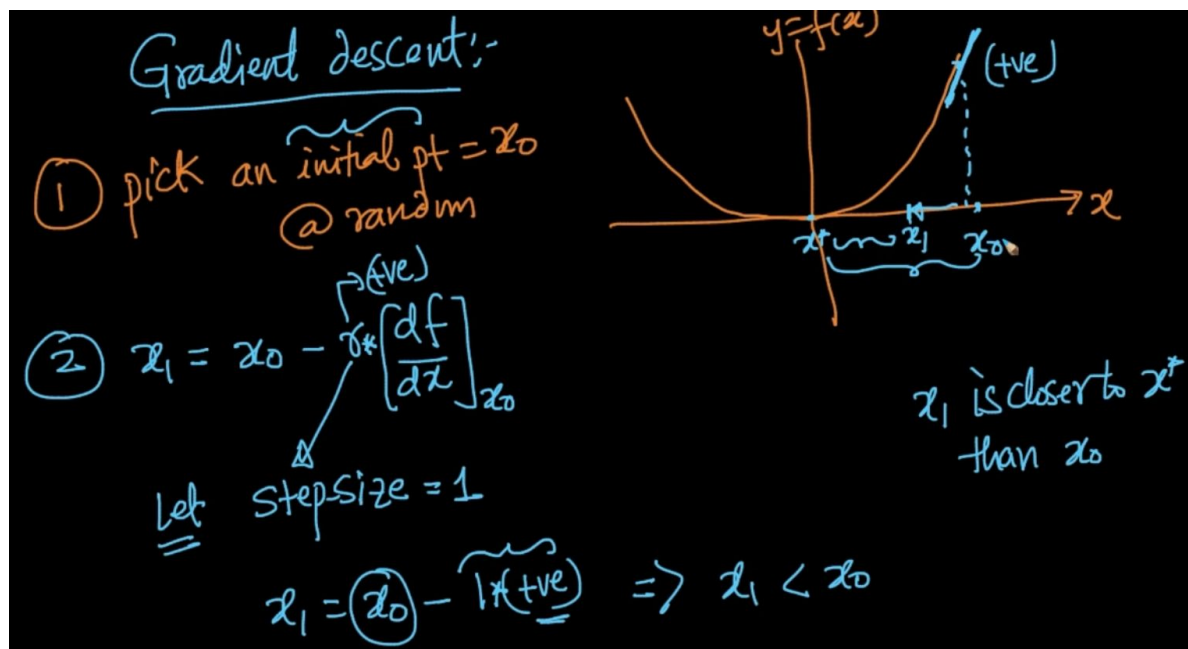
of x^* (Point where we want to reach) which is x_0 . Now by applying our iterative algorithm Gradient Descent we'll get x_1 which is closer to our targeted x^* than x_0 .



We want to find $x^* = \operatorname{argmin} f(x)$ where we want to minimize $f(x)$. $\min f(x) = \max(-f(x))$ and vice versa. One important observation here is that the slope change its sign from +ve to -ve After reaching minima

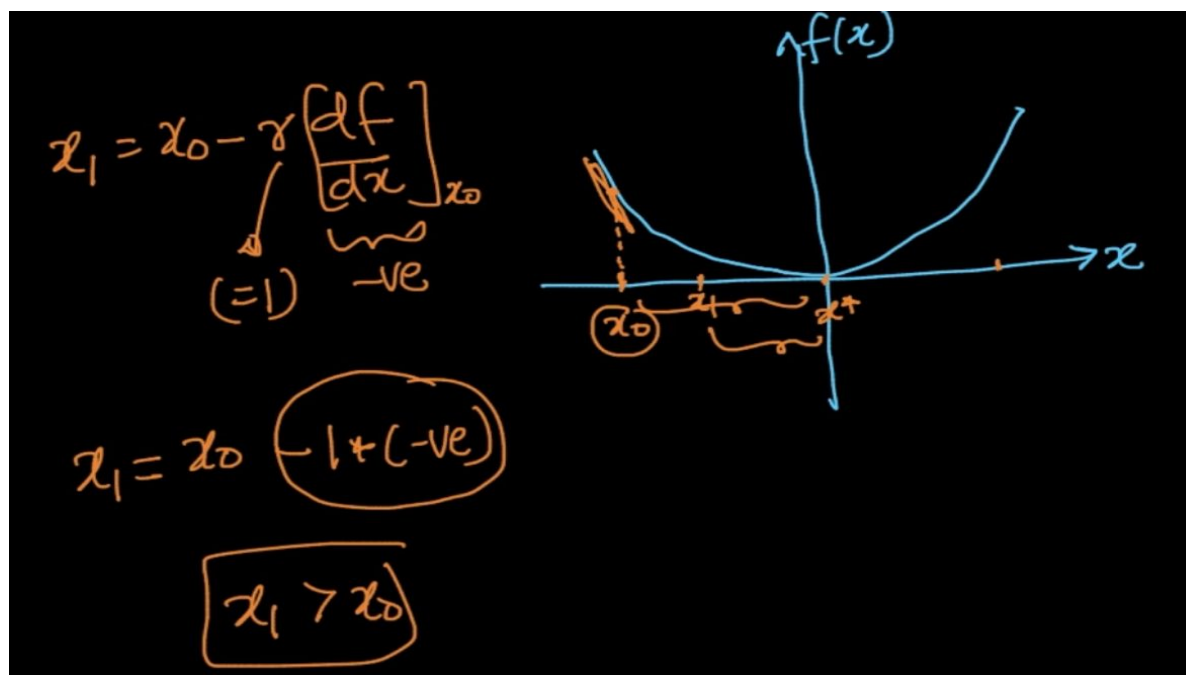


Another observation is as we move closer to x^* from the right side the slope reduces And it increases if we move from left to right. So, let's see how Gradient Descent works

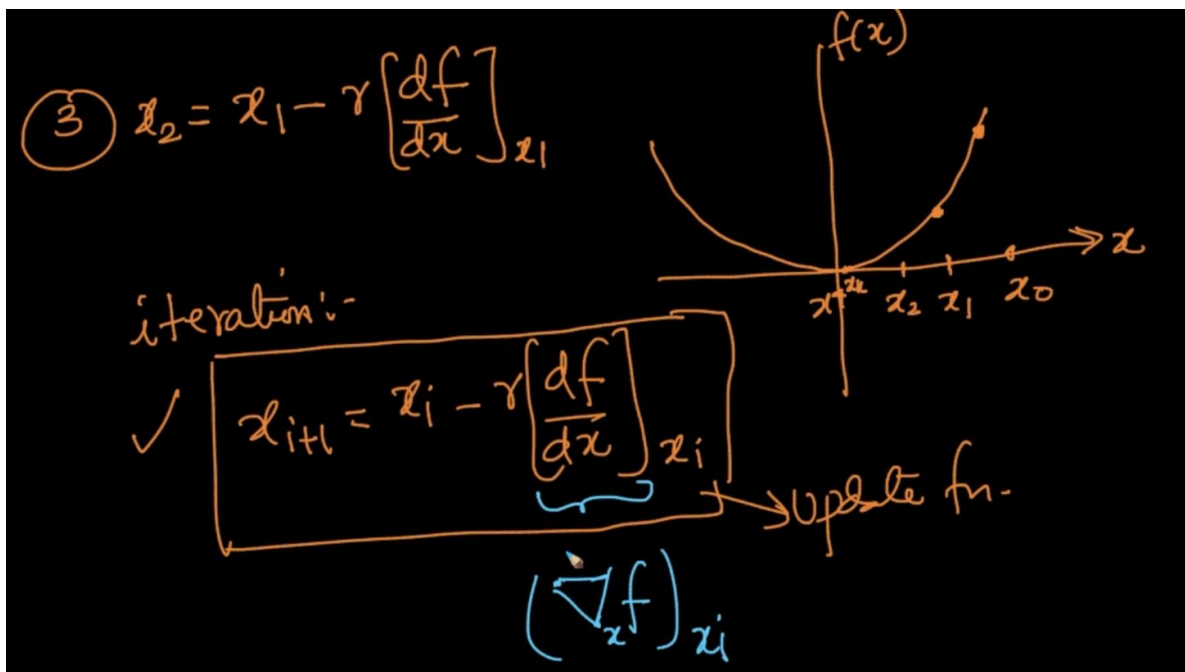


1) We'll pick a random initial point = x_0

2) $x_1 = x_0 - r * \left[\frac{df}{dx} \right]_{x_0}$ where 'r' is step-size and $\frac{df}{dx}$ is the slope. Also, $x_1 < x_0$



Case 2: When x_0 is at the other side



We'll calculate x_2 from x_1 . Our algorithm will do iteration. When will it stop but?

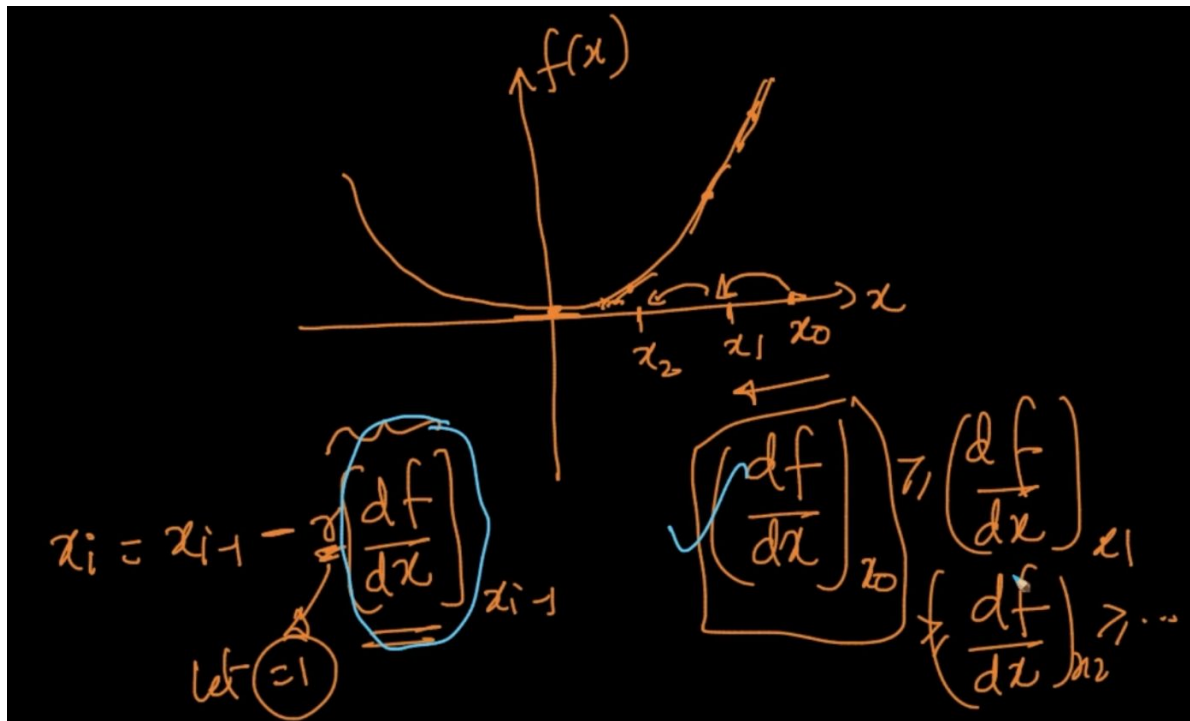
$x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots \quad \textcircled{x_k} \quad \textcircled{x_{k+1}}$

✓ $x_k = x_{k-1} - \gamma \left[\frac{df}{dx} \right]_{x_{k-1}}$

$\nabla_x f (x_{k+1} - x_k)$ is v-small

then terminate @ $\boxed{x^* = x_k}$

We'll terminate the loop once the difference between two iterations are very small



$\left[\frac{df}{dx}\right]_{x_0} > \left[\frac{df}{dx}\right]_{x_1} > \left[\frac{df}{dx}\right]_{x_2} \dots$ As we can see since the derivatives are getting smaller and smaller by each iteration. We are taking a huge step and as we are moving to the convergence our step-sizes are getting smaller and smaller. This is what happens in Gradient Descent

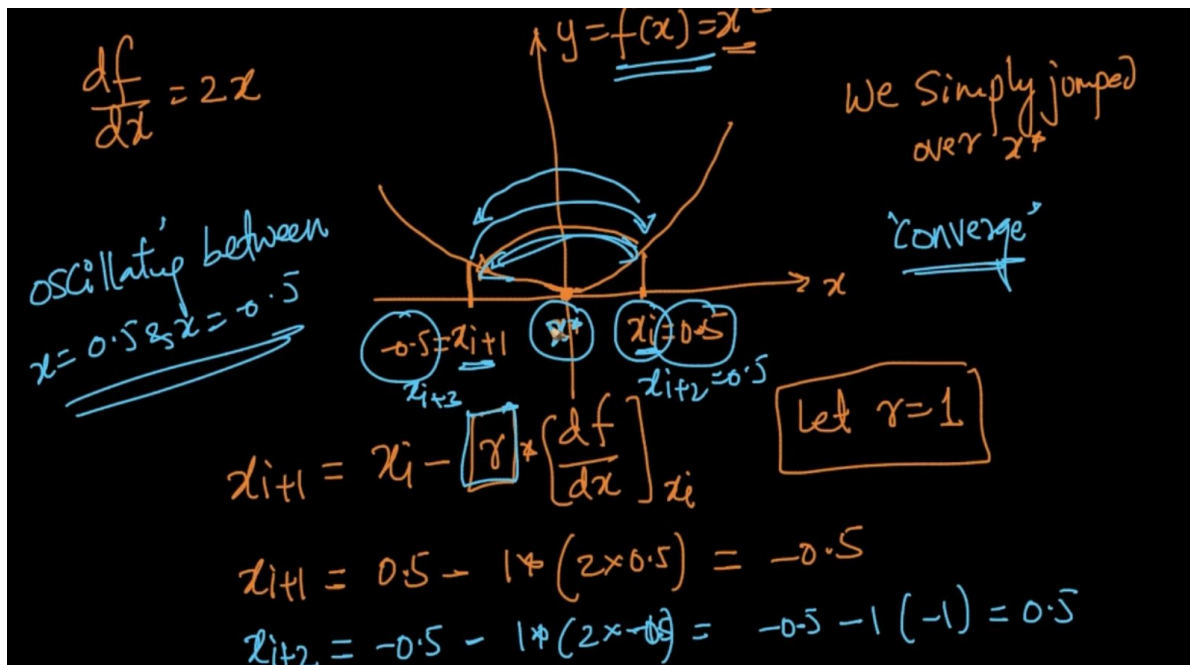
LEARNING RATE

Learning rate (γ) Step-size

$$x_i = x_{i-1} - \gamma \left[\frac{df}{dx} \right]_{x_{i-1}} \rightarrow \text{update eqn}$$

constant

'r' is basically learning rate or step-size



As we can see at $x_{i+1} = -0.5$ so we are jumping over x^* and at $x_{i+2} = 0.5$ so we are oscillating between -0.5 and $+0.5$ but never converging towards x^* as our $r = 1$

remedy for oscillation:- ✓
 change $\boxed{\gamma}$ with each iteration
 → one tech:- reduce γ with each iteration
 ($\gamma = \text{function of iteration number}$)
 $\gamma = h(i)$ ✓
 ↑
 iteration
 s.t $i \uparrow ; \gamma \downarrow$

One method is to reduce r with each iteration. So we want to make $r = h(i)$ where h is a function such that as i increases r should be decreased

GRADIENT DESCENT FOR LINEAR REGRESSION

$$L(w) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - w^T x_i)^2 \quad \langle x_i, y_i \rangle \rightarrow D_{\text{Train}}$$

$$\nabla_w L = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ 2(y_i - w^T x_i)(-x_i) \right\}$$

- ① pick a random vector $w_0 = \langle \dots \rangle$
- ② $w_1 = w_0 - \gamma * \sum_{i=1}^n (-2x_i)(y_i - w_0^T x_i)$
- ③ $w_2 = w_1 - \gamma * \sum_{i=1}^n (-2x_i)(y_i - w_1^T x_i)$

$L(w)$ is a function for 'w' and we want to find the best w not x as x,y are constants as given in our dataset. So we need $\nabla_w L$. We pick a random vector w_0 and apply it to get the next w_1 . w_1 will be used to get w_2 and this step will be repeated till difference between w_k and w_{k+1} is very small. If that's the case then $w^* = w_k$

Gradient desc

$$w_j = w_{j-1} - \gamma \sum_{i=1}^n (-2x_i)(y_i - w_{j-1}^T x_i)$$

problem: $w_{j-1} \text{ to } w_j$

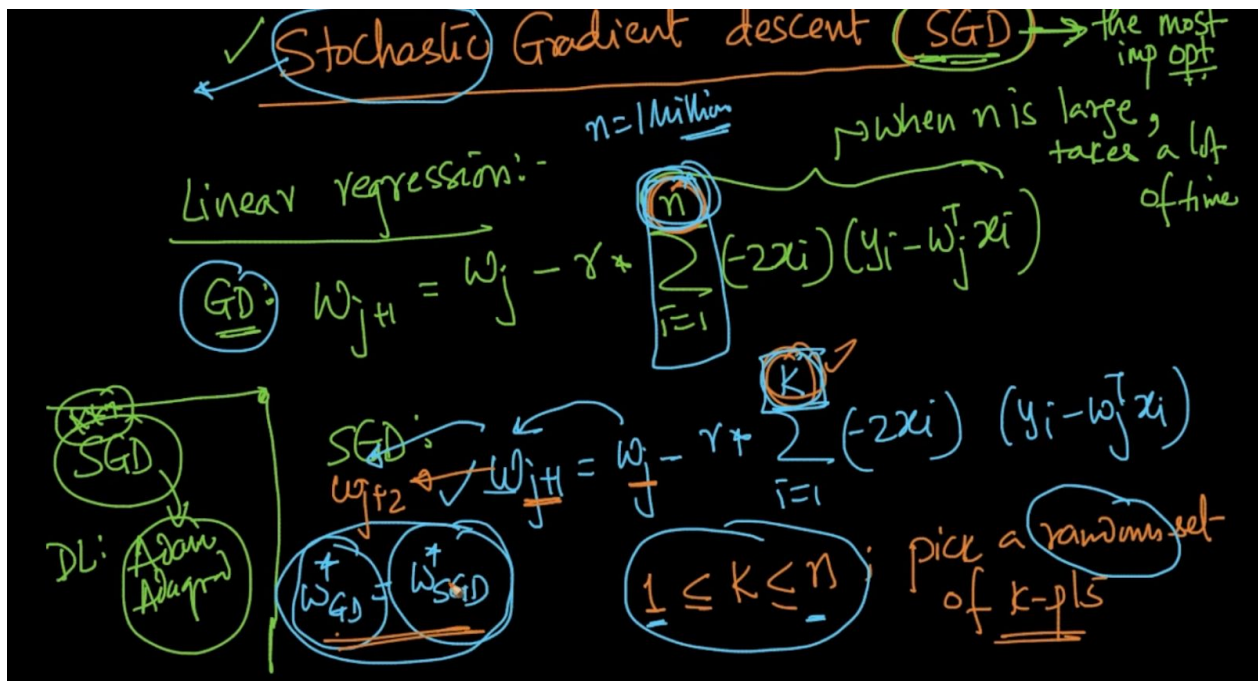
if n is large $n = 1 \text{ Million}$

if n is large computing this \sum is very expensive

w_0, w_1, w_2

There's one problem here i.e for every iteration in w i.e $w_0, w_1 \dots$ we need to calculate The summation thing and if 'n' is very large then we need to do it n times for every iteration

STOCHASTIC GRADIENT DESCENT (SGD)



Stochastic Gradient Descent is the most important optimization algorithm in ML

In Gradient Descent, we'd the problem for w as for every iteration we'd to go through the whole dataset and if n -No. Of inputs is large we are fucked.

We can use SGD (Stochastic Gradient Descent) in which we do the same operation but instead of ' n ' we use ' k ' where $k \ll n$ and it is random set of points from the dataset

We can infer that $w_{GD}^* = w_{SGD}^*$.

NOTE - With every iteration of w i.e $w_{j+1} \Rightarrow w_{j+2}$ we are changing the value of k

GD: $(n=1\text{Mill})$ 100 iterations to converge x^*

SGD: $k=1000$; if 500 iterations x^*

SGD: $k=10$; 1000; x^*

$k = \#$ of random pts that you @ each iteration for update

If Gradient Descent, $n = 1$ Million points and it takes 100 iterations to converge x^* but in SGD, if $k = 1000$, then it'll take >100 iterations to converge. Let's say 500. Same for $k = 10$

K : batch size in SGD

↓

batch of random pts.

often times: $k=1$: SGD ✓

$n < \left[\begin{matrix} k \\ 100 \end{matrix} \right] > 1 \rightarrow$ batch SGD with batch size = 100

K : is also called batch size as we are using batch of random points

CONSTRAINTS AND PCA

Constrained Optimization

$$\max_x f(x) \quad \text{or} \quad \min_x f(x)$$

PCA: $\max_u \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (u^T x_i)^2$ $\approx \max_x f(x)$ s.t. $g(x) = c$

\checkmark s.t. $u^T u = 1$

Constraint

We want to maximize a function $f(x)$ with a constraint i.e $g(x) = c$. How will we tackle problems when dealing with situations like this

Lagrangian Multipliers

$$\max_x f(x) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad g(x) = c, \quad h(x) \geq d$$

$$x^* = \tilde{x}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda, \mu) = f(x) - \lambda \{g(x) - c\} - \mu \{d - h(x)\}$$

Lagrangians

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = 0; \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda} = 0; \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mu} = 0$$

$\tilde{x}, \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\mu}$

λ & μ : Lagrangian Mult
 $\lambda \geq 0; \mu \geq 0$

When we need to find a max of function with constraints we add Lagrangian Multipliers

λ, μ as seen above. Now take the derivatives w.r.t x, λ, μ as seen above. We'll get \tilde{x} , which will be equal to x^* that we wanted

PCA:- $\max_u u^T S u$
s.t. $u^T u = 1$

$S = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i x_i^T$
Covariance matrix of X

$\mathcal{L}(u, \lambda) = u^T S u - \lambda (u^T u - 1)$

$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial u} (u^T S u - \lambda u^T u - \lambda) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{S u - \lambda u = 0} \Rightarrow$

In PCA, we want the max of $u^T S u$ such that $u^T u = 1$ where S is covariance matrix

We take the derivative of \mathcal{L} w.r.t $u = 0$ and we get $S u - \lambda u = 0$

$S u = \lambda u$ — definition of eigenval & eigenvec

Cov. Matrix — S

$\boxed{A} u = \lambda u$
eig vec — u — eigenval — λ

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u \text{ is the eigenvector of } S \\ \lambda \text{ is the eigenvalue of } S \end{array} \right\}$

u is the eigen-vector of S and λ is the eigen-value of S as it's the same we'd seen in PCA

LOGISTIC REGRESSION REVISITED

Logistic regression revisited

$$w^* = \underset{w}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left(\text{logistic loss} \right) + \underbrace{\lambda w^T w}_{\substack{\text{reg} \\ \therefore}}$$

→ Lagrange multipliers

$$\underline{w^*} = \underset{w}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left(\text{logistic loss} \right) \quad \rightarrow \text{obj. fn.}$$

s.t. $\underbrace{w^T w = 1}_{\substack{\text{eq. constr.}}}$

$w \neq 0$

We want to find w^* such that $w^{*T} w^* = 1$

Lagrangian

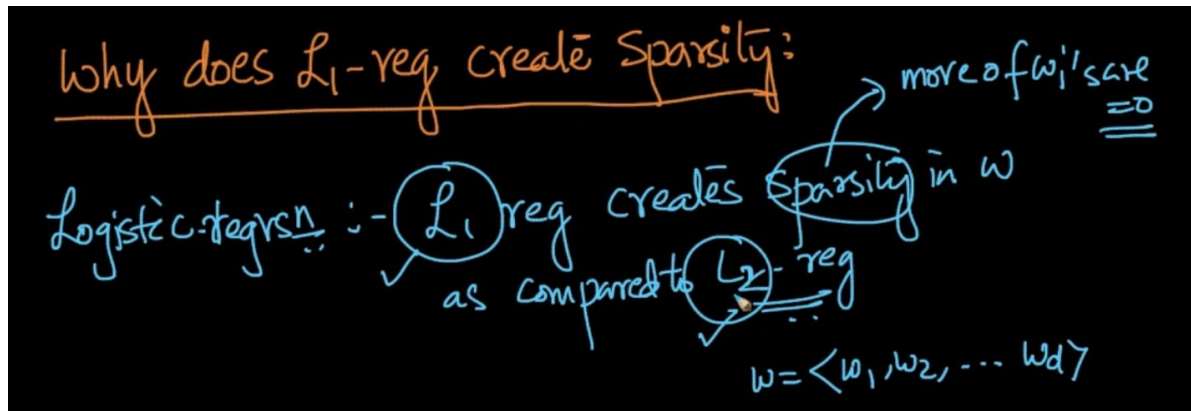
$$L = \text{logistic loss} - \lambda (1 - w^T w) \quad \checkmark \quad (-) \quad (w^T w - 1)$$

$$= \underbrace{\text{logistic loss}}_{\uparrow} - \underbrace{\lambda}_{\uparrow} \underbrace{w^T w}_{\uparrow}$$

regularization can be thought as as imposing an eq. constr.

When applying Lagrangian we get the value same as w^* in which regularization was also there. So regularization can also be thought as imposing an equality constraint

WHY L1-REGULARIZATION CREATES SPARSITY?



L_1 regularization creates sparsity in 'w' as compared to L_2 regularization. Let's see why it happens

(L_2) $w = \langle w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d \rangle$

$\min_w \text{loss} + \lambda \|w\|_2^2$

$\min_{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d} (w_1^2 + w_2^2 + \dots + w_d^2)$

$\min_{w_1} w_1^2 = L_2(w_1)$

(L_1)

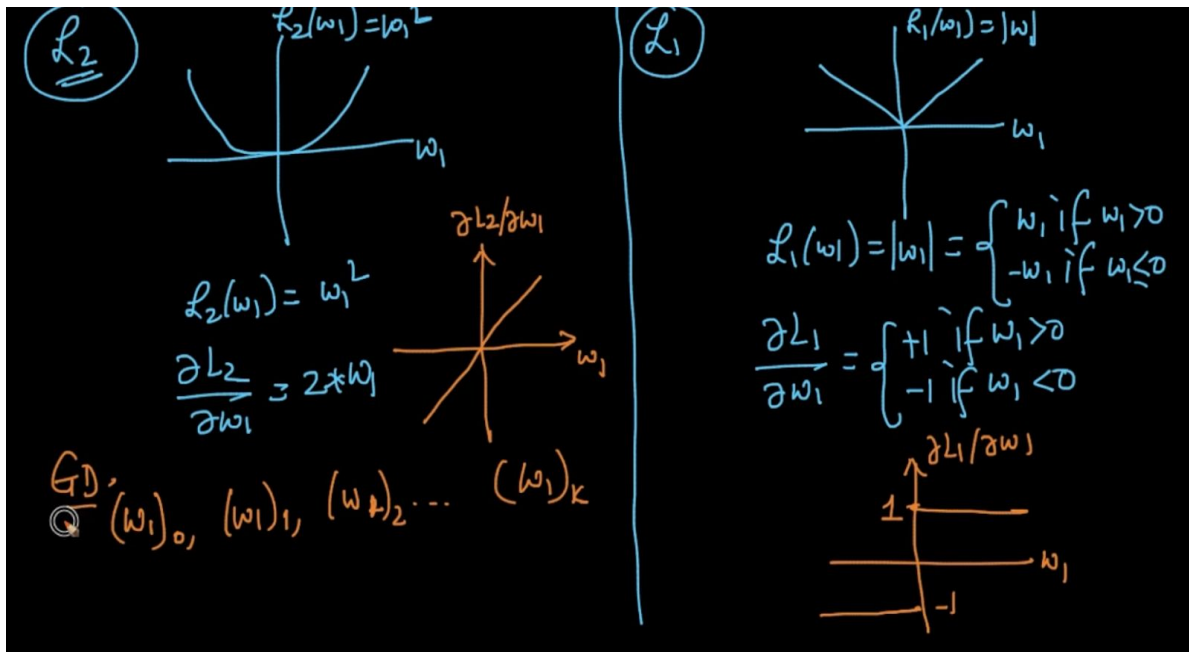
$\min_w \text{loss} + \lambda \|w\|_1$

$\min_{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d} (|w_1| + |w_2| + \dots + |w_d|)$

$\min_{w_1} (|w_1|) \rightarrow L_1(w_1)$

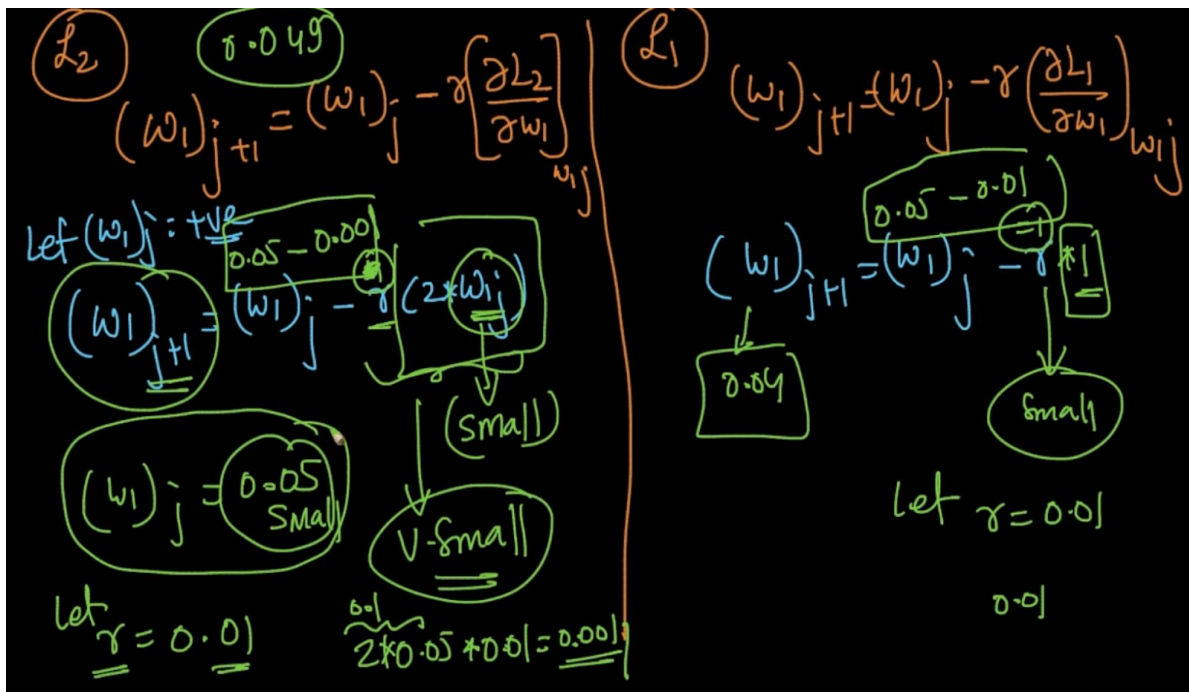
In both the Regularizations, we are ignoring the Loss and λ . So, our goal is just to minimize 'w'. In L_2 , we want to minimize $(w_1^2 + w_2^2 + w_3^2 + \dots + w_d^2)$ and in L_1 we want to minimize $(|w_1| + |w_2| + \dots + |w_d|)$. Let's see contribution of just w_1 to our regularization in L i.e $(L(w_1))$

For L_2 , min of w_1^2 is the contribution of w_1 to L_2 regularization



We are plotting the graphs of w_1 v.s $L_2(w_1)$, w_1 v.s $L_1(w_1)$ and its derivative graph.

Our gradient Descent calculates it for each iteration of w_1 till it converges



So, our w_1 at j 'th iteration = 0.05 and $r = 0.05$. In $L_2, (w_1)_{j+1} = 0.05 - 0.001 = 0.049$ and in

$L_1, (w_1)_{j+1} = 0.05 - 0.01 = 0.04$ so our L_1 is already close to 0 as compared to L_2

v. quickly:- $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} L_2 \text{ reg. does not change the value of } w_1 \text{ from one iteration to another} \\ L_1 \text{ reg. continues to constantly reduce } w_1 \text{ towards } w_1^* (=0) \end{array} \right.$

It can be seen that L_2 regularization is slow at converging with each iteration whereas L_1 constantly changes as it has a constant slope/gradient so it converges faster towards w_1^*