

# A Simple Transfer-Learning Extension of Hyperband

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- Setting: Hyperparameter Optimisation
- Hyperband (HB):
  - Incrementally allocates more resources to the best-performing candidates initially taken from a pool of randomly sampled candidates.
  - Evaluates different number of initial candidates  $n_i$  for  $r_i$
- We enhance HB with model-based sampling, using ABLR (Peronne *et al.*)

$$P(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{w}_t, \mathbf{z}, \beta_t) = \mathcal{N}(\Phi_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{X}_t, \mathbf{r}_i) \mathbf{w}_t, \beta_t^{-1} I_{N_t}) P(\mathbf{w}_t | \alpha_t) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \alpha_t^{-1} I_D)$$

- Benefits:
  - Makes use of all data produced by a HB run
  - Can use data from past HB runs to learn better basis function
  - We don't use heuristics for low number of data points, nor to encourage exploration

