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ABSTRACT

Bound constraints on the variables are the most basic constraints in an optimization problem formulation and, thus, among the most common. It is therefore essential to understand the impact of different boundary handling techniques on algorithm performance. Equally, it is important to understand the practical impact of using bound constraint handling in an algorithm on principally unbounded problems but where the user has a good indication of the domain of the (sought) optimum. Both questions will be investigated in this paper on the newly introduced box-constrained version sbox-cost of the well-known, unconstrained test suite bbob and for the example of the two boundary handling techniques, implemented in the CMA-ES python module pycma. The numerical experiments performed with the COCO platform show that there is (i) only a minor difference in performance between the two test suites and (ii) a slight performance reduction for the (default) BoundTransform boundary handling compared to the BoundPenalty version of CMA-ES.

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•Computing methodologies → Continuous space search;

KEYWORDS

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1 INTRODUCTION

Very often, real-world optimization problems have bound constraints on their variables, i.e., the variables are restricted to stay within (partly open) intervals. For those cases, optimization algorithms have to provide boundary handling options that restrict the sampling of solutions to the feasible domain. The well-known

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CMA-ES [7], implemented in the python module pycma, has two of such options: the default BoundTransform and the BoundPenalty option.

In this paper, we investigate the performance of those two boundary handling techniques on the recently introduced sbox-cost test suite—a slightly modified version of the well-known, unconstrained bbob suite that returns infinity as function value outside of the region $[-5, 5]^n$ with n being the search space dimension and thus imitating bound constraints on the variables. The sbox-cost test suite furthermore changes the instances of the original bbob suite by placing the optima (pseudo-)randomly within the entire feasible space, compared to the interval $[-4, 4]^n$ for the bbob suite. The only exception is the linear slope function f_5 in which the optimum within $[-5, 5]^n$ stays on one of the corners in both suites.¹ Given that the optima lie within the search domain $[-5, 5]^n$ (with the exception of the mentioned linear slope function), we do not expect any (large) performance difference between algorithms as long as the search is local and does not sample outside of the feasible domain.

Numerical experiments on the COCO implementation of the test suites [4] support this. However, some unexpected performance differences between the two test suites and between the two boundary handling methods within CMA-ES can be observed on a few test functions as we will see later on—ultimately resulting in the need to further investigate the reason for those differences in future work.

2 SBOX-COST VS. BBOB

We already mentioned the main differences between the original bbob test suite and its bound constrained sbox-cost counterpart: unconstrained vs. bound constrained to $[-5, 5]^n$ and the optima being sampled within $[-4, 4]^n$ vs. within $[-5, 5]^n$ (with the exception of the linear slope function where there is no difference within $[-5, 5]^n$). Both suites are implemented within the COCO platform [4] and results can be easily compared with its postprocessing module. When doing so, we use 15 instances and the default 51 target precisions $100, \dots, 10^{-8}$ prescribed for both the bbob and the sbox-cost test suite.

3 ALGORITHM PRESENTATION

The Covariance Matrix Adaptation Evolution Strategy (CMA-ES, [7]) is a state-of-the-art solver for unconstrained, nonlinear black-box optimization. It samples, in each iteration, λ solutions from a multivariate Normal distribution which is adapted throughout

¹Note that with the unboundedness of the bbob suite, the optimal function value can furthermore be reached in a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n outside the box $[-5, 5]^n$ in bbob (with a flat objective function value) while the single search point with optimal function value lies in a corner of the bounded search space for sbox-cost.

the run in terms of its mean, stepsize, and covariance matrix, hence the name. Its python implementation offers two different boundary handling techniques, the default `BoundTransform` and the `BoundPenalty`. In the following, we assume that both lower and upper bounds on the variables are given by the (feasibility) interval $[lb, ub]$ for each variable.²

`BoundTransform`. The `BoundTransform` is CMA-ES' default technique to handle bound constraints, mapping an arbitrary variable value x_i , periodically back to the feasible interval $[lb, ub]$.

The transformation is thereby the identity in about 90% of the originally feasible interval (i.e., within $[lb + al, ub - au]$ for a choice of al and au that, in practice, depend on the absolute values of lb and ub). The transformation is quadratic in the intervals $[lb - 3 \cdot al, lb + al]$ and $[ub - au, ub + 3 \cdot au]$ and “is periodically expanded beyond the limits [...] with a period of $2 \cdot (ub - lb + al + au)$ ” (see the pycma API documentation [here](#) and [here](#)). This construction allows for a smooth transformation close to the domain boundary and a robust handling of “arbitrary” bound values.

In the remainder of this paper, we denote the version of CMA-ES, using the `BoundTransform` boundary handling, as `CMA-bt`.

`BoundPenalty`. With this boundary handling method, CMA-ES evaluates an infeasible solution x as

$$f(x^{\text{feas}}) + \sum w_i \cdot (x_i - x_i^{\text{feas}})^2 \quad (1)$$

where x^{feas} is the feasible (in-bounds) solution that is closest to x (in Euclidean space) and the weights w_i for each variable i are updated in each iteration. For more details we refer to section IV.B in [6].

In the following, we denote this version of CMA-ES as `CMA-bp`.

4 EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

We compare both `CMA-bt` and `CMA-bp` on the two test suites `bbob` and `sbox-cost` as mentioned. The experiments are performed with COCO [4], in its version from the `suite-sbox-cost` branch of the `sbox-cost` organization at Github in its version from the 13th of February 2023. The plots are produced with an adapted version of COCO 2.6.3.³ To distinguish the experiments on the two test suites from each other, the name of the test suite is appended to the algorithm name of the data sets in the plots. For better readability, the prefix “cma-” is removed in the tables. For the CMA-ES algorithm, we used the python module `pycma`, version 3.3.0.

Initial values for the CMA-ES variants (besides defaults) are an initial step size of 2, the search space origin as initial mean in the first run and a maximum of 9 restarts. The initial mean for a restart is chosen according to the `initial_solution_proposal` functionality of COCO. All output from CMA-ES is suppressed for speed (and lower environmental impact of the experiment) and the bounds are chosen as -5 and +5 respectively for each variable. The length of a single experiment is bounded above by 10^4 times dimension many function evaluations and stopped as soon as this

²Of course, the code allows to specify different bounds and to also omit one of the two or both bounds independently for each variable.

³Originally, the two test suites could not be postprocessed together although they are, in principle, compatible with each other.

amount of function evaluations is reached or if COCO detected a function value within a precision of 10^{-8} from the optimal function value and, in addition, any of the many (default) CMA-ES-internal stopping criteria is reached.

The **expected runtime** (ERT), used in the figures and tables below, depends on a given target precision, $I_{\text{target}} = f_{\text{opt}} + \Delta f$, and is computed over all relevant trials as the number of function evaluations executed during each trial while the best function value did not reach f_t , summed over all trials and divided by the number of trials that actually reached f_t [3, 9]. **Statistical significance** is tested with the rank-sum test for a given target Δf using, for each trial, either the number of needed function evaluations to reach f_t (inverted and multiplied by -1), or, if the target was not reached, the best Δf -value achieved, measured only up to the smallest number of overall function evaluations for any unsuccessful trial under consideration. For a detailed explanation of the COCO plots, please refer to the COCO documentation [4].

Parameter Tuning. No parameter tuning has been performed before the experiments.

Environmental Impact. Including all preliminary experiments (for smaller budgets but with essentially the same setup), we used less than 64 CPU hours of computing time overall. With a maximal power consumption of 120W for the used processor type, this results in less than 8kWh (plus cooling).

5 CPU TIMING

In order to evaluate the CPU timing of the algorithm, we have run the different CMA-ES versions with maximally nine restarts on the entire `bbob` [5] and `sbox-cost` test suites for $10^4 n$ function evaluations according to [8]. The Python code was run on a Linux machine with 32 Intel Xeon E5-2683 v4 processors with 2.10GHz and python 3.7.4 but without using the batch parallelization code of COCO. The (average) time per function evaluation for dimensions 2, 3, 5, 10, and 20 on the `bbob` suite equaled 0.14, 0.15, 0.16, 0.17, and 0.19 milliseconds respectively for the CMA-ES with default `BoundTransform` and 0.15, 0.16, 0.18, 0.21, and 0.26 milliseconds for the version with `BoundPenalty` boundary handling. For the `sbox-cost` experiments, the timings were slightly faster: 0.14, 0.14, 0.15, 0.17, and 0.19 milliseconds for the CMA-ES with `BoundTransform` and 0.13, 0.13, 0.16, 0.19, and 0.23 milliseconds for the `BoundPenalty` version.

6 RESULTS

Results from experiments according to [8] and [2] on the benchmark functions given in [1] are presented in Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4 and Tables 1 and 2. In addition to the displayed results in this paper, we provide all postprocessed results together with the original data, in particular for different dimensions, at the supplementary material webpage⁴.

With the two algorithm variants, ran on two test suites, also two main investigations can be made: on the impact of the different instance sampling on problem difficulty and on the impact on algorithm performance of the boundary handling itself.

⁴see <https://brockho.github.io/pycmaonsboxcost/>

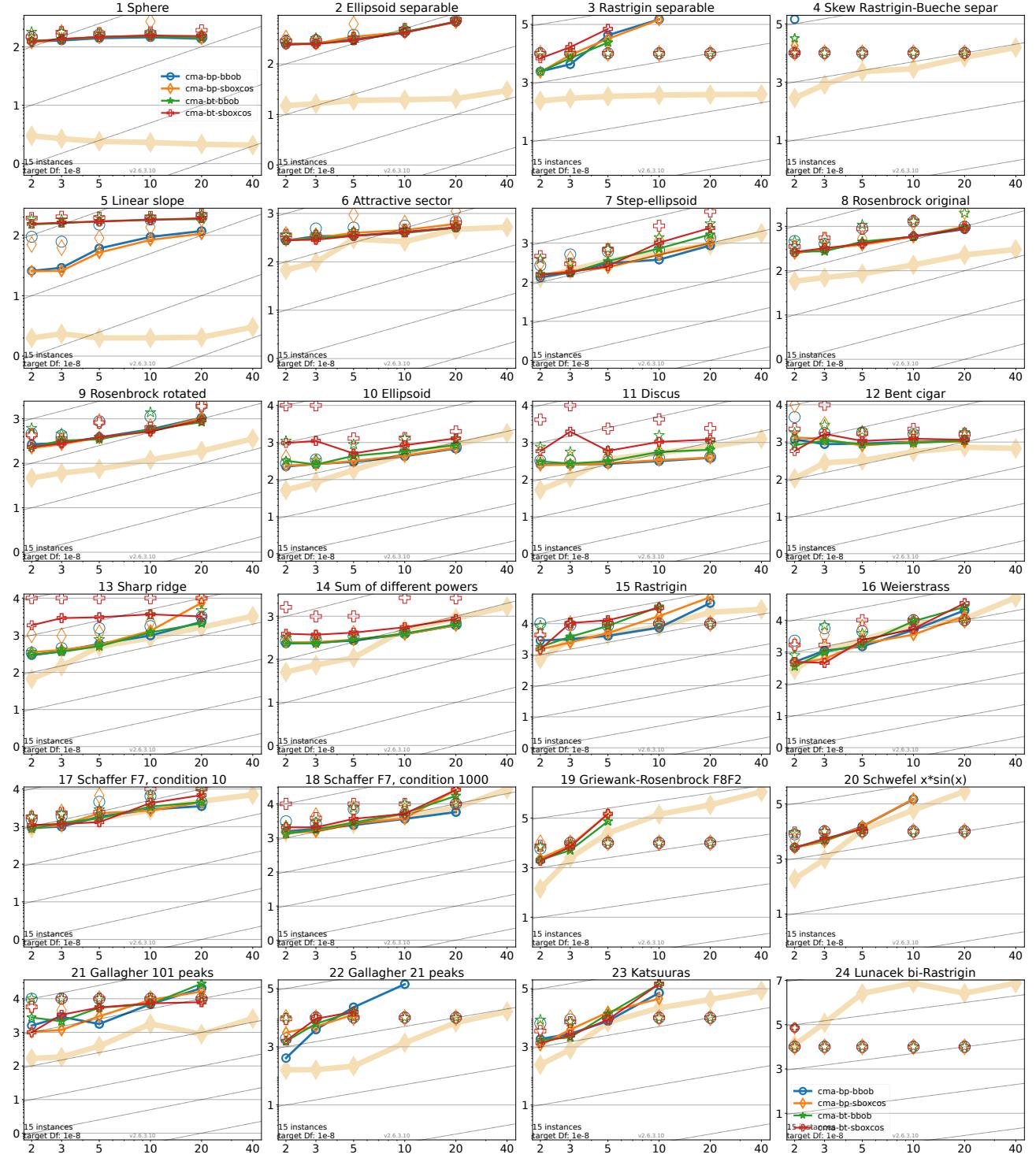


Figure 1: Expected running time (ERT in number of f -evaluations as \log_{10} value), divided by dimension for target function value 10^{-8} versus dimension. Slanted grid lines indicate quadratic scaling with the dimension. Different symbols correspond to different algorithms given in the legend of f_1 and f_{24} . Light symbols give the maximum number of evaluations from the longest trial divided by dimension. Black stars (if present) indicate a statistically better result compared to all other algorithms with $p < 0.01$ and Bonferroni correction number of dimensions (six). The ERT of the (artificial) best algorithm from BBOB 2009 is shown as thick line with diamond markers. Legend: \circ : cma-bp-sboxcost-Brockhoff, \diamond : cma-bt-sboxcost-Brockhoff, \star : cma-bt-bbob, $+$: cma-bt-sboxcost.

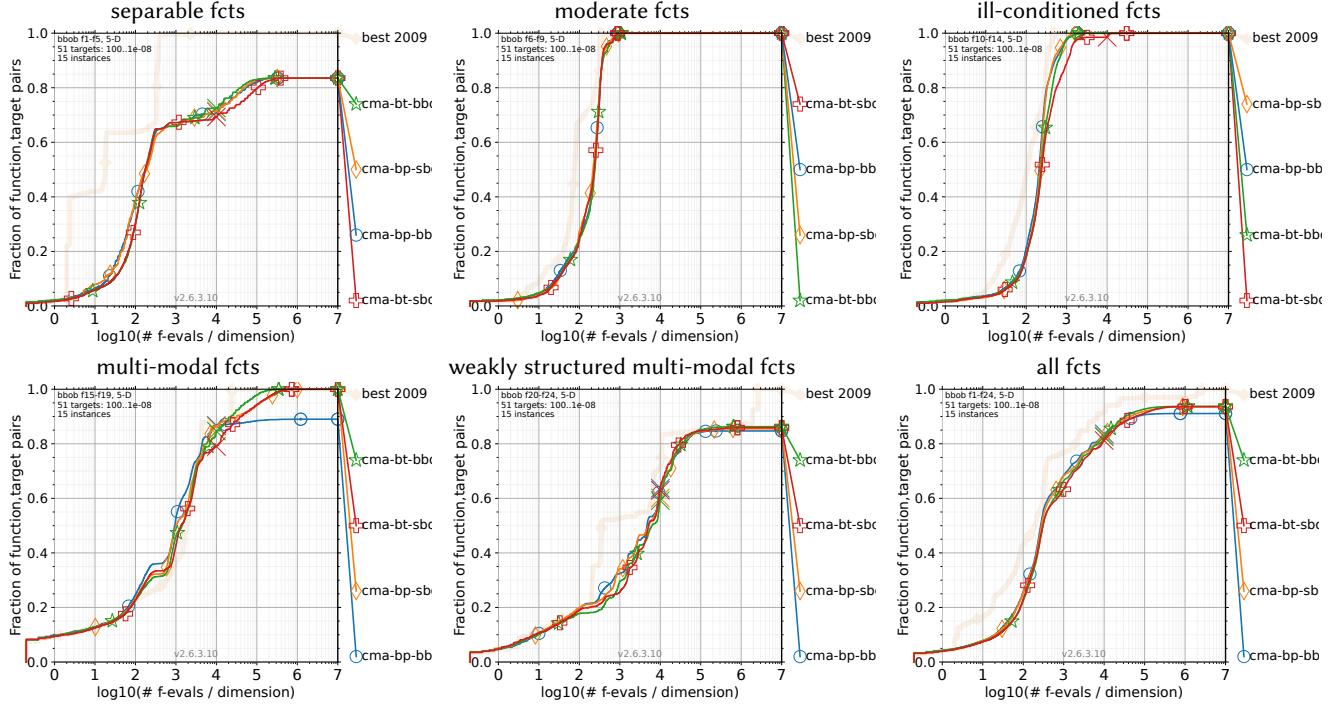


Figure 2: Bootstrapped empirical cumulative distribution of the number of f -evaluations divided by dimension (FEvals/DIM) for 51 targets with target precision in $10^{-8..2}$ for all functions and subgroups in 5-D. As reference algorithm, the best algorithm from BBOB 2009 is shown as light thick line with diamond markers.

6.1 Impact of bound constraints: bbof vs. sbox-cost

Let us first have a look at the question whether the addition of bound constraints and the changed optima sampling makes the test problems harder to solve. Of course, here, this question can only be answered with respect to the CMA-ES but preliminary experiments showed globally the same observation for a simple random search in $[-5, 5]^n$. Over all functions, we see only slight differences for each CMA-ES version between the two test suites with a difference of maximally 50% for budgets larger than $500n$ function evaluations in 5-D (Figure 2) and with slightly larger gaps for the larger budgets in 20-D (Figure 3). For the easiest targets and thus the smallest budgets (for example below $100n$ function evaluations in 20-D) no difference in the ECDF plot is visible.

When looking at the single functions, we observe that (significant) differences appear only on few functions. The largest differences can be observed for CMA-bt on the Rastrigin (in low dimension), Sharp Ridge, non-separable Ellipsoid, Discus, Rosenbrock, Gallagher, and Weierstrass functions, and to a lesser extend on the Step Ellipsoid and for CMA-bp on the non-separable Rastrigin function, Sharp Ridge, Rosenbrock (in the end) and on the multimodal Schaffer and Gallagher functions. Most of the time, the bbof versions are easier to solve but some examples with the opposite observation exists. The most consistent differences over all dimensions are observed on the non-separable Ellipsoid and Discus functions for CMA-bt and on the Sharp Ridge and Rastrigin

functions for CMA-bp. Most of the observed differences are not statistically significant. The only exceptions are two target precisions on the sphere function for CMA-bt (one in dimension 10 and one in dimension 20) and the harder targets for the non-separable Ellipsoid and Discus functions in 20-D for CMA-bp—in all four cases in favor of the bbof function (for the results of the statistical tests, we refer to the supplementary material).

6.2 Impact of boundary handling in CMA-ES

A larger effect than the definition of the functions can be observed when the two boundary handling techniques are compared with each other. While aggregated over all functions also no large differences occur on the bbof test suite, the BoundPenalty shows slight advantages over the BoundTransform in particular for larger budgets and in higher dimension. The tendency towards a slightly better performance of BoundPenalty over BoundTransform is the same on the sbox-cost test suite but with less clarity in terms of a dependency on budget and/or dimension.

On the single functions, no visual differences occur on 11 out of the 24 functions (in 10-D and 20-D). On the other functions, it is mostly the BoundPenalty version outperforming the variant with BoundTransform, but exceptions (in some dimensions) exist. Worth to mention are the differences on the linear slope function (statistically significantly better performance for BoundPenalty on both test suites for the harder targets in all dimensions). The differences are more pronounced in smaller dimension with a factor of larger than 5 in dimension 2 (and, in comparison, a factor

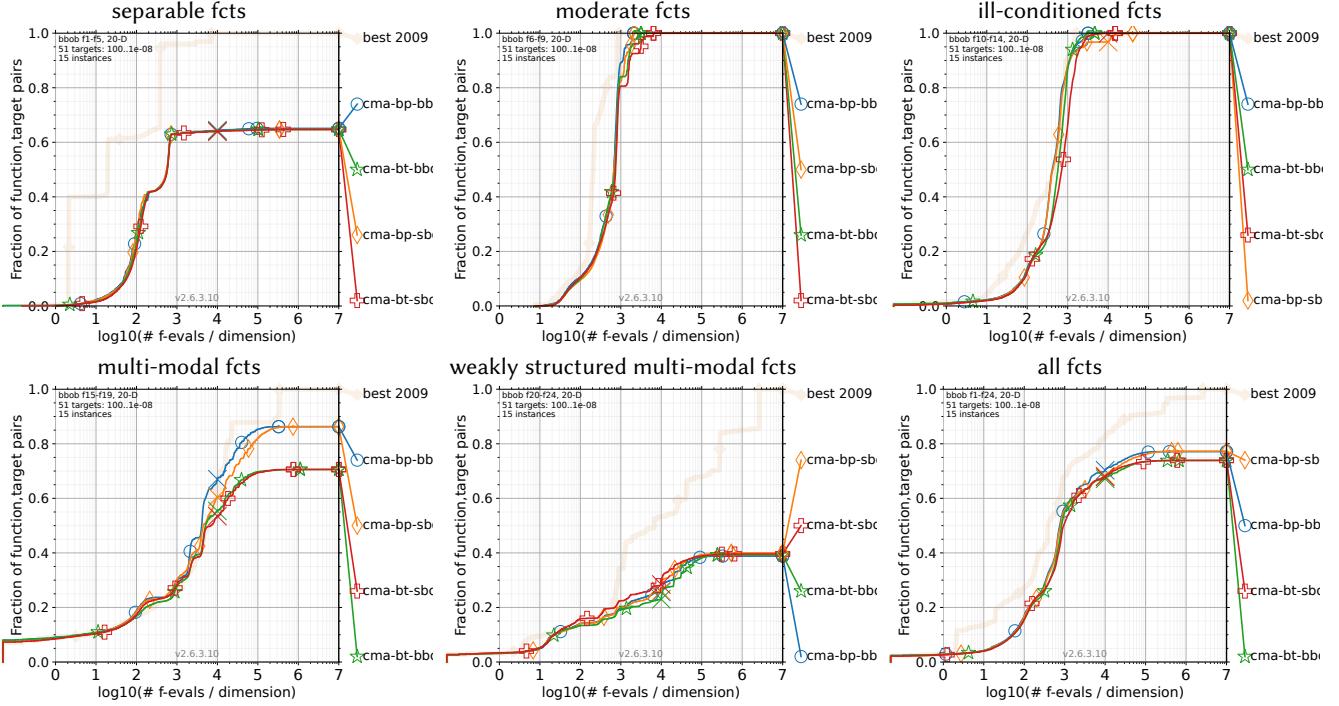


Figure 3: Bootstrapped empirical cumulative distribution of the number of f -evaluations divided by dimension (FEvals/DIM) for 51 targets with target precision in $10^{[-8..2]}$ for all functions and subgroups in 20-D. As reference algorithm, the best algorithm from BBOB 2009 is shown as light thick line with diamond markers.

of around 1.5 in 20-D). Other functions with notable differences are the non-separable Ellipsoid and Discus functions. Here, the differences become more pronounced with larger dimension for the easier targets (the differences are only significant for the harder targets in 20-D for both functions and in 10-D for the Discus function). Other functions with similar behavior (statistically significant only in larger dimension and for the harder targets in favor of CMA-bp) are the Step Ellipsoid, non-separable Rastrigin, and the two Schaffer functions. Statistically significant differences in favor of BoundTransform cannot be observed. For the results of the statistical tests, we refer once again to the supplementary material.

7 CONCLUSIONS

We investigated the performance of two variants of CMA-ES handling bound constraints on both the original bbob and the newly introduced box-constrained sbox-cost test suite. Two main observations can be made. First, the performance differences (on both test suites) are larger between the two boundary handling methods compared to the observed differences for the same algorithm, when run on the two test suites. Second, on about half of the 24 test functions, the BoundPenalty boundary handling of CMA-ES performs (slightly) better than the default BoundTransform setting. The observed performance degradation for CMA-bt especially on the Ellipsoid and Discus functions and on some additional functions for the hardest targets suggest to revisit the algorithm in future work.

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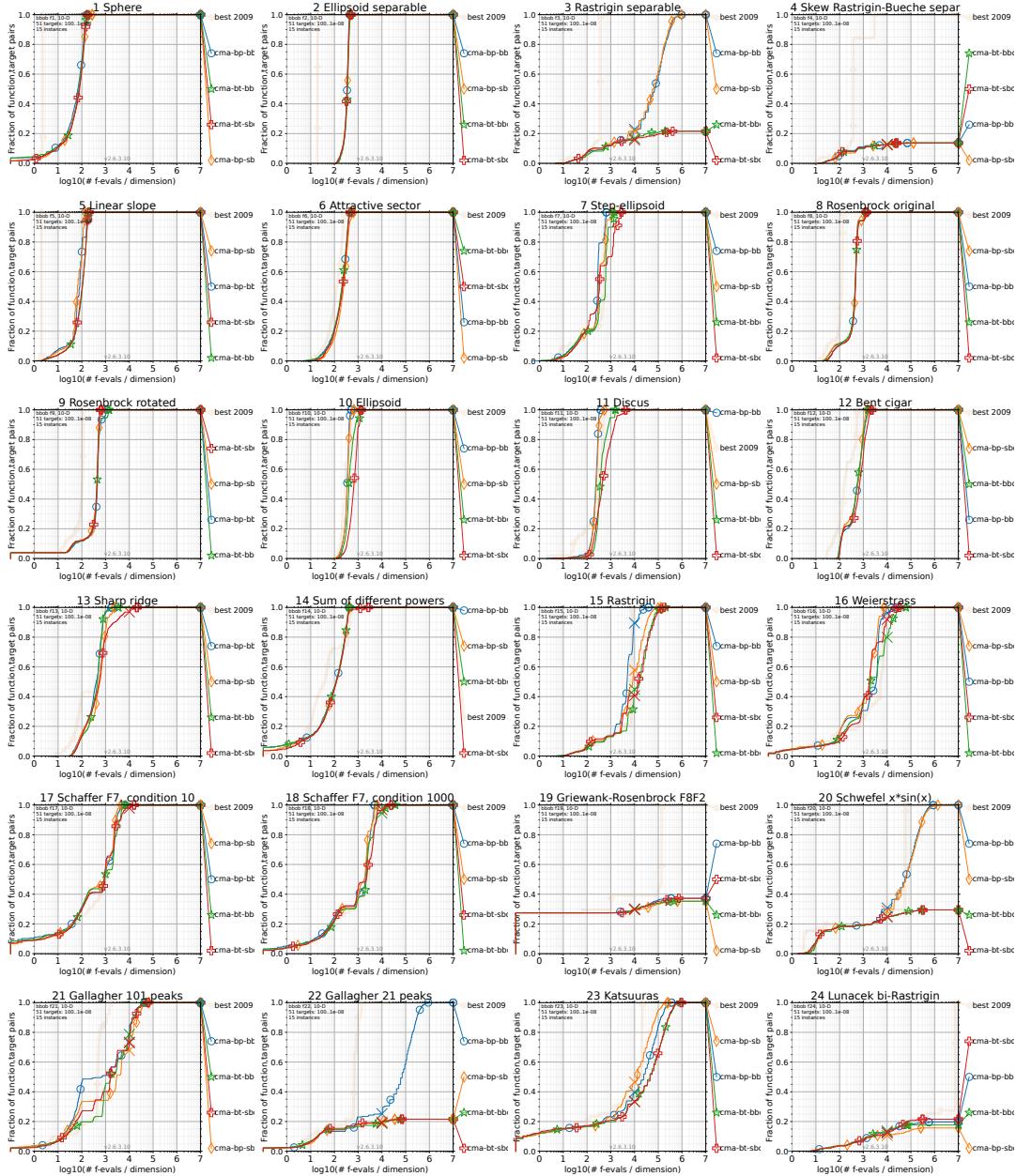


Figure 4: Empirical cumulative distribution of simulated (bootstrapped) runtimes, measured in number of f -evaluations, divided by dimension (FEvals/DIM) for the 51 targets $10^{[-8..2]}$ in dimension 10.

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Δf_{opt}	f1	1e0	1e-1	1e-2	1e-3	1e-5	1e-7	#succ	Δf_{opt}	f13	1e0	1e-1	1e-2	1e-3	1e-5	1e-7	#succ
bp-bbob	2.0(2)	8.5(3)	14(3)	21(4)	27(5)	39(5)	53(5)	15/15	bp-bbob	2.4(0.5)	3.9(1)	4.1(1)	3.9(1.0)	1.1(0.2)	1.1(0.2)	1.1(0.1)	15/15
bp-shbox	2.1(1)	9.3(4)	15(4)	22(4)	29(5)	42(3)	54(5)	15/15	bp-shbox	2.9(1)	3.4(1)	3.6(1.0)	4.2(0.6)	1.2(0.2)	1.1(0.2)	1.1(0.1)	15/15
bt-bbob	1.9(2)	10(4)	16(5)	24(6)	31(7)	42(7)	55(5)	15/15	bt-bbob	2.8(1)	3.7(1)	4.0(1)	3.8(0.7)	1.1(0.2)	1.1(0.2)	1.0(0.2)	15/15
bt-shbox	2.3(2)	9.1(4)	16(5)	23(6)	30(5)	42(5)	56(6)	15/15	bt-shbox	3.2(1)	4.1(0.8)	4.7(3)	5.8(6)	2.0(2)	6.1(14)	6.7(11)	12/15
f2	83	87	88	89	90	92	94	15/15	f14	10	41	58	90	139	251	476	15/15
bp-bbob	7.3(3)	9.4(3)	11(2)	12(1)	13(2)	14(2)	15(2)	15/15	bp-bbob	0.84(0.8)	2.2(0.8)	3.4(1)	3.6(0.8)	3.3(0.6)	3.2(0.5)	2.5(0.4)	15/15
bp-shbox	9.1(5)	11(5)	13(5)	14(5)	16(5)	17(6)	15/15	bp-shbox	1.0(1)	2.8(2)	3.7(1)	3.7(0.7)	4.0(1)	3.6(0.8)	2.6(0.6)	15/15	
bt-bbob	7.3(2)	9.0(1)	10(2)	11(2)	12(2)	13(2)	14(2)	15/15	bt-bbob	0.87(1)	2.4(1)	3.7(1)	3.5(1)	3.4(0.8)	3.4(0.5)	2.5(0.2)	15/15
bt-shbox	7.8(2)	9.0(2)	10(1)	11(1)	12(1)	13(1)	15(1)	15/15	bt-shbox	1.7(2)	2.5(1)	3.3(1)	3.7(0.8)	3.5(0.7)	3.1(1)	15/15	
f3	716	1622	1637	1642	1646	1650	1654	15/15	f15	511	9310	19369	19743	20073	20769	21359	14/15
bp-bbob	0.99(1)	14(20)	96(143)	96(99)	96(87)	96(121)	129(196)	3/15	bp-bbob	1.0(0.5)	1.4(2)	0.92(0.8)	0.92(0.8)	0.93(0.8)	0.94(0.8)	0.94(0.8)	15/15
bp-shbox	1.3(2)	21(22)	96(82)	96(37)	96(89)	96(131)	96(108)	4/15	bp-shbox	1.6(2)	0.92(1)	1.1(0.8)	1.2(0.8)	1.1(0.8)	1.2(0.8)	1.2(0.8)	14/15
bt-bbob	1.1(1)	15(16)	71(72)	71(79)	71(63)	72(65)	72(109)	5/15	bt-bbob	1.7(2)	1.8(2)	2.0(2)	2.0(2)	2.0(2)	2.0(2)	2.0(2)	11/15
bt-shbox	1.2(1)	29(41)	213(295)	212(222)	212(177)	212(231)	212(296)	2/15	bt-shbox	1.8(2)	3.4(4)	3.2(3)	3.1(3)	3.1(4)	3.0(5)	3.0(5)	8/15
f4	809	1633	1688	1758	1817	1886	1903	15/15	f16	120	612	2662	10163	10449	11644	12095	15/15
bp-bbob	1.9(1)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15	bp-bbob	1.5(1)	2.1(3)	1.7(3)	0.50(0.7)	0.51(0.7)	0.49(0.7)	0.61(0.8)	15/15
bp-shbox	1.5(1)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15	bp-shbox	1.6(1)	2.7(2)	2.2(3)	0.77(0.8)	0.77(0.7)	0.74(0.7)	0.75(0.7)	15/15
bt-bbob	1.8(3)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15	bt-bbob	1.7(2)	3.2(6)	2.0(2)	0.62(0.6)	0.75(0.8)	0.71(0.7)	0.72(0.7)	15/15
bt-shbox	1.7(2)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15	bt-shbox	2.0(4)	1.9(3)	1.6(3)	0.88(0.9)	0.98(0.9)	0.96(0.8)	0.95(0.8)	14/15
f5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	15/15	f17	5.0	215	899	2861	3669	6351	7934	15/15
bp-bbob	7.4(4)	24(19)	29(21)	30(19)	30(19)	30(19)	30(19)	15/15	bp-bbob	1.3(1)	0.90(0.3)	0.79(0.3)†1	0.53(0.5)	0.97(0.5)	0.96(0.6)	1.1(1.0)	15/15
bp-shbox	5.2(3)	21(13)	26(16)	26(16)	26(16)	26(16)	26(16)	15/15	bp-shbox	2.3(2)	0.97(0.7)	1.1(2)	0.61(0.6)	0.94(0.5)	0.93(0.5)	1.4(0.7)	15/15
bt-bbob	12(7)	23(9)	32(10)	40(10)	47(8)	63(10)	78(10)	15/15	bt-bbob	0.92(1)	1.7(0.4)	1.85(1)	0.55(0.5)	0.72(0.5)	0.92(0.5)	1.0(0.5)	15/15
bt-shbox	11(4)	23(7)	31(8)	57(8)	45(7)	60(9)	75(10)	15/15	bt-shbox	3.3(4)	2.4(0.7)	1.2(2)	0.91(0.7)	0.89(0.6)	0.81(0.1)†1	0.80(0.4)	15/15
f6	114	214	281	404	580	1038	1332	15/15	f18	103	378	3968	8451	9280	10905	12469	15/15
bp-bbob	1.5(0.7)	1.7(0.5)	1.9(0.3)	1.7(0.2)	1.5(0.2)	1.2(0.1)	1.2(0.1)	15/15	bp-bbob	0.88(0.7)	1.0(0.7)	0.59(0.9)	0.50(0.4)†1	0.51(0.4)†1	0.84(0.6)	0.93(0.5)	15/15
bp-shbox	2.0(1)	2.2(0.9)	2.0(0.8)	1.8(0.7)	1.3(0.4)	1.3(0.4)	1.3(0.4)	15/15	bp-shbox	0.77(0.5)	3.0(6)	1.0(1)	0.67(0.7)	0.89(1)	1.1(0.8)	1.0(0.7)	15/15
bt-bbob	1.8(0.7)	2.0(0.4)	1.8(0.3)	1.8(0.3)	1.6(0.3)	1.2(0.2)	1.2(0.1)	15/15	bt-bbob	0.78(0.6)	0.98(0.6)	1.0(1)	0.93(0.7)	0.93(0.6)	0.96(0.5)	1.1(0.8)	15/15
bt-shbox	1.5(0.8)	1.7(0.5)	1.9(0.4)	1.7(0.2)	1.5(0.2)	1.2(0.2)	1.2(0.1)	15/15	bt-shbox	1.1(0.7)	4.3(5)	1.4(2)	1.1(0.9)	1.0(0.8)	1.0(0.5)	1.4(0.6)	14/15
f7	24	324	1171	1451	1572	1572	1597	15/15	f19	1	1	242	1.0e5	1.2e5	1.2e5	1.2e5	15/15
bp-bbob	3.3(2)	1.2(1)	0.70(0.4)	0.74(0.3)	0.76(0.5)	0.76(0.5)	0.85(0.6)	15/15	bp-bbob	1(0)	1(0)	145(226)	6.7(9)	∞	∞	∞	0/15
bp-shbox	4.3(2)	1.3(0.8)	0.65(0.4)	0.65(0.4)	0.63(0.3)†1	0.63(0.3)†1	0.64(0.3)†1	15/15	bp-shbox	1(0)	1(0)	144(170)	6.8(7)	5.9(6)	5.9(7)	5.8(5)	1/15
bt-bbob	3.9(2)	1.0(1)	0.91(0.8)	0.83(0.7)	0.90(0.7)	0.90(0.7)	0.97(0.7)	15/15	bt-bbob	1(0)	1(0)	142(158)	1.3(1)	2.0(1)	3.0(4)	3.0(3)	2/15
bt-shbox	4.4(2)	2.3(2)	0.94(0.5)	0.82(0.5)	0.78(0.5)	0.74(0.4)	0.74(0.4)	15/15	bt-shbox	1(0)	154(263)	2.1(3)	6.1(5)	6.1(7)	6.0(5)	1/15	
f8	73	273	336	372	391	410	422	15/15	f20	16	851	38111	51362	54470	54861	55313	14/15
bp-bbob	2.4(0.8)	3.5(1)	3.9(1)	4.1(1)	4.2(1)	4.5(1)	4.7(1.0)	15/15	bp-bbob	1(0)	1(0)	145(226)	6.7(9)	∞	∞	∞	0/15
bp-shbox	3.0(2)	3.0(2)	3.7(1)	3.8(1)	3.9(1)	4.1(1)	4.4(1)	15/15	bp-shbox	2(0.2)	8.1(6)	1.6(1)	1.2(1)	1.2(0.8)	1.2(1)	1.3(1)	8/15
bt-bbob	3.0(1)	4.2(4)	4.5(3)	4.6(3)	4.8(3)	5.0(3)	5.2(3)	15/15	bt-bbob	1(9)	5.5(4)	1.2(0.9)	1.0(0.8)	0.98(1)	0.99(0.7)	1.00(0.7)	10/15
bt-shbox	3.4(2)	3.3(1)	3.9(0.7)	4.1(0.9)	4.2(0.9)	4.4(0.9)	4.6(0.9)	15/15	bt-shbox	1(7)	6.3(6)	1.3(1)	1.0(0.8)	0.98(0.8)	1.00(0.8)	1.1(1)	10/15
f9	35	127	214	263	300	335	369	15/15	f21	41	1157	1674	1692	1705	1729	1757	14/15
bp-bbob	3.9(2)	6.4(2)	5.7(1)	5.2(1)	4.9(0.9)	5.0(0.7)	4.9(0.6)	15/15	bp-bbob	1.5(1)	4.6(3)	4.6(6)	4.7(6)	4.7(6)	4.9(7)	5.0(7)	15/15
bp-shbox	3.6(1)	6.5(2)	5.7(1)	5.3(1,0)	5.0(0.9)	4.9(0.8)	4.9(0.8)	15/15	bp-shbox	1.4(0.9)	6.1(6)	8.1(12)	8.2(12)	8.3(12)	8.4(13)	8.4(13)	14/15
bt-bbob	4.6(2)	5.0(1)	4.7(0.7)	4.6(0.6)	4.4(0.6)	4.5(0.6)	4.5(0.5)	15/15	bt-bbob	1.7(1)	5.2(5)	16(26)	16(27)	15(21)	15(20)	15(23)	11/15
bt-shbox	4.4(1)	6.7(4)	5.8(2)	5.3(2)	5.1(1)	5.1(1)	5.1(1.0)	15/15	bt-shbox	5.8(17)	11(9)	15(18)	15(18)	15(22)	15(17)	16(18)	12/15
f10	349	500	574	607	626	829	880	15/15	f22	71	386	938	980	1008	1040	1068	14/15
bp-bbob	1.7(0.5)	1.7(0.2)	1.7(0.2)	1.8(0.2)	1.5(0.2)	1.6(0.2)	1.6(0.2)	15/15	bp-bbob	9(323)	21(25)	120(164)	115(95)	112(155)	109(158)	107(118)	5/15
bp-shbox	2.0(0.5)	1.8(0.4)	1.8(0.2)	1.9(0.2)	1.9(0.2)	1.6(0.1)	1.7(0.2)	15/15	bp-shbox	3(69)	19(16)	67(113)	64(75)	63(68)	61(65)	59(76)	7/15
bt-bbob	3.1(2)	3.1(3)	2.8(2)	2.9(2)	2.3(2)	2.4(1)	2.4(1)	15/15	bt-bbob	1.2(0.7)	23(45)	86(150)	82(103)	80(90)	78(123)	76(99)	6/15
bt-shbox	2.1(0.6)	2.4(0.9)	2.9(3)	3.1(3)	3.3(3)	2.8(2)	2.8(2)	15/15	bt-shbox	2.1(0.7)	19(17)	58(58)	56(106)	67(74)	76(88)	74(98)	6/15
f11	143	202	763	977	1177	1467	1673	15/15	f23	3.0	518	14249	27890	31654	33030	34256	15/15
bp-bbob	3.5(1)	3.3(1)	1.0(0.2)	0.80(0.2)	0.80(0.1)†0	0.75(0.1)†0	0.75(0.1)†0	15/15	bp-bbob	3.7(5)	1.8(2)	1.3(2)	1.2(1)	1.1(1)	1.1(1)	1.1(1)	12/15
bp-shbox	3.9(1)	3.5(0.7)	1.1(0.2)	0.92(0.2)	0.84(0.1)	0.77(0.1)†1	0.77(0.1)†1	15/15	bp-shbox	2.7(4)	7.4(7)	5.2(7)	2.7(3)	2.4(3)	2.3(4)	2.3(2)	7/15
bt-bbob	5.4(4)	4.5(3)	1.3(0.8)	1.1(0.6)	0.99(0.5)	0.90(0.4)	0.89(0.3)	15/15	bt-bbob	2.5(3)	7.0(7)	4.0(5)	2.3(2)	2.1(2)	2.0(1)	2.0(2)	8/15
bt-shbox	4.4(2)	4.0(1)	1.4(0.3)	1.2(0.5)	1.6(1)	1.7(2)	1.7(2)	15/15	bt-shbox	2.9(2)	9.3(7)	2.8(4)	1.5(1)	1.3(1.0)	1.3(1)	1.2(1.0)	11/15
f12	108	268	371	413	461	1303	1494	15/15	f24	1622	2.2e5	6.4e6	9.6e6	9.6e6	1.3e7	1.3e7	3/15
bp-bbob	4.6(0.7)	3.9(4)	4.3(4)	4.9(4)	5.5(4)	2.7(2)	2.9(2)	15/15	bp-bbob	1.4(2)	0.56(0.5)	∞	∞	∞ </td			

Δf_{opt}	1e1	1e0	1e-1	1e-2	1e-3	1e-5	1e-7	#succ	Δf_{opt}	1e1	1e0	1e-1	1e-2	1e-3	1e-5	1e-7	#succ
f1	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	15/15	f13	652	2021	2751	3507	18749	24455	30201	15/15
bp-bbob	6.5(1)	13(1)	19(1)	25(1)	32(1)*	45(3)	57(4)	15/15	bp-bbob	3.2(3)	3.3(2)	3.6(2)	3.5(2)	0.72(0.4)	1.3(0.9)	1.4(0.5)	15/15
bp-sbox	7.1(1)	14(2)	20(2)	26(1)	33(1)	46(2)	59(4)	15/15	bp-sbox	3.5(2)	12(8)	10(6)	14(29)	3.8(6)	4.2(5)	3.6(4)	10/15
bt-bbob	8.0(2)	15(3)	21(3)	28(3)	34(3)	47(4)	60(4)	15/15	bt-bbob	3.8(3)	2.6(2)	4.5(3)	4.4(2)	0.93(0.4)	1.1(0.7)	1.2(0.6)	15/15
bt-sbox	8.4(2)	16(2)	23(4)	29(3)	37(5)	51(6)	64(8)	15/15	bt-sbox	3.1(1)	3.0(2)	5.3(4)	5.1(4)	1.1(0.8)	1.7(1)	1.7(1)	14/15
f2	385	386	387	388	390	391	393	15/15	f14	75	239	304	451	932	1648	15661	15/15
bp-bbob	20(4)	25(3)	28(3)	30(2)	31(2)	33(1)	34(2)	15/15	bp-bbob	2.4(1)	2.3(0.4)	3.3(0.4)	3.7(0.4)	3.0(0.2)	3.8(0.2)	0.66(0.0) \uparrow	15/15
bp-sbox	21(4)	25(4)	27(3)	29(3)	30(2)	32(2)	33(2)	15/15	bp-sbox	3.0(1)	2.5(0.6)	3.3(0.3)	3.7(0.4)	3.1(0.2)	3.8(0.3)	0.65(0.1) \uparrow	15/15
bt-bbob	22(1)	26(3)	29(3)	30(2)	31(2)	32(2)	34(2)	15/15	bt-bbob	3.0(1)	2.9(0.7)	3.7(0.4)	4.0(0.6)	3.3(0.2)	3.9(0.2)	0.69(0.0) \uparrow	15/15
bt-sbox	22(2)	25(2)	29(2)	30(2)	31(2)	33(2)	34(2)	15/15	bt-sbox	3.8(1)	2.8(0.6)	3.6(0.3)	3.9(0.4)	3.2(0.3)	3.9(0.7)	0.73(0.1) \uparrow	15/15
f3	5066	7626	7635	7637	7643	7646	7651	15/15	f15	30378	1.5e5	3.1e5	3.2e5	4.5e5	4.6e5	15/15	
bp-bbob	21(22)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	15/15	bp-bbob	0.98(0.5)	1.3(0.9)	1.4(1)	1.4(2)	1.7(2)	2.0(3)	2.0(2)	3/15
bp-sbox	26(30)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	15/15	bp-sbox	1.3(0.5)	6.2(8)	4.5(4)	4.5(5)	4.4(5)	3.2(3)	3.1(3)	2/15
bt-bbob	25(29)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	15/15	bt-bbob	1.2(0.8)	20(22)	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15	
bt-sbox	41(48)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	15/15	bt-sbox	0.97(0.8)	20(16)	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15	
f4	4722	7628	7666	7686	7700	7758	1.4e5	9/15	f16	1384	27265	77015	1.4e5	1.9e5	2.0e5	2.2e5	15/15
bp-bbob	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	15/15	bp-bbob	1.2(0.3)	0.30(0.2) \uparrow	0.66(0.5)	0.74(0.6)	1.0(2)	2.0(2)	1.8(2)	6/15
bp-sbox	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	15/15	bp-sbox	1.3(0.3)	0.42(0.2) \uparrow	0.60(0.6)	0.76(0.5)	1.2(1)	1.3(1)	1.2(0.7)	9/15
bt-bbob	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	15/15	bt-bbob	4.1(3)	0.58(0.4) \uparrow	1.2(1)	2.0(2)	2.1(2)	2.6(4)	2.4(2)	5/15
bt-sbox	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	15/15	bt-sbox	3.6(3)	0.58(0.5)	0.96(1)	1.1(1)	1.4(1)	3.4(4)	3.1(3)	4/15
f5	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	15/15	f17	63	1030	4005	12242	30677	56288	80472	15/15
bp-bbob	30(24)	51(33)	56(35)	57(35)	57(35)	57(35)	57(35)	15/15	bp-bbob	0.98(0.6)	0.90(0.3)	1.1(2)	1.10(7)	0.76(0.3)	0.77(0.0) \uparrow	0.78(0.3)	15/15
bp-sbox	30(18)	45(21)	50(24)	52(24)	52(24)	52(24)	52(24)	15/15	bp-sbox	1.4(0.9)	1.0(0.4)	1.4(2)	1.2(0.7)	0.79(0.4)	1.1(0.4)	1.1(0.3)	14/15
bt-bbob	22(3)	33(8)	41(8)	48(8)	55(8)	69(9)	83(7)	15/15	bt-bbob	0.97(0.6)	1.1(0.2)	2.0(2)	1.6(0.5)	1.0(0.9)	1.1(0.4)	0.98(0.3)	15/15
bt-sbox	23(8)	37(9)	44(10)	52(9)	59(8)	73(9)	87(11)	15/15	bt-sbox	1.8(1)	0.95(0.2)	1.1(2)	1.7(1)	1.9(3)	1.6(2)	1.6(1)	13/15
f6	1296	2343	3413	4255	5220	6728	8409	15/15	f18	621	3972	19561	28555	67569	1.3e5	1.5e5	15/15
bp-bbob	1.5(0.8)	1.2(0.6)	1.1(0.5)	1.1(0.4)	1.1(0.3)	1.1(0.3)	1.1(0.3)	15/15	bp-bbob	0.85(0.3)	0.90(2)	0.87(0.8)	1.3(0.4)	0.80(0.3)	0.72(0.5)	0.76(0.4)	14/15
bp-sbox	1.9(0.9)	1.5(0.6)	1.4(0.5)	1.4(0.5)	1.3(0.4)	1.3(0.4)	1.3(0.3)	15/15	bp-sbox	0.88(0.2)	0.46(0.1) \uparrow	0.86(0.6)	1.3(0.9)	1.8(2)	3.0(3)	3.5(5)	5/15
bt-bbob	1.5(0.4)	1.2(0.2)	1.1(0.1)	1.1(0.1)	1.1(0.1)	1.1(0.1)	1.1(0.1)	15/15	bt-bbob	0.96(0.2)	0.97(0.1) \uparrow	1.2(1)	3.4(4)	2.3(2)	2.1(2)	2.0(2)	7/15
bt-sbox	1.4(0.3)	1.2(0.2)	1.1(0.2)	1.1(0.1)	1.1(0.1)	1.1(0.2)	1.1(0.2)	15/15	bt-sbox	1.1(0.3)	0.55(0.2) \uparrow	0.89(0.5)	2.0(2)	2.6(3)	2.1(2)	2.9(2)	5/15
f7	1351	4274	9503	16523	16524	16969	17277	15/15	f19	1	1	3.4e5	4.7e6	6.2e6	6.7e6	6.7e6	15/15
bp-bbob	0.72(0.2) \uparrow	2.8(2)	1.6(0.6)	1.0(0.4)	1.0(0.4)	1.0(0.4)	1.0(0.4)	15/15	f20	82	46150	3.1e6	5.5e6	5.5e6	5.6e6	14/15	
bp-sbox	0.96(0.3)	2.8(2)	1.9(0.6)	1.2(0.4)	1.2(0.4)	1.2(0.4)	1.2(0.4)	15/15	bp-bbob	3.8(0.7)	5.5(4)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15
bt-bbob	1.1(0.4)	4.6(3)	3.2(2)	2.0(1)	2.0(1)	1.9(1)	1.9(1)	15/15	bp-sbox	3.5(1)	11(13)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15
bt-sbox	1.7(2)	5.4(2)	4.3(3)	2.8(2)	2.9(1)	2.8(1)	2.8(1)	15/15	bt-bbob	4.0(2)	6.2(7)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15
f8	2039	3871	4040	4148	4219	4371	4484	15/15	f21	561	6541	14103	14318	14643	15567	17589	15/15
bp-bbob	3.4(1.0)	3.4(0.5)	3.6(0.5)	3.7(0.5)	3.7(0.5)	3.8(0.4)	3.8(0.5)	15/15	bp-bbob	3.8(0.7)	5.5(4)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15
bp-sbox	3.4(0.8)	3.9(2)	4.1(2)	4.2(2)	4.3(2)	4.3(2)	4.3(2)	15/15	bp-sbox	3.5(1)	11(13)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15
bt-bbob	3.4(0.8)	3.6(0.6)	3.8(0.5)	3.9(0.5)	4.0(0.5)	4.0(0.5)	4.0(0.5)	15/15	bt-bbob	4.0(2)	6.2(7)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15
bt-sbox	3.6(0.7)	3.4(0.3)	3.7(0.2)	3.8(0.2)	3.8(0.2)	3.8(0.2)	3.9(0.2)	15/15	bt-sbox	4.4(2)	14(14)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15
f9	1716	3102	3277	3379	3455	3594	3727	15/15	f22	561	6541	14103	14318	14643	15567	17589	15/15
bp-bbob	3.8(0.9)	5.3(4)	5.6(3)	5.6(3)	5.7(3)	5.6(3)	5.6(3)	15/15	bp-bbob	1.4(1)	30(31)	29(25)	29(46)	28(51)	26(33)	23(40)	5/15
bp-sbox	4.0(0.7)	5.2(3)	5.5(3)	5.6(3)	5.6(3)	5.5(3)	5.5(3)	15/15	bp-sbox	5.4(11)	25(39)	23(18)	22(33)	21(20)	19(32)	6/15	
bt-bbob	3.9(0.8)	4.0(0.4)	4.3(0.4)	4.4(0.4)	4.4(0.4)	4.4(0.4)	4.4(0.4)	15/15	bt-bbob	7.9(24)	45(73)	40(50)	39(35)	38(48)	36(26)	32(34)	4/15
bt-sbox	3.9(0.8)	4.5(6)	4.8(6)	4.9(6)	4.9(6)	4.9(6)	4.9(6)	15/15	bt-sbox	4.1(5)	16(26)	10(10)	10(7)	9.0(16)	8.9(13)	9/15	
f10	7413	8661	10735	13641	14920	17073	17476	15/15	f23	467	5580	23491	24163	24948	26847	1.3e5	12/15
bp-bbob	1.1(0.1)	1.1(0.1)	1.0(0.1)	0.87(0.1) \uparrow	0.82(0.0) \uparrow	0.76(0.0) \uparrow	0.77(0.0) \uparrow	15/15	bp-bbob	16(28)	42(35)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15
bp-sbox	1.1(0.2)	1.2(0.1)	1.1(0.1)	0.90(0.1) \uparrow	0.85(0.0) \uparrow	0.79(0.0) \uparrow	0.81(0.0) \uparrow	15/15	bp-sbox	13(30)	49(59)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15
bt-bbob	1.6(0.6)	1.6(0.5)	1.3(0.3)	1.1(0.3)	1.0(0.2)	0.95(0.2)	0.96(0.2)	15/15	bt-bbob	33(6)	57(63)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15
bt-sbox	1.5(0.4)	1.9(1)	1.8(0.9)	1.6(0.7)	1.6(0.6)	1.5(0.5)	1.5(0.5)	15/15	bt-sbox	4.6(0.8)	43(39)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15
f11	1002	2228	6278	8586	9762	12285	14831	15/15	f24	3.0	1614	67457	3.7e5	4.9e5	8.1e5	8.4e5	15/15
bp-bbob	4.2(0.3)	2.2(0.2)	0.85(0.1) \uparrow	0.67(0.0) \uparrow	0.62(0.0) \uparrow	0.55(0.0) \uparrow	0.50(0.0) \uparrow	15/15	bp-bbob	1.6(2)	22(20)	1.8(2)	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15
bp-sbox	4.3(0.4)	2.2(0.1)	0.88(0.1) \uparrow	0.69(0.0) \uparrow	0.64(0.0) \uparrow	0.57(0.0) \uparrow	0.51(0.0) \uparrow	15/15	bp-sbox	2.4(3)	56(67)	2.6(2)	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15
bt-bbob	7.4(2)	4.4(2)	1.6(0.7)	1.3(0.5)	1.1(0.4)	0.96(0.3)	0.84(0.3)	15/15	bt-bbob	2.3(4)	90(119)	5.4(5)	∞	∞	∞	∞	0/15
bt-sbox	10(6)	5.5(3)	2.2(1.0)	2.0(1.0)	2.0(0.9)	1.8(1)	1.6(0.9)	15/15</td									