Methods

Multi-task Gaussian process (MTGP) posterior covariance matrices have the following form:

 $\Sigma^* = (K_{x^*, x^*} \otimes K_T) - (K_{x^*, X} \otimes K_T)(K_{XX} \otimes K_T + \sigma^2 I_{nT})^{-1}(K_{x^*, X}^\top \otimes K_T)$

So they are of size $n_{test}t \times n_{test}t$

- sampling from these matrices costs n^3t^3 time, which is impractical.

Instead, we use Matheron's rule to draw samples from the MTGP posterior.

 $f^* | (Y + \epsilon = y) = f^* + K_{x^* X} (K_{XX} + \sigma^2 I)^{-1} (y - Y - \epsilon),$

Where $(f^*, Y) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, K_{ioint})$ Single task setting provides no speedup

But in multi-task setting, we exploit Kronecker structure to get $n^3 + t^3$ scaling $K_{joint} = K_{(x^*, X), (x^*X)} \otimes K_T = (\tilde{R} \otimes L)(\tilde{R} \otimes L)^{\top}$

Need: $w = (K_{XX} \otimes K_T + \sigma^2 I_{nT})^{-1} (y - Y - \epsilon)$ And $(K_{x^*,X} \otimes K_T)w$



Matheron's rule MTGP sampling is significantly faster & more memory efficient.

Code is available in Botorch (<u>https://</u> botorch.org) with tutorials!

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Bayesian Optimization with High-Dimensional Outputs



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Un-optimized images from an optical design problem





Bayesian optimization problems. posterior distribution costs $n^3 + t^3$ time.

of outputs vs tens of outputs.

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Paper: https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.12997



Optimized images

"Optimizing High-Dimensional Physics Simulations via Composite Bayesian Optimization" <u>https://arxiv.org/abs/</u> <u>2111.</u>14911

- Multi-task Gaussian process posterior distributions cost $n^{3}t^{3}$ to sample from, preventing their usage in many
- Using Matheron's rule to instead sample from the MTGP

Enables Bayesian optimization with tens of thousands

Experiments



MTGPs are better for constrained multi-objective problems and scale to large batch sizes.



MTGPs are more memory efficient for large scale Thompson sampling & perform better.



scaling to problems with >50,000 output dimensions.



