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Computing gradient-based stepwise benchmarking paths

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Highlights

- An Efficiency Field Potential (EFP) is assigned to each feasible operating point
- Efficiency Field Vector (EFV) represents the direction of maximum EFP reduction
- A stepwise efficiency improvement path is computed using EFV direction
- Inputs reduced and outputs increased monotonously until efficient frontier is reached
- Preferences, non-discretionary variables and undesirable outputs can be handled

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