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Subject: Re: IDL's function SFIT coefficients

Posted by [George\[1\]](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2014 17:48:44 GMT

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On Monday, March 17, 2014 12:12:33 PM UTC-5, Craig Markwardt wrote:

> On Monday, March 17, 2014 12:36:03 PM UTC-4, George wrote:

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>> The problem: I have a 2d array of data that I would like to fit using SFIT. The values returned from SFIT match the data quite well (just eyeing it for now), but when I use the coefficients to reproduce the function, I get nonsense. The IDL help file says if the polynomial is 2nd order and max\_degree is used then the coeffs are returned in an vector that looks like this: [k, y, y2, x, xy, x2]. Below is a block of code that shows how I used the coefficients to calculate my surface fit (s\_fit).

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>> x = [1.,2.,3.,4.,5.,6.,7.,8.,9.]

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>> y=[100.,200.,300.,500.,1000.,2000.,3000.,5000.,10000.]

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>> result = sfit(amp,2,kx=coeff,/max\_degree) ;\*\*\*\*\*amp is my 2d data array

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>> FOR kk=0,n\_elements(x)-1 DO BEGIN

s\_fit[kk,ii]=coeff[0]+coeff[3]\*x(kk)+coeff[1]\*y(ii)+coeff[5]

\*x(kk)\*x(kk)+coeff[4]\*x(kk)\*y(ii)+coeff[2]\*y(ii)\*y(ii)

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> By default, SFIT assumes that X and Y are regularly sampled. Your Y values are not regularly sampled. I guess you need to use the /IRREGULAR keyword for that.

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> Craig

Perfect! I misunderstood the meaning of /IRREGULAR, but when I read your post it "clicked."  
Thank you very much Craig.

On a side note, I should also say thank you for your MPFIT routines -- they've been a big help in other analyses.

Regards,  
George

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