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Subject: Re: How to calculate 3SIGMA in Linfit!  
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On Tuesday, June 12, 2012 10:54:26 AM UTC-7, Craig Markwardt wrote:  
> On Tuesday, June 12, 2012 10:53:03 AM UTC-4, Craig Markwardt wrote:  
>> On Tuesday, June 12, 2012 3:07:40 AM UTC-4, dave poreh wrote:  
>>> On Monday, June 11, 2012 6:25:35 PM UTC+2, Craig Markwardt wrote:  
>>>> On Monday, June 11, 2012 3:51:50 AM UTC-4, dave poreh wrote:  
>>>> > Dear folks  
>>>> > hi,  
>>>> > i want to calculate 3sigma in linfit function. sigma function just give me the SD and i could not do 3\*sigma to get 3sigma. As far as i understood first i need to transfer data to normal function and then i find SD and 3SD=3sigma.  
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>>>> I'm assuming you want to calculate a 3 sigma confidence limit. But of what? The slope coefficient? Offset coefficient?  
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>>>> As far as I understand, 3 sigma is indeed usually 3 times the 1 sigma error estimate. When your fitting function is non-linear it gets more complicated, but yours is not-nonlinear.  
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>>>> Craig  
>>> I want to measure velocity of the time series that means i would have a velocity and +/- 3sigma error.  
>  
> As a practical matter, I recommend that you subtract the average time value (or center-time value) from the time column of your samples.  
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> The result returned from LINFIT() will then be mean position at the center time, and the mean velocity at the center time.  
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> If you don't subtract the mean time value, then that can introduce some nasty correlations between the slope and offset coefficients.  
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> Craig  
Thanks  
I have noticed that, and i thought it is a statistical matter. Why it is like that. Is this thing (subtracting mean()) some kind of normalization or what?  
Cheers,  
Dave

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