
Subject: Re: curve fitting

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Tue, 04 May 2004 15:28:02 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

> Paul Van Delst writes:

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>> I actually went to the advertised page to have a looksee. It's pretty impressive in a
>> whizbang sort of way, although I'll admit to still being relatively inexperienced with the
>> nuances of model and curve fitting. What I found slightly disturbing was the implication
>> (although I may have misread) that this software can automagically solve your problem,
>> i.e. you throw your data at it and it comes up with a fit. Isn't this the scientific
>> method, but backwards?

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> No, no. This is a well-known and modern technique
> called Thinking For You. All the Microsoft products
> use it. It's great! :-)

Ha ha! For full disclosure I was going to mention my bias against Microsoft software
(and by extension most other windows apps) for just that reason but I thought, no - that
wouldn't be fair since IDL is also a windows based app and sure as sh*t it don't do the
thinking for me (based on my unix-only IDL experience...)

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