

otkerneldesign: an OpenTURNS module for kernel-based design of experiments

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Introduction

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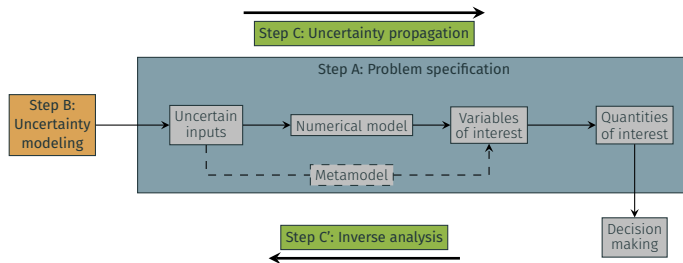


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◆ WHEN do we need a design of experiments?

- ❑ Uncertainty propagation ➔ **central tendency estimation** (i.e., sampling for integration)
- ❑ Space-filling designs ➔ **surrogate models learning set**

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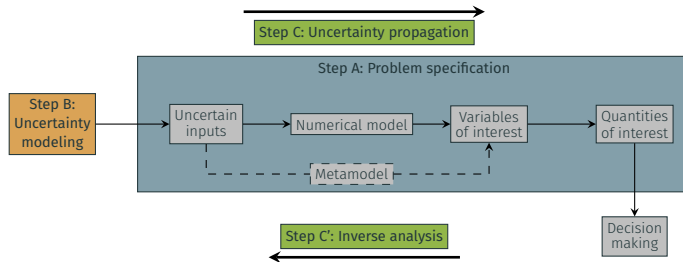


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◆ WHICH are the practical constraints on designs of experiments?

- ❑ **Computational cost** ➡ limited sample size
- ❑ **Sequential property** ➡ able to stop simulations for any sample size
- ❑ **Hybrid property** ➡ efficiently complete an existing design

◆ Generic goal

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mathbb{E}[g(\mathbf{X})] = \int_{\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}}} g(\mathbf{x}) f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}}} g(\mathbf{x}) d\pi(\mathbf{x})$$

- ❑ The **integrand** $g : \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} \subset \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, d \in \mathbb{N}^*$ can be:
 - Computationally costly, nonlinear, stochastic
 - ❑ The **random input vector** $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}}$ can:
 - Defined explicitly or empirically (i.e., by a dataset)
 - ❑ Can be written in terms of probability density function $f_{\mathbf{X}}$ or probability measure π
- 👉 This problem is also called “probabilistic integration” [Briol et al., 2019]

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□ A “good” quadrature offers an **accurate approximation for a restricted number of nodes**

□ Beyond performance, **convergence guarantees are essential**

□ Most of the quadrature rules **⇒ no knowledge on the integrand** $g(\cdot)$

🔗 A link exists between numerical integration and space-filling designs [Fang et al., 2018]

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- ✓ Deterministic quadratures
 - Gaussian quadrature, Féjer quadrature, etc.
 - Smolyak grids (i.e., sparse grids)
- ✓ Monte Carlo sampling
- ✓ Latin hypercube sampling (LHS)
- ✓ Quasi-Monte Carlo sampling (QMC)
- ✗ Bayesian quadrature (e.g., kernel herding)
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Kernel-based uncertainty propagation

Dissimilarity measures between probability distributions

◆ Core question: how to compare distributions?

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- ❑ With the moments (e.g., mean, variance, etc.)
 - ✗ Unreliable for multimodal or highly skewed distributions
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◆ Why should we use the MMD?

- ❑ Main idea
 - ➡ Embed dist. into a reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS) [Berlinet and Thomas-Agnan, 2004]
- ❑ Easy estimation with the “kernel-trick”
 - ✓ Implicitly compute dot-products in the RKHS without explicitly computing nonlinear mappings

Dissimilarity measures between probability distributions

- ◆ Focus on the MMD [Gretton et al., 2006]: a discrepancy metric between two distributions π and ζ

$$\text{MMD}_K(\pi, \zeta) := \sup_{\|g\|_{\mathcal{H}(K)} \leq 1} \left| \int_{\mathcal{D}_X} g(\mathbf{x}) d\pi(\mathbf{x}) - \int_{\mathcal{D}_X} g(\mathbf{x}) d\zeta(\mathbf{x}) \right|$$

- Work on a RKHS $\mathcal{H}(K)$ induced by a kernel $K : \mathcal{D}_X^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$
- $\text{MMD}_K(\pi, \zeta) \Rightarrow$ the worst-case error for any function within $\mathcal{H}(K)$
- $\text{MMD}_K(\pi, \zeta) \Rightarrow$ difference of kernel mean embeddings $\|P_\pi - P_\zeta\|_{\mathcal{H}(K)}$ where: $P_\pi(\mathbf{x}) := \int_{\mathcal{D}_X} K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') d\pi(\mathbf{x}')$
- For characteristic kernels, $\text{MMD}_K(\pi, \zeta) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \pi = \zeta$ [Sriperumbudur et al., 2010]

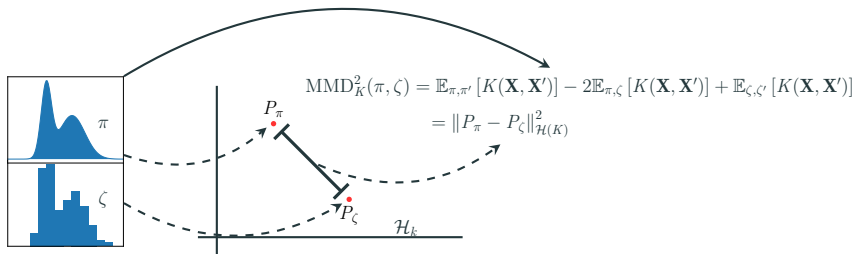


Figure 2: Kernel mean embedding of continuous and discrete distributions.

Kernel herding (KH)

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□ target density π □ current design \mathbf{X}_n (with size n), with density $\zeta_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})$

◆ Kernel herding criterion

$$\mathbf{x}^{(n+1)} \in \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}}} \left\{ \text{MMD}_K \left(\pi, \frac{1}{n+1} (n\zeta_n + \delta(\mathbf{x})) \right)^2 \right\} \Rightarrow \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}}} \left\{ \frac{n}{n+1} P_{\zeta_n}(\mathbf{x}) - P_{\pi}(\mathbf{x}) \right\}$$

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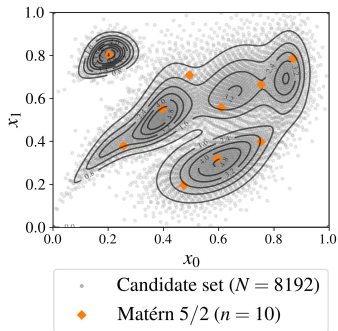
◆ Candidate set \mathcal{S} : is a N -sized sample ($N \gg n$) representative of π

- used as a discrete domain for a greedy optimization
- used to estimate the potential $P_{\pi}(\mathbf{x})$, $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S}$

$$\mathbf{x}^{(n+1)} \in \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S}} \left\{ \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^n K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{(j)}) \right\}$$

- ✎ Convergence rate theoretically studied in [Lacoste-Julien et al., 2015]
- ✎ Possibility to compute Bayesian quadrature optimal weights [Huszar and Duvenaud, 2012]
- ✎ Koksma-Hlawka like inequality with the MMD instead of the star discrepancy (see e.g., [Fang et al., 2018])

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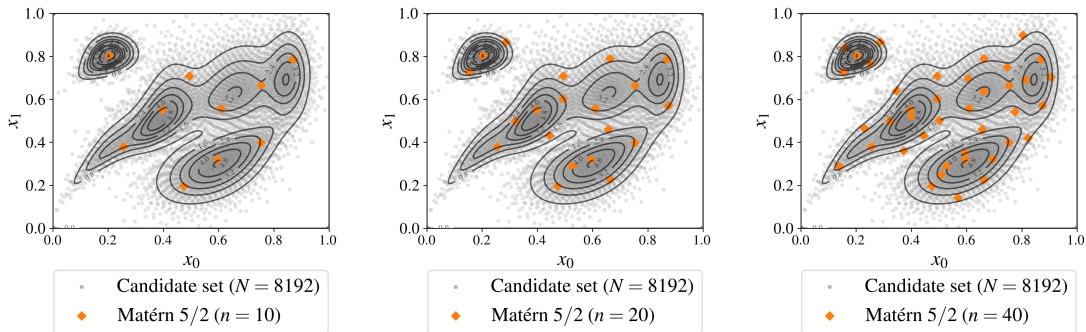


Figure 3: Kernel herding sampling on a Gaussian random mixture.

KH: illustration for mean estimation

◆ Gaussian mixture with a dependence structure

- ❑ Input random vector: Gaussian mixture \mathbf{X} from Fig.3
- ❑ Function: $g(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 + x_2$
- ❑ Quantity of interest: $\mathbb{E}[g(\mathbf{X})] = \int_{\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}}} g(\mathbf{x}) f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$

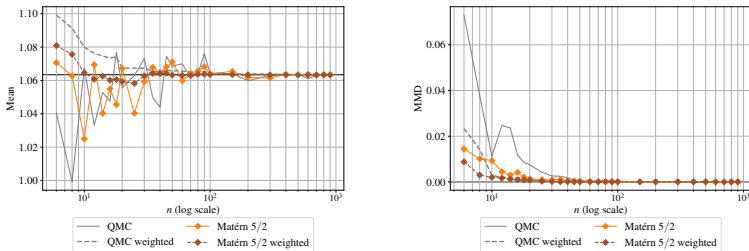
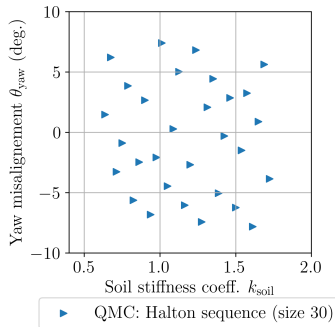


Figure 4: Analytical benchmark results on the toy-case #1

👉 More complex benchmark use cases in [\[Fekhari et al., 2024\]](#)

KH: illustration for space-filling hybrid designs

- ◆ Hybrid design (QMC - KH) to build learning sets for surrogate models



(a) Halton sequence ($n = 30$).

KH: illustration for space-filling hybrid designs

◆ Hybrid design (QMC - KH) to build learning sets for surrogate models

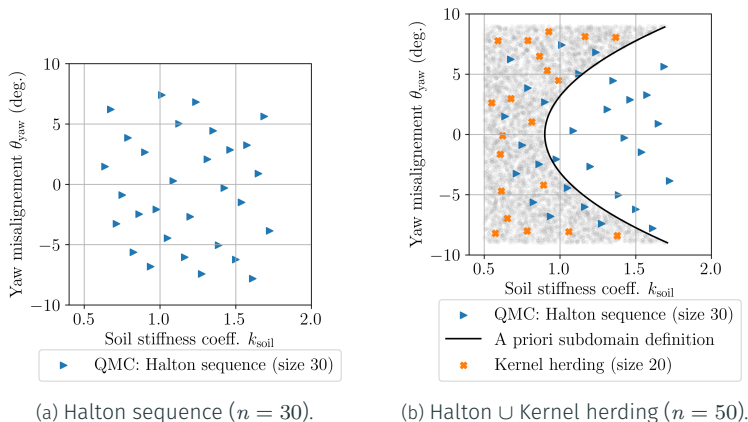


Figure 5: Hybrid design of experiments

👉 KH can **complete existing designs under constraints**

OpenTURNS module otkerneldesign

◆ About the Python package

❑ Core OpenTURNS objects used

- `ot.Distribution`
- `ot.CovarianceModel` to discretize specific kernels (note that the enrichment criterion has analytical formulations in some specific cases, see e.g., [Pronzato and Zhigljavsky, 2020])

❑ The package contains only five classes


❑ Development framework

- GitHub repository <https://github.com/efekhari27/otkerneldesign>
- Sphinx documentation using an OpenTURNS template
<https://efekhari27.github.io/otkerneldesign/master/index.html>
- Unit testing and continuous integration via GitHub

❑ Available on the PyPI platform

```
~$ pip install otkerneldesign
```

◆ Package documentation



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Documentation

This Python module generates designs of experiments based on kernel methods such as kernel herding and support points. Additionally, the `TestSetWeighting` provides a new estimator for validation designs.

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◆ Kernel herding example



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KernelHerding

`class otkerneldesign.KernelHerding(kernel=None, distribution=None, candidate_set_size=None, candidate_set=None, initial_design=None, is_greedy=False)`

Incrementally select new design points with kernel herding.

Parameters:

- kernel** : `openturns.CovarianceModel`
Covariance kernel used to define potentials. By default a product of Matern kernels with smoothness 5/2.
- distribution** : `openturns.Distribution`
Distribution the design points must represent. If not specified, then `candidate_set` must be specified instead. Even if `candidate_set` is specified, can be useful if it allows the use of analytical formulas.
- candidate_set_size** : *positive int*
Size of the set of all candidate points. Unnecessary if `candidate_set` is specified. Otherwise, 2^{12} by default.
- candidate_set** : *2-d list of float*
Large sample that empirically represents a distribution. If not specified, then `distribution` and `candidate_set_size` must be in order to generate it automatically.
- initial_design** : *2-d list of float*
Sample of points that must be included in the design. Empty by default.
- is_greedy** : *Boolean*
Set to `False` by default, then the criterion is the difference between the current and target potential. When set to `True`, the MMD minimization is strictly greedy. In practice, the two criteria are very

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◆ Kernel herding example

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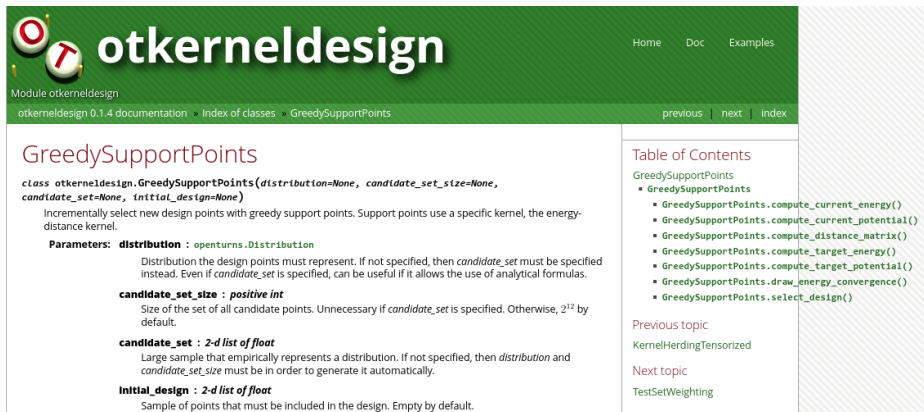
Examples

```
>>> import openturns as ot
>>> import otkerneldesign as otkd
>>> distribution = ot.ComposedDistribution([ot.Normal(0.5, 0.1)] * 2)
>>> dimension = distribution.getDimension()
>>> # Kernel definition
>>> ker_list = [ot.MaternModel([0.1], [1.0], 2.5)] * dimension
>>> kernel = ot.ProductCovarianceModel(ker_list)
>>> # Kernel herding design
>>> kh = otkd.KernelHerding(kernel=kernel, distribution=distribution)
>>> kh_design, _ = kh.select_design(size=20)
```

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👉 For the `KernelHerding` class ➡ kernel and hyper-parameters to choose

◆ Support points example [Mak and Joseph, 2018]



The screenshot shows the documentation for the `GreedySupportPoints` class in the `otkerneldesign` module. The page has a green header with the OpenTURNS logo and navigation links. The main content area is white with a green border. The class name `GreedySupportPoints` is highlighted in red. The class description states it is used for incrementally selecting new design points with greedy support points. The parameters section lists `distribution`, `candidate_set_size`, `candidate_set`, and `initial_design` with their respective descriptions. A table of contents on the right lists the methods of the class.

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GreedySupportPoints

`class otkerneldesign.GreedySupportPoints(distribution=None, candidate_set_size=None, candidate_set=None, initial_design=None)`

Incrementally select new design points with greedy support points. Support points use a specific kernel, the energy-distance kernel.

Parameters:

- distribution** : `openturns.Distribution`
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👉 For the `GreedySupportPoints` class ➡ energy-distance kernel without tuning

Conclusion and perspectives

👉 Conclusions and perspectives

◆ Conclusions

- ✓ Comparable results to QMC sampling
- ✓ More flexibility than QMC (e.g., given-data or constrained sampling)
- ✓ This method can fully exploit parallel computing (i.e., it is not active)
- ✓ Possible to compute optimal Bayesian quadrature weights

◆ Limits and perspectives

- ❑ KH sensitive to the chosen kernel (heuristic tuning proposed) and the dimension
- ❑ Improve matrix operations using hierarchical matrices, GPUs or the package JAX
- ❑ KH and Bayesian quadrature for other quantities (e.g., for quantile estimation)
 - ➡ By introducing a randomization procedure
 - ➡ Using conditional mean embeddings [Klebanov et al., 2020]

Thank you for your attention
Any question?



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