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Subject: Re: How to get the center and radius for a x,y array  
Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 04:23:15 GMT  
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On Feb 7, 2:21 am, oupin <hbb1...@gmail.com> wrote:  
> On Feb 7, 9:06 am, Vince Hradil <vincehra...@gmail.com> wrote:  
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>> On Feb 6, 7:05 pm, Vince Hradil <vincehra...@gmail.com> wrote:  
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>>> On Feb 6, 6:52 pm, oupin <hbb1...@gmail.com> wrote:  
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>>>> On Feb 7, 12:19 am, Vince Hradil <vincehra...@gmail.com> wrote:  
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>>>> > On Feb 6, 10:09 am, oupin <hbb1...@gmail.com> wrote:  
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>>>> > > I want to get the center and radius for a 2-D array which includes x,y  
>>>> > > values. Could you give me some suggestions and examples?  
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>>>> > We're going to need more details. You have (x,y) pairs? Do you want  
>>>> > Center-of-mass? What do you mean by "radius"? Do you want to fit a  
>>>> > circle?  
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>>>> Yes, I have (x,y) pairs, and want to fit a circle using these data,  
>>>> and calculate the center and radius of the circle.  
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>>> Ah - so just minimize  $\sum \{ r^2 - ((x_i - x_c)^2 + (y_i - y_c)^2) \}$  to find [r,xc,yc].  
>  
>> Is that right - I'm getting tired... it's something like that anyway.  
>  
> yes, that is what I mean

POWELL will probably work for you. Just define a function that calculates the sum that Vince gave (you'll probably need to use a common block to pass through your x,y pairs - at least, that's usually how I do it) and feed it into POWELL.

-Jeremy.

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