

Module 3.4: Learning Parameters : Gradient Descent

Now let us see if there is a more efficient and principled way of doing this

Goal

Find a better way of traversing the error surface so that we can reach the minimum value quickly without resorting to brute force search!

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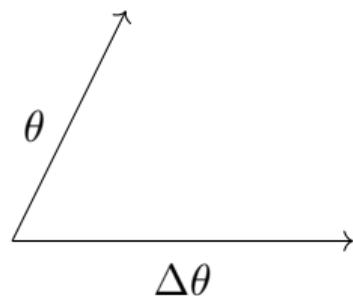
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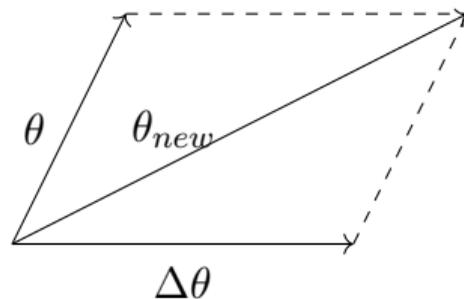


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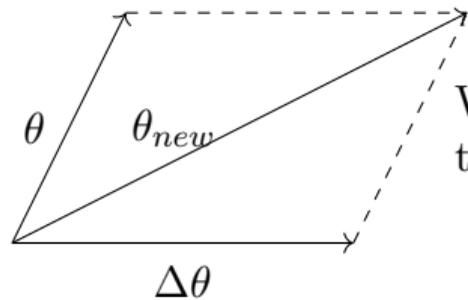


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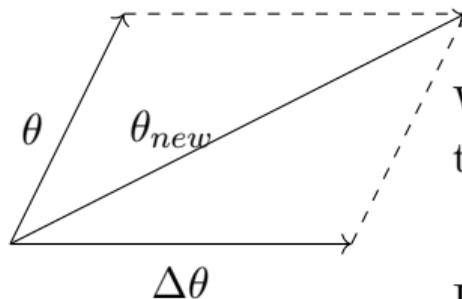
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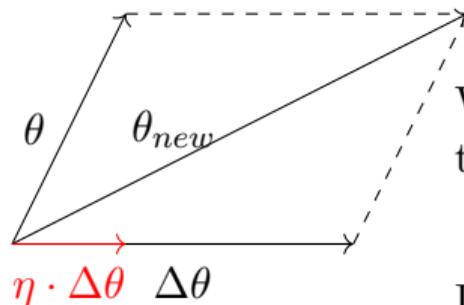
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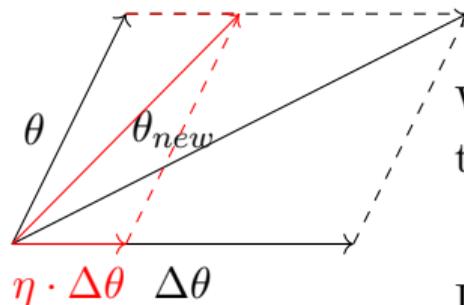
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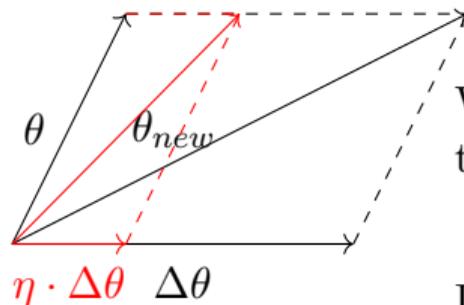
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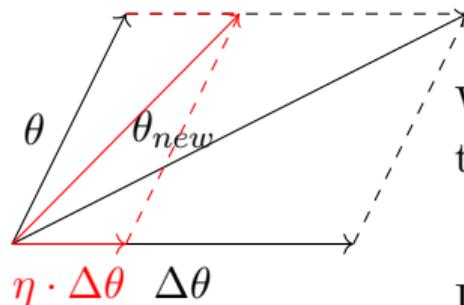
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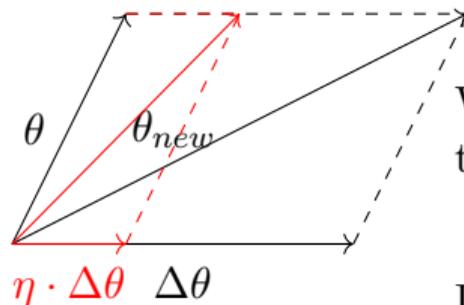
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Thus, $\mathcal{L}(\theta + \eta u) - \mathcal{L}(\theta) = u^T \nabla \mathcal{L}(\theta) = k * \cos(\beta)$ will be most negative when $\cos(\beta) = -1$ i.e., when β is 180°

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So we now have a more principled way of moving in the w - b plane than our “guess work” algorithm

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Algorithm: `gradient_descent()`

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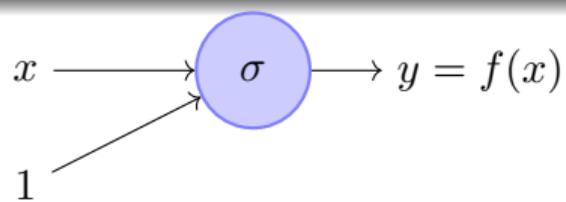
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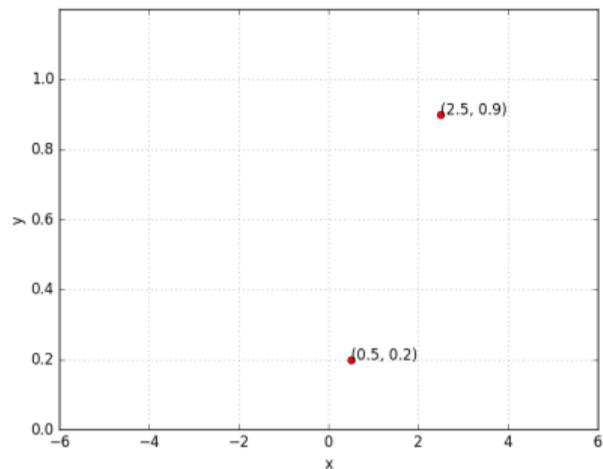
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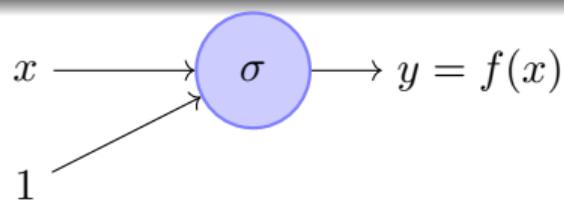
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- To see this algorithm in practice let's first derive ∇w and ∇b for our toy neural network

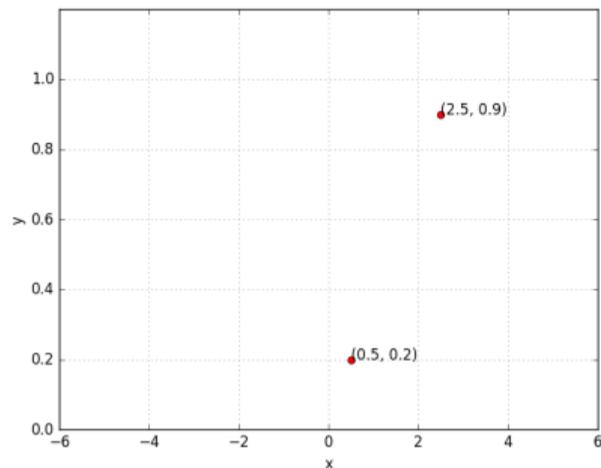


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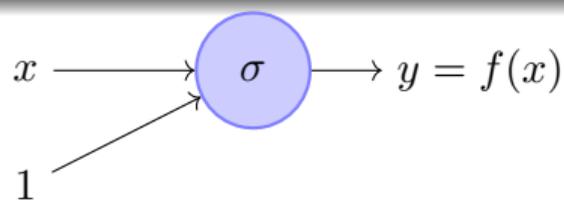




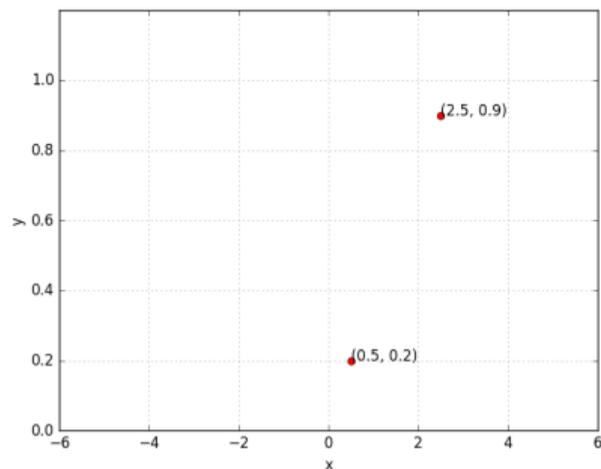
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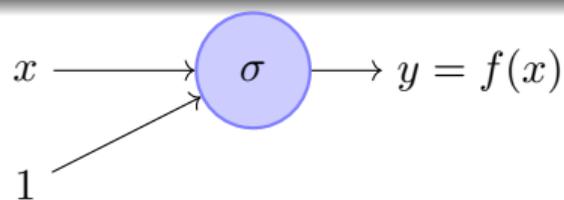


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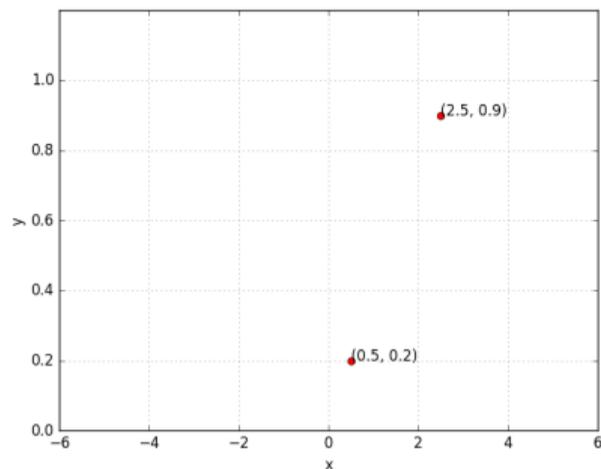


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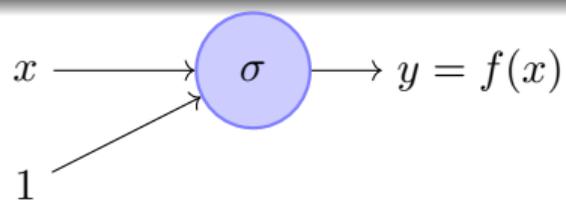
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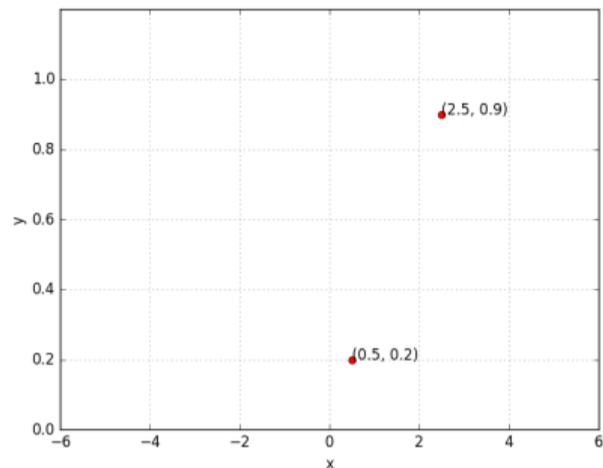
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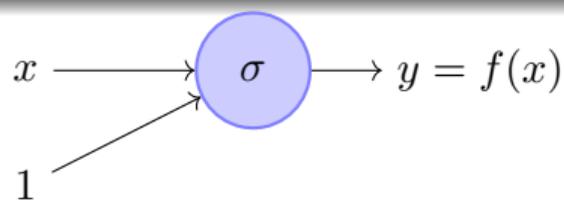
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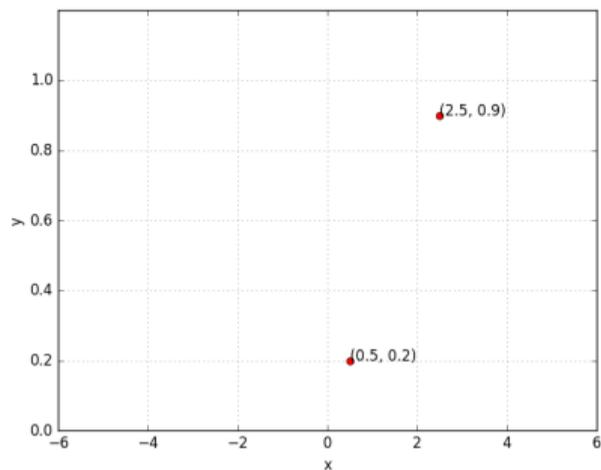
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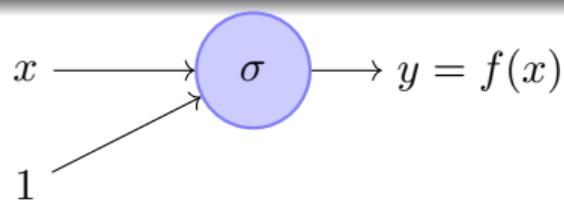


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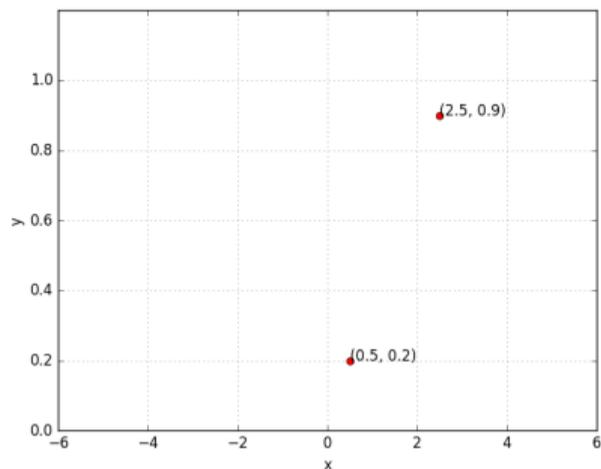


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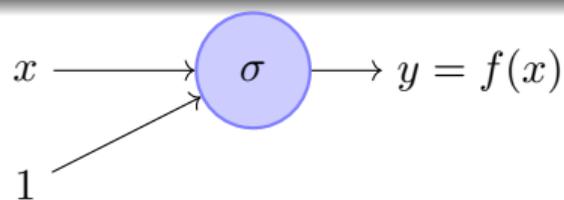
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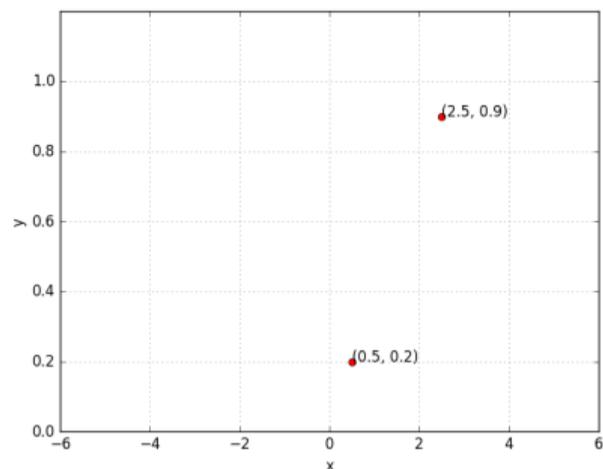
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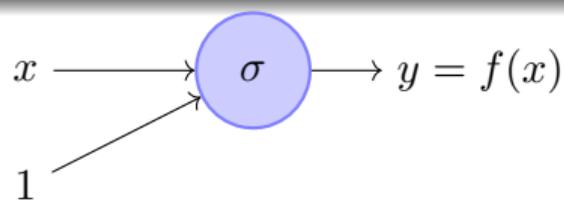


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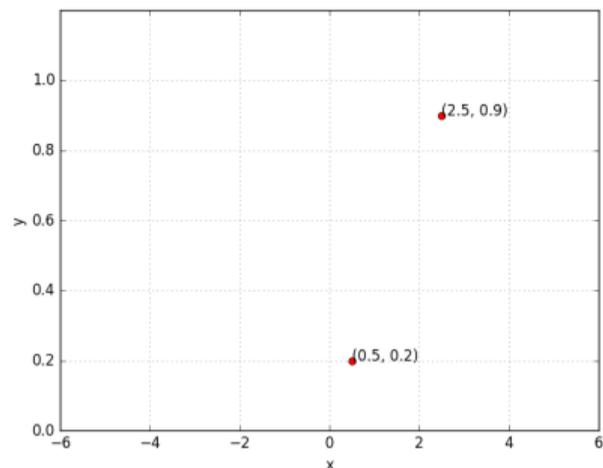
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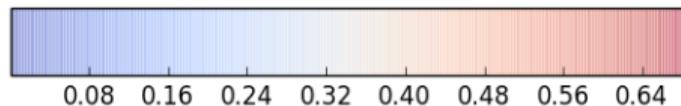
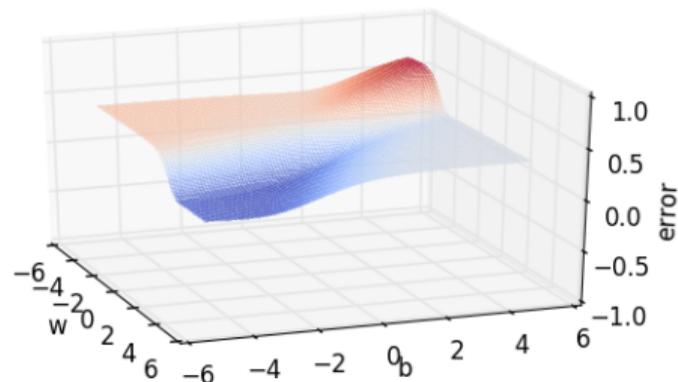
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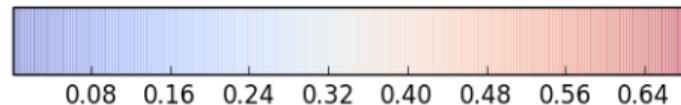
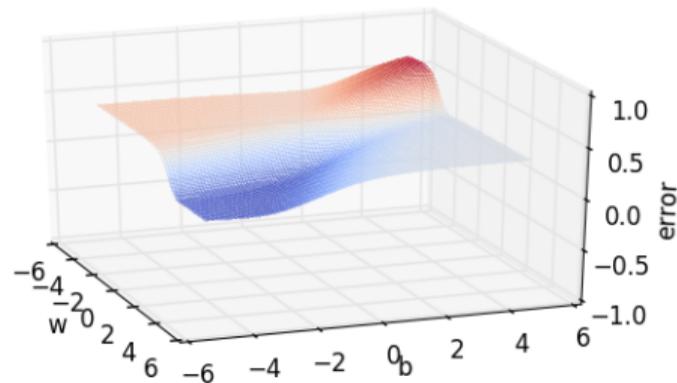
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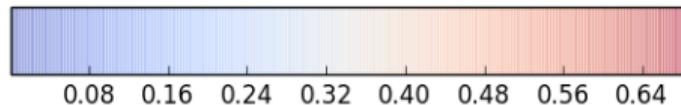
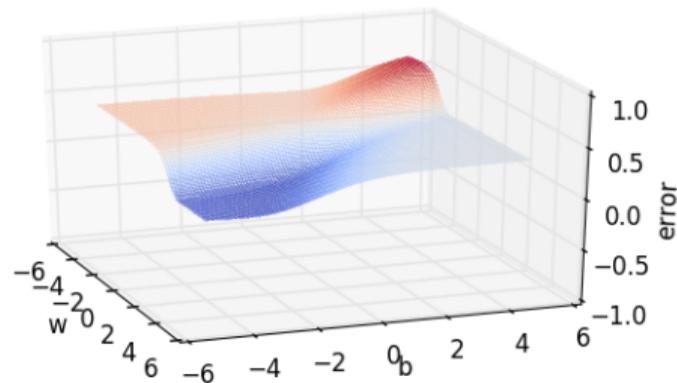
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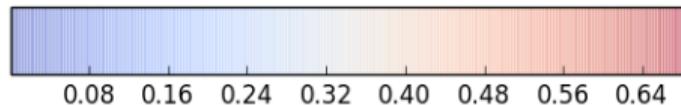
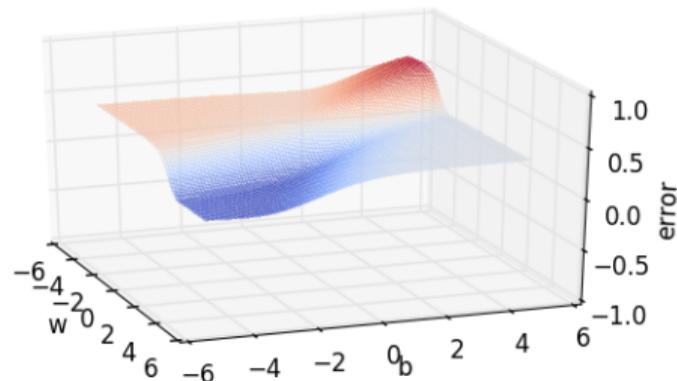
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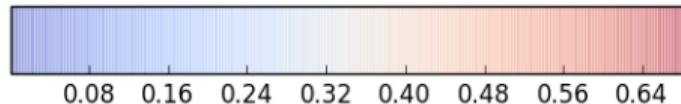
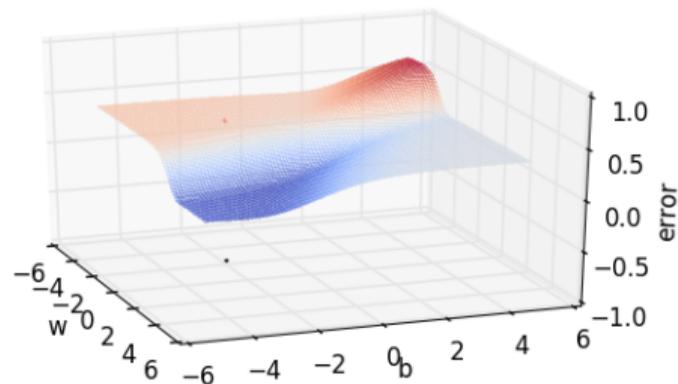
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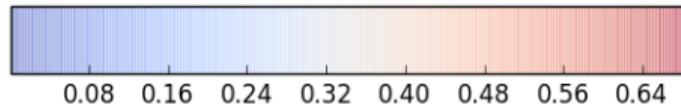
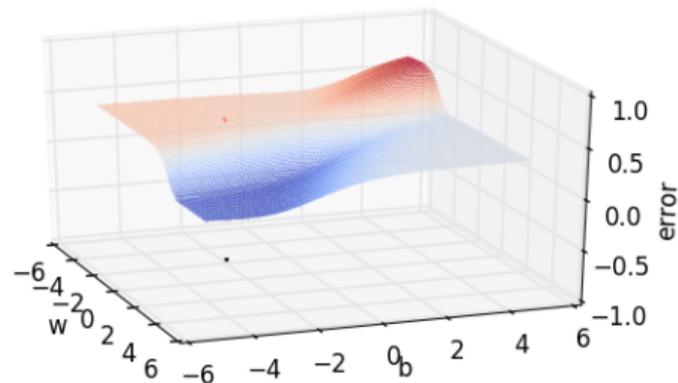
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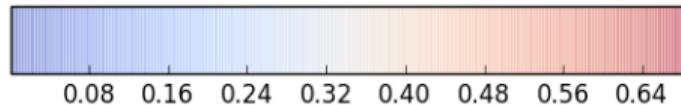
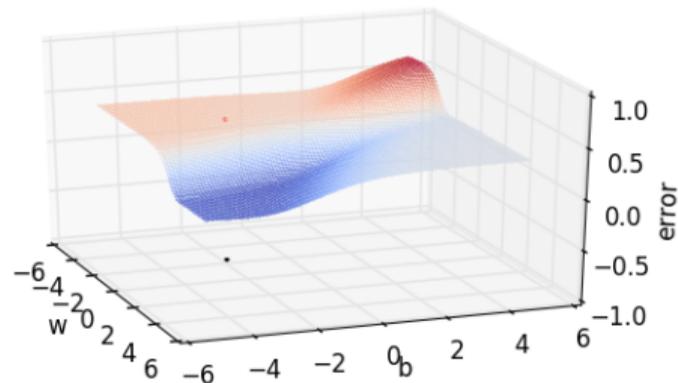
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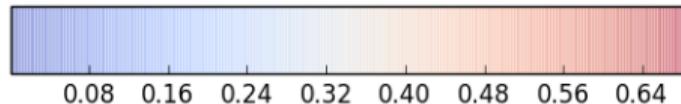
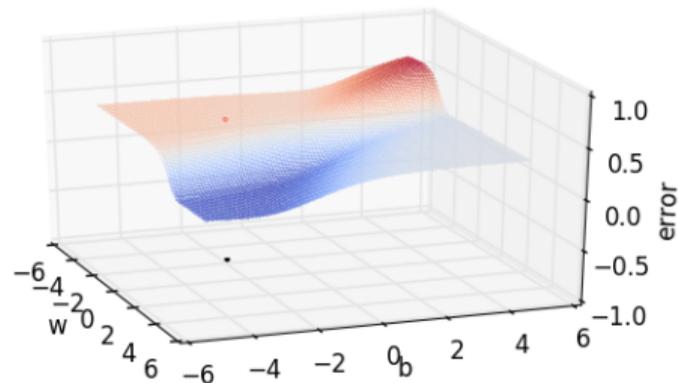
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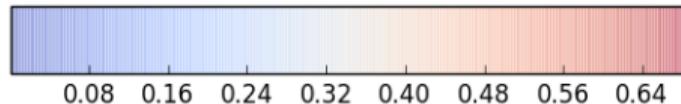
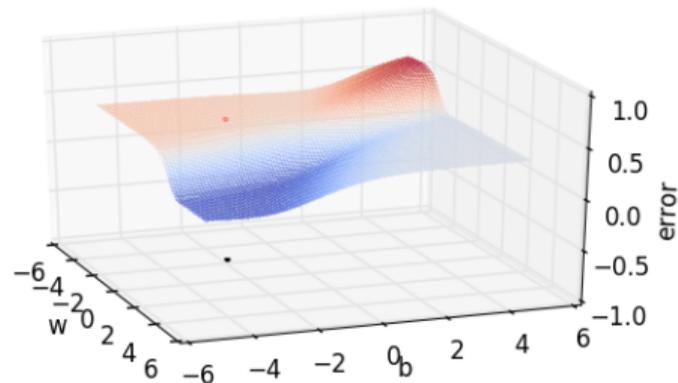
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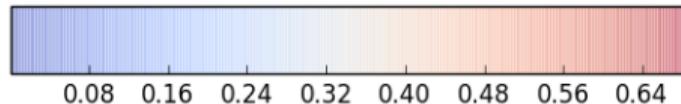
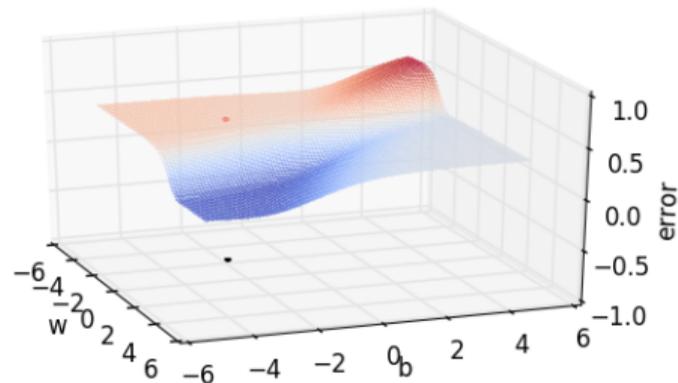
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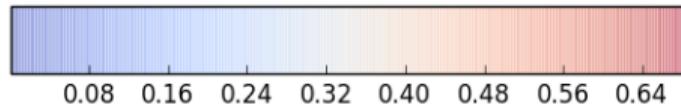
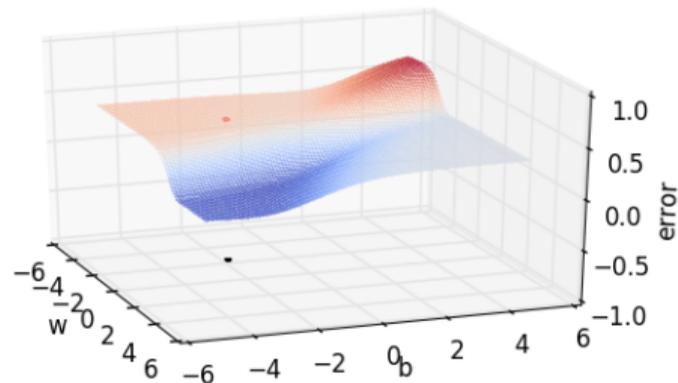
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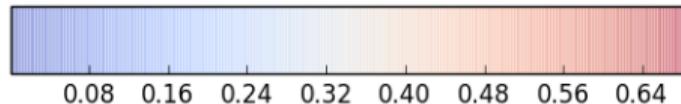
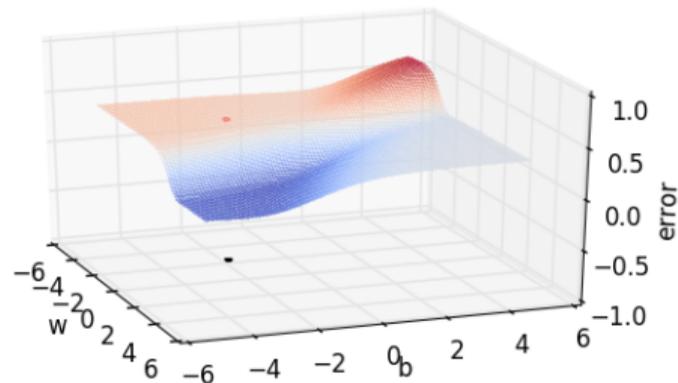
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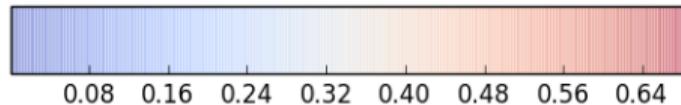
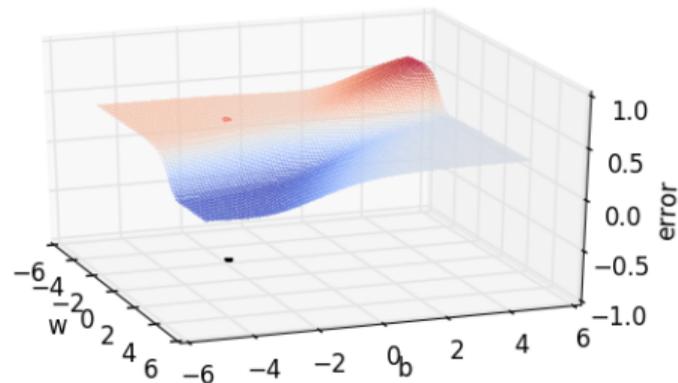
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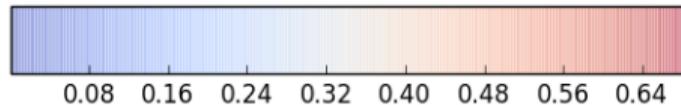
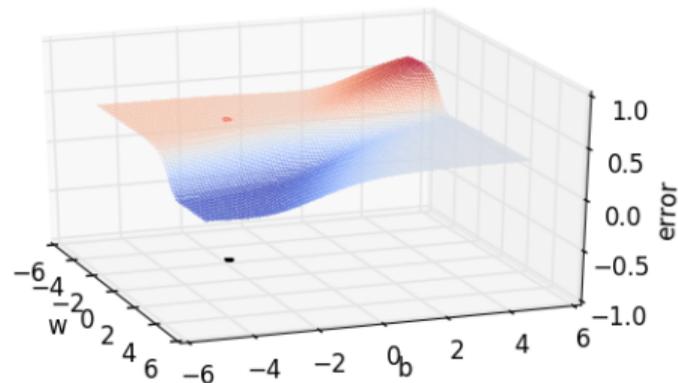
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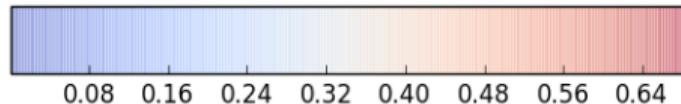
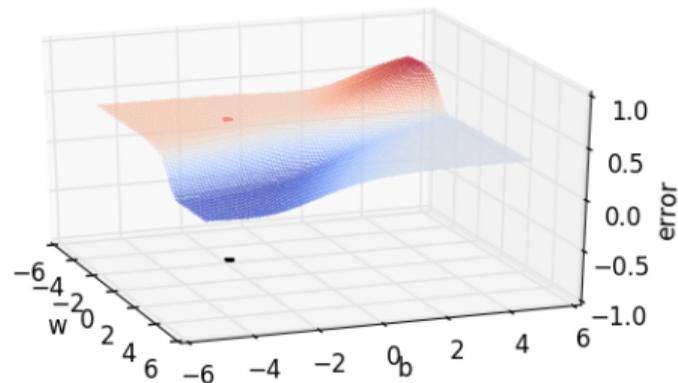
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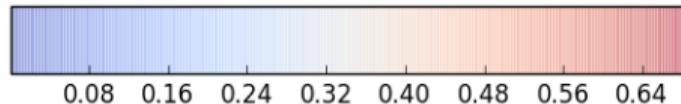
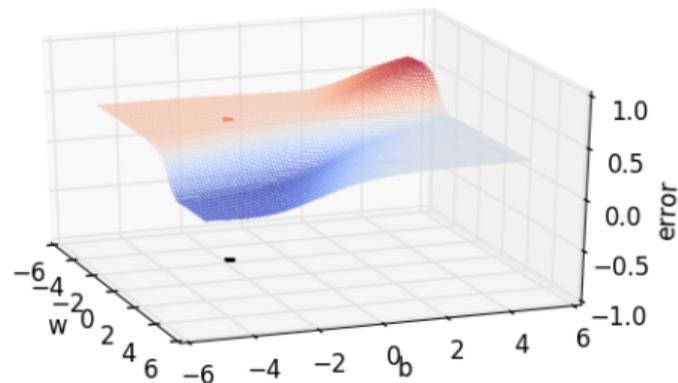
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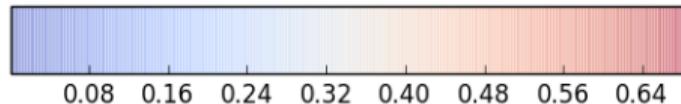
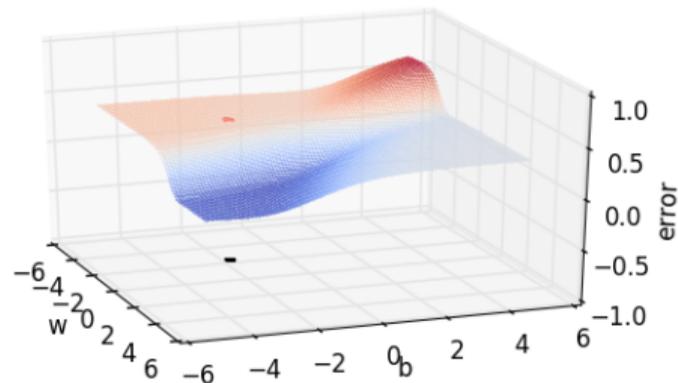
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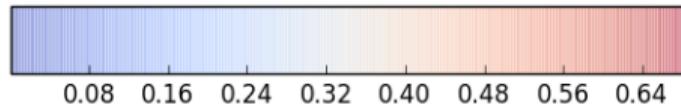
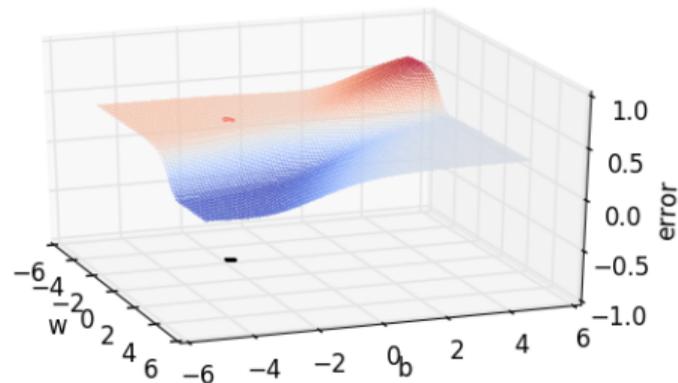
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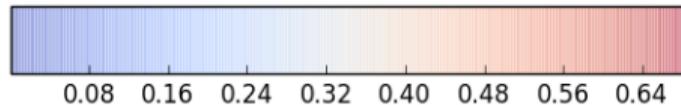
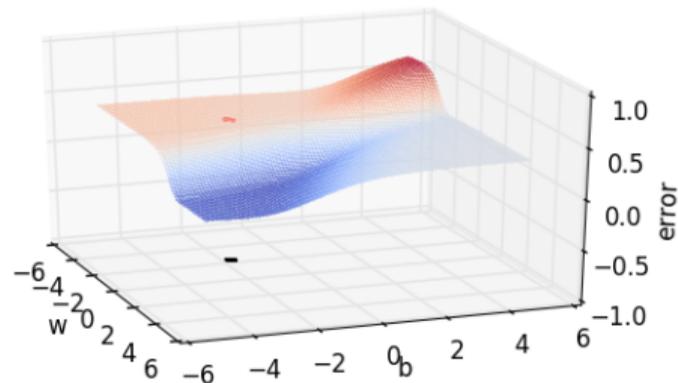
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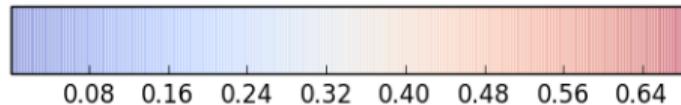
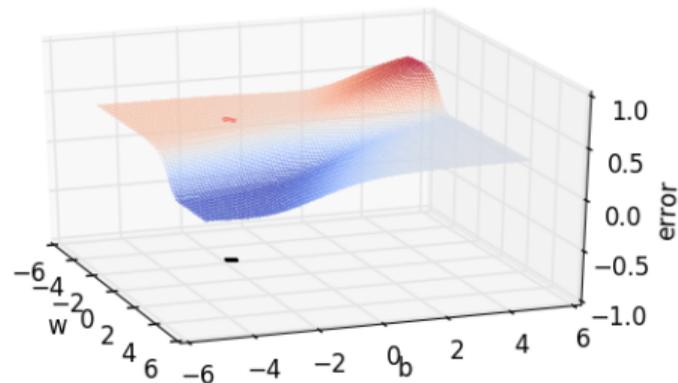
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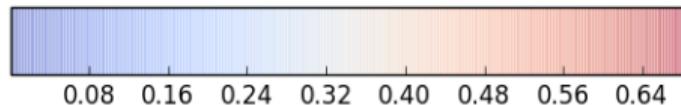
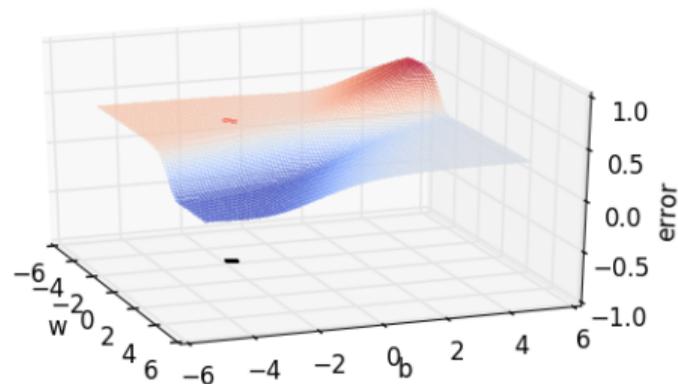
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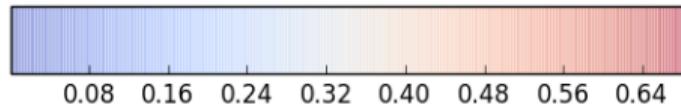
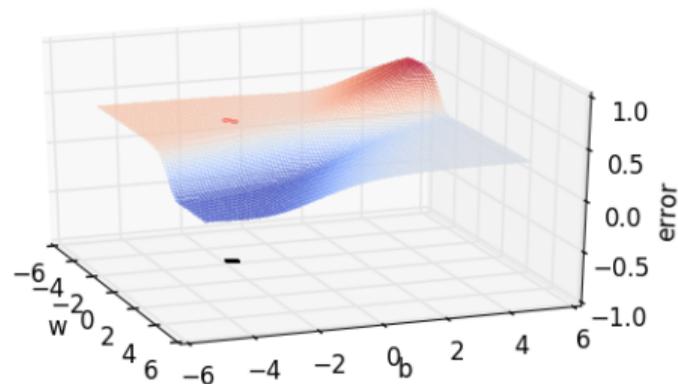
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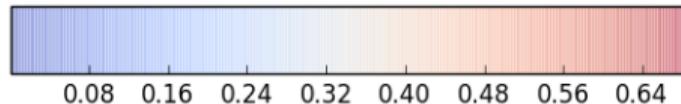
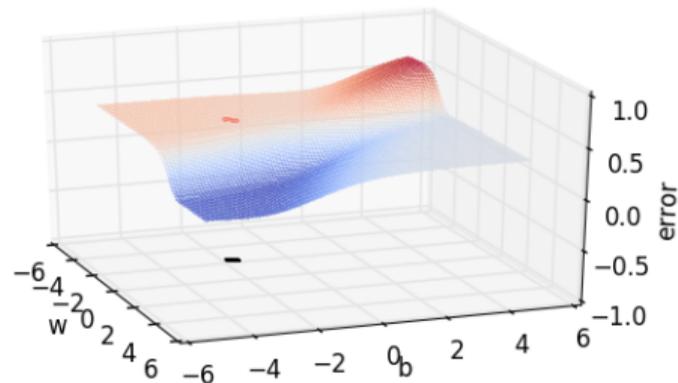
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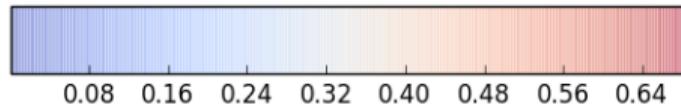
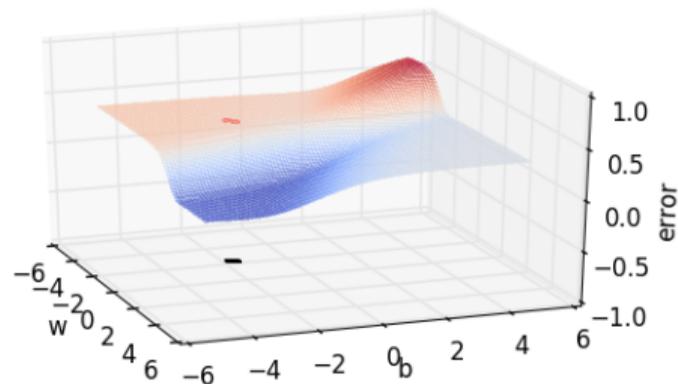
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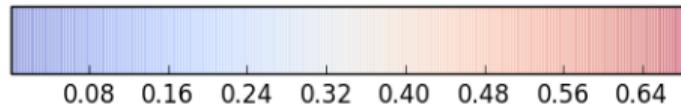
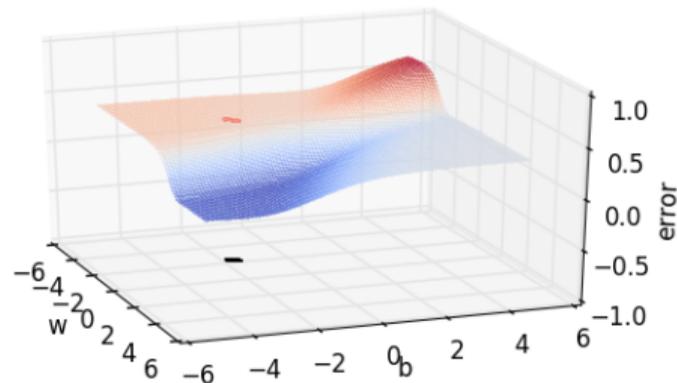
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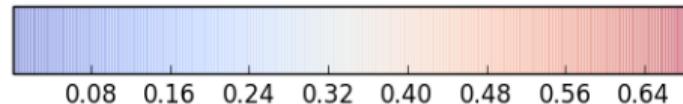
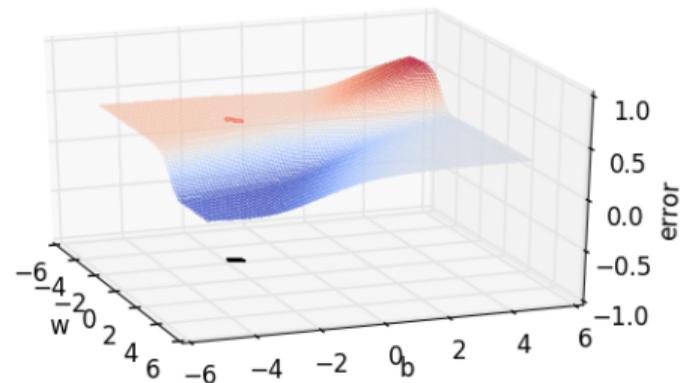
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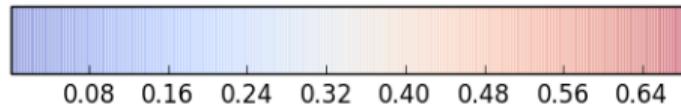
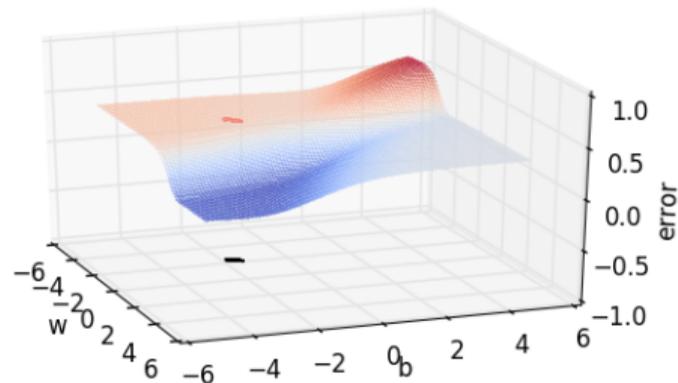
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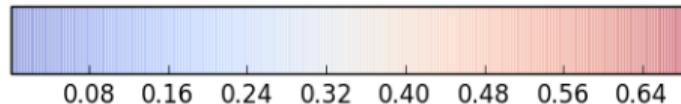
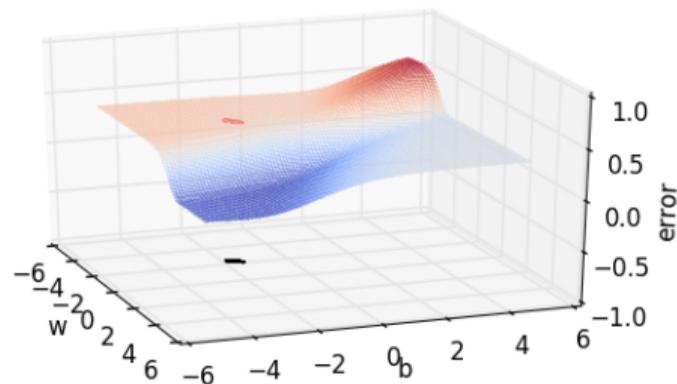
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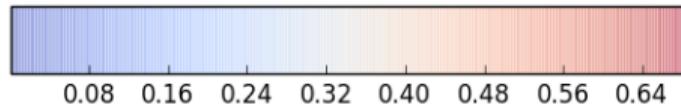
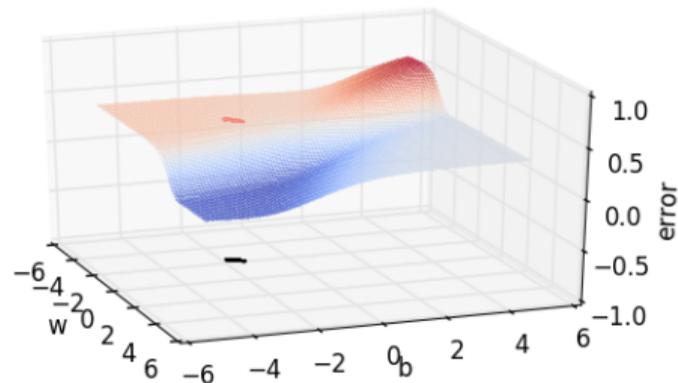
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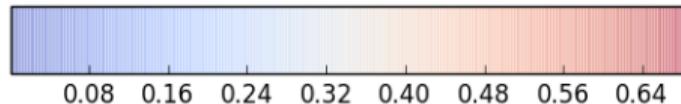
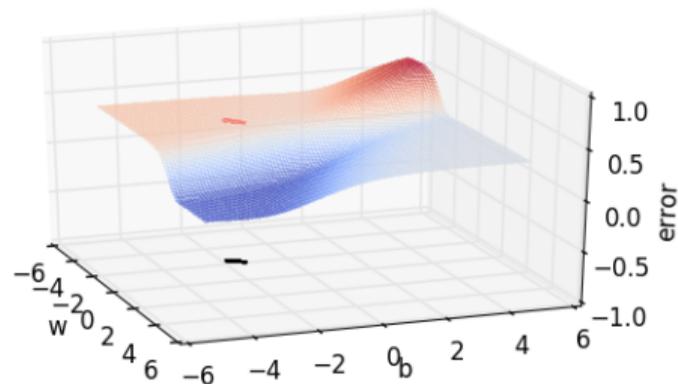
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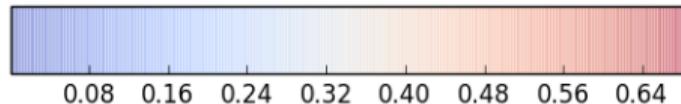
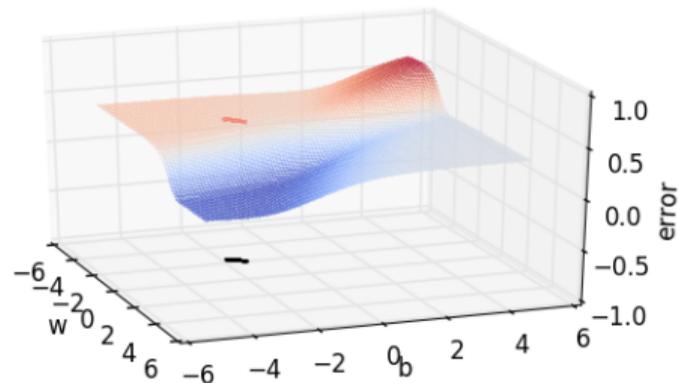
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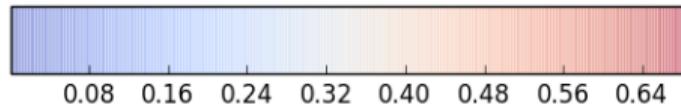
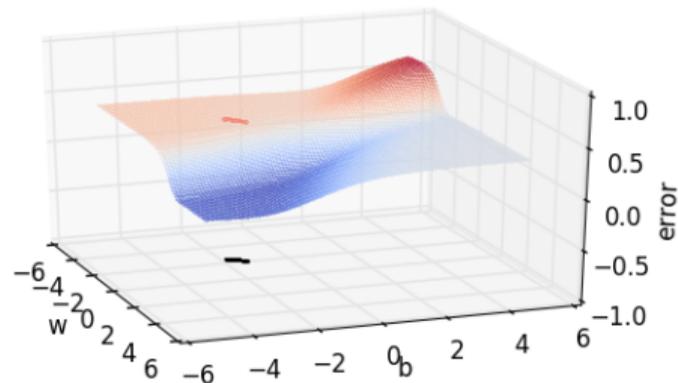
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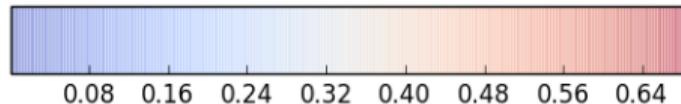
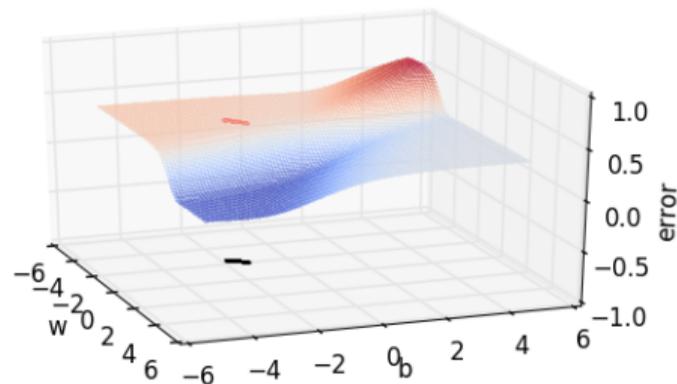
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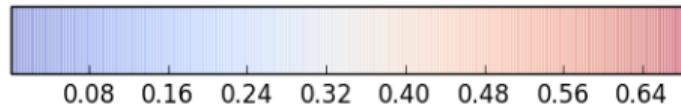
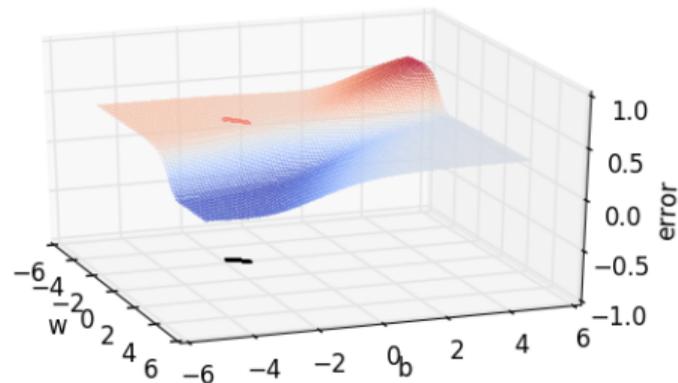
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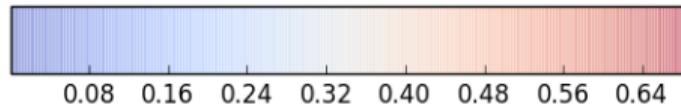
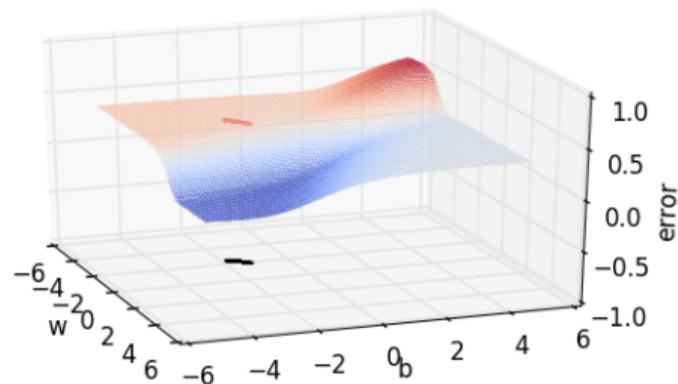
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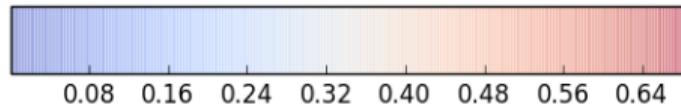
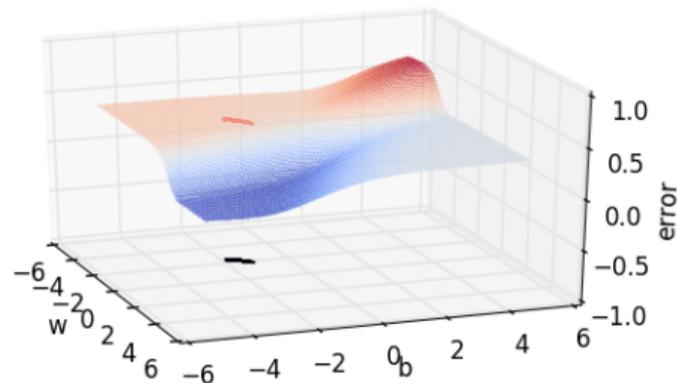
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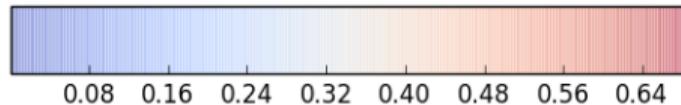
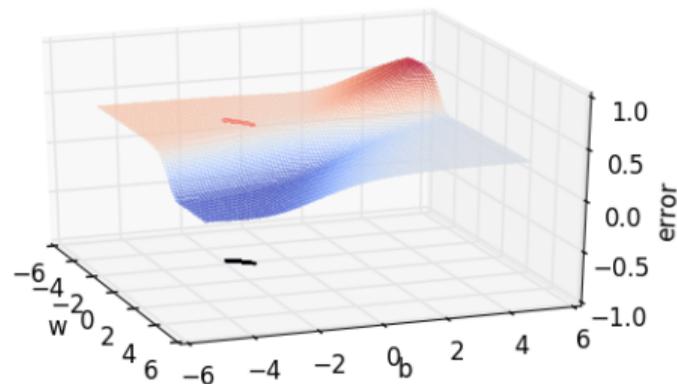
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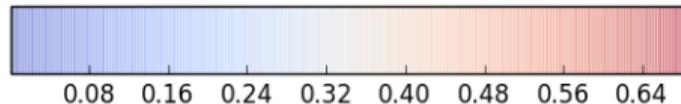
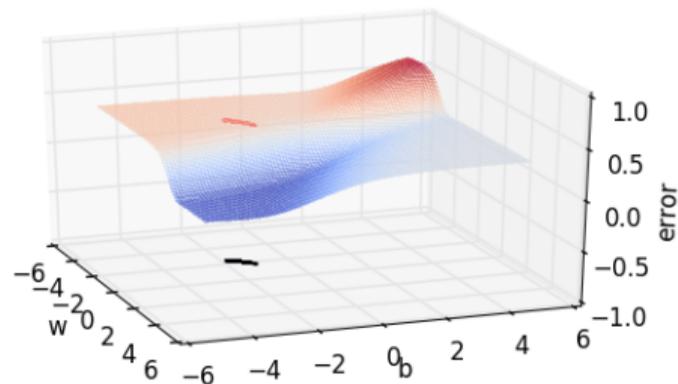
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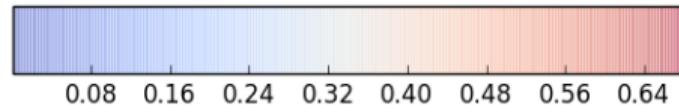
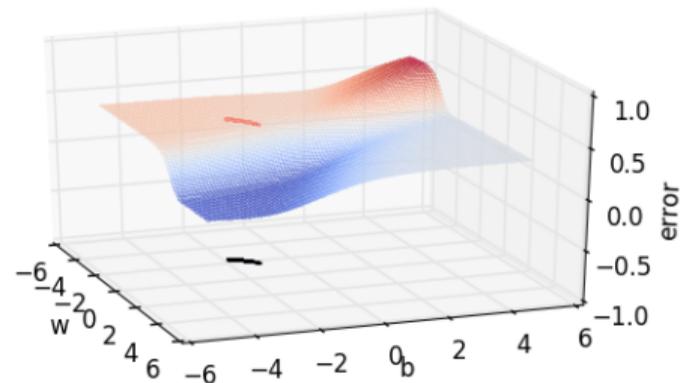
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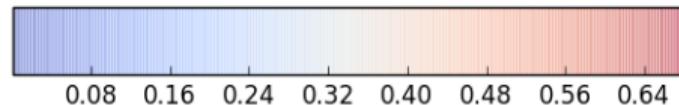
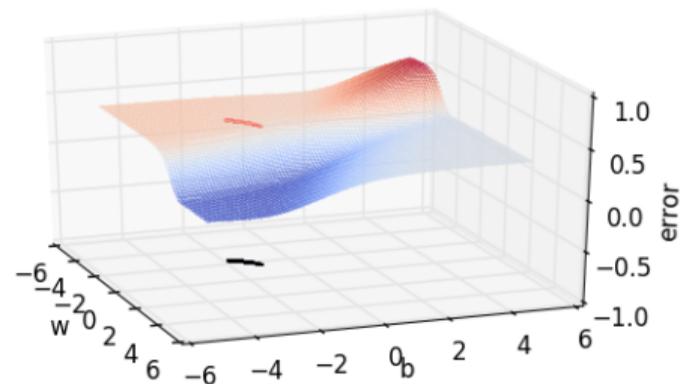
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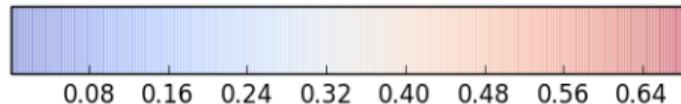
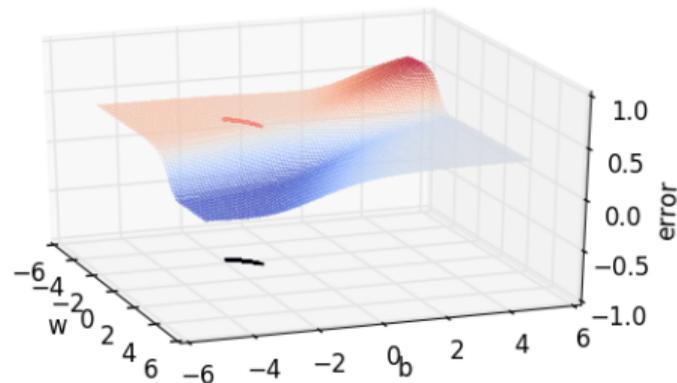
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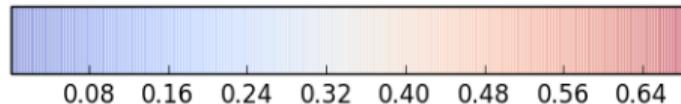
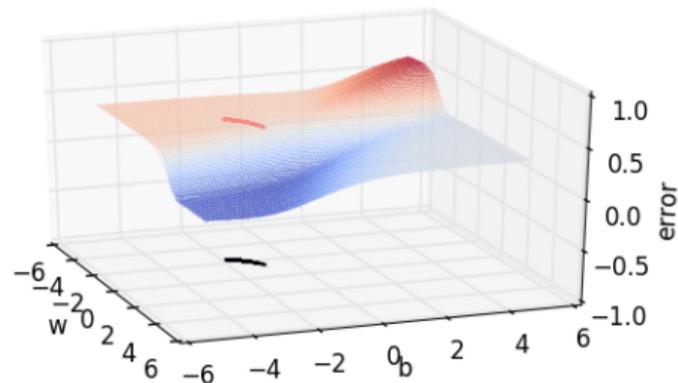
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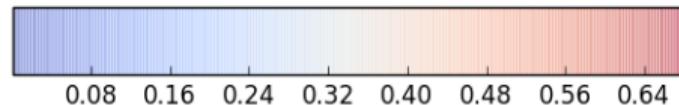
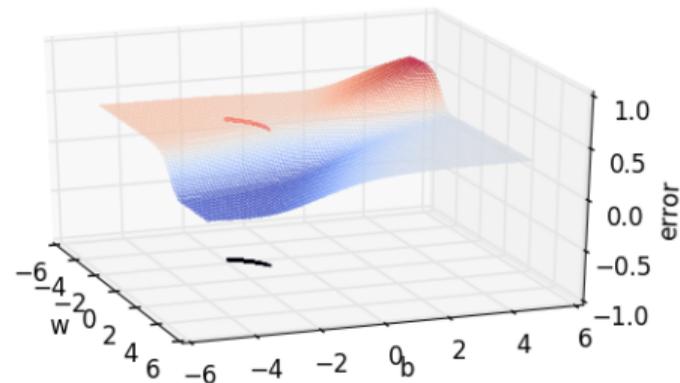
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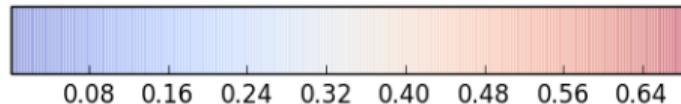
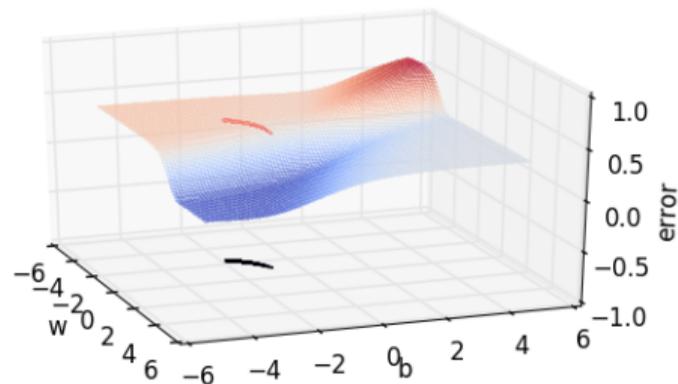
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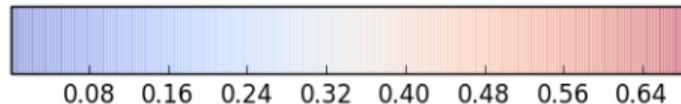
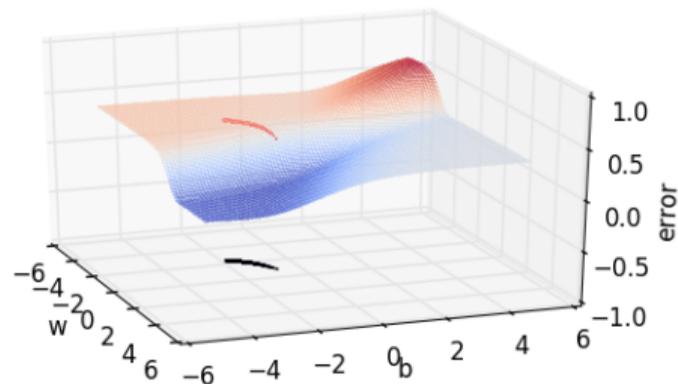
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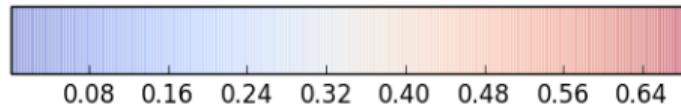
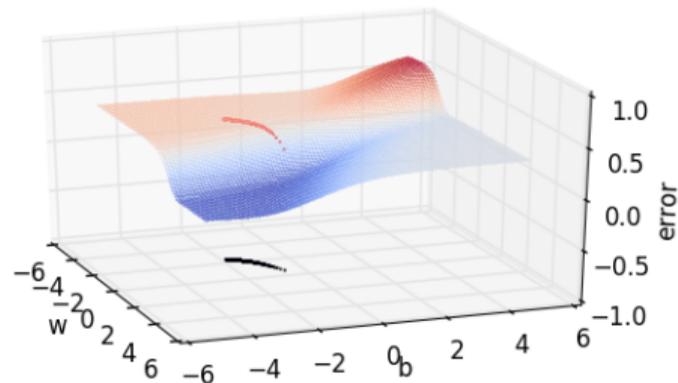
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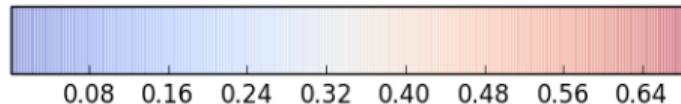
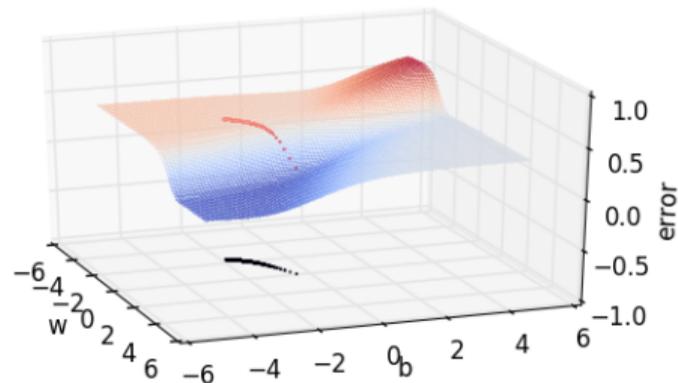
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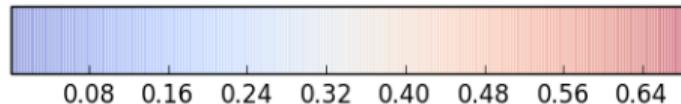
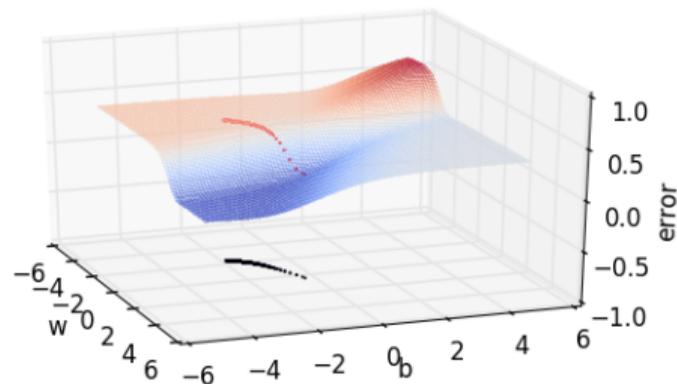
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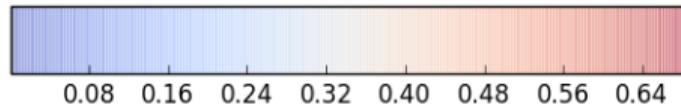
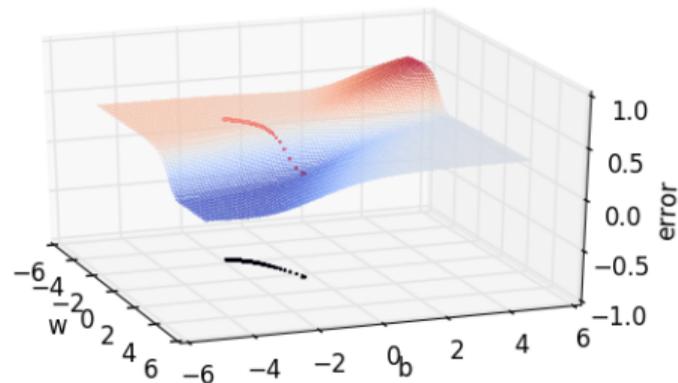
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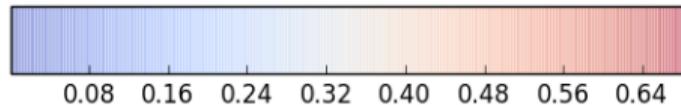
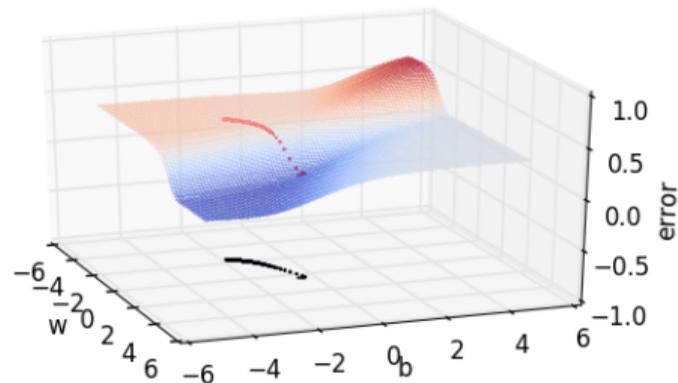
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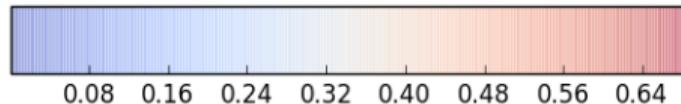
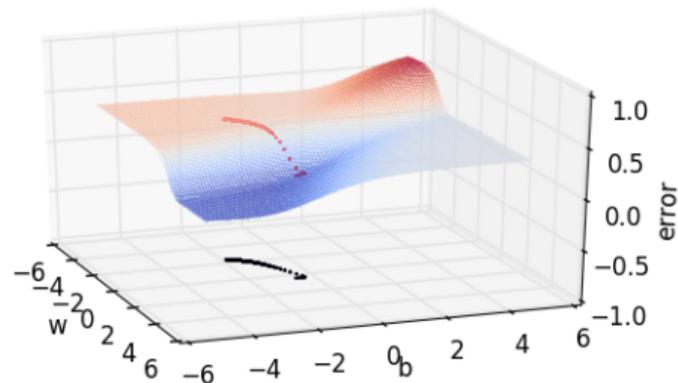
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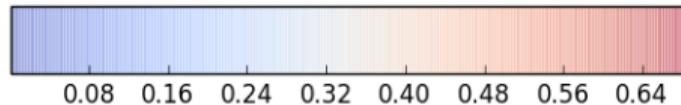
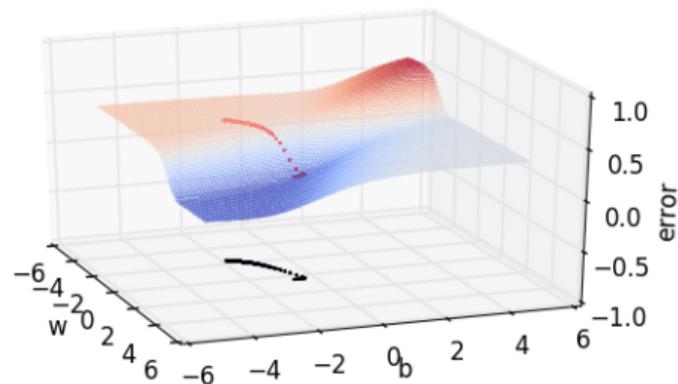
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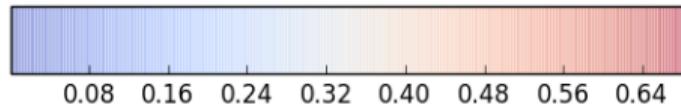
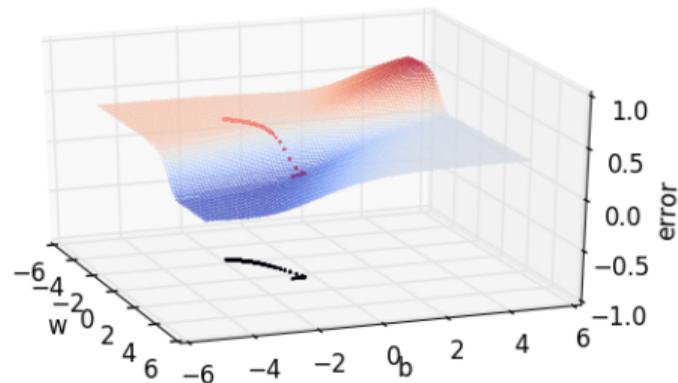
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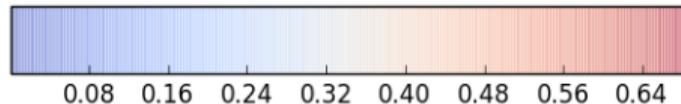
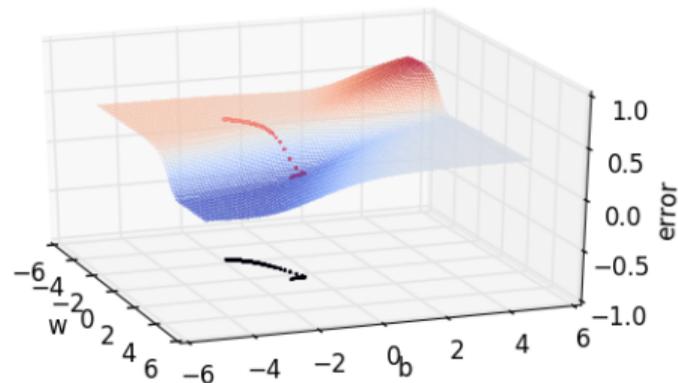
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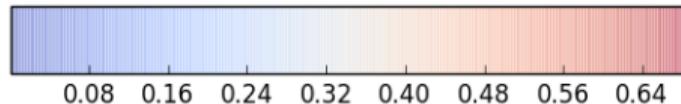
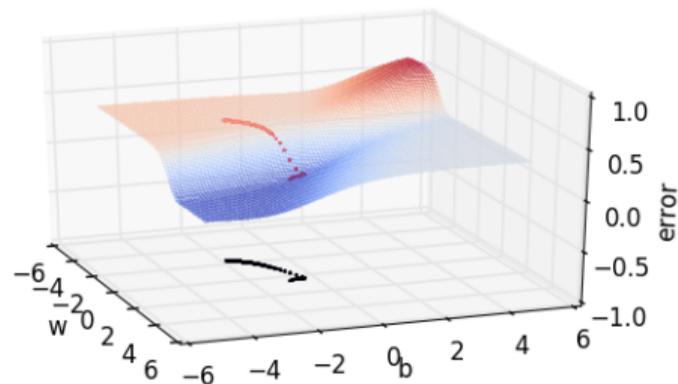
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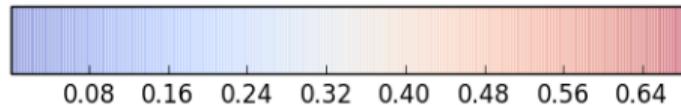
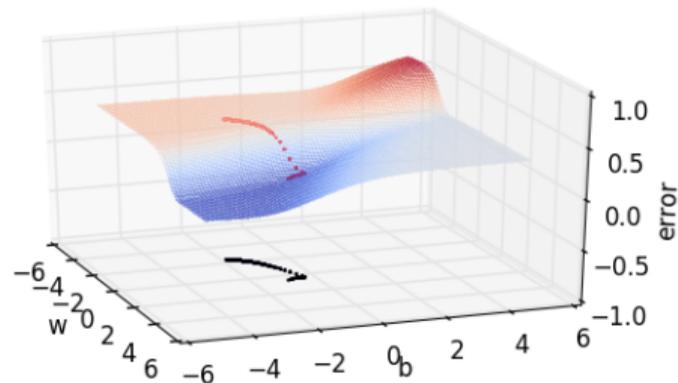
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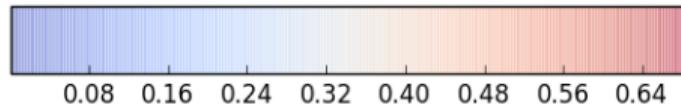
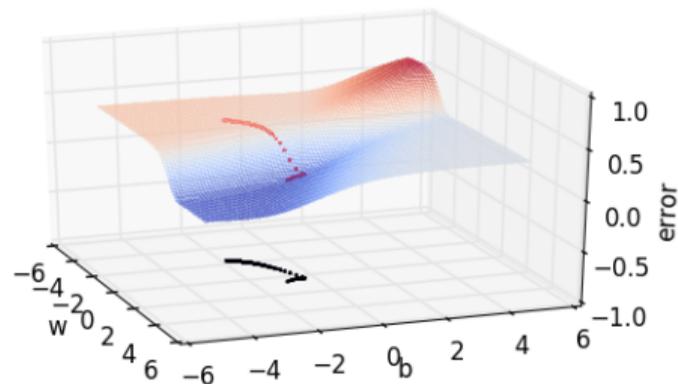
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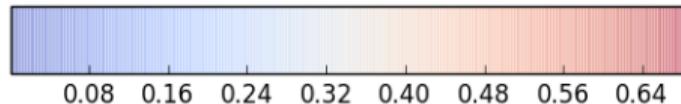
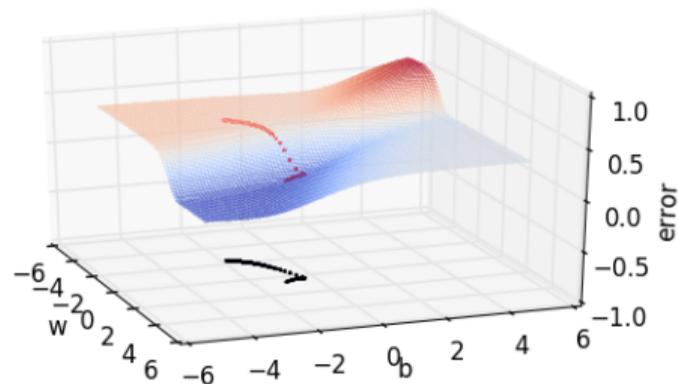
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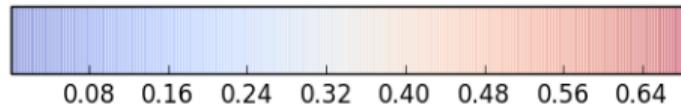
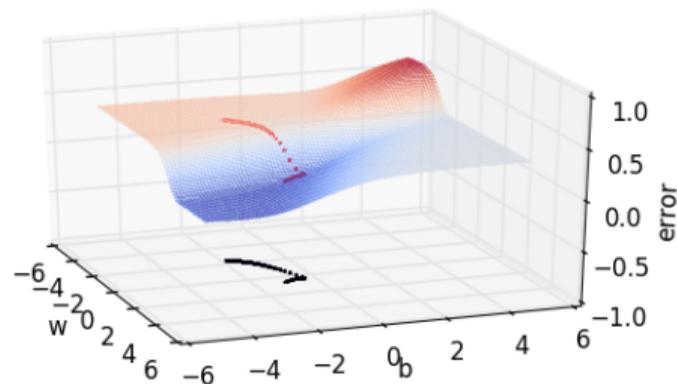
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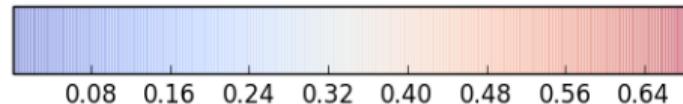
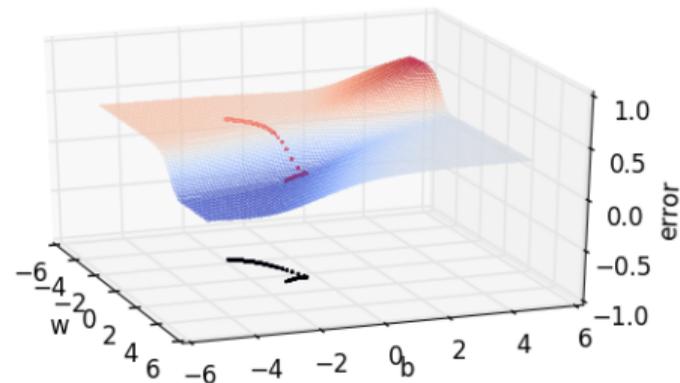
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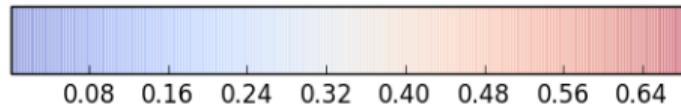
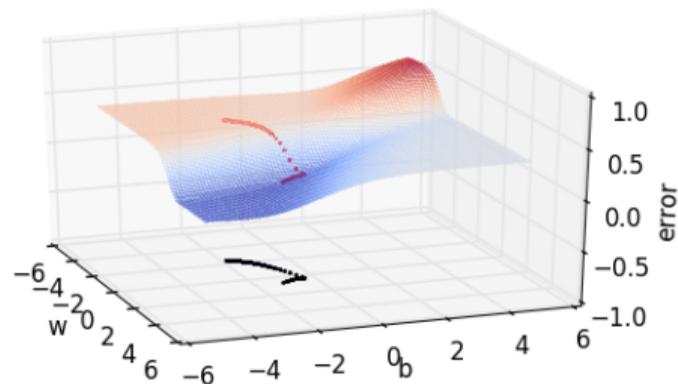
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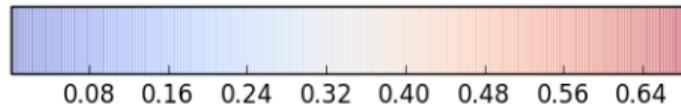
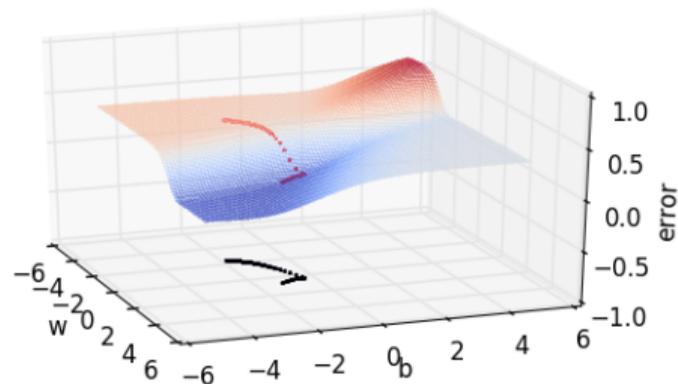
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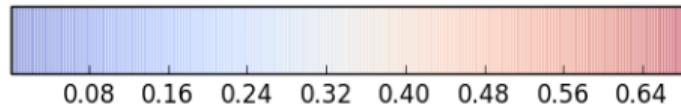
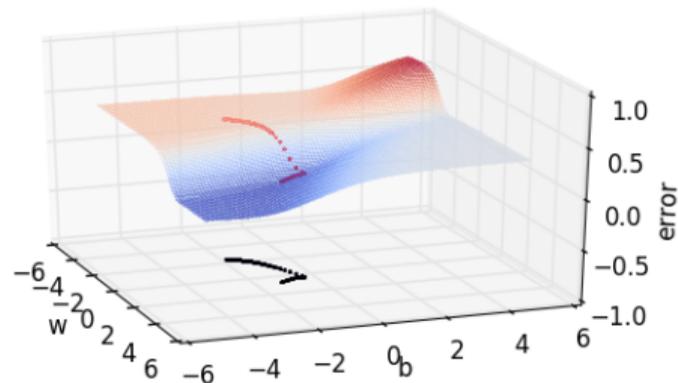
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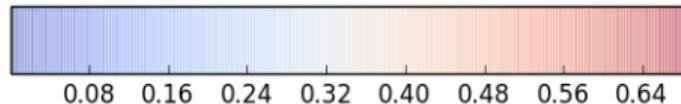
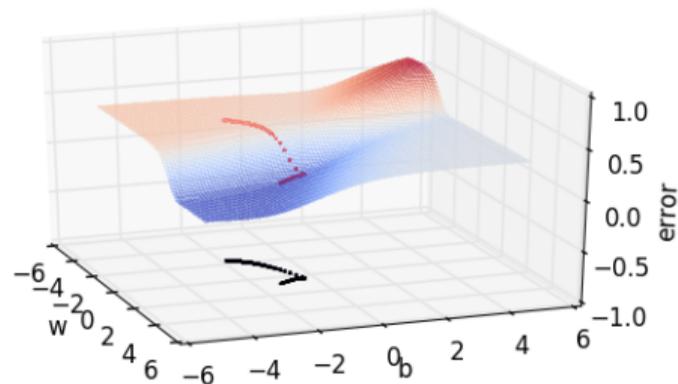
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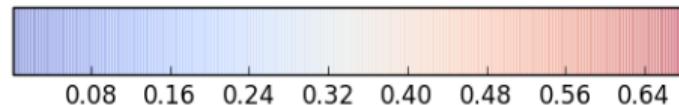
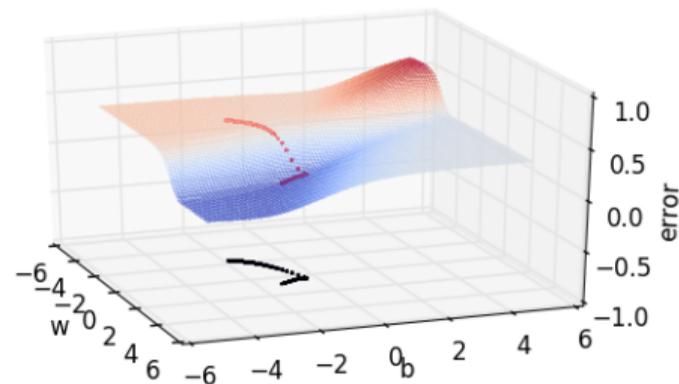
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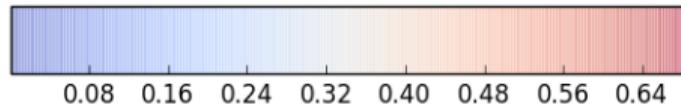
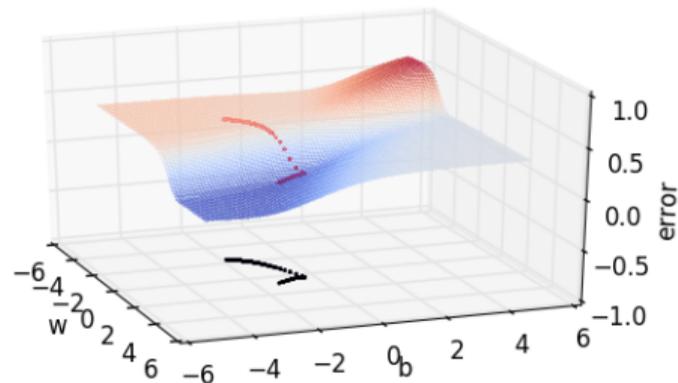
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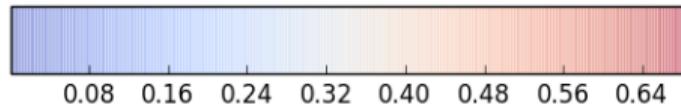
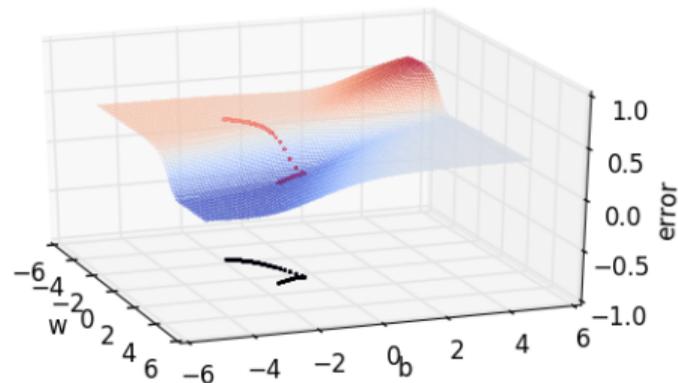
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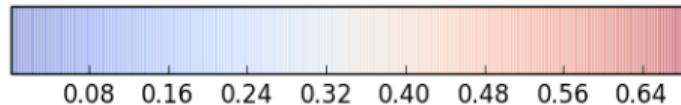
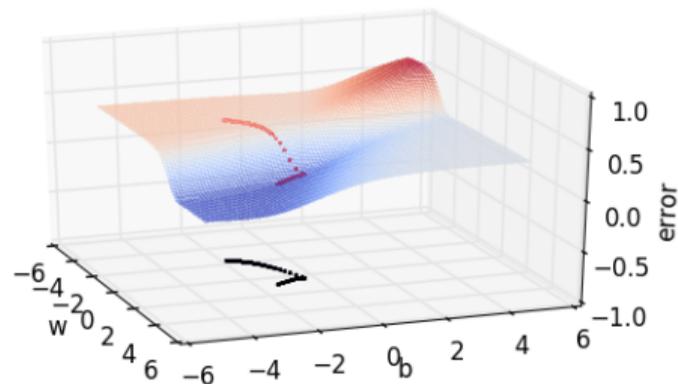
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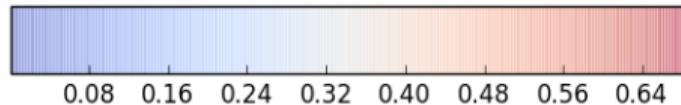
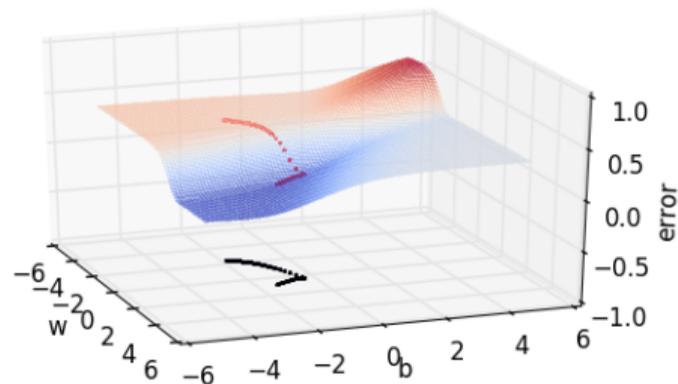
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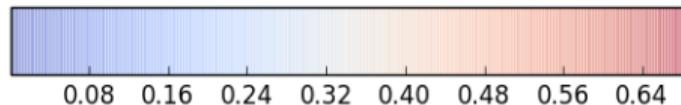
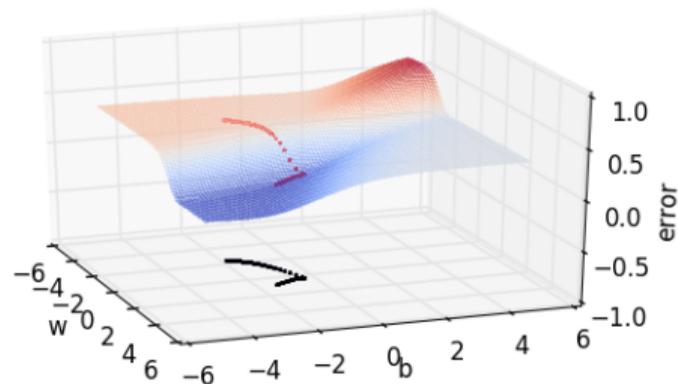
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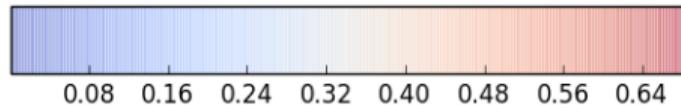
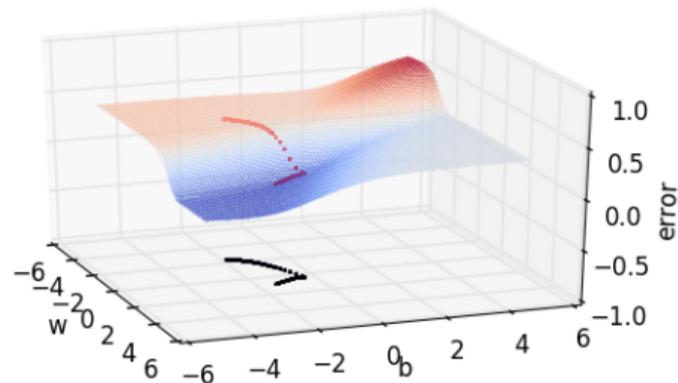
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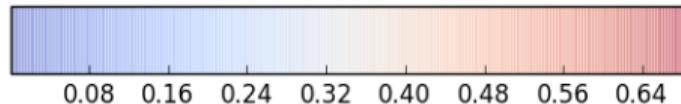
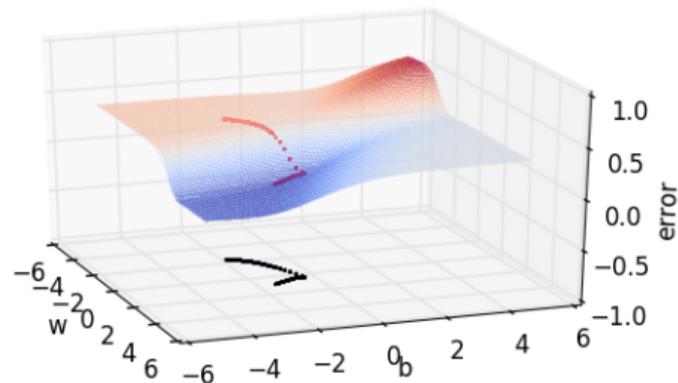
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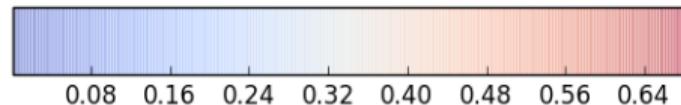
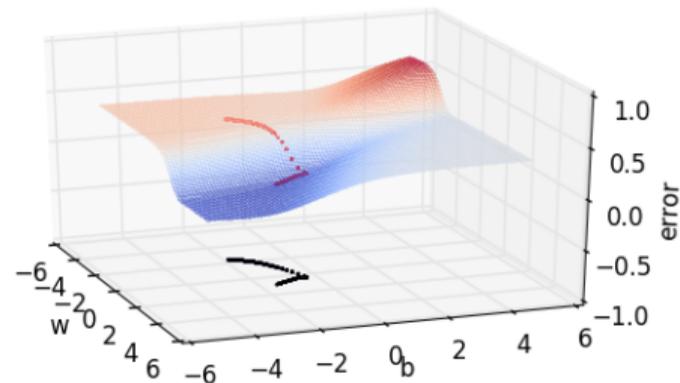
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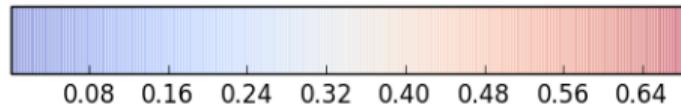
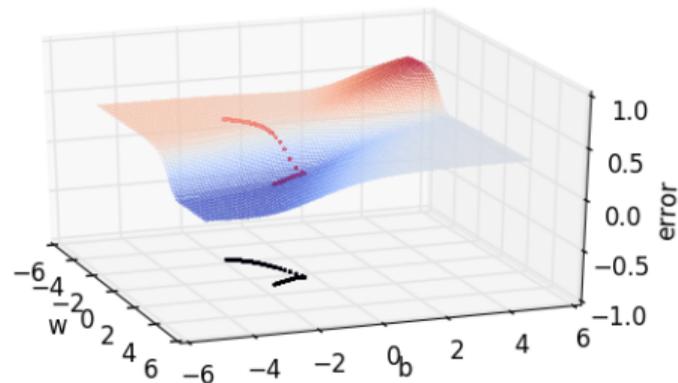
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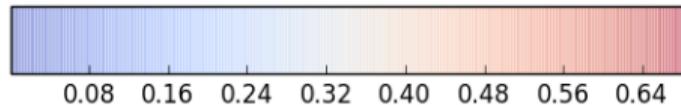
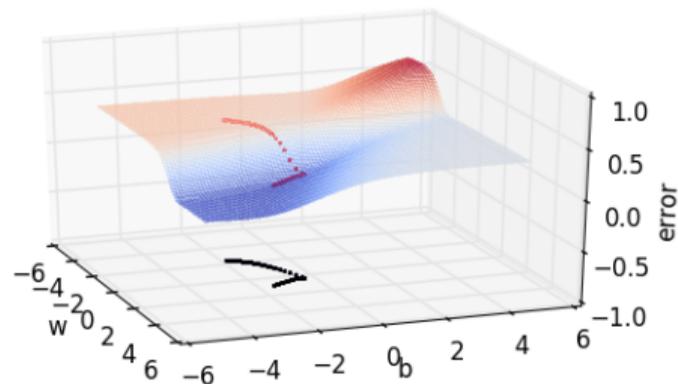
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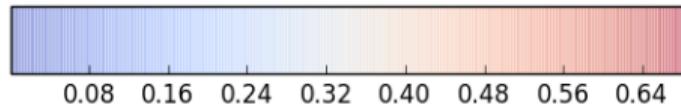
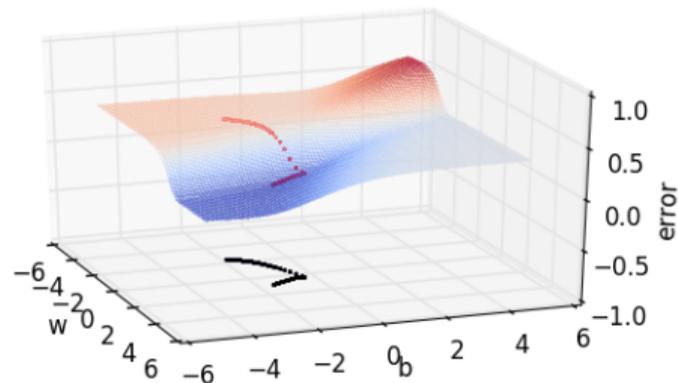
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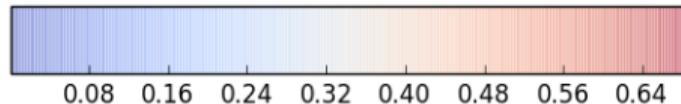
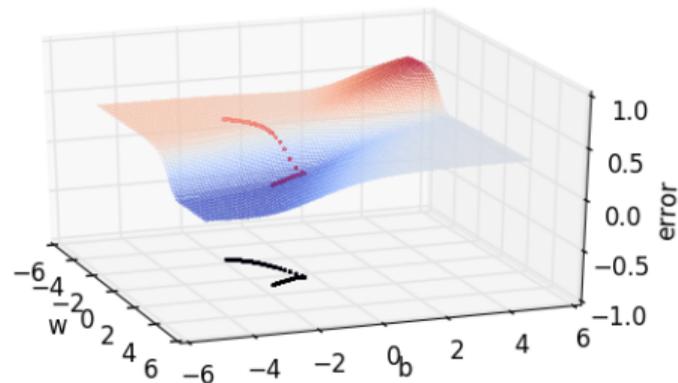
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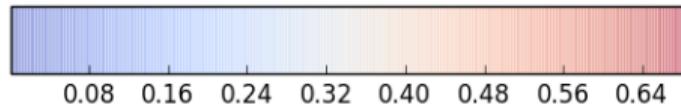
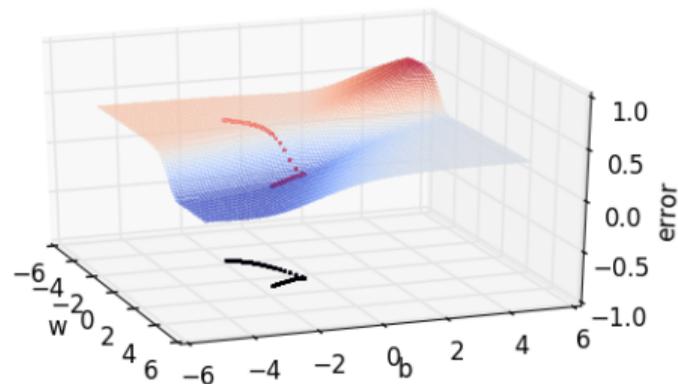
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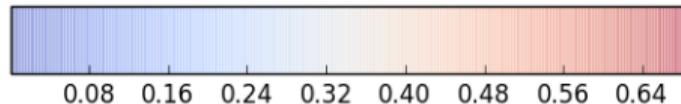
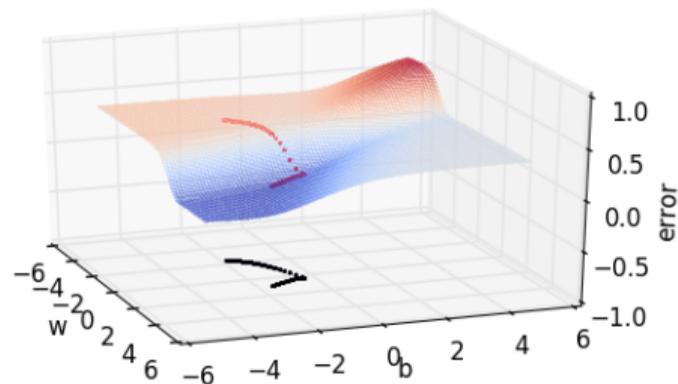
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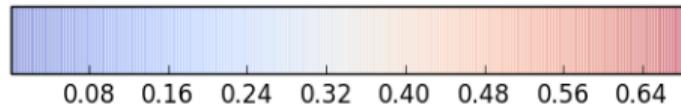
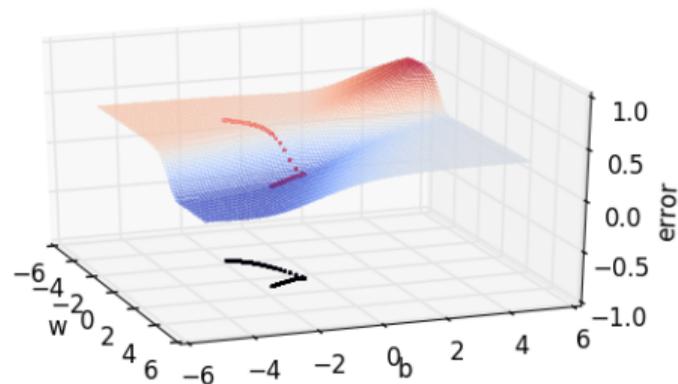
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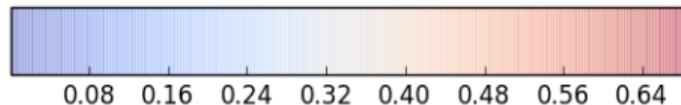
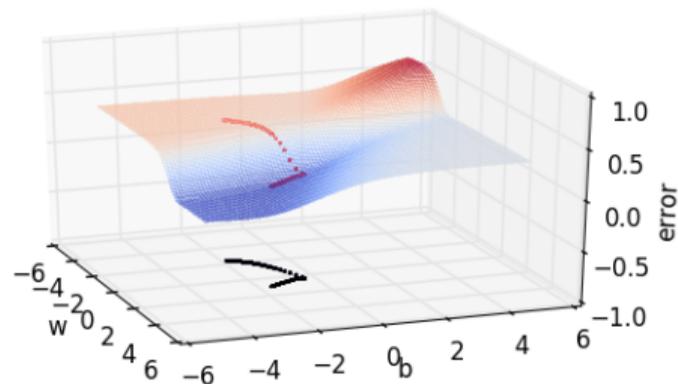
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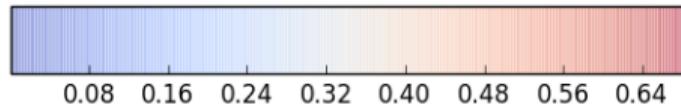
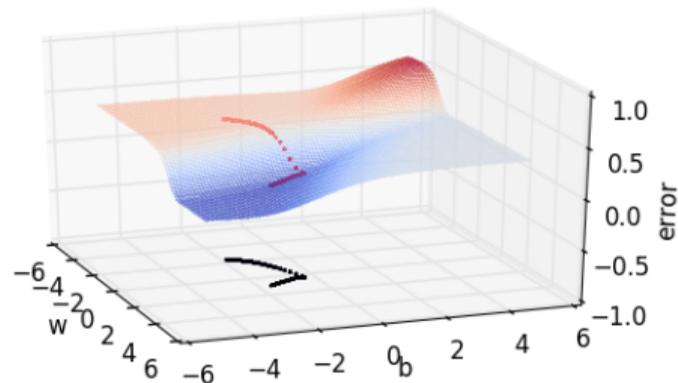
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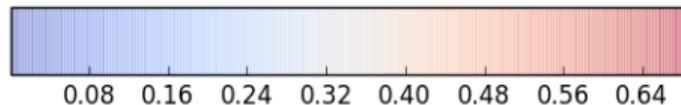
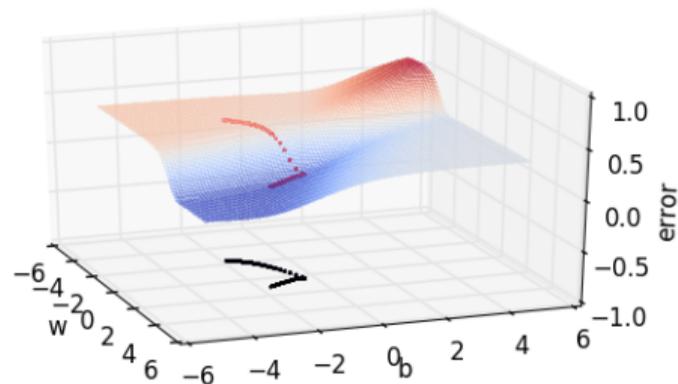
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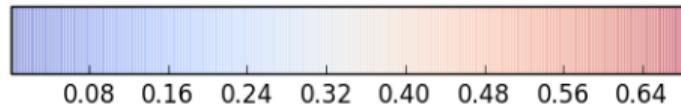
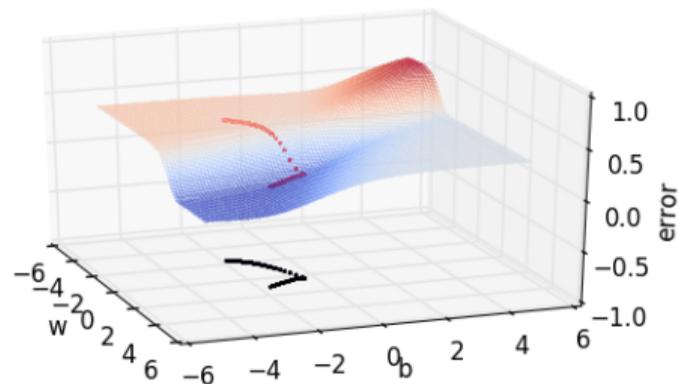
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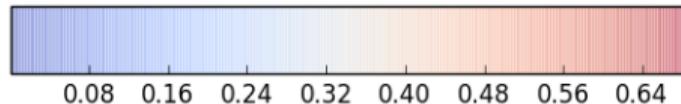
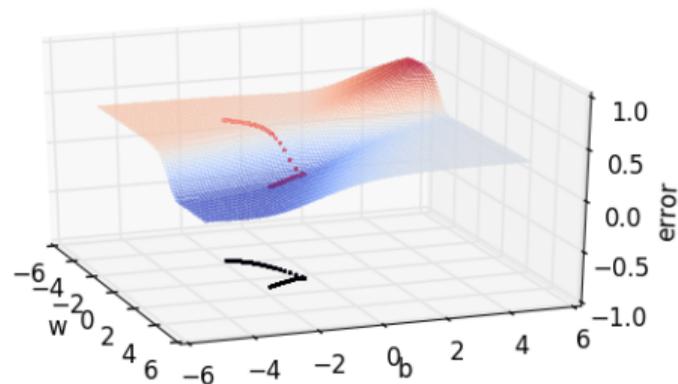
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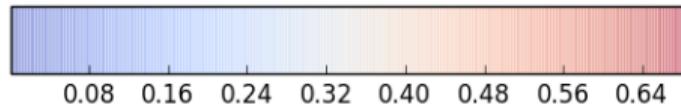
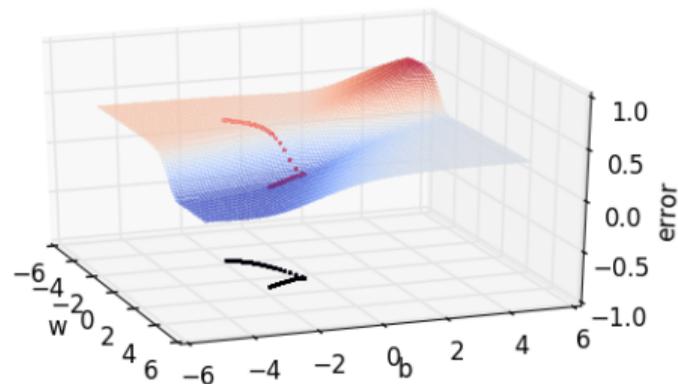
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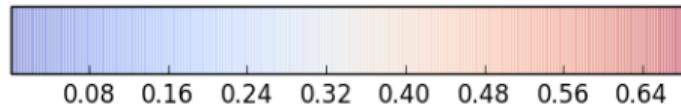
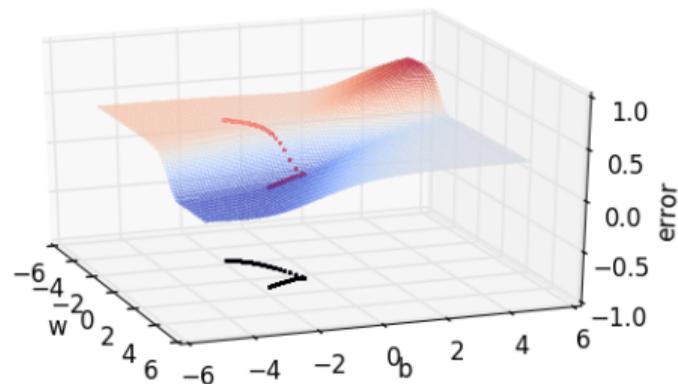
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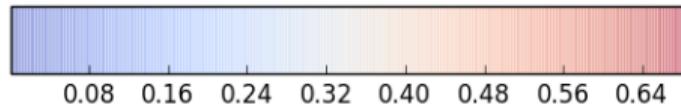
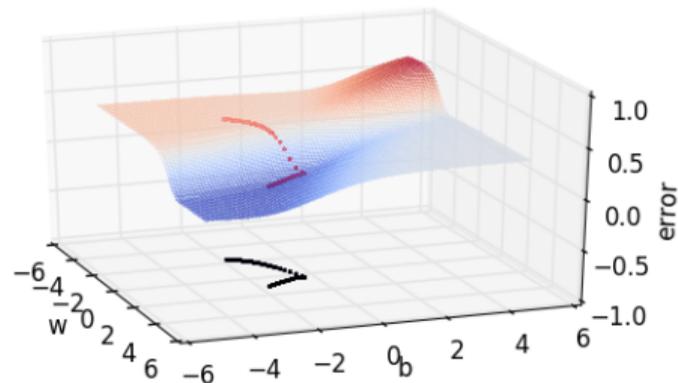
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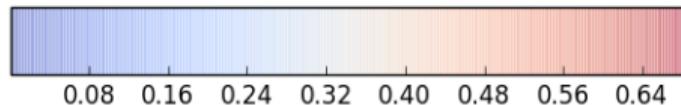
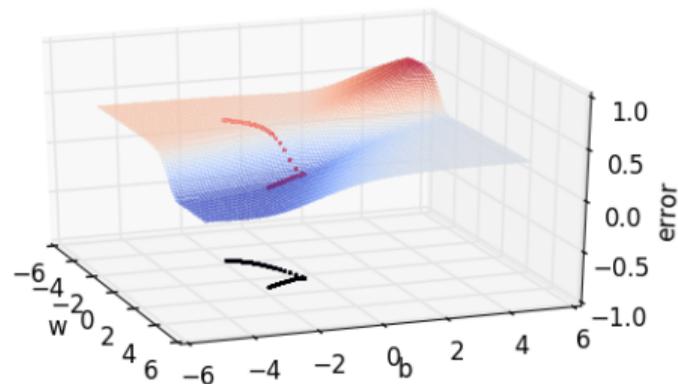
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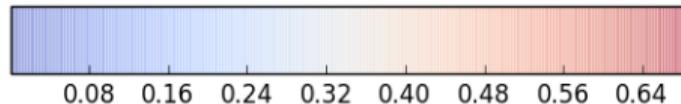
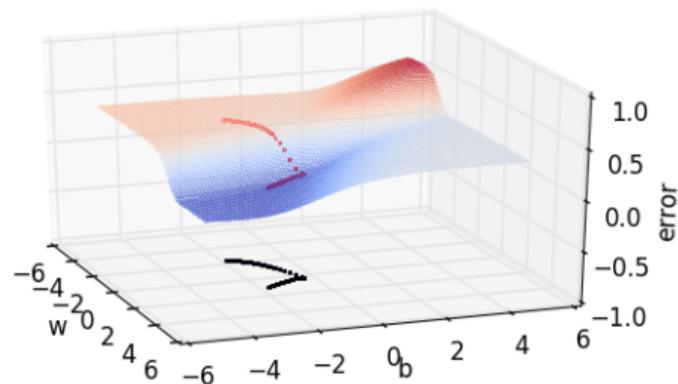
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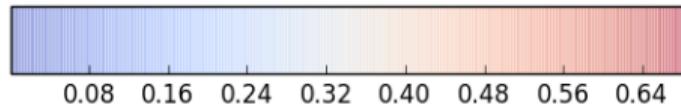
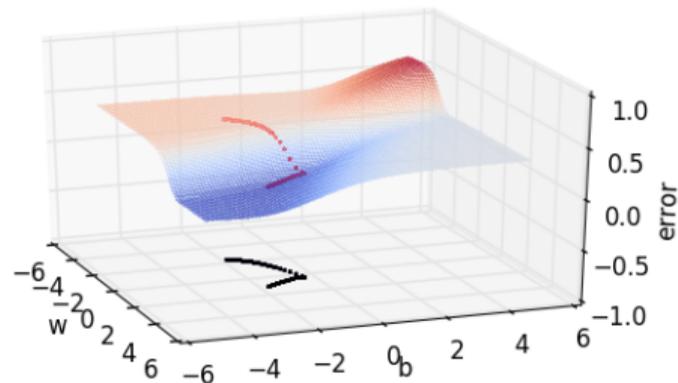
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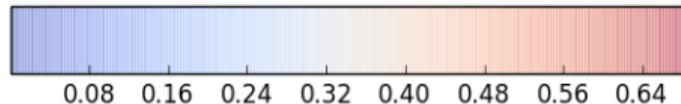
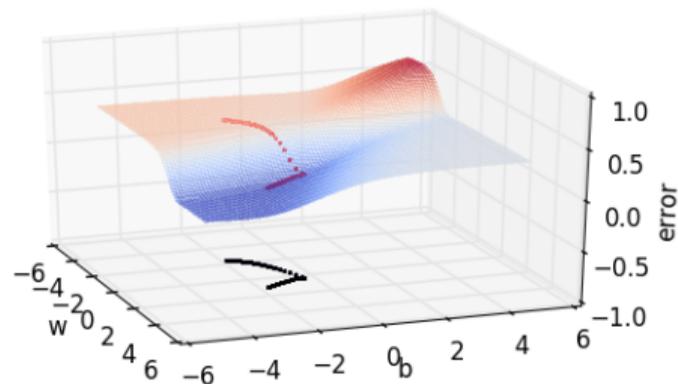
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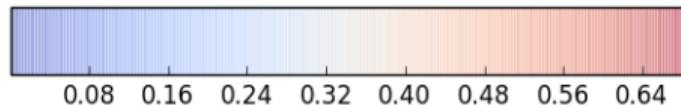
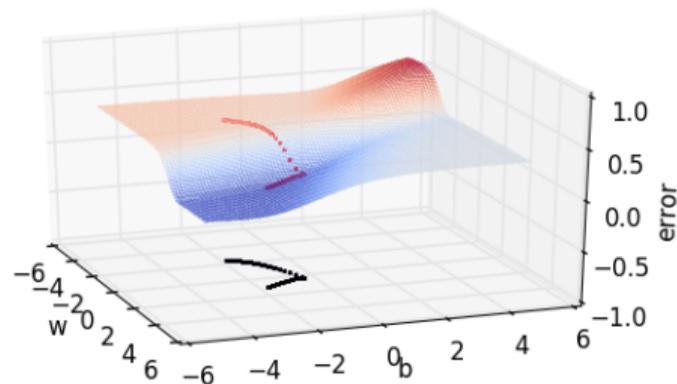
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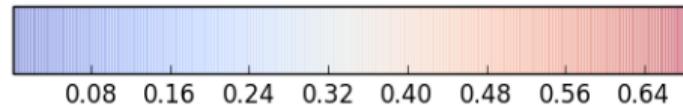
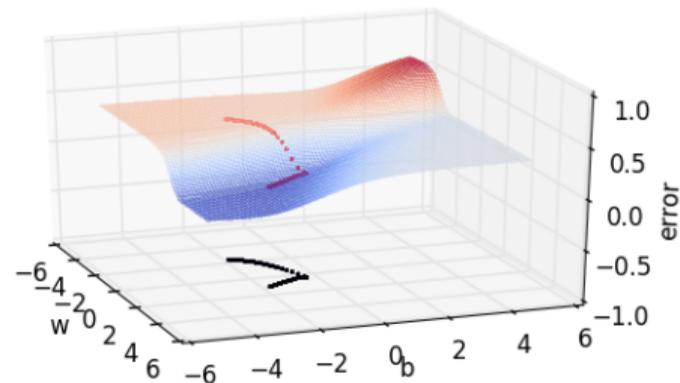
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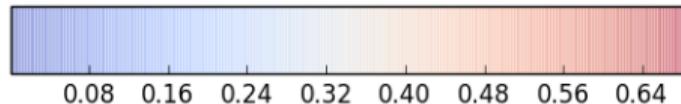
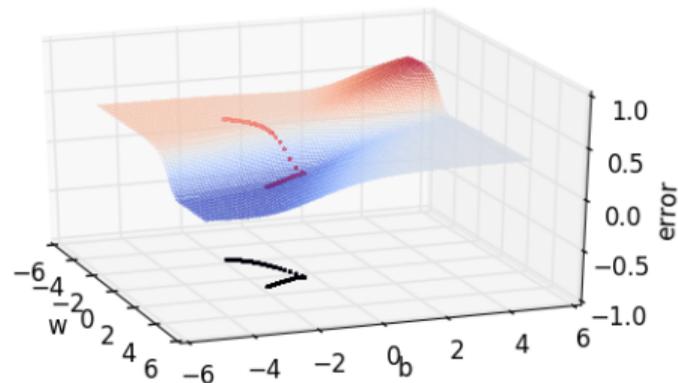
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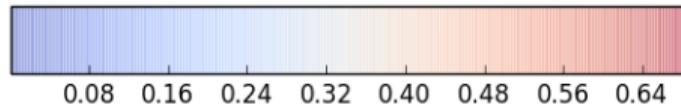
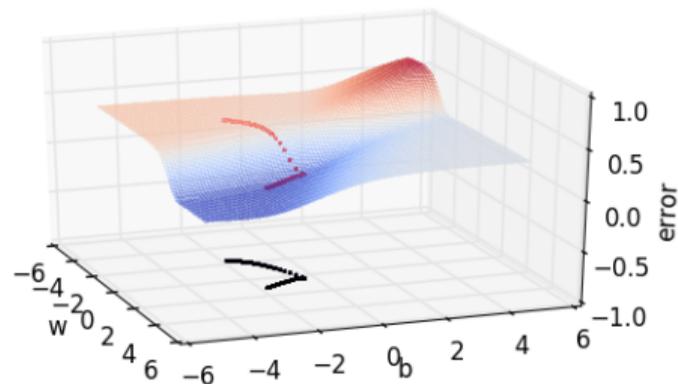
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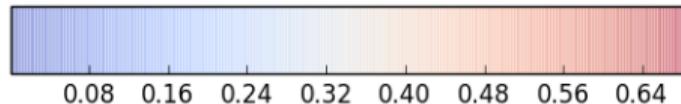
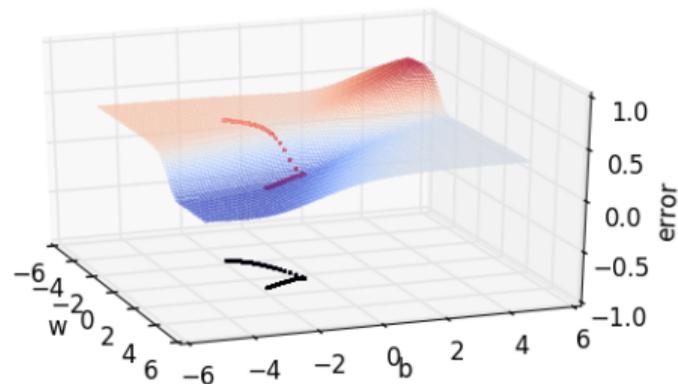
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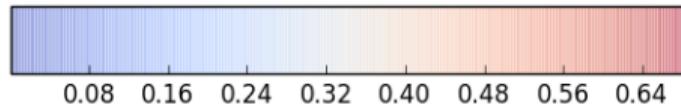
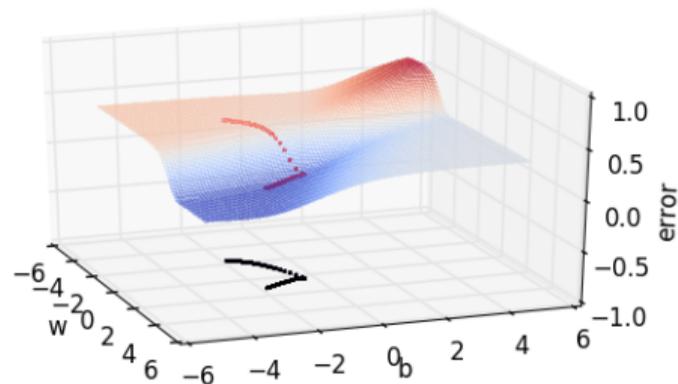
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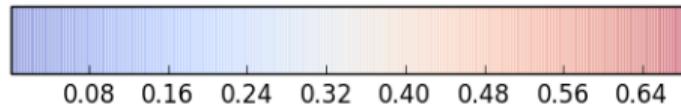
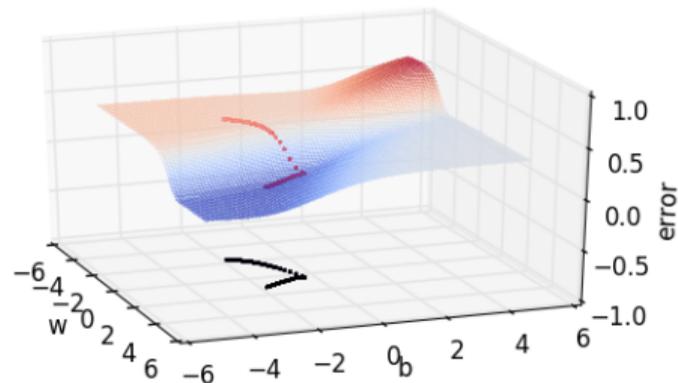
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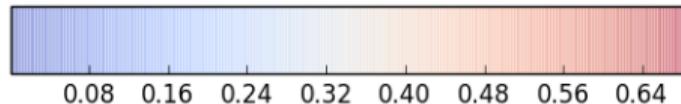
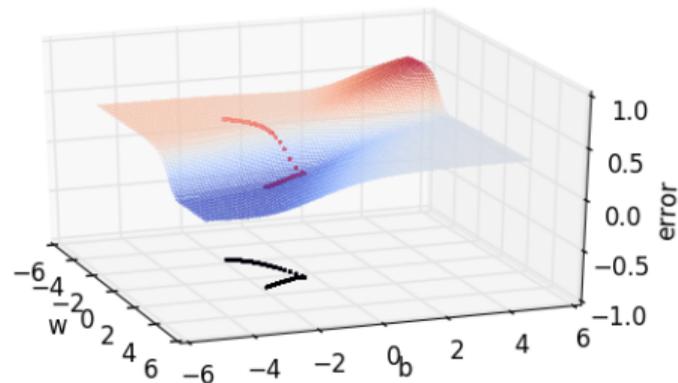
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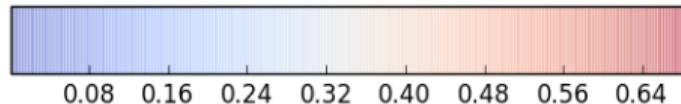
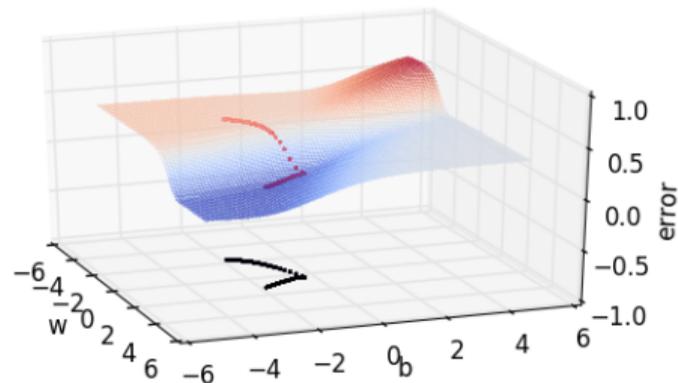
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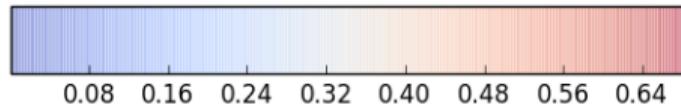
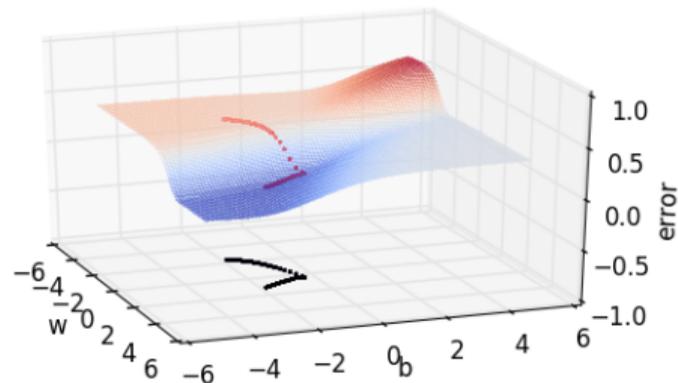
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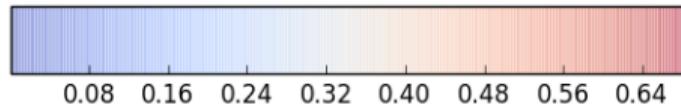
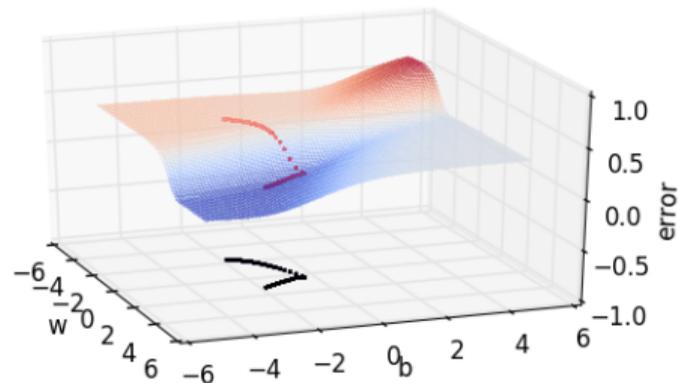
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