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Influence of the learning rate on the performance of PBIL

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Abstract

PBIL is applied many times to the same collection of fitness functions (bit vector size $n = 100$), each time with a different learning rate taken from a finite set of values. All learning rates are ranked according to their median fitness over 20 independent runs, first for each fitness function, then across the entire collection of fitness functions. The mean and standard deviation of fitness are also plotted as a function of the learning rate.

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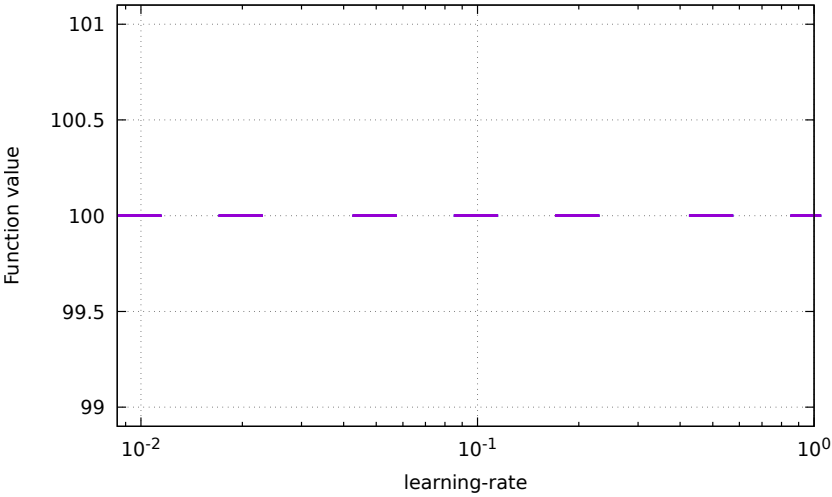
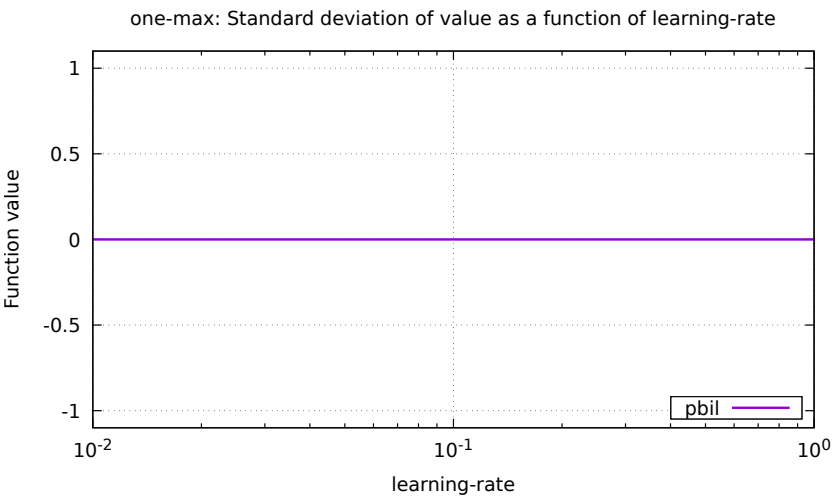
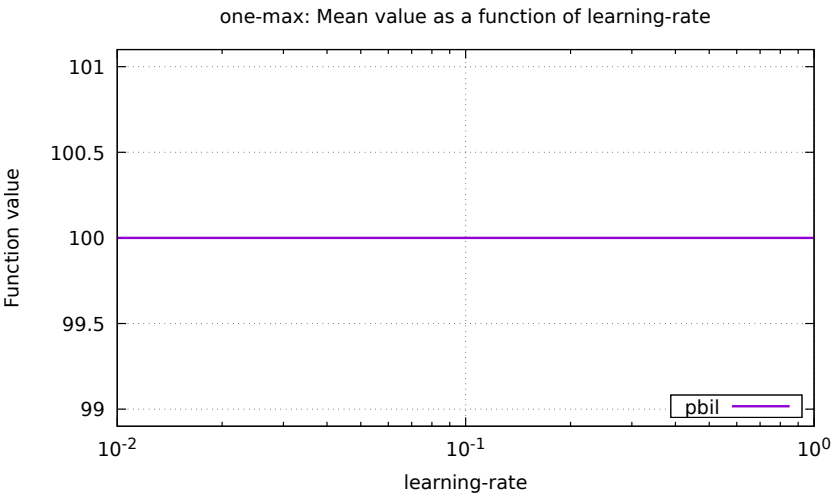
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1 Rankings

algorithm	learning-rate	rank distribution							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
pbil	1	6	1	0	0	1	1	0	
pbil	0.01	5	2	0	1	1	0	0	
pbil	0.02	3	1	3	1	0	0	1	
pbil	0.05	3	0	2	1	0	1	2	
pbil	0.5	2	2	1	0	3	0	1	
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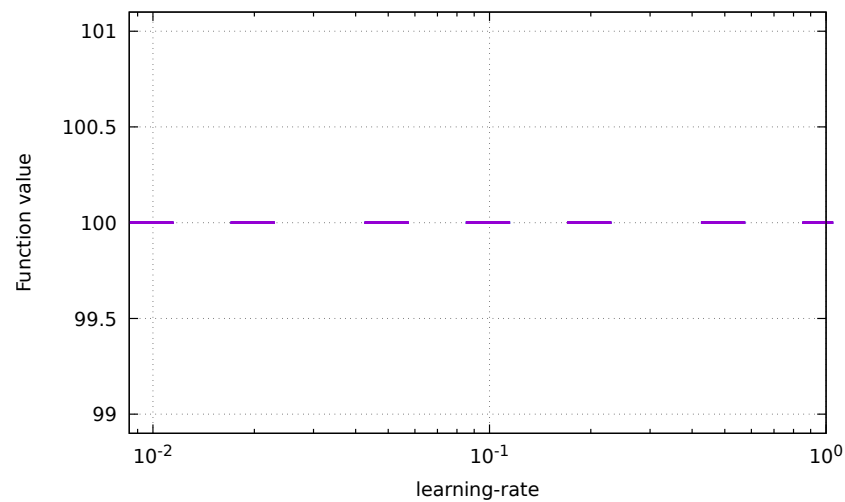
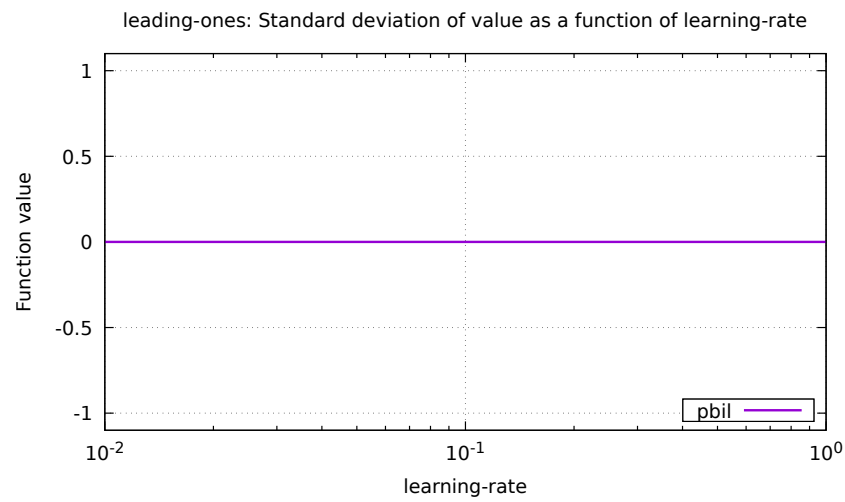
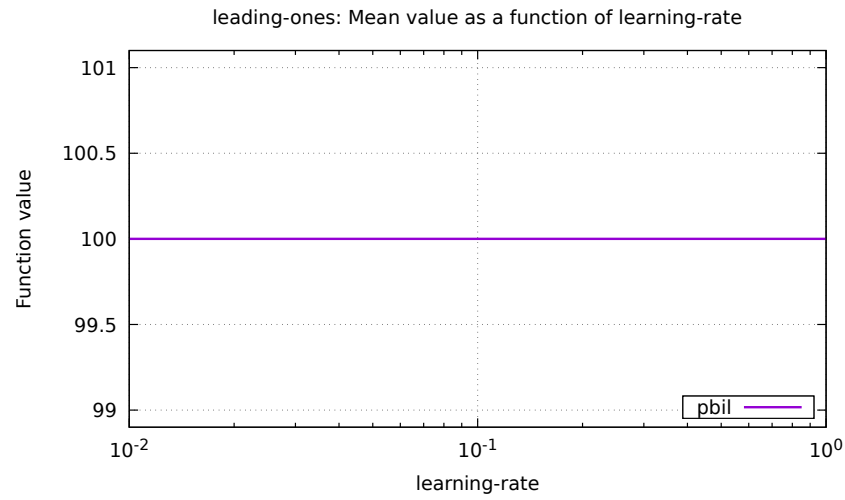
2 Function one-max

algorithm	learning-rate	function value					
		min	Q_1	med.	Q_3	max	rk
pbil	0.01	100	100	100	100	100	1
pbil	0.02	100	100	100	100	100	1
pbil	0.05	100	100	100	100	100	1
pbil	0.1	100	100	100	100	100	1
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pbil	1	100	100	100	100	100	1



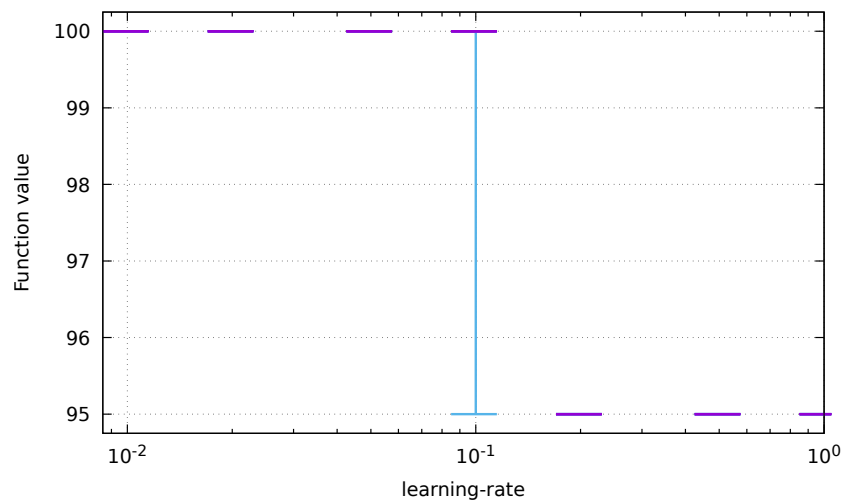
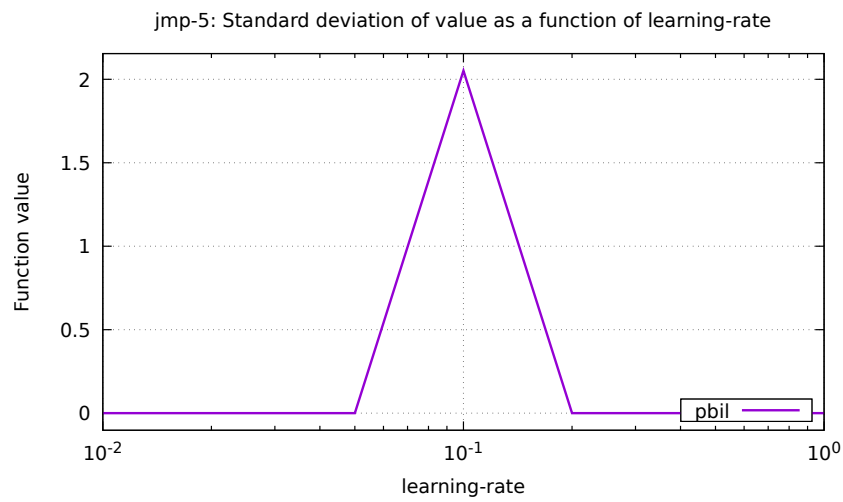
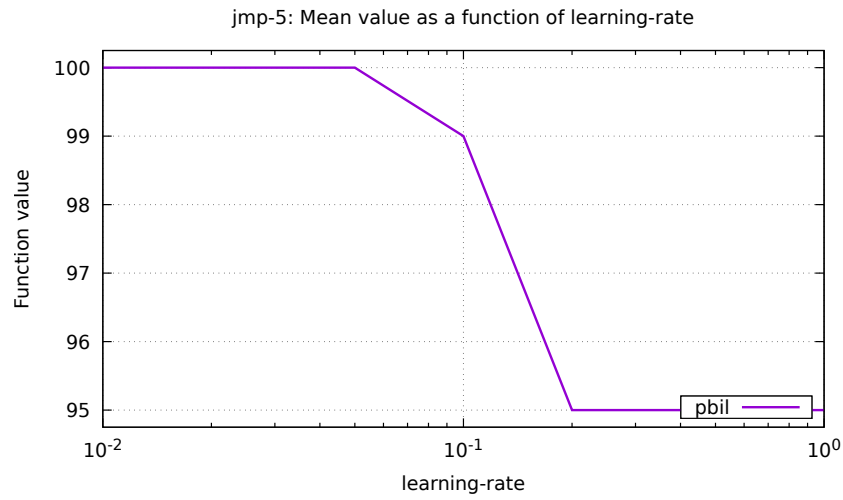
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pbil	0.05	100	100	100	100	100	1
pbil	0.1	100	100	100	100	100	1
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pbil	1	100	100	100	100	100	1



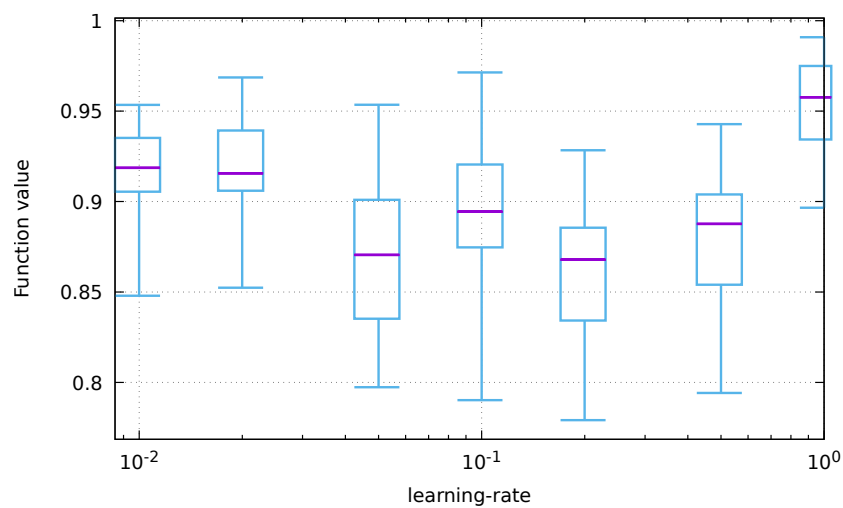
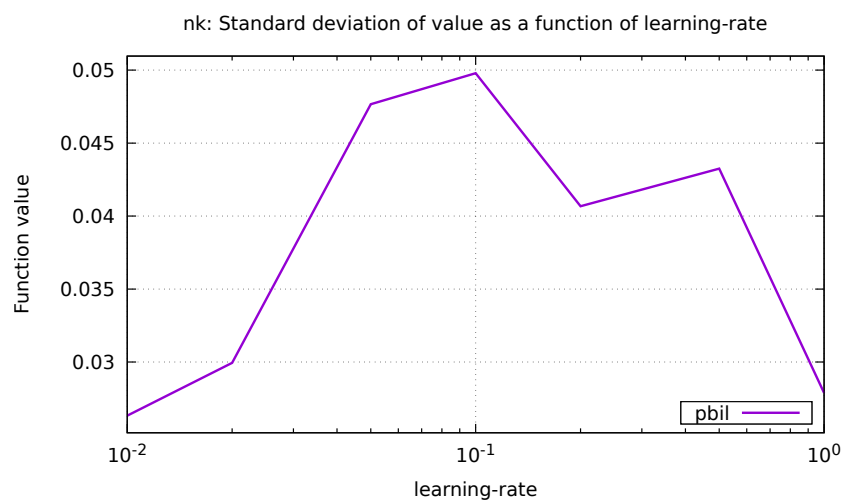
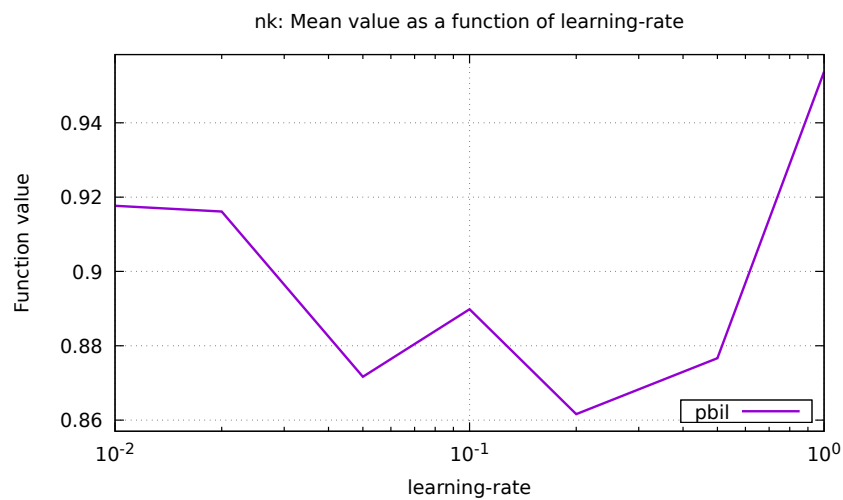
4 Function jmp-5

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pbil	0.05	100	100	100	100	100	1
pbil	0.1	95	100	100	100	100	4
pbil	0.2	95	95	95	95	95	5
pbil	0.5	95	95	95	95	95	5
pbil	1	95	95	95	95	95	5



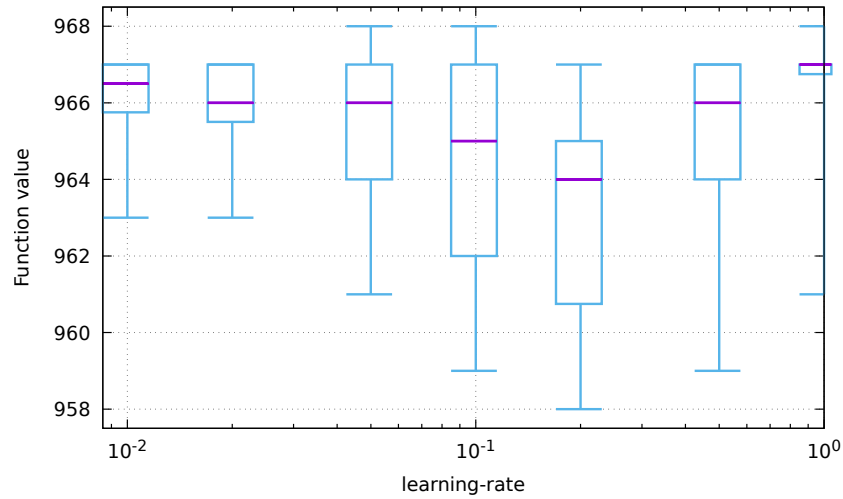
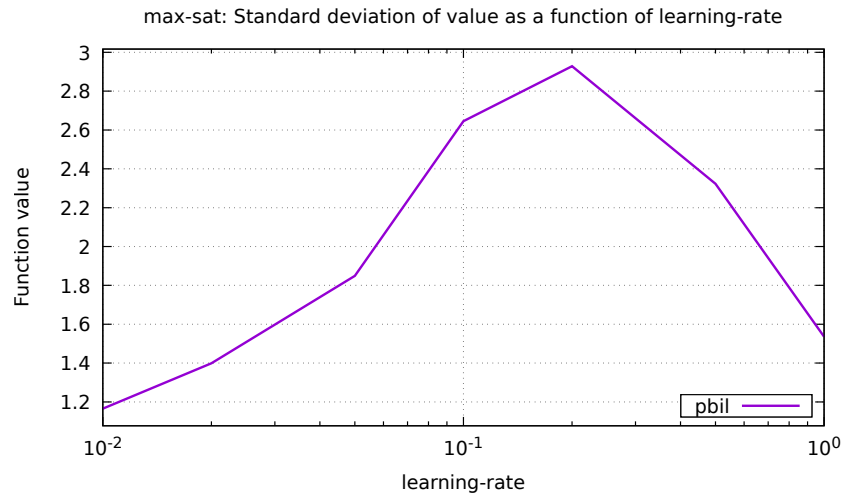
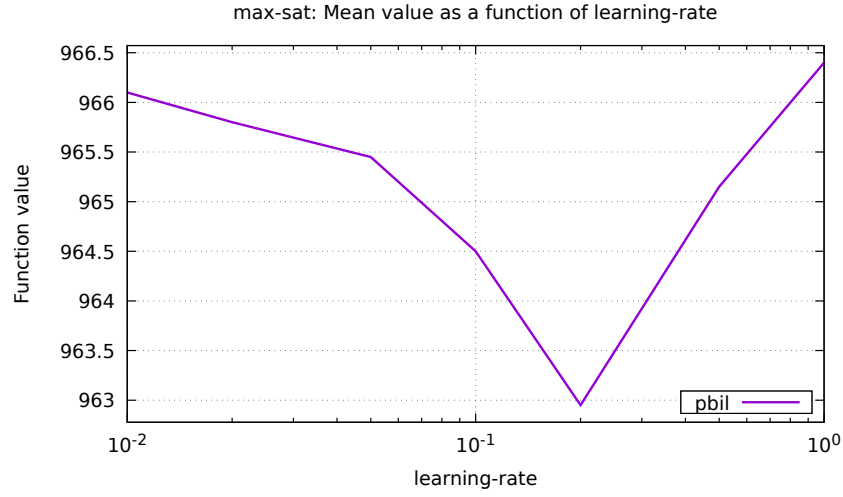
5 Function nk

algorithm	learning-rate	function value					
		min	Q_1	med.	Q_3	max	rk
pbil	0.01	0.85	0.91	0.92	0.94	0.95	2
pbil	0.02	0.85	0.91	0.92	0.94	0.97	3
pbil	0.05	0.80	0.84	0.87	0.90	0.95	6
pbil	0.1	0.79	0.87	0.89	0.92	0.97	4
pbil	0.2	0.78	0.83	0.87	0.89	0.93	7
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pbil	1	0.90	0.93	0.96	0.97	0.99	1



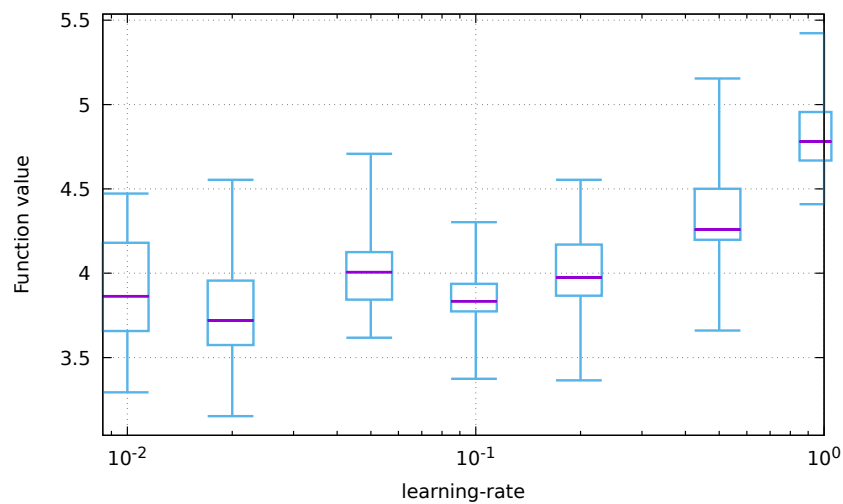
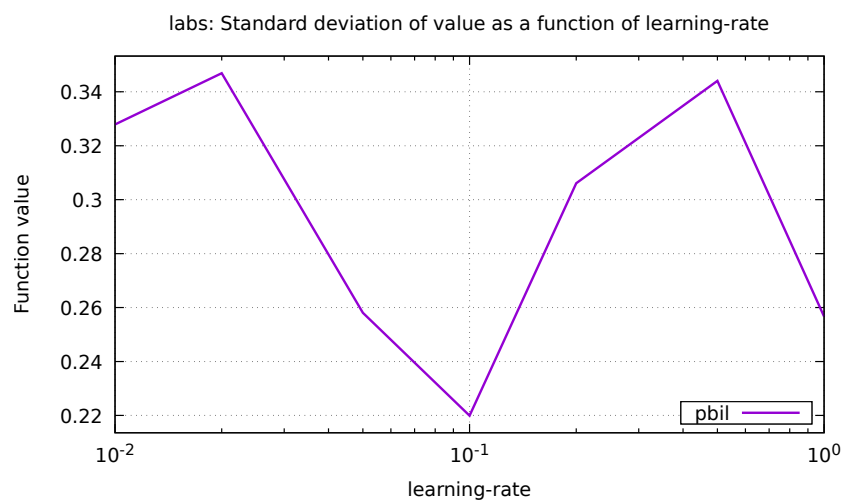
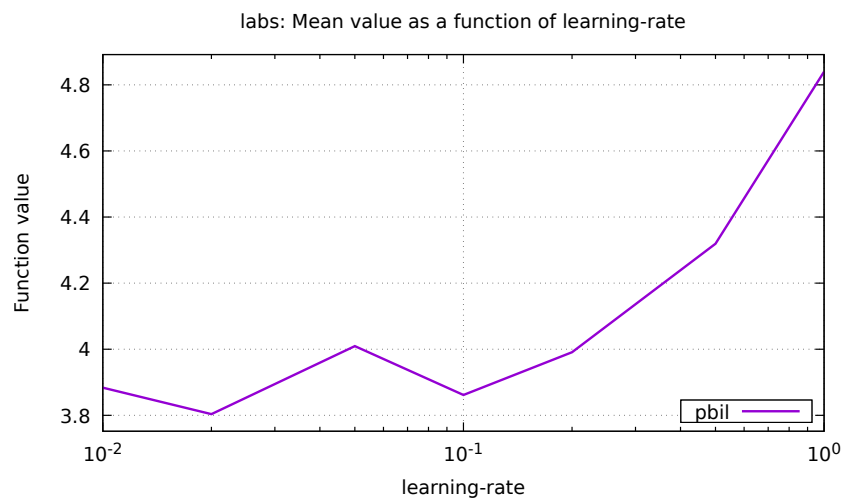
6 Function max-sat

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pbil	0.02	963	966	966	967	967	3
pbil	0.05	961	964	966	967	968	4
pbil	0.1	959	962	965	967	968	6
pbil	0.2	958	961	964	965	967	7
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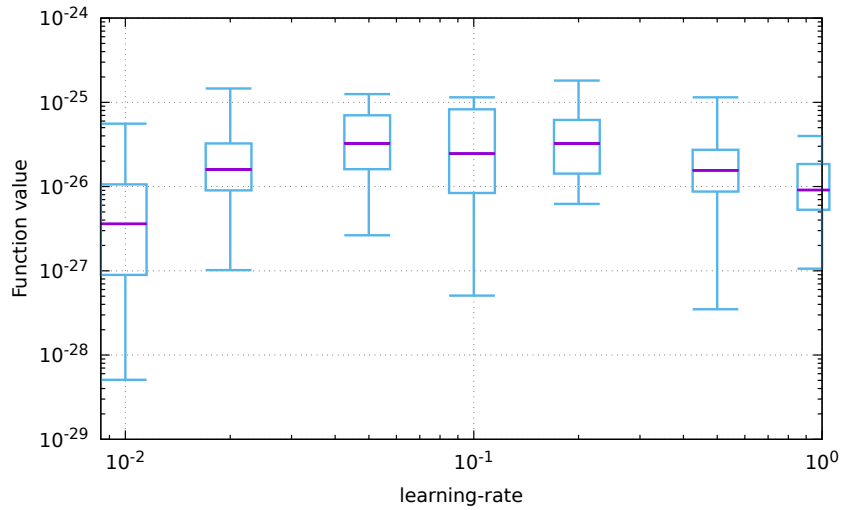
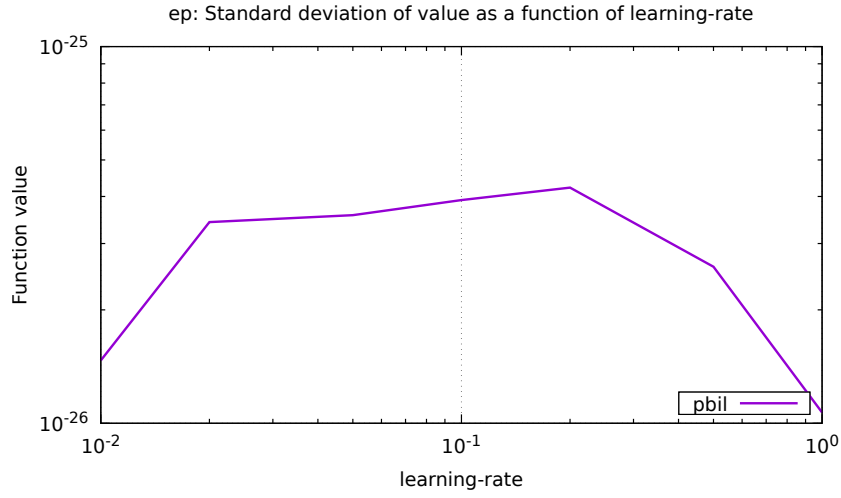
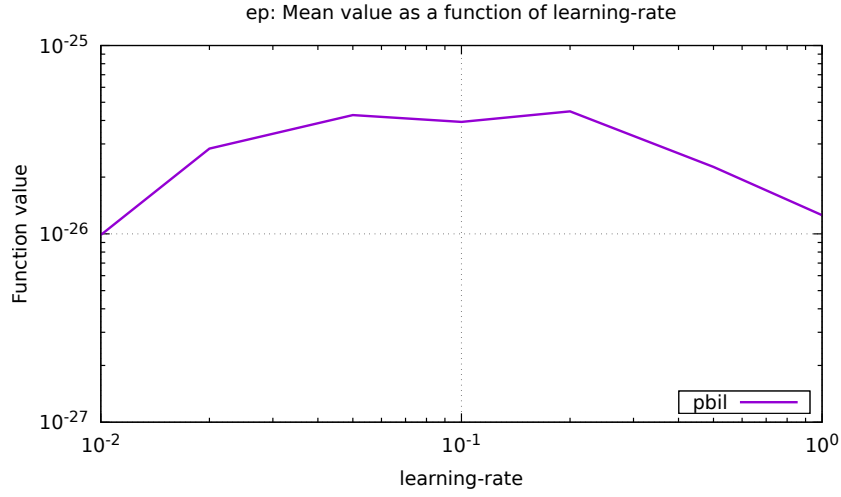
7 Function labs

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		min	Q_1	med.	Q_3	max	rk
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pbil	0.02	3.15	3.57	3.72	3.96	4.55	7
pbil	0.05	3.62	3.84	4.01	4.13	4.71	3
pbil	0.1	3.37	3.77	3.83	3.94	4.30	6
pbil	0.2	3.36	3.87	3.97	4.17	4.55	4
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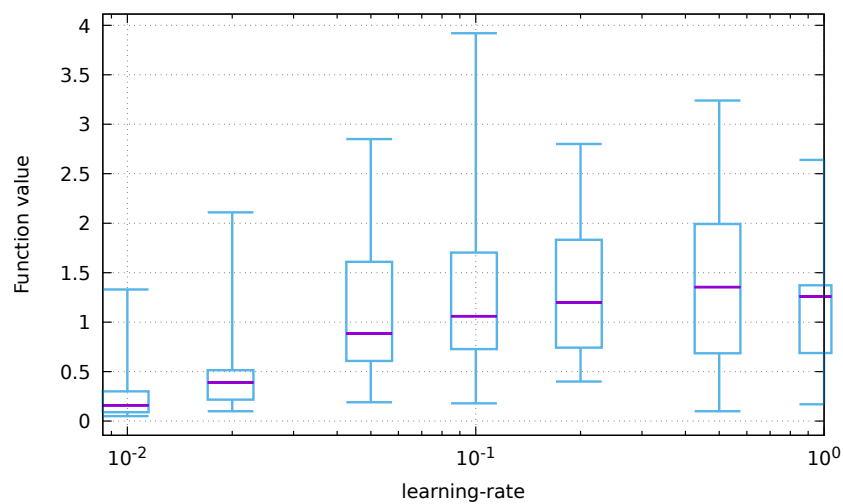
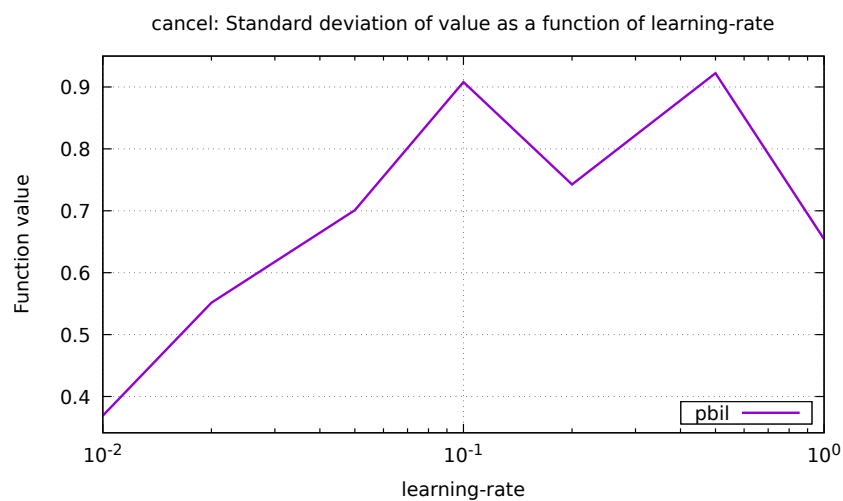
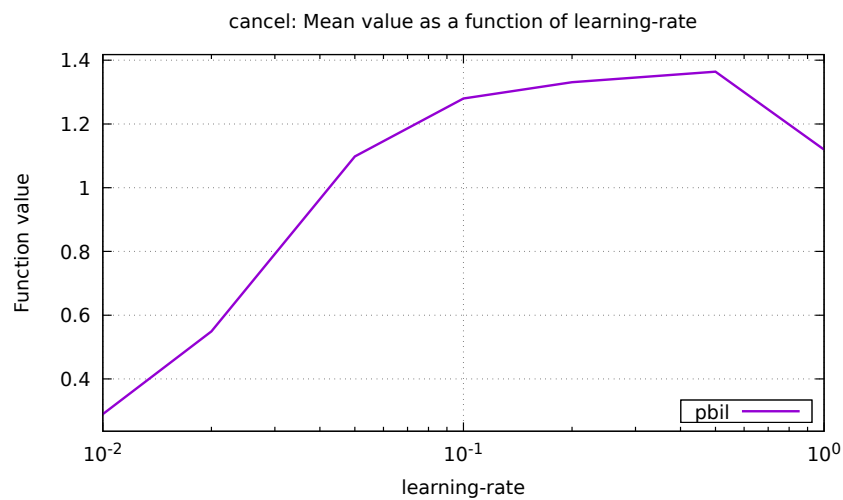
8 Function ep

algorithm	learning-rate	function value					
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pbil	0.01	5.1×10^{-29}	8.9×10^{-28}	3.6×10^{-27}	1.1×10^{-26}	5.6×10^{-26}	1
pbil	0.02	1.0×10^{-27}	9.0×10^{-27}	1.6×10^{-26}	3.3×10^{-26}	1.5×10^{-25}	4
pbil	0.05	2.6×10^{-27}	1.6×10^{-26}	3.3×10^{-26}	7.0×10^{-26}	1.3×10^{-25}	7
pbil	0.1	5.1×10^{-28}	8.4×10^{-27}	2.5×10^{-26}	8.2×10^{-26}	1.1×10^{-25}	5
pbil	0.2	6.2×10^{-27}	1.4×10^{-26}	3.2×10^{-26}	6.2×10^{-26}	1.8×10^{-25}	6
pbil	0.5	3.5×10^{-28}	8.7×10^{-27}	1.6×10^{-26}	2.7×10^{-26}	1.1×10^{-25}	3
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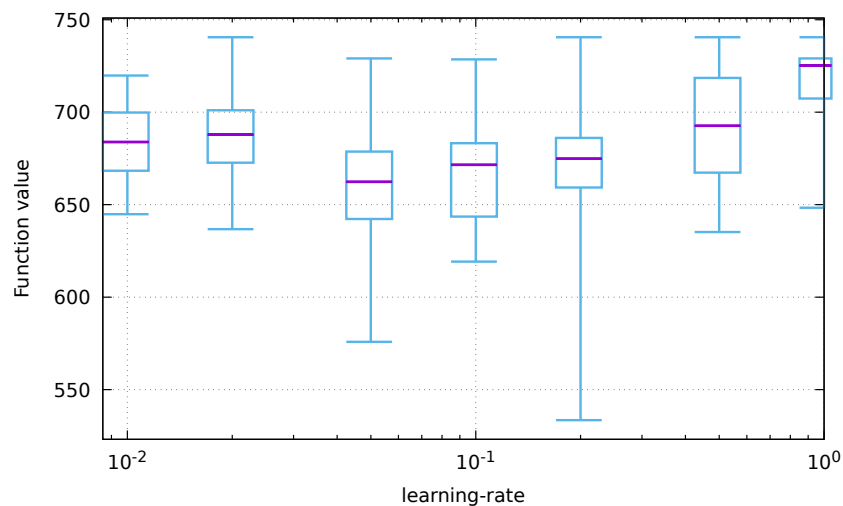
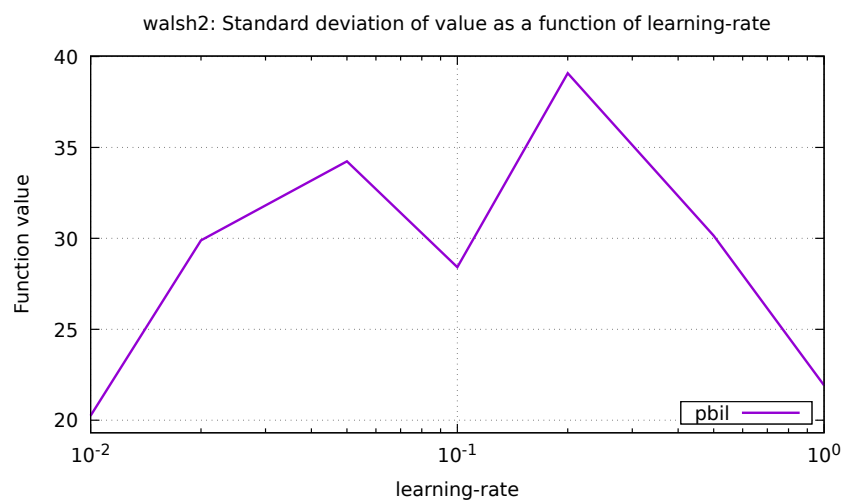
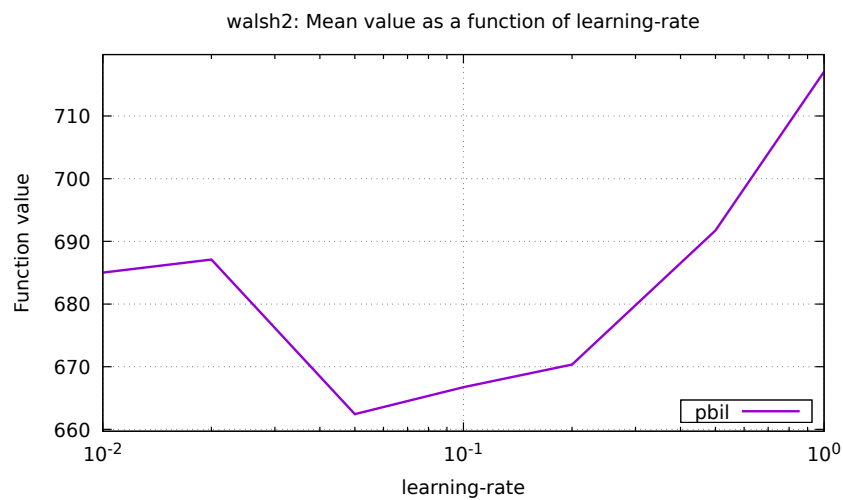
9 Function cancel

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pbil	0.02	0.10	0.22	0.39	0.52	2.11	2
pbil	0.05	0.19	0.61	0.89	1.61	2.85	3
pbil	0.1	0.18	0.73	1.06	1.70	3.92	4
pbil	0.2	0.40	0.74	1.20	1.83	2.80	5
pbil	0.5	0.10	0.69	1.36	1.99	3.24	7
pbil	1	0.17	0.69	1.26	1.37	2.64	6



10 Function walsh2

algorithm	learning-rate	function value					
		min	Q_1	med.	Q_3	max	rk
pbil	0.01	644.87	668.34	683.89	699.81	719.83	4
pbil	0.02	636.77	672.72	687.83	701.07	740.55	3
pbil	0.05	575.83	642.24	662.31	678.72	729.08	7
pbil	0.1	619.24	643.55	671.50	683.21	728.55	6
pbil	0.2	533.49	659.30	674.83	686.12	740.55	5
pbil	0.5	635.20	667.29	692.62	718.50	740.55	2
pbil	1	648.35	707.37	725.27	729.08	740.55	1



A Plan

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B Default parameters

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# algorithm = 100
# bm_mc_reset_strategy = 1
# bm_num_gs_cycles = 1
# bm_num_gs_steps = 100
# bm_sampling = 1
# budget = 10000
# bv_size = 100
# description_path = description.txt
# ea_lambda = 100
# ea_mu = 10
# expression = x
# fn_name = noname
# fn_num_traps = 10
# fn_prefix_length = 2
# fn_threshold = 10
# function = 0
# ga_crossover_bias = 0.5
# ga_crossover_probability = 0.5
# ga_tournament_size = 10
# hea_bit_herding = 0
# hea_num_seq_updates = 100
# hea_reset_period = 0
# hea_sampling_method = 0
# hea_weight = 1
# learning_rate = 0.001
# map = 0
# map_input_size = 100
# map_path = map.txt
# map_ts_length = 10

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# map_ts_sampling_mode = 0
# mutation_probability = 1
# neighborhood = 0
# neighborhood_iterator = 0
# noise_stddev = 1
# num_iterations = 0
# num_threads = 1
# path = function.txt
# pn_mutation_probability = 1
# pn_neighborhood = 0
# pn_radius = 2
# population_size = 10
# pv_log_num_components = 5
# radius = 2
# real_expression = (1-x)^2+100*(y-x^2)^2
# real_lower_bound = -2
# real_num_bits = 8
# real_upper_bound = 2
# results_path = results.json
# rls_patience = 50
# sa_beta_ratio = 1.2
# sa_initial_acceptance_probability = 0.6
# sa_num_transitions = 50
# sa_num_trials = 100
# seed = 0
# selection_size = 1
# solution_path = solution.txt
# target = 100
# print_defaults
# last_parameter
# exec_name = hnco
# version = 0.14
# Generated from hnco.json

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