
Subject: Re: Showing the least-squares line through a set of x,y points

Posted by [a.mozafari1211](#) on Sun, 22 Feb 2009 10:52:32 GMT

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On Feb 22, 5:34 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> bobbylough writes:

>> I was wondering if it could be possible to plot the least-squares line
>> for a set of points on a 2D plot for a set of x,y points. This would
>> involve reading the set of points via a textfile initially and then
>> including additional syntax that would compute the "best-fit" line
>> (this is correctly called the line of least-squares) through these
>> points. I'm well capable of doing this in Excel but have had
>> difficulty tracking the correct commands in IDL. Many thanks for any
>> help you can give me on this problem.

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> I would do something like this:

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> IDL> x = indgen(20)

> IDL> y = 3*x + 5 + RandomU(-3L, 20) * 10

> IDL> plot, x, y, psym=2, symsize=2

> IDL> result = linfit(x, y, YFIT=yfit)

> IDL> oplot, x, yfit, thick=2

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> Cheers,

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> David

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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

LINFIT: minimized the CHI-square error statistic.

Cheers
