
Subject: Re: surface fit

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buteau@bali.saclay.cea.fr (A.Buteau 62 17) writes:

> I don't understand what you mean by :

>> One then is not fitting $F(X,Y)$ but $F(S)$. All one needs to do then is to
>> write the definition of the function so that it can then determine $X(S)$ and
>> $Y(S)$. A simple way to do this is through a common block.

O.K., here's a simple example. Suppose that one wanted to fit a two-dimensional gaussian to a set of X-Y points, i.e.

$$F(X,Y) = A0 + A1 * \exp(-r^2 / (2 * \sigma^2))$$

$$r^2 = (x - X0)^2 + (y - Y0)^2$$

One would then write the function as follows:

```
FUNCTION GAUSS2, S, A, PDER
COMMON GAUSS2_COM, X_ARRAY, Y_ARRAY
X = X_ARRAY(S)
Y = Y_ARRAY(S)
R2 = (X - A(2))^2 + (Y - A(3))^2
F = A(0) + A1 * EXP(-R2 / (2. * A(4)^2))
PDER = ... ;Left as an exercise to the reader :^)
RETURN, F
END
```

Your actual measurement points are a series of X,Y pairs. These are stored as X_ARRAY, Y_ARRAY in the GAUSS2_COM common block. S is simply an index array running from 0 to one less than the number of points. If the measured values at these points are Z, then one can call CURVEFIT as follows

```
Result = CURVEFIT(S, Z, W, A, SIGMAA, FUNCTION='GAUSS2')
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