
Subject: curvefit Q

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I notice that Curvefit can return a variable, 'sigma'. I'm not quite clear on what this is, the help page says it's the standard deviation for each of the fit parameters, fine, but one might more commonly come across a standard deviation as in the standard deviation of a mean of some values. It probably doesn't make much sense to me since there's no mean being done here, just a non-linear least squares fit. Is there anyway of translating these standard deviations into an error so you can quote:

parameter_value +/- error?

regards,
S
