

# Lab 3 : Convex Optimisation

Gradient Descent

**Write the code following the instructions to obtain the desired results**

## Import all the required libraries

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In [1]: import numpy as np  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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Find the value of  $x$  at which  $f(x)$  is minimum :

1. Find  $x$  analytically
2. Write the update equation of gradient descent
3. Find  $x$  using gradient descent method

**Example 1 :**  $f(x) = x^2 + x + 2$

**Analytical :**

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(x) = 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} f(x) = 2 \text{ (Minima)}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ (analytical solution)}$$

**Gradient Descent Update equation :**

$$x_{init} = 4$$

$$x_{updt} = x_{old} - \lambda \left( \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \mid x = x_{old} \right)$$

$$x_{updt} = x_{old} - \lambda(2x_{old} + 1)$$

**Gradient Descent Method :**

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1. Generate  $x$ , 1000 data points from -10 to 10
2. Generate and Plot the function  $f(x) = x^2 + x + 2$
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## Logic for gradient descent

For functions with 1 variable

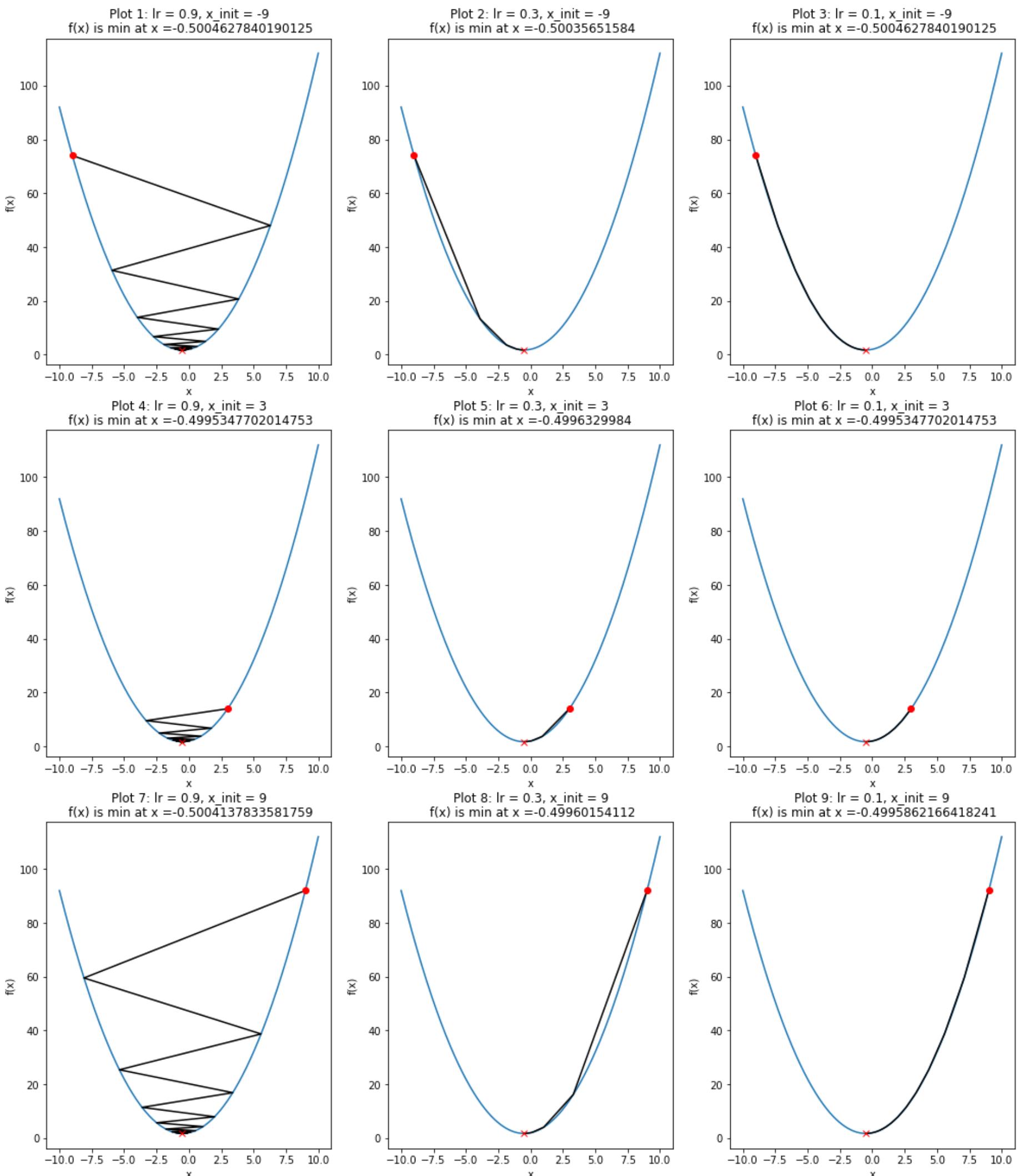
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In [2]:

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## Write your code here
# defining f(x)
def f (x):
    return x*x+x+2
# defining df(x)/dx
def dfdx (x):
    return 2*x+1
# creating x, 1000 data points from -10 to 10
x = np.linspace(-10,10,1000);
# creating f(x) from x
fx = f(x);
# array of different initial points
x_init_arr = [-9,3,9];
# array of different learning rates
lr_arr = [0.9,0.3,0.1];
# count variable for subplots
i=1
# fixing figure size
plt.figure(figsize=(17,20))
# looping over x_init array and lr array
for x_init in x_init_arr:
    for lr in lr_arr:
        # subplot
        plt.subplot(3,3,i)
        i+=1 # incrementing for next subplot
        x_hist = np.array([]); # history array to store all values of x in each update
        f_hist = np.array([]); # history array to store all values of f(x) in each update
        x_hist = np.append(x_hist,x_init); # appending values to array
        f_hist = np.append(f_hist,f(x_init)); # appending values to array
        # loop to get updates till convergence
        # logic is explained in markdown above
        while (dfdx(x_hist[-1])>=0.001 or dfdx(x_hist[-1])<=-0.001):
            x_old = x_hist[-1]; # old x before update
            x_up = x_old - lr*dfdx(x_old); # updating x
            x_hist = np.append(x_hist,x_up); # appending updated x to history array
            f_hist = np.append(f_hist,f(x_up)); # appending updated f(x) to history array
        # plotting y=f(x)
        plt.plot(x,fx)
        # plotting history of updates
        plt.plot(x_hist,f_hist,'k')
        # plotting optimal value
        plt.plot(x_hist[-1],f_hist[-1],color='r',marker='x')
        # plotting initial values
        plt.plot(x_hist[0],f_hist[0],color='r',marker='o')
        # titles and labels
        plt.title("Plot "+str(i-1)+": lr = "+str(lr)+", x_init = "+str(x_init)
                  +"\n f(x) is min at x =" +str(x_hist[-1]))
        plt.xlabel("x")
        plt.ylabel("f(x)")
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**Example 2 :**  $f(x) = xsinx$

**Analytical :** Find solution analytically

**Gradient Descent Update equation :** Write Gradient descent update equations

**Gradient Descent Method :**

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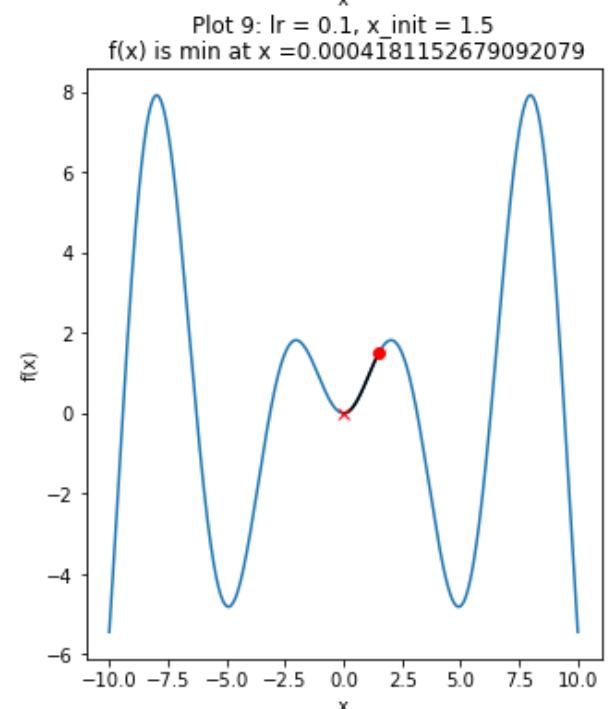
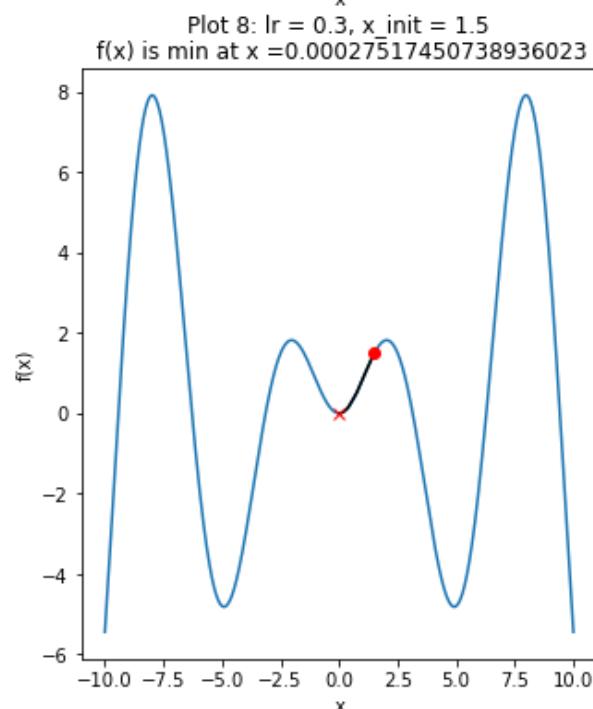
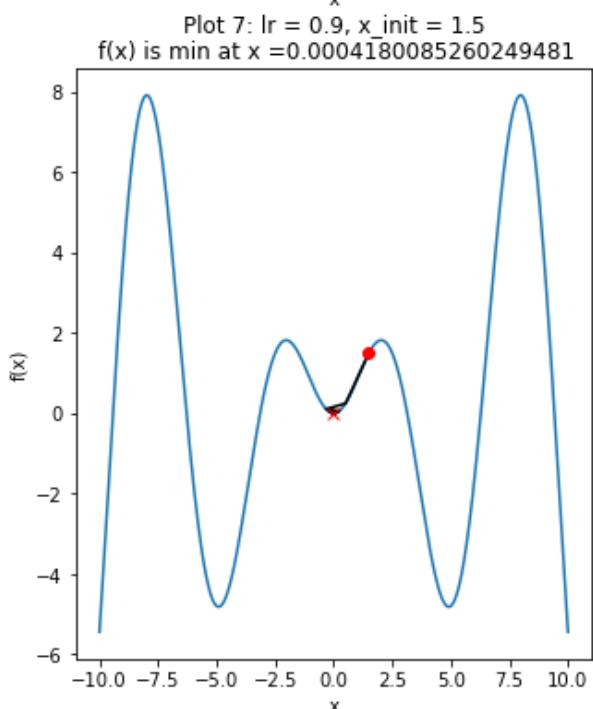
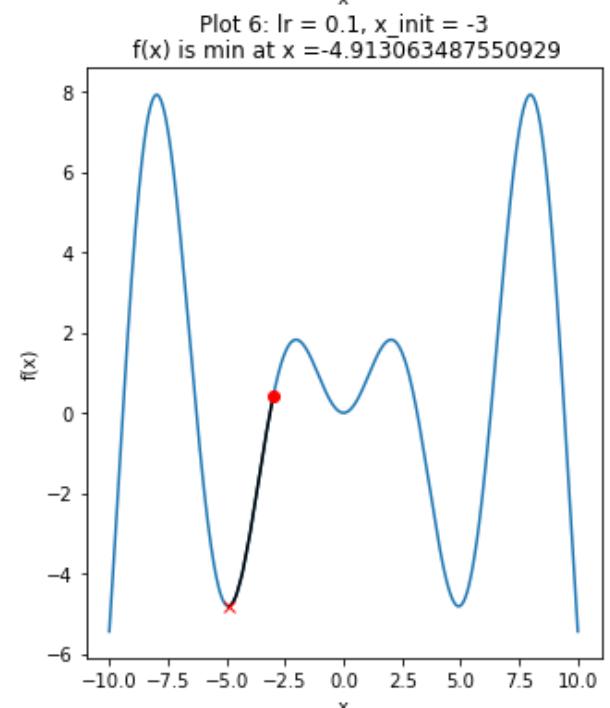
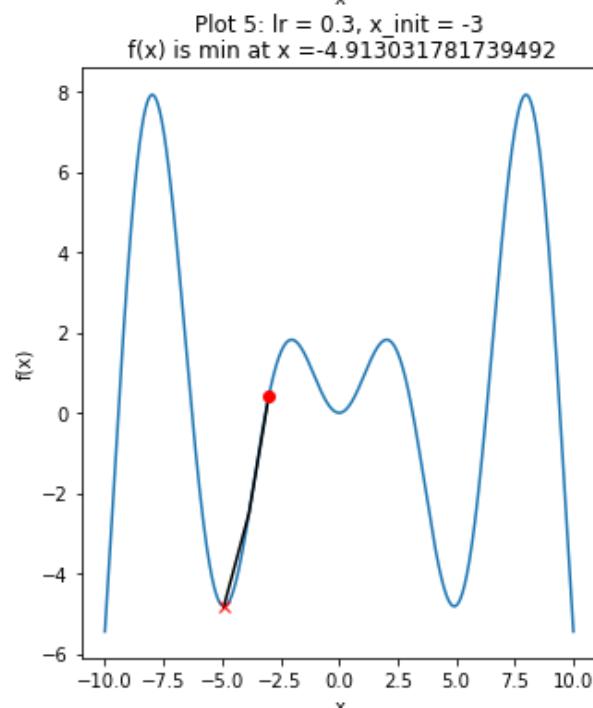
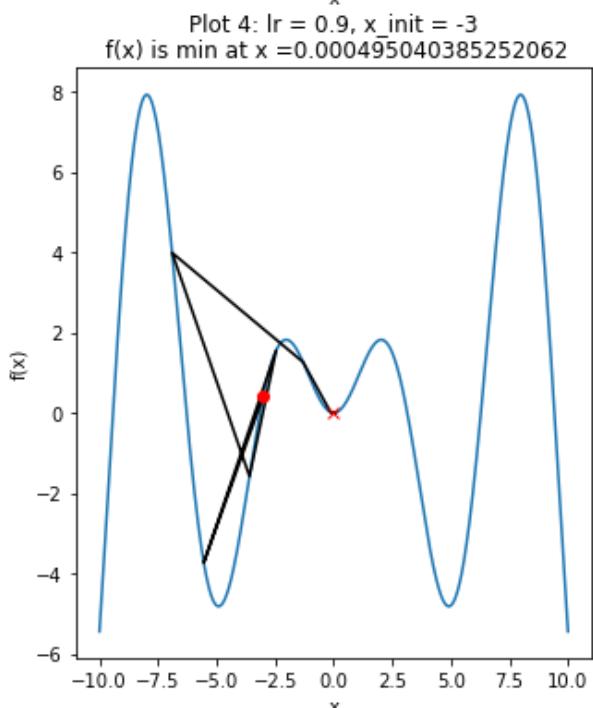
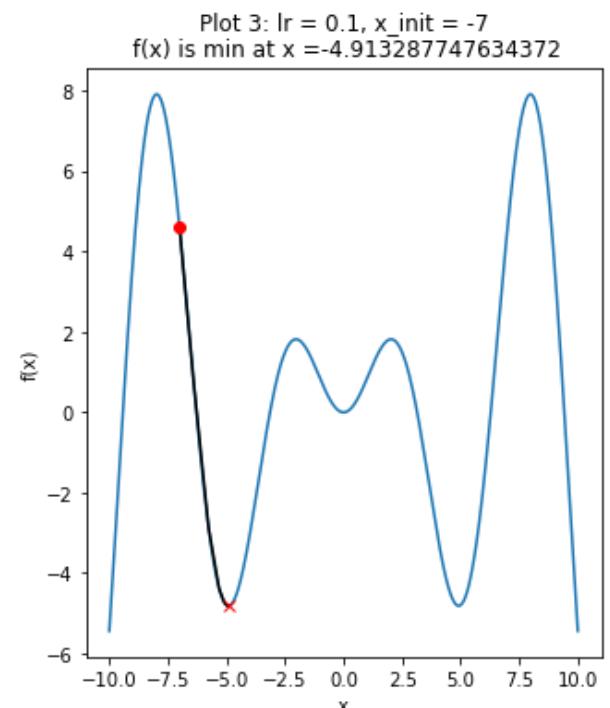
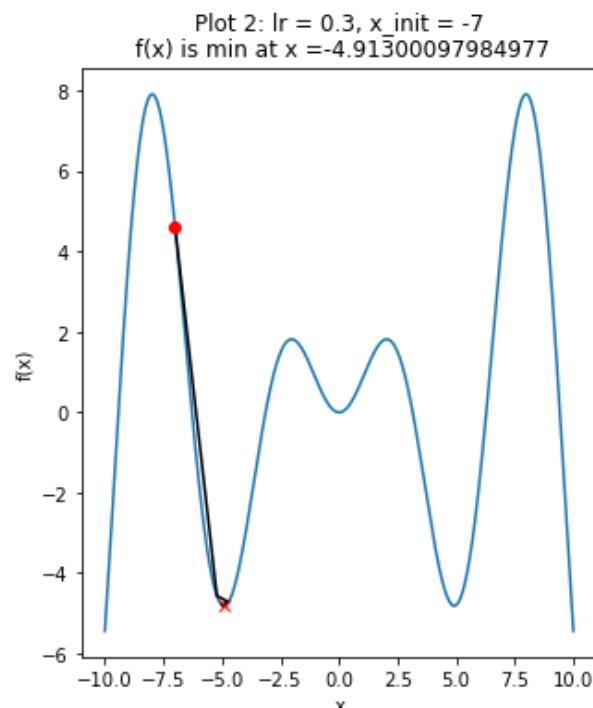
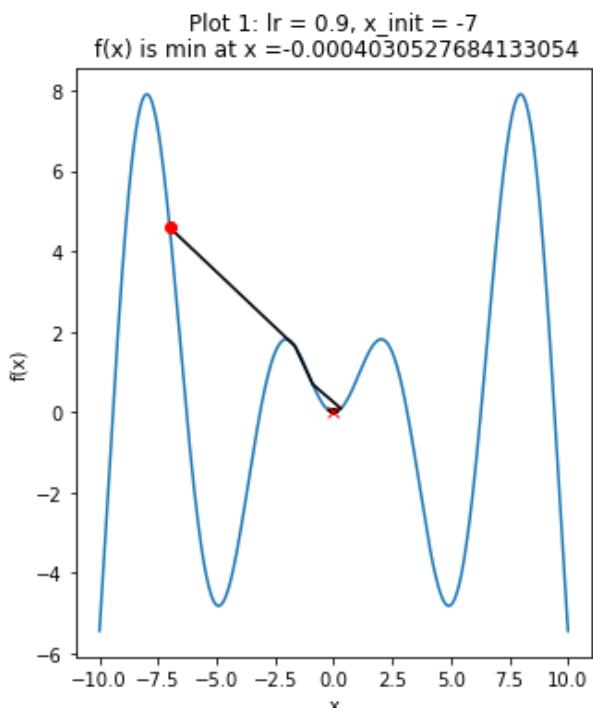
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In [3]:

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# defining df(x)/dx
def dfdx (x):
    return np.sin(x)+x*np.cos(x)
# creating x, 1000 data points from -10 to 10
x = np.linspace(-10,10,1000);
# creating f(x) from x
fx = f (x);
# array of different initial points
x_init_arr = [-7,-3,1.5];
# array of different learning rates
lr_arr = [0.9,0.3,0.1];
# count variable for subplots
i=1
# fixing figure size
plt.figure(figsize=(17,20))
# looping over x_init array and lr array
for x_init in x_init_arr:
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        while (dfdx(x_hist[-1])>=0.001 or dfdx(x_hist[-1])<=-0.001):
            x_old = x_hist[-1]; # old x before update
            x_up = x_old - lr*dfdx(x_old); # updating x
            x_hist = np.append(x_hist,x_up); # appending updated x to history array
            f_hist = np.append(f_hist,f(x_up)); # appending updated f(x) to history array
        # plotting y=f(x)
        plt.plot(x,fx)
        # plotting history of updates
        plt.plot(x_hist,f_hist,'k')
        # plotting optimal value
        plt.plot(x_hist[-1],f_hist[-1],color='r',marker='x')
        # plotting initial values
        plt.plot(x_hist[0],f_hist[0],color='r',marker='o')
        # titles and labels
        plt.title("Plot "+str(i-1)+": lr = "+str(lr)+", x_init = "+str(x_init)
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Find the value of  $x$  and  $y$  at which  $f(x, y)$  is minimum :

**Example 1 :**  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 2y$

**Gradient Descent Method :**

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2. Generate and Plot the function  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 2y$
3. Initialize the starting point  $(x_{init}, y_{init})$  and learning rate ( $\lambda$ )
4. Use Gradient descent algorithm to compute value of  $x$  and  $y$  at which the function  $f(x, y)$  is minimum
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**Logic for gradient descent**

For functions with m variables

For a multivariate function  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , minimum/maximum is at a point where  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = 0 \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is convex, then we get minimum.

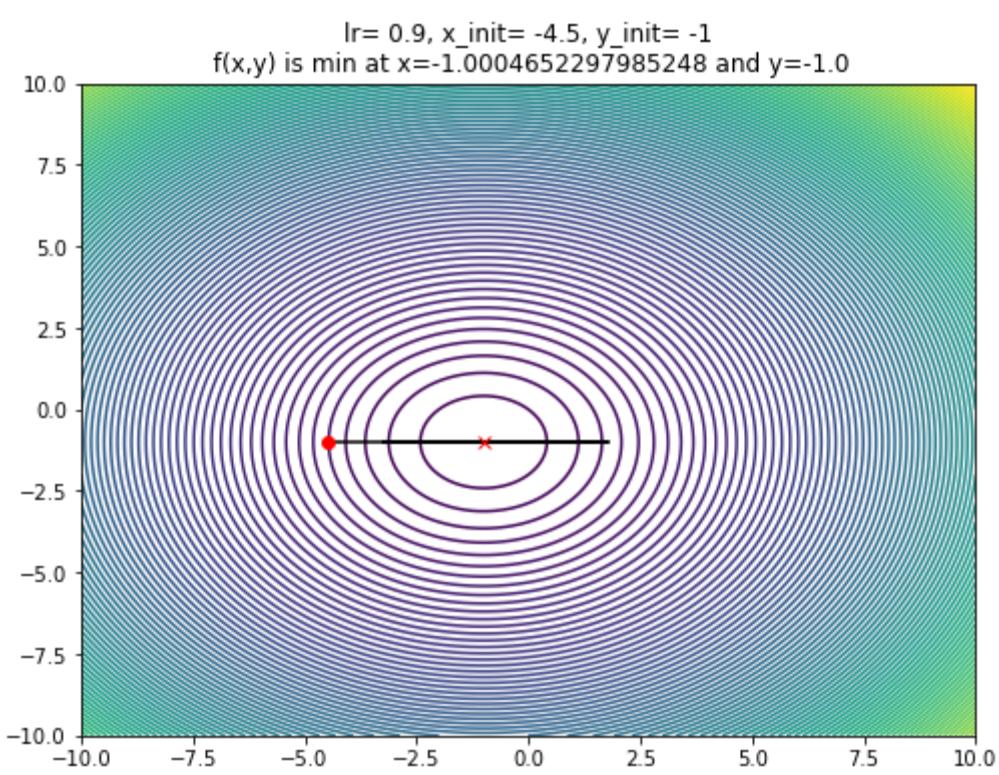
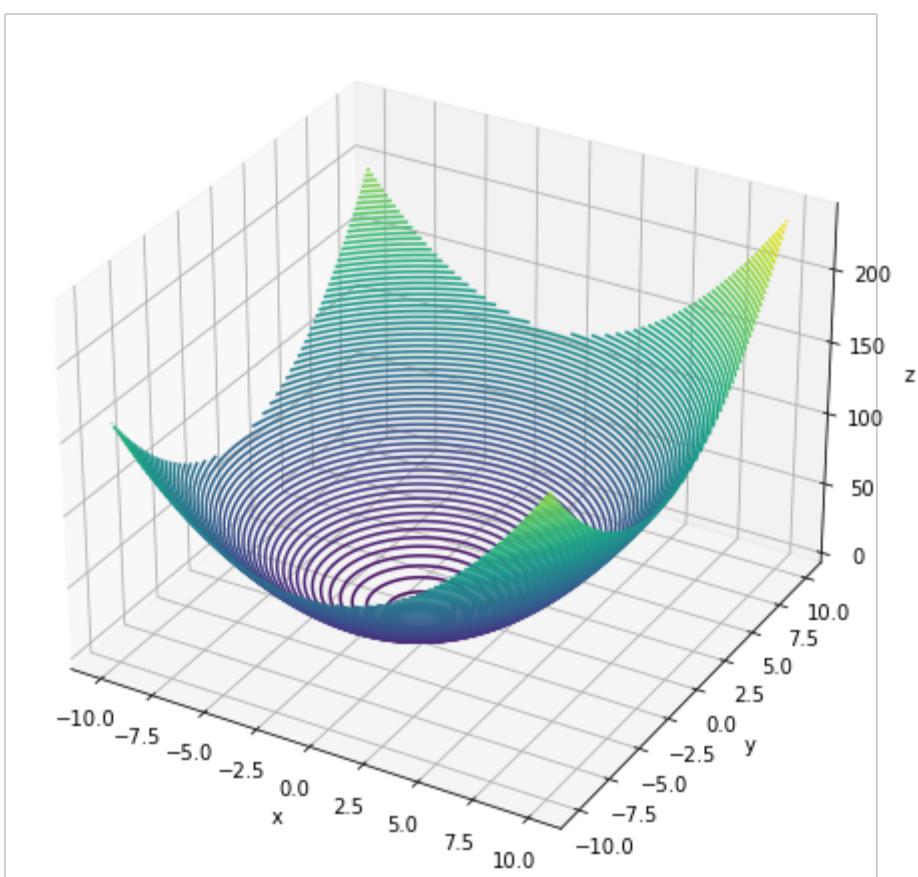
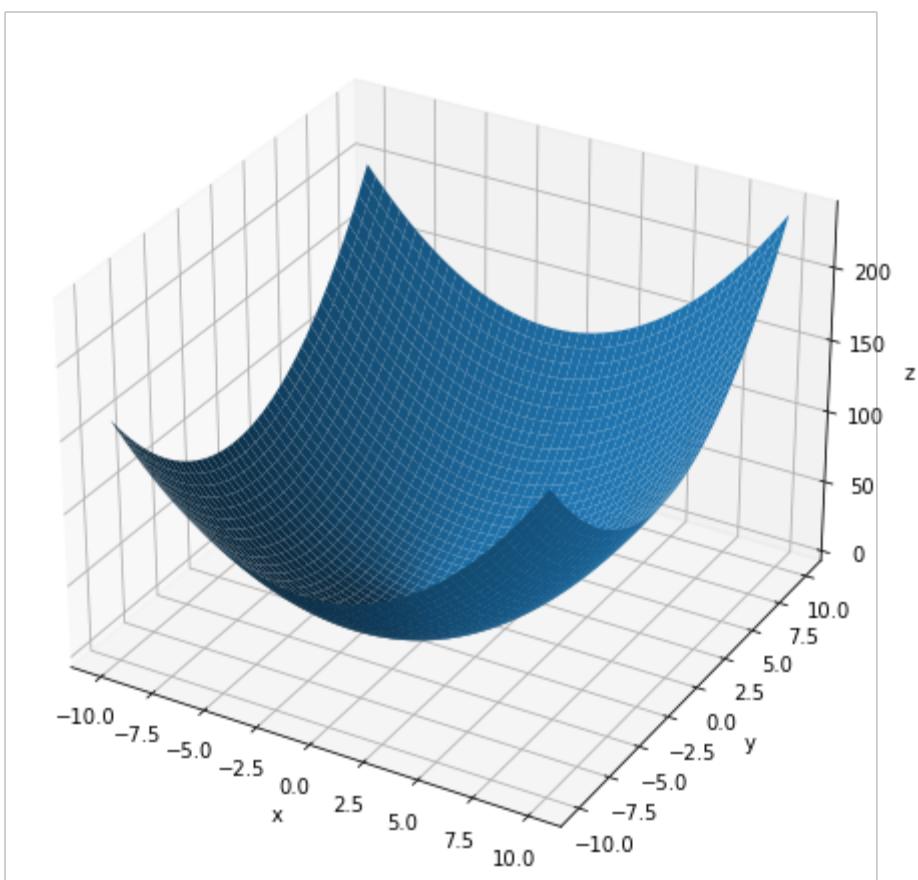
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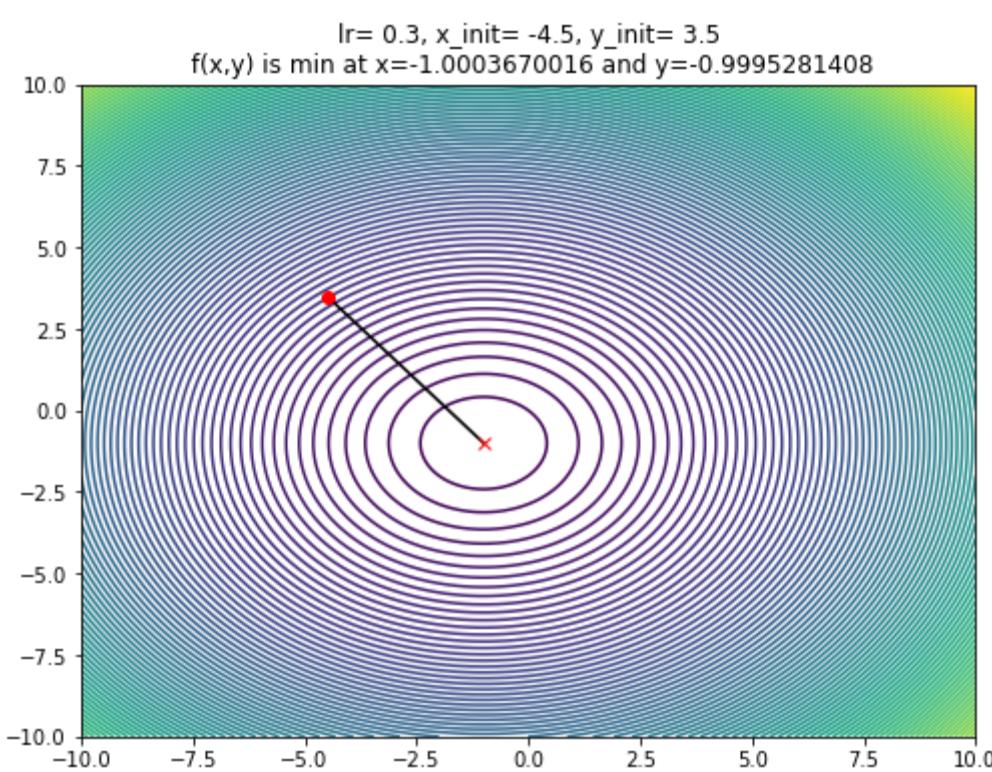
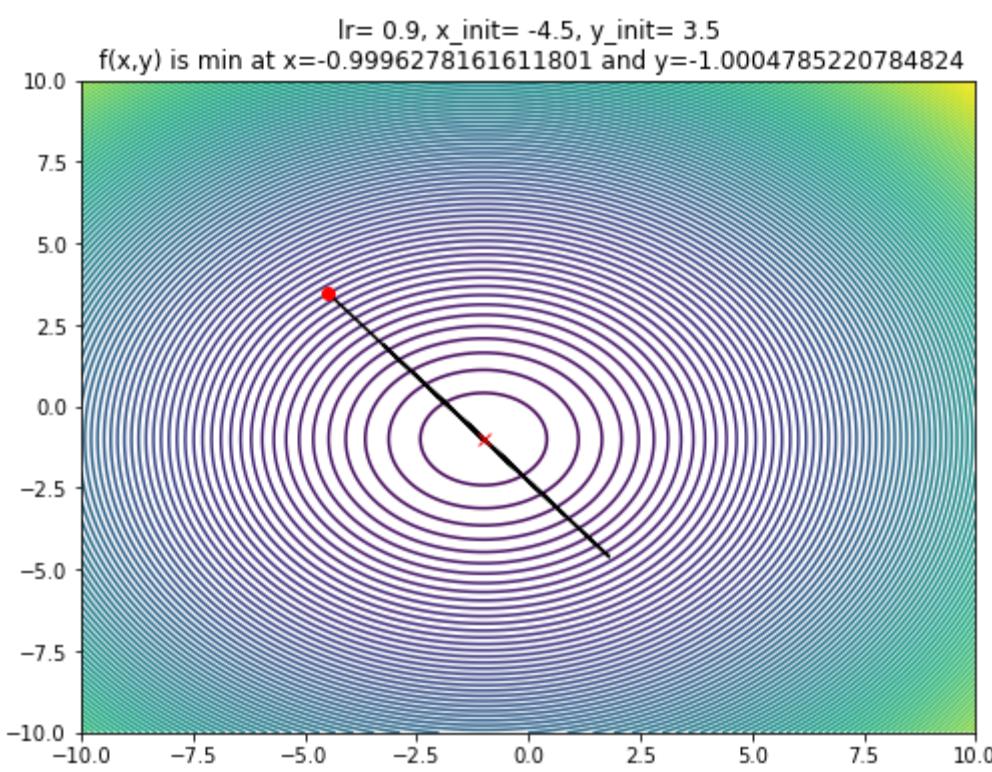
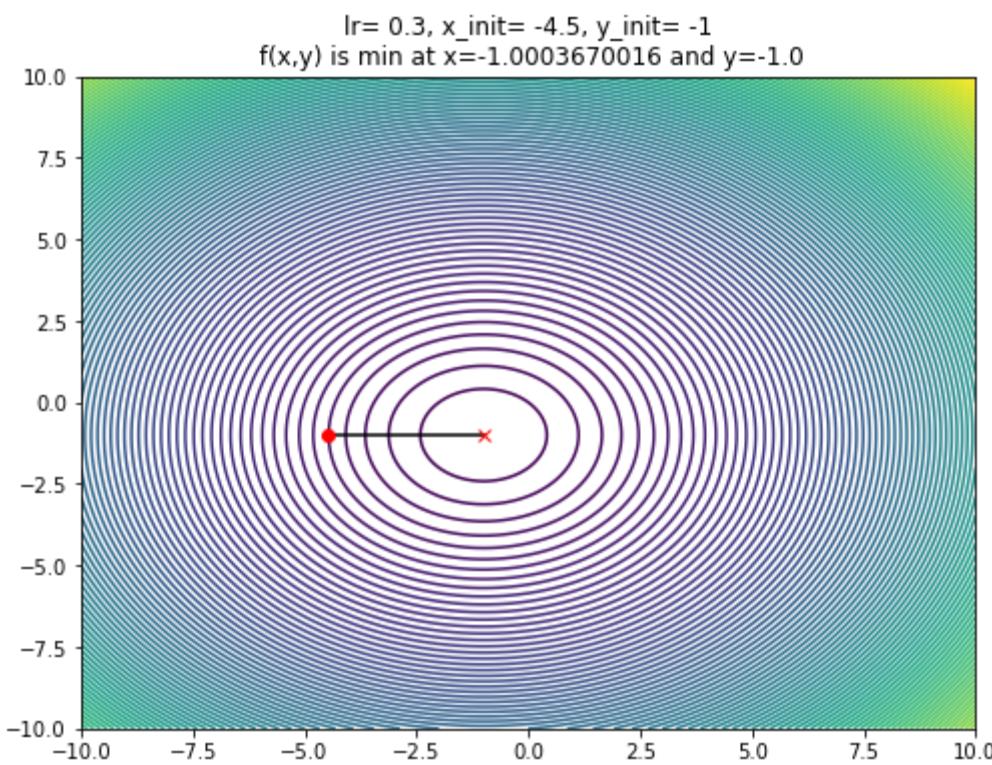
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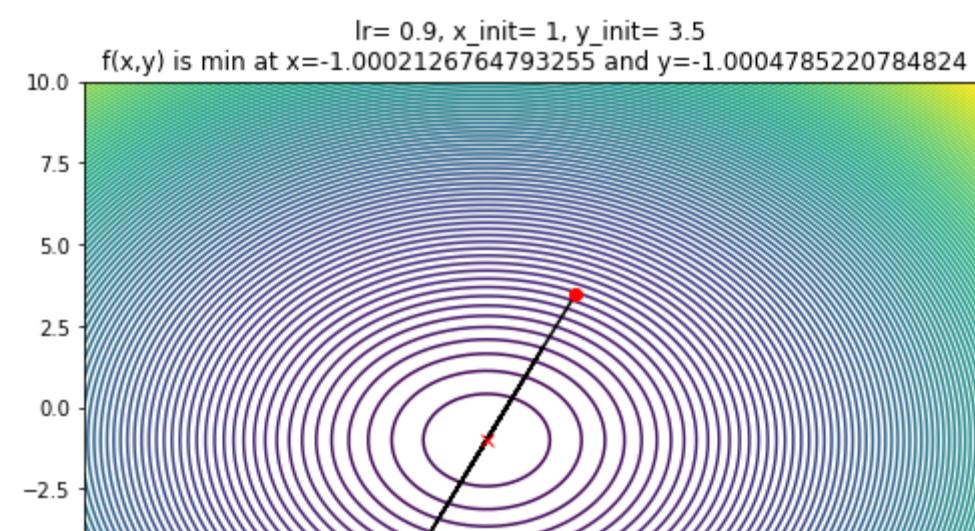
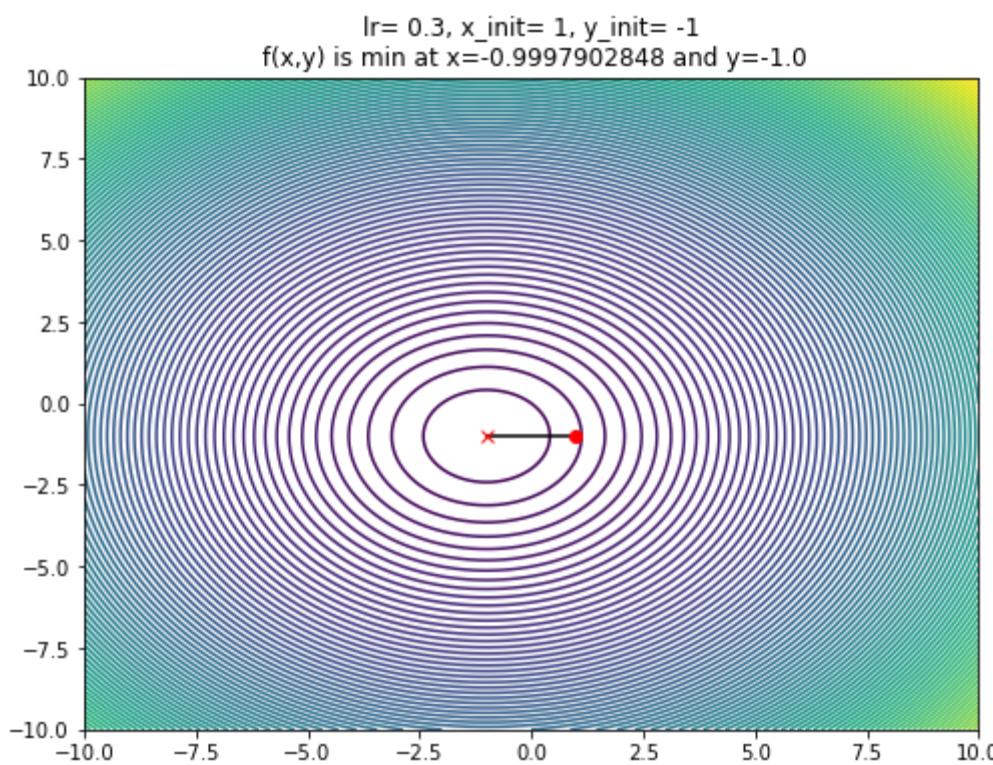
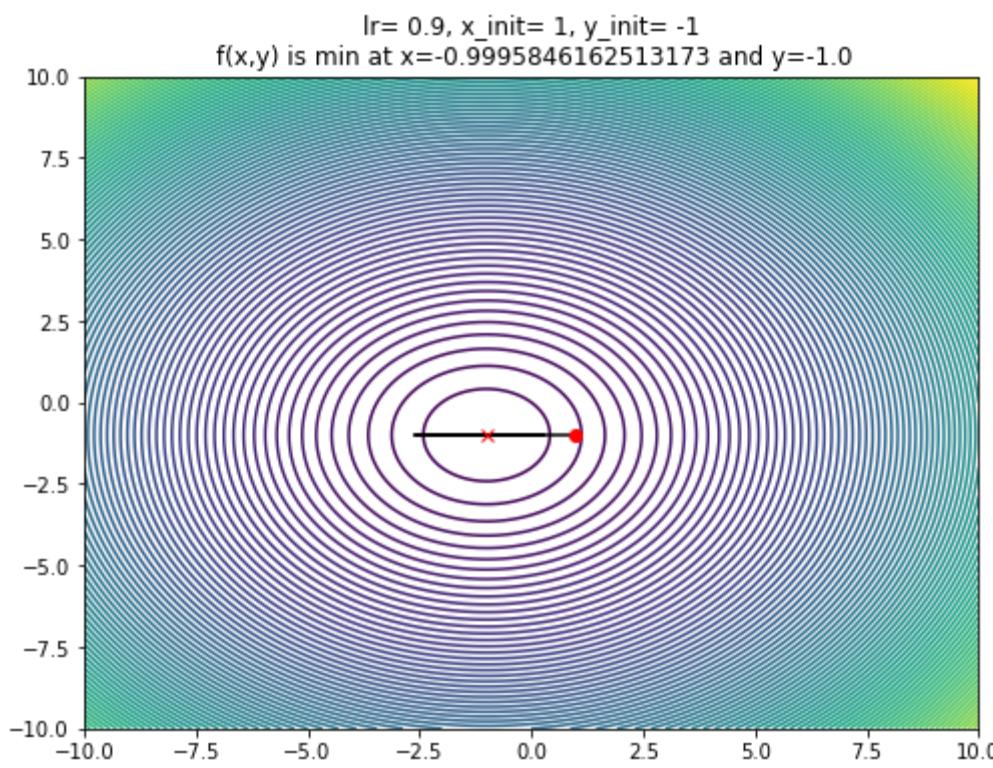
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# defining f(x,y)
def f (x,y):
    return x**2+y**2+2*x+2*y
# defining partial differtiations
def dfdx_x (x,y):
    return 2*x+2
def dfdx_y (x,y):
    return 2*y+2
# Generating x and y, 1000 data points from -10 to 10
x = np.linspace(-10,10,1000);
y = np.linspace(-10,10,1000);
# meshgrid for plotting 3D plots
X,Y = np.meshgrid(x,y);
# generating f(x,y)
fxy = f(X,Y);
# plotting Surface plot
plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
ax = plt.axes(projection='3d')
ax.plot_surface(X, Y, fxy)
ax.set_xlabel('x');
ax.set_ylabel('y');
ax.set_zlabel('z');
#plotting contour 3D plot
plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
ax = plt.axes(projection='3d')
ax.contour3D(X, Y, fxy,80)
ax.set_xlabel('x');
ax.set_ylabel('y');
ax.set_zlabel('z');
# array of initial values of x ,y
x_init_arr = [-4.5,1];
y_init_arr = [-1,3.5];
# array of different values of learning rate
lr_arr = [0.9,0.3];
# looping over initial points and learning rates
for x_init in x_init_arr:
    for y_init in y_init_arr:
        for lr in lr_arr:

            x_hist = np.array([]); # history array to store all values of x in each update
            y_hist = np.array([]); # history array to store all values of y in each update
            x_hist = np.append(x_hist,x_init); # appending initial value to array
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            # loop to get updates till convergence
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            while (dfdx_x(x_hist[-1],y_hist[-1])>=0.001 or dfdx_x(x_hist[-1],y_hist[-1])<=-0.001
                  or dfdx_y(x_hist[-1],y_hist[-1])>=0.001 or dfdx_y(x_hist[-1],y_hist[-1])<=-0.001):
                x_old = x_hist[-1] # old x before update
                y_old = y_hist[-1] # old y before update
                x_up = x_old - lr*dfdx_x(x_old,y_old); # updating x
                y_up = y_old - lr*dfdx_y(x_old,y_old); # updating y
                x_hist = np.append(x_hist,x_up); # appending updated x to history array
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            # defining figure and size
            plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
            # plotting 2D contour plots
            plt.contour(X, Y, fxy,100);
            # plotting history of updates
            plt.plot(x_hist,y_hist,'k')
            # plotting optimal value
            plt.plot(x_hist[-1],y_hist[-1],color='r',marker='x')
            # plotting initial value
            plt.plot(x_hist[0],y_hist[0],color='r',marker='o')
            # title
            plt.title("lr= "+str(lr)+", x_init= "+str(x_init)+", y_init= "+str(y_init)
                      +"\n f(x,y) is min at x="+str(x_hist[-1])+" and y="+str(y_hist[-1]))
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**Example 2 :**  $f(x, y) = x\sin(x) + y\sin(y)$

#### Gradient Descent Method :

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2. Generate and Plot the function  $f(x, y) = x\sin(x) + y\sin(y)$
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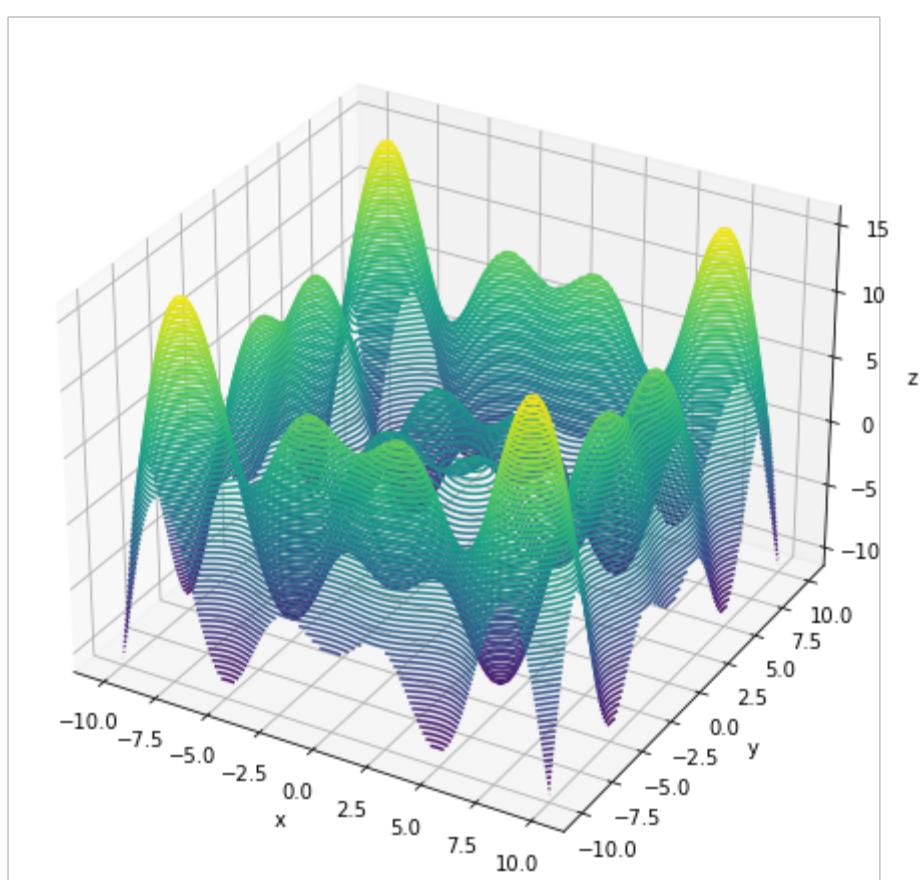
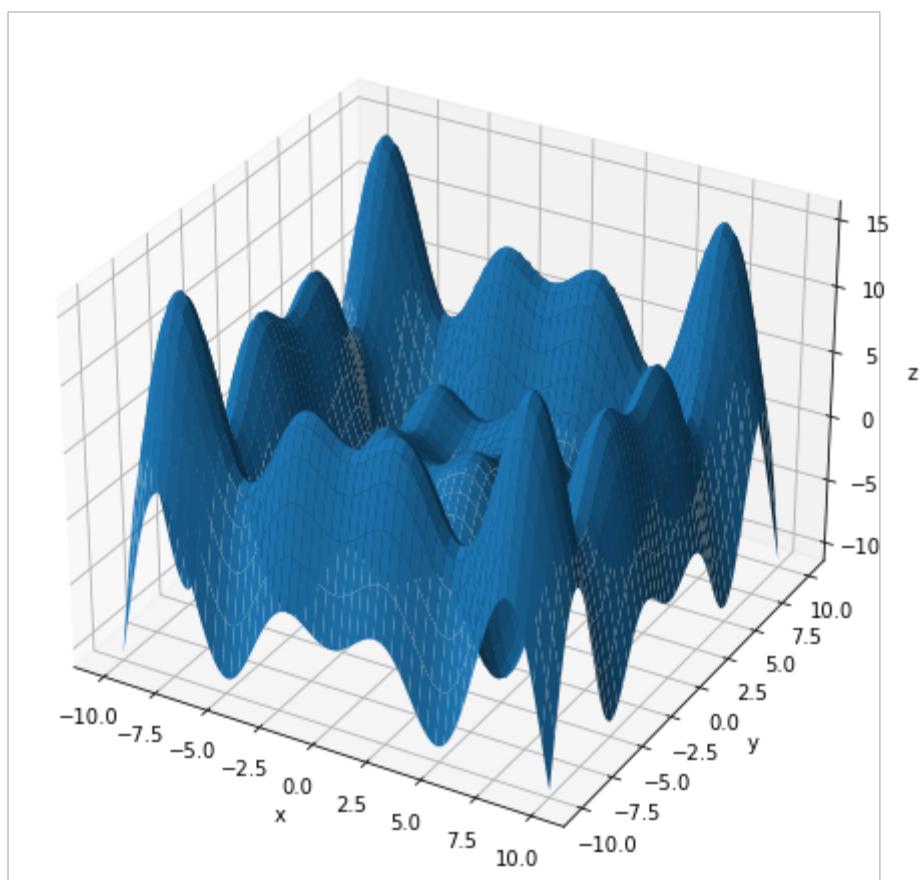
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# defining partial differtiations
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lr= 0.9, x\_init= -4.5, y\_init= -1  
f(x,y) is min at x=-0.0004437392364024181 and y=-0.0002152082162139836

