
Subject: Re: MPFITFUN error -- only reading the first data value

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On Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 5:45:03 PM UTC-5, graham kerr wrote:

> Hello everyone,

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> I am trying to use mpfitfun to fit data observed at multiple wavelengths to a blackbody function, with temperature as the only variable; so I'm trying to find the best fit temperature.

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> My function is called planck_fit_sot.pro, and is below. When I use mpfitfun the output has clearly only tried to fit the first data point. For a few test runs where I simulated blackbody intensities at multiple wavelengths (100 in total), the fitting routine returns the temperature that I set the first data point to. Also, yfit has only one value (the first), with all the rest '0'.

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> Does anyone know what (presumably silly) mistake I've made here, and why mpfitfun is not using all the data to fit the function?

>

> cheers,

> Graham

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>

> mpfitfun procedure where wave_rgb & data_rgb are input and temp_range and start_temp are included as optional input :-

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> if n_elements(start_temp) eq 0 then start_temp = double(6000.0)

> parinfo = {value:0.0, fixed:0, limited:[0,0], limits:[0.0,0.0]}

> parinfo[0].value = start_temp

> parinfo[0].fixed = 0

> if n_elements(temp_range) eq 0 then begin

> parinfo[0].limited(*) = 0

> endif else begin

> parinfo[0].limited(*) = 1

> parinfo[0].limits[0] = temp_range[0]

> parinfo[0].limits[1] = temp_range[1]

> endelse

>

> fit_fn = mpfitfun('planck_fit_sot', wave_rgb, data_rgb, err, \$

> parinfo = parinfo, double = double,\$

> maxiter = 2000, bestnorm = bestnorm,\$

> yfit = yfit, perror = perror, dof = dof,\$

> status = status, errmsg=errmsg)

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>

> planck_fit_sot.pro :-

>

> FUNCTION planck_fit_sot, wave, temp

>

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> ;Some constants
> cc = 2.99792458d10 ;cm/s
> hh = 6.62606957d-27 ;erg s
> kb = 1.3806488d-16 ;erg/K
>
> wave_cm = wave/1.e8 ;cm
>
> bb_fn = dblarr(n_elements(wave))
>
> .....
> ..... DEFINE THE FUNCTION .....
> .....
> .....
> ;2*h*c^2.0
> const1 = double(2*hh*cc*cc)
>
> ;h*c/k
> const2 = double(hh*cc/kb)/wave_cm
>
> .....
> .....
> bb_fn = const1 / ( wave_cm^5.0 * ( exp( const2/temp)-1. ) )
>
> bb_fn = bb_fn*1.d-8 ;ergs/s/cm^2/sr/Ang
>
> bb_fn_watts = bb_fn/1.e7 ;W/cm^2/sr/Ang
> .....
> .....
> return, bb_fn_watts
>
> end

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As written it won't compile -- I'm guessing the "]" isn't supposed to be here:

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bb_fn = const1 / ( wave_cm^5.0 * ( exp( const2/temp)-1. ) )
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Assuming that's fixed, I would speculate that your start_temp variable coming into the function is an array (possibly a 1-element array) instead of a scalar. Try "help, start_temp" to check.

-Jeremy.