# VAN course Lesson 11

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# Today's topics:

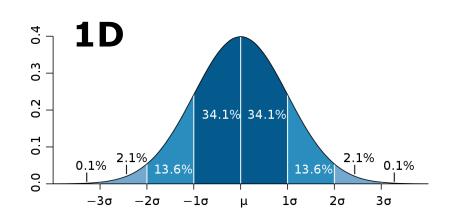
- Back to some statistics:
  - Information matrix and vector
  - Marginalization vs conditioning
- Compromises in our Pose Graph
- Our Pose Graph how to
- Loop closure

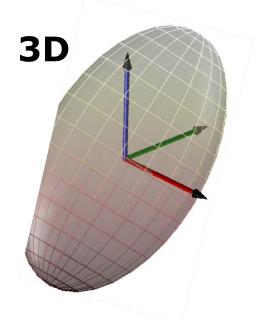
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#### Gaussians

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#### **Dual Representation**

$$p(x) = \frac{\exp(-\frac{1}{2}\mu^{T}\xi)}{\det(2\pi\Omega^{-1})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x^{T}\Omega x + x^{T}\xi\right)$$

canonical parameterization

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moments parameterization

# Marginalization vs. conditioning

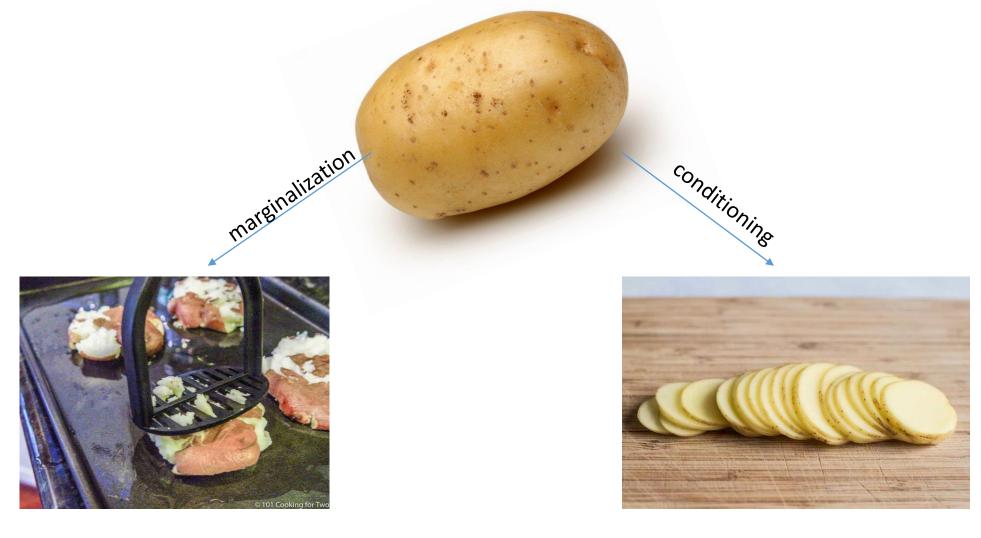
- Both are dimension reduction:  $P(x, y) \rightarrow P(x)$ 
  - Marginalization summing over all y:

$$p(x) = \sum_{y} p(x,y)$$
$$= \sum_{y} p(x|y) p(y)$$

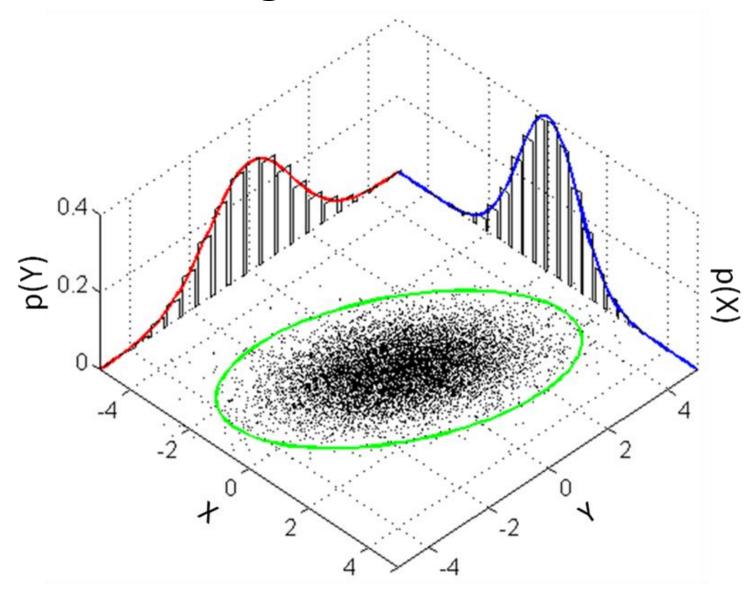
• **Conditioning** – probability given a specific *y*:

$$p(x \mid y = y_0)$$

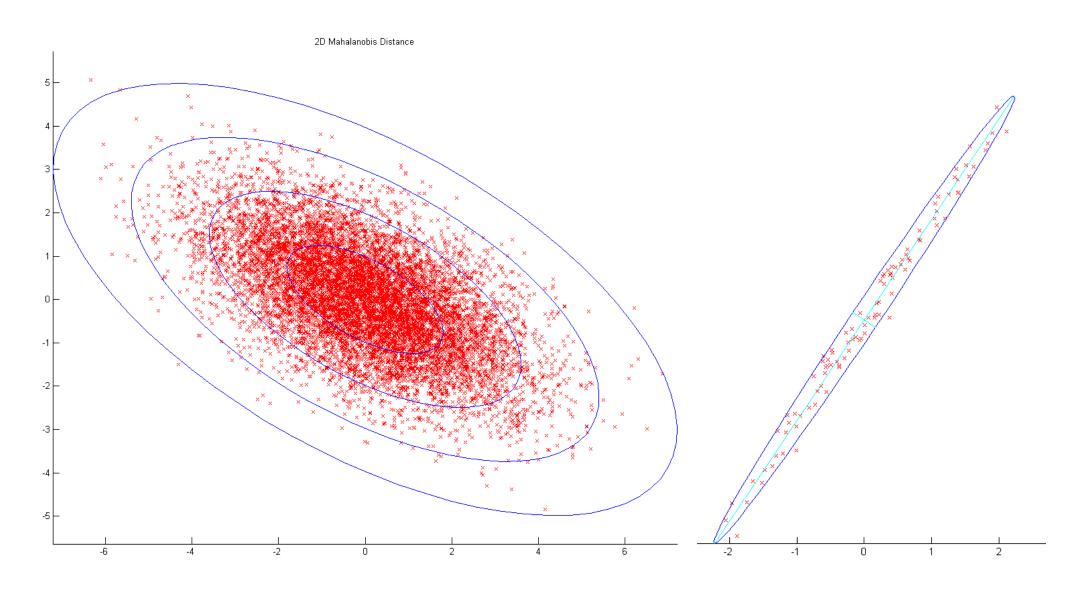
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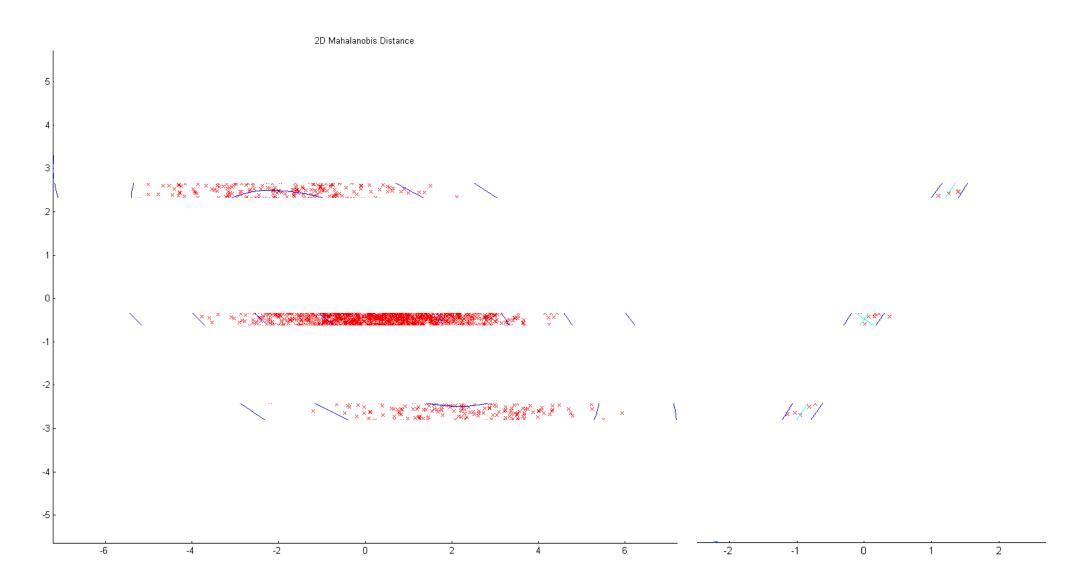
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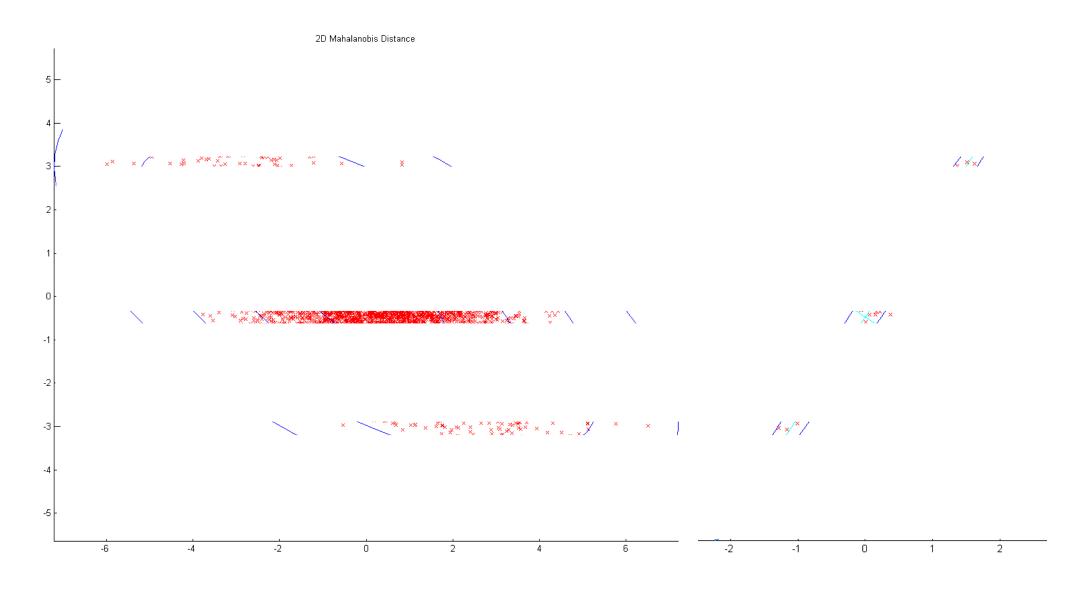
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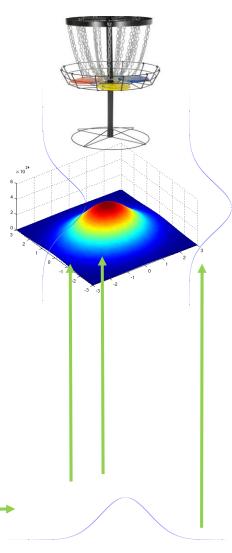


# Conditioning – geometric intuition



# Why covariance is constant?



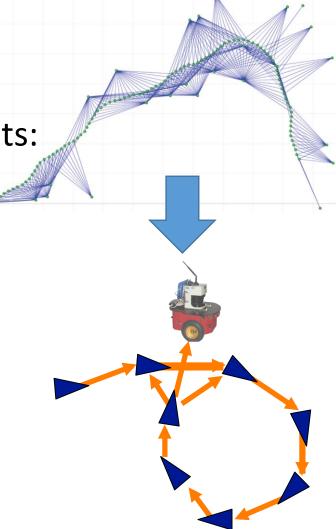


# Marginalization and Conditioning – how to

Courtesy: R. Eustice

## Pose Graph - compromises

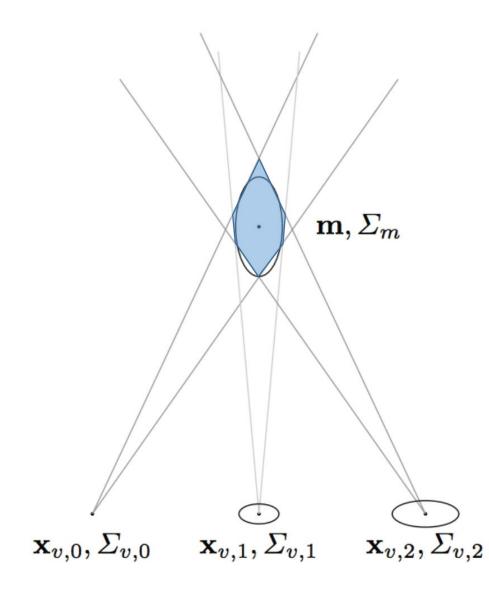
- We replaced our big factor graph with a pose graph
- How did we compromise?
- From each small factor graph of K cameras and P points:
  - We removed all points
  - We removed most cameras
  - $P(C_1,...,C_K,p_1,...p_P) \rightarrow P(C_1,C_K) \rightarrow P(C_K|C_1)$ marginalization conditioning
- In the full factor graph, point p might have F cameras:
  - We used this track by parts, in each small factor graph:
  - $P(C_1,...,C_F,p_1) \rightarrow P(KF_2,p|KF_1) \cdot P(KF_N,p|KF_{N-1})$



Courtesy of Dellaert06ijrr: "Square Root SAM"

#### Pose Graph - compromises

- Covariance approximation:
  - The small factor graph information is represented as a normal distribution
  - If all operations were linear it's ok
  - But we do non-linear projection
  - The covariance is an approximation
- We ignored a lot of information
  - Surprisingly, the results are often pretty accurate!



#### Pose Graph – how to

- To build and initialize the pose graph we need:
  - Each KF will be a vertex (symbol)
    - Initialization: global-coords pose of each KF camera.
  - Each successive KF pair, which participated in one small factor graph, will define a factor between two vertices:

$$e_{ij}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \mathsf{t2v}(\underline{\mathbf{Z}_{ij}^{-1}}(\underline{\mathbf{X}_i^{-1}}\mathbf{X}_j))$$

• It also needs a covariance..

#### Pose Graph – how to

• How to calculate the covariance:

$$\sum_{all} \xrightarrow{marg.} \sum_{1N} \xrightarrow{inv.} \Omega_{1,N} \xrightarrow{cond.} \Omega_{N|1} \xrightarrow{inv.} \sum_{N|1} \underbrace{C_{1} \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & \cdots & C_{1N} & C_{1}P_{1} & \cdots & C_{1}P_{M} \\ \vdots & \ddots & & & & \\ C_{N} & C_{N1} & C_{NN} & C_{N}P_{1} & C_{N}P_{M} \\ C_{1}P_{1} & C_{N}P_{1} & P_{11} & P_{1M} \\ \vdots & \ddots & & & & \\ C_{1}P_{M} & C_{1}P_{M} & C_{N}P_{M} & P_{M1} & P_{MM} \end{bmatrix}} \xrightarrow{inv.} \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{1N} \\ C_{11} & C_{1N} \\ C_{N1} & C_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{inv.} \sum_{N|1} \underbrace{C_{11} & I_{1N} \\ I_{N1} & I_{NN} \end{bmatrix}} \xrightarrow{inv.} \begin{bmatrix} I_{11} & I_{1N} \\ I_{N1} & I_{NN} \end{bmatrix}$$