

# Visual Tracking


## Part I: Foundation

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# What Is Tracking?



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ARG vs BRA

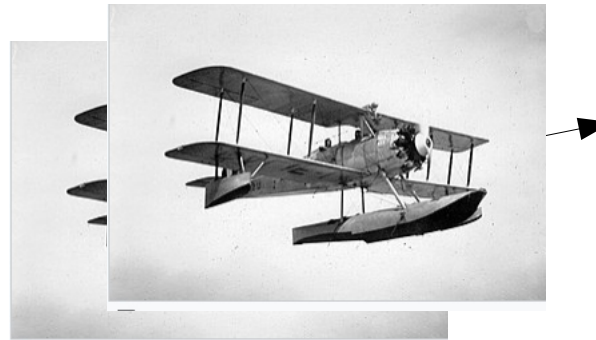


# Tracking Implies Prediction

- Tracking a weather system: not just telling you it's raining outside your house, but whether it will rain tomorrow (easy to guess if you're in Seattle)
- Tracking an airplane: an estimate where it is currently and where it will be delta-T seconds from now



<https://www.wunderground.com/forecast/us/wa/seattle/KWASEATT2713>



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Floatplane>

# Tracking Applications: Parameters

- Number of objects
- Types of objects
- Number of sensors
- Types of sensors
- Distance to sensor



# Tracking Applications: Examples

1 object, articulated, 300 pixels tall

body  
motion  
analysis



10 objects, articulated, 150 pixels tall

foot  
traffic  
analysis



100 objects, 15 – 30 pixels tall

bat census



# Factors that Make Tracking Hard

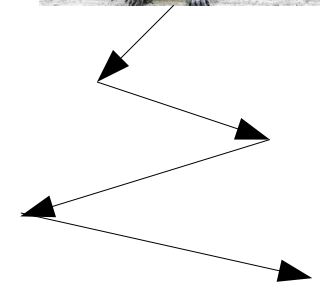
- (unknown) target dynamics:  
how fast does the state  
change?



vs.



- target observations/  
measurements: how noisy and  
(in)frequent?



# Tracking Research circa 1975

*Automatica*, Vol. 11, pp. 451–460. Pergamon Press, 1975. Printed in Great Britain

## Tracking in a Cluttered Environment With Probabilistic Data Association\*

Dépistage dans une Ambiance Encombrée, avec Association Probabilistique  
des Données

Verfolgung in einer örtlich gestörten Umgebung unter Verwendung von  
Wahrscheinlichkeitsdaten

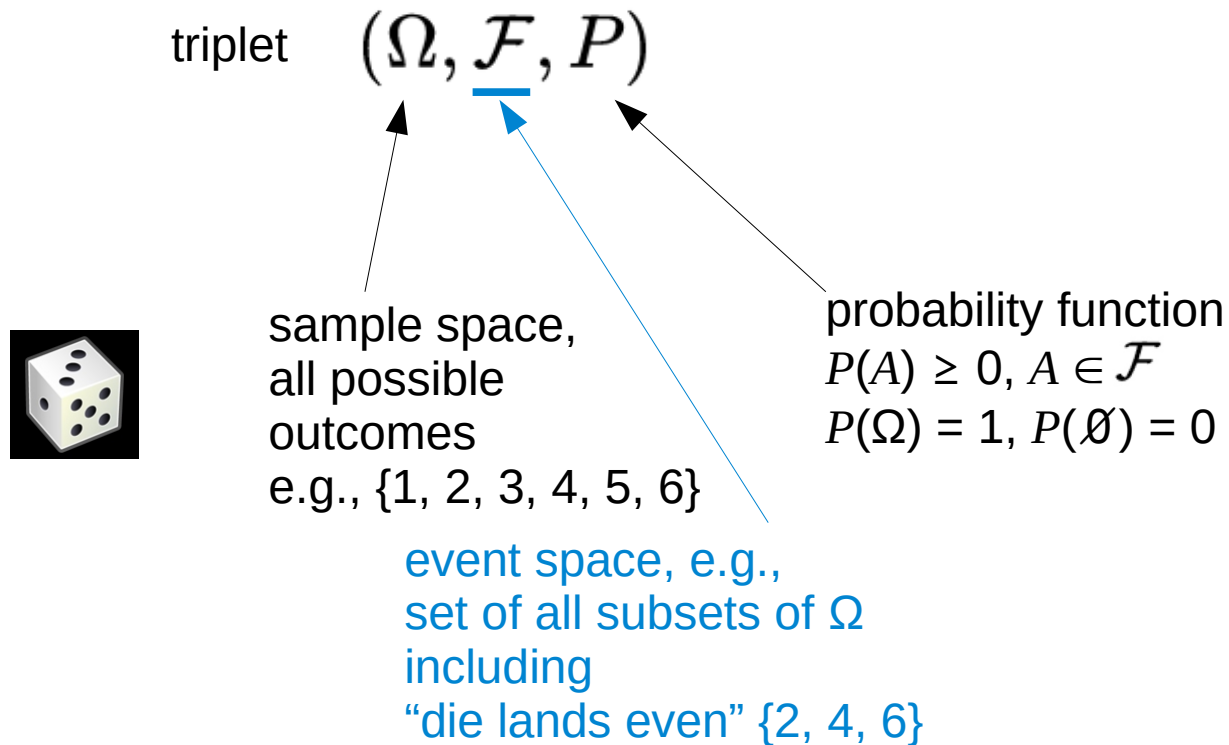
YAAKOV BAR-SHALOM† and EDISON TSE†

*Tracking a target with uncertainty in the origin of the measurements is accomplished with an algorithm, suitable for real-time implementation, which utilizes the a posteriori probabilities of the measurements having originated from the target.*



## Probabilistic Formulation

# Probability Space



# Random Variables

Random variable  $X$ : a function

$$X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

For every Borel subset  $B$  of the  
real line  $X^{-1}(B)$  in  $\mathcal{F}$

Discrete

Continuous

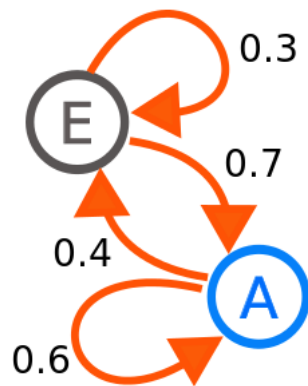
# Stochastic Processes

Stochastic process is an indexed collection of random variables

discrete time

$$X = \{X_n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

discrete time Markov process



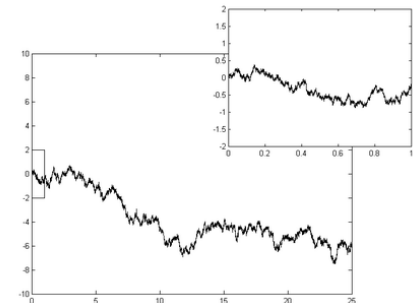
continuous time

$$X = \{X_t, 0 \leq t < \infty\}, X : T \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

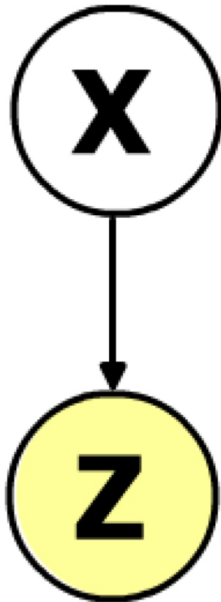
$t \rightarrow X(t, \omega)$  called *sample path*

ex. 1:  $X_t = Z * t^2, Z \sim N(0,1)$

ex. 2: Wiener process  
a Gaussian process;  
limit of *random walk*



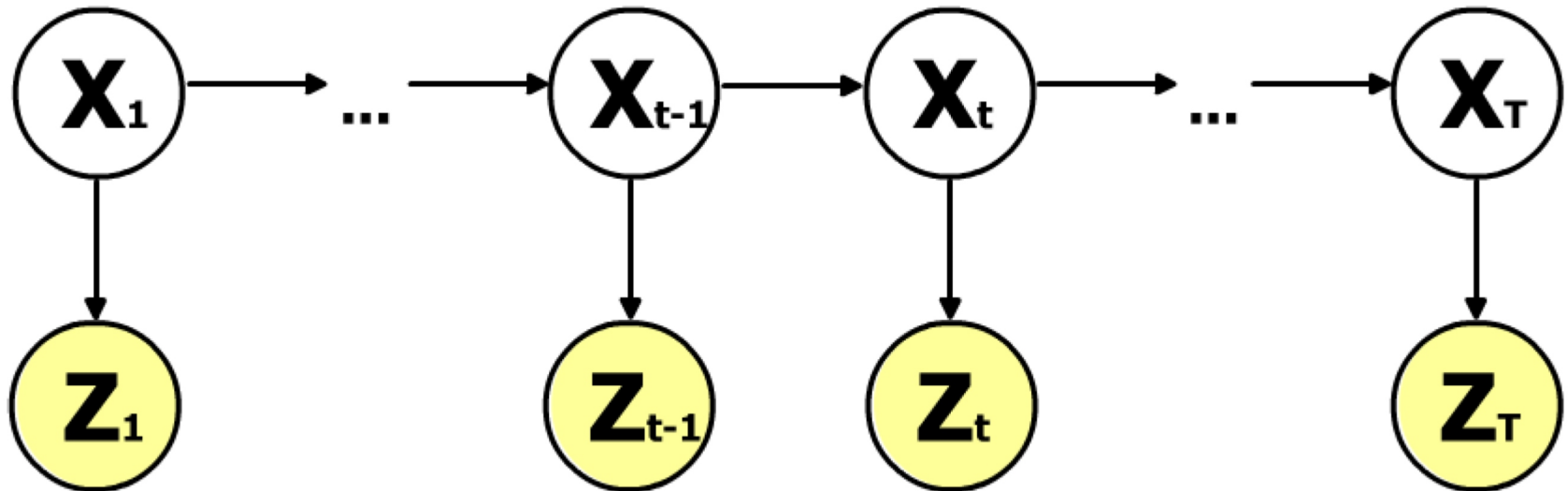
# Probabilistic Formulation



**Multi-Object Configuration** - the unknown (or hidden) state of the objects, i.e. position, size, etc.

**Observations** - information taken from the image such as color, motion, texture, etc.

# Probabilistic Formulation



Graphical model for the multi-object tracking problem with  $T$  time steps

# Probabilistic Formulation

$$p(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{Z}_{1:t}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{Z}_t | \mathbf{X}_t) p(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{Z}_{1:t-1})}{p(\mathbf{Z}_t | \mathbf{Z}_{1:t-1})}$$

$$p(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{Z}_{1:t-1}) = \int_{\mathbf{X}_{t-1}} p(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{X}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{X}_{t-1} | \mathbf{Z}_{1:t-1}) d\mathbf{X}_{t-1}$$

$$p(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{Z}_{1:t}) = C^{-1} p(\mathbf{Z}_t | \mathbf{X}_t) \times \int_{\mathbf{X}_{t-1}} p(\mathbf{X}_t | \mathbf{X}_{t-1}) p(\mathbf{X}_{t-1} | \mathbf{Z}_{1:t-1}) d\mathbf{X}_{t-1}$$

## Target Dynamics



# Discrete Time LDS

- Continuous models are difficult to realize
  - Algorithms work at discrete time steps
  - Measurements are acquired with certain rates
- In practice, **discrete models** are employed
- Discrete-time LDS are governed by

$$x(k+1) = F(k)x(k) + G(k)u(k) + \xi(k)$$

- $F \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$  is the **state transition matrix**
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*In target tracking, the input is unknown!*

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# LDS Example – Throwing ball

- We want to throw a ball and **compute its trajectory**
- This can be **easily done with an LDS**
- The ball's **state** shall be represented as

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & \dot{x} & \dot{y} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

- We ignore winds but consider the **gravity force**  $g$

$$\mathbf{u} = -g$$

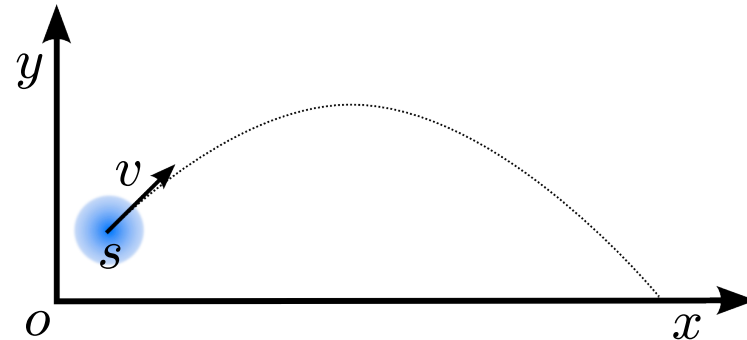
- No floor constraints
- We **observe** the ball with a noise-free position sensor

$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix}^T$$



# LDS Example – Throwing ball

- Throwing a ball from  $s$  with initial velocity  $v$
- Consider only the gravity force,  $g$ , of the ball



- State vector  
 $\mathbf{x} = [x \ y \ \dot{x} \ \dot{y}]^T$
- Initial state  
 $\mathbf{x}_0 = [s_x \ s_y \ v_x \ v_y]^T$
- Input vector (scalar)  
 $\mathbf{u} = -g$
- Measurement vector  
 $\mathbf{z} = [x \ y]^T$

- Process matrices

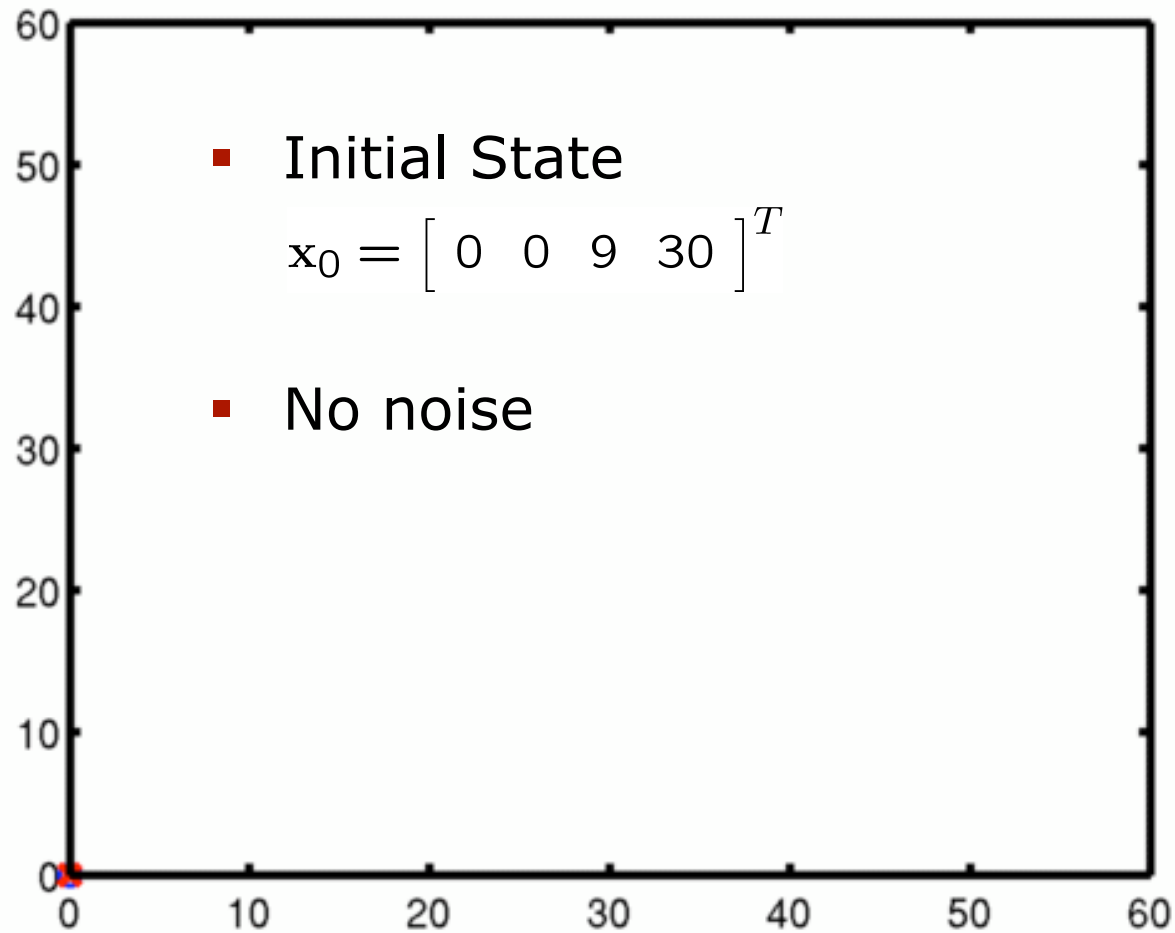
$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & T & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & T \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{T^2}{2} & 0 & T \end{bmatrix}^T$$

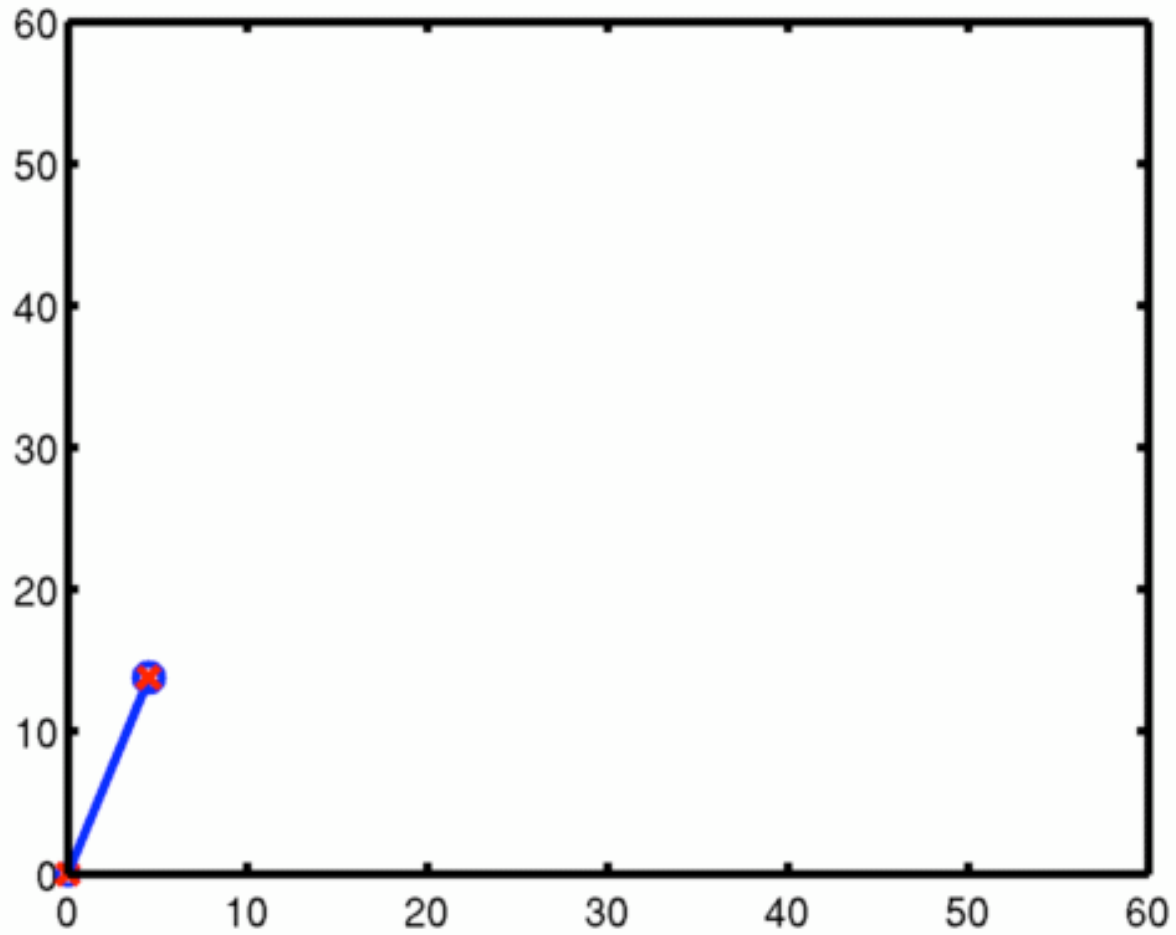
- Measurement matrix

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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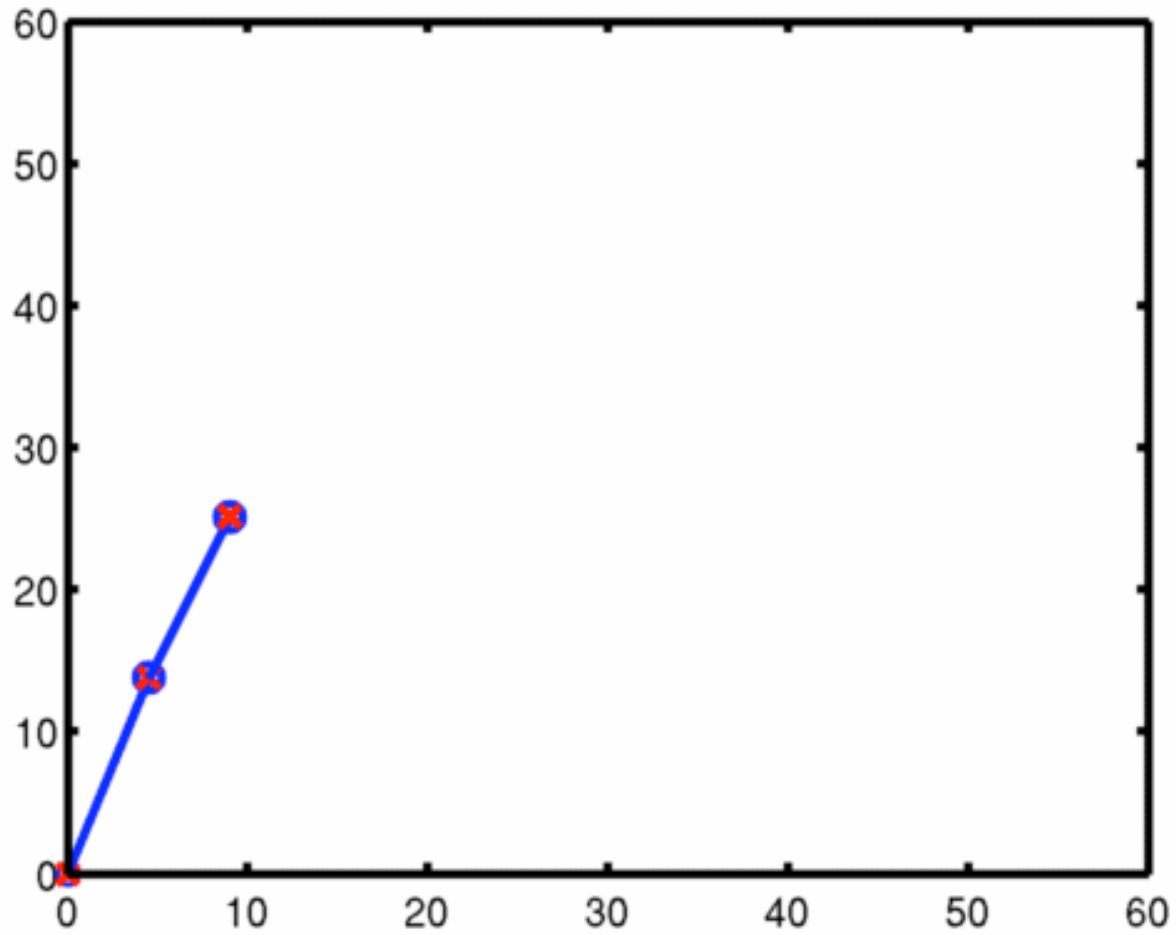


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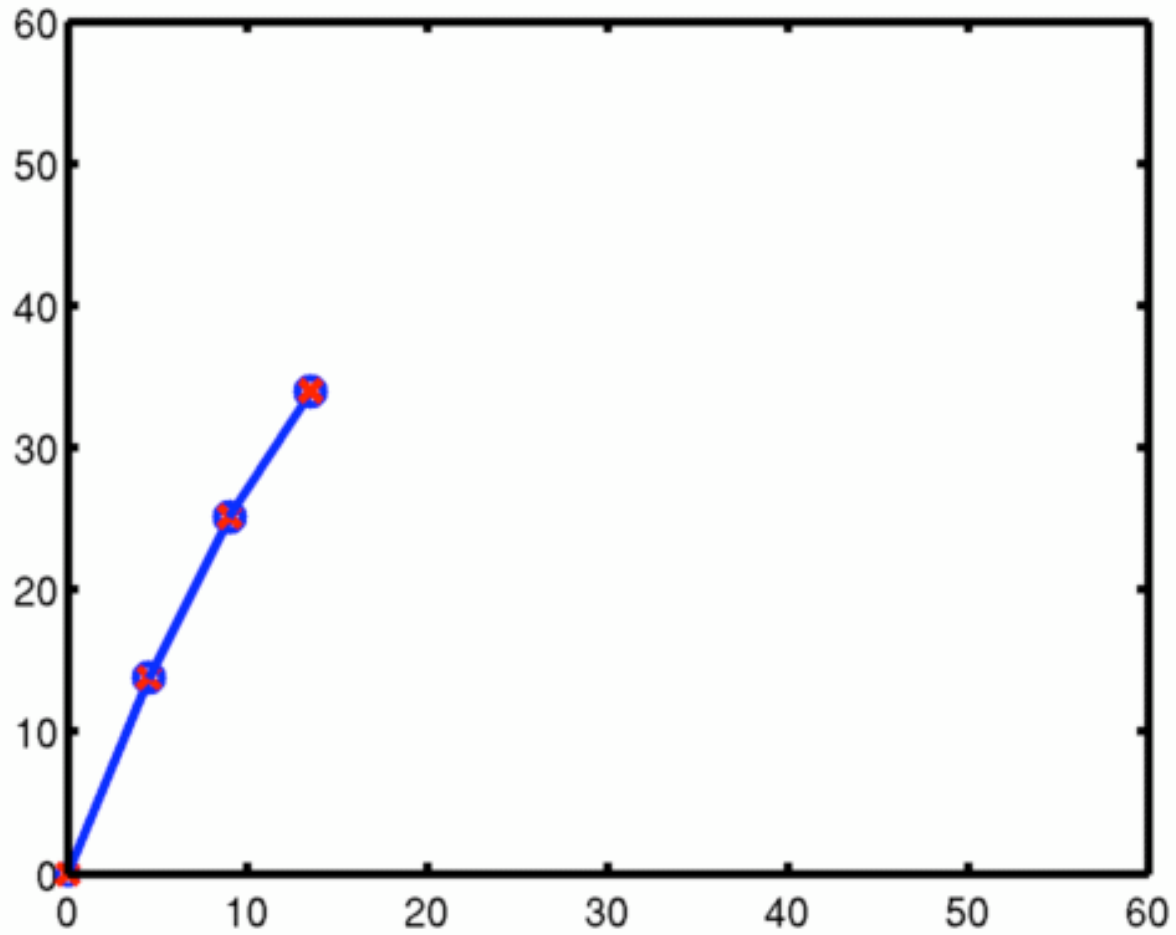
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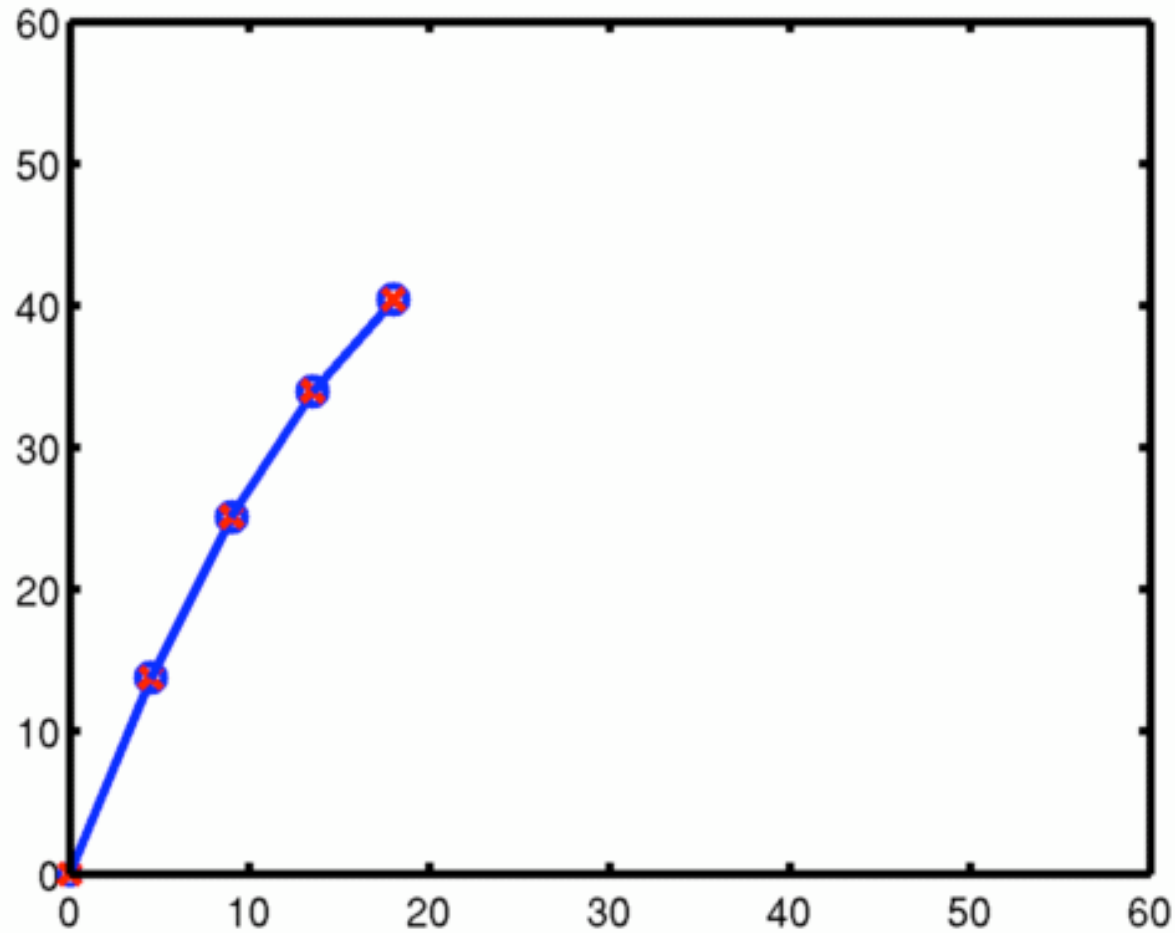
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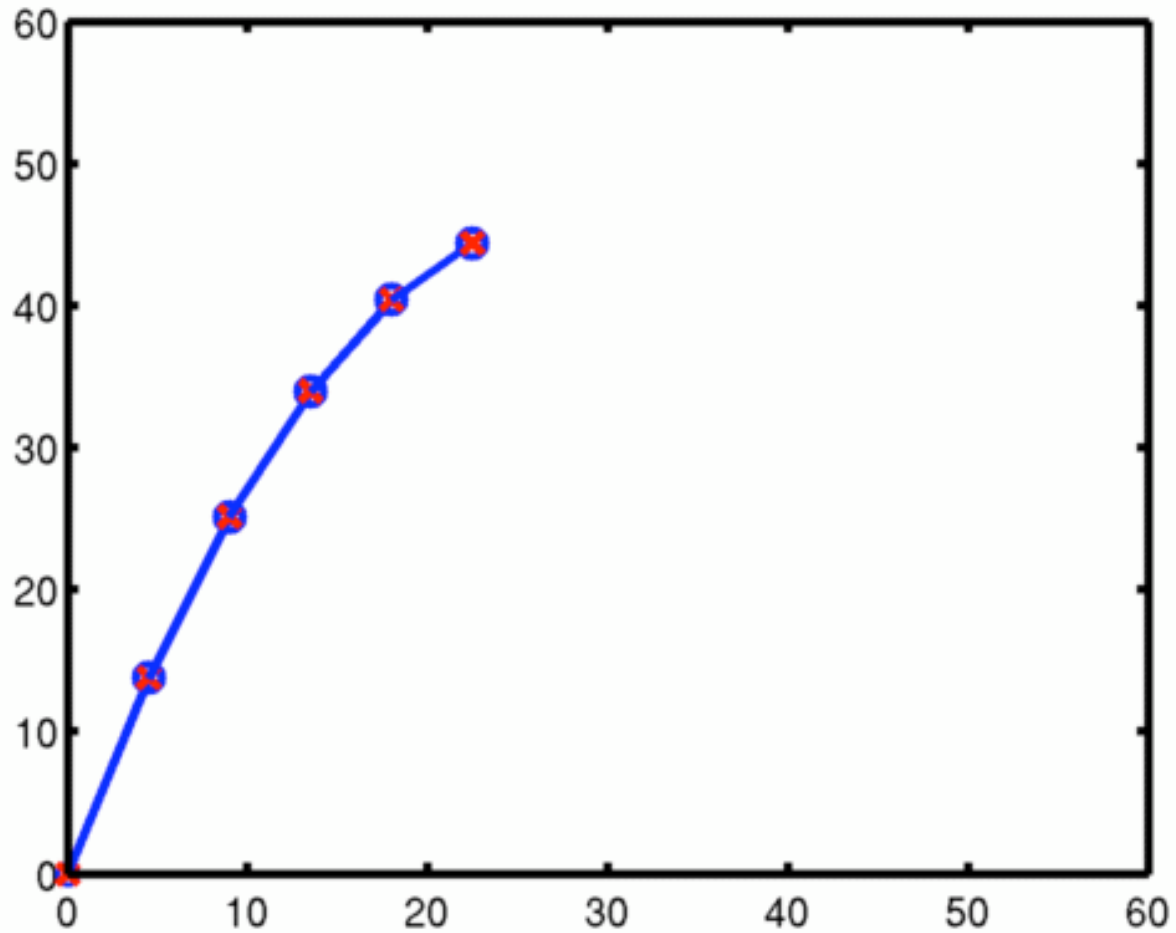


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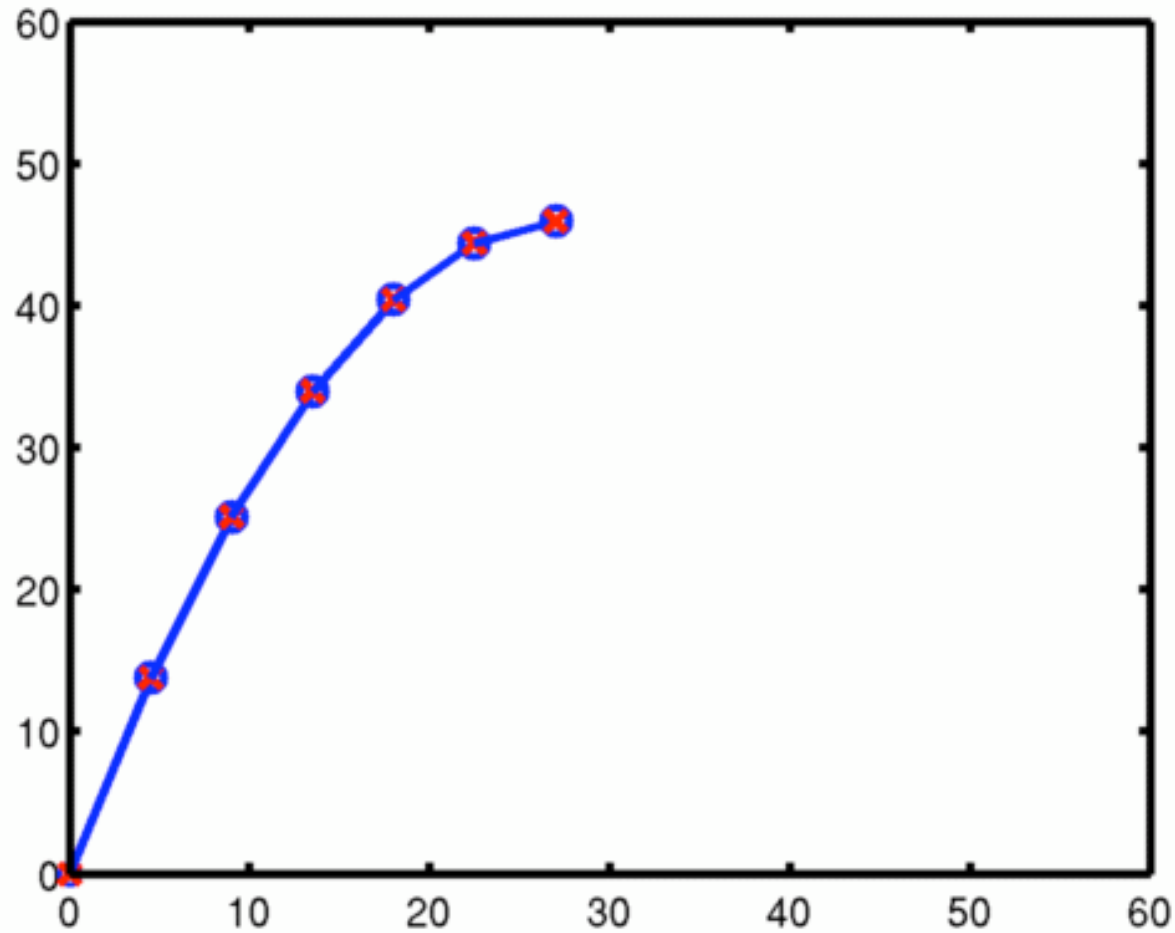
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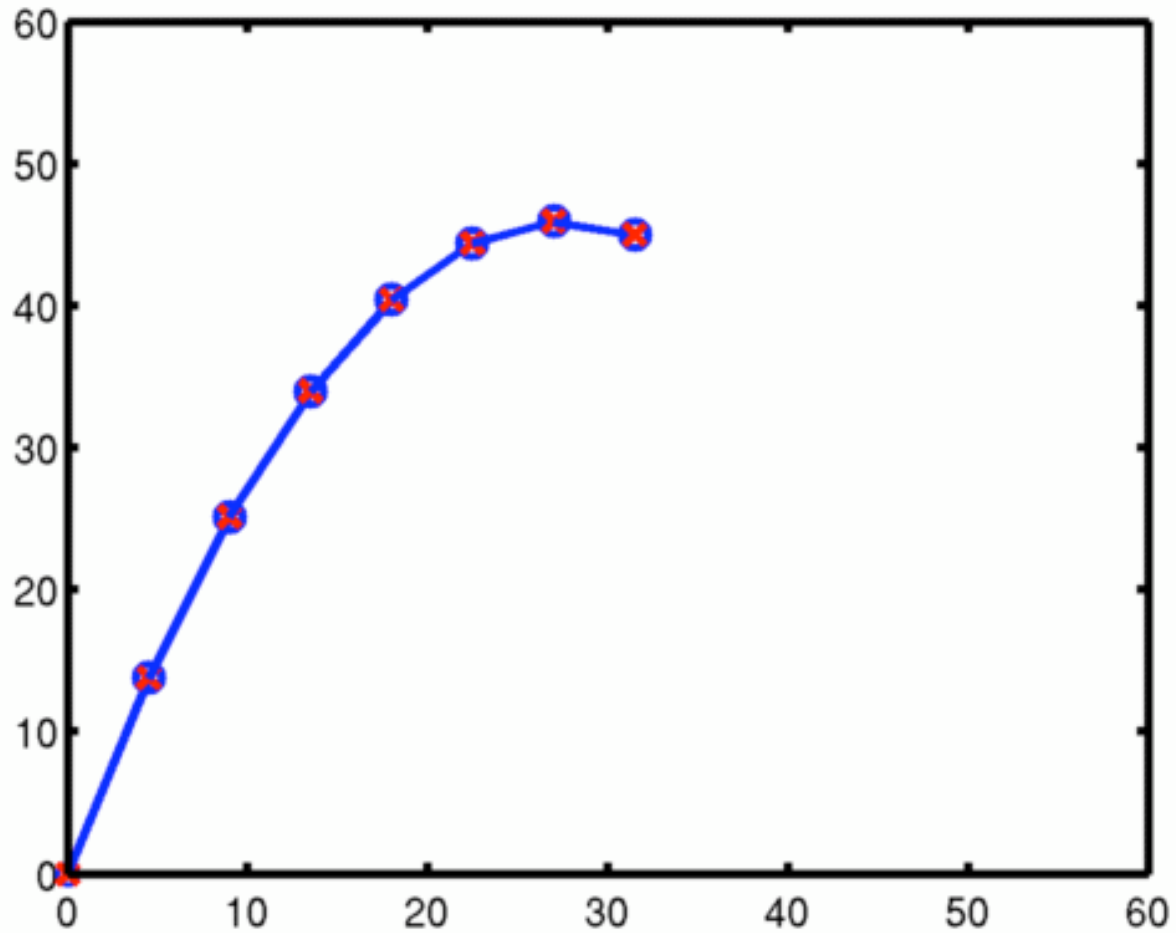
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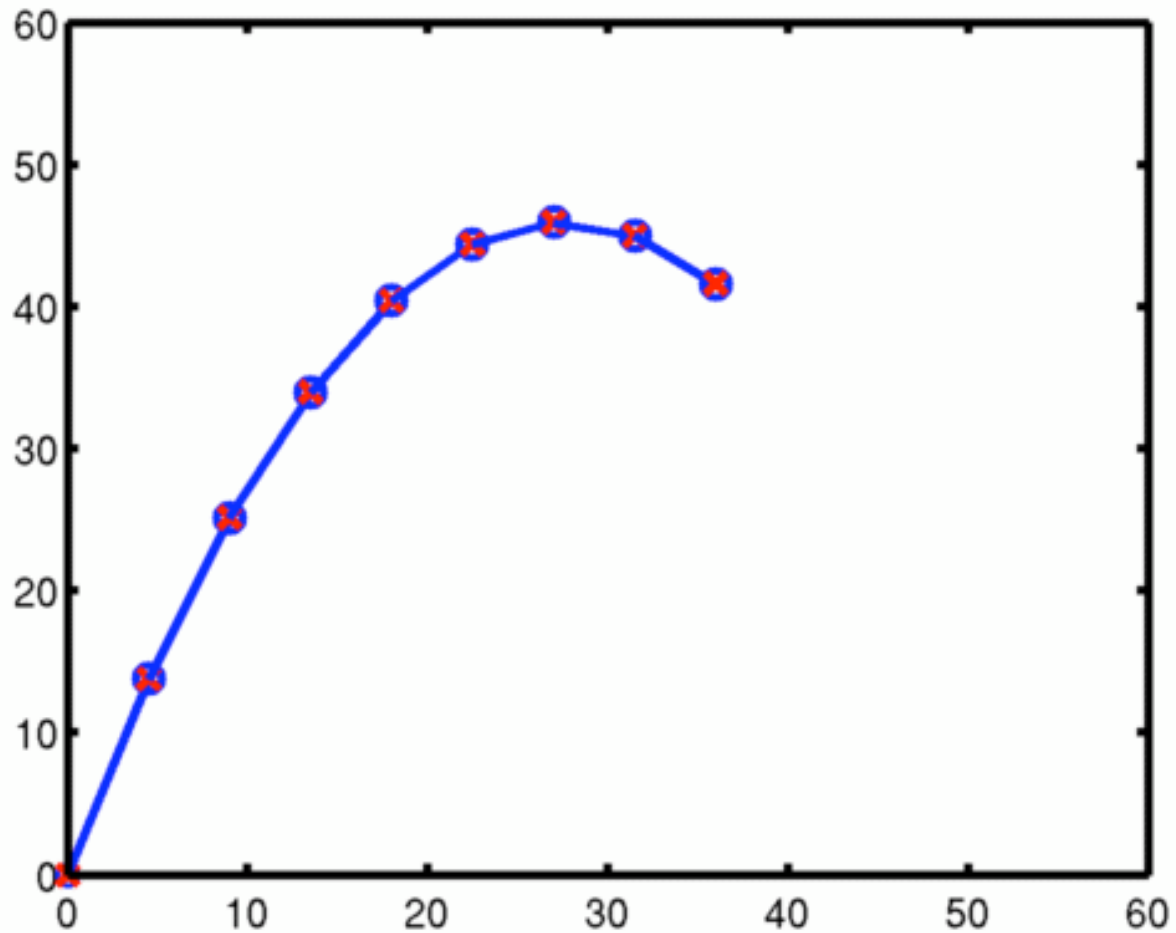
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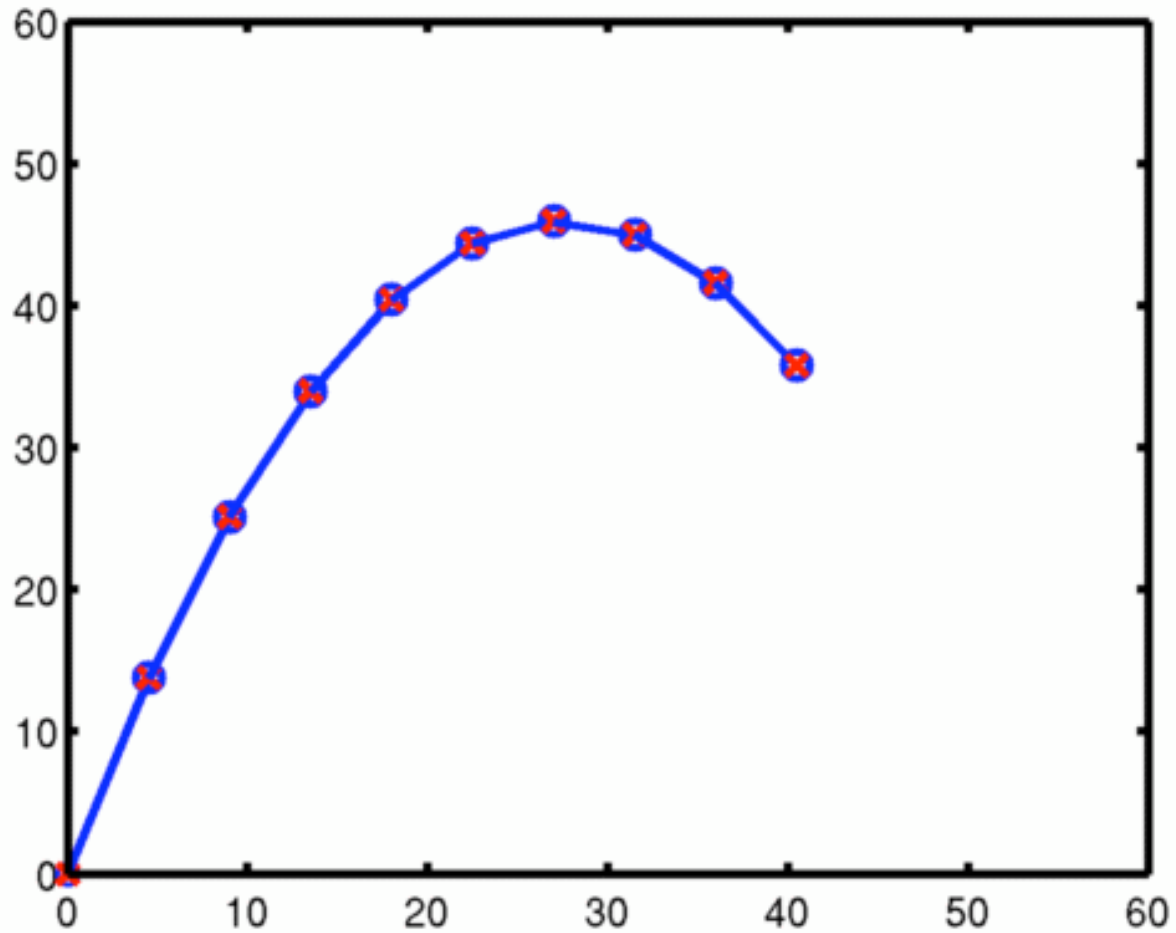
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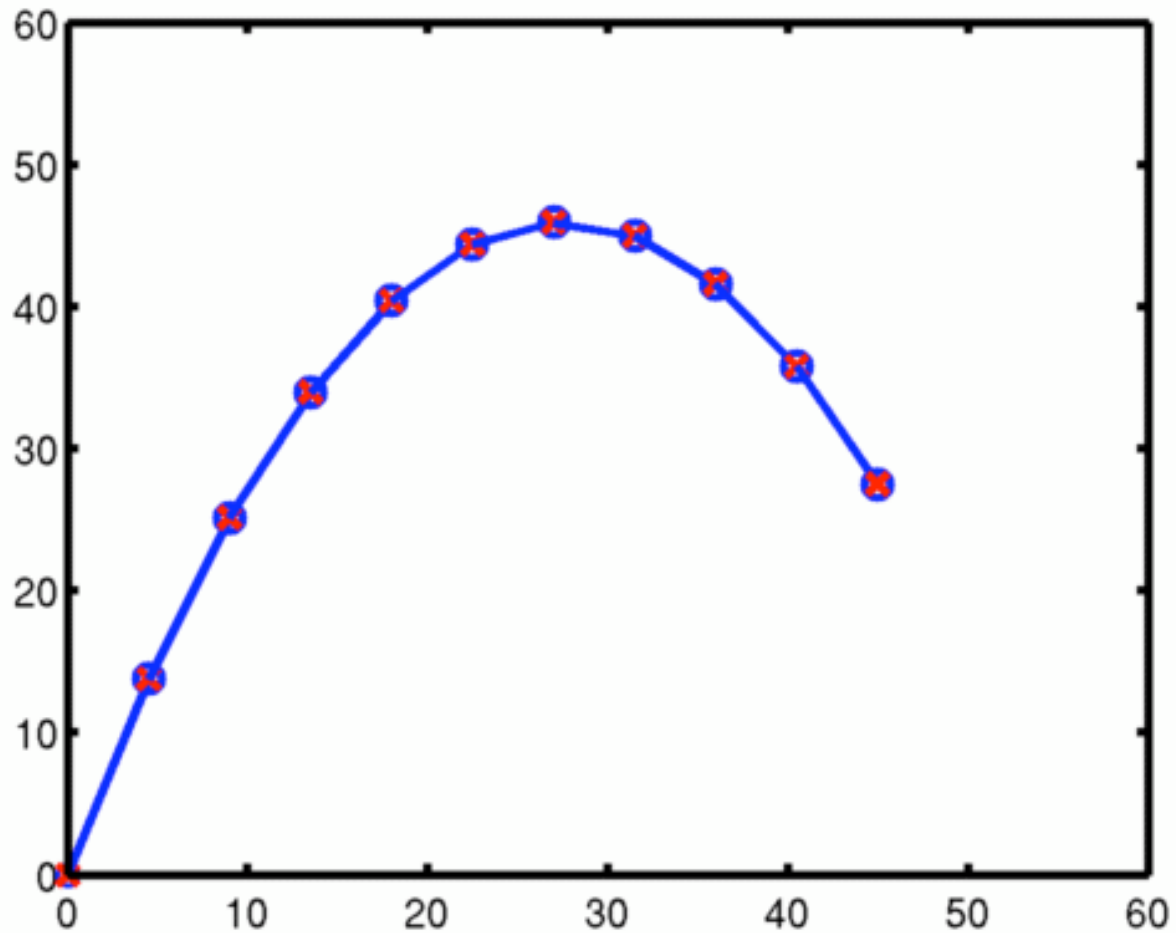
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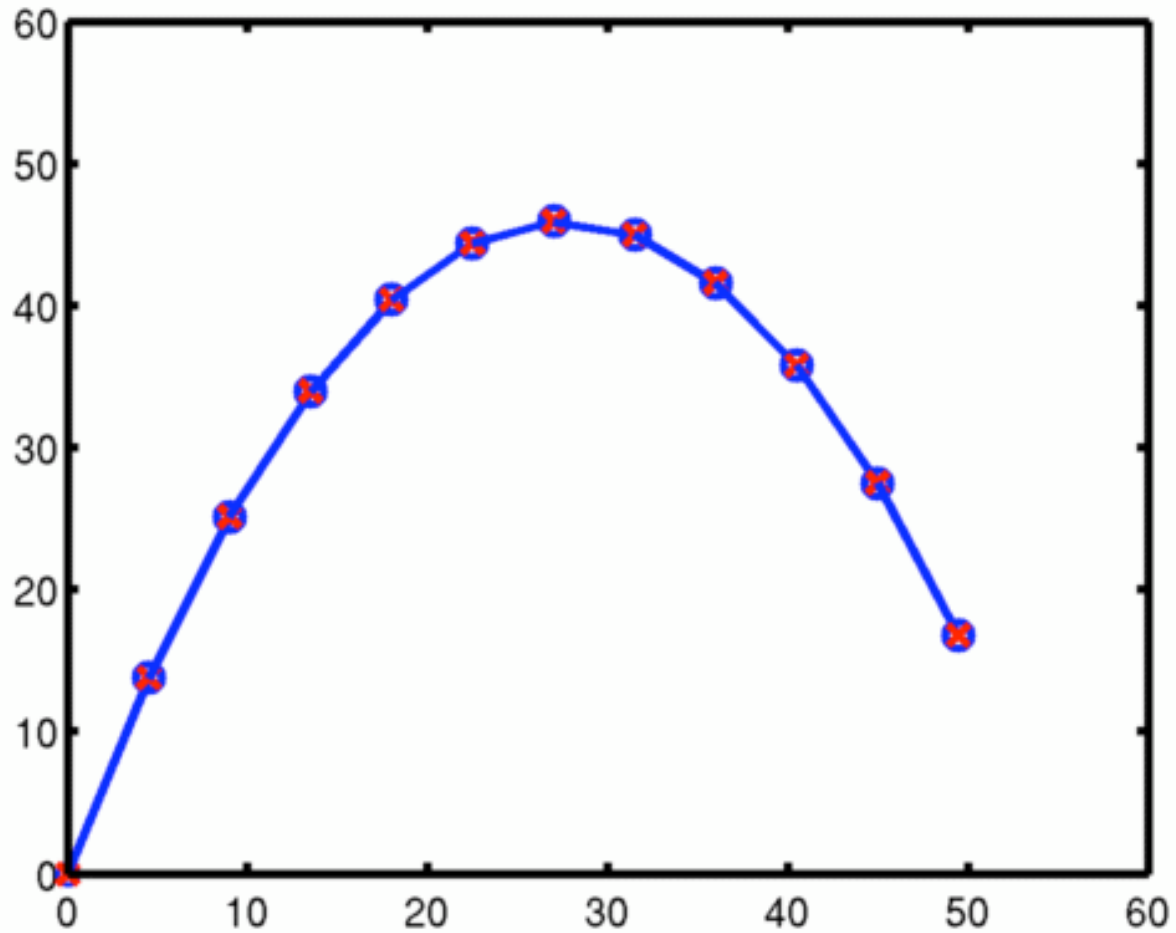
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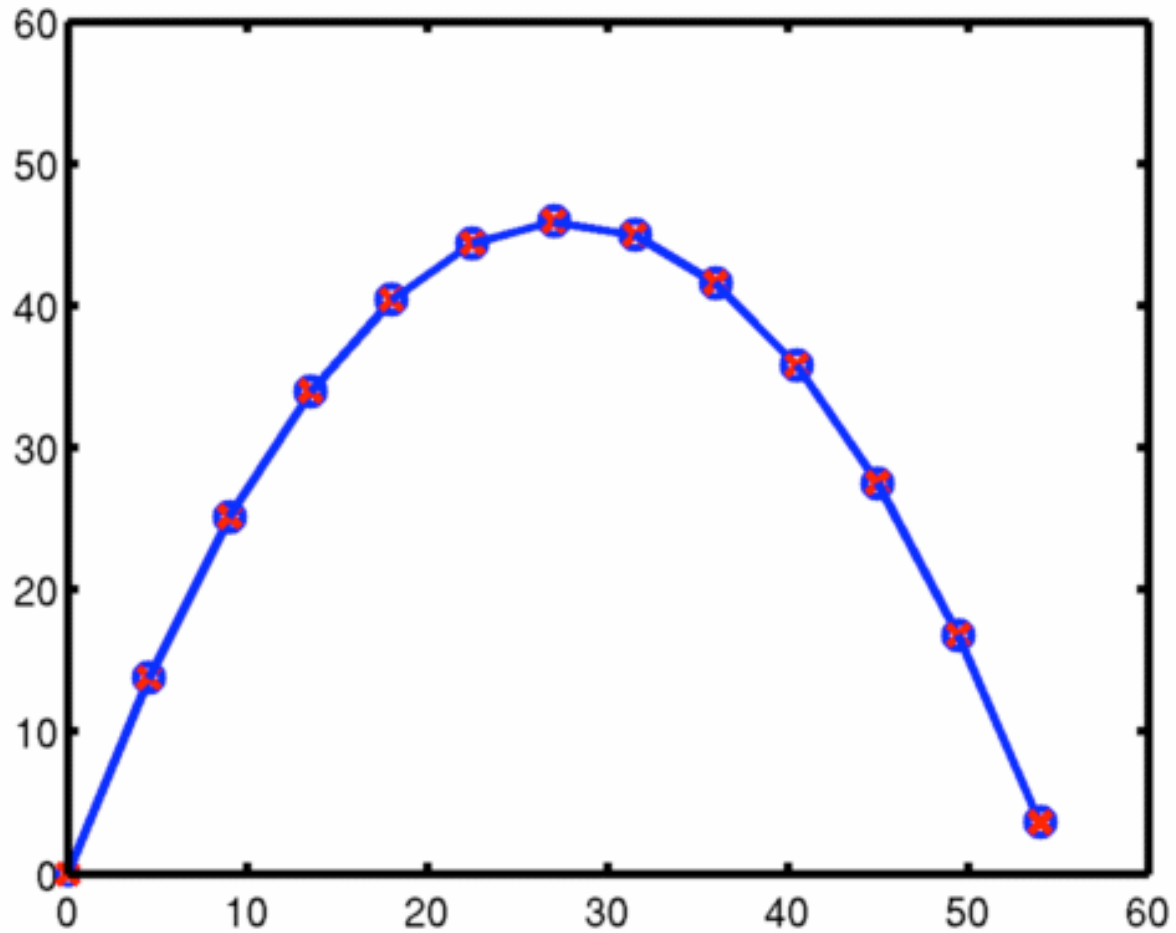
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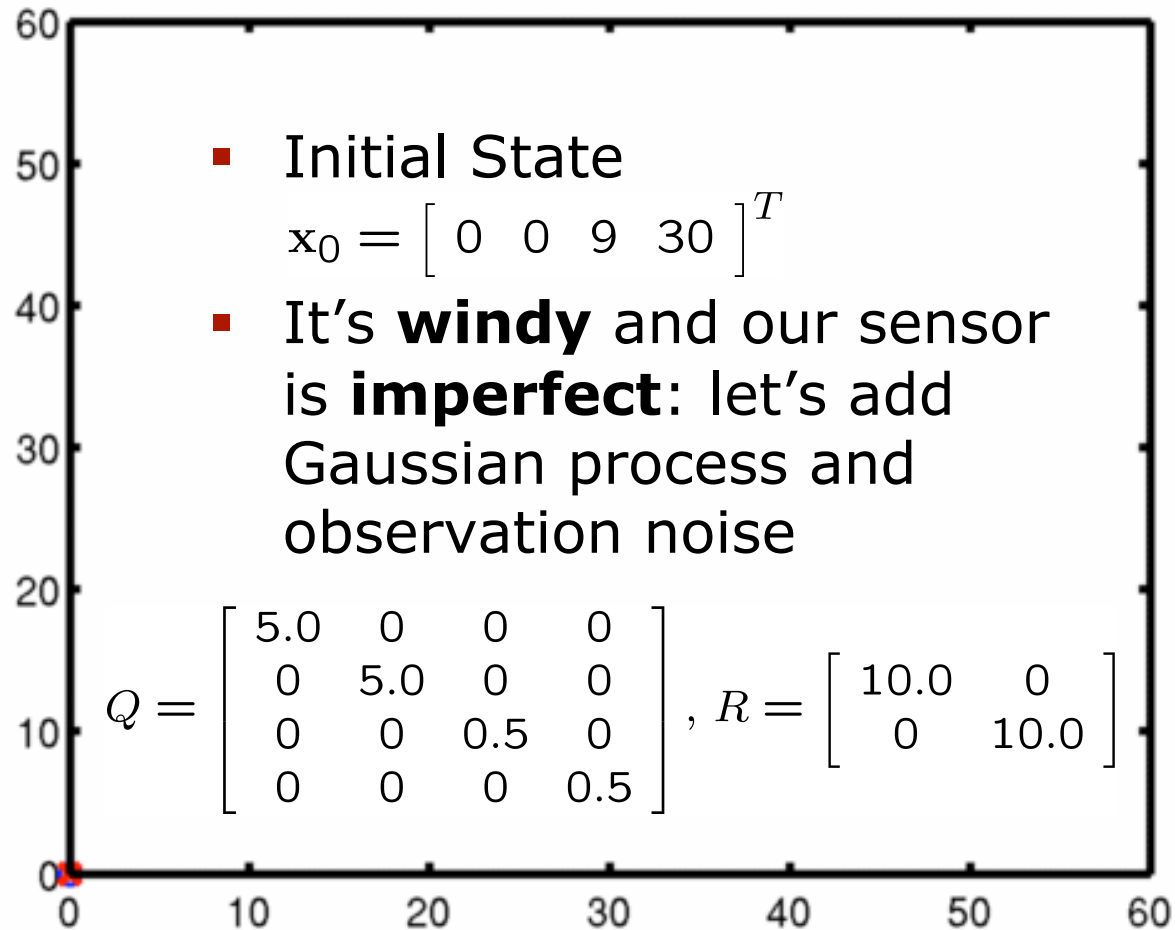


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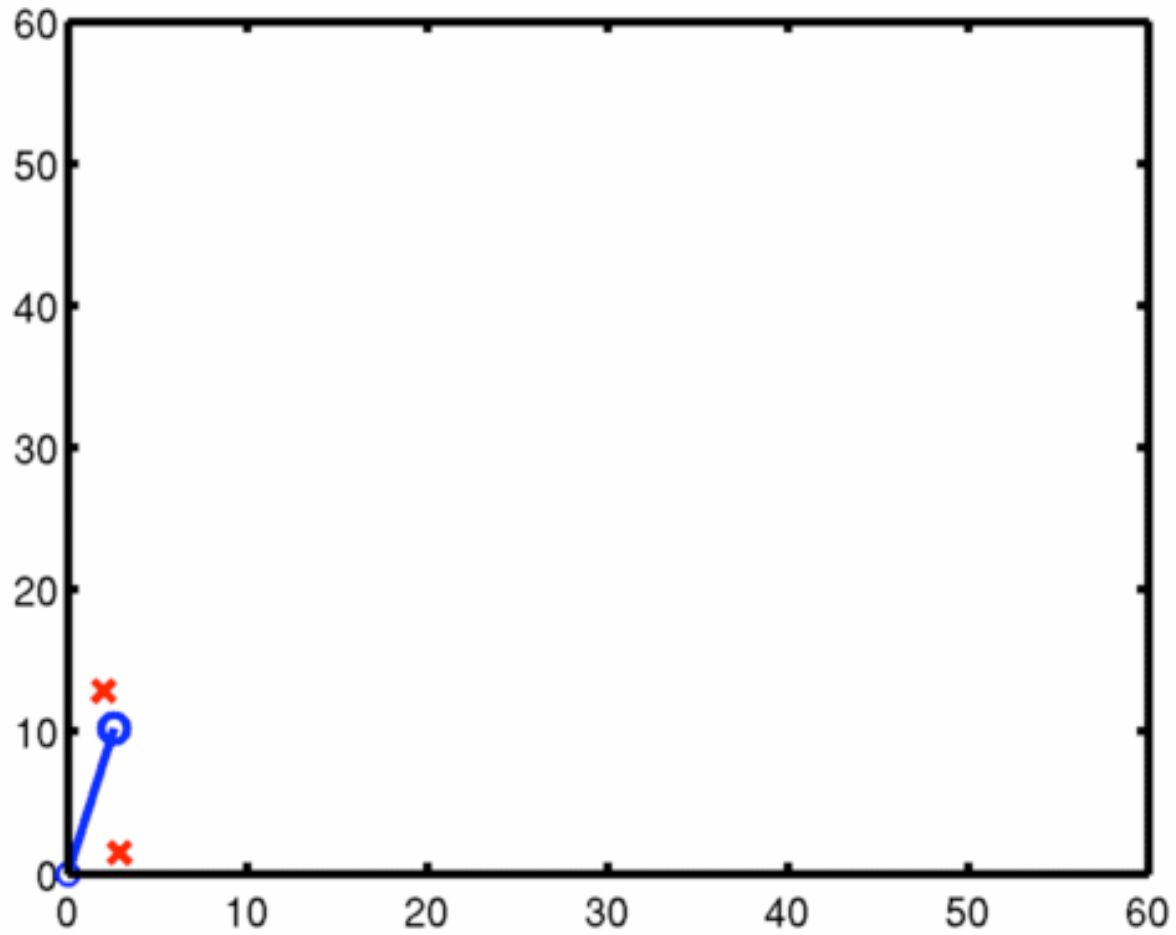


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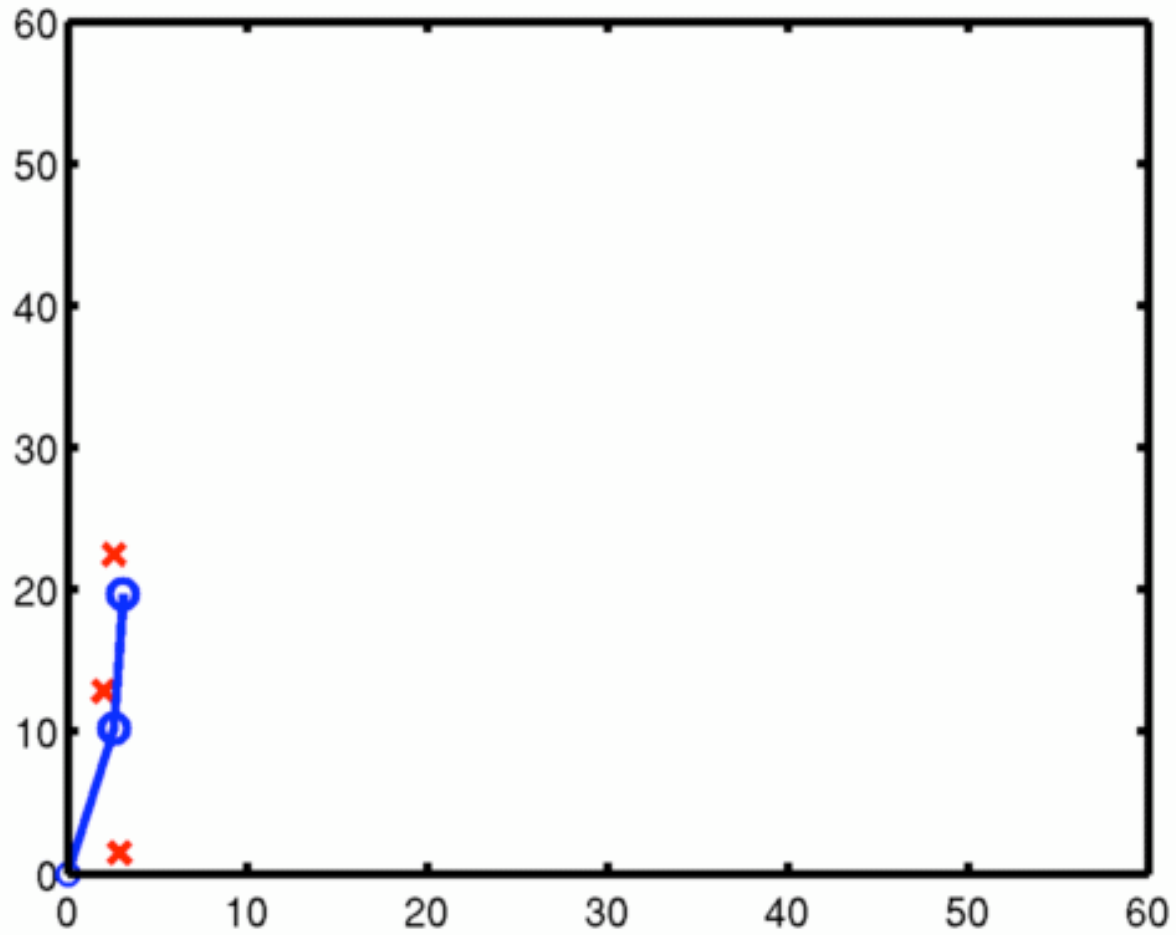


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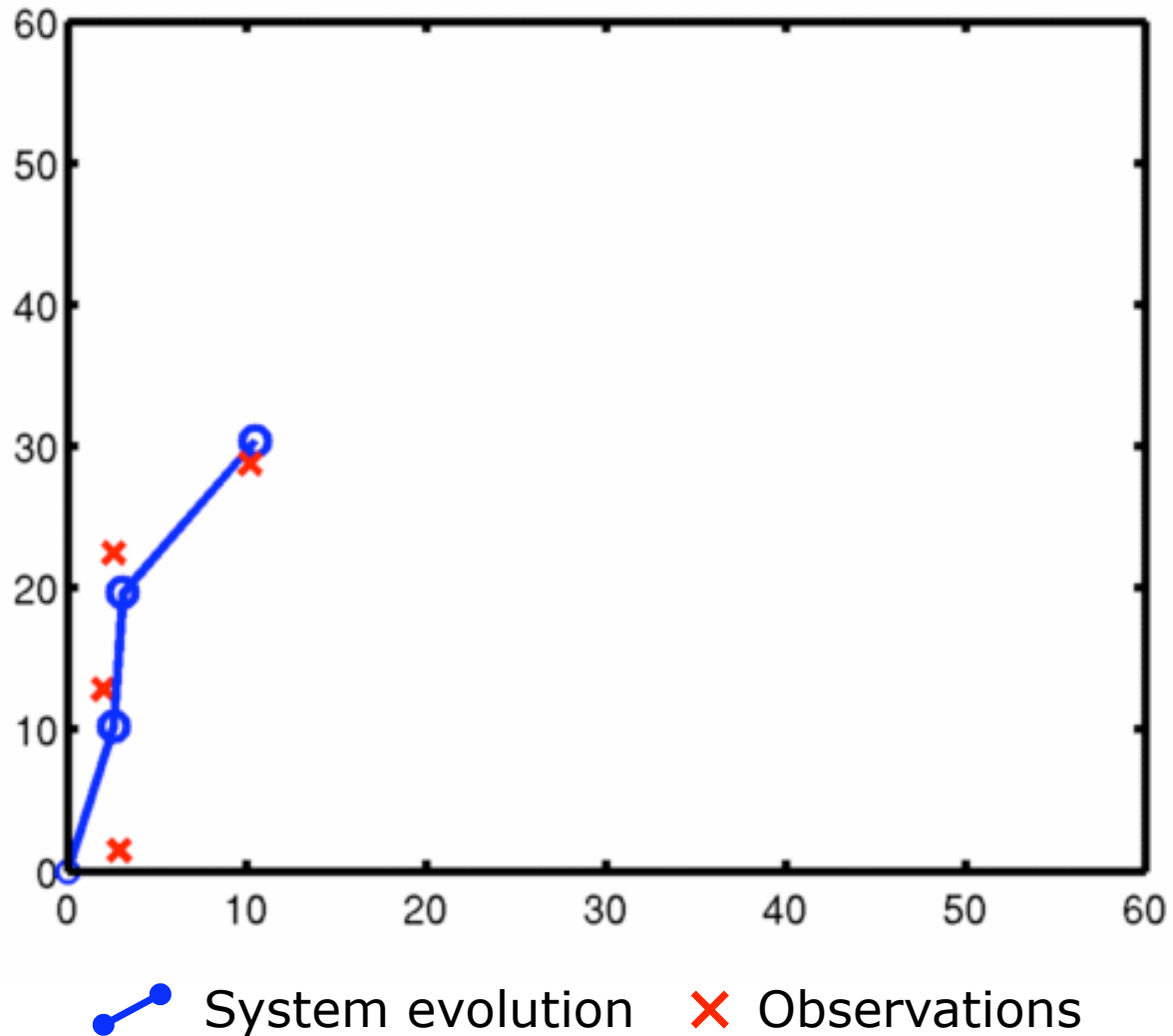
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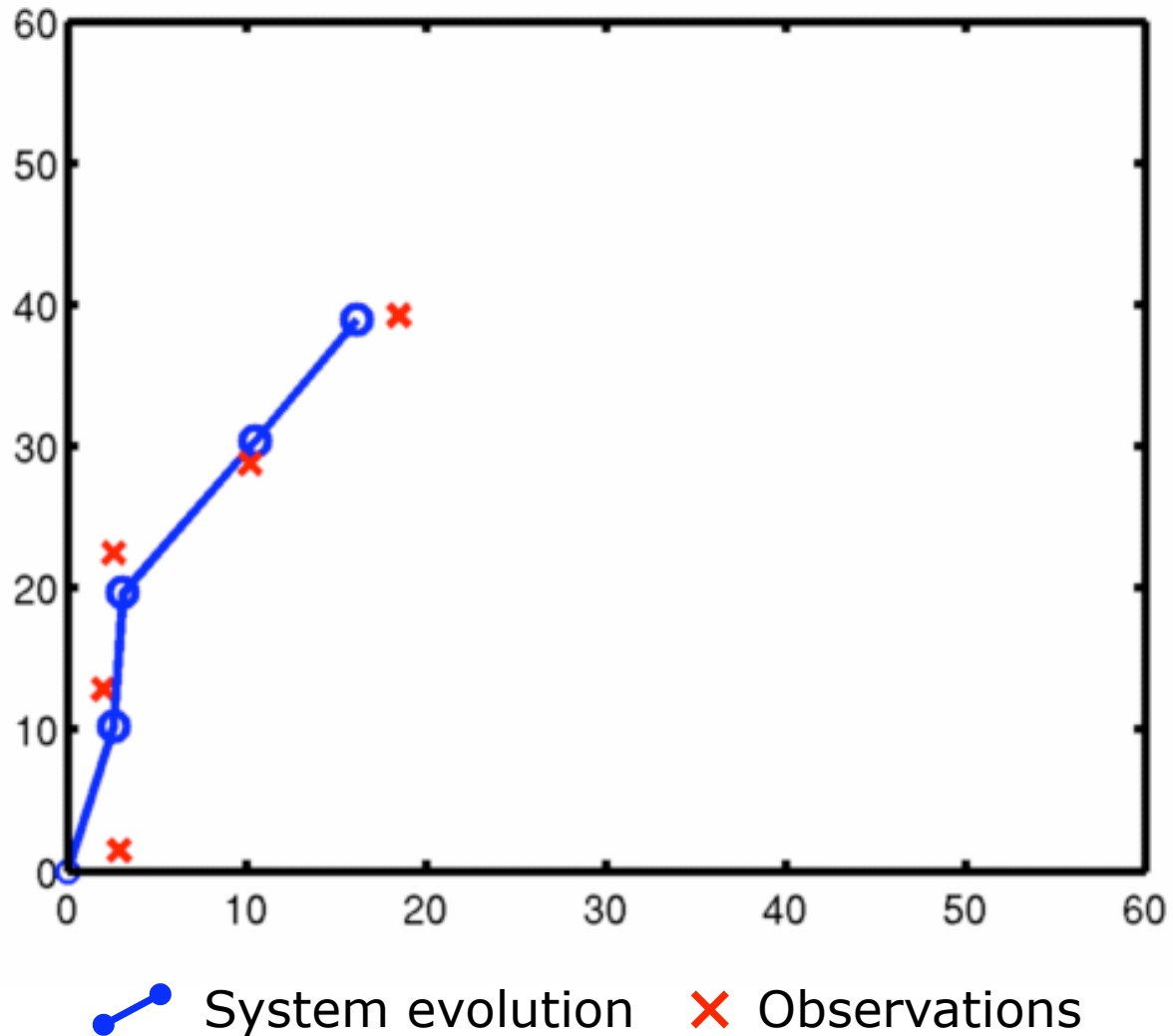


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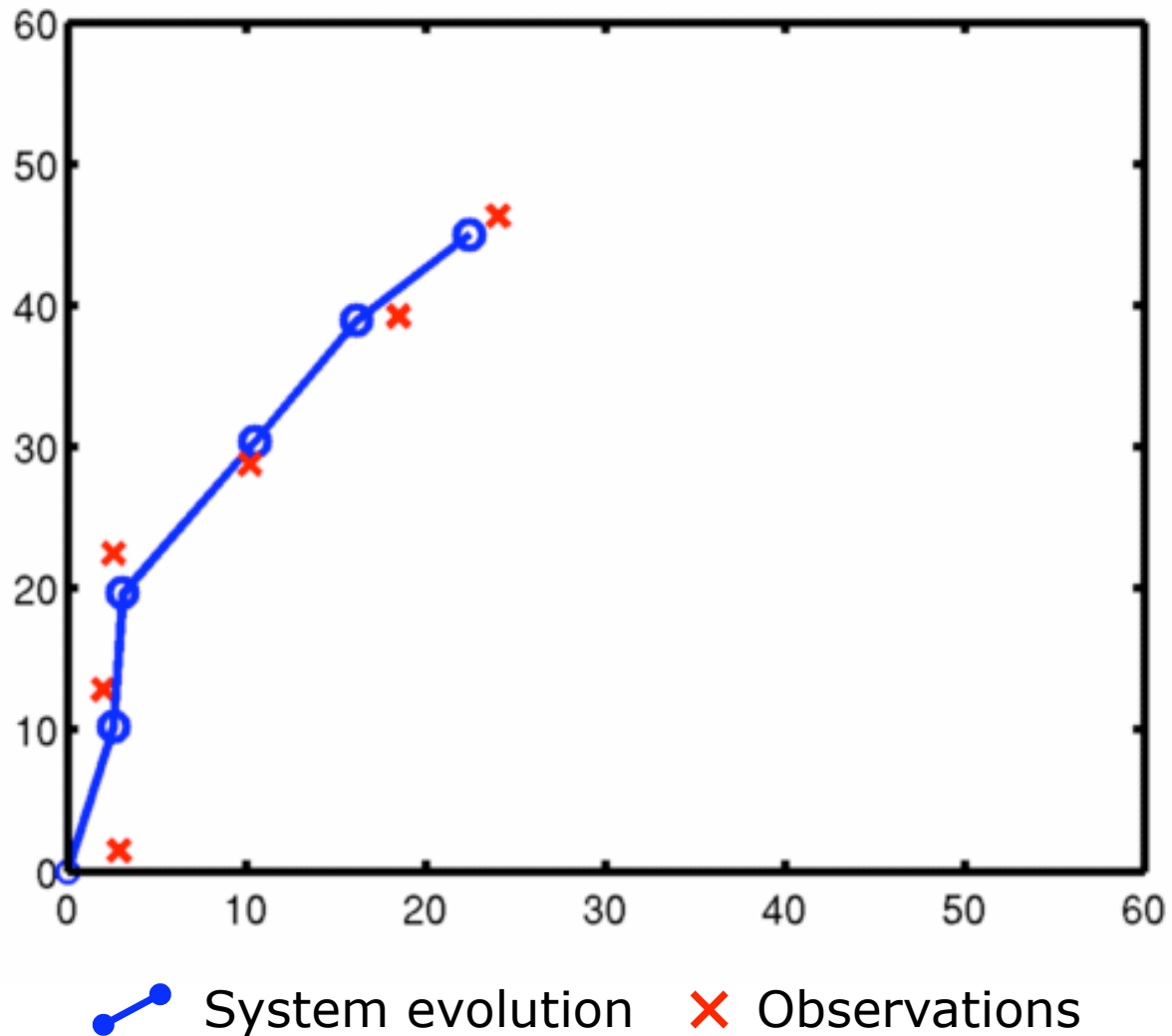
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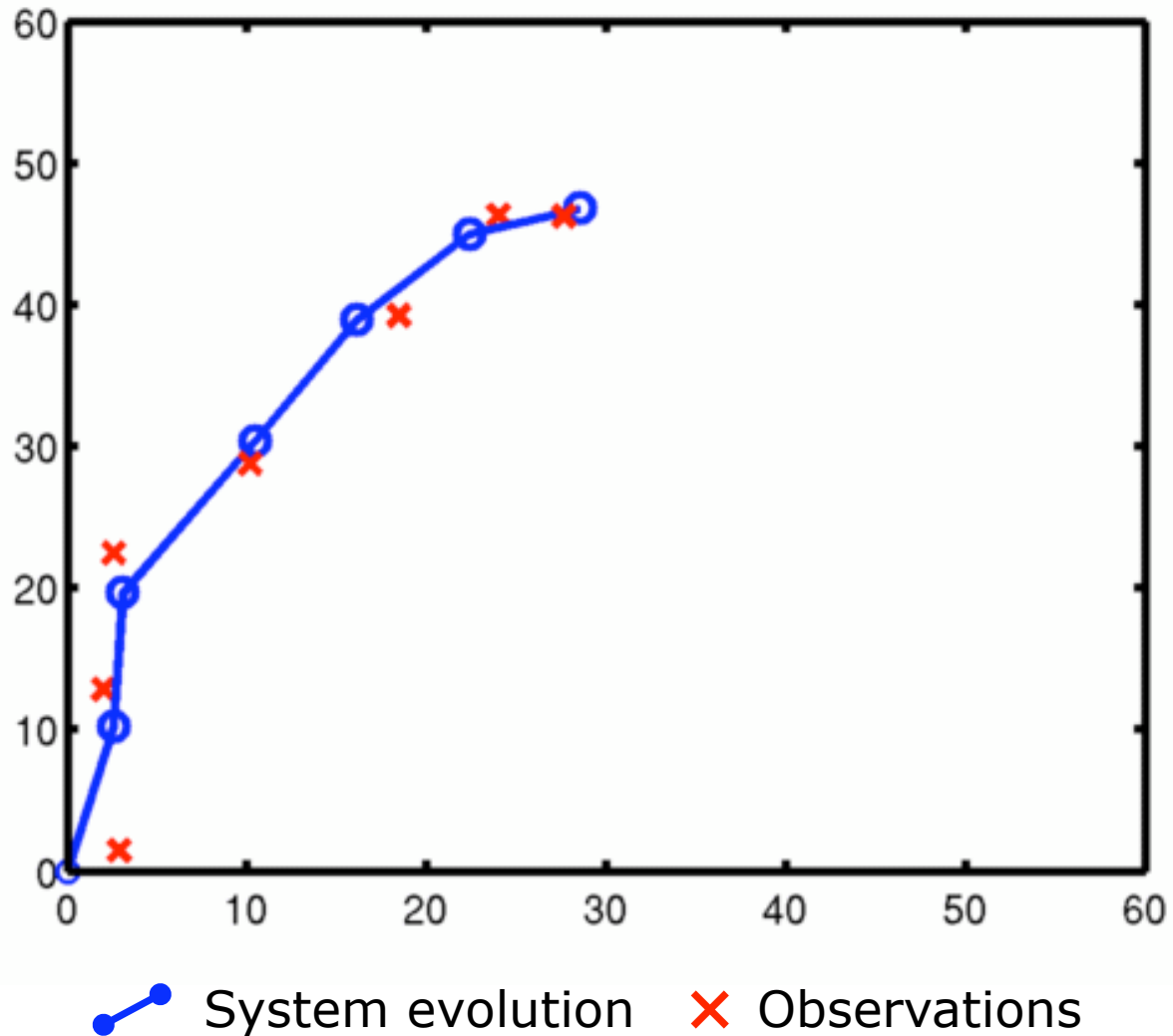
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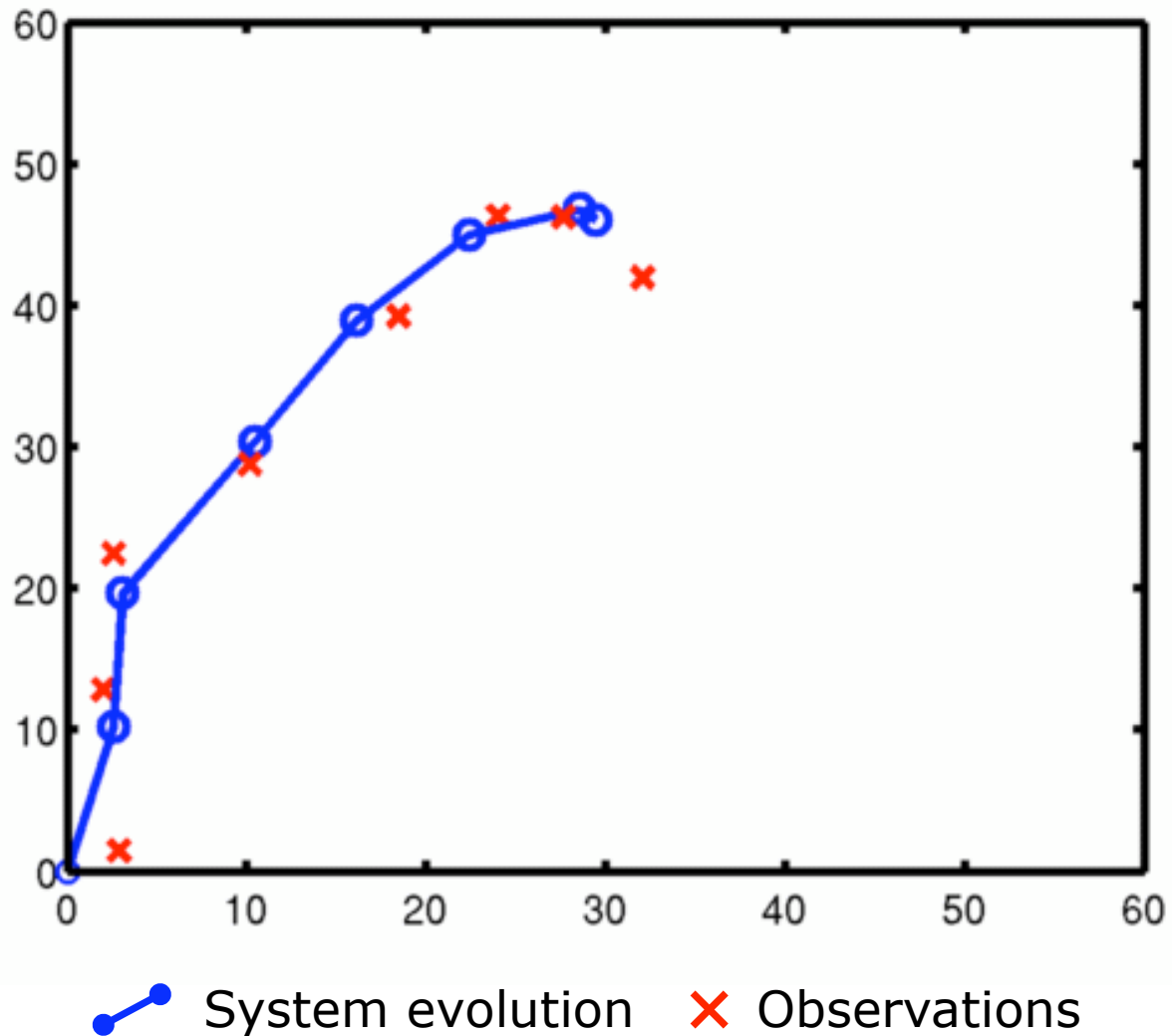


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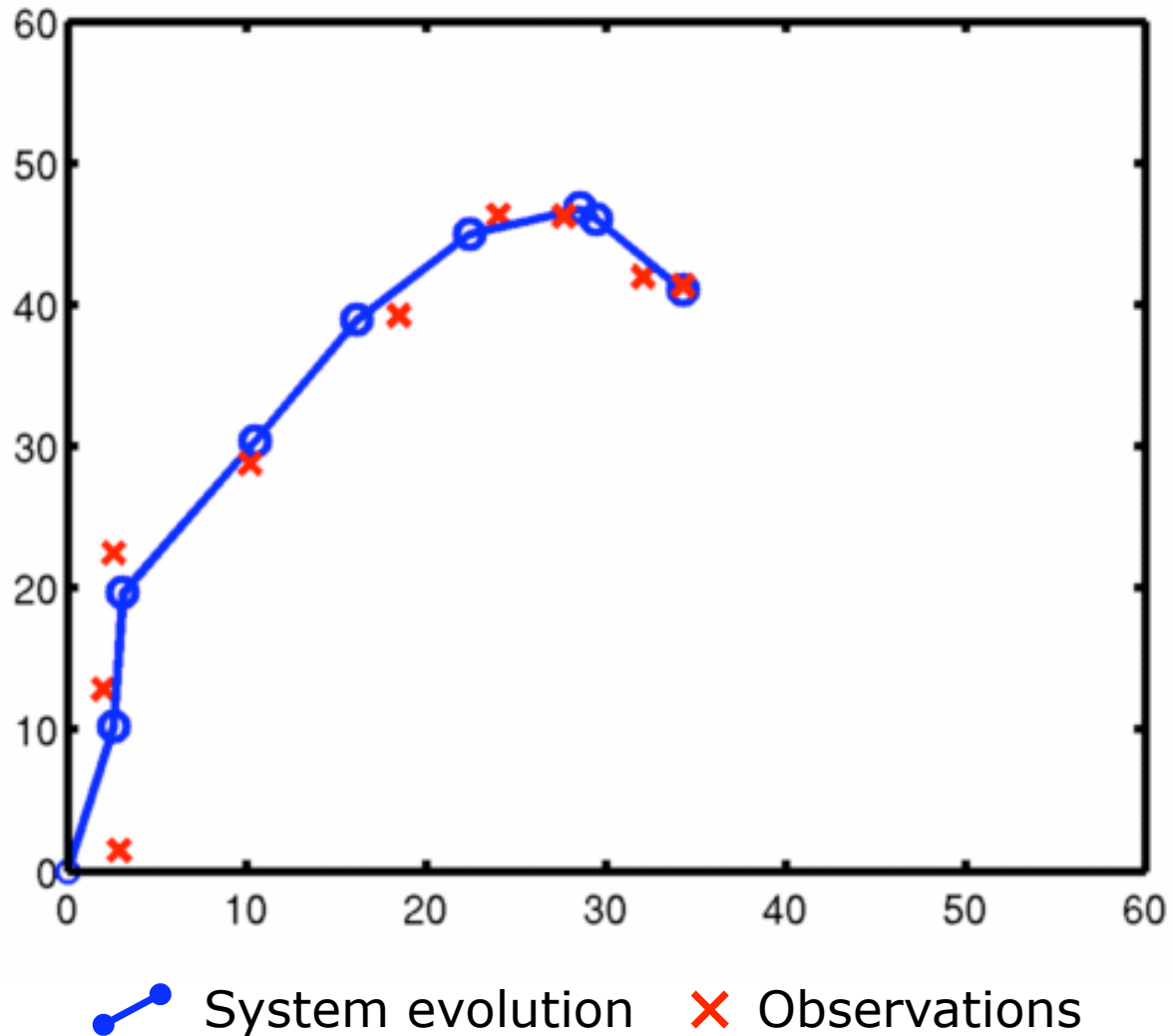




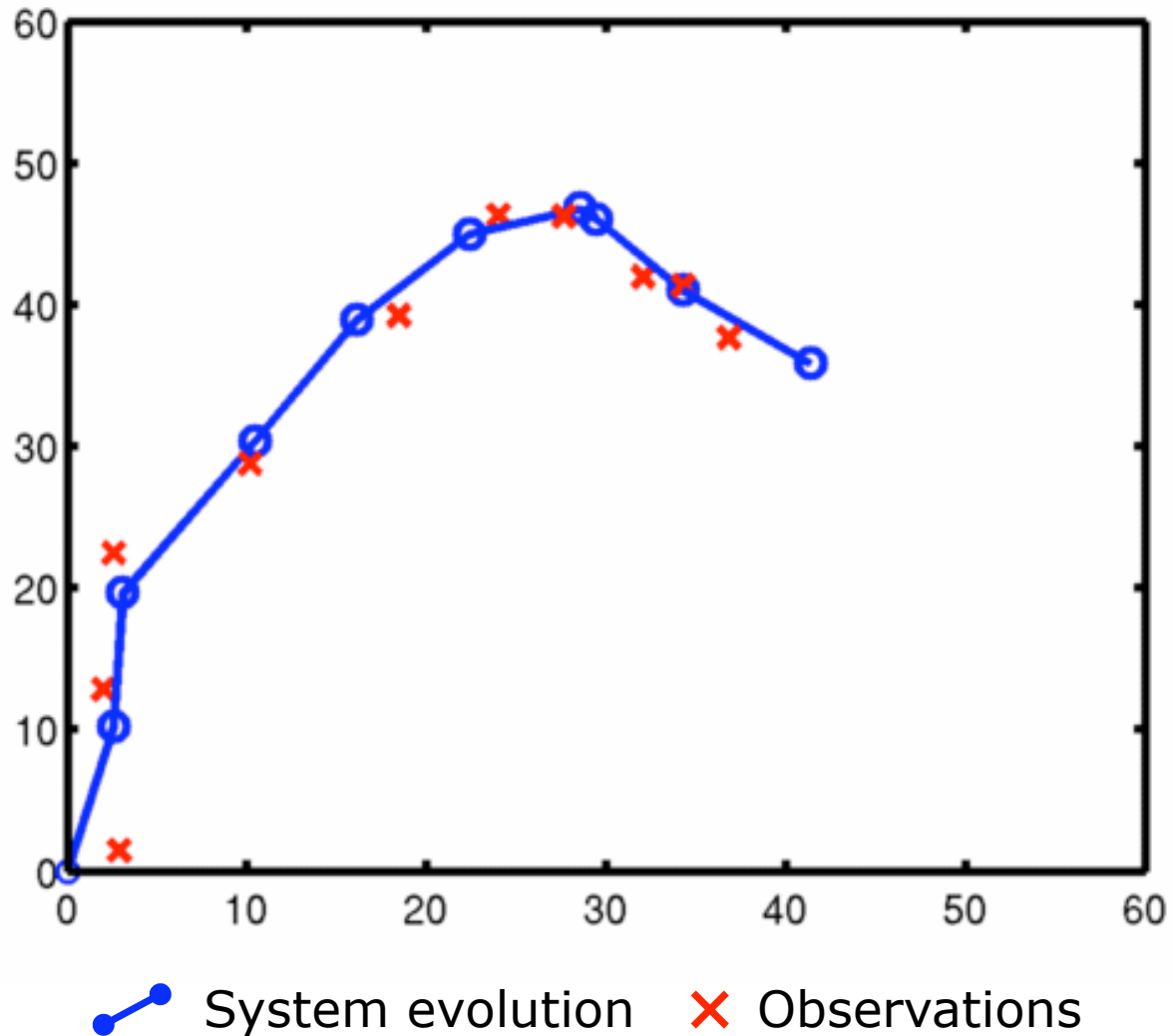
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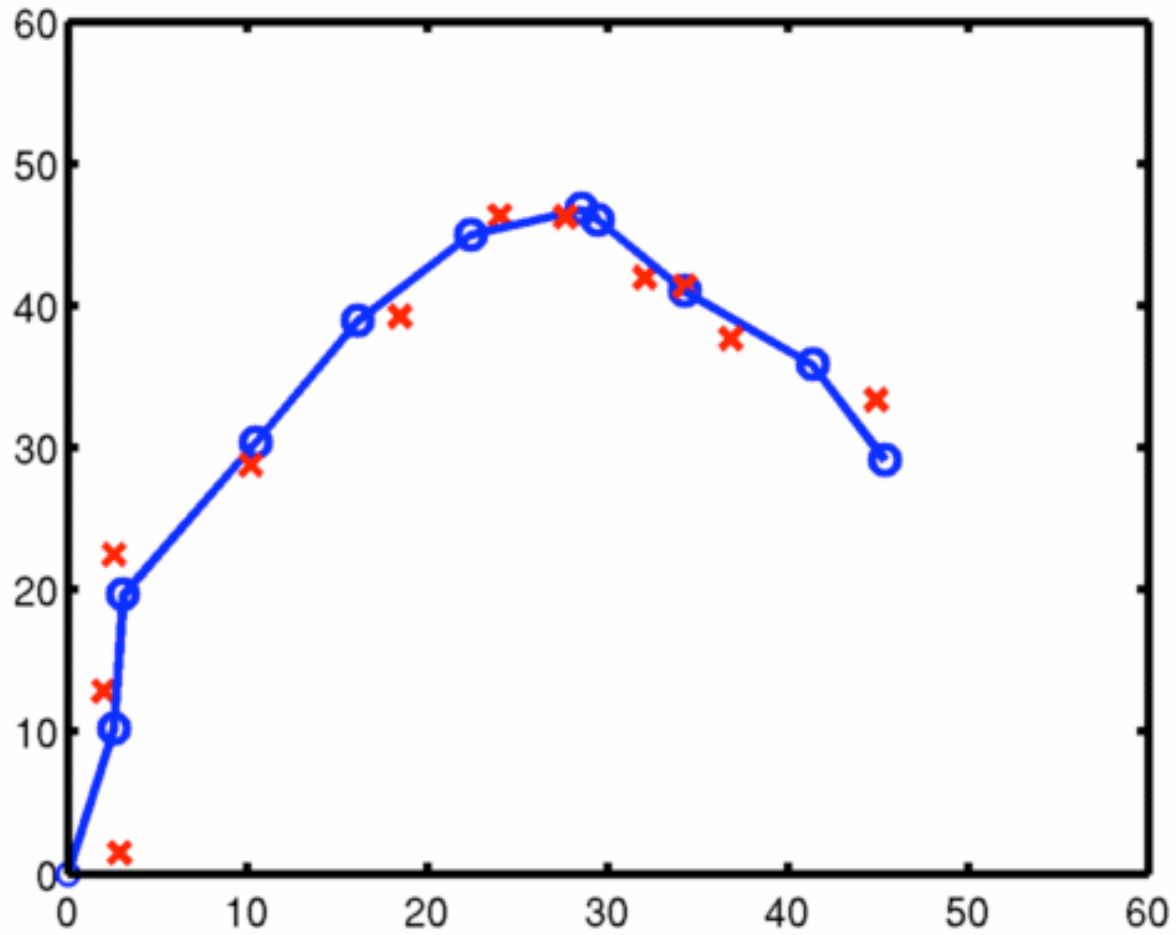
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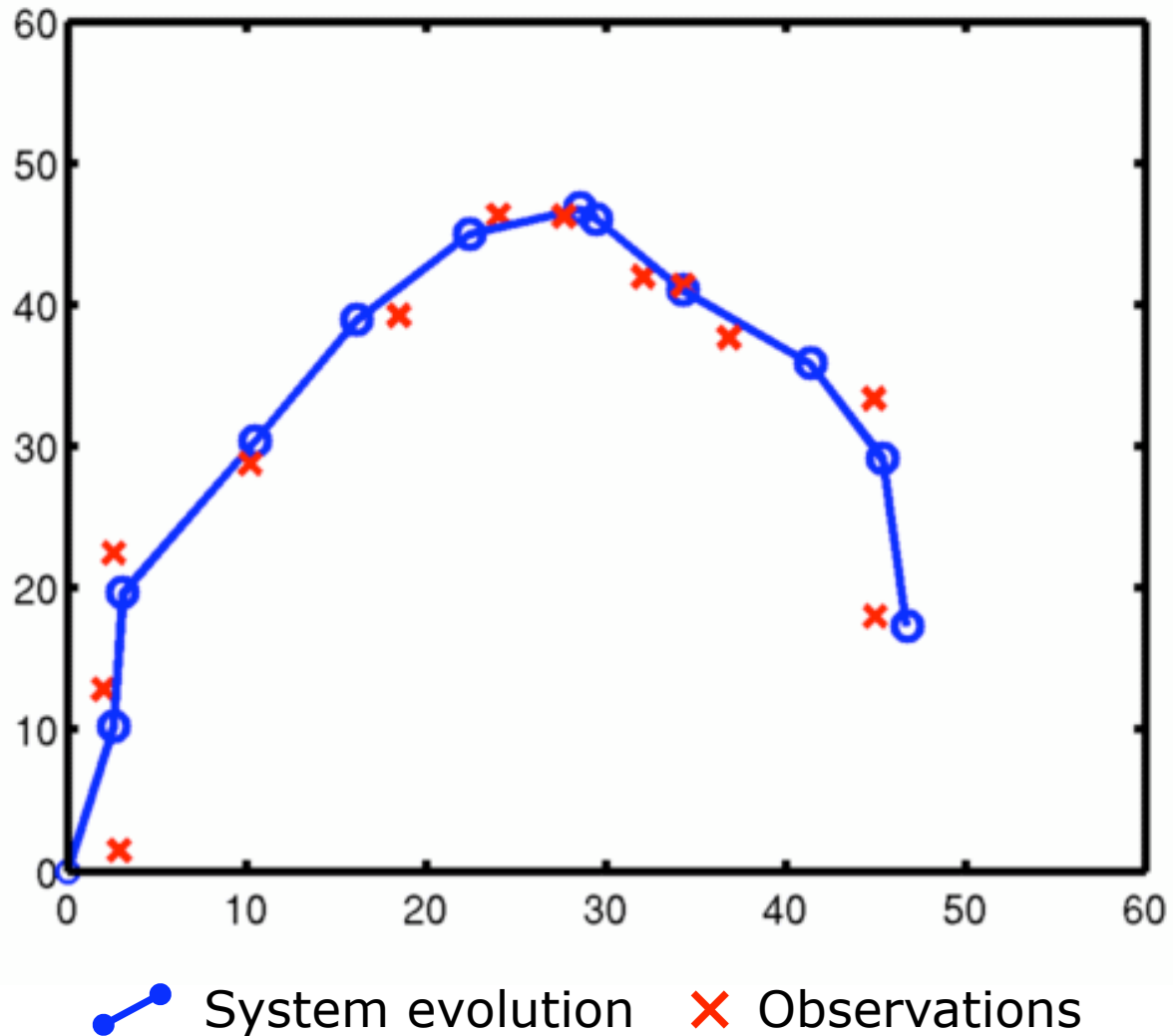


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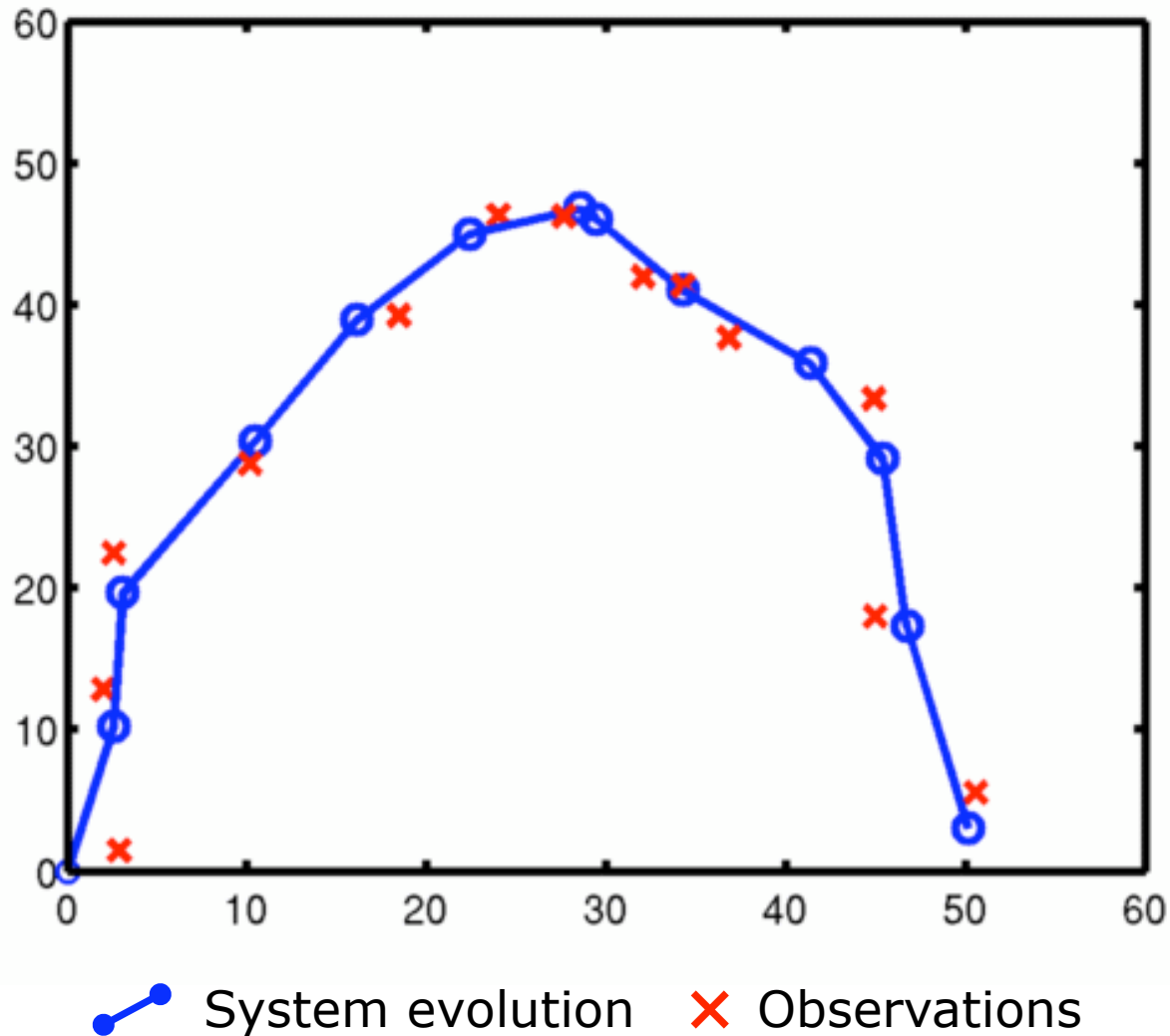


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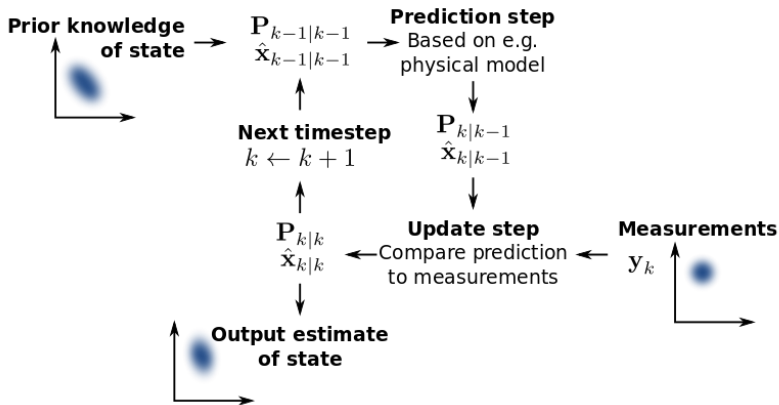


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# Tracking Is Filtering

# Kalman Filter





## CONDENSATION

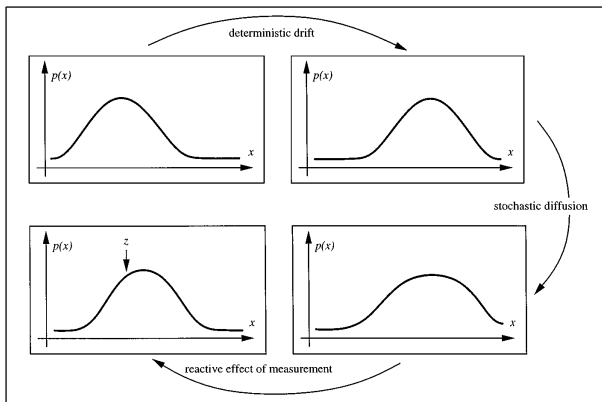


Figure 1. Kalman filter as density propagation: in the case of Gaussian prior, process and observation densities, and assuming linear dynamics, the propagation process of Fig. 2 reduces to a diffusing Gaussian state density, represented completely by its evolving (multivariate) mean and variance—precisely what a Kalman filter computes.

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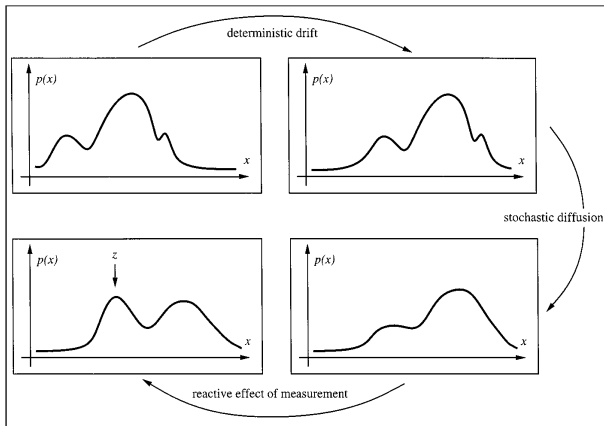


Figure 2. Probability density propagation: propagation is depicted here as it occurs over a discrete time-step. There are three phases: drift due to the deterministic component of object dynamics; diffusion due to the random component; reactive reinforcement due to observations.

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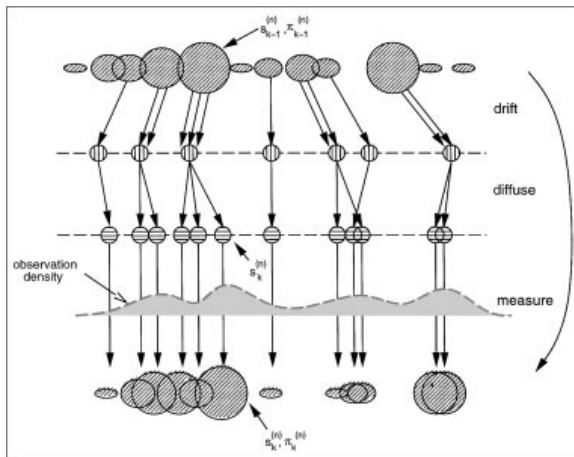
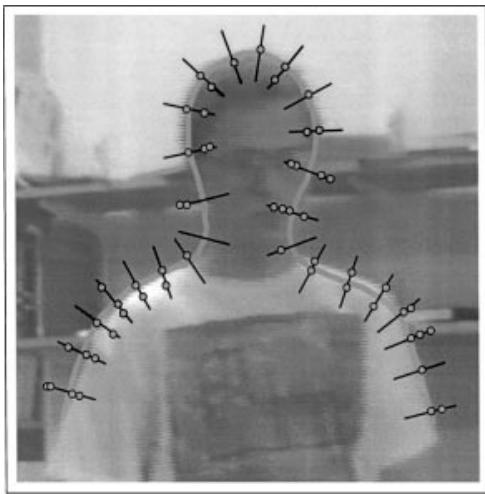


Figure 5. One time-step in the CONDENSATION algorithm: Each of the three steps—drift-diffuse-measure—of the probabilistic propagation process of Fig. 2 is represented by steps in the CONDENSATION algorithm.

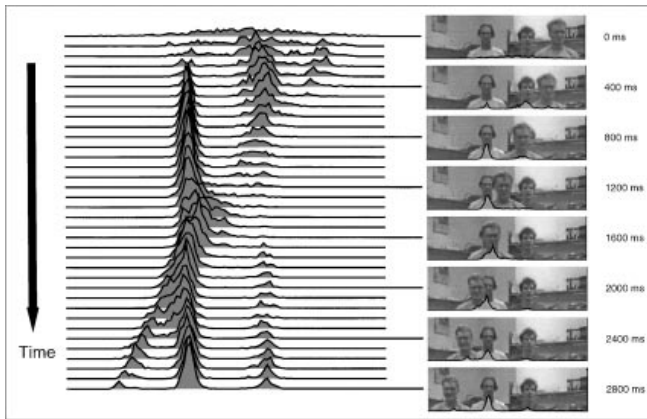
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## Multiple-Hypothesis Tracking (MHT)

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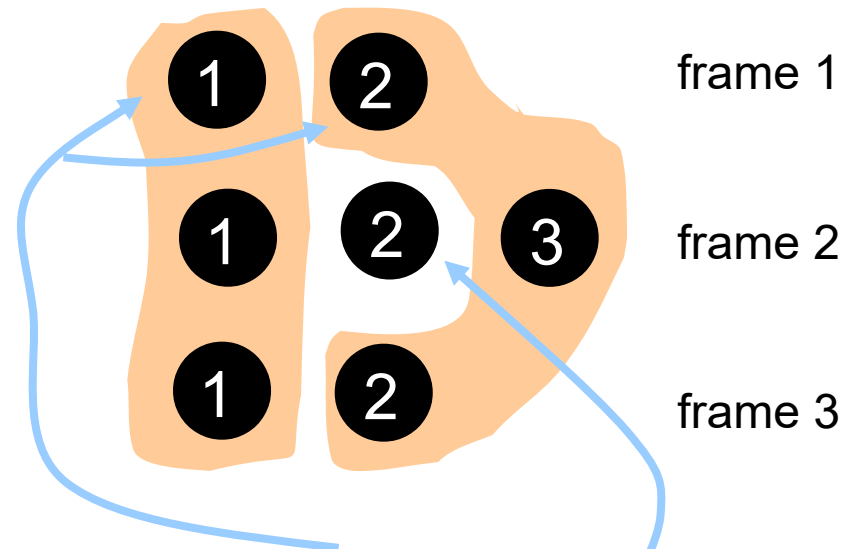
# Multiple-Hypothesis Tracking (MHT)

## Problem:

- data association (partitioning of observations)
- estimation of target tracks

## Assumptions

- A1: one observation comes from one target or clutter
- A2: one target yields zero or one observation
- A3: one target yields zero or several observations



$$Z^k = \{Z(1), \dots, Z(k)\}$$

$$\text{partition } \omega \triangleq \{t_0, \dots, t_M\}$$

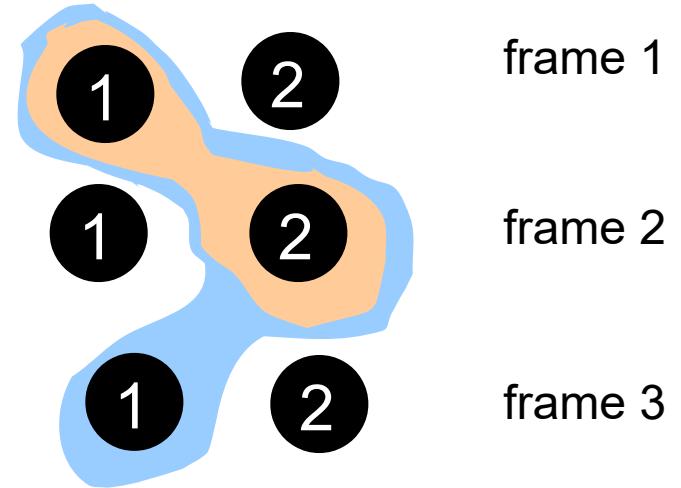
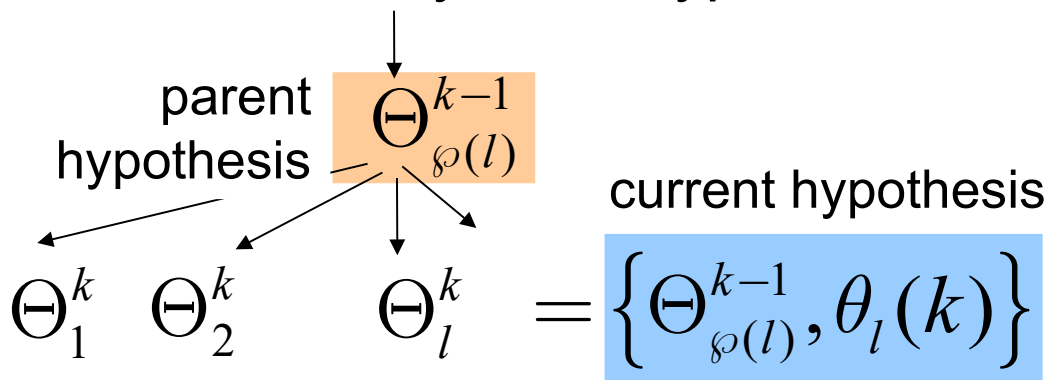
seek most probable partition

$$Z^k \triangleq \text{all obs.} \quad Z(k) \triangleq \text{obs. current frame} \quad t_0 \triangleq \text{false alarms} \quad t_m \triangleq \text{track } m$$



# Multiple-Hypothesis Tracking (MHT)

Key idea: hypothesis tree



MHT integrates

- Track initiation and termination
- Track update with (or without) observation
- Accounting for false alarms
- Enforcement of assumptions (A1, A2)

$\theta_l(k) \triangleq$  assignment  $l$  at frame  $k$      $\Theta_{\varphi(l)}^{k-1} \triangleq$  parent hypothesis

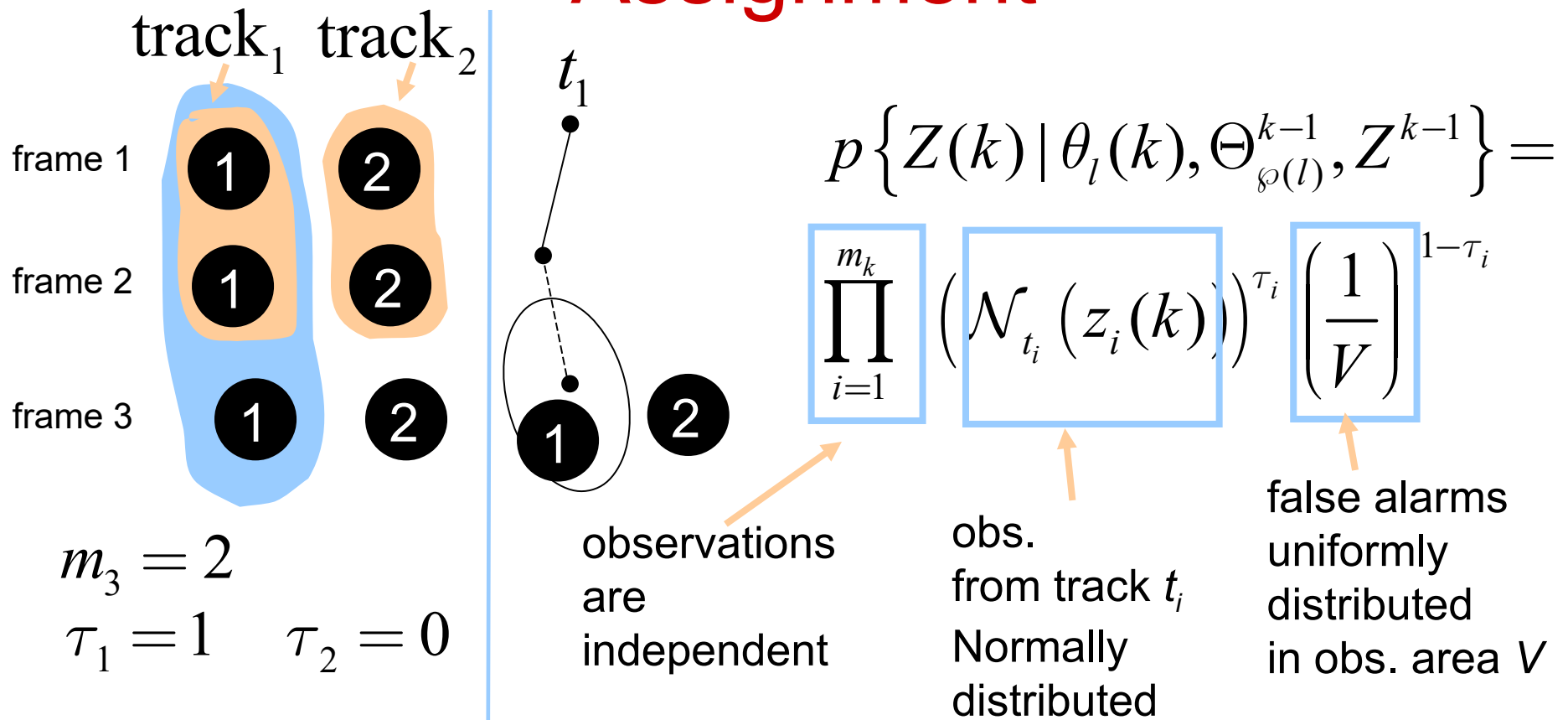
# Hypothesis Probability

Given  $N$  frames, enumerate finite set of hypotheses

Compute probability for each element of this set

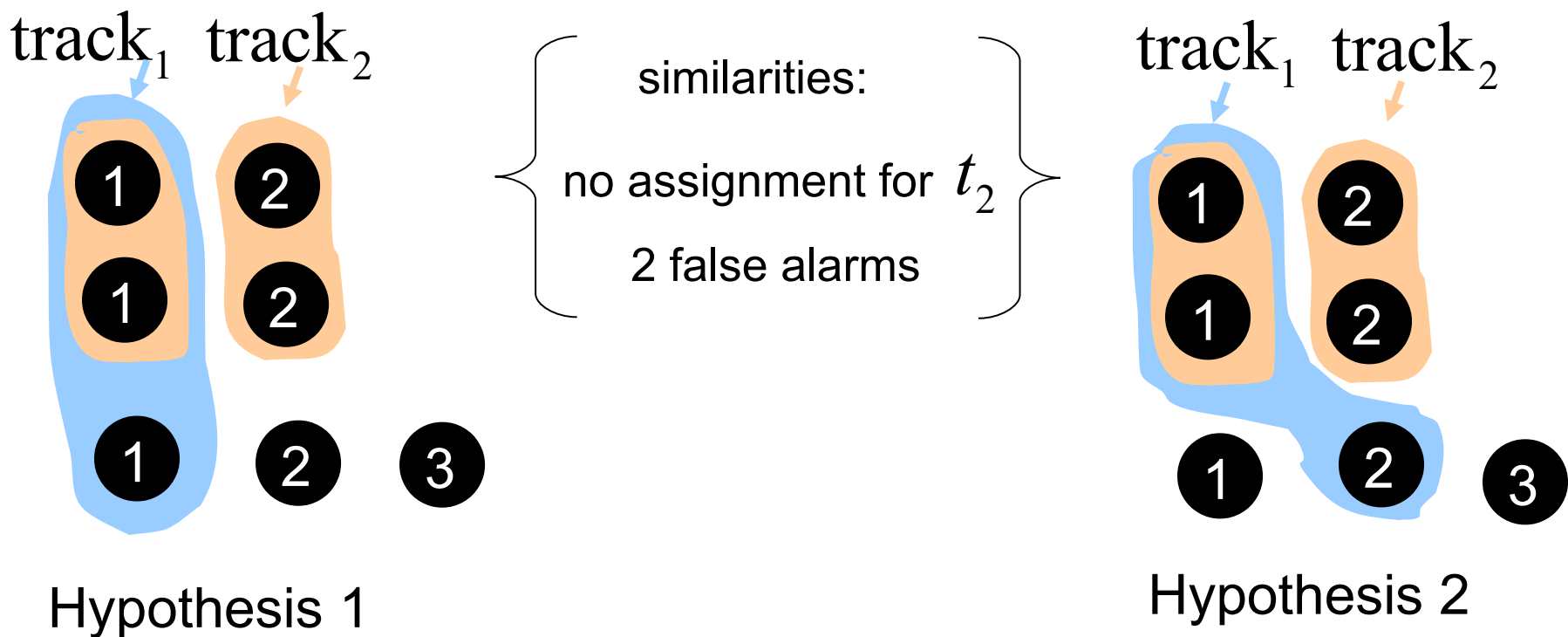
$$P(\Theta_l^k | Z^k) \propto$$
$$P\{Z(k) | \theta_l(k), \Theta_{\varphi(l)}^{k-1}, Z^{k-1}\}$$
$$P(\text{current obs.} | \text{current assignment})$$
$$\times P\{\theta_l(k) | \Theta_{\varphi(l)}^{k-1}, Z^{k-1}\}$$
$$\times P(\text{current assignment} | \text{parent hypothesis})$$
$$P\{\Theta_{\varphi(l)}^{k-1} | Z^{k-1}\}$$
$$\times P(\text{parent hypothesis} | \text{prior obs.})$$

# Probability of Observations given Assignment



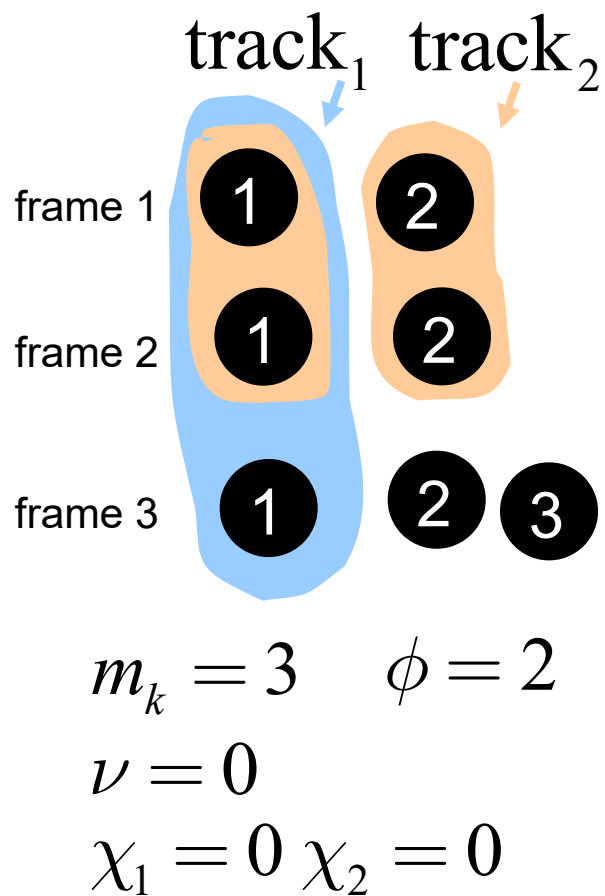
$m_k \triangleq$  num obs. frame  $k$

# Probability of Assignment (1)



We can sum probabilities for these hypotheses !

# Probability of Assignment (2)



$$P\{\theta_l(k) \mid \Theta_{\phi(l)}^{k-1}, Z^{k-1}\} =$$

$$\frac{\phi! \nu!}{m_k!} \times \mu_F(\phi) \mu_N(\nu)$$

priors on number of false alarms & new tracks

sum over similar hypotheses

$$\times \prod_j (P_D)^{\delta_j} (1 - P_D)^{1 - \delta_j} (P_\chi)^{\chi_j} (1 - P_\chi)^{1 - \chi_j}$$

product over all existing tracks

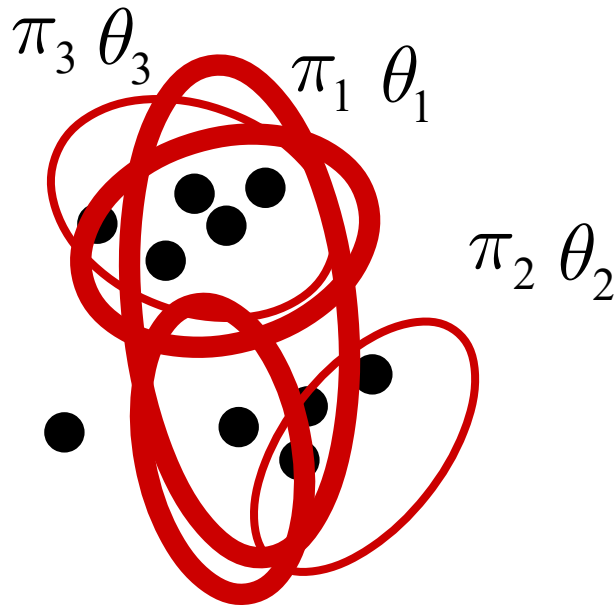
prob. track ends

prob. detection

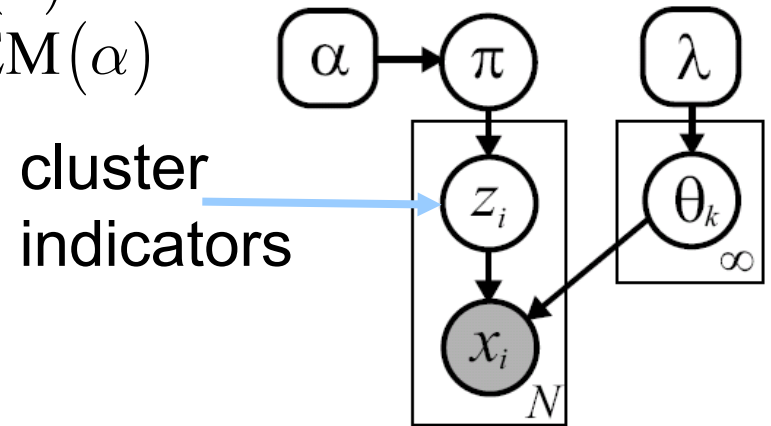
$\phi \triangleq$  num. false alarms    $\nu \triangleq$  num. new trks.    $\chi_i \triangleq$  1 if trk.  $i$  ends

# Multi-Target Tracking as Bayesian Clustering

# Bayesian Clustering



$$\theta \sim H(\lambda)$$
$$\pi \sim \text{GEM}(\alpha)$$



Goal: sample from  $p(\pi, \theta \mid x_1, \dots, x_N, \alpha, \lambda)$

$\theta \triangleq$  cluster params.  $\pi \triangleq$  cluster weights  $\alpha, \lambda$  : known, fixed

# Modeling Infinitely Many Clusters

How to model infinite mixture ?

Via Dirichlet process mixture:  $p(x | \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \pi_k f(x | \theta_k)$

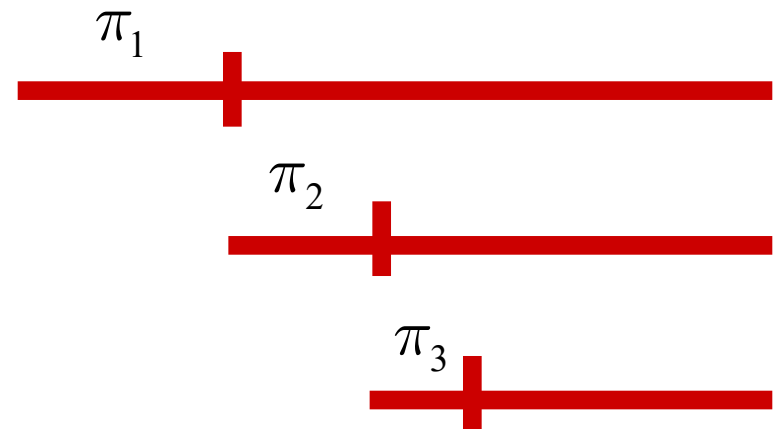
mixture weights



$$\pi \sim \text{GEM}(\alpha)$$

$$\beta_k \sim \text{Beta}(1, \alpha)$$

$$\pi_k = \beta_k \prod_{\ell=1}^{k-1} (1 - \beta_\ell)$$





# Key Densities

assignment      all other assignments

$$p(z_i | z_{\setminus i}, \alpha) =$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha + N - 1} \left( \alpha \delta(z_i, K + 1) + \sum_{k=1}^K N_k^{-1} \delta(z_i, k) \right)$$

new cluster

num. obs. for cluster  $k$

$$p(x_i | z_i = k, z_{\setminus i}, x_{\setminus i}, \lambda) = p(x_i | \{x_j | z_j = k, j \neq i\}, \lambda)$$

obs.      all assignments, other obs.      obs.      { obs. in cluster  $k$  }

# Sampling the Posterior Distribution

$$p(\text{assignment} \mid \text{all other assignments, obs.}, \alpha, \lambda) \propto$$

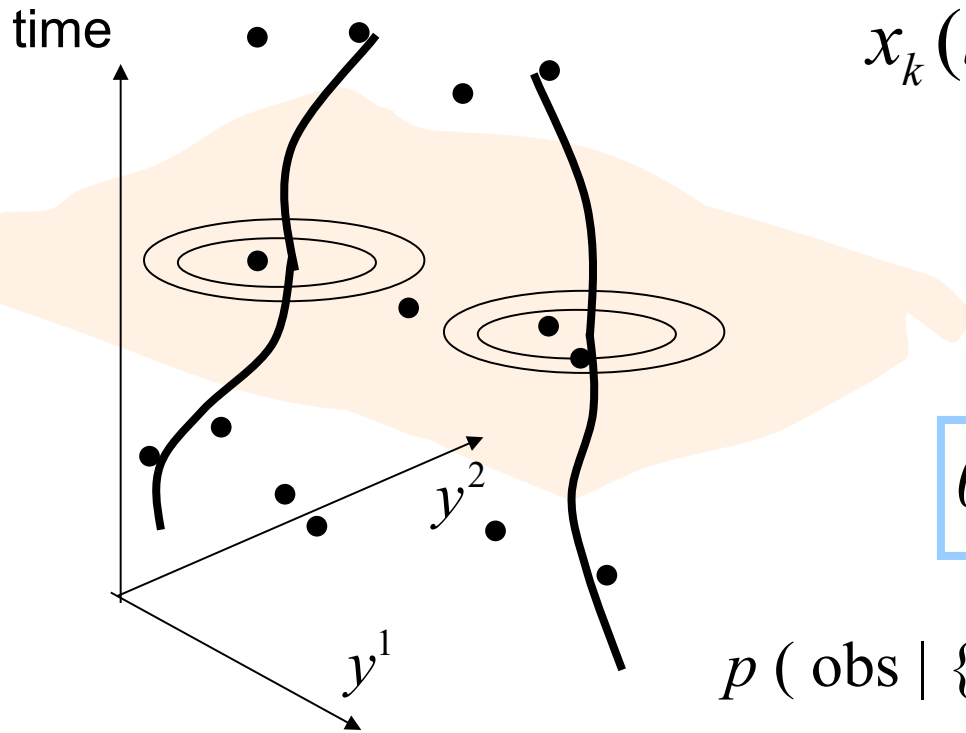
$$p(\text{assignment} \mid \text{all other assignments}, \alpha) \times$$

$$p(\text{obs.} \mid \text{all obs. assignments}, \lambda)$$

Algorithm: Rao-Blackwellized Gibbs Sampler

- Given prior cluster assignments and cluster statistics
1. sample random permutation  $\{1, \dots, N\}$ 
    - (a) For each obs. sample its cluster assignment
    - (b) Update that cluster's statistics
  2. delete empty clusters

# Data Association as Clustering



$$x_k(t) = Ax_k(t-1) + Bu_k(t-1)$$
$$y_k(t) = Cx_k(t) + w_k(t)$$

cluster parameters

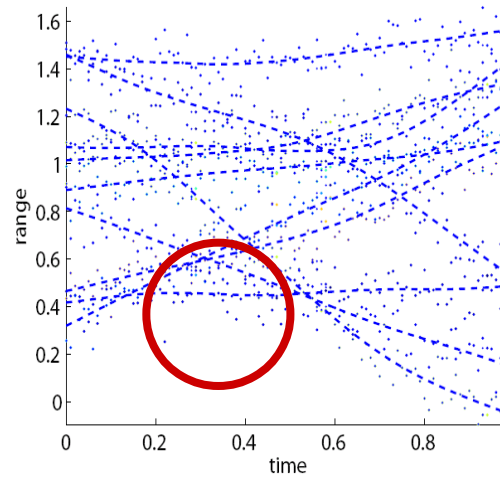
$$\theta_k \triangleq [x_k(0), u_k(1), \dots, u_k(T)]$$

$$p(\text{obs} \mid \{\text{obs in cluster } k\}) =$$

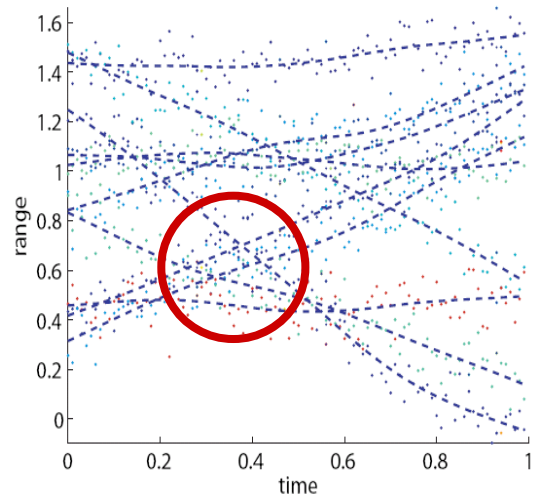
$$p(\text{obs} \mid \{\text{smoothed track } k\})$$

$k \triangleq$  track id  $u \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Lambda_u)$   $w \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Lambda_w)$   $A, B, C$  : fixed

# Assessment



true tracks



20,000  
iterations

7<sup>th</sup> most  
frequent  
assignment

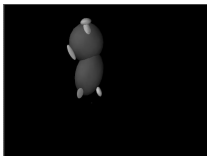
# Pfinder



(a)



(b)



(c)

Fig. 1. (a) Video input (n.b. color image, shown here in grayscale). (b) segmentation. (c) A 2D representation of the blob statistics.



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Fig. 3. (a) Chris Wren playing with Bruce Blumberg's virtual dog in the ALIVE space. (b) Playing SURVIVE. (c) Real-time reading of American Sign Language (with Thad Starner doing the signing). (d) Trevor Darrell demonstrating vision-driven avatars.

# Background Modeling



# Challenges of Finding Moving Regions



[ K. Toyama et al., "Wallflower: Principles and Practice of Background Maintenance,"  
ICCV 1999 ]

# Pixel-Level Model

Wiener filter

$$s_t = - \sum_{k=1}^p a_k s_{t-k}$$

$$E[e_t^2] = E[s_t^2] + \sum_{k=1}^p a_k E[s_t s_{t-k}]$$

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# Region Level

As each new pair of raw and foreground-marked images,  $I_t$  and  $F_t$ , arrives,

1. Compute image differences (Figures 1a and b):

$$J_t(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } |I_t(\mathbf{x}) - I_{t-1}(\mathbf{x})| > k_{\text{motion}}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

2. Compute the subset of pixels which occur at the intersection of adjacent pairs of differenced images [1] and the previous foreground image (Figure 1c):

$$K_t(\mathbf{x}) = J_t(\mathbf{x}) \wedge J_{t-1}(\mathbf{x}) \wedge F_{t-1}(\mathbf{x}).$$

3. Find 4-connected regions,  $\mathbf{R}_i$ , in  $K_t$ , discarding regions consisting of less than  $k_{\min}$  pixels [2].
4. Compute  $H_i$ , the normalized histogram of each  $\mathbf{R}_i$ , as projected onto the image  $I_{t-1}$  ( $s$  is a pixel value):

$$H_i(s) = \frac{|\{ \mathbf{x} : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}_i \text{ and } I_{t-1}(\mathbf{x}) = s \}|}{|\mathbf{R}_i|}$$

5. Backproject histograms in  $I_t$ : For each  $\mathbf{R}_i$ , compute  $F_{t-1} \wedge \mathbf{R}_i$ , and from each point in the intersection, grow  $L_i$ , the 4-connected regions in the image,

$$L_t(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } H_i(I_t(\mathbf{x})) > \epsilon, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

where we use  $k_{\text{motion}} = 16$ ,  $k_{\min} = 8$ ,  $\epsilon = 0.1$ .

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## Challenges of Finding Moving Regions

(a) A homogeneous disk moves to the right. Change is visible in the black regions only ( $J_{t-1}$  in text).



(b) The same thing happens one frame later ( $J_t$ ).



(c) Only the intersection ( $J_{t-1} \wedge J_t$ ) is certain to be foreground in the middle image.



# Comparison to Prior Methods

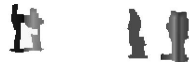


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# W<sup>4</sup> System



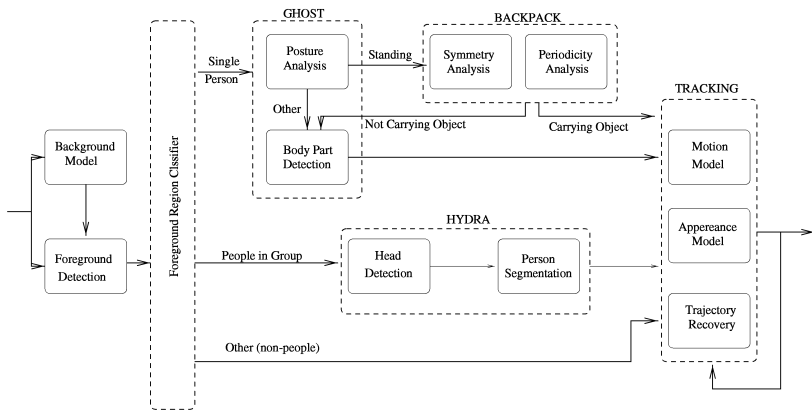
(a)



(b)

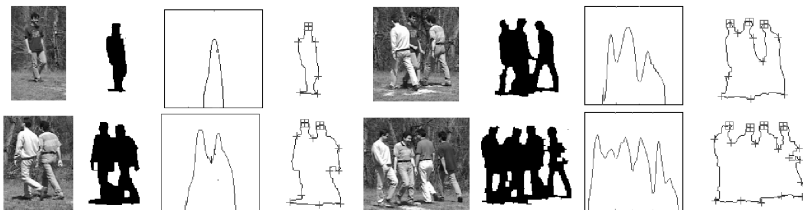
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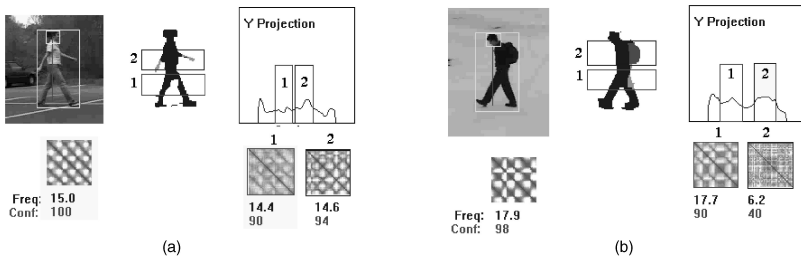
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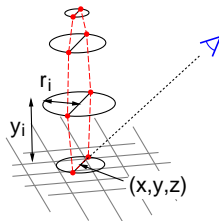
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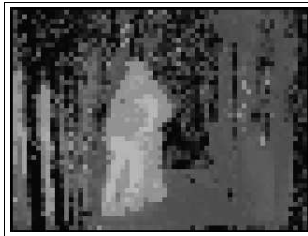
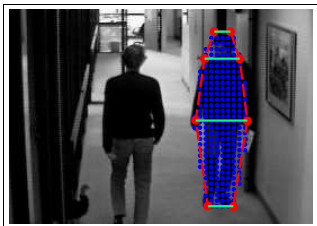
# Bayesian Methods for Multi-Target Tracking

# BraMBLe



[ M. Isard and J. MacCormick, "BraMBLe: A Bayesian Multiple-Blob Tracker,"  
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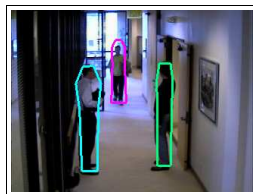
# BraMBLe



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)



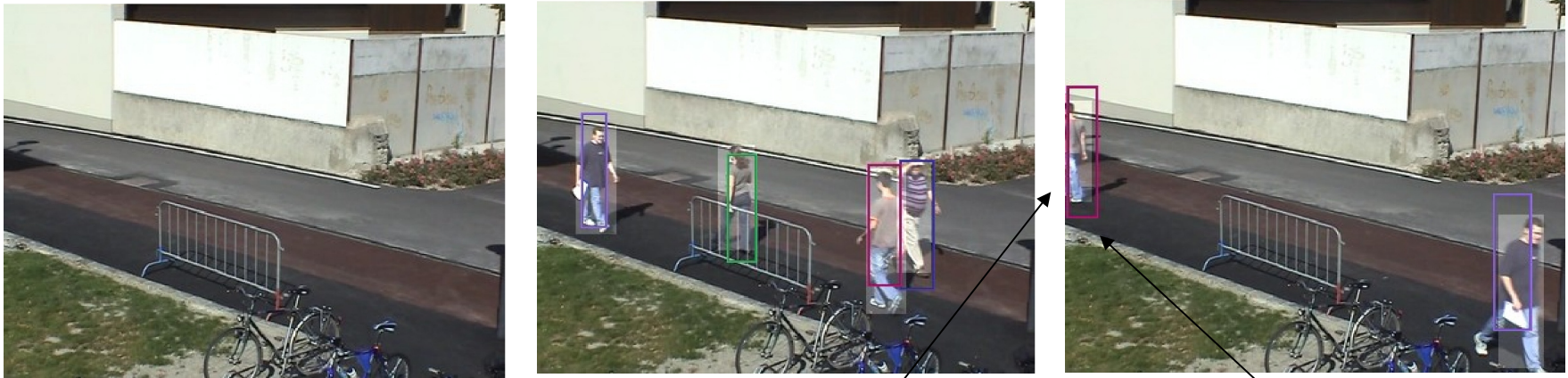
(e)



(f)

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# Using Particles to Track Varying Numbers of Interacting People



textured  
background

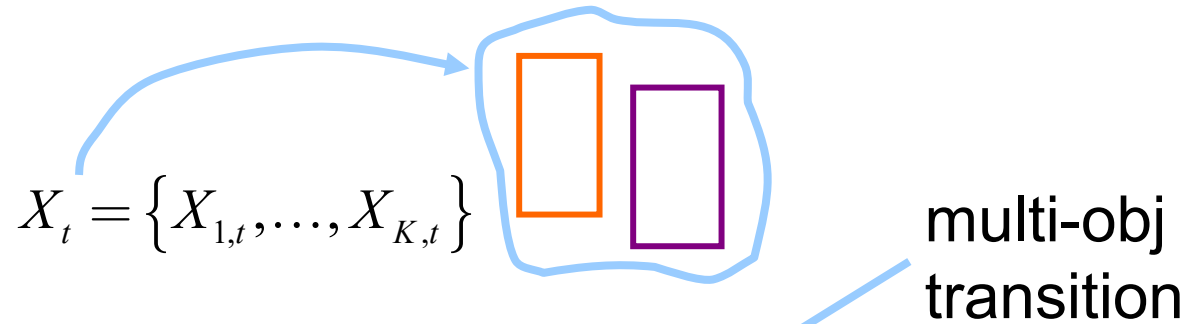
variable  
num targets

appearance  
(size) change

identity ambiguity  
(similar pants)

# State and Observation Model

Multi-object configuration



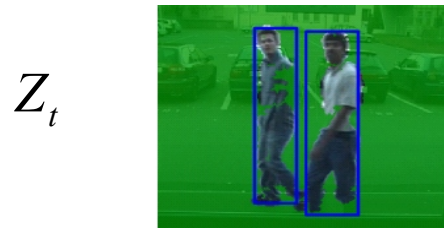
Filtering distribution

$$p(X_t | Z_{1:t}) \propto p(Z_t | X_t) \times \int_{X_{t-1}} p(X_t | X_{t-1}) p(X_{t-1} | Z_{1:t-1}) dX_{t-1}$$

Approximation by samples

$$p(X_t | Z_{1:t}) \approx \sum_{n=1}^N \delta_n(X_t, X_t^{(n)})$$

Observation



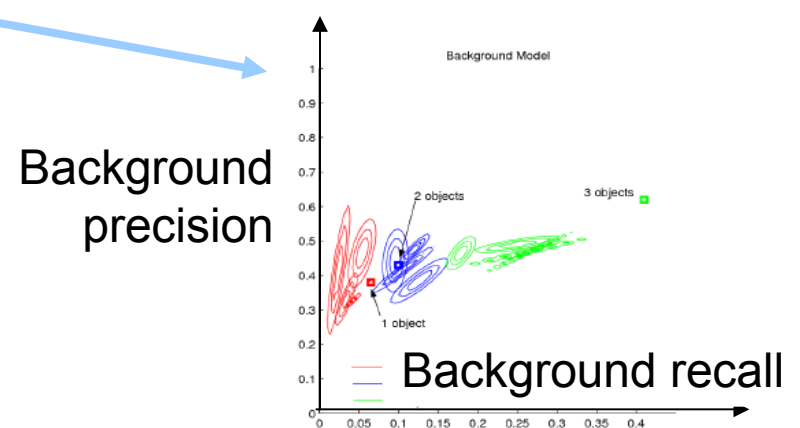
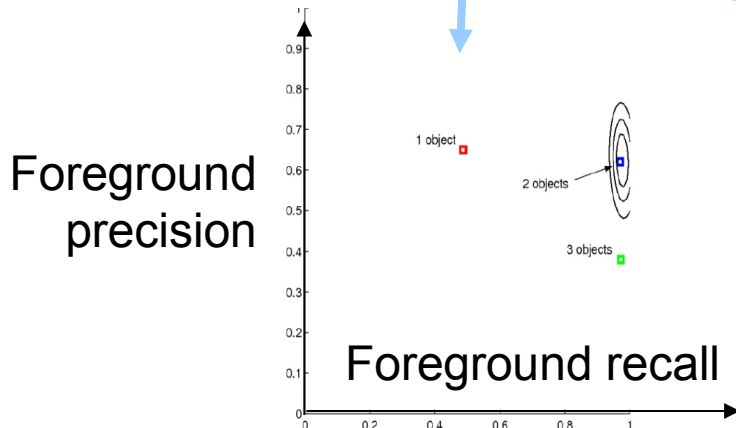
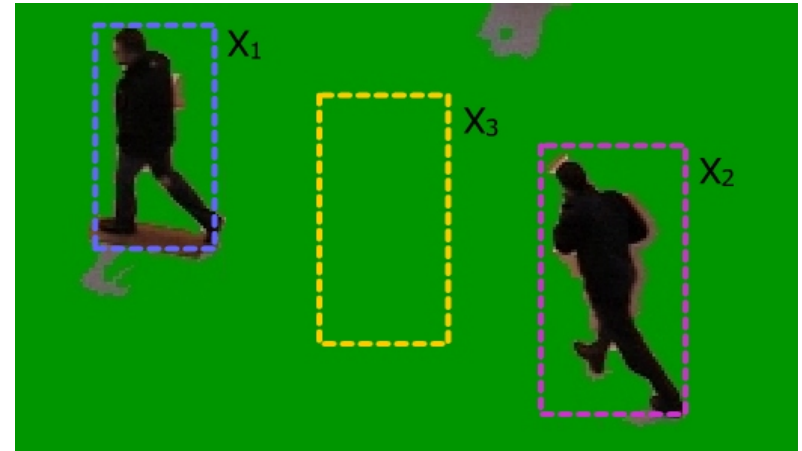
# Global Binary Observation Model

wrong:

$$p(Z_t | X_t) = \prod_{k=1}^K p(Z_t | X_{k,t})$$

reasonable:

$$p(Z_t | X_t) \triangleq p(Z_t^{\mathcal{F}} | X_t) p(Z_t^{\mathcal{B}} | X_t)$$



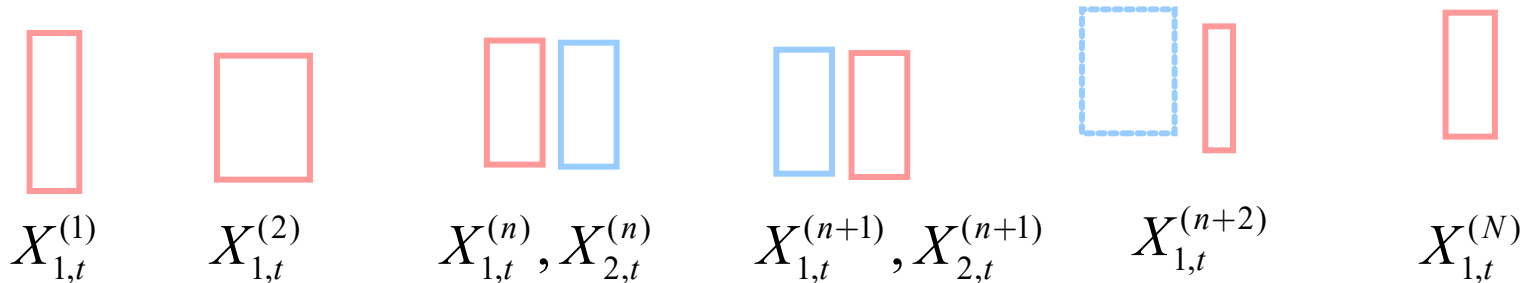


# $p(X_t | Z_{1:t})$ Approximation via RJ MCMC

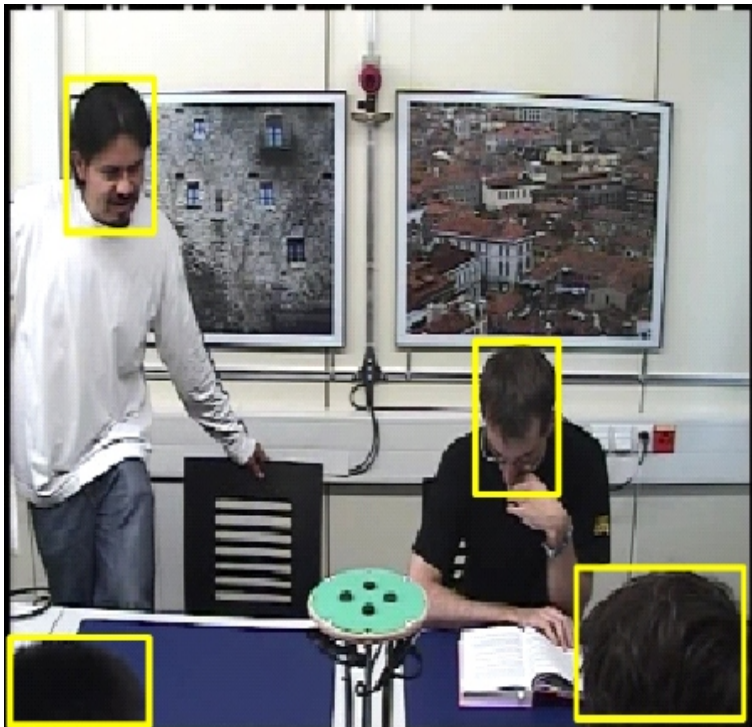
Samples within Markov chain for a given frame



RJ MCMC moves: update birth swap death



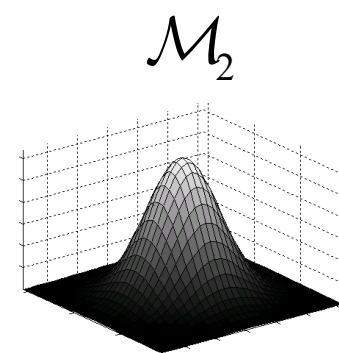
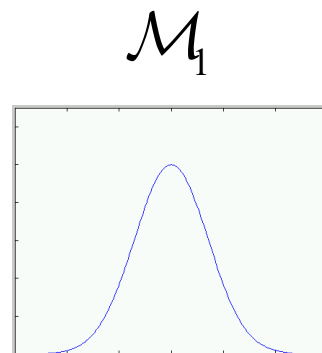
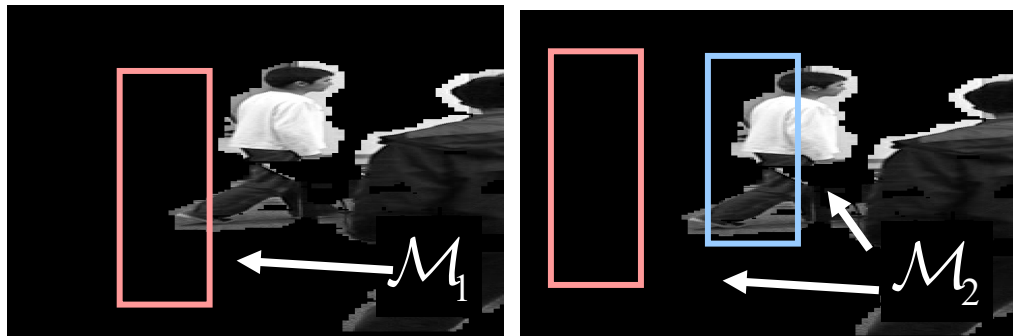
# Assessment



ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> compared  
with  
KLT,  
Active Shapes,  
face detector

K. Smith, D. Gatica-Perez, and J-M. Odobez, "Using Particles to Track Varying Numbers of Interacting People," CVPR 2005

# RJ MCMC Model Selection (1)



$$\{1, \dots, M\} \times \prod_{m=1}^M \mathcal{X}_m \quad \text{vs.} \quad \bigcup_{m=1}^M \{m\} \times \mathcal{X}_m$$

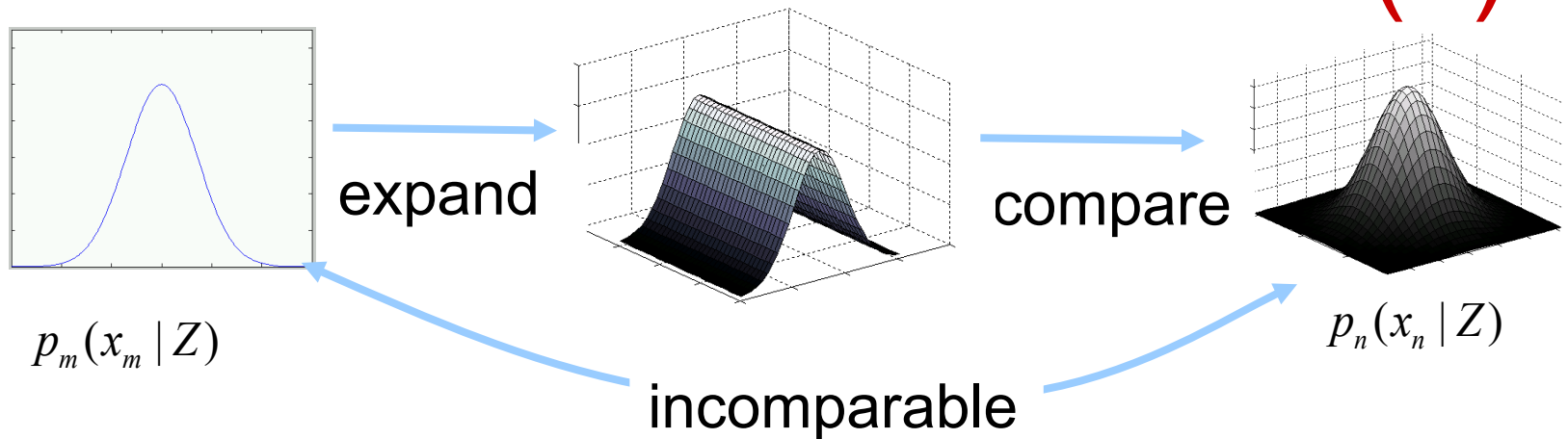
$$p(m, x_m | Z), \quad x_m \in \mathcal{X}_m$$

$$\mathcal{M}_m, \quad m = 1, \dots, M$$

product  
space

RJ MCMC

# RJ MCMC Model Selection (II)



$$\mathcal{X}_{n,m} \triangleq \mathcal{X}_n \times \mathcal{U}_{n,m}$$

$$\mathcal{X}_{m,n} \triangleq \mathcal{X}_m \times \mathcal{U}_{m,n}$$

$$f_{n \rightarrow m}(f_{m \rightarrow n}(x_m, u_{m,n})) = (x_m, u_{m,n})$$

deterministic

$$u_{n,m} \sim q_{n \rightarrow m}(\cdot | n, x_n)$$

$$u_{m,n} \sim q_{m \rightarrow n}(\cdot | m, x_m)$$

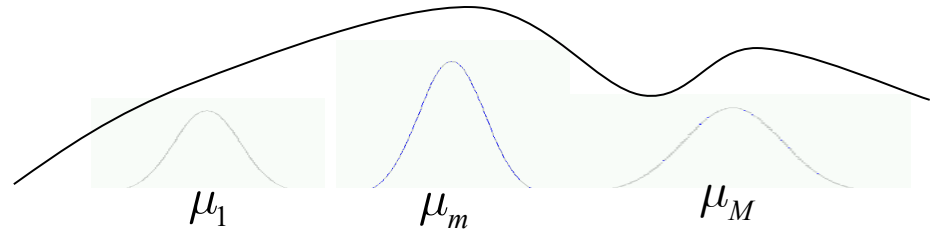
$$\mathcal{A}_{n \rightarrow m} = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{p(m, x_m^*)}{p(n, x_n)} \times \frac{q(n | m)}{q(m | n)} \times \frac{q_{m \rightarrow n}(u_{m,n} | m, x_m^*)}{q_{n \rightarrow m}(u_{n,m} | n, x_n)} \times |J_{f_{n \rightarrow m}}| \right\}$$

$u_{m,n} \triangleq$  auxiliary var. with proposal density  $q_{m \rightarrow n}(\cdot | \cdot)$ ,  $|J_f| \triangleq$  det. of Jacobian

# RJ MCMC Example

RBF regression

how many kernels?



RJ MCMC moves: merge split birth death

$$\mu = \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_2}{2}$$
$$q(k | k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1}$$

$$\mu_1 = \mu - \beta u_{n,m} \quad \mu_2 = \mu + \beta u_{n,m} \quad u_{n,m} \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$$
$$q(k+1 | k) = \frac{1}{k} \quad J_{split} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -\beta & \beta \end{bmatrix}$$