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# Scalable<sup>3</sup>-BayesOpt: Big Data meets HPC

A scalable parallel high-dimensional BO framework on supercomputers

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# Advantages/Disadvantages

## Bayesian optimization in a nutshell

Bayesian optimization = Gaussian process + sampling strategy

Advantages:

- optimize with uncertainty consideration
- active machine learning (balance exploration-exploitation)
- derivative free (avoid computing Jacobian)
- global optimization (convergence in probability to global optimum)
- good convergence rate (provably asymptotic regret,  $\mathcal{O}\left(n^{-\frac{1}{d}}\right)$ )

Disadvantages:

- high-dimensionality
- scalability: computational bottleneck  $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$  when  $n \geq \mathcal{O}(10^3)$

# Bayesian optimization features

very **versatile** (open for methodological extensions)

- acquisition functions: PI, EI, UCB, Thompson sampling, entropy-based, KG, or combination among these
- constrained on objectives (known + unknown constraints) ✓
- multi-objective(Pareto frontier/optimal, domination) ✓
- multi-output ✗
- multi-fidelity (couple multiple low-, high-fidelity models) ✓
- batch parallelization ✓ → **asynchronous parallel** ✓
- stochastic ✗
- time-series (forecasting, e.g. causal kernel) ✗
- mixed-integer (discrete/categorical + continuous) ✓
- **scalable** ✓
- latent variable model ✗
- gradient-enhanced ✓
- **high-dimensional** (with low effective dimensionality) ✓
- physics-constrained: monotonic, discontinuous, symmetry, bound ✗
- outlier: student-*t* distribution ✗
- non-stationary ✗

# Outline

An outline for this talk

- warning: will be dense in mathematics
- deliberate use of Sherman–Morrison–Woodbury formula for matrix inversion
- formulations
  1. (scalable + low-rank) sparse GP – variational inference for ELBO
  2. high-dimensional problem with low effective dimensionality:  
Johnson-Lindenstrauss lemma for Gaussian random projection<sup>1</sup>
  3. asynchronous (nonmyopic/lookahead) parallel on HPC
- our contribution: a unifying framework to tackle scalability with respect to different fronts: (1) data size, (2) dimensionality, (3) computational resource
- demonstration with distinct numerical examples
  - 1M data point
  - $10,000D$  with low- $d$
  - 20 concurrent workers for parallelization

<sup>1</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Random\\_projection](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Random_projection)

# Notation

- $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^D$ : inputs,
- $\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Z} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ : random embedded inputs,
- $\mathbf{X}_u \in \mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^D$ : inducing inputs,
- $\mathbf{Z}_u \in \mathcal{Z} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ : random embedded inducing inputs,
- $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}$ : inducing random embedded outputs,
- $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}$ : outputs,
- $D$ : dimensionality of  $x$  (before embedding),
- $d \ll D$ : dimensionality of  $z$  (after embedding),
- $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times d}$ : normal random matrix,  $\mathbf{a}_{ij} \stackrel{\text{i.i.d}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .

# Classical GP

Let  $\mathcal{D}_n = \{\mathbf{x}_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^n$  denote the dataset. Assume observations jointly Gaussian

$$\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}}), \quad (1)$$

and

$$\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f}, \sigma^2 \sim \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|f_i) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}), \quad (2)$$

then the Gaussian process posterior mean and variance is given by

$$\mu(\mathbf{x}^*) = \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}^*)^\top (\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}} + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{m}), \quad (3)$$

$$\sigma^2(\mathbf{x}^*) = \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{x}^*) - \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}^*)^\top (\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}} + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}^*). \quad (4)$$

# Classical GP

Formulation:

- **assume** stationary: only depends on distance  $r = ||\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*||$
- **then** the covariance matrix is symmetric positive-semidefinite matrix made up of pairwise inner products

$$\mathbf{K}_{ij} = k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = k(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{K}_{ji} \quad (5)$$

- unknown function is *presumably* smooth, i.e. squared exponential is infinitely differentiable  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$
- $\mathbf{x}$  are continuous, i.e.  $f : \mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Implementation:

- MLE to estimate the hyper-parameter  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^D$
- MLE is equivalent to MAP if prior is uniform
- cost complexity  $\mathbf{K}^{-1}$  at the cost of  $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ ,  $\mathbf{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

# Classical GP: A Bayesian perspective

Mostly follow Quiñonero-Candela and Hansen 2004; Quiñonero-Candela and Rasmussen 2005.

Denote training  $\mathbf{f}$ , testing  $\mathbf{f}_*$ , the joint GP prior is

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}_*) = \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m} \\ \mathbf{m} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}} & \mathbf{K}_{*, \mathbf{f}} \\ \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f}, *} & \mathbf{K}_{*, *} \end{bmatrix} \right). \quad (6)$$

By Bayes' rule

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{f}_* | \mathbf{y}) &= \int p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}_* | \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{f} \\ &= \frac{1}{\rho(\mathbf{y})} \int p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{f}) p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}_*) d\mathbf{f} \\ &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{K}_{*, \mathbf{f}} [\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}} + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}]^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{m}), \mathbf{K}_{*, *} - \mathbf{K}_{*, \mathbf{f}} [\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}} + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}]^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f}, *} ), \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Log of marginal likelihood function:

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{X}) &= \log \int p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{f}) p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{X}) d\mathbf{f} \\ &= -\frac{n}{2} \log (2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log |\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}} + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}| - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{m})^\top (\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}} + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{m}). \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

# Classical GP: A Bayesian perspective

A conditional of a Gaussian is also Gaussian.

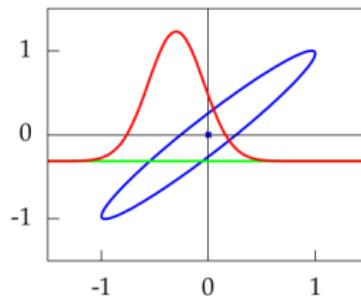


Figure: Photo courtesy of from Lawrence 2016.

If

$$P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{\mathbf{x}} \\ \mu_{\mathbf{y}} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} A & C \\ C^{\top} & B \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad (9)$$

then

$$P(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_{\mathbf{x}} + CB^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mu_{\mathbf{y}}), A - CB^{-1}C^{\top}) \quad (10)$$

(cf. App. A, Quiñonero-Candela and Rasmussen 2005).

# Sparse GP

## Low-rank approximation<sup>2</sup> for $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{f}}$

Low-rank approximation  $\mathbf{K} \approx \tilde{\mathbf{K}} = \mathbf{K}_{n \times m} \mathbf{K}_{m \times m}^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{m \times n}$  (cf. Section 8.1 Rasmussen 2006) and scales as  $\mathcal{O}(nm^2 + m^3)$  instead of  $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ .

For  $n \gg m$ , this method scales as  $\mathcal{O}(nm^2)$ .

Following Quiñonero-Candela and Rasmussen 2005; Quiñonero-Candela, Rasmussen, and Williams 2007, Chalupka, Williams, and Murray 2013, Vanhatalo et al. 2012; Vanhatalo et al. 2013.

Cost complexity:

- local GP:  $\mathcal{O}(m^3)$
- sparse GP:  $\mathcal{O}(nm^2)$
- classical GP (Cholesky decomposition):  $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{3}n^3)$
- classical GP (LU decomposition):  $\mathcal{O}(\frac{2}{3}n^3)$
- classical GP (QR decomposition):  $\mathcal{O}(\frac{4}{3}n^3)$

<sup>2</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Low-rank\\_matrix\\_approximations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Low-rank_matrix_approximations)

# Sparse GP

- $p(\cdot)$ : true pdf
- $q(\cdot)$ : approximate pdf

Assume the fully independent training conditional (FITC) Quiñonero-Candela and Rasmussen 2005; Quiñonero-Candela, Rasmussen, and Williams 2007, augment the joint model  $p(\mathbf{f}_*, \mathbf{f})$  as

$$p(\mathbf{f}_*, \mathbf{f}) = \int p(\mathbf{f}_*, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{u}) d\mathbf{u} = \int p(\mathbf{f}_*, \mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u}) p(\mathbf{u}) d\mathbf{u}, \quad (11)$$

$\mathbf{u}$ : inducing variables at  $m$  locations  $\mathbf{X}_u$ . The training and testing conditionals are

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{K}_{f,u} \mathbf{K}_{u,u}^{-1} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{m}), \mathbf{K}_{f,f} - \mathbf{Q}_{f,f}), \quad (12)$$

and

$$p(\mathbf{f}_*|\mathbf{u}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{K}_{*,u} \mathbf{K}_{u,u}^{-1} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{m}), \mathbf{K}_{*,*} - \mathbf{Q}_{*,*}), \quad (13)$$

where

$$\mathbf{Q}_{a,b} := \mathbf{K}_{a,u} \mathbf{K}_{u,u}^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{u,b}. \quad (14)$$

The likelihood and inducing priors remain the same, i.e.  $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$ , and  $p(\mathbf{u}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{K}_{u,u})$ .

# Sparse GP

FITC training prior based on the inducing priors is modified as

$$q(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u}) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(\mathbf{f}_i|\mathbf{u}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{u}}^{-1}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{m}), \text{Diag}[\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{f}} - \mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{f}}]) \quad (15)$$

and keeping the testing prior the same

$$q(\mathbf{f}_*|\mathbf{u}) = p(\mathbf{f}_*|\mathbf{u}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{K}_{*,\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{u}}^{-1}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{m}), \mathbf{K}_{*,*} - \mathbf{Q}_{*,*}), \quad (16)$$

the effective prior under the FITC assumption is

$$q(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}_*) = \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m} \\ \mathbf{m} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{f}} - \text{Diag}[\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{f}} - \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{f}}] & \mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{f},*} \\ \mathbf{Q}_{*,\mathbf{f}} & \mathbf{K}_{*,*} \end{bmatrix} \right), \quad (17)$$

which implies the testing distribution as

$$\begin{aligned} q(\mathbf{f}_*|\mathbf{y}) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{Q}_{*,\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{f}} + \Lambda)^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{m}), \mathbf{K}_{*,*} - \mathbf{Q}_{*,\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{f}} + \Lambda)^{-1}\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{f},*}) \\ &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{K}_{*,\mathbf{u}}\Sigma\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{f}}\Lambda^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{m}), \mathbf{K}_{*,*} - \mathbf{Q}_{*,*} + \mathbf{K}_{*,\mathbf{u}}\Sigma\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u},*}) \end{aligned}, \quad (18)$$

where  $\Sigma = [\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{f}}\Lambda^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{u}}]^{-1}$  and  $\Lambda = \text{Diag}[\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{f}} - \mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{f}} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}]$ .

# Sparse GP

The marginal likelihood conditioned on the inducing inputs is therefore

$$q(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}_u) = \int \int p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f})q(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u})p(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{X}_u)d\mathbf{u}d\mathbf{f} = \int p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f})q(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{X}_u)d\mathbf{f}, \quad (19)$$

which implies the log marginal likelihood as

$$\log q(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}_u) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log |\mathbf{Q}_{f,f} + \Lambda| - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{m})^\top [\mathbf{Q}_{f,f} + \Lambda]^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{m}), \quad (20)$$

where  $\Lambda = \text{Diag}[\mathbf{K}_{f,f} - \mathbf{Q}_{f,f}] + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$ .

Note that by Sherman–Morrison–Woodbury formula,

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{Q}_{f,f} + \Lambda]^{-1} &= [\Lambda + \mathbf{K}_{f,u} \mathbf{K}_{u,u}^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{u,f}]^{-1} \\ &= \Lambda^{-1} - \Lambda^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{f,u} [\mathbf{K}_{u,u} + \mathbf{K}_{u,f} \Lambda^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{f,u}]^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{u,f} \Lambda^{-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Cost complexity:  $\mathcal{O}(nm^2)$  Williams and Seeger 2001; Li, Kwok, and Lü 2010, if  $\mathbf{X}_u$  is chosen in advance.

# Variational inference: a hand-waving argument

Follows Frigola, Chen, and Rasmussen 2014 and Rasmussen's corresponding slides. By Bayes' rule,

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{y}, \theta) = \frac{p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f})p(\mathbf{f}|\theta)}{p(\mathbf{y}|\theta)} \Leftrightarrow p(\mathbf{y}|\theta) = \frac{p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f})p(\mathbf{f}|\theta)}{p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{y}, \theta)}. \quad (22)$$

The idea: approximate the (computationally intractable)  $p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{y}, \theta)$  by a (computationally tractable) parameterized variational  $q(\mathbf{f})$ . For any  $q(\mathbf{f})$ ,

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\theta) = \frac{p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f})p(\mathbf{f}|\theta)}{p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{y}, \theta)} \frac{q(\mathbf{f})}{q(\mathbf{f})} \Leftrightarrow \log p(\mathbf{y}|\theta) = \log \frac{p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f})p(\mathbf{f}|\theta)}{q(\mathbf{f})} + \log \frac{q(\mathbf{f})}{p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{y}, \theta)}. \quad (23)$$

Apply  $\int q(\mathbf{f})d\mathbf{f}$  to both sides

$$\underbrace{\log p(\mathbf{y}|\theta)}_{\text{marginal likelihood}} = \underbrace{\int q(\mathbf{f}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f})p(\mathbf{f}|\theta)}{q(\mathbf{f})} d\mathbf{f}}_{\text{Evidence Lower BOund}} + \underbrace{\int q(\mathbf{f}) \log \frac{q(\mathbf{f})}{p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{y}, \theta)} d\mathbf{f}}_{KL(q(\mathbf{f})||p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{y}, \theta))} \quad (24)$$

Somewhat related to the reparameterization trick in VAE Diederik and Welling 2014.

Turn our attention to **maximizing the variational ELBO** (or equivalently minimizing the KL divergence) instead of maximizing the log marginal likelihood.

# Variational inference: a rigorous approach

Mostly follow Titsias 2009a; Titsias 2009b and Bonilla, Krauth, and Dezfouli 2019.

Definition of conditionally independent condition:

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y}) = p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u}), \quad (25)$$

which implies  $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{u}|\mathbf{y}) = p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y})p(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{y}) \approx q(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{u}) = p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u})q(\mathbf{u})$ , where  $q(\mathbf{u})$  is the approximate variational posterior. Main tool: Jensen's inequality.

$$\begin{aligned} \log q(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{X}_u) &= \log \int \int p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f})q(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u})p(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{X}_u) \times \frac{q(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{f})}{q(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{f})} d\mathbf{u} d\mathbf{f} \\ &\geq \int \int q(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{f}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f})q(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u})p(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{X}_u)}{q(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{f})} d\mathbf{u} d\mathbf{f} \\ &= \int \int p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u})q(\mathbf{u}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f})q(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u})p(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{X}_u)}{p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u})q(\mathbf{u})} d\mathbf{u} d\mathbf{f} \\ &= \int q(\mathbf{u}) \left\{ \int p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u}) \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f}) d\mathbf{f} + \log \frac{p(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{X}_u)}{q(\mathbf{u})} \right\} d\mathbf{u} \\ &= \int q(\mathbf{u}) \left\{ \log G(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y}) + \log \frac{p(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{X}_u)}{q(\mathbf{u})} \right\} d\mathbf{u} \\ &= \int q(\mathbf{u}) \left\{ \log \frac{G(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y})p(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{X}_u)}{q(\mathbf{u})} \right\} d\mathbf{u} := \mathcal{F}_V(\mathbf{X}_u, \mathbf{u}), \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log G(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y}) &= \int p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u}) \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f}) d\mathbf{f} \\ &= \int p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u}) \left\{ -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \text{Tr} [\mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^\top - 2\mathbf{y}\mathbf{f}^\top + \mathbf{f}\mathbf{f}^\top] \right\} d\mathbf{f} \\ &= -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \text{Tr} [\mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^\top - 2\mathbf{y}\alpha^\top + \alpha\alpha^\top + \mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}} - \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}}] \\ &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}|\alpha, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \text{Tr}[\text{Cov}(\alpha)], \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

# Variational inference: a rigorous approach

where  $\alpha = \mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u}$ , with

$$\mathbb{E}[\alpha] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u}] = \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{u}}^{-1}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{m}) \quad (28)$$

and

$$\text{Cov}[\alpha] = \text{Cov}[\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{u}] = \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{f}} - \mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{f}} = \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{f}} - \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{u}}^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{f}}. \quad (29)$$

Reverse Jensen's inequality to maximize the variational evidence lower bound

$\mathcal{F}_V(\mathbf{X}_u, \mathbf{u})$  w.r.t.  $q(\mathbf{u})$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_V(\mathbf{X}_u, \mathbf{u}) &= \int q(\mathbf{u}) \left\{ \log \frac{G(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y})p(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{X}_u)}{q(\mathbf{u})} \right\} d\mathbf{u} \\ &\leq \int \log G(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y})p(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{X}_u) d\mathbf{u} \\ &= \log[\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{m}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{f}})] - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \text{Tr} \left[ \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{f}} - \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{u}}^{-1}\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{f}} \right] =: \mathcal{F}_V(\mathbf{X}_u) \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Train sparse GP by maximizing  $\mathcal{F}_V(\mathbf{X}_u)$ . See also Vanhatalo et al. 2012; Vanhatalo et al. 2013, Bauer, Wilk, and Rasmussen 2016; Burt, Rasmussen, and Wilk 2020, Matthews et al. 2016.

# Numerical benchmark: Big Data

- Intel Xeon Platinum 8160 CPU @ 2.10GHz
- 24 cores, 48 threads
- RHEL 7.1 (Maipo)
- 180 GB of memory
- sphere function  $y = \sum_{i=1}^3 (x_i)^2$ ,  $\mathcal{X} = [-1, 1]^3$
- training data points:  $n \in \{10^1, 10^2, \dots, 10^6\}$
- number of inducing points:  $m \in \{10, 50, 100, \dots, 300\}$
- GPstuff with SuitSparse toolbox on MATLAB
- $m = 300$ ,  $n = 10^6$  takes  $\sim 48$  minutes

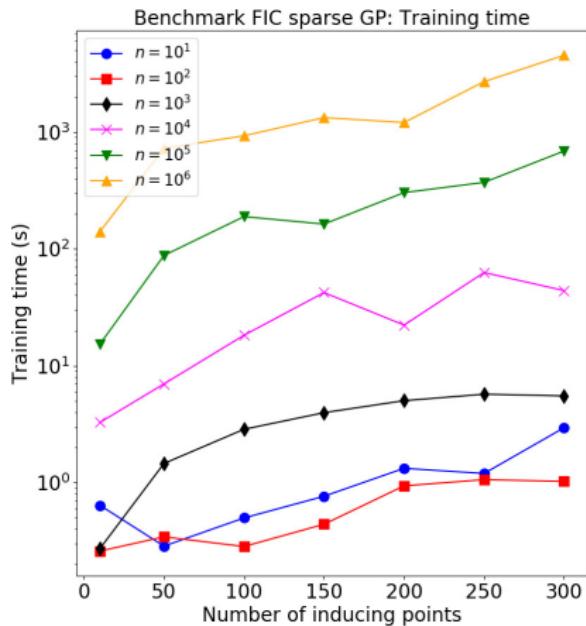


Figure: Benchmark of training time.

# Numerical benchmark: Big Data

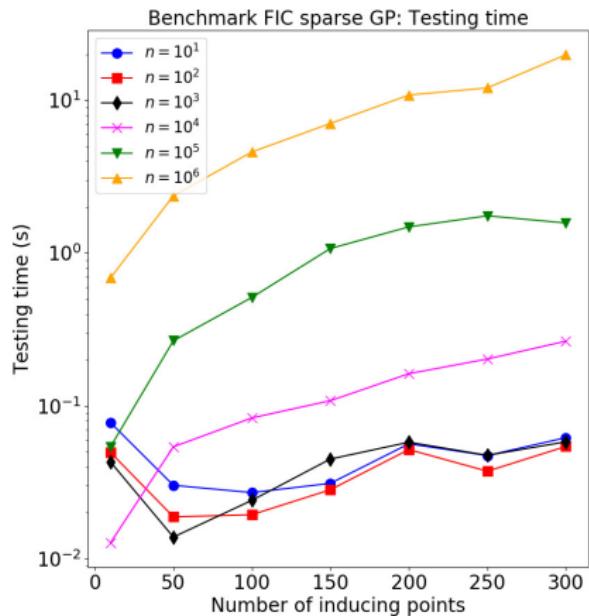


Figure: Benchmark of testing time.

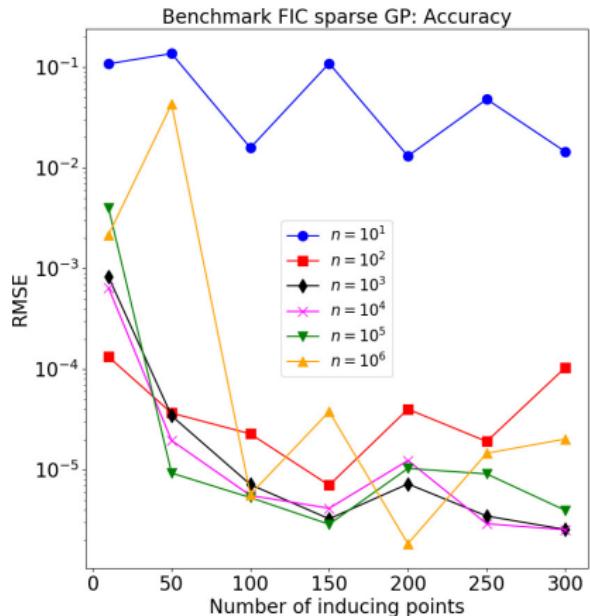


Figure: Benchmark of accuracy.

# High-dimensional: Active subspace method

Formulations are derived by Constantine, Dow, and Wang 2014; Constantine 2015  
Ideas:

- approximate high-dimensional function using gradients,  $f : \mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- perform SVD on covariance of gradient vector with descending eigenvalues

$$\mathbb{E}[\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^\top] = \mathbf{W} \text{Diag}[\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_D] \mathbf{W}^\top \quad (31)$$

$$\text{Diag}[\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_D] = \text{Diag}[\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_d] \bigoplus \text{Diag}[\lambda_{d+1}, \dots, \lambda_D], \quad \mathbf{W} = [\mathbf{W}_1 \ \mathbf{W}_2] \quad (32)$$

- rotate the inputs  $\mathbf{W}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times d}, \mathbf{W}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times (D-d)}$

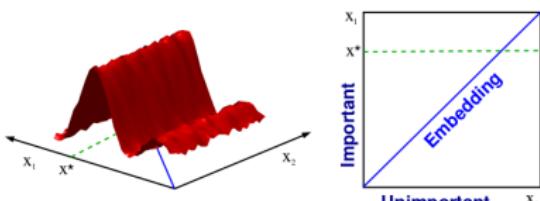
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{W}_1 \mathbf{W}_1^\top \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{W}_2 \mathbf{W}_2^\top \mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{W}_1 \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{W}_2 \mathbf{z}) \quad (33)$$

- if  $\mathbf{z}$  invariant in an inactive subspace  $\lambda_{d+1} = \dots = \lambda_D = 0$ , then  
 $f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{W}_1 \mathbf{y})$ : reduce from  $D$  to  $d$
- work great if gradients are readily available
- but what if gradients are not available? estimation by GP? constrained manifold optimization for  $\mathbf{W}_1^\top$  besides the original optimization?

# High-dimensional: Gaussian random projection

Mostly follow Wang et al. 2013; Wang et al. 2016. Main idea:

- choose (wisely) and optimize over  $\mathcal{Z} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$
- embed and project onto high-dimensional space as  $\mathbf{x} \leftarrow p_{\mathcal{X}}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z})$
- $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times d}$ : tall-and-skinny random matrix with standard normal component



**Figure:** Photo courtesy of Wang et al Wang et al. 2016. Optimizing a 2d function (with 1d active subspace) via random embedding.

- 1: generate a random matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times d} : a_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
- 2: choose the bounded region set  $\mathcal{Z} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$
- 3:  $\mathcal{D}_0 \leftarrow \emptyset$
- 4: **for**  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  **do**
- 5:   locate next sampling point  $\mathbf{z}_{i+1} \leftarrow \text{argmax}_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Z}} a(\mathbf{z}) \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- 6:   query  $\mathcal{D}_{i+1} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_i \cup \{\mathbf{z}_{i+1}, f(p_{\mathcal{X}}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}_{i+1}))\}$
- 7:   update GP
- 8: **end for**

## High-dimensional: Gaussian random projection

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^D \quad \parallel \quad \begin{matrix} D \text{ rows} \\ A \end{matrix} \quad \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{d'} \quad \mathbf{1}$$

Theorem (Johnson-Lindenstrauss lemma (cf. Lemma 15 Mahoney 2016))

Given  $n$  points  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$ , each of which is in  $\mathbb{R}^D$ ,  $\mathbf{A} \sim \mathcal{MN}_{D \times d}(0, \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{I})$ , and let  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  defined as  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{x}$ . Then, if  $d \geq \frac{9 \log n}{\varepsilon^2 - \varepsilon^3}$ , for some  $\varepsilon \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ , then with probability at least  $\frac{1}{2}$ , all pairwise distances are preserved, i.e. for all  $i, j$ , we have

$$(1-\varepsilon)\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|_2^2 \leq \|\mathbf{z}_i - \mathbf{z}_j\|_2^2 \leq (1+\varepsilon)\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|_2^2 \quad (34)$$

**Figure:** A random embedding or a random projection  $x = Az$  is built as a corollary from the Johnson-Lindenstrauss lemma, where  $A$  is a random normal matrix.

# High-dimensional: Gaussian random projection

Mostly follow Wang et al. 2013; Wang et al. 2016.

- $D$ : original high dimensionality
- $d_e$ : true effective dimensionality
- $d \geq d_e$ : guess dimensionality
- theory says that if  $\varepsilon = \frac{\log d}{\sqrt{d}}$
- which implies  $\mathcal{Z} = [-\sqrt{d}, +\sqrt{d}]^d \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

Caveats (and modifications):

- may have to normalize the embedding to  $\frac{1}{d} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{z}$  instead of  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{z}$
- need to translate from  $[-\sqrt{d}, +\sqrt{d}]^D$  to  $[\underline{\mathbf{x}}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}]$

Compared to the active subspace method:

- does not require the rotation matrix  $\mathbf{W}_1^\top$  (hence avoid the manifold optimization constraint)
- comes at the cost of having  $(1 - \varepsilon)$  successful rate for finding optimal
- could be reduced with multiple  $\mathbf{A}$

# Numerical benchmark: High-dimensional (with low effective dimensionality)

The modified ZDT1 function, which is defined on  $[-1, 1]^D$ , is

$$f_2(\mathbf{x}) = g \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{x_1^2}{g}} \right), \quad (35)$$

where  $g = 1 + 9 \left( \sum_{i=2}^D \frac{x_i}{D-1} \right)^2$ .

- (non-unique) global minimizer  $\mathbf{x}^* = [1, 0, \dots, 0]$
- $f_2(\mathbf{x}^*) = 0$
- $D = 10^4$
- $d = 10$
- $d_e = 2$

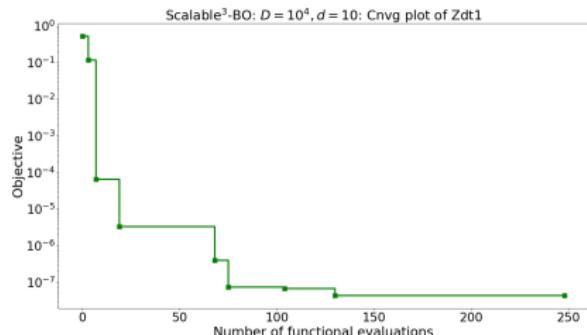


Figure: Convergence plot with  $D = 10,000$ ,  $d = 10$ .

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The modified ZDT2 function, which is defined on  $[-1, 1]^D$ , is

$$f_2(\mathbf{x}) = g \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{x_1}{g} \right)^2 \right], \quad (36)$$

where  $g = 1 + \left( 9 \sum_{i=2}^D x_i \right)^2$ .

- (non-unique) global minimizer  $\mathbf{x}^* = [1, 0, \dots, 0]$
- $f_2(\mathbf{x}^*) = 0$
- $D = 10^4$
- $d = 3$
- $d_e = 2$

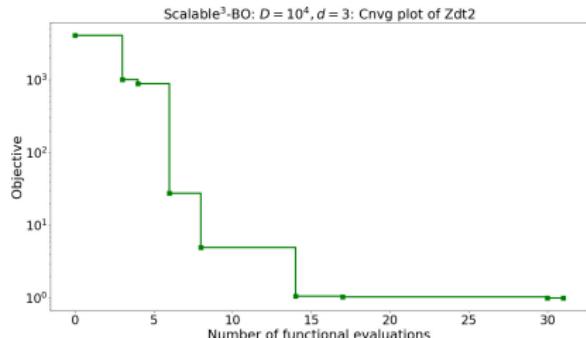


Figure: Convergence plot with  $D = 10,000, d = 3$ .

# Asynchronous parallelism

Takeaway message:

- asynchronous scheduler reduces idle time for workers,
- benefit is maximized when simulator  $f(\cdot)$  run-time vary (wildly).

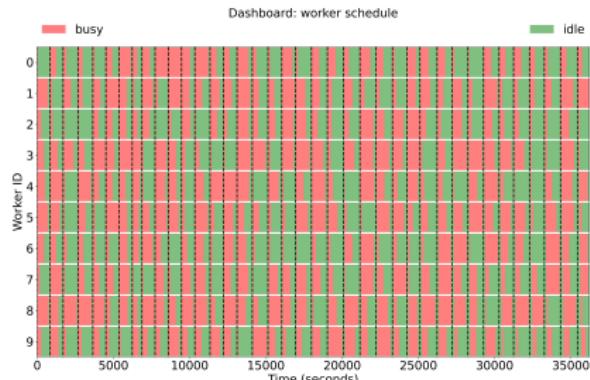


Figure: Batch-sequential parallel

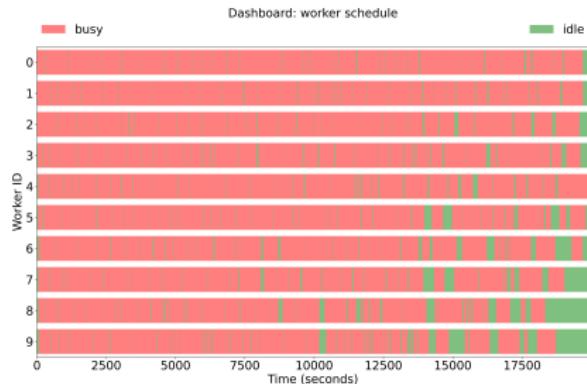
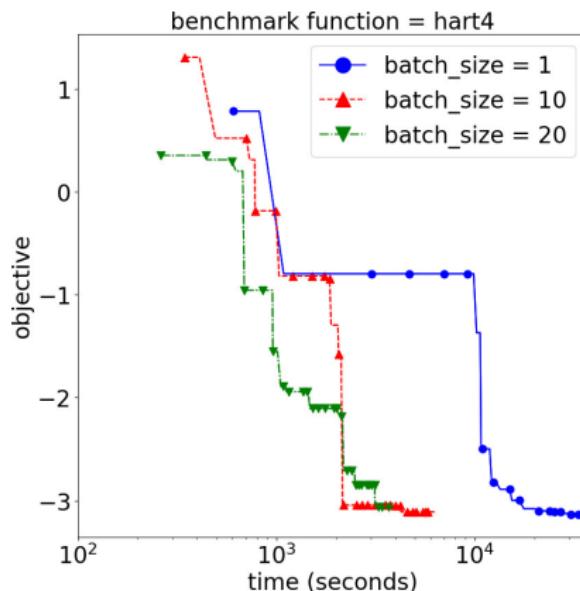


Figure: Asynchronous parallel

# Numerical benchmark: parallelization

Hart4 function,  $t \sim \mathcal{U}[30, 900]\text{s}$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{0.839} \left[ 1.1 - \sum_{i=1}^4 \alpha_i \exp \left( - \sum_{j=4}^3 A_{ij} (x_j - P_{ij})^2 \right) \right], \quad (37)$$



# Scalable<sup>3</sup>-BO algorithm

- 1: draw a random matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times d} : a_{ij} \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \triangleright \mathbf{A}$  is a Gaussian random matrix
- 2: set  $\mathcal{Z} \subset \mathbb{R}^d = [-\sqrt{d}, +\sqrt{d}]^d$
- 3:  $\mathcal{D}_0 \leftarrow \emptyset$
- 4: **while** convergence criteria not met **do**
- 5:   **while** no available computational budget **do**            $\triangleright$  threshold the computational budget
- 6:     wait and check periodically if there is any update
- 7:   **end while**
- 8:   update input, output, and status for all cases  $\triangleright$  if not complete then hallucinate
- 9:   update dataset  $\mathcal{D}_i$
- 10:   determine batch to fill                                    $\triangleright$  exploit/explore or purely explore
- 11:   locate next sampling point:  $\mathbf{z}_{i+1} = \text{argmax}_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Z}} a(\mathbf{z}) \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- 12:   embed, normalize, scale, and translate:  $\mathbf{x}_{i+1}^* \leftarrow \underline{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\frac{1}{d} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{z}_{i+1} + \sqrt{d}}{2(\sqrt{d})} \odot (\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \underline{\mathbf{x}}) \triangleright \odot$   
is Hadamard product
- 13:   project  $\mathbf{x}_{i+1}$  to  $\mathcal{X}$ :  $\mathbf{x}_{i+1} \leftarrow p_{\mathcal{X}}(\mathbf{x}_{i+1}^*)$                             $\triangleright p_{\mathcal{X}}(\mathbf{z}) = \text{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|_2$
- 14:   query  $\mathcal{D}_{i+1} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_i \cup \{\mathbf{z}_{i+1}, f(\mathbf{x}_{i+1})\}$
- 15:   hallucinate the sparse GP
- 16:   sample inducing inputs  $\mathbf{Z}_u$ , where  $|\mathbf{Z}_u| = \min\{|\mathbf{X}|, m\}$                     $\triangleright$  Latin hypercube sampling,  $|\cdot|$  denotes cardinality
- 17:   update the sparse GP                                    $\triangleright$  fully independent condition sparse GP
- 18: **end while**

# Conclusion

In this talk, we

- replace classical GP with sparse GP for Big Data
- demonstrate scalability with 1M data points
- implement a random embedding based on Johnson-Lindenstrauss lemma for high-dimensional but low-effective-dimensional problems
- demonstrate with  $D = 10,000$  but  $d_e < 10$
- implement an asynchronous parallel feature to avoid downtime for computational workers
- demonstrate that larger batch means more effectiveness

Thank you for listening.

Any question?

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