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Lecture 8: Stat OD Processes



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- ▶ A few questions on Problem 4's Laplace Transform.
- ▶ There's one Transform missing from the table:

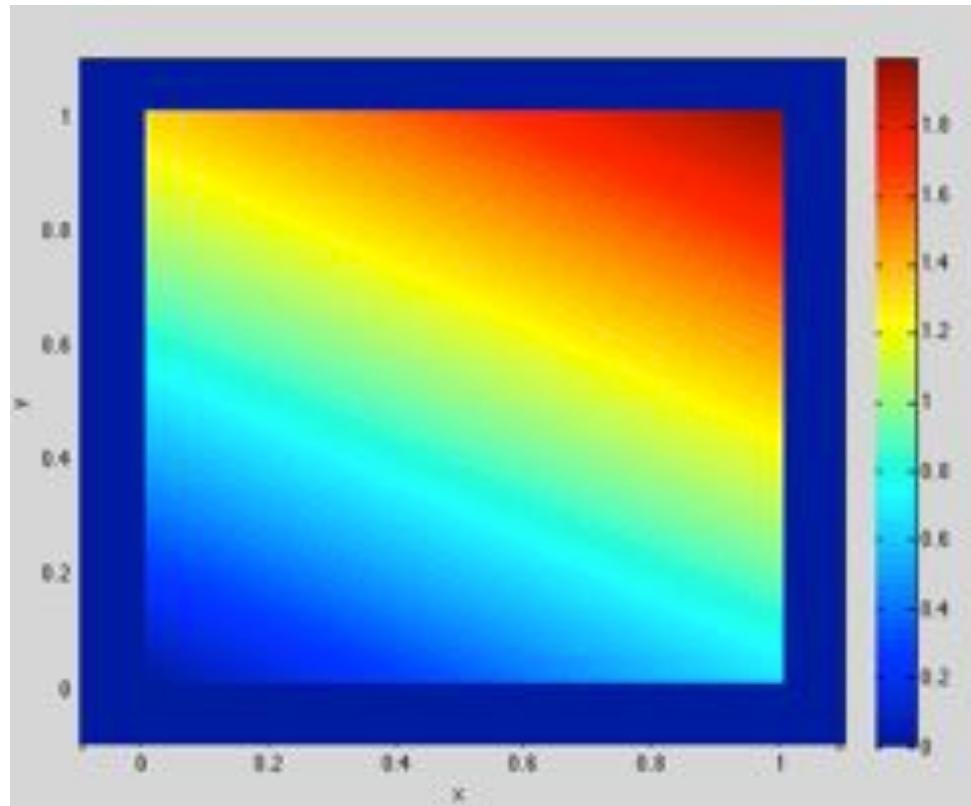
$$\mathcal{L} (e^{at} - e^{bt}) = \frac{a - b}{(s - a)(s - b)}$$

- ▶ Note: This has been posted in the HW3 discussions on D2L for a few days now. Check there if you have a commonly-asked question!

# What does the joint density function MEAN?

Given

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} k(x+2y) & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & elsewhere \end{cases}$$



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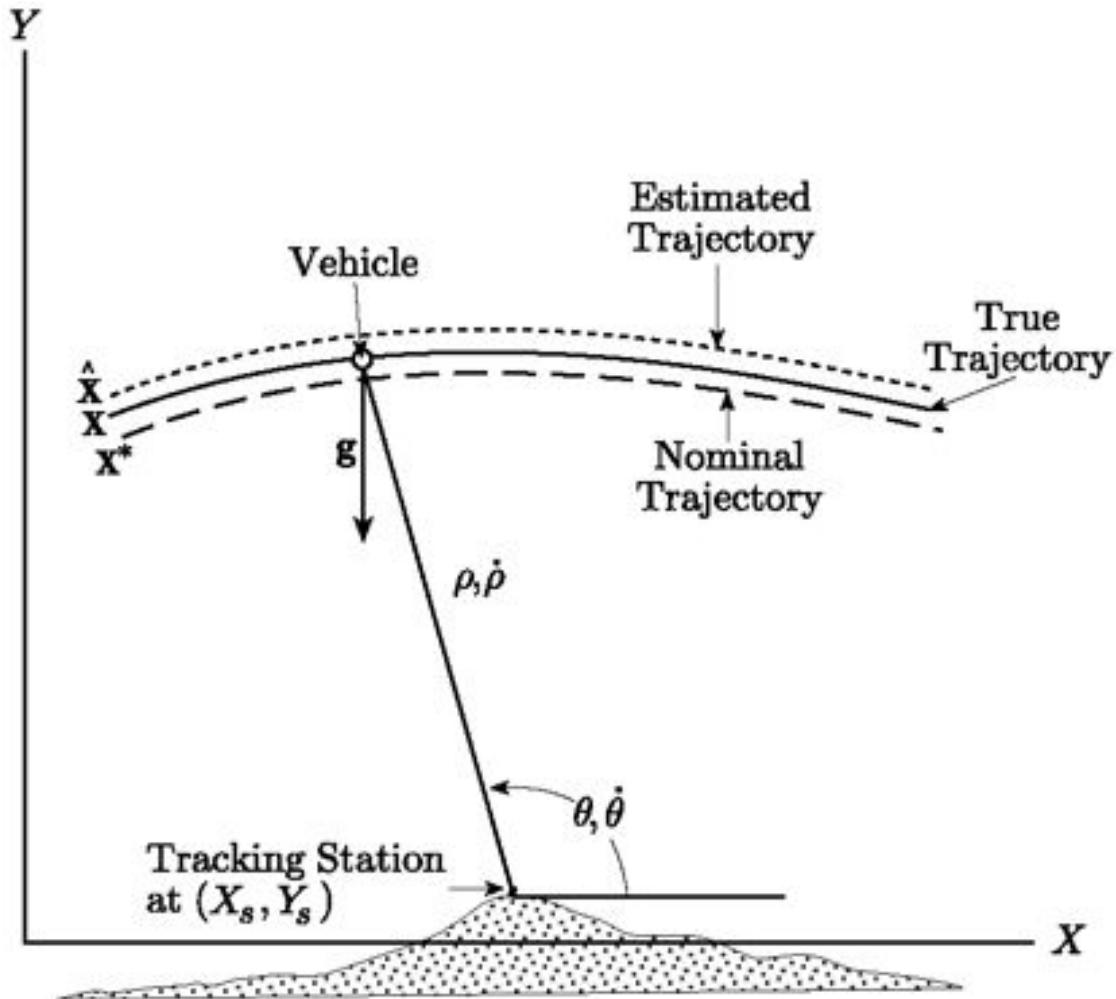
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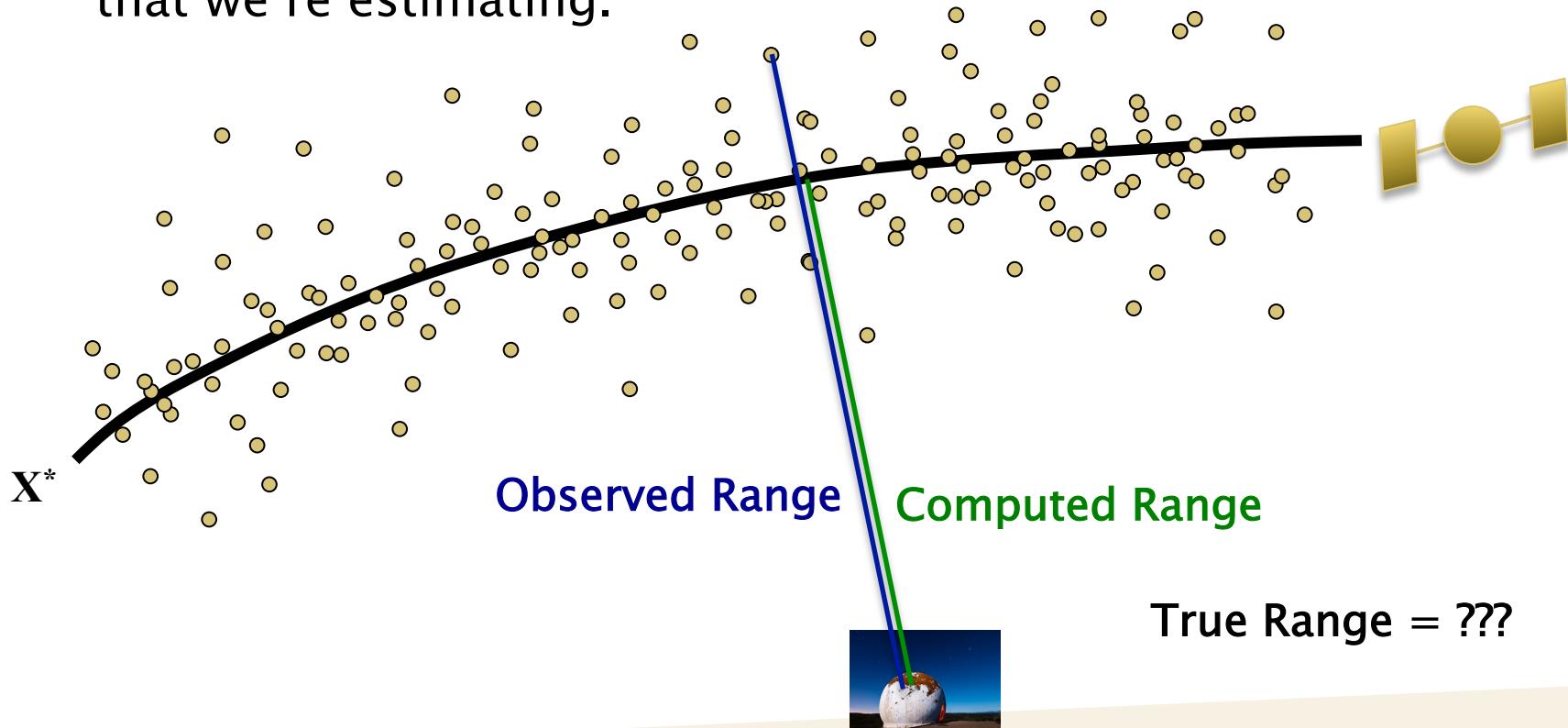
# Stat OD in a Nutshell

- ▶ Truth
- ▶ Reference
- ▶ Best Estimate
- ▶ Observations are functions of state parameters, but usually NOT state parameters.
- ▶ Mismodeled dynamics
- ▶ Underdetermined system.



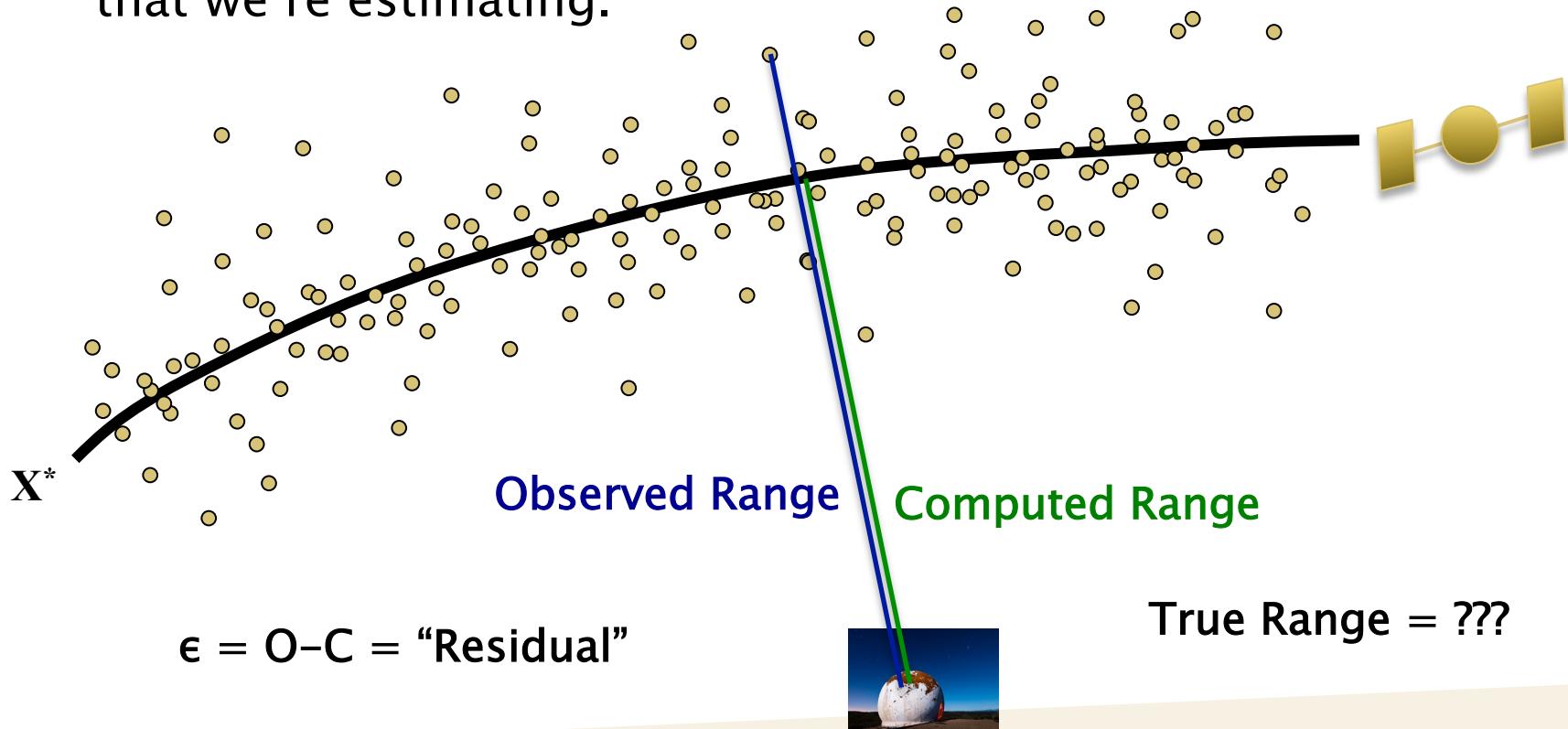
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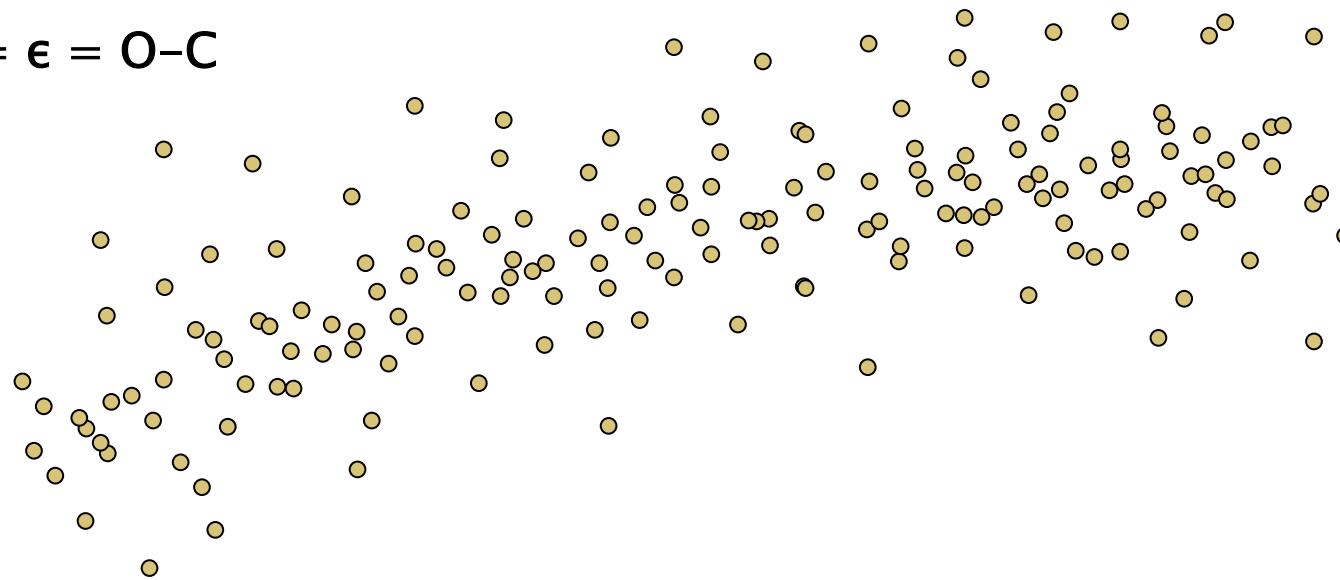
- The reference/nominal trajectory is near the truth trajectory.
  - Linear approximations are decent
- Force models are good approximations for the duration of the measurement arc.
- The filter that we're using is unbiased:
  - The filter's best estimate is consistent with the true trajectory.



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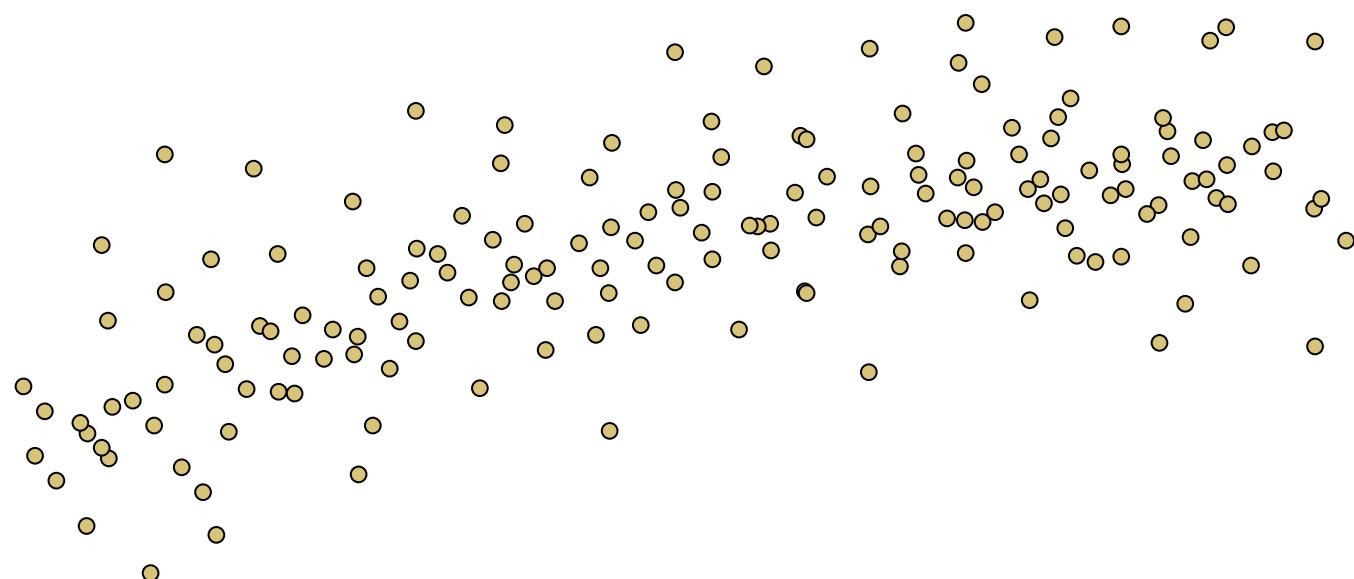


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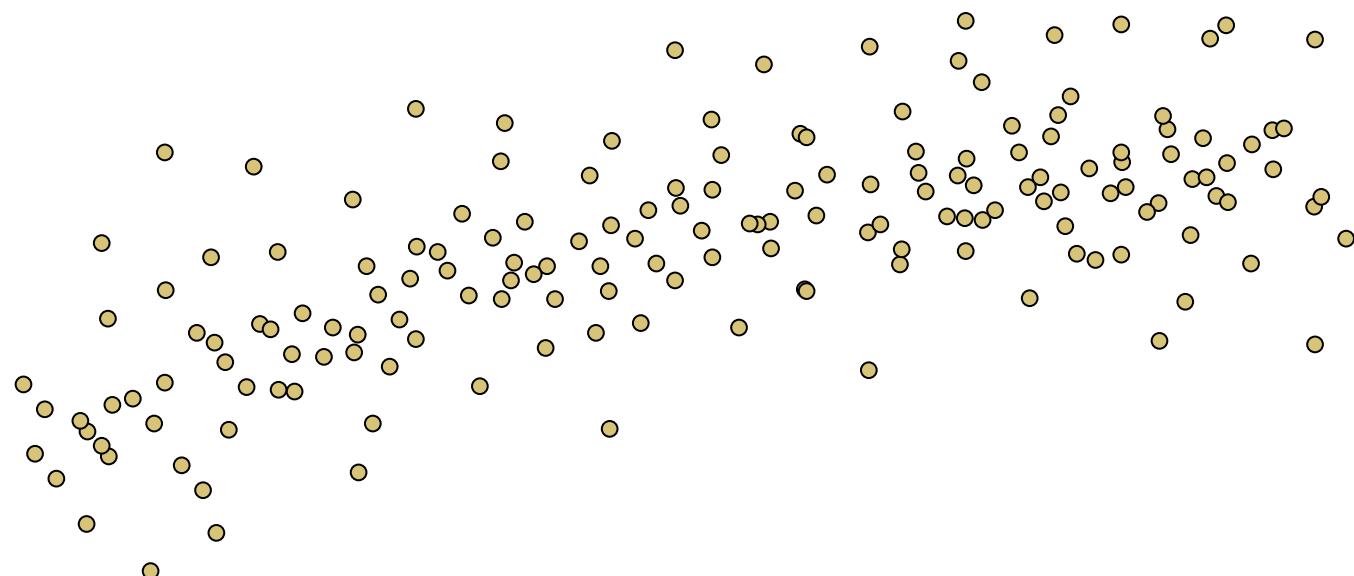
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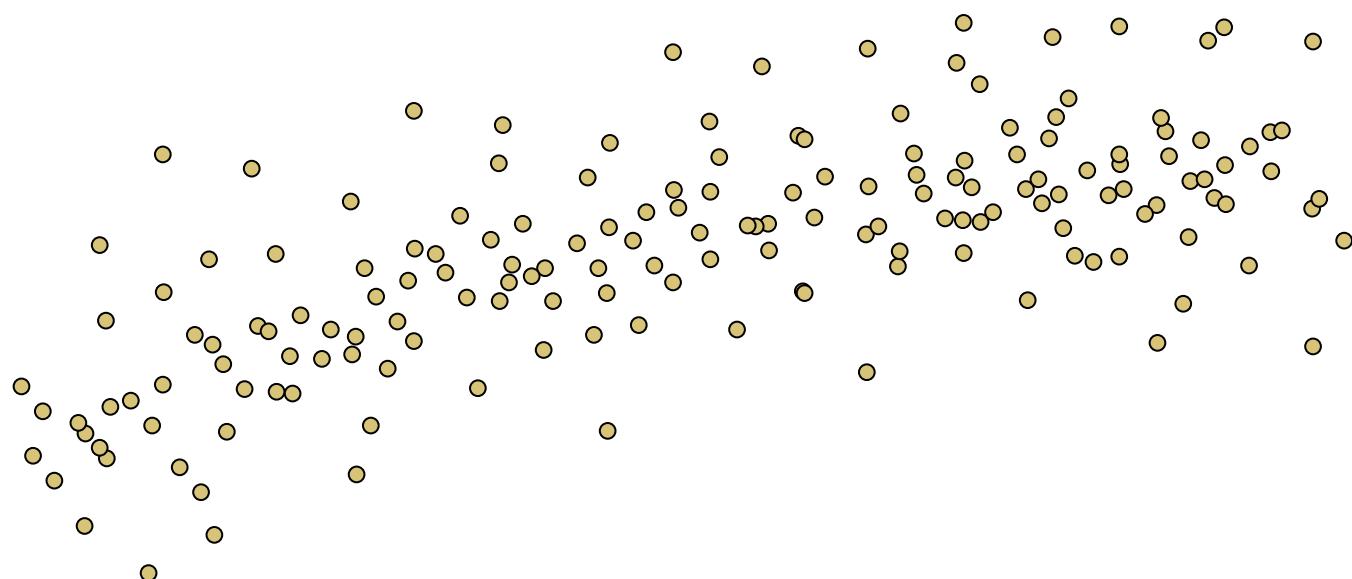
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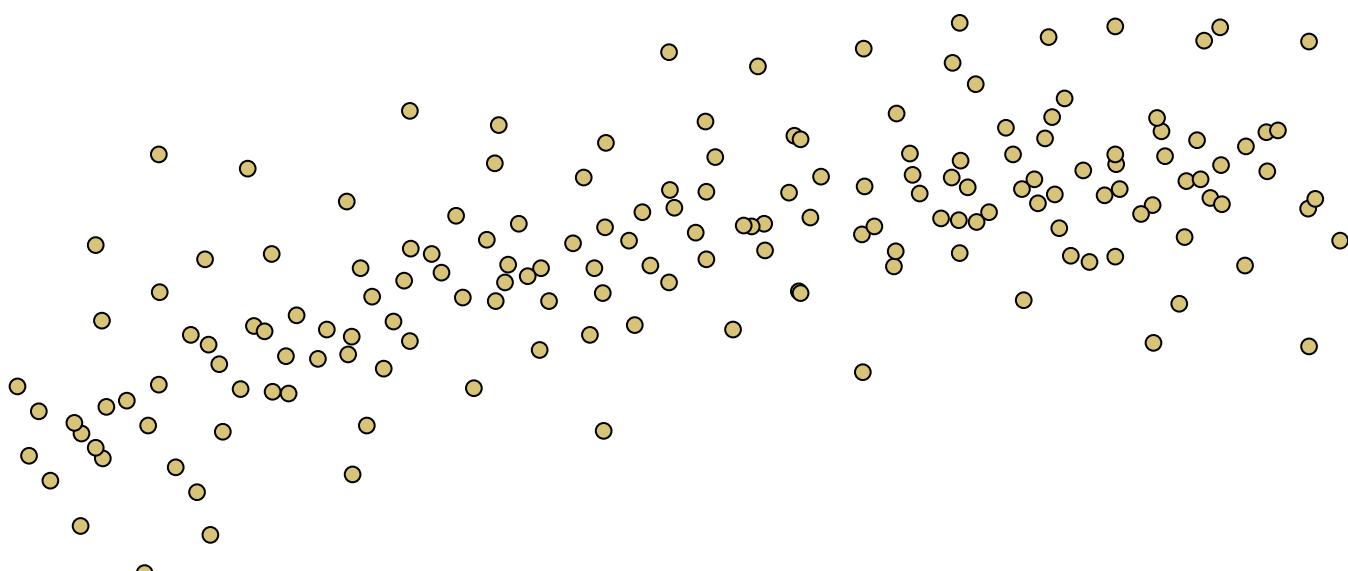
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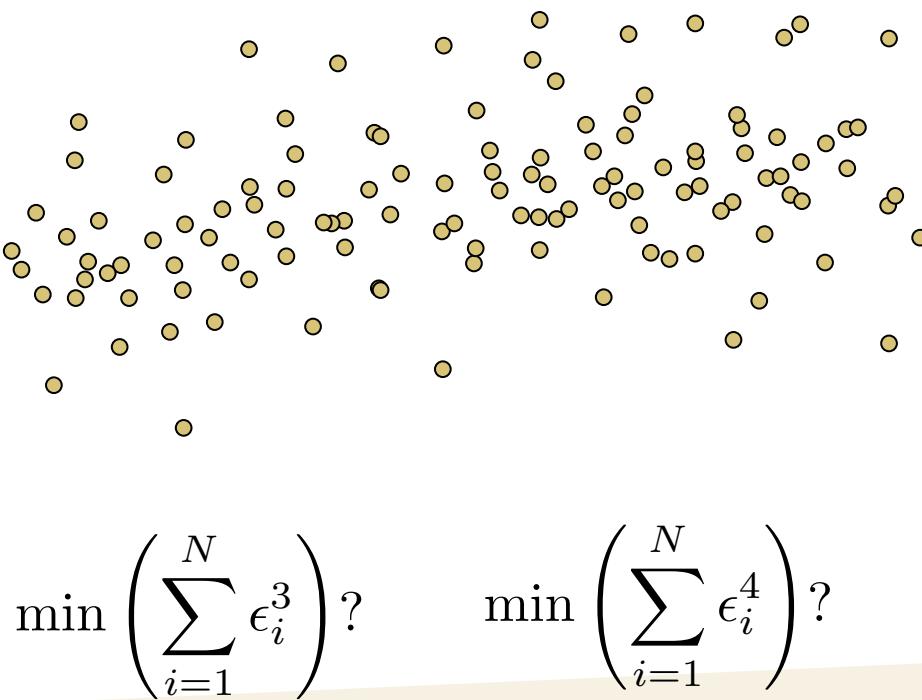
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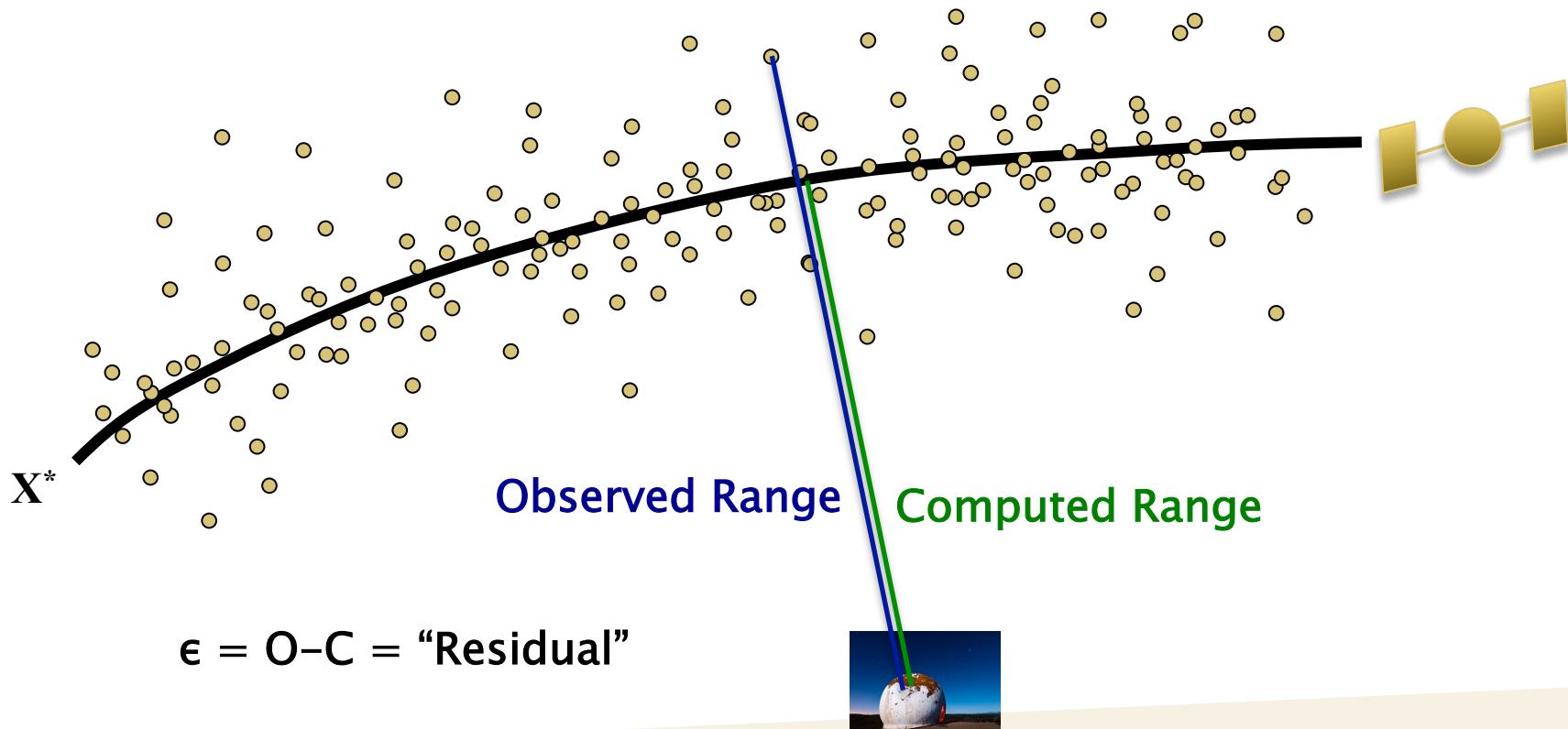
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- ▶ Very non-linear relationships!
- ▶ Need to linearize to make a practical algorithm.



# State Deviation and Linearization

- ▶ Linearization
- ▶ Introduce the state deviation vector

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{X}(t) - \mathbf{X}^*(t)$$

- ▶ If the reference/nominal trajectory is close to the truth trajectory, then a linear approximation is reasonable.



# State Deviation and Linearization

- ▶ Goal of the Stat OD process:
- ▶ Find a new state/trajectory that best fits the observations:
$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{X}^*(t) + \hat{\mathbf{x}}(t)$$
- ▶ If the reference is near the truth, then we can assume:
$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}(t) = \mathbf{X}(t) + \hat{\mathbf{x}}(t)$$

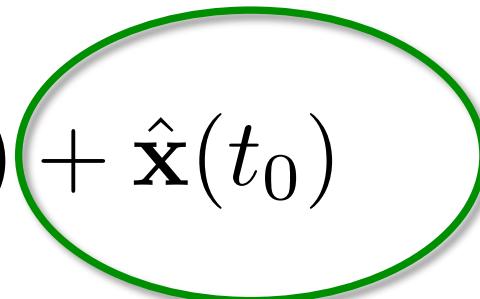
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is represented by

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}(t_0) = \mathbf{X}^*(t_0) + \hat{\mathbf{x}}(t_0)$$



This is what we want

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- ▶ It permits:  $\mathbf{x}(t_2) = \Phi(t_2, t_1)\mathbf{x}(t_1)$

$$\Phi(t_2, t_1) = \Phi(t_1, t_2)^{-1}$$



# State Transition Matrix

- ▶ The state transition matrix maps a deviation in the state from one epoch to another.

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- ▶ It is constructed via numerical integration, in parallel with the trajectory itself.

$$\dot{\Phi}(t, t_0) = A(t)\Phi(t, t_0)$$

$$\Phi(t_0, t_0) = I$$



# The A Matrix

## ► The “A” Matrix:

$$A(t) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{X}(t))}{\partial \mathbf{X}(t)} = \frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{X}}(t)}{\partial \mathbf{X}(t)}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix} \quad A(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial y} & \dots & \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{y}}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \dot{y}}{\partial y} & \dots & \frac{\partial \dot{y}}{\partial z} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \ddot{x}}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \ddot{x}}{\partial y} & \dots & \frac{\partial \ddot{x}}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix}$$



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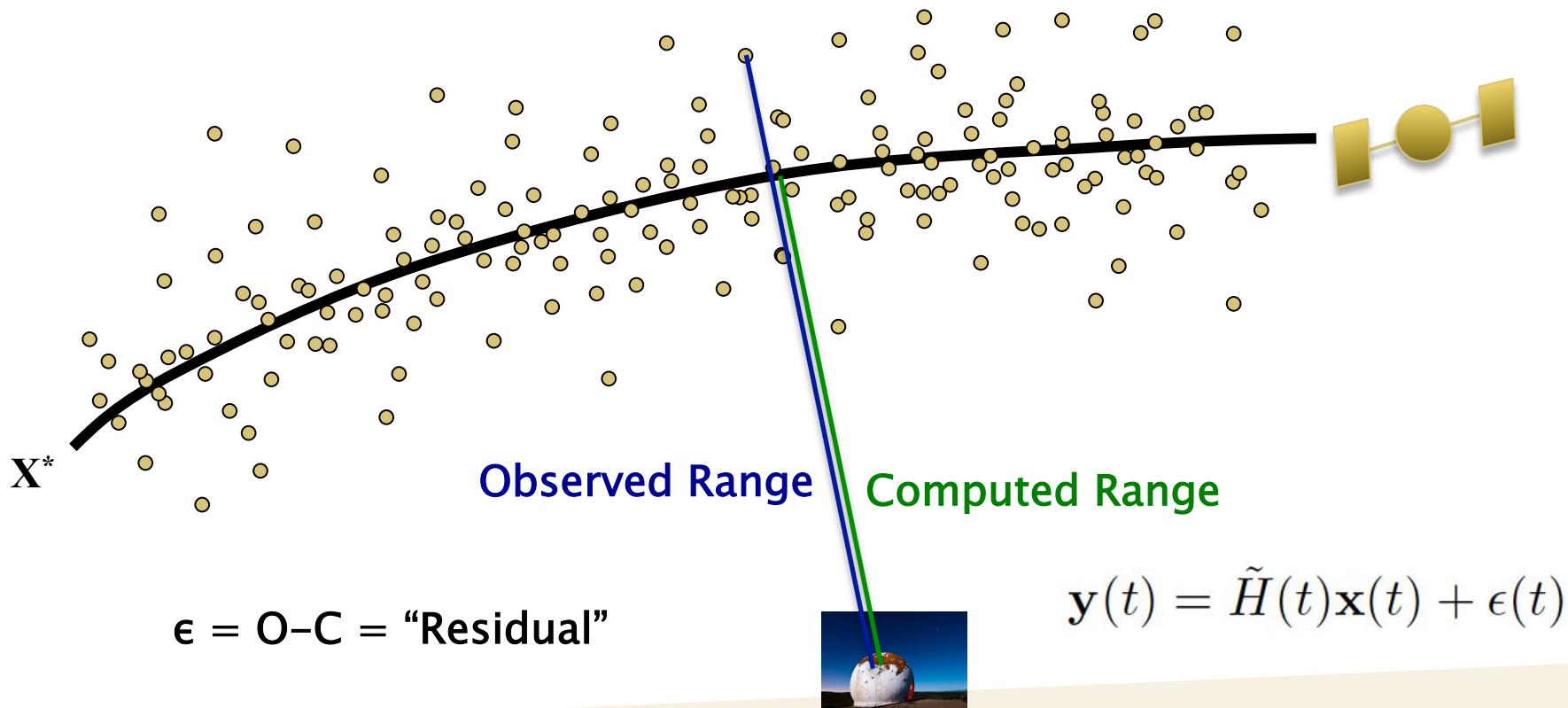
## ► The Mapping Matrix

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$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial X} = 0 \quad (\mathbf{y} - H\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k)^T H = 0$$

$$H^T H \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k = H^T \mathbf{y}.$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k = (H^T H)^{-1} H^T \mathbf{y}.$$

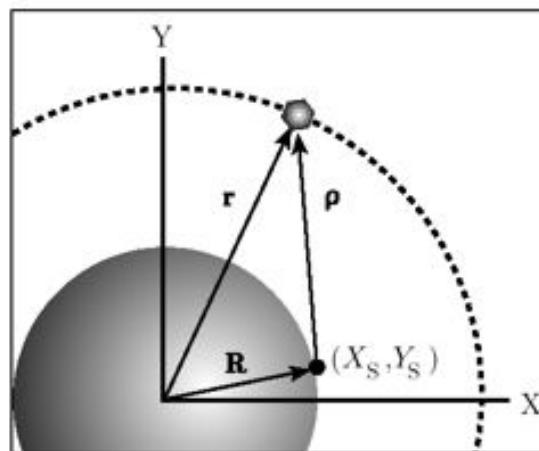


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Compute the  $A$  matrix and the  $\tilde{H}$  matrix for a satellite in a plane under the influence of only a *central force*. Assume that the satellite is being tracked with range observations,  $\rho$ , from a single ground station. Assume that the station coordinates,  $(X_S, Y_S)$ , and the gravitational parameter are unknown. Then, the state vector,  $\mathbf{X}$ , is given by

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ U \\ V \\ \mu \\ X_S \\ Y_S \end{bmatrix}$$



where  $U$  and  $V$  are velocity components and  $X_S$  and  $Y_S$  are coordinates of the tracking station. From Newton's Second Law and the law of gravitation,

$$\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = -\frac{\mu \mathbf{r}}{r^3}$$

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Or in component form:

$$\ddot{X} = -\frac{\mu X}{r^3} \quad \ddot{Y} = -\frac{\mu Y}{r^3}$$

Expressed in first order form:

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{X} \\ \dot{Y} \\ \dot{U} \\ \dot{V} \\ \dot{\mu} \\ \dot{X}_S \\ \dot{Y}_S \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \\ F_4 \\ F_5 \\ F_6 \\ F_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U \\ V \\ -\frac{\mu X}{r^3} \\ -\frac{\mu Y}{r^3} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$



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$$A(t) = \frac{\partial F(\mathbf{X}^*, t)}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial X} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial Y} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial U} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial V} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial \mu} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial X_S} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial Y_S} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial X} & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial Y_S} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F_7}{\partial X} & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \frac{\partial F_7}{\partial Y_S} \end{bmatrix}^*$$



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$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\mu}{r^3} + \frac{3\mu X^2}{r^5} & \frac{3\mu XY}{r^5} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{X}{r^3} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{3\mu XY}{r^5} & -\frac{\mu}{r^3} + \frac{3\mu Y^2}{r^5} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{Y}{r^3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^*$$



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The  $\tilde{H}$  matrix is given by

$$\tilde{H} = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = \left[ \begin{array}{ccccccc} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial X} & \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial Y} & \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial U} & \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial V} & \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \mu} & \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial X_S} & \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial Y_S} \end{array} \right]^*$$

where

$$\rho = \left[ (X - X_S)^2 + (Y - Y_S)^2 \right]^{1/2}.$$

It follows then that

$$\tilde{H} = \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc} \frac{X - X_S}{\rho} & \frac{Y - Y_S}{\rho} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{(X - X_S)}{\rho} & -\frac{(Y - Y_S)}{\rho} \end{array} \right]^*$$



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