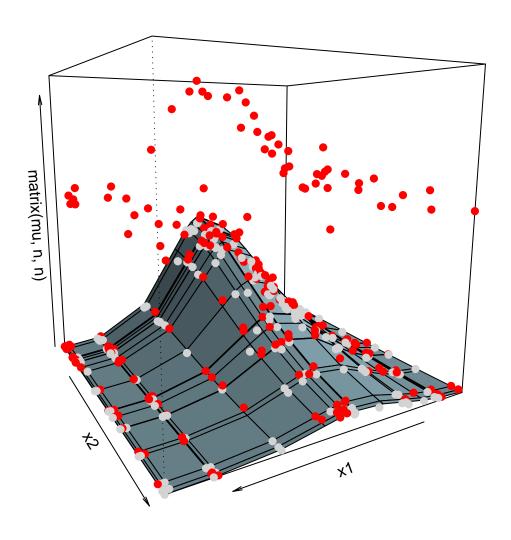
True mean function



gray points are below the surface