

ASEN 5070
Statistical Orbit Determination I
Fall 2012



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Lecture 16: Numerical Compensations



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Announcements

- ▶ Homework 5 (?) and the test are graded.
 - Contact me within the week to challenge any grading.
- ▶ Homework 6 will be graded shortly
- ▶ Homework 7 due this week.
 - Points for quality
- ▶ Guest lecturer this Thursday
 - Jason Leonard will speak about LiASON Navigation
- ▶ I'm unavailable Wednesday – Monday
 - Will be around sometimes, so you may catch me.
 - But I will be missing office hours – email me or call me if you have questions.



Exam 1 Debrief Again



- ▶ I have a few corrections regarding last week's debrief. Sorry for any confusion – I made a mistake when I announced the answers!



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Exam 1 ReDebrief

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True. The transpose of a column of zeros becomes a row of zeros. That row propagates through the whole system and the $H^T H$ matrix becomes singular.



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False. Consider $H\text{-tilde} = [a, b, 0]^T$ and $\Phi = 1$.



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2. 15% A random variable has the probability density function given by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/3, & 0 \leq x < 1, \\ k(x^3 + 1/4), & 1 \leq x \leq 2, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Find k



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$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = 1$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{3} dx + \int_1^2 k \left(x^3 + \frac{1}{4} \right) dx = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{3} [x]_0^1 + k \left[\frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{1}{4}x \right]_1 = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + k \left(4 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \right) = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + 4k = 1$$

$$k = \frac{2/3}{4} = \frac{1}{6}$$



Exam 1 Debrief

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$$y(t_i) = (a + bx_0)t_i^2 + (c + x_1)t_i + d \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, l$$

where a, b, c, d, x_0 , and x_1 are constants and t_i are given. Which of the following state vectors are observable (assuming that the constants that aren't in the state are known perfectly):

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answer: 1 and 5 are observable

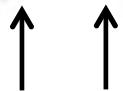


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Consider estimating c and x_1

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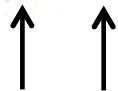
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answer: 3



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using observations of $z(t)$. That is, $z(t)$ is the observation. Answer the following.

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a. 1st degree, 2nd order



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Can't use a Laplace
Transform because A(t)
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f. 3



Quiz Review

Question 1 (1 point)



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Quiz Review

Question 2 (1 point)



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- True
- False



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NOTE: This is a demo for why machines have limits.
Computer round-off = bad.



Topics

- ▶ Conventional Kalman Filter (CKF)
- ▶ Extended Kalman Filter (EKF)

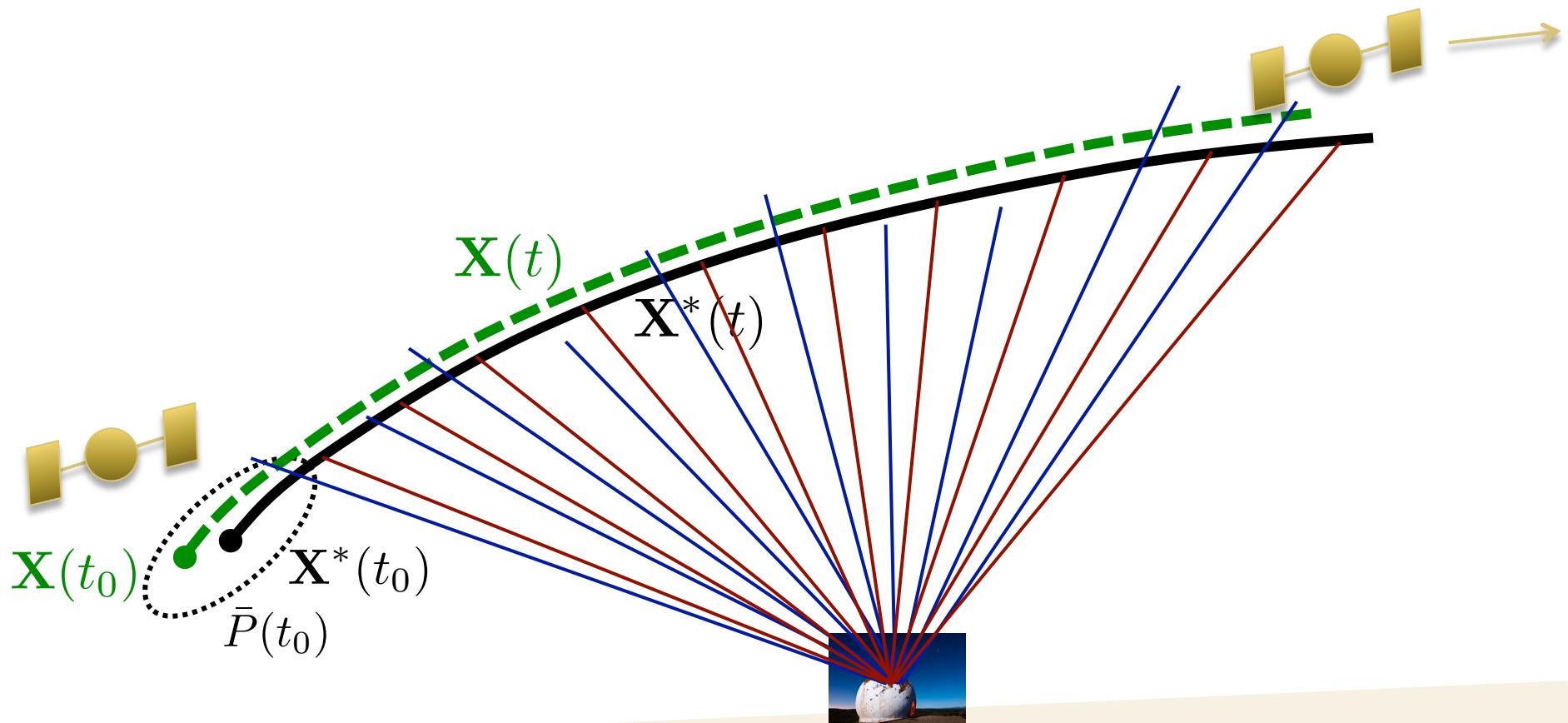
- ▶ Numerical Issues
 - Machine precision
 - Covariance collapse

- ▶ Numerical Compensation
 - Joseph, Potter, Cholesky, Square-root free, unscented, Givens, orthogonal transformation, SVD
 - State Noise Compensation, Dynamical Model Compensation



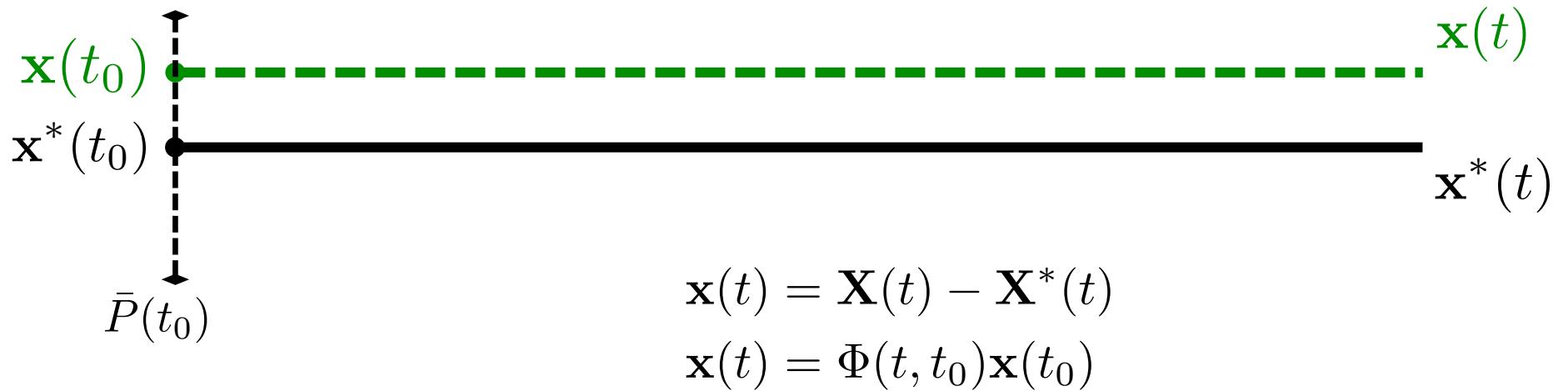
Stat OD Conceptualization

- ▶ Full, nonlinear system:



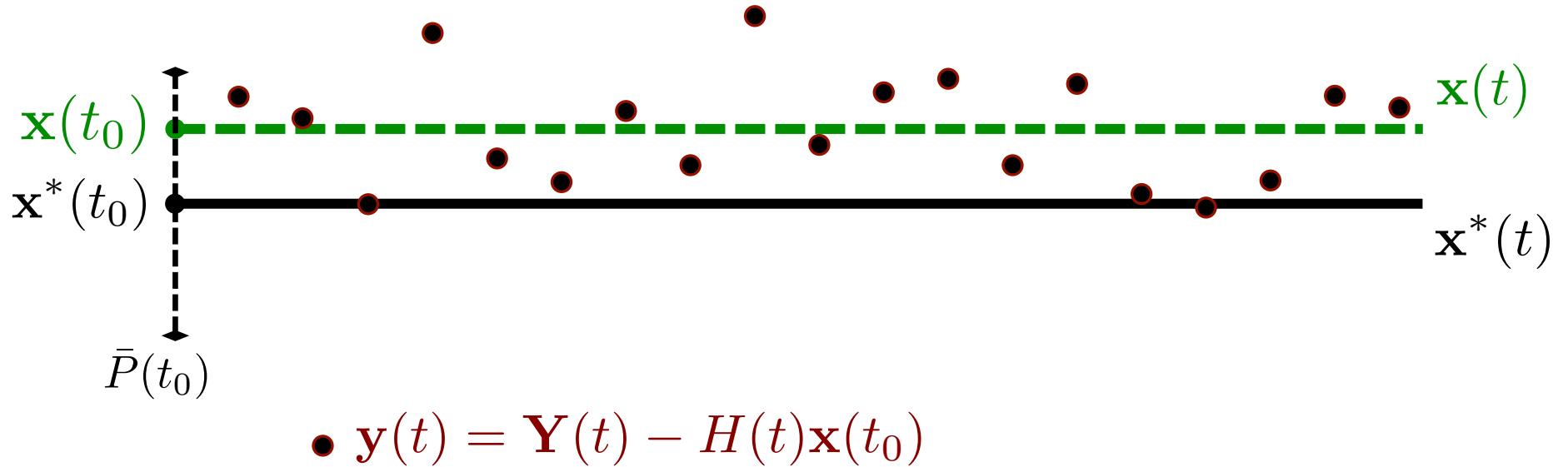
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► Linearization



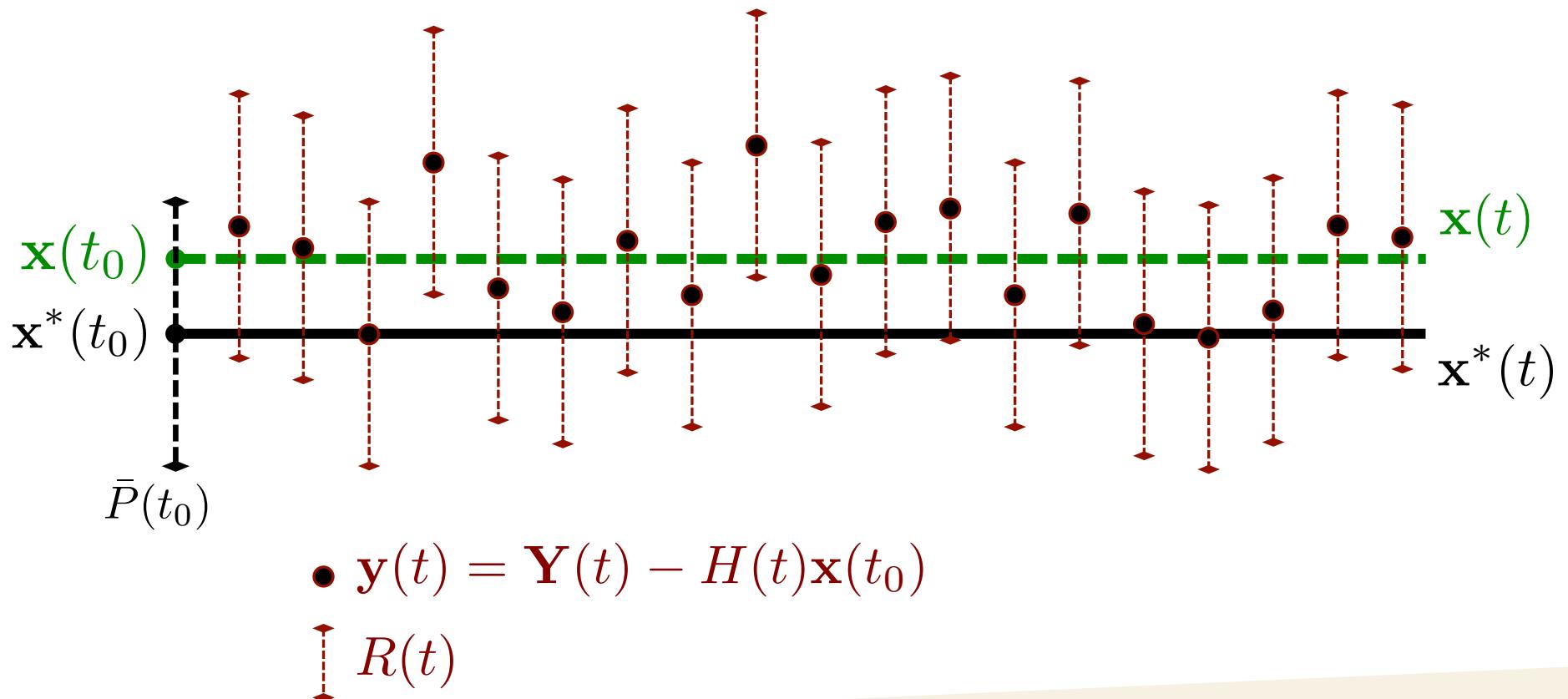
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► Observations



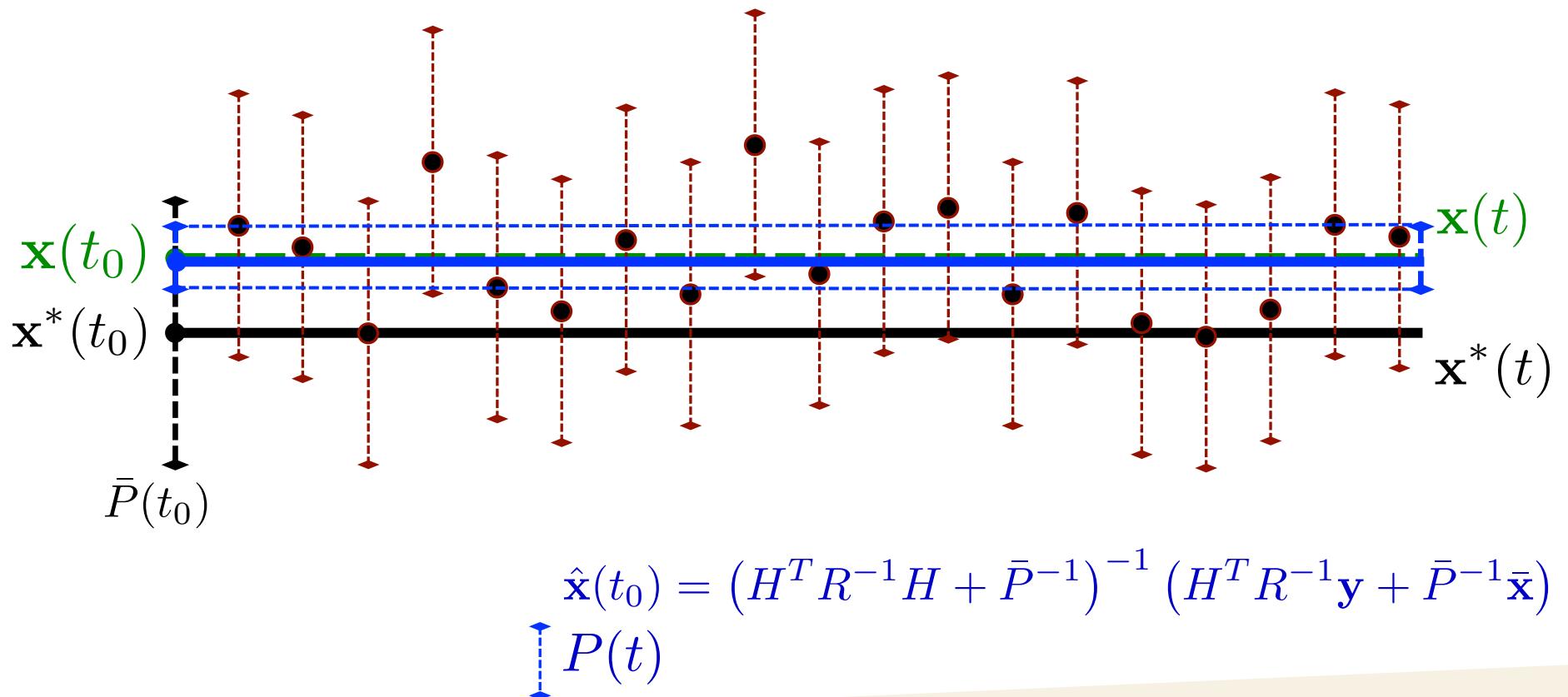
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► Observation Uncertainties



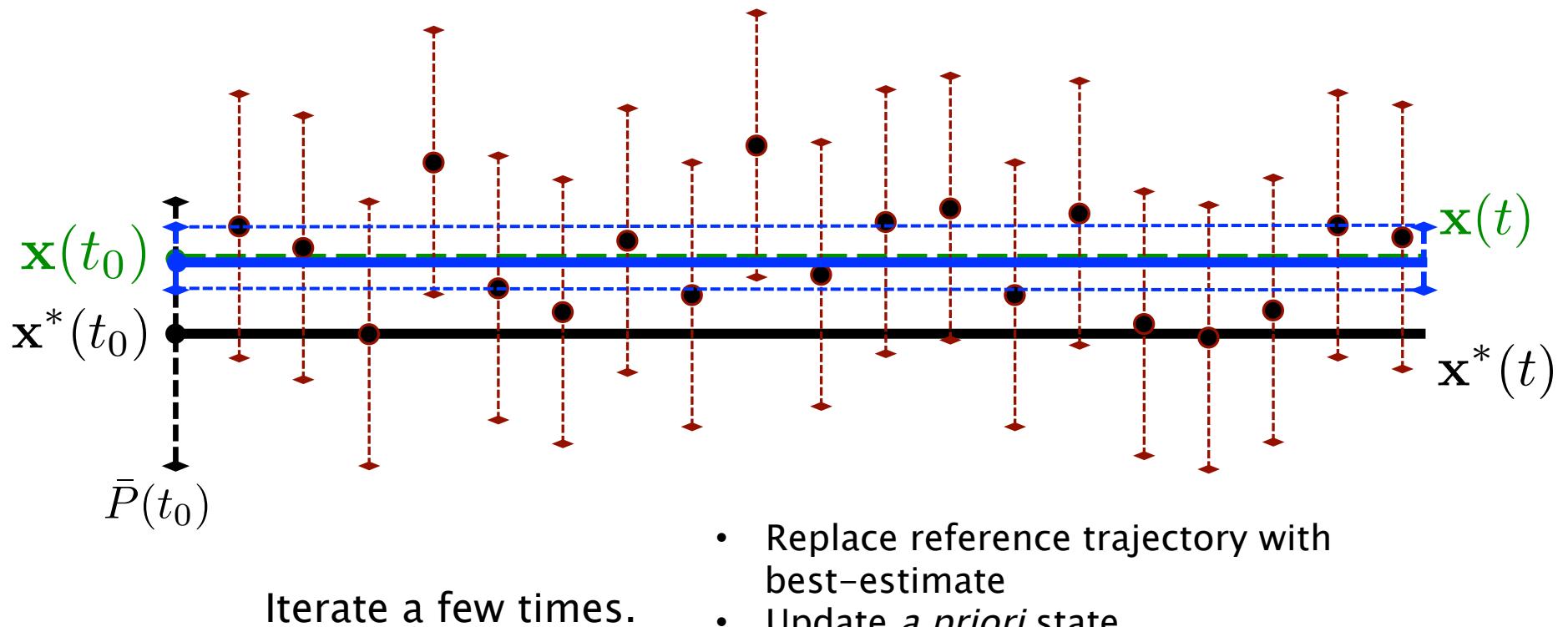
Stat OD Conceptualization

► Least Squares (Batch)



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Side Note

- ▶ Trajectory remains within the linear region longer if you model the dynamics very well.
- ▶ Always a limit
- ▶ ARTEMIS addressed this by deweighting older measurements
 - Makes sense because ARTEMIS Nav only cared about where the spacecraft is and not where it has been.

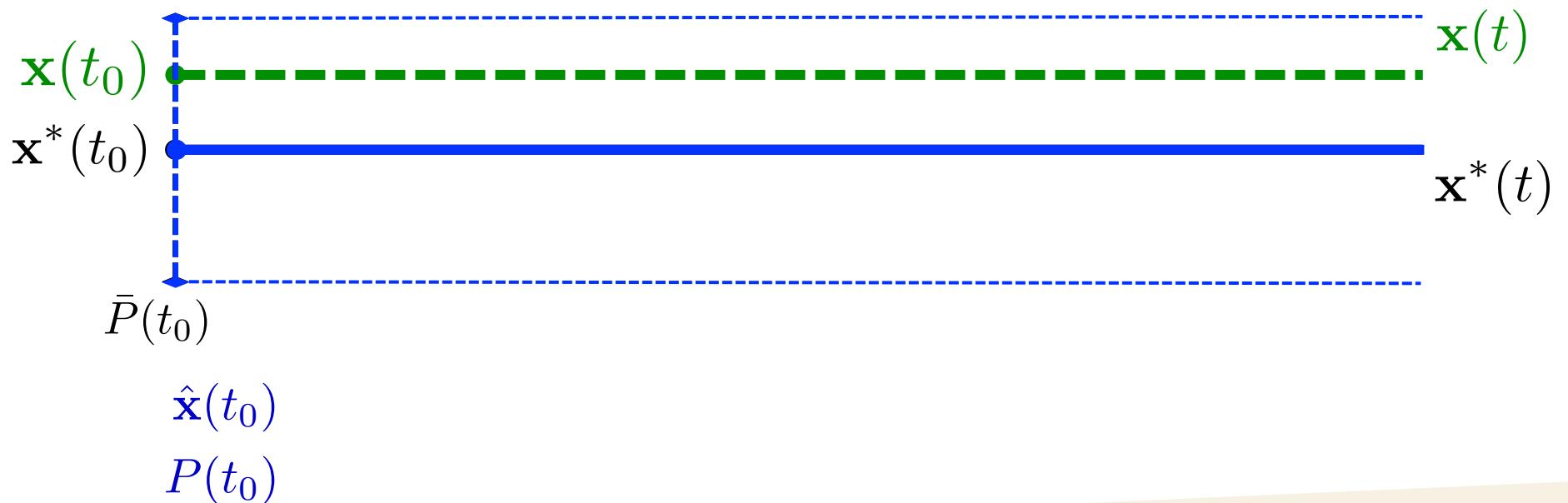


- ▶ Conceptualization of the Conventional Kalman Filter (Sequential Filter)



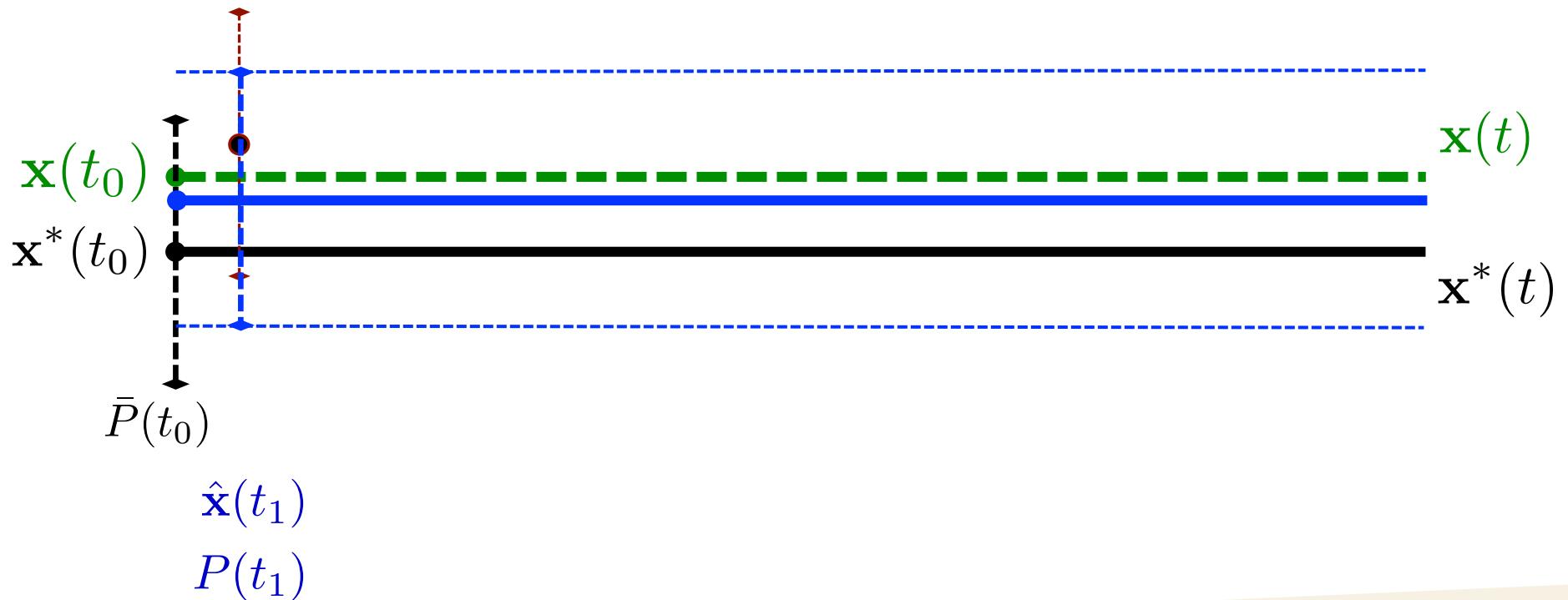
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► Conventional Kalman



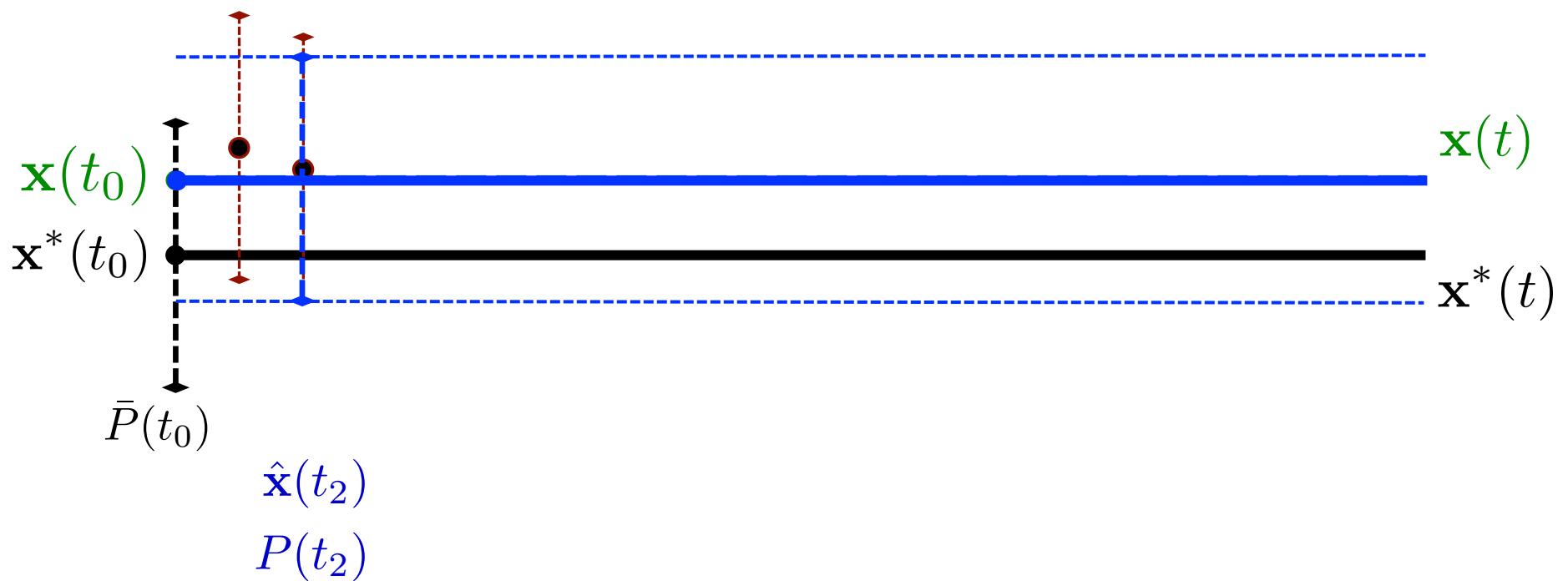
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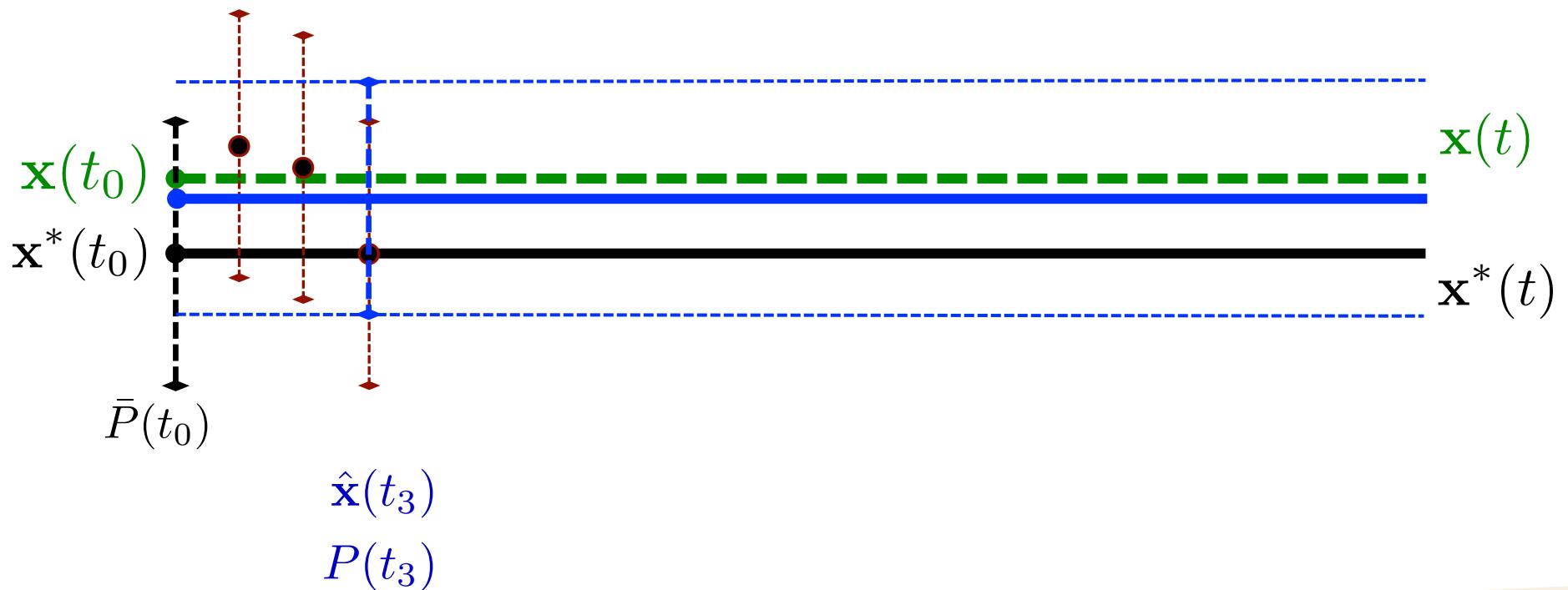
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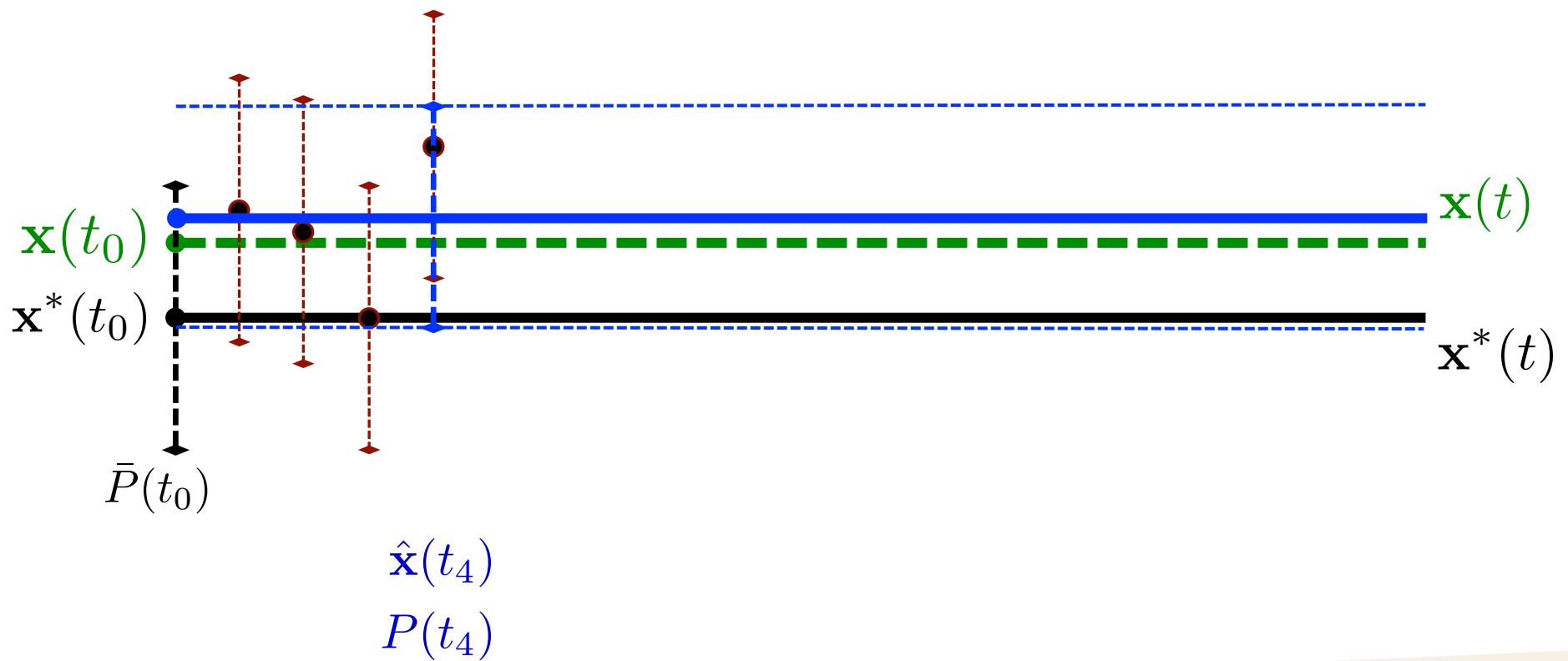
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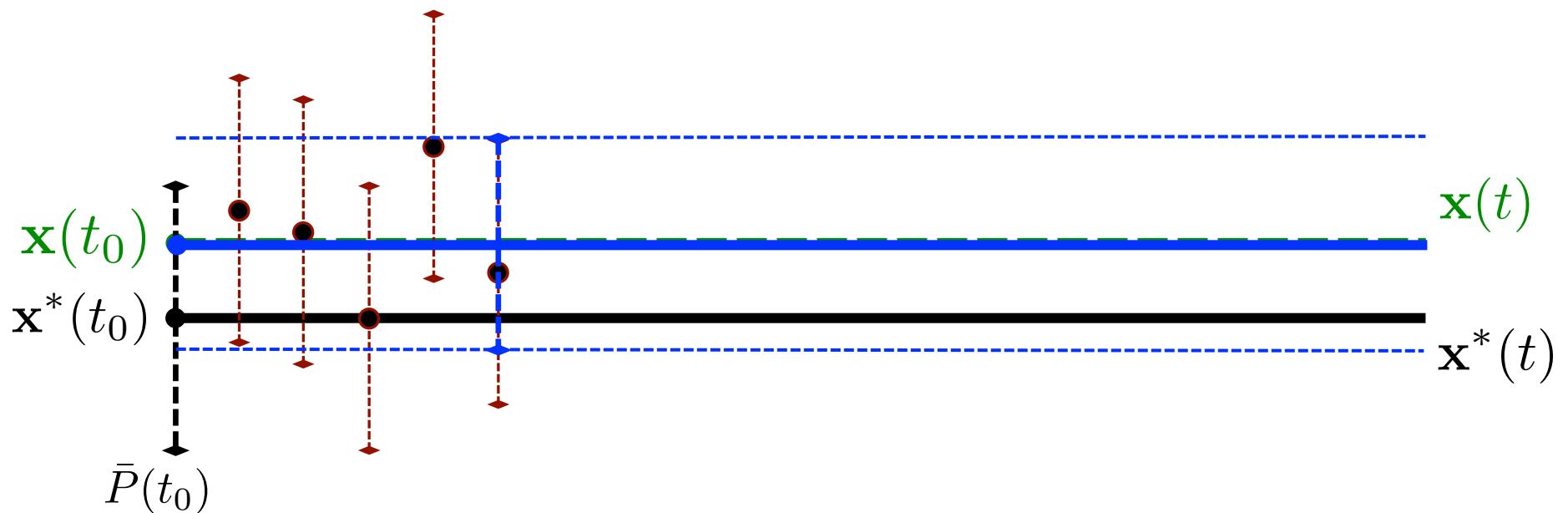
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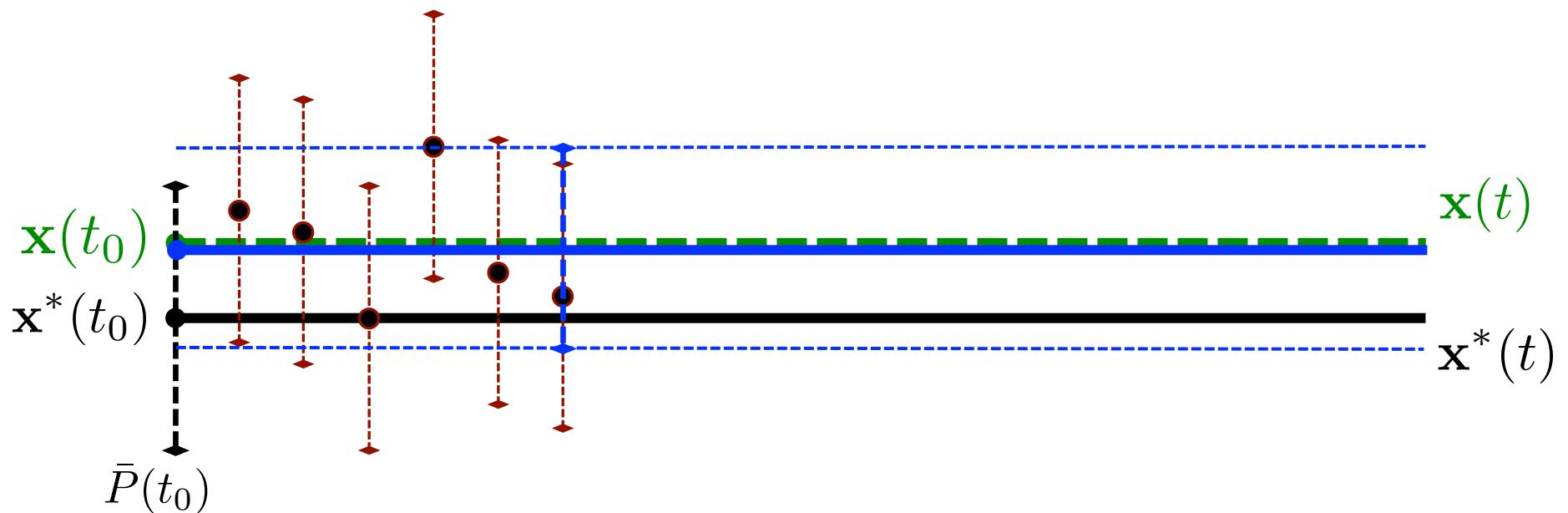
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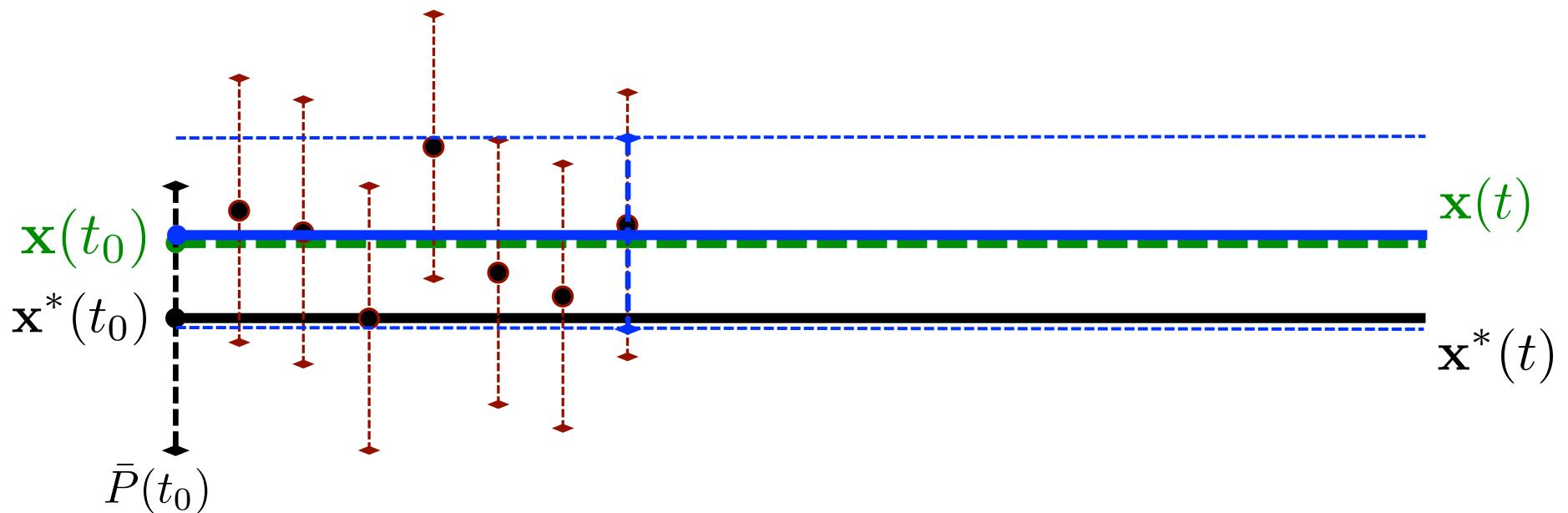
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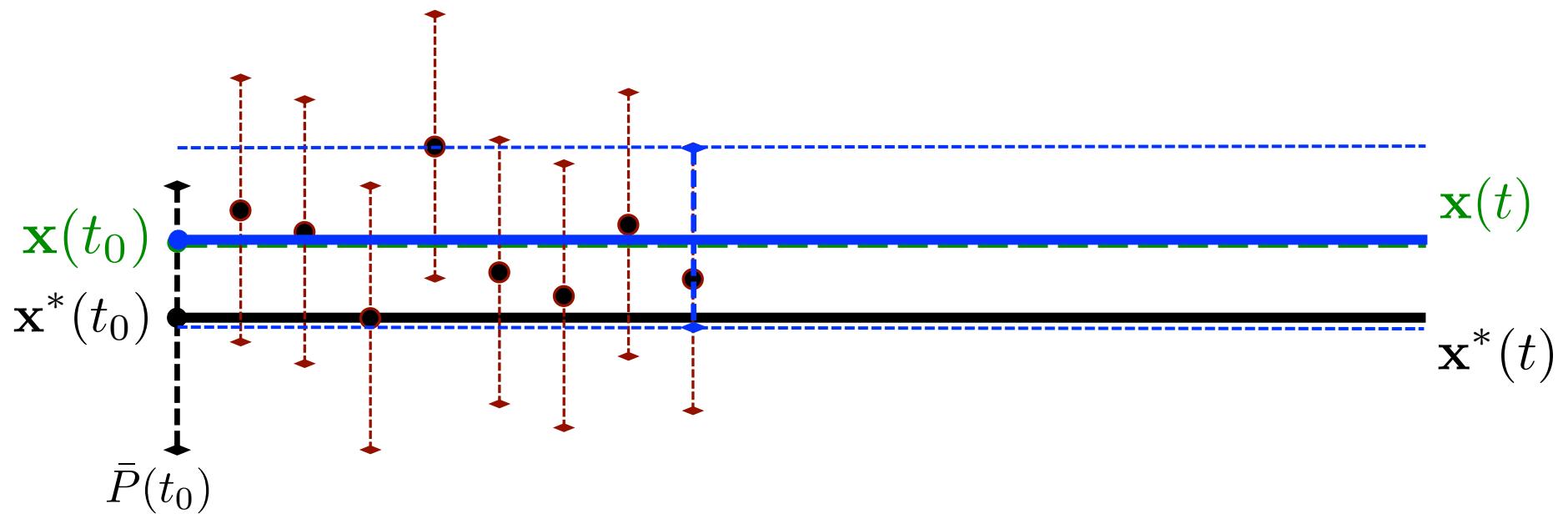
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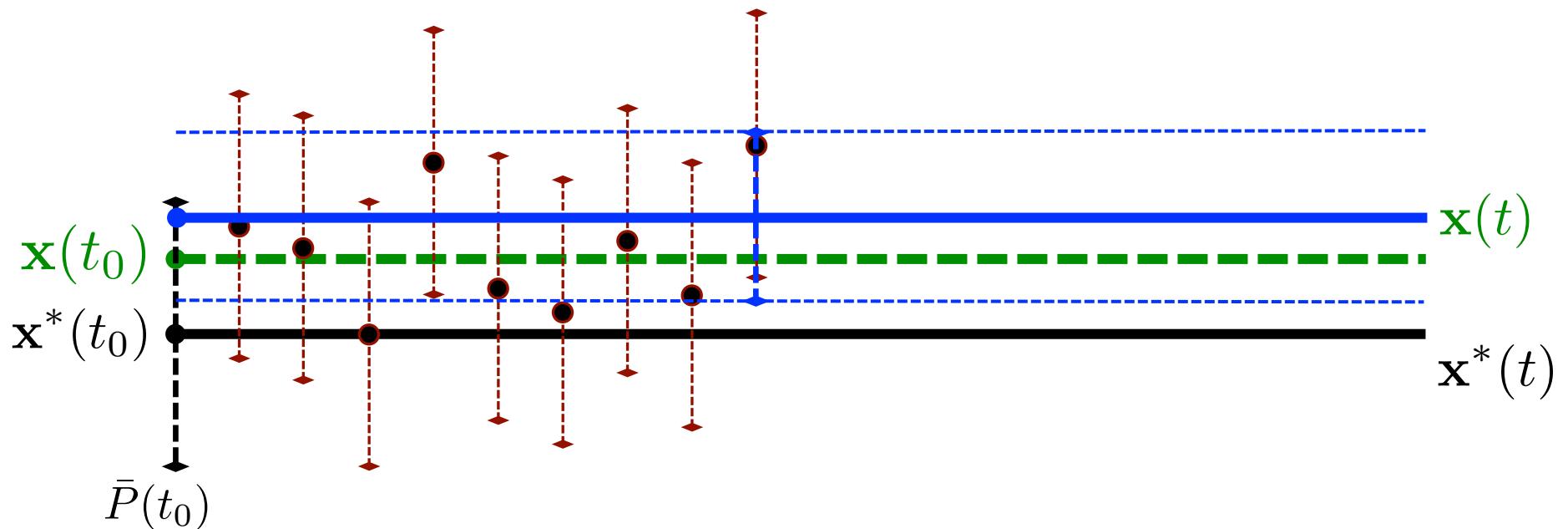
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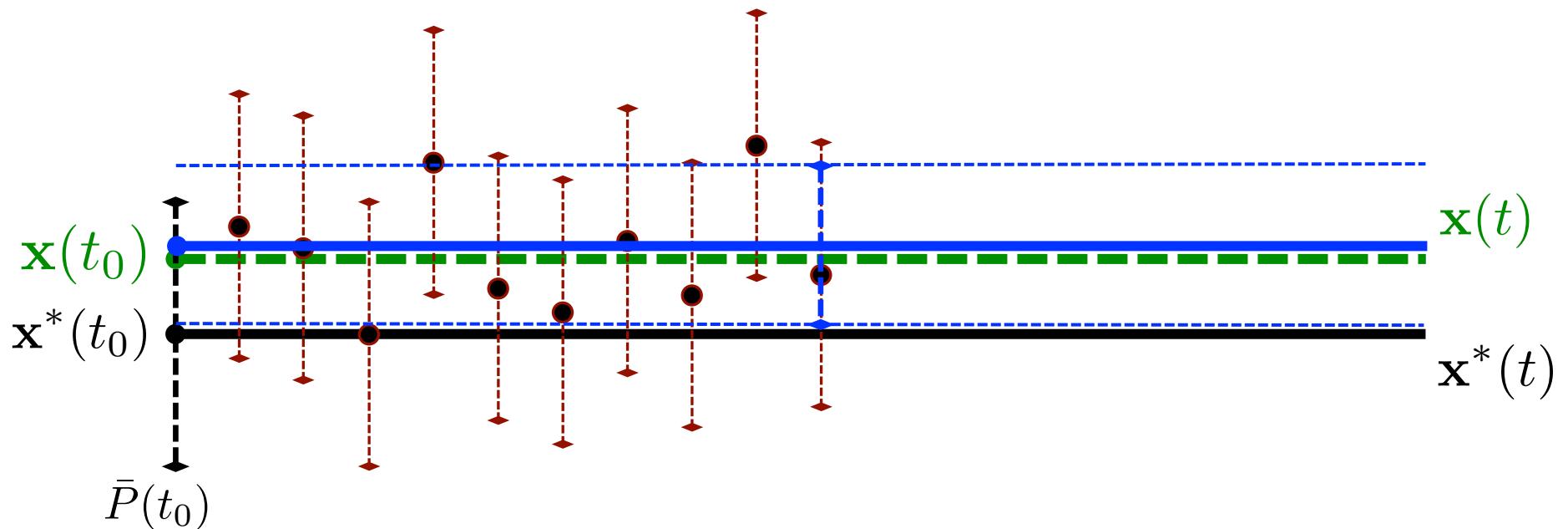
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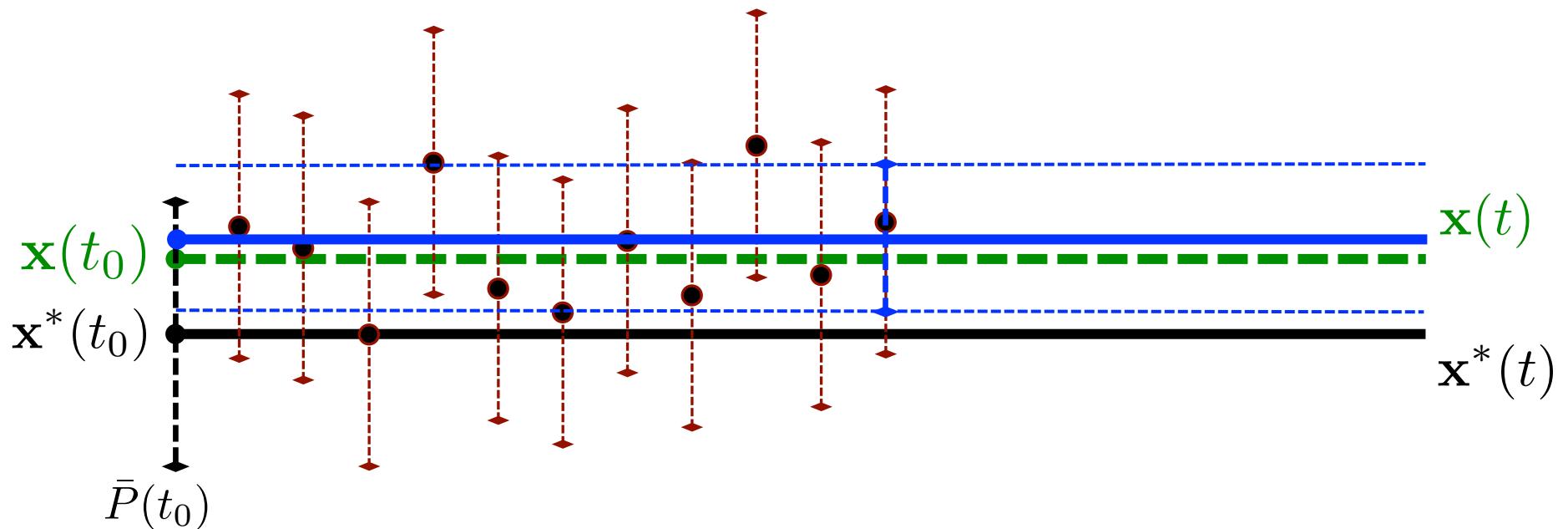
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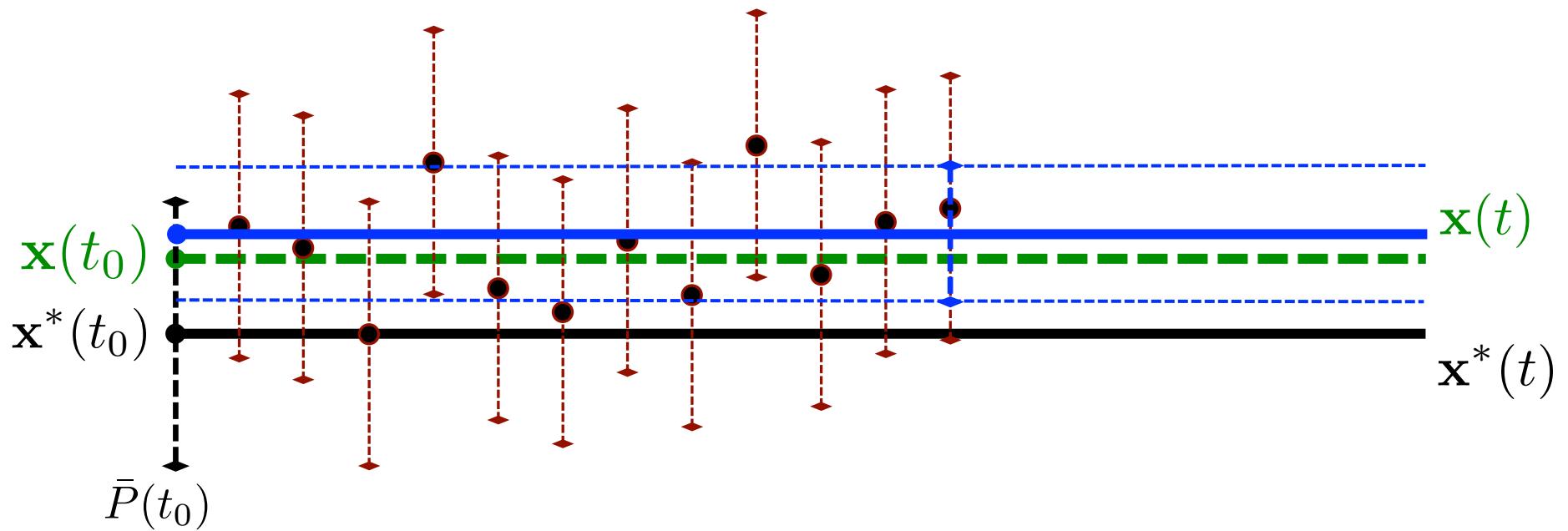
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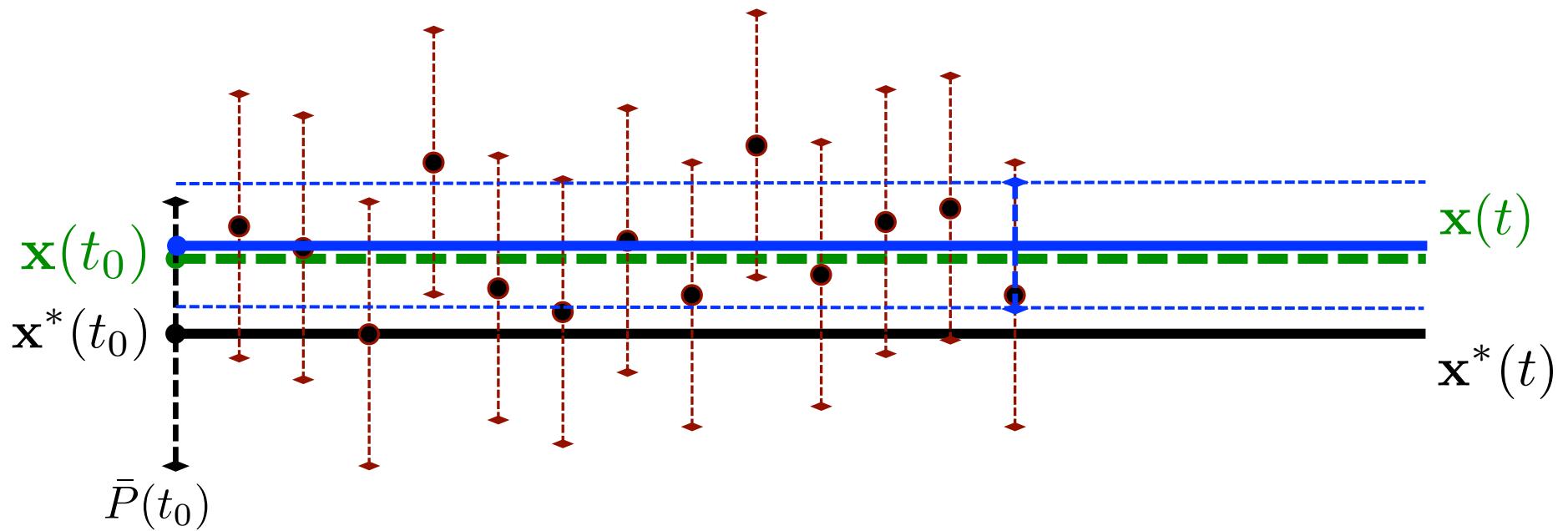
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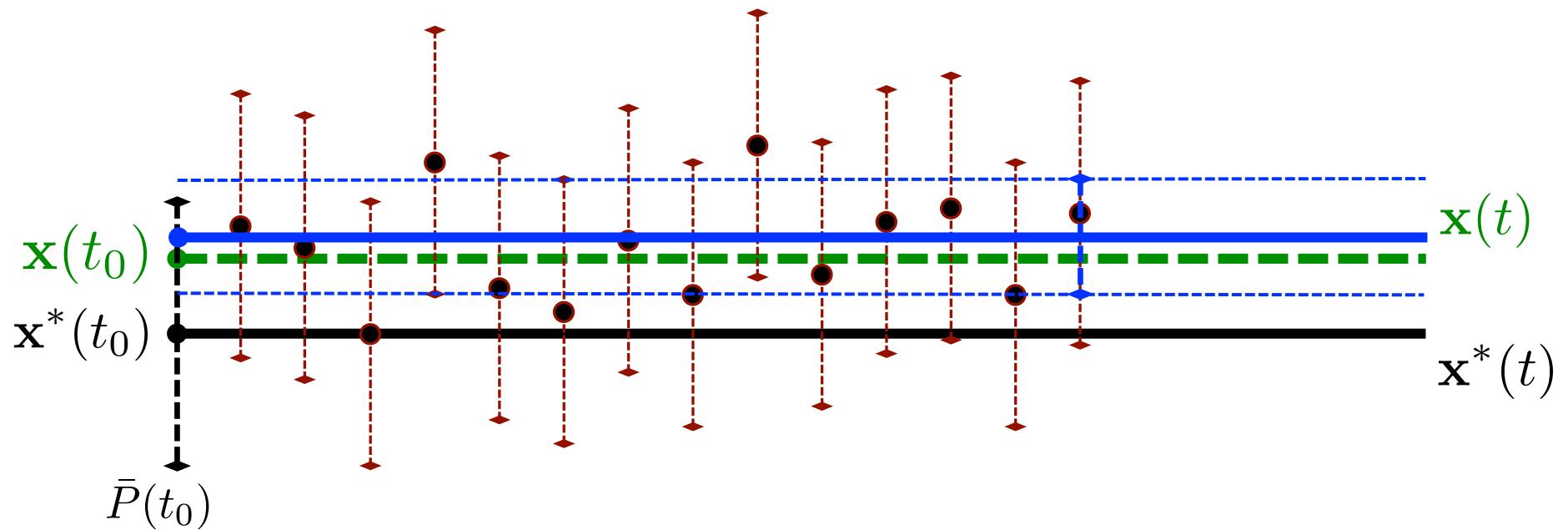
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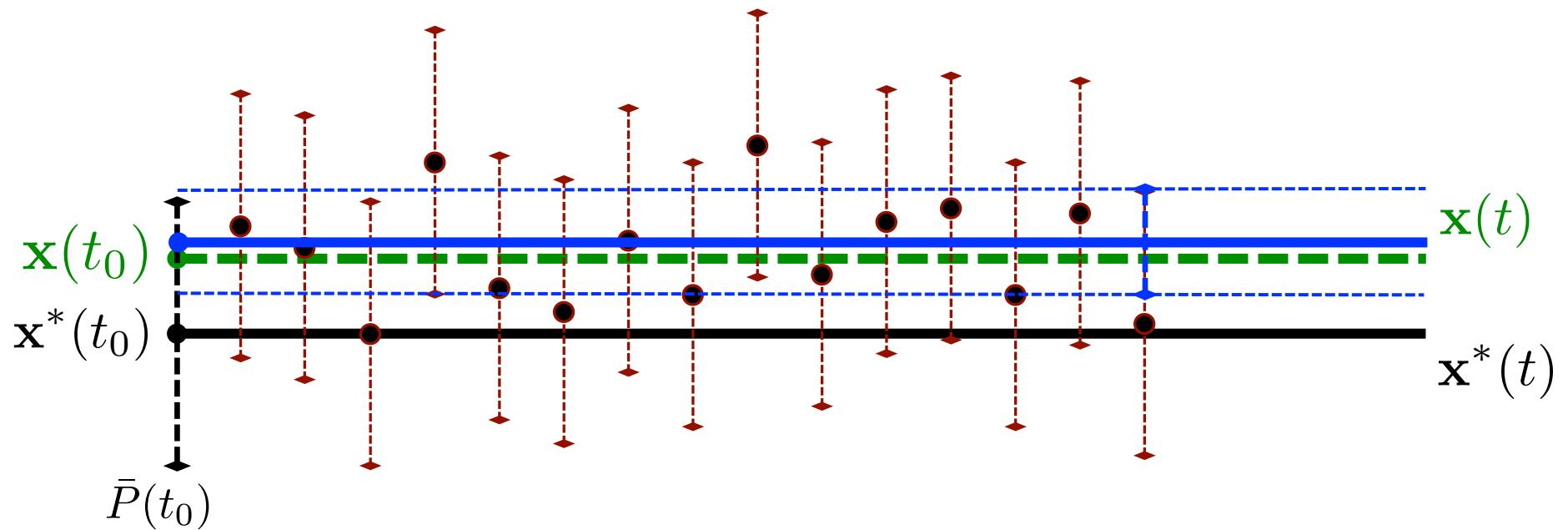
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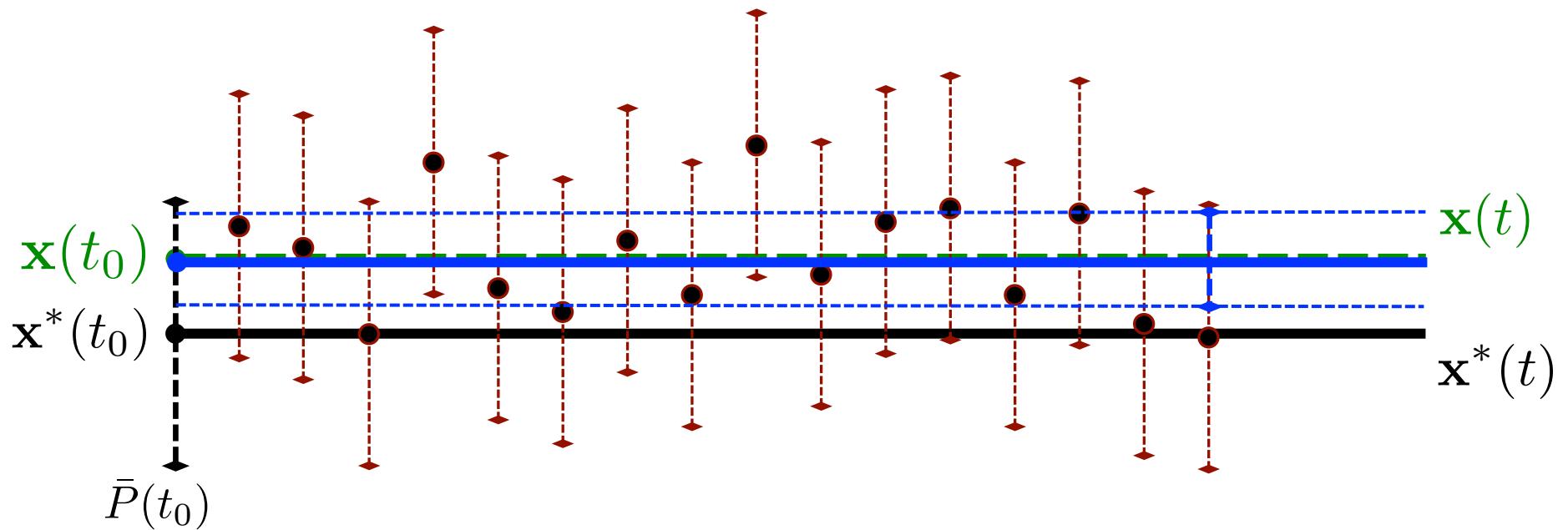
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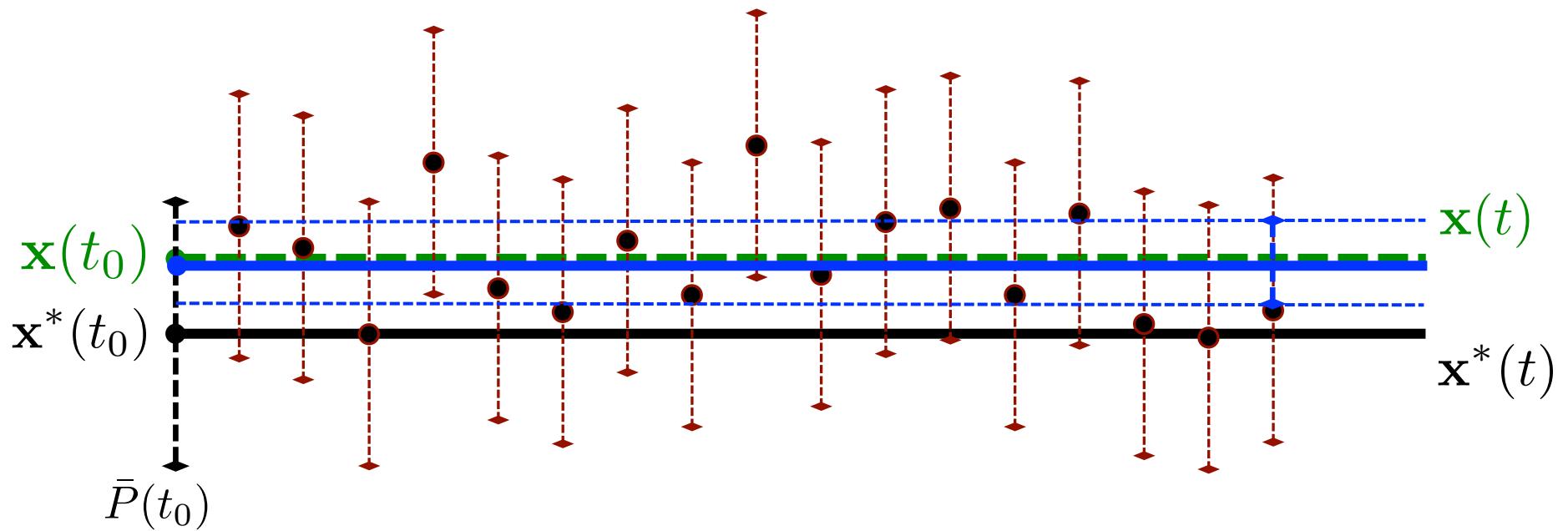
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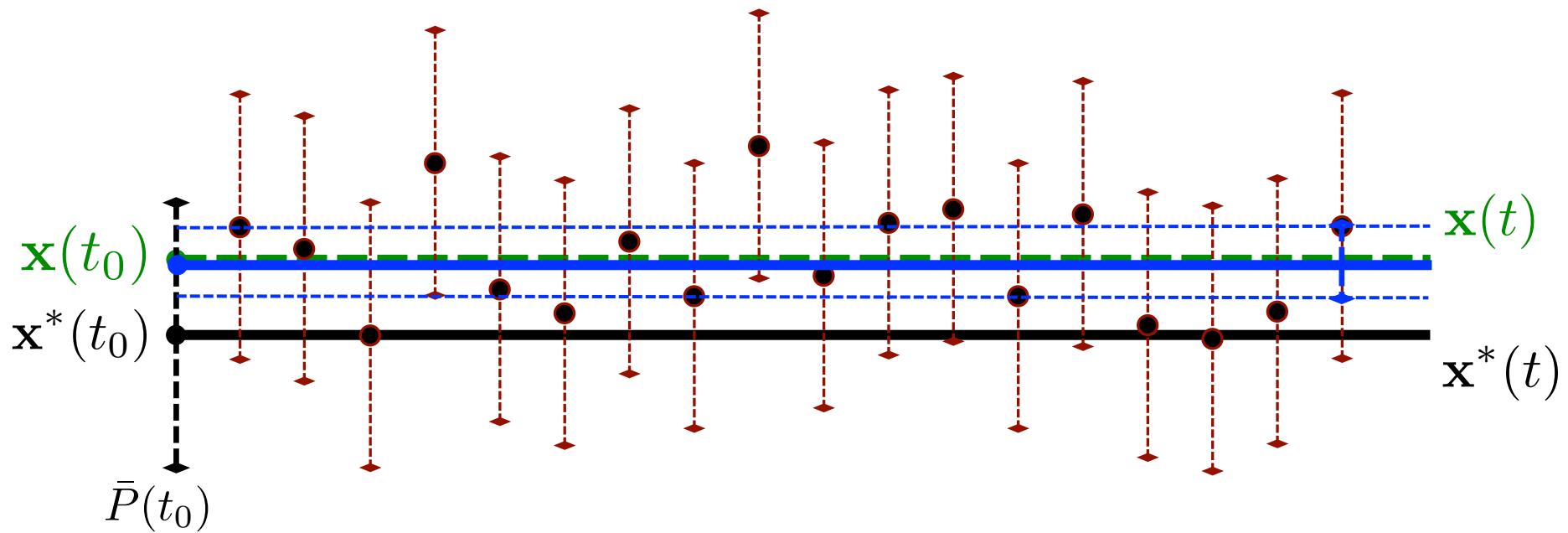
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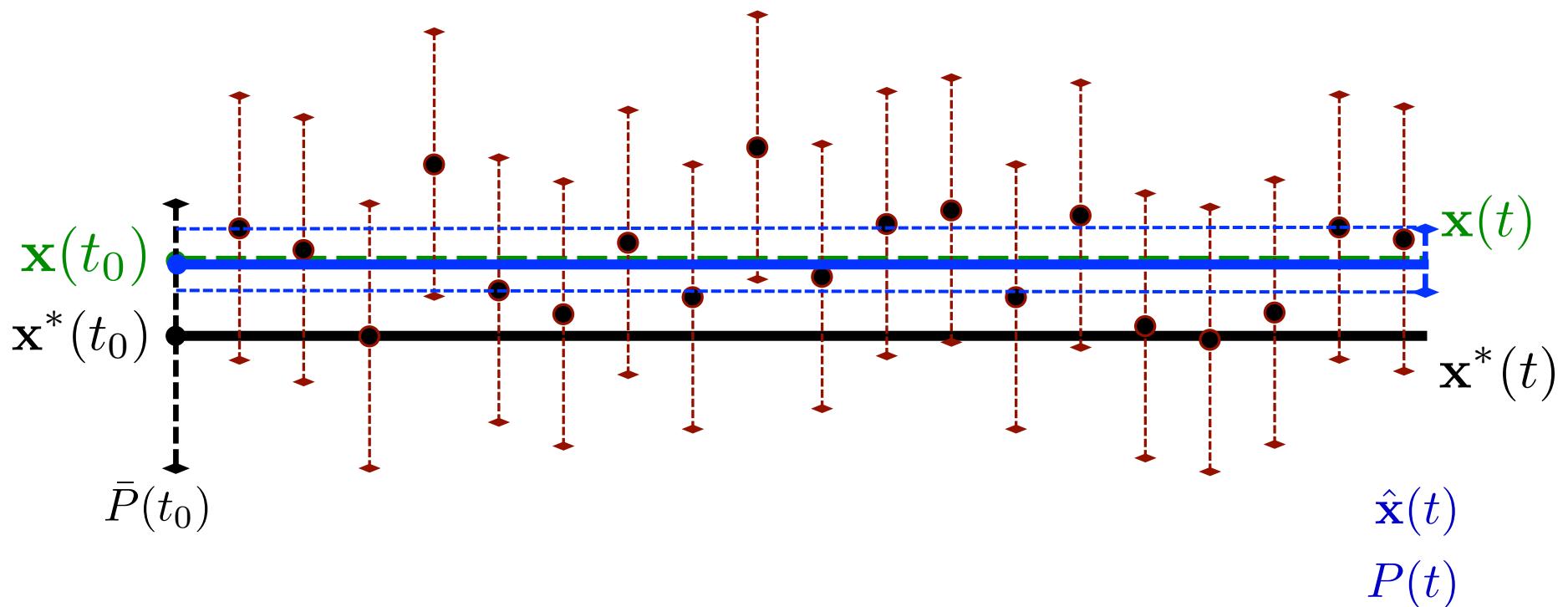
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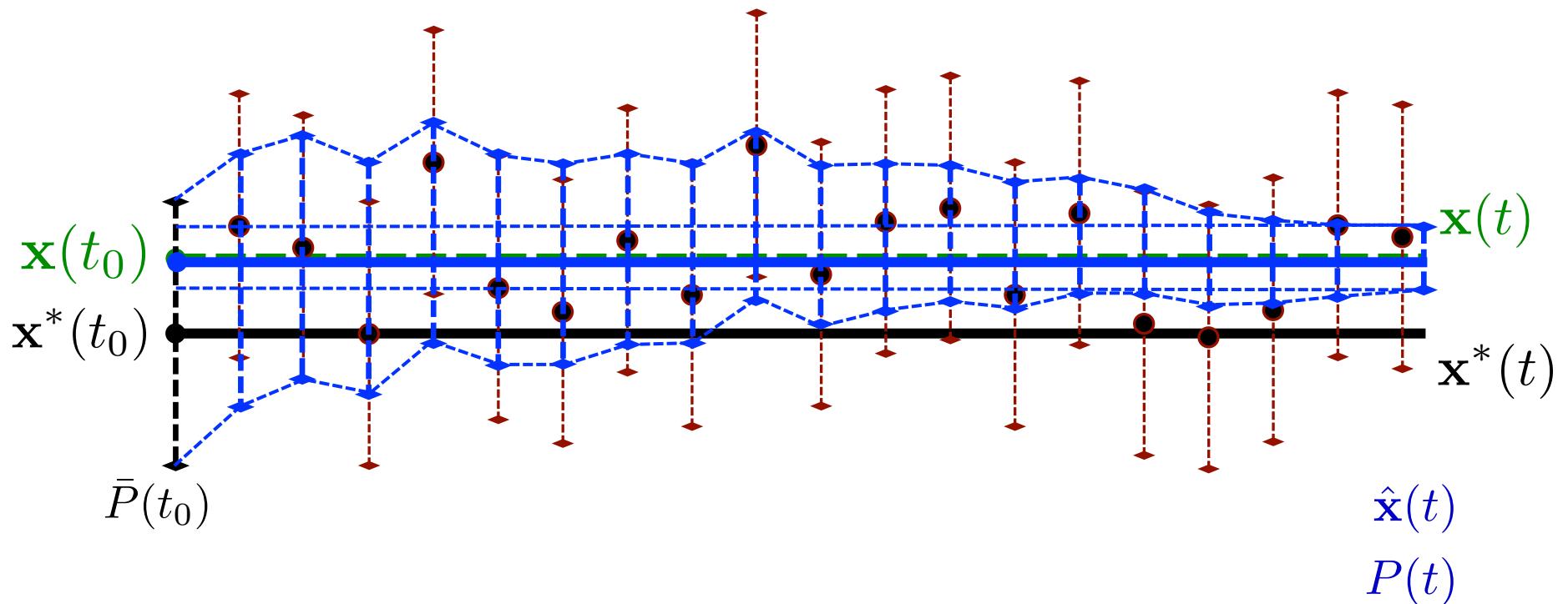
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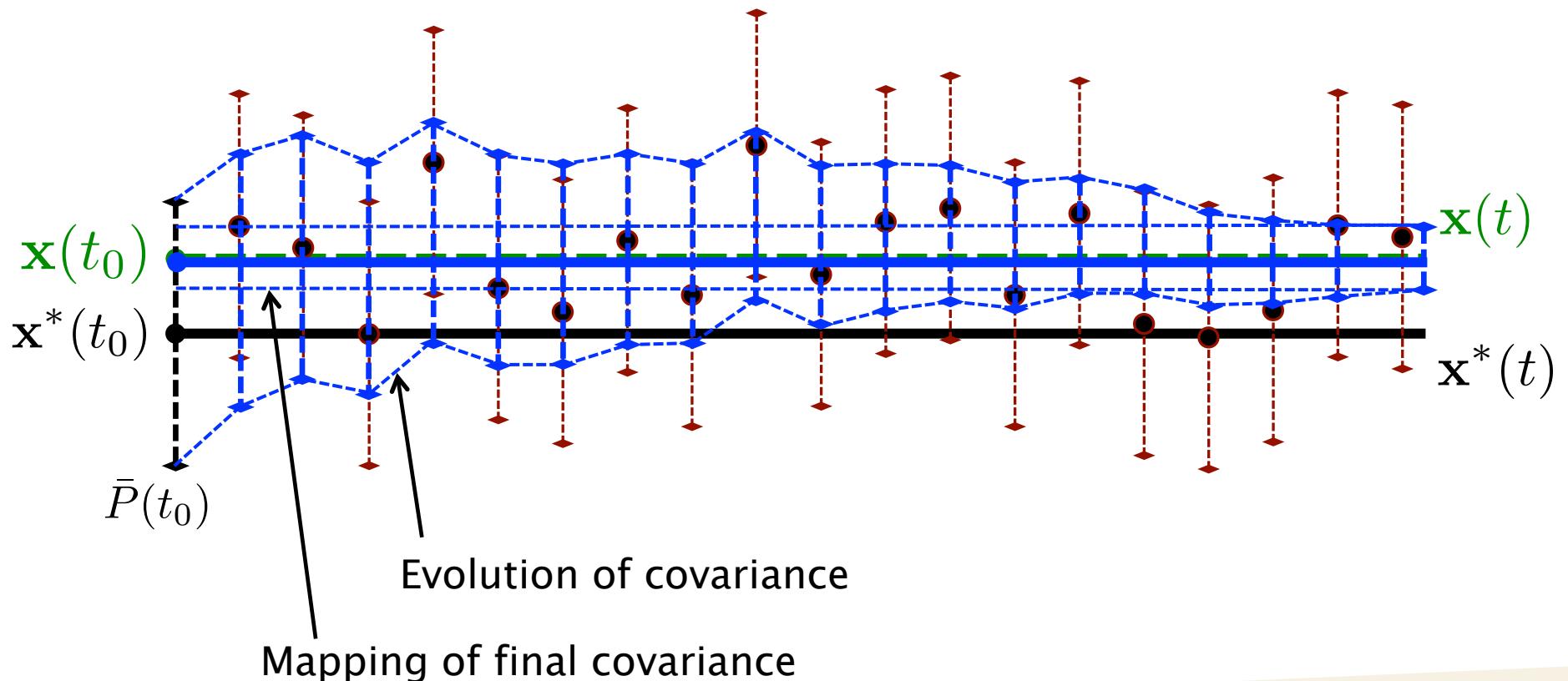
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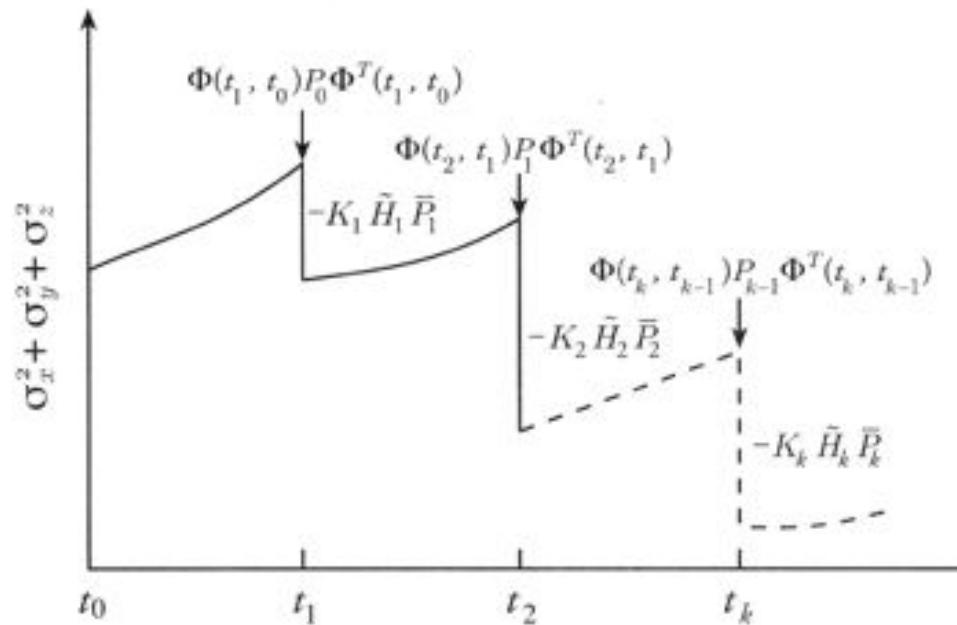
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Evolution of Covariance Matrix

- ▶ Evolution of the covariance matrix as observations are processed.

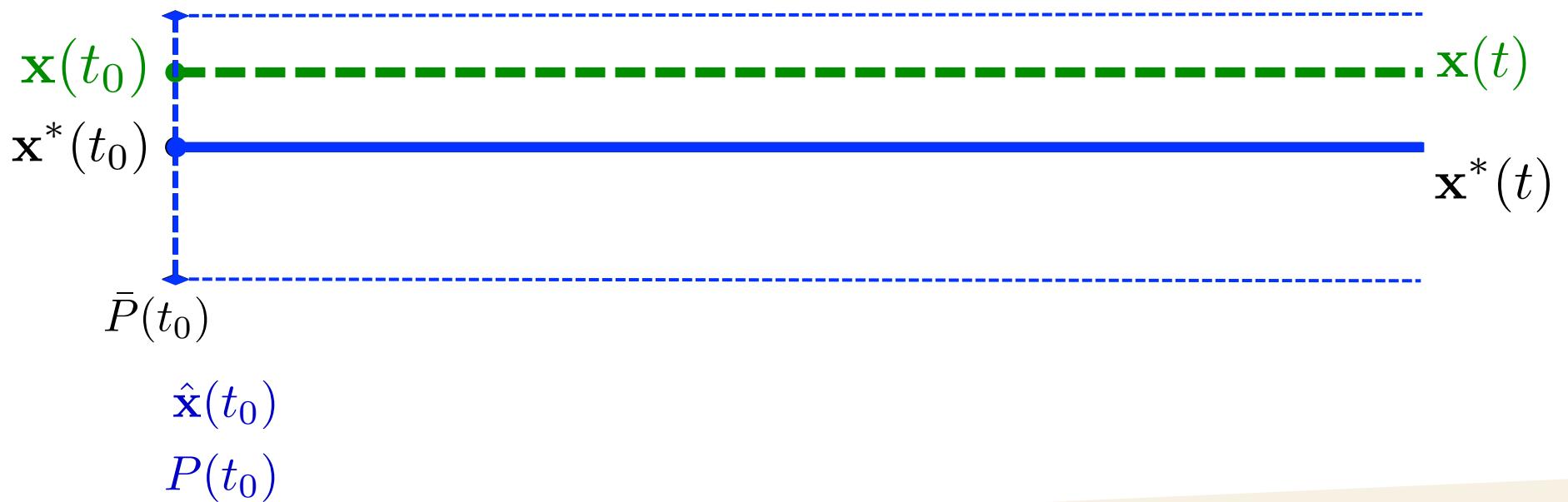


- ▶ Conceptualization of the Extended Kalman Filter (EKF)
- ▶ Major change: the reference trajectory is updated by the best estimate after every measurement.



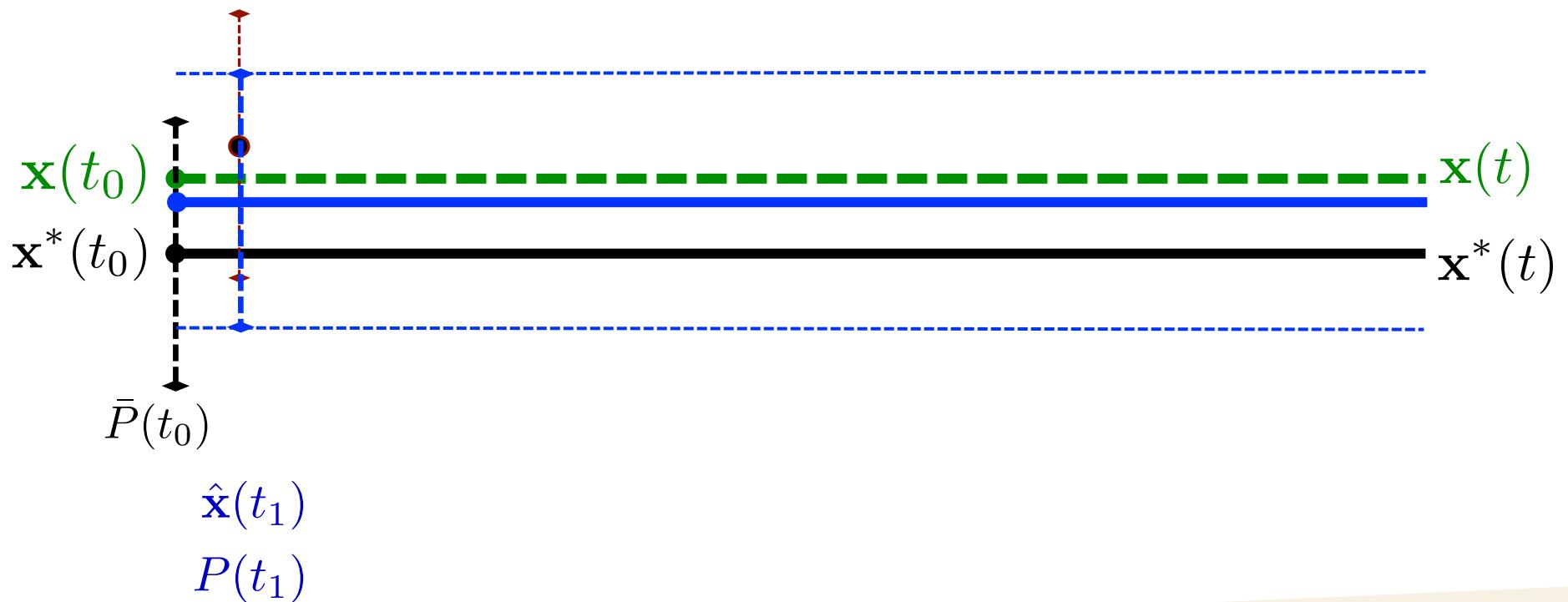
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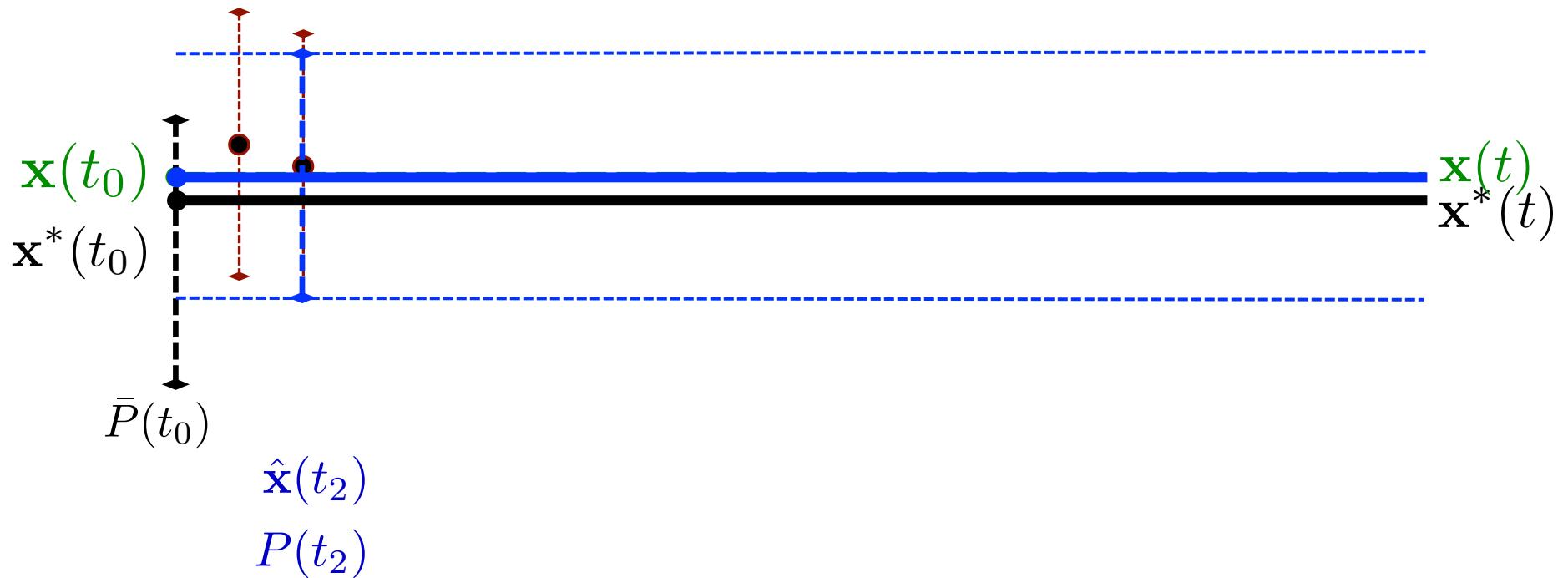
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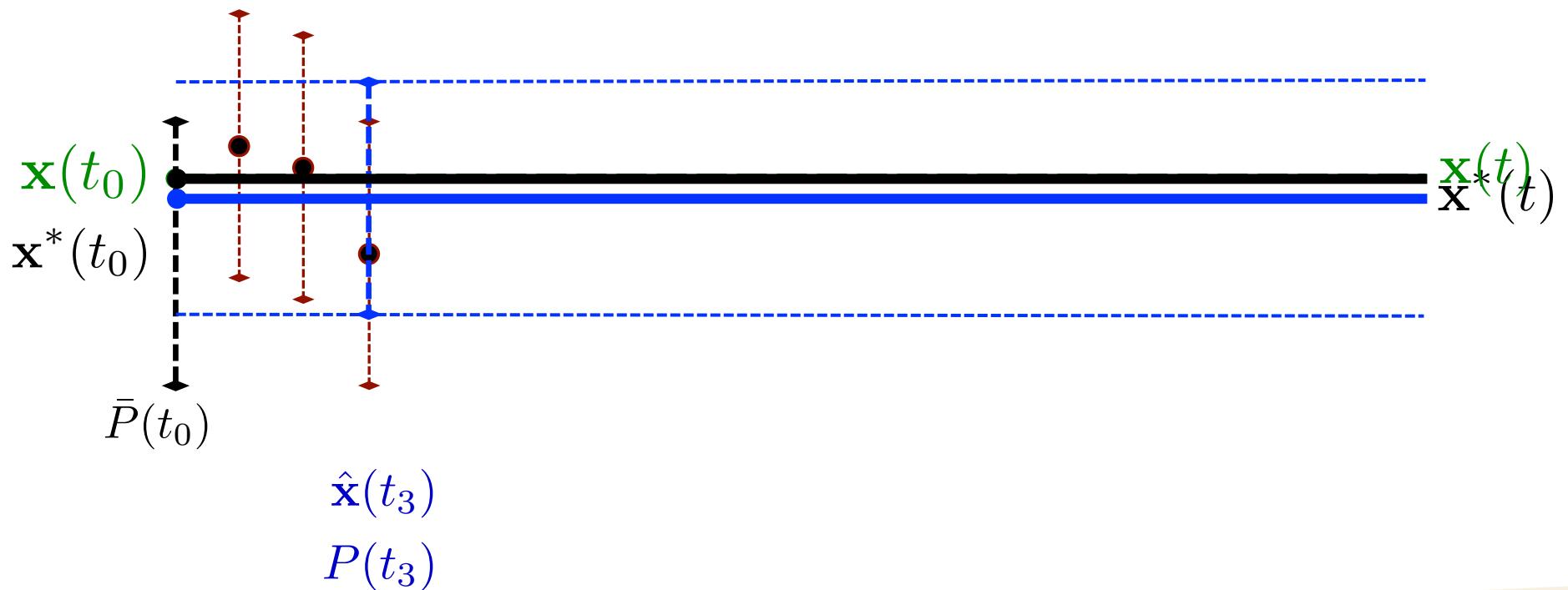
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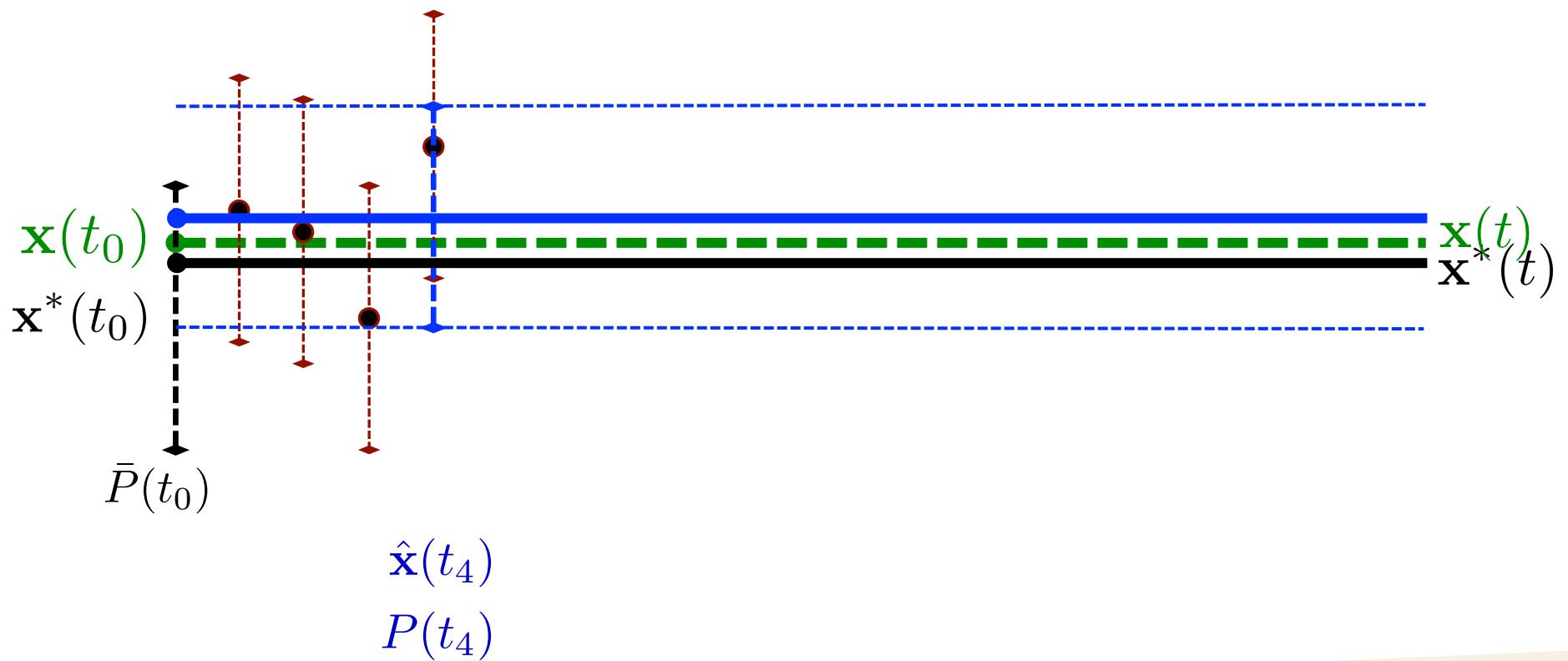
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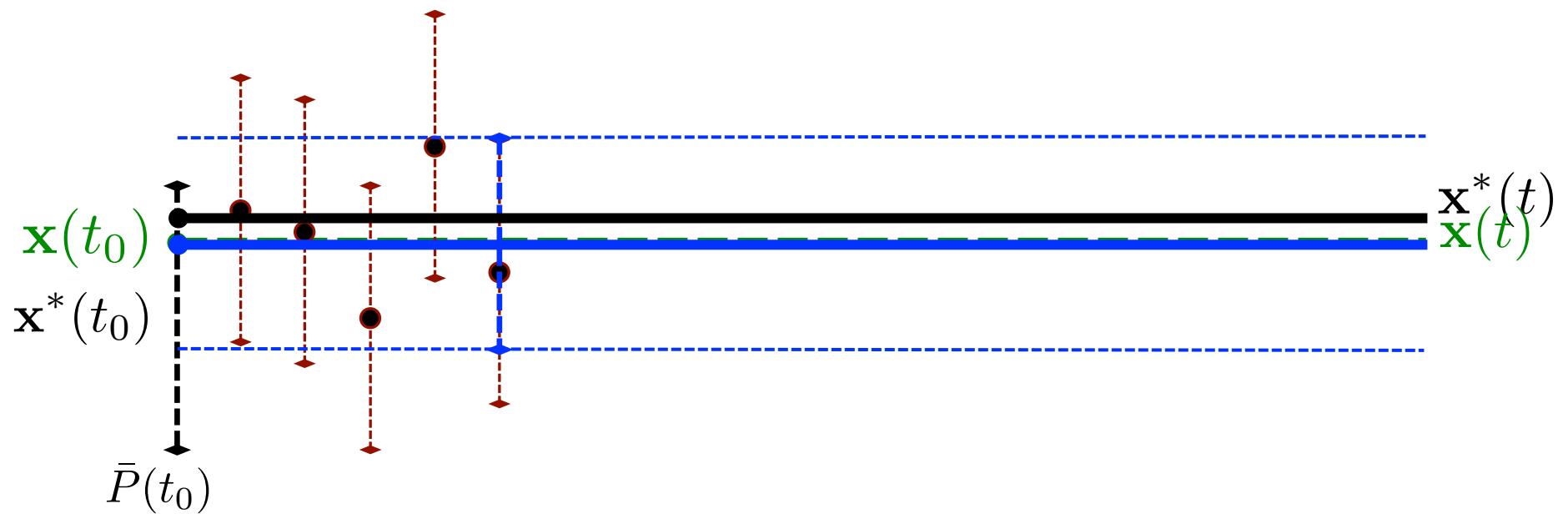
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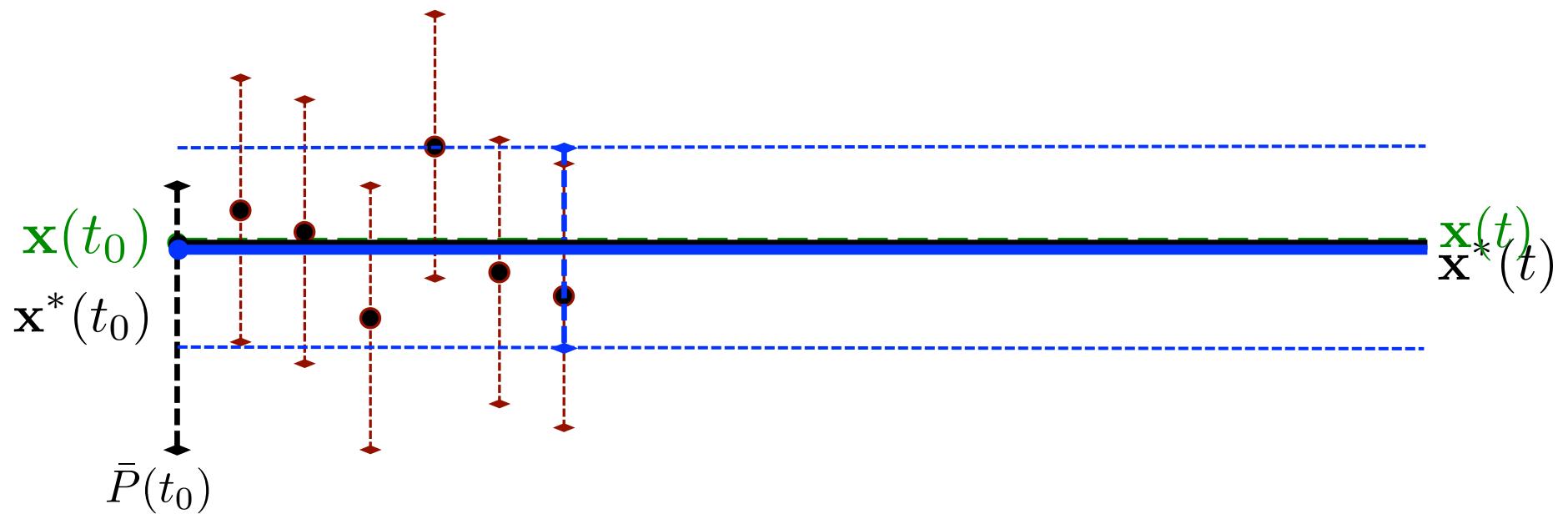
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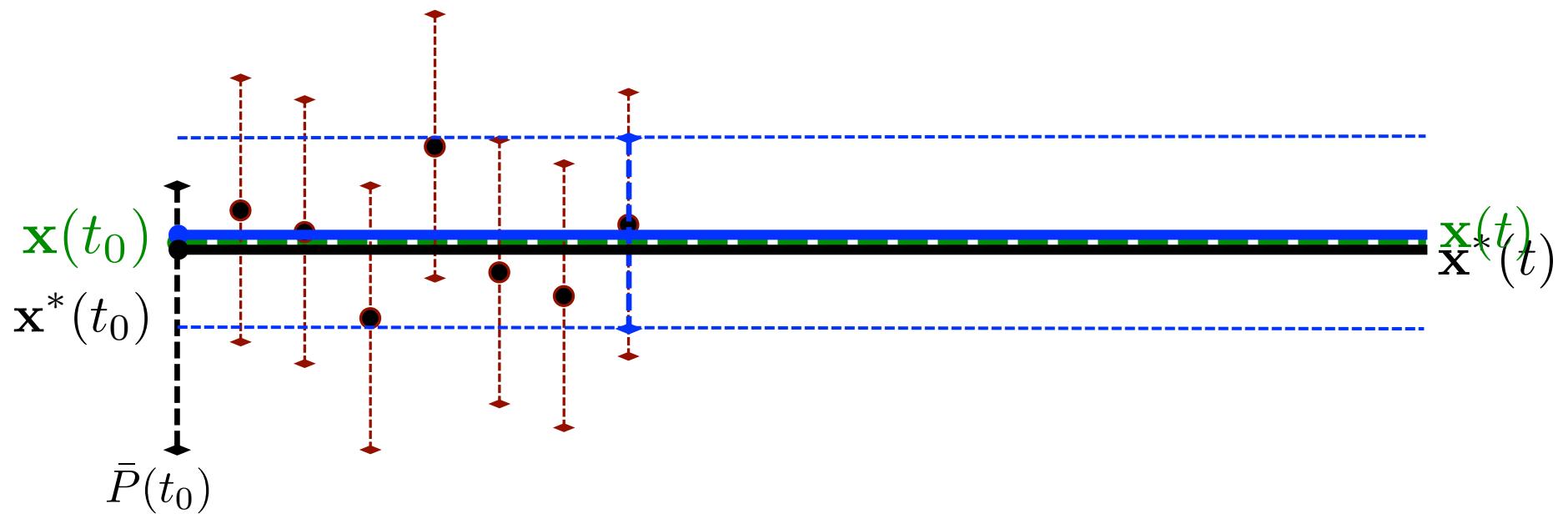
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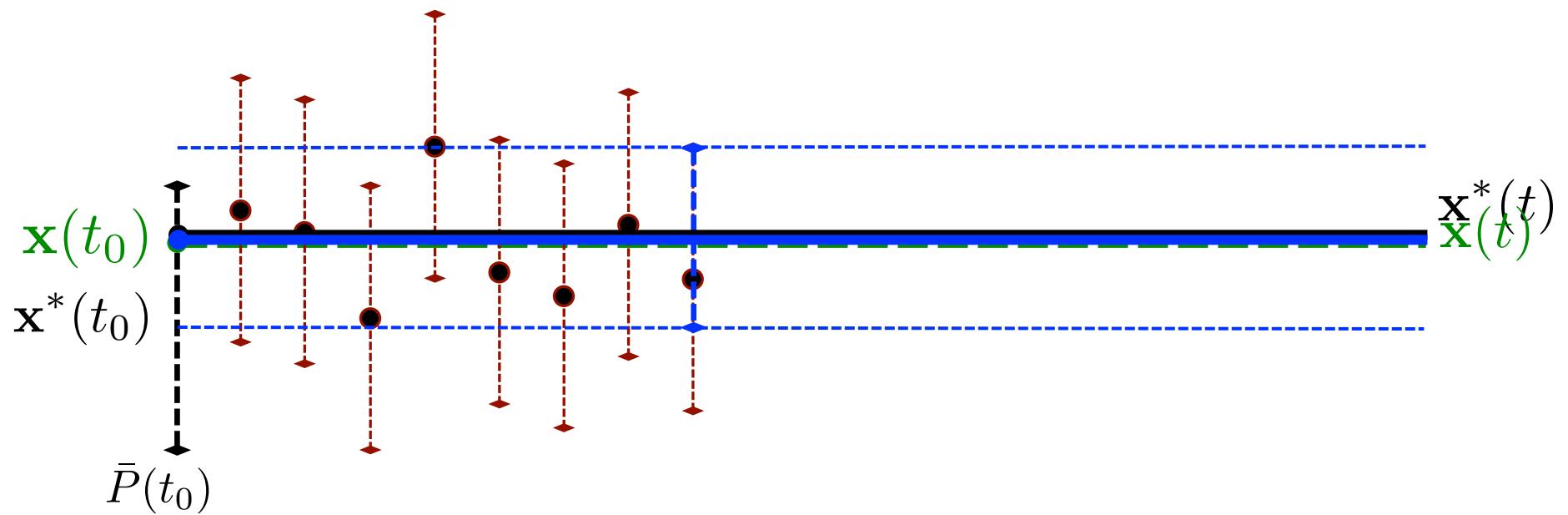
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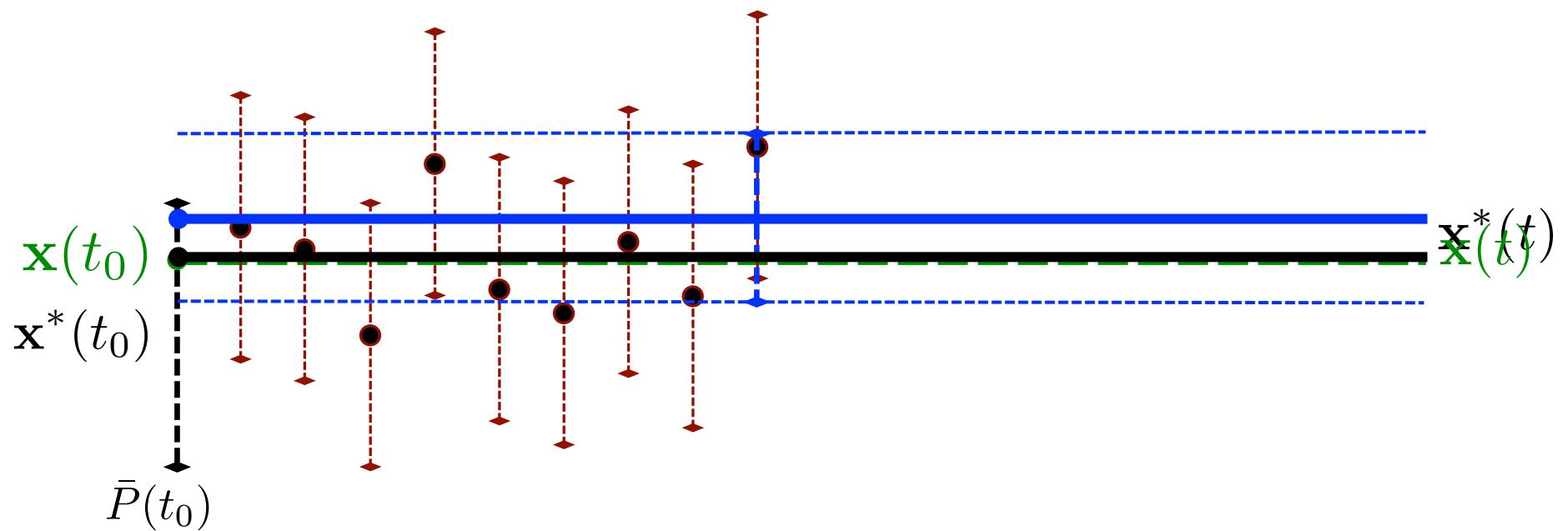
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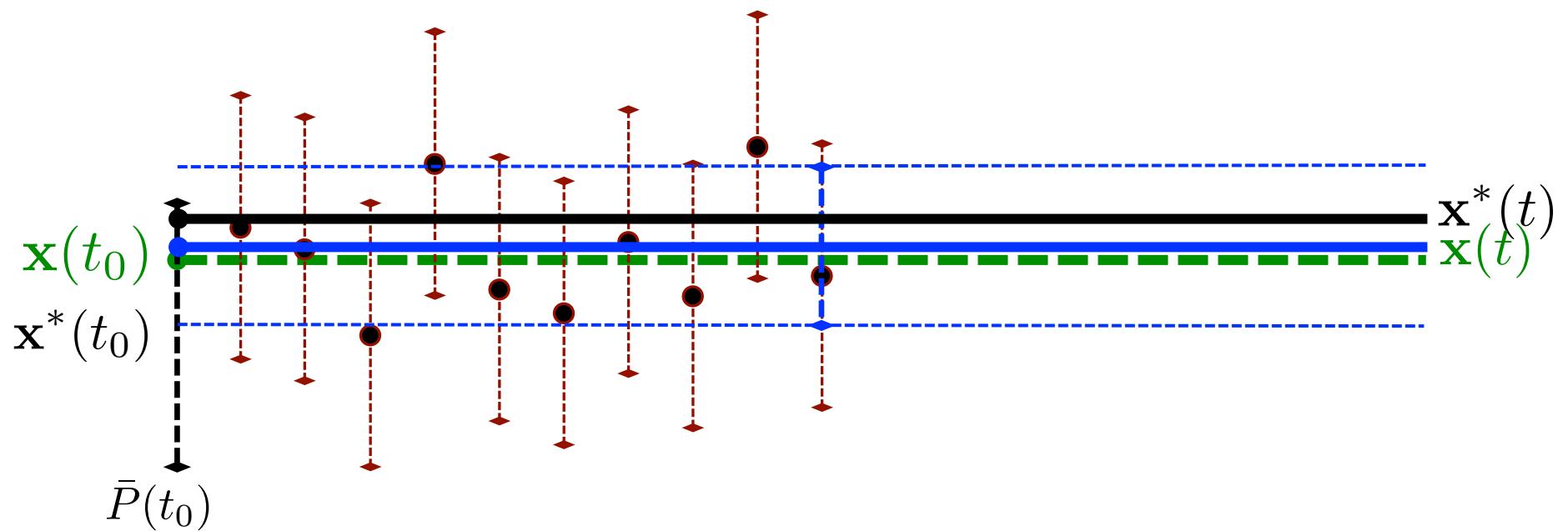
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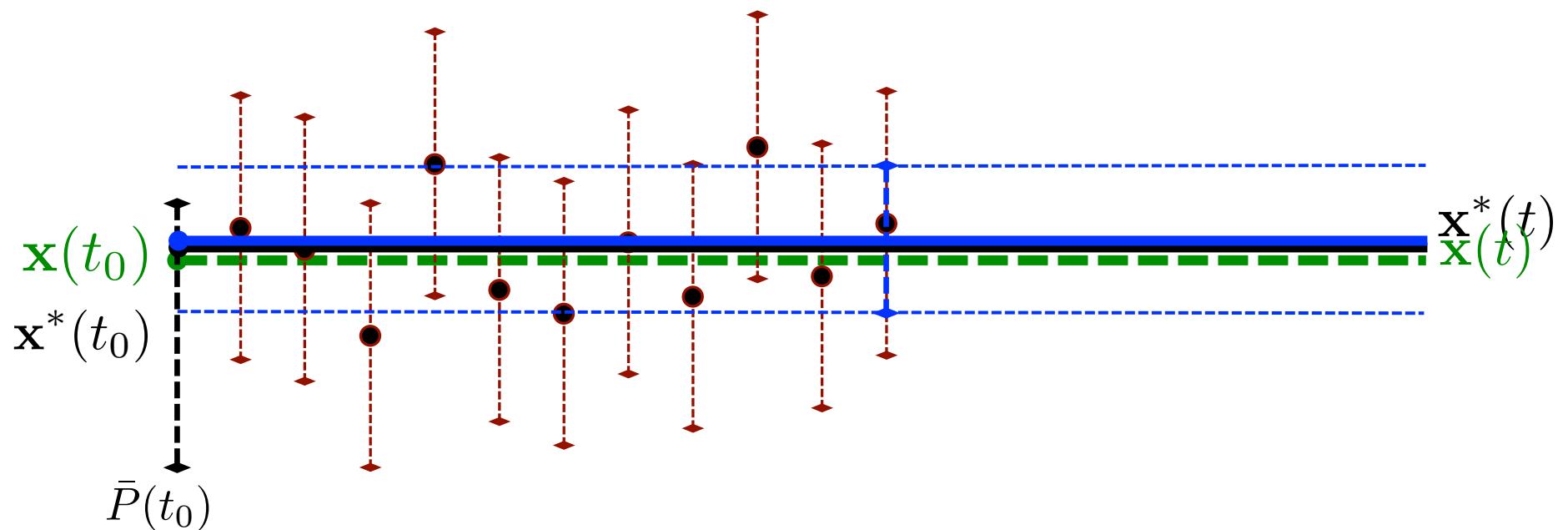
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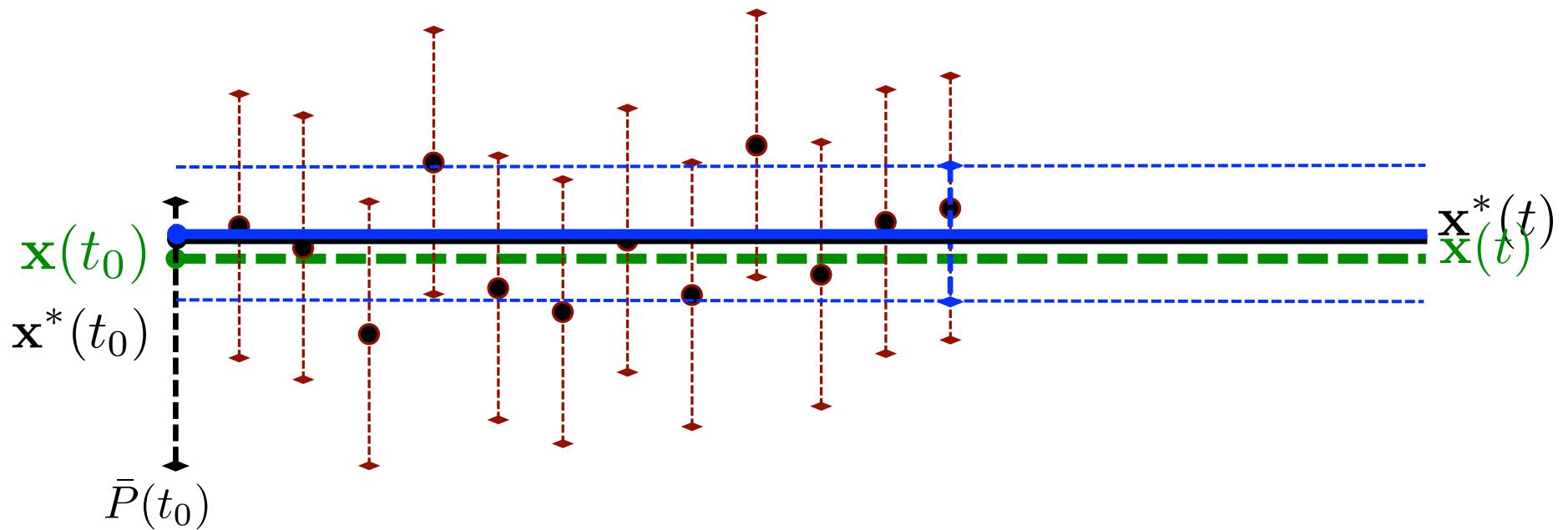
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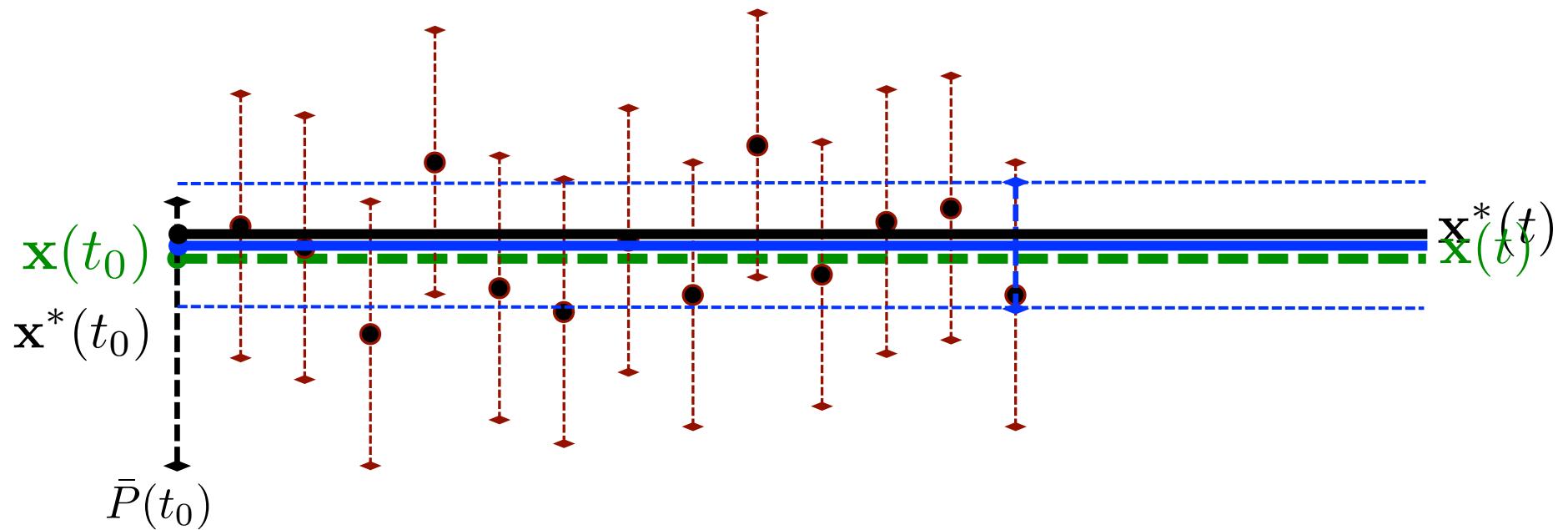
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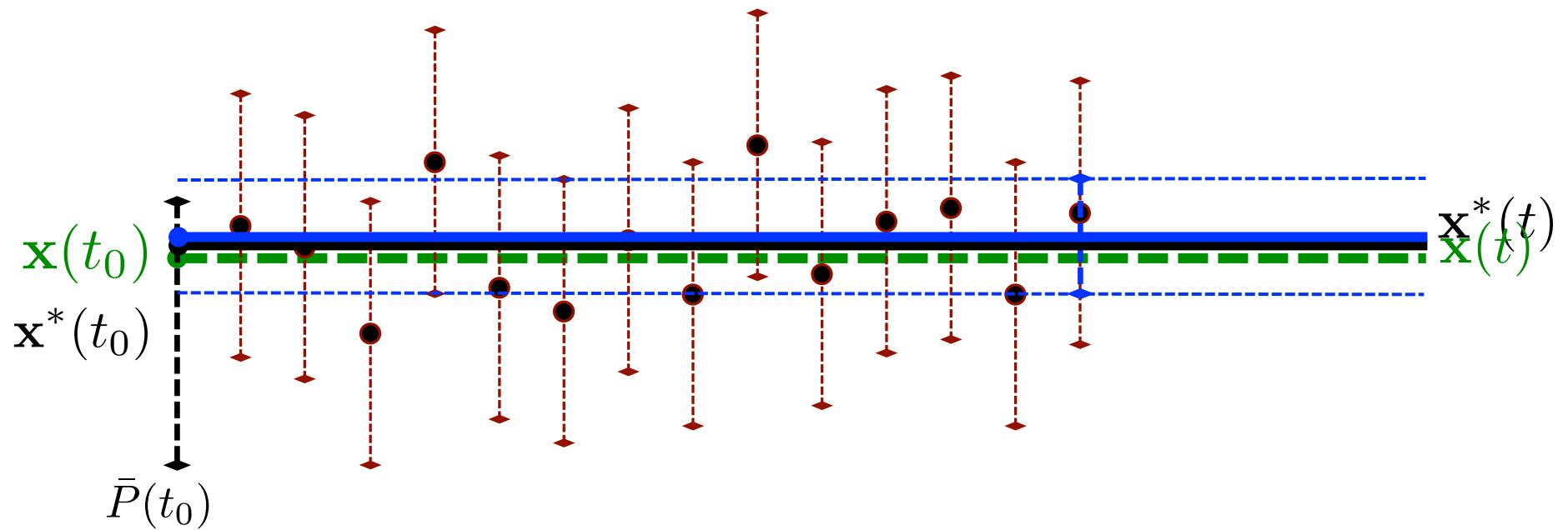
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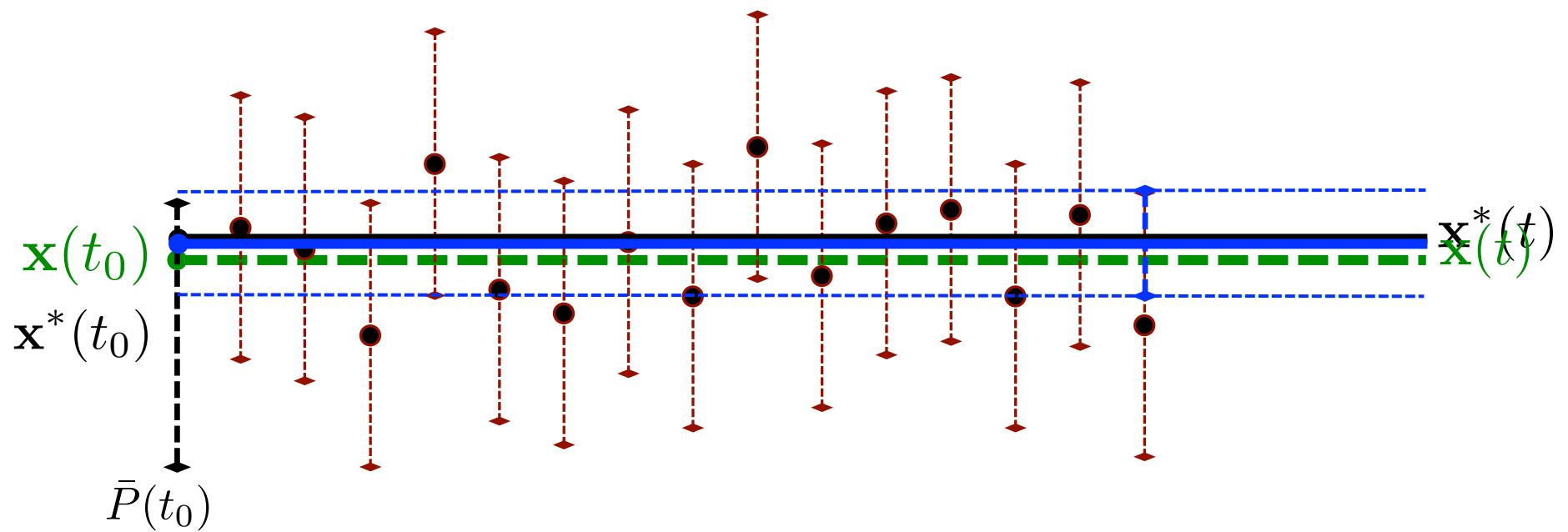
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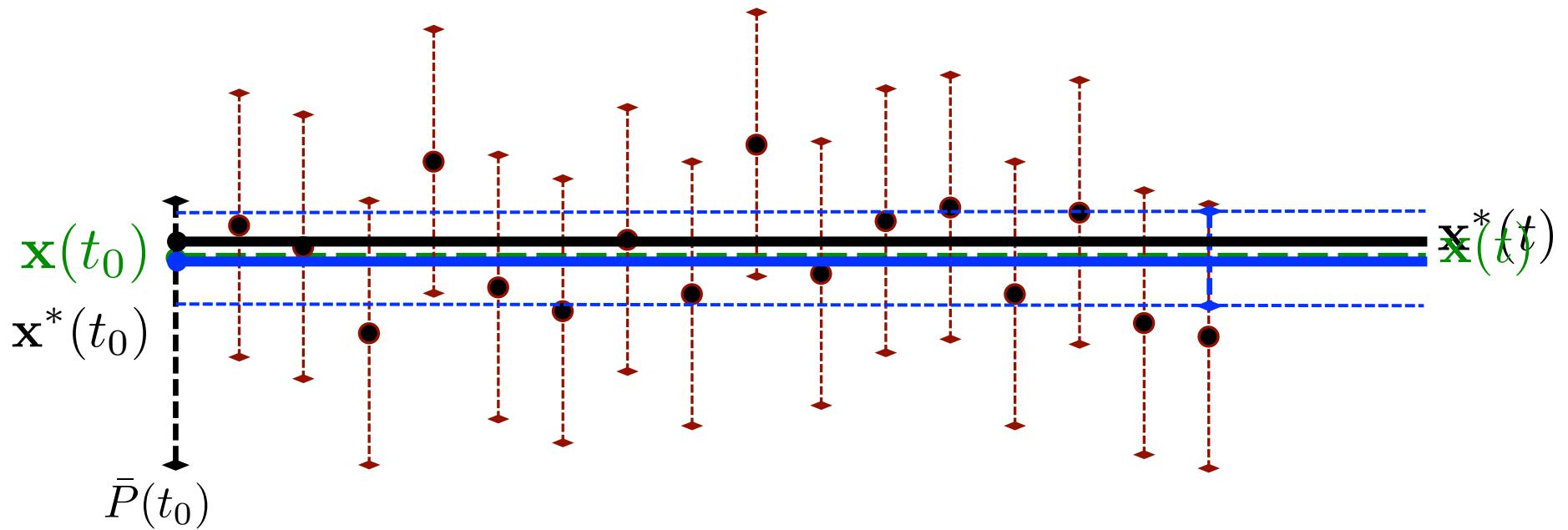
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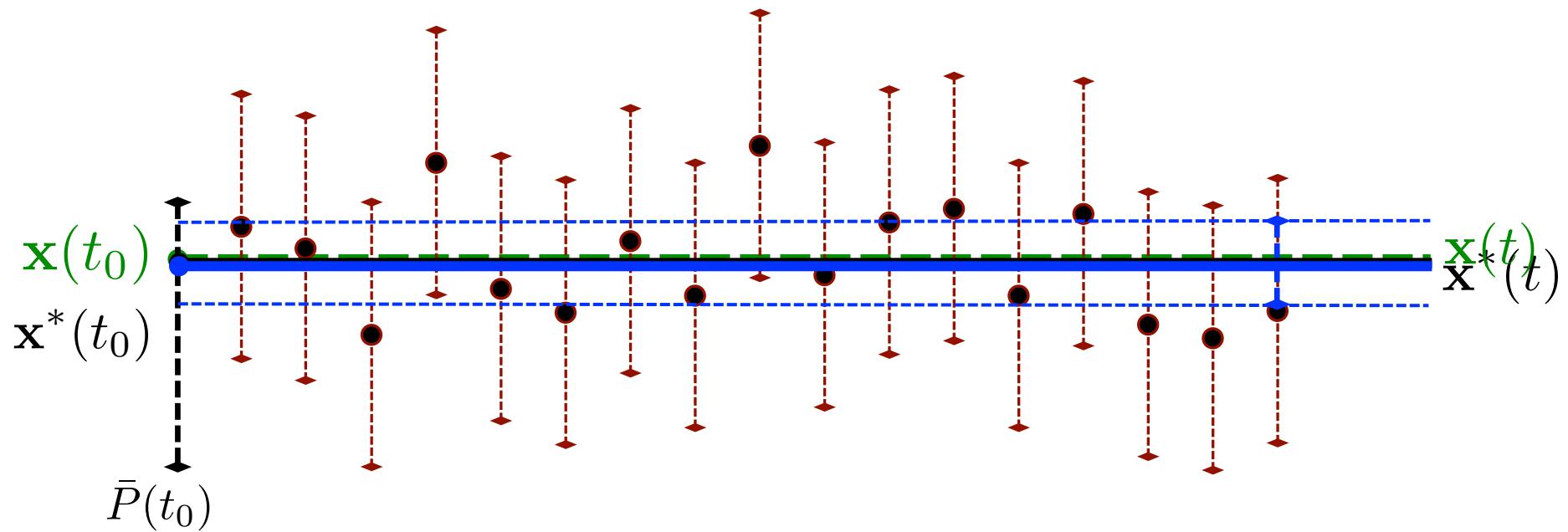
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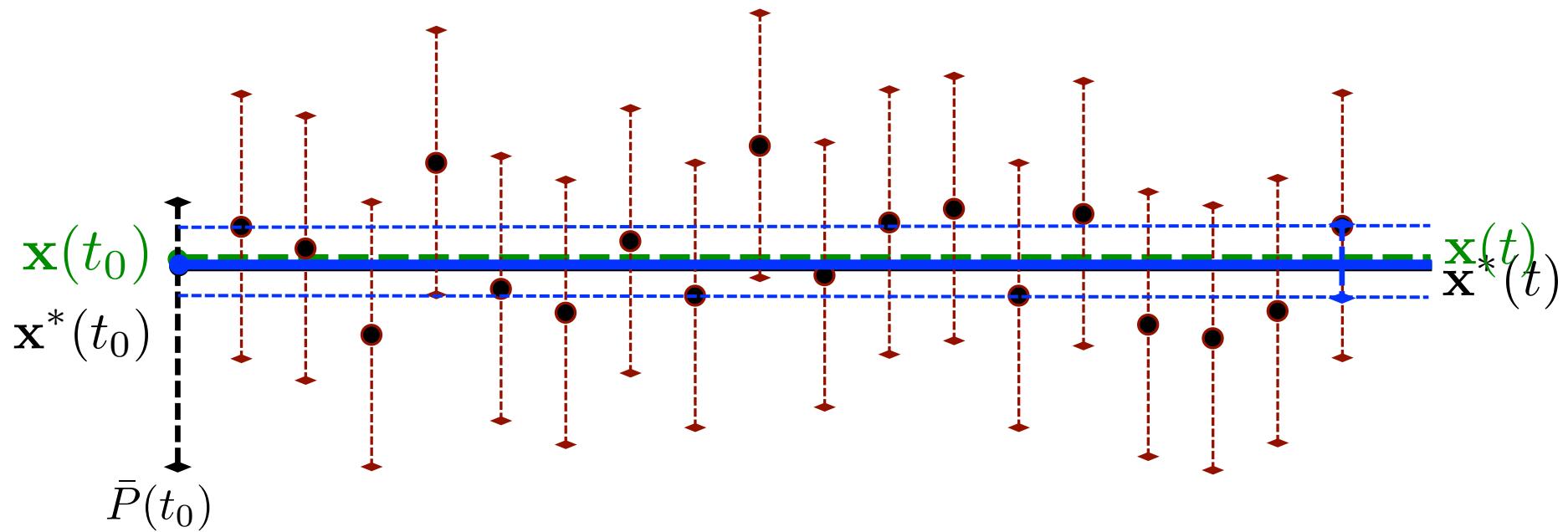
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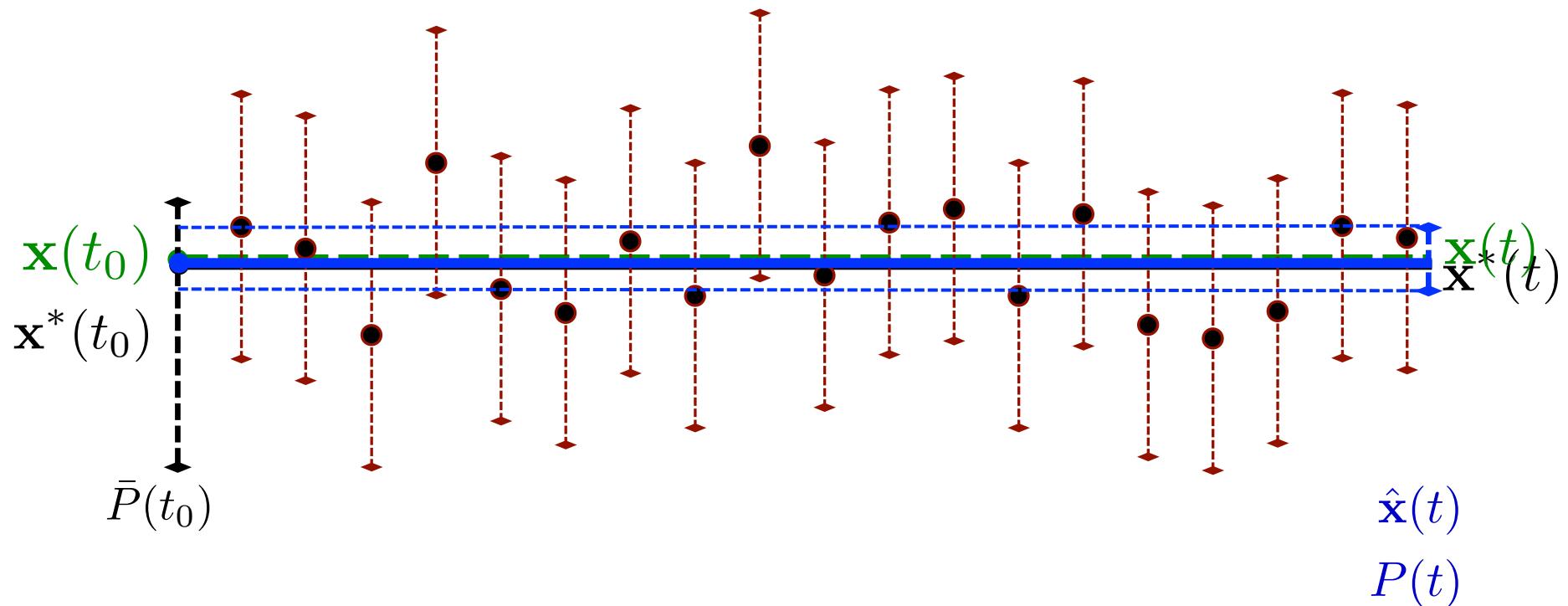
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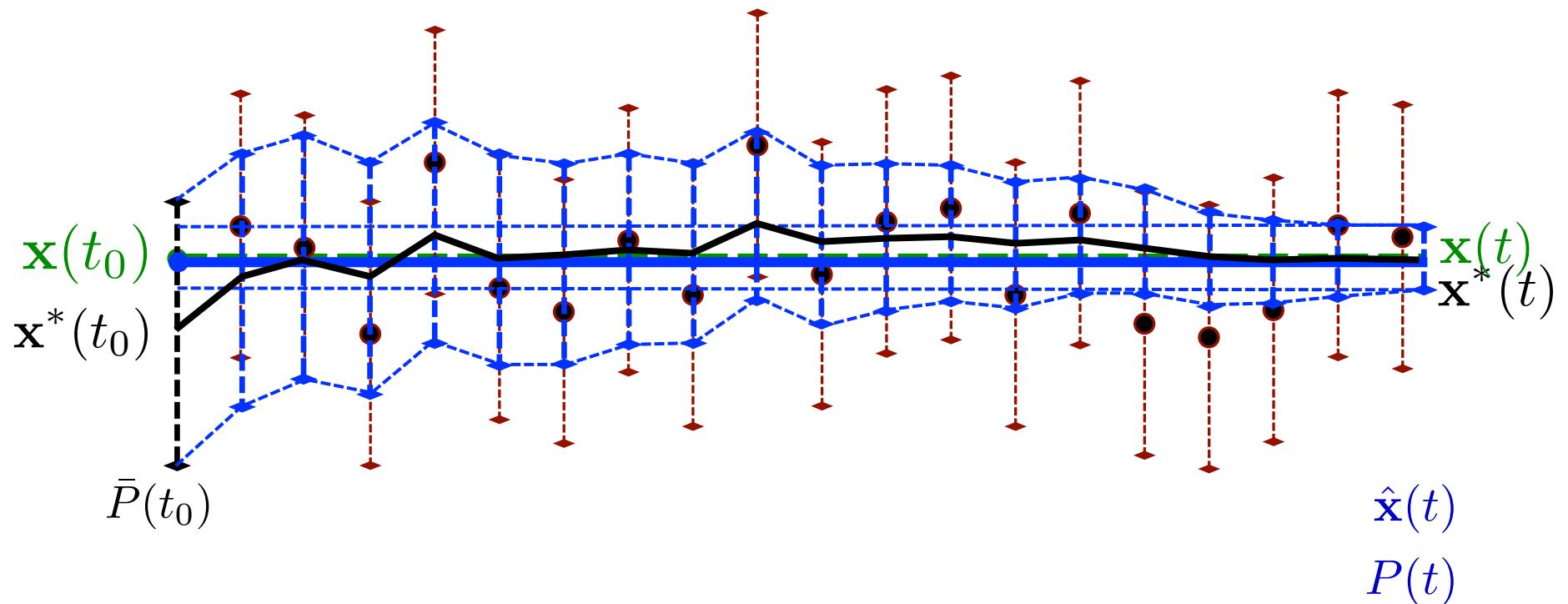
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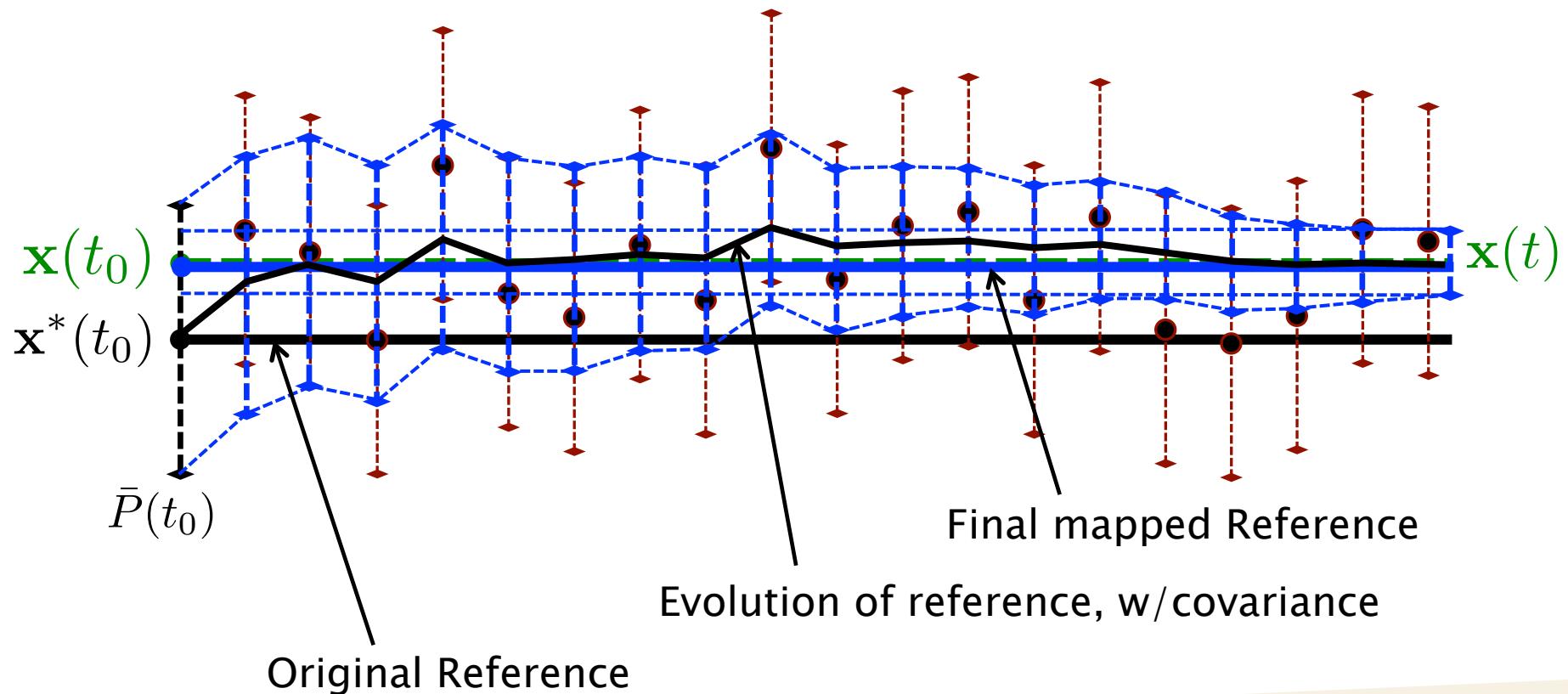
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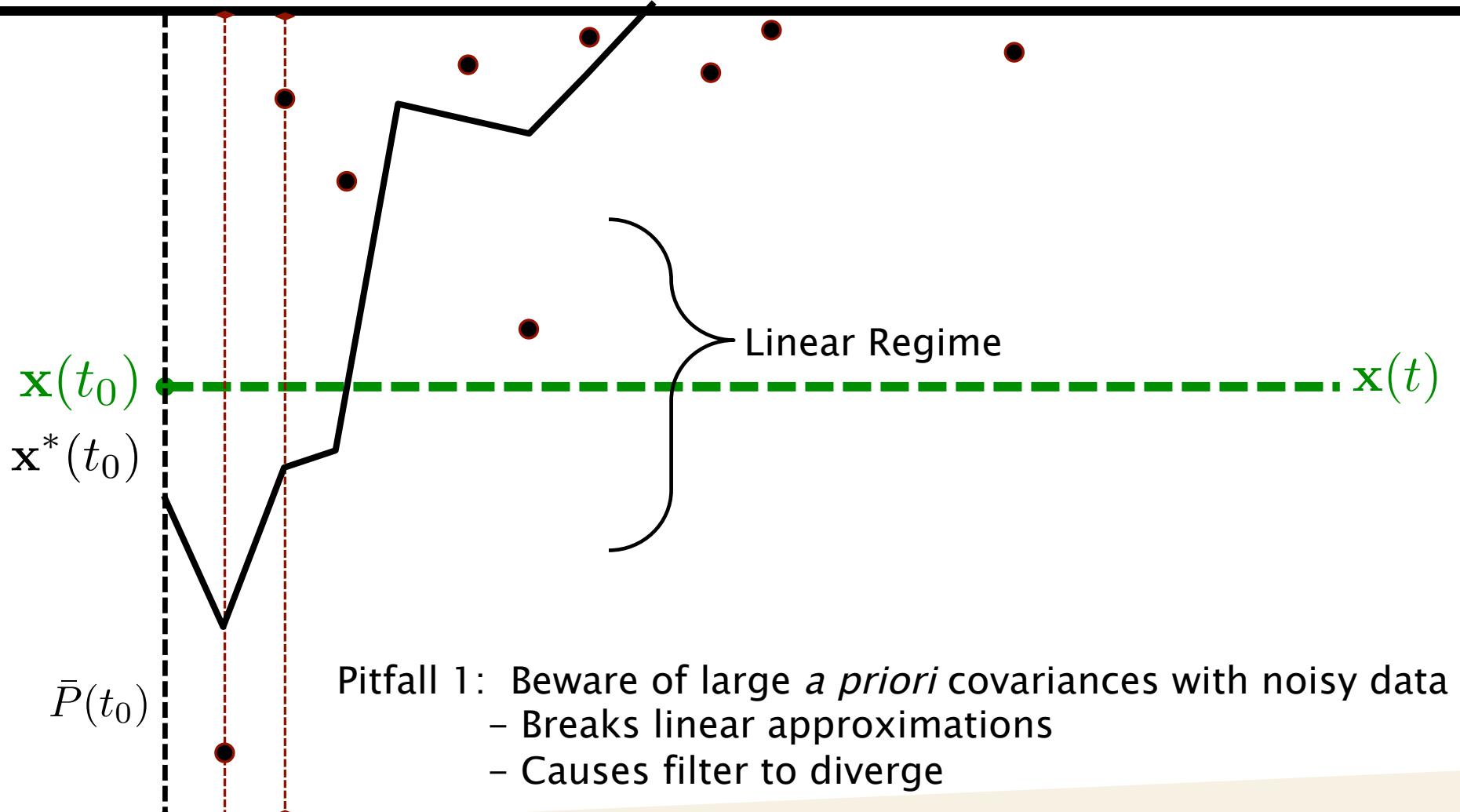


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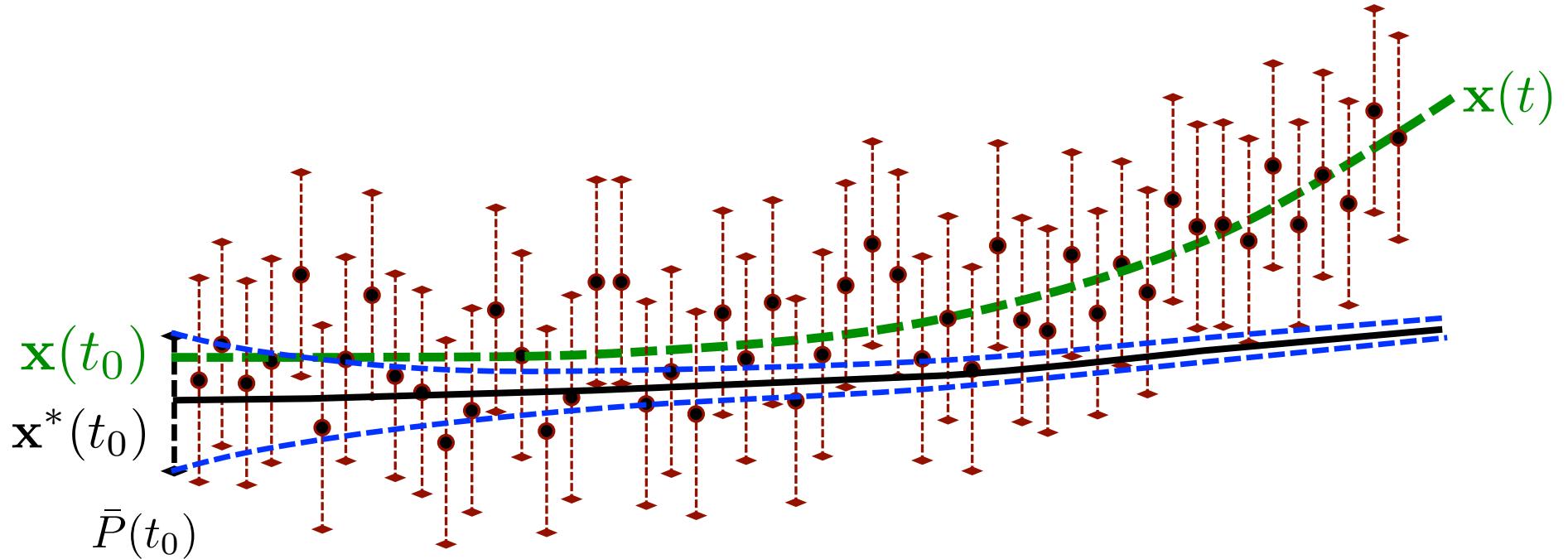
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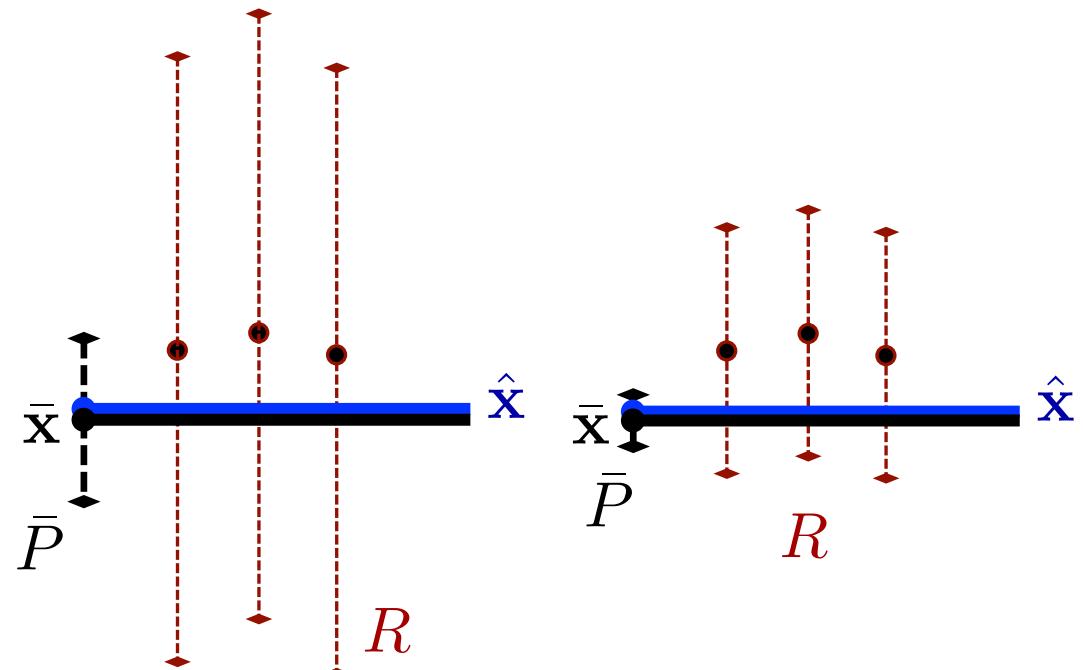
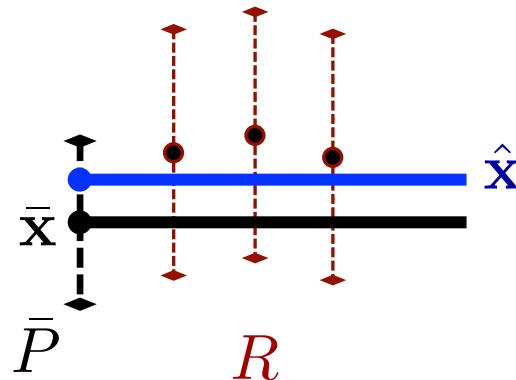


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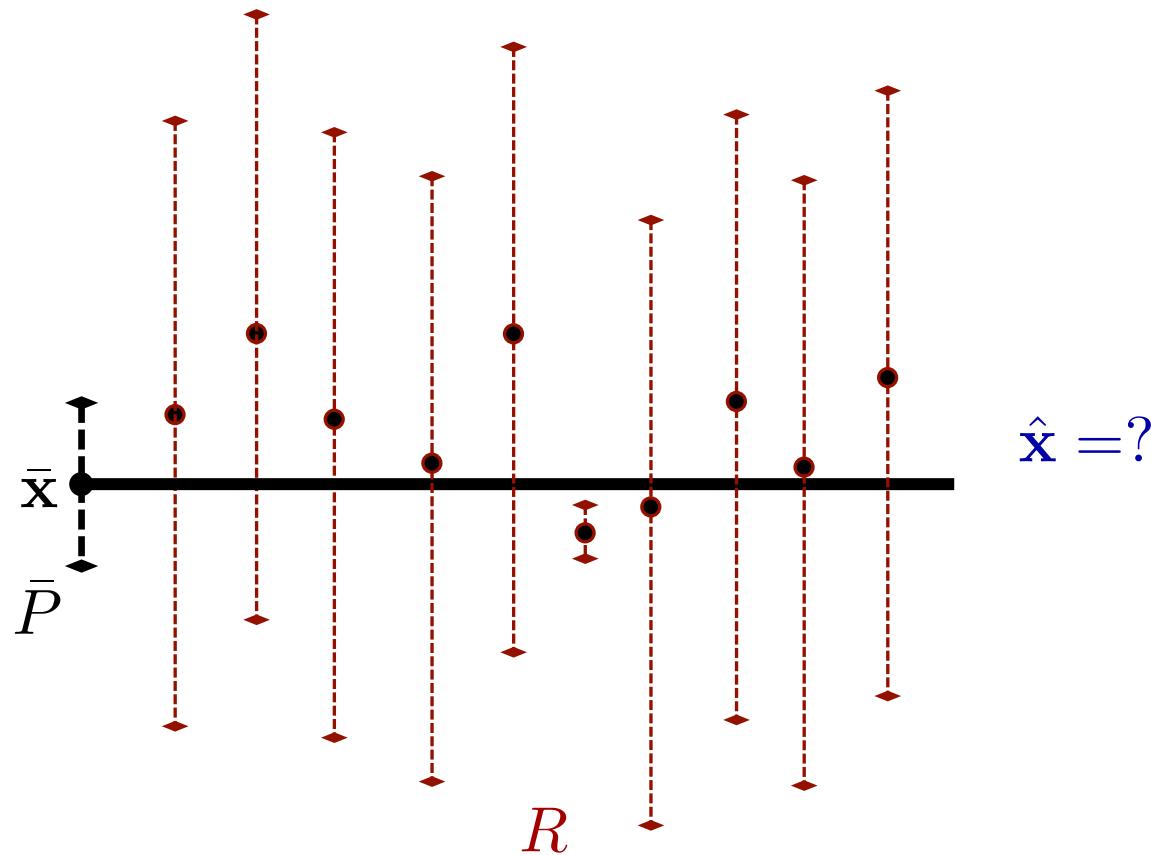


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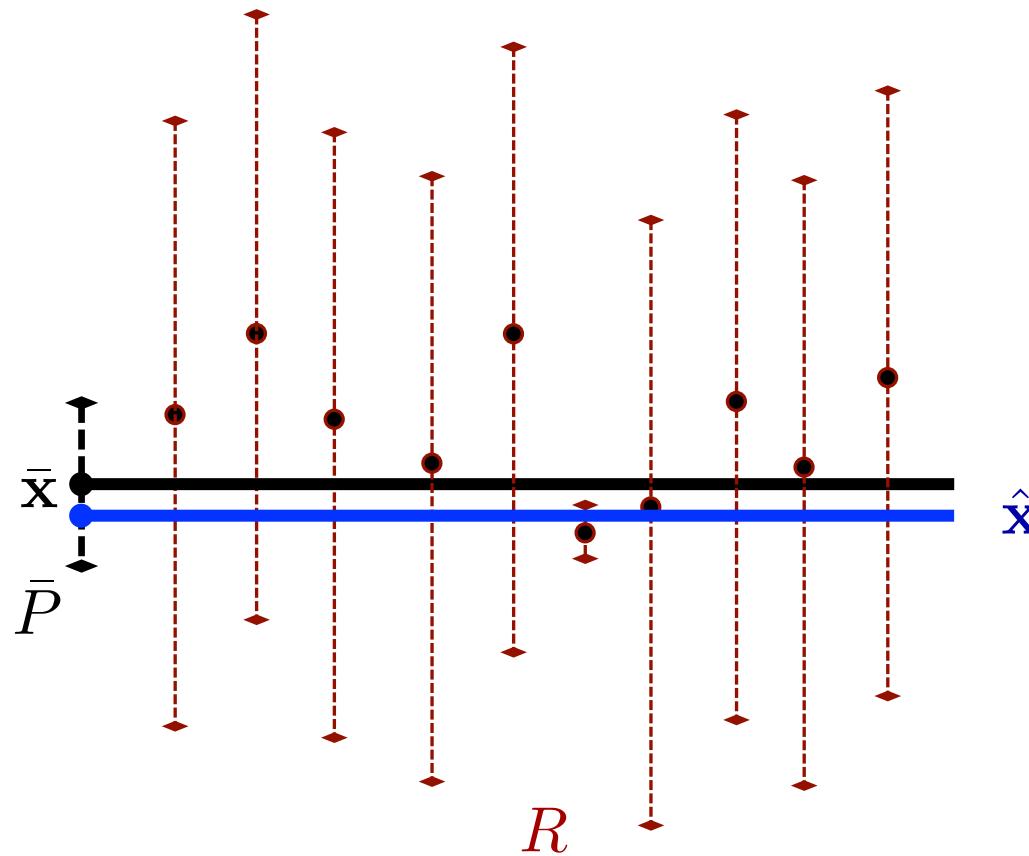
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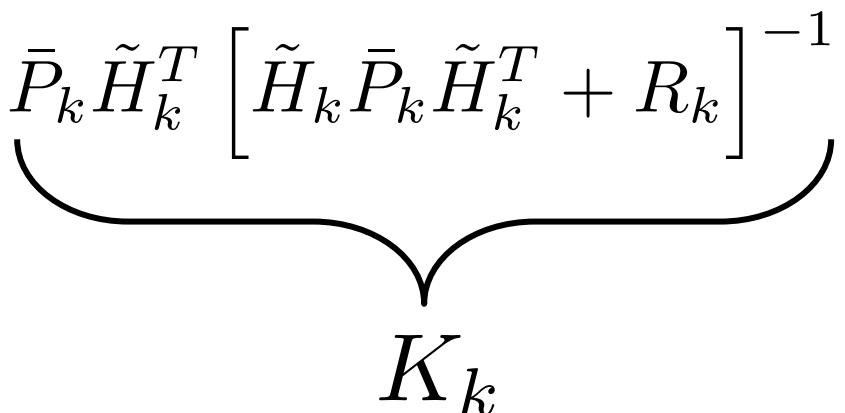


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Kalman Gain's Influence

- ▶ Recall the Kalman Gain, which was formed in the derivation of the Sequential Algorithm.

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Kalman Gain's Influence

- ▶ Recall the Kalman Gain, which was formed in the derivation of the Sequential Algorithm.
- ▶ What happens if $R_k \gg \bar{P}_k$ or $R_k \ll \bar{P}_k$

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What is the Role of the Kalman Gain?



Let's examine a simple case where $x(t)$ & $y(t)$ are both scalars and we observe $x(t)$ directly, i.e.

$$y_k = x_k + \epsilon_k, \quad E[\epsilon\epsilon^T] = E[\epsilon^2] = \sigma_\epsilon^2$$

so

$$\tilde{H}_k = 1$$

Furthermore assume that $x(t)$ is a constant so that $\Phi(t_i, t_j) = 1$.

Then at time k ,

$$\bar{x}_k = \hat{x}_j$$

$$\bar{P}_k = P_j \equiv \sigma_x^2$$



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What is the Role of the Kalman Gain?



The Kalman gain @ t_k is

$$\begin{aligned} K_k &= \bar{P}_k \tilde{H}_k^T \left(\tilde{H}_k \bar{P}_k \tilde{H}_k^T + \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \right)^{-1} \\ &= \sigma_x^2 \left(\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \right)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

The measurement update becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x}_k &= \bar{x}_k + K_k (y_k - \tilde{H}_k \bar{x}_k) \\ &= \bar{x}_k + \frac{\sigma_x^2}{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2} (y_k - \bar{x}_k) \\ &= \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2}{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2} \bar{x}_k + \frac{\sigma_x^2}{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2} y_k \end{aligned}$$



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What is the Role of the Kalman Gain?



Hence, the best estimate of x_k is a weighted average of the predicted estimate and the measurement.

$$\hat{x}_k = \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2}{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2} \bar{x}_k + \frac{\sigma_x^2}{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2} y_k$$

If the measurement is very noisy
(inaccurate) relative to the predicted state ($\sigma_\varepsilon^2 \gg \sigma_x^2$)

Then

$$\frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2}{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2} \approx 1, \quad \frac{\sigma_x^2}{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2} \approx 0$$

and $\hat{x}_k \approx \bar{x}_k$

Hence, the measurement has little effect.



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Conversely if $\sigma_x^2 \gg \sigma_\varepsilon^2$ $\hat{x}_k \approx y_k$

and the predicted estimate has little effect.

In general the Kalman gain provides a relative weighting between the *a priori* and the tracking data.



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Summary

- ▶ **Batch**

- Process all observations at once

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_0 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^p (H_i^T R^{-1} H_i) + \bar{P}_0^{-1} \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^p (H_i^T R^{-1} \mathbf{y}_i) + \bar{P}_0^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_0 \right)$$

- ▶ **Sequential / CKF**

- Process one observation at a time

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$$P_k = \left[I - K_k \tilde{H}_k^T \right] \bar{P}_k$$

- ▶ **Extended Kalman Filter (EKF)**

- Process one observation at a time and update ref.
- Can be good for long arcs, if properly implemented



The End

- ▶ Homework 5 (?) and the test are graded.
 - Contact me within the week to challenge any grading.
- ▶ Homework 6 will be graded shortly
- ▶ Homework 7 due this week.
 - Points for quality
- ▶ Guest lecturer this Thursday
 - Jason Leonard will speak about LiASON Navigation
- ▶ I'm unavailable Wednesday – Monday
 - Will be around sometimes, so you may catch me.
 - But I will be missing office hours – email me or call me if you have questions.

