

# Optimization Techniques

## Laboratory 6

Bayesian Optimization

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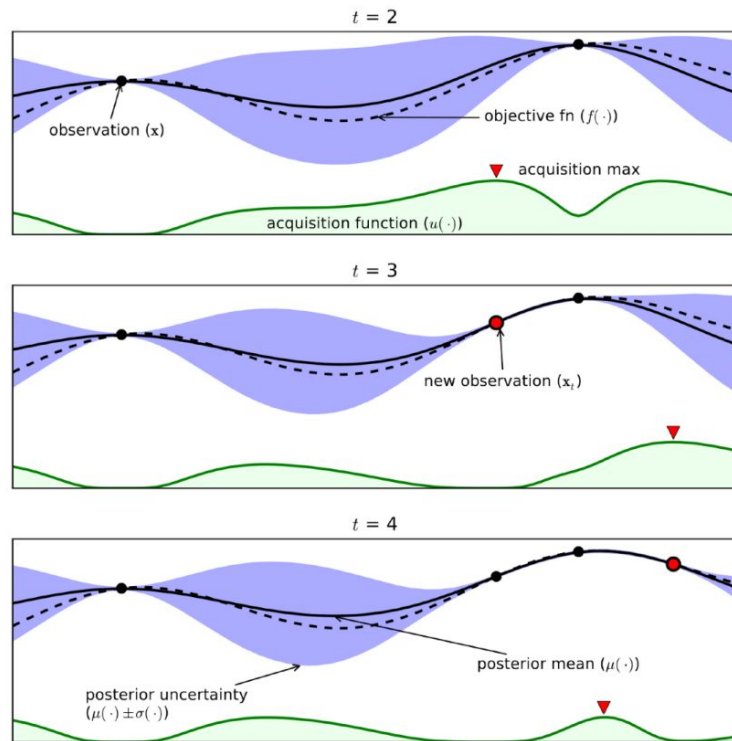
Optimize  $f$

- where  $f$  is black-box and expensive to evaluate

**Find optimum while minimizing the number of evaluations**

We want to:

transfer the problem into a series of sampling and cheap acquisition optimization



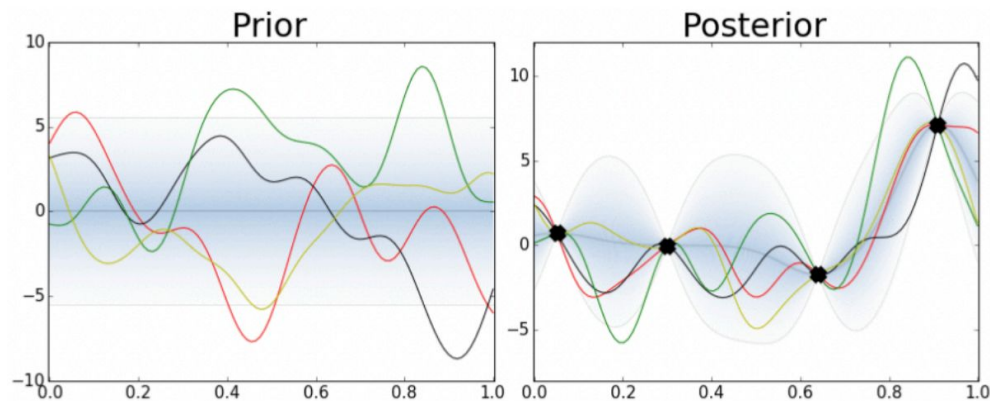
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## Surrogate Function

Bayesian approximation of the objective function that can be sampled efficiently

## Acquisition Function

Technique by which the posterior is used to select the next sample from the search space



# Bayesian Optimization

1. Select a Sample by Optimizing the Acquisition Function.
2. Evaluate the Sample With the Objective Function.
3. Update the Data and, in turn, the Surrogate Function.
4. Go To 1.

