

# Logistic Regression

Machine Learning  
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# Outline

- Review conditional probability and classification
- Linear parameterization and logistic function
- Gradient descent
  - Other optimization methods
- Regularization

# Classification and Conditional Probability

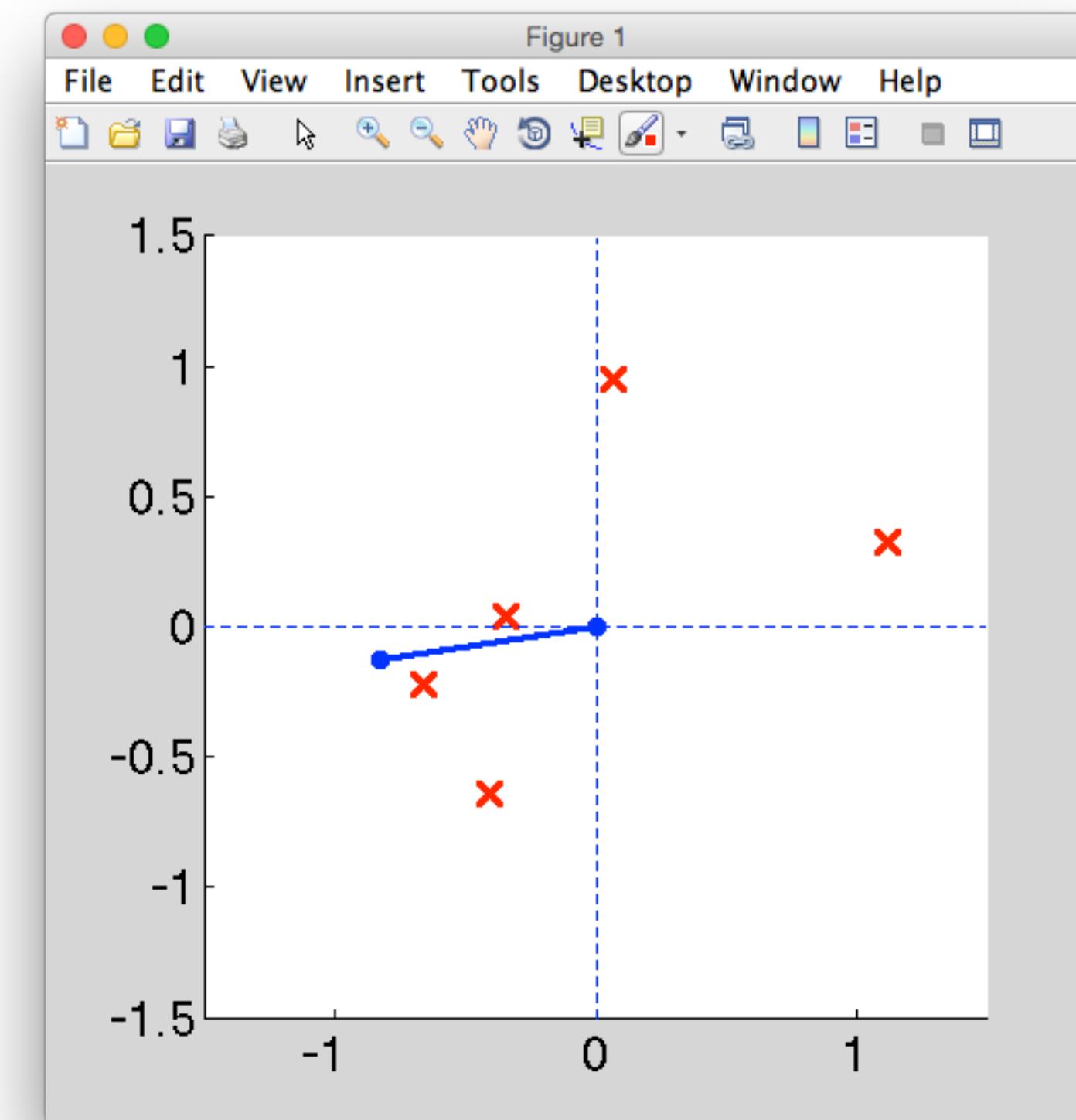
- Discriminative learning: maximize  $p(y|x)$
- Naive Bayes: learn  $p(x|y)$  and  $p(y)$
- Today: parameterize  $p(y|x)$  and directly learn  $p(y|x)$

# Parameterizing $p(y|x)$

$$p(y|x) := f$$

$$f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

$$f(x) := \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-w^\top x)}$$

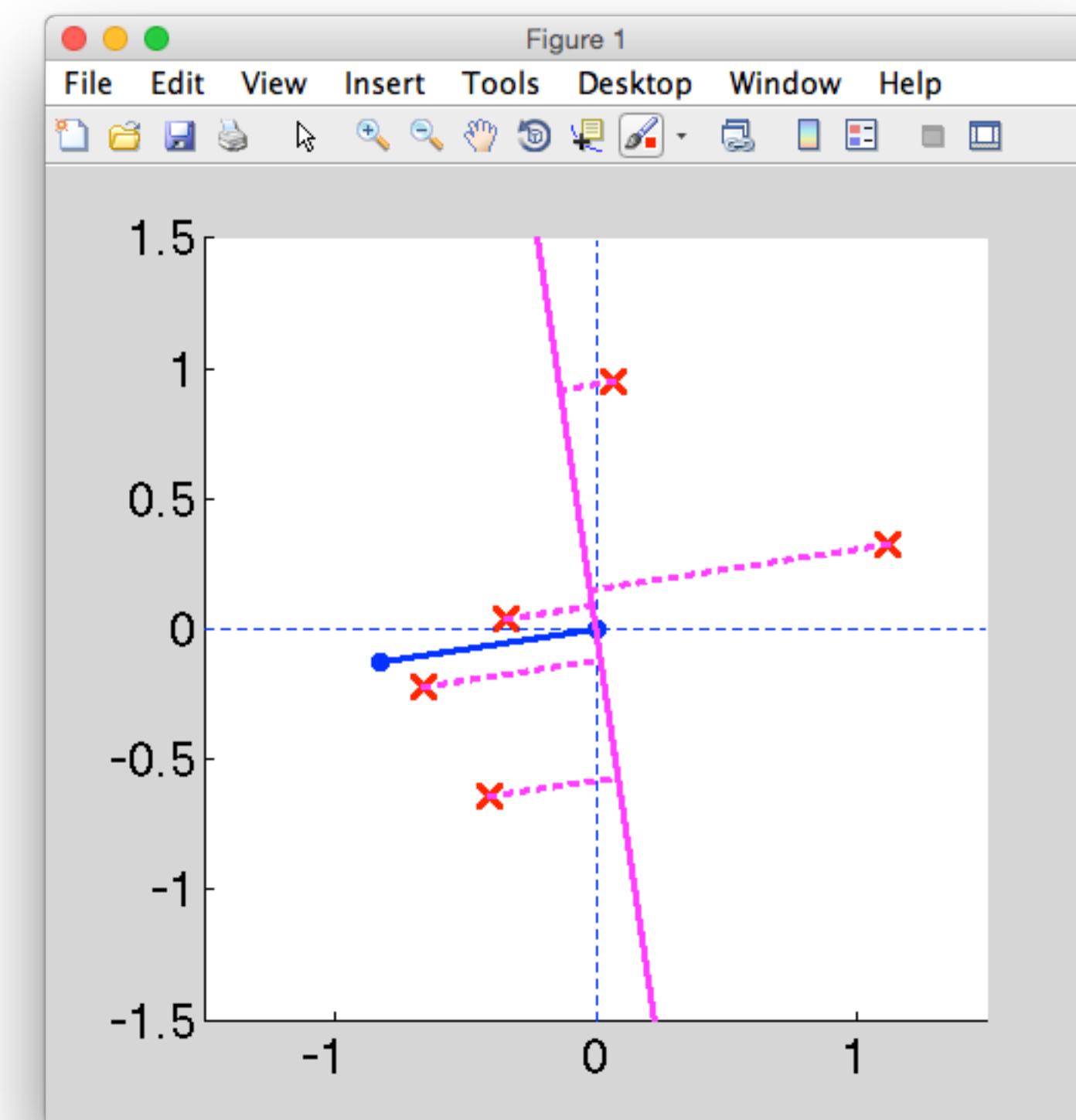


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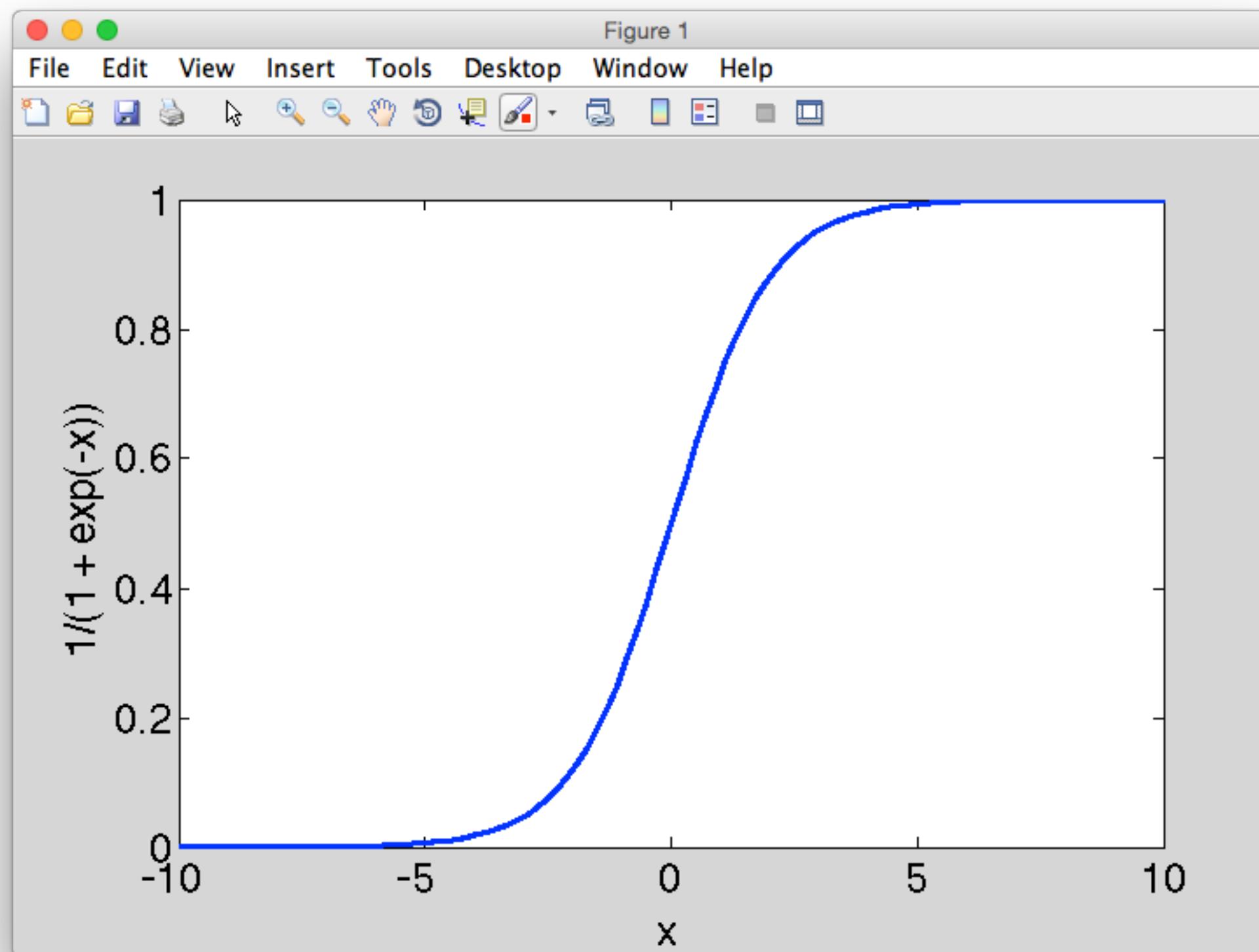
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# Logistic Function

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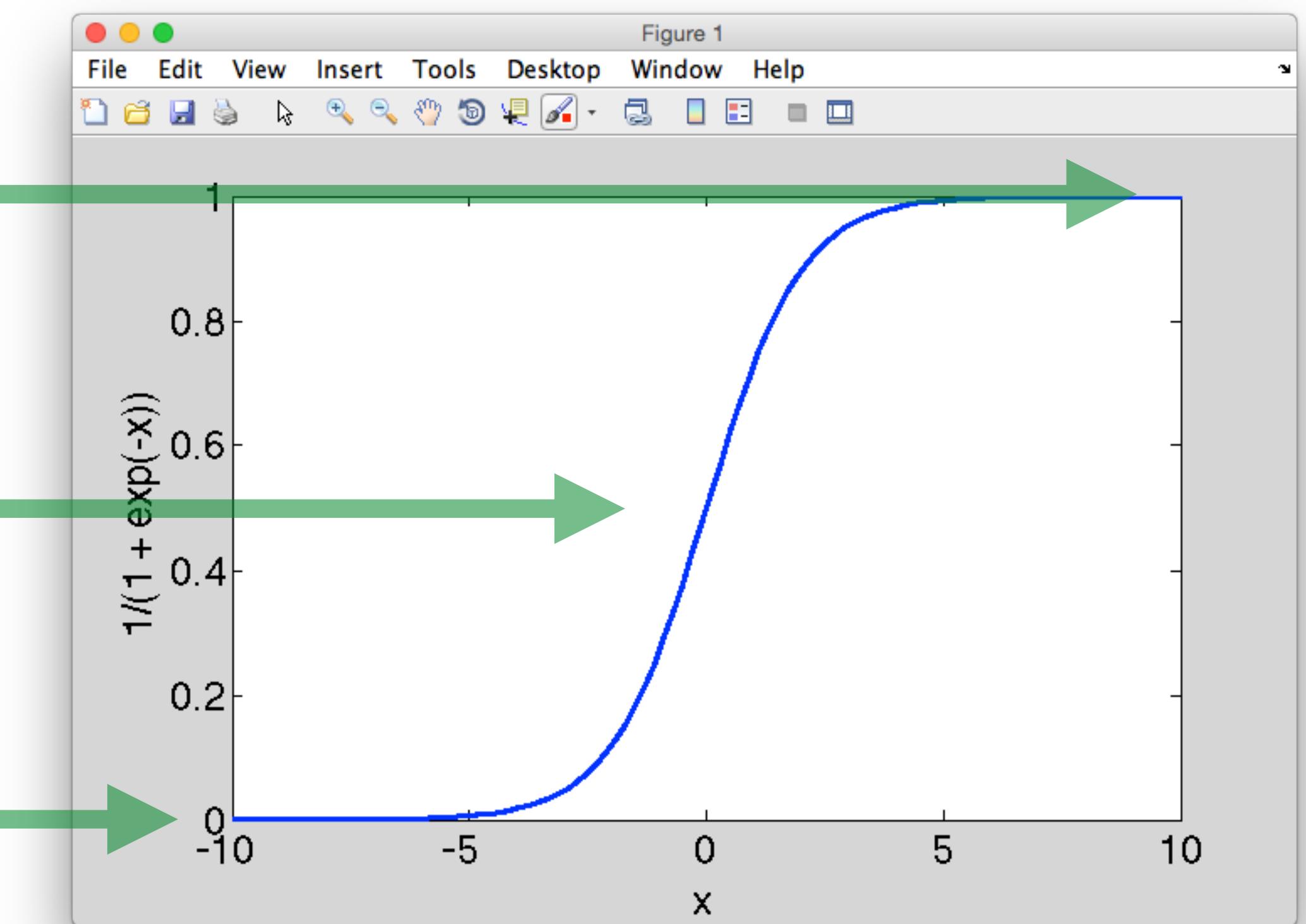
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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)} = \frac{1}{1} = 1.0$$

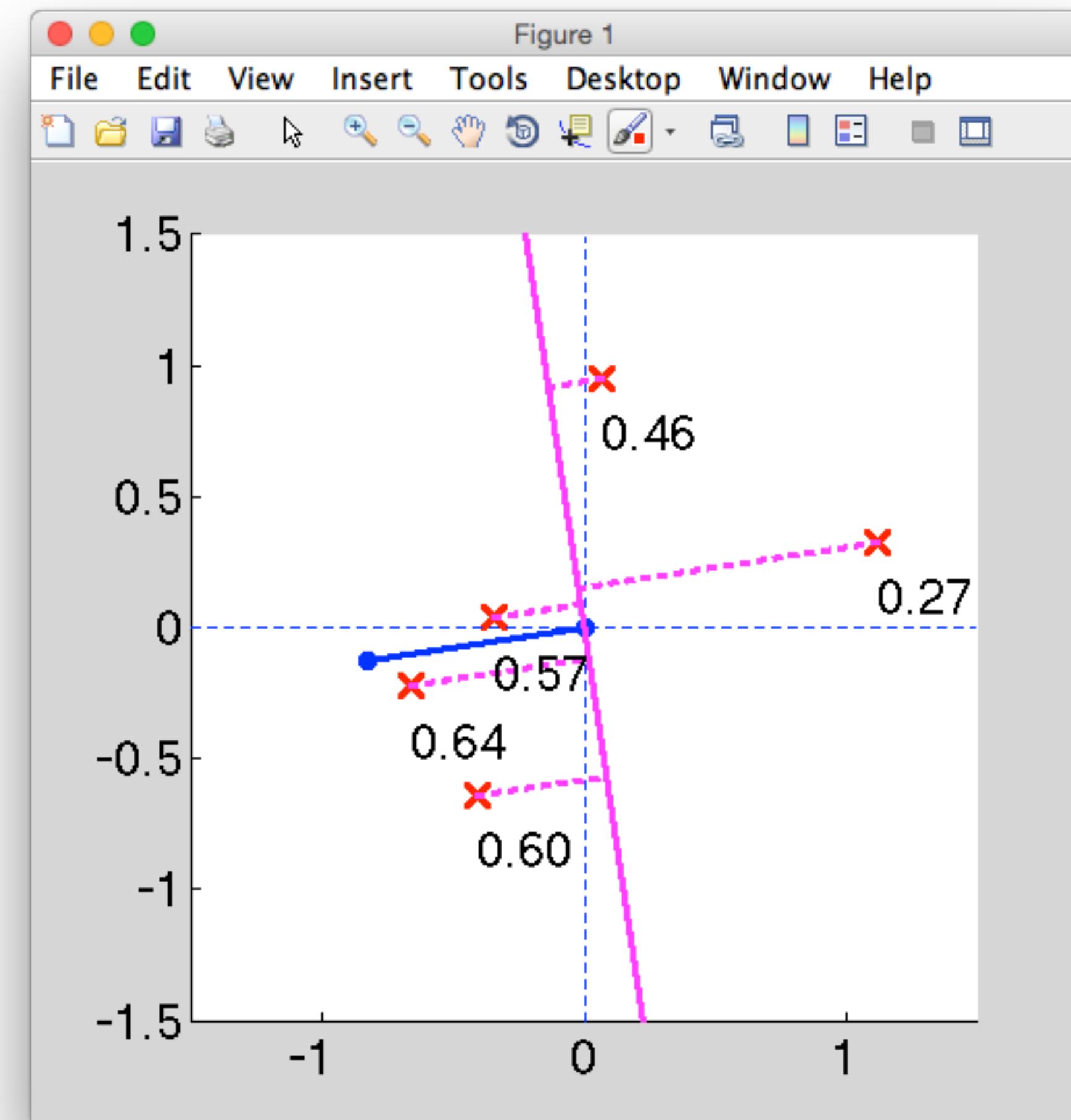
$$\sigma(0) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-0)} = \frac{1}{1 + 1} = 0.5$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \sigma(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)} = 0.0$$



# From Features to Probability

$$f(x) := \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-w^\top x)}$$



# Likelihood Function

$$y \in \{-1, +1\} \quad L(w) := \begin{cases} (1 + \exp(-w^\top x))^{-1} & \text{if } y = +1 \\ 1 - (1 + \exp(-w^\top x))^{-1} & \text{if } y = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 - (1 + \exp(-w^\top x))^{-1} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-w^\top x)} &= \frac{1 + \exp(-w^\top x)}{1 + \exp(-w^\top x)} - \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-w^\top x)} \\ &= \frac{\exp(-w^\top x)}{1 + \exp(-w^\top x)} &= \left( \frac{1 + \exp(-w^\top x)}{\exp(-w^\top x)} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{\exp(-w^\top x)} + \frac{\exp(-w^\top x)}{\exp(-w^\top x)} \right)^{-1} &= (1 + \exp(w^\top x))^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

# Likelihood Function

$$y \in \{-1, +1\}$$

$$L(w) := \begin{cases} (1 + \exp(-w^\top x))^{-1} & \text{if } y = +1 \\ (1 + \exp(+w^\top x))^{-1} & \text{if } y = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$= (1 + \exp(-yw^\top x))^{-1}$$

$$L(w) = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + \exp(-y_i w^\top x_i))^{-1}$$

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$$\hat{w} \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_w \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + \exp(-y_i w^\top x_i)) := \text{nll}(w)$$

negative log likelihood

$$\nabla_w \text{nll} = - \sum_{i=1}^n \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-y_i w^\top x_i)} \right) y_i x_i$$

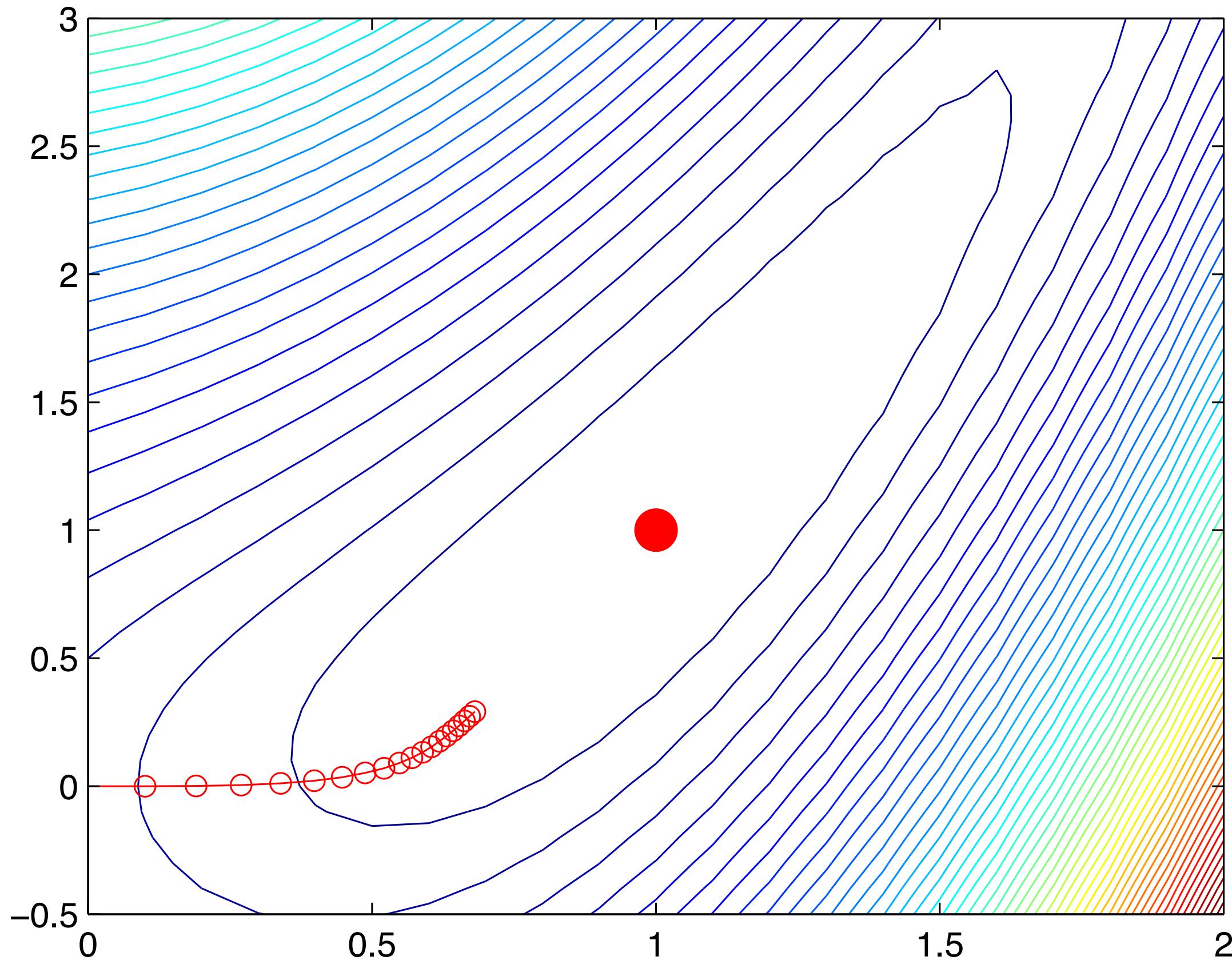
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$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_w \text{nll} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-y_i w^\top x_i)} \times \nabla_w (1 + \exp(-y_i w^\top x_i)) \right) \\ &\quad 0 - \exp(-y_i w^\top x_i) y_i x_i\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_w \text{nll} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{-\exp(-y_i w^\top x_i) y_i x_i}{1 + \exp(-y_i w^\top x_i)} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n -\left( \frac{\exp(-y_i w^\top x_i)}{1 + \exp(-y_i w^\top x_i)} \right) y_i x_i\end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla_w \text{nll} = - \sum_{i=1}^n \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-y_i w^\top x_i)} \right) y_i x_i := g$$

# Gradient Descent



$$w_{t+1} \rightarrow w_t - \eta_t g_t$$

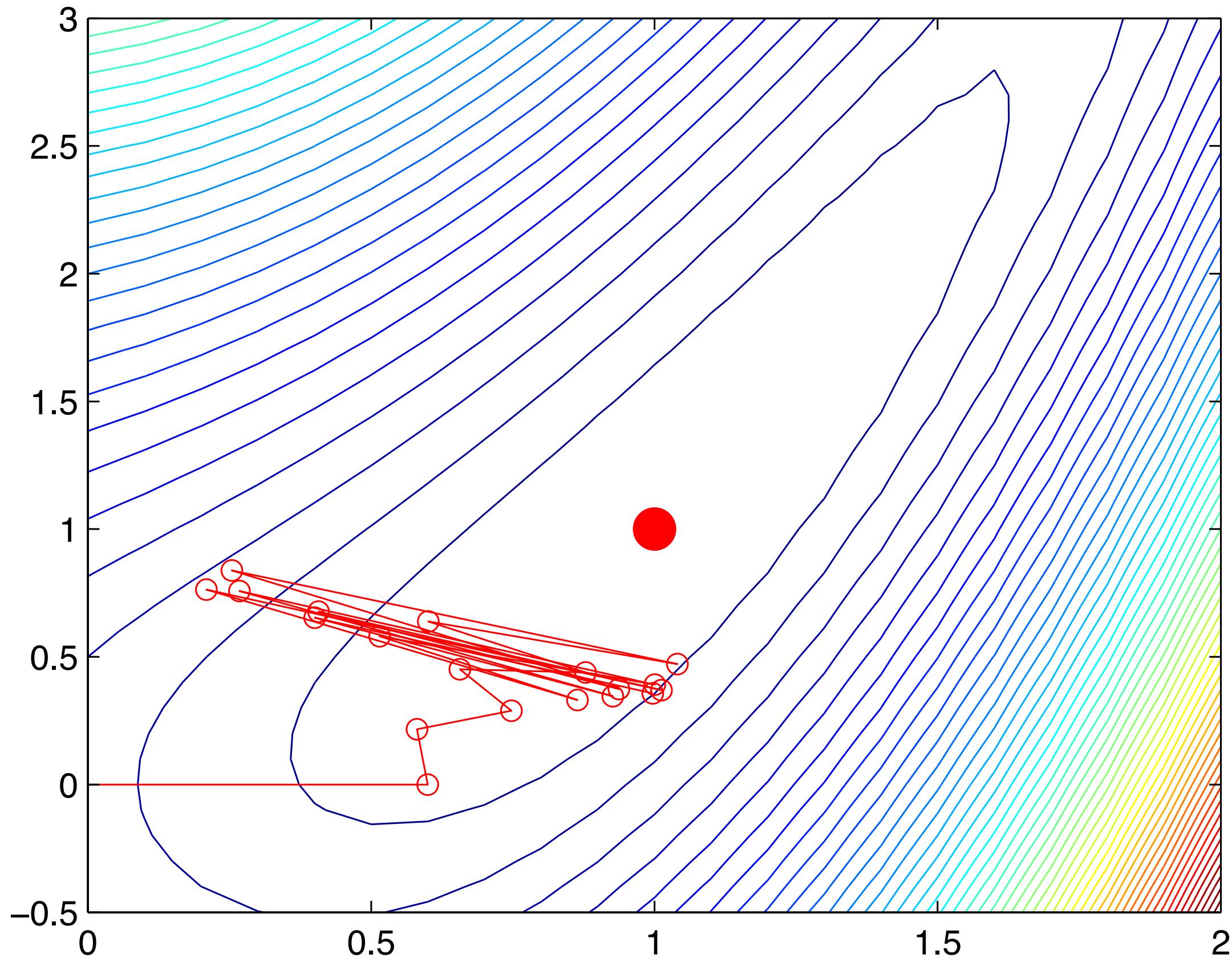
e.g.,

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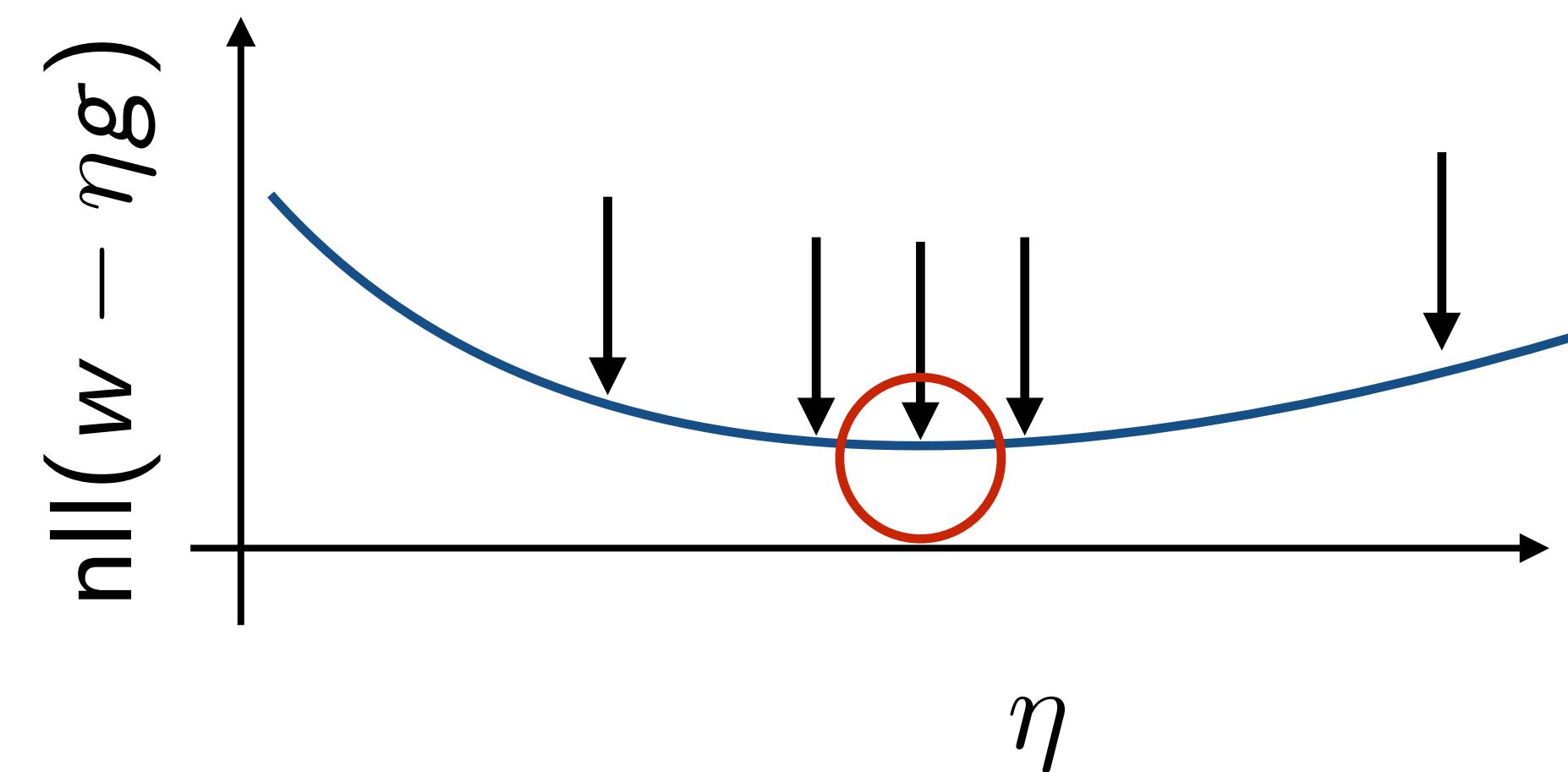
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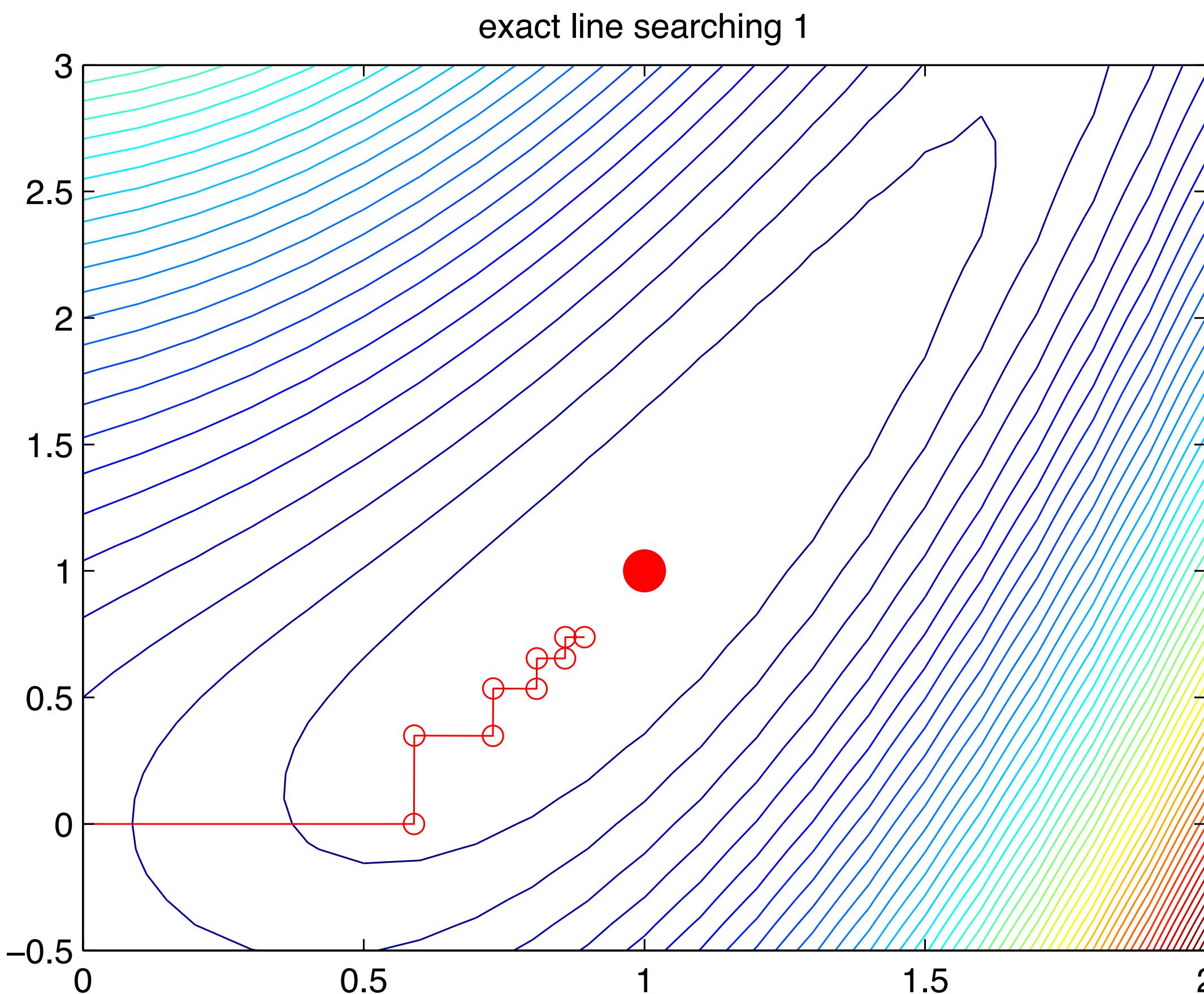
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# Line Search

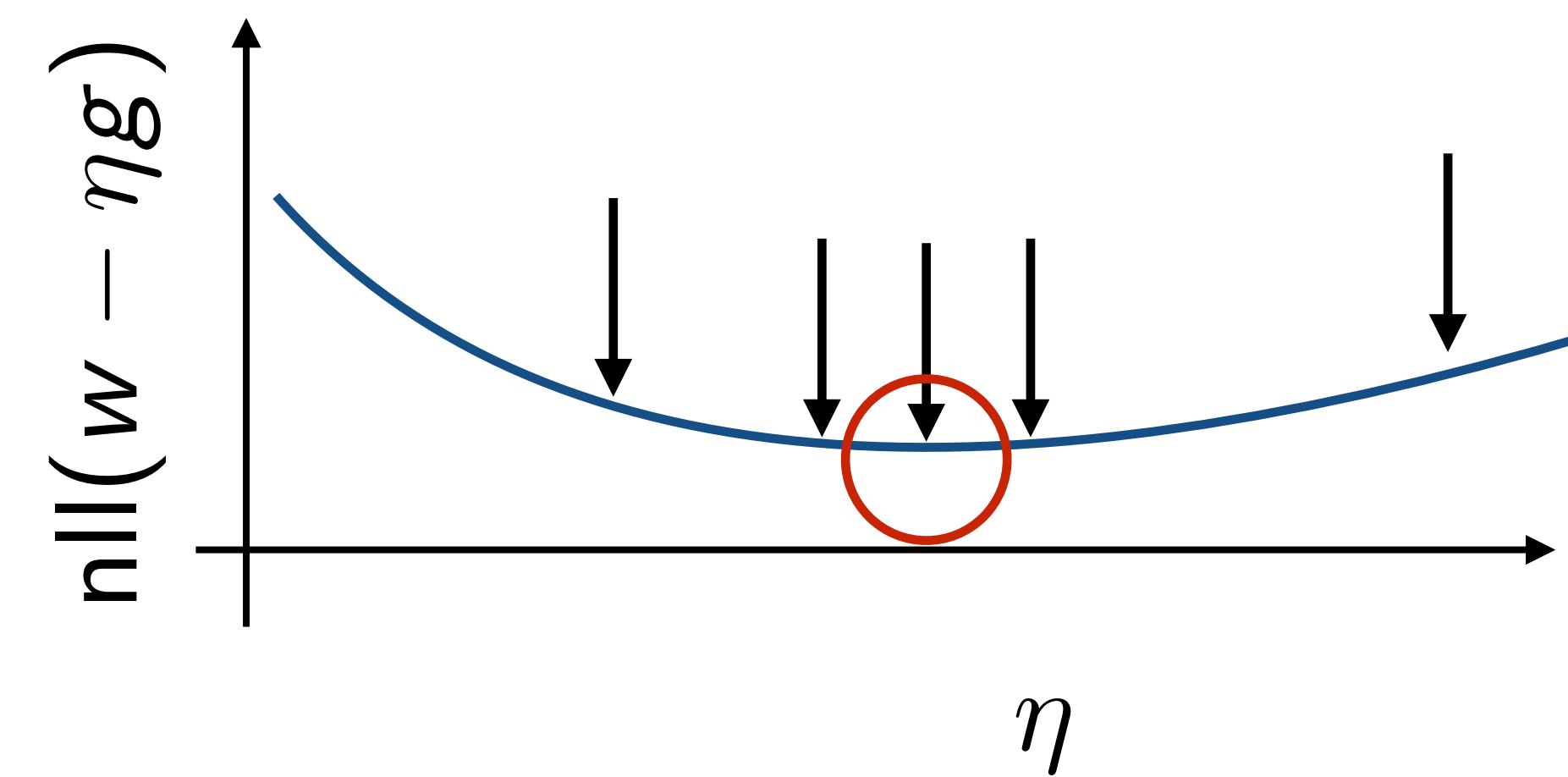
$$\eta_t = \underset{\eta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \text{ nll}(w - \eta g)$$

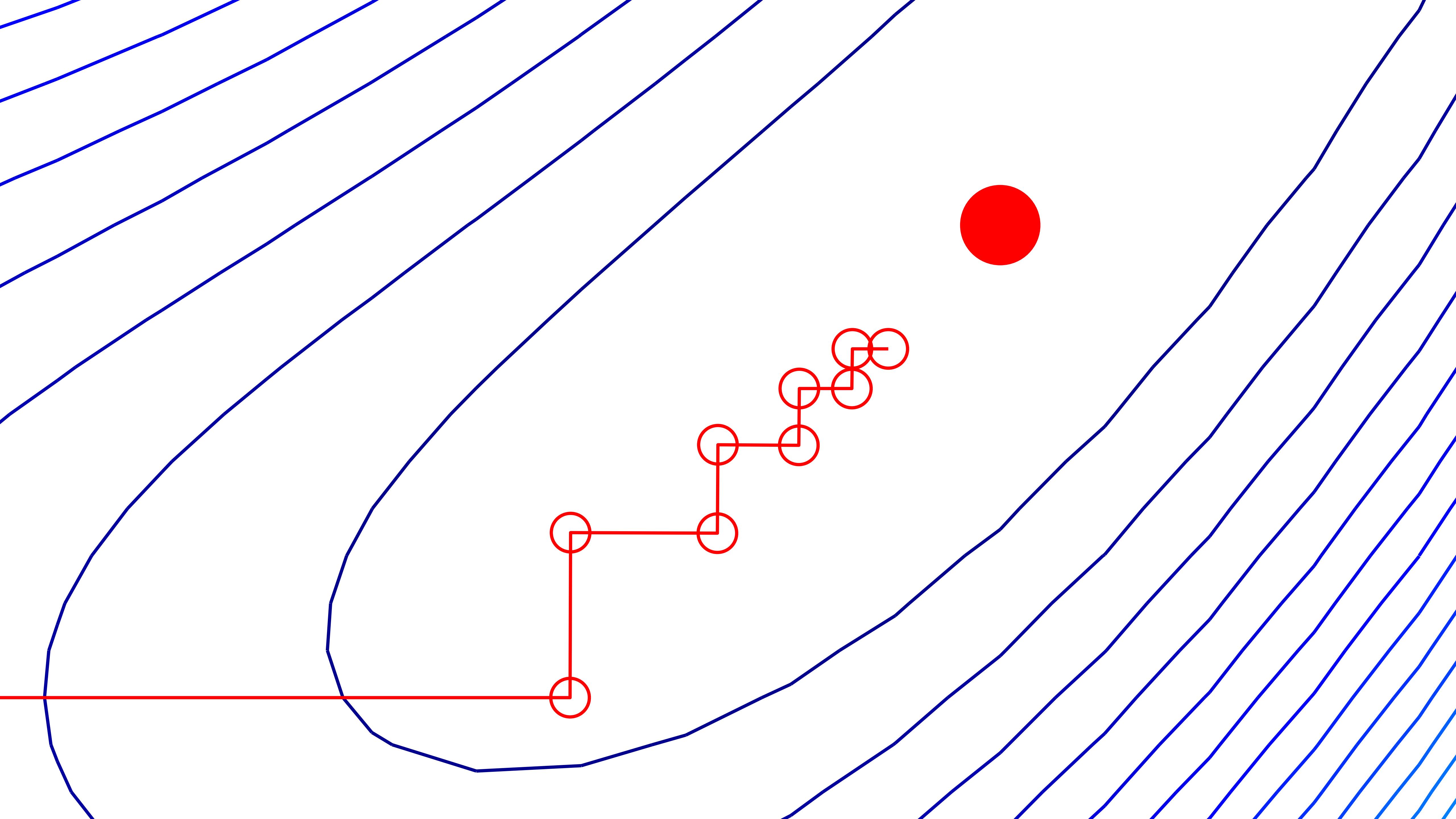


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# Momentum

- Heavy ball method

$$s_t \leftarrow -g_t + \beta_t s_{t-1}$$

$$w_t \leftarrow w_{t-1} + \eta_t s_t$$

- Momentum term retains “velocity” from previous steps
- Avoids sharp turns

# Second-Order Optimization

- Newton's method
- Approximate function with quadratic and minimize quadratic exactly
- Requires computing Hessian (matrix of second derivatives)
- Various approximation methods (e.g., L-BFGS)

# Regularization

$$L(w) = p(w) \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + \exp(-y_i w^\top x_i))^{-1} \quad \text{posterior}$$

$$p(w) = \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{1}{\lambda} I\right) \quad \text{prior}$$

$$-\log L(w) = -\frac{\lambda}{2} w^\top w + \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + \exp(-y_i w^\top x_i)) \quad \text{neg log posterior (regularized nll)}$$

$$\nabla_w \text{nll} = -\lambda w - \sum_{i=1}^n \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-y_i w^\top x_i)} \right) y_i x_i \quad \text{gradient}$$

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