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How do we find the best linear regression line with multiple variables?



Partial Differential Equations!



Revisit SSE

$$\text{Error}_{(m,b)} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - (mx_i + b))^2$$



Gradient Descent

• Gradient descent is an optimization algorithm for finding the minimum of a function. To find a local minimum of a function using gradient descent, one takes steps proportional to the negative of the gradient of the function at the current point. These steps are governed by a learning rate.



Learning Rate

How do we set the learning rate?



Excel example



Java Example!

```
import java.util.function.Function;
import static java.lang.Math.*;
import static java.lang.System.out;
```

```
double gamma = 0.01;
double precision = 0.00001;
```

```
Function<Double,Double> df = x \rightarrow 4 * pow(x, 3) - 9 * pow(x, 2);
```

```
double gradientDescent(Function<Double,Double> f) {
```

```
double curX = 6.0;
double previousStepSize = 1.0;
while (previousStepSize > precision) {
    double prevX = curX;
    curX -= gamma * f.apply(prevX);
    previousStepSize = abs(curX - prevX);
  }
  return curX;
}
double res = gradientDescent(df);
out.printf("The local minimum occurs at %f", res);
```

Python Example

```
cur x = 6 # The algorithm starts at x=6
gamma = 0.01 # step size multiplier
precision = 0.00001
previous step size = 1
max iters = 10000 # maximum number of iterations
iters = 0 #iteration counter
df = lambda x: 4 * x^{**3} - 9 * x^{**2}
while previous step size > precision and iters < max iters:
    prev x = cur x
    cur_x -= gamma * df(prev_x)
    previous step size = abs(cur x - prev x)
    iters+=1
```

print("The local minimum occurs at", cur_x)
#The output for the above will be: ('The local minimum occurs at', 2.2499646074278457)

Gradient Descent Applications



