On feasible set estimation with Bayesian active learning



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Let \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} be two sets. Let $f : \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$. Let $\mathcal{Y}_0 \subset \mathcal{Y}$. The feasible set associated to \mathcal{Y}_0 is defined as : $\Gamma^* := \{x \in \mathcal{X} : f(x) \in \mathcal{Y}_0\}$.

Example :

$$f: \begin{cases} [0,1]^2 \to \mathbb{R} \\ x = (x,x') \mapsto 2(1-2\exp(-x^2) - 1.7\exp(-2(x'-0.8)^2)) \end{cases}$$



$$\Gamma^* := \{x \in \mathcal{X} : f(x) \leq -3.2\}$$

How to estimate Γ^* from model evaluations $(x_1, f(x_1)), \ldots, (x_n, f(x_n))$?

Naive approaches

1. regular grid



Drawbacks :

- curse of dimensionality (here grid of size 1001×1001 in dimension 2);
- arbitrariness of choosing the grid (e.g., placement).
- random grid (e.g., uniform sampling, LHS, known priors) Advantage : it works in higher dimensions. Drawback : sampling density is not informed by the model.

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The black box model

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Motivation 2 : an automotive NO_{x} depollution system









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Gaussian Process Emulator

In our setting, $f : \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{R}^{\rho}$ is a continuous black-box model costly to evaluate and \mathcal{X} is a compact subset of \mathbb{R}^{d} .

A solution is to emulate f so that we can compute approximated evaluations of f at low cost.

Gaussian prior

We assume that the deterministic black-box model f is a realization of a Gaussian random field $(Z_x)_{x \in \mathcal{X}}$ with prior mean m and covariance kernel k. Define $\Gamma := \{x \in \mathcal{X} : Z_x \in \mathcal{Y}_0\}.$

Posterior distribution

For model evaluations on a design $\mathcal{X}_n := \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\} \in \mathcal{X}^n$, denoted by $\mathbf{f}_n := \{f_1, \ldots, f_n\} \in \mathcal{Y}^n$, the posterior field, $Z \mid (Z(\mathcal{X}_n) = \mathbf{f}_n)$, is still a Gaussian process with mean and covariance kernel

$$\begin{cases} m_n(x) = m(x) + k(x, \mathcal{X}_n)k(\mathcal{X}_n, \mathcal{X}_n)^{-1}(\mathbf{f}_n - m(\mathcal{X}_n)), \\ k_n(x, y) = k(x, y) - k(x, \mathcal{X}_n)k(\mathcal{X}_n, \mathcal{X}_n)^{-1}k(\mathcal{X}_n, y), \ \sigma_n^2(x) = k(x, x). \end{cases}$$

Bayesian Active Learning

Bayesian feasible set estimation

We estimate
$$\Gamma^* = \{x \in \mathcal{X} : f(x) \in \mathcal{Y}_0\}$$
 by $\hat{\Gamma}_n = \{x \in \mathcal{X} : m_n(x) \in \mathcal{Y}_0\}.$

Sequential design of experiments

Sequentially evaluate f at points that minimize a specific acquisition criterion.

Stepwise Uncertainty Reduction

At each step, given a current design X_n , find a new evaluation point x_{n+1} that optimally reduces the expected uncertainty on the future estimate, i.e.,

$$x_{n+1} \in \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}\left[\mathcal{H}_{n+1}^{\text{uncert}}(x)\right],$$

with $\mathcal{H}_{n+1}^{\text{uncert}}(x)$ a so-called uncertainty measure (to be defined).

Bichon criterion [Bichon et al., 2008]

Goal-oriented criterion for the DoE enrichment. It is an adaptation of El [Jones *et al.*, 1998], introduced in the context of global optimization, to the inversion framework.

Feasibility Function

$$egin{aligned} \mathrm{FF}(x) &:= ig(arepsilon(x) - |m{c} - m{Z}_x|ig)^+ \ &= ig\{egin{aligned} arepsilon(x) - |m{c} - m{Z}_x| & ext{if } m{Z}_x \in ig[m{c} - arepsilon(x), m{c} + arepsilon(x)ig] \ & 0 & ext{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

Enrichment criterion $x^{(n+1)} \in \underset{x \in \mathcal{X}}{\operatorname{argmax}} \operatorname{EFF}_{n}(x) \text{ with } \operatorname{EFF}_{n}(x) := \mathbb{E}\left[\operatorname{FF}_{n}(x) \mid (Z(\mathcal{X}_{n}) = \mathbf{f}_{n})\right]$ where $\operatorname{FF}_{n}(x) := \operatorname{FF}(x)$ with $\varepsilon(x) := \kappa \sigma_{n}(x)$ and $\kappa > 0$.

Feasibility function



Among admissible points, add the most likely one.

SUR Bichon [Duhamel et al., 2023]

Uncertainty measure

For μ a finite measure on ${\mathcal X}$ we define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_n^{\text{bichon}} &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} \mathrm{EFF}_n(z) d\mu(z) \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E} \Big[\mathrm{FF}_n(z) \mid (Z(\mathcal{X}_n) = \mathbf{f}_n) \Big] d\mu(z) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\mathcal{H}_{n+1}^{\mathrm{bichon}}(x) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}\Big[\mathrm{FF}_{n+1}(z) \mid (Z(\mathcal{X}_n) = \mathbf{f}_n), Z_x\Big] d\mu(z).$$

Adaptive learning

$$\begin{array}{ll} x_{n+1} & \in & \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E} \left[\mathcal{H}_{n+1}^{\texttt{bichon}}(x) \right] \\ & = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E} \Big[\operatorname{FF}_{n+1}(z) \mid (Z(\mathcal{X}_n) = \mathbf{f}_n) \Big] d\mu(z). \end{array}$$

Numerical experiments

Model Branin-Hoo (2D) function on $[0, 1]^2$ [Picheny *et al.*, 2013].

Feasible set

 $\Gamma^* := \{x \in \mathcal{X}, f(x) \le c\}$ with c = 10 so that the volume of Γ^* represents 15.74% of the total volume of \mathcal{X} .

Initial design

Tests are performed on 100 different initial DoEs of size 10 Maximin LHSs.

Active learning

20 iterations (1 simulation per iteration) are run. Branin function is emulated by GRF with Matérn 5/2 covariance function and constant mean.

Set estimator

In the following, we evaluate two estimators of Γ^\ast :

$$\hat{\Gamma}_n(\mathcal{X}_n) := \{ x \in \mathcal{X} : m_n(x) \in \mathcal{Y}_0 \},\$$



Multioutput extension [Duhamel et al., 2025]

Model

$$f = (f_1, \ldots, f_p)^T : \mathcal{X} \text{ compact subset of } \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathcal{Y} \subset \mathbb{R}^p$$

Feasible set

$$\Gamma_i^\star := \{x \in \mathcal{X}, f_i(x) \leq c_i\}$$
, for all $1 \leq i \leq p$

$$\Gamma^{\star} := \{x \in \mathcal{X}, \, \forall \, 1 \leq i \leq p, f_i(x) \leq c_i\} = \cap_{i=1}^p \Gamma_i^{\star})$$

Isotopic data

at each evaluation point $x \in \mathcal{X}$, simultaneous evaluation of the p output components

Remark

For the estimation of Γ^* , vector extensions of Integrated Bernoulli Variance and Expected Measure Variance SUR criteria are proposed in [Fossum *et al.*, 2021; Stange and Ginsbourger, 2024].

Example with d = 2 and p = 2



From now on, criteria are presented for p = 2 but can be generalized, at least theoretically, to any p > 2.

Alternating Bichon criterion

$$x_{n+1} \in \left\{ egin{argmax}{l} rgmax & \mathrm{EFF}_{1,n}(x) & \mathrm{if} \ n+1 \ \mathrm{is \ even} \\ rgmax & rgmax & \mathrm{EFF}_{2,n}(x) & \mathrm{otherwise.} \\ x \in \mathcal{X} \end{array}
ight.$$

Pareto Bichon criterion

$$x_{n+1} \in \operatorname*{argmin}_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \bigg\{ \sqrt{(\mathrm{EFF}_{1,n}(x) - l_1)^2 + (\mathrm{EFF}_{2,n}(x) - l_2)^2} \bigg\}.$$

with $(I_1, I_2) := (\max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \text{EFF}_{1,n}(x), \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \text{EFF}_{2,n}(x))$ the ideal point obtained through two single-objective optimizations.



Vector output emulator

g is a realization of a vector Gaussian random field $Z := (Z_1, \ldots, Z_p)^\top$, Notation

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{K}_n(x,x') &:= \left(\operatorname{Cov} \left(Z_i(x), Z_j(x') \mid \left(Z(\mathcal{X}_n) = \mathbf{f}_n \right) \right), (i,j) \in \{1, \dots, p\}^2 \right) \\ \Sigma_n(x) &:= \mathcal{K}_n(x,x) \text{ and} \\ \mathcal{M}_n(x) &= \left(\mathcal{M}_{n,1}(x), \dots, \mathcal{M}_{n,p}(x) \right)^\top := \mathbb{E} \left(Z_x \mid \left(Z(\mathcal{X}_n) = \mathbf{f}_n \right) \right). \end{split}$$

kernel choice

Output extension of Bichon criterion

 $x_{n+1} \in \underset{x \in \mathcal{X}}{\operatorname{argmax}} \operatorname{VEFF}_{n}(x)$

with $\operatorname{VEFF}_{n}(x) := \operatorname{det}\left(\Sigma_{n}(x)\right)^{\frac{1}{2\rho}} \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\kappa - \min_{i}\left(\frac{|c_{i} - Z_{i,x}|}{\sigma_{n,i}(x)}\right)\right)^{+} | \left(Z(\mathcal{X}_{n}) = \mathbf{f}_{n}\right)\right]$ and $\sigma_{n,i}(x) := \sqrt{(\Sigma_{n}(x))_{i,i}}$. More on computation

Numerical experiments

Performance criteria For i = 1, 2,

$$\operatorname{Err}_{i} := \frac{\mu(\widehat{\Gamma}_{i}\Delta\Gamma_{i}^{\star})}{\mu(\Gamma_{i}^{\star})} \text{ with } \widehat{\Gamma}_{i} := \Big\{ x \in \mathcal{X}, \ M_{n,i}(x) \leq c_{i} \Big\} \cdot$$

We also compute :

$$\operatorname{Err}_{sum} := \operatorname{Err}_1 + \operatorname{Err}_2 \cdot$$

Model, d = 2 and p = 22D-Branin function

$$g_1(x) := \left(ar{x}_2 - rac{5ar{x}_1^2}{4\pi^2} + rac{5ar{x}_1}{\pi} - 6
ight)^2 + 10igg(1 - rac{1}{8\pi}igg)\cos(ar{x}_1) + 10$$

and a slightly modified version of it

$$g_2(x) := \left(\bar{x}_2 - \frac{3\bar{x}_1^2}{4\pi^2} + \frac{4\bar{x}_1}{\pi} - 6\right)^2 + 10\left(1 - \frac{1}{8\pi}\right)\cos(\bar{x}_1) + 2\bar{x}_1 - 9\bar{x}_2 + 32$$

with $\bar{x}_1 := 15x_1 - 5$ and $\bar{x}_2 := 15x_2$.

Feasible sets for $c_1 = c_2 = 10$, $\kappa = 1$. Errors are plotted as average on 40 initial Maximin LHSs of size 5 and with 30 enrichment iterations.



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Taking computational cost into account

$$\mathsf{DP}_{i}(t, K) \quad := \quad 100 \times \frac{\#\left\{j \in \{1, \dots, \mathsf{N}_{\mathsf{Repet}}\}, \forall \, \tilde{t} \geq t, \, \mathsf{Err}_{i}^{(j)}(\tilde{t}) < K\right\}}{\mathsf{N}_{\mathsf{Repet}}},$$

$$\mathsf{DP}_{\mathsf{tot}}(t,K) \quad := \quad 100 \times \frac{\#\left\{ j \in \{1,\ldots,\mathsf{N}_{\mathsf{Repet}}\}, \forall i, \forall \, \tilde{t} \geq t, \, \mathsf{Err}_{i}^{(j)}(\tilde{t}) < K \right\}}{\mathsf{N}_{\mathsf{Repet}}},$$

with N_{Repet} the number of repetitions.

We choose c = (10, 10). Data profiles are plotted with K = 10% for evaluation times equal to 3h (top line), 10min (middle line) and 1min (bottom line), respectively, and with N_{Repet} = 40 initial Maximin LHSs of size 5 on 30 iterations.

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└─ _{Vector} output



Example for which alternating Bichon criterion fails : $c_1 = 10$, $c_2 = 10^4$



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Define

$$\Gamma_i^\star := \Big\{ \Theta \in \mathbb{X}, \, g_i(\Theta) \leq T_i \Big\}, \text{ for } i \in \{1,2\}$$

with

• $\mathbb{X} := [0.8, 1.2] \times [0.6, 1.4]$: design space, and T_i : thresholds,

$$\blacktriangleright \ g_i(\Theta) := \ln\left(\frac{\operatorname{Meas}_i(\Theta)}{1 - \operatorname{Meas}_i(\Theta)}\right) \text{ and } \operatorname{Meas}_i(\Theta) := \left(1 - \frac{|\langle \operatorname{Mod}_i^*, \operatorname{Mod}_i(\Theta) \rangle|^2}{\|\operatorname{Mod}_i^*\|^2 \|\operatorname{Mod}_i(\Theta)\|^2}\right).$$





Enrichment after 30 iterations from an initial LHS Maximin DoE (size 5) for different criteria, in the pre-calibration with two main modes with T = (7.148, 7.296). Partial excursion set boundaries from a 30 \times 30 grid are overlaid.

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Mathematical formulation (1/2)



where $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is compact and \mathcal{V} a functional space.

Probabilistic description of uncertainty : V is a random variable valued in \mathcal{V} .

Mathematical formulation (2/2)

For a fixed $t \in \mathbb{R}$, define

 $\Gamma^*_{a.s.} := \{ x \in \mathcal{X} \text{ s.t. } g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{V}) \leq c \text{ almost surely} \},\$

 $\Gamma^*_{\alpha} \quad := \quad \{x \in \mathcal{X} \text{ s.t. } \mathbb{P}(g(x, \mathbf{V}) \leq c) \geq 1 - \alpha\},$

 $\Gamma^* \qquad := \quad \{x \in \mathcal{X} \text{ s.t. } f(x) = \mathbb{E}[g(x, \mathbf{V})] \leq c\} = g^{-1}(\mathcal{Y}_0), \text{where } \mathcal{Y}_0 = (-\infty, c].$

Objective : estimate $\Gamma^* \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ from model evaluations.

Note that the estimation of Γ_{α}^{*} is related to Quantile Set Inversion (see, e.g., [Ait Abdelmalek-Lomenech *et al.*]).

Issues :

- each evaluation f(x) requires the estimation of $\mathbb{E}[g(x, \mathbf{V})]$,
- ▶ V is known through a set of κ realizations $\Xi = \{v_1, \dots, v_\kappa\},\$
- each evaluation $g(x, \mathbf{v})$ is costful.

We proposed two different strategies to solve the problem.

Strategy I [El Amri et al., 2020]

- ▶ build a metamodel for f and choose x_{n+1} ∈ X,
- ► estimate f(x_{n+1}) = E[g(x_{n+1}, V)] with ℓ evaluations of g(x_{n+1}, ·) selected by quantization.



Strategy II [El Amri et al., 2023]

- build a metamodel for g,
- choose (x_{n+1}, v_{n+1}) ∈ X × Ξ, evaluate g at this new point.



IFPEN test case : control strategy for an automotive NO_{x} depollution system

- \blacktriangleright NH₃^{out} \leq 30 ppm,
- 2 control parameters in $\mathcal{X} = [0, 0.6] \times [0, 0.6]$,
- V represented by 100 driving cycles on [0, 5400s],

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20 random driving cycles

time (s)

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Reference excursion set : n = 1575calls to g with Strategy I



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Conclusion

- ▶ Bayesian Active Learning is a powerfull tool for feasible set estimation.
- We were able to handle :
 - vector output models,
 - estimation under uncertainties.

Perspectives

- to prove convergence results for a regularized version of SUR Bichon criterion,
- to consider more general covariance structures for MOGP,
- to develop efficient implementation for more than two outputs,
- ▶ to extend Bichon criterion for estimation under uncertainties,
- ▶ to estimate feasible sets with very small relative volume (rare event), ...

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Thanks for your attention !

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Computation

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\kappa\sigma_{n+1}(z) - |c - Z_z|\right)^+ | \left(Z(\mathcal{X}_n) = \mathbf{f}_n\right)\right]$$

= $(m_n(z) - c)\left[2\phi\left(\frac{c - m_n(z)}{\sigma_n(z)}\right) - \phi\left(\frac{c^- - m_n(z)}{\sigma_n(z)}\right) - \phi\left(\frac{c^+ - m_n(z)}{\sigma_n(z)}\right)\right]$
 $- \sigma_n(z)\left[2\varphi\left(\frac{c - m_n(z)}{\sigma_n(z)}\right) - \varphi\left(\frac{c^- - m_n(z)}{\sigma_n(z)}\right) - \varphi\left(\frac{c^+ - m_n(z)}{\sigma_n(z)}\right)\right]$
 $+ \kappa\sigma_{n+1}(z)\left[\phi\left(\frac{c^+ - m_n(z)}{\sigma_n(z)}\right) - \phi\left(\frac{c^- - m_n(z)}{\sigma_n(z)}\right)\right]$

where $c^{\pm} := c \pm \kappa \sigma_{n+1}(z)$, φ and ϕ denote the probability density and cumulative distribution function of the standard normal distribution, respectively.

Then, the integral in the active learning criterion is computed with ${\rm n.points}=10^4.$ (go back)

Let
$$V_{x,n} := \min_{1 \le i \le p} \left(\frac{|c_i - Z_{i,x}|}{\sigma_{n,i}(x)} \right) | (Z(\mathcal{X}_n) = \mathbf{f}_n).$$

Explicit formulation (so back)

$$\operatorname{VEFF}(x) = \operatorname{det}(\Sigma_n(x))^{\frac{1}{2p}} \int_0^{\kappa} F_{V_{x,n}}(t) \, dt.,$$

with $F_{V_{x,n}}$ the cumulative distribution function of $V_{x,n}$.

Explicitation for p = 2

$$\begin{aligned} F_{V_{x,n}}(t) &= \phi(t+\alpha_{1,n}) - \phi(-t+\alpha_{1,n}) + \phi(t+\alpha_{2,n}) - \phi(-t+\alpha_{2,n}) \\ &- \mathbb{P}\big((U_1,U_2) \in [\alpha_1-t,\alpha_1+t] \times [\alpha_2-t,\alpha_2+t]\big), \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha_{i,n} := \frac{c_i - M_{n,i}(x)}{\sigma_{n,i}(x)}$, ϕ c.d.f. of $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ and $\begin{pmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho_n \\ \rho_n & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$

with ρ_n the correlation coefficient between $Z_{1,x}$ and $Z_{2,x}$ cond. on $Z(\mathcal{X}_n) = \mathbf{f}_n$.

Kernel choice go back

We choose an ICM-type separable kernel [Goovaerts et al., 1997] :

$$\left(K(x,x')_{i,j}\right)_{1\leq i,j\leq p}:=k(x,x')\mathbf{B},$$

with k a scalar kernel on \mathcal{X}^2 and **B** a $p \times p$ symmetric positive-definite matrix.

For p = 2 we consider, as in [Pelamatti *et al.*, 2024],

$$\mathbf{B} = \sigma_{kOut}^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cos(\theta_{kOut}) \\ \cos(\theta_{kOut}) & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

with $\sigma_{kOut} \in \mathbb{R}$ a scaling factor common to all components (homoscedasticity), and $\theta_{kOut} \in [0, \pi]$ the parameter controlling output correlations under spherical parameterization. We choose k as :

$$k(x,x') := \sigma_{ ext{common}}^2 \prod_{j=1}^d R_{ ext{Mattern 5/2}} (|x_j - x_j'|, heta_j), \quad \forall (x,x') \in \mathcal{X}^2$$

with $\sigma^2_{\rm common} = 1$. Hyperparameters are estimated by maximum likelihood.