

Errors

- random
- systematic
- gross (blunders)

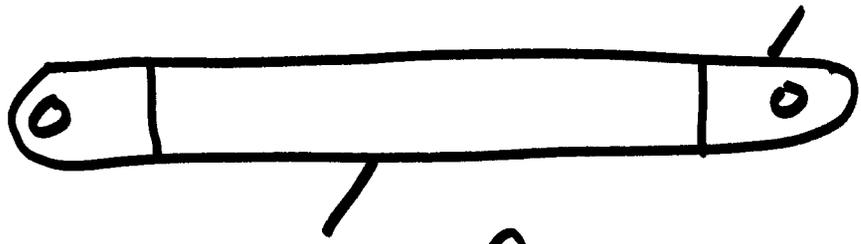
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Adj. of Geospa. Obs.  
Introduction

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Random variation

systematic:

SPOT

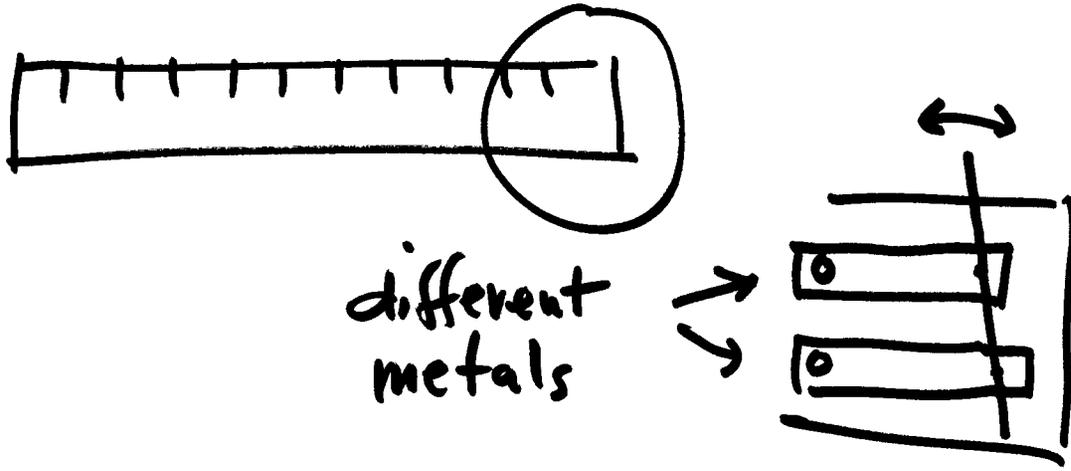


titanium

Carbon fiber

design to  
compensate for  
thermal expansion

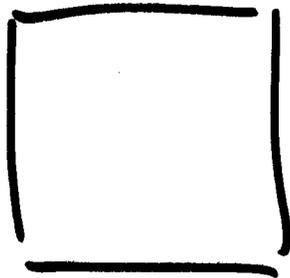
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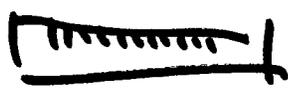
different metals

distance  
rod compensates  
for thermal  
expansion

early photogrammetry



glass plate



glass scale

another compensation for thermal effects

gross error (blunders)

IRLS, L1-norm minimization

data snooping, ...

all these techniques require  
redundancy

assume: all data has only  
random variation

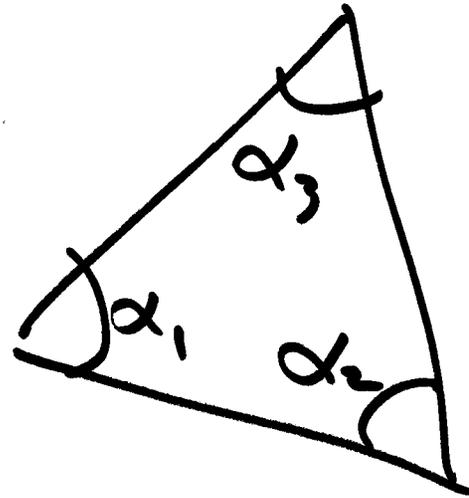
# Measurements

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- explicitly measure quantity of interest
- related mathematically to quantity of interest

math model - physical model  
geometric description  
math model

plane triangle  
(shape)



$$\hat{\alpha}_1 + \hat{\alpha}_2 + \hat{\alpha}_3 = 180^\circ$$

elements of math model

$n$ : # of observations

$n_0$ : minimum # of observations to  
fix model

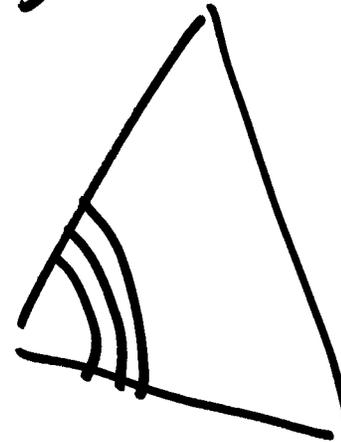
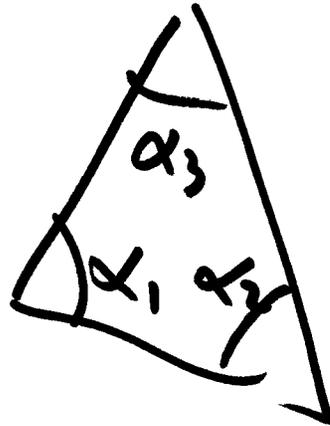
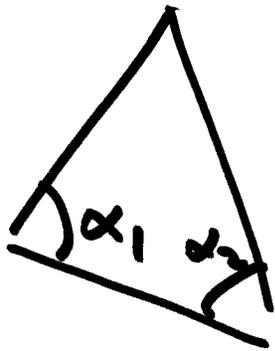
$$n = 3$$

$$n_0 = 2$$



$$r = 1$$

redundancy



$$n = 3$$

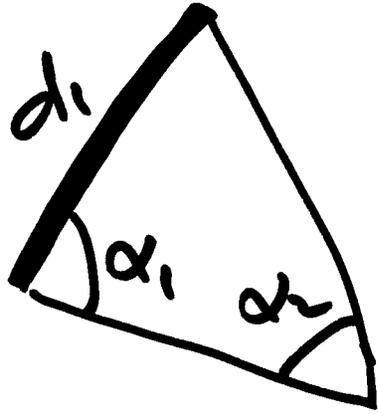
$$n_0 = 2$$

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$$r = 1$$

in statistics, redundancy is called  
"degrees of freedom"

observations  
must fix the  
model before you  
can claim to  
have redundancy



size + shape

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$$n_0 = 3$$

mathematical model

L functional model

L stochastic model

(variability of observation)

$$\sigma, \sigma^2$$

make multiple observations  
(independent)



← { determine  $\sigma$   
for an instrument  
or observer

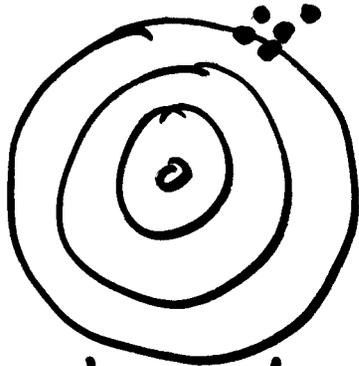
weight:

$$w \sim \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$$

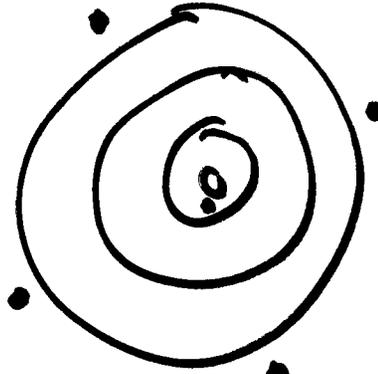
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accuracy vs. precision

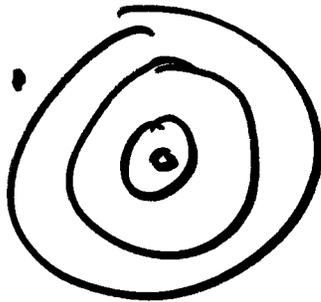
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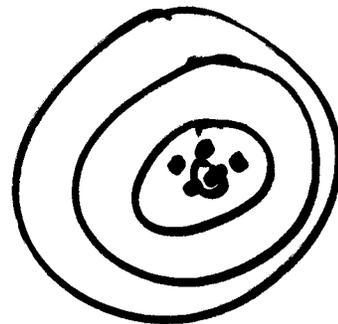
precise, not accurate



not precise, accurate



not precise  
not accurate



precise +  
accurate