Options for high-dimensional Bayesian optimization

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Let us consider an expensive-to-evaluate black box simulator:

$$f: \mathbf{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}.$$

Suppose we want to minimize f: find $\mathbf{x}^* \in \underset{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}}{\operatorname{argmin}} f(\mathbf{x})$.

Here, $\mathbf{X} = [-1, 1]^d$, corresponding to box constraints.

In addition d is possibly $large^1$, especially with respect to the evaluation budget.

Common occurrence in Physics, Operations Research, Epidemiology, Machine Learning, ...

 $^{^{1}}$ What large means is very much application dependent. In general, d > 10 is considered as large in BO. $(\Box) + (\Box)$

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General solving procedure in Bayesian Optimization (BO)²,³

Bayesian optimization

Sequential design strategy based on a distribution over functions to define an acquisition function.



²J. Mockus. Bayesian approach to global optimization. Springer, 1989.
 ³R. Garnett. Bayesian Optimization. Cambridge University Press, 2022.

For instance:

- Maximin Latin Hypercubes Samples
- Gaussian process model
- Expected Improvement
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Gaussian process regression

We use a zero mean GP prior on y, with covariance k: $Y \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, k)$. MVN conditional identities give directly the result on $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)_{1 \le i \le n}$:

$$\begin{split} Y | \mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{GP}(\mu, \sigma^2) \text{ with} \\ m_n(\mathbf{x}) &= \mathbb{E}(Y(\mathbf{x})|\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x})^\top \mathbf{K}_N^{-1} \mathbf{y}, \\ s_n^2(\mathbf{x}) &= \mathbb{V}\mathrm{ar}(Y(\mathbf{x})|\mathbf{y}) = k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x})^\top \mathbf{K}_N^{-1} \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}), \text{ where} \\ \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}) &= (k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_1), \dots, k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_n))^\top, \ \mathbf{K}_N = (k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}. \end{split}$$



Noisy observations

GPs readily handle Gaussian noise, e.g., through the estimation of a constant noise term.



For the reminder of the talk, we do not dvelve more on this additional challenge.

GP training

GPs have their own hyperparameters, mostly for the kernel function. The most popular kernels are stationary, e.g., the Gaussian kernel: $k(x, x'|\tau^2, \theta) = \tau^2 \exp(-(x - x')^2/\theta) = \tau^2 c(abs(x - x')|\tau^2, \theta).$

Hyperparameter estimation can be based on:

- model error (i.e., cross validation, training/testing sets)
- variogram analysis
- (log)-likelihood, possibly regularized (maximum a posteriori)

Likelihood, i.e., multivariate normal density:

$$L = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\mathbf{K}_n|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{K}_n^{-1} \mathbf{y}\right).$$

Alternatives include maximum-likelihood estimation and more Bayesian versions with various degrees of approximation.

Infill criterion - Expected Improvement⁴

Improvement:
$$I : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X} \to \max \{ f^* - Y(\mathbf{x}), 0 \} \in \mathbb{R}, \ f^* = \min_{1 \le i \le n} f(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

Expected Improvement

$$E[I(\mathbf{x})|\mathbf{y}] = (f^* - m_n(\mathbf{x})) \Phi\left(\frac{f^* - m_n(\mathbf{x})}{s_n(\mathbf{x})}\right) + s_n(\mathbf{x})\phi\left(\frac{f^* - m_n(\mathbf{x})}{s_n(\mathbf{x})}\right)$$

 \rightarrow balance between exploration and exploitation



⁴J. Mockus, V. Tiesis, and A. Zilinskas. "The application of Bayesian methods for seeking the extremum". In: Towards Global Optimization 2.117-129 (1978), p. 2.

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Effects of the curse of dimensionality

A regular grid of 10 points in dimension d requires 10^d points.

Most of the volume concentrates on the boundary of the domain:

- volume(unit *d*-sphere)/volume(unit *d*-cube) ightarrow 0 as $d
 ightarrow\infty$
- volume(*d*-ball of radius $(1 \delta)R$)/volume(*d*-ball of radius R) = $o((1 \delta)^d)$

Uniformly sampled points are far away from each other:



Issue for most kernels, e.g. $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = c(||\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'||), \ k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \prod_{i=1}^{n} k_i(x_i, x_i')$ $(0.9^{10} \approx 0.35, 0.95^{30} \approx 0.21)$

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... and consequences

These high dimensional effects impact all steps of BO:

- distances for maximin LHS (unless projected^a)
- I distances in the GP model (+ training)
- optimizing Expected Improvement



^aV. R. Joseph, E. Gul, and S. Ba. "Maximum projection designs for computer experiments". In: *Biometrika* 102.2 (2015), pp. 371–380.

The main option is to assume additional structural information:

- some variables have no influence (screening);
- the problem is intrinsically of lower dimension (linear/non-linear embeddings);
- or via additivity and functional ANOVA decompositions.

More exotic structures are also possible.

A review is available in⁵.

⁵M. Binois and N. Wycoff. "A survey on high-dimensional Gaussian process modeling with application to Bayesian optimization". In: ACM Transactions on Evolutionary Learning and Optimization 2.2 (2022), pp. 1–26.

Standard GP Training adaptations

Defaults for GP packages are often thought for low numbers of variables, and with the flat limit⁶. Recent discussions include:

- Appropriate priors for the MAP or MLE (in particular the upper bounds)^{7,8,9}.
- Use of Matérn kernel (not squared distance), diffuse priors, UCB¹⁰.
- Robust multi-objective fit beyond MLE (LOO, coverage, ...)^{11,12}.
- Not trying to learn the hyperparameters¹³

These may also hint that more complex structure is even harder to learn.

⁶S. Barthelmé et al. "Gaussian process regression in the flat limit". In: *The Annals of Statistics* 51.6 (2023), pp. 2471–2505.

⁷D. Eriksson and M. Jankowiak. "High-dimensional Bayesian optimization with sparse axis-aligned subspaces". In: Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence. PMLR. 2021, pp. 493–503.

 ⁸C. Hvarfner, E. O. Hellsten, and L. Nardi. "Vanilla Bayesian Optimization Performs Great in High Dimension". In: arXiv preprint arXiv:2402.02229 (2024).
 ⁹M. Gu, X. Wang, and J. O. Berger. "Robust Gaussian stochastic process emulation". In: The Annals of Statistics 46.6A (2018), pp. 3038–3066.

¹⁰ Z. Xu and S. Zhe. "Standard Gaussian Process is All You Need for High-Dimensional Bayesian Optimization". In: arXiv preprint arXiv:2402.02746 (2024).

¹¹A. Marrel and B. looss. "Probabilistic surrogate modeling by Gaussian process: A review on recent insights in estimation and validation". In: *Reliability Engineering & System Safety* (2024), p. 110094.

¹²A. Marrel and B. looss. "Probabilistic surrogate modeling by Gaussian process: A new estimation algorithm for more robust prediction". In: *Reliability Engineering & System Safety* 247 (2024), p. 110120.

¹³ T. Appriou, D. Rullière, and D. Gaudrie. "Combination of optimization-free kriging models for high-dimensional problems". In: Computational Statistics (2023), pp. 1–23.

Scaling up to many variables: inactive variables / single index

One simple attempt to tackle high-dimension is to assume that most of the variables have no effect (or are handled as noise):

model:
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{x}_I)$$
 with $I \subset \{1, \dots, d\}, |I| \ll d$

and then identify them sequentially, (see e.g., ¹⁴, ¹⁵, ¹⁶, ¹⁷).

Another popular dimension reduction technique is the single index model:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{a}^{ op} \mathbf{x})$$
 with $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^d$

See e.g.,¹⁸ for the GP treatment.

¹⁴A. Marrel et al. "An efficient methodology for modeling complex computer codes with Gaussian processes". In: *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis* 52.10 (2008), pp. 4731–4744.

¹⁵B. Chen, R. Castro, and A. Krause. "Joint optimization and variable selection of high-dimensional Gaussian processes". In: *Proc. International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*. 2012.

¹⁶M. B. Salem et al. "Sequential dimension reduction for learning features of expensive black-box functions". In: (2018).

¹⁷A. Spagnol, R. L. Riche, and S. D. Veiga. "Global sensitivity analysis for optimization with variable selection". In: *SIAM/ASA Journal on uncertainty* quantification 7.2 (2019), pp. 417–443.

¹⁸ R. B. Gramacy and H. Lian. "Gaussian process single-index models as emulators for computer experiments". In: Technometrics 54.1±(2012) Epp. 30=41. < < > <

Model:
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{d} g_i(x_i)$$
, see, e.g.,¹⁹,²⁰.

For GPs, amounts to summing univariate kernels: $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \sum_{i=1}^{a} k_i(x_i, x'_i)$ Pros:

- scale linearly with d
- predictive mean is the sum of univariate predictive means
- optimization of the acquisition function is simplified
- interpretability

Cons:

- zero predictive variance at unobserved points
- training is harder $(2 \times d + 1$ hyperparameters)
- very strong structural assumption

¹⁹N. Durrande, D. Ginsbourger, and O. Roustant. "Additive Kernels for Gaussian Process Modeling". In: Annales de la Facultée de Sciences de Toulouse (2012), p. 17.

²⁰ D. K. Duvenaud, H. Nickisch, and C. E. Rasmussen. "Additive Gaussian processes". In: NeurIPS. 2011, pp. 226–234. > 4 🗇 > 4 🗟 > 4 🗟 > 4 🗟 > 4



Branin function

Example: 2D Branin function with 40 design points

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Example: First order additive is still flexible





Example: Additive function with main effects

Scaling up to many variables: additive by-part models

Additivity can be extended to groups of variables, see e.g., ¹⁹, ²⁰: $f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{M} g^{(i)}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})$ with A_i disjoint subsets of $\{1, \ldots, d\}$.

The non-overlapping case is addressed, e.g., by^{21} , but inference is difficult (especially with BO).

Subsequent works try learning a tree decomposition of the variables²², that can be local, random and data independent²³.

The underlying dependence graphs between variables are more or less rich depending on the assumptions.

¹⁹K. Kandasamy, J. Schneider, and B. Póczos. "High dimensional Bayesian optimisation and bandits via additive models". In: (2015), pp. 295–304.

²⁰Z. Wang et al. "Batched Large-scale Bayesian Optimization in High-dimensional Spaces". In: AISTATS. 2018.

²¹ P. Rolland et al. "High-Dimensional Bayesian Optimization via Additive Models with Overlapping Groups". In: *Proceedings of the Twenty-First International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics*. Vol. 84. Proceedings of Machine Learning Research. PMLR, 2018, pp. 298–307.

²²E. Han, I. Arora, and J. Scarlett. "High-dimensional Bayesian optimization via tree-structured additive models". In: *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*. Vol. 35. 9. 2021, pp. 7630–7638.

 $^{^{23}}$ J. K. Ziomek and H. B. Ammar. "Are random decompositions all we need in high dimensional Bayesian optimisation?" In: International Conference on Machine Learning. PMLR. 2023, pp. 43347–43368.

Scaling up to many variables: additive by-part models (2)

Higher order structure illustrations:



A useful tool: Newton-Girard formula²⁶: $\mathcal{O}(d^2)$ computation of the full interaction kernel, rather than $\mathcal{O}(2^d)$ (given that high order kernels are product of low order ones: $k((x_1, x_2), (x'_1, x'_2)) = k_1(x_1, x'_1)k_2(x_2, x'_2)).$

²⁴Duvenaud, Nickisch, and Rasmussen, "Additive Gaussian processes".

²⁵Han, Arora, and Scarlett, "High-dimensional Bayesian optimization via tree-structured additive models".

²⁶Duvenaud, Nickisch, and Rasmussen, "Additive Gaussian processes".

Scaling up to many variables: ANOVA

An alternative formulation is the Functional ANOVA decomposition²⁷:

 $f(\mathbf{x}) = c + \sum_{i=1}^{d} g_i(x_i) + \sum_{j < k} g_{jk}(x_j, x_k) + \dots + f_{12\dots d}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) \text{ with orthogonal terms } g_{\dots}$

Kernel $k_{ANOVA}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \prod_{i=1}^{d} (1 + k^{i}(x_{i}, x_{i}'))^{28, 29}$, also revisited by³⁰

More flexible framework but estimation is harder (up to $2^d - 1$ terms).

Nice link with sensitivity analysis.

Going further: separating the additive and non-additive parts³¹,³²

²⁷T. Muehlenstaedt et al. "Data-driven Kriging models based on FANOVA-decomposition". In: Statistics and Computing 22.3 (2012), pp. 723–738.

²⁸M. Stitson et al. "Support vector regression with ANOVA decomposition kernels". In: Advances in kernel methods—Support vector learning (1999), pp. 285–292.

²⁹D. Ginsbourger et al. "On ANOVA decompositions of kernels and Gaussian random field paths". In: *Monte Carlo and Quasi-Monte Carlo Methods*. Springer, 2016, pp. 315–330.

³⁰X. Lu, A. Boukouvalas, and J. Hensman. "Additive Gaussian Processes Revisited". In: International Conference on Machine Learning. PMLR. 2022, pp. 14358–14383.

³¹N. Lenz. Additivity and Ortho-Additivity in Gaussian Random Fields. Tech. rep. Aug. 2013. URL: https://hal.science/hal-01063741.

³²Ginsbourger et al., "On ANOVA decompositions of kernels and Gaussian random field paths".

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Lu et al. $(2024)^{33}$ revisits the key ingredients to identify high-order interactions:

- the Newton-Girard formulation (see e.g.,³⁴) of high order terms, for speed and inference (with limitations)
- one variance term per interaction level
- orthogonality conditions: $\int_{D_l} f_l(\mathbf{x}_l) p_l(\mathbf{x}_l) d\mathbf{x}_l = 0$ to correct identifiability issues.

It comes with a Python implementation. In R, there are the $fanovaGraph^{35}$ and $kergp^{36}$ packages.

³³Lu, Boukouvalas, and Hensman, "Additive Gaussian Processes Revisited".

³⁴Duvenaud, Nickisch, and Rasmussen, "Additive Gaussian processes".

³⁵J. Fruth et al. fanovaGraph: Building Kriging Models from FANOVA Graphs. R package version 1.5. 2020. URL: https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=fanovaGraph.

³⁶Y. Deville, D. Ginsbourger, and O. R. C. N. Durrande. kergp: Gaussian Process Laboratory. R package version 0.5.7. 2024. URL: https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=kergp.

Not much work is dedicated to learning the additive structure sequentially.

For the first order linear model, optimal DoEs are product of univariate ones³⁷.

For higher order models, perhaps using the vanishing variance property at unvisited designs is useful? E.g., similar to the split and doubt strategy from³⁸.

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³⁷ R. Schwabe. "Designing experiments for additive nonlinear models". In: MODA4—Advances in Model-Oriented Data Analysis: Proceedings of the 4th International Workshop in Spetses, Greece June 5–9, 1995. Springer. 1995, pp. 77–85.

³⁸Salem et al., "Sequential dimension reduction for learning features of expensive black-box functions".

Scaling up to many variables: active subspaces

Observation: the variation is often concentrated around a few unknown directions $r \ll d$

Model:
$$f(\mathsf{x}) = g(\mathsf{A}^{ op}\mathsf{x})$$
 with $\mathsf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{d imes r}$ (ridge function)



Ridge function example

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Backed by empirical and theoretical evidence, e.g.,³⁹ Options exist to estimate A, most rely either:

- on the gradient of f, to estimate $\mathbf{C} = \int \nabla (f(\mathbf{x}))^\top \nabla (f(\mathbf{x})) \mu(dx)$, see e.g.,⁴⁰,⁴¹.
- on treating **A** as an hyperparameter, see e.g., ⁴², ⁴³, ⁴⁴;
- on using PCA⁴⁵ or PLS⁴⁶.

³⁹ P. G. Constantine, Z. del Rosario, and G. laccarino. "Many physical laws are ridge functions". In: arXiv:1605.07974 (2016).

⁴⁰ J. Djolonga, A. Krause, and V. Cevher. "High-Dimensional Gaussian Process Bandits". In: NIPS. 2013, pp. 1025–1033.

⁴¹P. G. Constantine. Active subspaces: Emerging ideas for dimension reduction in parameter studies. SIAM, 2015.

⁴²R. Garnett, M. A. Osborne, and P. Hennig. "Active learning of linear embeddings for Gaussian processes". In: *Proceedings of the Thirtieth Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence*. AUAI Press. 2014, pp. 230–239.

⁴³R. Tripathy, I. Bilionis, and M. Gonzalez. "Gaussian processes with built-in dimensionality reduction: Applications to high-dimensional uncertainty propagation". In: Journal of Computational Physics 321 (2016), pp. 191–223.

⁴⁴P. Marcy. "Bayesian Gaussian Process Models for Dimension Reduction Uncertainties". ASA Joint research conference. 2018.

⁴⁵E. Raponi et al. "High dimensional Bayesian optimization assisted by principal component analysis". In: PPSN. Springer. 2020, pp. 169–183.

 $^{^{46}}$ M. A. Bouhlel et al. "Improving kriging surrogates of high-dimensional design models by Partial Least Squares dimension reduction". In: Structural and Multidisciplinary Optimization 53.5 (2016), pp. 935–952.

Active subspace methodology⁴⁸

The key quantity for active subspaces is $\mathbf{C} = \int_d \nabla (f(\mathbf{x})) \nabla (f(\mathbf{x}))^\top \mu(d\mathbf{x})$ where μ is a user defined measure.

Active subspace framework

Require: *d*, *M*, *r* (optional)

- 1: Draw M iid samples $\mathbf{x}_i \sim \mu$.
- 2: Compute $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_i)$.
- ^{3:} Compute $\widehat{\mathbf{C}} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} (\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_i)) (\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_i))^{\top}$ and its eigen value decomposition $\widehat{\mathbf{C}} = \widehat{\mathbf{W}} \cdot \operatorname{Diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_d) \cdot \widehat{\mathbf{W}}^{\top}.$
- 4: (Optional) Define r based on eigen-value gaps.
- 5: Perform the task in the reduced rotated basis $\mathbf{W}_{1,...,r}$.

When f is an expensive black-box, this can be done on a surrogate, with two bonuses:

- it works on black-boxes with no derivatives⁴⁷;
- it alleviates the iid restriction.

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⁴⁷P. S. Palar and K. Shimoyama. "On The Accuracy of Kriging Model in Active Subspaces". In: 2018 AIAA/ASCE/AHS/ASC Structures, Structural Dynamics, and Materials Conference. 2018, p. 0913.

⁴⁸Constantine, Active subspaces: Emerging ideas for dimension reduction in parameter studies.

Illustration example 1

Consider the function $f(x_1, x_2) = a \sin(bx_1) + cx_2^2$ with a = 0.1, b = 20, c = -4 on the unit square.

Large eigen-value gap:

$$\hat{\mathbf{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.00 & -0.99 \\ 0.99 & -0.00 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 13.63 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.30 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -0.00 & 0.99 \\ -0.99 & -0.00 \end{bmatrix}$$



Different from the Automatic Relevance Determination principle (see, e.g.,⁴⁹) of keeping variables with the smallest estimated lengthscales.

49C. E. Rasmussen and C. Williams. Gaussian Processes for Machine Learning. MIT Press, 2006. URL: http://www.gaussiamprocess.org/gpml/. 🛓 🔗 🔍

Closed form expression for C^{50}

Assuming that k is twice differentiable, the joint distribution of $(Y(\mathbf{X}), \partial Y(\mathbf{x})/\partial \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \partial Y(\mathbf{x})/\partial \mathbf{x}_d)$ is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}_{n} \\ \frac{\partial Y(\mathbf{x})/\partial \mathbf{x}_{1}}{\vdots} \\ \frac{\partial Y(\mathbf{x})/\partial \mathbf{x}_{d}}{\end{bmatrix}} \sim \mathcal{N} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{n} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{n} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x})^{\top}/\partial \mathbf{x}_{1}}{\partial \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x})/\partial \mathbf{x}_{1}^{2}} & \dots & \frac{\partial \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x})^{\top}/\partial \mathbf{x}_{d}}{\partial \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x})/\partial \mathbf{x}_{1}} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x})/\partial \mathbf{x}_{1}}{\partial \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x})/\partial \mathbf{x}_{1}} & \frac{\partial^{2} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x})/\partial \mathbf{x}_{1}^{2}}{\partial \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x})/\partial \mathbf{x}_{d}} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x})/\partial \mathbf{x}_{d}}{\partial \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x})/\partial \mathbf{x}_{d}} & \frac{\partial^{2} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x})/\partial \mathbf{x}_{d}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{1}} & \dots & \frac{\partial^{2} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x})/\partial \mathbf{x}_{d}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{d}} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

In shorthand: $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}_{n} \\ \nabla Y(\mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{n} \\ \mathbf{0}_{d} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{n} & \kappa(\mathbf{x})^{\top} \\ \kappa(\mathbf{x}) & \mathbf{K}_{d}(\mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix} \right)$

As a result, $\nabla Y(\mathbf{x})|\mathcal{A}_n \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_n(\mathbf{x}), \kappa_n(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}))$ with:

$$\mu_n(\mathbf{x}) = \kappa(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{K}_n^{-1}\mathbf{y}_n$$

$$\kappa_n(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \mathbf{K}_d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') - \kappa(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{K}_n^{-1}\kappa(\mathbf{x}')^\top$$

$$C_{ij}^{(n)} = E_{ij} - tr\left(\mathbf{K}_{n}^{-1}\mathbf{W}_{ij}\right) + \mathbf{y}_{n}^{\top}\mathbf{K}_{n}^{-1}\mathbf{W}_{ij}\mathbf{K}_{n}^{-1}\mathbf{y}_{n} \text{ where } \mathbf{W}_{ij} = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \kappa_{i}(X)\kappa_{j}(X)^{\top}d\mu \text{ and } E_{ij} = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \frac{\partial^{2}k(X,X)}{\partial x_{i}\partial x_{j}}d\mu.$$

Closed form expression for **C** (cont'd)

Closed-form \mathbf{C} expression for a GP

$$C_{ij}^{(n)} = \mathbf{E}_{ij} - tr\left(\mathbf{K}_{n}^{-1}\mathbf{W}_{ij}\right) + \mathbf{y}_{n}^{\top}\mathbf{K}_{n}^{-1}\mathbf{W}_{ij}\mathbf{K}_{n}^{-1}\mathbf{y}_{n} \text{ where } \mathbf{W}_{ij} = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \kappa_{i}(X)\kappa_{j}(X)^{\top}d\mu \text{ and } E_{ij} = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \frac{\partial^{2}k(X,X)}{\partial x_{i}\partial x_{j}}d\mu.$$

Balance between Integrated Mean Squared Prediction Error (IMSPE) and covariance between partial derivatives means.

The diagonal terms correspond to derivative-based global sensitivity measures, see, e.g.,⁵¹.

Given *n* observations, $C^{(n)}$ only depends on the kernel hyperparameters.

This allows a one-shot learning procedure of a GP with dimension reduction⁵².

⁵¹M. De Lozzo and A. Marrel. "Estimation of the derivative-based global sensitivity measures using a Gaussian process metamodel". In: SIAM/ASA Journal on Uncertainty Quantification 4.1 (2016), pp. 708–738.

⁵² M. Binois and V. Picheny. "Combining additivity and active subspaces for high-dimensional Gaussian process modeling". In: arXiv preprint arXiv:2402.03809 (2024).

Updating **C**ⁿ

Given a new design point $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ but not the function value at this location, i.e., $y_{n+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(m_n(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}), k_n(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}))$, the random variable $C_{ii}^{(n+1)} - C_{ii}^{(n)}$, can be written as:

$$= - \left(\mathbf{w}_{a}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) + \mathbf{w}_{b}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})\right)^{\top} \mathbf{g}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) - \sigma_{n}^{2}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})^{-1} \left[w(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}) + \mathbf{k}_{n}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})^{\top} \mathbf{K}_{n}^{-1} \mathbf{W}_{n} \mathbf{K}_{n}^{-1} \mathbf{k}_{n}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})\right] + Z\sigma_{n}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})^{-1} \left[\mathbf{y}_{n}^{\top} \mathbf{K}_{n}^{-1} \mathbf{W}_{n} \mathbf{K}_{n}^{-1} \mathbf{k}_{n}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) + \mathbf{k}_{n}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})^{\top} \mathbf{K}_{n}^{-1} \mathbf{W}_{n} \mathbf{K}_{n}^{-1} \mathbf{y}_{n} - \left(\mathbf{w}_{a}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) + \mathbf{w}_{b}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})\right)^{\top} \mathbf{K}_{n}^{-1} \mathbf{y}_{n}\right] + Z^{2} \sigma_{n}^{2}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})^{-1} \left[w(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}) + \mathbf{k}_{n}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})^{\top} \mathbf{K}_{n}^{-1} \mathbf{W}_{n} \mathbf{K}_{n}^{-1} \mathbf{k}_{n}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) - \left(\mathbf{w}_{a}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) + \mathbf{w}_{b}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})\right)^{\top} \mathbf{K}_{n}^{-1} \mathbf{k}_{n}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})\right] := \alpha_{i,j}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) + Z\beta_{i,j}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) + Z^{2}\beta_{i,j}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})$$

with $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$, $\mathbf{g}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = -\sigma_n^2(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})^{-1}\mathbf{K}_n^{-1}\mathbf{k}_n(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})$, $w_a(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = W_{ij}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{X})$, and $w_b(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = W_{ji}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{X})$

It remains to define an appropriate criterion for sequential design: an uncertainty measure $J(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})$ on (e.g., Expected Improvement, entropy, \cdots for optimization)

Sequential design criteria definitions

A natural way to proceed is to consider a variance of $C^{(n+1)}$.

Criteria $J(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})$

$$\begin{split} & \operatorname{Trace} = \mathbb{V}ar\left(\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{C}^{(n+1)}\right) \\ & \operatorname{Var1} = ||\mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{C}^{(n+1)} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{C}^{(n+1)}]) \odot (\mathbf{C}^{(n+1)} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{C}^{(n+1)}])]||_{F}^{2} \\ & \operatorname{Var2} = ||\mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{C}^{(n+1)} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{C}^{(n+1)}])(\mathbf{C}^{(n+1)} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{C}^{(n+1)}])]||_{F}^{2} \end{split}$$

Closed form expressions and derivatives are available.

Finding $\arg_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}\in D} \min J(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})$ is irrelevant.

Inverted Step-wise Uncertainty Reduction strategy, see e.g.,⁵³: find the design $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ that perturbs $\mathbf{C}^{(n+1)}$ the most:

 $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^* \in \arg_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \in D} \max J(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})$

⁵³ T. Labopin-Richard and V. Picheny. "Sequential design of experiments for estimating quantiles of black-box functions". In: Statistica Sinica (2018), pp. 853–877.

Pseudo code for the sequential active subspace learning

Require: n₀.

- 1: Construct an initial design of experiments in \mathcal{X} , of size n_0 .
- 2: Build the GP model with kernel k.
- $_{\mbox{\tiny 3:}}$ while time/evaluation budget not exhausted do
- 4: Find $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^* \in \operatorname{arg\,max}_{\mathbf{x} \in D} J(\mathbf{x})$
- 5: Evaluate the objective function at \mathbf{y}_{n+1} , $f(\mathbf{\tilde{x}})$.
- 6: Update the GP model based on new data.

7: end while

The estimation of AS from a GP is available in the ${\tt activegp^{54}}$ R package.

⁵⁴N. Wycoff and M. Binois. activegp: Gaussian Process Based Design and Analysis for the Active Subspace Method. R package version 1.1.1. 2024. URL: https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=activegp.

Illustrative 2d example

10 initial design points + 20 sequential points

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Ridge function example

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10 initial design points + 20 sequential points





CVAR Iteration 1



CVAR2 Iteration 1









CVAR Iteration 2







CTR Iteration 2

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CVAR Iteration 3



CVAR2 Iteration 3



CTR Iteration 3

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CVAR Iteration 10







CTR Iteration 10

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CTR Iteration 20

CVAR2 Iteration 20





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Subspace distance: cosine of the first principle angle between the two subspaces



Wing weight function

Wing Weight Function

10 dimensional function, known to have a leading 1D active subspace.

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Wing Weight Function

Non-linear embeddings

Linear dimension reduction may not be sufficient.

In this case, auto-encoders may become handy to learn a latent space: covariance kernel $k(\Psi(\mathbf{x}), \Psi(\mathbf{x}'))$ with Ψ given by the encoder.



A convincing example⁵⁵ is with molecules, for which an efficient text representation exists (SMILES). Another popular model is the GP-LVM model⁵⁶.

⁵⁶N. Lawrence. "Probabilistic non-linear principal component analysis with Gaussian process latent variable models". In: The Journal of Machine Learning Research 6 (2005), pp. 1783–1816.

⁵⁵R. Gómez-Bombarelli et al. "Automatic chemical design using a data-driven continuous representation of molecules". In: ACS central science 4.2 (2018), pp. 268–276.

Summary

Most structural models are instances of the general one:

model:
$$f(\mathbf{x}) \approx \sum_{i=1}^{\kappa} g_i(\mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{x})$$



For the last column, randomized directions are possible rather than needing full inference.

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Summary (cont'd)

More recent overview (figure borrowed from the paper):⁵⁷



⁵⁷ M. González-Duque et al. "A survey and benchmark of high-dimensional Bayesian optimization of discrete sequences", In: arXiv preprint arXiv:2406.04739, o (2024).

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Summary of pros and cons

Additive models:

- interpretability
- keep the original variables
- simple orthogonality conditions

Pros

AS models:

- efficient dimension reduction
- often observed in practice
- capture high-order interactions

Cons

Additive models:

- inference is harder with increasing interaction order, or with complex dependency graphs
- difficult to learn high-order interaction terms

AS models:

- identifying the intrinsic dimension is complex
- for box-constraints, the resulting rotation is complexifying subsequent tasks

Linear embedding versus additive model









Original AS function F - Additive part Additive part AS part 1.0 c 2 c 0.8 0.8 0.8 0.8 0.6 0.6 0.6 0.6 0.4 4.0 0.4 0.4 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0

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Linear embedding versus additive model (2)



Original AS+Add function



AS part







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A multi-fidelity approach

Directly combining AS and additive models is difficult: there is an intersection between the features they capture.

Plus it is not clear how to enforce orthogonality à la^{58}

Still, to benefit from both types of models, we propose⁵⁹ a less strict condition via an auto-regressive multi-fidelity approach⁶⁰:

- I a first order additive model as the coarse model
- 2 an AS GP model as the fine level

This approach shows better results than a regular GP, with improved performance whenever additive and/or linear embedding structure is present.

⁵⁸Lenz, Additivity and Ortho-Additivity in Gaussian Random Fields.

⁵⁹Binois and Picheny, "Combining additivity and active subspaces for high-dimensional Gaussian process modeling".

⁶⁰M. C. Kennedy and A. O'Hagan. "Predicting the output from a complex computer code when fast approximations are available". In: Biometrika 87.1 (2000), pp. 1–13.

Multi-fidelity approach summary

- 1: Input: $X_E = X_C$, y, p (e.g., 0.8)
- ^{2:} Train an additive model Y_C on $(\mathbf{X}_C, \mathbf{y})$
- 3: if $\tau_C^2 \leq 0.01 \times \sum_{i=1}^d \alpha_i$ then
- Sample $n_0 = p \times n$ data points from $\mathbf{x}_{1:n}$, \mathbf{y} and remove the rest from \mathbf{X}_C and $\mathbf{y}^{(C)}$.
- 5: Train an additive model Y_C on $(\mathbf{X}_C, \mathbf{y}^{(C)})$.
- 6: end if
- 7: Predict the response of Y_C at \mathbf{X}_E : $m_n^{(C)}(\mathbf{X}_E)$.
- ⁸¹ Train a multi-fidelity GP from the residual data: $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{y} \rho m_n^{(C)} (\mathbf{X}_E)$.
- 9: Estimate the corresponding AS matrix $C^{(n)}$.
- ^{10:} Train an AS multi-fidelity GP, varying the number of dimensions kept r.
- 11: Output: Trained multi-fidelity model.

MF approach example result

Test case: additive GP (d = 15) + rotated Hartmann3 function (r = 3) with varying budget (100, 250, 500 in orange, cyan, green)



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Active research directions on extensions include:

- batched versions of BO, e.g., with multi-point EI or local models
- noise on inputs/outputs, heteroskedasticity, non-Gaussian noise
- complex inputs/outputs (images, graphs, functions, ...)
- modeling non-stationarity
- multi-fidelity and variable cost
- multi/many objective, multi-task, constrained optimization

Review papers:⁶¹,⁶² Books:⁶³,⁶⁴

⁶¹B. Shahriari et al. "Taking the human out of the loop: A review of Bayesian optimization". In: *Proceedings of the IEEE* 104.1 (2016), pp. 148–175. ⁶²P. Frazier. "Bayesian Optimization". INFORMS Tutorials. 2018.

⁶³R. B. Gramacy. Surrogates: Gaussian Process Modeling, Design, and Optimization for the Applied Sciences. CRC Press, 2020.

⁶⁴Garnett, Bayesian Optimization.

... with some practical limitations

1) GP training is expensive: the vanilla version is $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ in time complexity (but can be reduced to $\mathcal{O}(n)$ with approximations).

2) Optimizing EI (or other) is increasingly hard as n grows.

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El surface with 50 designs

3) High dimension exacerbates these effects.

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... with some practical limitations

1) GP training is expensive: the vanilla version is $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ in time complexity (but can be reduced to $\mathcal{O}(n)$ with approximations).

2) Optimizing El (or other) is increasingly hard as n grows.



LogEl surface with 50 designs

3) High dimension exacerbates these effects.

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BO failures not only come from a bad surrogate, but also from difficult acquisition function optimization.

Some recent ideas:

- use log El rather than El (plus some more stable expressions)⁶⁵;
- use of more powerful optimizers
 - compositional (nested expectation, e.g., $\mathbf{E}_{z \sim \mathcal{N}(0,I)} [\max_j (a_j + B_j z)]$) ones⁶⁶,
 - composite $(\max g \circ f)^{67}$,
 - even just gradient-based ones with auto-differentiation.

⁶⁵S. Ament et al. "Unexpected improvements to expected improvement for Bayesian optimization". In: NeurIPS 36 (2024).

⁶⁶A. Grosnit et al. "Are we forgetting about compositional optimisers in Bayesian optimisation?" In: *The Journal of Machine Learning Research* 22.1 (2021), pp. 7183–7260.

⁶⁷ J. Larson and M. Menickelly. "Structure-aware methods for expensive derivative-free nonsmooth composite optimization". In: Mathematical Programming Computation 16.1 (2024), pp. 1–36.

Compared to a given sample analysis, where getting the best possible model is important, the sequential aspect of BO enables more strategies:

- balancing learning the structure and optimization (more on this later for AS);
- randomize the model structure parameters:
 - with random embedding decompositions⁶⁸
 - with random 1d projection⁶⁹;
 - with random additive decomposition⁷⁰,⁷¹;

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⁶⁸Z. Wang et al. "Bayesian Optimization in a Billion Dimensions via Random Embeddings". In: *Proceedings of IJCAI* (2013); Z. Wang et al. "Bayesian Optimization in a Billion Dimensions via Random Embeddings". In: *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research (JAIR)* 55 (2016), pp. 361–387.

⁶⁹ J. Kirschner et al. "Adaptive and Safe Bayesian Optimization in High Dimensions via One-Dimensional Subspaces". In: International Conference on Machine Learning. 2019, pp. 3429–3438.

⁷⁰Wang et al., "Batched Large-scale Bayesian Optimization in High-dimensional Spaces".

⁷¹Ziomek and Ammar, "Are random decompositions all we need in high dimensional Bayesian optimisation?"

Benchmarking high-dimensional BO

There are not so many exhaustive benchmark results available, except, e.g.,⁷², plus results in publications are sometimes contradictory.

Reasons may include:

- Publication pressure;
- Package defaults may not be suited to high-dimensional BO;
- Complex models are more prone to instability;
- Codes may not be available or not with a simple interface;
- Spread between several research communities and package tools;
- Computational cost is even larger than usual;
- Tests in the literature are with different budgets and dimensions.
- What are good benchmark functions? Are there realistic high dim examples?

⁷²M. L. Santoni et al. "Comparison of high-dimensional Bayesian optimization algorithms on bbob". In: ACM Transactions on Evolutionary Learning 4.3 (2024), pp. 1–33.

The main idea is to focus on a ball centered on the best design, whose radius is:

- decreased if the search is unsuccessful;
- increased otherwise.

It helps reducing the over-exploration issue of most infill criteria when d is large.

Furthermore, the acquisition function optimization is restricted to a few directions at once.

Local GPs may be used, to help with non-stationarity.

⁷³Y. Diouane et al. "TREGO: a trust-region framework for efficient global optimization". In: Journal of Global Optimization 86.1 (2023), pp. 1–23.

⁷⁴ D. Eriksson and M. Poloczek. "Scalable constrained Bayesian optimization". In: International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics. PMLR. 2021, pp. 730–738.

Optimizing with additive structure

Typically, the acquisition function follows the same decomposition as the additive GP: $g_i(\mathbf{x}_I) = \mathcal{N}(m_{n,i}(\mathbf{x}_I), s_{n,i}^2(\mathbf{x}_I))$ where $s_{n,l}^2(\mathbf{x}_I) = k_l(\mathbf{x}_I, \mathbf{x}_I) - \mathbf{k}_l(\mathbf{x}_I)^\top \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{k}_l(\mathbf{x}_I)$ for a general index *I*.

 \rightarrow this simplifies its optimization and allows message passing optimization, e.g.,⁷⁵.

The main drawback is that the variance may be zero at unobserved locations (but noise is usually added).



⁷⁵Rolland et al., "High-Dimensional Bayesian Optimization via Additive Models with Overlapping Groups".

Whenever optimizing in a reduced search space, one question is how to choose the remaining values.

Possible strategies include:

- using an arbitrary value;
- using some prior knowledge;
- using the values from the best design so far;
- using random values.

These effects are exacerbated with more complex dimension reduction.

Optimizing with an active subspace⁷⁶

Let $\mathbf{W} = [\mathbf{A} \ \mathbf{W}_2]$ be a basis of \mathbb{R}^d .

Splitting between active and inactive variables: $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{W}_2\mathbf{W}_2^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{W}_2\mathbf{z}, \ \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \ \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{d-r}$ If f has a true active subspace: find $\mathbf{y}^* \in \underset{y \in \mathbb{R}^d}{\operatorname{argmin}} \underset{z \in \mathbb{R}^{d-r}}{\operatorname{min}} f(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y})$ Else, the problem is: find $\mathbf{y}^* \in \underset{y \in \mathbb{R}^d}{\operatorname{argmin}} \underset{z \in \mathbb{R}^{d-r}}{\operatorname{min}} f(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{W}_2\mathbf{z})$

Both are more complex for a compact domain X.



⁷⁶Constantine, Active subspaces: Emerging ideas for dimension reduction in parameter studies.

Random embeddings / Active subspace domain issue

Domain issues have been studied mostly from the random embedding point of view, starting with REMBO⁷⁷, and further works⁷⁸,⁷⁹,⁸⁰.



Convergence results depend on both **A** and the low-dimensional search space. Recent theoretical results come from global optimization⁸¹.

⁷⁷Wang et al., "Bayesian Optimization in a Billion Dimensions via Random Embeddings".

⁷⁸M. Binois, D. Ginsbourger, and O. Roustant. "On the choice of the low-dimensional domain for global optimization via random embeddings". In: *Journal of global optimization* 76.1 (2020), pp. 69–90.

⁷⁹A. Nayebi, A. Munteanu, and M. Poloczek. "A Framework for Bayesian Optimization in Embedded Subspaces". In: ICML. 2019, pp. 4752–4761.

⁸⁰B. Letham et al. "Re-Examining Linear Embeddings for High-Dimensional Bayesian Optimization". In: *NeurIPS*. ed. by H. Larochelle et al. Vol. 33. Curran Associates, Inc., 2020, pp. 1546–1558.

 ⁸¹C. Cartis, E. Massart, and A. Otemissov. "Bound-constrained global optimization of functions with low effective dimensionality using multiple random embeddings". In: Mathematical Programming 198.1 (2023), pp. 997–1058.

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Tradeoff between optimization and dimension reduction

These two tasks are possibly conflicting, hence benefiting from a multi-objective point of view.

Let's thus estimate the Pareto front between Expected Improvement and active subspace variance.

Pseudo code for BO with active subspace learning

Require: *n*₀, *r*.

- 1: Construct an initial design of experiments in \mathcal{X} , of size n_0 .
- 2: Build the (high-dimensional) GP model with kernel k.
- $_{\mbox{\tiny 3:}}$ while time/evaluation budget not exhausted ${\rm do}$
- 4: Compute the active subspace matrix $C^{(n)}$ and $A^{(n)}$ (rank r)
- 5: Construct a low dimensional GP based on $\mathbf{A}^{(n)}$

Find
$$\mathbf{z}^* \in \operatorname{argmin}(-EI(\mathbf{z}), -J(\mathbf{z}))$$

- $\mathcal{Z} = \mathbf{A}^{(n)} \mathbf{X}$
- 7: Evaluate the objective function
- 8: Update the high-dimensional GP model based on new data.
- 9: end while

10 dimensional function, known to have a leading 1D active subspace. 5 points are selected from the Pareto front at each iteration. Total budget: 50, r = 2, $n_0 = 10$



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Conclusion and perspectives

High-dimensional GP modeling is a compromise between:

- prior knowledge;
- accuracy (related to the budget n);
- inference complexity, randomization, orthogonality;
- interpretability;
- the task at end.

For optimization, additional challenges are

- to learn what is important for low values;
- the low-dimensional search space (if applicable);
- the ability to recover from a wrong structure;
- the interplay between global and local aspects.

Many opportunities in hybridizing

Thank you for your attention