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**PDFO: Powell's derivative-free
optimization solvers with
MATLAB/Python interfaces**

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Abstract:

Besides other treasures, late Professor M. J. D. Powell left us five derivative-free optimization solvers that he coded in Fortran, namely COBYLA (1992), UOBYQA (2000), NEWUOA (2004), BOBYQA (2009), and LINCOA (2013). Professor Powell devised these solvers to tackle general nonlinear optimization problems of continuous variables with or without constraints using only function values but not derivatives of the objective function or nonlinear constraint functions. In practice, such functions are often black boxes defined by simulations, and the corresponding optimization problems are often categorized as black-box optimization or simulation-based optimization. Problems of this kind occur frequently in industrial and engineering applications, including circuit design, aircraft design, and machine learning. We will introduce the basic ideas of Powell's solvers, and present the PDFO package, which provides interfaces for calling these solvers from MATLAB and Python.

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