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1. Brute Force / Random / Grid Search



What is g ? What is θ ? What is Θ ?

- Sometimes best when optimizing on a small discrete set of parameters
- Ex: DNN architectures or hyperparameters



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- Strongly inspired by nature or physics
- Can be powerful and work on very general functions, but *heuristic*



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- The loss ℓ can be viewed as another layer, with real output r (the "residual").
- By linearity of the gradient, we have: $\nabla_{\theta} L(\operatorname{dnn}_{\theta}, \mathcal{T}) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \nabla_{\theta} \ell(\operatorname{dnn}_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{x}_{t}), \boldsymbol{y}_{t}).$
- Hence, it is enough to calculate the gradient of the loss for one sample (x_t, y_t) , i.e., $G_{\theta} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \nabla_{\theta} \ell(\text{dnn}_{\theta}(x_t), y_t)$.
- The Backpropagation Algorithm ("Backprop") is an efficient way to do this.





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 \Rightarrow Using the parameters' gradients, we **update** them via **gradient descent**.

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Local Minima

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The PyTorch Framework

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- It uses differential programming, a concept first introduced in *Theano*. A module called *AutoGrad* automatically records every operations done on variables, so that the gradient of complex functions (such as DNN) can be automatically calculated using backprop and elementary gradients.

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GOOD NEWS: You (probably) won't ever need to implement backpropagation or SGD yourself! ③

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III. Fitting a Model

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print(a.grad) # print dy/da_ij = 2*a_ij for a_11, a_12, a21, a22
Variable containing:
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def myCrossEntropyLoss(outputs, labels):
    batch_size = outputs.size()[0] # batch_size
    outputs = F.log_softmax(outputs, dim=1) # compute the log of softmax values
    outputs = outputs[(batch_size), labels] # pick the values corresponding to the labels
    return -torch.sum(outputs)/num_examples
```



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Models / Neural Network Modules

```
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.nn.functional as F
class TwoLayerNet(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, D_in, H, D_out):
        """ Constructor. Instantiate two nn.Linear modules and assign them as member variables.
        D_in: input dimension, H: dimension of hidden layer, D_out: output dimension
        """
        super(TwoLayerNet, self).__init__()
        self.linear1 = nn.Linear(D_in, H)
        self.linear2 = nn.Linear(H, D out)
```

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def forward(self, x):
        """ In the forward function we accept a Variable of input data and we must return a
        Variable of output data. We can use Modules defined in the constructor as well as arbitrary
        operators on Variables.
        ......
        h relu = F.relu(self.linear1(x))
        y pred = self.linear2(h relu)
        return y pred
```

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Using Models / Neural Network Modules

```
#N is batch size; D_in is input dimension;
#H is the dimension of the hidden layer; D_out is output dimension.
N, D_in, H, D_out = 32, 100, 50, 10
#Create random Tensors to hold inputs and outputs, and wrap them in Variables
x = Variable(torch.randn(N, D_in)) # dim: 32 x 100
#Construct our model by instantiating the class defined above
model = TwoLayerNet(D_in, H, D_out)
#Forward pass: Compute predicted y by passing x to the model
y_pred = model(x) # dim: 32 x 10
```



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Core Training Step

```
output_batch = model(train_batch) # compute model output
loss = loss_fn(output_batch, labels_batch) # calculate loss
#pick an SGD optimizer
optimizer = torch.optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr = 0.01, momentum=0.9)
#or pick ADAM
optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr = 0.0001)
optimizer.zero_grad() # clear previous gradients
loss.backward() # compute gradients of all variables wrt loss
optimizer.step() # perform updates using calculated gradients
```

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