

# HNCO

## 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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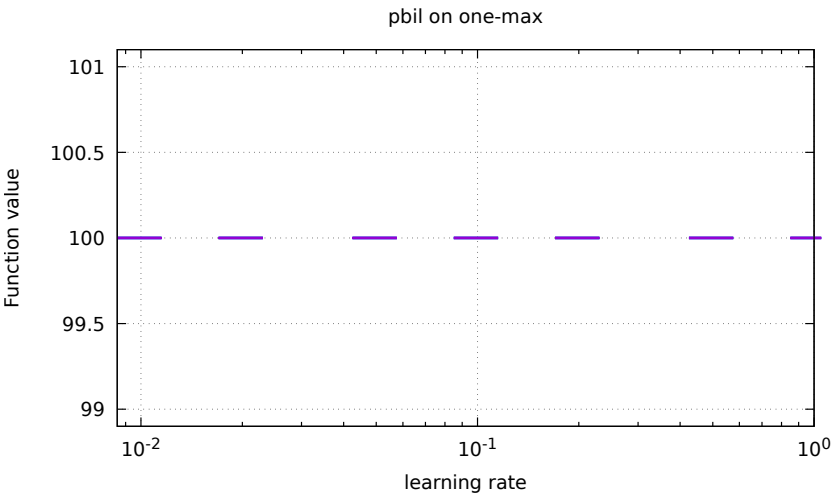
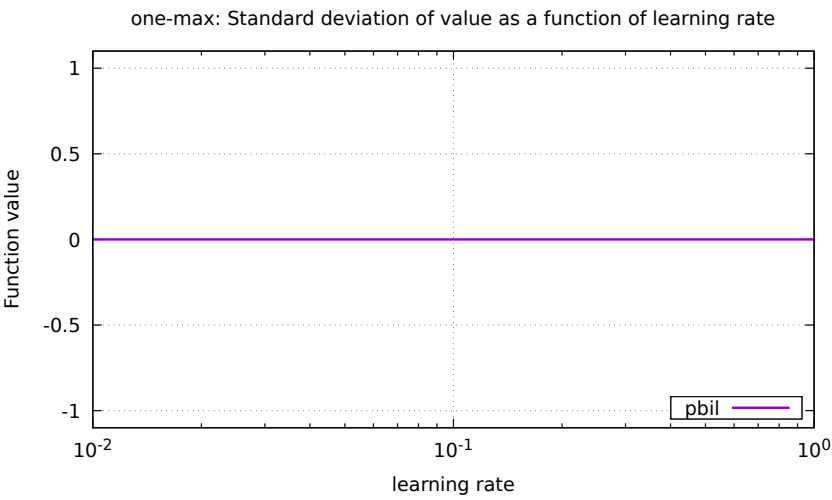
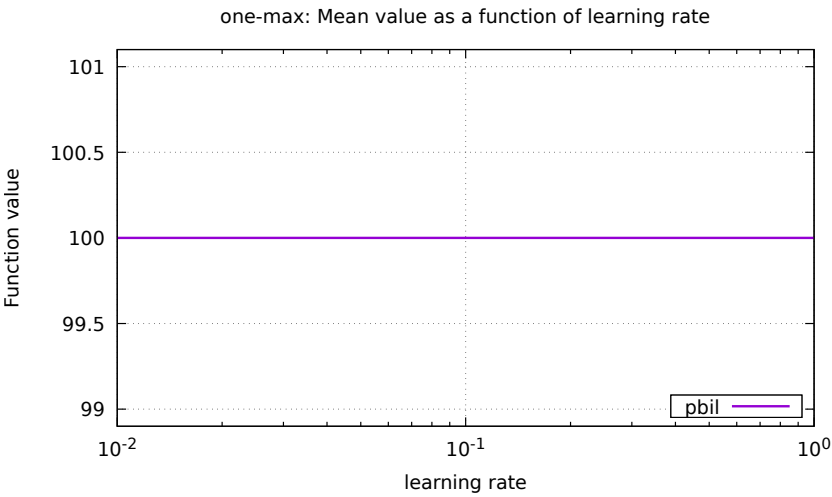
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## 1 Rankings

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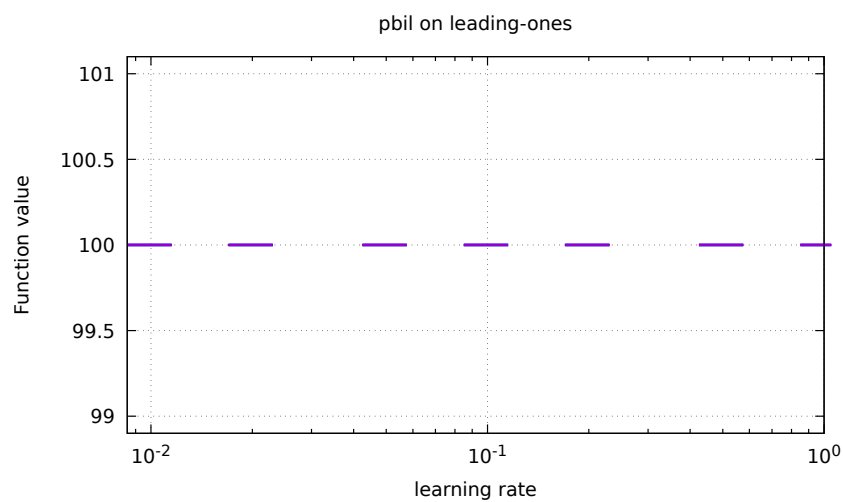
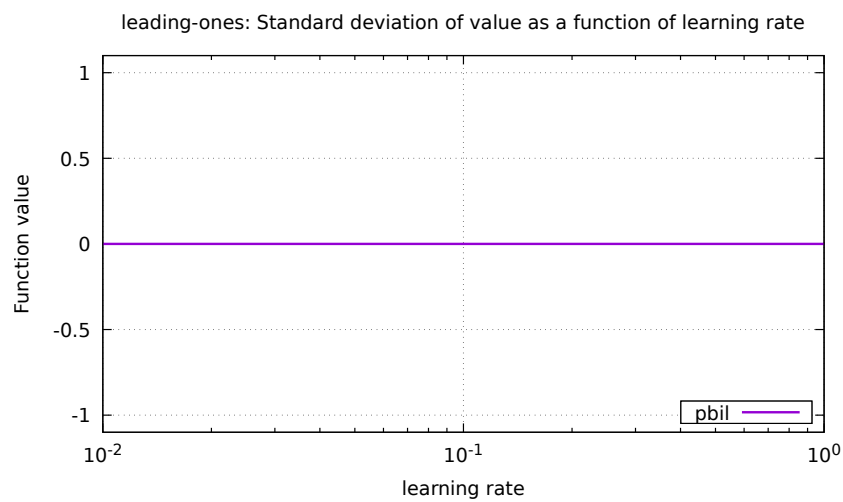
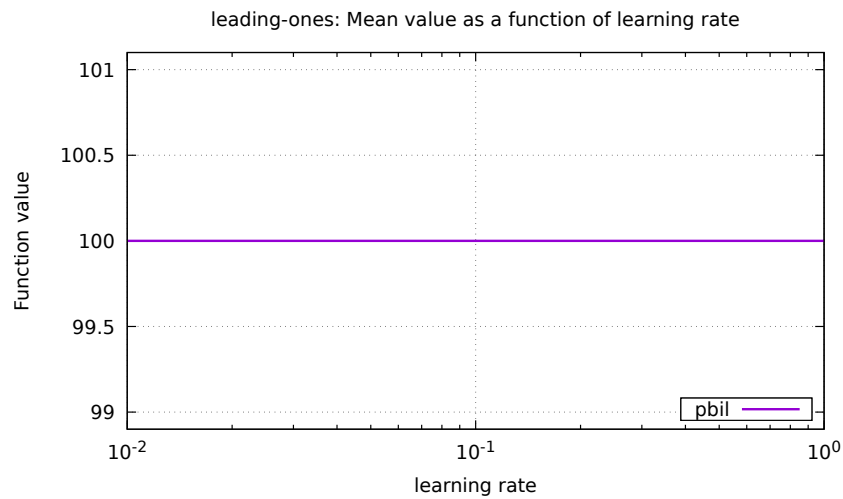
2    Function one-max

algorithm	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



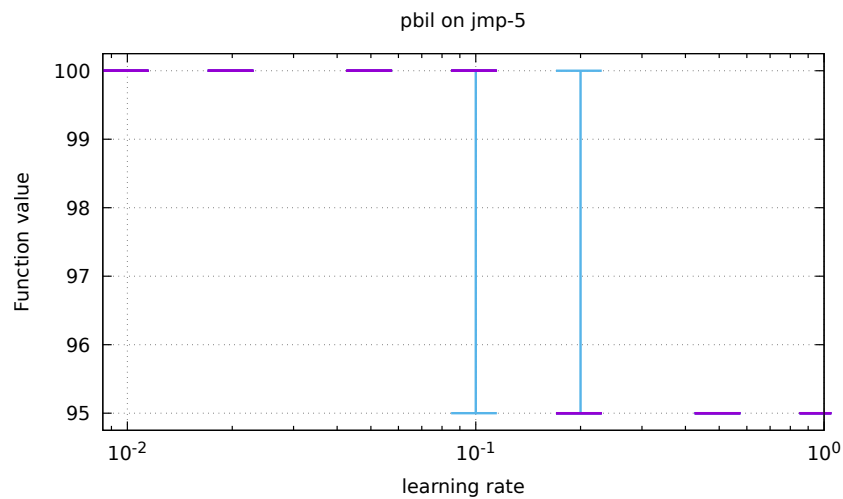
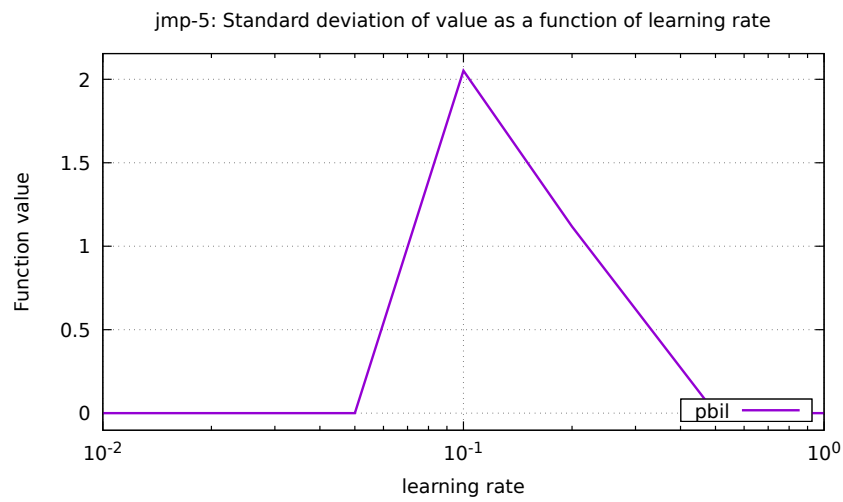
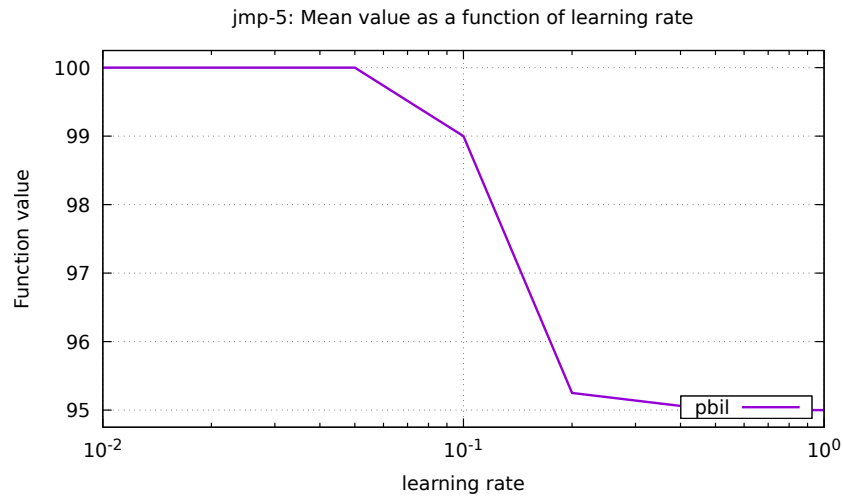
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		min	$Q_1$	med.	$Q_3$	max	rk
pbil	0.01	100	100	100	100	100	1
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pbil	0.05	100	100	100	100	100	1
pbil	0.1	100	100	100	100	100	1
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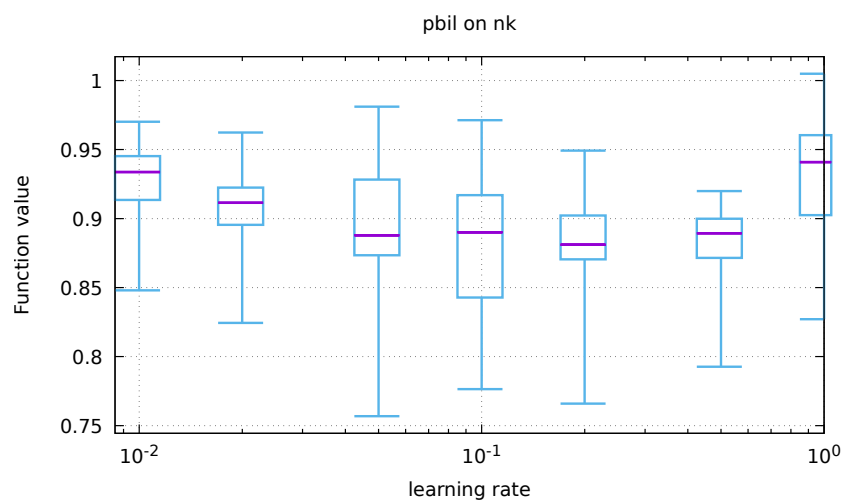
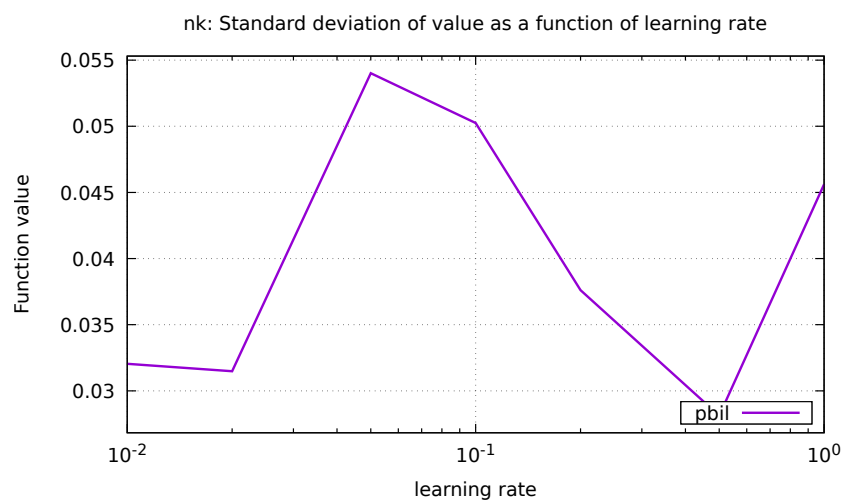
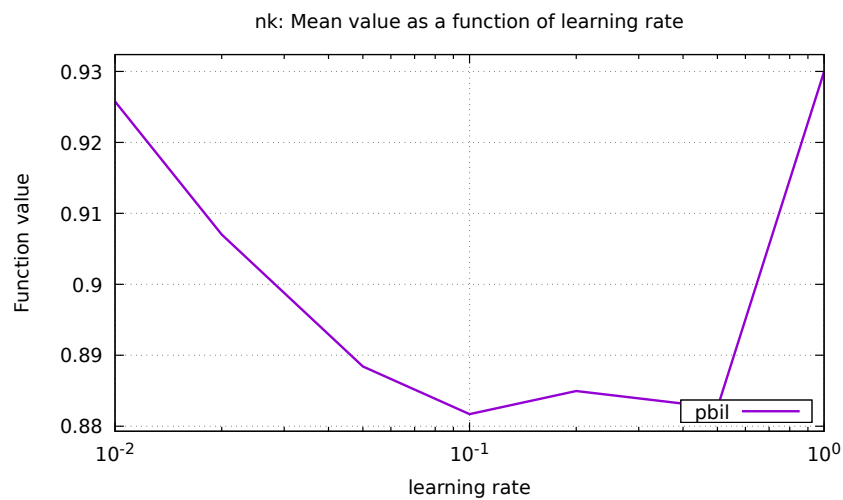
## 4 Function jmp-5

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pbil	0.02	100	100	100	100	100	1
pbil	0.05	100	100	100	100	100	1
pbil	0.1	95	100	100	100	100	4
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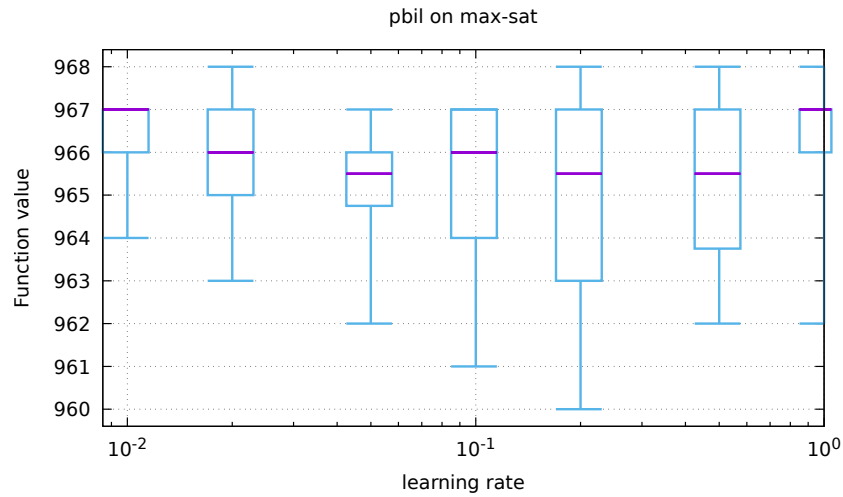
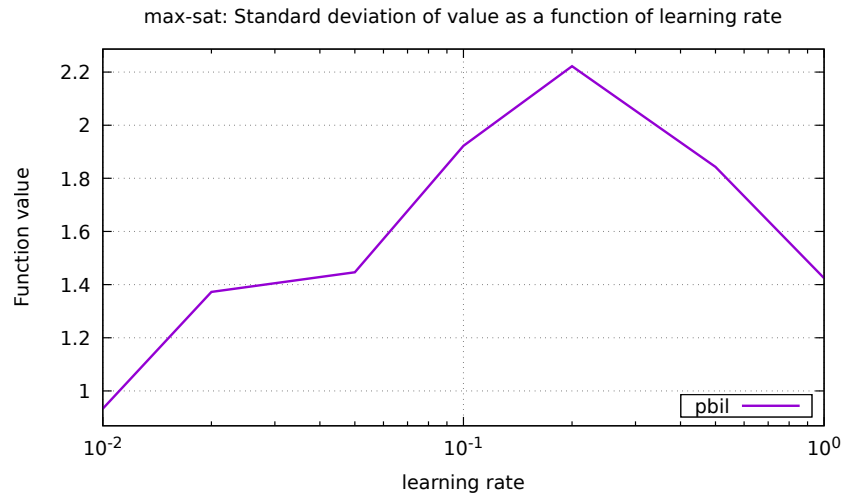
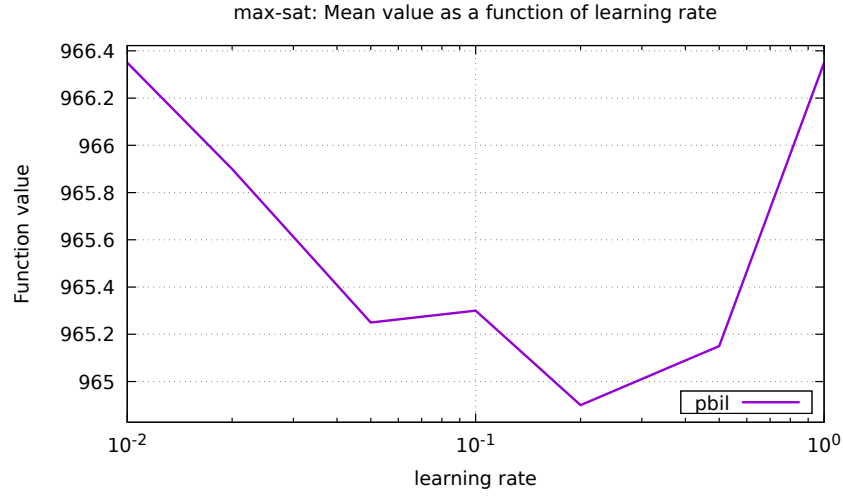
## 5 Function nk

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		min	$Q_1$	med.	$Q_3$	max	rk
pbil	0.01	0.85	0.91	0.93	0.95	0.97	2
pbil	0.02	0.82	0.90	0.91	0.92	0.96	3
pbil	0.05	0.76	0.87	0.89	0.93	0.98	6
pbil	0.1	0.78	0.84	0.89	0.92	0.97	4
pbil	0.2	0.77	0.87	0.88	0.90	0.95	7
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pbil	1	0.83	0.90	0.94	0.96	1.00	1



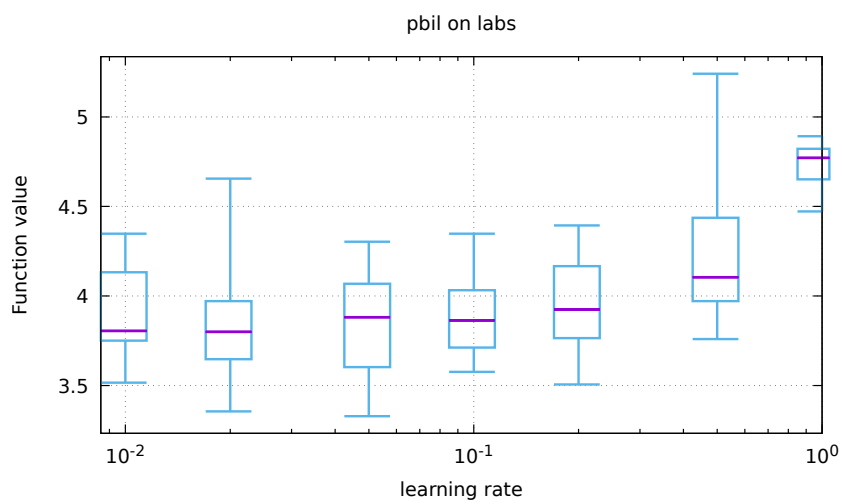
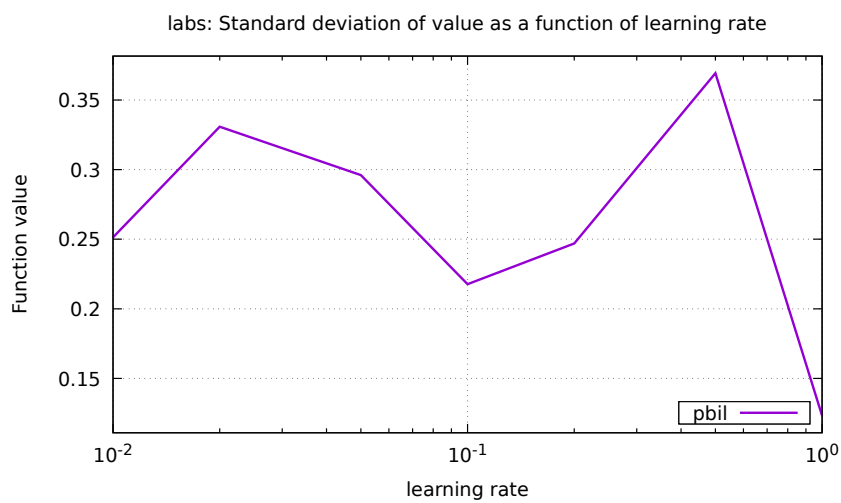
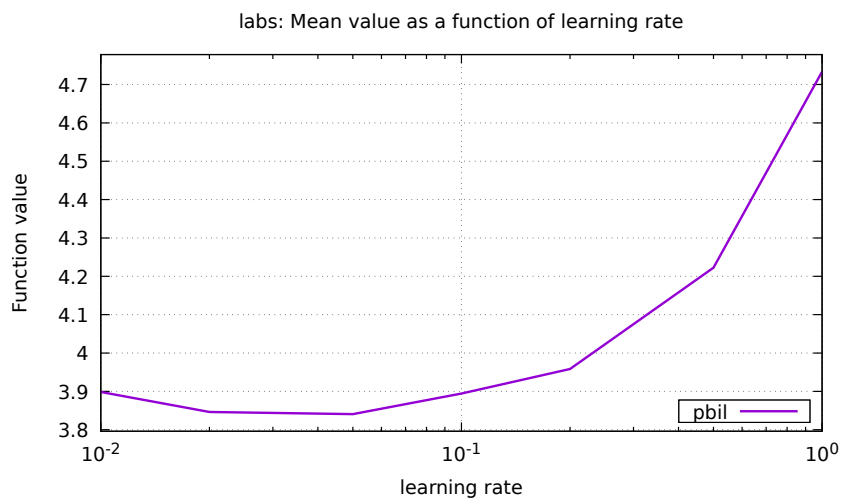
## 6 Function max-sat

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pbil	0.02	963	965	966	967	968	3
pbil	0.05	962	965	966	966	967	5
pbil	0.1	961	964	966	967	967	4
pbil	0.2	960	963	966	967	968	7
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pbil	1	962	966	967	967	968	2



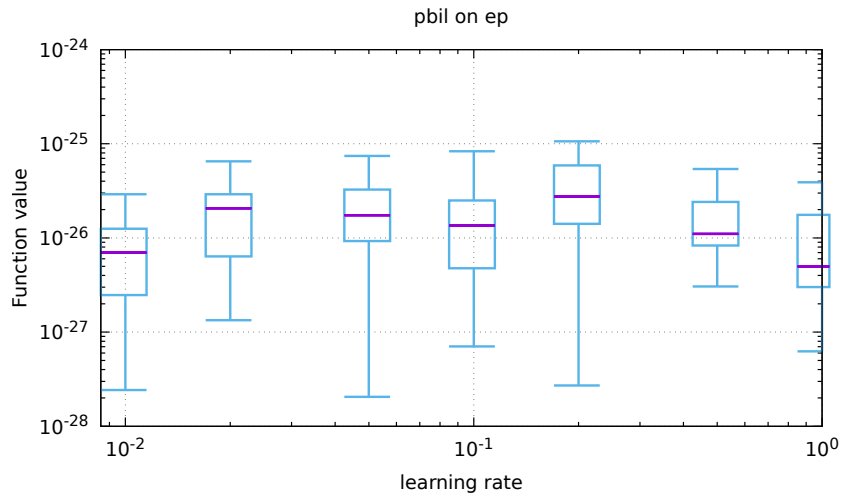
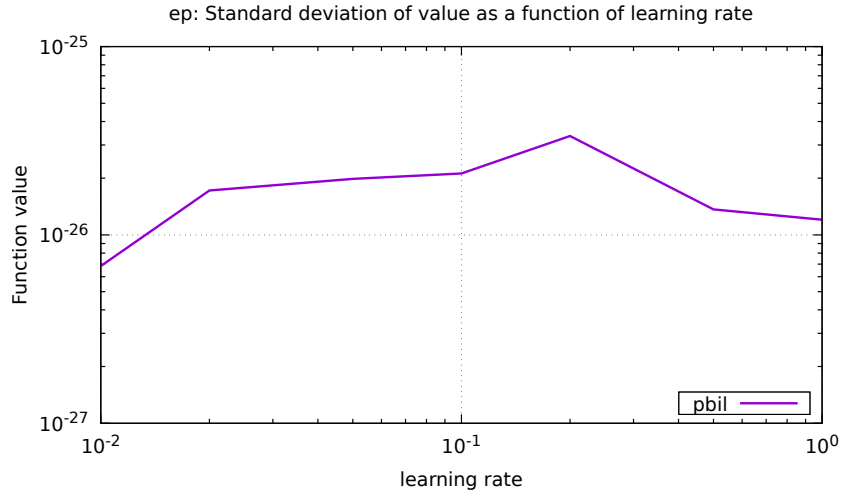
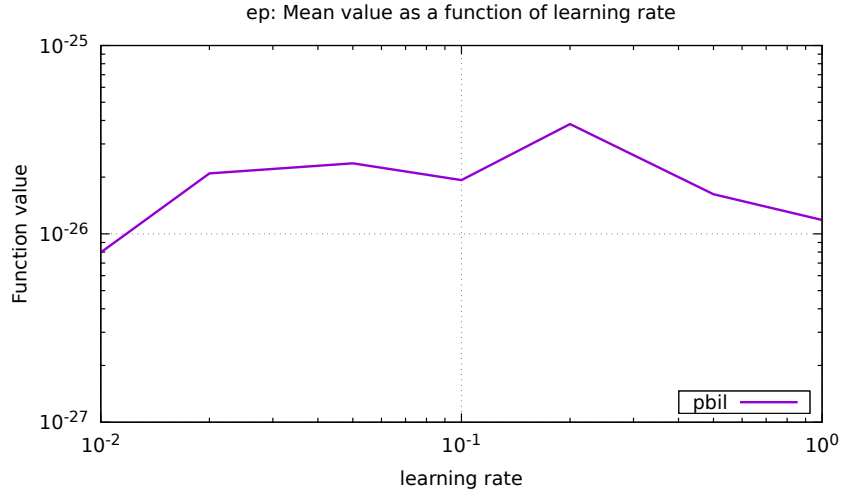
## 7 Function labs

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pbil	0.02	3.36	3.65	3.80	3.97	4.66	7
pbil	0.05	3.33	3.60	3.88	4.07	4.30	4
pbil	0.1	3.58	3.71	3.86	4.03	4.35	5
pbil	0.2	3.51	3.77	3.92	4.17	4.39	3
pbil	0.5	3.76	3.97	4.11	4.44	5.24	2
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## 8 Function ep

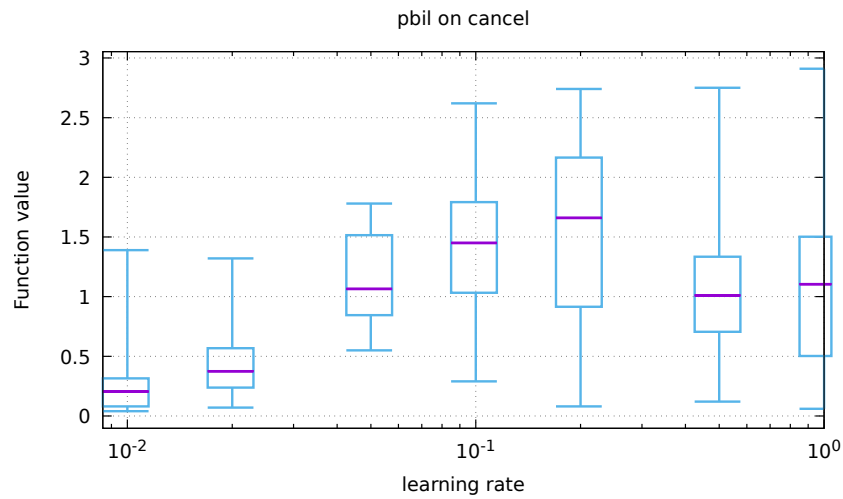
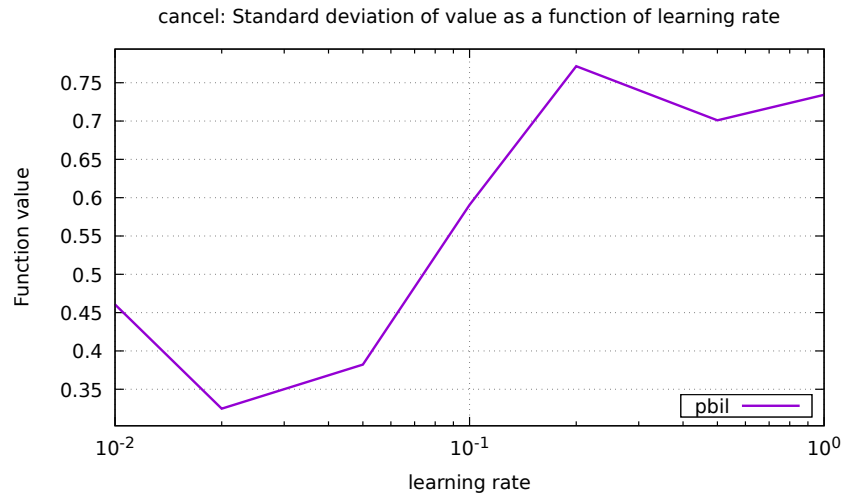
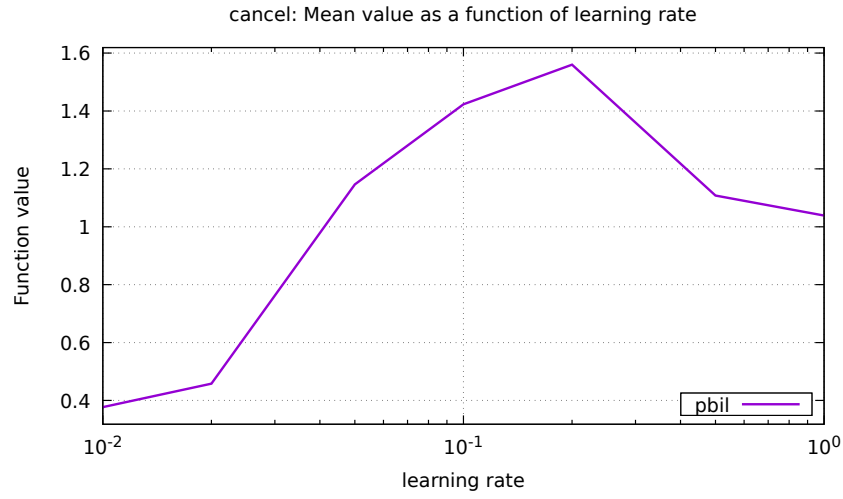
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pbil	0.02	$1.3 \times 10^{-27}$	$6.4 \times 10^{-27}$	$2.1 \times 10^{-26}$	$2.9 \times 10^{-26}$	$6.5 \times 10^{-26}$	6
pbil	0.05	$2.1 \times 10^{-28}$	$9.3 \times 10^{-27}$	$1.7 \times 10^{-26}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-26}$	$7.4 \times 10^{-26}$	5
pbil	0.1	$7.0 \times 10^{-28}$	$4.8 \times 10^{-27}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-26}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-26}$	$8.3 \times 10^{-26}$	4
pbil	0.2	$2.7 \times 10^{-28}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-26}$	$2.8 \times 10^{-26}$	$5.9 \times 10^{-26}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-25}$	7
pbil	0.5	$3.1 \times 10^{-27}$	$8.3 \times 10^{-27}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-26}$	$2.4 \times 10^{-26}$	$5.4 \times 10^{-26}$	3
pbil	1	$6.2 \times 10^{-28}$	$3.0 \times 10^{-27}$	$5.0 \times 10^{-27}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-26}$	$3.9 \times 10^{-26}$	1





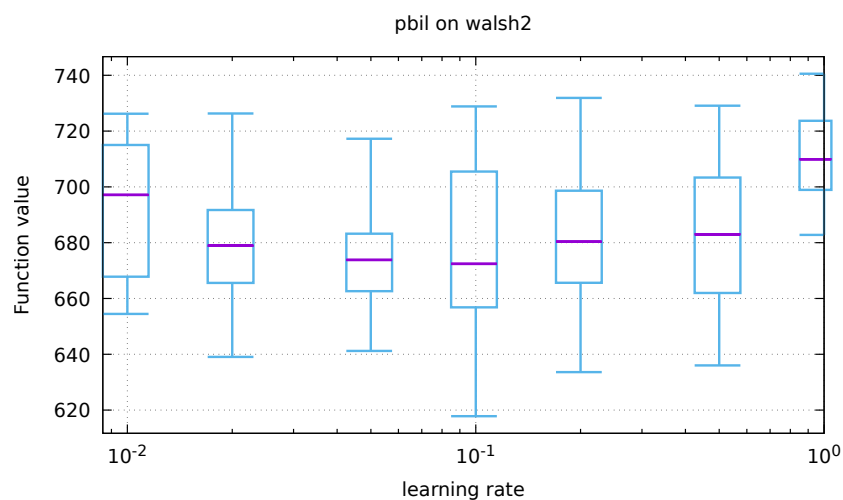
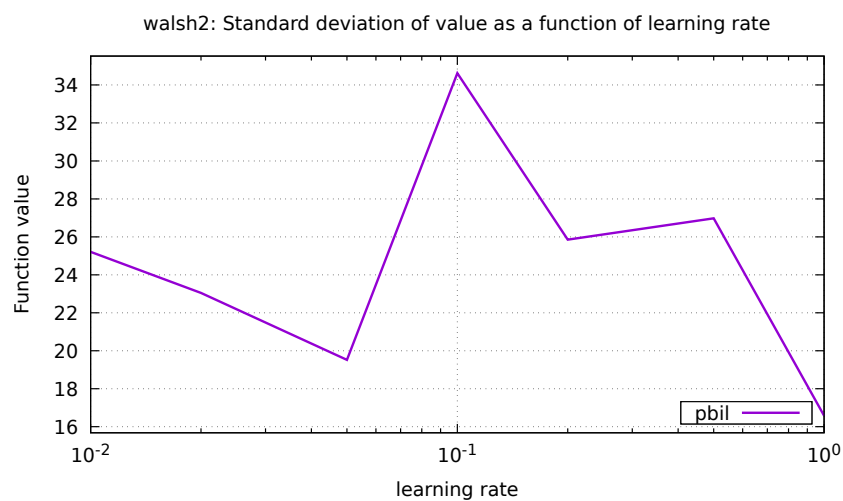
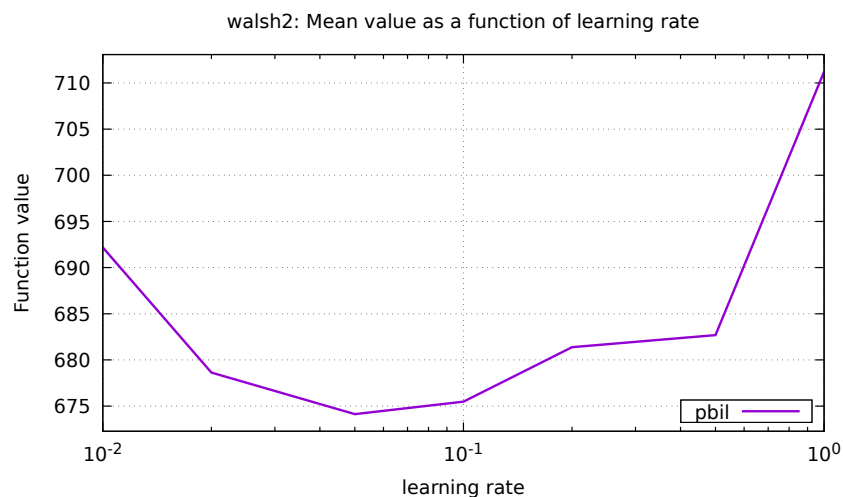
## 9 Function cancel

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		min	$Q_1$	med.	$Q_3$	max	rk
pbil	0.01	0.04	0.08	0.21	0.32	1.39	1
pbil	0.02	0.07	0.24	0.38	0.57	1.32	2
pbil	0.05	0.55	0.85	1.07	1.52	1.78	4
pbil	0.1	0.29	1.03	1.45	1.79	2.62	6
pbil	0.2	0.08	0.92	1.66	2.17	2.74	7
pbil	0.5	0.12	0.71	1.01	1.34	2.75	3
pbil	1	0.06	0.50	1.11	1.50	2.91	5



## 10 Function walsh2

algorithm	rate	function value					
		min	$Q_1$	med.	$Q_3$	max	rk
pbil	0.01	654.47	667.82	697.14	715.02	726.23	2
pbil	0.02	639.08	665.57	678.92	691.71	726.29	5
pbil	0.05	641.21	662.65	673.83	683.24	717.26	6
pbil	0.1	617.83	656.83	672.39	705.50	728.83	7
pbil	0.2	633.62	665.62	680.33	698.63	731.88	4
pbil	0.5	636.03	662.00	683.02	703.33	729.08	3
pbil	1	682.81	698.91	709.93	723.70	740.55	1



## A Plan

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## B Default parameters

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# 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
# fp_expression = (1-x)^2+100*(y-x^2)^2
# fp_lower_bound = -2
# fp_num_bits = 8
# fp_upper_bound = 2
# 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

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# 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
# map_ts_sampling_mode = 0
# mutation_rate = 1
# neighborhood = 0
# neighborhood_iterator = 0
# noise_stddev = 1
# num_iterations = 0
# num_threads = 1
# path = function.txt
# pn_mutation_rate = 1
# pn_neighborhood = 0
# pn_radius = 2
# population_size = 10
# pv_log_num_components = 5
# radius = 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 = 0.15
# Generated from hnco.json
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