

# Tutorial5\_Parallel\_KG

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## 0.1 Lab 5: The parallel knowledge gradient acquisition function in BoTorch

This tutorial shows two things: - how to use BayesOpt when we can do parallel objective function evaluations - how to use the knowledge-gradient (KG) acquisition function. The KG acquisition function provides better query efficiency than expected improvement (i.e., it typically requires fewer objective function evaluations to find a good solution). KG is also important in certain kinds of grey-box BO, especially multi-information source BO and multi-fidelity BO.

This tutorial is based on the BoTorch tutorial, [https://botorch.org/tutorials/one\\_shot\\_kg](https://botorch.org/tutorials/one_shot_kg)

For problems where we are maximizing and can take batches of size  $q$ , the *parallel Knowledge Gradient* (KG) acquisition function [1] is defined by:

$$\text{KG}(x_{1:q}) = E_n [\mu_{n+q}^* - \mu_n^* \mid \text{sample at } x_{1:q}]$$

where -  $\mu_n^* = \max_x E_n[f(x)]$  is the maximum of the posterior mean after  $n$  samples, and -  $\mu_{n+q}^* = \max_x E_{n+q}[f(x)]$  is the maximum of the posterior mean after  $q$  additional samples at the  $q$  points  $x_{1:q}$ . -  $E_n$  indicates the expectation with respect to the posterior distribution after  $n$  samples. This expectation is taken over the fantasized samples of  $f(x_{1:q})$ , which are multivariate normal under this posterior.

BoTorch implements a generalization of parallel KG that allows a composition (see [2] for applications of function compositions and computation of the EI acquisition function) with a function  $g$  in which: -  $\mu_n^* = \max_x E_n[g(f(x))]$  -  $\mu_{n+q}^* = \max_x E_{n+q}[g(f(x))]$

[1] J. Wu and P. Frazier. The parallel knowledge gradient method for batch Bayesian optimization. NIPS 2016.

[2] R. Astudillo and P. Frazier. Bayesian optimization of composite functions. ICML 2019.

[3] M. Balandat, B. Karrer, D. R. Jiang, S. Daulton, B. Letham, A. G. Wilson, and E. Bakshy. BoTorch: Programmable Bayesian Optimization in PyTorch. ArXiv 2019.

### 0.1.1 Setting up a toy model

We'll fit a standard `SingleTaskGP` model on noisy observations of the synthetic function  $f(x) = \sin(2\pi x_1) * \cos(2\pi x_2)$  in  $d=2$  dimensions on the hypercube  $[0, 1]^2$ .

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[12]: import math
import torch

from botorch.fit import fit_gpytorch_model
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from botorch.models import SingleTaskGP
from botorch.utils import standardize
from gpytorch.mlls import ExactMarginalLogLikelihood

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[13]: # Here we create a tensor that will specify our feasible domain,
      # which is the 2-dimensional unit hypercube
      bounds = torch.stack([torch.zeros(2), torch.ones(2)])

      train_X = bounds[0] + (bounds[1] - bounds[0]) * torch.rand(20, 2)
      train_Y = torch.sin(2 * math.pi * train_X[:, [0]]) * torch.cos(2 * math.pi * ↳
        train_X[:, [1]])

      train_Y = standardize(train_Y + 0.05 * torch.randn_like(train_Y))

      model = SingleTaskGP(train_X, train_Y)
      mll = ExactMarginalLogLikelihood(model.likelihood, model)
      fit_gpytorch_model(mll);

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### 0.1.2 Optimizing KG

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[14]: from botorch.acquisition import qKnowledgeGradient
      from botorch.optim import optimize_acqf
      from botorch.utils.sampling import manual_seed

      # increasing num_fantasies makes the method more accurate, but uses more ↳
      ↳ computation
      qKG = qKnowledgeGradient(model, num_fantasies=128)

      # increasing num_restarts and raw_samples makes the method more accurate, but ↳
      ↳ uses more computation
      with manual_seed(1234):
          candidates, acq_value = optimize_acqf(
              acq_function=qKG,
              bounds=bounds,
              q=2,
              num_restarts=10,
              raw_samples=512,
          )

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[15]: # This gives the set of points that maximize the KG acquisition function.
      # It contains 2 points because we asked for a batch of size q=2
      candidates

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[15]: tensor([[0.8250, 0.5266],
             [0.9652, 0.5132]])

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[10]: # Since we do not pass a `current_value` argument to optimize_acqf,  
# acq_value is not actually the KG value, but is instead offset by  $\mu_n$ .  
acq_value
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[10]: tensor(2.1769)
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**Exercise 1** Use the cells above to write code in which we do batches of  $q=2$  evaluations at a time for minimizing the Hartmann 6 objective function, choosing them using the KG method. Start with a copy / paste of the code from Exercise 2 in Lab 3. Create the same output as in that exercise, except each iteration will have 2 points to report.

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