Learning hidden constraints with gaussian process classifiers in the optimization context

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CONTEXT : ROBUST/RELIABLE CONCEPTION OF COMPLEX SYSTEMS











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PROBLEM STATEMENT

f: output of a black-box simulator with inputs $x \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^m$

Our objective is to determine the feasible set (no simulation crash)

$$\Gamma^* = \{x \in \Omega : f(x) \neq NAN\} = \{x \in \Omega : \mathbb{1}_{f(x) \neq NAN} = 1\}$$

This is a binary classification problem with binary observations $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = (x_j, y_j)_{j=1,...,n}$ with $y_j = \mathbb{1}_{f(x_j) \neq NAN}$ which aims to predict the probability of belonging to the failure/non-failure class

 \rightarrow Our choice: a classification model based on a Gaussian Process (GP)



A GPC is based on a latent GP Z conditioned on the sign observations characterizing the belonging to a class ($Z_n = Z(x_1), ..., Z(x_n)$ are not available) [Bachoc et al, 2020]





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Characterization of the feasible set by quantiles

$$Q_{\alpha} = \{ x \in \Omega : p_n(x) \ge \alpha \}, \alpha \in (0, 1]$$





ARCHISSUR STRATEGY: ACTIVE LEARNING OF FEASIBLE SET

Stepwise Uncertainty Reduction (SUR) strategy

Sequential choice of additional simulation point(s) x_{n+1} in order to minimize the *future* uncertainty on the feasible set [Bect et al., 2012, Molchanov, 2005]

 $\min_{x_{n+1}} J_n(x_{n+1}) := \mathbb{E}_n[\operatorname{Var}_{n+1}(\Gamma)]$

with $\operatorname{Var}_n(\Gamma)$, the Vorob'ev deviation (variance of the feasible set) computed from the current GP model Z_n . [Chevalier, 2013, El Amri et al., 2021, Vorob'ev and Lukyanova, 2013].

→ARCHISSUR method: Active Recovery of Constrained and Hidden Subset by SUR [Menz et al, <u>hal-03688224</u>]



A 2D EXAMPLE (Branin function)

Intensification and exploration ability of Archissur criterion



X1

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RESULTS ON BRANIN FUNCTION (2D) - 80 initial DOE of 12 points



RESULTS FOR A PROBLEM WITH 10 VARIABLES - 80 initial DOE of 60 points

Feasible set ~ 86% of the total domain







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DERIVATIVE FREE TRUST REGION OPTIMIZATION METHOD IN A NUTSHELL

SQA : Sequential Quadratic Approximation [Langouët, 2011]

= extension of NEWUOA (Powell, 2007) to constrained optimization

$$\min_{x} f(x)$$

s.t.
$$\begin{cases} l \le x \le u \\ C_{DB}(x) \le 0 \\ C_{DF}(x) \le 0 \end{cases}$$
 derivative based constraints
derivative free constraints

• Constrained sub-problems in the trust region of size Δ_k

$$\min_{\|d\| \le \Delta_k} Q_k(d) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{cases} C_{DB}(x_k + d) \le 0 \\ Q_{C_{DF_k}}(d) \le 0 \end{cases}$$

• Q_k and $Q_{C_{DF_k}}$ are quadratic interpolation models of f and C_{DF} (black-box outputs)



OPTIMIZING WITH HIDDEN CONSTRAINTS

Naïve approach

In case of a simulator crash: replace the NaN outputs by « surrogate » values

• Maximal value of the objective functions associated with close points in order to avoid a further exploration of this "risky" area

Our proposal

• Learn (and update) a GPC model from available simulations during the optimization iterations $\rightarrow \hat{p}_n(x)$: probability of simulation success at iteration n

• Apply two different strategies to integrate the hidden constraint model in the optimization

- **1. Prior constraint :** do not simulate the point in case of a high probability of crash $\hat{p}_n(x) < \frac{1}{2}$
- 2. Additional constraint $\hat{p}_n(x) \ge \frac{1}{2}$ as a derivative based constraint (cheap to evaluate)



NUMERICAL TESTS



3) Function in dimension 7 [Sacher et al, 2018]

 $\min_{\mathbf{x}\in\Omega_{adm}} f(\mathbf{x}) = (x_1 - 10)^2 + 5(x_2 - 12)^2 + x_3^4 + 3(x_4 - 11)^2 + 10x_5^6 + 7x_6^2 + x_7^4 - 4x_6x_7 - 10x_6 - 8x_7 \\ \Omega_{adm} = \{\mathbf{x}\in\Omega, c_{i=1,\dots,4}(\mathbf{x}) \le 0\} \\ c_1(\mathbf{x}) = 2x_1^2 + 3x_2^4 + x_3 + 4x_4^2 + 5x_5 - 127, c_2(\mathbf{x}) = 7x_1 + 3x_2 + 10x_3^2 + x_4 - x_5 - 282 \\ c_3(\mathbf{x}) = 23x_1 + x_2^2 + 6x_6^2 - 8x_7 - 196, c_4(\mathbf{x}) = 4x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 3x_1x_2 + 2x_3^2 + 5x_6 - 11x_7$



NUMERICAL RESULTS FOR 3 FUNCTIONS AND MULTIPLE INITIAL POINTS





CONCLUSIONS

- Active learning Archissur method has a good potential to learn disconnected feasible sets [Menz et al, <u>hal-03688224]</u>
- The GPC model of hidden constraint is useful in the optimization context to help and speed-up convergence

On-going work

• Coupling Archissur with optimization: use not only GPC model but also active learning strategy

Future work

- Comparison with other approaches:
 - e.g., Bayesian Optimization coupled with SVM: EGO-LS-SVM [Sacher et al, 2018]
- Application to the reliability-based design optimization of a wind turbine



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The probability $p_n(x)$ is modeled on the basis of [Bachoc et al, 2020] by using the sign of the latent GP Z

$$p_n(x) = \mathbb{P}\big[\mathbb{1}_{Z(x)>0} = 1 \mid x, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}\big] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi_{\mathcal{Y}}^{Zn}(z_n) \overline{\Phi}\left(\frac{-m_n(x, z_n)}{\sqrt{k_n(x)}}\right) \mathrm{d}z_n$$

with $\phi_{\mathcal{Y}}^{Zn}(z_n)$ the conditioned p.d.f of Z_n truncated to respect $sign(Z_n) = \mathcal{Y}$, and $\overline{\Phi}\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 - \Phi(\frac{a}{b}), & b \neq 0\\ \mathbb{1}_{-a>0}, & b = 0 \end{cases}$

where $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$ is the c.d.f of the normal standard distribution.



GAUSSIAN PROCESS CLASSIFIER (GPC) FORMULATION

Practical building of the GPC model $p_n(x)$ for any x:

- Optimization of the hyperparameters of the latent GP to maximize the likelihood:
 P[sign(Z_n) = Y]
- Generation of realizations z_n⁽ⁱ⁾ of Z_n|sign(Z_n) = 𝔅
 → Approximation of p_n(x):

$$\widehat{p}_n(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \overline{\Phi}\left(\frac{-m_n(x, z_n^{(i)})}{\sqrt{k_n(x)}}\right)$$



COMPARISON OF DIFFERENT ENRICHMENT CRITERIA

Compared strategies

• ARCHISSUR criterion: Active Recovery of Constrained and Hidden Subset by SUR

- Mixed enrichment criterion: add the point corresponding to the maximum of the GP variance (exploration) and the one where $p_n(x)$ value is the closest to $\frac{1}{2}$ (exploitation) simultaneously
- SMOCU enrichment measure: Soft-MOCU (Mean Objective Cost of Uncertainty) method [Zhao et al., 2021]

Comparison criterion

$$\frac{\mu(\Gamma^* \Delta Q_{\alpha^*})}{\mu(\Gamma^*)} = \frac{FN + FP}{TP + FN}$$





RESULTS FOR DAMAGE PREDICTION OF A WIND TURBINE



TurbSim to simulate multiple realizations $(\overline{U}, TI, NacYaw)$ FAST simulator + Python scripts **Predictions of damage at** the bottom of the tower



Wind turbine subject to wind loads described by 3 parameters: \overline{U} mean of wind speed (10mn), *TI* turbulence intensity, *NacYaw* misalignment angle

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RESULTS ON A 10D FUNCTION

