
Subject: Re: scattering data with MPFITFUN

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On Thursday, June 20, 2013 4:23:27 AM UTC-4, Nafiseh Masoumzadeh wrote:

> On Thursday, June 20, 2013 5:51:16 AM UTC+2, Craig Markwardt wrote:

>> On Wednesday, June 19, 2013 6:49:43 PM UTC-4, Nafiseh Masoumzadeh wrote:

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>>> Hello,

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>>> I have some data which I simply want to fit $p[0]*x^p[1]$ on them, But

>>> I don't know I am receiving very far results!

>>> I am using mpfitfun like this:

>>> start=[0.001, 0.1]

>>> results=MPFITFUN('MYFUNCTION', x, y, err, start)

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>>> I applied this function and points in MATLAB (fitting toolbox) , and I had reasonable coefficients .

>> MPFITFUN can solve problems like this.

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>> What happens when you say,

>> YMODEL = MYFUNCTION(X, START)

>> Do you get sensible values for YMODEL?

>> You should also be checking the STATUS and ERRMSG keywords to see if there is a more informative error message.

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> yes, I got reasonable result from YMODEL. and for STATUS I got 6 and I don't have any ERRMSG. I checked in MPFIT script that 6 for STATUS means

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> FTOL is too small. no further reduction in

> ; the sum of squares is possible.

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> but I cannot figure out what is the problem?

STATUS=6 is not necessarily a good or bad thing. It usually means that a best fit was achieved.

So let's assume the results of the IDL fit are RESULTS_IDL and the results from your Matlab fit are RESULTS_MATLAB. You can then compute the chi-square value for each.

$$\text{CHI_START} = \text{TOTAL}((\text{MYFUNCTION}(X, \text{START}) - Y)^2 / \text{ERROR}^2)$$
$$\text{CHI_IDL} = \text{TOTAL}((\text{MYFUNCTION}(X, \text{RESULTS_IDL}) - Y)^2 / \text{ERROR}^2)$$
$$\text{CHI_MATLAB} = \text{TOTAL}((\text{MYFUNCTION}(X, \text{RESULTS_MATLAB}) - Y)^2 / \text{ERROR}^2)$$

How different are these three values?

Craig
