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ABSTRACT

The (1+1)-ES with one-fifth success rule is one of the first and simplest stochastic algorithm proposed for optimization on a continuous search space in a black-box scenario. In this paper, we benchmark an independent-restart (1+1)-ES with one-fifth success rule on the BBOB-2009 noisy testbed. The maximum number of function evaluations used equals 10^6 times the dimension of the search space. The algorithm could only solve 3 functions with moderate noise in 5-D and 2 functions in 20-D.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The (1+1)-ES with one-fifth success rule is one of the earliest and simplest adaptive stochastic search algorithm [8, 7, 3]. This paper complements [1] where an independent-restart implementation of the (1+1)-ES with one-fifth success rule is benchmarked on the BBOB-2009 noise-free testbed. Indeed, we test exactly the same algorithm, using the same settings on the BBOB-2009 noisy testbed. For the description of the algorithm and the settings we refer to [1].

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2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results from experiments according to [5] on the benchmark functions given in [4, 6] are presented in Figures 1 and 2 and in Tables 1 and 2.

We observe that globally the algorithm performs poorly. In 5-D, only f_{101} , f_{102} , f_{103} are solved and in 20-D only f_{101} and f_{102} are solved. The functions solved belong to the class of functions with moderate noise.

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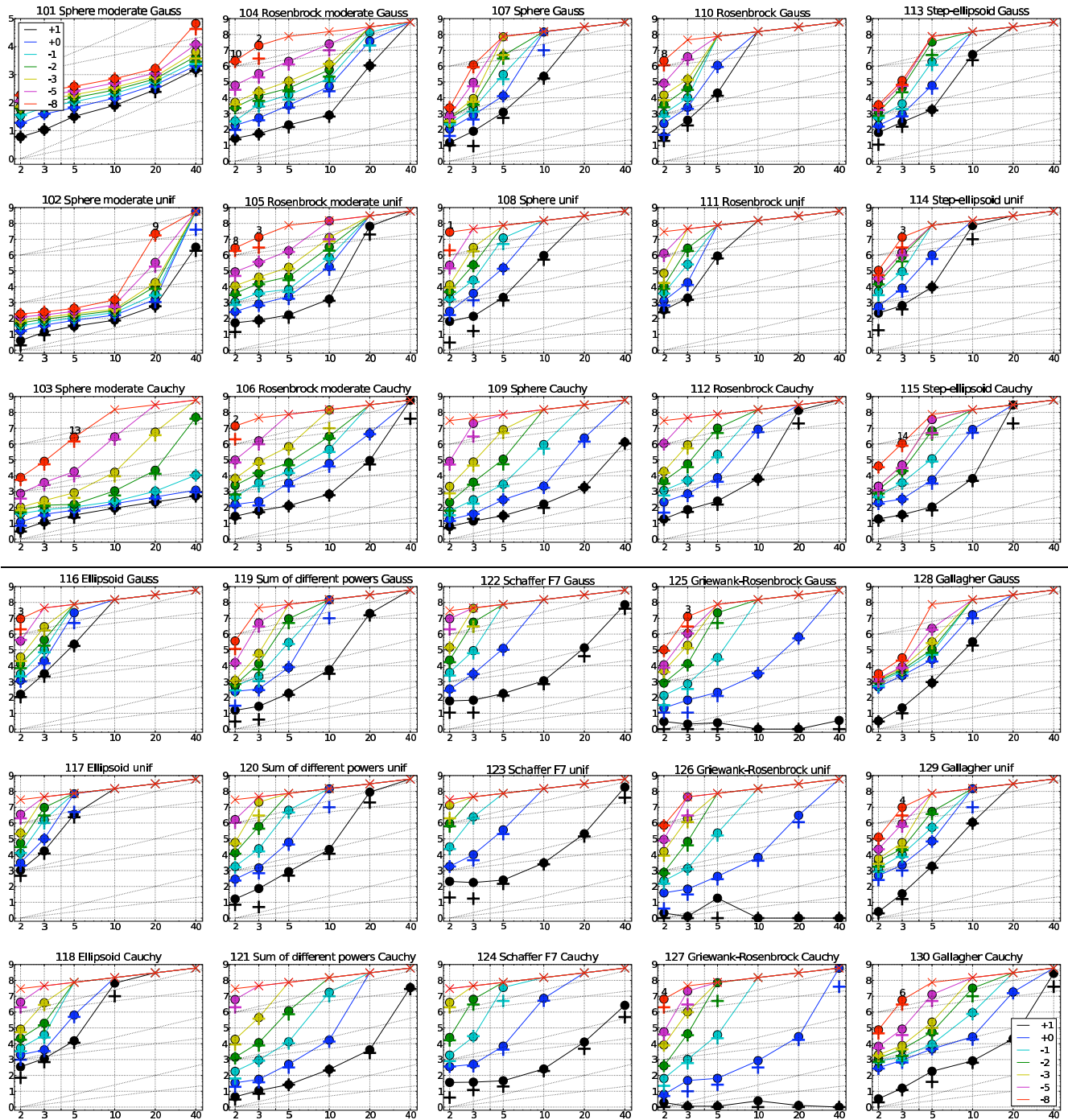


Figure 1: Expected Running Time (ERT, ●) to reach $f_{\text{opt}} + \Delta f$ and median number of function evaluations of successful trials (+), shown for $\Delta f = 10, 1, 10^{-1}, 10^{-2}, 10^{-3}, 10^{-5}, 10^{-8}$ (the exponent is given in the legend of f_{101} and f_{130}) versus dimension in log-log presentation. The $\text{ERT}(\Delta f)$ equals to $\#FEs(\Delta f)$ divided by the number of successful trials, where a trial is successful if $f_{\text{opt}} + \Delta f$ was surpassed during the trial. The $\#FEs(\Delta f)$ 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 $\#FEs(-\infty)$. 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.

f_{101} in 5-D, N=15, mFE=438					f_{101} in 20-D, N=15, mFE=2971					f_{102} in 5-D, N=15, mFE=886					f_{102} in 20-D, N=15, mFE=2.00e7						
Δf	#	ERT	10%	90%	RT _{succ}	#	ERT	10%	90%	RT _{succ}	#	ERT	10%	90%	RT _{succ}	#	ERT	10%	90%	RT _{succ}	
10	15	3.2e1	2.7e1	3.8e1	3.2e1	15	2.9e2	2.4e2	3.5e2	2.9e2	15	3.2e1	2.7e1	3.7e1	3.2e1	15	6.1e2	5.0e2	7.2e2	6.1e2	
1	15	6.7e1	5.9e1	7.4e1	6.7e1	15	4.3e2	3.7e2	4.9e2	4.3e2	1	15	7.6e1	6.9e1	8.2e1	7.6e1	15	1.6e3	1.2e3	2.0e3	1.6e3
le-1	15	1.1e2	9.9e1	1.2e2	1.1e2	15	5.7e2	5.2e2	6.3e2	5.7e2	le-1	15	1.1e2	1.0e2	1.2e2	1.1e2	15	3.2e3	2.4e3	4.0e3	3.2e3
le-3	15	1.9e2	1.8e2	2.0e2	1.9e2	15	8.4e2	7.9e2	9.0e2	8.4e2	le-3	15	2.0e2	1.9e2	2.0e2	2.0e2	15	1.8e4	1.4e4	2.3e4	1.8e4
le-5	15	2.6e2	2.5e2	2.7e2	2.6e2	15	1.1e3	1.1e3	1.2e3	1.1e3	le-5	15	2.8e2	2.7e2	2.9e2	2.8e2	15	3.4e5	2.4e5	4.4e5	3.4e5
le-8	15	3.8e2	3.7e2	3.9e2	3.8e2	15	1.6e3	1.5e3	1.8e3	1.6e3	le-8	15	4.3e2	4.0e2	4.8e2	4.3e2	9	2.3e7	1.7e7	3.3e7	1.3e7

Table 1: 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.

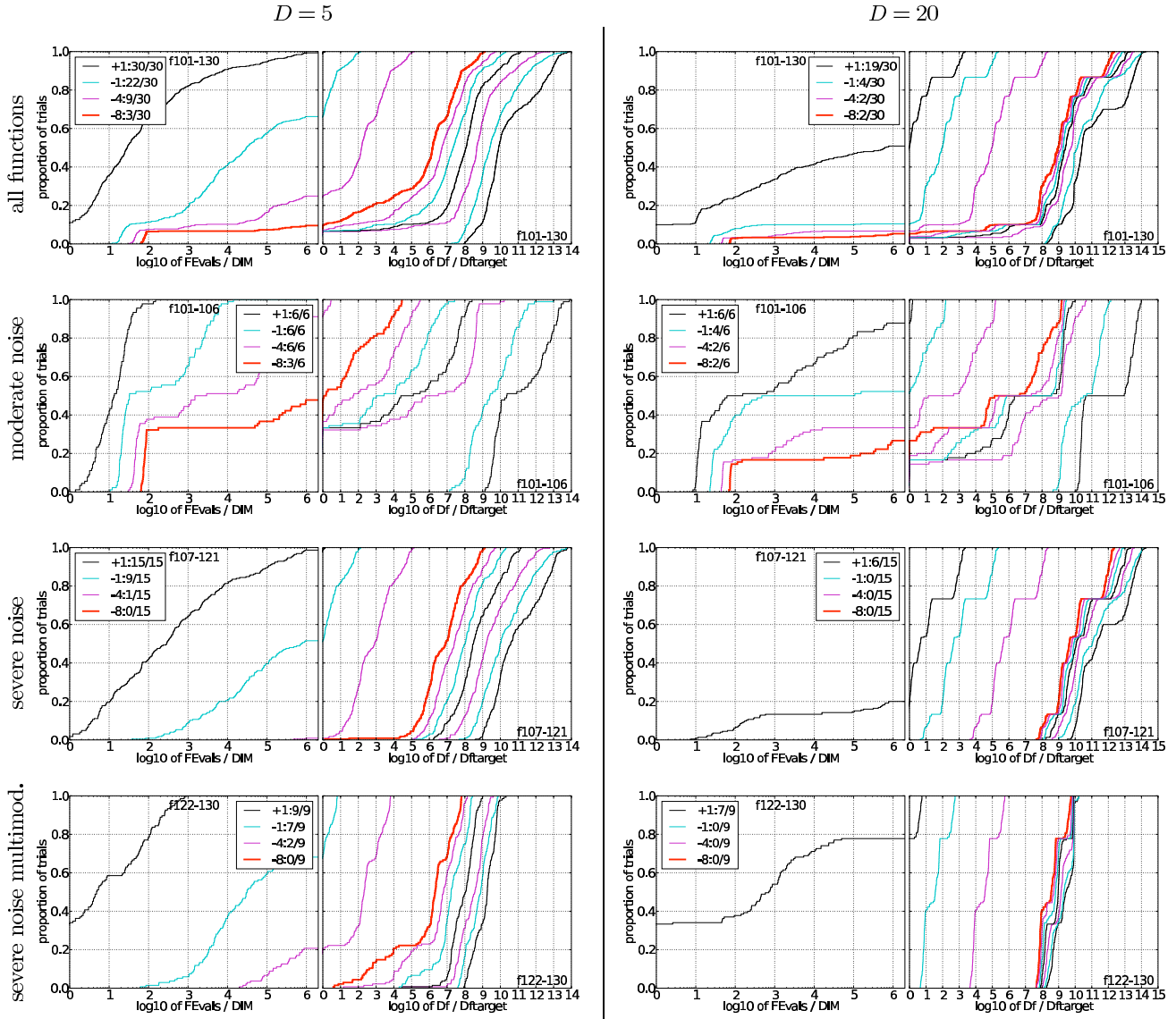


Figure 2: Empirical cumulative distribution functions (ECDFs), plotting the fraction of trials versus running time (left subplots) or versus Δf (right subplots). The thick red line represents the best achieved results. Left subplots: ECDF of the running time (number of function evaluations), divided 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.

f_{121} in 5-D, N=15, mFE=5.00e6					f_{121} in 20-D, N=15, mFE=2.00e7					f_{122} in 5-D, N=15, mFE=5.00e6					f_{122} in 20-D, N=15, mFE=2.00e7							
Δf	#	ERT	10%	90%	RT _{succ}	#	ERT	10%	90%	RT _{succ}	#	ERT	10%	90%	RT _{succ}	#	ERT	10%	90%	RT _{succ}		
10	15	2.6e1	2.1e1	3.2e1	2.6e1	15	4.1e3	3.0e3	5.3e3	4.1e3	10	15	1.8e2	1.3e2	2.2e2	1.8e2	15	1.4e5	6.1e4	2.2e5	1.4e5	
1	15	5.0e2	3.6e2	6.5e2	5.0e2	0	<i>10e-1</i>	<i>12e-1</i>	<i>21e-1</i>	7.9e6	1	15	1.2e5	9.2e4	1.6e5	1.2e5	0	<i>57e-1</i>	<i>39e-1</i>	<i>62e-1</i>	7.9e6	
1e-1	15	1.3e4	1.0e4	1.7e4	1.3e4	.	.	.	.	.	1e-1	0	<i>24e-2</i>	<i>17e-2</i>	<i>40e-2</i>	1.6e6	.	.	.	.	.
1e-3	0	<i>51e-4</i>	<i>28e-4</i>	<i>80e-4</i>	2.5e6	.	.	.	.	.	1e-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1e-5	1e-5
1e-8	1e-8
f_{123} in 5-D, N=15, mFE=5.00e6					f_{123} in 20-D, N=15, mFE=2.00e7					f_{124} in 5-D, N=15, mFE=5.00e6					f_{124} in 20-D, N=15, mFE=2.00e7							
10	15	2.5e2	1.6e2	3.4e2	2.5e2	15	2.1e5	1.4e5	2.9e5	2.1e5	10	15	4.6e1	1.8e1	7.5e1	4.6e1	15	1.3e4	8.4e3	1.7e4	1.3e4	
1	15	3.7e5	2.6e5	4.9e5	3.7e5	0	<i>64e-1</i>	<i>59e-1</i>	<i>68e-1</i>	7.9e6	1	15	7.0e3	4.5e3	9.8e3	7.0e3	0	<i>36e-1</i>	<i>32e-1</i>	<i>43e-1</i>	7.1e6	
1e-1	0	<i>59e-2</i>	<i>45e-2</i>	<i>63e-2</i>	2.2e6	.	.	.	.	.	1e-1	2	3.6e7	1.9e7	>7e7	5.0e6	.	.	.	.	.
1e-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1e-3	0	<i>12e-2</i>	<i>92e-3</i>	<i>15e-2</i>	2.0e6	.	.	.	.	.
1e-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1e-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1e-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1e-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
f_{125} in 5-D, N=15, mFE=5.00e6					f_{125} in 20-D, N=15, mFE=2.00e7					f_{126} in 5-D, N=15, mFE=5.00e6					f_{126} in 20-D, N=15, mFE=2.00e7							
10	15	2.5e0	1.1e0	4.0e0	2.5e0	15	1.0e0	1.0e0	1.0e0	1.0e0	10	15	1.8e1	2.9e0	3.4e1	1.8e1	15	1.0e0	1.0e0	1.0e0	1.0e0	
1	15	2.1e2	1.3e2	3.0e2	2.1e2	15	6.5e5	5.0e5	8.2e5	6.5e5	1	15	4.3e2	2.7e2	6.1e2	4.3e2	15	3.1e6	2.1e6	4.1e6	3.1e6	
1e-1	15	3.3e4	2.3e4	4.3e4	3.3e4	0	<i>75e-2</i>	<i>66e-2</i>	<i>77e-2</i>	1.3e7	1e-1	15	2.4e5	1.7e5	3.0e5	2.4e5	0	<i>85e-2</i>	<i>77e-2</i>	<i>90e-2</i>	8.9e6	
1e-3	0	<i>13e-3</i>	<i>71e-4</i>	<i>23e-3</i>	2.0e6	.	.	.	.	.	1e-3	0	<i>27e-3</i>	<i>15e-3</i>	<i>41e-3</i>	2.0e6	.	.	.	.	.
1e-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1e-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1e-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1e-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
f_{127} in 5-D, N=15, mFE=5.00e6					f_{127} in 20-D, N=15, mFE=2.00e7					f_{128} in 5-D, N=15, mFE=5.00e6					f_{128} in 20-D, N=15, mFE=2.00e7							
10	15	1.1e0	1.0e0	1.3e0	1.1e0	15	1.3e0	1.0e0	1.5e0	1.3e0	10	15	8.4e2	6.4e2	1.0e3	8.4e2	0	<i>34e+0</i>	<i>24e+0</i>	<i>48e+0</i>	7.1e6	
1	15	6.5e1	3.1e1	1.0e2	6.5e1	15	2.8e4	1.8e4	3.8e4	2.8e4	1	15	2.5e4	1.9e4	3.0e4	2.5e4	.	.	.	.	.
1e-1	15	3.6e4	2.5e4	4.9e4	3.6e4	0	<i>62e-2</i>	<i>50e-2</i>	<i>66e-2</i>	1.1e7	1e-1	15	6.5e4	4.9e4	8.3e4	6.5e4	.	.	.	.	.
1e-3	0	<i>24e-3</i>	<i>15e-3</i>	<i>30e-3</i>	2.5e6	.	.	.	.	.	1e-3	15	3.2e5	2.2e5	4.3e5	3.2e5	.	.	.	.	.
1e-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1e-5	14	2.3e6	1.7e6	3.0e6	2.1e6	.	.	.	.	.
1e-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1e-8	0	<i>17e-7</i>	<i>46e-9</i>	<i>68e-7</i>	2.5e6	.	.	.	.	.
f_{129} in 5-D, N=15, mFE=5.00e6					f_{129} in 20-D, N=15, mFE=2.00e7					f_{130} in 5-D, N=15, mFE=5.00e6					f_{130} in 20-D, N=15, mFE=2.00e7							
10	15	1.9e3	1.5e3	2.3e3	1.9e3	0	<i>48e+0</i>	<i>34e+0</i>	<i>56e+0</i>	1.0e7	10	15	1.8e2	1.1e2	2.5e2	1.8e2	15	2.1e4	1.4e4	2.7e4	2.1e4	
1	15	7.3e4	5.2e4	9.2e4	7.3e4	.	.	.	.	.	1	15	4.7e3	3.4e3	6.0e3	4.7e3	10	1.8e7	1.2e7	2.8e7	9.2e6
1e-1	15	5.3e5	4.3e5	6.4e5	5.3e5	.	.	.	.	.	1e-1	15	9.3e3	7.3e3	1.1e4	9.3e3	0	<i>74e-2</i>	<i>46e-2</i>	<i>16e-1</i>	7.1e6
1e-3	0	<i>60e-4</i>	<i>24e-4</i>	<i>18e-3</i>	2.2e6	1e-3	15	2.3e5	1.4e5	3.3e5	2.3e5	
1e-5	1e-5	5	1.3e7	8.6e6	2.3e7	4.3e6	
1e-8	1e-8	0	<i>57e-6</i>	<i>31e-7</i>	<i>13e-5</i>	2.5e6	

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