

Optimisation scenarios

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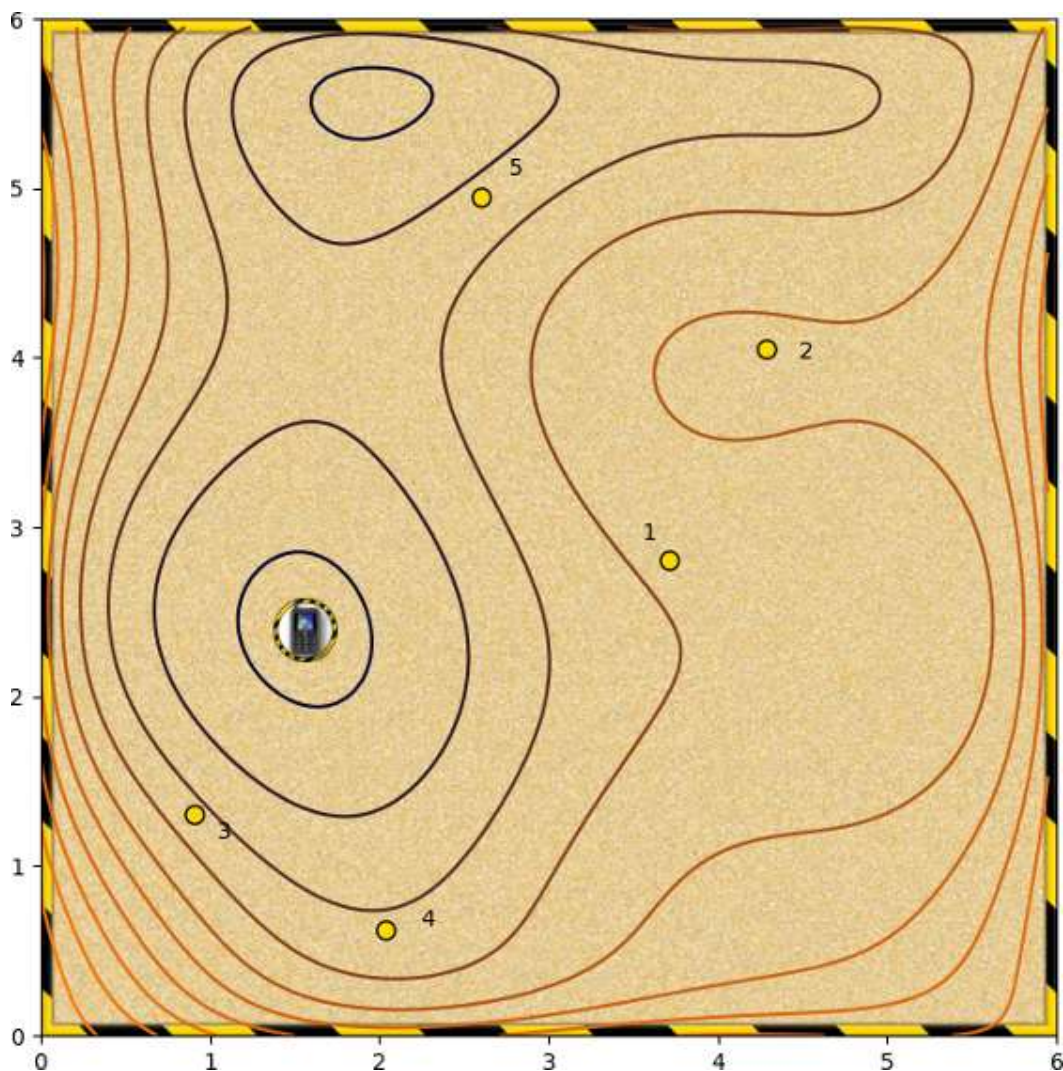
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1.
Given the following contour plot,



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

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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



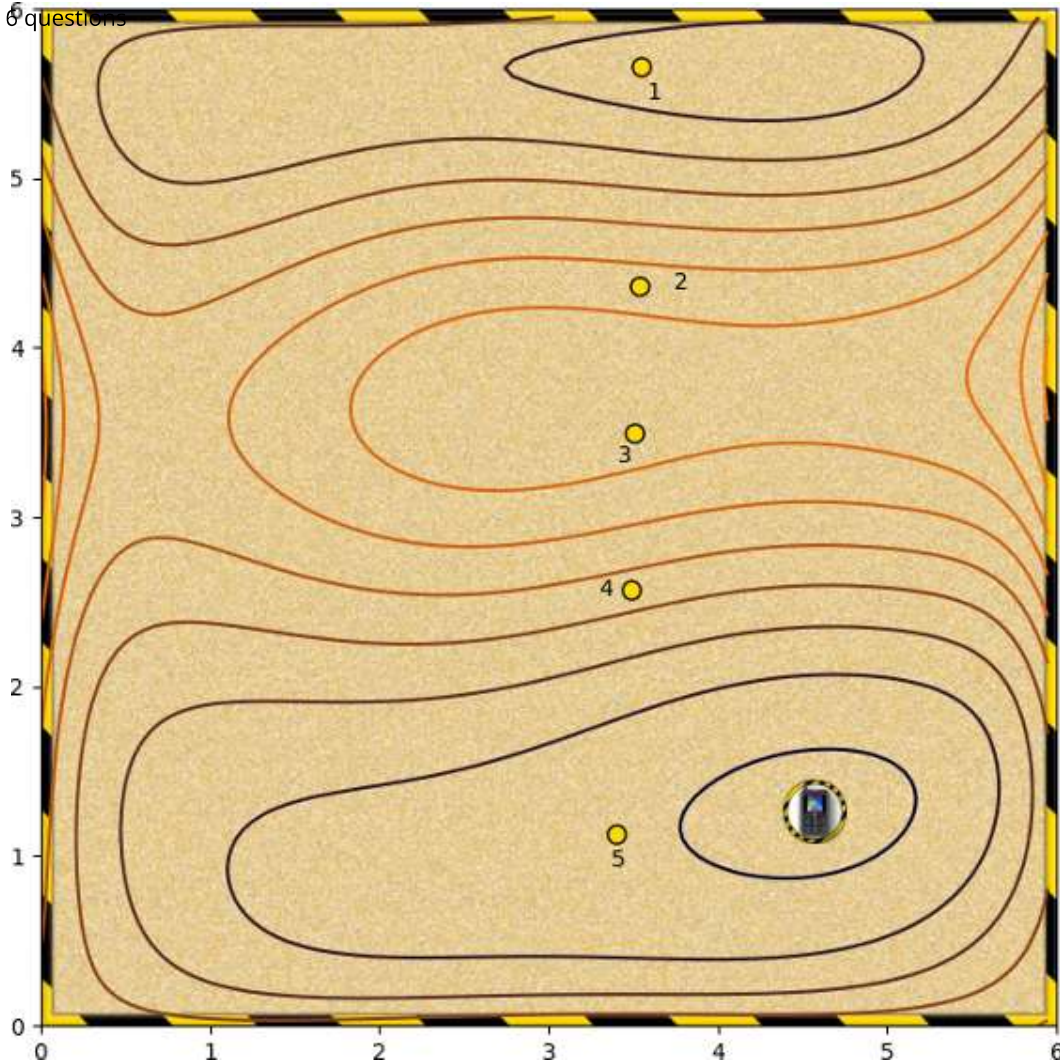
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2.

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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

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Correct

This should converge to the global minimum.



Starting point 5

Correct

This should converge to the global minimum.



None of the above

Un-selected is correct



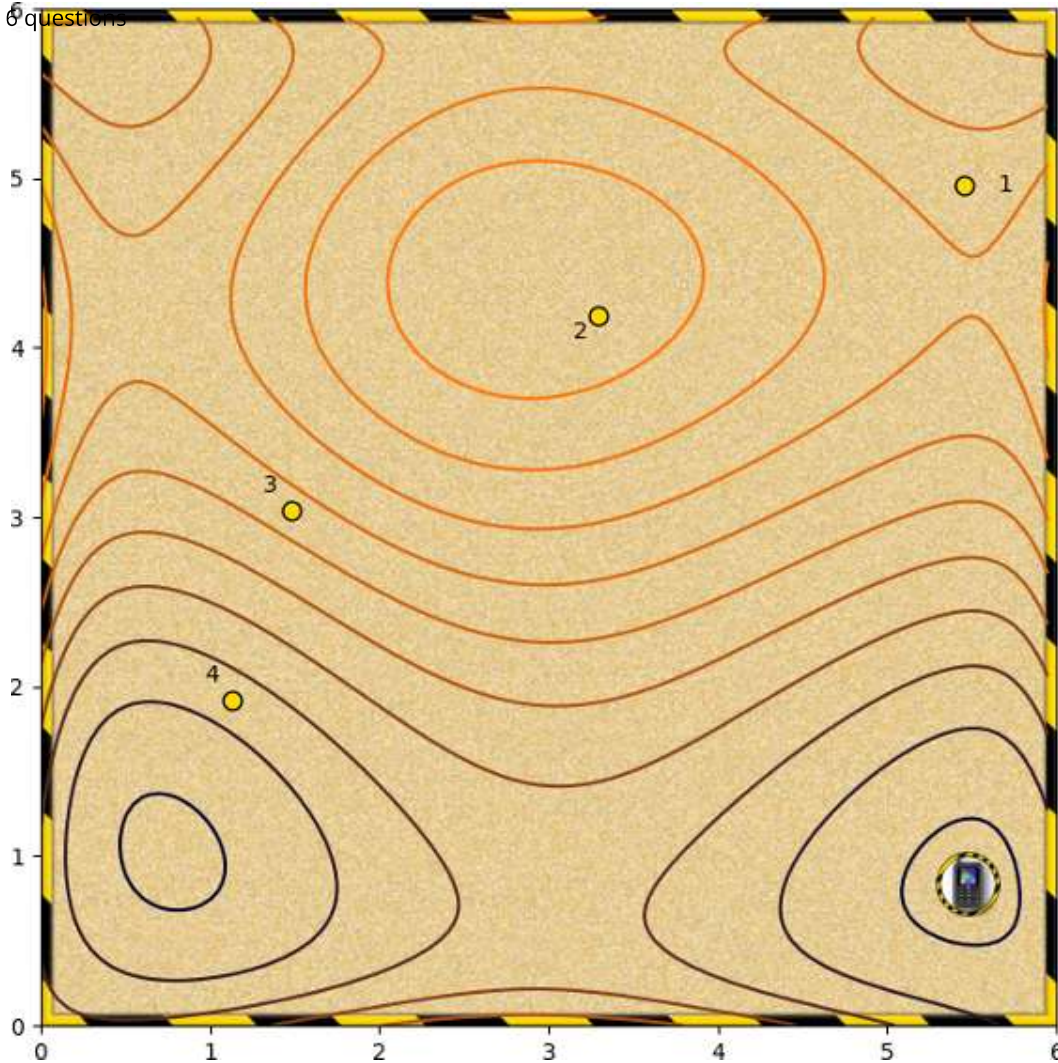
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3.

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☐ Starting point 1



Un-selected is correct

☒ Starting point 2



Correct

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

☐ Starting point 3



Un-selected is correct



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☐ None of the above

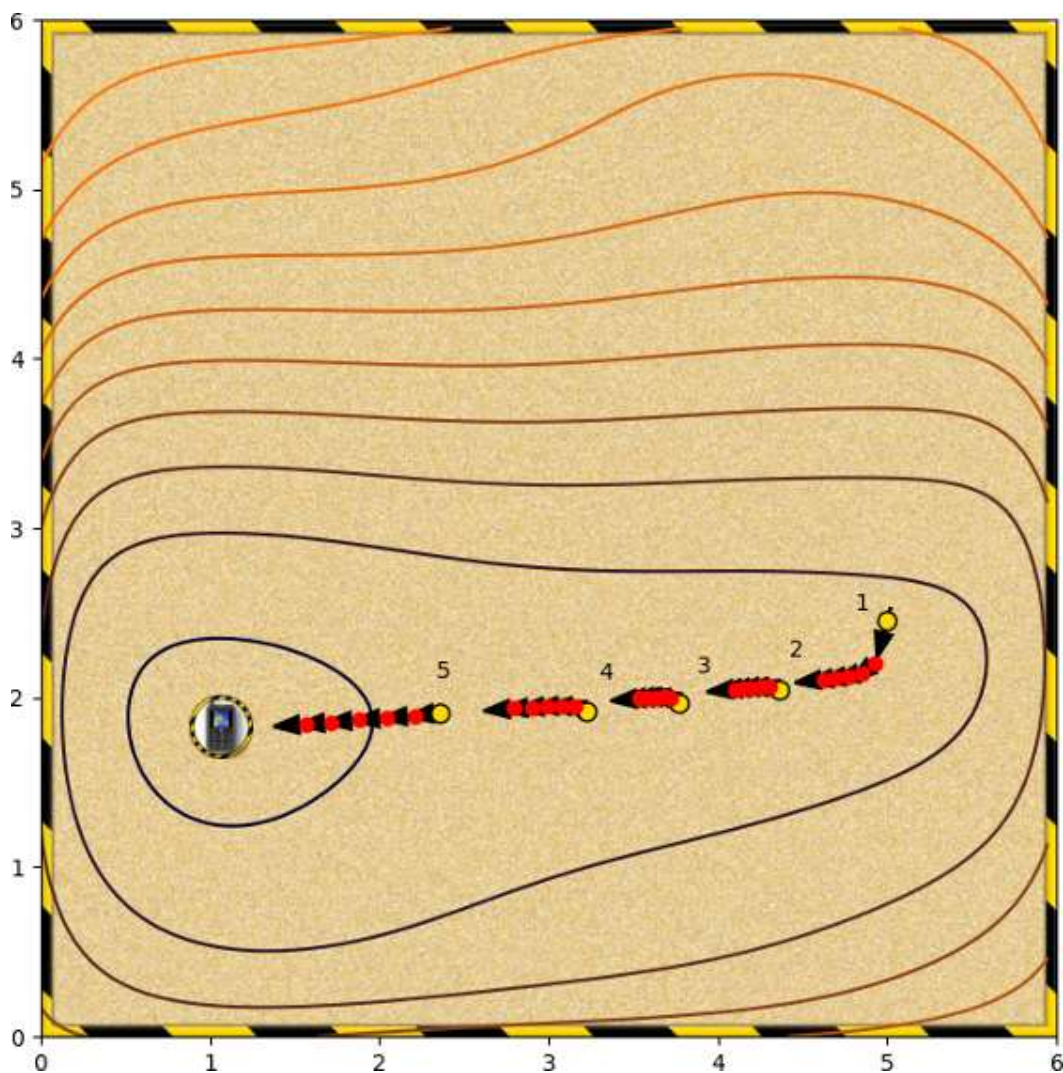
Un-selected is correct



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4.

What's happening in this gradient descent?



The algorithm is getting stuck near saddle points.

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The algorithm is getting stuck near local minima.

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- ☒ The global minimum is in a wide and flat basin, so convergence is slow.

Correct

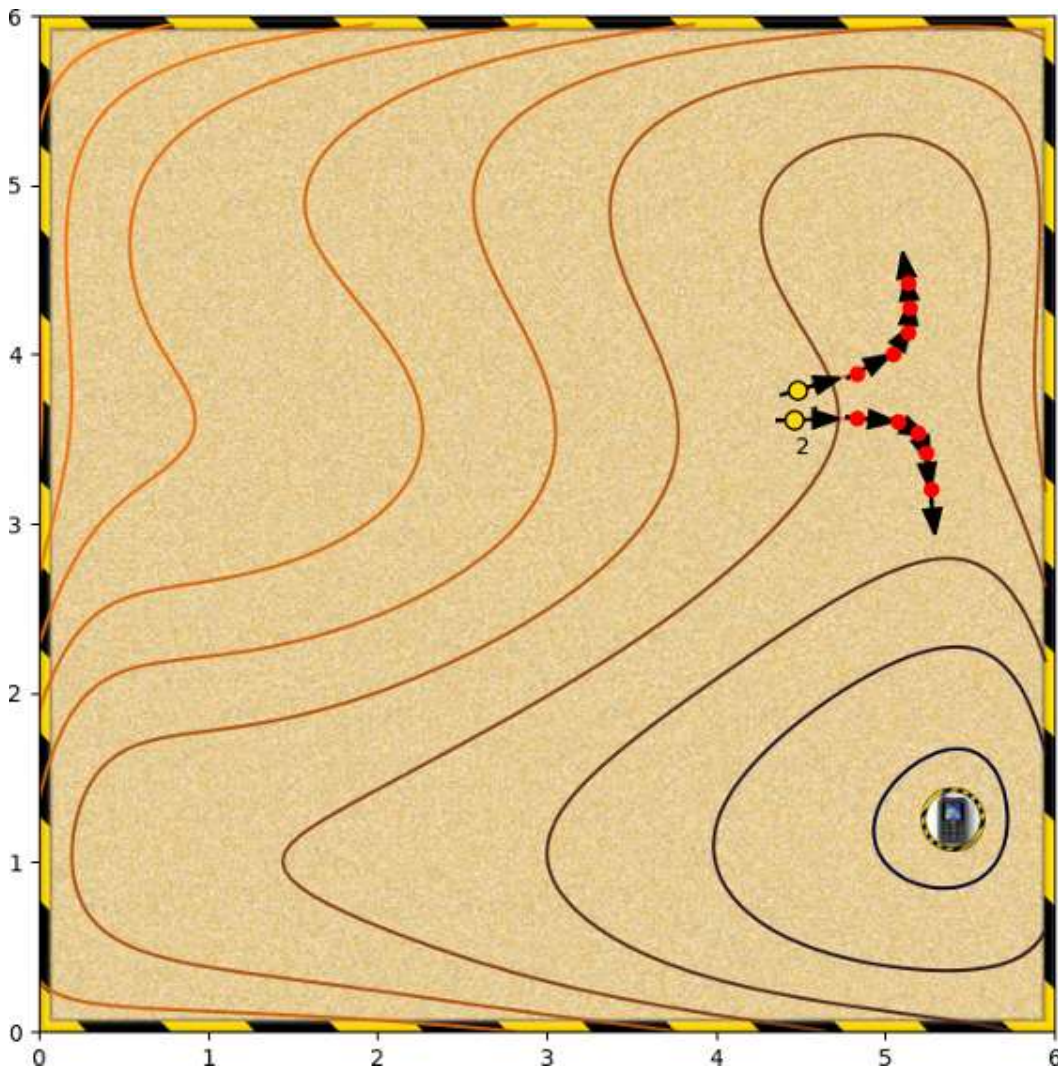
This could be improved by increasing the aggression.

- ☐ None of the other options.



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5.
What is happening here?



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None of the other options.

The algorithm is passing either side of a saddle point.

Correct

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



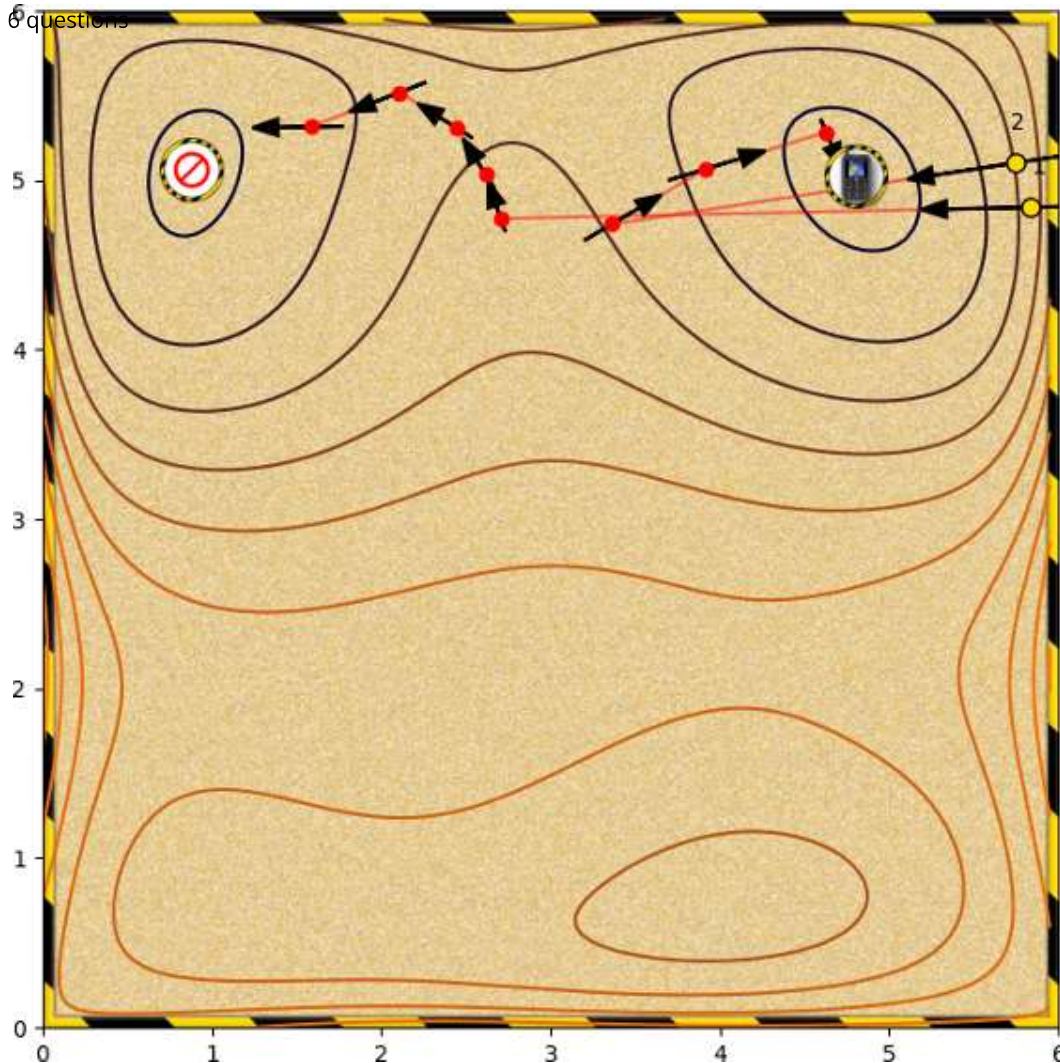
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6.

What is happening here? Optimisation scenarios

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- ☐ None of the other options.
- ☐ The marked points are saddle points.
- ☐ There is noise in the system
- ☒ The Jacobian at the starting point is very large.

Correct

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



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