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Subject: Re: meanclip

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2012 22:32:44 GMT

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One problem with using meanclip.pro for your example, is that it determines outliers by comparing with the mean of \*all\* the data. But your data presumably has real trends, (which you are trying to determine with poly\_fit).

Better would be to use "robust" polynomial fitting, in which outliers are determined by their deviation from a polynomial fit. This what the program robust\_poly\_fit.pro does.

[http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/ftp/pro/robust/robust\\_poly\\_fit.pro](http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/ftp/pro/robust/robust_poly_fit.pro)

--Wayne

On Saturday, December 8, 2012 3:32:57 PM UTC-5, Charlie Paul D'auria wrote:

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> The array contains data relating to the flux versus time of an astronomical event. The data shows strange characteristics such as dips, which I am hoping to remove by a method other than just 'cutting' them out by eye. I was hoping to use a program that discards data that is outside an allowed limit from the previous data point.  
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> I have used poly fit to fit a trend line to see if the data fits a certain gradient.  
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> Anyway, i'll give what i've got a go.  
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> Charlie

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