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Subject: Re: Curve Fitting to timeseries using a set of 8 sine and cosine functions  
Posted by [Yngvar Larsen](#) on Sat, 25 Oct 2014 19:34:39 GMT  
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On Saturday, 25 October 2014 19:51:05 UTC+2, siumt...@gmail.com wrote:

> Thank You for spending some time to help me. ..  
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> Sorry If I post the same question again and again. I just need a solution for my problem.  
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> I have attempted to use multiple linear regression to solve the problem . However, when I plot  
the original data with fitted value , I did not find good result.  
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> I think it is better I put sampedata which I understand instead of using random numbers

[Note that I did not use completely random numbers in my example, just arbitrary coefficients in the model.]

You claim you understand your sample data. But you should really explore your data model a bit more. You are basically modelling your data as periodic, with only the frequencies 1-4/yr. The following spectral analysis shows that your signal in fact does not contain much energy at these frequencies (exact maybe the seasonal signal at 1/yr). Vertical green lines correspond to your model frequencies, and the red ones are the major ones found by a simple spectral analysis.

Bottom line: your model is very wrong, so no wonder estimating the model coefficients using linear regression/least squares does not work well.

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;; read test data  
datafile = 'sampedata.txt'  
np = file_lines(datafile)  
data = strarr(np)  
openr, unit, datafile, /get_lun  
readf, unit, data  
free_lun, unit  
data = double(data[*])  
  
;; Subtract mean  
data -= mean(data)  
  
;; Time and freq axes  
dt = 1/12d0 ; [years]  
t = dindgen(np)*dt  
df = 1/(np*dt)  
faxis = (1+dindgen(np/2))*df  
  
;; one-sided periodogram  
pow = (abs(fft(data*hanning(np)))^2)[1:np/2]
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plot, faxis, pow, xtitle='Frequency [1/years]', ytitle='Power spectrum', /xlog
;; Dominant modes (eyeball fit)
oplot, df*[1,1]*1.1, !y.crange, color='ff'x
oplot, df*[1,1]*4, !y.crange, color='ff'x
oplot, df*[1,1]*8, !y.crange, color='ff'x
oplot, df*[1,1]*12, !y.crange, color='ff'x
oplot, df*[1,1]*15, !y.crange, color='ff'x
oplot, df*[1,1]*19.5, !y.crange, color='ff'x
oplot, df*[1,1]*25, !y.crange, color='ff'x
oplot, df*[1,1]*28, !y.crange, color='ff'x
oplot, df*[1,1]*33, !y.crange, color='ff'x
oplot, df*[1,1]*41, !y.crange, color='ff'x
oplot, df*[1,1]*55, !y.crange, color='ff'x
oplot, df*[1,1]*81, !y.crange, color='ff'x
oplot, df*[1,1]*124, !y.crange, color='ff'x
oplot, df*[1,1]*164, !y.crange, color='ff'x
oplot, df*[1,1]*192, !y.crange, color='ff'x

;; Your assumed modes
for n=1,4 do $
    oplot, [1,1]*n, !y.crange, color='ff00'x

end
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Yngvar

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