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1. Given the following contour plot, 1 / 1 point

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?

- [x] Starting point 1

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

- [ ] Starting point 2
- [x] Starting point 3

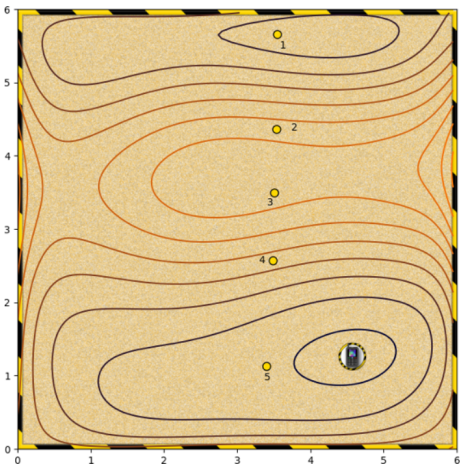
  Correct
  In this case, the algorithm descends smoothly down the slope.

- [x] Starting point 4

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

- [ ] Starting point 5
- [ ] None of the above

2. Again, which starting points converge to the global minimum? **1 / 1 point**



- [ ] Starting point 1
- [ ] Starting point 2
- [x] Starting point 3

  Correct
  This should converge to the global minimum.

- [x] Starting point 4

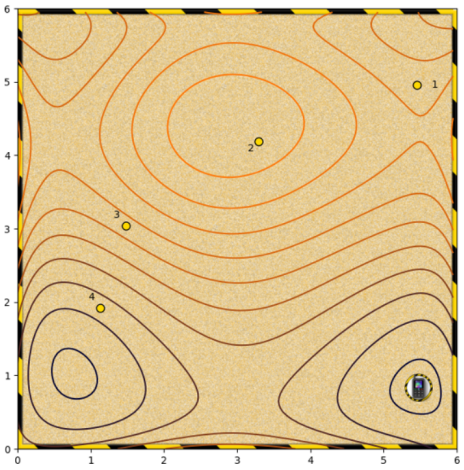
  Correct
  This should converge to the global minimum.

- [x] Starting point 5

  Correct
  This should converge to the global minimum.

- [ ] None of the above

3. Which starting points converge to the global minimum? **1 / 1 point**

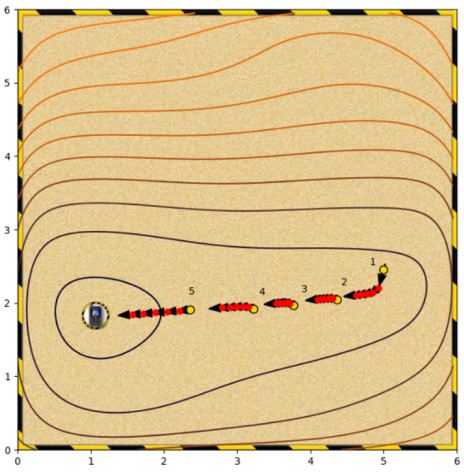


- [ ] Starting point 1
- [x] Starting point 2

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

- [ ] Starting point 3
- [ ] Starting point 4
- [ ] None of the above

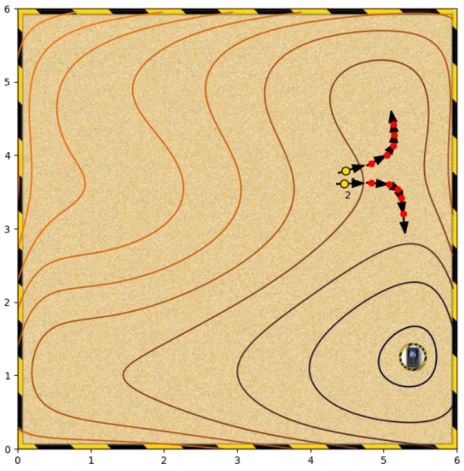
4. What's happening in this gradient descent? **1 / 1 point**



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

Correct
This could be improved by increasing the aggression.

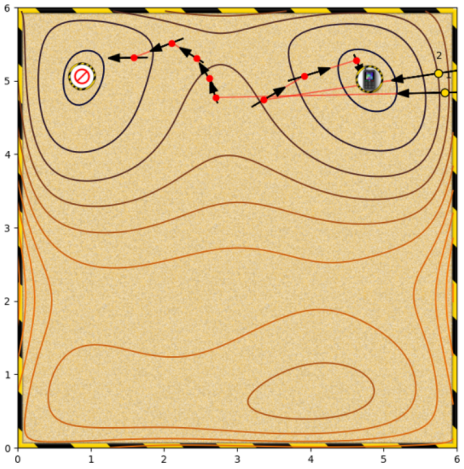
5. What is happening here? **1 / 1 point**



- (●) The algorithm is passing either side of a saddle point.
- ( ) There is noise in the system.
- ( ) None of the other options.
- ( ) The algorithm is passing either side of a local minimum.
- ( ) The algorithm is passing either side of a local maximum.

✓ **Correct**

6. What is happening here? **1 / 1 point**



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

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