

General constraints for code submissions Please adhere to these rules to make our and your life easier! We will deduct points if your solution does not fulfill the following:

- If not stated otherwise, we will use exclusively Python 3.5.
- If not stated otherwise, we expect a Python script, which we will invoke exactly as stated on the exercise sheet.
- Your solution exactly returns the required output (neither less nor more) – you can implement a `--verbose` option to increase the verbosity level for developing.
- Add comments and docstrings, so we can understand your solution.
- (If applicable) The **README** describes how to install requirements or provides addition information.
- (If applicable) Add required additional packages to **requirements.txt**. Explain in your **README** what this package does, why you use that package and provide a link to it's documentation or GitHub page.
- (If applicable) All prepared unittests have to pass.
- (If applicable) You can (and sometimes have to) reuse code from previous exercises.

Now that you have learned about hyperparameter optimization techniques such as Bayesian optimization (BO) you will implement this loop yourself.

1. Bayesian Optimization for HPO [4 points]

We provide you with a rough structure of the BO loop using a Gaussian Process. You will implement the remaining parts to **minimize** a synthetic 1D function.

- (a) Implement the acquisition functions *Expected Improvement* and *Lower Confidence Bound*¹ as presented in the lecture (use NumPy and SciPy wherever possible for efficiency). Keep in mind that you will use `scipy.minimize` to optimize the acquisition function. [1pt.]
- (b) Generate plots that demonstrate the functionality of the BO loop and of the implemented acquisition functions, e.g. best-so-far seen function value over time and the acquisition function values at different time steps. Add all plots to a PDF and briefly discuss what you can learn from these plots. [1pt.]
- (c) Implement Grid Search and Random Search. [1pt.]
- (d) Compare your implementations of BO against Random Search and Grid Search for at most 50 function evaluations² [1pt.]

2. Feedback [Bonus: 1 points]

For each question in this assignment, state:

- How long you worked on it.
- What you learned.
- Anything you would improve in this question if you were teaching the course.

This assignment is due on 24.05.19 (10:00). Submit your solution for the tasks by uploading a PDF to your groups BitBucket repository. The PDF has to include the name of the submitter(s).

¹Similar to *Lower Confidence Bound*, but for minimizing an objective value

²Hint: Your implementations of BO should perform better than Random Search.