

Gradient Descent

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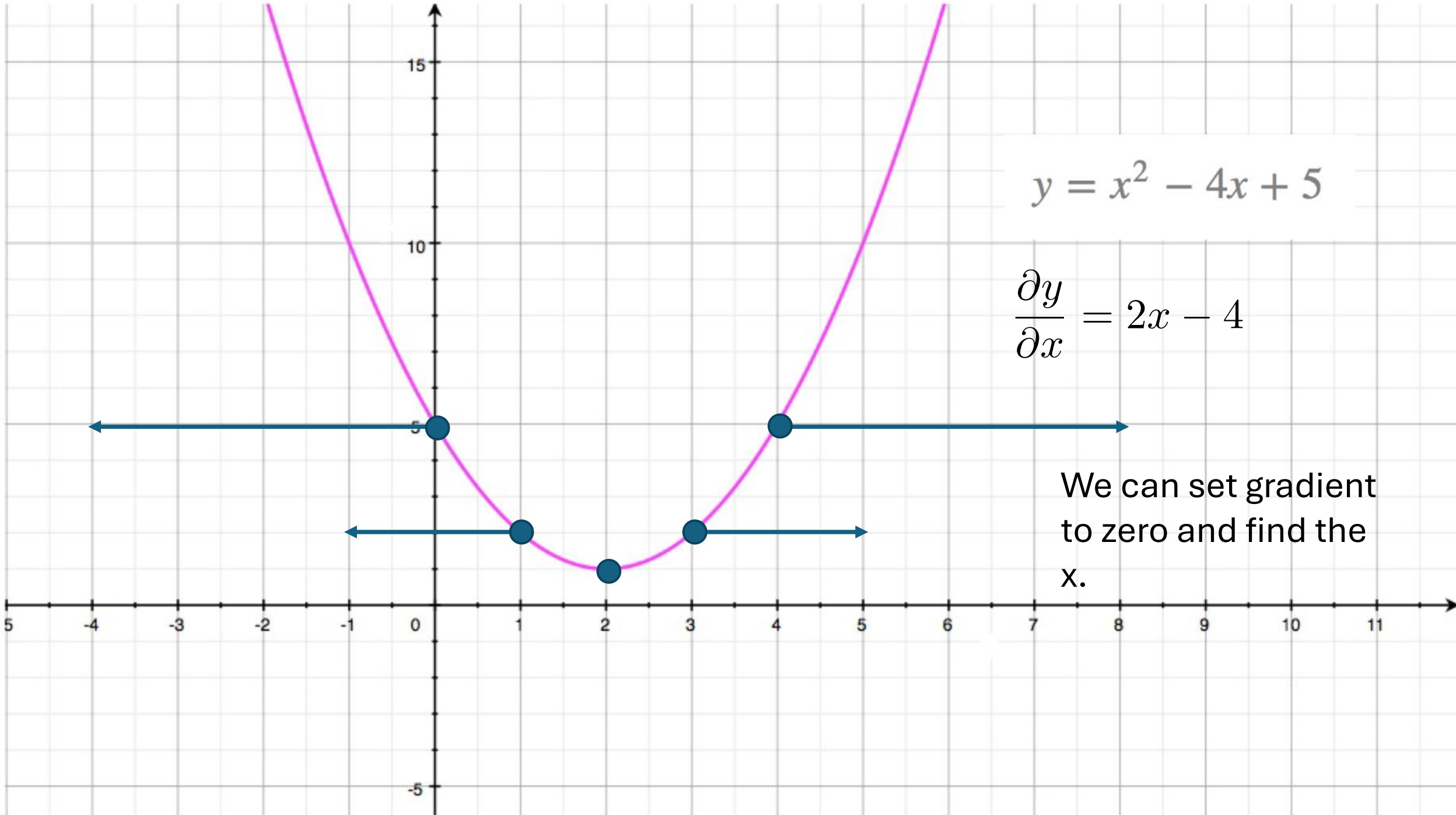
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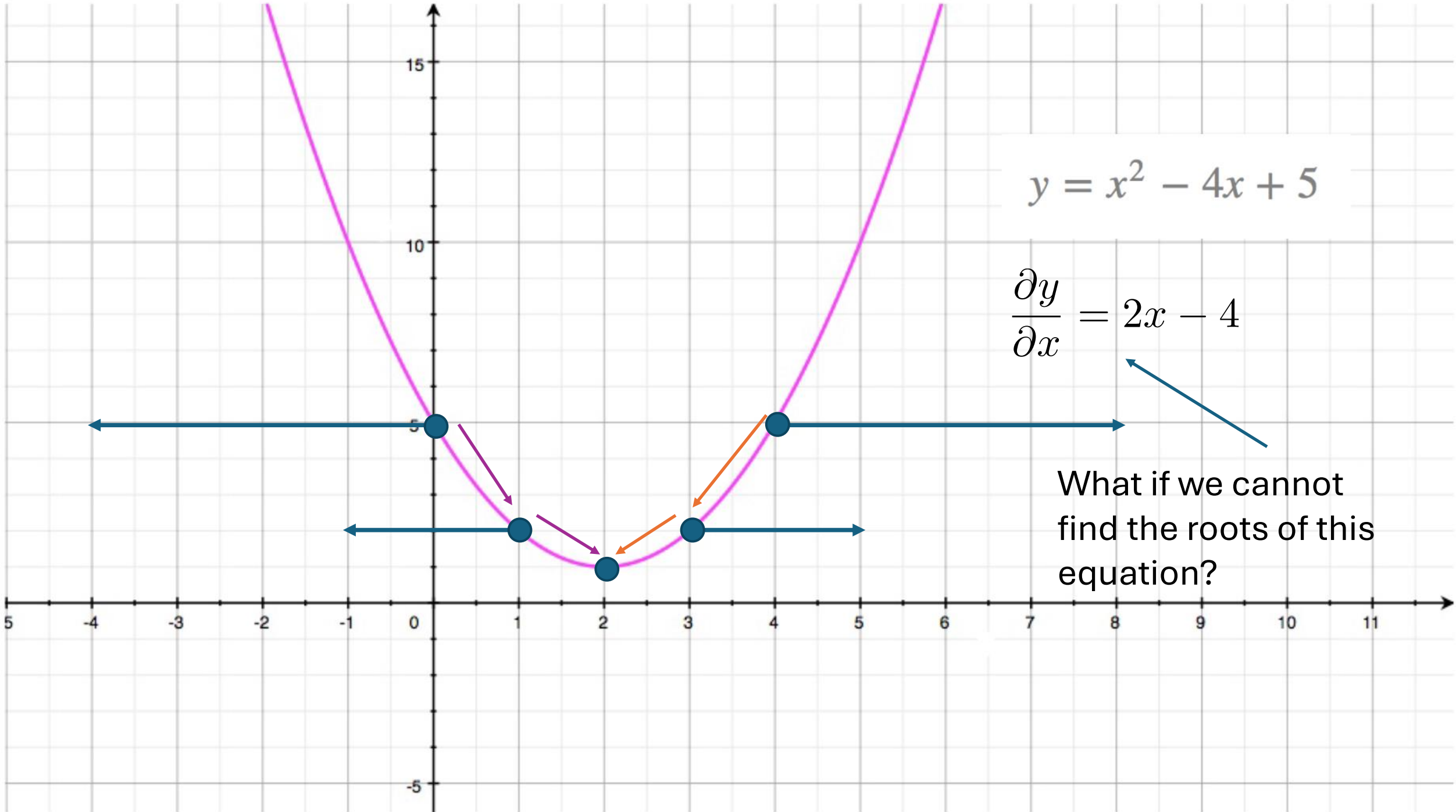
We can set gradient
to zero and find the
x.



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What if we cannot
find the roots of this
equation?



Training

- Loss function:

$$L[\phi]$$

← Returns a scalar that is smaller when model maps inputs to outputs better

- Find the parameters that minimize the loss:

$$\hat{\phi} = \underset{\phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} [L[\phi]]$$

Example: 1D Linear regression loss function

$$\hat{\phi} = \underset{\phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} [L[\phi]] \quad \text{minimize } \|y - X\phi\|_2^2$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi} = 0 \quad \text{solve for } \hat{\phi}$$

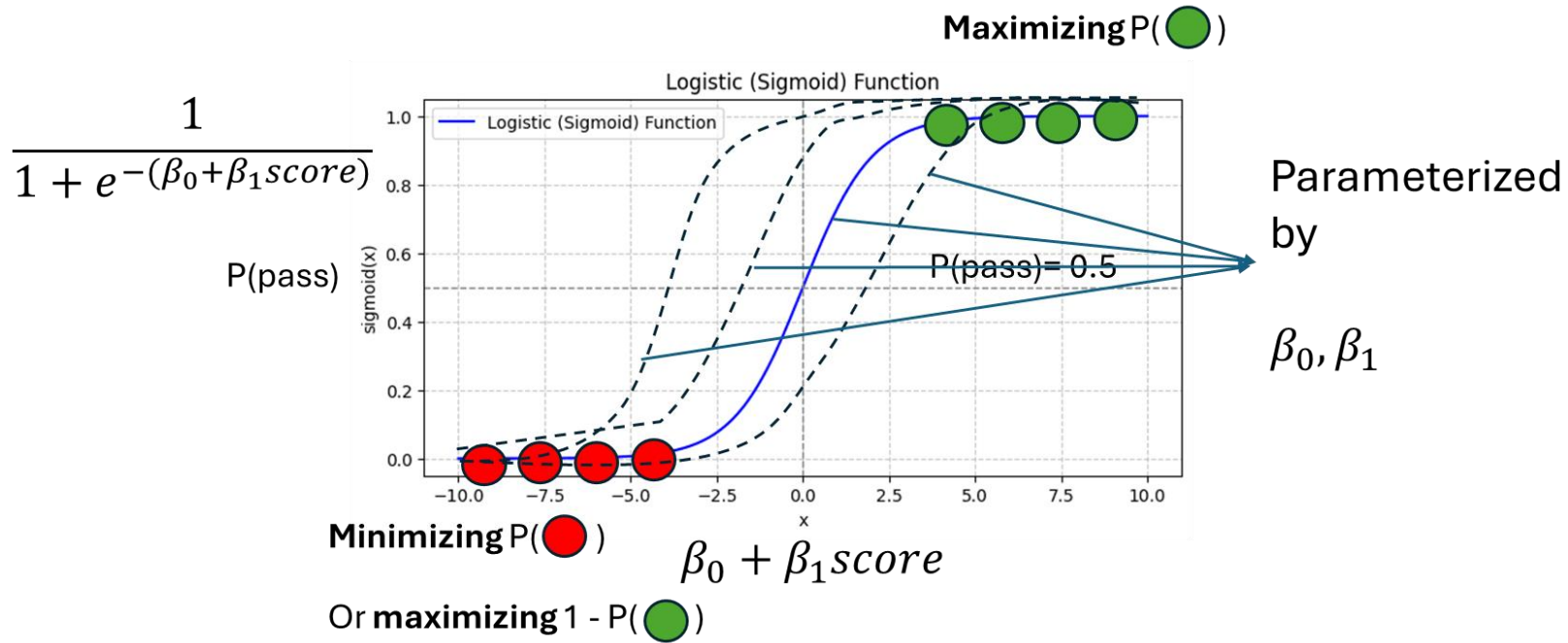


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Example: Logistic Regression



From maximization to minimization.

$$L(\beta) = - \prod_{s \text{ in } y_i = 1} p(x_i) * \prod_{s \text{ in } y_i = 0} (1 - p(x_i))$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \beta} = 0 \text{ solve for } \hat{\beta}?$$

Gradient descent algorithm

Step 1. Compute the derivatives of the loss with respect to the parameters:

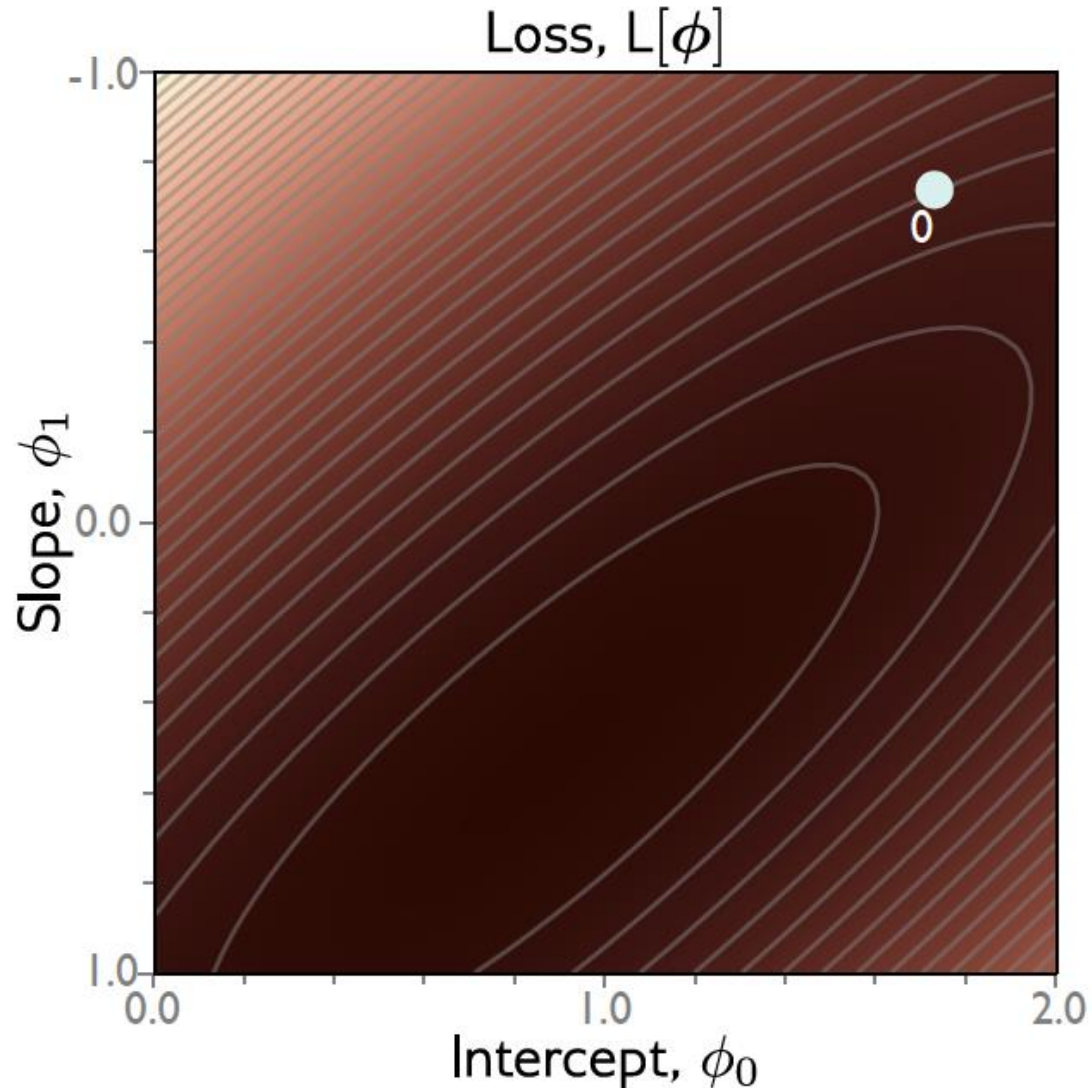
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi_0} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi_N} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Step 2. Update the parameters according to the rule:

$$\phi \longleftarrow \phi - \alpha \frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi},$$

where the positive scalar α determines the magnitude of the change.

Gradient descent for linear regression



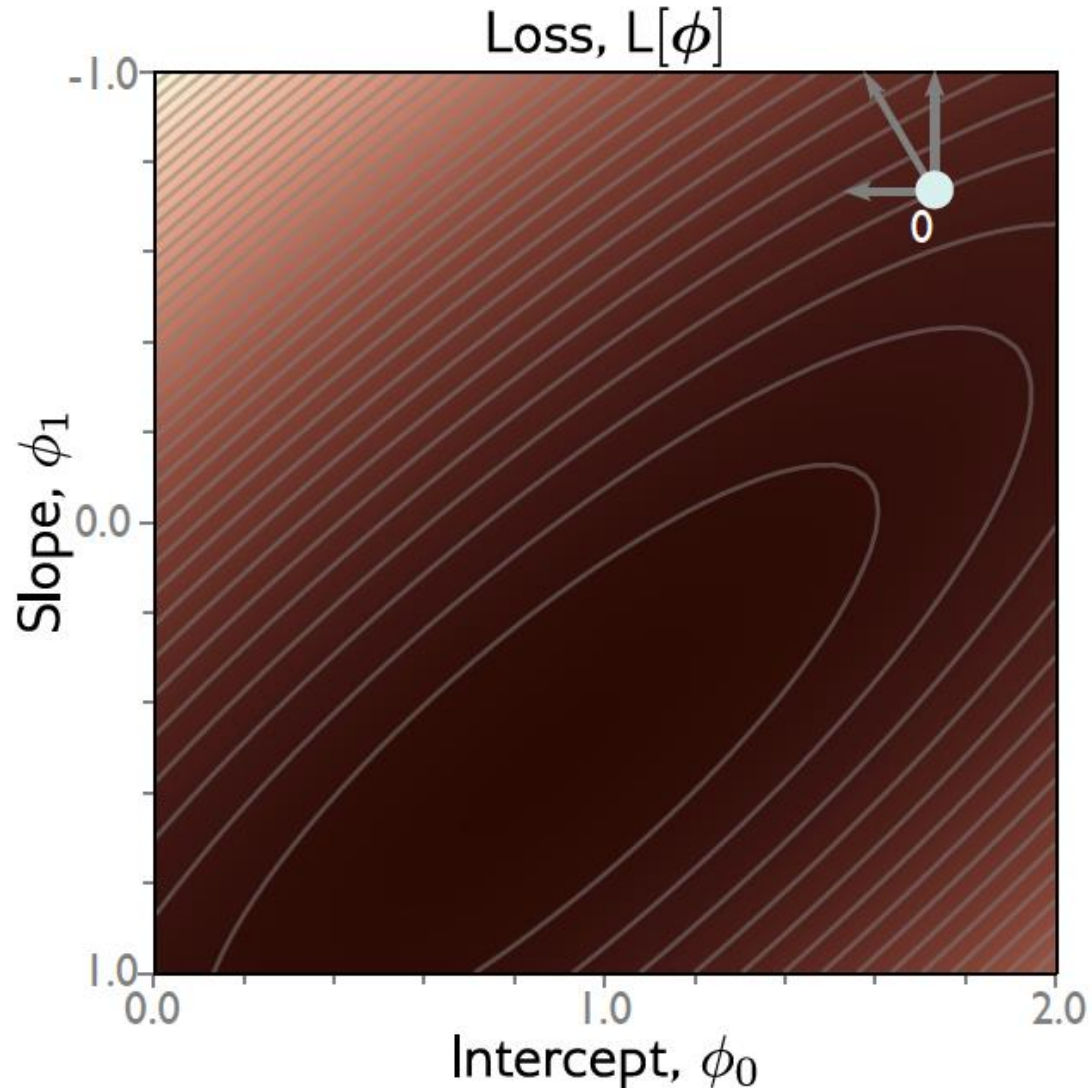
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$$\begin{aligned} L[\phi] &= \sum_{i=1}^I \ell_i = \sum_{i=1}^I (f[x_i, \phi] - y_i)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^I (\phi_0 + \phi_1 x_i - y_i)^2 \end{aligned}$$

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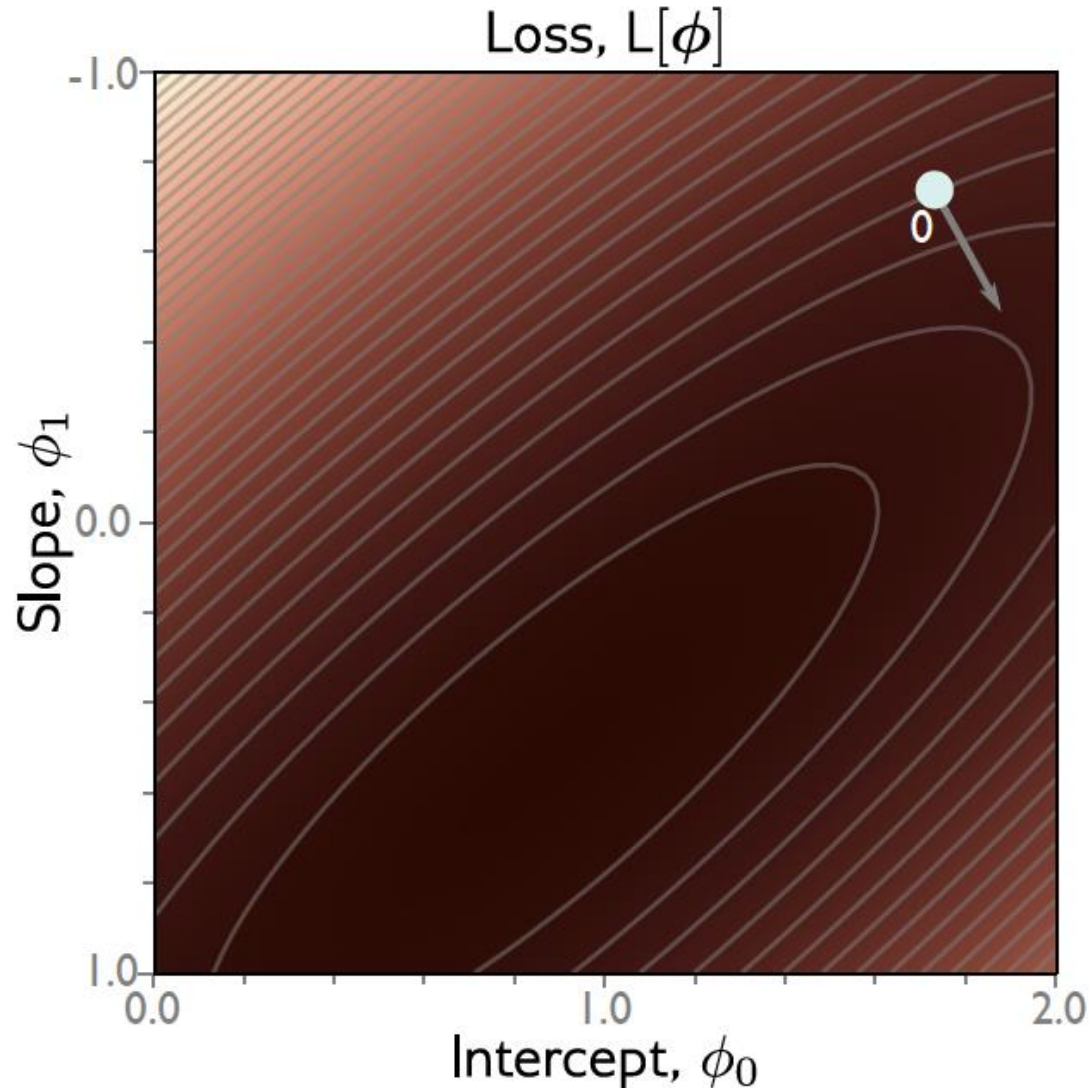


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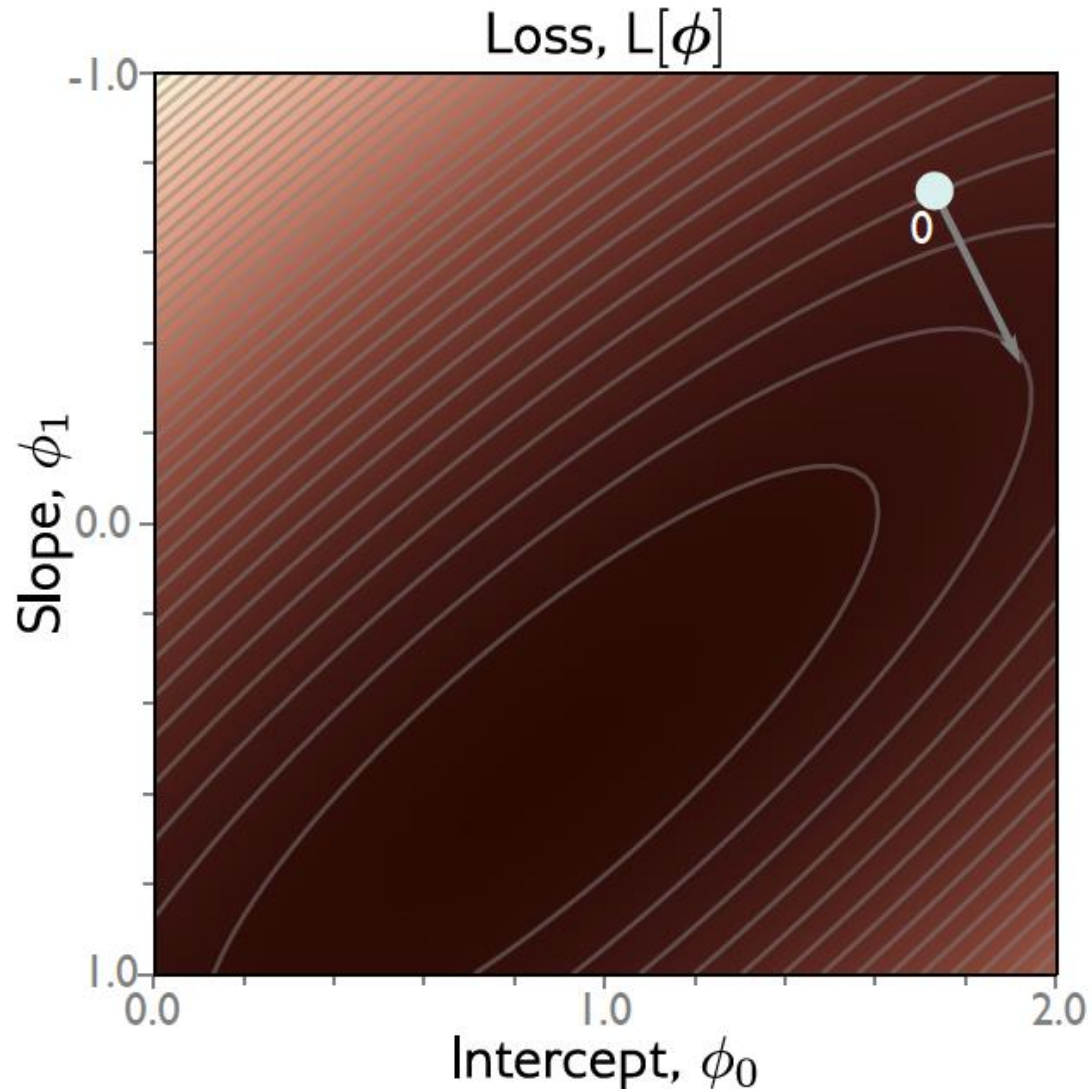
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α = step size or **learning rate** if fixed

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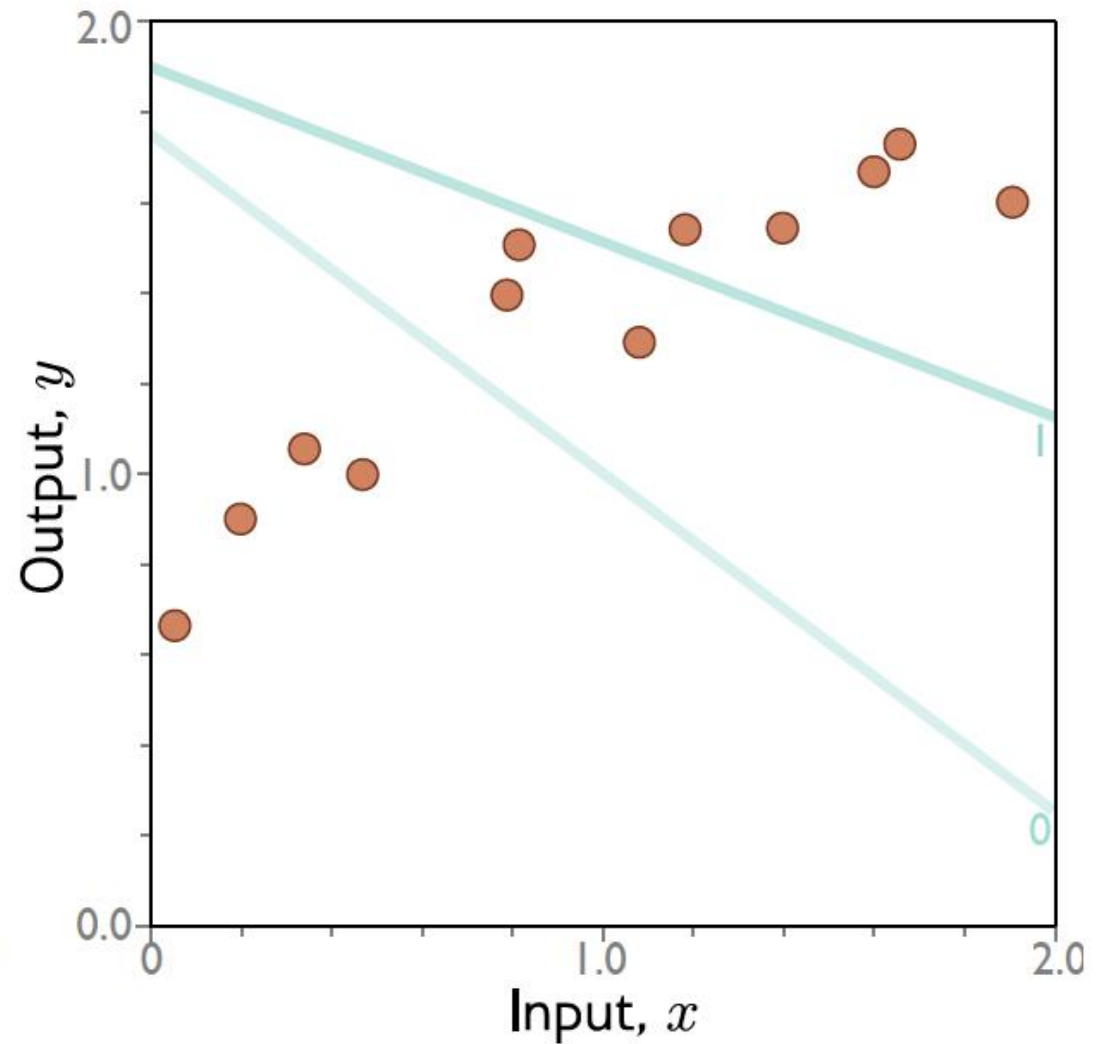
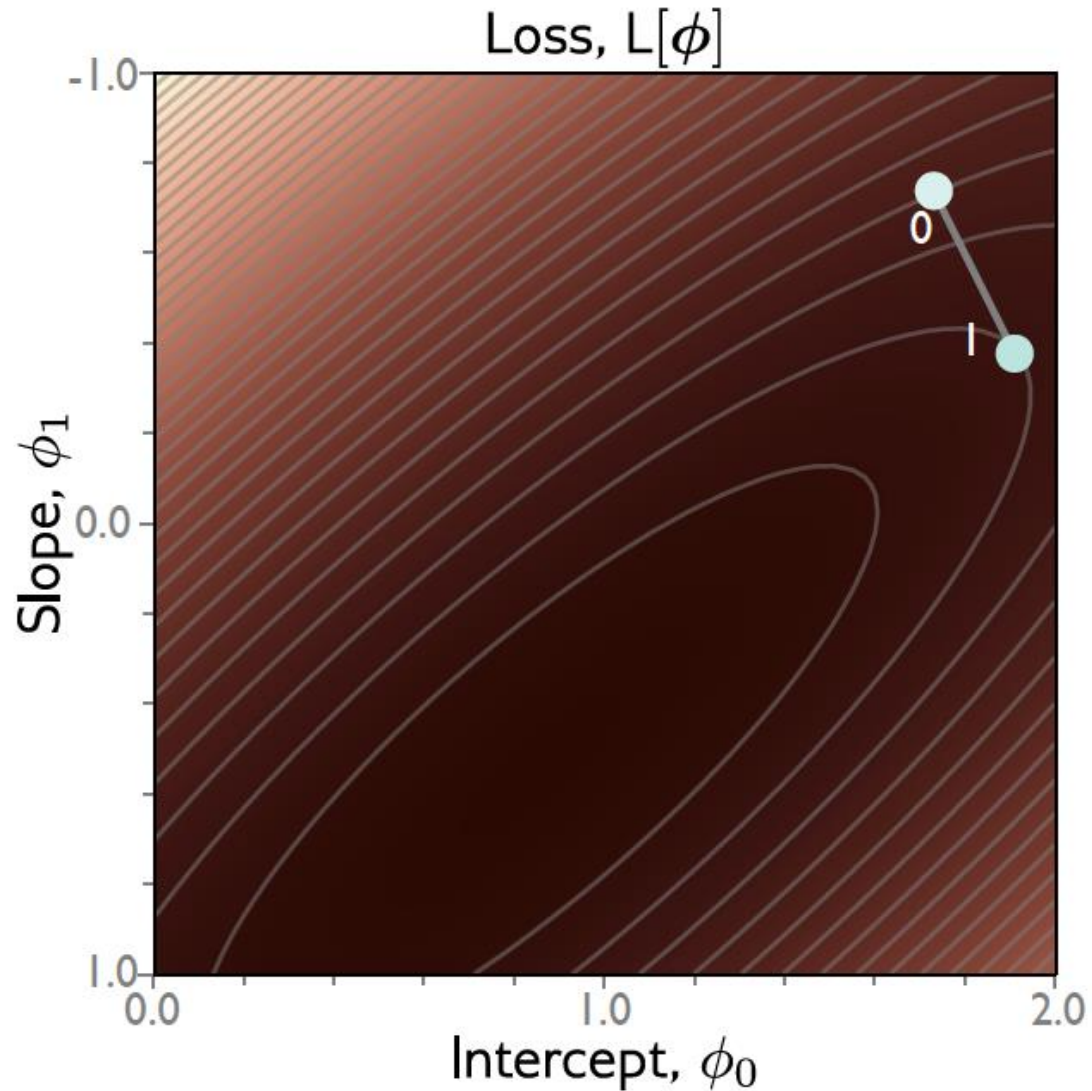
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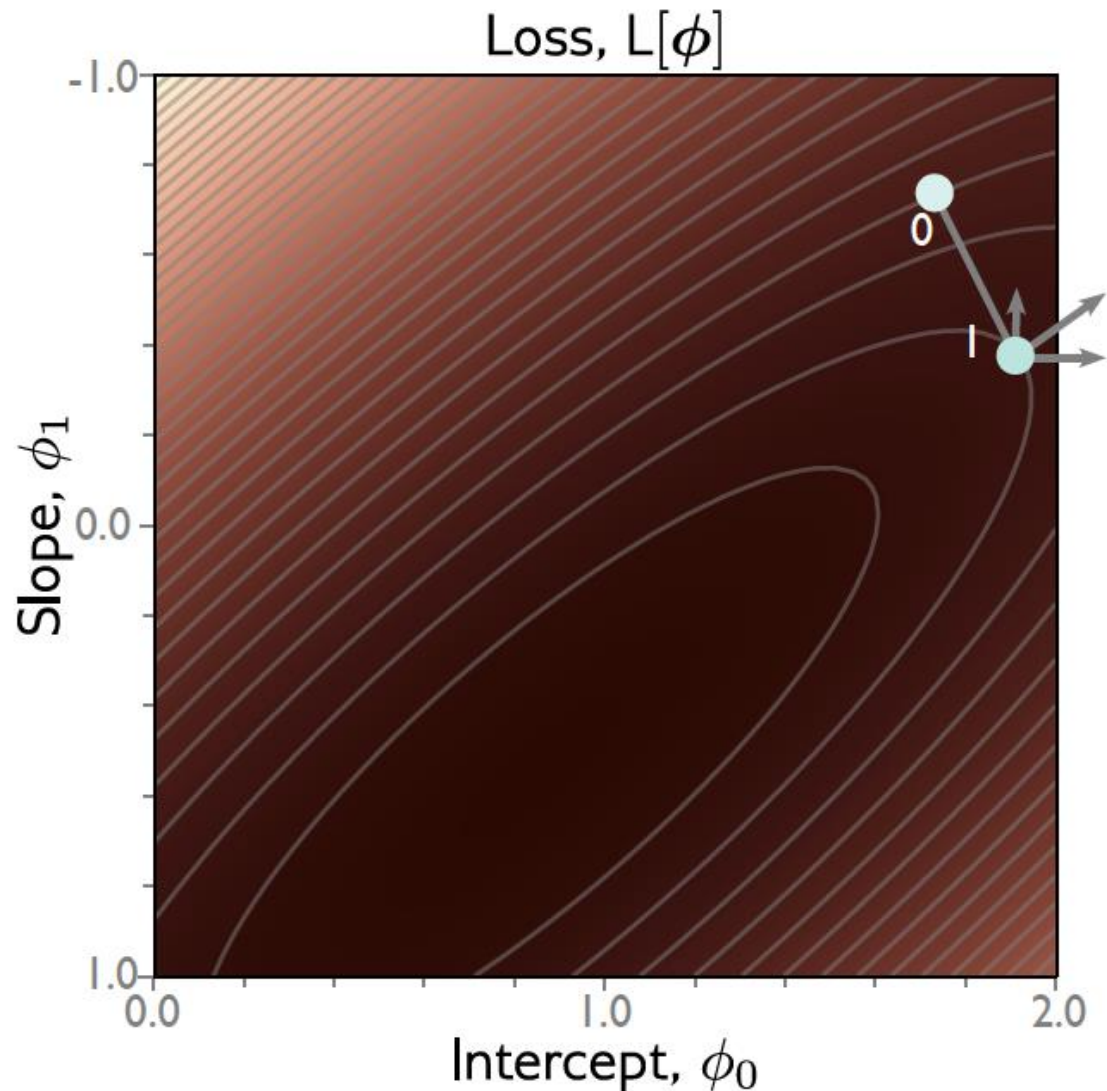
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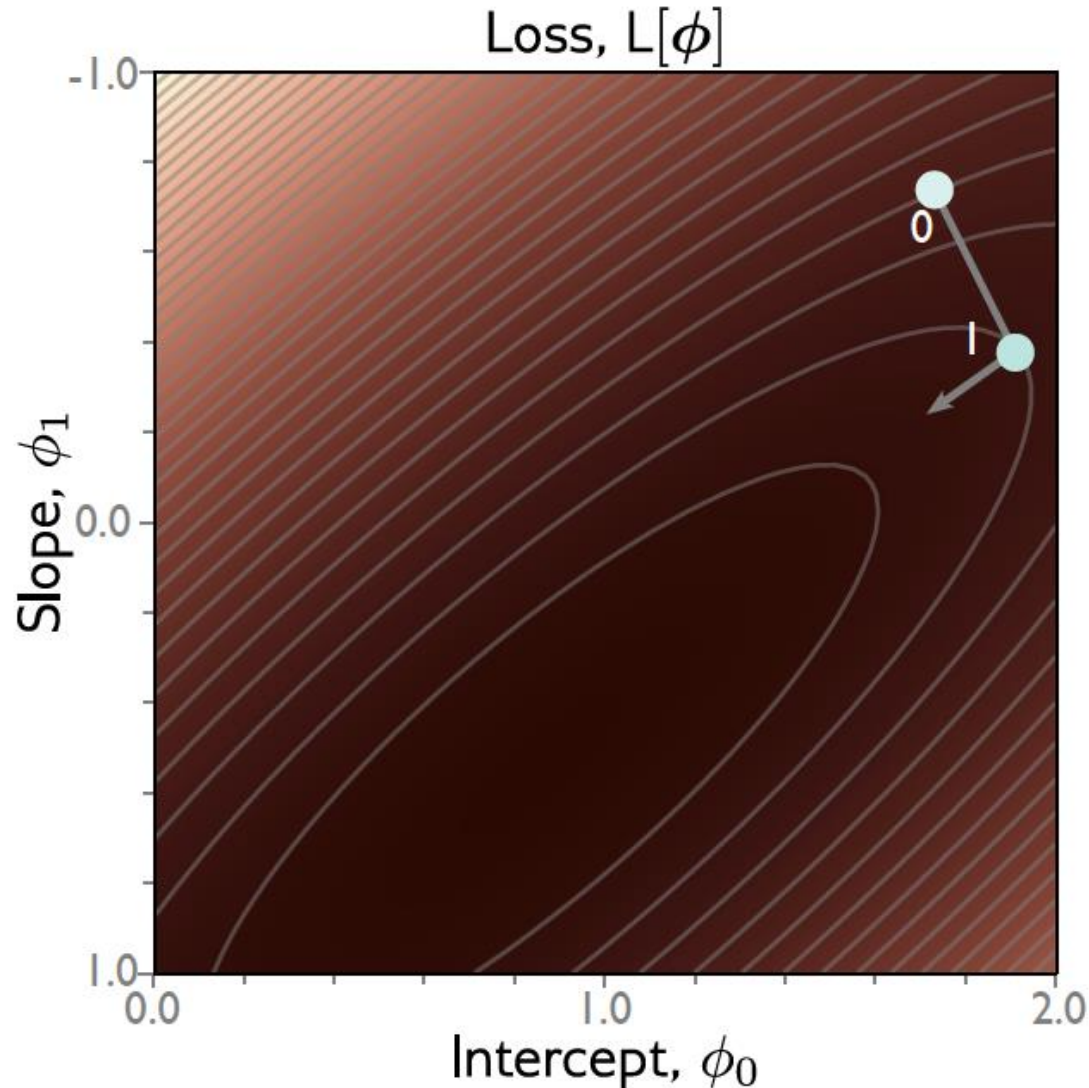
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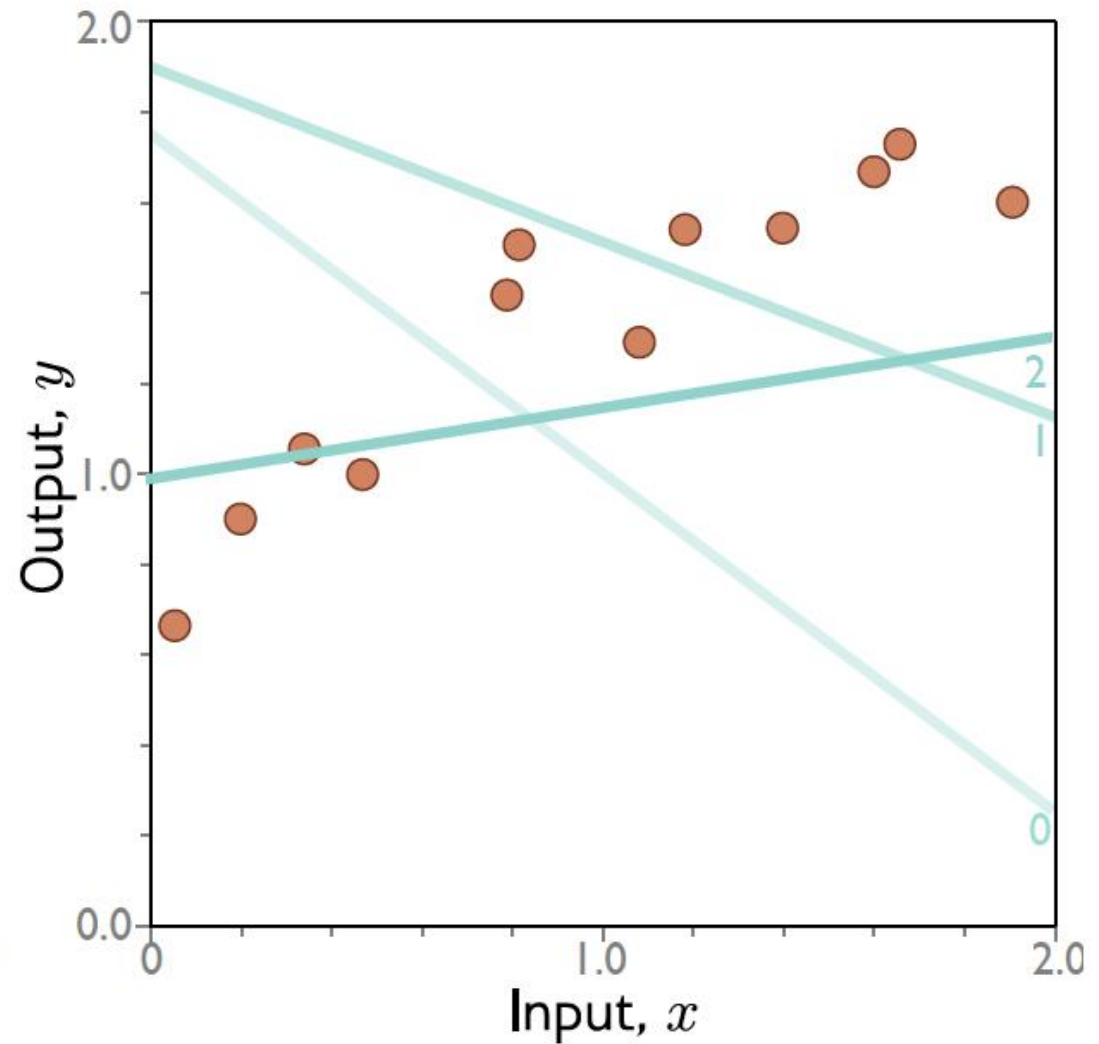
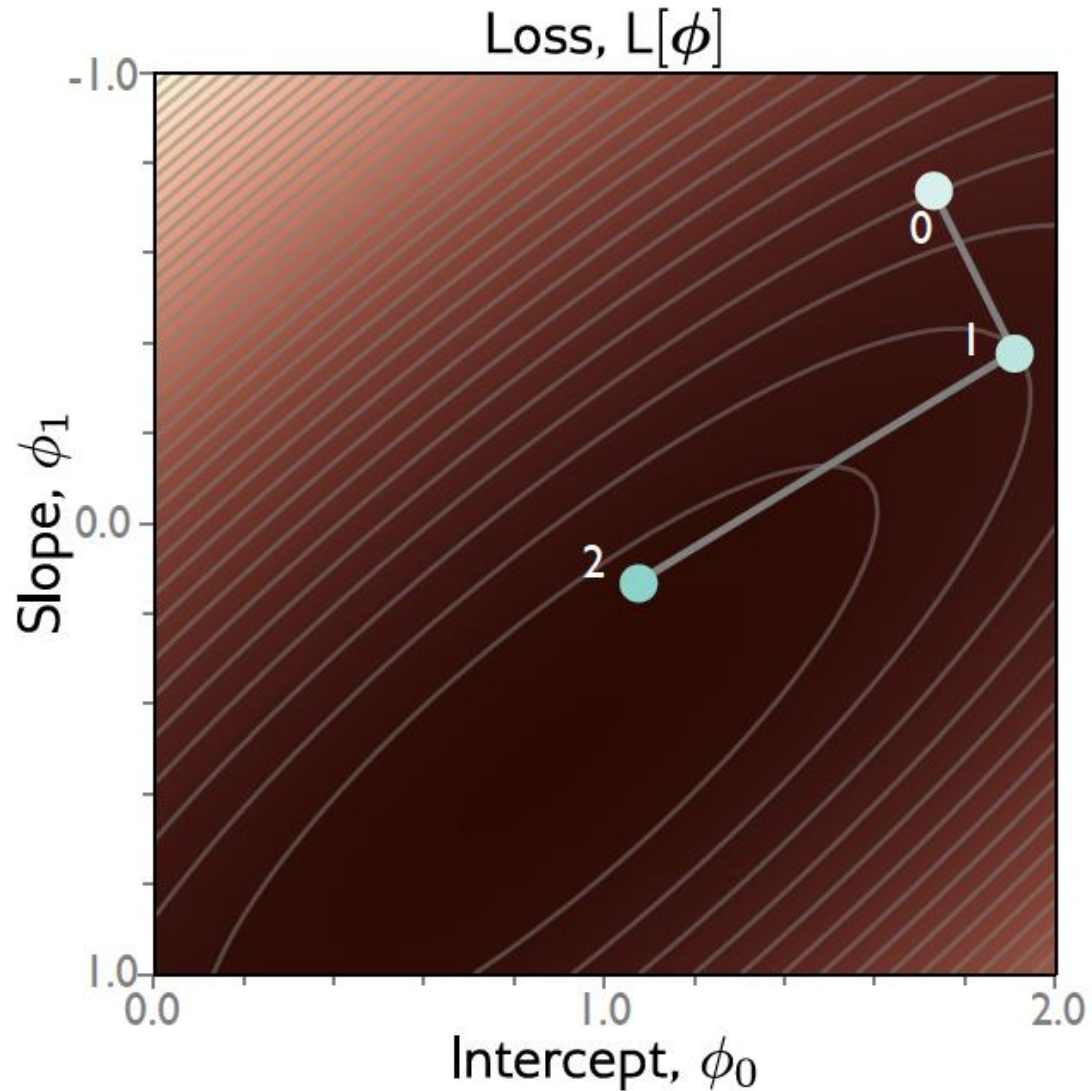
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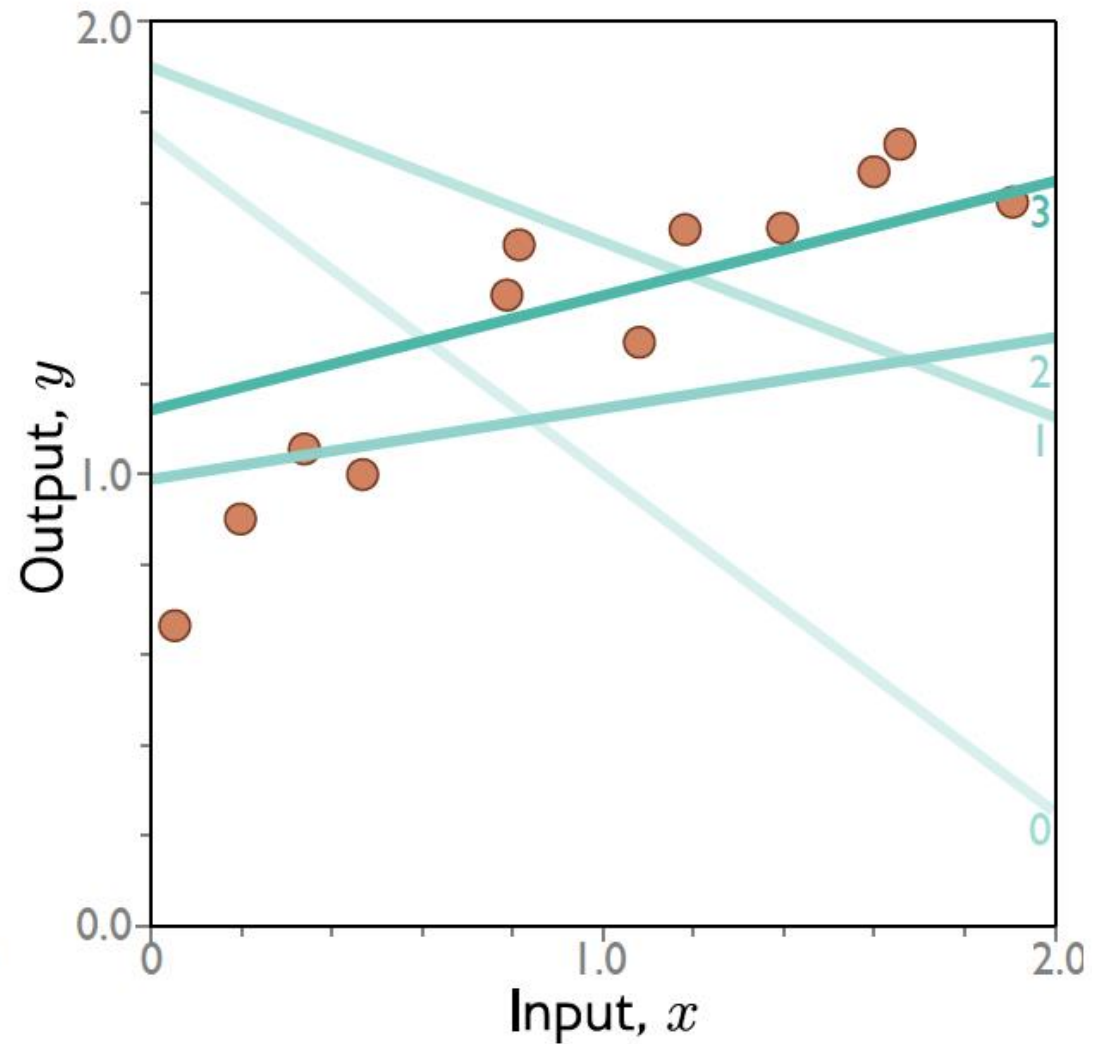
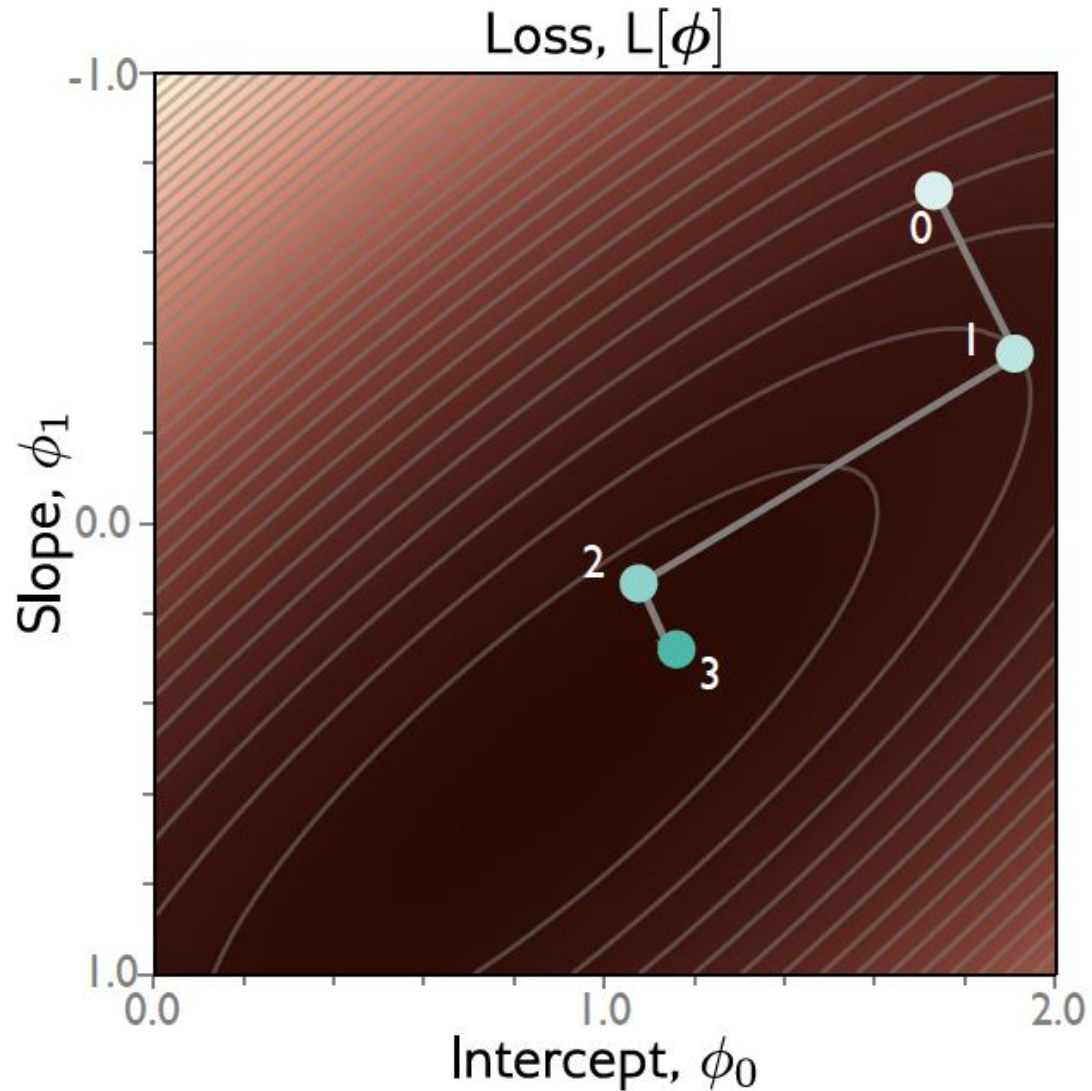
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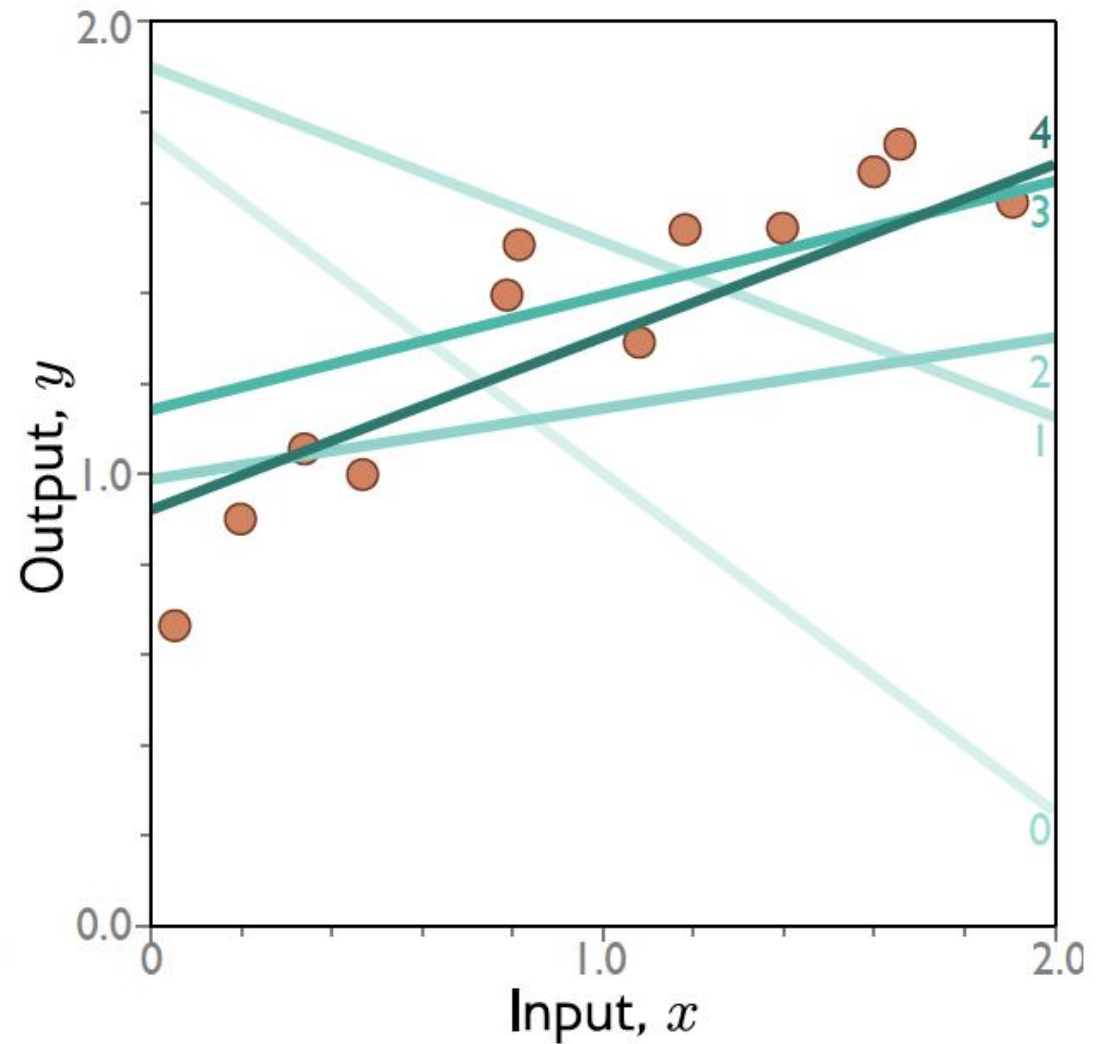
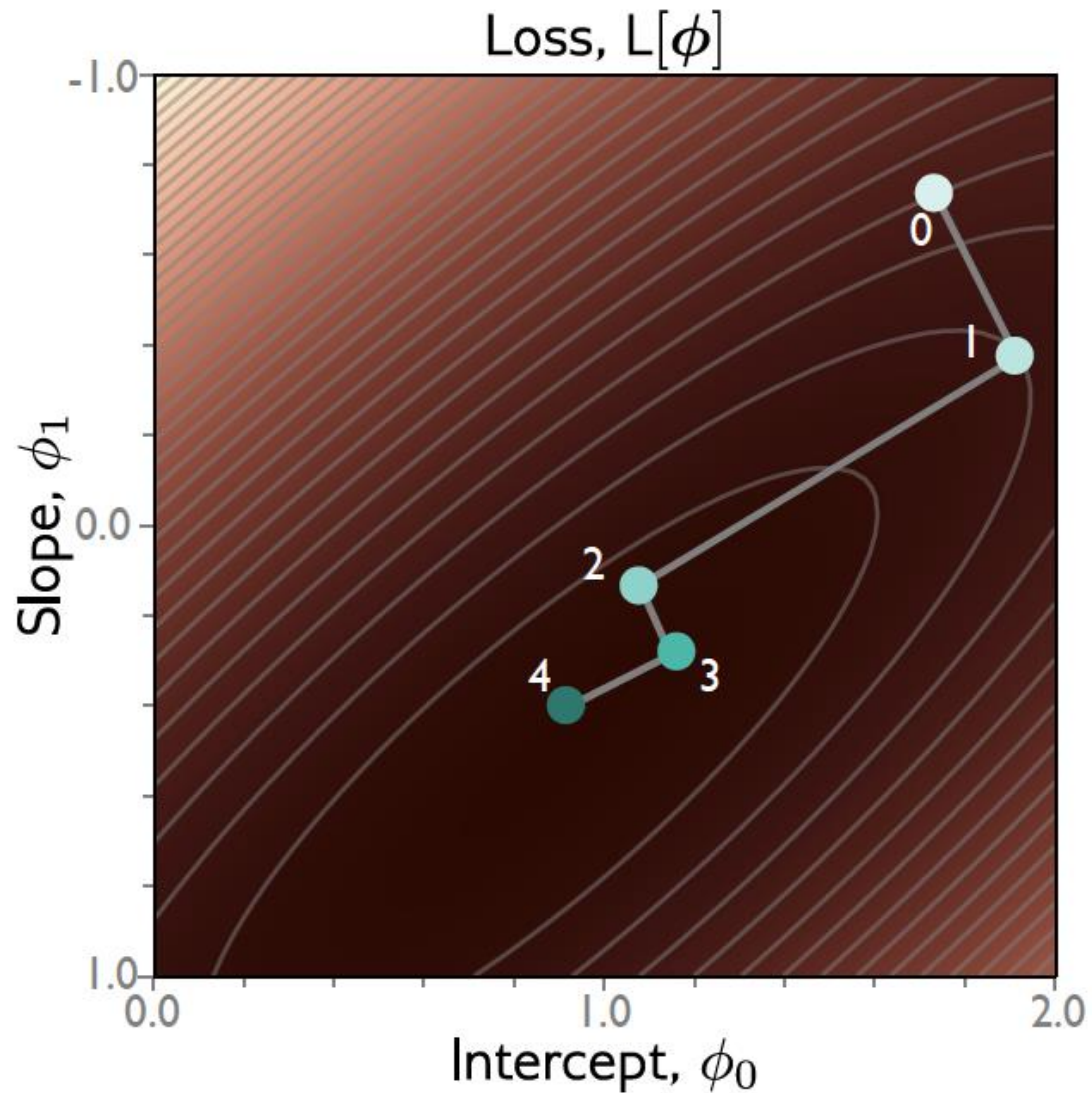
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Closed Form Solution vs. Gradient Descent

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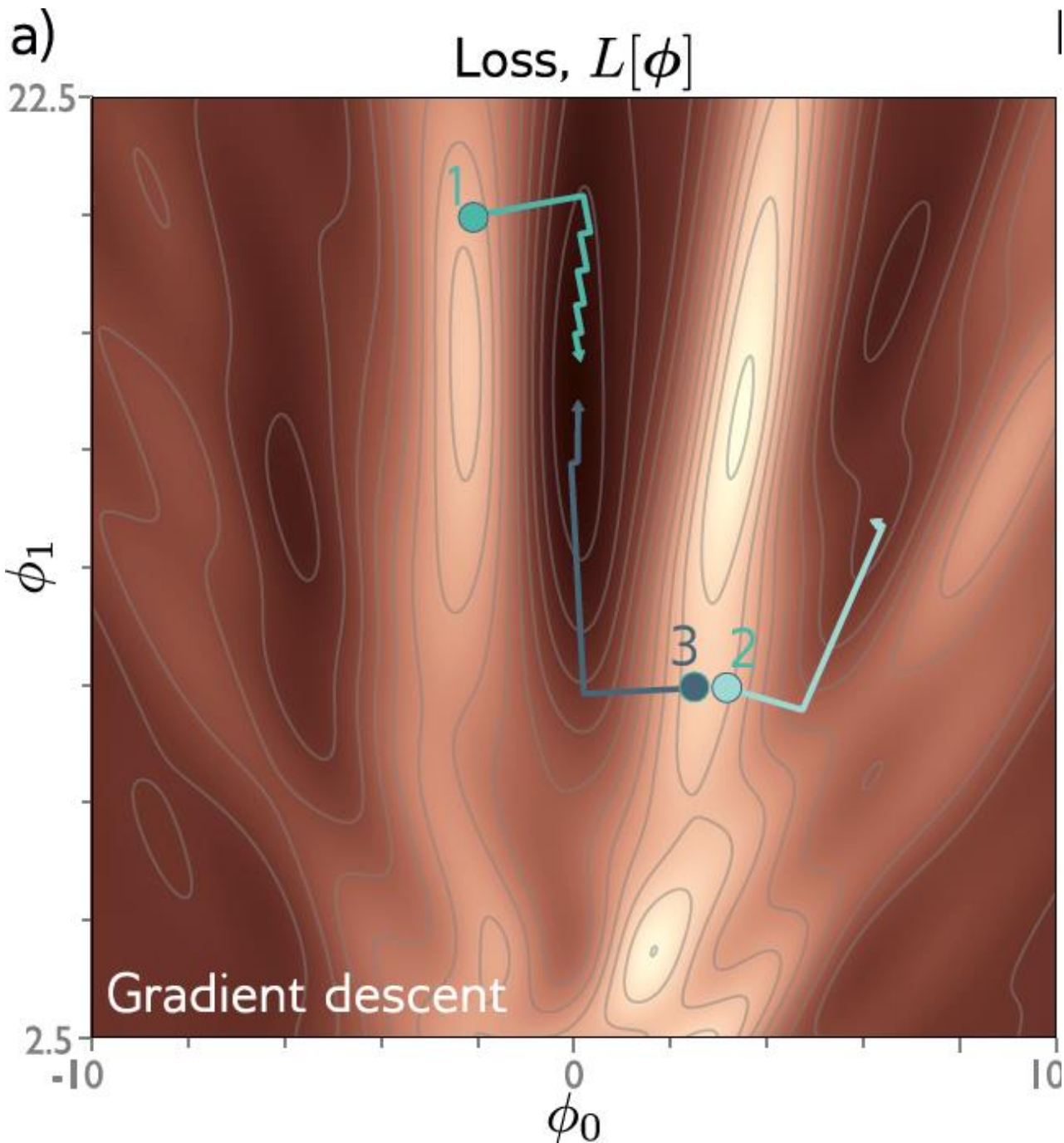
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Batch Gradient Descent

$$\phi_{t+1} \leftarrow \phi_t - \alpha \sum_{i=1}^I \frac{\partial \ell_i[\phi_t]}{\partial \phi},$$

Mini-Batch Gradient Descent

$$\phi_{t+1} \leftarrow \phi_t - \alpha \sum_{i \in \mathcal{B}_t} \frac{\partial \ell_i[\phi_t]}{\partial \phi},$$

Stochastic Gradient Descent

Batch size is 1.

Fixed learning rate α