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Optimisation

Advanced Modelling

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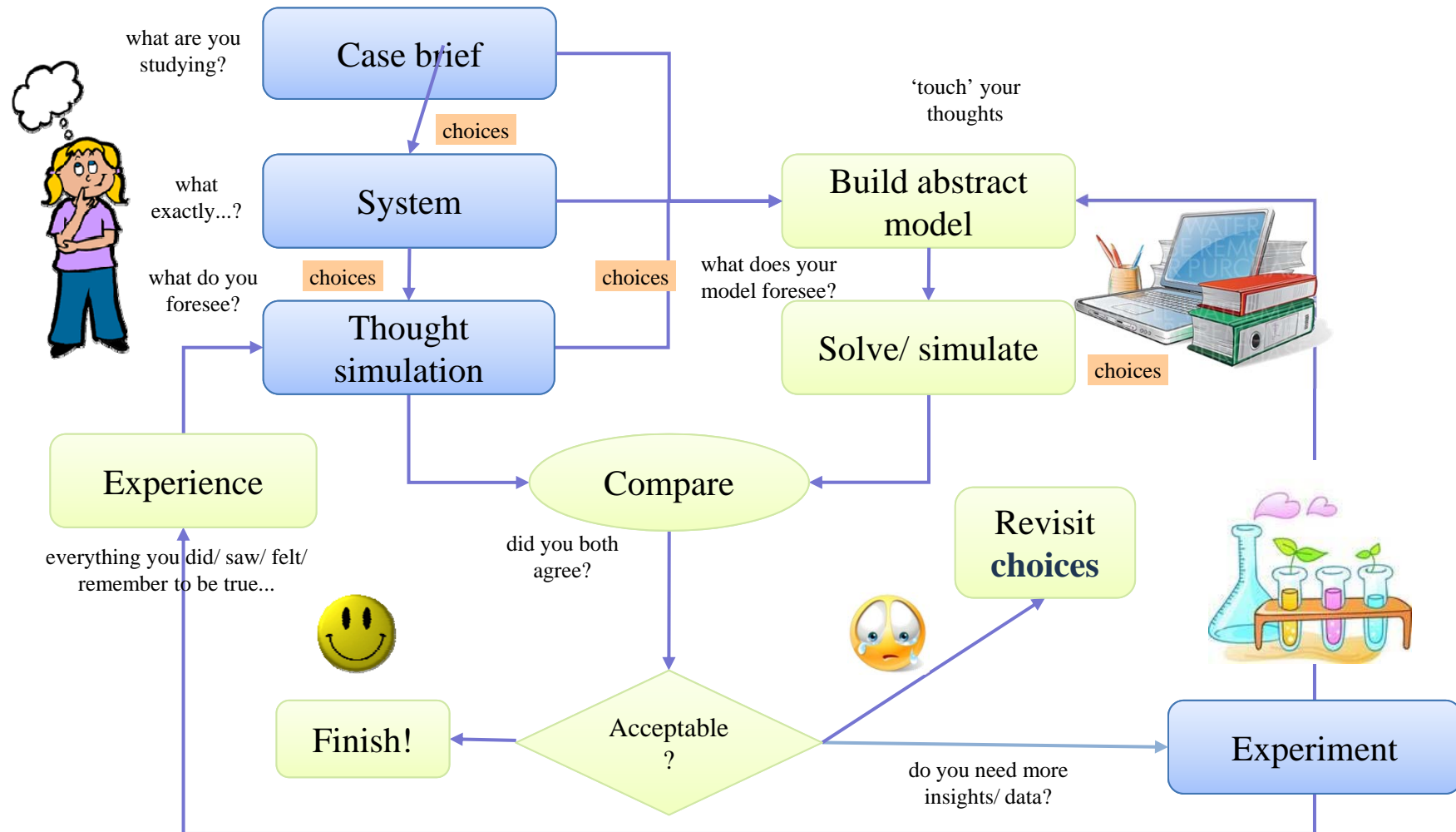
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Optimisation@Modelling



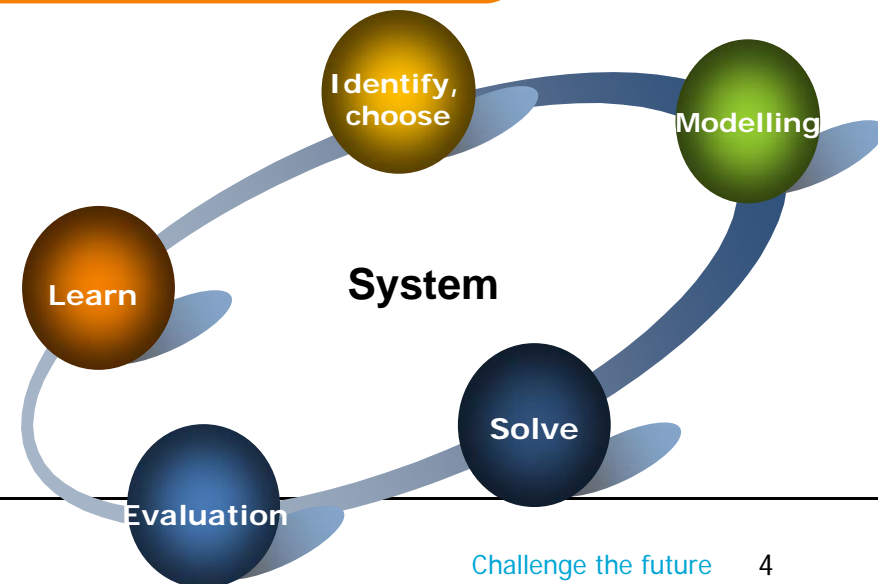
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Why Optimisation?

Product optimisation

Product Optimisation is not just making a product better in some respect (a criterion / metric), but making it the **BEST** (optimal) in this respect.

In mathematics, Optimisation refers to choosing the element from some set of available alternatives that **maximises/minimises** a specified **metric**.



A case study: The coffee cups

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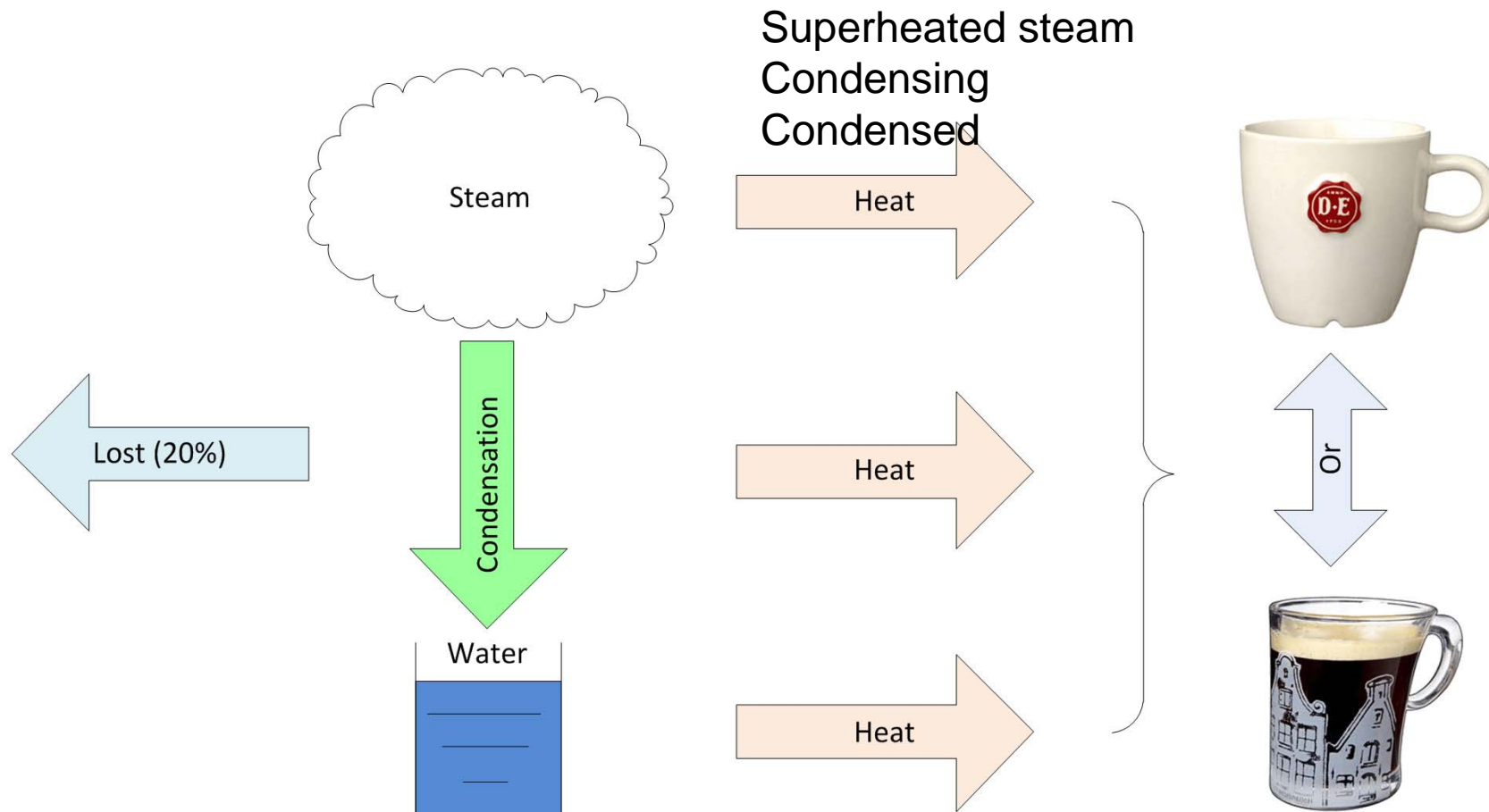
System identification



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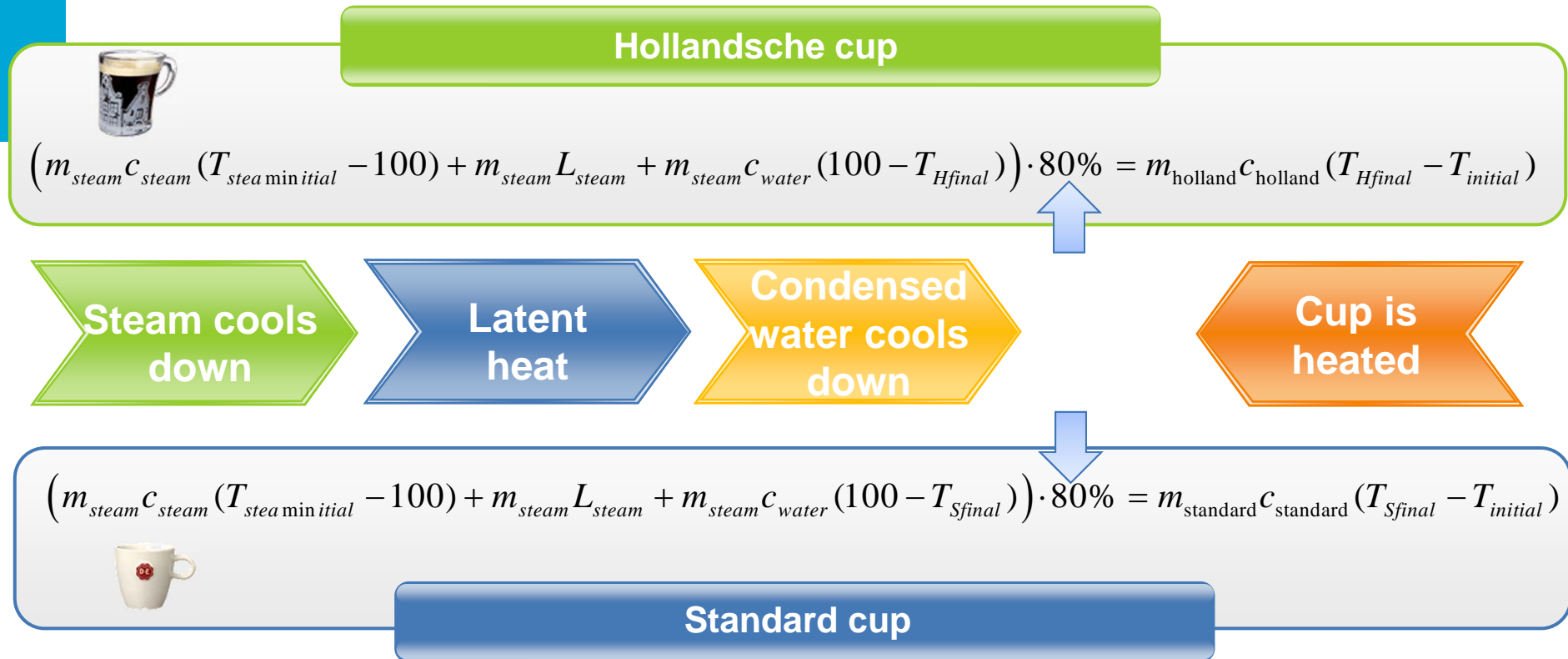
Cause-effect



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Modelling



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Modelling - Choices

Hollandsche cup



$$\left(m_{\text{steam}} c_{\text{steam}} (T_{\text{steam initial}} - 100) + m_{\text{steam}} L_{\text{steam}} + m_{\text{steam}} c_{\text{water}} (100 - T_{\text{Hfinal}}) \right) \cdot 80\% = m_{\text{holland}} c_{\text{holland}} (T_{\text{Hfinal}} - T_{\text{initial}})$$

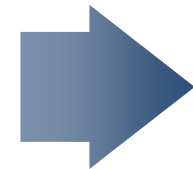
Standard cup



$$\left(m_{\text{steam}} c_{\text{steam}} (T_{\text{steam initial}} - 100) + m_{\text{steam}} L_{\text{steam}} + m_{\text{steam}} c_{\text{water}} (100 - T_{\text{Sfinal}}) \right) \cdot 80\% = m_{\text{standard}} c_{\text{standard}} (T_{\text{Sfinal}} - T_{\text{initial}})$$

We choose

- ☒ The density of water is 1000 kg/m³;
- ☒ The latent heat of water vaporization is 2,260,000 J/kg;
- ☒ The specific heat of water steam is 2080 J/(kg·K);
- ☒ The specific heat of water is 4181 J/(kg·K);
- ☒ The initial temperatures of both cups are 20 °C;
- ☒ The weight of the Hollandsche cup is 0.20 kg, the specific heat is 750 J/(kg·K);
- ☒ The weight of the Standard cup is 0.13 kg, the specific heat is 1070 J/(kg·K);
- ☒ The steam temperature doesn't change before it reaches the cup;
- ☒ The complete process happens in a very short time;



Solving/ Simulation

Hollandsche cup final temperature



$$T_{Hfinal}(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) = \frac{8320m_{steam}T_{steaminitial} + 9.8804 \cdot 10^6 m_{steam} + 15000}{16724m_{steam} + 750}$$



Design parameters $(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial})$



$$T_{Sfinal}(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) = \frac{8320m_{steam}T_{steaminitial} + 9.8804 \cdot 10^6 m_{steam} + 13910}{16724m_{steam} + 695.5}$$

Standard cup final temperature

Our wishes

Design brief

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Wishes

Make the deviation

$$T_{Hfinal}(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) - 92$$

as small as possible



AND

Make the deviation

$$T_{Sfinal}(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) - 92$$

as small as possible



The metrics



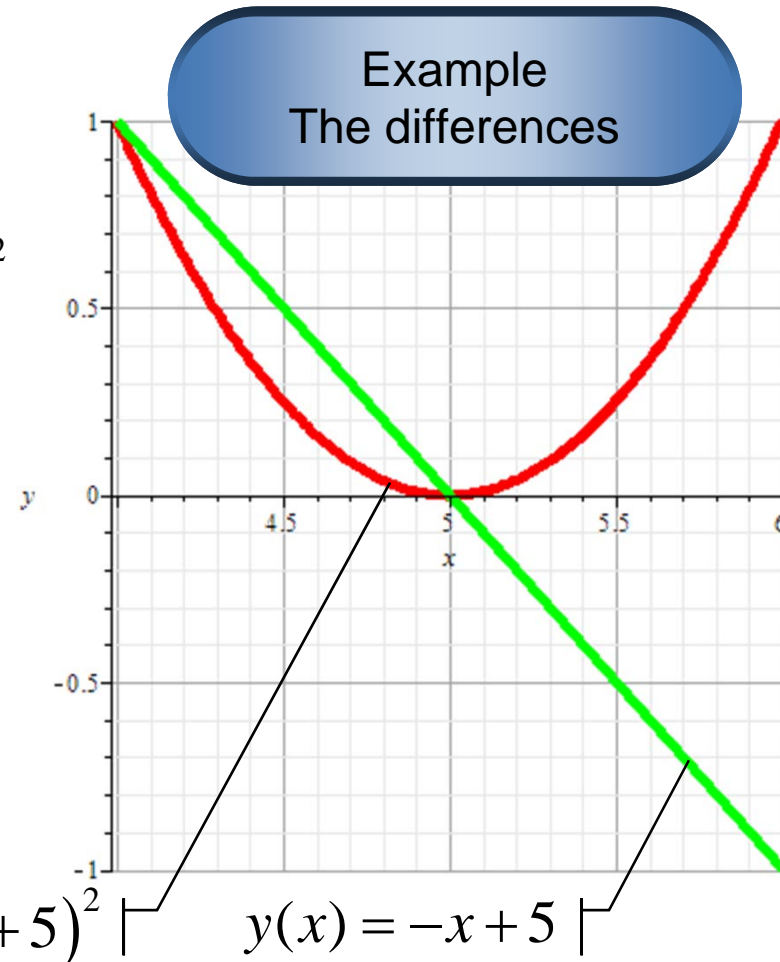
$$M_1 = (T_{Hfinal}(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) - 92)^2$$



$$M_2 = (T_{Sfinal}(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) - 92)^2$$

$$y(x) = (-x + 5)^2$$

$$y(x) = -x + 5$$



Formulate the objective function based on metrics

$$f(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) = \sum_{i=1}^2 W_i M_i$$

The objective
function

Non-dimensional

We want to minimise

$$\min f(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) \text{ where } f(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) = \sum_{i=1}^2 W_i M_i$$

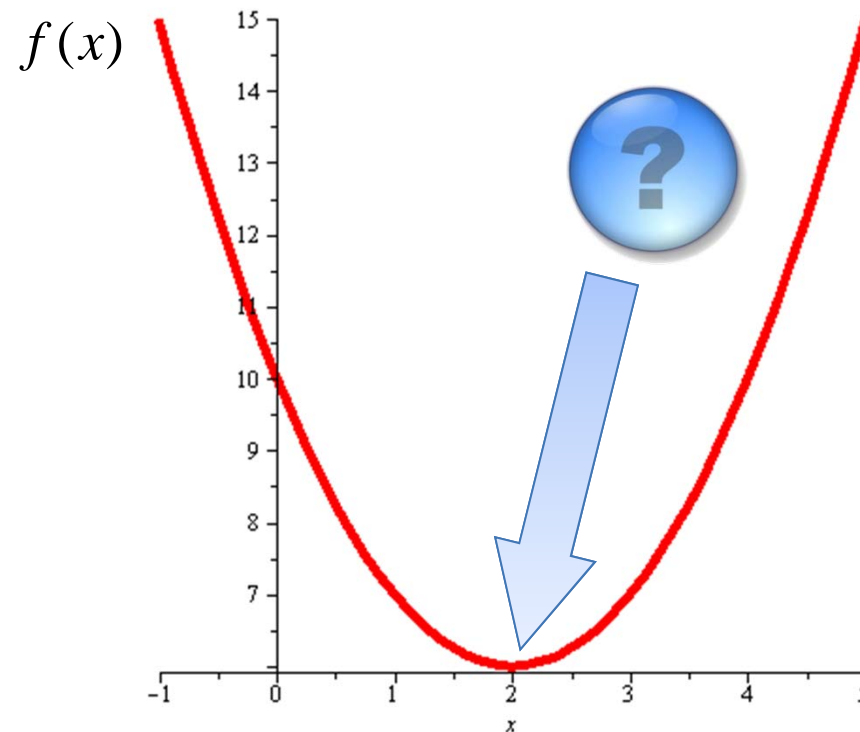
Formulate the objective function based on metrics

In our case study, we choose

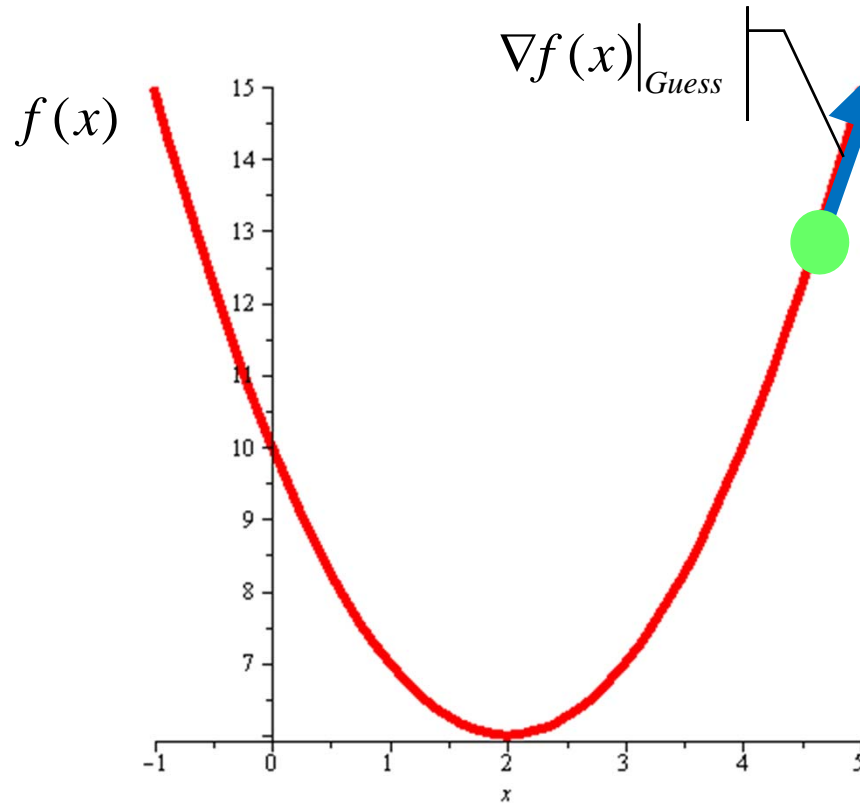
$$W_i = 0.5$$

$$\min f(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) = 0.5(T_{Hfinal}(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) - 92)^2 + 0.5(T_{Sfinal}(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) - 92)^2$$

Start from a 1D problem: Finding the minimum of a function



The gradient descent method



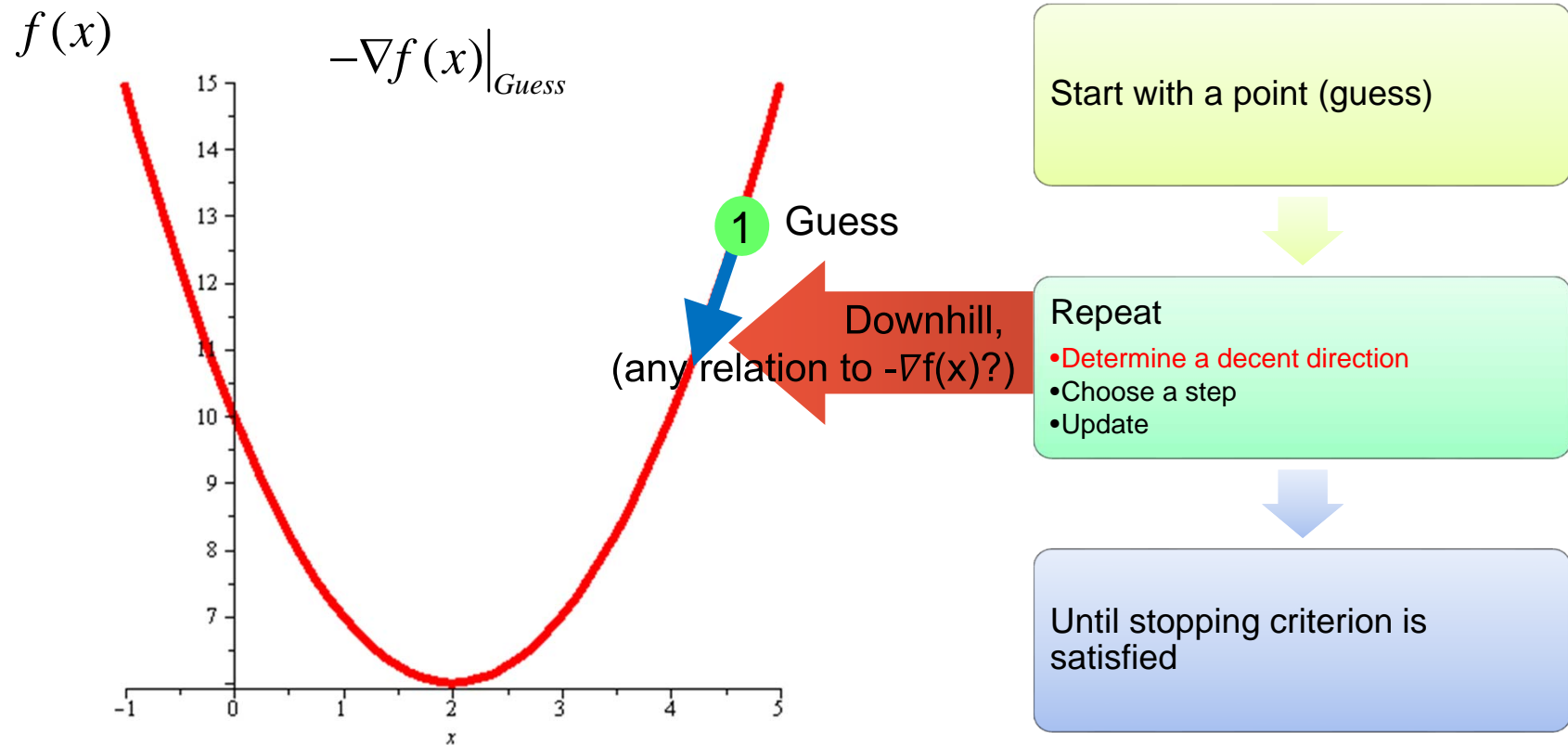
Start with a point (guess)

Repeat

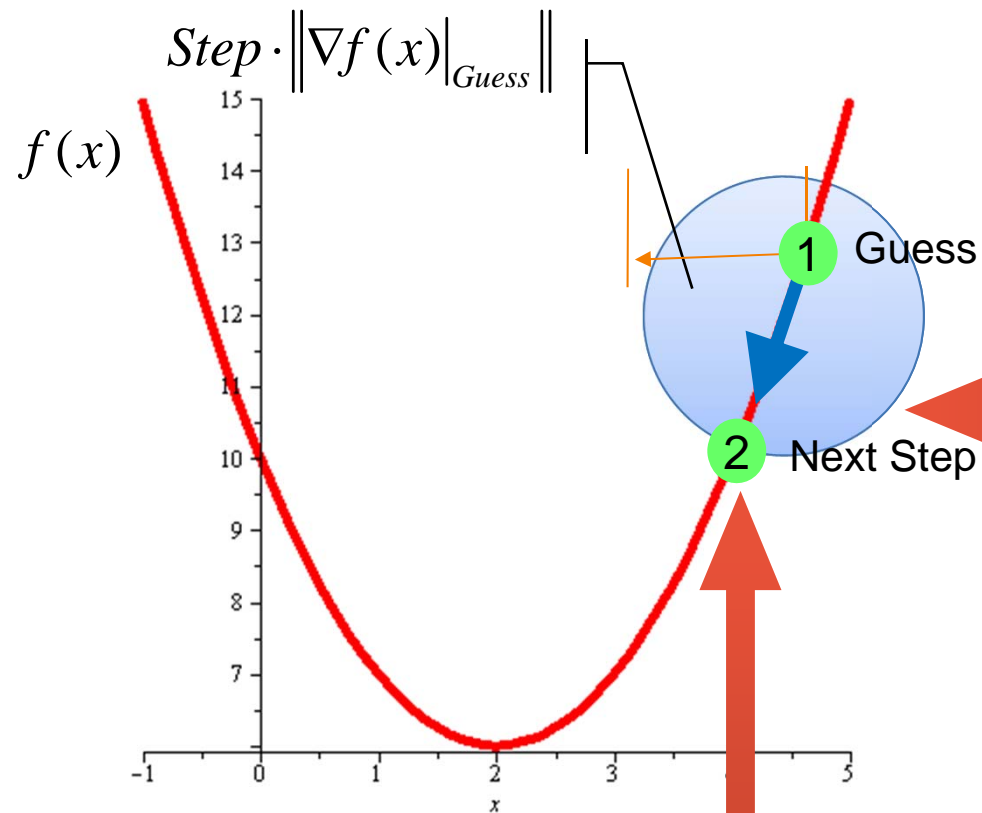
- Determine a decent direction
- Choose a step
- Update

Until stopping criterion is satisfied

The gradient descent method



The gradient descent method



$$x_{NextSep} = x_{Guess} + Step \cdot (-\nabla f(x)|_{Guess})$$

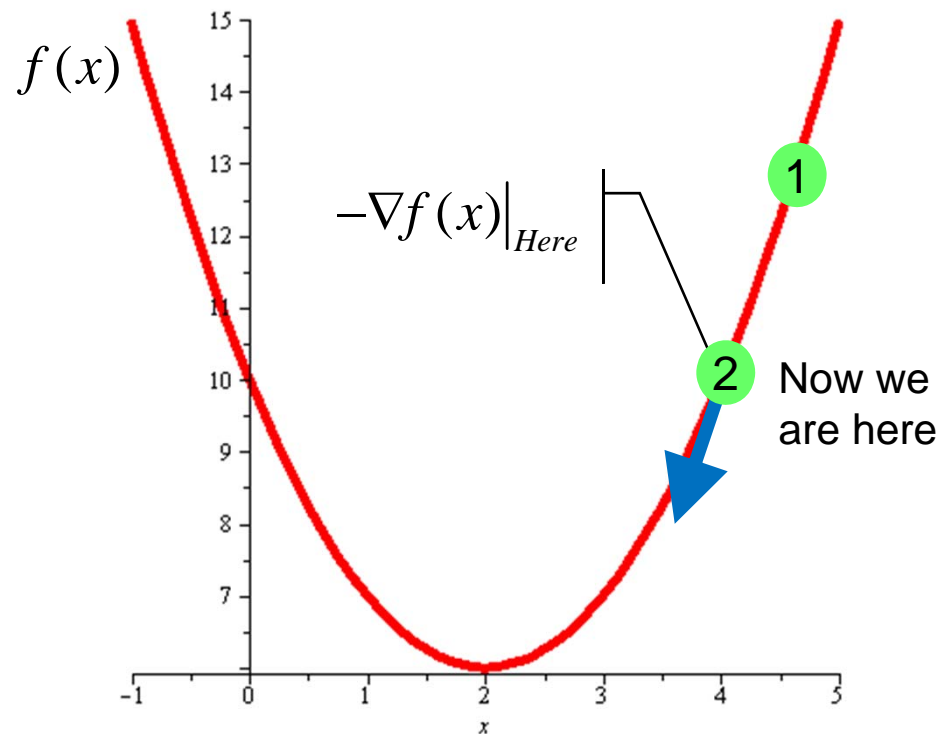
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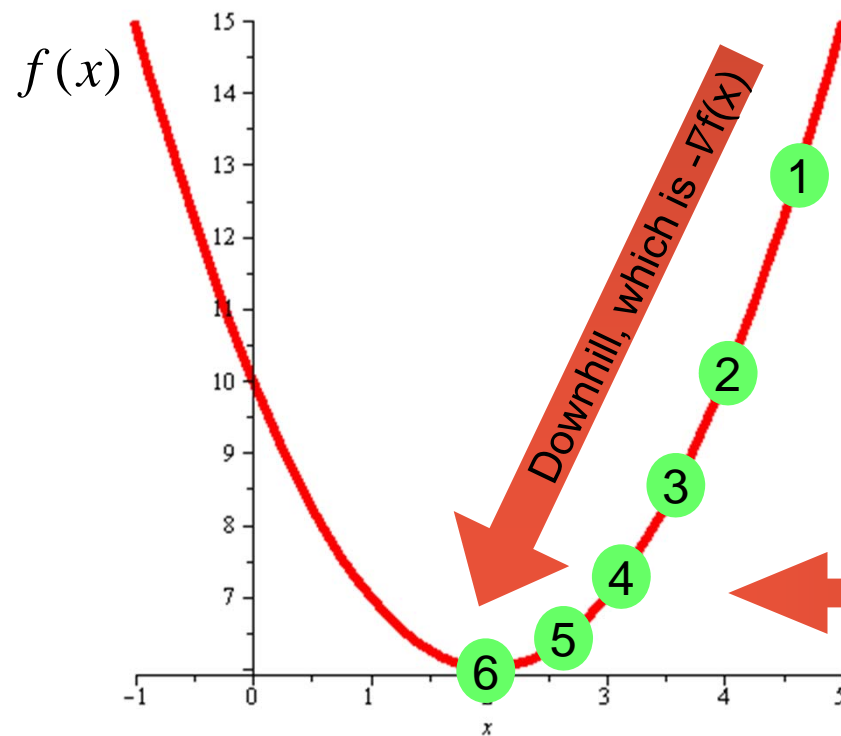
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The gradient descent method



$$\|\nabla f\| < \varepsilon$$

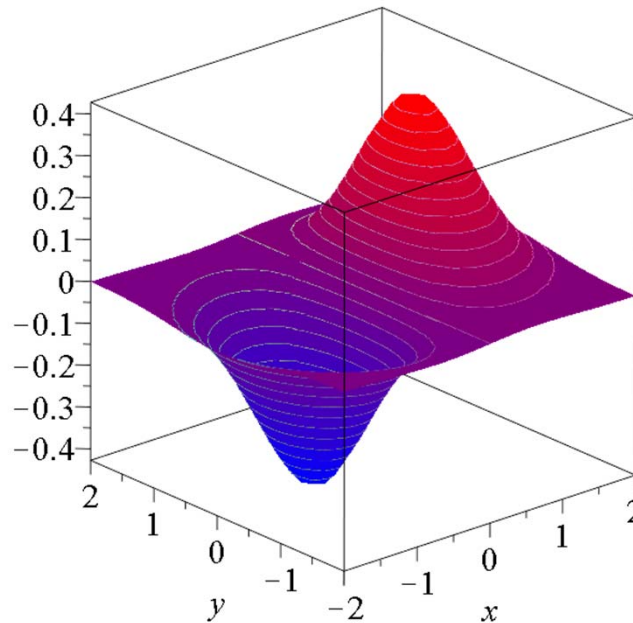
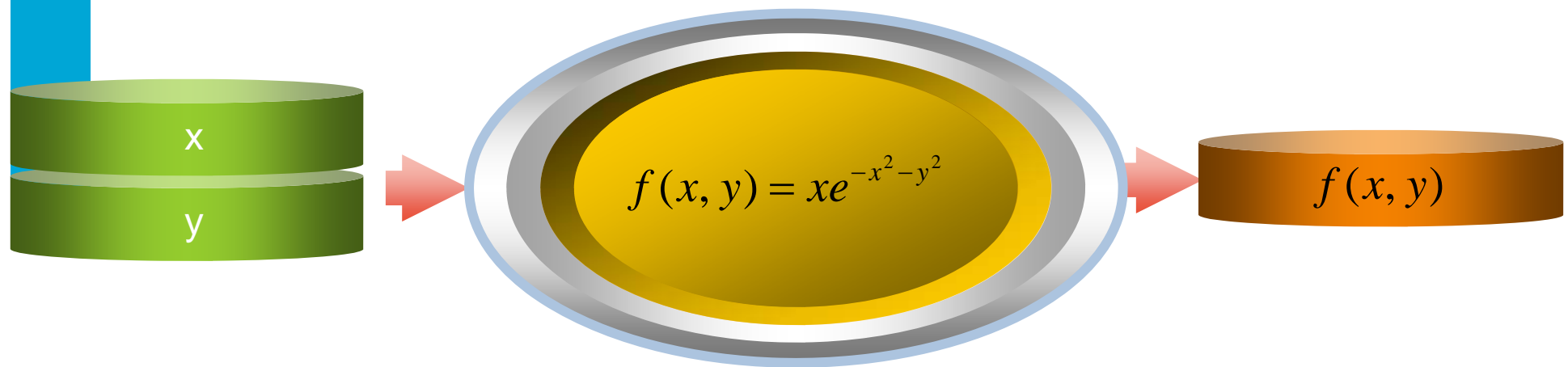
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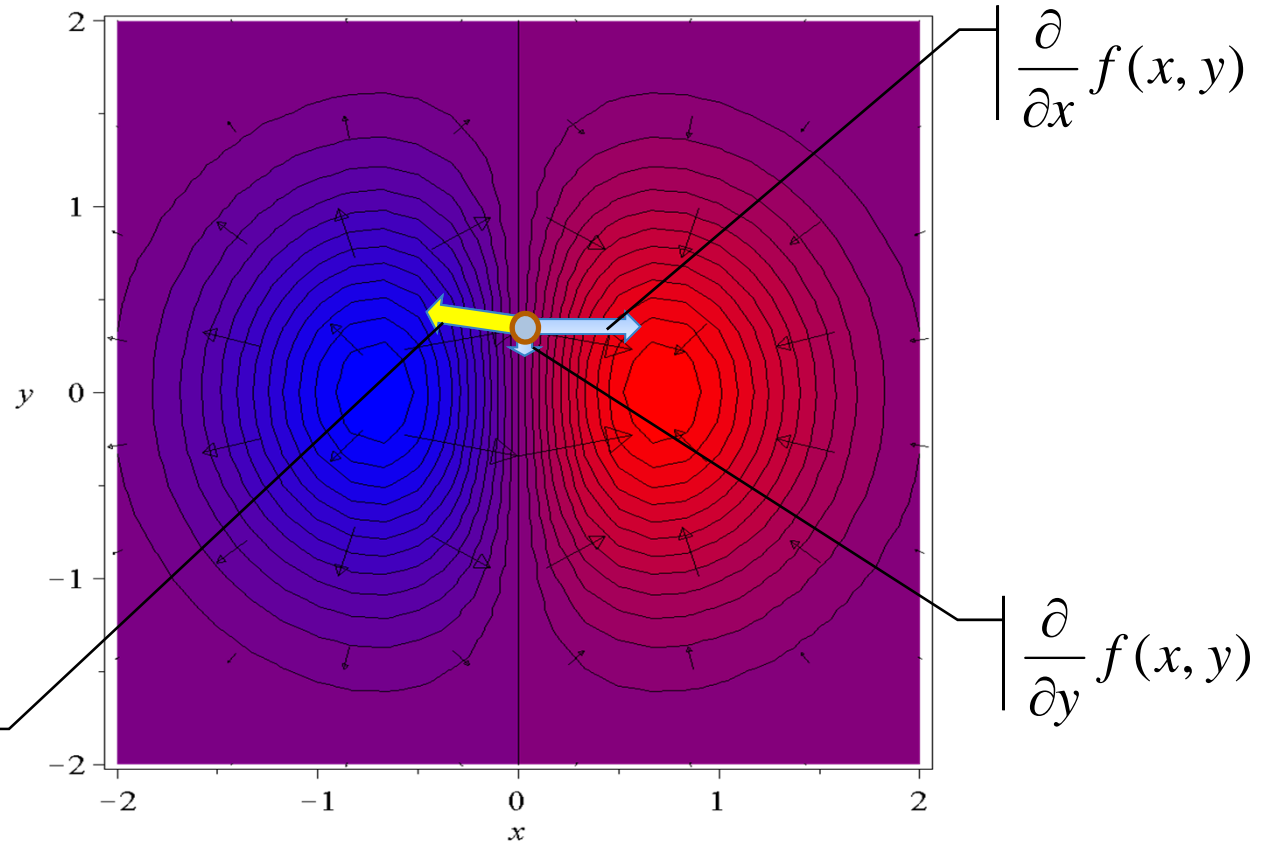
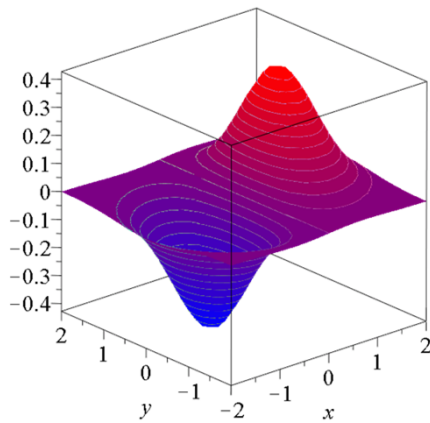
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2D gradient descent method

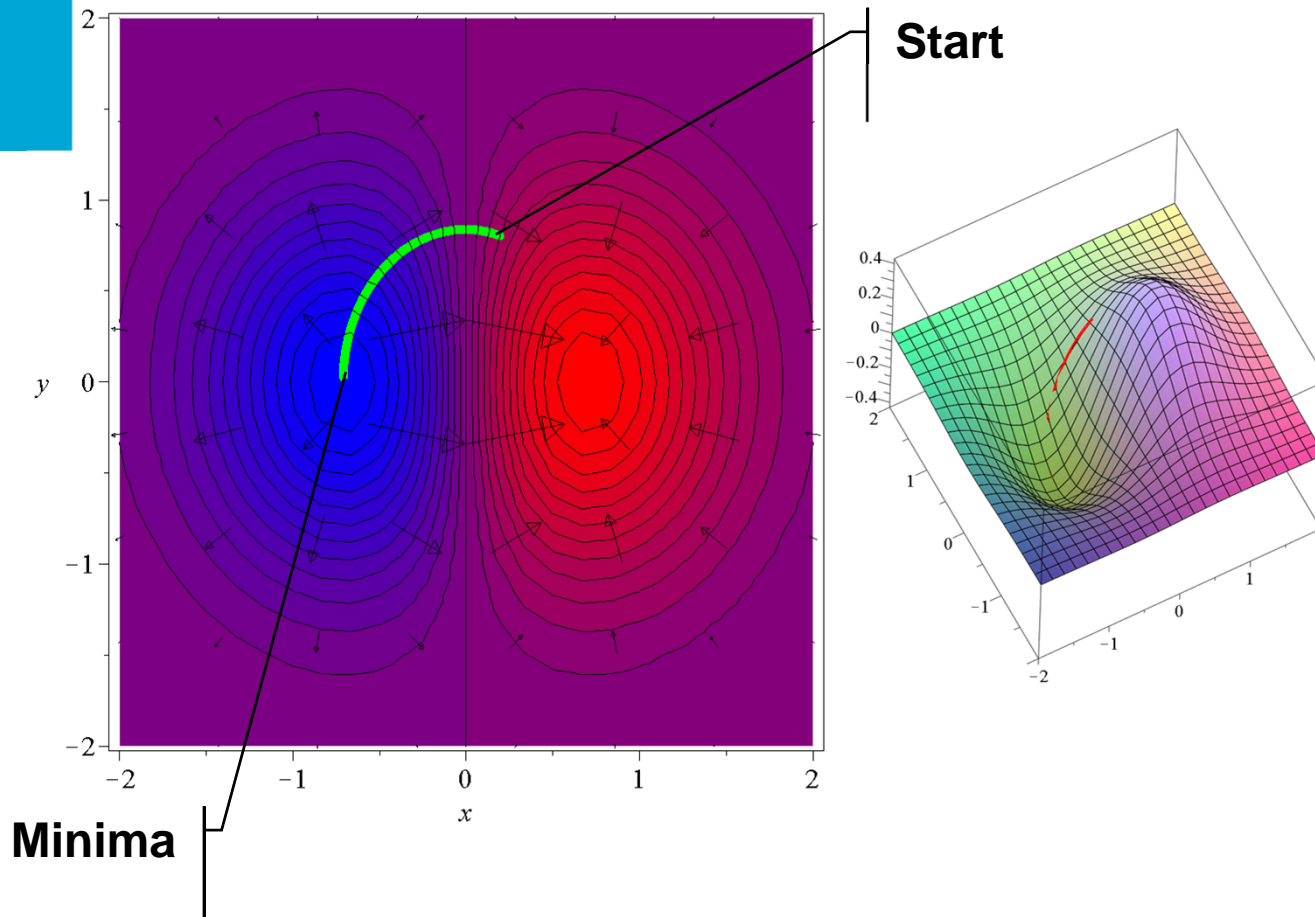


2D gradient descent method



$$-\nabla f(x, y) = -\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, y), \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y)\right)$$

2D gradient descent method



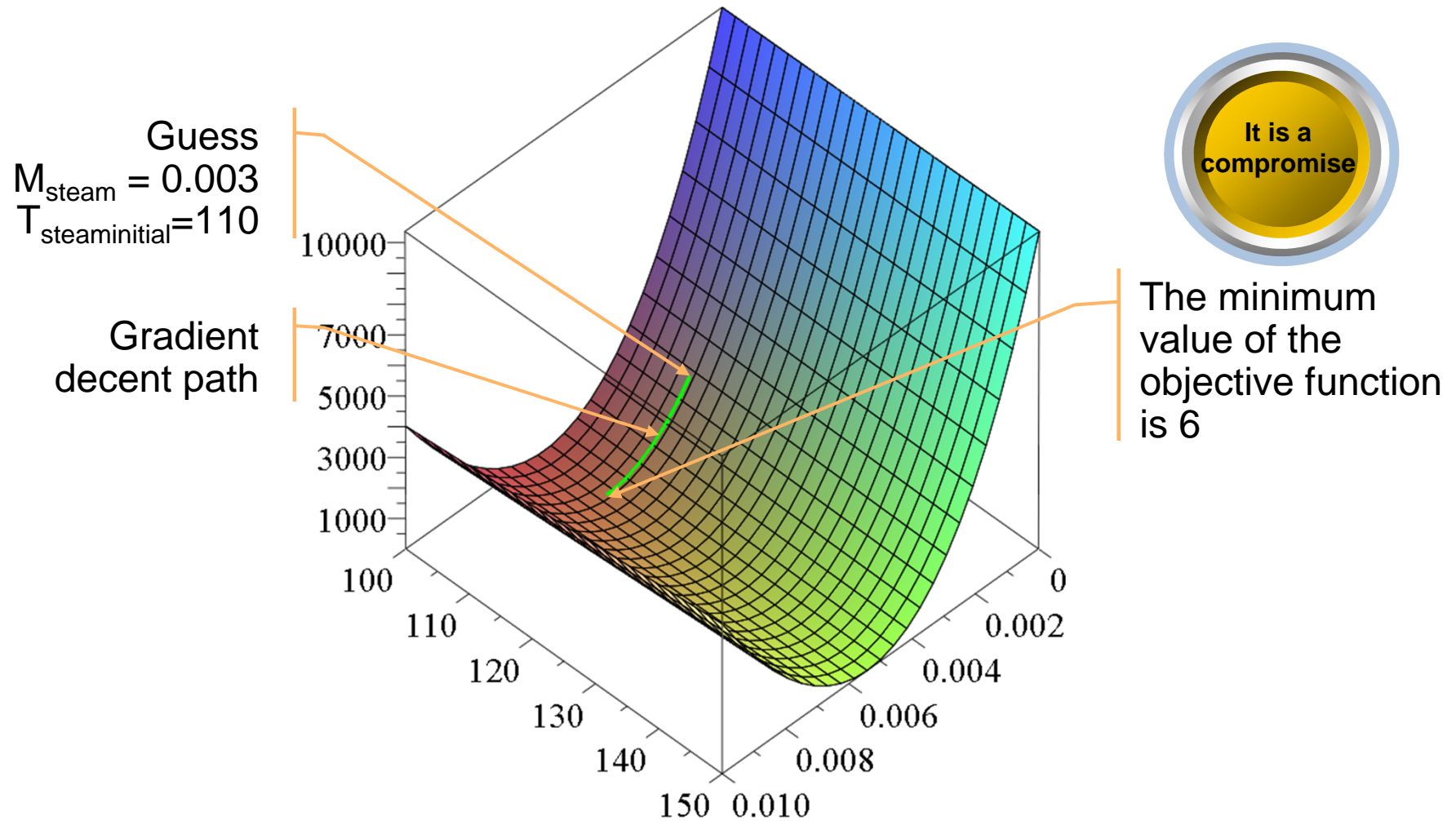
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Solving our design problem: The coffee cups



Wishes vs Designs

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Put real optimal parameters in side

Hollandsche cup final temperature



$$T_{Hfinal}(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) = 89.5^{\circ}\text{C}$$

Output of the
optimised
design

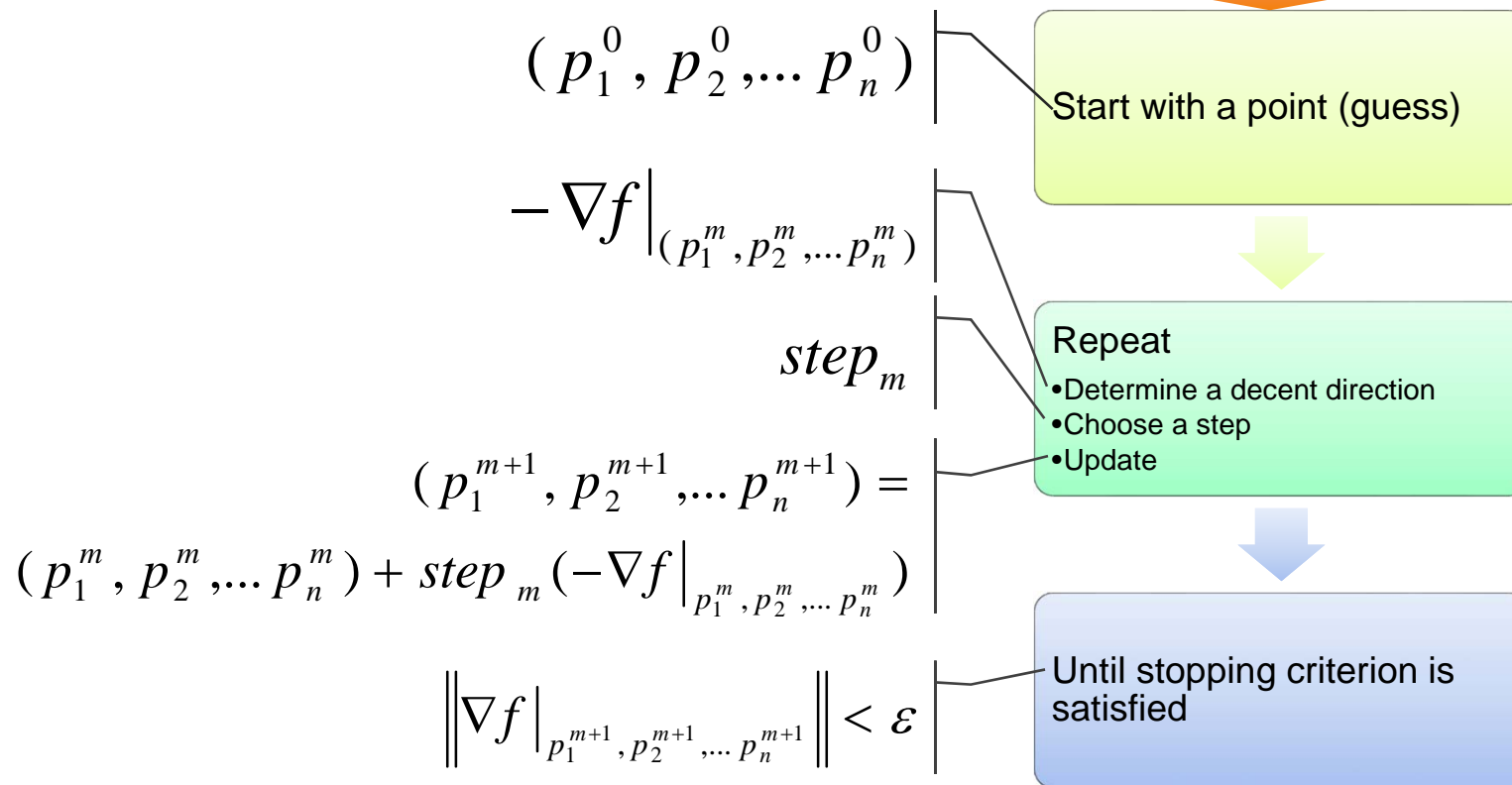


$$T_{Sfinal}(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) = 94.3^{\circ}\text{C}$$

Standard cup final temperature

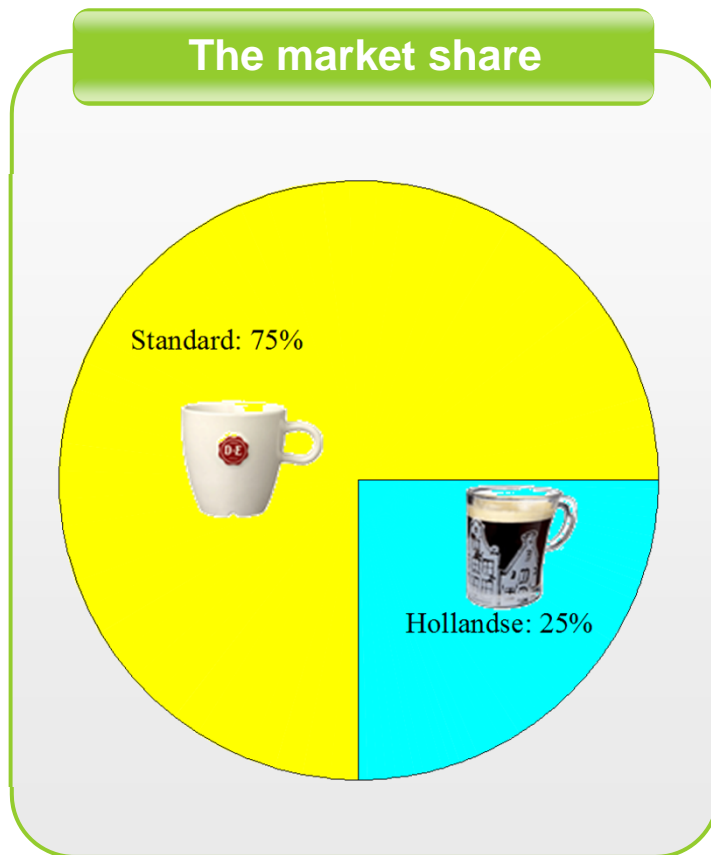
Generalised form

To optimise a function: $\min f(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$



Question!

Weights in the objective function



We can emphasise
a wish by increasing
its relative weight

Question! Weights in the objective function

Put real optimal parameters in side

$$\min f(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial})$$

where

And compare to previous

$$\min f(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) = W_1 (T_{Hfinal}(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) - 92)^2 + W_2 (T_{Sfinal}(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) - 92)^2$$

**Weight
Value = 0.25**



Hollandsche cup final temperature

$$T_{Hfinal}(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) = 88.4^{\circ}\text{C}$$

**Output of the
optimised
design**

**Weight
Value = 0.75**



Standard cup final temperature

$$T_{Sfinal}(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) = 93.1^{\circ}\text{C}$$

Question! Square in the metrics



$$M_1 = (T_{Hfinal}(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) - 92)^2$$

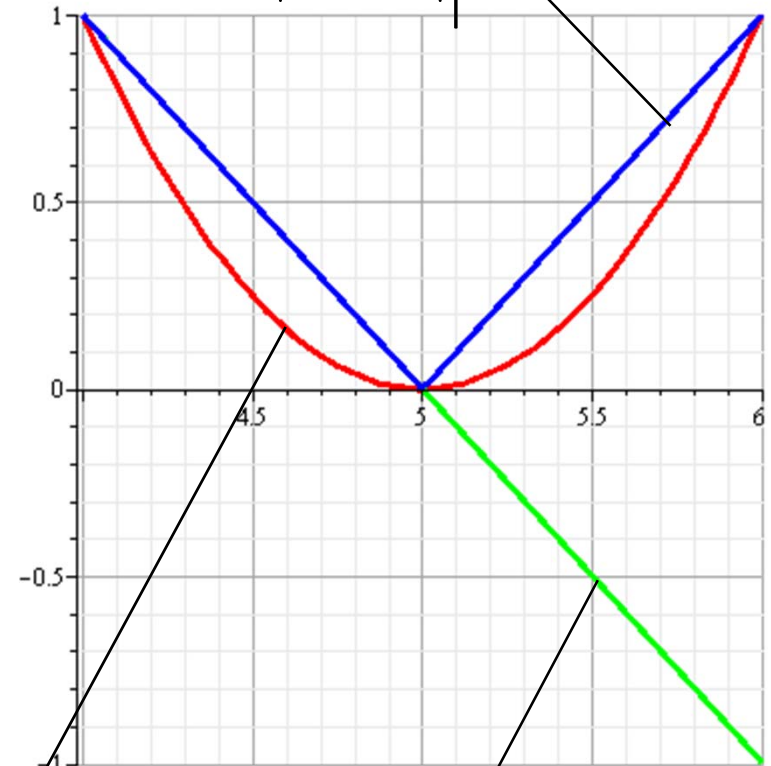
Why square instead of absolute value?



$$M_2 = (T_{Sfinal}(m_{steam}, T_{steaminitial}) - 92)^2$$

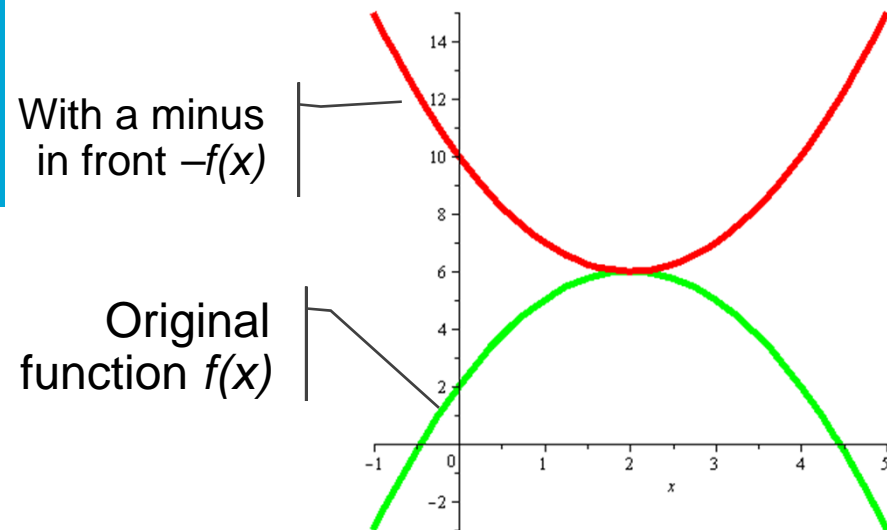
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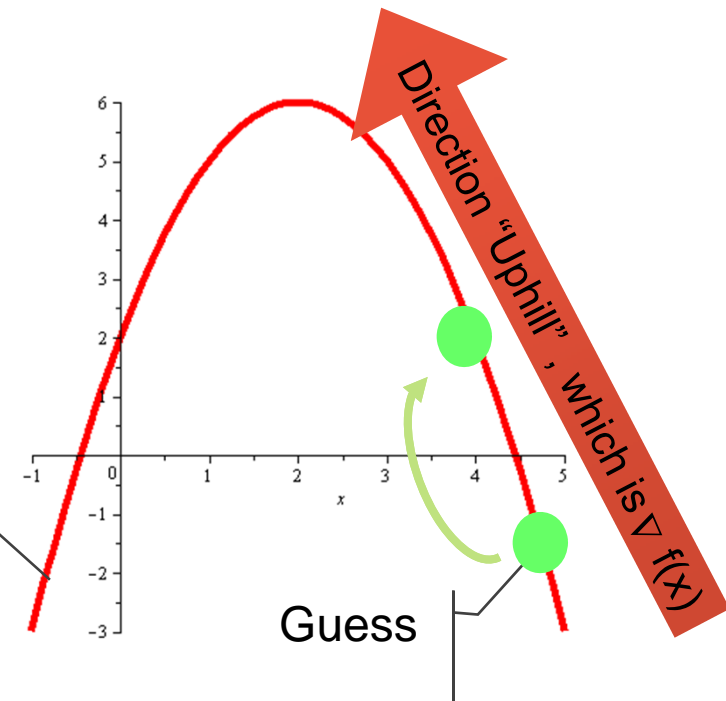
Problem: find the maxima



Gradient ascent

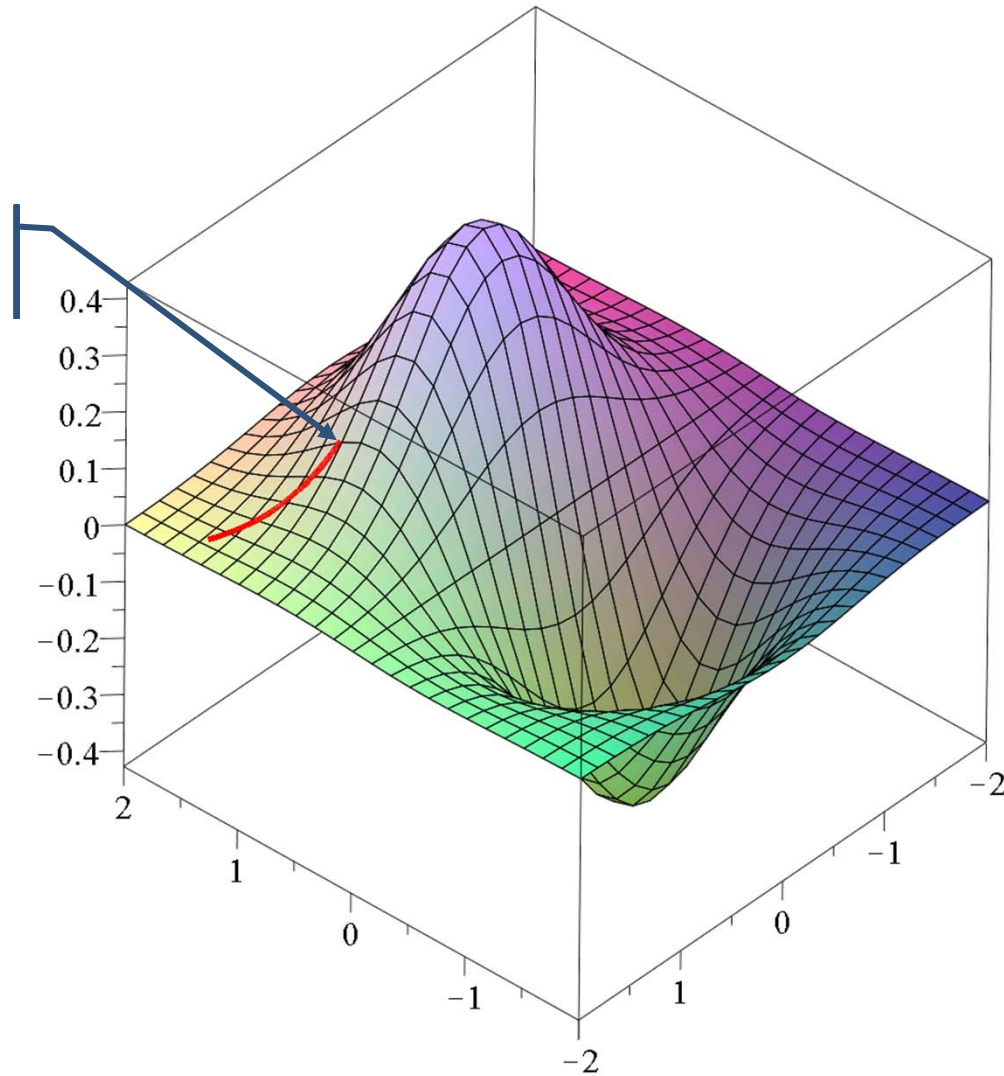
Or

Function $f(x)$



Problems: Guess the starting point

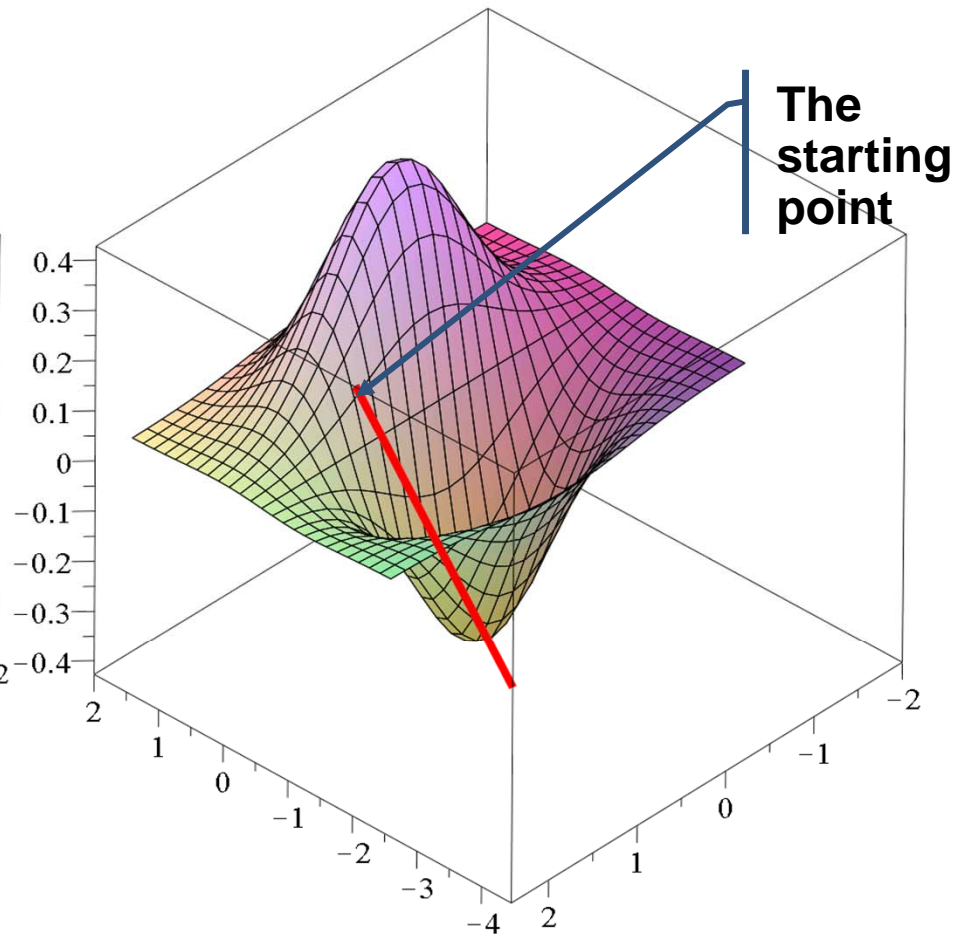
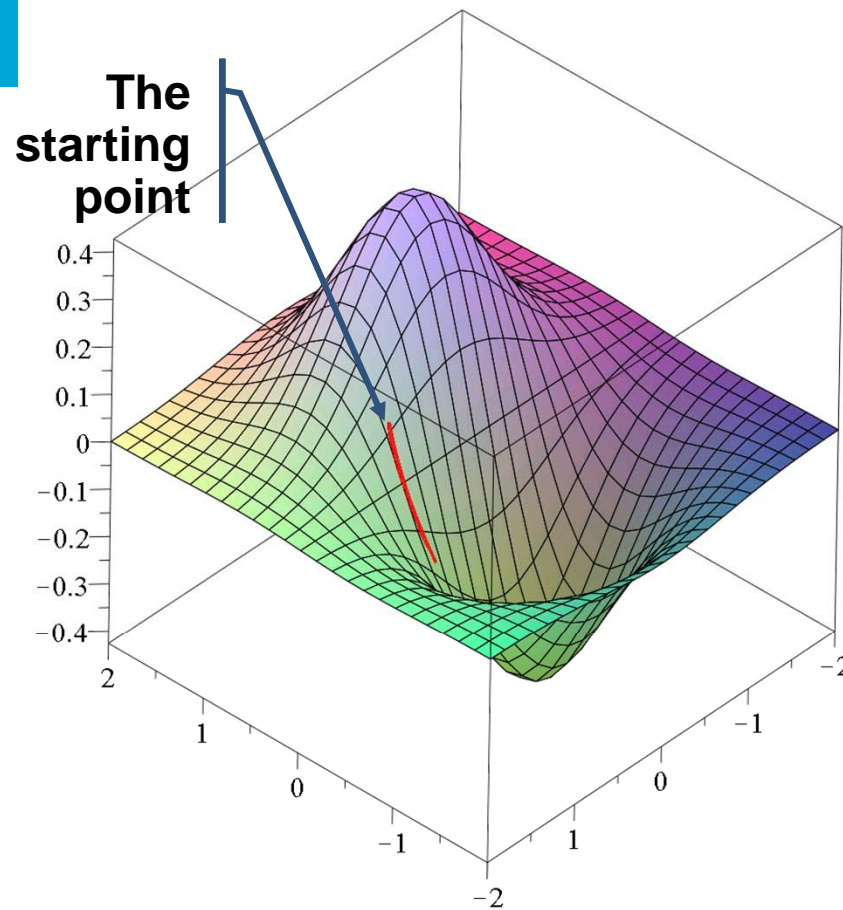
The starting point
is not good



Problems: Choice of the sizes of steps

Small steps: inefficient

Large steps: potential risks



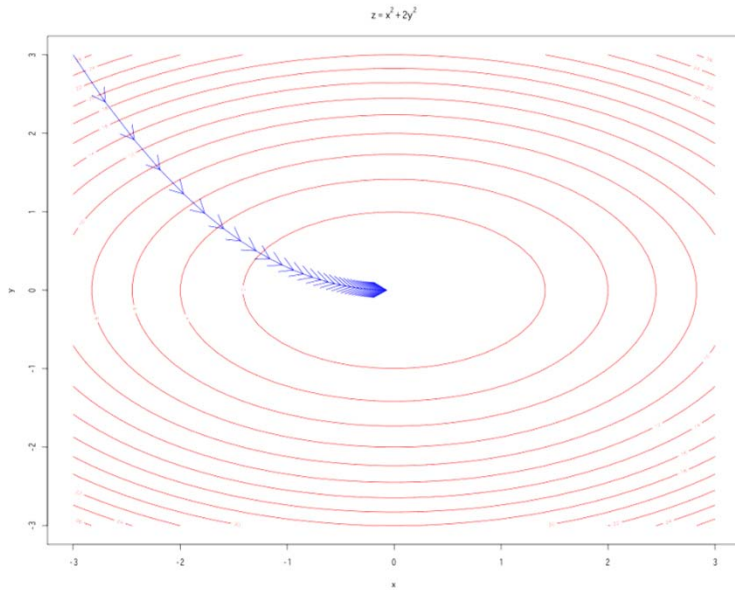
Advanced: Dynamic steps

$$-\frac{\nabla f|_{(p_1^m, p_2^m, \dots, p_n^m)}}{\|\nabla f|_{(p_1^m, p_2^m, \dots, p_n^m)}\|}$$

Acquire the direction

Assign the initial step

If the step is too large,
reduce the step to
a certain percentage



Problems: The stopping criterion

Intuitive criterion

$$\|\nabla f\| < \varepsilon$$

$$\|\nabla f\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right)^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \right)^2 \cdots \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_N} \right)^2} < \varepsilon$$

Other criteria

Example 1

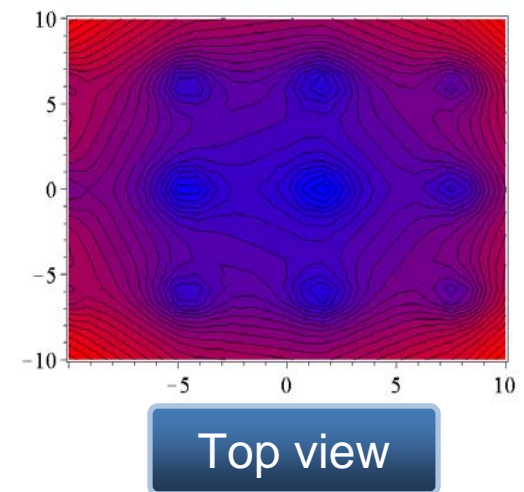
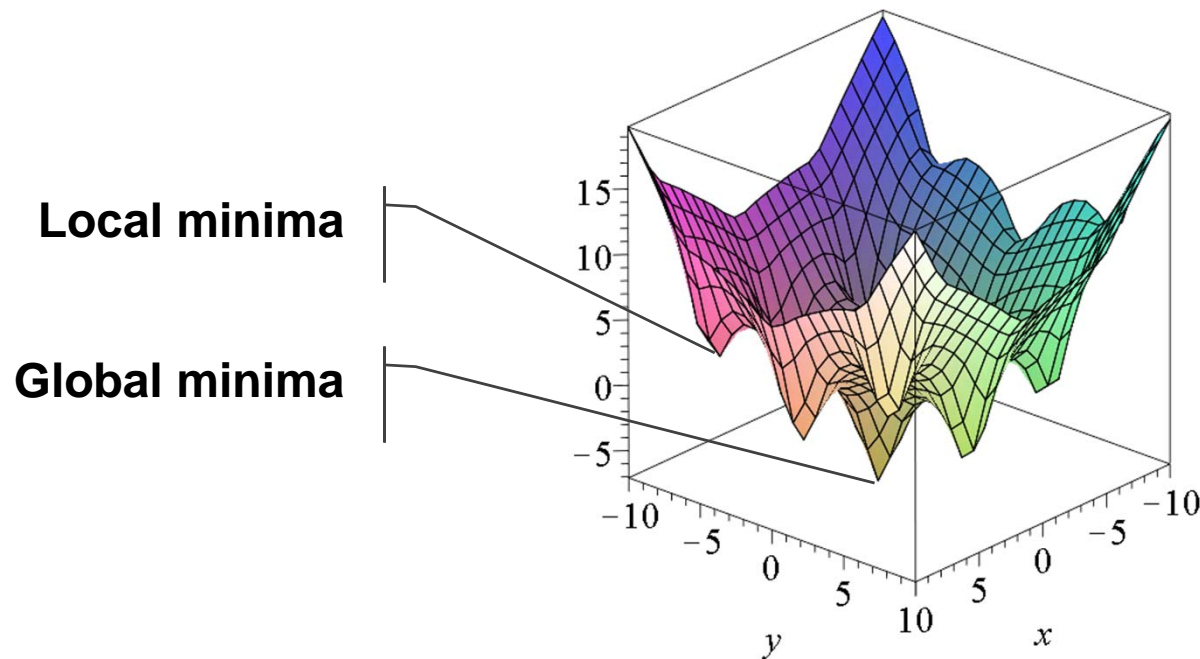
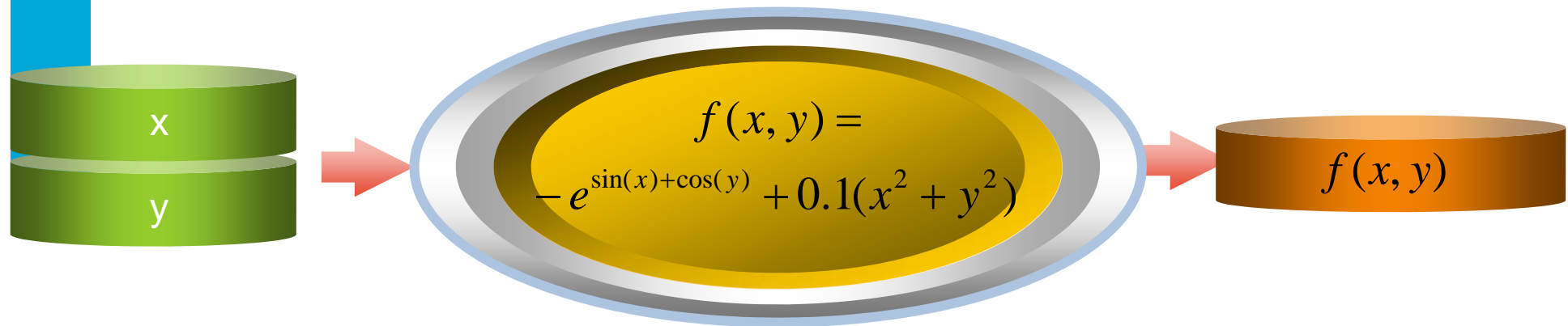
$$\left| (p_1^{m+1}, p_2^{m+1}, \dots, p_n^{m+1}) - (p_1^m, p_2^m, \dots, p_n^m) \right| < \varepsilon$$

Example 2

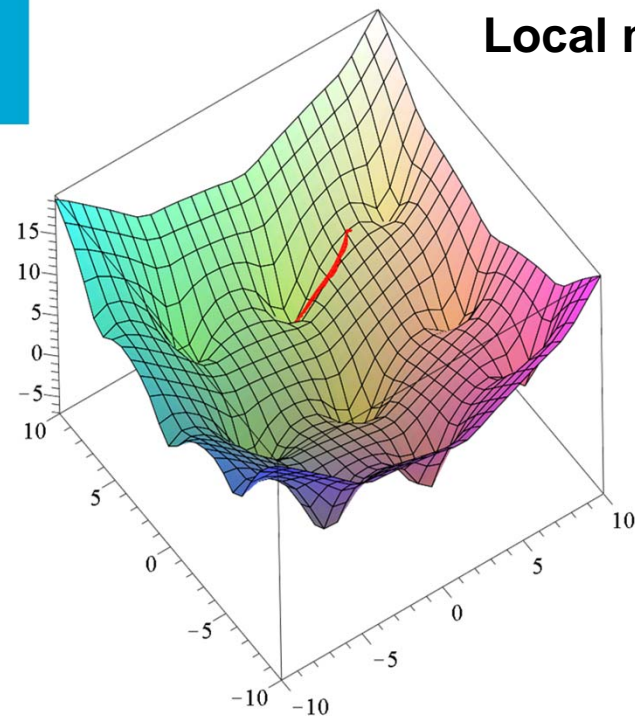
$$\left| f(p_1^{m+1}, p_2^{m+1}, \dots, p_n^{m+1}) - f(p_1^m, p_2^m, \dots, p_n^m) \right| < \varepsilon$$

...

Fundamental problems: Local minima

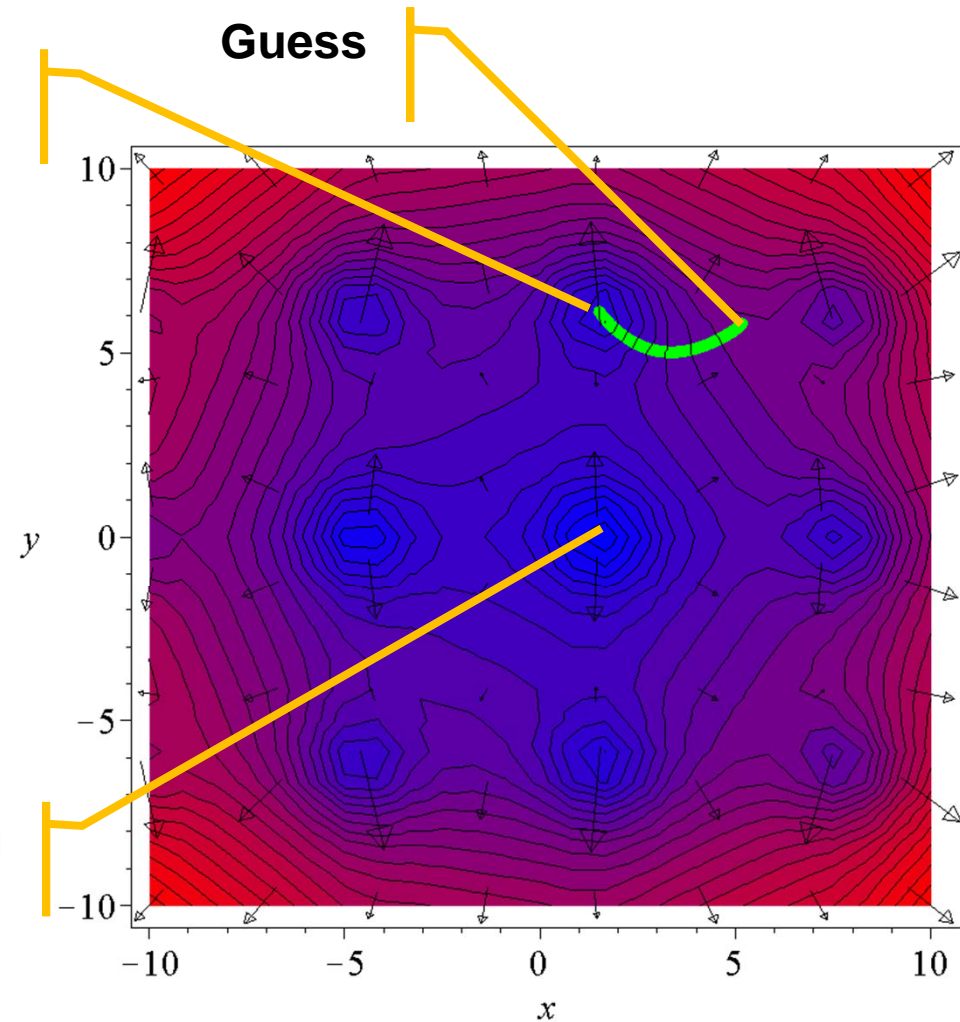


Fundamental problems: Local minima



Local minimum

Global minimum



The world is much larger



Quasi-Newton /
conjugate gradient methods



Box (complex) / Hook-Jeeves



Genetic algorithms
(Evolution Strategy)



and many more

What did we learn today?

Formulate the objective function (metric) of your design

Gradient descent method is a possible way to find the minimum of your objective function

An optimum is (almost) always a compromise (competing metrics!)

Optimisation methods have limitations



Success!

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