
Subject: Re: doubt in chisq value

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On Nov 1, 7:48 pm, wlandsman <wlands...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Nov 1, 2:43 am, sid <gunvicsi...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> Hi,

>> I am fitting my data with svdfit (2 degree polynomial), now I need
>> to know how exactly the chisq value is calculated in this routine,
>> because I need to know the goodness of fit. For my data which I am
>> fitting I am getting chisq values which varies from 6.3534419e-07 to
>> 8.0278877e-09 for different datasets. But please help how the routine
>> is performing the chisq calculation and how can I find the goodness of
>> fit from it.

>> thanking you

>> sid

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> You are almost certainly supplying unrealistic error bars (sigma
> values).

> Chisq can be calculated from the single line (e.g. see curvefit.pro)

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> $\text{chisq} = \text{total}(\text{Weights} * (\text{y} - \text{yfit})^2) / \text{nfree}$

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> where weights = $1/\sigma^2$, and nfree is the number of data points
> minus the number of free parameters.

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> --Wayne

Does the sigma value denote the error in each y value? If so can you
suggest me how to find the error for each y value, mine is a spectral
data. I am fitting a spectral line with 2 degree polynomial.

thanking you

sid

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