
Subject: Constrained fit of a straight line: fixed intercept

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Hi,

I am not sure how easy this problem is, but it sure gave me hell today.

I have the following vector arrays: X, Y, & Y_errors. There are 5 elements in each and they do form a nice line describes by $Y = A + BX$.

I need to fit this line with B as a free parameter and constrain A to pass by the the third point.

So the problem narrows down to one parameter as: $Y = (Y_0 - BX_0) + BX$, where Y_0 and B_0 and the third point values (i.e., $X[2]$ and $Y[2]$).

I tried using MPFIT with the PARINFO keyword. It just didn't work.

Any ideas? Thanks....

-Joe
