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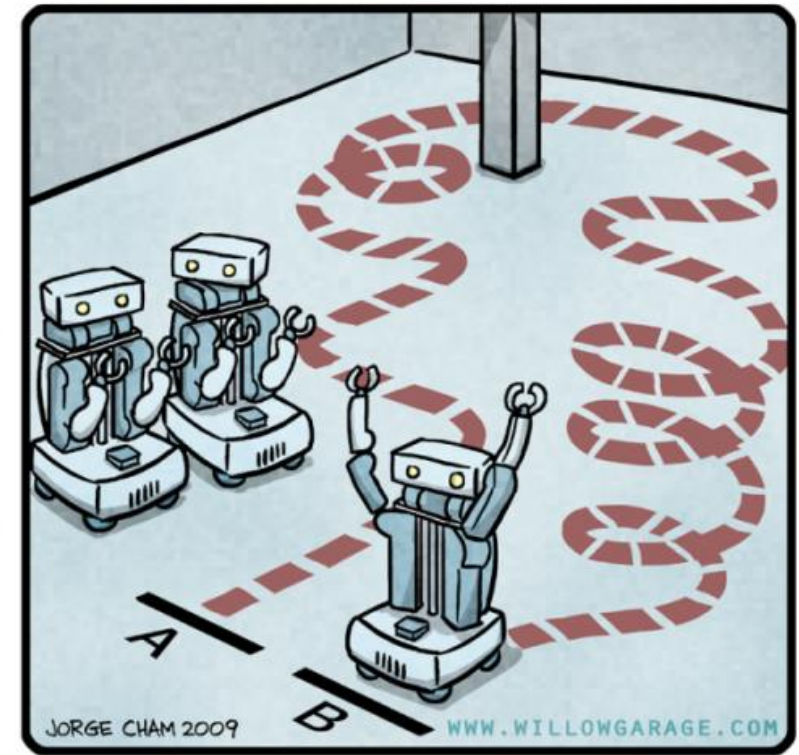
Introduction to Mobile Robotics

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Week #7: Least Squares Estimation and GraphSLAM

Today's agenda

- Least Squares Estimation
- Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)
- Maximum a Posteriori Estimation (MAP)
- Bayesian Estimation
- GraphSLAM



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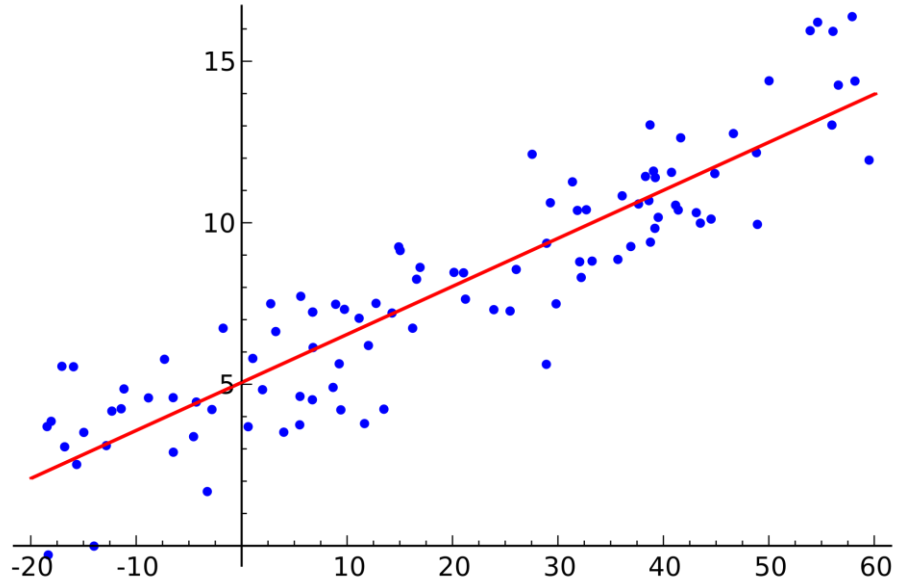
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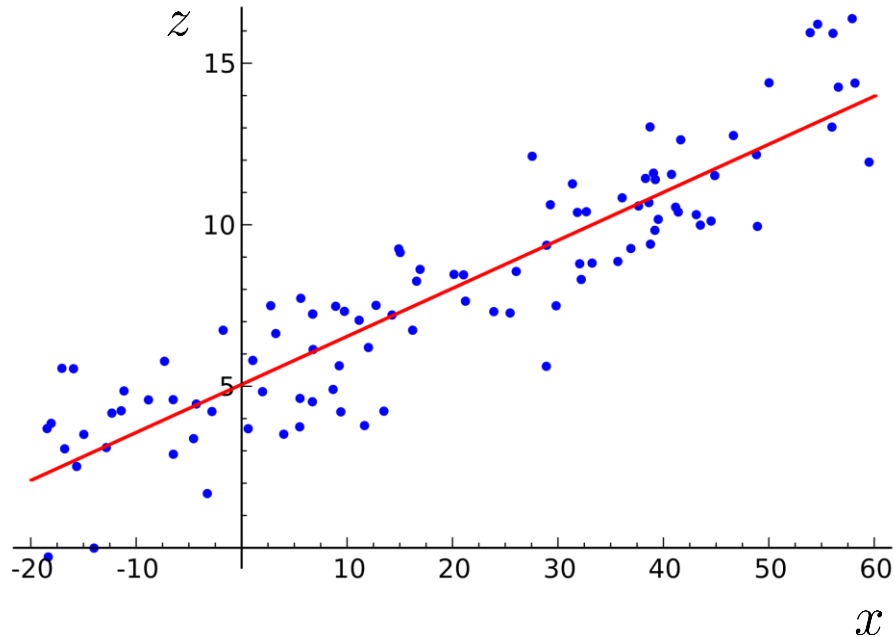
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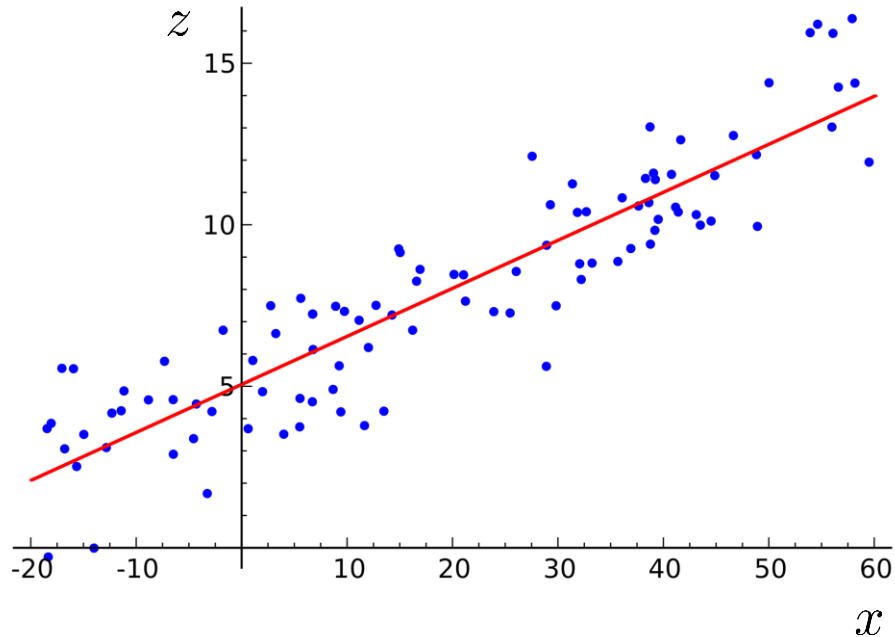


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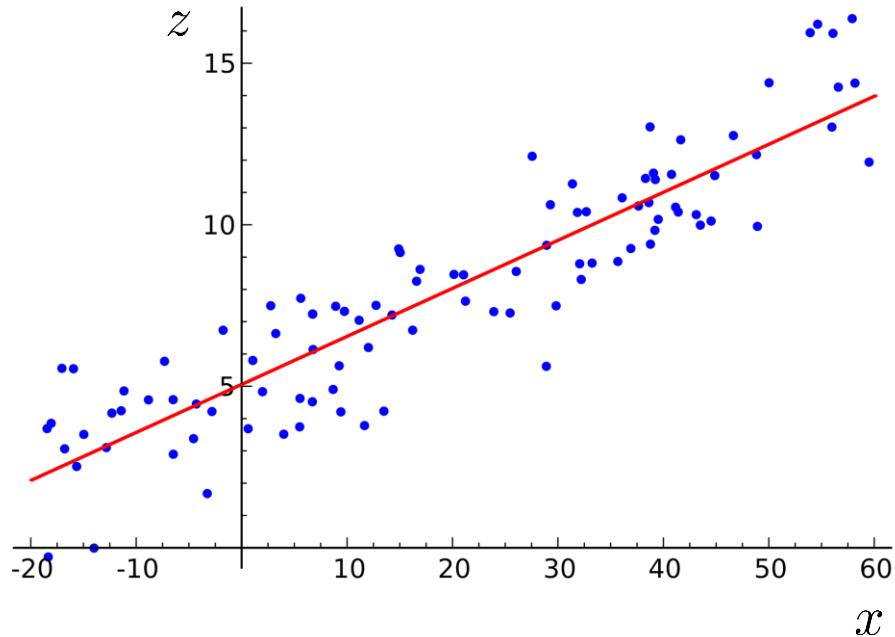
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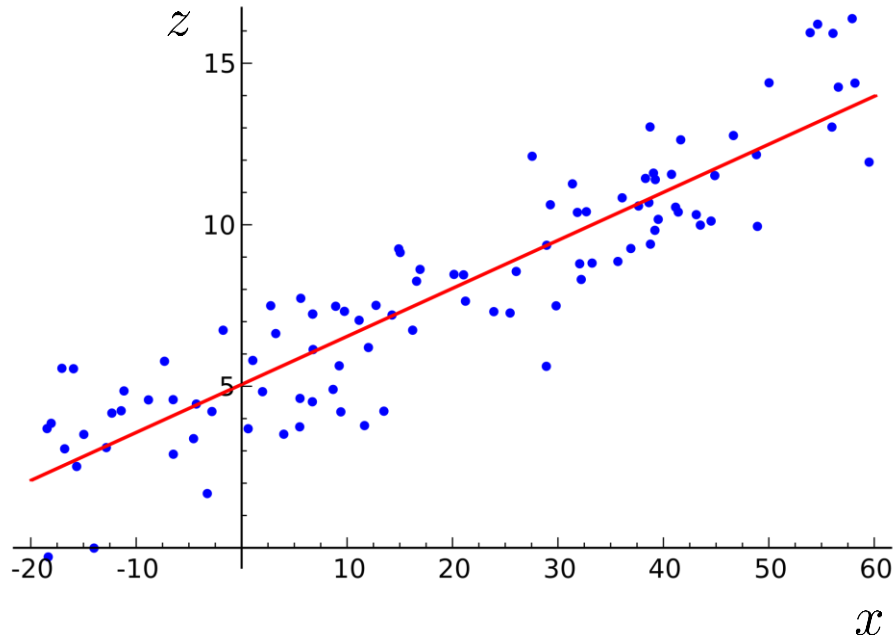
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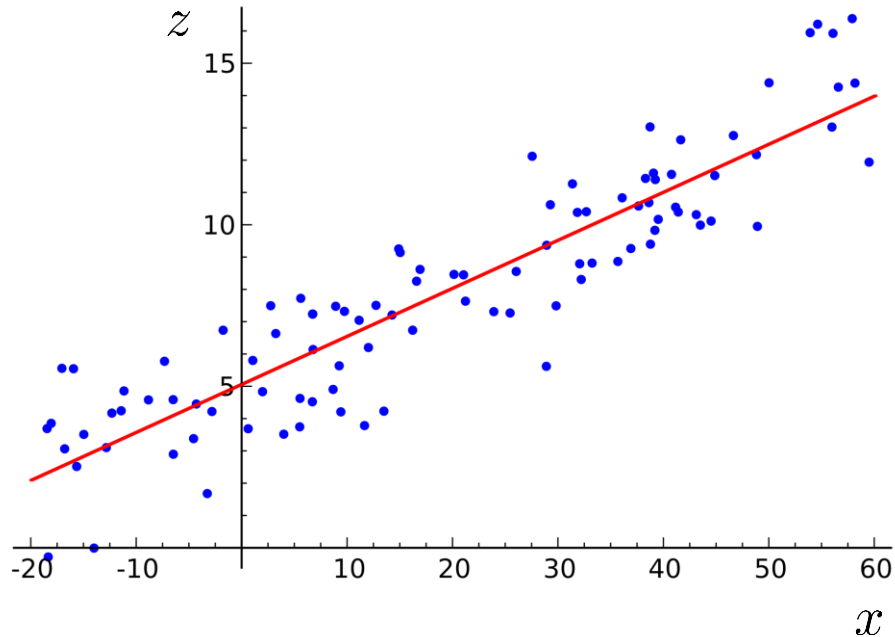
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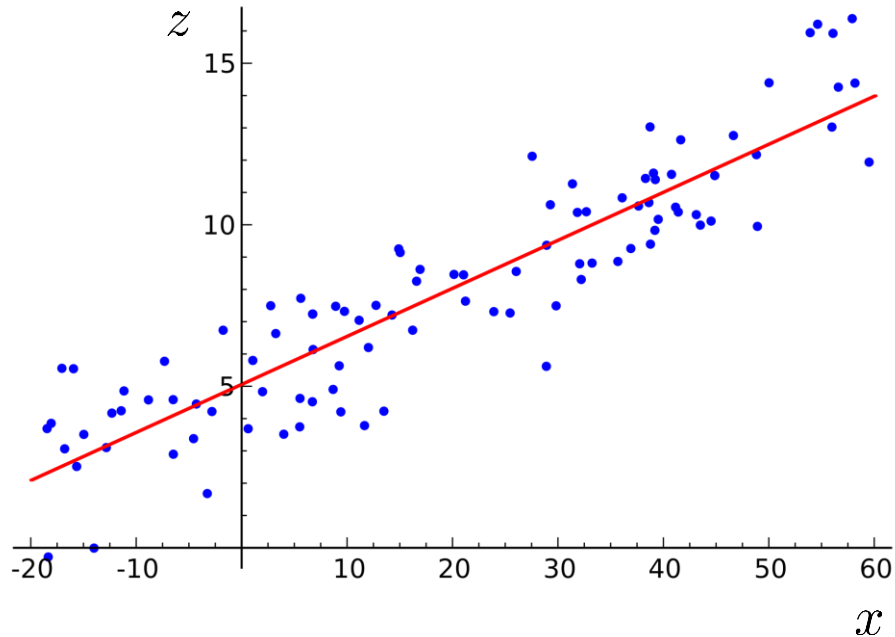
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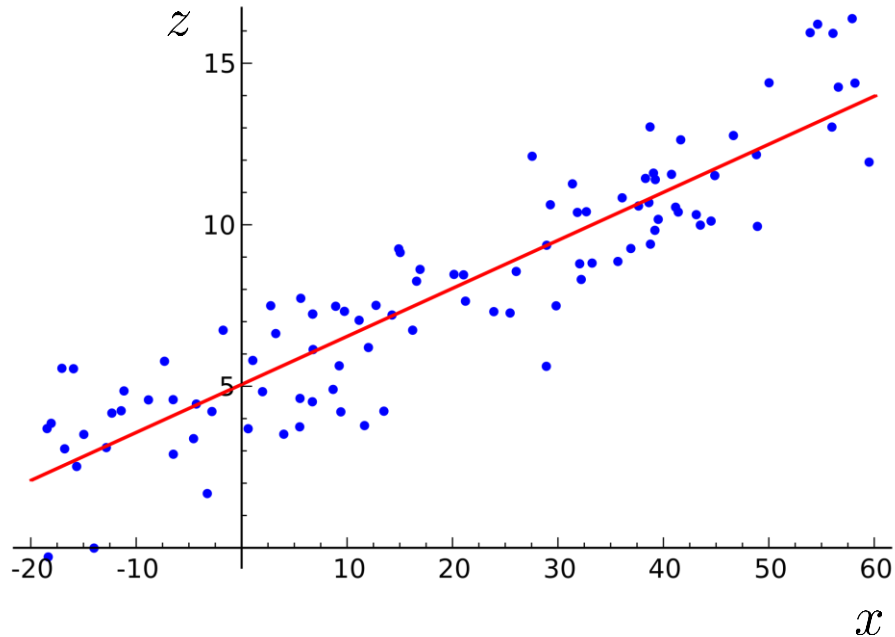
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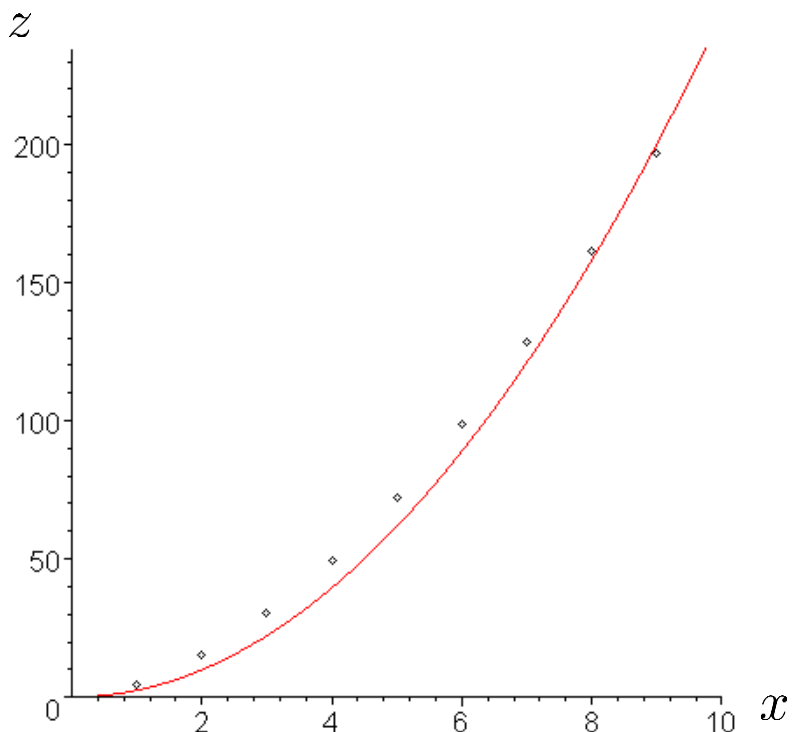
$$e(\theta_0, \theta_1) = \sum_{i=1}^N (z_i - \theta_0 - \theta_1 x_i)^2$$

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$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{LS} = \underset{\theta_0, \theta_1}{\operatorname{argmin}} e(\theta_0, \theta_1) \Leftrightarrow \left[\sum_{i=1}^N \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_i \end{bmatrix} [1 \quad x_i] \right] \boldsymbol{\theta}_{LS} = \sum_{i=1}^N \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_i \end{bmatrix} z_i$$

Which is a linear system of 2 equations. If we have at least two data points we can solve for $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{LS}$ to define the line.

Example #2: Linear Least Squares



Example: we think that the 2D data was generated by a quadratic $z = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2$ whose parameters we do not know.

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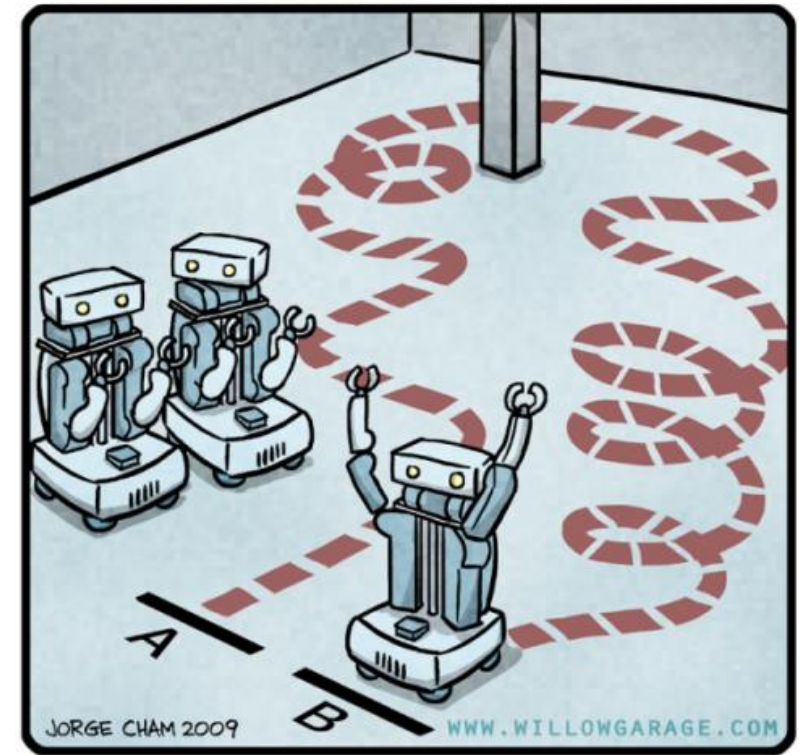
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Which is a linear system of 3 equations. If we have at least three data points we can solve for $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{LS}$ to define the quadratic.

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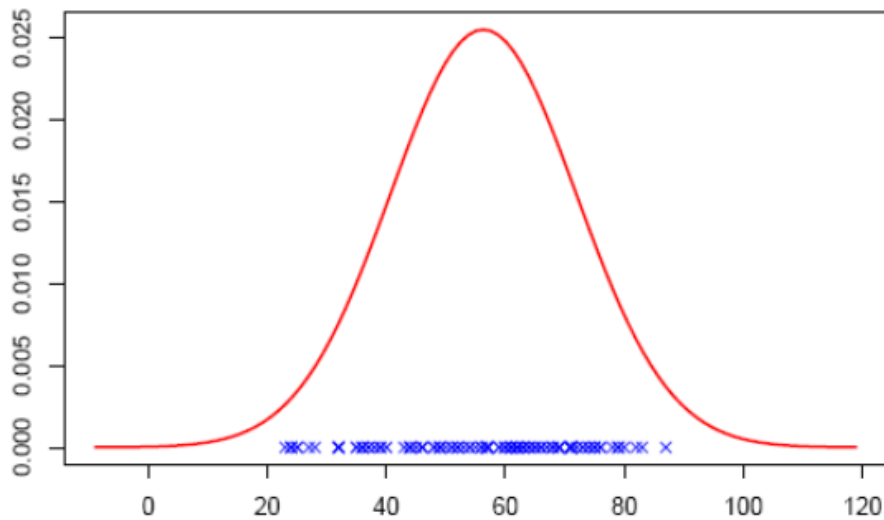


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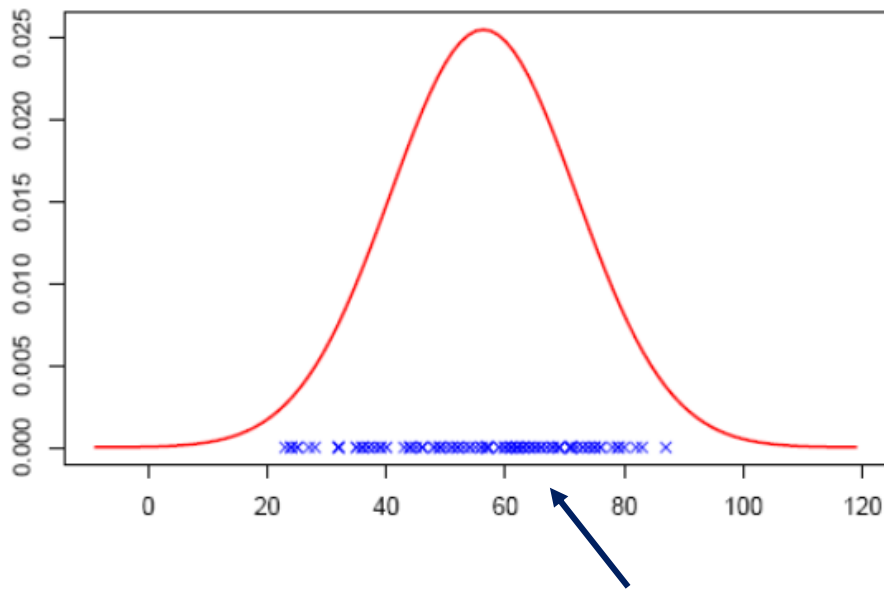
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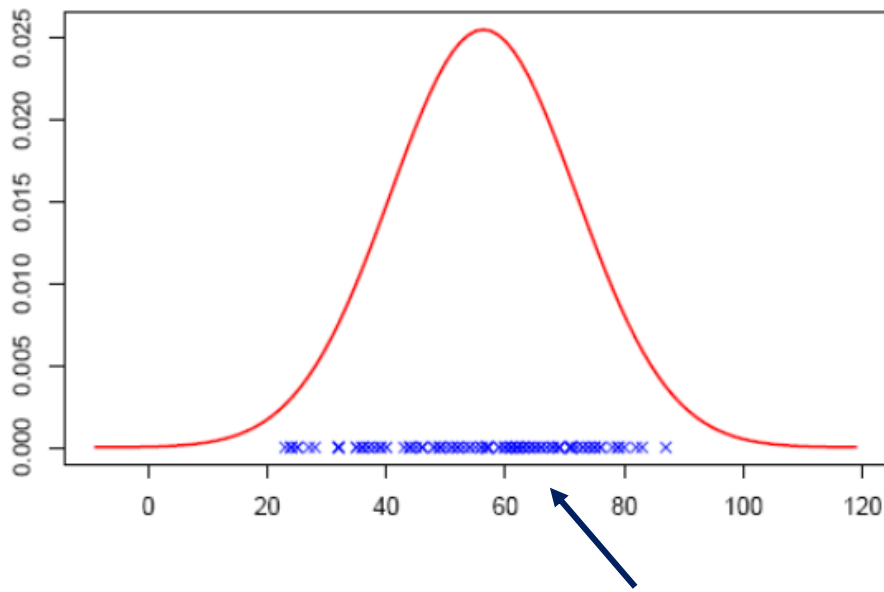
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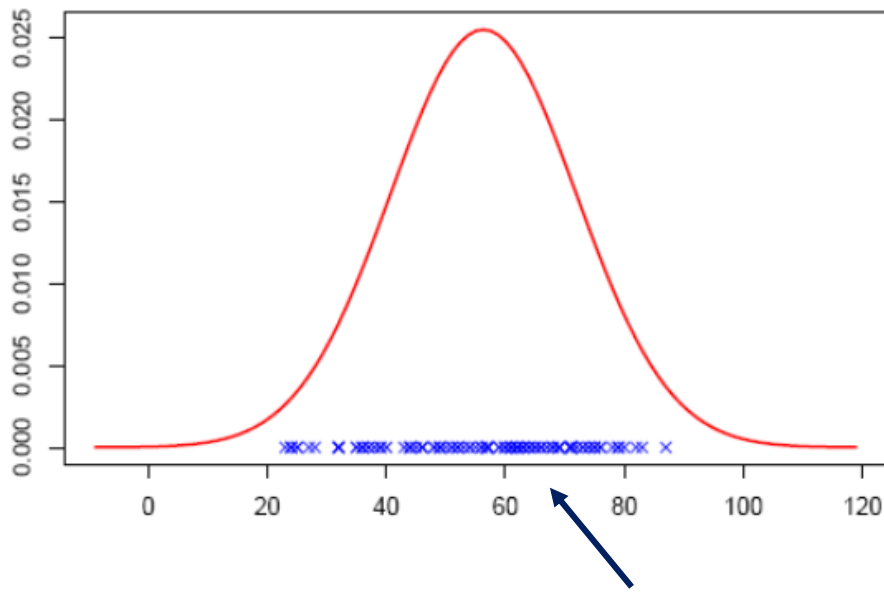
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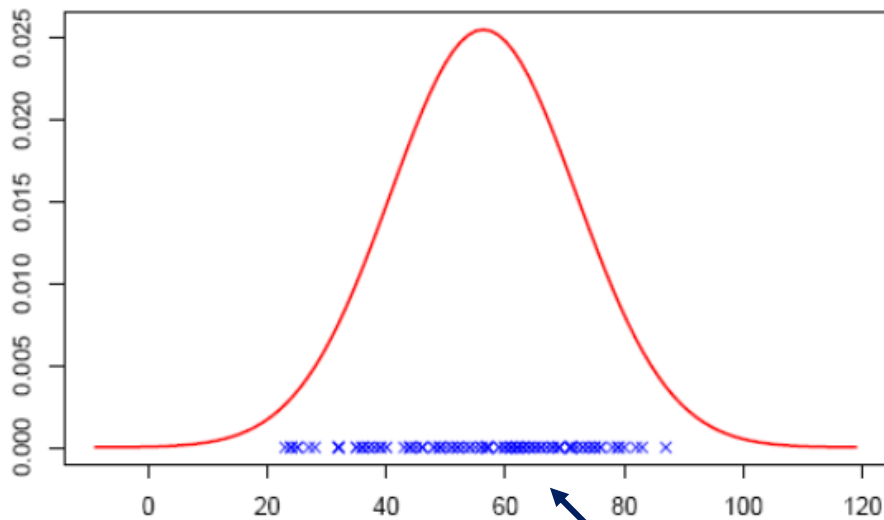
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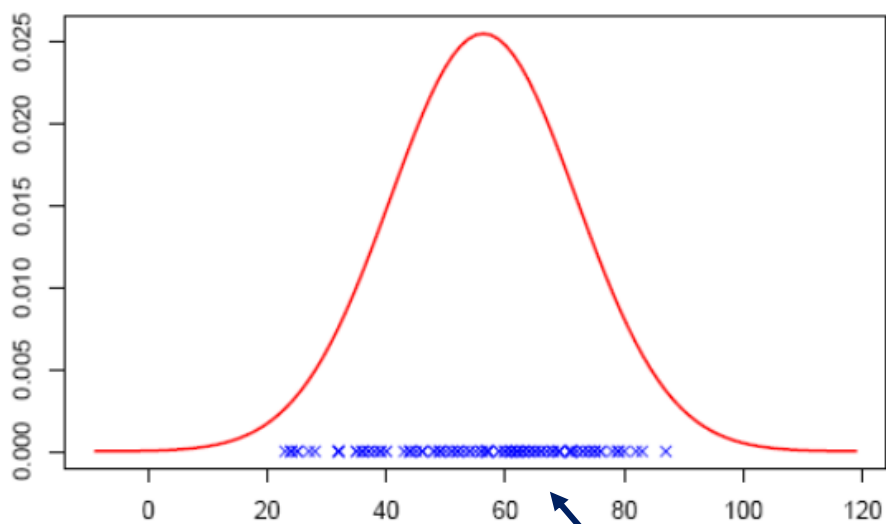
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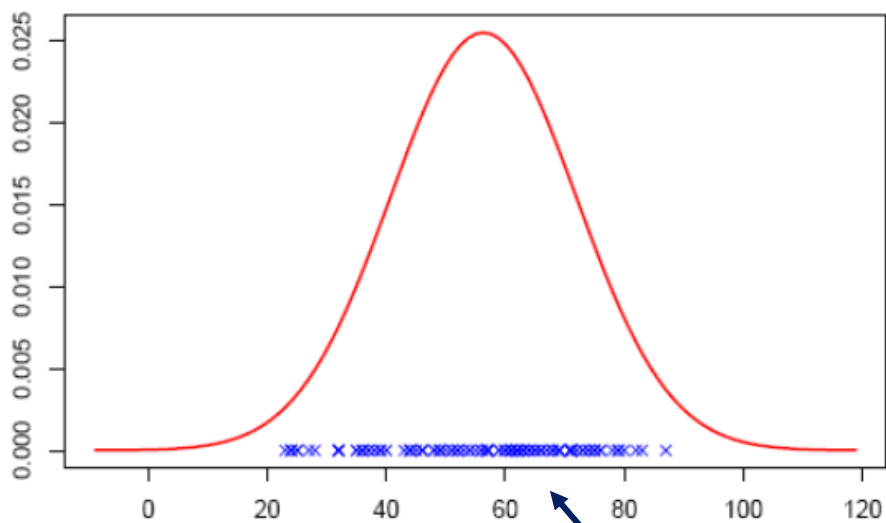
Set partial derivatives
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$$\mu_{MLE} = \sum_{i=1}^N d_i / N$$

$$\sigma_{MLE}^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (d_i - \mu_{MLE})^2$$

Least Squares as Maximum Likelihood



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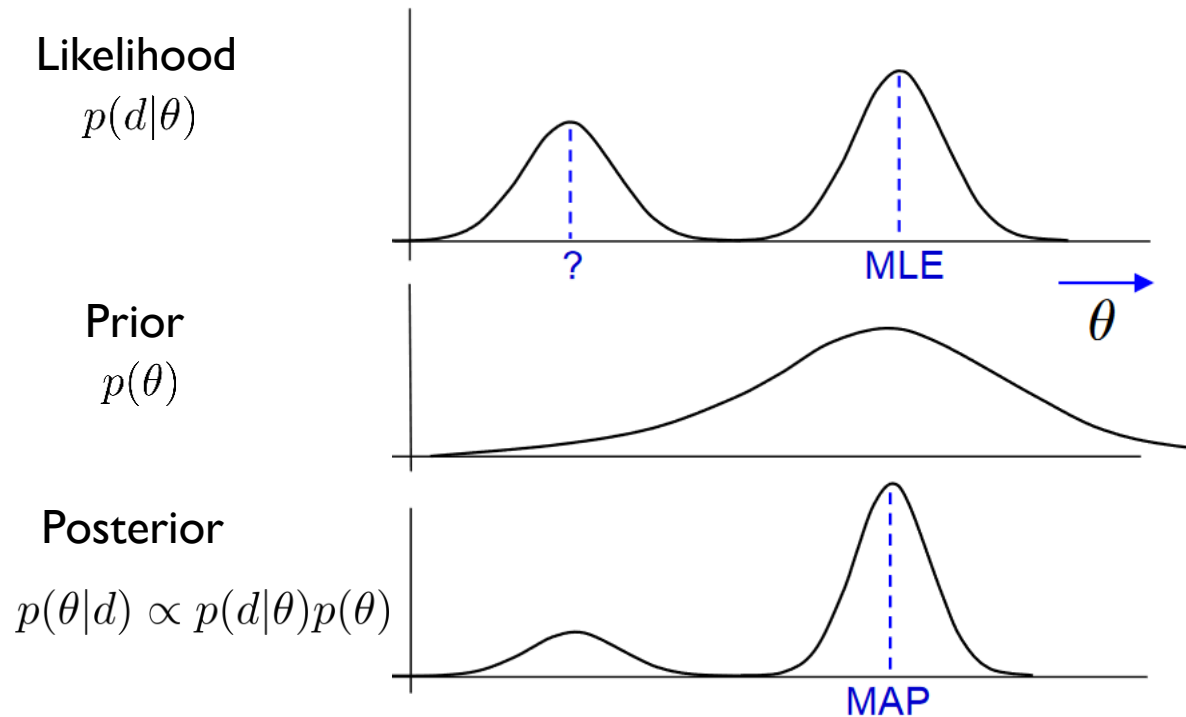
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Almost the same as MLE, but
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The probability of the data is usually hard to compute. But it does not depend on the parameter θ , so it is treated as a normalizing factor, and we can still compute how the posterior varies with θ .



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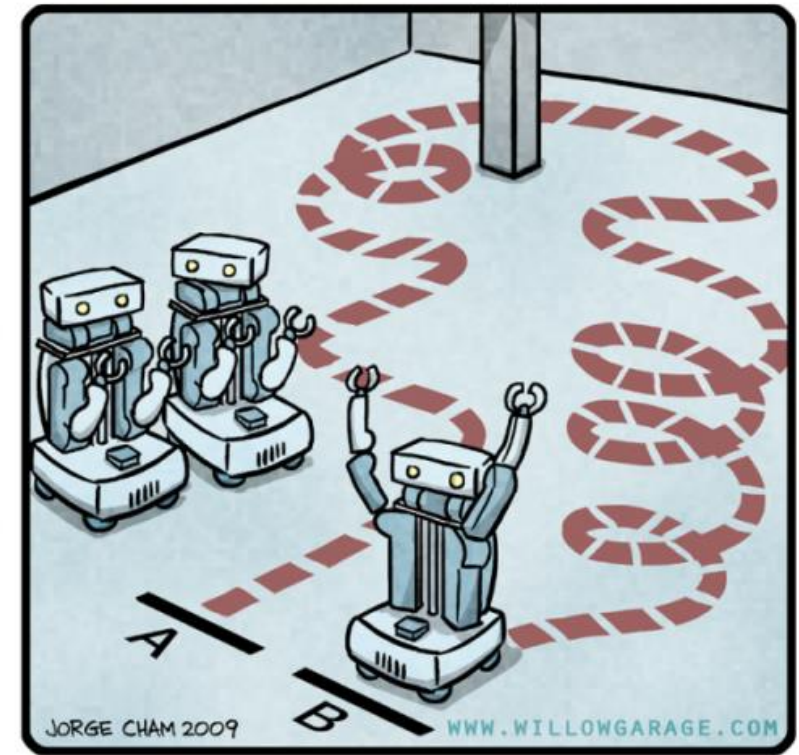
- This is what we used in occupancy grid mapping, when we approximated

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R.O.B.O.T. Comics

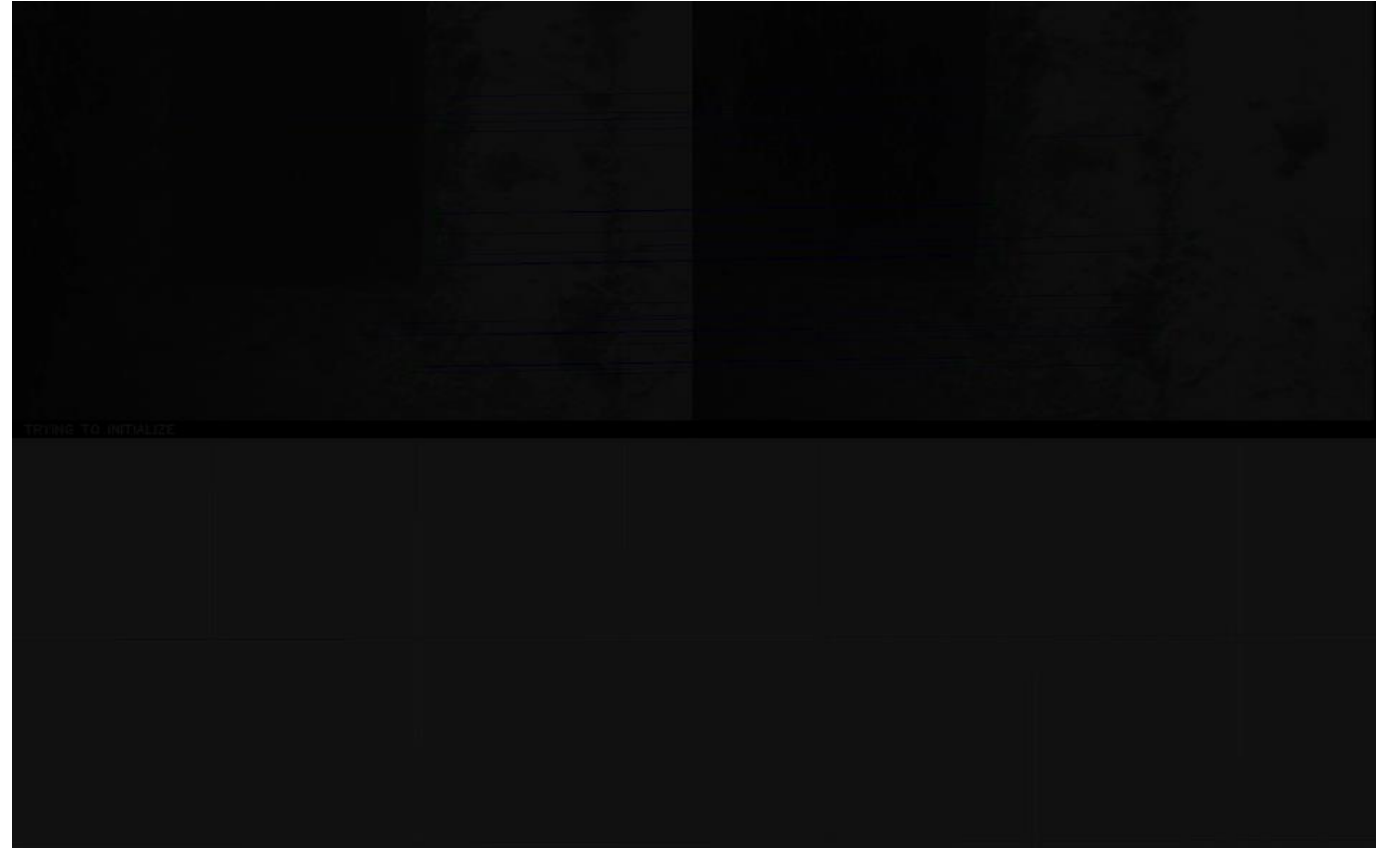
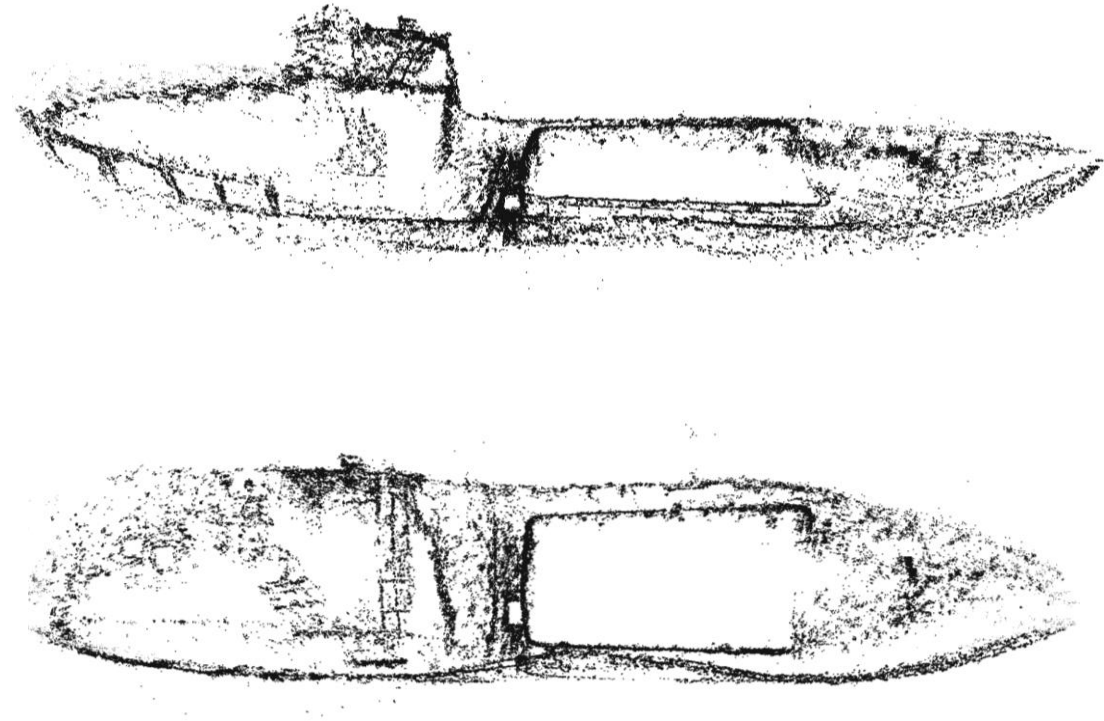


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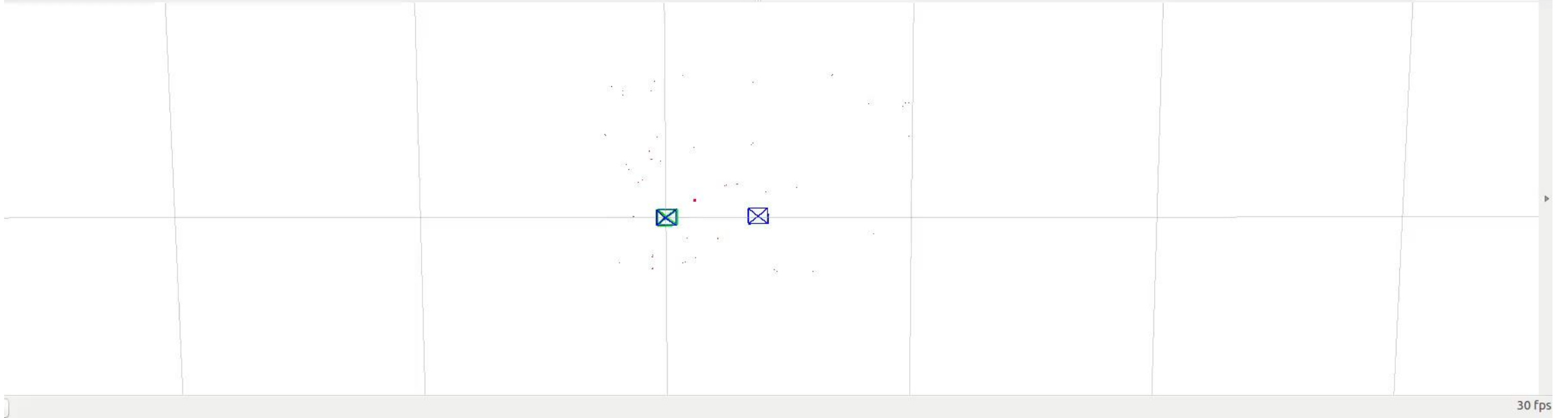
Goal

- Enable a robot to simultaneously build a map of its environment and estimate where it is in that map.
- This is called SLAM (Simultaneous Localization And Mapping)
- Today we are going to look at the batch version, i.e. collect all measurements and controls, and later form an estimate of the states and the map.
- We are going to solve SLAM using least squares

Examples of SLAM systems



MORESLAM system, McGill, 2016



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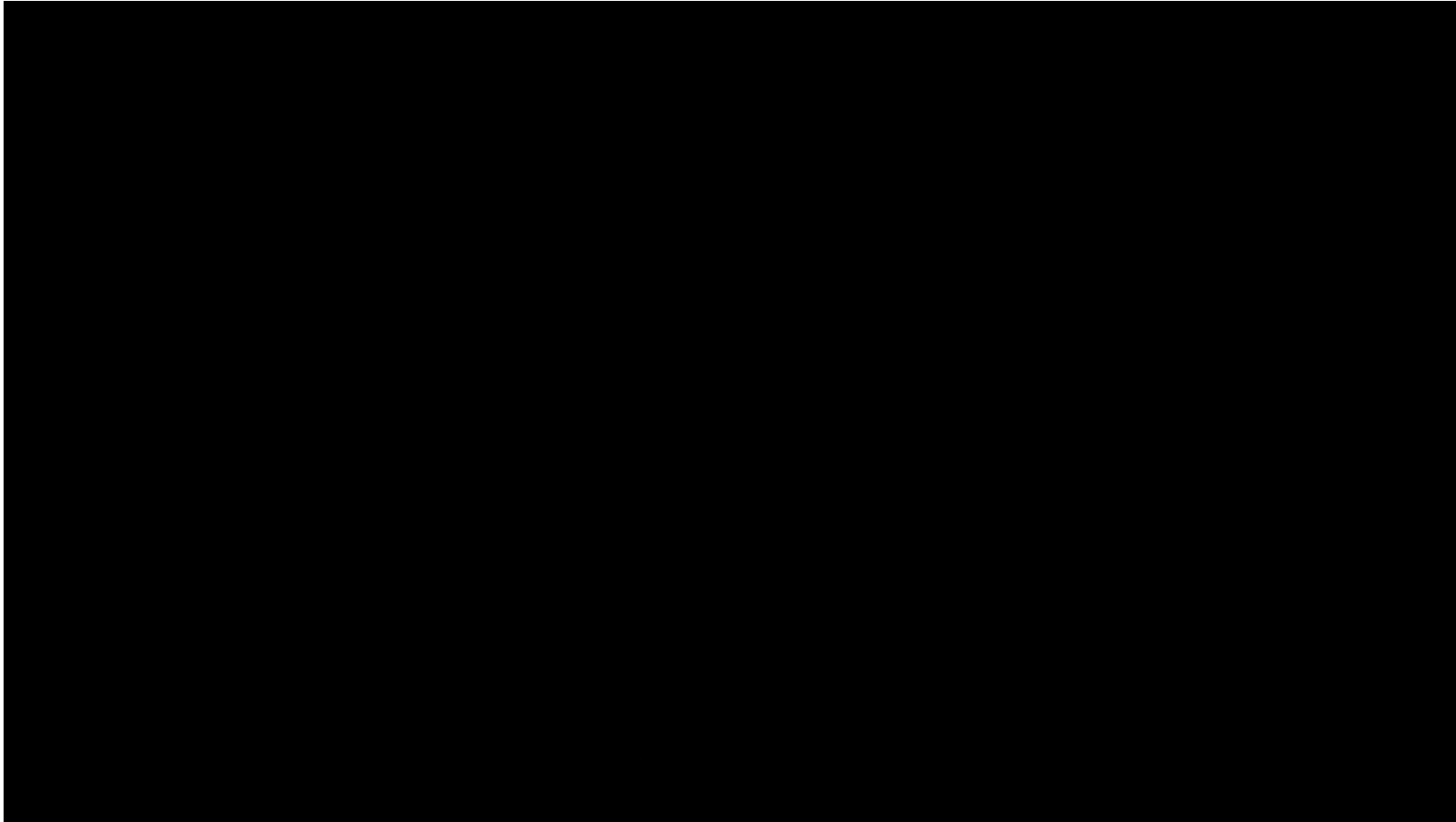
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Laser-based SLAM with a Ground Robot

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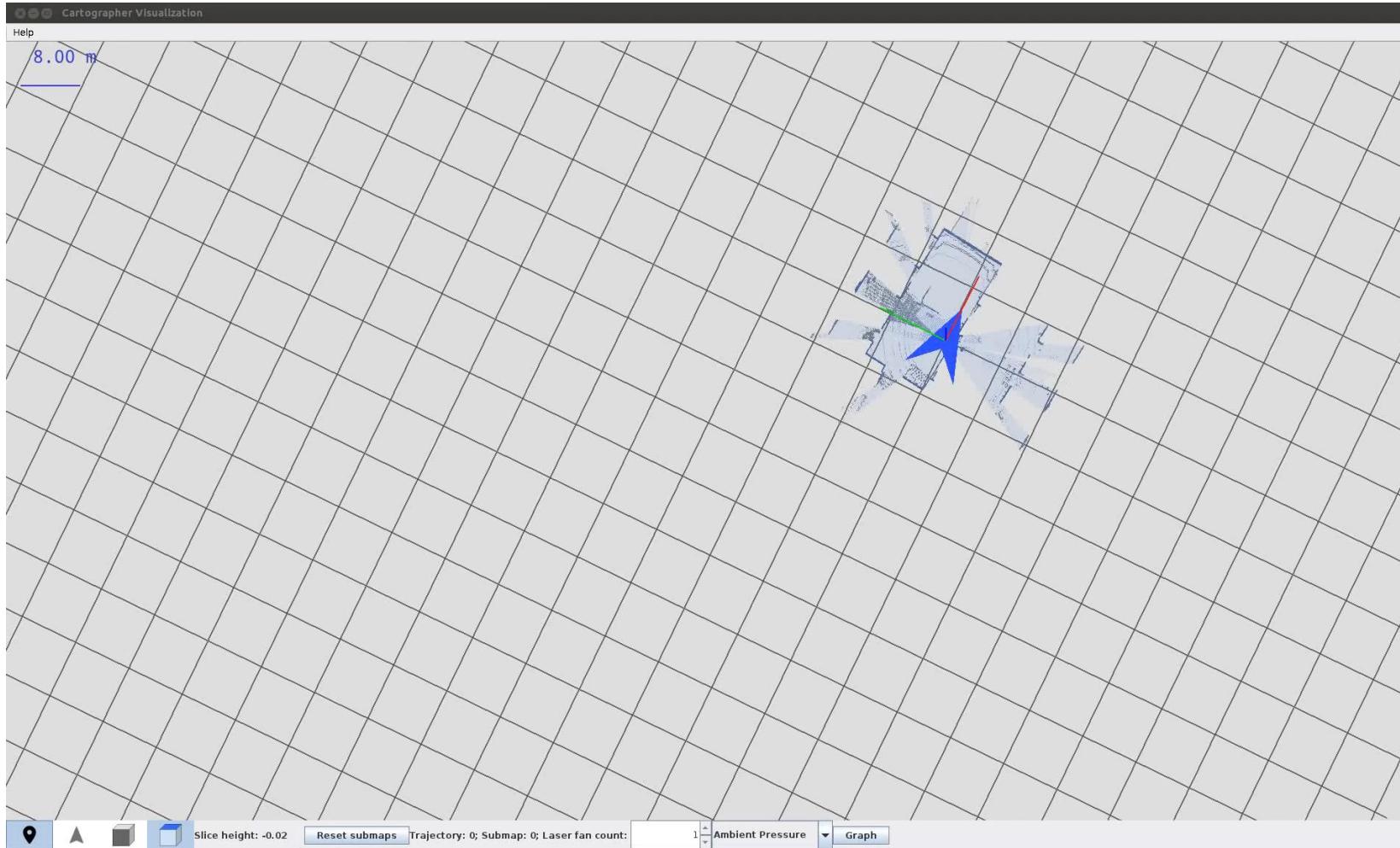
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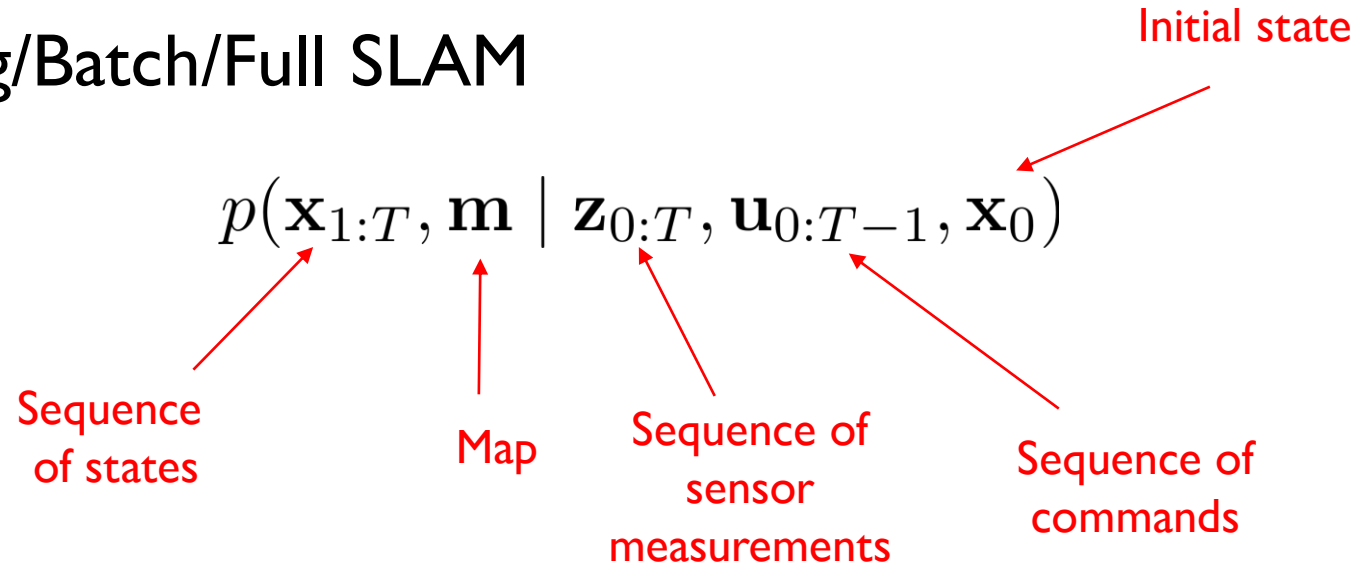
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Cartographer:
2D and 3D laser
SLAM



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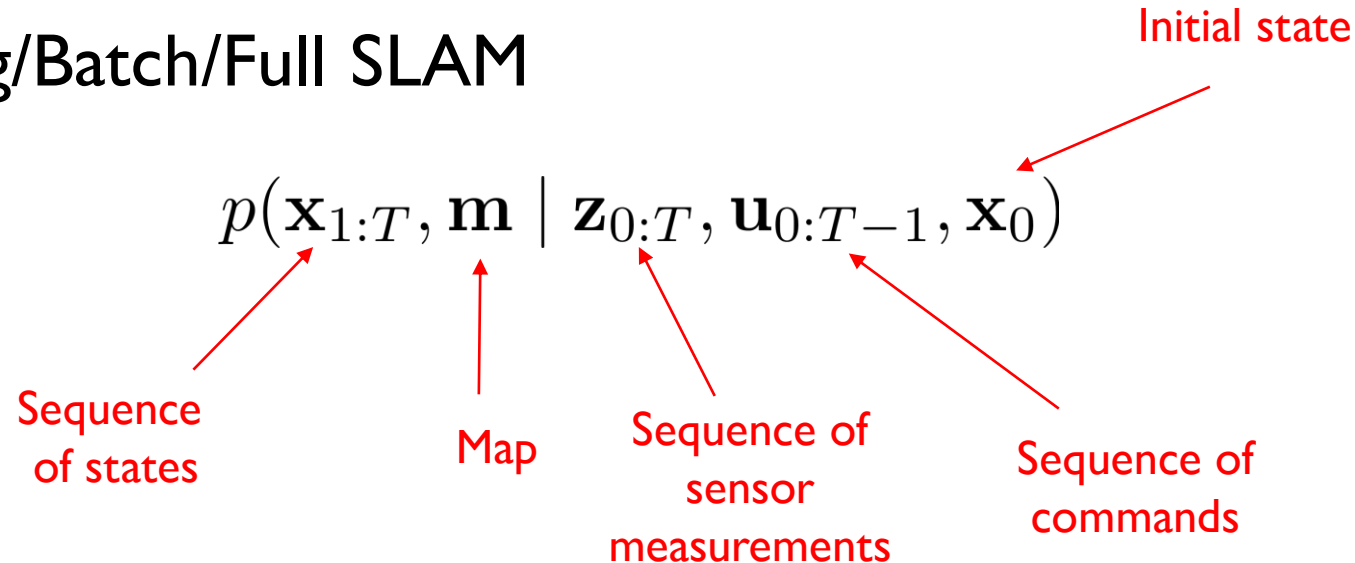
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Initial state

Sequence of states

Map

Sequence of sensor measurements

Sequence of commands

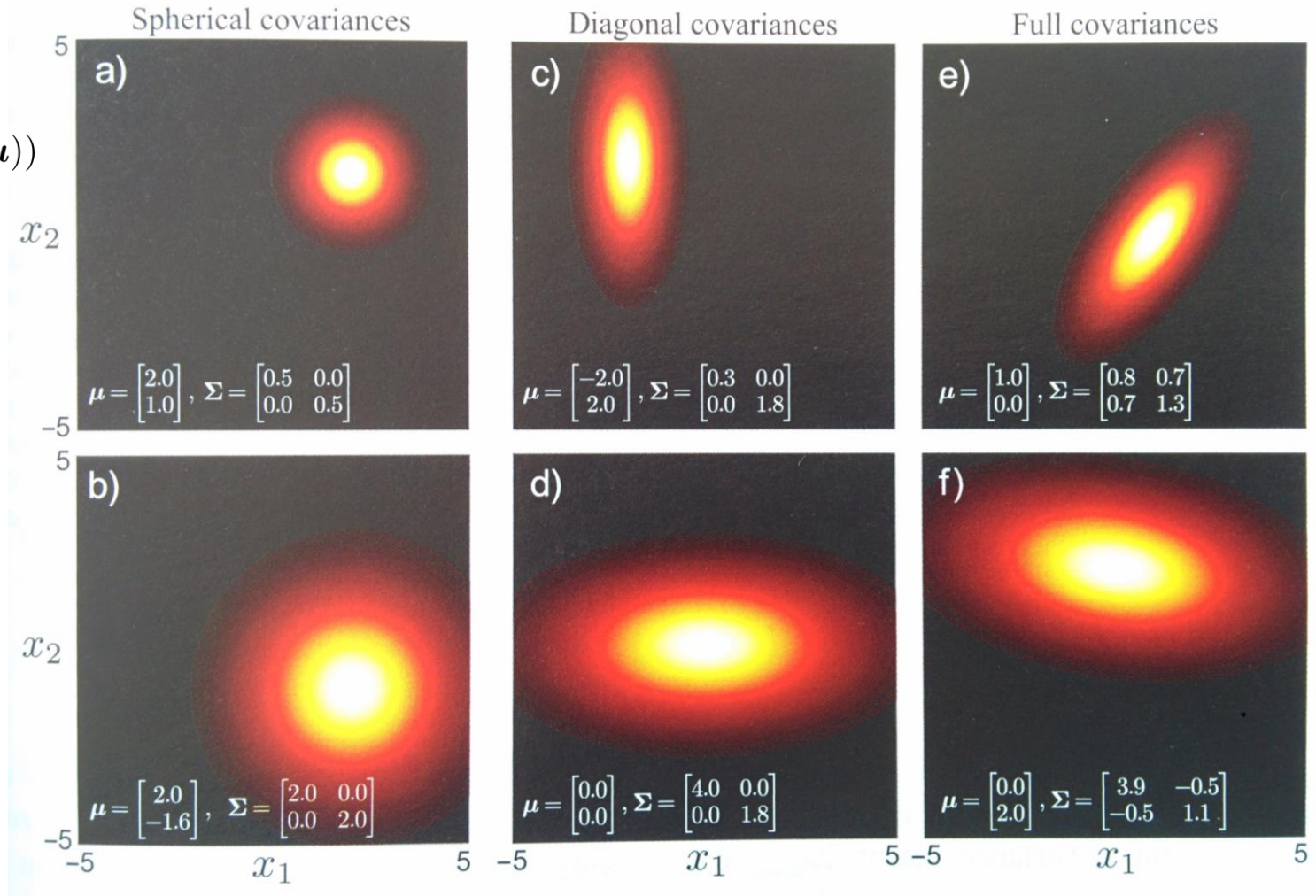
In this lecture

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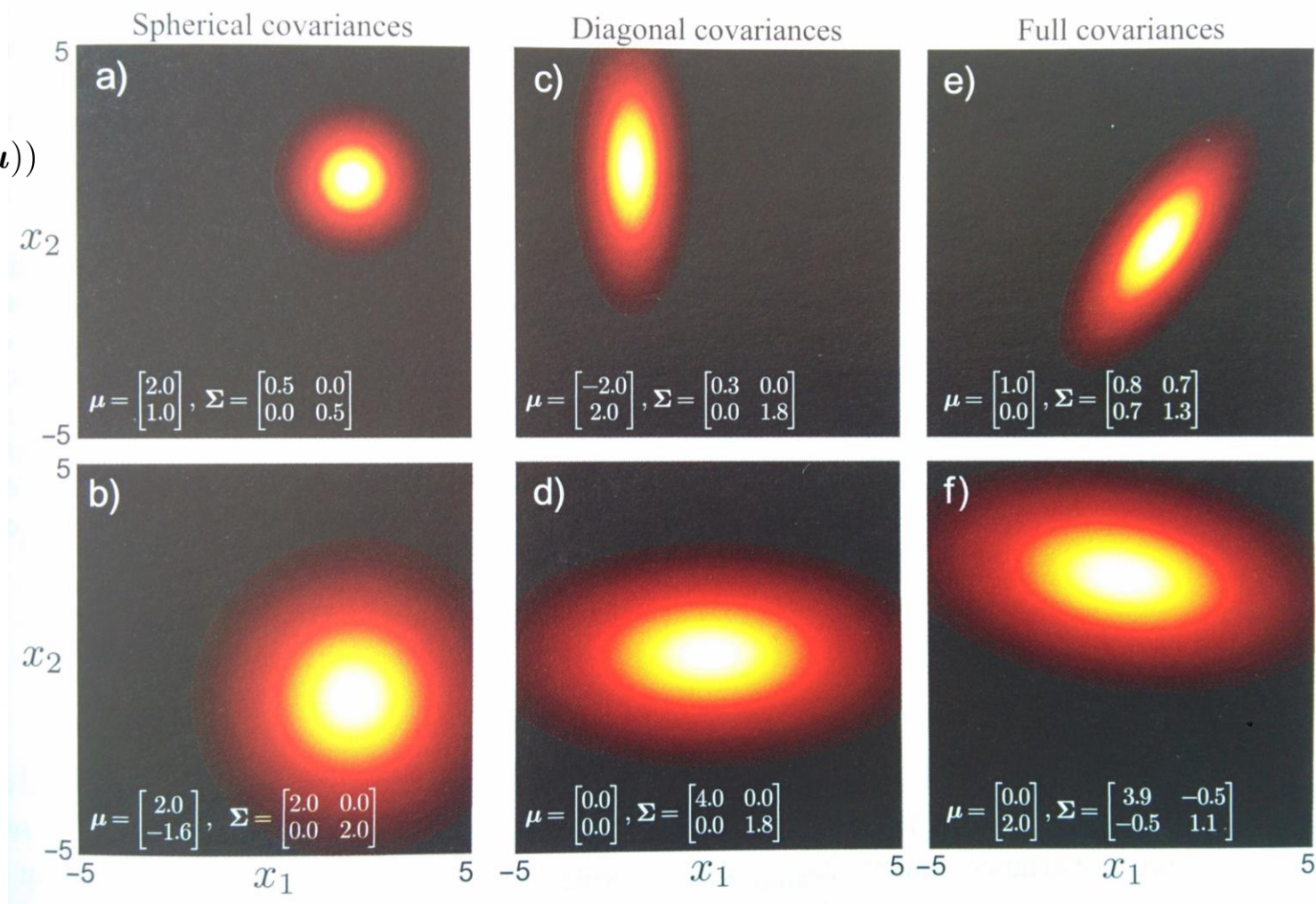


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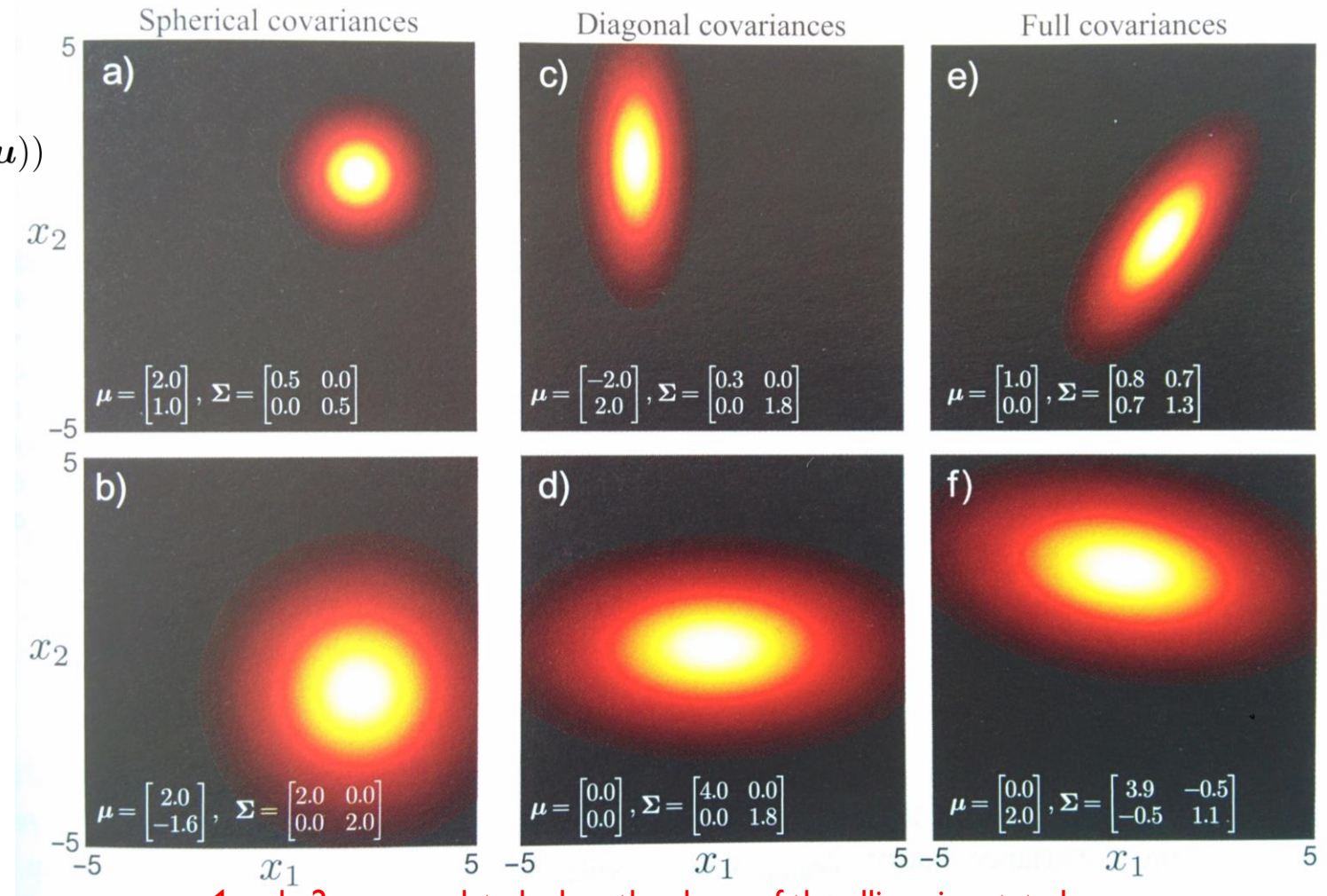
Note: The shapes of these covariances are important, you should know them well. In particular, when are x_1 and x_2 correlated?

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x_1 and x_2 are correlated when the shape of the ellipse is rotated, i.e. when there are nonzero off-diagonal terms in the covariance matrix. In this example, (e) and (f)

Confidence regions

- To quantify confidence and uncertainty define a confidence region R about a point x (e.g. the mode) such that at a confidence level $c \leq 1$

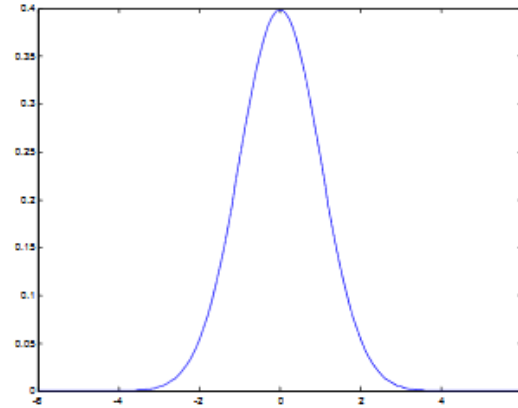
$$p(x \in R) = c$$

- we can then say (for example) there is a 99% probability that the true value is in R
- e.g. for a univariate normal distribution $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$p(|x - \mu| < \sigma) \approx 0.67$$

$$p(|x - \mu| < 2\sigma) \approx 0.95$$

$$p(|x - \mu| < 3\sigma) \approx 0.997$$



Expectation

- Expected value of a random variable X :

$$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p(X)}[X] = \int_x x p(X = x) dx$$

- E is linear: $\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p(X)}[X + c] = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p(X)}[X] + c$

$$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p(X)}[AX + b] = A\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p(X)}[X] + b$$

- If X, Y are independent then [Note: inverse does not hold]

$$\mathbb{E}_{x, y \sim p(X, Y)}[XY] = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p(X)}[X] \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p(Y)}[Y]$$

Covariance Matrix

- Measures linear dependence between random variables X, Y . Does **not** measure independence.

$$\text{Cov}[X, Y] = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$$

- Variance of X

$$\text{Var}[X] = \text{Cov}[X] = \text{Cov}[X, X] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$$

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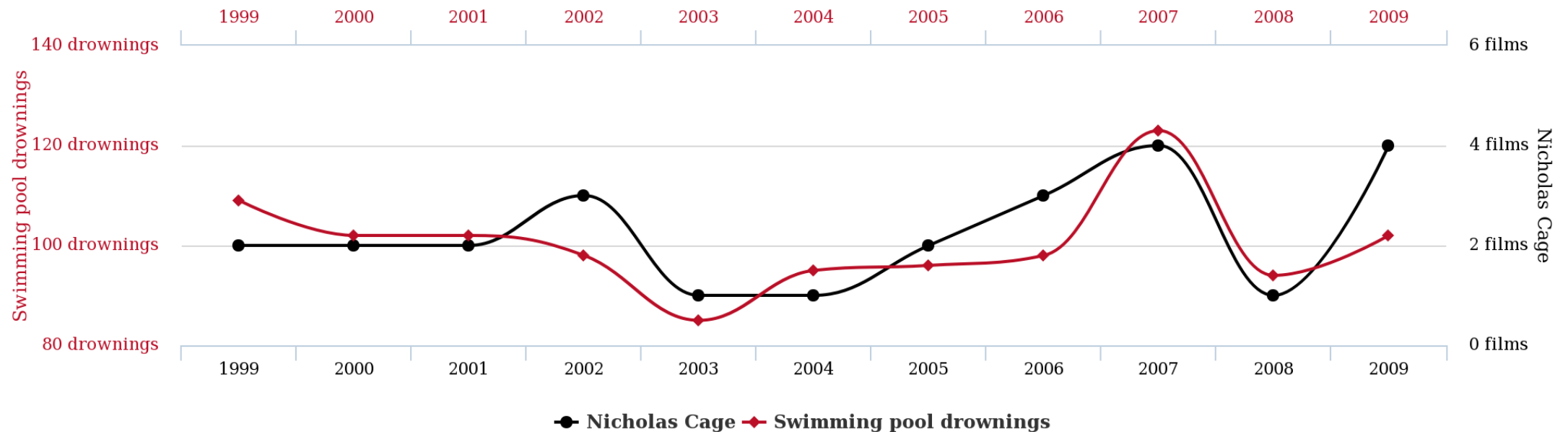
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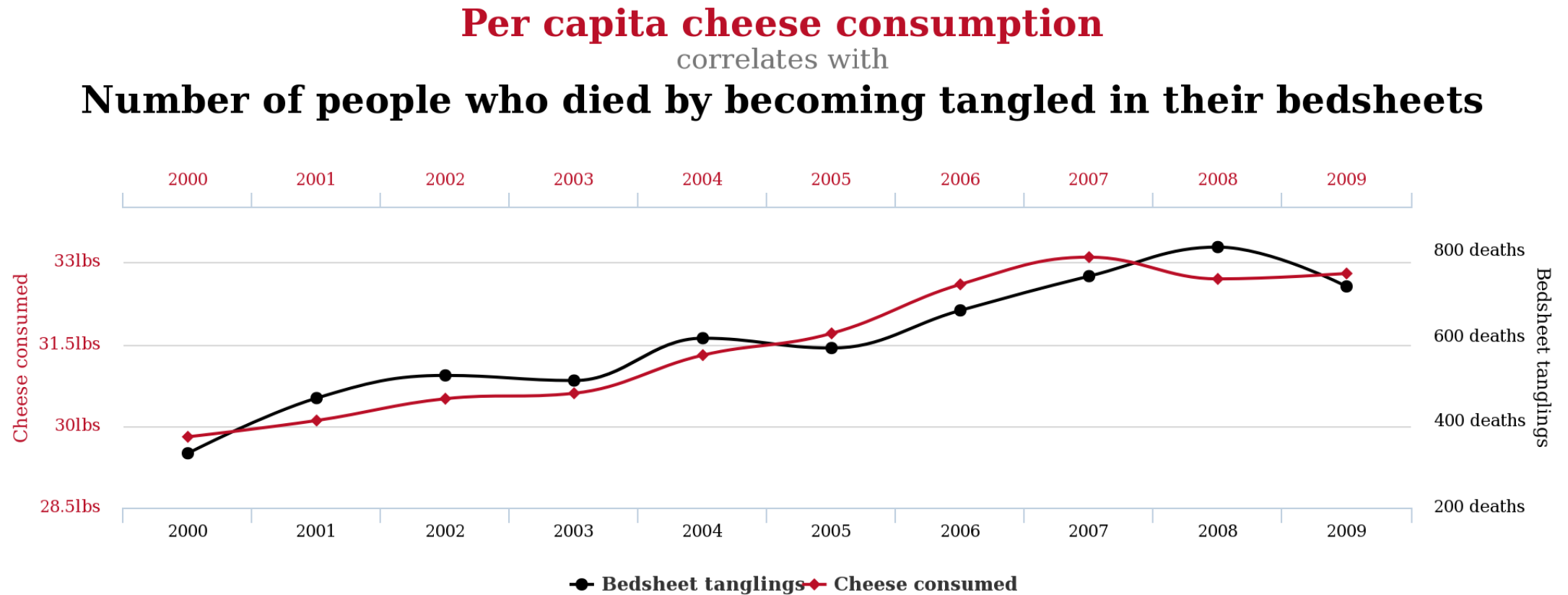
- Entry (i,j) of the covariance matrix measures whether changes in variable X_i co-occur with changes in variable Y_j
- It does not measure whether one causes the other.

Correlation does not imply causation

Number of people who drowned by falling into a pool
correlates with
Films Nicolas Cage appeared in



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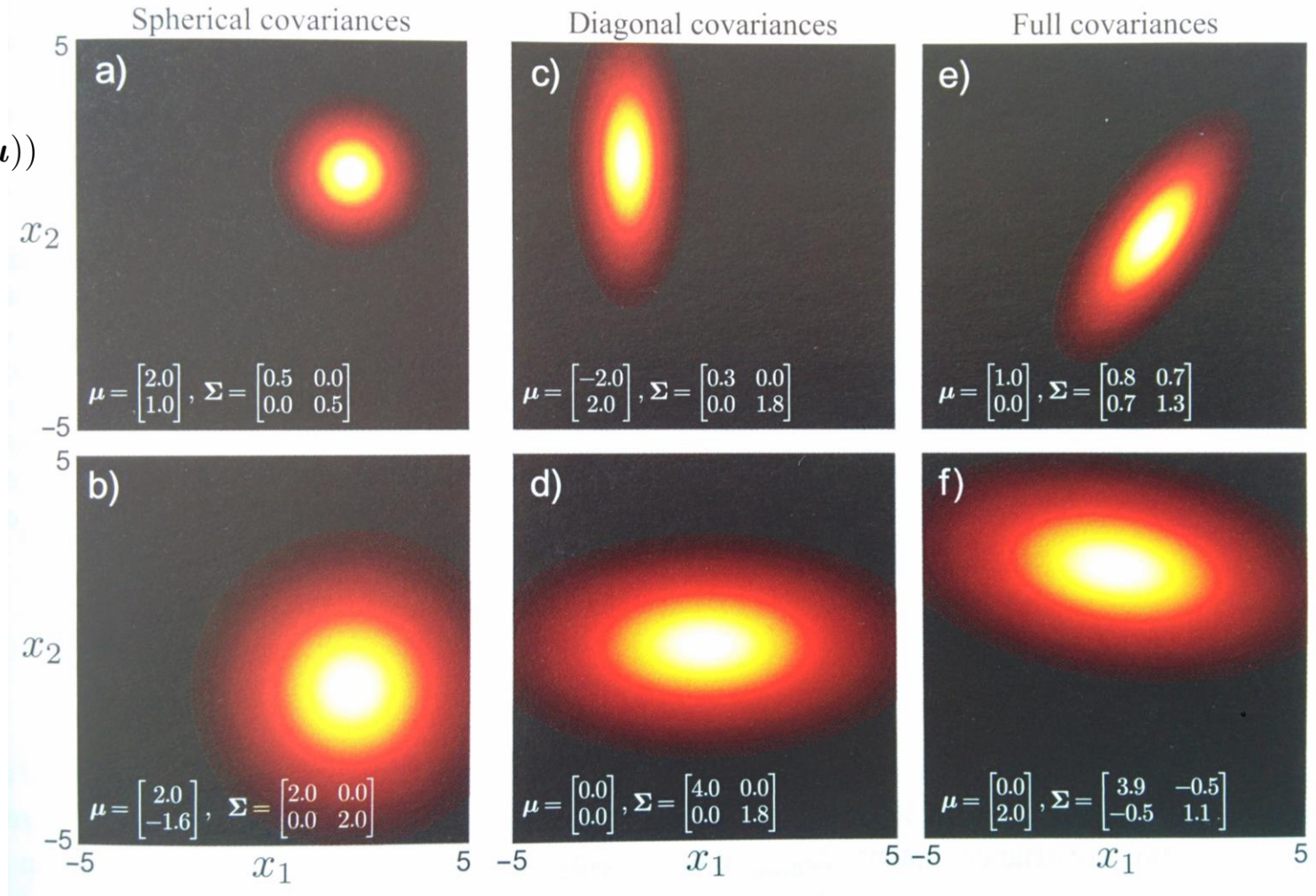
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For multivariate Gaussians:

$$E[\mathbf{x}] = \mu$$

$$\text{Cov}[\mathbf{x}] = \Sigma$$



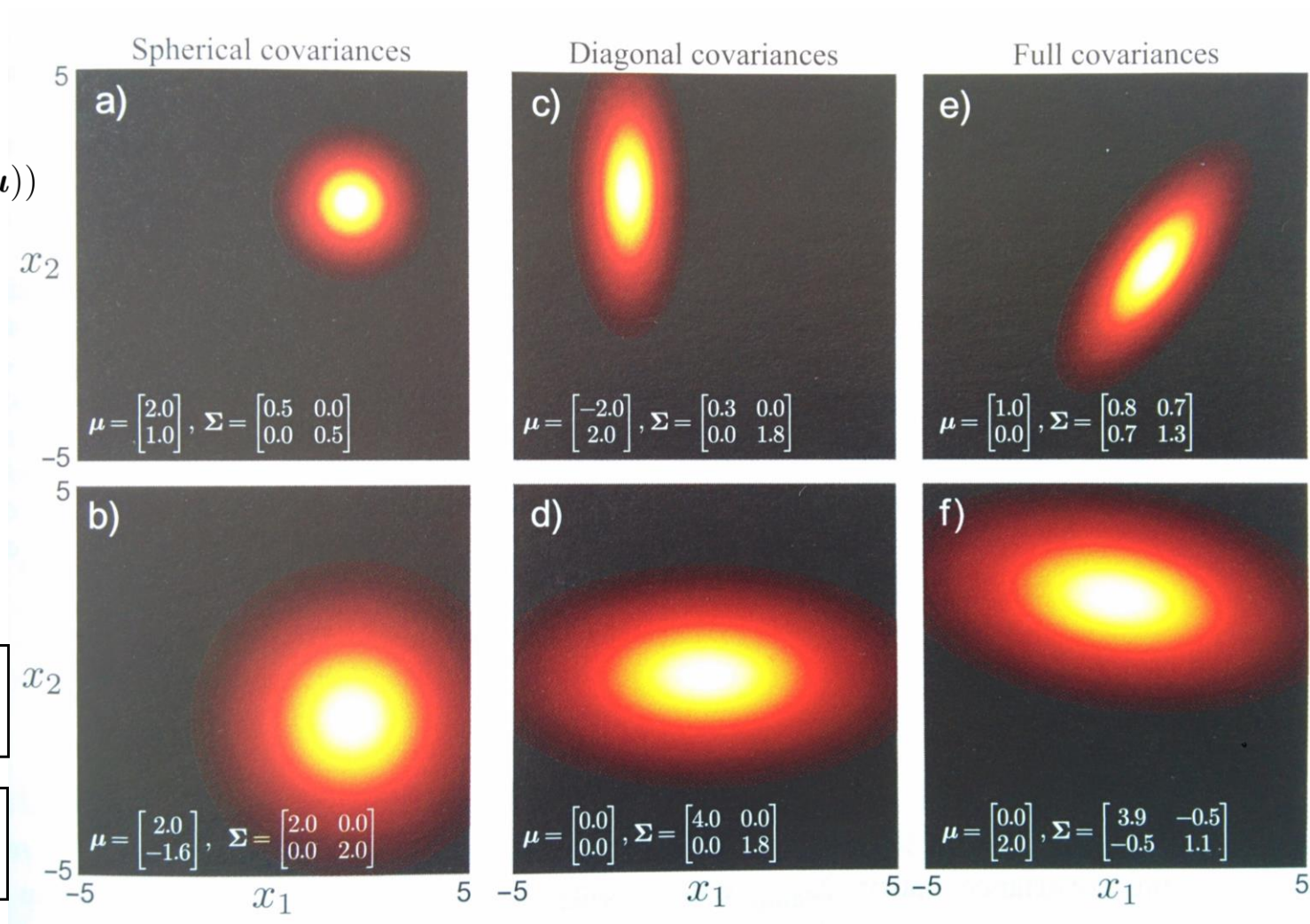
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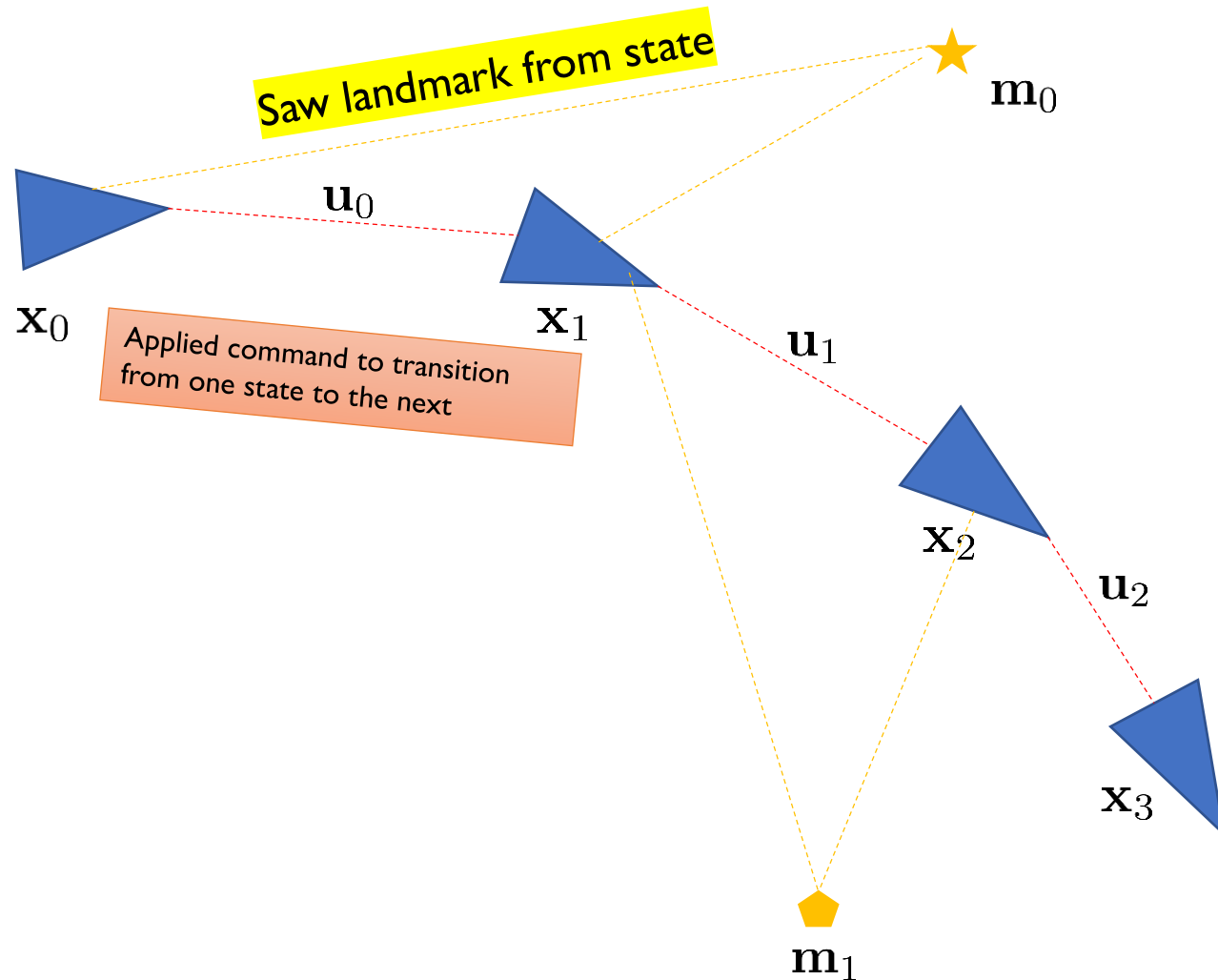
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Since we have 2D examples here:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}[\mathbf{x}] = \Sigma &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{Cov}[x_1, x_1] & \text{Cov}[x_1, x_2] \\ \text{Cov}[x_2, x_1] & \text{Cov}[x_2, x_2] \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{Var}[x_1] & \text{Cov}[x_1, x_2] \\ \text{Cov}[x_2, x_1] & \text{Var}[x_2] \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



SLAM: graph representation

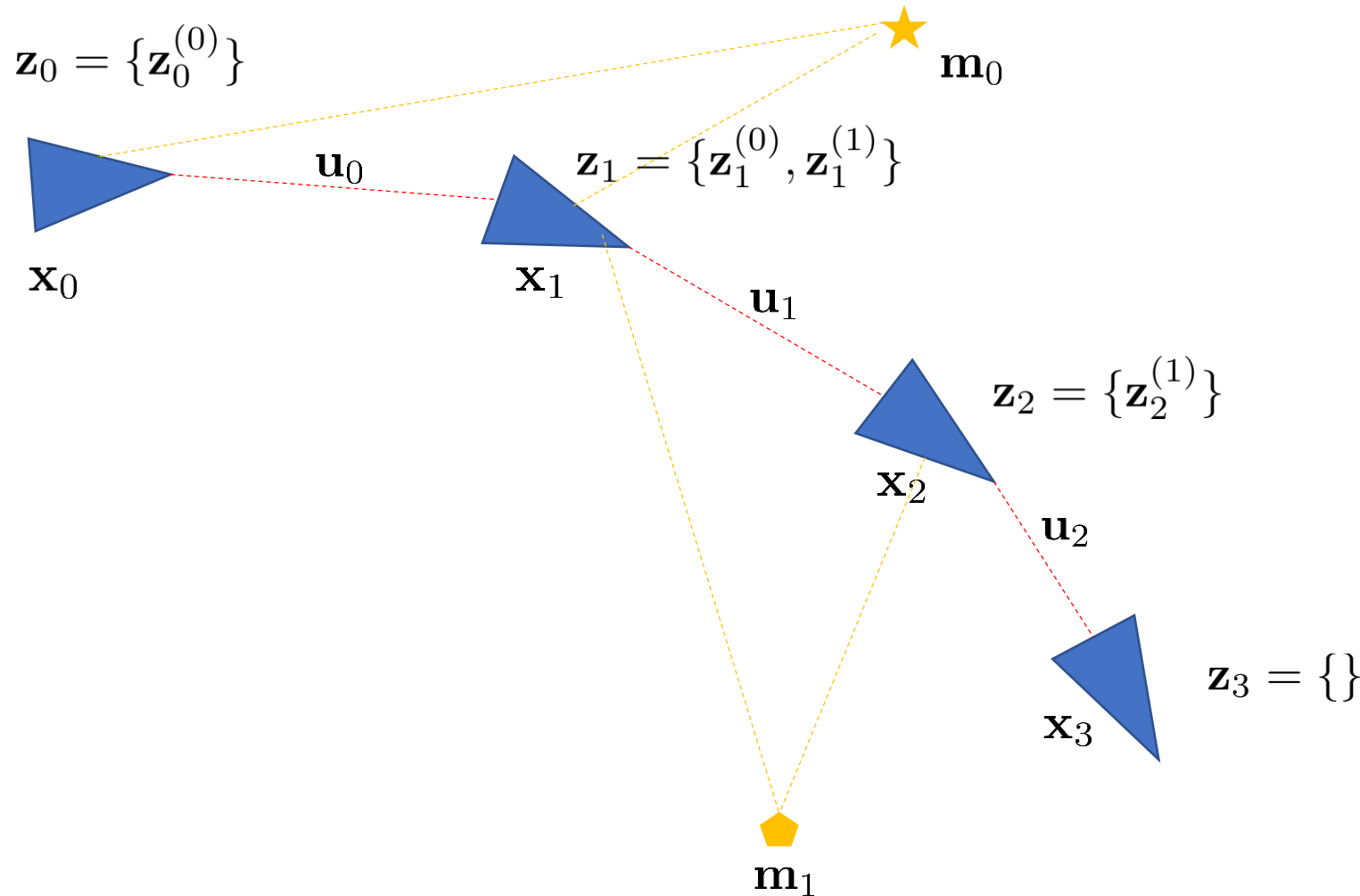


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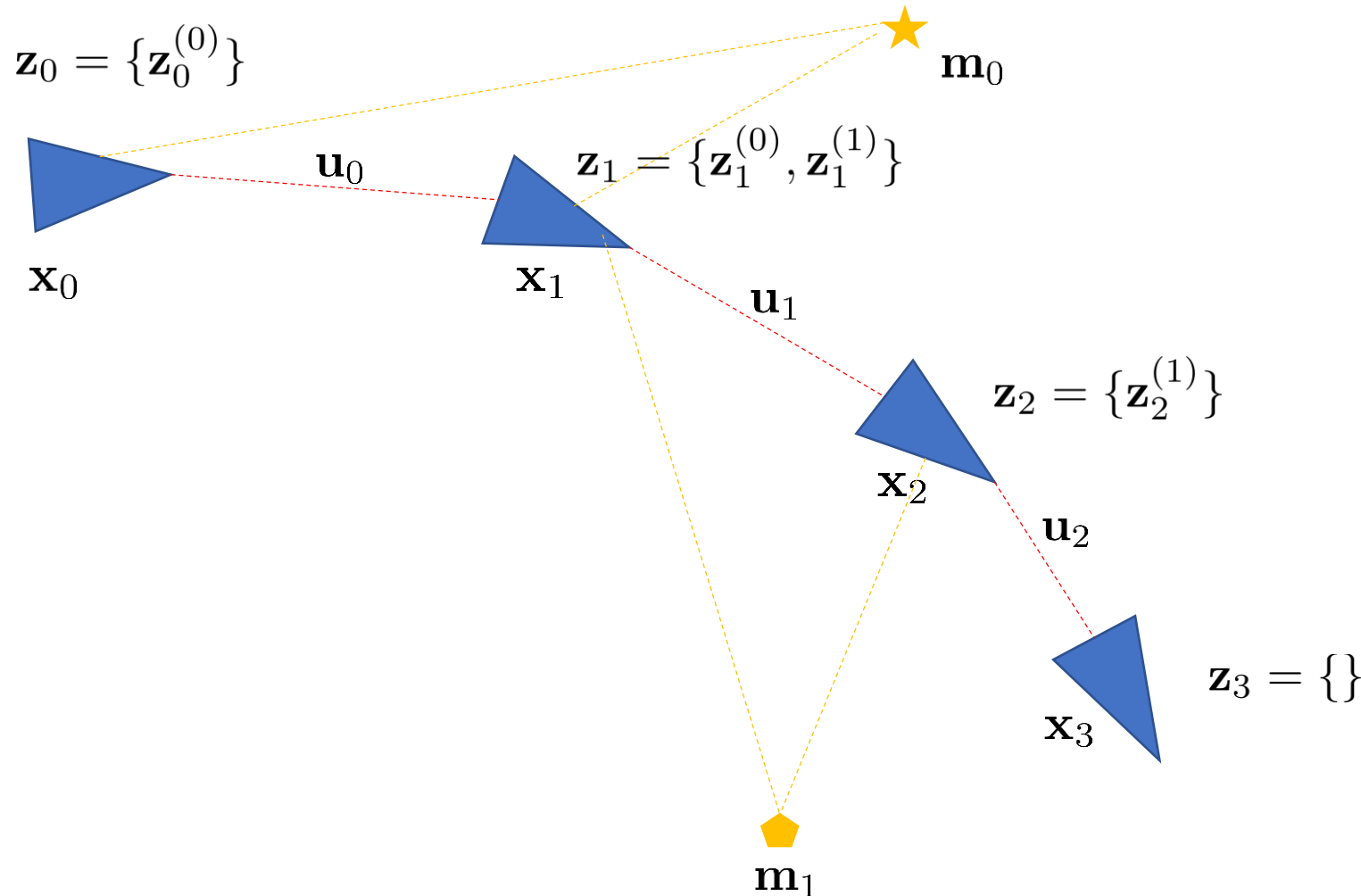
i.e. we are avoiding the data association problem here.

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Notice that the graph is mostly sparse as long as not many states observe the same landmark.

That implies that there are many symbolic dependencies between random variables in $p(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m} \mid \mathbf{z}_{0:T}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0)$ that are not necessary and can be dropped.

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See least
squares lecture

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by definition
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See Appendix 1 for the derivation
of this step

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Observation of landmark k at time t

Set of observations
that were made at time t

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Probabilistic sensor measurement model
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Main GraphSLAM
assumptions:

1. Uncertainty in
the dynamics
model is Gaussian

2. Uncertainty in
the sensor
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$$\mathbf{w}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_t)$$

so

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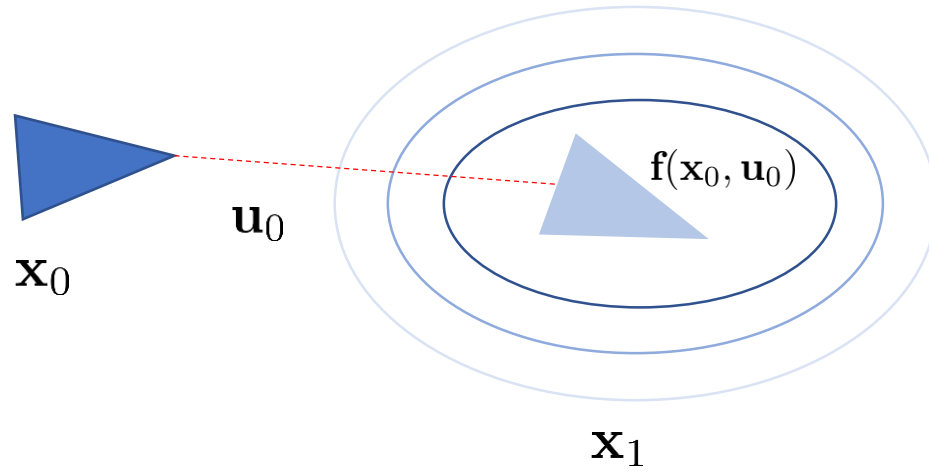
$$\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_k) + \mathbf{v}_t$$

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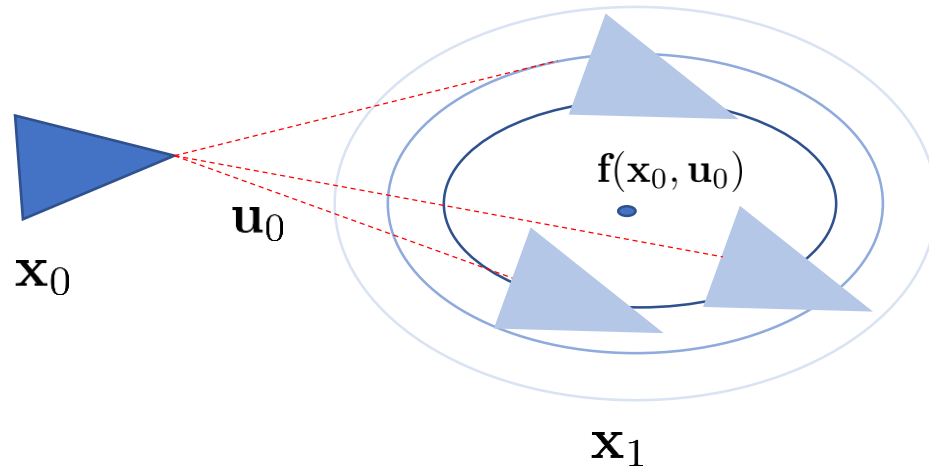
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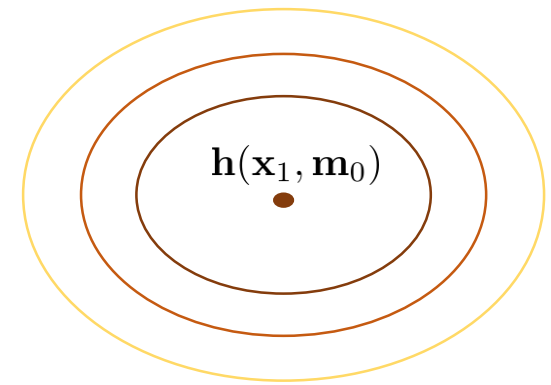
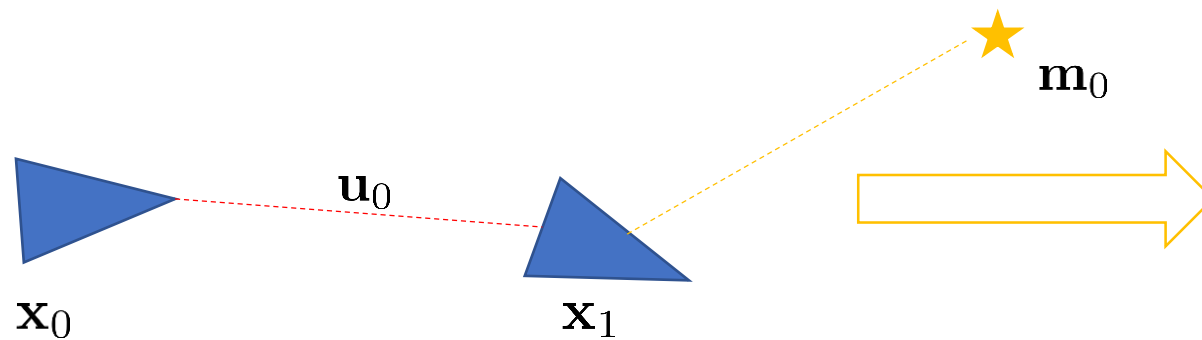
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Expected to get measurement $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{m}_0)$ at state \mathbf{x}_1 but it might be somewhere within the ellipse defined by the covariance matrix \mathbf{Q}_1

GraphSLAM: SLAM as a least squares problem

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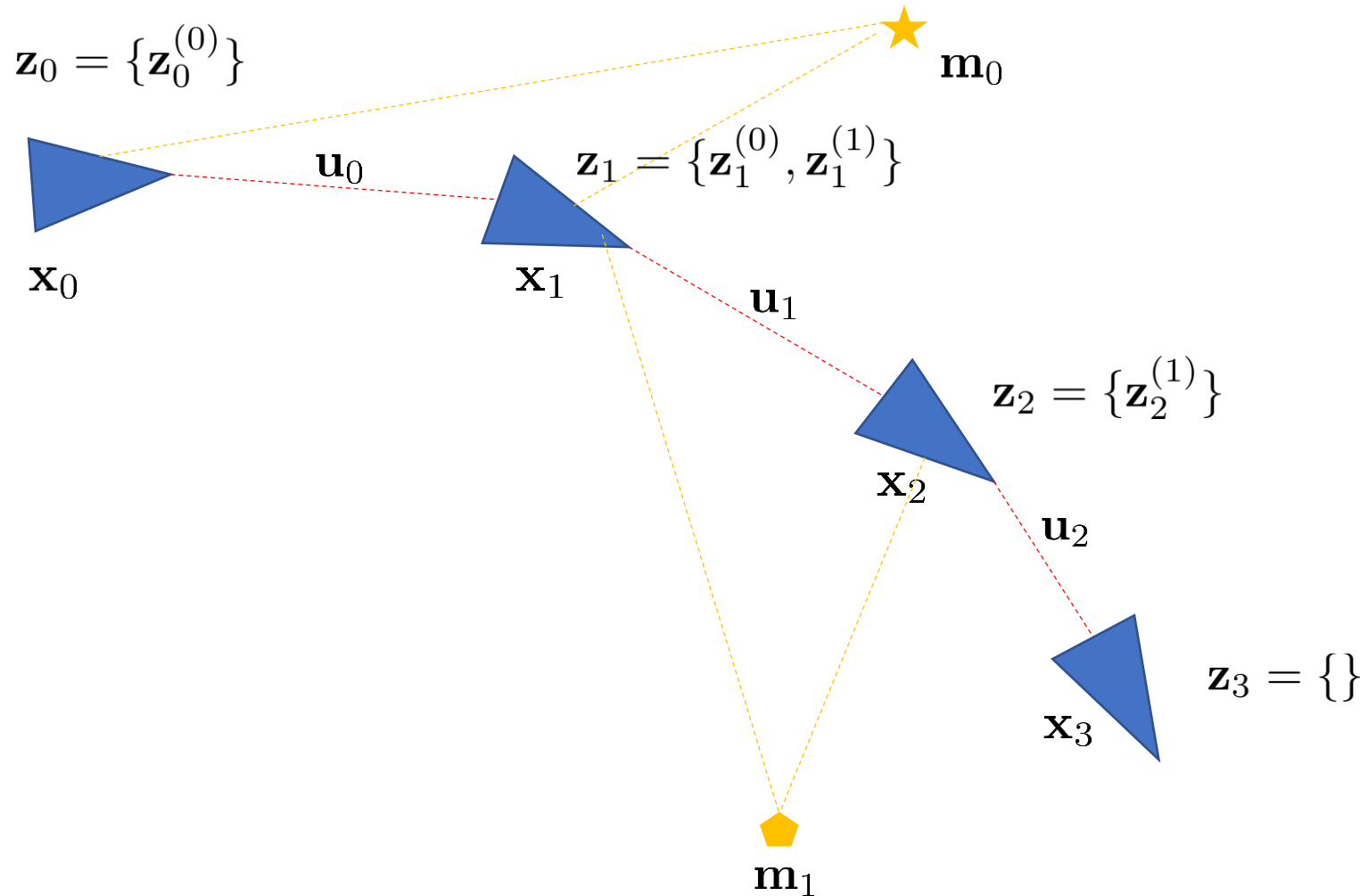
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GraphSLAM: example



Need to minimize the sum of the following quadratic terms:

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$$\|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{u}_1)\|_{\mathbf{R}_2}^2$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}_3 - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{u}_2)\|_{\mathbf{R}_3}^2$$

$$\|\mathbf{z}_0^{(0)} - \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{m}_0)\|_{\mathbf{Q}_0}^2$$

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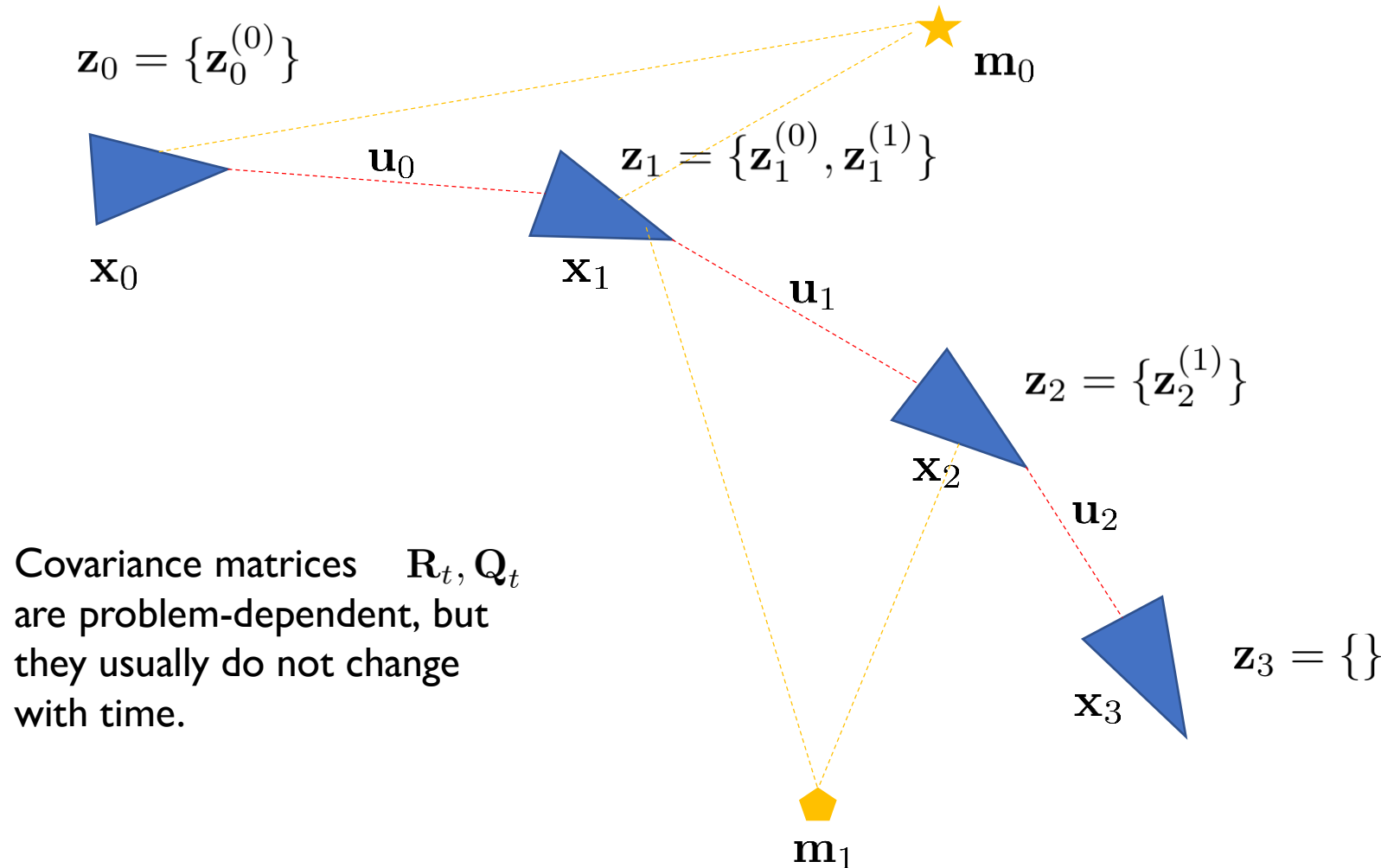
$$\|\mathbf{z}_2^{(1)} - \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{m}_1)\|_{\mathbf{Q}_2}^2$$

with respect to variables:

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Examples of dynamics and sensor models

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t-1}) + \mathbf{w}_t$$

Can be any of the dynamical systems we saw in Lecture 2.

$$\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_k) + \mathbf{v}_t$$

$\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)}$ can be any of the sensors we saw in Lecture 4:

- Laser scan $\{(r_i, \theta_i)\}_{i=1:K}$ where \mathbf{m}_k is an occupancy grid
- Range and bearing (r, θ) to the landmark $\mathbf{m}_k = (x_k, y_k, z_k)$
- Bearing measurements from images
- Altitude/Depth
- Gyroscope
- Accelerometer

Appendix 1

Claim:
$$p(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{z}_{0:T}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) = p(\mathbf{x}_0) \prod_{t=1}^T p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t-1}) \prod_{t=0}^T \prod_{\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} \in \mathbf{z}_t} p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_k)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{z}_{0:T}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) &= p(\mathbf{z}_T | \mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{z}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) p(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{z}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) \\
 &= p(\mathbf{z}_T | \mathbf{x}_T, \mathbf{m}) p(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{z}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) \\
 &= p(\mathbf{z}_T | \mathbf{x}_T, \mathbf{m}) p(\mathbf{z}_{T-1} | \mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{z}_{0:T-2}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) p(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{z}_{0:T-2}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) \\
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 &\dots \\
 &= \prod_{t=0}^T p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) p(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{u}_{0:T-1}, \mathbf{x}_0) \\
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 &\dots \\
 &= \left[\prod_{t=0}^T p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) \right] p(\mathbf{x}_0) \prod_{t=1}^T p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t-1})
 \end{aligned}$$

Appendix 1

Claim: $p(\mathbf{z}_t | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) = \prod_{\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} \in \mathbf{z}_t} p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_k)$ where $\mathbf{z}_t = \{\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} \text{ iff landmark } \mathbf{m}_k \text{ was observed}\}$
 $\mathbf{m} = \{\text{landmarks } \mathbf{m}_k\}$

Proof:

Suppose without loss of generality that $\mathbf{z}_t = \{\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)}, k = 1 \dots K\}$ and $\mathbf{m} = \{\mathbf{m}_k, k = 1 \dots K\}$
i.e. that all landmarks were observed from the state at time t. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}_t^{(K)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) &= p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(1)} | \mathbf{z}_t^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}_t^{(K)}, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}_t^{(K)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) \\ &= p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(1)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_1) p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}_t^{(K)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) \\ &= p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(1)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_1) p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(2)} | \mathbf{z}_t^{(3)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}_t^{(K)}, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(3)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}_t^{(K)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) \\ &= p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(1)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_1) p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(2)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_2) p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(3)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}_t^{(K)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}) \\ &\dots \\ &= \prod_{k=1}^K p(\mathbf{z}_t^{(k)} | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{m}_k) \end{aligned}$$