

# Bayesian Optimization with Finite Budget

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# Motivations

- BO: objective function is expensive to evaluate.
- Most BO algorithms are greedy(myopic): ignores the how the current design selected will affect the future steps: one-step optimal.
- Lookahead:
  - Aware of remaining evaluations and maximize long-term reward over several steps
- Difficulty: DP-essential
  - Uncountable states and uncountable controls.
  - Maximize nested maximization and expectations

# Roadmap

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## Bayesian Optimization with a Finite Budget: An Approximate Dynamic Programming Approach

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## BINOCULARS for Efficient, Nonmyopic Sequential Experimental Design

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## Efficient Nonmyopic Bayesian Optimization via One-Shot Multi-Step Trees

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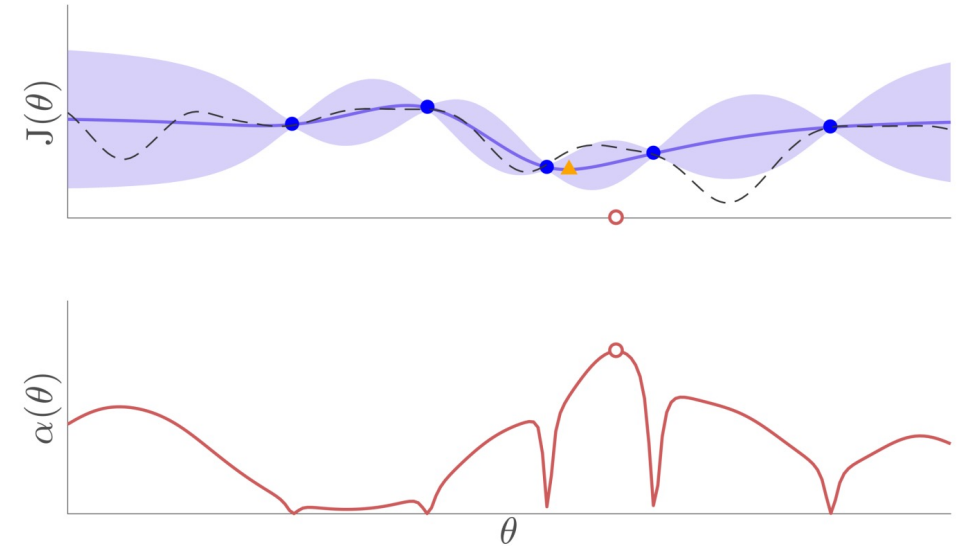
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# Bayesian Optimization (BO)

- Probabilistic Surrogate Modeling
  - GP, ABLR, BNN, Random Forest
- Acquisition Function
  - Explicitly/implicitly trade-off between exploration-exploitation
  - PI, EI, ES, UCB, MES



Practically,  $t$  is set to the optimums in the querying history

# BO Formulation

$$(\text{OP}) \quad \mathbf{x}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} f(\mathbf{x})$$

**Expensive**

$$f \sim \mathcal{G}(m, \kappa)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mu}_k(\mathbf{x}) &= K(X_k, \mathbf{x})^\top [K(X_k, X_k) + \lambda I]^{-1} Y_k, \\ \bar{\sigma}_k^2(\mathbf{x}) &= \kappa(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) - K(X_k, \mathbf{x})^\top [K(X_k, X_k) + \lambda I]^{-1} K(X_k, \mathbf{x})\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{k+1} = \mathcal{S}_k \cup \{(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}, y_{k+1})\}$$

$$(\text{AP}) \quad \mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} U_k(\mathbf{x}; \mathcal{S}_k)$$

Utility/Acquisition

**Cheap**

# BO with Finite Budget as DP

- Goal:
  - Statistical model to represent the objective function
  - System dynamics that describes how this statistical model is updated as new information is collected
  - A goal that can be quantified with **long-term** reward

# Dynamic Programming

- A discrete-stage dynamic (discrete time) DP

- State space:  $z_k \in \mathcal{Z}_k$
- Action/Control space:  $u_k \in \mathcal{U}_k(z_k)$
- Noise control consequence  $w_k \in \mathcal{W}_k(z_k, u_k) \quad \mathbb{P}(\cdot | z_k, u_k)$
- Evolves to a new state  $z_{k+1} \in \mathcal{Z}_{k+1}$

$$\forall k \in \{1, \dots, N\}, \forall (z_k, u_k, w_k) \in \mathcal{Z}_k \times \mathcal{U}_k \times \mathcal{W}_k, \quad z_{k+1} = \mathcal{F}_k(z_k, u_k, w_k)$$

- Policy:  $\pi = \{\pi_1, \dots, \pi_N\}$   $\pi_k : \mathcal{Z}_k \mapsto \mathcal{U}_k$ , for  $k = 1, \dots, N$
- Stage reward:  $r_k : \mathcal{Z}_k \times \mathcal{U}_k \times \mathcal{W}_k \mapsto \mathbb{R}$

# Dynamic Programming(Continue)

- A discrete-stage dynamic (discrete time) DP
  - Final reward:  $r_{N+1} : \mathcal{Z}_{N+1} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$
  - Expected reward (Value) starting the initial state with given policy

$$J_{\pi}(z_1) = \mathbb{E} \left[ r_{N+1}(z_{N+1}) + \sum_{k=1}^N r_k(z_k, \pi_k(z_k), w_k) \right]$$

- Optimal Policy:  $J^*(z_1) = J_{\pi^*}(z_1) = \max_{\pi \in \Pi} J_{\pi}(z_1)$
- Bellman's principle of optimality: DP recursive backward from N to 1

$$\begin{aligned} J_{N+1}(z_{N+1}) &= r_{N+1}(z_{N+1}), \\ J_k(z_k) &= \max_{u_k \in \mathcal{U}_k} \mathbb{E}[r_k(z_k, u_k, w_k) + J_{k+1}(\mathcal{F}_k(z_k, u_k, w_k))] \end{aligned}$$



# Formulate BO with Finite Budget as DP

- BO as DP instance:

- State space:  $z_k$  is  $\mathcal{S}_k$
- Action/control space:  $u_k$  is  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1}$
- Noisy Consequences: possible simulated values  $f_{k+1}$  of the objective function at  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1}$

$$W_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{\mu}_k(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}), \bar{\sigma}_k^2(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}))$$

- New state

$$\mathcal{S}_{k+1} = \mathcal{S}_k \cup \{(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}, f_{k+1})\} = \mathcal{F}_k(\mathcal{S}_k, \mathbf{x}_{k+1}, f_{k+1})$$

- Reward

$$r_k(\mathcal{S}_k, \mathbf{x}_{k+1}, f_{k+1}) = \max \left\{ 0, f_{\min}^{\mathcal{S}_k} - f_{k+1} \right\}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} f_{k+1} \\ y_{k+1} = f(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) \end{array}$$

# Formulate BO with Finite Budget as DP

- BO as DP instance:
  - Expected reward

$$\forall \mathbf{x}_{k+1} \in \mathcal{X}, U_k(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}; \mathcal{S}_k) = \mathbb{E}[r_k(\mathcal{S}_k, \mathbf{x}_{k+1}, f_{k+1}) + J_{k+1}(\mathcal{F}_k(\mathcal{S}_k, \mathbf{x}_{k+1}, f_{k+1}))]$$

$$EI(\mathbf{x}; \mathcal{S}_k) = \left( f_{min}^{\mathcal{S}_k} - \bar{\mu}_k(\mathbf{x}) \right) \Phi \left( \frac{f_{min}^{\mathcal{S}_k} - \bar{\mu}_k(\mathbf{x})}{\bar{\sigma}_k(\mathbf{x})} \right) + \bar{\sigma}_k(\mathbf{x}) \phi \left( \frac{f_{min}^{\mathcal{S}_k} - \bar{\mu}_k(\mathbf{x})}{\bar{\sigma}_k(\mathbf{x})} \right)$$

- **Key idea(ADP):** Approximate the  $J_{k+1}$  by simulation

# Rollout for BO

- Rollout relaxes the requirement to optimally select a design
- Use a suboptimal heuristic to decide which control to apply
- Approximate  $J_{k+1}$  by  $H_{k+1}$
- Base policy as heuristic  $\pi = (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_N)$

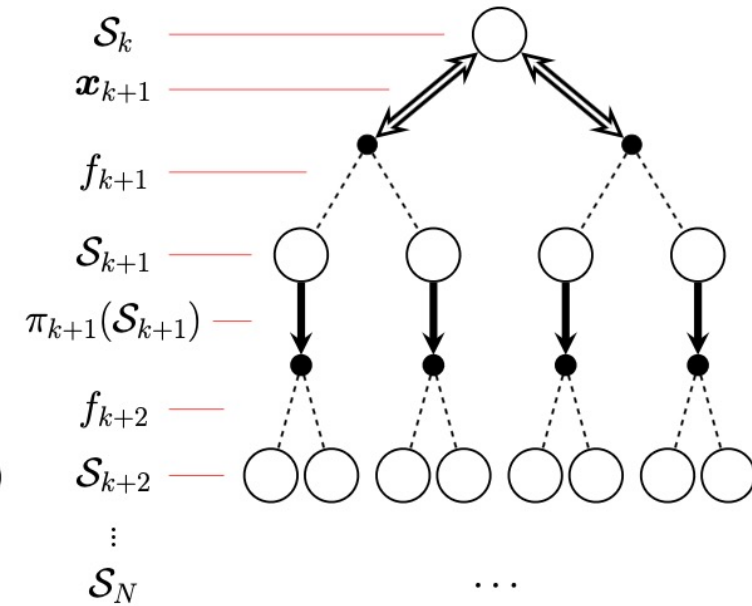
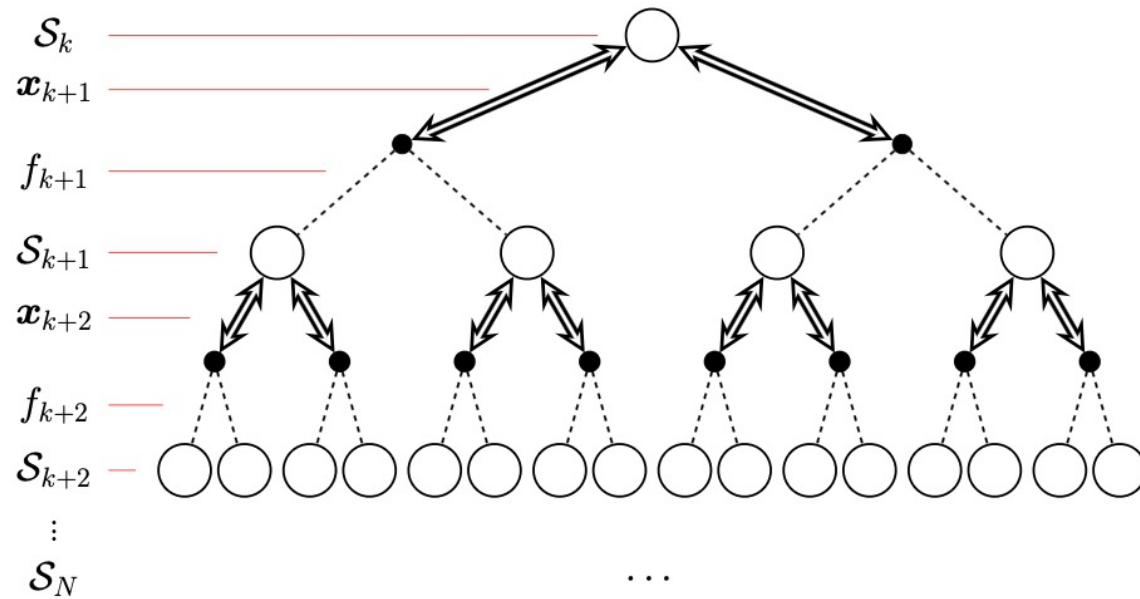
$$H_N(\mathcal{S}_N) = EI(\pi_N(\mathcal{S}_N); \mathcal{S}_N),$$

$$H_n(\mathcal{S}_n) = \mathbb{E} [r_n(\mathcal{S}_n, \pi_n(\mathcal{S}_n), f_{n+1}) + \gamma H_{n+1}(\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{S}_n, \pi_n(\mathcal{S}_n), f_{n+1}))]$$

- Nested expectations are replaced by base policy (Forward manner)

# Rollout for BO

- Nested expectations are replaced by base policy(Forward manner)



# Rollout for BO

- Approximations

- Fix rollout horizon to  $h$  then the searching interval to  $\tilde{N} = \min\{k + h, N\}$
- Gauss-Hermite quadrature

$$\tilde{H}_{\tilde{N}}(\mathcal{S}_{\tilde{N}}) = EI(\pi_{\tilde{N}}(\mathcal{S}_{\tilde{N}}); \mathcal{S}_{\tilde{N}}),$$

$$\tilde{H}_n(\mathcal{S}_n) = \sum_{q=1}^{N_q} \alpha^{(q)} \left[ r_n \left( \mathcal{S}_n, \pi_n(\mathcal{S}_n), f_{n+1}^{(q)} \right) + \gamma \tilde{H}_{n+1} \left( \mathcal{F} \left( \mathcal{S}_n, \pi_n(\mathcal{S}_n), f_{n+1}^{(q)} \right) \right) \right]$$

- Utility

$$U_k(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}; \mathcal{S}_k) = \sum_{q=1}^{N_q} \alpha^{(q)} \left[ r_k \left( \mathcal{S}_k, \mathbf{x}_{k+1}, f_{k+1}^{(q)} \right) + \gamma \tilde{H}_{k+1} \left( \mathcal{F} \left( \mathcal{S}_k, \mathbf{x}_{k+1}, f_{k+1}^{(q)} \right) \right) \right]$$

$$U_N(\mathbf{x}_{N+1}; \mathcal{S}_N) = EI(\mathbf{x}_{N+1}; \mathcal{S}_N)$$

# Rollout for BO

- Design of the Base policy:

- With limited horizon  $\pi = \{\pi_{k+1}, \dots, \pi_{\tilde{N}}\}$
- At each  $n \in \{k+1, \tilde{N}-1\}$   $\pi_n : \mathcal{Z}_n \mapsto \mathcal{X}$ , maps a state  $z_n = \mathcal{S}_n$

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} EI(\mathbf{x}; \mathcal{S}_n)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{\tilde{N}+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \bar{\mu}_{\tilde{N}}(\mathbf{x})$$

- Complexity:

- Each evaluation of the utility involves  $\mathcal{O}(N_q^h)$  of a heuristic
- At each heuristic involves optimizing  $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{S}_k|^2)$  of work

# Experiment

$$G = \frac{f_{\min}^{\mathcal{S}_1} - f_{\min}^{\mathcal{S}_{N+1}}}{f_{\min}^{\mathcal{S}_1} - f(\mathbf{x}^*)}$$

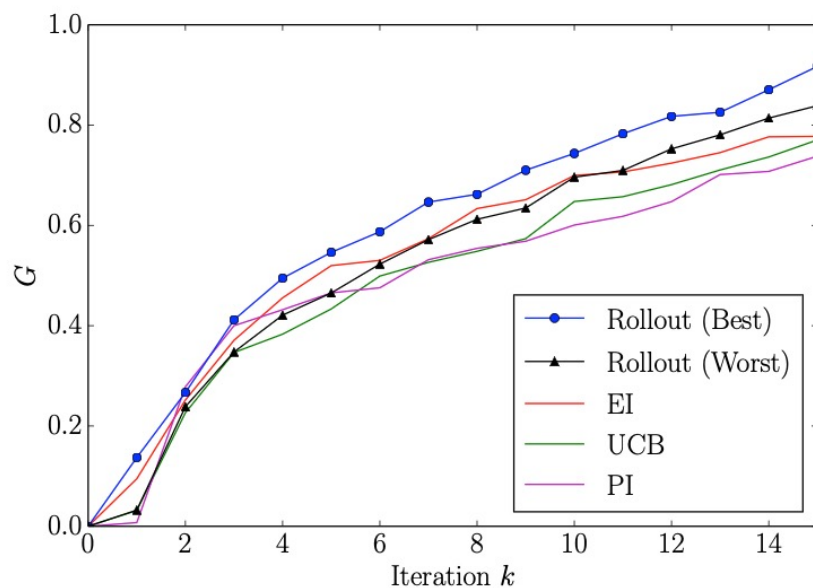
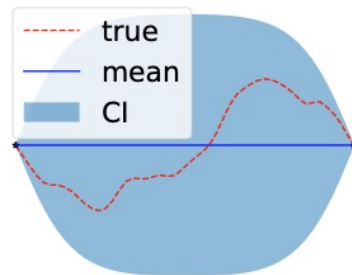


Table 2: Mean and median gap  $G$  over 40 initial guesses.

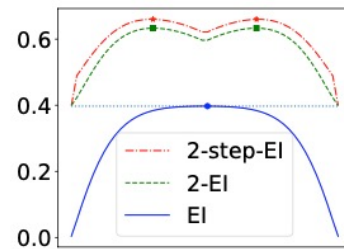
Function name		PI	EI	UCB	PES	GLASSES	R-4-9	R-4-10	R-5-9	R-5-10
Branin-Hoo	Mean	0.847	<i>0.818</i>	0.848	0.861	0.846	<b>0.904</b>	0.898	0.887	0.903
	Median	0.922	<i>0.909</i>	0.910	<b>0.983</b>	<i>0.909</i>	0.959	0.943	0.921	0.950
Goldstein-Price	Mean	0.873	0.866	<i>0.733</i>	0.819	0.782	<b>0.895</b>	0.784	0.861	0.743
	Median	0.983	0.981	<i>0.899</i>	0.987	0.919	<b>0.991</b>	0.985	0.989	0.928
Griewank	Mean	0.827	0.884	0.913	<b>0.972</b>	$1^{(2)}$	0.882	0.885	0.930	0.867
	Median	<i>0.904</i>	0.953	0.970	<b>0.987</b>	$1^{(2)}$	0.967	0.962	0.960	0.954
Six-hump Camel	Mean	0.850	<b>0.887</b>	0.817	<i>0.664</i>	0.776	0.860	0.825	0.793	0.803
	Median	0.893	<b>0.970</b>	0.915	<i>0.801</i>	0.941	0.926	0.900	0.941	0.907

# BINOCULARS

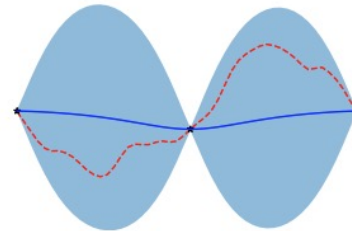
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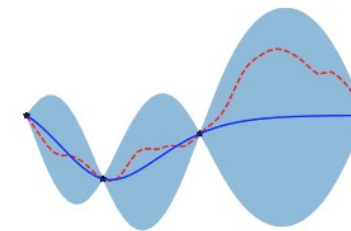
(a) initial state



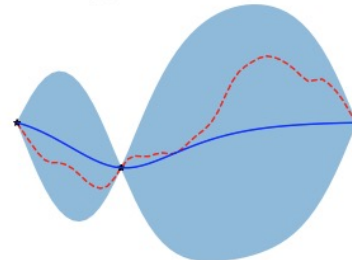
(d) EI, 2-EI and 2-step-EI



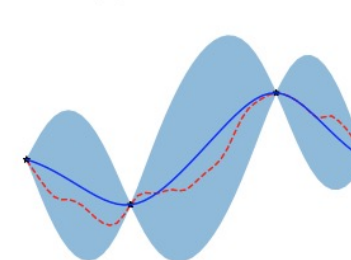
(b) EI iteration 1



(c) EI iteration 2



(e) 2-EI iteration 1



(f) 2-EI iteration 2



# BINOCULARS

- Contribution
  - Formulate the adaptive policy from the batch optimization
  - Optimizing any single element of the batch is equivalent to optimize the lower bound of the adaptive policy
- Cons:
  - Eliminate the procedures how to conduct the batch optimization

# BINOCULARS

- Notations

- Design space  $\mathcal{X}$  response space  $\mathcal{Y}$  dataset  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$  probabilistic model  $p(y | x, \mathcal{D})$
- Marginal gain utility  $u(y | x, \mathcal{D}) = u(\mathcal{D} \cup (x, y)) - u(\mathcal{D})$
- Expected utility after observing dataset and k steps remaining  $Q_k(x | \mathcal{D})$

$$Q_k(x | \mathcal{D}) = \mathbb{E}_y[u(y | x, \mathcal{D})] + \mathbb{E}_y \left[ \max_{x'} Q_{k-1}(x' | \mathcal{D} \cup \{(x, y)\}) \right]$$

- Optimal policy at i-th step with horizon T

$$x^* = \operatorname{argmax}_x Q_{T-i}(x | \mathcal{D}_i)$$

# BINOCULARS

- A batch view of adaptive policy design
  - Suppose **simultaneously** design  $T$  experiments  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_T\}$  given  $\mathcal{D}$
  - The expected marginal utility over the joint of  $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_T\}$ ,  $p(Y \mid X, \mathcal{D})$

$$Q(X \mid \mathcal{D}) = \mathbb{E}_Y[u(Y \mid X, \mathcal{D})]$$

- Decomposing  $X_{-j} = X \setminus \{x_j\}$

$$Q(X \mid \mathcal{D}) = \mathbb{E}_{y_j}[u(y_j \mid x_j, \mathcal{D})] + \mathbb{E}_{y_j}\left[Q(X_{-j} \mid \mathcal{D} \cup \{(x_j, y_j)\})\right]$$

# BINOCULARS

- Batch View

- Let  $X^* \in \arg \max_X Q(X \mid \mathcal{D})$
- For any  $x_j^* \in X^*$

$$\mathbb{E}_{y_j^*} \left[ Q(X_{-j}^* \mid \mathcal{D} \cup \{(x_j^*, y_j^*)\}) \right] = \max_{X_{-j}} \mathbb{E}_{y_j^*} \left[ Q(X_{-j} \mid \mathcal{D} \cup \{(x_j^*, y_j^*)\}) \right]$$

- Choosing any  $x^* \in X^*$  is equivalent to solve  $x^* \in \arg \max_x B(x \mid \mathcal{D})$

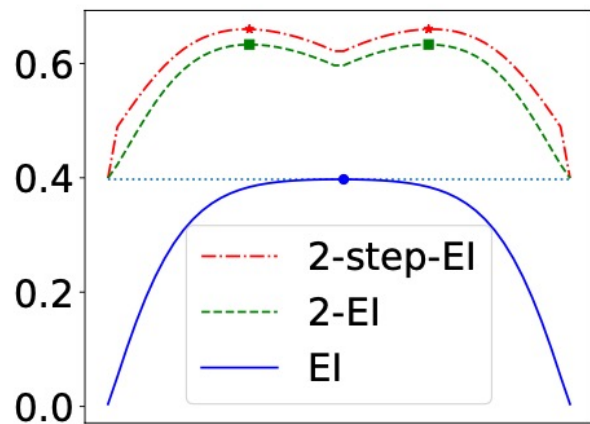
$$B(x \mid \mathcal{D}) = \mathbb{E}_y[u(y \mid x, \mathcal{D})] + \max_{X': |X'|=T-1} \mathbb{E}_y \left[ Q(X' \mid \mathcal{D} \cup \{(x, y)\}) \right]$$

$$Q_k(x \mid \mathcal{D}) = \mathbb{E}_y[u(y \mid x, \mathcal{D})] + \mathbb{E}_y \left[ \max_{x'} Q_{k-1}(x' \mid \mathcal{D} \cup \{(x, y)\}) \right]$$

# BINOCULARS

- Batch View
  - Lower bound of the true expected utility

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \max_{X': |X'|=T-1} \mathbb{E}_y \left[ Q(X' \mid \mathcal{D} \cup \{(x, y)\}) \right] \\
 & \leq \mathbb{E}_y \left[ \max_{X': |X'|=T-1} Q(X' \mid \mathcal{D} \cup \{(x, y)\}) \right] \\
 & \leq \mathbb{E}_y \left[ \max_{x'} Q_{T-1}(x' \mid \mathcal{D} \cup \{(x, y)\}) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$




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## Algorithm 1 BINOCULARS

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**Input:** design space  $\mathcal{X}$ , response space  $\mathcal{Y}$ , model  $p(y \mid x, \mathcal{D})$ , utility function  $u(y \mid x, \mathcal{D})$ , budget  $T$

**Output:**  $\mathcal{D}$ , a sequence of experiments and observations  
**for**  $i \leftarrow 0$  **to**  $T - 1$  **do**

Compute the optimal batch  $X^*$  of size  $T - i$

Pick an experiment  $x^* \in X^*$  and observe response  $y^*$

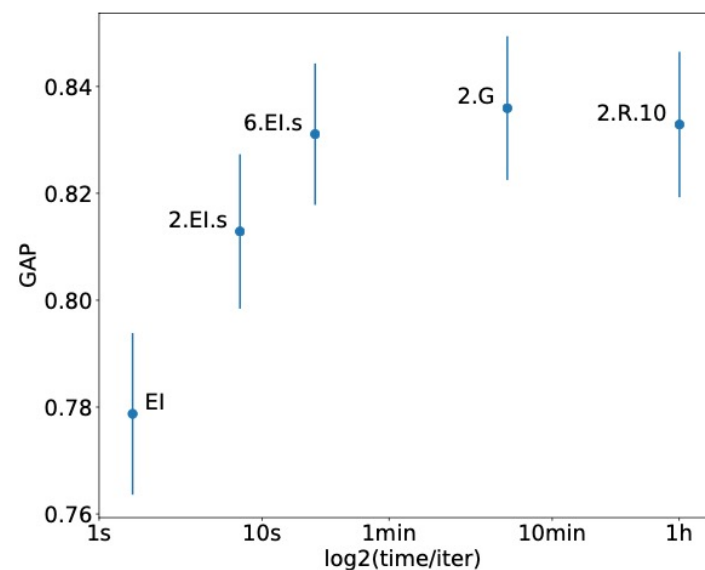
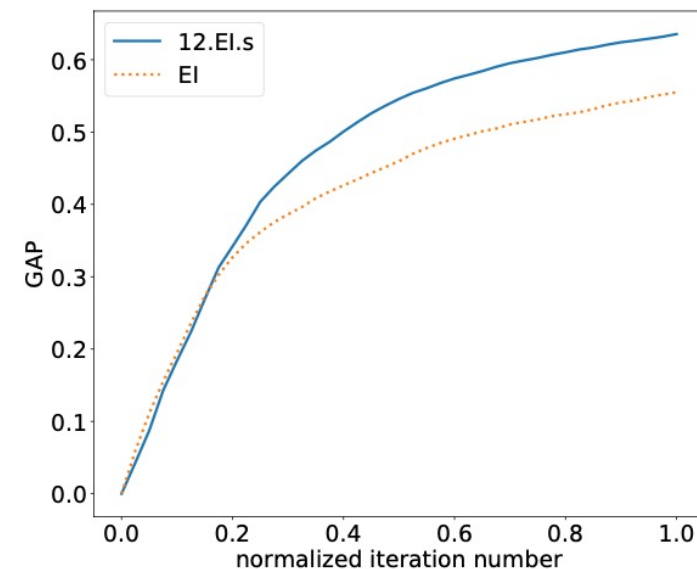
Augment  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D} \cup \{(x^*, y^*)\}$

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# BINOCULARS

- Experiment

	EI	2.EI.s	3.EI.s	4.EI.s	6.EI.s	8.EI.s	2.G	3.G	2.R.10	3.R.3
SVM	0.738	<i>0.913</i>	<b>0.940</b>	<i>0.911</i>	<i>0.937</i>	0.834	<i>0.881</i>	0.898	<i>0.930</i>	<i>0.928</i>
LDA	0.956	<b>1.000</b>	<i>0.996</i>	<i>0.993</i>	0.982	<i>0.995</i>	<i>1.000</i>	<i>0.999</i>	<i>0.999</i>	<i>1.000</i>
LogReg	0.963	<i>0.998</i>	<i>1.000</i>	<i>0.999</i>	<i>0.999</i>	<b>1.000</b>	0.989	0.911	0.965	0.948
NN Boston	<i>0.470</i>	<i>0.467</i>	<i>0.478</i>	<i>0.460</i>	<i>0.502</i>	<i>0.467</i>	0.455	<b>0.512</b>	<i>0.503</i>	<i>0.482</i>
NN Cancer	0.665	0.627	0.654	0.686	0.700	0.686	<b>0.806</b>	<i>0.755</i>	0.708	0.698
Robot pushing 3d	0.928	<i>0.960</i>	<i>0.962</i>	<i>0.957</i>	<b>0.962</b>	<i>0.961</i>	<i>0.955</i>	0.951	<i>0.955</i>	<i>0.954</i>
Robot pushing 4d	<i>0.730</i>	0.726	0.695	0.695	0.736	0.697	<i>0.765</i>	<b>0.786</b>	<i>0.770</i>	<i>0.745</i>
Average	0.779	<i>0.813</i>	<i>0.818</i>	0.815	<i>0.831</i>	0.806	<b>0.836</b>	<i>0.830</i>	<i>0.833</i>	<i>0.822</i>



# Efficient Nonmyopic Bayesian Optimization

- Contribution
  - One-shot multiple-step trees: **jointly** optimize all decision variables in one-shot fashion
  - Fast-fantasies and parallelism: **LOVE** cache with **GPytorch**
  - Improved performance over myopic EI and BINOCULARS

# Efficient Nonmyopic Bayesian Optimization

- Bayesian Optimal Policy

- OP:  $x^* \in \arg \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f(x)$
- Utility of decision horizon  $k$   $u(\mathcal{D}_k) = \max_{(x,y) \in \mathcal{D}_k} y$
- Define:  $\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2, \dots, \mathcal{D}_k$  recursively  $\mathcal{D}_i = \mathcal{D}_{i-1} \cup \{(x_i, y_i)\}$
- Policy: a collection of decision functions  $\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_k)$
- Objective:  $\sup_{\pi} \mathbb{E}[u(\mathcal{D}_k^{\pi})]$
- One step marginal:

$$v_1(x \mid \mathcal{D}) = \mathbb{E}_y [u(\mathcal{D} \cup \{(x, y)\}) - u(\mathcal{D}) \mid x, \mathcal{D}]$$



# ENO

- Bayesian Optimal Policy
  - k-steps marginal by Bellman's recursion:

$$v_t(x \mid \mathcal{D}) = v_1(x \mid \mathcal{D}) + \mathbb{E}_y[\max_{x'} v_{t-1}(x' \mid \mathcal{D} \cup \{(x, y)\})].$$

- Batch marginal per iteration(q-EI)

$$V_1^q(X \mid \mathcal{D}) = \mathbb{E}_{y^{(1)}, \dots, y^{(q)}} [u(\mathcal{D} \cup \{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (x^{(q)}, y^{(q)})\}) - u(\mathcal{D}) \mid X, \mathcal{D}]$$

# Relaxation

## Nested Expectation-Maximization Problem



- Expand the k-steps problem

$$v_k(x | \mathcal{D}) = v_1(x | \mathcal{D}) + \mathbb{E}_y \left[ \max_{x_2} \left\{ v_1(x_2 | \mathcal{D}_1) + \mathbb{E}_{y_2} \left[ \max_{x_3} \left\{ v_1(x_3 | \mathcal{D}_2) + \dots \right\} \right] \right\} \right]$$

- Replace the expectation by *fantasy* samples from model's posterior

$$\bar{v}_k(x | \mathcal{D}) = v_1(x | \mathcal{D}) + \frac{1}{m_1} \sum_{j_1=1}^{m_1} \left[ \max_{x_2} \left\{ v_1(x_2 | \mathcal{D}_1^{j_1}) + \frac{1}{m_2} \sum_{j_2=1}^{m_2} \left[ \max_{x_3} \left\{ v_1(x_3 | \mathcal{D}_2^{j_1 j_2}) + \dots \right\} \right] \right\} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{D}_1^{j_1} = \mathcal{D} \cup \{(x, y^{j_1})\}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_t^{j_1 \dots j_t} = \mathcal{D}_{t-1}^{j_1 \dots j_{t-1}} \cup \{(x_t^{j_1 \dots j_{t-1}}, y_t^{j_1 \dots j_t})\}$$

$$y_t^{j_1 \dots j_t} \sim p(y_t | x_t^{j_1 \dots j_t}, \mathcal{D}_{t-1}^{j_1 \dots j_{t-1}})$$

# Reparameterization Trick

- Reparametrize  $\bar{v}_k(x | \mathcal{D})$

$$y = h_{\mathcal{D}}(x, z)$$

$z$  is a random variable independent of both  $x$  and  $\mathcal{D}$   $z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$

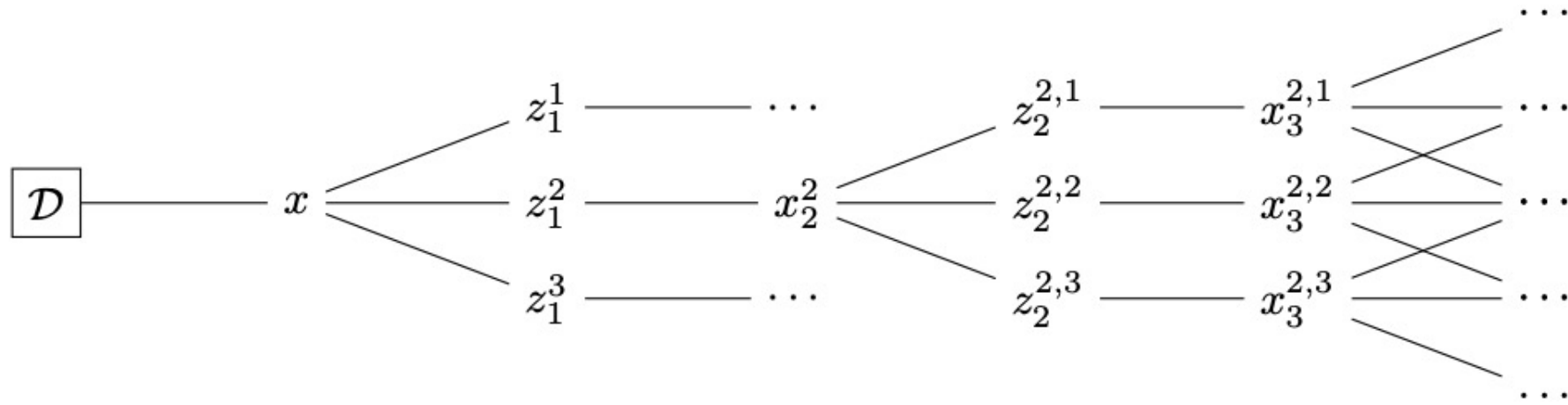
$$h_{\mathcal{D}}(x, z) = \mu_{\mathcal{D}}(x) + L_{\mathcal{D}}(x)z$$

$$L_{\mathcal{D}}(x)L_{\mathcal{D}}^T(x) = \Sigma_{\mathcal{D}}(x)$$

Base samples



# Scenario Tree



$$\bar{v}_k(x | \mathcal{D}) = v_1(x | \mathcal{D}) + \frac{1}{m_1} \sum_{j_1=1}^{m_1} \left[ \max_{x_2} \left\{ v_1(x_2 | \mathcal{D}_1^{j_1}) + \frac{1}{m_2} \sum_{j_2=1}^{m_2} \left[ \max_{x_3} \left\{ v_1(x_3 | \mathcal{D}_2^{j_1 j_2}) + \dots \right\} \right] \right\} \right]$$

# Differentiable Scenario Tree

- Jointly optimize all decision variables is equivalent to optimize the decision variable of the k-steps problem

**Proposition 1.** Fix a set of base samples and consider  $\bar{v}_k(x | \mathcal{D})$ . Let  $x_t^{j_1 \dots j_{t-1}}$  be an instance of  $x_t$  for each realization of  $\mathcal{D}_{t-1}^{j_1 \dots j_{t-1}}$  and let

$$x^*, \mathbf{x}_2^*, \mathbf{x}_3^*, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k^* = \arg \max_{x, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k} \left\{ v_1(x | \mathcal{D}) + \frac{1}{m_1} \sum_{j_1=1}^{m_1} v_1(x_2^{j_1} | \mathcal{D}_1^{j_1}) + \dots + \frac{1}{\prod_{\ell=1}^{k-1} m_\ell} \sum_{j_1=1}^{m_1} \dots \sum_{j_{k-1}=1}^{m_{k-1}} v_1(x_k^{j_1 \dots j_{k-1}} | \mathcal{D}_{k-1}^{j_1 \dots j_{k-1}}) \right\}, \quad (6)$$

**Differentiable**

where we compactly represent  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \{x_2^{j_1}\}_{j_1=1 \dots m_1}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_3 = \{x_3^{j_1 j_2}\}_{j_1=1 \dots m_1, j_2=1 \dots m_2}$ , and so on. Then,  $x^* = \arg \max_x \bar{v}_k(x | \mathcal{D})$ .

**One-step multi-step approach**

# Fast-Fantasies

- Lanczos Variance Estimates

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## Constant-Time Predictive Distributions for Gaussian Processes

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Table 1. Asymptotic complexities of predictive (co)variances ( $n$  training points,  $m$  inducing points,  $k$  Lanczos/CG iterations) and sampling from the predictive distribution ( $s$  samples,  $t$  test points).

Method	Pre-computation		Computing variances	Drawing $s$ samples
	(time)	(storage)	(time)	(time)
Standard GP	$\mathcal{O}(n^3)$	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(tn^2 + t^2(n + s) + t^3)$
SGPR	$\mathcal{O}(nm^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(m^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(m^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(tm^2 + t^2(m + s) + t^3)$
KISS-GP	–	–	$\mathcal{O}(k(n + m \log m))$	$\mathcal{O}(kt(n + m \log m) + t^2(m + s) + t^3)$
KISS-GP (w/ LOVE)	$\mathcal{O}(k(n + m \log m))$	$\mathcal{O}(km)$	$\mathcal{O}(k)$	$\mathcal{O}(ks(t + m))$

# Fast-Fantasies

- LOVE Cache

$$k_{f|\mathcal{D}}(x_i^*, x_j^*) = k_{x_i^* x_j^*} - \mathbf{k}_{Xx_i^*}^\top (K_{XX} + \Sigma)^{-1} \mathbf{k}_{Xx_j^*}$$

$$\tilde{K}_{XX} = \tilde{R} \tilde{R}^\top, \quad \tilde{K}_{XX} := K_{XX} + \Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

QR decompose  $R$

LOVE Cache

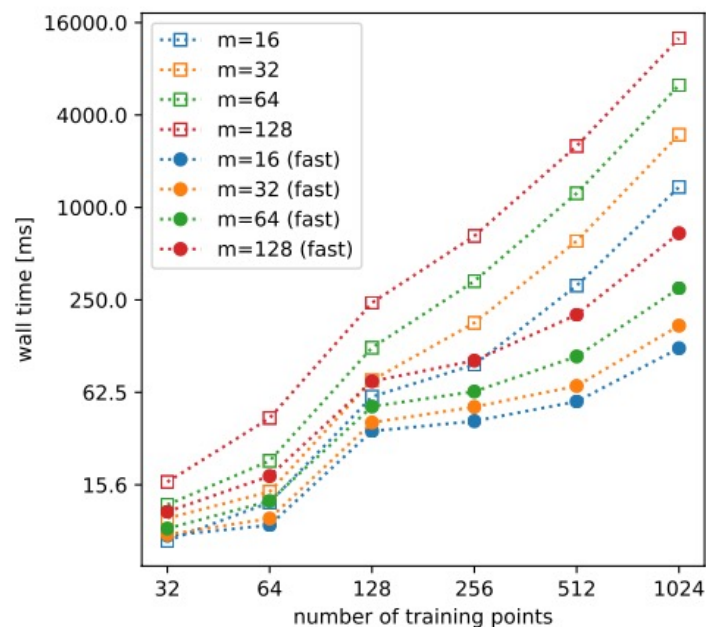
Rank-1 Cholesky update

$$k_{f|\mathcal{D}}(x_i^*, x_j^*) = k_{x_i^* x_j^*} - \mathbf{k}_{Xx_i^*}^\top R^{-\top} R^{-1} \mathbf{k}_{Xx_j^*}$$

Pseudo-inverse

- LOVE Cache

**Proposition 2.** Suppose  $(K_{XX} + \Sigma)^{-1}$  has been decomposed using LOVE into  $R^{-\top} R^{-1}$ , with  $R^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$ . Suppose we wish to augment  $X$  with  $q$  data points, thereby augmenting  $K_{XX}$  with  $q$  rows and columns, yielding  $K_{\hat{X}\hat{X}}$ . A rank  $r + q$  decomposition  $\hat{R}^{-1}$  of the inverse,  $\hat{R}^{-\top} \hat{R}^{-1} \approx (K_{\hat{X}\hat{X}} + \Sigma)^{-1}$ , can be computed from  $R$  in  $\mathcal{O}(nrq)$  time.





# Special Instances (linear to k)

- Multi-Step (deterministic) Path
  - Single path when  $m_t = 1$  for  $t \geq 2$
  - Equivalent to single point quadrature (mean of the Gaussian)
  - Certainty equivalent control
  - Works surprisingly well in practice
- Non-Adaptive Approximation (ENO)
  - replace the adaptive value function  $v_{k-1}$  by  $V_1^{k-1}$

$$\max_{x, X^{(1)}, \dots, X^{(m_1)}} v_1(x \mid \mathcal{D}) + \frac{1}{m_1} \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} V_1^{k-1}(X^{(i)} \mid \mathcal{D}_1^{(i)})$$

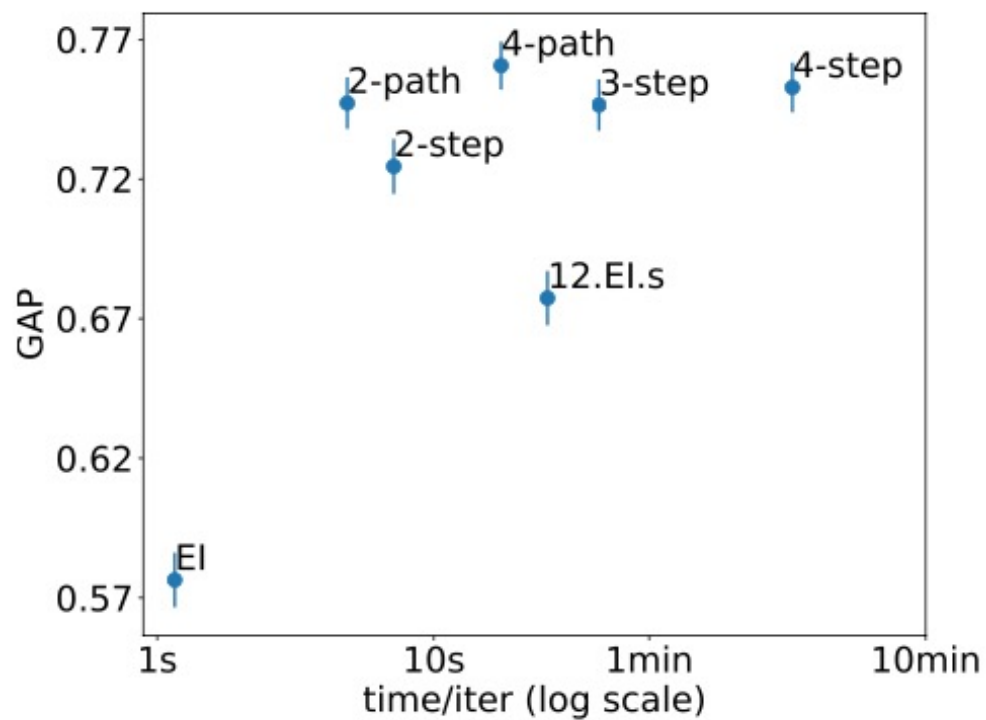
# Tightness of Lowerbound

Method	Acquisition Function
multi-step (ours)	$v_1(x   \mathcal{D}) + \mathbb{E}_y[\max_{x'} v_{k-1}(x'   \mathcal{D}_1)]$
ENO (ours)	$v_1(x   \mathcal{D}) + \mathbb{E}_y[\max_X V_1^{k-1}(X   \mathcal{D}_1)]$
BINOCULARS [15]	$v_1(x   \mathcal{D}) + \max_X \mathbb{E}_y[V_1^{k-1}(X   \mathcal{D}_1)]$
GLASSES [11]	$v_1(x   \mathcal{D}) + \mathbb{E}_y[V_1^{k-1}(X_g   \mathcal{D}_1)]$
rollout [18]	$r_k(x   \mathcal{D}) = r_1(x   \mathcal{D}) + \mathbb{E}_y[r_{k-1}(\pi(\mathcal{D}_1)   \mathcal{D}_1)]$
two-step [32]	$v_1(x   \mathcal{D}) + \mathbb{E}_y[\max_{x'} v_1(x'   \mathcal{D}_1)]$
one-step [21]	$v_1(x   \mathcal{D}) + 0$
relationships (when $k \geq 2$ )	multi-step $\geq$ ENO $\geq$ BINOCULARS $\geq$ GLASSES $\geq$ one-step; multi-step $\geq$ rollout $\geq$ two-step $\geq$ one-step; ENO $\geq$ two-step.

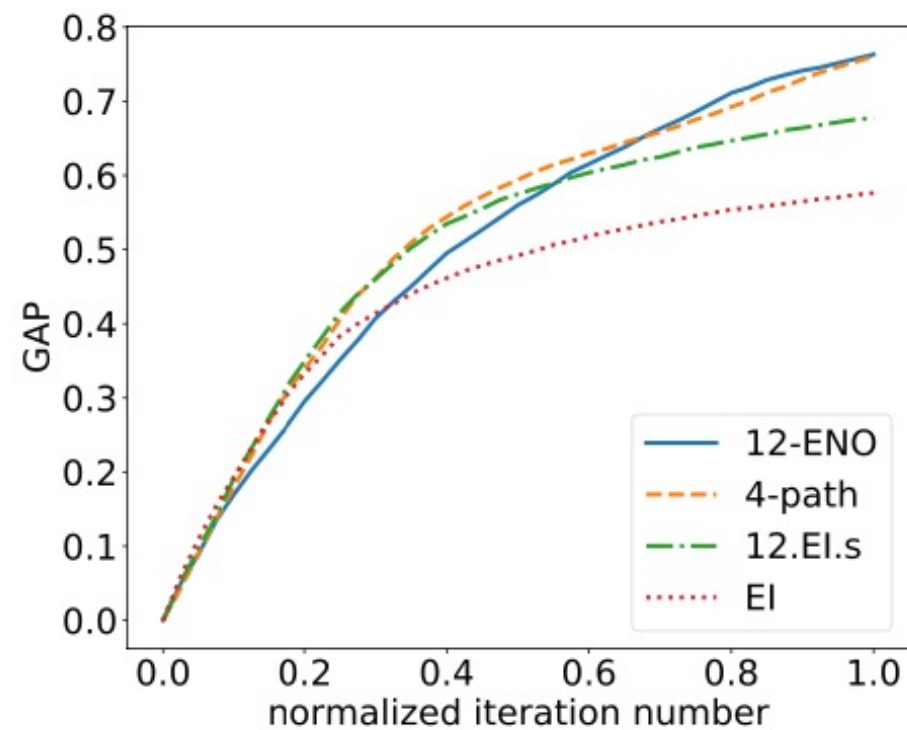
# Experiment

	EI	ETS	12.EI.s	2-step	3-step	4-step	4-path	12-ENO
eggholder	0.627	0.647	<b>0.736</b>	0.478	0.536	0.577	0.567	0.661
dropwave	0.429	0.585	0.606	0.545	0.600	0.635	<b>0.731</b>	0.673
shubert	0.376	<i>0.487</i>	<i>0.515</i>	0.476	<i>0.507</i>	<b>0.562</b>	<i>0.560</i>	<i>0.494</i>
rastrigin4	0.816	0.495	0.790	<b>0.851</b>	<i>0.821</i>	<i>0.826</i>	<i>0.837</i>	<i>0.837</i>
ackley2	0.808	0.856	<i>0.902</i>	<i>0.870</i>	<i>0.895</i>	<i>0.888</i>	<b>0.931</b>	0.847
ackley5	0.576	0.516	0.703	0.786	0.793	0.804	<b>0.875</b>	<i>0.856</i>
bukin	0.841	0.843	0.842	<b>0.862</b>	<i>0.862</i>	<i>0.861</i>	<i>0.852</i>	0.836
shekel5	0.349	0.132	0.496	<i>0.827</i>	<b>0.856</b>	<i>0.847</i>	0.718	0.799
shekel7	0.363	0.159	0.506	<i>0.825</i>	<i>0.850</i>	0.775	0.776	<b>0.866</b>
Average	0.576	0.524	0.677	0.725	<i>0.747</i>	<i>0.753</i>	<i>0.761</i>	<b>0.763</b>
Ave. time	1.157	1949.	25.74	7.163	39.53	197.7	17.50	15.61

# Experiment



(a)



(b)