

Minibatch Stochastic Gradient Descent

Outline

- General neural network process
- (Batch) gradient descent
- Stochastic gradient descent (SGD)
- Minibatch stochastic gradient descent (Minibatch SGD)
- Discuss tradeoffs

Recap: Automatic Differentiation

- Take five minutes to draw
 - Whatever will help you remember (no correct or incorrect drawings)
 - You'll keep a running drawing log the rest of the semester

What do **MSE** and **MAE** look like in code?

	Symbolic	Vectorized	Code
MSE	$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{y}^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^2$	$\ \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{y} \ ^2$	<code>(yhat - y)**2).mean()</code>
MAE	$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{y}^{(i)} - y^{(i)} $	$\ \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{y} \ _1$	<code>(yhat - y).abs().mean()</code> <code>abs(yhat - y)</code>

Vector and Tensors

Matrix.Py
(compute graph)

Mean

$$\frac{a + b + c \dots + z}{26}$$



class Matrix:

...

def mean(self):

r = Matrix(List2D(1, 1, self.d.mean()), children=[self])

def _grad(): ↘ r, self

self.grad += List2D(self.nrow, self.ncol, 1/n) · r.grad.vals[0][0]

return r

from mean
gradient

list2d.p
(linear algebra)
def mean(self):
 sum = 0
 for i in self.rows:
 for j in i:
 sum += i
 return sum/n

backprop

Mean

```
def mean(self) -> Matrix:
    """Return the mean of all values across both dimensions."""
    result = Matrix(List2D(1, 1, self.data.mean()), children=(self,))

    def _gradient() -> None:
        info(f"Gradient of mean. Shape: {self.shape}")
        n = self.nrow * self.ncol
        self.grad += List2D(self.nrow, self.ncol, result.grad.vals[0][0] / n)

    result._gradient = _gradient
    return result
```

```
def mean(self) -> float:
    """Compute the mean of all values in the matrix."""
    return self.sum() / (self.nrow * self.ncol)
```

Absolute Value

```
def abs(self)
    r = Matrix(...)

    def _grad():
        self.grad += (self.data > 0) * r.grad
        self.grad += -(self.data <= 0) * r.grad
        backprop

    return r
```

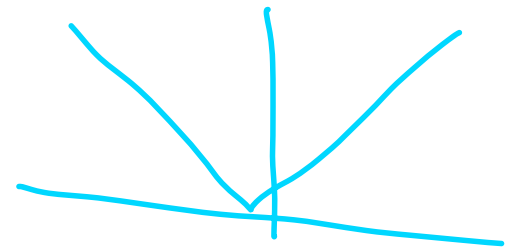
$T = \text{match.randn}(r, c)$

$A = T.\text{abs}()$

$A = \text{abs}(T)$

$A.\text{backward}()$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t_{i,j}} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t_{i,j} \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Absolute Value

```
def abs(self) -> Matrix:
    """Return the element-wise absolute matrix values."""
    result = Matrix(self.data.abs(), children=(self,))
```

```
def _gradient() -> None:
    self.grad += (self.data > 0) * result.grad
    self.grad += -(self.data < 0) * result.grad
```

```
result._gradient = _gradient
return result
```

```
def __abs__(self) -> Matrix:
    """Return the element-wise absolute matrix values."""
    return self.abs()
```

```
def abs(self) -> List2D:
    data = [
        [abs(self.data[i][j]) for j in range(self.ncol)]
        for i in range(self.nrow)
    ]
    return List2D(*self.shape, data)
```

```
def __abs__(self) -> List2D:
    return self.abs()
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2.3 & 6.1 \\ 1.1 & -0.2 \end{bmatrix} > 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

General Neural Network Process

1. Prepare your dataset

- Normalize inputs
- Create a proxy (smaller) dataset for debugging and testing workflows
- Split the dataset into **training**, **validation**, and **evaluation**

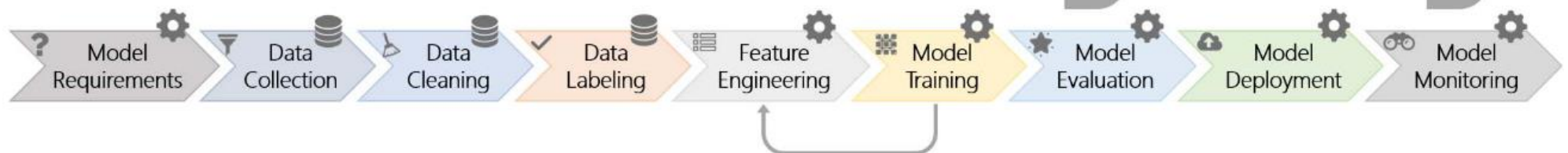
2. Design a neural network (architecture)

3. Set initial hyperparameters (learning rate, number of epochs, etc.)

4. Train **model parameters** (includes validation)

5. Evaluate the trained **model**

6. Deploy the trained **model** *longest lasting*



Software Engineering for Machine Learning: A Case Study

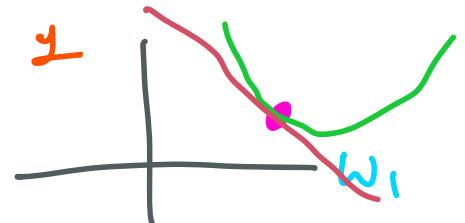
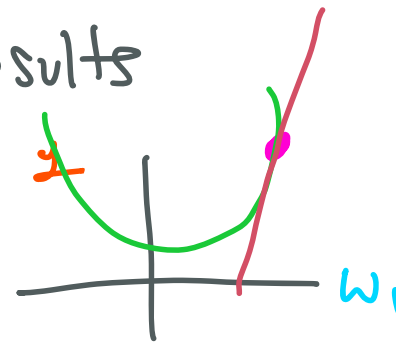
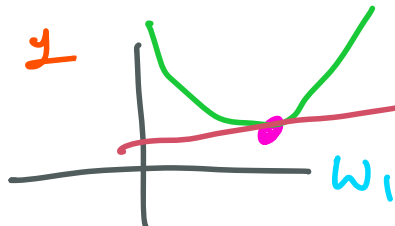
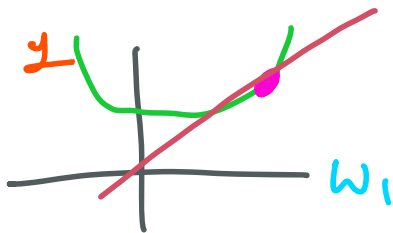
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(Batch) Gradient Descent

total - epochs = 16

for epoch in range(...);

1. compute gradients w. r. t. all examples
2. average the gradients
3. update parameters
4. validate the results



Stochastic Gradient Descent

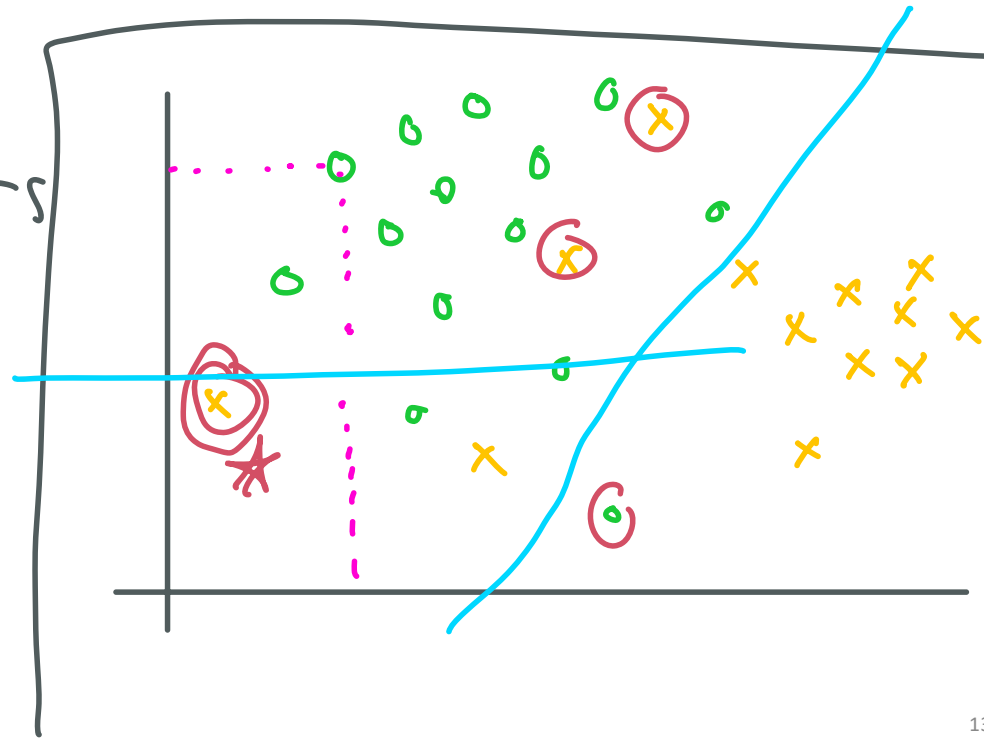
for each epoch [↑]
shuffle data

for each example

1. compute gradients
2. update parameters

4. validate

1 1 7 2
2 4 4



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for each epoch

create shuffled batches

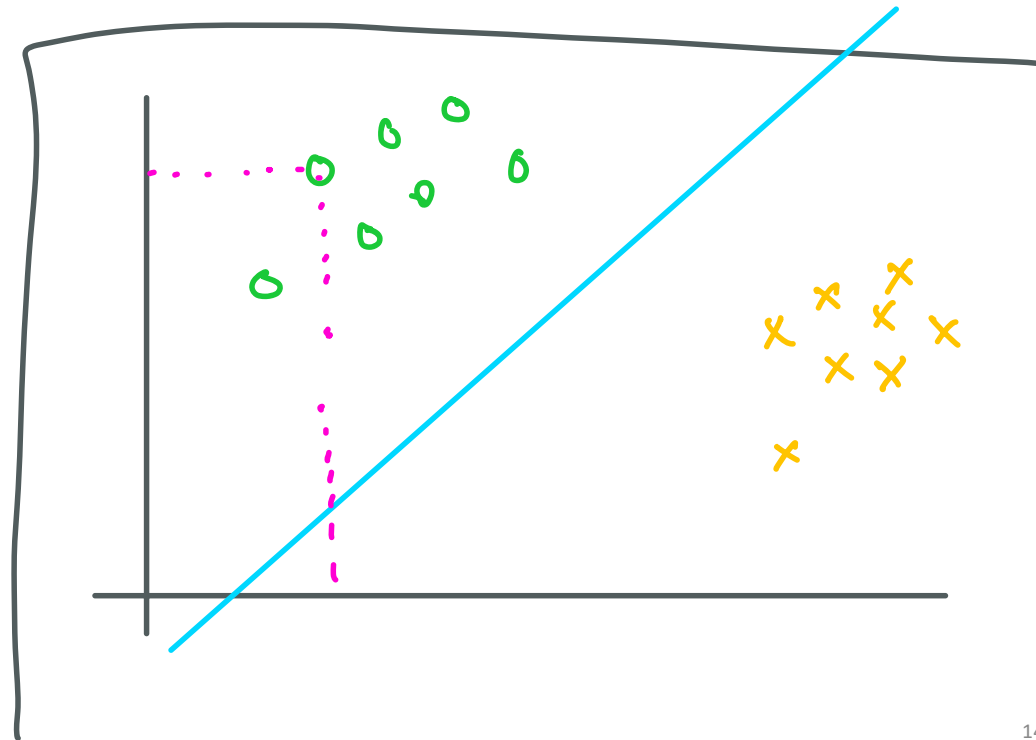
for each batch

1. compute grads
2. average grads
3. update params

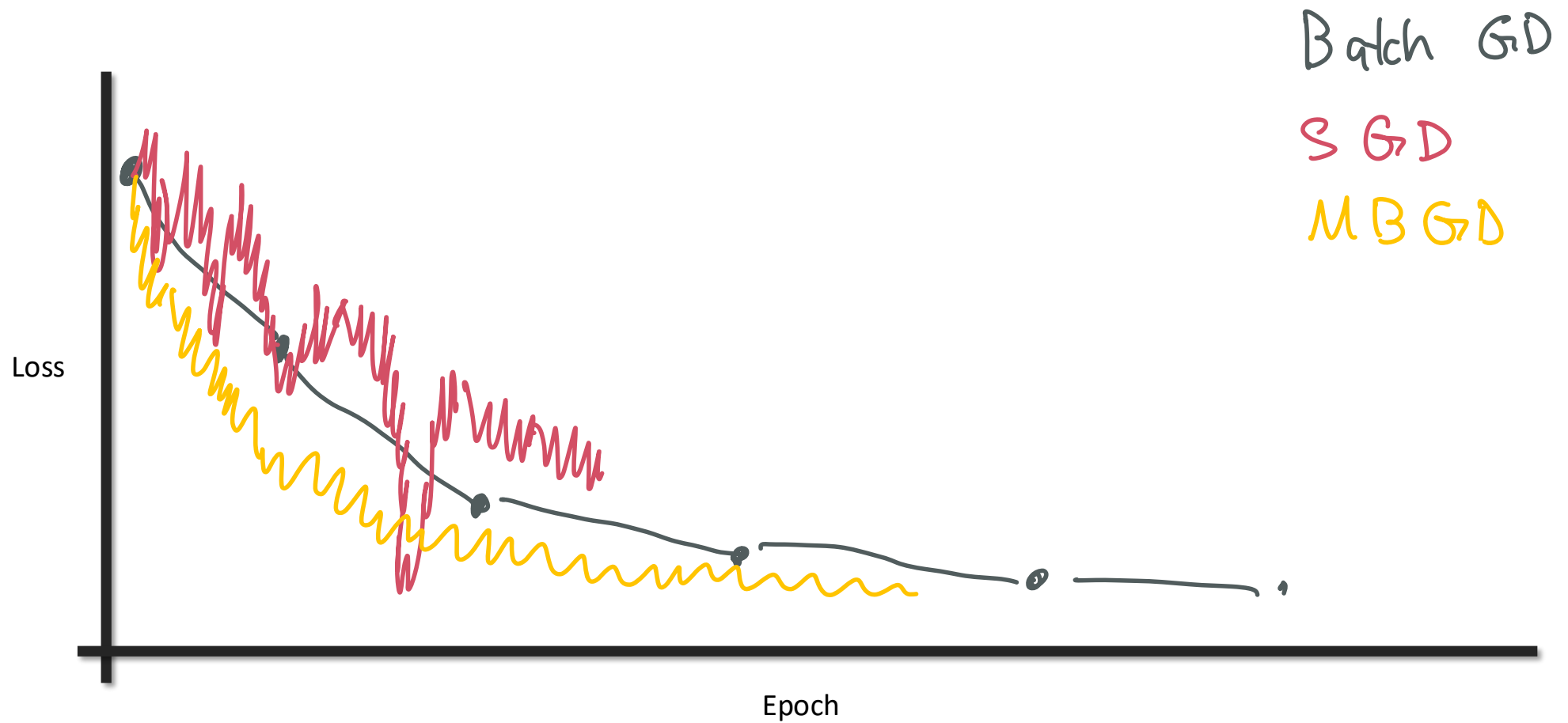
4. validate

batch-size

32, 64



Typical Behavior



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- Minibatch stochastic gradient descent
 - Noisy but less than SGD
 - Pretty fast but slower than batch gradient descent
 - Should always be your default choice
 - Add another [hyperparameter](#) called `batch_size`

Code Demo

<https://github.com/anthonyjclark/cs152spring25/blob/main/Lectures/06-MinibatchSgd/SgdDemo.ipynb>