

# Optimisation scenarios

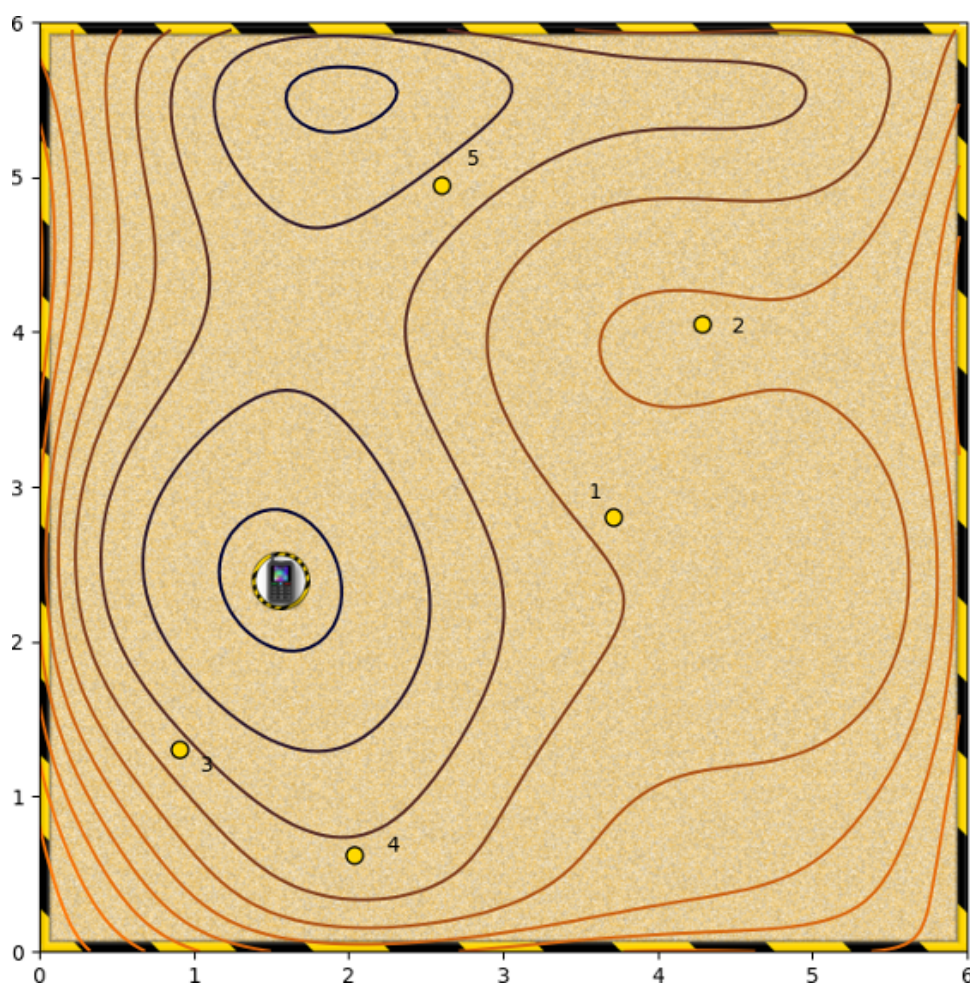
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1.

Given the following contour plot,



Which starting points (from 1 to 5) are likely to converge to the global minimum (shown by the mobile phone) when using a steepest descent algorithm?



Starting point 1

**Correct**

In this case, the algorithm descends smoothly down the slope.

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☒ Starting point 2

Un-selected is correct

☐ Starting point 3

Correct

In this case, the algorithm descends smoothly down the slope.

☐ Starting point 4

Correct

In this case, the algorithm descends smoothly down the slope.

☐ Starting point 5

Un-selected is correct

☐ None of the above

Un-selected is correct



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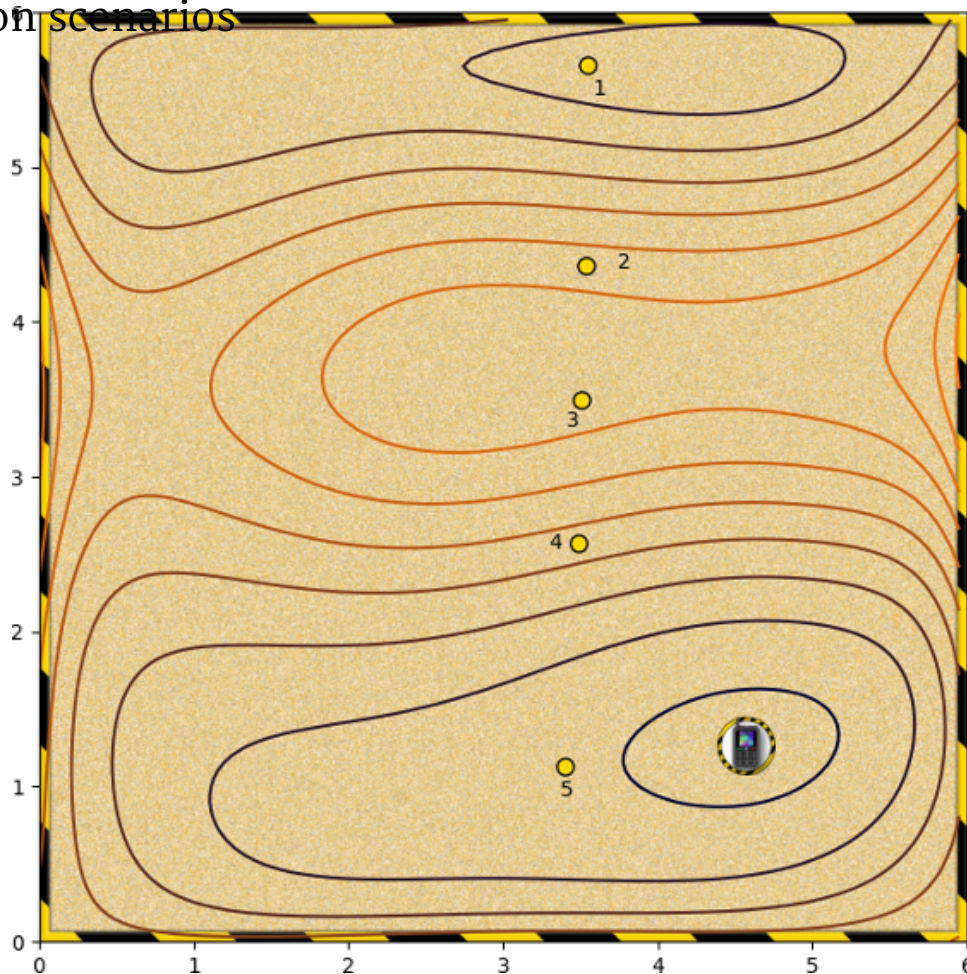
2.

Again, which starting points converge to the global minimum?

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☐ Starting point 1



**Un-selected is correct**

☐ Starting point 2



**Un-selected is correct**

☐ Starting point 3



**Correct**

This should converge to the global minimum.

☐ Starting point 4



**Correct**

This should converge to the global minimum.



Starting point 5

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**Correct**

This should converge to the global minimum.



None of the above

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3.

Which starting points converge to the global minimum?

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Starting point 1

**Un-selected is correct**



Starting point 2

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**Correct**

From here, the algorithm will descend the hill to the global minimum.



Starting point 3

**Un-selected is correct**

Starting point 4

**Un-selected is correct**

None of the above

**Un-selected is correct**

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4.

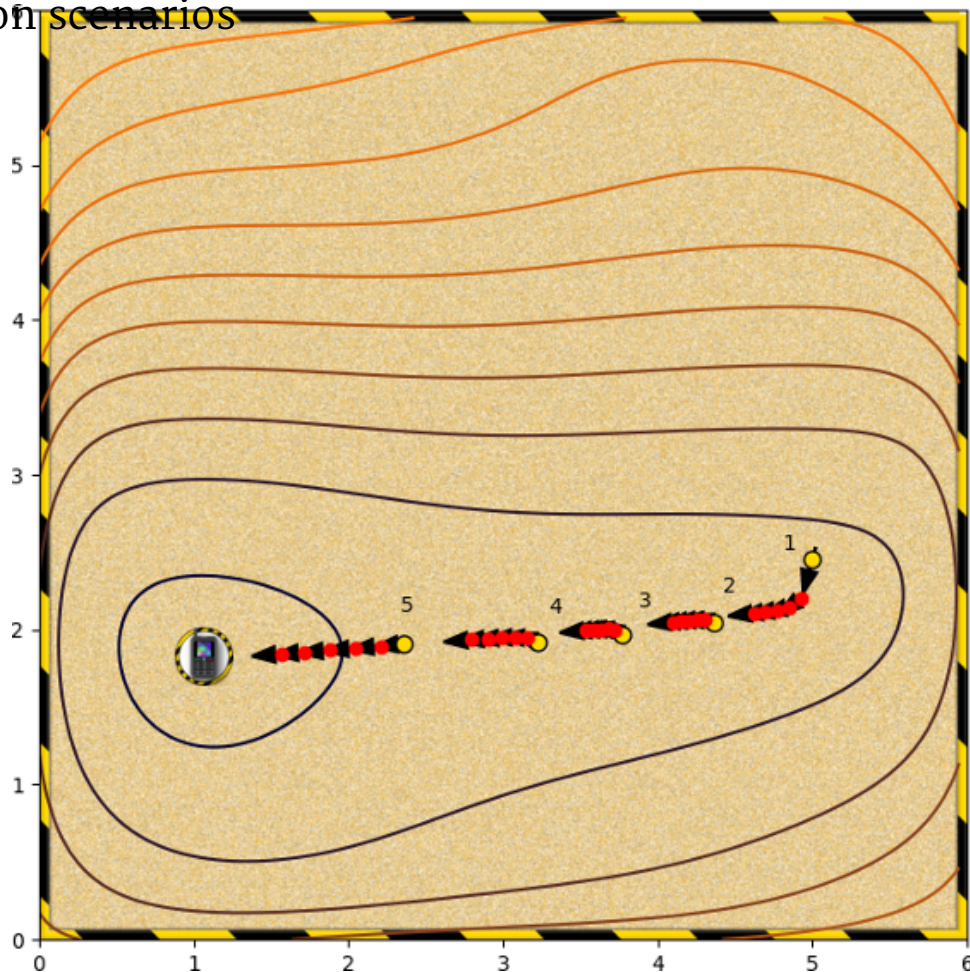


What's happening in this gradient descent?

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- ☐ None of the other options.
- ☐ The algorithm is getting stuck near saddle points.
- ☐ The algorithm is getting stuck near local minima.
- ☒ The global minimum is in a wide and flat basin, so convergence is slow.

Correct

This could be improved by increasing the aggression.



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5.

What is happening here?

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- ☐ The algorithm is passing either side of a local minimum.
- ☐ There is noise in the system.
- ☒ The algorithm is passing either side of a saddle point.

**Correct**

- ☐ The algorithm is passing either side of a local maximum.
- ☐ None of the other options.



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6.

What is happening here?

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☒ The Jacobian at the starting point is very large.

**Correct**

This is causing the algorithm to overshoot. In one case into a different basin.

- ☐ None of the other options.
- ☐ There is noise in the system
- ☐ The marked points are saddle points.





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