

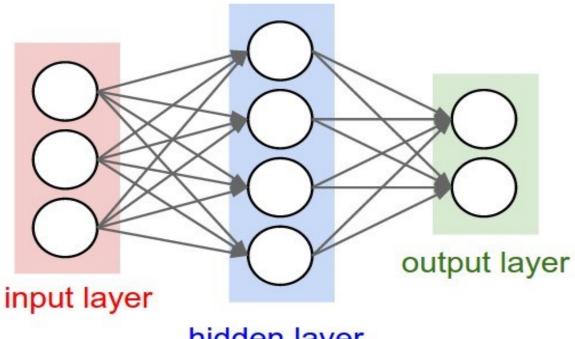
Scaling Optimization

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Lecture 4 Recap

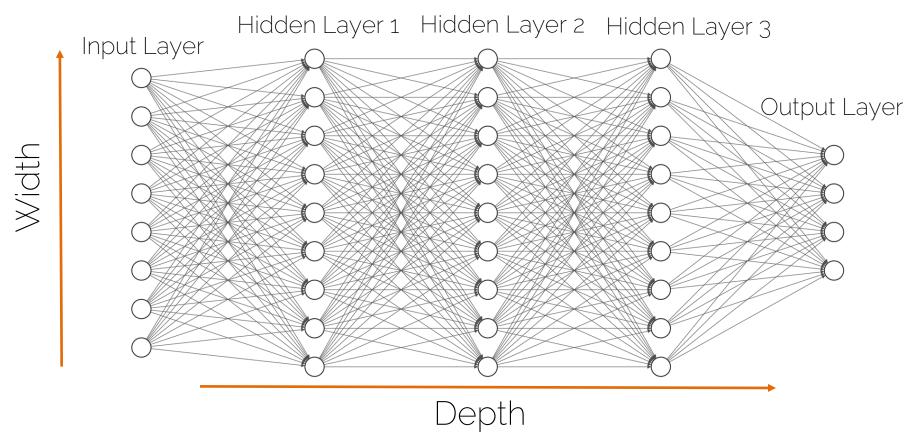
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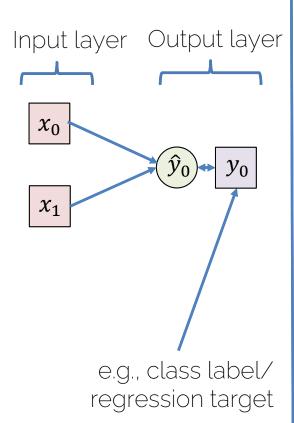
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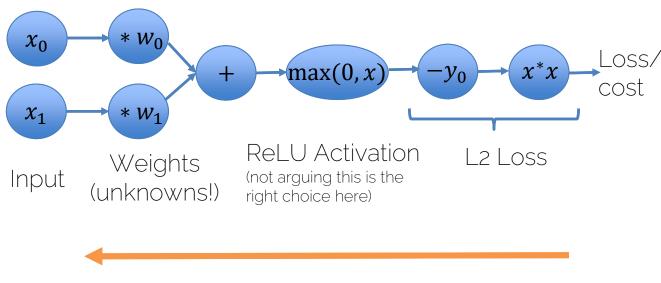
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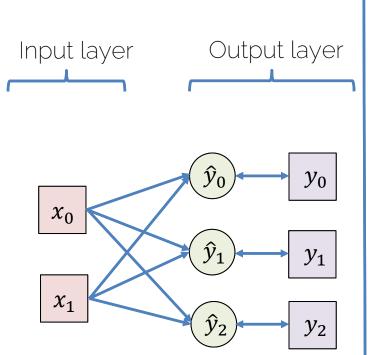
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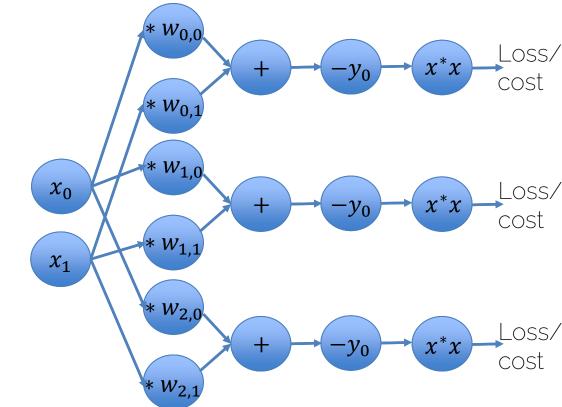




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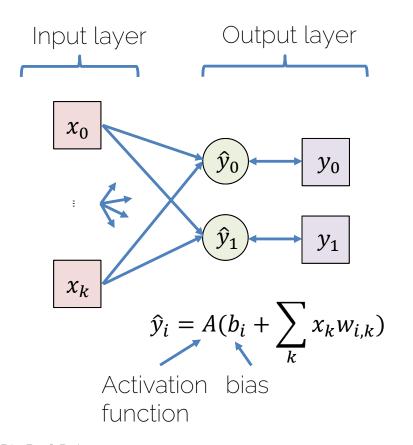
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Compute Graphs → Neural Networks



Goal: We want to compute gradients of the loss function L w.r.t. all weights w

$$L = \sum_{i} L_{i}$$

L: sum over loss per sample, e.g. L2 loss \rightarrow simply sum up squares:

$$L_i = (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2$$

→ use chain rule to compute partials

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{i,k}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \hat{y}_i} \cdot \frac{\partial \hat{y}_i}{\partial w_{i,k}}$$

We want to compute gradients w.r.t. all weights \boldsymbol{W} AND all biases \boldsymbol{b}

Summary

- We have
 - (Directional) compute graph
 - Structure graph into layers
 - Compute partial derivatives w.r.t. weights (unknowns)

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{W}} f_{\{\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}\}}(\boldsymbol{W}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial w_{0,0,0}} \\ \dots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial w_{l,m,n}} \\ \dots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_{l,m}} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Next
 - Find weights based on gradients

Gradient step:

$$W' = W - \alpha \nabla_W f_{\{x,y\}}(W)$$

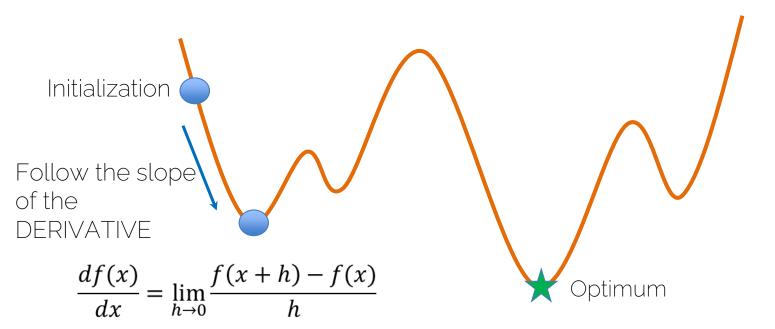


Optimization

$$x^* = \arg\min f(x)$$



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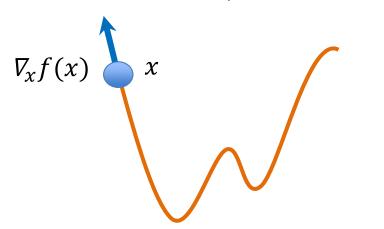


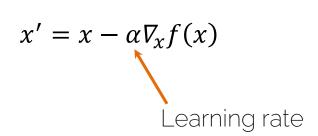
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$$\frac{\mathrm{d}f(x)}{\mathrm{d}x} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \nabla_{\!x} f(x)$$

Direction of greatest increase of the function

Gradient steps in direction of negative gradient



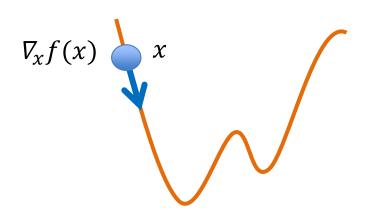


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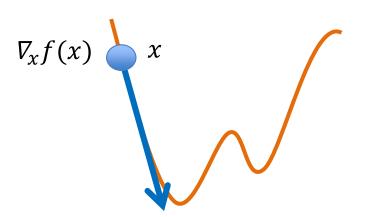
SMALL Learning rate

From derivative to gradient

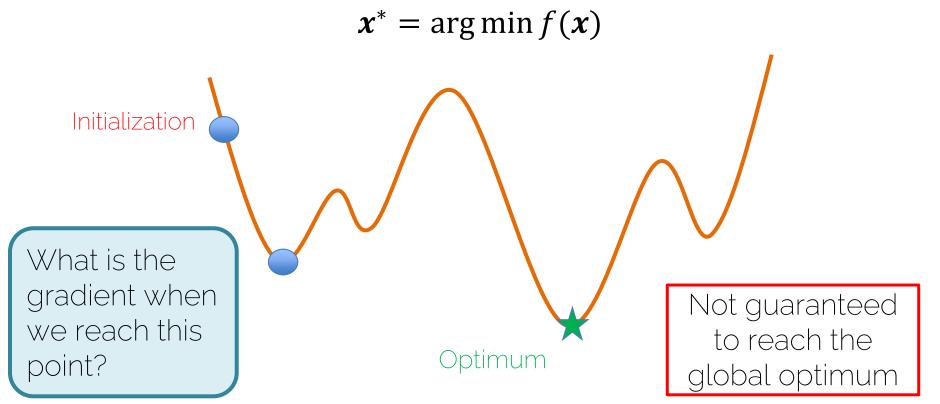
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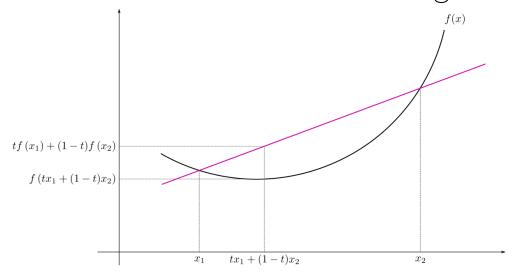
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LARGE Learning rate



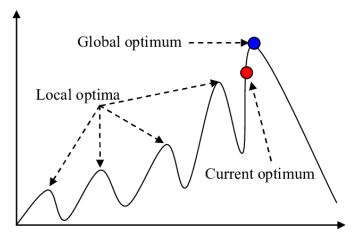
Convex function: all local minima are global minima



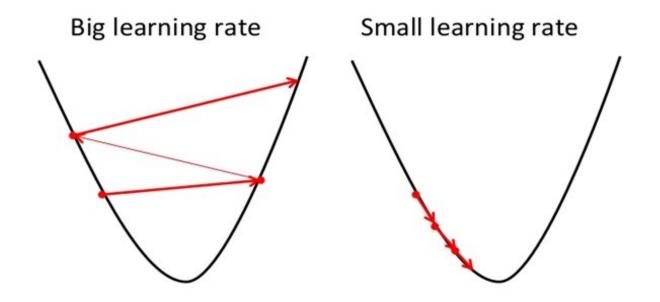
Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Convex_function#/media/File:ConvexFunction.svg

If line/plane segment between any two points lies above or on the graph

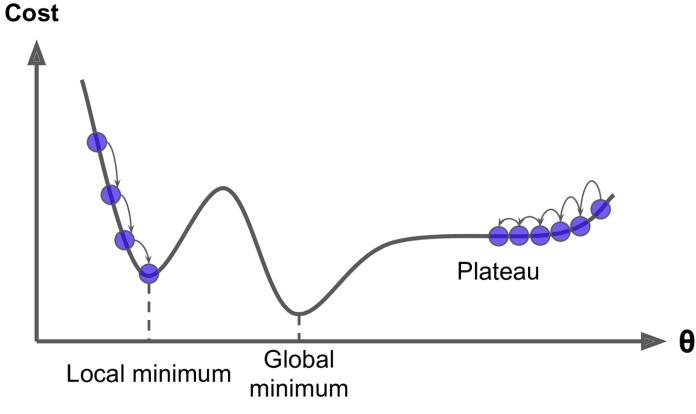
- Neural networks are non-convex.
 - many (different) local minima
 - no (practical) way to say which is globally optimal



Source: Li, Qi. (2006). Challenging Registration of Geologic Image Data

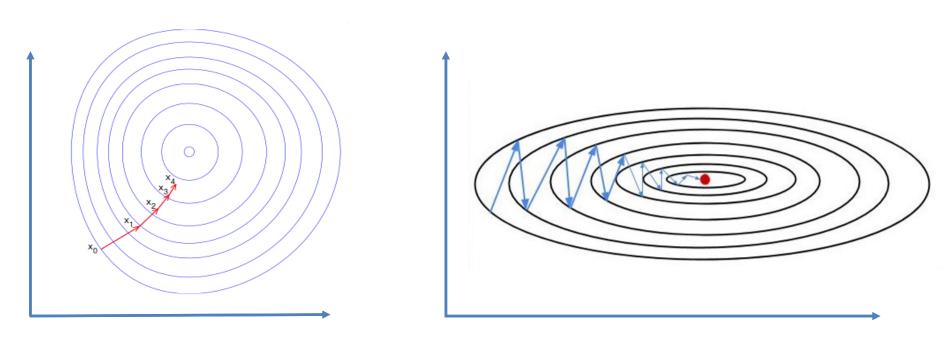


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Source: A. Geron

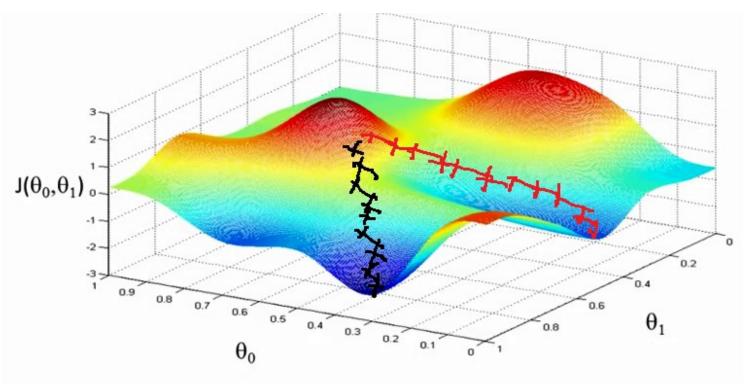
Gradient Descent: Multiple Dimensions



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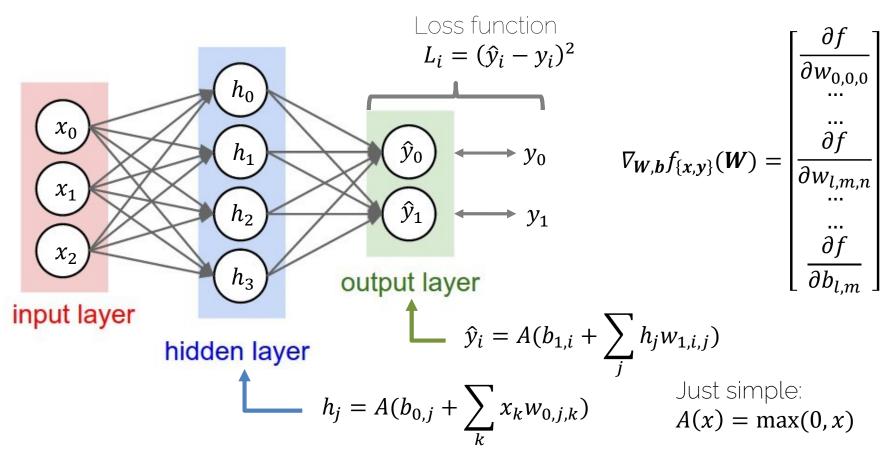
Various ways to visualize...

Gradient Descent: Multiple Dimensions



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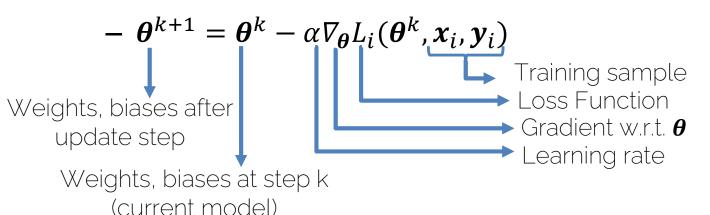
Gradient Descent for Neural Networks



Gradient Descent: Single Training Sample

- Given a loss function L and a single training sample $\{x_i,y_i\}$
- Find best model parameters $\theta = \{W, b\}$
- Cost $L_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{y}_i)$
 - $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \arg\min L_i(\boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{y}_i)$
- Gradient Descent:
 - Initialize θ^1 with 'random' values (more on that later)
 - $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}^k \alpha \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^k, \boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{y}_i)$
 - Iterate until convergence: $\left| \boldsymbol{\theta}^{k+1} \boldsymbol{\theta}^k \right| < \epsilon$

Gradient Descent: Single Training Sample



- $-\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}L_{i}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{k},\boldsymbol{x}_{i},\boldsymbol{y}_{i})$ computed via backpropagation
- Typically: $\dim\left(\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}L_i\left(\boldsymbol{\theta}^k, \boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{y}_i\right)\right) = \dim(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \gg 1 \ million$

Gradient Descent: Multiple Training Samples

- Given a loss function L and multiple (n) training samples $\{x_i, y_i\}$
- Find best model parameters $\theta = \{W, b\}$

- Cost $L = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} L_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{y}_i)$
 - $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \arg\min L$

Gradient Descent: Multiple Training Samples

Update step for multiple samples

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}^k - \alpha \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta}^k, \boldsymbol{x}_{\{1..n\}}, \boldsymbol{y}_{\{1..n\}})$$

Gradient is average / sum over residuals

$$abla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta}^k, \boldsymbol{x}_{\{1..n\}}, \boldsymbol{y}_{\{1..n\}}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}^k, \boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{y}_i)$$
Reminder: this comes from backprop.

- Often people are lazy and just write: $\nabla L = \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L_i$
 - omitting $\frac{1}{n}$ is not 'wrong', it just means rescaling the learning rate

Side Note: Optimal Learning Rate

Can compute optimal learning rate α using Line Search (optimal for a given set)

1. Compute gradient:
$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L_i$$

2. Optimize for optimal step lpha:

$$\arg\min_{\alpha} L(\boldsymbol{\theta}^k - \alpha \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L)$$

3.
$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}^k - \alpha \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L$$

Not that practical for DL since we need to solve huge system every step...

Gradient Descent on Train Set

- Given large train set with n training samples $\{x_i, y_i\}$
 - Let's say 1 million labeled images
 - Let's say our network has 500k parameters

- Gradient has 500k dimensions
- n = 1 million
- → Extremely expensive to compute

• If we have n training samples we need to compute the gradient for all of them which is O(n)

• If we consider the problem as empirical risk minimization, we can express the total loss over the training data as the expectation of all the samples

$$\frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{x_i}, \boldsymbol{y_i}) \right) = \mathbb{E}_{i \sim [1, \dots, n]} [L_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{x_i}, \boldsymbol{y_i})]$$

 The expectation can be approximated with a small subset of the data

$$\mathbb{E}_{i \sim [1, \dots, n]}[L_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{x_i}, \boldsymbol{y_i})] \approx \frac{1}{|S|} \sum_{j \in S} \left(L_j(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{x_j}, \boldsymbol{y_j}) \right) \text{ with } S \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$$

Minibatch choose subset of trainset $m \ll n$

$$B_i = \{\{x_1, y_1\}, \{x_2, y_2\}, \dots, \{x_m, y_m\}\}\$$
$$\{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{n/m}\}$$

- Minibatch size is hyperparameter
 - Typically power of 2 → 8, 16, 32, 64, 128...
 - Smaller batch size means greater variance in the gradients
 - → noisy updates
 - Mostly limited by GPU memory (in backward pass)
 - E.g.,
 - Train set has $n = 2^{20}$ (about 1 million) images
 - With batch size m = 64: $B_{1 \dots n/m} = B_{1 \dots 16,384}$ minibatches

(Epoch = complete pass through training set)

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}^k - \alpha \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta}^k, \boldsymbol{x}_{\{1..m\}}, \boldsymbol{y}_{\{1..m\}})$$

k now refers to k-th iteration

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L_i$$

m training samples in the current minibatch

Gradient for the k-th minibatch

Note the terminology: iteration vs epoch

Convergence of SGD

Suppose we want to minimize the function $F(\theta)$ with the stochastic approximation

$$\theta^{k+1} = \theta^k - \alpha_k H(\theta^k, X)$$

where $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_n$ is a sequence of positive step-sizes and $H(\theta^k, X)$ is the unbiased estimate of $\nabla F(\theta^k)$, i.e.

$$\mathbb{E}\big[H\big(\theta^k,X\big)\big] = \nabla F\big(\theta^k\big)$$

Robbins, H. and Monro, S. "A Stochastic Approximation Method" 1951.

Convergence of SGD

$$\theta^{k+1} = \theta^k - \alpha_k H(\theta^k, X)$$

converges to a local (global) minimum if the following conditions are met:

- 1) $\alpha_n \geq 0, \forall n \geq 0$
- $\geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$
- 3) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n^2 < \infty$
- 4) $F(\theta)$ is strictly convex

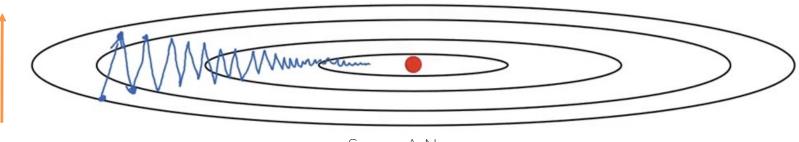
The proposed sequence by Robbins and Monro is $\alpha_n \propto \frac{\alpha}{n}$, for n>0

Problems of SGD

- Gradient is scaled equally across all dimensions
 - → i.e., cannot independently scale directions
 - → need to have conservative min learning rate to avoid divergence
 - → Slower than 'necessary'

- Finding good learning rate is an art by itself
 - → More next lecture

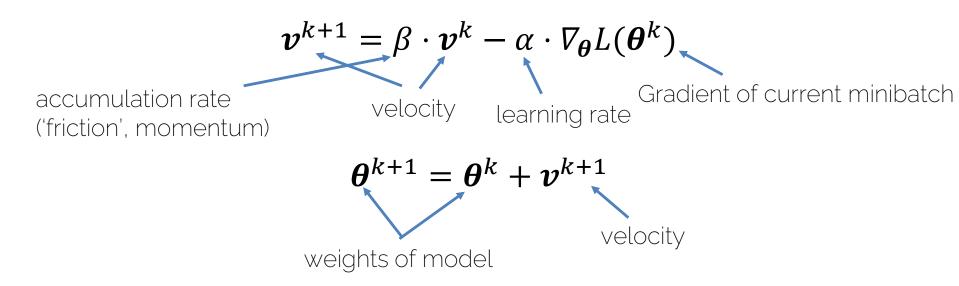
Gradient Descent with Momentum



We're making many steps back and forth along this dimension. Would love to track that this is averaging out over time. Source: A. Ng

Would love to go faster here...
I.e., accumulated gradients over time

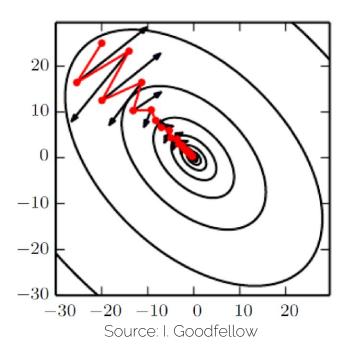
Gradient Descent with Momentum



Exponentially-weighted average of gradient Important: velocity $oldsymbol{v}^k$ is vector-valued!

[Sutskever et al., ICML'13] On the importance of initialization and momentum in deep learning

Gradient Descent with Momentum



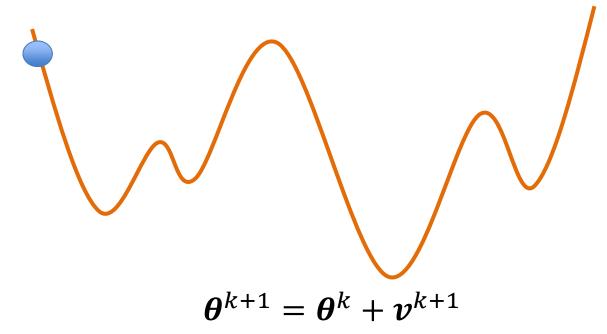
Step will be largest when a sequence of gradients all point to the same direction

Hyperparameters are α , β is often set to 0.9

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}^k + \boldsymbol{v}^{k+1}$$

Gradient Descent with Momentum

Can it overcome local minima?



Nesterov Momentum

Look-ahead momentum

In nesterov momentum we update our nout our weihght, but our momented weights

$$\mathbf{v}^{k+1} = \mathbf{\theta}^k + \beta \cdot \mathbf{v}^k$$

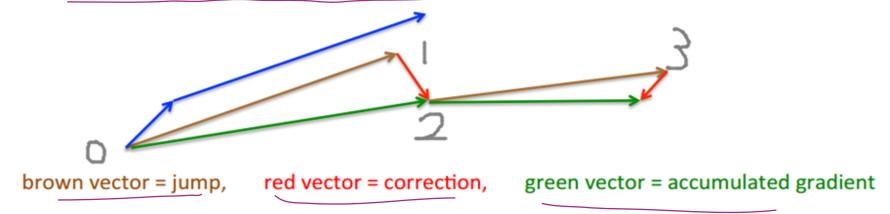
$$\mathbf{v}^{k+1} = \beta \cdot \mathbf{v}^k - \alpha \cdot \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\mathbf{\theta}^{k+1})$$

$$eg \boldsymbol{\theta}^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}^k + \boldsymbol{v}^{k+1}$$

Nesterov, Yurii E. "A method for solving the convex programming problem with convergence rate O (1/k^ 2)." *Dokl. akad. nauk Sssr.* Vol. 269. 1983.

Nesterov Momentum

- First make a <u>big jump in the direction</u> of the previous accumulated gradient.
- Then measure the gradient where you end up and make a correction.

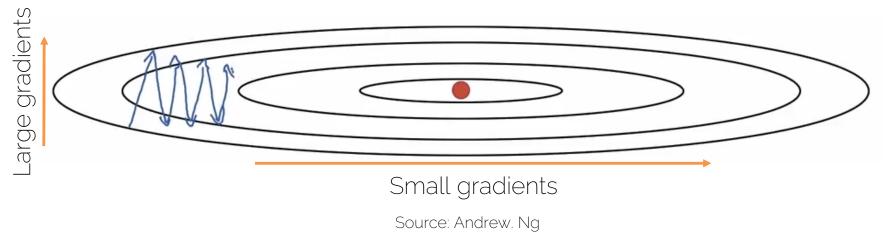


blue vectors = standard momentum

Source: G. Hinton

$$\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}^k + \beta \cdot \boldsymbol{v}^k
\boldsymbol{v}^{k+1} = \beta \cdot \boldsymbol{v}^k - \alpha \cdot \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{k+1})
\boldsymbol{\theta}^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}^k + \boldsymbol{v}^{k+1}$$

Root Mean Squared Prop (RMSProp)



• RMSProp divides the learning rate by an exponentially-decaying average of squared gradients.

Hinton et al. "Lecture 6.5-rmsprop: Divide the gradient by a running average of its recent magnitude." COURSERA: Neural networks for machine learning 4.2 (2012): 26-31.

RMSProp

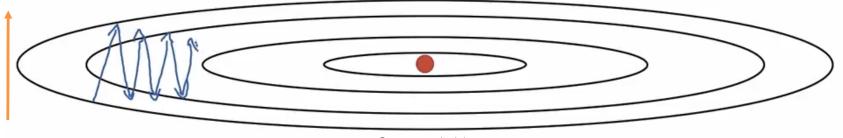
$$\mathbf{s}^{k+1} = \beta \cdot \mathbf{s}^k + (1 - \beta) [\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L \circ \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L]$$

$$m{ heta}^{k+1} = m{ heta}^k - lpha \cdot \frac{\sqrt[]{m{ heta}_k}}{\sqrt[]{m{s}^{k+1}} + m{\epsilon}}$$
 | to avoid division by zero

Hyperparameters: α , β , ϵ Needs tuning! Often 0.9

RMSProp





Source: A. Ng

X-direction Small gradients

(Uncentered) variance of gradients

→ second momentum

$$\boldsymbol{s}^{k+1} = \beta \cdot \boldsymbol{s}^k + (1 - \beta) [\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L \circ \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L]$$

We're dividing by square gradients:

- Division in Y-Direction will be large
- Division in X-Direction will be small

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}^k - \alpha \cdot \frac{\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L}{\sqrt{\boldsymbol{s}^{k+1}} + \epsilon}$$

Can increase learning rate!

RMSProp

Dampening the oscillations for high-variance directions

- Can use faster learning rate because it is less likely to diverge
 - → Speed up learning speed
 - → Second moment

Adaptive Moment Estimation (Adam)

most populer

Idea: Combine Momentum and RMSProp

$$m^{k+1} = \beta_1 \cdot m^k + (1 - \beta_1) \nabla_{\theta} L(\theta^k)$$
 First momentum: mean of gradients $v^{k+1} = \beta_2 \cdot v^k + (1 - \beta_2) [\nabla_{\theta} L(\theta^k) \circ \nabla_{\theta} L(\theta^k)]$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}^k - \alpha \cdot \frac{m^{k+1}}{\sqrt{v^{k+1}} + \epsilon}$$

Note: This is not the update rule of Adam

Second momentum: variance of gradients

Q. What happens at k=0? A. We need bias correction as ${m m}^0=0$ and ${m v}^0=0$

[Kingma et al., ICLR'15] Adam: A method for stochastic optimization

Adam: Bias Corrected

Combines Momentum and RMSProp

$$\boldsymbol{m}^{k+1} = \beta_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{m}^k + (1 - \beta_1) \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta}^k) \qquad \boldsymbol{v}^{k+1} = \beta_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{v}^k + (1 - \beta_2) [\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta}^k) \circ \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta}^k)]$$

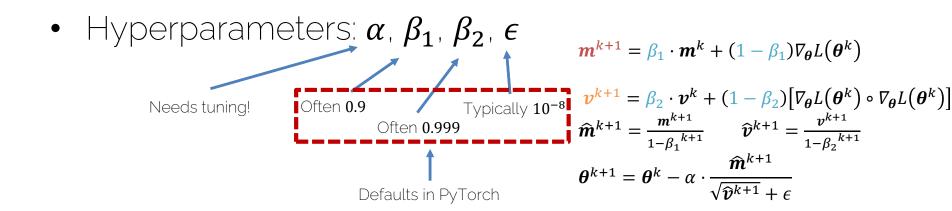
- m^k and v^k are initialized with zero
 - → bias towards zero
 - → Need bias-corrected moment updates

Update rule of Adam

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{m}}^{k+1} = \frac{\boldsymbol{m}^{k+1}}{1 - \beta_1^{k+1}} \qquad \widehat{\boldsymbol{v}}^{k+1} = \frac{\boldsymbol{v}^{k+1}}{1 - \beta_2^{k+1}} \longrightarrow \boldsymbol{\theta}^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}^k - \alpha \cdot \frac{\widehat{\boldsymbol{m}}^{k+1}}{\sqrt{\widehat{\boldsymbol{v}}^{k+1}} + \epsilon}$$

Adam

 Exponentially-decaying mean and variance of gradients (combines first and second order momentum)



There are a few others...

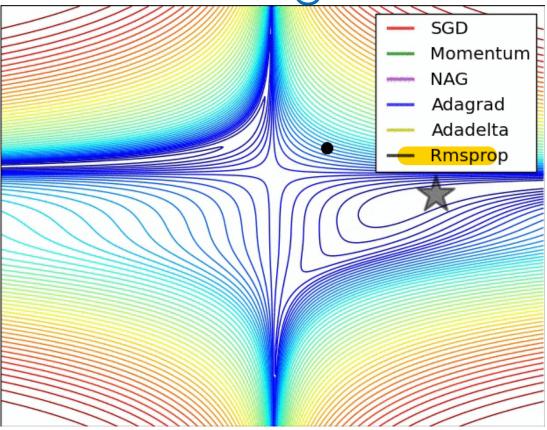
- 'Vanilla' SGD
- Momentum
- RMSProp
- Adagrad
- Adadelta
- AdaMax
- Nada
- AMSGrad

Adam is mostly method of choice for neural networks!

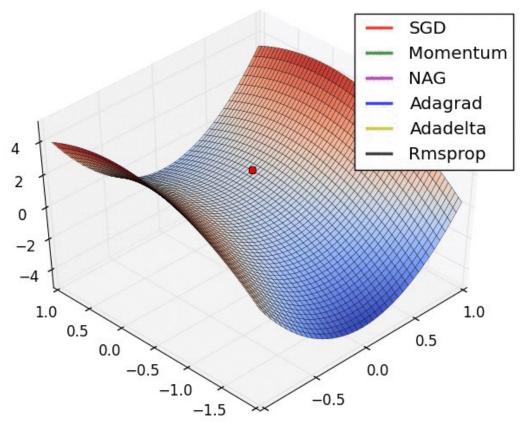
It's actually fun to play around with SGD updates.

It's easy and you get pretty immediate feedback ©

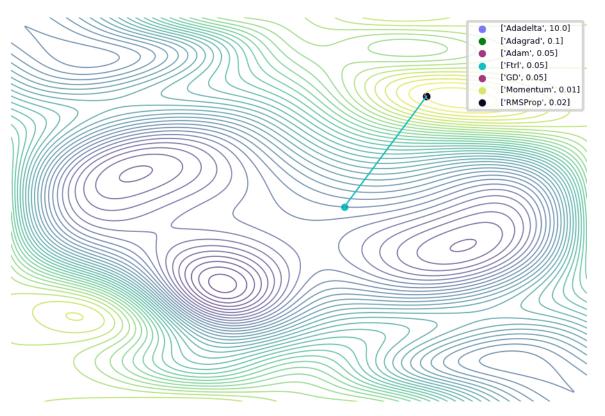
Convergence



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Source: https://github.com/Jaewan-Yun/optimizer-visualization

Jacobian and Hessian

• Derivative

$$f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$$

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx}$$

• Gradient

$$f: \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}$$

$$\nabla_{x}f(x)$$

$$\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}f(\mathbf{x})}{\mathrm{d}x_1}, \frac{\mathrm{d}f(\mathbf{x})}{\mathrm{d}x_2}\right)$$

Jacobian

$$f: \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\mathbf{I} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$$

Hessian

$$f: \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$$

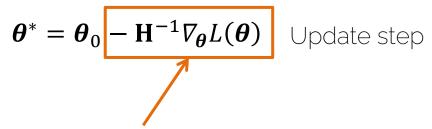
SECOND DERIVATIVE

Approximate our function by a second-order Taylor series expansion

$$L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \approx L(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) + (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^T \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) + \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^T \mathbf{H} (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0)$$
First derivative Second derivative (curvature)

More info: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taylor_series

Differentiate and equate to zero



We got rid of the learning rate!

SGD
$$\theta_{k+1} = \theta_k - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} L(\theta_k, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)$$

• Differentiate and equate to zero

$$oldsymbol{ heta}^* = oldsymbol{ heta}_0 - \mathbf{H}^{-1}
abla_{oldsymbol{ heta}} L(oldsymbol{ heta})$$
 Update step

Parameters of a network (millions)

k

Number of elements in the Hessian

 k^2

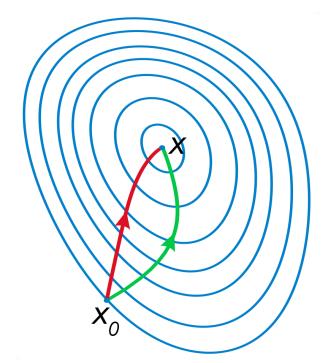
Computational complexity of 'inversion' per iteration

 $\mathcal{O}(k^3)$

Gradient Descent (green)

 Newton's method exploits the curvature to take a more direct route

we can converge faster with second order derivative



Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newton%27s_method_in_optimization

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Can you apply Newton's method for linear regression? What do you get as a result?

BFGS and L-BFGS

- Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shanno algorithm
- Belongs to the family of quasi-Newton methods
- Have an approximation of the inverse of the Hessian

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 - \mathbf{H}^{-1} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

- BFGS $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$
- Limited memory: L-BFGS $\mathcal{O}(n)$

Gauss-Newton

- $x_{k+1} = x_k H_f(x_k)^{-1} \nabla f(x_k)$
 - 'true' 2nd derivatives are often hard to obtain (e.g., numerics)
 - $-H_f \approx 2J_F^T J_F$
- Gauss-Newton (GN):

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - [2J_F(x_k)^T J_F(x_k)]^{-1} \nabla f(x_k)$$

• Solve linear system (again, inverting a matrix is unstable):

$$2(J_F(x_k)^T J_F(x_k))(x_k - x_{k+1}) = \nabla f(x_k)$$

Solve for delta vector

Levenberg

- Levenberg
 - "damped" version of Gauss-Newton:

$$- (J_F(x_k)^T J_F(x_k) + \lambda \cdot I) \cdot (x_k - x_{k+1}) = \nabla f(x_k)$$

Tikhonov regularization

- The damping factor λ is adjusted in each iteration ensuring:

$$f(x_k) > f(x_{k+1})$$

- if the equation is not fulfilled increase λ
- →Trust region
- • "Interpolation" between Gauss-Newton (small λ) and Gradient Descent (large λ)

Levenberg-Marquardt

Levenberg-Marquardt (LM)

$$(J_F(x_k)^T J_F(x_k) + \lambda \cdot diag(J_F(x_k)^T J_F(x_k))) \cdot (x_k - x_{k+1})$$

= $\nabla f(x_k)$

- Instead of a plain Gradient Descent for large λ , scale each component of the gradient according to the curvature.
 - Avoids slow convergence in components with a small gradient

Which, What, and When?

Standard: Adam

Fallback option: SGD with momentum

• Newton, L-BFGS, GN, LM only if you can do full batch updates (doesn't work well for minibatches!!)

This practically never happens for DL
Theoretically, it would be nice though due to fast
convergence

General Optimization

- Linear Systems (Ax = b)
 - LU, QR, Cholesky, Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel, CG, PCG, etc.
- Non-linear (gradient-based)
 - Newton, Gauss-Newton, LM, (L)BFGS order

← second

Gradient Descent, SGD

← first order

Others

- Genetic algorithms, MCMC, Metropolis-Hastings, etc.
- Constrained and convex solvers (Langrage, ADMM, Primal-Dual, etc.)

Please Remember!

Think about your problem and optimization at hand

SGD is specifically designed for minibatch

When you can, use 2nd order method → it's just faster

GD or SGD is <u>not</u> a way to solve a linear system!

Next Lecture

- This week:
 - Check exercises
 - − Check office hours ☺

- Next lecture
 - Training Neural networks



See you next week ©

Some References to SGD Updates

- Goodfellow et al. "Deep Learning" (2016),
 - Chapter 8: Optimization
- Bishop "Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning" (2006),
 - Chapter 5.2: Network training (gradient descent)
 - Chapter 5.4: The Hessian Matrix (second order methods)
- https://ruder.io/optimizing-gradient-descent/index.html
- PyTorch Documetation (with further readings)
 - https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/optim.html