

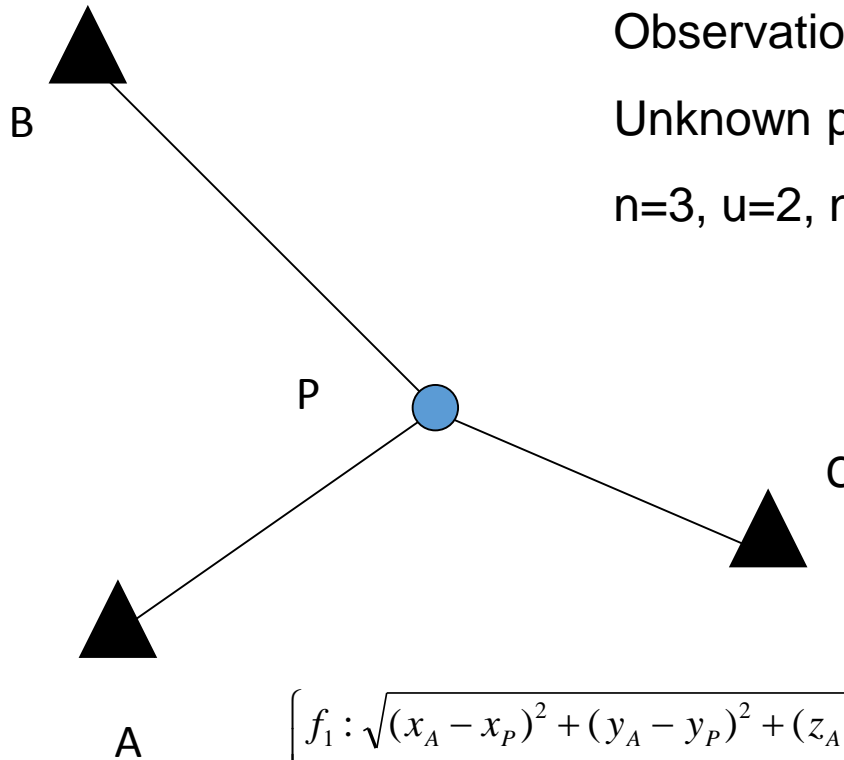
# GIS-E3010

# Least-Squares Methods in Geoscience

## Lecture 3/2018

Variance propagation in general  
Variance propagation in LS adjustment  
Error ellipsoids  
Precision

# Non-linear functional models, trilateration



Observations: distances  $s$

Unknown parameters:  $x, y$

$n=3, u=2, n-u=1$

- Linearize
- A-matrix?
- $y$ -vector?

$$\begin{cases} f_1 : \sqrt{(x_A - x_P)^2 + (y_A - y_P)^2 + (z_A - z_P)^2} - s_{PA} = 0 \\ f_2 : \sqrt{(x_B - x_P)^2 + (y_B - y_P)^2 + (z_B - z_P)^2} - s_{PB} = 0 \\ f_3 : \sqrt{(x_C - x_P)^2 + (y_C - y_P)^2 + (z_C - z_P)^2} - s_{PC} = 0 \end{cases}$$

# Variance, covariance, Covariance matrix

The variance, standard deviation, error-ellipsoids are measures of precision

$$\sigma_{x_i}^2 = E\left((x_i - \mu_{x_i})^2\right)$$

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{\sigma_x^2}$$

$$\sigma_{x_i x_j} = E\left((x_i - \mu_{x_i})(x_j - \mu_{x_j})\right)$$

$$\Sigma_x = E\left((X - M_x)(X - M_x)^T\right)$$

$$\Sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{x_1}^2 & \sigma_{x_1 x_2} & \cdots & \sigma_{x_1 x_n} \\ \sigma_{x_1 x_2} & \sigma_{x_2}^2 & \cdots & \sigma_{x_2 x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{x_1 x_n} & \cdots & \cdots & \sigma_{x_n}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Cofactor matrix, Weight matrix, Covariance matrix

$$Q_x \quad Q_v \quad Q_{\hat{l}} \quad Q_l$$

Cofactor matrices for parameters, residuals, adjusted observations, observations

$$\Sigma = \sigma_0^2 Q$$

Covariance matrix

$$P = \sigma_0^2 \Sigma_l^{-1} = Q_l^{-1}$$

Weight matrix

# Variance propagation

$$Y = A_0 + AX$$

Y is linear combination  
of X

We know the covariance  
matrix of X

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = a_{0_1} + a_{1_1}x_1 + a_{1_2}x_2 + \dots + a_{1_n}x_n \\ y_2 = a_{0_2} + a_{2_1}x_1 + a_{2_2}x_2 + \dots + a_{2_n}x_n \\ \vdots \\ y_c = a_{0_c} + a_{c_1}x_1 + a_{c_2}x_2 + \dots + a_{c_n}x_n \end{cases}$$

$$\Sigma_x = E((X - E(X))(X - E(X))^T)$$

$$\Sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{x_1}^2 & \sigma_{x_1x_2} & \dots & \sigma_{x_1x_n} \\ \sigma_{x_1x_2} & \sigma_{x_2}^2 & \dots & \sigma_{x_2x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{x_1x_n} & \dots & \dots & \sigma_{x_n}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E(Y) = A_0 + AE(X)$$

Expectation of Y

How we obtain the  
covariance matrix of Y?

Example: we have measured angles and distances and we know the the precision of the instrument. What is the precision of the measured point coordinates?

# Variance propagation law

$$\begin{aligned} E(\Sigma_Y) &= E\left((Y - E(Y))(Y - E(Y))^T\right) = \\ &E\left((Y - A_0 - AE(X))(Y - A_0 - AE(X))^T\right) = \\ &E\left((\cancel{A_0} + AX - \cancel{A_0} - AE(X))(\cancel{A_0} + AX - \cancel{A_0} - AE(X))^T\right) = \\ &E\left((AX - AE(X))(AX - AE(X))^T\right) = \\ &AE\left((X - E(X))(X - E(X))^T\right) A^T = \\ &AE(\Sigma_x) A^T \end{aligned}$$

# Examples

$$\Sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{12} & \sigma_2^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3.0869 & 1.3226 \\ 1.3226 & 1.8432 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y_1 = x_2 - x_1$$

$$y_2 = x_2 + x_1$$

Calculate

- Standard deviation of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$
- Standard deviations of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$
- Covariance matrix of  $y$
- Correlation of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$

$$x = s \cdot \cos(\alpha)$$

$$y = s \cdot \sin(\alpha)$$

$$\Sigma_{\alpha,s} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_\alpha^2 & \sigma_{\alpha s} \\ \sigma_{\alpha s} & \sigma_s^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2.46d-8 & 0 \\ 0 & 25d-6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ [rad]}$$

$$s = 20 \text{ m}$$

- Standard deviation of  $\alpha$  and  $s$
- Standard deviations of  $x$  and  $y$
- Covariance matrix of  $x$  and  $y$

# In the case of non-linear equations

$$Y = F(X)$$

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ y_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ \vdots \\ y_c = f_c(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \end{cases}$$

We linearize using Taylor theorem

$$Y = F(X_0) + J(X - X_0)$$

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = f_1(x_{1_0}, x_{2_0}, \dots, x_{n_0}) + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}(x_1 - x_{1_0}) + \dots + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n}(x_n - x_{n_0}) \\ y_2 = f_2(x_{1_0}, x_{2_0}, \dots, x_{n_0}) + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1}(x_1 - x_{1_0}) + \dots + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n}(x_n - x_{n_0}) \\ \vdots \\ y_c = f_c(x_{1_0}, x_{2_0}, \dots, x_{n_0}) + \frac{\partial f_c}{\partial x_1}(x_1 - x_{1_0}) + \dots + \frac{\partial f_c}{\partial x_n}(x_n - x_{n_0}) \end{cases}$$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_c}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_c}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_c}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma_y = J \Sigma_x J^T$$



# Variance propagation in least squares process: Observation equation model

## Covariance matrix of adjusted parameters

$$x - x_0 = (A^T P A)^{-1} A^T P y$$

$$\Sigma_y = B C_\ell B^T = \Sigma_\ell, \text{ kun } B = -I$$

$$J = (A^T P A)^{-1} A^T P$$

$$J \Sigma_\ell J^T = (A^T P A)^{-1} A^T P \sigma_0^2 Q_\ell P A (A^T P A)^{-1} = \sigma_0^2 (A^T P A)^{-1}$$

$$\Sigma_x = \sigma_0^2 N^{-1} = \sigma_0^2 Q_x$$

**Note!** This can be calculated before measurements, if we know the measurement method and instruments (P) and the structure of network (A)

# Variance propagation in least squares process: observation equation model

Covariance and cofactor matrix of adjusted observations:

$$\hat{y} = A\hat{x}, \quad \Sigma_x = \sigma_0^2 N^{-1} = \sigma_0^2 Q_x$$

$$\Sigma_{\hat{\ell}} = A\Sigma_{\hat{x}}A^T \quad Q_{\hat{\ell}} = AQ_{\hat{x}}A^T$$

Covariance matrix of adjusted observations:

$$v = \hat{\ell} - \ell$$

$$\Sigma_v = \Sigma_{\ell} - \Sigma_{\hat{\ell}} \quad Q_v = Q_{\ell} - Q_{\hat{\ell}}$$

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# Axes of hyper-ellipsoid

$$P \left[ (x - \hat{x})^T \Sigma_{\hat{x}}^{-1} (x - \hat{x}) \leq u F_{\alpha, u, r} \right]$$

$$d = \sqrt{(x - \hat{x})^T \Sigma_{\hat{x}}^{-1} (x - \hat{x})}$$

The **Mahalanobis distance** is a measure of the distance between a point P and a distribution D

$$R^T \Sigma_{\hat{x}}^{-1} R = \Lambda^{-1} \quad R^T (x - \hat{x}) = z$$

Orthogonal transformation:  
Eigenvalues and eigen  
vectors to  $\Sigma_{\hat{x}}$

$$P \left[ (x - \hat{x})^T R R^T C_{\hat{x}}^{-1} R R^T (x - \hat{x}) \leq u F_{\alpha, u, r} \right] = 1 - \alpha$$

$$P \left[ z^T \Lambda^{-1} z \leq u F_{\alpha, u, r} \right] = 1 - \alpha$$

$$P \left[ \frac{z_1^2}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}^2} + \frac{z_2^2}{\sqrt{\lambda_2}^2} + \dots + \frac{z_u^2}{\sqrt{\lambda_u}^2} \leq u F_{\alpha, u, r} \right] = 1 - \alpha$$

$\lambda$ :s are variances of z  
(eigen values) and  
squares of the semi  
axes of hyper-ellipsoid

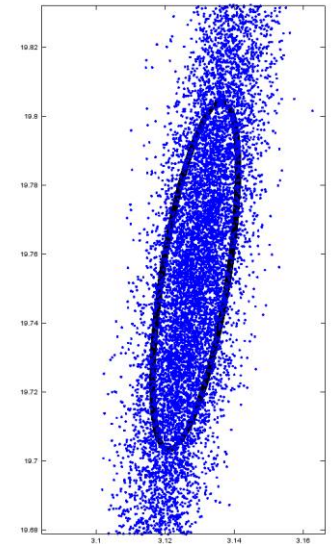
# Scaling the standard error ellipsoids

$$P \left[ \frac{z_1^2}{(\sqrt{\lambda_1} \sqrt{uF_{\alpha,u,r}})^2} + \frac{z_2^2}{(\sqrt{\lambda_2} \sqrt{uF_{\alpha,u,r}})^2} + \dots + \frac{z_u^2}{(\sqrt{\lambda_u} \sqrt{uF_{\alpha,u,r}})^2} \leq 1 \right] = 1 - \alpha$$

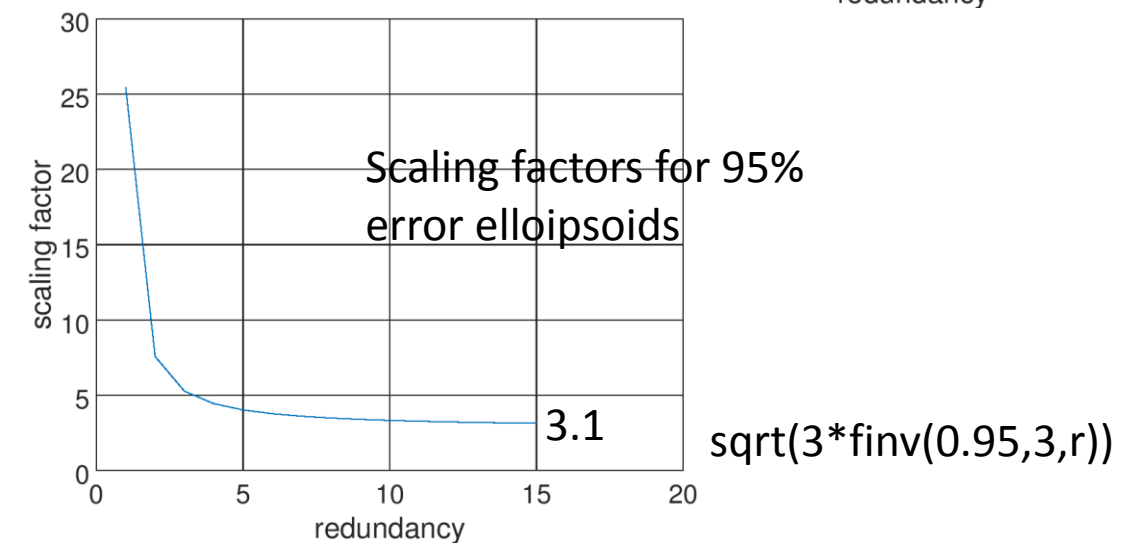
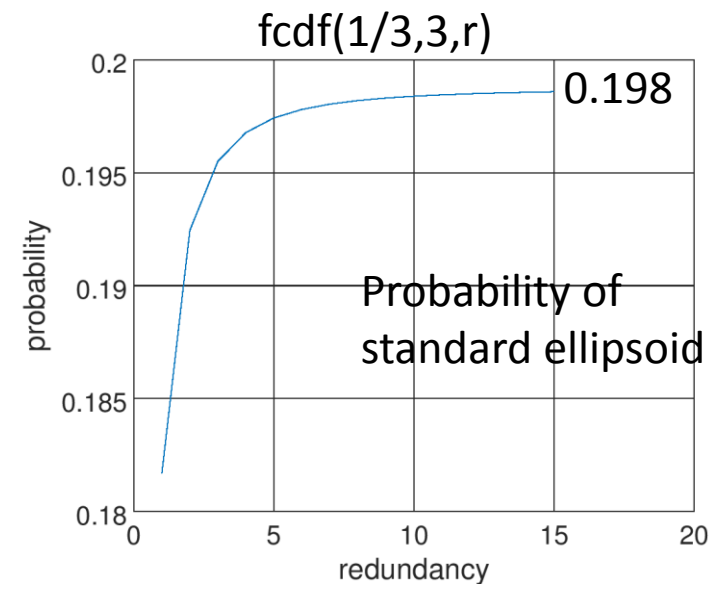
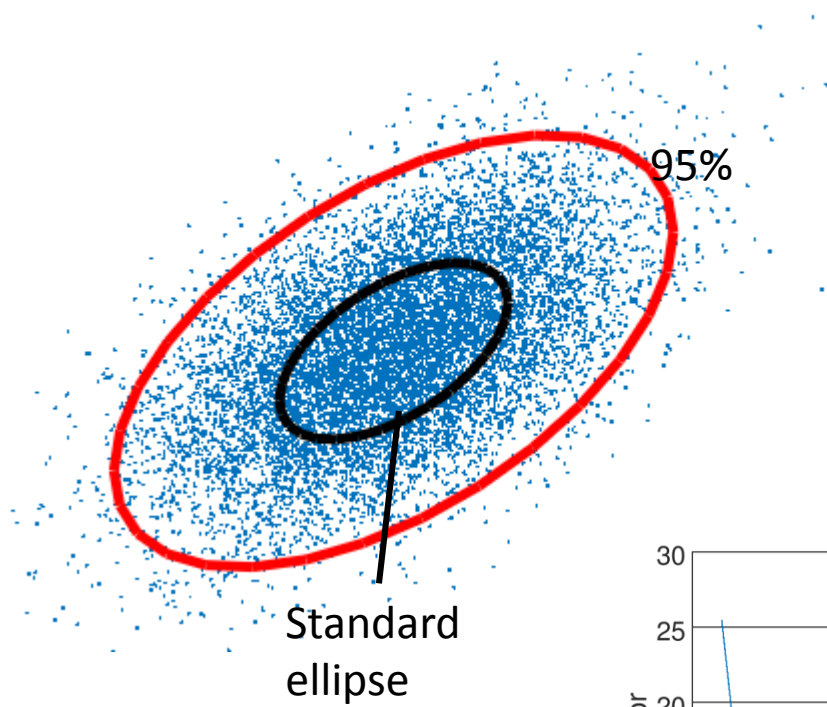
The size of the error ellipsoid depends on the number of parameters  $u$ , redundancy of the adjustment  $r$  and the chosen probability. The scaling factor is

$$\sqrt{uF_{\alpha,u,r}}$$

If scaling factor is 1, we have standard error ellipsoids with semiaxes  $\sqrt{\lambda_i}$



# Confidence regions

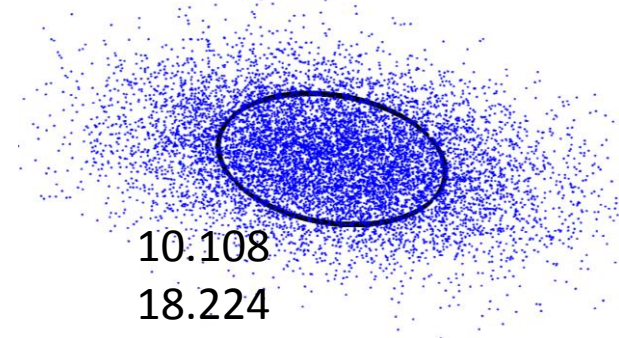
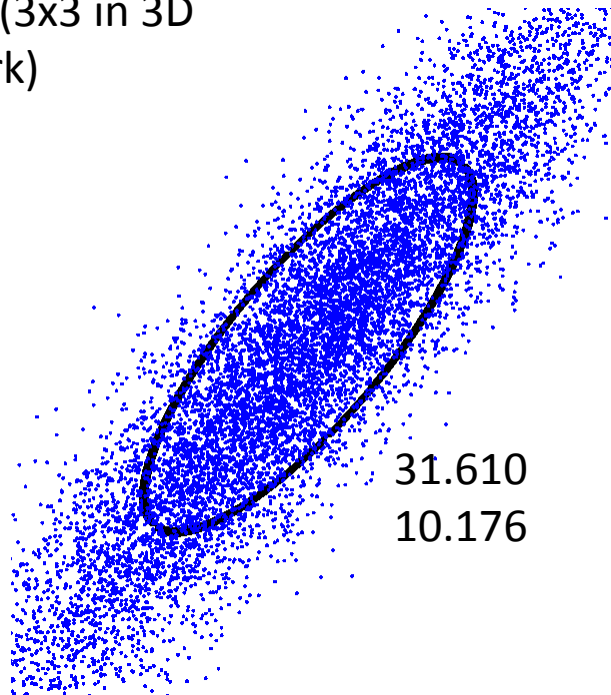


# Calculating error ellipses

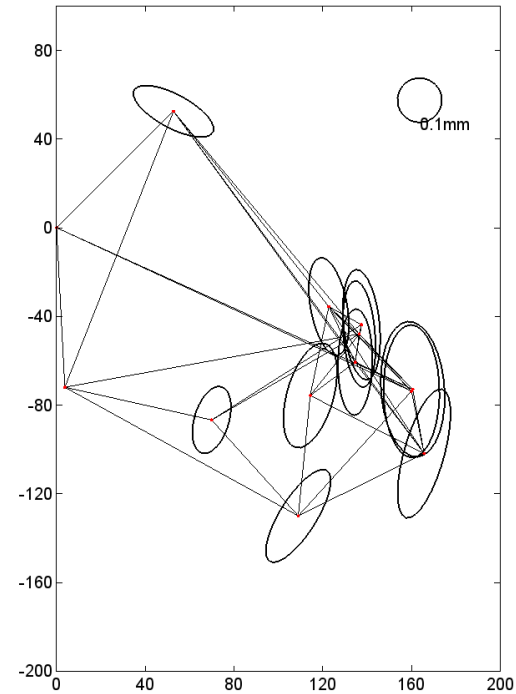
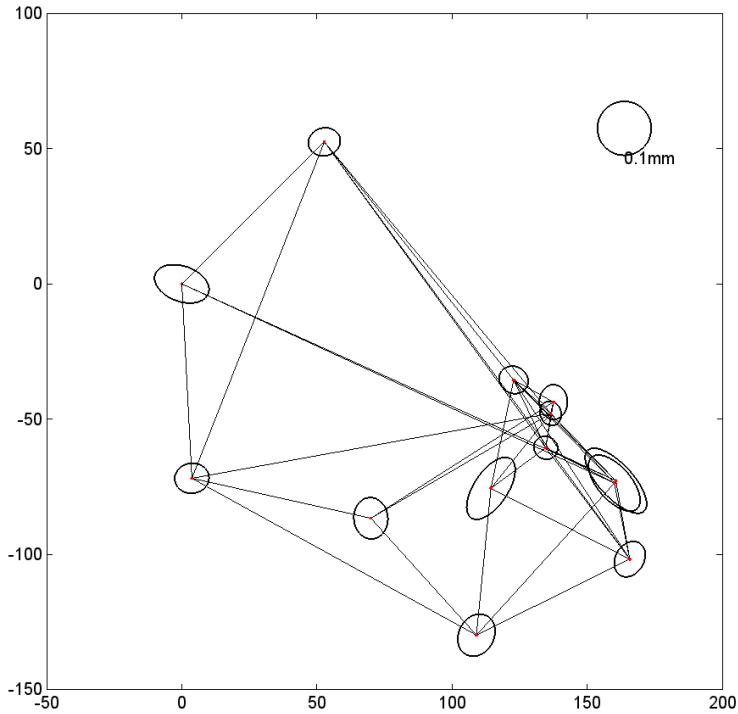
In network point error ellipses are calculated to corresponding part of the covariance matrix (3x3 in 3D network)

$$\Sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{x_1}^2 & \sigma_{x_1x_2} & \cdots & \sigma_{x_1x_n} \\ \sigma_{x_1x_2} & \sigma_{x_2}^2 & \cdots & \sigma_{x_2x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{x_1x_n} & \cdots & \cdots & \sigma_{x_n}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

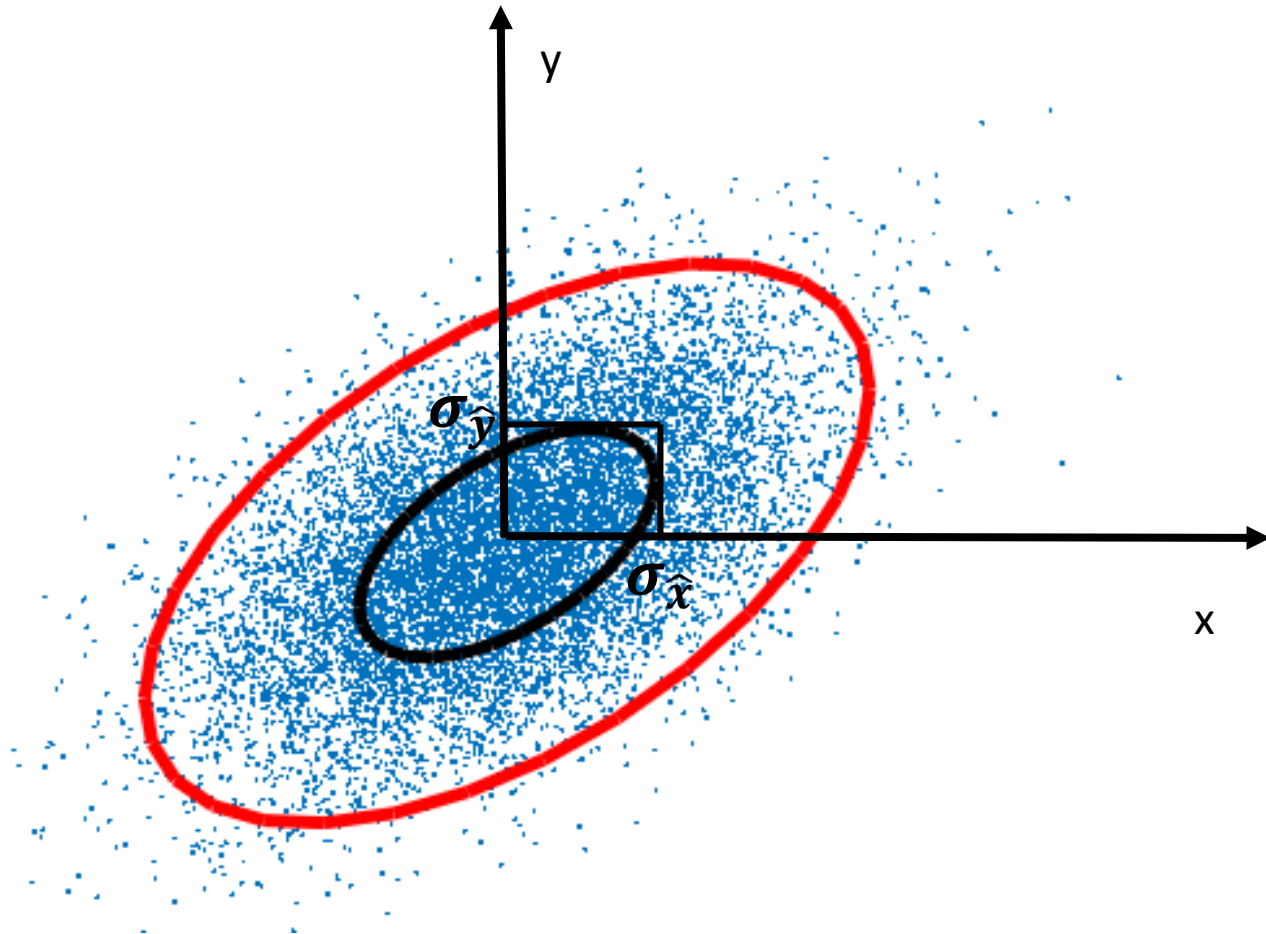
Calculate eigen values and eigen vectors for the part of the covariance matrix



# The size and direction of ellipses depend on the reference



# Standard deviations





Relative error ellipses (ellipsoids) are error ellipses for coordinate difference  $D\mathbf{X}$

$$\Sigma_{\Delta X} = D\Sigma_X D^T$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

