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## **Abstract**

UQLIB is a collection of general-purpose open-source MATLAB libraries that are useful in the context of uncertainty quantification. These functions are currently used across the scientific modules of UQLAB, but they are designed for generic use.

This user manual serves as a reference documentation for all the relevant functions of UQLIB. The manual includes the algorithm and explanation behind each library, its syntax, input and output, and at least one example demonstrating its usage.

In the current release, UQLIB includes the following libraries:

- Differentiation
- Optimization
- Kernels
- Input/output processing

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# Introduction

UQLIB is a collection of general-purpose open-source MATLAB functions that are useful in computational science and engineering, particularly in the context of uncertainty quantification (UQ). The functions were originally created during the development of the UQLAB scientific modules, but they are designed to be usable standalone.

UQLIB libraries cover a wide range of computational goals, from optimization to efficient kernel evaluation. In contrast to most other UQLAB user manuals, this manual is not intended to be an introduction to the theory behind a particular problem and its possible solutions. It is conceived instead as a detailed reference guide to deploy the provided functions outside of the UQLAB environment.

## 1 Organization of the library

UQLIB is organized into different independent libraries. The functions within a library share similar computational goals or objectives. The following sections summarize each of the libraries.

### 1.1 Differentiation library

Differentiation of mathematical functions is related to efficiently compute gradients. The UQLIB function `uq_gradient` approximates the first-order derivative (gradient) of a multi-dimensional function at multiple points.

### 1.2 Optimization library

Optimization is the process of finding the minimum or maximum of a multi-dimensional function. In general, optimization algorithms can be split into *local* and *global* optimizers. The former relies on local information, *e.g.*, gradients, to iteratively solve the optimization problem, while the latter has a larger scope in exploring the entire search space.

The optimization library of UQLIB comprises global optimization algorithms for the solution of continuous single-objective problems. The following algorithms currently are available:

- Grid-search optimization ([uq\\_gso](#))
- Cross-entropy optimization ([uq\\_ceo](#))
- Covariance matrix adaptation–evolution strategy (CMA-ES) optimization ([uq\\_cmaes](#))
- (1+1)-Covariance matrix adaptation–evolution strategy ((1+1)-CMA-ES) optimization ([uq\\_1p1cmaes](#))
- Constrained (1+1)-Covariance matrix adaptation–evolution strategy (Constrained (1+1)-CMA-ES) optimization ([uq\\_c1p1cmaes](#))

Each of these implementations can handle bound constraints, but only the variant of CMA-ES (*i.e.*, the last algorithm) can handle non-linear constraints.

### 1.3 Kernel library

Multi-dimensional kernel functions are useful in a variety of applications such as function interpolation, Gaussian process modeling, representation of random fields, etc. An arbitrary function is generally not a valid kernel as it has to fulfill the so-called *Mercer's conditions* ([Cherkassky and Mulier, 2007](#)). Furthermore, kernel functions also feature some parameters that shall be tuned according to a particular application.

The function [uq\\_eval\\_Kernel](#) computes the kernel matrix of two input matrices for a specified kernel function. The library supports popular stationary and non-stationary kernel functions, as well as custom user-defined kernels.

### 1.4 Input/Output processing

Lastly, UQLIB includes miscellaneous functions to assist in the processing of the input and output of an uncertainty quantification using UQLab.

#### 1.4.1 Subsampling

Consider a large sample set  $\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(N)}\}$  where each sample point is an  $M$ -dimensional vector. In certain contexts, such as metamodeling ([Marelli and Sudret, 2017](#); [Lataniotis et al., 2017](#)), having a large number of sample points  $N$  leads to high-computational costs or even renders the calculation intractable. *Subsampling* refers to the process of reducing the number of sample points in a way that some of their statistical properties are retained.

In UQLIB, the functions [uq\\_subsample\\_random](#) and [uq\\_subsample\\_kmeans](#) create a subsample from a full sample set based on simple random sampling and k-means clustering, respectively.

## 2 Organization of the function documentation

This user manual contains a concise reference for each UQLIB library, as well as at least one example for each function that demonstrates its usage.

Each function in the library is documented according to the following structure:

- **Objective** briefly states the purpose of the function;
- **Algorithm** presents the algorithm and provides important references;
- **Syntax** lists all the different possible function calls, followed by brief description for each of the different calls;
- **Examples** gives at least one application of the function showing its input and output;
- **Input** provides exhaustive lists of inputs of the function, including their names, data types, dimension, and short descriptions;
- **Output** provides exhaustive list of outputs from the function, including their names, data types, dimensions, and short descriptions;
- **Notes** gives additional important details and remarks about the function if any, ranging from further detail on the implementation to possible dependencies. If there is no additional remark, this section is excluded.

The input and output sections are presented using a series of tables. The instruction on how to read such tables are given in the following section.

## 3 How to read the input/output table

A series of tables are used to describe all the inputs and outputs of a given function. Each table commonly contains the name, data types, dimensions (when applicable), and short descriptions.

### 3.1 Input table

The main inputs of a function is presented in a 4-column table illustrated below, for a function called `uq_foo` having several input arguments: `input1`, `input2`, `options`, and Name-Value pairs.

| Table 1: <code>uq_foo(input1, input2, options, Name, Value)</code> |                     |                     |               |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| ●  | <code>input1</code> | $N \times M$ Double | First input.  |
| ●  | <code>input2</code> | Double              | Second input. |
| Continued on next page   |                     |                     |               |

Table 1—continued from previous page

|                          |             |   |  |
|--------------------------|-------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | options     | Structure, see <a href="#">Table 2</a>        | Additional options of the function, as structure.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Name, Value | Name-value pairs, see <a href="#">Table 4</a> | Additional options of the function, as name-value pairs. |

The first column in the above table indicates whether a given input argument is mandatory, optional, mutually exclusive, etc. A comprehensive list of the symbols and their meaning are given in the following table:

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| ●                        | Mandatory   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Optional  |
| ⊕                        | Mandatory, mutually exclusive (only one of the fields can be set)   |
| ⊞                        | Optional, mutually exclusive (one of them can be set, if at least one of the group is set, otherwise none is necessary) |

The other three columns in [Table 1](#) correspond to the *name*, *data type*, and *description* of the input argument. When applicable, the dimension of an input argument is given explicitly.

### 3.2 Structure inputs and outputs

MATLAB structures play an important role in the user interface of UQLAB and therefore UQLIB. They offer a natural way to semantically group configuration options and output quantities. All the field names of a given input or output structure are listed in a separate 3-column table. This is illustrated below for the `options` structure appeared in [Table 1](#).

| Table 2: <code>uq_foo(..., OPTIONS)</code> |  |                        |
|--|--|------------------------|
| <code>.Field1</code>                       | String<br>default:<br>'default_string' | Description of Field1. |
| <code>.Field2</code>                       | Double<br>default: 0.5                 | Description of Field2. |
| <code>.Field3</code>                       | Logical<br>default: false              | Description of Field3. |
| <code>.Field4</code>                       | Structure, see <a href="#">Table 3</a> | Description of Field4. |

The first column in the above table corresponds to the name of the field. Notice that a field of a structure can be identified by the dot notation, *i.e.*, the name is prefixed by a period. The

second column corresponds to the data type of the field. When applicable, the dimension and the default value are also given. Finally, the last column corresponds to the short description of the field.

Due to the complexity of the algorithms implemented, it is not uncommon to employ nested structures to fine tune inputs or present more complex outputs. In that case, the fields for each nested input/output structure are elaborated using another 3-column table illustrated below for the `.Field4` structure in [Table 2](#).

| Table 3: <code>options.Field4</code> |         |  |
|--------------------------------------|---------|--|
| <code>.NestedField1</code>           | Double  | Description of <code>NestedField1</code> . |
| <code>.NestedField2</code>           | Integer | Description of <code>NestedField2</code> . |

### 3.3 Name-value pair inputs

Another approach to pass options to a function is by specifying the so-called name-value pairs. Using this approach, an optional argument is passed to a function by specifying the *name* of the argument as a string and followed immediately by the value for that particular argument. Several UQLIB functions use name-value pairs to specify optional arguments. All the available argument names and the corresponding valid values of a function are listed in a separate 3-column table as illustrated below.

| Table 4: <code>uq_foo(..., NAME, VALUE)</code> |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <code>'NamedArgument1'</code>                  | String<br>default: <code>'Value1'</code> | Description of the argument<br><code>'NamedArgument1'</code> . |
|  | <code>'Value1'</code>                    | Description of the value <code>'Value1'</code> .               |
|  | <code>'Value2'</code>                    | Description of the value <code>'Value2'</code> .               |
|  | <code>'Value3'</code>                    | Description of the value <code>'Value3'</code> .               |
| <code>'NamedArgument2'</code>                  | Integer<br>default: 2                    | Description of the argument<br><code>'NamedArgument2'</code> . |

The first column in the above table corresponds to the names of the arguments. Notice that a named argument is always specified as a string. If only a limited selection of values of an argument is possible, these values are listed in the second column of the table as illustrated above for the named argument `'NamedArgument1'`.

### 3.4 Output table

Finally, UQLIB functions often results in more than a single output. All the outputs of a function are presented in a table similar to the ones shown previously and now illustrated in [Table 5](#). When applicable, the dimension of an output is given in the second column of the table.

| Table 5: <code>[output1,output2,output3] = uq_foo(...)</code> |                |                          |
|---|----------------|--------------------------|
| output1   | Vector Double  | Description for output1. |
| output2   | Matrix Integer | Description for output2. |
| output3   | Structure      | Description for output3. |

As mentioned in [Section 3.2](#), structures can become outputs of a function. They can also be further nested. The documentation for such outputs is given in separate tables similar to [Table 2](#) and [Table 3](#).

## 4 Notes on usage

All functions of UQLIB automatically becomes available in the current MATLAB environment upon the launch of UQLAB. These functions, as other UQLAB functions, begin with the prefix `uq_`. Help can be accessed from within MATLAB using either the command `help` or `doc` followed by the name of the function.

Most of the UQLIB functions are, however, self-contained and can be used independently from UQLAB. Dependencies, if any, are noted in the respective **Notes** section of each function documentation.

The source code for the UQLIB functions are available in the `lib` folder inside the main UQLAB installation folder. The subfolders within the `lib` folder are organized according to UQLIB libraries. To get the exact location of a given function within these subfolders, use the command `which` followed by the name of the function in the MATLAB command window.



# uq\_gradient – First-order numerical differentiation

## 1 Objective

Compute the gradient of a multi-dimensional function at given points.

## 2 Algorithm

The gradient of a multi-dimensional scalar-valued function  $f(\mathbf{x}) = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_M)$  is a vector that consists of the partial first-order derivatives of  $f(\mathbf{x})$  with respect to each dimension:

$$\nabla f = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_M} \right)^T. \quad (1)$$

### 2.1 Finite difference

The basis of numerical approximation for derivatives is Taylor expansion. The function  $f$  is expanded using a Taylor expansion for  $x_i + h$  while keeping the other dimensions  $\mathbf{x}_{\sim i}$  constant

$$f(x_i + h, \mathbf{x}_{\sim i}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + hf_{x_i} + \frac{1}{2}h^2 f_{x_i, x_i} + \dots = f(\mathbf{x}) + hf_{x_i} + O(h^2), \quad (2)$$

where  $h$  is the so-called *step size*,  $f_{x_i}$  is the first-order derivative with respect to dimension  $x_i$ ,  $O$  is the higher-order terms, and  $O(h^2)$  indicates that the lowest order of these terms is 2. By neglecting higher-order terms and solving for  $f_{x_i}$  yields the *finite difference* approximation of the derivative:

$$f_{x_i} \approx \frac{f(x_i + h, \mathbf{x}_{\sim i}) - f(\mathbf{x})}{h}. \quad (3)$$

In particular, the above formulation is called the *forward difference* approximation. Truncating the higher order terms in Eq. (3) results in a *truncation error* of order 1.

Eq. (3) can be reformulated if the function  $f$  in Eq. (2) is expanded for  $x_i - h$ . In other words,

$$f(x_i - h, \mathbf{x}_{\sim i}) = f(\mathbf{x}) - hf_{x_i} + \frac{1}{2}h^2 f_{x_i, x_i} + \dots = f(\mathbf{x}) - hf_{x_i} + O(h^2). \quad (4)$$

Following the same procedure results in the *backward difference* approximation of the derivative:

$$f_{x_i} \approx \frac{f(\mathbf{x}) - f(x_i + h, \mathbf{x}_{\sim i})}{h}, \quad (5)$$

in which the order of the truncation error remains 1.

The third approximation results from combining Eq. (4) and Eq. (2). Rearranging and solving for  $f_{x_i}$  results in the *centered difference* approximation of the derivative:

$$f_{x_i} \approx \frac{f(x_i + h/2, \mathbf{x}_{\sim i}) - f(x_i - h/2, \mathbf{x}_{\sim i})}{h}. \quad (6)$$

In this formulation, the order of the truncation error is 2, hence it is more accurate. However, it requires one extra function evaluation per input dimension with respect to the forward and backward differences. Details on the derivation as well as error analysis can be found in [Chapra and Canale \(2015\)](#).

## 2.2 Methods

`uq_gradient` offers all three methods to approximate the gradient of a function at a given point. The cost of the approximation in terms of the function evaluations  $N_T$  is  $N_T = N \times (M + 1)$  for the forward and backward methods and  $N_T = N \times 2M$  for the centered method; where  $N$  and  $M$  are the number of points and input dimensions, respectively.

Figure 1 illustrates the approximation of the gradient for the function  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  at  $\mathbf{x} = (2.4\pi, \sin(2.4\pi))^T$  by the three methods, assuming a fixed step size of  $h = 0.5$ . As can be seen the resulting gradient depends on the method.

## 2.3 Step size $h$

Choosing the proper value for the step size  $h$  is important for numerical accuracy. A large value of  $h$  can result in a worse gradient approximation (Figure 1). On the other hand, a very small value of the step size can result in a very small difference between  $f(\mathbf{x})$  and  $f(x_i \pm h, \mathbf{x}_{\sim i})$  that can numerically be indiscernible due to the finite precision of floating point operations. In other words, the so-called *round-off* error will start to dominate the approximation. By default, `uq_gradient` uses a fixed  $h = 10^{-3}$  for each dimension.

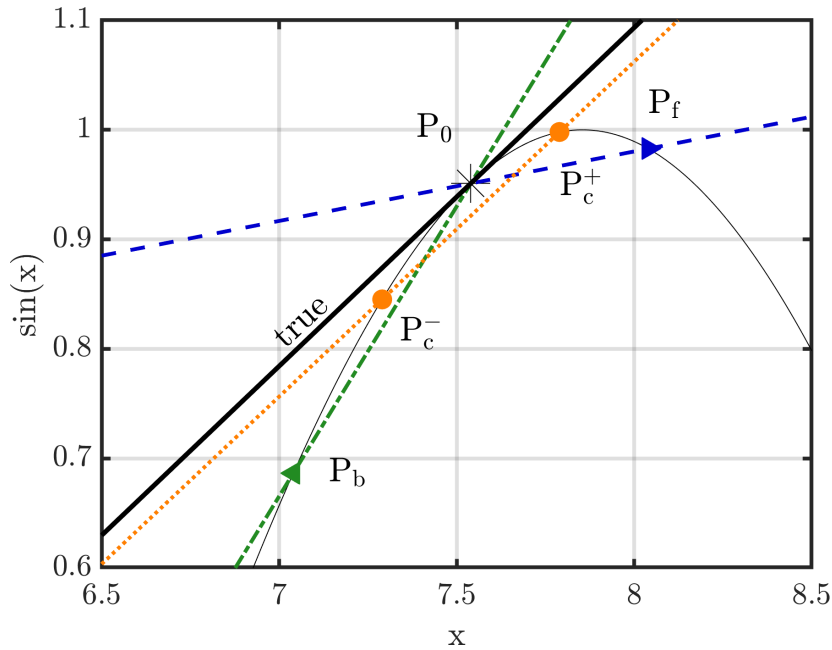


Figure 1: The three methods to estimate the gradient of  $f = \sin(x)$  around  $x_0 = 2.4\pi$  with step size  $h = 0.5$ . The forward method approximates the gradient using  $P_0 = f(x)$  and  $P_f = f(x_0 + h)$  (blue dashed line). The backward method approximates the gradient using  $P_0$  and  $P_b = f(x_0 - h)$  (red dash-dot line). Finally, the centered method uses  $P_c^- = f(x_0 - 0.5h)$ ,  $P_c^+ = f(x_0 + 0.5h)$  (green dotted line). The black solid line is the true gradient.

## 2.4 Vector-valued function

`uq_gradient` supports functions with multiple outputs (*i.e.*, vector-valued functions). In this case, the approximation of the gradient is carried out for each output separately.

## 3 Syntax

```
G = uq_gradient(X, FUN)
G = uq_gradient(X, FUN, GradientMethod)
G = uq_gradient(X, FUN, GradientMethod, FDStep)
G = uq_gradient(X, FUN, GradientMethod, FDStep, GivenH)
G = uq_gradient(X, FUN, GradientMethod, FDStep, GivenH, KnownX)
G = uq_gradient(X, FUN, GradientMethod, FDStep, GivenH, KnownX, ...
                Marginals)
[G, M_X] = uq_gradient(...)
[G, M_X, Cost] = uq_gradient(...)
[G, M_X, Cost, ExpDesign] = uq_gradient(...)
```

`G = uq_gradient(X, FUN)` returns the gradient `G` of the function `FUN` evaluated at the points `x` given as  $(N \times M)$  matrix, where  $N$  is the number of points and  $M$  is the number of input dimensions. It uses the 'forward' method and a step size of  $10^{-3}$ .

`G = uq_gradient(X, FUN, GradientMethod)` uses the approximation method specified

in GradientMethod (see Table 1).

`G = uq_gradient(X, FUN, GradientMethod, FDStep)` allows selecting the type of the step size type by specifying `FDStep` (see Table 1).

`G = uq_gradient(X, FUN, GradientMethod, FDStep, GivenH)` allows for adjusting the step size by specifying `GivenH`. The specific effect of `GivenH` on the step size depends on the selected `FDStep` (see Table 1).

`G = uq_gradient(X, FUN, GradientMethod, FDStep, GivenH, KnownX)` uses `KnownX`, a set of precalculated values of `FUN` at `X`, instead of evaluating the function on `X` within the code. If `KnownX` is provided, the cost is reduced by  $N$ .

`G = uq_gradient(X, FUN, GradientMethod, FDStep, GivenH, KnownX, Marginals)` uses the standard deviations of input dimensions stored in the structure `Marginals`. `Marginals` is part of a UQLAB INPUT object.

`[G,M_X] = uq_gradient(...)` additionally returns the values of `FUN` at the points `X`.

`[G,M_X,Cost] = uq_gradient(...)` additionally returns the `Cost` of the approximation in terms of the total number of function evaluations.

`[G,M_X,Cost,ExpDesign] = uq_gradient(...)` additionally returns a  $1 \times N$  structure array containing the experimental designs used in the approximation of the gradient vector at each given point in `X`.

## 4 Examples

### 4.1 Approximate the gradient at different points

Approximate the gradient vector of the function:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = 5 + 2x_1^2 + 3x_2^3 \quad (7)$$

at the points  $\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = (3, 0.5)$  and  $\mathbf{x}^{(2)} = (0.5, 1)$ . The analytical solution for the gradient at those points are:

$$\nabla f|_{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla f|_{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}}^T \\ \nabla f|_{\mathbf{x}^{(2)}}^T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 2.25 \\ 2 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

The following code approximates the gradient vectors with minimum number of inputs given by the user:

```
fun = @(X) 5 + 2*X(:,1).^2 + 3*X(:,2).^3;
X = [3 0.5; 0.5 1];
G = uq_gradient(X, fun)
```

The code produces:

```
G =
12.0020    2.2545
 2.0020    9.0090
```

in which each row of the output is the gradient vector approximation at a given point.

## 4.2 Approximate the gradient of a vector-valued function

Approximate the gradient vector of the vector-valued function:

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \left( x_1^3 + x_2^2, \quad \frac{2}{3}x_2^{3/2}, \quad 25 + 0.5x_1 + 10x_2, \quad x_1x_2^2 \right)^T$$

at the points  $\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = (3, 4)$  and  $\mathbf{x}^{(2)} = (3.5, 9)$ . The analytical solution for the gradient at those points are defined per output component:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f_{1|\mathbf{x}} &= \begin{pmatrix} \nabla f_{1|\mathbf{x}^{(1)}}^T \\ \nabla f_{1|\mathbf{x}^{(2)}}^T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 27 & 8 \\ 36.75 & 18 \end{pmatrix} & \nabla f_{2|\mathbf{x}} &= \begin{pmatrix} \nabla f_{2|\mathbf{x}^{(1)}}^T \\ \nabla f_{2|\mathbf{x}^{(2)}}^T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \nabla f_{3|\mathbf{x}} &= \begin{pmatrix} \nabla f_{3|\mathbf{x}^{(1)}}^T \\ \nabla f_{3|\mathbf{x}^{(2)}}^T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 10 \\ 0.5 & 10 \end{pmatrix} & \nabla f_{4|\mathbf{x}} &= \begin{pmatrix} \nabla f_{4|\mathbf{x}^{(1)}}^T \\ \nabla f_{4|\mathbf{x}^{(2)}}^T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 16 & 24 \\ 81 & 63 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The following code approximates the gradient vectors with minimum number of inputs provided by users:

```
fun = @(X) [X(:,1).^3+X(:,2).^2 2/3.*X(:,2).^(3/2) ...
           25 + 0.5*X(:,1) + 10*X(:,2) X(:,1).*(X(:,2).^2)];
X = [3 4; 3.5 9];
G = uq_gradient(X, fun)
```

The code produces an  $N \times M \times N_{\text{out}}$  multi-dimensional array, where  $N = 2$ ,  $M = 2$ , and  $N_{\text{out}} = 4$  are the numbers of input points, input dimensions, and output dimensions, respectively:

```
G(:, :, 1) =
27.0090    8.0010
36.7605   18.0010

G(:, :, 2) =
0    2.0001
0    3.0001

G(:, :, 3) =
```

```
0.5000    10.0000
0.5000    10.0000
```

```
G(:, :, 4) =
```

```
16.0000    24.0030
81.0000    63.0035
```

## 5 Input

| Table 1: <code>uq_gradient</code> (X, FUN, GradientMethod, FDStep, GivenH, KnownX, Marginals) |                |   |   |
|---|----------------|---|---|
| ●   | X              | $N \times M$ Double   | Points at which to approximate the gradient.  |
| ●   | FUN            | $1 \times N_{\text{out}}$ Function handle   | Vector-valued function for which the gradient is approximated.  |
| □   | GradientMethod | String or function handle<br>default: 'forward'<br><br>'forward'<br><br>'backward'<br><br>'centered'<br><br>Function handle | Method for the gradient approximation.<br><br>Use the forward method.<br><br>Use the backward method.<br><br>Use the centered method.<br><br>Use a user-specified function handle to evaluate the gradient on X. The custom function only takes X as input. |
| □   | FDStep         | String<br>default: 'fixed'<br><br>'fixed'<br><br>'relative'   | Specifies the step type.<br><br>Use step size $h = \text{GivenH} \times 1$ .<br><br>Use step size $h = \text{GivenH} \times \sigma_i$ in the direction of $X_i$ . Only available if Marginals (see below) is provided.                                      |
| □   | GivenH         | Double<br>default: 0.001  | “Step-size ratio”. Used to compute the step size, the effect depends on FDStep (see above).   |
| □   | KnownX         | $N \times N_{\text{out}}$ Double  | Allows user to provide precalculated evaluations of FUN (X).  |
| □   | Marginals      | Structure   | Marginals structure of a UQLAB INPUT object. It is used to read the standard deviations if FDStep is set to 'relative'.   |

## 6 Output

| Table 2: <code>[G, M_X, Cost, ExpDesign] = uq_gradient(...)</code> |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| G  | $N \times M \times N_{\text{out}}$ Double | Gradient approximations at points X for all outputs of FUN. |
| Continued on next page   |   |   |

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|           |                                  |  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|--|
| M_X       | $N \times N_{\text{out}}$ Double | Function evaluations $\text{FUN}(\mathbf{X})$ . Equal to $\text{KnownX}$ if provided.  |
| Cost      | Scalar Double                    | Total number of function evaluations done by <code>uq_gradient</code> .  |
| ExpDesign | $1 \times N$ Structure Array     | Experimental designs built at each point in $\mathbf{X}$ . Each structure contains the field: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <math>\mathbf{X}</math>, a Matrix Double of input points.</li><li>• <math>\mathbf{Y}</math>, a Vector Double of corresponding function values.</li></ul> |

## 7 Notes

- For probabilistic input, `uq_gradient` offers the possibility of using *relative* step size. In this case, the standard deviations of the inputs are multiplied by  $h$  to obtain the step size for each input. Probabilistic inputs are passed into `uq_gradient` via a structure (see Marginals in Table 1).



# uq\_gso – Grid-search optimization

## 1 Objective

Solve the following unconstrained optimization problem:

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}}} f(\mathbf{x}), \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^M$  is an  $M$ -dimensional vector;  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} = \prod_{i=1}^M [x_i^{\text{lb}}, x_i^{\text{ub}}]$  represents the search space, with the lower and upper bounds of the  $i$ -th input dimension  $x_i^{\text{lb}}$  and  $x_i^{\text{ub}}$ , respectively;  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is the optimal solution; and  $f$  is a scalar-valued objective function.

## 2 Algorithm

Grid-search optimization is a heuristic algorithm which consists in finding the minimizer of an objective function among a predefined set of candidates. The algorithm is often used for the calibration of hyperparameters in the context of machine learning applications. The basic idea is to generate a grid over the input space, evaluate the objective function on the generated points, and select the minimizer in this set as the approximate solution.

The procedure is as follows:

1. Initialize the algorithm:

- Define a set of candidate points to be evaluated or simply set the bounds of the search space.
- Define the options for the optimizer such as the number of discretization points per input dimension  $d_i \geq 2$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, M$ .

2. If a grid is not defined, create one:

- Generate a uniform discretization along each input dimension:  $\mathcal{X}_i = \{x_i^{(1)}, x_i^{(2)}, \dots, x_i^{(d_i)}\}$ , where  $x_i^{(1)} = x_i^{\text{lb}}$  and  $x_i^{(d_i)} = x_i^{\text{ub}}$ .
- Generate the grid by tensorization:  $\mathcal{X} = \prod_{i=1}^M \mathcal{X}_i$ .

3. Evaluate the objective function at the grid points  $f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , where  $N$  is the

size of the grid.

4. Rank (sort) the grid points in increasing order of the objective function values, *i.e.*,  $\mathbf{x}_{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{(N)}$  defined such that  $f(\mathbf{x}_{(1)}) \leq \dots \leq f(\mathbf{x}_{(N)})$ .
5. Return the approximate solution:  $\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{x}_{(1)}$ .

### 3 Syntax

```
XSTAR = uq_gso(FUN, MYGRID, NVARs)
XSTAR = uq_gso(FUN, MYGRID, NVARs, LB, UB)
XSTAR = uq_gso(FUN, [], NVARs, LB, UB)
XSTAR = uq_gso(FUN, MYGRID, NVARs, LB, UB, OPTIONS)
[XSTAR, FSTAR] = uq_gso(...)
[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG] = uq_gso(...)
[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG, OUTPUT] = uq_gso(...)
```

`XSTAR = uq_gso(FUN, MYGRID, NVARs)` finds a local minimizer of the function `FUN` using only evaluations at a predefined set of points `MYGRID`. `NVARs` is the input dimension (number of design variables) of `FUN`.

`XSTAR = uq_gso(FUN, MYGRID, NVARs, LB, UB)` finds a local minimizer of the function `FUN` using only evaluations at a predefined set of points `MYGRID`, and only evaluating data points that are within lower and upper bounds defined by `LB` and `UB`, respectively.

`XSTAR = uq_gso(FUN, [], NVARs, LB, UB)` finds a local minimizer of the function `FUN` using on an automatically generated grid with 5 discretization points along each input dimension, within the lower (`LB`) and upper (`UB`) bounds.

`XSTAR = uq_gso(FUN, MYGRID, LB, UB, OPTIONS)` finds a local minimizer of the function `FUN` using only evaluations at a predefined set of points `MYGRID`, with the default optimization options replaced by the values in the `OPTIONS` structure (see [Table 2](#)).

`[XSTAR, FSTAR] = uq_gso(...)` additionally returns the value of the objective function at the solution `XSTAR`.

`[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG] = uq_gso(...)` additionally returns an exit flag that indicates the exit condition of the algorithm, either an optimal solution is found or all specified points fall outside the bounds (see [Table 3](#)).

`[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG, OUTPUT] = uq_gso(...)` returns an additional structure with information about the optimization process (see [Table 3](#)).

## 4 Examples

### 4.1 Minimize Rosenbrock's function

Consider the minimization problem of the Rosenbrock's function:

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in [-10, 10]^2} 100(x_2 - x_1^2)^2 + (1 - x_1)^2. \quad (2)$$

The minimum of this function is located at  $\mathbf{x}^* = (1, 1)$  with the minimum value  $f^* = 0$ .

The following code solves the optimization problem using `uq_gso` on an automatically generated grid with the default 5 discretization points along each input dimension (see Table 5):

```
fun = @(X) 100 .* (X(:,2) - X(:,1).^2).^2 + (1 - X(:,1)).^2;
nvars = 2;
lb = [-10 -10];
ub = [10 10];
xstar = uq_gso(fun, [], nvars, lb, ub)
```

The code produces:

```
Local minimum found that satisfies the bound constraints.
obj. value =          1

ans =

0      0
```

This solution differs from the analytical solution, but it is the best one found inside the grid.

### 4.2 Specify the number of discretization points

By default, the number of discretization points along each input dimension is 5. The total number of points in the generated grid is thus 25. The following code can be used to increase the size of the grid:

```
fun = @(X) 100 .* (X(:,2) - X(:,1).^2).^2 + (1 - X(:,1)).^2;
nvars = 2;
lb = [-10 -10];
ub = [10 10];
Options.DiscPoints = 30;
xstar = uq_gso(fun, [], nvars, lb, ub, Options)
```

The code produces:

```
Local minimum found that satisfies the bound constraints.
obj. value =      0.128437
```

```
xstar =  
1.0345    1.0345
```

With 30 discretization points along each input dimension, the total number of points in the generated grid is 900.

## 5 Input

| Table 1: <code>uq_gso</code> (FUN, MYGRID, NVARs, LB, UB, OPTIONS) |         |   |  |
|--|---------|---|--|
| ●  | FUN     | Function handle   | Objective function to be minimized.                                    |
| □  | MYGRID  | $N \times M$ Double                                     | Candidate set for searching the solution.                              |
| ●  | NVARs   | INTEGER   | Number of variables in the objective function to be optimized ( $M$ ). |
| □  | LB      | Scalar or $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: $-\text{Inf}$ | Lower bounds of the search space.                                      |
| □  | UB      | Scalar or $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: $\text{Inf}$  | Upper bounds of the search space.                                      |
| □  | OPTIONS | Structure, see Table 2                                  | Algorithm-specific options.  |

| Table 2: <code>uq_gso</code> (..., OPTIONS) |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <code>.Display</code>                       | String<br>default: <code>'final'</code><br><code>'none'</code><br><code>'iter'</code><br><code>'final'</code> | Level of output display.<br><br>Displays no output.<br><br>Displays output at each iteration.<br><br>Displays only the final output.  |
| <code>.isVectorized</code>                  | Logical<br>default: <code>true</code><br><br><code>true</code><br><br><code>false</code>                      | Specifies whether the objective function is vectorized.<br><br>Objective function is vectorized.<br><br>Objective function is not vectorized.   |
| <code>.DiscPoints</code>                    | Scalar or $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: 5   | Number of discretization points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The given value must be larger than 1.</li> <li>• When the problem is multi-dimensional and a scalar is given, the value is replicated along all input dimensions.</li> </ul> |

## 6 Output

| Table 3: $[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG, OUTPUT] = \text{uq\_gso}(\dots)$ |                        |  |
|---|------------------------|--|
| XSTAR   | $1 \times M$ Double    | Optimal solution.  |
| FSTAR   | Double                 | Objective function value at the optimal solution.            |
| EXITFLAG  | Integer                | Flag indicating the termination condition of the algorithm   |
|   | 1                      | Approximate solution found.                                  |
|   | -1                     | None of the user-specified grid points belong to the bounds. |
| OUTPUT  | Structure, see Table 4 | Diverse information about the optimization process.          |

| Table 4: $[\dots, OUTPUT] = \text{uq\_gso}(\dots)$ |                        |   |
|--|------------------------|---|
| .message   | String                 | Exit message.   |
| .funccount   | Integer                | Total number of objective function evaluations.                               |
| .History   | Structure, See Table 5 | History of all grid points and their corresponding objective function values. |

| Table 5: <code>OUTPUT.History</code> |                     |  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| .Grid                                | $M \times N$ Double | Grid points that have been evaluated in the search for an optimum. |
| .Fitness                             | $N \times 1$ Double | Objective function values corresponding to the evaluated points.   |

# uq\_ceo – Cross-entropy optimization

## 1 Objective

Solve the following unconstrained optimization problem:

$$\boldsymbol{x}^* = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{D}_{\boldsymbol{X}}} f(\boldsymbol{x}), \quad (1)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{D}_{\boldsymbol{X}} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is an  $M$ -dimensional vector;  $\mathcal{D}_{\boldsymbol{X}} = \prod_{i=1}^M [x_i^{\text{lb}}, x_i^{\text{ub}}]$  represents the search space, with the lower and upper bounds of the  $i$ -th input dimension  $x_i^{\text{lb}}$  and  $x_i^{\text{ub}}$ , respectively;  $\boldsymbol{x}^*$  is the optimal solution; and  $f$  is a scalar-valued objective function.

## 2 Algorithm

The cross-entropy method was originally developed by [Rubinstein \(1997\)](#) for the estimation of the probability of rare events. The method has been adapted by [Rubinstein and Davidson \(1999\)](#) for the solution of continuous and combinatorial optimization problems and consists in sampling iteratively the search space using a parametrized random distribution to converge to the optimal solution. The implementation in UQLIB considers a Gaussian distribution for sampling the candidate solutions.

The algorithm is summarized below following [Kroese et al. \(2006\)](#):

1. Initialize the algorithm:

- Set the parameters of the initial Gaussian distribution: the mean  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{x}}^{[0]}$  and the standard deviation  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\boldsymbol{x}}^{[0]}$ , which correspond to the *starting point* and initial *global step size* of the algorithm, respectively.
- Set the internal parameters of the algorithm: the number of points per iteration (or *generation*)  $N_{\text{pop}}$ ; the smoothing parameters  $\alpha^{\text{CE}}$ ,  $\beta^{\text{CE}}$ , and  $q^{\text{CE}}$ ; and the number of points in the *elite* sample set of size  $N_{\text{el}} = \lfloor \rho \cdot N_{\text{pop}} \rfloor$ , where  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  denotes the floor function and  $\rho$  is a coefficient such that  $0 < \rho < 1$ . The elite sample set corresponds to a subset of the best points with respect to their objective function values.
- Set  $t = 1$ , where  $t$  is the counter for the algorithm iteration.

2. Sample  $N_{\text{pop}}$  points  $\{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(N_{\text{pop}})}\}$  from a truncated Gaussian distribution  $\mathcal{N}_{[\mathbf{x}^{\text{lb}}, \mathbf{x}^{\text{ub}}]} \left( \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}^{[t-1]}, \left( \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\mathbf{x}}^{[t-1]} \right)^T \cdot \mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{pop}}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\mathbf{x}}^{[t-1]} \right)$ , where  $\mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{pop}}}$  denotes an identity matrix of size  $N_{\text{pop}} \times N_{\text{pop}}$ .
3. Evaluate the objective function on the sample points  $f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}), i = 1, \dots, N_{\text{pop}}$ .
4. Select  $N_{\text{el}}$  sample points with the smallest value of the objective function. Those sample points are denoted by  $\{\mathbf{x}^{*(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{*(N_{\text{el}})}\}$ .
5. Compute the variable-wise mean and standard deviation of the elite sample:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{\mathbf{x}}^{[t]} &= \left\{ \tilde{\mu}_{x_1}^{[t]}, \dots, \tilde{\mu}_{x_M}^{[t]} \right\}, \quad \tilde{\mu}_{x_m}^{[t]} = \frac{1}{N_{\text{el}}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{el}}} x_m^{*(j)} \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{\mathbf{x}}^{[t]} &= \left\{ \tilde{\sigma}_{x_1}^{[t]}, \dots, \tilde{\sigma}_{x_M}^{[t]} \right\}, \quad \tilde{\sigma}_{x_m}^{[t]} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N_{\text{el}}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{el}}} \left( x_m^{*(j)} - \tilde{\mu}_{x_m}^{[t]} \right)^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $x_m^{*(j)}$  is the  $m$ -th component of the  $j$ -th elite sample point.

6. Update the parameters of the Gaussian distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}^{[t]} &= \alpha^{\text{CE}} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{\mathbf{x}}^{[t-1]} + (1 - \alpha^{\text{CE}}) \mathbf{x}_{\text{best}}, \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\mathbf{x}}^{[t]} &= \beta_t^{\text{CE}} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{\mathbf{x}}^{[t-1]} + (1 - \beta_t^{\text{CE}}) \mathbf{x}_{\text{best}}, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{best}}$  is the best solution found so far and  $\beta_t^{\text{CE}}$  is defined as:

$$\beta_t^{\text{CE}} = \beta^{\text{CE}} + \beta^{\text{CE}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{t} \right)^{q^{\text{CE}}} \quad (4)$$

7. If convergence is achieved, stop the algorithm; otherwise increase  $t \leftarrow t + 1$  and go to **Step 2**. The following convergence criteria are considered:

- Maximum number of generations: the algorithm stops if the number of generations (*i.e.*, iterations) reaches a given threshold.
- Number of stall generations: the algorithm stops if the number of successive iterations without sampling a point that improves the current best solution reaches a given threshold.
- Number of function evaluations: the algorithm stops if the number of calls to the objective function reaches a given threshold.
- Stagnation of the objective function: the algorithm stops if the absolute difference between the maximum and minimum of the objective function values over a given number of iterations (*i.e.*, its *range*) is below a given threshold.
- Stagnation of the solution: the algorithm stops if the possible change in the solution becomes extremely small, *i.e.*, the current Gaussian distribution can only sample points that are extremely close to its mean.



- Minimum values: the algorithm stops if the value of the objective function falls below a given threshold.

The algorithm stops when any of these criteria is reached.

### 3 Syntax

```
XSTAR = uq_ceo(FUN, X0, SIGMA0)
XSTAR = uq_ceo(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB)
XSTAR = uq_ceo(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB, OPTIONS)
[XSTAR, FSTAR] = uq_ceo(...)
[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG] = uq_ceo(...)
[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG, OUTPUT] = uq_ceo(...)
```

`XSTAR = uq_ceo(FUN, X0, SIGMA0)` finds a local minimizer of the function `FUN` with `X0` as the starting point and `SIGMA0` as the initial variable-wise standard deviation.

`XSTAR = uq_ceo(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB)` defines a set of lower and upper bounds such that  $LB(i) \leq XSTAR(i) \leq UB(i)$ . If `LB` and `UB` are finite and `X0 = []` and/or `SIGMA0 = []`, the center of the search space  $(LB(i) + UB(i)) / 2$  and  $1/6$  of the search space width, i.e.,  $(UB(i) - LB(i)) / 6$  are used as `X0(i)` and `SIGMA0(i)`, respectively.

`XSTAR = uq_ceo(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB, OPTIONS)` minimizes with the default optimization options replaced by the values in the `OPTIONS` structure (see [Table 2](#)).

`[XSTAR, FSTAR] = uq_ceo(...)` returns the value of the objective function at the solution `XSTAR`.

`[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG] = uq_ceo(...)` returns an exit flag that indicates the termination condition of the algorithm (see [Table 3](#)).

`[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG, OUTPUT] = uq_ceo(...)` returns a structure with additional information about the optimization process (see [Table 3](#)).

## 4 Examples

### 4.1 Minimize Rosenbrock's function

Consider the minimization problem of the Rosenbrock's function:

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in [-10, 10]^2} 100(x_2 - x_1^2)^2 + (1 - x_1)^2. \quad (5)$$

The minimum of this function is located at  $\mathbf{x}^* = (1, 1)$  with the minimum value  $f^* = 0$ .

The following code solves the optimization problem using `uq_ceo` by assuming default values for the starting point `X0` and initial global step size `SIGMA0` (see [Table 5](#)):

```
rng(100, 'twister') % For reproducible results
fun = @(X) 100 .* (X(:,2) - X(:,1).^2).^2 + (1 - X(:,1)).^2;
lb = [-10 -10];
ub = [10 10];
xstar = uq_ceo(fun, [], [], lb, ub)
```

The code produces:

```
Maximum number of stall generations (options.nStall) reached
obj. value =    0.0111671

xstar =

0.9071    0.8279
```

## 4.2 Specify the starting point and initial global step size

By default, the starting point of `uq_ceo` is  $X_0(i) = (LB(i) + UB(i))/2$  while the initial global step size is  $SIGMA_0(i) = (UB(i) - LB(i))/6$ . The following code specifies user-given values for these two parameters:

```
rng(100, 'twister') % For reproducible results
fun = @(X) 100 .* (X(:,2) - X(:,1).^2).^2 + (1 - X(:,1)).^2;
lb = [-10 -10];
ub = [10 10];
x0 = [-5 5];
sigma0 = [2 2];
xstar = uq_ceo(fun, x0, sigma0, lb, ub)
```

which produces:

```
Possible change in X is below options.TolX
obj. value =    5.5885e-24

xstar =

1.0000    1.0000
```

## 5 Input

Table 1: `uq_ceo`(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB, OPTIONS)

| ●                      | FUN | Function handle | Objective function to be minimized. |
|------------------------|-----|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
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|   |         |   |   |
|---|---------|---|---|
| ⊕ | X0      | $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: $(LB+UB)/2$             | Starting point of the optimization algorithm. |
| ⊕ | SIGMA0  | Scalar or $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: $(UB-LB)/6$   | Initial global step size.                     |
| ⊕ | LB      | Scalar or $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: $-\text{Inf}$ | Lower bounds of the design space.             |
| ⊕ | UB      | Scalar or $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: $\text{Inf}$  | Upper bounds of the design space.             |
| □ | OPTIONS | Structure<br>default: Table 2                           | Options of the algorithm.                     |

Table 2: `uq_ceo(..., OPTIONS)`

|                            |   |  |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| <code>.Display</code>      | String<br>default: <code>'final'</code><br><code>'none'</code><br><code>'iter'</code><br><code>'final'</code> | Level of output display.<br><br>Display no output.<br><br>Display output at each iteration.<br><br>Display only the final output.  |
| <code>.isVectorized</code> | Logical<br>default: <code>true</code><br><br><code>true</code><br><br><code>false</code>                      | Specifies whether the objective function is vectorized.<br><br>The objective function is vectorized.<br><br>The objective function is not vectorized.  |
| <code>.MaxIter</code>      | Integer<br>default: $100 \cdot M$   | Maximum number of generations.   |
| <code>.nStallMax</code>    | Integer<br>default: 50  | Maximum number of stall generations.   |
| <code>.MaxFunEval</code>   | Positive Integer<br>default: $\text{Inf}$   | Maximum number of objective function evaluations.  |
| <code>.TolFun</code>       | Double<br>default: $10^{-3}$  | Tolerance on the objective function: the algorithm stops if the <i>range</i> (i.e., the absolute difference between the maximum and minimum values) of the best objective function values over <code>.nStallMax</code> generations is less than or equal to <code>.TolFun</code> . |
| <code>.TolSigma</code>     | Double<br>default: $10^{-3}$  | Tolerance on the input variable: the algorithm stops when $\sigma_x^{[t]}/\sigma_x^{[0]}$ is smaller or equal to <code>.TolSigma</code> .  |

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|             |                                  |   |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---|
| .FvalMin    | Double<br>default: $-\text{Inf}$ | Minimum cost: the algorithm stops when the objective function is smaller or equal to FvalMin. |
| .nPop       | Integer<br>default: 100          | Population size.  |
| .quantElite | Integer<br>default: 0.05         | Proportion of nPop that will be used as elite sample ( $\rho$ in Section 2).                  |
| .alpha      | Double<br>default: 0.4           | Smoothing parameter $\alpha^{\text{CE}}$ (Eq. (3)).   |
| .beta       | Double<br>default: 0.4           | Smoothing parameter $\beta^{\text{CE}}$ (Eqs. (3) (4)).                                       |
| .q          | Double<br>default: 10            | Smoothing exponent $q^{\text{CE}}$ (Eq. (4)).   |

## 6 Output

| Table 3: $[\text{XSTAR}, \text{FSTAR}, \text{EXITFLAG}, \text{OUTPUT}] = \text{uq\_ceo}(\dots)$ |                        |   |
|---|------------------------|---|
| XSTAR   | $1 \times M$ Double    | Optimal solution.   |
| FSTAR   | Double                 | Objective function value at the optimal solution.           |
| EXITFLAG  | Scalar                 | Flag indicating the termination condition of the algorithm. |
|   | 1                      | Maximum number of generations reached.                      |
|   | 2                      | Maximum number of stall generations reached.                |
|   | 3                      | Maximum number of function evaluations reached.             |
|   | 4                      | Range of FUN over generations is smaller than threshold.    |
|   | 5                      | Global step size smaller than threshold.                    |
|   | 6                      | Minimum objective function value reached.                   |
|   | <0                     | No feasible solution was found.                             |
| OUTPUT  | Structure, see Table 4 | Diverse information about the optimization process.         |

| Table 4: <code>[..., OUTPUT] = uq_ceo(...)</code> |                        |  |
|---|------------------------|--|
| <code>.message</code>                             | String                 | Exit message.  |
| <code>.iterations</code>                          | Integer                | Total number of generations.                         |
| <code>.funccount</code>                           | Integer                | Total number of objective function evaluations.      |
| <code>.History</code>                             | Structure, see Table 5 | History of the optimization process over iterations. |
| <code>.lastgeneration</code>                      | Structure, see Table 6 | Parameters of the last generation.                   |

| Table 5: <code>OUTPUT.History</code> |               |   |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---|
| <code>.Xmean</code>                  | Matrix Double | History of the mean of the Gaussian distribution at each iteration.       |
| <code>.sigma</code>                  | Matrix Double | History of the global step size at each iteration.                        |
| <code>.Xbest</code>                  | Matrix Double | History of the best sampled point at each iteration.                      |
| <code>.fitbest</code>                | Vector Double | History of the best objective function value at each iteration.           |
| <code>.fitmedian</code>              | Vector Double | History of the median of the objective function values at each iteration. |

| Table 6: <code>OUTPUT.lastgeneration</code> |                     |   |
|---|---------------------|---|
| <code>.Xmean</code>                         | $1 \times M$ Double | Mean of the final Gaussian distribution.                |
| <code>.Xbest</code>                         | $1 \times M$ Double | Best solution from the last generation.                 |
| <code>.bestfitness</code>                   | Double              | Best objective function value from the last generation. |

## 7 Notes

- The default values for `X0` and `SIGMA0` (see Table 1) are heuristics.
- The last five values in Table 2 are the CEO-specific parameters. The default values selected there are based on a typical use of CEO for optimizing the hyperparameters of Support Vector Machines MODEL in UQLAB (Moustapha et al., 2018b,a).

# uq\_cmaes – Covariance Matrix Adaptation Evolution Strategy (CMA-ES)

## 1 Objective

Solve the following unconstrained optimization problem:

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}}} f(\mathbf{x}), \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is an  $M$ -dimensional vector;  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} = \prod_{i=1}^M [x_i^{\text{lb}}, x_i^{\text{ub}}]$  represents the search space, with the lower and upper bounds of the  $i$ -th input dimension  $x_i^{\text{lb}}$  and  $x_i^{\text{ub}}$ , respectively;  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is the optimal solution; and  $f$  is a scalar-valued objective function.

## 2 Algorithm

The Covariance Matrix Adaptation–Evolution Strategy (CMA-ES) is a derandomized stochastic search algorithm introduced by [Hansen and Ostermeier \(2001\)](#). The basic idea of the algorithm is to sample points in the search space and adapting the sampling mechanism so as to iteratively move towards the optimal solution. In practice, a Gaussian distribution with a given covariance matrix is considered for sampling. The covariance matrix of the distribution is adapted at each iteration, such that the directions that have improved the objective function in the recent past iterations are more likely to be sampled again. The mean is updated considering a subset of the current iteration best samples (a.k.a. *elite* samples) using a *recombination* scheme with predefined and possibly uneven weights.

Many versions of the algorithms exist, mostly with different selection mechanisms. UQLIB provides the so-called  $(\mu, \lambda)$ -CMA-ES. In the  $(\mu, \lambda)$ -CMA-ES strategy, the candidate solutions of the next generation consist of  $\lambda$  points sampled from a Gaussian distribution considering only the  $\mu$  best points of the current generation ([Hansen and Kern, 2004](#); [Hansen, 2001](#)). The actual implementation is more complex; the user can refer to [Hansen \(2001\)](#) for details.

The important steps of the algorithm are as follows:

1. Initialize the algorithm:

- Set the parameters of the initial Gaussian distribution: the mean  $\mu_x^{[0]} \in \mathbb{R}^M$  and the standard deviation  $\sigma_x^{[0]} \in R_{>0}^M$  which correspond to the algorithm *starting point* and the *step size*, respectively. The parameter  $\sigma^{[0]} = \max(\sigma_x^{[0]})$  corresponds to the *global step size*.
- Initialize the covariance matrix  $C^{[0]} = I_M$ , where  $I_M$  is an  $M \times M$  identity matrix.
- Set the internal CMA-ES parameters: the recombination scheme (details are given in Table 2) of the weights  $\{w_i, i = 1, \dots, \mu\}$  (see Eq. (3)); the initial *evolution paths*  $p_s$  and  $p_c$ ; and the coefficients  $c_\sigma, d_\sigma, c_c, c_{cov}$ , and  $\mu_{cov}$ .
- Set  $t = 1$ , where  $t$  is the counter for the algorithm iteration (or so-called *generation* in CMA-ES optimization).

2. Sample  $\lambda$  points  $\{x^{(1)}, x^{(i)}, \dots, x^{(\lambda)}\}$  such that

$$x^{(i)} = \mu_x^{[t-1]} + \sigma^{[t-1]} B^{[t-1]} D^{[t-1]} z^{(i)}, \quad (2)$$

where  $z^{(i)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_M)$ ; and  $B$  and  $D$  are obtained from the eigendecomposition of the covariance matrix  $C^{[t-1]}$ , i.e.,  $C^{[t-1]} = (B^{[t-1]})^T (D^{[t-1]})^2 B^{[t-1]}$ .

3. Evaluate the objective function at the sample points  $f(x^{(i)})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, \lambda$ .
4. Select  $\mu$  sample points with the smallest value of the objective function. Those sample points are denoted by  $\{x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(\mu)}\}$ .
5. Update the mean of the Gaussian distribution:

$$\mu_x^{[t]} = \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} w_i x^{(i)}, \quad (3)$$

where  $w_i$  are weights whose values depend on the recombination scheme (see .recombination in Table 2).

6. Update the global step size:

$$\sigma^{[t]} = \sigma^{[t-1]} \exp \left( \frac{c_\sigma}{d_\sigma} \left( \frac{\|p_s^{[t]}\|}{\sqrt{M} \left(1 - \frac{1}{4M} + \frac{1}{21M^2}\right)} - 1 \right) \right), \quad (4)$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the Euclidean norm and

$$p_s^{[t]} = (1 - c_s) p_s^{[t-1]} + \sqrt{c_s(2 - c_s) \mu_{\text{eff}}} B^{[t-1]} \mu_z^{[t-1]}, \quad (5)$$

where  $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 1 / \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} w_i^2$  is the so-called *variance effective selection mass*; and  $\mu_z^{[t-1]} = \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} w_i z^{(i)}$ .

7. Update the covariance matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C}^{[t]} = & (1 - c_{\text{cov}}) \mathbf{C}^{[t-1]} + \frac{c_{\text{cov}}}{\mu_{\text{cov}}} \mathbf{p}_c^{[t]} \left( \mathbf{p}_c^{[t]} \right)^T \\ & + c_{\text{cov}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\mu_{\text{cov}}} \right) \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} \frac{w_i}{(\sigma^{[t-1]})^2} \left( \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_x^{[t-1]} \right) \left( \mathbf{x}^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_x^{[t-1]} \right)^T. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where

$$\mathbf{p}_c^{[t]} = (1 - c_c) \mathbf{p}_c^{[t-1]} + h_\sigma \frac{\sqrt{c_c(2 - c_c) \mu_{\text{eff}}}}{\sigma^{[t-1]}} \left( \boldsymbol{\mu}_x^{[t]} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_x^{[t-1]} \right), \quad (7)$$

and  $h_\sigma$  is defined as

$$h_\sigma = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \sqrt{\frac{\|\mathbf{p}_s^{[t]}\|}{1 - (1 - c_\sigma)^{2(g/\lambda)}}} / \sqrt{M} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{4M} + \frac{1}{21M^2} \right) < 1.4 + \frac{2}{M+1}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

where  $g$  is the current number of objective function evaluations.

8. If convergence is achieved, stop the algorithm; otherwise increase  $t \leftarrow t + 1$  and go back to **Step 2**. The following convergence criteria are considered:

- Number of generations: the algorithm stops if the number of generations (*i.e.*, iterations) reaches a given threshold.
- Number of stall generations: the algorithm stops if the number of successive iterations without sampling a point that improves the current best solution reaches a given threshold.
- Number of function evaluations: the algorithm stops if the number of calls to the objective function reaches a given threshold.
- Stagnation of the cost: the algorithm stops if the absolute difference between the maximum and minimum of the objective function values over a given number of iterations (*i.e.*, its *range*) is below a given threshold.
- Stagnation of solution: the algorithm stops if the possible change in the solution becomes extremely small, *i.e.*, it falls below a given threshold.

The algorithm stops when any one of these criteria is reached.

### 3 Syntax

```
XSTAR = uq_cmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0)
XSTAR = uq_cmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB)
XSTAR = uq_cmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB, OPTIONS)
[XSTAR, FSTAR] = uq_cmaes(...)
[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG] = uq_cmaes(...)
[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG, OUTPUT] = uq_cmaes(...)
```

`XSTAR = uq_cmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0)` finds a local minimizer of the function `FUN` with `X0` as the starting point and `SIGMA0` as the initial coordinate-wise standard deviation.



`XSTAR = uq_cmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB)` defines a set of lower and upper bounds such that  $LB(i) \leq XSTAR(i) \leq UB(i)$ . If `LB` and `UB` are finite and `X0 = []` and/or `SIGMA0 = []`, the center of the search space  $(LB(i) + UB(i)) / 2$  and  $1/6$  of the search space width, i.e.,  $(UB(i) - LB(i)) / 6$  are used as `X0(i)` and `SIGMA0(i)`, respectively.

`XSTAR = uq_cmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB, OPTIONS)` minimizes with the default optimization options replaced by the values in the `OPTIONS` structure (see Table 2).

`[XSTAR, FSTAR] = uq_cmaes(...)` additionally returns the value of the objective function `FSTAR` at the solution `XSTAR`.

`[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG] = uq_cmaes(...)` additionally returns an exit flag that indicates the termination condition of the algorithm (see Table 4).

`[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG, OUTPUT] = uq_cmaes(...)` additionally returns a structure with additional information about the optimization process (see Table 4).

## 4 Examples

### 4.1 Minimize Rosenbrock's function

Consider the minimization problem of the Rosenbrock's function:

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in [-10, 10]^2} 100(x_2 - x_1^2)^2 + (1 - x_1)^2. \quad (9)$$

The minimum of this function is located at  $\mathbf{x}^* = [1, 1]$  with the minimum value  $f^* = 0$ .

The following code solves the optimization problem using `uq_cmaes` by assuming default values for the starting point `X0` and initial global step size `SIGMA0` (see Table 5):

```
rng(100, 'twister') % For reproducible results
fun = @(X) 100 .* (X(:,2) - X(:,1).^2).^2 + (1 - X(:,1)).^2;
lb = [-10 -10];
ub = [10 10];
xstar = uq_cmaes(fun, [], [], lb, ub)
```

The code produces:

```
Possible change in X is below options.TolX
obj. value = 1.03161e-22

xstar =

1.0000    1.0000
```

## 4.2 Specify the starting point and initial global step size

By default, the starting point of the `uq_cmaes` is  $X_0(i) = (LB(i) + UB(i)) / 2$  while the initial global step size is  $SIGMA_0(i) = (LB(i) + UB(i)) / 6$ . The following code specifies user-given values for these two parameters:

```
rng(100, 'twister') % For reproducible results
fun = @(X) 100 .* (X(:,2) - X(:,1).^2).^2 + (1 - X(:,1)).^2;
lb = [-10 -10];
ub = [10 10];
x0 = [-5 5];
sigma0 = [2 2];
xstar = uq_cmaes(fun, x0, sigma0, lb, ub)
```

The code produces:

```
Possible change in X is below options.TolX
obj. value =    5.5885e-24

xstar =

1.0000    1.0000
```

## 5 Input

Table 1: `uq_cmaes` (FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB, OPTIONS)

|   |         |   |                                     |
|---|---------|---|-------------------------------------|
| ● | FUN     | Function handle   | Objective function to be minimized. |
| ⊕ | X0      | $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: $(LB+UB) / 2$           | Starting point of the algorithm.    |
| ⊕ | SIGMA0  | $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: $(UB-LB) / 6$           | Initial global step size.           |
| ⊕ | LB      | Scalar or $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: $-\text{Inf}$ | Lower bounds of the design space.   |
| ⊕ | UB      | Scalar or $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: $\text{Inf}$  | Upper bounds of the design space.   |
| □ | OPTIONS | Structure, see Table 2                                  | Options of the algorithm.           |

Table 2: `uq_cmaes` (... , OPTIONS)

|                        |   |                                |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| .lambda                | Positive Integer<br>default: $4 + \lceil 3 \log M \rceil$ | Population size ( $\lambda$ ). |
| .mu                    | Positive Integer<br>default: $\lfloor \lambda/2 \rfloor$  | Parent numbers ( $\mu$ ).      |
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|                              |   |  |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| <code>.recombination</code>  | String<br>default:<br><code>'superlinear'</code><br><br><code>'equal'</code><br><br><code>'linear'</code><br><br><code>'superlinear'</code> | Computation of the weights $w_i$ used for the recombination in Eq. (3). The weights are normalized before recombination: $w_i = \hat{w}_i / \sum_i^\mu \hat{w}_i$ .<br><br>Assigns same weight to all parents regardless of their rank: $\hat{w}_i = 1/\mu$ .<br><br>Assigns weights that varies linearly with respect to the parents rank: $\hat{w}_i = \mu + 1/2 - i$ .<br><br>Assigns weights that vary superlinearly with respect to the parents rank: $\hat{w}_i = \log(\mu + 1/2) - \log(i)$ . |
| <code>.boundsHandling</code> | String<br>default: <code>'resampling'</code><br><br><code>'resampling'</code><br><br><code>'penalization'</code>                            | Strategy how to handle out of bounds samples.<br><br>Resamples out-of-bound sample points.<br><br>Projects out-of-bounds sample points and penalize the corresponding objective (fitness) function values.   |
| <code>.Display</code>        | String<br>default: <code>'final'</code><br><br><code>'none'</code><br><br><code>'iter'</code><br><br><code>'final'</code>                   | Level of display.<br><br>Displays no output.<br><br>Displays output at each iteration.<br><br>Displays only the final output.  |
| <code>.MaxIter</code>        | Positive integer<br>default:<br>$\lfloor 10^3 \cdot (M + 5)^2 / \sqrt{\lambda} \rfloor$   | Maximum number of generations.   |
| <code>.nStallMax</code>      | Positive integer<br>default:<br>$\max(70, 10 + \lceil 30 \cdot M/\lambda \rceil)$   | Maximum number of stall generations.   |
| <code>.TolFun</code>         | Double<br>default: $10^{-12}$   | Tolerance on the objective function: the algorithm stops if the <i>range</i> (i.e., the absolute difference between the maximum and minimum values) of the best objective function values over <code>.nStallMax</code> generations is less than or equal to <code>.TolFun</code> .   |
| <code>.TolX</code>           | Double<br>default: $10^{-11} \cdot \max(\sigma_x^{[0]})$  | Tolerance on the input $x$ : the algorithm stops when the global step size is too small to allow sampling far enough from the current minimum.   |
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|                             |   |  |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| <code>.MaxFunEval</code>    | Positive Integer<br>default: <code>Inf</code>   | Maximum number of function evaluations.  |
| <code>.isVectorized</code>  | Logical<br>default: <code>true</code>   | Specify if the objective function is vectorized.   |
| <code>.keepCDiagonal</code> | Integer<br>default: <code>0</code><br><br>$\leq 0$<br><br><code>1</code><br><br>$> 1$ | Specify if the covariance matrix should be kept diagonal.<br><br>Covariance matrix is never kept diagonal.<br><br>Covariance matrix is always kept diagonal.<br><br>Covariance matrix is kept diagonal for the first <code>.keepCDiagonal</code> iterations. |
| <code>.isActiveCMA</code>   | Logical<br>default: <code>true</code>   | Specify if the covariance matrix should be actively adapted (updated), when the current path leads repeatedly to unsuccessful sample points ( <i>i.e.</i> , sample points that do not improve the current best solution).                                    |
| <code>.Strategy</code>      | Structure<br>default: <a href="#">Table 3</a>   | Internal parameters of the CMA-ES algorithm. They are already optimized. It is strongly advised not to modify them.  |

Table 3: `OPTIONS.Strategy`

|                   |   |  |
|-------------------|---|--|
| <code>.cs</code>  | Double<br>default: $\frac{\mu_{\text{eff}}}{M + \mu_{\text{eff}} + 5}$  | $c_{\sigma}$ in <a href="#">Section 2</a> . See <a href="#">Hansen (2001)</a> for details.       |
| <code>.ds</code>  | Double<br>default:<br>$1 + 2 \cdot \max\left(0, \sqrt{\frac{\mu_{\text{eff}} - 1}{M + 1}} + c_{\sigma}\right)$                                      | $d_{\sigma}$ in <a href="#">Section 2</a> . See <a href="#">Hansen (2001)</a> for details.       |
| <code>.cc</code>  | Double<br>default: $\frac{4 + \mu_{\text{eff}}/M}{M + 4 + 2 \cdot \mu_{\text{eff}}/M}$  | $c_c$ in <a href="#">Section 2</a> . See <a href="#">Hansen (2001)</a> for details.              |
| <code>.c1</code>  | Double<br>default: $\frac{2}{(M + 1.3)^2 + \mu_{\text{eff}}}$   | $c_{\text{cov}}$ in <a href="#">Section 2</a> . See <a href="#">Hansen (2001)</a> for details.   |
| <code>.cmu</code> | Double<br>default:<br>$\min\left(1 - c_{\text{cov}}, 2 \cdot \frac{\mu_{\text{eff}} - 2 + 1/\mu_{\text{eff}}}{(M + 2)^2 + \mu_{\text{eff}}}\right)$ | $\mu_{\text{cov}}$ in <a href="#">Section 2</a> . See <a href="#">Hansen (2001)</a> for details. |

where  $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 1 / \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} w_i^2$  is the variance effective selection mass.

**Note:** These five parameters of the CMA-ES algorithm have been fine-tuned according to [Hansen and Ostermeier \(2001\)](#). It is not advised to modify their default values.

## 6 Output

| Table 4: $[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG, OUTPUT] = \text{uq\_cmaes}(\dots)$ |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| XSTAR   | $1 \times M$ Double                    | Optimal solution.   |
| FSTAR   | Double                                 | Value of the objective function at the optimal solution.    |
| EXITFLAG  | Integer                                | Flag indicating the termination condition of the algorithm. |
|   | 1                                      | Maximum number of generations is reached.                   |
|   | 2                                      | Maximum number of stall generations is reached.             |
|   | 3                                      | Maximum number of function evaluations is reached.          |
|   | 4                                      | Range of FUN over generations is smaller than threshold.    |
|   | 5                                      | Current global step size is smaller than threshold.         |
|   | <0                                     | No feasible solution was found.                             |
| OUTPUT  | Structure, see <a href="#">Table 5</a> | Diverse information about the optimization process.         |

| Table 5: $[\dots, OUTPUT] = \text{uq\_cmaes}(\dots)$ |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| .message   | String                                 | Exit message.  |
| .iterations  | Integer                                | Total number of generations.                         |
| .funccount   | Integer                                | Total number of objective function evaluations.      |
| .History   | Structure, see <a href="#">Table 6</a> | History of the optimization process over iterations. |
| .lastgeneration                                      | Structure, see <a href="#">Table 7</a> | Parameters of the last generation.                   |

Table 6: `OUTPUT.History`

|                         |               |   |
|-------------------------|---------------|---|
| <code>.Xmean</code>     | Matrix Double | History of the mean of the Gaussian distribution at each iteration.       |
| <code>.sigma</code>     | Vector Double | History of the global step size at each iteration.                        |
| <code>.Xbest</code>     | Vector Double | History of the best sampled point at each iteration.                      |
| <code>.fitbest</code>   | Vector Double | History of the best objective function value at each iteration.           |
| <code>.fitmedian</code> | Double vector | History of the median of the objective function values at each iteration. |

Table 7: `OUTPUT.lastgeneration`

|                           |                     |   |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---|
| <code>.Xmean</code>       | $1 \times M$ Double | Mean of the final Gaussian distribution           |
| <code>.Xbest</code>       | $1 \times M$ Double | Best solution from the last generation            |
| <code>.bestfitness</code> | Vector Double       | Best objective function from the last generation. |

## 7 Notes

- `uq_cmaes` is a simple implementation of CMA-ES and it is suited for solving optimization problems in UQLab. The code has not been optimized yet. For a better performance, refer to the implementation in the [CMA-ES website](#) (last accessed: 06/11/2018).
- Some numerical considerations (e.g., conditioning of the covariance matrix) in `uq_cmaes` are directly taken from the original MATLAB CMA-ES implementation by [Hansen \(2001\)](#) available in the [CMAE-ES website](#) (last accessed: 06/11/2018).
- The default values for `X0` and `SIGMA0` (see [Table 1](#)) are heuristics.
- The parameters  $p_s$  and  $p_c$  are both initialized to  $\mathbf{0}_M$ , an  $M$ -dimensional vector of zero.

# uq\_1p1cmaes – (1+1)-CMAES

## 1 Objective

Solve the following unconstrained optimization problem:

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}}} f(\mathbf{x}), \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is an  $M$ -dimensional vector;  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} = \prod_{i=1}^M [x_i^{\text{lb}}, x_i^{\text{ub}}]$  represents the search space, with the lower and upper bounds of the  $i$ -th input dimension  $x_i^{\text{lb}}$  and  $x_i^{\text{ub}}$ , respectively;  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is the optimal solution; and  $f$  is a scalar-valued objective function.

## 2 Algorithm

The (1+1)-CMA-ES algorithm is a variant of the covariance matrix adaptation–evolution strategy (CMA-ES) developed by [Igel et al. \(2006\)](#) and [Sutton et al. \(2009\)](#) (see [uq\\_cmaes](#)). In this variant, one parent generates exactly one offspring and the covariance matrix is adapted so as to favor sampling in the directions that improve the objective function.

[uq\\_1p1cmaes](#) follows the algorithm developed in [Arnold and Hansen \(2010\)](#) where an active covariance matrix adaptation is proposed, *i.e.*, the covariance matrix is updated considering both successful and unsuccessful trial steps. Moreover, the algorithm directly resorts to an incremental update of the Cholesky decomposition of the covariance matrix. Both aspects make the algorithm efficient.

Details of the implementation are shown in the following ([Arnold and Hansen, 2010](#)):

### 1. Initialize the algorithm:

- Set the the starting point  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{best}} = \mathbf{x}^{[0]}$  and the global step size  $\sigma$ .
- Initialize the state parameters of the algorithm: the search path  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ ; the success probability estimate  $P_{\text{succ}} \in [0, 1]$ ; the Cholesky factor  $\mathbf{A}$  from the decomposition of the covariance matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  (*i.e.*,  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$ ), and its inverse  $\mathbf{A}_{\text{inv}}$  (both are initialized to be the  $M \times M$  identity matrix).
- Set the internal CMA-ES parameters:  $d_p$ ,  $c_p$ ,  $c_c$ ,  $c_{\text{cov}}^+$ ,  $P_{\text{target}}$ , and  $P_{\text{thres}}$ .

- Set  $t = 1$ , where  $t$  is the counter for the algorithm iteration (or so-called *generation* in CMA-ES-based optimization).

2. Generate an *offspring candidate*:

$$\mathbf{x}^{[t]} = \mathbf{x}_{\text{best}} + \sigma \mathbf{A} \mathbf{z}, \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}_M(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_M)$  and  $\mathbf{I}_M$  is an  $M \times M$  identity matrix.

3. Evaluate the objective function at the offspring candidate  $f(\mathbf{x}^{[t]})$ :

- If  $f(\mathbf{x}^{[t]}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}_{\text{best}})$ :

(a) Update the current best solution  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{best}} \leftarrow \mathbf{x}^{[t]}$ .

(b) Update the success probability estimate:

$$P_{\text{succ}} \leftarrow (1 - c_p)P_{\text{succ}} + c_p. \quad (3)$$

(c) Update the search path:

– If  $P_{\text{succ}} < P_{\text{thres}}$ :

$$\mathbf{s} \leftarrow (1 - c_c)\mathbf{s} + \sqrt{c_c(2 - c_c)}\mathbf{z} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha = 1 - c_{\text{cov}}^+. \quad (4)$$

– Otherwise:

$$\mathbf{s} \leftarrow (1 - c_c)\mathbf{s} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha = (1 - c_{\text{cov}}^+) + c_{\text{cov}}^+ \cdot c_c(2 - c_c). \quad (5)$$

(d) Set  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{A}_{\text{inv}}\mathbf{s}$  and update the Cholesky factor and its inverse:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &\leftarrow \sqrt{\alpha}\mathbf{A} + \frac{\sqrt{\alpha}}{\|\mathbf{w}\|^2} \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{c_{\text{cov}}^+}{\alpha}\|\mathbf{w}\|^2} - 1 \right) \mathbf{s}\mathbf{w}^T, \\ \mathbf{A}_{\text{inv}} &\leftarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}}\mathbf{A}_{\text{inv}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}\|\mathbf{w}\|^2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{c_{\text{cov}}^+}{\alpha}\|\mathbf{w}\|^2}} \right) \mathbf{w} [\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{A}_{\text{inv}}], \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the Euclidean norm.

(e) Go to **Step 4**

- Otherwise:

(a) Update the success probability estimate:

$$P_{\text{succ}} \leftarrow (1 - c_p)P_{\text{succ}}. \quad (7)$$

(b) If  $\mathbf{x}^{[t]}$  is worse than its 5-th-order ancestor, i.e.,  $f(\mathbf{x}^{[t]}) \geq f(\mathbf{x}^{[t-4]})$ , update  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{A}_{\text{inv}}$  according to Eq. (6) while replacing  $c_{\text{cov}}^+$  with  $c_{\text{cov}}^-$  where

$$c_{\text{cov}}^- = \min \left( \frac{0.4}{M^{1.6} + 1}, \frac{1}{2\|\mathbf{z}\|^2 - 1} \right). \quad (8)$$



(c) Go to **Step 4**

4. Update the global step size:

$$\sigma \leftarrow \sigma \exp \left( \frac{1}{d_p} \frac{P_{\text{succ}} - P_{\text{target}}}{1 - P_{\text{target}}} \right). \quad (9)$$

5. If convergence is achieved, stop the algorithm; otherwise increase  $t \leftarrow t + 1$  and go back to **Step 2**. The following convergence criteria are considered:

- Maximum number of generations: the algorithm stops if the number of generations (*i.e.*, iterations) reaches a given threshold.
- Number of stall generations: the algorithm stops if the number of successive iterations without sampling a point that improves the current best solution reaches a given threshold.
- Stagnation of the cost: the algorithm stops if the absolute difference between the maximum and minimum of the objective function values over a given number of iterations (*i.e.*, its *range*) is below a given threshold.
- Stagnation of the solution: the algorithm stops if the possible change in the solution becomes extremely small, *i.e.*, the current normal distribution can only sample points that are extremely close to its mean.
- Number of function evaluations: the algorithm stops if the number of calls to the objective function reaches a given threshold.

The algorithm stops when any one of these criteria is reached.

### 3 Syntax

```
XSTAR = uq_1plcmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0)
XSTAR = uq_1plcmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB)
XSTAR = uq_1plcmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB, OPTIONS)
[XSTAR,FSTAR] = uq_1plcmaes(...)
[XSTAR,FSTAR,EXITFLAG] = uq_1plcmaes(...)
[XSTAR,FSTAR,EXITFLAG,OUTPUT] = uq_1plcmaes(...)
```

`XSTAR = uq_1plcmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0)` finds a local minimizer of the function `FUN` with `X0` as the starting point and `SIGMA0` as the initial global step size.

`XSTAR = uq_1plcmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB)` defines a set of lower and upper bounds such that  $LB(i) \leq XSTAR(i) \leq UB(i)$ . If  $LB(i)$  and  $UB(i)$  are finite and  $X0 = []$  and/or  $SIGMA0 = []$ , the center of the search space  $(LB(i)+UB(i))/2$  and  $1/6$  of the search space width, *i.e.*,  $(UB(i)-LB(i))/6$  are used as  $X0(i)$  and  $SIGMA0(i)$ , respectively.

`XSTAR = uq_1plcmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB, OPTIONS)` minimizes with the default optimization options replaced by the values in the `OPTIONS` structure (see [Ta-](#)

ble 2).

`[XSTAR,FSTAR] = uq_lplcmaes(...)` additionally returns the value of the objective function at the solution `XSTAR`.

`[XSTAR,FSTAR,EXITFLAG] = uq_lplcmaes(...)` additionally returns an exit flag that indicates the termination condition of the algorithm (see Table 4).

`[XSTAR,FSTAR,EXITFLAG,OUTPUT] = uq_lplcmaes(...)` additionally returns a structure with additional information about the optimization process (see Table 4).

## 4 Examples

### 4.1 Minimize Rosenbrock's function

Consider the minimization problem of the Rosenbrock's function:

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in [-10,10]^2} 100(x_2 - x_1^2)^2 + (1 - x_1)^2. \quad (10)$$

The minimum of this function is located at  $\mathbf{x}^* = (1, 1)$  with the minimum value  $f^* = 0$ .

The following code solves the optimization problem using `uq_lplcmaes` by assuming default values for the starting point `X0` and initial global step size `SIGMA0` (see Table 5):

```
rng(123, 'twister') % For reproducible results
fun = @(X) 100 .* (X(:,2) - X(:,1).^2).^2 + (1 - X(:,1)).^2;
lb = [-10 -10];
ub = [10 10];
xstar = uq_lplcmaes(fun, [], [], lb, ub)
```

The code produces:

```
The relative change of F was below options.TolFun
obj. value = 1.35004e-17

xstar =

1.0000    1.0000
```

### 4.2 Specify the starting point and initial global step size

By default, the starting point of the `uq_lplcmaes` is  $X0(i) = (LB(i)+UB(i))/2$  and the initial global step size is  $SIGMA0(i) = (UB(i)-LB(i))/6$ . The following code specifies user-given values for these two parameters:

```
rng(123, 'twister') % For reproducible results
```

```

fun = @(X) 100 .* (X(:,2) - X(:,1).^2).^2 + (1 - X(:,1)).^2;
lb = [-10 -10];
ub = [10 10];
x0 = [-5 5];
sigma0 = [2 2];
xstar = uq_1plcmaes(fun, x0, sigma0, lb, ub);

```

The code produces:

```

The relative change of F was below options.TolFun
obj. value = 7.47186e-13

xstar =

1.0000    1.0000

```

## 5 Input

Table 1: `uq_1plcmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB, OPTIONS)`

|   |         |   |   |
|---|---------|---|---|
| ● | FUN     | Function handle   | Objective function to be minimized.           |
| ⊕ | X0      | $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: $(LB+UB)/2$                 | Starting point of the optimization algorithm. |
| ⊕ | SIGMA0  | Scalar or $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: $(UB-LB)/6$       | Initial global step size.                     |
| ⊕ | LB      | Scalar or $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: <code>-Inf</code> | Lower bounds of the search space.             |
| ⊕ | UB      | Scalar or $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: <code>Inf</code>  | Upper bounds of the search space.             |
| □ | OPTIONS | Structure<br>default: Table 2                               | Options of the algorithm.                     |

Table 2: `uq_1plcmaes(..., OPTIONS)`

|            |   |  |
|------------|---|--|
| .Display   | String<br>default: <code>'final'</code><br><code>'none'</code><br><code>'iter'</code><br><code>'final'</code> | Level of output display.<br><br>Displays no output.<br><br>Displays output at each iteration.<br><br>Displays only the final output. |
| .MaxIter   | Double<br>default: $1000(M+5)^2$  | Maximum number of generations (iterations).  |
| .nStallMax | Positive integer<br>default: 50   | Maximum number of stall generations.   |

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|                           |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| <code>.MaxFunEval</code>  | Positive Integer<br>default: <code>Inf</code>      | Maximum number of function evaluations.  |
| <code>.TolFun</code>      | Double<br>default: $10^{-6}$                       | Tolerance on the objective function: the algorithm stops if the <i>range</i> (i.e., the absolute difference between the maximum and minimum values) of the best objective function values over <code>.nStallMax</code> generations is less than or equal to <code>.TolFun</code> . |
| <code>.TolSigma</code>    | Double<br>default: $10^{-11} \cdot \sigma_x^{[0]}$ | Tolerance on the input $x$ : the algorithm stops when the current global step size $\sigma$ is lower than <code>.TolSigma</code> .   |
| <code>.isActiveCMA</code> | Logical<br>default: <code>true</code>              | Specify if the covariance matrix should be actively adapted (updated), when the current path leads repeatedly to unsuccessful sample points (i.e., sample points that do not improve the current best solution).   |
| <code>.Strategy</code>    | Structure<br>default: <a href="#">Table 3</a>      | Internal parameters of the (1+1)-CMA-ES algorithm. They are already optimized. It is strongly advised not to modify them.  |

Table 3: `OPTIONS.Strategy`

|                       |                                  |  |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <code>.dp</code>      | Double<br>default: $1 + M/2$     | $d_p$ in Eq. (9), see <a href="#">Suttorp et al. (2009)</a> for details.                   |
| <code>.Ptarget</code> | Double<br>default: $2/11$        | $P_{\text{target}}$ in Eq. (9), see <a href="#">Suttorp et al. (2009)</a> for details.     |
| <code>.cp</code>      | Double<br>default: $1/12$        | $c_p$ in Eqs. (3) and (7), see <a href="#">Suttorp et al. (2009)</a> for details.          |
| <code>.cc</code>      | Double<br>default: $2/(M + 2)$   | $c_c$ in Eqs. (4) and (5), see <a href="#">Suttorp et al. (2009)</a> for details.          |
| <code>.ccov</code>    | Double<br>default: $2/(M^2 + 6)$ | $c_{\text{cov}}^+$ in Eqs. (4 – 6), see <a href="#">Suttorp et al. (2009)</a> for details. |
| <code>.Pthres</code>  | Double<br>default: $0.44$        | $P_{\text{thres}}$ in Eq. (4), see <a href="#">Suttorp et al. (2009)</a> for details.      |

**Note:** These six parameters have been fine-tuned for the (1+1)-CMA-ES algorithm ([Suttorp et al., 2009](#)). It is not advised to modify their default values.

## 6 Output

| Table 4: $[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG, OUTPUT] = \text{uq\_1plcmaes}(\dots)$ |                         |  |
|--|-------------------------|--|
| XSTAR  | $1 \times M$ Double     | Optimal solution.  |
| FSTAR  | Double                  | Objective function value at the optimal solution.          |
| EXITFLAG   | Scalar                  | Flag indicating the termination condition of the algorithm |
|  | 1                       | Maximum number of generations reached.                     |
|  | 2                       | Maximum number of stall generations reached.               |
|  | 3                       | Maximum number of function evaluations reached.            |
|  | 4                       | Range of FUN over generations is smaller than threshold.   |
|  | 5                       | Global step size $\sigma$ smaller than threshold.          |
|  | <0                      | No feasible solution was found.                            |
| OUTPUT   | <a href="#">Table 5</a> | Diverse information about the optimization process.        |

| Table 5: $[\dots, OUTPUT] = \text{uq\_1plcmaes}(\dots)$ |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| .message  | String                                 | Exit message.  |
| .iterations   | Integer                                | Total number of iterations.                          |
| .funccount  | Integer                                | Total number of objective function evaluations.      |
| .History  | Structure, see <a href="#">Table 6</a> | History of the optimization process over iterations. |

Table 6: `OUTPUT.History`

|                     |               |   |
|---------------------|---------------|---|
| <code>.x</code>     | Matrix Double | History of the sampled points at each iteration.                    |
| <code>.fval</code>  | Vector Double | History of the sampled objective function values at each iteration. |
| <code>.sigma</code> | Matrix Double | History of the global step size at each iteration.                  |

## 7 Notes

- In the (1+1)-CMA-ES algorithm, the covariance matrix  $C$  itself is never explicitly computed nor required.
- In `uq_1p1cmaes`, the initial values for the Cholesky factor  $A$  and its inverse  $A_{\text{inv}}$  are the identity matrix, which correspond to the unit-variance diagonal covariance matrix.
- The default values for `X0` and `SIGMA0` (see [Table 1](#)) are heuristics.

# uq\_clp1cmaes – Constrained (1+1)-CMAES

## 1 Objective

Solve the following constrained optimization problem:

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}}} f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{subject to: } g_k(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is an  $M$ -dimensional vector;  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} = \prod_{i=1}^M [x_i^{\text{lb}}, x_i^{\text{ub}}]$  represents the search space, with the lower and upper bounds of the  $i$ -th input dimension  $x_i^{\text{lb}}$  and  $x_i^{\text{ub}}$ , respectively;  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is the optimal solution;  $f$  is a scalar-valued objective function; and  $g_k$  are  $K > 0$  scalar-valued constraint functions that need to be fulfilled.

## 2 Algorithm

The constrained (1+1)-CMA-ES algorithm is a variant of the (1+1)-CMA-ES ([Arnold and Hansen, 2010](#)) algorithm developed by [Arnold and Hansen \(2012\)](#) where a constraint handling scheme is added (see [uq\\_1p1cmaes](#)). (1+1)-CMA-ES itself is a variant of the covariance matrix adaptation–evolution scheme (CMA-ES), where one parent generates exactly one offspring and the covariance matrix is adapted to favor sampling in the directions that improve the objective function (see [uq\\_cmaes](#)). In the constrained version, the covariance matrix is also updated when unfeasible points are sampled to decrease the probability of sampling again in such directions.

[uq\\_clp1cmaes](#) implementation follows the algorithm developed in [Arnold and Hansen \(2012\)](#) where an active covariance matrix adaptation is proposed, *i.e.*, the covariance matrix is updated considering both successful and unsuccessful trial steps. Moreover, the algorithm directly resorts to an incremental update of the Cholesky decomposition of the covariance matrix. Both aspects make the algorithm efficient.

Details of the implementation are shown in the following ([Arnold and Hansen, 2012](#)):

1. Initialize the algorithm:

- Set the starting point  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{best}} = \mathbf{x}^{[0]}$  and the global step size  $\sigma$ .
- Initialize the state parameters of the algorithm: the search path  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ ; the success probability estimate  $P_{\text{succ}} \in [0, 1]$ ; the Cholesky factor  $\mathbf{A}$  from the decomposition of the covariance matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  (i.e.,  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$ ), and its inverse  $\mathbf{A}_{\text{inv}}$  (both are initialized to be the  $M \times M$  identity matrix); and a set of exponentially fading  $\mathbf{v}_k$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, K$ , initialized to be zeros.
- Set the internal CMA-ES parameters:  $c$ ,  $d_p$ ,  $c_p$ ,  $c_c$ ,  $P_{\text{target}}$ ,  $c_{\text{cov}}^+$ , and  $\beta$ .
- Set  $t = 1$ , where  $t$  is the counter for the algorithm iteration (or so-called *generation* in CMA-ES-based optimization).

2. Generate an *offspring candidate*:

$$\mathbf{x}^{[t]} = \mathbf{x}_{\text{best}} + \sigma \mathbf{A} \mathbf{z}, \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}_M(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_M)$  and  $\mathbf{I}_M$  is an  $M \times M$  identity matrix.

3. Evaluate the constraints at the offspring candidate  $g_k(\mathbf{x}^{[t]})$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, K$ .
4. For all  $k = 1, \dots, K$  such that  $g_k(\mathbf{x}^{[t]}) > 0$ , update  $\mathbf{v}_k$ :

$$\mathbf{v}_k \leftarrow (1 - c) \mathbf{v}_k + c_c \mathbf{A} \mathbf{z}. \quad (3)$$

5. If  $\mathbf{x}^{[t]}$  is not feasible (i.e.,  $\sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{I}_{(g_k(\mathbf{x}^{[t]}) > 0)} \geq 1$ , where  $\mathbb{I}_{(\circ)}$  denotes the indicator function defined in Eq. (5)):

(a) Update the Cholesky factor  $\mathbf{A}$ :

$$\mathbf{A} \leftarrow \mathbf{A} - \frac{\beta}{\sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{I}_{(g_k(\mathbf{x}^{[t]}) > 0)}} \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{I}_{(g_k(\mathbf{x}^{[t]}) > 0)} \frac{\mathbf{v}_k \mathbf{w}_k^T}{\mathbf{w}_k^T \mathbf{w}_k} \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathbf{w}_k = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{v}_k$  and  $\mathbb{I}_{(\circ)}$  denotes the indicator function defined by:

$$\mathbb{I}_{(g_k(\mathbf{x}^{[t]}) > 0)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } g_k(\mathbf{x}^{[t]}) > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

(b) Go back to **Step 2**.

6. Evaluate the objective function at the offspring candidate  $f(\mathbf{x}^{[t]})$ .
7. Update the success probability estimate:

$$P_{\text{succ}} \leftarrow (1 - c_p) P_{\text{succ}} + c_p \mathbb{I}_{(f(\mathbf{x}^{[t]}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}_{\text{best}}))}. \quad (6)$$

where  $\mathbb{I}_{(\circ)}$  denotes the indicator function defined in Eq. (5).



8. Update the global step size:

$$\sigma \leftarrow \sigma \exp \left( \frac{1}{d_p} \frac{P_{\text{succ}} - P_{\text{target}}}{1 - P_{\text{target}}} \right). \quad (7)$$

9. If  $f(\mathbf{x}^{[t]}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}_{\text{best}})$ , go to **Step 10**; otherwise go to **Step 14**.

10. Set  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{best}} \leftarrow \mathbf{x}^{[t]}$ .

11. Update the search path:

$$\mathbf{s} \leftarrow (1 - c)\mathbf{s} + \sqrt{c(2 - c)}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}. \quad (8)$$

12. Set  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{s}$  and update the Cholesky factor and its inverse:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &\leftarrow a\mathbf{A} + b\mathbf{s}\mathbf{w}^T, \\ \mathbf{A}_{\text{inv}} &\leftarrow \frac{1}{a}\mathbf{A}_{\text{inv}} - \frac{b}{a^2 + ab\|\mathbf{w}\|^2}\mathbf{w}[\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{A}_{\text{inv}}], \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \sqrt{1 - c_{\text{cov}}^+}, \\ b &= \frac{\sqrt{1 - c_{\text{cov}}^+}}{\|\mathbf{w}\|^2} \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{c_{\text{cov}}^+}{1 - c_{\text{cov}}^+}\|\mathbf{w}\|^2} - 1 \right). \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the Euclidean norm.

13. Go to **Step 15**.

14. If  $\mathbf{x}^{[t]}$  is worse than its 5-th-order ancestor, i.e.,  $f(\mathbf{x}^{[t]}) \geq f(\mathbf{x}^{[t-4]})$ , set  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{s}$  and update  $\mathbf{A}$  according to Eq. (9) with the coefficients  $a$  and  $b$  computed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \sqrt{1 - c_{\text{cov}}^-}, \\ b &= \frac{\sqrt{1 - c_{\text{cov}}^-}}{\|\mathbf{z}\|^2} \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{c_{\text{cov}}^-}{1 - c_{\text{cov}}^-}\|\mathbf{z}\|^2} - 1 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where

$$c_{\text{cov}}^- = \min \left( \frac{0.4}{M^{1.6} + 1}, \frac{1}{2\|\mathbf{z}\|^2 - 1} \right). \quad (12)$$

15. If convergence is achieved, stop the algorithm; otherwise increase  $t \leftarrow t + 1$  and go back to **Step 2**. The following convergence criteria are considered:

- Maximum number of generations: the algorithm stops if the number of generations (i.e., iterations) reaches a given threshold.
- Number of stall generations: the algorithm stops if the number of successive iterations without sampling a point that improves the current best solution reaches a given threshold.

- Stagnation of the cost: the algorithm stops if the absolute difference between the maximum and minimum of the objective function values over a given number of iterations (*i.e.*, its *range*) is below a given threshold.
- Stagnation of the solution: the algorithm stops if the possible change in the solution becomes extremely small, *i.e.*, the current normal distribution can only sample points that are extremely close to its mean.
- Number of function evaluations: the algorithm stops if the number of calls to the objective function reaches a given threshold.

The algorithm stops when any one of these criteria is reached.

### 3 Syntax

```
XSTAR = uq_clplcmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0)
XSTAR = uq_clplcmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB)
XSTAR = uq_clplcmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB, NONLCON)
XSTAR = uq_clplcmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB, NONLCON, OPTIONS)
[XSTAR, FSTAR] = uq_clplcmaes(...)
[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG] = uq_clplcmaes(...)
[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG, OUTPUT] = uq_clplcmaes(...)
```

`XSTAR = uq_clplcmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0)` finds a local minimizer of the function `FUN` with `X0` as starting point and `SIGMA0` as the initial global step size.

`XSTAR = uq_clplcmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB)` defines a set of lower and upper bounds such that  $LB(i) \leq XSTAR(i) \leq UB(i)$ . If `LB` and `UB` are finite and `X0 = []` and/or `SIGMA0 = []`, the center of the search space, *i.e.*,  $(LB(i) + UB(i)) / 2$  and  $1/6$  of the search space width, *i.e.*,  $(UB(i) - LB(i)) / 6$  are used as `X0(i)` and `SIGMA0(i)`, respectively.

`XSTAR = uq_clplcmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB, NONLCON)` defines a set of non-linear inequalities constraints and subjects the minimization to the constraints. If there are no bound constraints, set `LB = []` and `UB = []`.

`XSTAR = uq_clplcmaes(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB, NONLCON, OPTIONS)` minimizes with the default optimization options replaced by the values in the `OPTIONS` structure (see [Table 2](#)).

`[XSTAR, FSTAR] = uq_clplcmaes(...)` additionally returns the value of the objective function at the solution `XSTAR`.

`[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG] = uq_clplcmaes(...)` additionally returns an exit flag that indicates the termination condition of the algorithm (see [Table 4](#)).

`[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG, OUTPUT] = uq_clplcmaes(...)` additionally returns a structure with additional information about the optimization process (see [Table 4](#)).

## 4 Examples

### 4.1 Minimize constrained Rosenbrock's function

Consider a constrained minimization problem of the Rosenbrock's function:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x}) &= 100(x_2 - x_1^2)^2 + (1 - x_1)^2, \\ \text{subject to: } g(\mathbf{x}) &= x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 1. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

The minimum of the function is located at  $\mathbf{x}^* = (0.7864, 0.6177)$  with  $f(\mathbf{x}^*) = 0.0457$ .

The following code solves the optimization problem using `uq_clplcmaes` by assuming default values for the starting point `x0` and initial global step size `SIGMA0` (see Table 5):

```
rng(42, 'twister')      % For reproducible results
fun = @(X) 100 .* (X(:,2) - X(:,1).^2).^2 + (1 - X(:,1)).^2;
nonlcon = @(X) X(:,1).^2 + X(:,2).^2 - 1;
lb = [-10 -10];
ub = [10 10];
xstar = uq_clplcmaes(fun, [], [], lb, ub, nonlcon)
```

The code produces:

```
Value of sigma below options.TolSigma
obj. value =      0.0456748

xstar =

0.7864      0.6177
```

### 4.2 Specify the starting point and initial global step size

By default, the starting point of `uq_clplcmaes` is  $X0(i) = (LB(i) + UB(i)) / 2$  and the initial global step size is  $SIGMA0(i) = (UB(i) - LB(i)) / 6$ . The following code specifies user-given values for these two parameters:

```
rng(100, 'twister')     % For reproducible results
fun = @(X) 100 .* (X(:,2) - X(:,1).^2).^2 + (1 - X(:,1)).^2;
nonlcon = @(X) X(:,1).^2 + X(:,2).^2 - 1;
lb = [-10 -10];
ub = [10 10];
x0 = [0.5 0.5];
sigma0 = [2 2];
xstar = uq_clplcmaes(fun, x0, sigma0, lb, ub, nonlcon);
```

The code produces:

```
Value of sigma below options.TolSigma
obj. value =    0.0456748

xstar =

0.7864    0.6177
```

## 5 Input

Table 1: `uq_clplcmaes`(FUN, X0, SIGMA0, LB, UB, NONLCON, OPTIONS)

|   |         |   |   |
|---|---------|---|---|
| ● | FUN     | Function handle   | Objective function to be minimized.               |
| ⊕ | X0      | $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: $(LB+UB)/2$                 | Starting point of the optimization algorithm.     |
| ⊕ | SIGMA0  | Scalar or $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: $(UB-LB)/6$       | Initial global step size.                         |
| ⊕ | LB      | Scalar or $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: <code>-Inf</code> | Lower bounds of the design space.                 |
| ⊕ | UB      | Scalar or $1 \times M$ Double<br>default: <code>Inf</code>  | Upper bounds of the design space.                 |
| □ | NONLCON | Function handle   | Nonlinear inequality constraints to be satisfied. |
| □ | OPTIONS | Table 2   | Options of the algorithm.                         |

Table 2: `uq_clplcmaes`(..., OPTIONS)

|                          |   |  |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| <code>.Display</code>    | String<br>default: <code>'final'</code><br><code>'none'</code><br><code>'iter'</code><br><code>'final'</code> | Level of output display.<br><br>Displays no output.<br><br>Displays output at each iteration.<br><br>Displays only the final output. |
| <code>.MaxIter</code>    | Double<br>default: $1000(M+5)^2$  | Maximum number of iterations.  |
| <code>.MaxFunEval</code> | Positive Integer<br>default: <code>Inf</code>   | Maximum number of function evaluations.  |
| <code>.nStallMax</code>  | Positive Integer<br>default: $10 + 30 \cdot M$  | Maximum number of stall generations.   |

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|                           |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| <code>.TolFun</code>      | Double<br>default: $10^{-12}$                      | Tolerance on the objective function: the algorithm stops if the <i>range</i> (i.e., the absolute difference between the maximum and minimum values) of the best objective function values over <code>.nStallMax</code> generations is less than or equal to <code>.TolFun</code> . |
| <code>.TolSigma</code>    | Double<br>default: $10^{-11} \cdot \sigma_x^{[0]}$ | Tolerance on the input $x$ : the algorithm stops if the current global step size sigma is lower than <code>.TolSigma</code> .  |
| <code>.isactiveCMA</code> | Logical<br>default: <code>true</code>              | Specify if the covariance matrix should be actively adapted (updated), when the current path leads repeatedly to unsuccessful sample points (i.e., sample points that do not improve the current best solution).   |
| <code>.feasiblex0</code>  | Logical<br>default: <code>true</code>              | If the starting point is not feasible, search for a feasible point by random sampling.   |
|                           | <code>true</code>                                  | Search for a feasible point before proceeding to the algorithm.  |
|                           | <code>false</code>                                 | Proceed to the algorithm without searching for a feasible point.   |
| Strategy                  | Structure<br>default: <a href="#">Table 3</a>      | Internal parameters of the C(1+1)-CMA-ES algorithm. They are already optimized. It is strongly advised not to modify them.   |

Table 3: `OPTIONS.Strategy`

|                       |                                  |   |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| <code>.dp</code>      | Double<br>default: $1 + M/2$     | $d_p$ in Eq. (7), see <a href="#">Arnold and Hansen (2012)</a> for details.               |
| <code>.c</code>       | Double<br>default: $2/(M + 2)$   | $c$ in Eqs. (3) and (8), see <a href="#">Arnold and Hansen (2012)</a> for details.        |
| <code>.cp</code>      | Double<br>default: $1/12$        | $c_p$ in Eq. (6), see <a href="#">Arnold and Hansen (2012)</a> for details.               |
| <code>.Ptarget</code> | Double<br>default: $2/11$        | $P_{\text{target}}$ in Eq. (7), see <a href="#">Arnold and Hansen (2012)</a> for details. |
| <code>.ccovp</code>   | Double<br>default: $2/(M^2 + 6)$ | $c_{\text{cov}}^+$ in Eq. (11), see <a href="#">Arnold and Hansen (2012)</a> for details. |
| <code>.cc</code>      | Double<br>default: $1/(M + 2)$   | $c_c$ in Eq. (3), see <a href="#">Arnold and Hansen (2012)</a> for details.               |

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|       |                                  |   |
|-------|----------------------------------|---|
| .beta | Double<br>default: $0.1/(M + 2)$ | $\beta$ in Eq. (4), see <a href="#">Arnold and Hansen (2012)</a> for details. |
|-------|----------------------------------|---|

**Note:** These seven parameters have been fine-tuned for the (1+1)-CMA-ES algorithm ([Arnold and Hansen, 2012](#); [Sutton et al., 2009](#)). It is not advised to modify their default values.

## 6 Output

Table 4:  $[XSTAR, FSTAR, EXITFLAG, OUTPUT] = \text{uq\_clp1cmaes}(\dots)$ 

|          |  |   |
|----------|--|---|
| XSTAR    | $1 \times M$ Double                    | Optimal solution.   |
| FSTAR    | Double                                 | Objective function value at the optimal solution.           |
| EXITFLAG | Integer                                | Flag indicating the termination condition of the algorithm. |
|          | 1                                      | Maximum number of generations reached.                      |
|          | 2                                      | Maximum number of stall generations reached.                |
|          | 3                                      | Maximum number of function evaluations reached.             |
|          | 4                                      | Range of FUN over generations is smaller than threshold.    |
|          | 5                                      | Global step size $\sigma$ smaller than threshold.           |
|          | <0                                     | No feasible solution was found.                             |
| OUTPUT   | Structure, see <a href="#">Table 5</a> | Diverse information about the optimization process.         |

Table 5:  $[\dots, OUTPUT] = \text{uq\_clp1cmaes}(\dots)$ 

|             |         |   |
|-------------|---------|---|
| .message    | String  | Exit message                                    |
| .iterations | Integer | Total number of iterations.                     |
| .funccount  | Integer | Total number of objective function evaluations. |

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|                          |  |  |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| <code>.constcount</code> | Integer                                | Total number of constraint functions evaluations.    |
| <code>.History</code>    | Structure, see <a href="#">Table 6</a> | History of the optimization process over iterations. |

Table 6: `OUTPUT.History`

|                      |                |   |
|----------------------|----------------|---|
| <code>.x</code>      | Matrix Double  | History of the sampled points at each iteration.                              |
| <code>.fval</code>   | Vector Double  | History of the corresponding objective function values at each iteration.     |
| <code>.gval</code>   | Matrix Double  | History of the corresponding constraint function values at each iteration.    |
| <code>.sigma</code>  | Matrix Double  | History of the global step size at each iteration.                            |
| <code>.status</code> | Vector Integer | History of the state of the sampled point at each iteration.                  |
|                      | -1             | Sampled point is not feasible.  |
|                      | 0              | Sampled point is feasible, but it does not improve the current best solution. |
|                      | 1              | Sampled point is feasible and it improves the current best solution.          |

## 7 Notes

- In the constrained (1+1)-CMA-ES algorithm, the covariance matrix  $C$  itself is never explicitly computed nor required.
- In `uq_clp1cmaes`, the initial values for the Cholesky decomposition  $A$  and its inverse  $A_{inv}$  are the identity matrix, which correspond to the unit-variance diagonal covariance matrix.
- The default values for `X0` and `SIGMA0` (see [Table 1](#)) are heuristics.

# uq\_eval\_Kernel – Compute kernel matrix

## 1 Objective

Compute the kernel matrix given two input matrices  $\mathbf{X}_1$  and  $\mathbf{X}_2$  for a specified kernel function.

## 2 Algorithm

Some of the most popular kernels families are available in UQLAB. They are either classified as stationary or non-stationary kernels.

### 2.1 Kernel matrix

Let  $\mathbf{X}_1$  and  $\mathbf{X}_2$  be matrices in  $\mathbb{R}^{N_1 \times M}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{N_2 \times M}$ , respectively, whose row-wise elements are row vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1^{(i)}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2^{(i)}$  in  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^M$ . Let  $k$  be a kernel function, such that  $k : \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} \times \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ . Then the kernel matrix  $\mathbf{K}$  is a  $N_1 \times N_2$  matrix defined by

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} k(\mathbf{x}_1^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}_2^{(1)}) & k(\mathbf{x}_1^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}_2^{(2)}) & \dots & k(\mathbf{x}_1^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}_2^{(N_2)}) \\ k(\mathbf{x}_1^{(2)}, \mathbf{x}_2^{(1)}) & k(\mathbf{x}_1^{(2)}, \mathbf{x}_2^{(2)}) & \dots & k(\mathbf{x}_1^{(2)}, \mathbf{x}_2^{(N_2)}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ k(\mathbf{x}_1^{(N_1)}, \mathbf{x}_2^{(1)}) & k(\mathbf{x}_1^{(N_1)}, \mathbf{x}_2^{(2)}) & \dots & k(\mathbf{x}_1^{(N_1)}, \mathbf{x}_2^{(N_2)}) \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

The kernel function  $k$  is any symmetric positive function that satisfies the *Mercer's condition* (Cherkassky and Mulier, 2007). If  $\mathbf{X}_1 = \mathbf{X}_2$ , the resulting kernel matrix is the Gram matrix, a positive-semidefinite matrix (Shawe-Taylor and Cristianini, 2004). In the context of Gaussian process modeling, the kernel function and the resulting matrix correspond to the correlation kernel function and matrix, respectively.



## 2.2 Available kernel function families

More comprehensive examples of a valid kernel function can be found in [Vapnik \(1995\)](#) or [Rasmussen and Williams \(2006\)](#). The most popular ones are available in UQLAB and they are listed below:

- **Stationary kernels:** Stationary kernel functions depend only on the relative position of its two inputs. All the one-dimensional families defined below are parametrized by a kernel parameter  $\theta$ , often referred to as the *characteristic length scale* parameter. The kernel functions below are defined for a pair of one-dimensional input  $x, x' \in \mathbb{R}$ . Their extension to multiple dimensions is given in Sections 2.3.1 and 2.3.2.

- Linear:

$$k_{\text{lin-s}}(x, x'; \theta) = \max\left(0, 1 - \frac{|x - x'|}{\theta}\right). \quad (2)$$

- Exponential:

$$k_{\text{exp}}(x, x'; \theta) = \exp\left(-\frac{|x - x'|}{\theta}\right). \quad (3)$$

- Gaussian (or squared exponential):

$$k_{\text{Gaussian}}(x, x'; \theta) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{|x - x'|}{\theta}\right)^2\right). \quad (4)$$

- Matérn 3/2:

$$k_{3/2}(x, x'; \theta) = \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}|x - x'|}{\theta}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}|x - x'|}{\theta}\right). \quad (5)$$

- Matérn 5/2:

$$k_{5/2}(x, x'; \theta) = \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{5}|x - x'|}{\theta} + \frac{5}{3} \frac{|x - x'|^2}{\theta^2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{5}|x - x'|}{\theta}\right). \quad (6)$$

- Custom user-defined stationary kernels: users can supply their own one-dimensional stationary kernel using a function handle (see [Section 2.3.3](#)).

- **Non-stationary kernels:** Non-stationary kernel functions depend on the absolute values of the inputs, rather on their difference. In contrast with the stationary kernels listed above, the following kernels are already defined in multi-dimension. That is, they are defined for a pair of  $M$ -dimensional inputs  $x, x' \in \mathbb{R}^M$ . Moreover, with the exception of the non-stationary linear kernel function, non-stationary kernels are parametrized by a vector of kernel parameters  $\theta$ .

- Non-stationary linear:

$$k_{\text{lin}}(x, x') = x^T x'. \quad (7)$$

- Polynomial:

$$k_{\text{poly}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}' + d)^p, \quad (8)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{d, p\}$ , with  $d \geq 0$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

- Sigmoid:

$$k_{\text{sigmoid}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \tanh\left(\frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}'}{a} + b\right), \quad (9)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{a, b\}$ , with  $a > 0$  and  $b \leq 0$ .

## 2.3 Properties of stationary kernels

For stationary kernels which can be cast as a function of  $|x_1 - x_2|$  (so-called *radial basis form*, see [Section 2.2](#)), the following additional properties can be set by the user.

### 2.3.1 Kernel function types

When the input dimension  $M$  is greater than one, multi-dimensional stationary kernels can be constructed from one-dimensional stationary kernel families using the following constructions:

- *Ellipsoidal* kernel functions ([Rasmussen and Williams, 2006](#)), calculated as follows:

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = k(h), \quad h = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^M \left(\frac{x_i - x'_i}{\theta_i}\right)^2}. \quad (10)$$

- *Separable* kernel functions ([Sacks et al., 1989](#)), calculated as follows:

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^M k(x_i, x'_i, \theta_i). \quad (11)$$

The function  $k(\cdot)$  that appears on the right hand side of Eqs. (10) and (11) corresponds to the available one-dimensional kernel function families described in [Section 2.2](#). The types of multi-dimensional construction above correspond to the *anisotropic* case, in which there is a unique kernel parameter for each input dimension.

### 2.3.2 Isotropic kernels

A kernel function is called *isotropic* when a single kernel parameter is associated with all the input dimensions. The isotropic version of the kernel function types introduced in the previous section are given by:

- Isotropic ellipsoidal kernel functions:

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \theta) = k \left( \frac{1}{\theta} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^M (x_i - x'_i)^2} \right), \theta \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (12)$$

- Isotropic separable kernel functions:

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^M (k(x_i, x'_i; \theta)), \theta \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (13)$$

### 2.3.3 Custom user-defined kernels

A custom user-defined kernel function should return a valid stationary kernel and accept three input arguments as illustrated in the function declaration below:

```
myK = my_eval_K(X1, X2, THETA)
```

The inputs `x1` and `x2` are matrices with arbitrary number of rows and  $M$  number of columns ( $M$  is also the input dimension). The input `THETA` corresponds to the length-scale parameter  $\theta$ . A function handle referring to this function is then passed as an option to `uq_eval_Kernel`.

**Note:** Custom user-defined kernels are only supported for stationary kernels.

## 2.4 Nugget

Regardless on how a kernel matrix  $\mathbf{K}$  is calculated, it is often inverted in practical applications. This procedure is well known to suffer from numerical instabilities, especially when the distances between the input points  $\mathbf{x}_i$  are small. To circumvent this limitation, one can introduce a *nugget*  $\nu$ , which is a set of values that are added to the main diagonal of  $\mathbf{K}$ :

$$k_{ii} = 1 + \nu_i. \quad (14)$$

## 3 Syntax

```
K = uq_eval_Kernel(X1, X2, THETA, OPTIONS)
```

`K = uq_eval_Kernel(X1, X2, THETA, OPTIONS)` computes the kernel matrix `K` for two inputs `X1` and `X2` given the kernel parameters `THETA` and additional options specified in the structure `OPTIONS` (see [Table 2](#)).

## 4 Examples

### 4.1 Create a Gaussian correlation matrix

Compute the correlation matrix for the vector  $x = (0 \ 0.25 \ 0.50 \ 0.75 \ 1)^T$ , with a Gaussian kernel with a correlation length of 0.25.

The following code creates the correlation matrix:

```
X = linspace(0,1,5)';
theta = 0.25;
Options.Family = 'Gaussian';
Options.Type = 'Separable';
Options.Isotropic = true;
Options.Nugget = 0;

R = uq_eval_Kernel(X, X, theta, OPTIONS)
```

The resulting matrix  $\kappa$  is symmetric and has size  $5 \times 5$ :

```
R =

1.0000    0.6065    0.1353    0.0111    0.0003
0.6065    1.0000    0.6065    0.1353    0.0111
0.1353    0.6065    1.0000    0.6065    0.1353
0.0111    0.1353    0.6065    1.0000    0.6065
0.0003    0.0111    0.1353    0.6065    1.0000
```

Figure 1 compares three different correlation matrices computed by `uq_eval_Kernel` for three different correlation lengths.

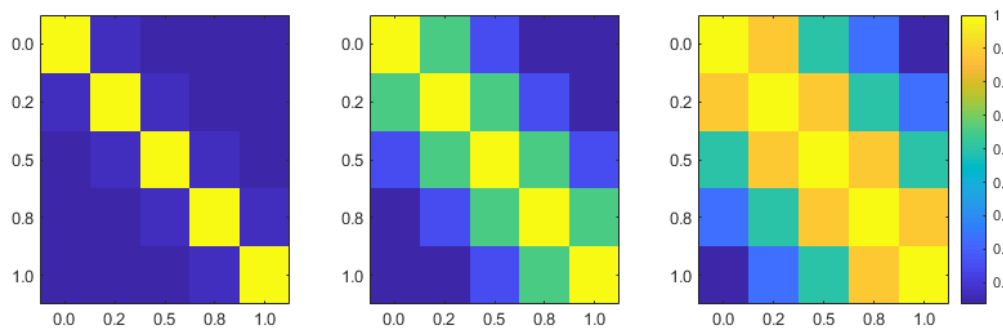


Figure 1: Plots of correlation matrices with three different correlation lengths  $\theta$ : 0.1 (left), 0.25 (center), and 0.5 (right).

## 5 Input

| Table 1: <code>uq_eval_Kernel</code> (X1, X2, THETA, OPTIONS) |         |                            |   |
|---|---------|----------------------------|---|
| ●   | X1      | $N_1 \times M$ Double      | First input vector.   |
| ●   | X2      | $N_2 \times M$ Double      | Second input vector.  |
| ●   | THETA   | Scalar or vector of Double | Kernel function parameters, see <a href="#">Section 2.2</a> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For stationary and radial basis type kernels: THETA should be either a scalar or a vector of size <math>1 \times M</math>.</li> <li>• When THETA is scalar and the Kernel is anisotropic the same value is replicated in all dimensions.</li> <li>• For polynomial and sigmoid kernels, <math>\theta</math> should be a vector of size <math>1 \times 2</math>.</li> </ul> |
| ●   | OPTIONS | <a href="#">Table 2</a>    | Options of the kernel function.   |

| Table 2: <code>uq_eval_Kernel(..., OPTIONS)</code> |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <code>.Family</code>                               | String or Function handle   | The kernel family, see <a href="#">Section 2.2</a> .   |
|  | <p><code>'Linear'</code></p> <p><code>'Exponential'</code></p> <p><code>'Gaussian'</code></p> <p><code>'Matern-3_2'</code></p> <p><code>'Matern-5_2'</code></p> <p><code>'Linear-NS'</code></p> <p><code>'Polynomial'</code></p> <p><code>'Sigmoid'</code></p> <p>Function handle</p> | <p>Linear kernel function, see Eq. (2).</p> <p>Exponential kernel function, see Eq. (3).</p> <p>Gaussian kernel function, see Eq. (4).</p> <p>Matérn-3/2 kernel function, see Eq. (5).</p> <p>Matérn-5/2 kernel function, see Eq. (6).</p> <p>Non-stationary linear kernel function, see Eq. (7).</p> <p>Polynomial kernel function, see Eq. (8).</p> <p>Sigmoid kernel function, see Eq. (9).</p> <p>Custom user-defined stationary kernel function, see Eq. (8).</p> |
| <code>.Type</code>                                 | String  | Kernel function type. Only applies to the stationary kernels, see <a href="#">Section 2.3.3</a> .  |
|  | <p><code>'Ellipsoidal'</code></p> <p><code>'Separable'</code></p>   | <p>Ellipsoidal kernel function.</p> <p>Separable kernel function.</p>  |
| <code>.Isotropic</code>                            | Logical   | Determines whether the kernel function is isotropic or anisotropic. Only applies to the stationary kernel functions, see <a href="#">Sections 2.2</a> and <a href="#">2.3.2</a> .  |
| <code>.Nugget</code>                               | Scalar or $1 \times M$ Double   | <p>Nugget value. Only applicable when <math>x_1 = x_2</math> (i.e., a Gram matrix).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If scalar, adds this quantity to the diagonal elements of the kernel matrix <math>K</math>.</li> <li>• If vector, adds each element to the corresponding diagonal element of <math>K</math>.</li> </ul>   |

## 6 Output

| Table 3: $K = \text{uq\_eval\_Kernel}(...)$ |                         |   |
|---|-------------------------|---|
| $K$   | $N_1 \times N_2$ Double | Kernel matrix. A Gram matrix is obtained when $x_1 = x_2$ . |

# uq\_subsample\_random – Random subsampling

## 1 Objective

Given a sample set  $\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(N)}\}$  of size  $N$ , create a reduced set  $\mathcal{X}_s \subseteq \mathcal{X}$  by randomly selecting  $N_s \leq N$  sample points from  $\mathcal{X}$ .

## 2 Algorithm

Random subsampling consists in creating a subset  $\mathcal{X}_s \subset \mathcal{X}$  by randomly selecting sample points from  $\mathcal{X}$ . That is, the subsampled experimental design  $\mathcal{X}_s$  contains a reduced number of sample points  $\mathcal{X}_s = \{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(N_s)}\}$ ,  $N_s \leq N$ . This function may be used to create training and validation sets for cross-validation in the context of machine learning algorithms.

## 3 Syntax

```
XS = uq_subsample_random(X, NS)
[XS, IDX] = uq_subsample_random(...)
```

`XS = uq_subsample_random(X, NS)` returns a subset `XS` (`NS`-by-`M`) of `X` (`N`-by-`M`), based on random selection. `NS` has to be less than or equal to `N`.

`[XS, IDX] = uq_subsample_random(...)` additionally returns the indices of the selected sample points, such that `XS = X(IDX, :)`.

## 4 Input

| Table 1: <code>uq_subsample_random(X, NS)</code> |                |                     |             |
|--|----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| ●  | <code>X</code> | $N \times M$ Double | Sample set. |
| Continued on next page                           |                |                     |             |

**Table 1**–continued from previous page

|   |    |                          |                        |
|---|----|--------------------------|------------------------|
| ● | NS | Integer ( $N_s \leq N$ ) | Size of the subsample. |
|---|----|--------------------------|------------------------|



## 5 Output

| Table 2: $[XS, \text{IDX}] = \text{uq\_subsample\_random}(\dots)$ |                        |  |
|---|------------------------|--|
| XS  | $N_s \times M$ Double  | Subsample.   |
| IDX   | $N_s \times M$ Integer | Indices of the randomly selected subsample points. |

## 6 Example

This example creates a subsample the reduced Fisher’s Iris data set, a  $100 \times 2$  data set. The data set contains 100 observations and two variables, namely the petal width and length. The reduced Fisher’s Iris data set is provided as part of the UQLAB distribution. The data set can be loaded in variable `x` as follows:

```
load fisher_iris_reduced.mat
```

Out of the 100 sample points available in `x`, 10 are selected by random subsampling:

```
rng(100, 'twister') % for reproducible results
Xs = uq_subsample_random(X, 10);
```

Visualize the results by plotting the two different sets (see [Figure 1](#)):

```
uq_figure()
plot(X(:,1), X(:,2), '.')
hold on
plot(Xs(:,1), Xs(:,2), 'ro')
```

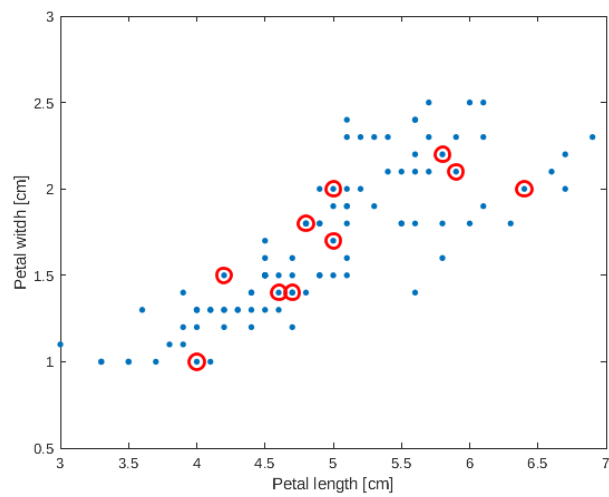


Figure 1: Random selection of 10 points from the reduced Fisher' Iris data set by `uq_subsample_random`.

# uq\_subsample\_kmeans – k-means clustering-based subsampling

## 1 Objective

Given a sample set  $\mathcal{X} = \{x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(N)}\}$  of size  $N$ , create a reduced set  $\mathcal{X}_s \subseteq \mathcal{X}$  by creating  $N_s \leq N$  clusters and, for each cluster, selecting the nearest point to the cluster centroid.

## 2 Algorithm

The  $k$ -means subsampling algorithm works as follows:

1. Identify  $N_s$  clusters centroids in  $\mathcal{X}$  using the  $k$ -means clustering algorithm with  $k = N_s$  (Lloyd, 1982).
2. For each cluster centroid, the nearest sample point determined by the  $k$ -nearest-neighbor-search algorithm with  $k = 1$  is included in  $\mathcal{X}_s$  (Friedman et al., 1977).

## 3 Syntax

```
XS = uq_subsample_kmeans(X, NS)
XS = uq_subsample_kmeans(X, NS, NAME, VALUE)
[XS, IDX] = uq_subsample_kmeans(...)
```

`XS = uq_subsample_kmeans(X, NS)` returns a subset `XS` (NS-by-M) of `X` (N-by-M).

`XS = uq_subsample_kmeans(X, NS, NAME, VALUE)` allows for fine-tuning various parameters of the subsampling algorithm by specifying `NAME` and `VALUE` pairs of options. The available options are summarized in [Table 2](#).

`[XS, IDX] = uq_subsample_kmeans(...)` additionally returns the indices of the selected sample points, such that `XS = X(IDX, :)`.

## 4 Input

| Table 1: <code>uq_subsample_kmeans</code> ( $X$ , $NS$ , $NAME$ , $VALUE$ ) |                  |  |                        |
|---|------------------|--|------------------------|
| ●   | $X$              | $N \times M$ Double                          | Sample set.            |
| ●   | $NS$             | Integer ( $N_s \leq N$ )                     | Size of the subsample. |
| □   | $NAME$ , $VALUE$ | name-value pair, see <a href="#">Table 2</a> | Additional options.    |

| Table 2: <code>uq_subsample_kmeans</code> (... , $NAME$ , $VALUE$ ) |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <code>'Distance_kmeans'</code>                                      | String<br>default:<br><code>'sqeuclidean'</code> | Distance measure used in the k-means clustering. List of the available options can be found in the documentation of the built-in MATLAB function <code>kmeans</code> (see the option <code>'Distance'</code> ).  |
| <code>'Distance_nn'</code>  | String<br>default: <code>'euclidean'</code>      | Distance measure used in the nearest-neighbor search for determining the sample points closest to the k-means centroids. List of available options can be found in the documentation of the built-in MATLAB function <code>knnsearch</code> (see option <code>'Distance'</code> ). |

## 5 Output

| Table 3: $[XS, IDX] = \text{uq\_subsample\_kmeans}(\dots)$ |                        |  |
|--|------------------------|--|
| $XS$   | $N_s \times M$ Double  | Subsample.   |
| $IDX$  | $N_s \times M$ Integer | Indices of the randomly selected subsample points. |

## 6 Examples

This example subsamples the reduced Fisher's Iris data set, a  $100 \times 2$  data set. The data set contains 100 observations and two variables, namely the petal width and length. The reduced Fisher's Iris data set is provided as part of the UQLAB distribution. The data set can be loaded in variable  $x$  as follows:

```
load fisher_iris_reduced.mat
```

Out of the 100 sample points available in `x`, 10 are selected by  $k$ -means clustering using the default options:

```
rng(100, 'twister') % for reproducible results
Xs = uq_subsample_random_kmeans(X, 10);
```

Visualize the results by plotting the two different sets (see Figure 1):

```
uq_figure()
plot(X(:,1), X(:,2), '.')
hold on
plot(Xs(:,1), Xs(:,2), 'ro')
```

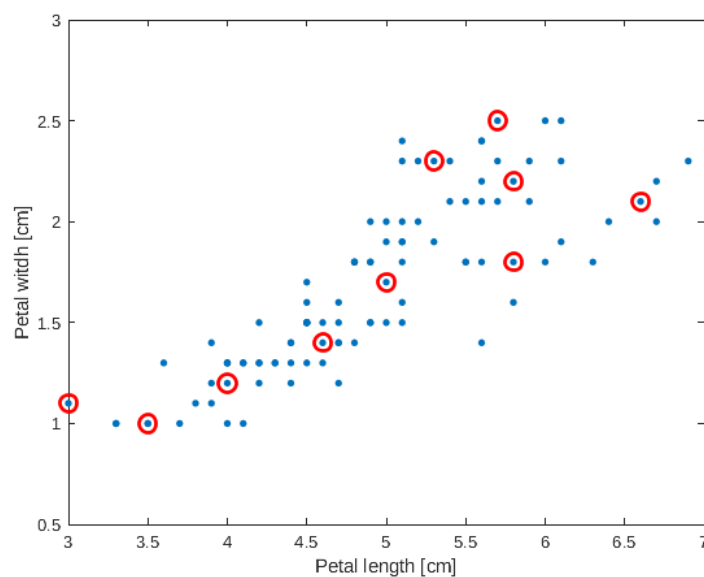


Figure 1: Selection of 10 points from the reduced Fisher's Iris data set by `uq_subsample_kmeans`.

## 7 Notes

- Strictly speaking, this method is more appropriately referred to as the *k-medoid sampling*.
- This function utilizes MATLAB functions `kmeans` and `knnsearch` for the  $k$ -means clustering and the nearest-neighbor search, respectively. Both functions are part of the Statistics and Machine Learning Toolbox.

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