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Q: What is a good ratio between *N* (# outer samples) and *M* (# inner samples)?



Prior strategy:

- Bias–variance tradeoff
- MSE here dominated by bias: use large *M*, small *N*
- Asymptotically optimal scaling is M ~ N^{1/2}

LMIS strategy: use large N, small M

- Increasing N (outer) can improve quality of inner biasing distributions
- Seemingly no bias-variance tradeoff; just increase N
- Optimal scaling?

Convergence (MSE vs. # model evaluations)



 Using N/M = 100 in LMIS, corresponding favorable ratio for prior

Marzouk et al.

Incremental enrichment at work



Bayesian OED





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width²



$$y_{i} = \text{offset} - \text{height} \frac{1}{\text{width}^{2} + (\text{center} - d_{i})^{2}}$$
center ~ $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ exp(height) ~ $\mathcal{N}(0, 0.0)$
exp(width) ~ $\mathcal{N}(0, 0.3)$ exp(offset) ~ $\mathcal{N}(1.0, 0)$

$$= \frac{20}{16} \frac{1}{12} \frac{$$

Expected utility for 'center' parameter $d = (0, d_1, d_2)$

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Posterior of optimal design for 'center'

Optimal design for 'center'

d = (-1.3, 0, 1.3)

Non-Gaussian posteriors



Posterior of optimal design for 'offset'

Optimal design for 'offset'

d = (-2, 0, 2)

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- ► LMIS framework provides "hooks" for large-scale computation
 - Upper layer: estimate moments to devise a biasing distribution for the current posterior
 - ▶ Use and *reuse* Laplace approximations (cf. Beck *et al.* 2017)
 - Biasing distributions from different parametric families
 - Control variates for outer loop variance reduction
 - Hierarchies of model approximations

- Model error or *misspecification* in Bayesian inference (broadly) and OED (specifically). Robustness!
- Richer or goal-oriented design criteria:
 - OED linked to downstream optimization under uncertainty
 - OED to better characterize material failure or rare events (from indirect data)
- ► Role of fast approximate inference in evaluating design criteria
- Optimal sequential experimental design, particularly in dynamic environments:
 - Dynamic programming; massive computational challenges