

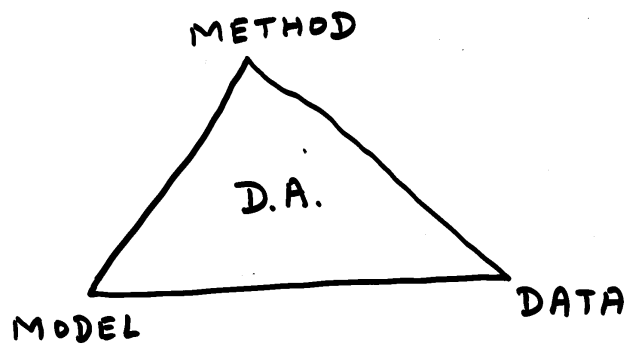
# DATA ASSIMILATION:

## AN OVER VIEW

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ASSIMILATE - TO BE OBSORBED AND  
INCORPORATED

ASSIMILATION - ACT OF BRINGING  
OR COMING TO A  
RESEMBLANCE



· FITTING MODELS TO DATA

· WHY DO THIS? - TO PREDICT THE  
BEHAVIOR OF SYSTEM.

· GAUSS (1777-1855):

· LEAST SQUARE METHOD

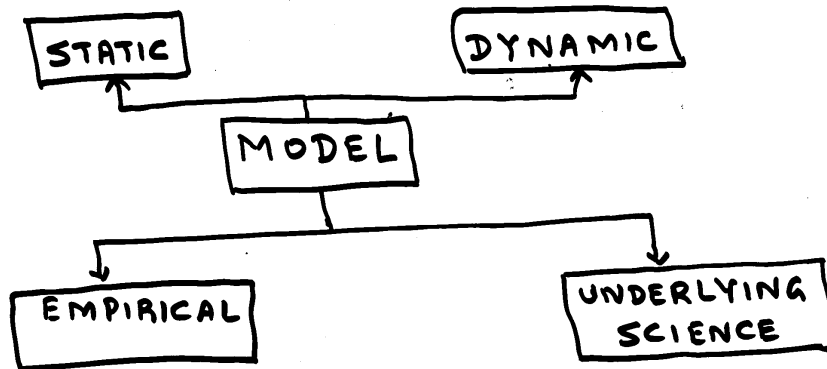
· FITTED A MODEL TO THE  
TRAJECTORY

· USED IT IN PREDICTING FUTURE  
POSITION VERY ACCURATELY

· A WELL FITTED MODEL  $\Rightarrow$  GOOD  
PREDICTION

· NOT EVERY SYSTEM IS PREDICTABLE  
TO THE SAME DEGREE

NOTE: AN ASTRONOMER CAN PREDICT  
VERY PRECISELY THE POSITION  
OF JUPITER AND ITS MOON  
AT 11:30 PM TONIGHT BUT HE  
WILL HAVE NO CLUE WHERE  
HIS TEEN AGE DAUGHTER WILL BE  
AT THAT TIME.



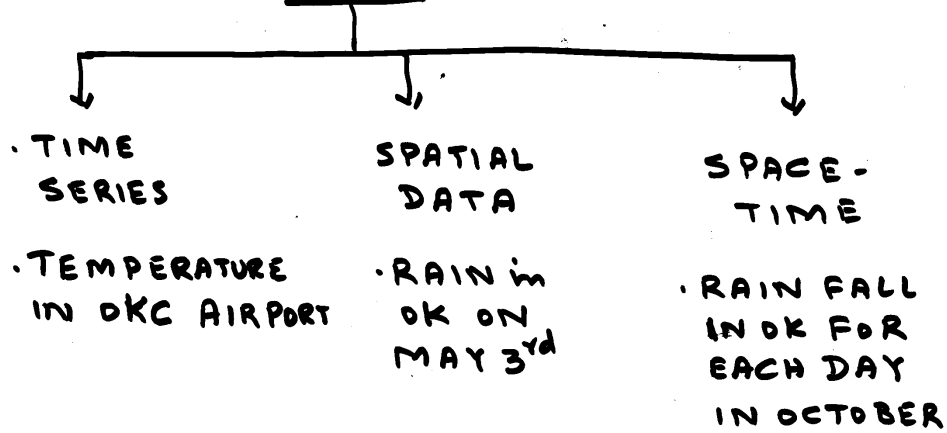
- REGRESSION
- TIME SERIES
- MEDICINE
- FINANCE
- METEOROLOGY
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- METEOROLOGY
  - SHALLOW WATER
  - MIXED LAYER
  - PRIMITIVE EQN
- INVERSE PROBLEM IN GEO PHYSICS
  - ⇒ KNOWN WITH UNKNOWN PARAMETERS
- IN DYNAMIC CASE
  - INITIAL CONDITION
  - BOUNDARY CONDITION

NOTE: USE OF DETERMINISTIC MODELS IN WEATHER PREDICTION.

INITIAL/BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEM

# DATA



## • DATA DISTRIBUTION - GAPS

- VARIATION OF DENSITY

## • ERRORS IN DATA/OBSERVATION

- BALLOONS
- RADAR
- SHIPS/PLANES
- GROUND STATIONS
- SATELLITE
- OIL PLATFORMS

• OVERALL DESIGN - WHAT TO ] MEASURE?  
HOW TO ]

• RARE EVENTS

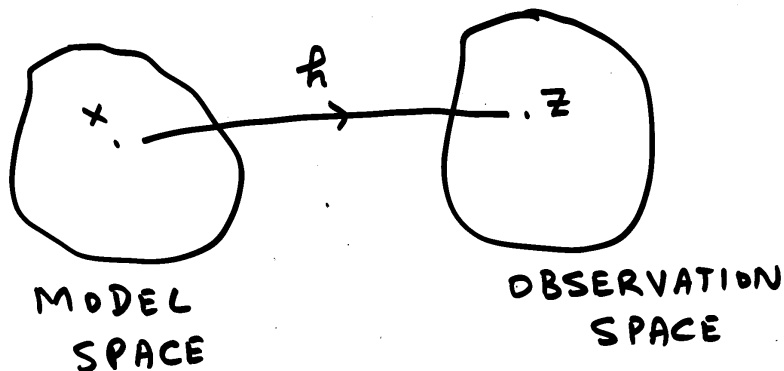
## ASSIMILATION - STATIC MODELS

$$\cdot z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m)^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$z_i$  - VELOCITY, POSITION, RAIN  
TEMP, ENERGY, VOLTAGE,  
REFLECTIVITY, INTEREST RATE  
EXCHANGE RATE

$$\cdot x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n - \text{MODEL STATE}$$

MODEL:  $h: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$



$$z = h(x)$$

- GIVEN  $h(\cdot)$  AND  $z$ , FIND  $x$
- INVERSE PROBLEM
- $h(\cdot)$  - NON LINEAR, NOT ONE-TO-ONE
- $h^{-1}(\cdot)$  - MAY NOT EXIST.

## EXAMPLES

X	Z	P(.)
· RAIN	· REFLECTIVITY	· RADAR METEORLOGY
· TEMP	· RADIATED ENERGY IN A GIVEN SLICE OF THE SPECTRUM	· RADIATION PHYSICS STEFAN'S LAW
· SPEED	VOLTAGE	· FARADAY'S LAW

IN PRACTICE:

$$Z = P(x) + v \quad \leftarrow \text{MEASUREMENT ERROR}$$

- LINEAR
- NONLINEAR
- MAY NOT HAVE AN INVERSE

$$E(v) = 0$$

$$E(vv^T) = \Sigma_v$$

- DIAGONAL
- NON DIAGONAL
- KNOWN

⇓  
"GENERALIZED INVERSE"

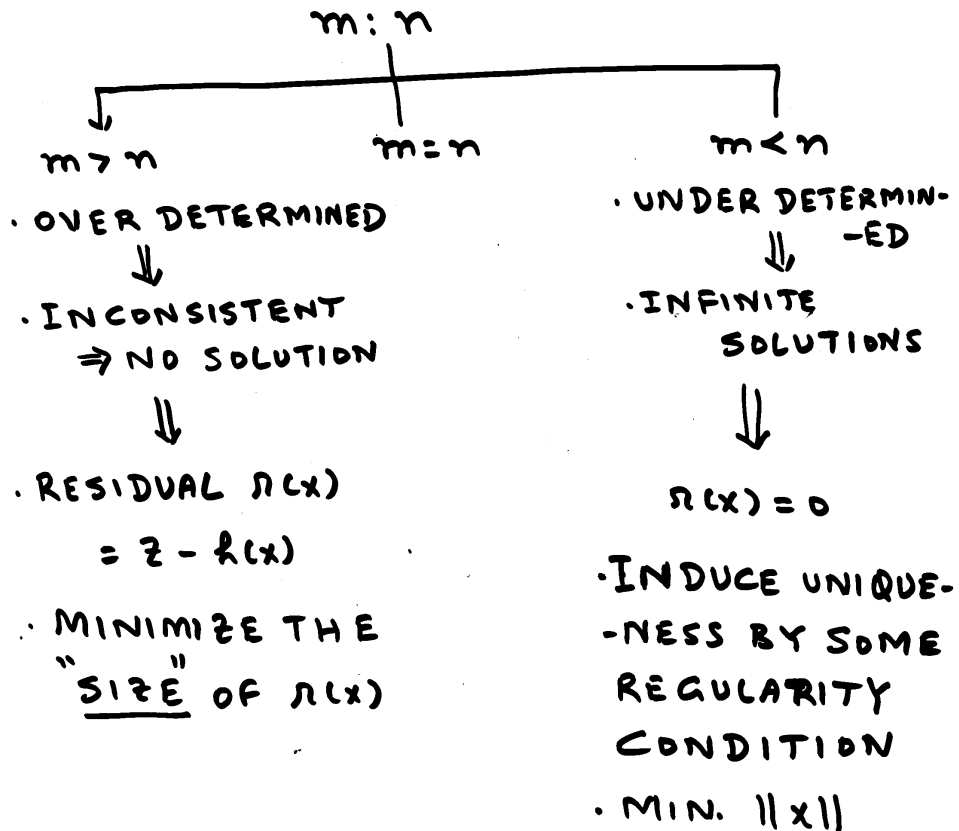
## FORMULATION

$$z = h(x) + v$$

$$z \in \mathbb{R}^m \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$z$  - OBSERVABLE

$v$  - IS NOT OBSERVABLE



CRITERION: RESIDUAL

+ REGULARITY

$$f(x) = f_0(x) + f_R(x)$$

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$$f_0(x) = \frac{1}{2} [z - h(x)]^T \Sigma_v^{-1} [z - h(x)]$$

$$f_R(x) = \frac{\alpha}{2} \|x\|^2 = \frac{\alpha}{2} x^T x$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (x - x_b)^T B^{-1} (x - x_b)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{2} \|\phi(x)\|^2 \quad \phi(x) = 0$$

CONSTRAINT

- PENALTY FUNCTION
- CONSTRAINTS OFTEN IMPLY BALANCE CONDITIONS

PROBLEM: GIVEN  $z, \Sigma_v, h(\cdot)$

$\{\alpha, x_b, B, \phi(\cdot)\}$

FIND  $x$  THAT MINIMIZES  $f(x)$

$h(\cdot)$  —  $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{LINEAR} & m \approx 10^5 \\ \text{NONLINEAR} & n \approx 10^7 \end{array} \right.$



## DYNAMIC CASE

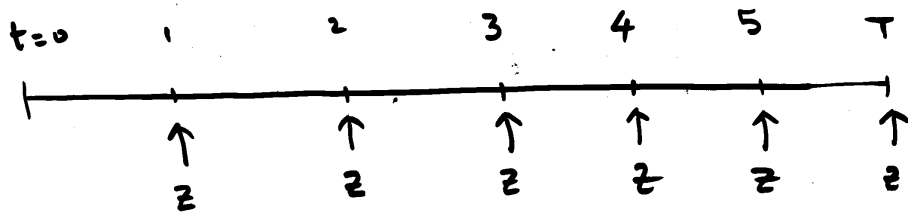
$$x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)^T \quad t \geq 0$$

$$\eta(x, t) = \begin{bmatrix} \eta_1(x, t) \\ \eta_2(x, t) \\ \vdots \\ \eta_k(x, t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow u - \text{VELOCITY} \\ \rightarrow v - \text{VELOCITY} \\ \rightarrow p - \text{PRESSURE} \\ \rightarrow T - \text{TEMP} \\ \rightarrow \text{MOISTURE} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = F[\eta, \alpha, t]$$

└ parameters

- $x \in D$ , DOMAIN - FINITE/INFINITE
- $\eta(x, 0)$  - INITIAL CONDITION
- $\eta[x, t] =$  GIVEN FOR  $x \in$  BOUNDARY OF  $D$
- GIVEN I.C./B.C., WE CAN IN PRINCIPLE INTEGRATE THE MODEL NUMERICALLY.
- I.C./B.C. ARE TO BE ESTIMATED USING DATA.



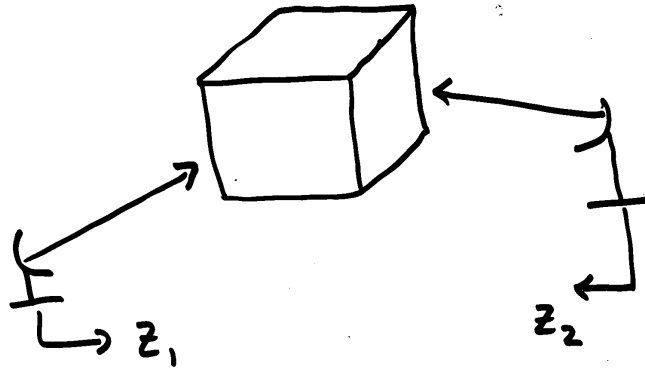
$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{x_i \in D} [z_i - \eta(x_i, i)] [z_i - \eta(x_i, i)]$$

$= f(\eta(x, 0))$  - MEASURE OF MIS-FIT  
BETWEEN MODEL AND  
DATA

- MODEL SOLUTION DEPENDS ON THE  
I.C.

- IDEA:
- START WITH  $\eta(x, 0)$
  - COMPUTE SOLUTION  $\eta(x, t)$
  - COMPUTE  $f(\eta(x, 0))$
  - COMPUTE  $\nabla f(\eta(x, 0))$
  - USE IN A MINIMIZATION SCHEME TO FIND THE BEST  $\eta(x, 0)$

## MULTI SENSOR PROBLEM



$x$ :  $h(x)$  - MODEL COUNTER PART

$$z_1 \approx h(x)$$

$$z_2 \approx h(x)$$



QUESTION: FIND  $x$ : IT FITS BOTH  
SET OF OBSERVATIONS

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BOOK: DYNAMIC DATA ASSIMILATION:  
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