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- (e) This Agreement is the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all written and oral contracts, proposals, and other communications between the parties relating to that subject matter.
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- (h) This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted under construed in accordance with the laws of Japan, without reference to conflicts of law principles. All disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be finally settled by arbitration in Tokyo in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the Japan Commercial Arbitration

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- (f) NTT shall not be liable to the User or to any third party for any delay or failure to perform NTT's obligation set forth under this Agreement due to any cause beyond NTT's reasonable control.

EXHIBIT A

■ **Software**

All source code required for conducting and analyzing the experiments described in the following manuscript:

Yuya Hikima, Hiroshi Sawada, and Akinori Fujino, “Guided Zeroth-Order Methods for Stochastic Non-convex Problems with Decision-Dependent Distributions” presented at ICML 2025

■ **OSS List**

Not Applicable