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ABSTRACT

We benchmark the BI-population CMA-ES on the BBOB-2009 noisy functions testbed. BI-population refers to a multistart strategy with equal budgets for two interlaced restart strategies, one with an increasing population size and one with varying small population sizes. The latter is presumably of little use on a noisy testbed. The BI-population CMA-ES could solve 29, 27 and 26 out of 30 functions in search space dimension 5, 10 and 20 respectively. The time to find the solution ranges between $100D$ and $10^5 D^2$ objective function evaluations, where D is the search space dimension.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The covariance matrix adaptation evolution strategy (CMA-ES) [2, 6, 7] is a stochastic, population-based search method in continuous search spaces, aiming at minimizing an objective function $f : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ in a black-box scenario. In this paper, the $(\mu/\mu_w, \lambda)$ -CMA-ES is applied in a multistart strategy and benchmarked on 30 noisy functions. The multistart consists of two interlacing strategies, one with increasing population size, the other with varying small population size. The algorithm is given in a complementing paper in the same proceedings [3].

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2. ALGORITHM AND PARAMETER SETTINGS

The algorithm and all parameters are described in [3]. The following parameters have been chosen differently, where λ denotes the offspring population size.

MaxIter = $1000 + 500(D + 3)^2/\sqrt{\lambda}$ has been chosen ten times larger, as the noisy functions are expected to be more difficult to solve.

$c_1 = \frac{0.4}{(D+1.3)^2+\mu_w}$ and $c_\mu = \min\left(1 - c_1, 0.4\frac{\mu_w - 2 + 1/\mu_w}{(D+2)^2+\mu_w}\right)$, the learning rates for the covariance matrix have been chosen five times smaller than by default. With default learning rates, the learning of the covariance matrix is the algorithm component that is most susceptible to uncertainties in the selection. Surprisingly, this change did not produce a striking improvement, but slightly more consistent results (e.g. f_{105} , f_{108} and f_{117} are solved also in 40-D).

Restarts are launched until $10^6 D$ function evaluations are exceeded. The stagnation termination criterion

Stagnation: terminate a run, if the median of the 20 newest values is not smaller than the median of the 20 oldest values, respectively, in the two arrays containing the best function values and the median function values of the last $\lceil 0.2 t + 120 + 30D/\lambda \rceil$ iterations, where t denotes the iteration counter,

turns out to be crucial for the noisy testbed. Most other standard termination criteria regularly fail. We presume that restarts with small population size are less valuable on a noisy testbed, which leaves yet room for improvement.

The same parameter setting is used for all functions and therefore the crafting effort according to [4] is CrE = 0.

3. SUCCESSFUL POPULATION SIZE

We investigate the population sizes of the final successful runs. In Table 1 minimal, median (the larger in case of even data) and maximal population size are given for 10-D and 20-D. Functions solved with default offspring population size, $\lambda = 10$ and 12, are the sphere function with moderate noise and about half of the functions with Cauchy noise (function numbers in *italics*). Otherwise is the typical population size $10D$ or larger.

Table 2 tabulates minimal, median (the larger in case of even data) and maximal initial step-size σ^0 of the final successful runs, whenever $\sigma^0 < 2$ in at least one successful case.

Table 1: Final, successful population sizes. If less than three successful trials included restarts, only the median (default population size) is given

| f | | D = 10 | | | D = 20 | | |
|-----|-----|--------|------|------|--------|------|-----|
| | | min | med | max | min | med | max |
| 101 | | | 10 | | | 12 | |
| 102 | | | 10 | | | 12 | |
| 103 | | | 10 | | | 12 | |
| 104 | 20 | 20 | 40 | 96 | 96 | 192 | |
| 105 | 40 | 80 | 80 | 192 | 192 | 384 | |
| 106 | | | 10 | | | 12 | |
| 107 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 24 | 24 | 48 | |
| 108 | 80 | 160 | 160 | 192 | 192 | 384 | |
| 109 | | | 10 | | | 12 | |
| 110 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 111 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 112 | | | 10 | | | 12 | |
| 113 | 40 | 80 | 320 | 192 | 384 | 384 | |
| 114 | 160 | 320 | 640 | 286 | 768 | 768 | |
| 115 | 40 | 80 | 160 | 185 | 192 | 384 | |
| 116 | 80 | 160 | 160 | 192 | 384 | 384 | |
| 117 | 160 | 320 | 640 | 768 | 768 | 768 | |
| 118 | | | 10 | | | 12 | |
| 119 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 384 | 384 | 384 | |
| 120 | 320 | 640 | 1280 | 1536 | 1536 | 1536 | |
| 121 | | | 10 | | | 12 | |
| 122 | 80 | 160 | 320 | 384 | 768 | 768 | |
| 123 | 640 | 1280 | 1280 | — | — | — | |
| 124 | 40 | 80 | 160 | 96 | 192 | 192 | |
| 125 | 640 | 1280 | 2560 | 3072 | 6144 | 6144 | |
| 126 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 127 | 239 | 640 | 1280 | 384 | 1536 | 3072 | |
| 128 | 11 | 40 | 320 | 37 | 192 | 768 | |
| 129 | 80 | 118 | 1280 | 1301 | 3072 | 6144 | |
| 130 | 10 | 26 | 166 | 12 | 24 | 192 | |

Table 2: Initial step-size σ^0 of successful restarts for functions, where $\sigma^0 < 2$ was successful at least once

| f | D = 10 | | | D = 20 | | | |
|-----|--------|------|-----|--------|-------|------|-----|
| | min | med | max | f | min | max | |
| 115 | 0.126 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 114 | 1.06 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 125 | 0.72 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 115 | 0.068 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 127 | 0.158 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 122 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 128 | 0.28 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 128 | 0.64 | 1.56 | 2.0 |
| 129 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 129 | 1.42 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 130 | 0.06 | 0.64 | 2.0 | 130 | 0.042 | 0.38 | 2.0 |

The data neither rule out nor suggest that f_{130} might benefit from a small initial step-size. Overall, as expected, the small initial step-size is of little use and, if anything, rather disadvantageous on the BBOB-2009 noisy testbed.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of CPU timing experiments are given in [3]: using Matlab, about $2\text{--}3 \times 10^{-4}$ seconds per function evaluation are needed on the BBOB-2009 f_8 function for up to 40-D. Results from the performance experiments according to [4] on the benchmarks functions given in [1, 5] are presented in Figures 1 and 2 and in Tables 3 and 4.

The number of solved functions are 30, 30, 29, 27, 26 and

24 out of 30 functions in 2, 3, 5, 10, 20 and 40-D, respectively.

The typical scaling of the running time (number of function evaluations) is quadratic with the dimension (see Figure 1). With the moderate noise models and with the Cauchy noise model the sphere function can be solved in linear time. More severe noise impairs the scaling behavior by one order of magnitude to quadratic. Similarly, on the Rosenbrock function the severe noise impairs the scaling by one order from roughly quadratic to roughly cubic. Here, the observed failure is presumably due to a too small maximum number of function evaluations allowed.

The expected running times appear rather uniform on the log-scale between $100D$ and $10^5 D^2$ function evaluations (upper figures in Figure 2). The graphs suggest that, in higher dimension, with more function evaluations even more functions can be solved.

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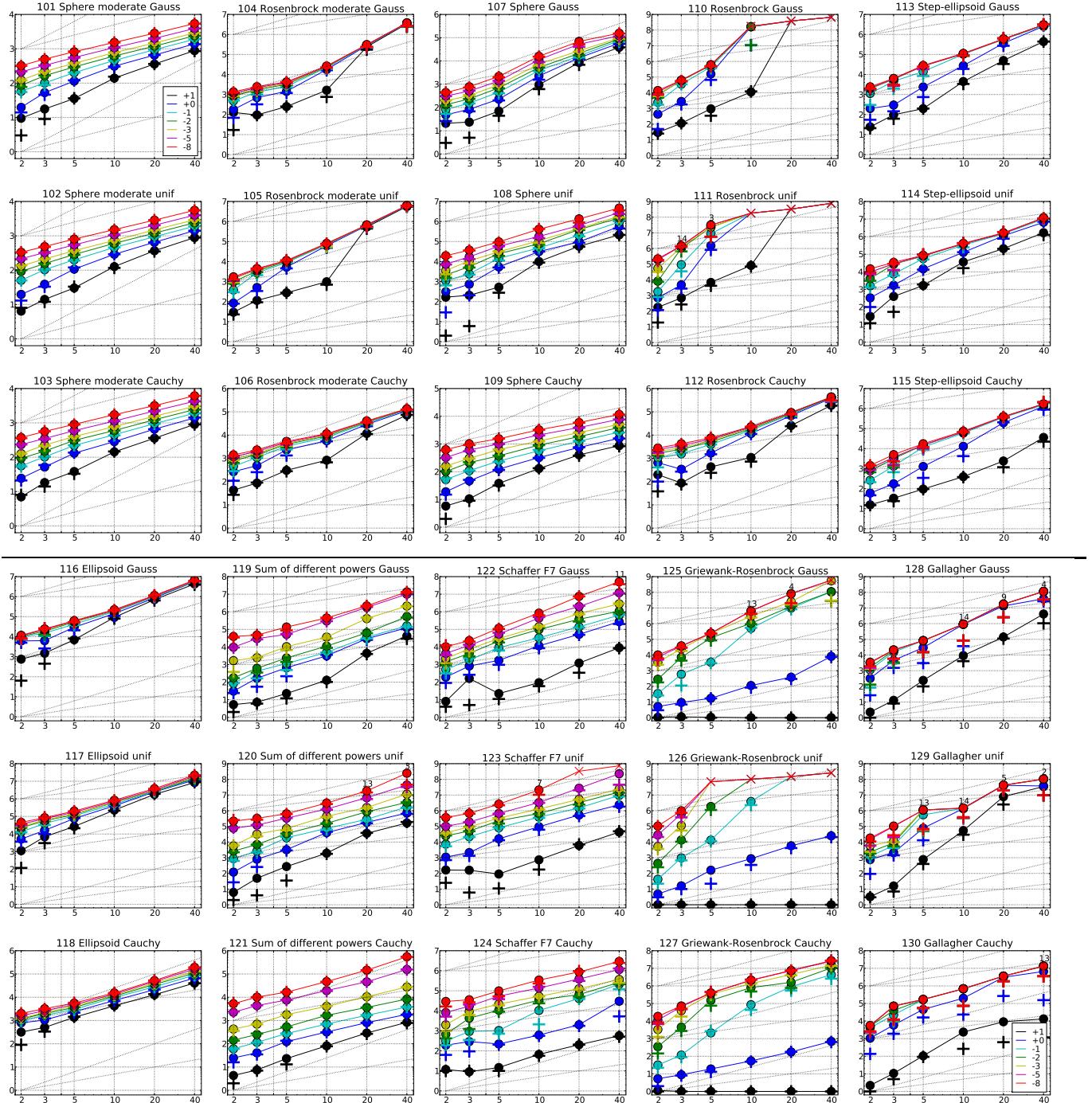


Figure 1: Expected Running Time (ERT, ●) to reach $f_{\text{opt}} + \Delta f$ and median number of function evaluations of successful trials (+), shown for $\Delta f = 10, 1, 10^{-1}, 10^{-2}, 10^{-3}, 10^{-5}, 10^{-8}$ (the exponent is given in the legend of f_{101} and f_{130}) versus dimension in log-log presentation. The $\text{ERT}(\Delta f)$ equals to $\#\text{FEs}(\Delta f)$ divided by the number of successful trials, where a trial is successful if $f_{\text{opt}} + \Delta f$ was surpassed during the trial. The $\#\text{FEs}(\Delta f)$ are the total number of function evaluations while $f_{\text{opt}} + \Delta f$ was not surpassed during the trial from all respective trials (successful and unsuccessful), and f_{opt} denotes the optimal function value. Crosses (×) indicate the total number of function evaluations $\#\text{FEs}(-\infty)$. Numbers above ERT-symbols indicate the number of successful trials. Annotated numbers on the ordinate are decimal logarithms. Additional grid lines show linear and quadratic scaling.

| Δf | | f101 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=930 | | | | f101 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=3014 | | | | Δf | | f102 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=882 | | | | f102 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=3122 | | | | | |
|------------|-----|-------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|------------|------|-------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-----|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|
| # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | | |
| 10 | 15 | 3.5e1 | 2.9e1 | 4.2e1 | 3.5e1 | 15 | 3.6e2 | 3.4e2 | 3.8e2 | 3.6e2 | 10 | 15 | 3.0e1 | 2.5e1 | 3.6e1 | 3.0e1 | 15 | 3.7e2 | 3.5e2 | 3.9e2 | 3.7e2 |
| 1 | 15 | 1.1e2 | 1.0e2 | 1.2e2 | 1.1e2 | 15 | 6.5e2 | 6.3e2 | 6.7e2 | 6.5e2 | 1 | 15 | 1.1e2 | 9.6e1 | 1.2e2 | 1.1e2 | 15 | 6.5e2 | 6.3e2 | 6.6e2 | 6.5e2 |
| le-1 | 15 | 2.0e2 | 1.9e2 | 2.1e2 | 2.0e2 | 15 | 9.4e2 | 9.2e2 | 9.5e2 | 9.4e2 | le-1 | 15 | 2.0e2 | 1.9e2 | 2.1e2 | 2.0e2 | 15 | 9.4e2 | 9.2e2 | 9.6e2 | 9.4e2 |
| le-3 | 15 | 3.8e2 | 3.6e2 | 3.9e2 | 3.8e2 | 15 | 1.5e3 | 1.4e3 | 1.5e3 | 1.5e3 | le-3 | 15 | 3.7e2 | 3.6e2 | 3.8e2 | 3.7e2 | 15 | 1.5e3 | 1.5e3 | 1.5e3 | 1.5e3 |
| le-5 | 15 | 5.6e2 | 5.4e2 | 5.7e2 | 5.6e2 | 15 | 2.0e3 | 2.0e3 | 2.0e3 | 2.0e3 | le-5 | 15 | 5.4e2 | 5.3e2 | 5.6e2 | 5.4e2 | 15 | 2.0e3 | 2.0e3 | 2.1e3 | 2.0e3 |
| le-8 | 15 | 8.2e2 | 8.0e2 | 8.3e2 | 8.2e2 | 15 | 2.8e3 | 2.8e3 | 2.9e3 | 2.8e3 | le-8 | 15 | 8.0e2 | 7.8e2 | 8.2e2 | 8.0e2 | 15 | 2.9e3 | 2.8e3 | 2.9e3 | 2.9e3 |
| Δf | | f103 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=994 | | | | f103 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=3386 | | | | Δf | | f104 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=7644 | | | | f104 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=668758 | | | | | |
| # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | | |
| 10 | 15 | 3.8e1 | 3.0e1 | 4.7e1 | 3.8e1 | 15 | 3.6e2 | 3.4e2 | 3.7e2 | 3.6e2 | 10 | 15 | 2.5e2 | 2.4e2 | 2.7e2 | 2.5e2 | 15 | 2.4e5 | 2.0e5 | 2.8e5 | 2.4e5 |
| 1 | 15 | 1.3e2 | 1.2e2 | 1.4e2 | 1.3e2 | 15 | 6.6e2 | 6.4e2 | 6.7e2 | 6.6e2 | 1 | 15 | 1.4e3 | 1.2e3 | 1.7e3 | 1.4e3 | 15 | 2.8e5 | 2.3e5 | 3.3e5 | 2.8e5 |
| le-1 | 15 | 2.2e2 | 2.1e2 | 2.3e2 | 2.2e2 | 15 | 9.5e2 | 9.3e2 | 9.6e2 | 9.5e2 | le-1 | 15 | 2.5e3 | 2.3e3 | 2.8e3 | 2.5e3 | 15 | 2.9e5 | 2.4e5 | 3.4e5 | 2.9e5 |
| le-3 | 15 | 4.0e2 | 3.9e2 | 4.1e2 | 4.0e2 | 15 | 1.6e3 | 1.5e3 | 1.6e3 | 1.6e3 | le-3 | 15 | 3.5e3 | 3.3e3 | 3.8e3 | 3.5e3 | 15 | 3.0e5 | 2.5e5 | 3.5e5 | 3.0e5 |
| le-5 | 15 | 5.9e2 | 5.8e2 | 6.1e2 | 5.9e2 | 15 | 2.2e3 | 2.2e3 | 2.2e3 | 2.2e3 | le-5 | 15 | 3.9e3 | 3.6e3 | 4.2e3 | 3.9e3 | 15 | 3.0e5 | 2.5e5 | 3.5e5 | 3.0e5 |
| le-8 | 15 | 9.1e2 | 8.9e2 | 9.2e2 | 9.1e2 | 15 | 3.2e3 | 3.1e3 | 3.2e3 | 3.2e3 | le-8 | 15 | 4.3e3 | 4.0e3 | 4.6e3 | 4.3e3 | 15 | 3.1e5 | 2.6e5 | 3.6e5 | 3.1e5 |
| Δf | | f105 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=19372 | | | | f105 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=1.28e6 | | | | Δf | | f106 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=11108 | | | | f106 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=86380 | | | | | |
| # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | | |
| 10 | 15 | 2.8e2 | 2.6e2 | 2.9e2 | 2.8e2 | 15 | 5.3e5 | 4.4e5 | 6.1e5 | 5.3e5 | 10 | 15 | 3.0e2 | 2.8e2 | 3.3e2 | 3.0e2 | 15 | 1.2e4 | 1.1e4 | 1.3e4 | 1.2e4 |
| 1 | 15 | 5.2e3 | 4.4e3 | 6.2e3 | 5.2e3 | 15 | 6.1e5 | 5.2e5 | 7.1e5 | 6.1e5 | 1 | 15 | 2.3e3 | 1.9e3 | 3.0e3 | 2.3e3 | 15 | 2.9e4 | 2.3e4 | 3.5e4 | 2.9e4 |
| le-1 | 15 | 8.9e3 | 7.8e3 | 1.0e4 | 8.9e3 | 15 | 6.3e5 | 5.3e5 | 7.3e5 | 6.3e5 | le-1 | 15 | 3.3e3 | 2.6e3 | 4.1e3 | 3.3e3 | 15 | 3.3e4 | 2.7e4 | 3.9e4 | 3.3e4 |
| le-3 | 15 | 1.0e4 | 9.2e3 | 1.2e4 | 1.0e4 | 15 | 6.5e5 | 5.5e5 | 7.5e5 | 6.5e5 | le-3 | 15 | 4.4e3 | 3.6e3 | 5.2e3 | 4.4e3 | 15 | 3.7e4 | 3.1e4 | 4.3e4 | 3.7e4 |
| le-5 | 15 | 1.1e4 | 9.7e3 | 1.2e4 | 1.1e4 | 15 | 6.6e5 | 5.7e5 | 7.6e5 | 6.6e5 | le-5 | 15 | 4.8e3 | 4.0e3 | 5.6e3 | 4.8e3 | 15 | 3.9e4 | 3.3e4 | 4.5e4 | 3.9e4 |
| le-8 | 15 | 1.1e4 | 1.0e4 | 1.3e4 | 1.1e4 | 15 | 6.8e5 | 5.8e5 | 7.8e5 | 6.8e5 | le-8 | 15 | 5.3e3 | 4.5e3 | 6.2e3 | 5.3e3 | 15 | 4.0e4 | 3.5e4 | 4.6e4 | 4.0e4 |
| Δf | | f107 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=3162 | | | | f107 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=141332 | | | | Δf | | f108 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=200594 | | | | f108 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=3.02e6 | | | | | |
| # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | | |
| 10 | 15 | 7.0e1 | 4.6e1 | 9.6e1 | 7.0e1 | 15 | 8.6e3 | 6.9e3 | 1.0e4 | 8.6e3 | 10 | 15 | 5.3e2 | 3.1e2 | 7.7e2 | 5.3e2 | 15 | 5.8e4 | 5.1e4 | 6.5e4 | 5.8e4 |
| 1 | 15 | 2.3e2 | 1.9e2 | 2.7e2 | 2.3e2 | 15 | 1.4e4 | 1.1e4 | 1.6e4 | 1.4e4 | 1 | 15 | 5.4e3 | 4.2e3 | 6.5e3 | 5.4e3 | 15 | 9.7e4 | 8.3e4 | 1.1e5 | 9.7e4 |
| le-1 | 15 | 4.5e2 | 4.0e2 | 5.1e2 | 4.5e2 | 15 | 1.6e4 | 1.4e4 | 1.9e4 | 1.6e4 | le-1 | 15 | 1.4e4 | 1.2e4 | 1.8e4 | 1.4e4 | 15 | 2.0e5 | 1.7e5 | 2.3e5 | 2.0e5 |
| le-3 | 15 | 9.4e2 | 8.8e2 | 1.0e3 | 9.4e2 | 15 | 2.7e4 | 2.4e4 | 3.0e4 | 2.7e4 | le-3 | 15 | 3.1e4 | 2.6e4 | 3.6e4 | 3.1e4 | 15 | 4.5e5 | 3.9e5 | 5.0e5 | 4.5e5 |
| le-5 | 15 | 1.4e3 | 1.3e3 | 1.4e3 | 1.4e3 | 15 | 5.2e4 | 4.2e4 | 6.4e4 | 5.2e4 | le-5 | 15 | 5.9e4 | 5.3e4 | 6.4e4 | 5.9e4 | 15 | 6.3e5 | 5.6e5 | 7.0e5 | 6.3e5 |
| le-8 | 15 | 2.2e3 | 2.0e3 | 2.3e3 | 2.2e3 | 15 | 6.9e4 | 5.7e4 | 8.2e4 | 6.9e4 | le-8 | 15 | 9.7e4 | 8.3e4 | 1.1e5 | 9.7e4 | 15 | 1.4e6 | 1.1e6 | 1.6e6 | 1.4e6 |
| Δf | | f109 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=1922 | | | | f109 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=6878 | | | | Δf | | f110 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=13.6e6 | | | | f108 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=3.02e6 | | | | | |
| # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | | |
| 10 | 15 | 3.8e1 | 3.2e1 | 4.4e1 | 3.8e1 | 15 | 4.1e2 | 3.8e2 | 4.3e2 | 4.1e2 | 10 | 15 | 5.3e2 | 3.1e2 | 7.7e2 | 5.3e2 | 15 | 5.8e4 | 5.1e4 | 6.5e4 | 5.8e4 |
| 1 | 15 | 1.2e2 | 1.1e2 | 1.4e2 | 1.2e2 | 15 | 7.5e2 | 7.2e2 | 7.8e2 | 7.5e2 | 1 | 15 | 1.6e2 | 9.9e4 | 2.2e5 | 1.6e5 | 15 | 1.7e4 | 1.6e4 | 1.8e4 | 1.7e4 |
| le-1 | 15 | 2.4e2 | 2.3e2 | 2.7e2 | 2.4e2 | 15 | 1.3e3 | 1.2e3 | 1.3e3 | 1.3e3 | le-1 | 15 | 4.5e3 | 3.3e3 | 5.7e3 | 4.5e3 | 15 | 2.0e5 | 1.7e5 | 2.3e5 | 2.0e5 |
| le-3 | 15 | 6.2e2 | 5.9e2 | 6.6e2 | 6.2e2 | 15 | 2.6e3 | 2.5e3 | 2.7e3 | 2.6e3 | le-3 | 15 | 3.1e4 | 2.6e4 | 3.6e4 | 3.1e4 | 15 | 4.5e5 | 3.9e5 | 5.0e5 | 4.5e5 |
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| le-8 | 15 | 1.5e3 | 1.5e3 | 1.6e3 | 1.5e3 | 15 | 6.0e3 | 5.8e3 | 6.1e3 | 6.0e3 | le-8 | 15 | 6.2e5 | 5.1e5 | 7.3e5 | 6.2e5 | 15 | 1.4e6 | 1.1e6 | 1.6e6 | 1.4e6 |
| Δf | | f111 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=1.11e7 | | | | f111 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=2.51e7 | | | | Δf | | f112 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=9378 | | | | f112 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=187012 | | | | | |
| # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | | |
| 10 | 15 | 6.9e3 | 4.4e3 | 9.5e3 | 6.9e3 | 0 | 18e+0 | 17e+0 | 18e+0 | 1.8e7 | 10 | 15 | 5.0e4 | 3.7e4 | 6.3e4 | 5.0e4 | 15 | 2.6e4 | 2.4e4 | 2.7e4 | 2.6e4 |
| 1 | 14 | 5.6e5 | 9.3e5 | 2.2e6 | 1.1e6 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 15 | 1.6e5 | 9.9e4 | 2.2e5 | 1.6e5 | 15 | 2.8e5 | 2.5e5 | 3.1e5 | 2.8e5 |
| le-1 | 8 | 8.8e6 | 6.3e6 | 1.3e7 | 4.8e6 | - | - | - | - | - | le-1 | 15 | 4.0e3 | 3.6e3 | 4.3e3 | 4.0e3 | 15 | 7.9e4 | 6.7e4 | 9.1e4 | 7.9e4 |
| le-3 | 4 | 2.3e7 | 1.4e7 | 5.1e7 | 5.1e6 | - | - | - | - | - | le-3 | 15 | 5.9e5 | 4.9e5 | 7.0e5 | 5.9e5 | 15 | 8.6e4 | 7.4e4 | 1.0e5 | 8.6e4 |
| le-5 | 3 | 3.1e7 | 1.8e7 | 8.8e7 | 6.8e6 | - | - | - | - | - | le-5 | 15 | 6.0e5 | 5.0e5 | 7.1e5 | 6.0e5 | 15 | 9.0e4 | 7.7e4 | 1.0e5 | 9.0e4 |
| le-8 | 3 | 3.1e7 | 1.9e7 | 9.3e7 | 7.0e6 | - | - | - | - | - | le-8 | 15 | 7.6e3 | 7.2e3 | 7.9e3 | 7.6e3 | 15 | 9.3e4 | 8.0e4 | 1.1e5 | 9.3e4 |
| Δf | | f113 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=86966 | | | | f113 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=795352 | | | | Δf | | f114 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=140043 | | | | f114 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=2.53e6 | | | | | |
| # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | # | ERT | 10% | 90% | RT _{succ} | | |
| 10 | 15 | 2.0e2 | 1.7e2 | 2.3e2 | 2.0e2 | 15 | 5.0e4 | 3.7e4 | 6.3e4 | 5.0e4 | 10 | 15 | 1.7e3 | 1.3e3 | 2.1e3 | 1.7e3 | 15 | 2.1e5 | 1.8e5 | 2.4e5 | 2.1e5 |
| 1 | 15 | 2.4e3 | 1.4e3 | 3.5e3 | 2.4e3 | 15 | 3.6e5 | 3.1e5 | 4.2e5 | 3.6e5 | 1 | 15 | 1.5e4 | 1.2e4 | 1.8e4 | 1.5e4 | 15 | 1.1e6 | 9.5e5 | 1.3e6 | 1.1e6 |
| le-1 | 15 | 1.4e4 | 1.0e4 | 1.9e4 | 1.4e4 | 15 | 5.6e5 | 5.1e5 | 6.1e5 | 5.6e5 | le-1 | 15 | 5.6e4 | 4.7e4 | 6.7e4 | 5.6e4 | 15 | 1.4e6 | 1.3e6 | 1.6e6 | 1.4e6 |
| le-3 | 15 | 2.7e4 | 1.9e4 | 3.5e4 | 2.7e4 | 15 | 5.9e5 | 5.3e5 | 6.4e5 | 5.9e5 | le-3 | 15 | 8.3e4 | 6.9e4 | 9.7e4 | 8.3e4 | 15 | 1.6e6 | 1.4e6 | 1.8e6 | 1.6e6 |
| le-5 | 15 | 2.8e4 | 2.1e4 | 3.6e4 | 2.8e4 | 15 | 6.0e5 | 5.4e5 | 6.1e5 | 6.0e5 | le-5 | 15 | 8.3e4 | 6.9e4 | 9.7e4 | 8.3e4 | 15 | 1.6e6 | 1.4e6 | 1.8e6 | 1.6e6 |
| Δf | | f115 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=45496 | | | | f115 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=678416 | | | | Δf | | f116 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=115497 | | | | f116 in 2 | | | | | |

Table 3: Shown are, for functions f_{101} - f_{120} and for a given target difference to the optimal function value Δf : the number of successful trials (#); the expected running time to surpass $f_{\text{opt}} + \Delta f$ (ERT, see Figure 1); the 10%-tile and 90%-tile of the bootstrap distribution of ERT; the average number of function evaluations in successful trials or, if none was successful, as last entry the median number of function evaluations to reach the best function value (RT_{succ}). If $f_{\text{opt}} + \Delta f$ was never reached, figures in *italics* denote the best achieved Δf -value of the median trial and the 10% and 90%-tile trial. Furthermore, N denotes the number of trials, and mFE denotes the maximum of number of function evaluations executed in one trial. See Figure 1 for the names of functions.

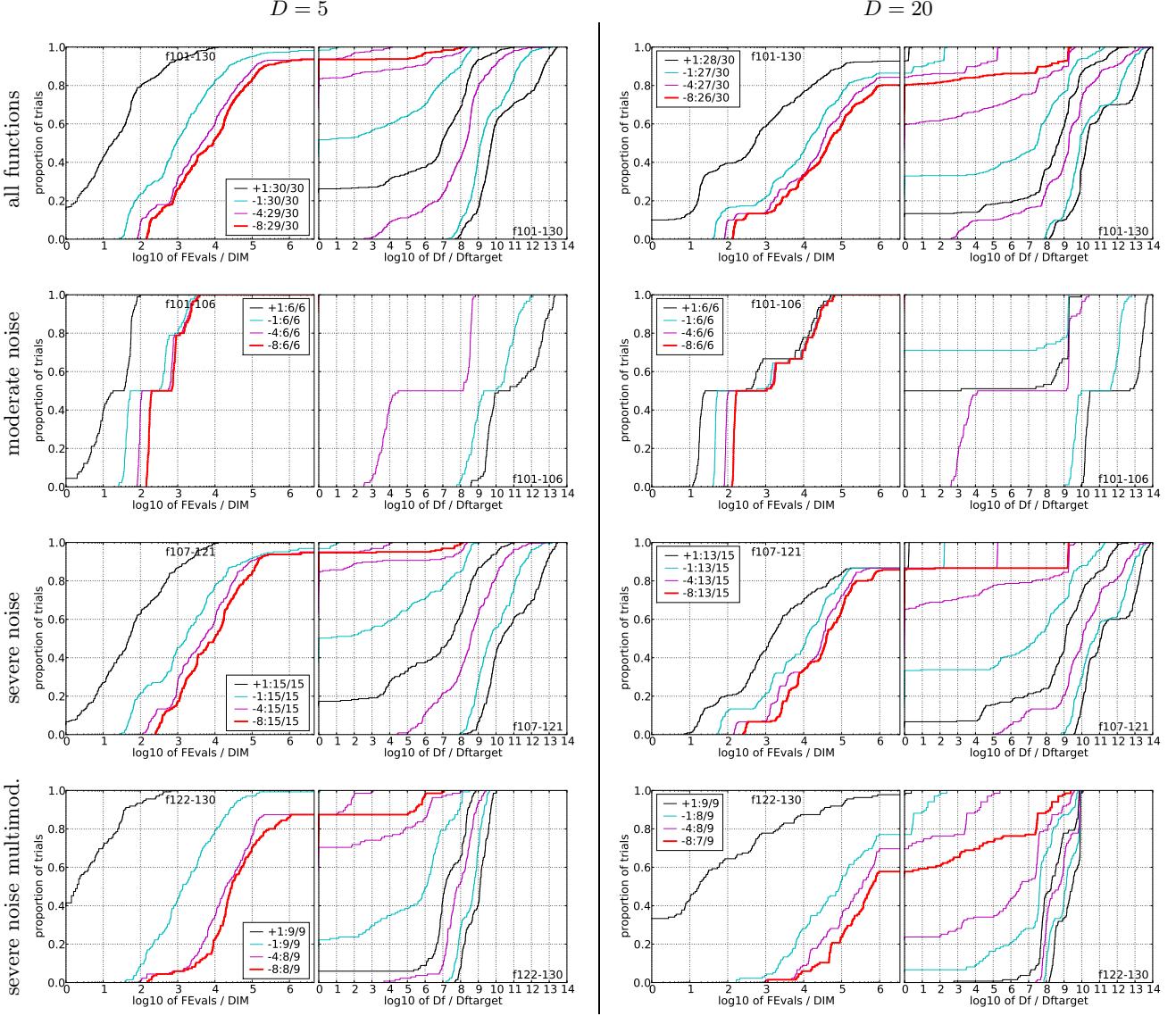


Figure 2: Empirical cumulative distribution functions (ECDFs), plotting the fraction of trials versus running time (left subplots) or versus Δf (right subplots). The thick red line represents the best achieved results. Left subplots: ECDF of the running time (number of function evaluations), divided by search space dimension D , to fall below $f_{\text{opt}} + \Delta f$ with $\Delta f = 10^k$, where k is the first value in the legend. Right subplots: ECDF of the best achieved Δf divided by 10^k (upper left lines in continuation of the left subplot), and best achieved Δf divided by 10^{-8} for running times of $D, 10D, 100D \dots$ function evaluations (from right to left cycling black-cyan-magenta). Top row: all results from all functions; second row: moderate noise functions; third row: severe noise functions; fourth row: severe noise and highly-multimodal functions. The legends indicate the number of functions that were solved in at least one trial. FEvals denotes number of function evaluations, D and DIM denote search space dimension, and Δf and Df denote the difference to the optimal function value.

| f121 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=17658 | | f121 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=164174 | | f122 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=226165 | | f122 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=1.55e7 | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | |
| 10 | 15 2.3e1 1.6e1 3.0e1 2.3e1 | 15 2.9e2 2.6e2 3.2e2 2.9e2 | 10 | 15 2.2e1 1.2e1 3.3e1 2.2e1 | 15 1.2e3 4.7e2 2.0e3 1.2e3 | 1 | 15 1.2e2 1.1e2 1.4e2 1.2e2 | 15 5.2e4 4.5e4 5.9e4 5.2e4 |
| 1 | 15 1.2e2 1.1e2 1.4e2 1.2e2 | 15 8.1e2 7.7e2 8.4e2 8.1e2 | 1e-1 | 15 9.2e3 7.1e3 1.1e4 9.2e3 | 15 1.4e5 1.2e5 1.6e5 1.4e5 | le-1 | 15 2.7e2 2.5e2 2.9e2 2.7e2 | 15 1.7e3 1.6e3 1.8e3 1.7e3 |
| le-1 | 15 2.7e2 2.5e2 2.9e2 2.7e2 | 15 1.7e3 1.6e3 1.8e3 1.7e3 | le-3 | 15 1.8e3 1.6e3 2.0e3 1.8e3 | 15 1.1e4 1.0e4 1.1e4 1.1e4 | le-3 | 15 1.8e3 1.6e3 2.0e3 1.8e3 | 15 1.1e4 1.0e4 1.1e4 1.1e4 |
| le-3 | 15 1.8e3 1.6e3 2.0e3 1.8e3 | 15 4.6e4 4.5e4 4.7e4 4.6e4 | le-5 | 15 7.6e3 7.3e3 7.9e3 7.6e3 | 15 4.6e4 4.5e4 4.7e4 4.6e4 | le-5 | 15 7.6e3 7.3e3 7.9e3 7.6e3 | 15 4.6e4 4.5e4 4.7e4 4.6e4 |
| le-5 | 15 7.6e3 7.3e3 7.9e3 7.6e3 | 15 1.5e5 1.4e5 1.5e5 1.5e5 | le-8 | 15 1.7e4 1.6e4 1.7e4 1.7e4 | 15 1.5e5 1.4e5 1.5e5 1.5e5 | le-8 | 15 1.7e4 1.6e4 1.7e4 1.7e4 | 15 1.5e5 1.4e5 1.5e5 1.5e5 |
| le-8 | 15 1.7e4 1.6e4 1.7e4 1.7e4 | | | | | | | |
| f123 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=5.43e6 | | f123 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=2.56e7 | | f124 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=403943 | | f124 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=1.12e6 | | |
| Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | |
| 10 | 15 9.1e1 3.5e1 1.6e2 9.1e1 | 15 6.1e3 4.8e3 7.3e3 6.1e3 | 10 | 15 1.5e1 1.1e1 1.9e1 1.5e1 | 15 2.0e2 1.8e2 2.3e2 2.0e2 | 1 | 15 1.6e4 1.3e4 1.9e4 1.6e4 | 15 2.0e3 1.7e3 2.3e3 2.0e3 |
| 1 | 15 1.6e4 1.3e4 1.9e4 1.6e4 | 15 5.3e5 4.2e5 6.4e5 5.3e5 | 1e-1 | 15 8.2e4 6.6e4 9.8e4 8.2e4 | 15 4.1e4 3.2e4 5.0e4 4.1e4 | le-1 | 15 8.2e4 6.6e4 9.8e4 8.2e4 | 15 1.0e3 7.3e2 1.4e3 1.0e3 |
| le-1 | 15 8.2e4 6.6e4 9.8e4 8.2e4 | 15 1.5e6 1.2e6 1.8e6 1.5e6 | le-3 | 15 3.4e5 2.8e5 4.0e5 3.4e5 | 15 1.3e5 1.1e5 1.5e5 1.3e5 | le-3 | 15 3.4e5 2.8e5 4.0e5 3.4e5 | 15 2.2e4 1.7e4 2.6e4 2.2e4 |
| le-3 | 15 3.4e5 2.8e5 4.0e5 3.4e5 | 15 5.3e6 4.6e6 6.0e6 5.3e6 | le-5 | 15 6.7e5 5.7e5 7.8e5 6.7e5 | 15 3.9e5 3.1e5 4.7e5 3.9e5 | le-5 | 15 6.7e5 5.7e5 7.8e5 6.7e5 | 10 2.7e7 2.3e7 3.4e7 1.9e7 |
| le-5 | 15 6.7e5 5.7e5 7.8e5 6.7e5 | 0 3e-7 6e-9 1e-6 2.0e7 | le-8 | 15 2.6e6 2.1e6 3.1e6 2.6e6 | 15 8.7e5 7.8e5 9.6e5 8.7e5 | le-8 | 15 2.6e6 2.1e6 3.1e6 2.6e6 | 15 9.8e4 7.0e4 1.3e5 9.8e4 |
| le-8 | 15 2.6e6 2.1e6 3.1e6 2.6e6 | | | | | | | |
| f125 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=555113 | | f125 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=3.35e7 | | f126 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=6.03e6 | | f126 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=1.24e7 | | |
| Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | |
| 10 | 15 1.1e0 1.0e0 1.1e0 1.1e0 | 15 1.0e0 1.0e0 1.0e0 1.0e0 | 10 | 15 1.0e0 1.0e0 1.0e0 1.0e0 | 15 1.0e0 1.0e0 1.0e0 1.0e0 | 1 | 15 1.7e1 1.3e1 2.2e1 1.7e1 | 15 5.8e3 4.6e3 6.9e3 5.8e3 |
| 1 | 15 1.7e1 1.3e1 2.2e1 1.7e1 | 15 3.8e2 3.1e2 4.6e2 3.8e2 | 1e-1 | 15 3.4e3 2.6e3 4.4e3 3.4e3 | 15 9.8e6 8.2e6 1.1e7 9.8e6 | le-1 | 15 3.4e3 2.6e3 4.4e3 3.4e3 | 15 1.3e4 1.0e4 1.6e4 1.3e4 |
| le-1 | 15 3.4e3 2.6e3 4.4e3 3.4e3 | 15 10.2e7 1.9e7 3.4e7 1.5e7 | le-3 | 15 2.4e5 2.0e5 2.8e5 2.4e5 | 15 4.8e6 3.7e6 5.2e6 4.4e6 | le-3 | 15 2.4e5 2.0e5 2.8e5 2.4e5 | 10 2.5e7 1.9e7 3.4e7 1.5e7 |
| le-3 | 15 2.4e5 2.0e5 2.8e5 2.4e5 | 4 8.0e7 5.3e7 1.6e8 2.3e7 | le-5 | 15 2.4e5 2.0e5 2.8e5 2.4e5 | 15 7.3e6 6.1e6 8.6e6 7.3e6 | le-5 | 15 2.4e5 2.0e5 2.8e5 2.4e5 | 4 8.1e7 5.2e7 1.7e8 2.3e7 |
| le-5 | 15 2.4e5 2.0e5 2.8e5 2.4e5 | 4 8.1e7 5.2e7 1.7e8 2.3e7 | le-8 | 15 4.0e5 3.1e5 4.9e5 4.0e5 | 15 7.5e6 6.2e6 8.8e6 7.5e6 | le-8 | 15 4.0e5 3.1e5 4.9e5 4.0e5 | 4 8.1e7 5.2e7 1.7e8 2.3e7 |
| le-8 | 15 4.0e5 3.1e5 4.9e5 4.0e5 | | | | | | | |
| f127 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=1.03e6 | | f127 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=1.60e7 | | f128 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=666537 | | f128 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=2.37e7 | | |
| Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | |
| 10 | 15 1.0e0 1.0e0 1.0e0 1.0e0 | 15 1.0e0 1.0e0 1.0e0 1.0e0 | 10 | 15 1.0e0 1.0e0 1.0e0 1.0e0 | 15 1.4e5 8.7e4 2.0e5 1.4e5 | 1 | 15 1.9e1 1.3e1 2.5e1 1.9e1 | 15 5.9e3 4.6e3 6.9e3 5.9e3 |
| 1 | 15 1.9e1 1.3e1 2.5e1 1.9e1 | 15 1.8e2 1.6e2 1.9e2 1.8e2 | 1e-1 | 15 2.1e3 1.7e3 2.5e3 2.1e3 | 15 9.0e5 5.9e5 1.2e6 9.0e5 | le-1 | 15 2.1e3 1.7e3 2.5e3 2.1e3 | 15 8.2e4 2.8e4 1.4e5 8.2e4 |
| le-1 | 15 2.1e3 1.7e3 2.5e3 2.1e3 | 15 9.0e5 5.9e5 1.2e6 9.0e5 | le-3 | 15 3.4e5 2.5e5 4.3e5 3.4e5 | 15 4.4e6 3.7e6 5.2e6 4.4e6 | le-3 | 15 3.4e5 2.5e5 4.3e5 3.4e5 | 15 8.2e4 2.8e4 1.4e5 8.2e4 |
| le-3 | 15 3.4e5 2.5e5 4.3e5 3.4e5 | 15 10.2e7 1.9e7 3.4e7 1.5e7 | le-5 | 15 3.9e5 3.0e5 4.8e5 3.9e5 | 15 7.3e6 6.1e6 8.6e6 7.3e6 | le-5 | 15 3.9e5 3.0e5 4.8e5 3.9e5 | 10 6e-4 1.9e-4 9.8e-4 2.8e6 |
| le-5 | 15 3.9e5 3.0e5 4.8e5 3.9e5 | 15 7.3e6 6.1e6 8.6e6 7.3e6 | le-8 | 15 4.0e5 3.1e5 4.9e5 4.0e5 | 15 7.5e6 6.2e6 8.8e6 7.5e6 | le-8 | 15 4.0e5 3.1e5 4.9e5 4.0e5 | 15 8.3e4 2.8e4 1.4e5 8.3e4 |
| le-8 | 15 4.0e5 3.1e5 4.9e5 4.0e5 | | | | | | | |
| f129 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=6.82e6 | | f129 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=2.27e7 | | f130 in 5-D, N=15, mFE=808354 | | f130 in 20-D, N=15, mFE=1.62e7 | | |
| Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | Δf | # ERT 10% 90% RT _{succ} | |
| 10 | 15 7.7e2 4.8e2 1.1e3 7.7e2 | 12 7.8e6 5.3e6 1.1e7 7.4e6 | 10 | 15 1.1e2 8.8e1 1.2e2 1.1e2 | 15 9.1e3 4.2e3 1.4e4 9.1e3 | 1 | 15 7.6e4 2.6e4 7.0e4 4.6e4 | 15 3.1e6 1.5e6 5.1e6 3.1e6 |
| 1 | 15 7.6e4 2.6e4 7.0e4 4.6e4 | 5 4.1e7 2.6e7 8.0e7 1.3e7 | 1e-1 | 15 5.5e5 5.7e4 1.1e6 5.5e5 | 15 8.2e4 2.8e4 5.5e4 8.2e4 | le-1 | 15 5.5e5 5.7e4 1.1e6 5.5e5 | 10 3e-2 24e-2 32e-2 5.6e6 |
| le-1 | 15 5.5e5 5.7e4 1.1e6 5.5e5 | 5 4.2e7 2.6e7 8.2e7 1.3e7 | le-3 | 15 1.1e6 9.5e4 2.0e6 1.1e6 | 15 9.7e4 2.4e5 1.7e5 9.7e4 | le-3 | 15 1.1e6 9.5e4 2.0e6 1.1e6 | 9 1.7e7 1.1e7 2.5e7 1.2e7 |
| le-3 | 15 1.1e6 9.5e4 2.0e6 1.1e6 | 5 4.2e7 2.7e7 8.2e7 1.3e7 | le-5 | 15 1.1e6 9.5e4 2.0e6 1.1e6 | 15 10.2e7 1.9e7 3.4e7 1.5e7 | le-5 | 15 1.1e6 9.5e4 2.0e6 1.1e6 | 9 1.7e7 1.1e7 2.5e7 1.2e7 |
| le-5 | 15 1.1e6 9.5e4 2.0e6 1.1e6 | 5 4.2e7 2.6e7 8.2e7 1.3e7 | le-8 | 13 1.1e6 9.7e4 2.0e6 1.1e6 | 5 4.3e7 2.7e7 8.0e7 1.4e7 | le-8 | 15 1.7e5 9.7e4 2.5e5 1.7e5 | 15 3.6e6 2.0e6 5.4e6 3.6e6 |
| le-8 | 13 1.1e6 9.7e4 2.0e6 1.1e6 | 5 4.3e7 2.7e7 8.0e7 1.4e7 | | | | | | |

Table 4: Shown are, for functions f_{121} - f_{130} and for a given target difference to the optimal function value Δf : the number of successful trials (#); the expected running time to surpass $f_{\text{opt}} + \Delta f$ (ERT, see Figure 1); the 10%-tile and 90%-tile of the bootstrap distribution of ERT; the average number of function evaluations in successful trials or, if none was successful, as last entry the median number of function evaluations to reach the best function value (RT_{succ}). If $f_{\text{opt}} + \Delta f$ was never reached, figures in *italics* denote the best achieved Δf -value of the median trial and the 10% and 90%-tile trial. Furthermore, N denotes the number of trials, and mFE denotes the maximum of number of function evaluations executed in one trial. See Figure 1 for the names of functions.