
Subject: Re: Minimization: Determine a constant across data sets

Posted by [Justin Cantrell](#) on Tue, 10 Apr 2012 14:58:52 GMT

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Awesome, I think I got it. Took a while to get the dimensions to agree.

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result=mpfitfun('myfun',x,y(*,*),1.,guess,bestnorm=chisq)
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FUNCTION myfun, X, P  
;create the function from the inputs  
s=size(p)  
cols=(s(1)-1)/2  
model=dblarr(cols,n_elements(x))  
for i=0, cols-1 do begin  
model(i,*)=[P[i]* EXP(-x/P[cols])+P[i+cols+1] ]  
endfor  
RETURN, model
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END
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