
Subject: Re: MPFITFUN error -- only reading the first data value
Posted by [graham kerr](#) on Thu, 02 Apr 2015 09:16:50 GMT
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Hi,

Yes, that was a typo (but wasn't in my actual code).

start_temp is a float (or double) not a 1-element array so I don't think that's where the error is unfortunately.

On Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 7:14:08 PM UTC+1, Jeremy Bailin wrote:

> 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'.

>>

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

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>> 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 :-

>>

>> 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

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>>
>> 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)
>>
>>
>> planck_fit_sot.pro :-
>>
>> FUNCTION planck_fit_sot, wave, temp
>>
>> ;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
>
>
> As written it won't compile -- I'm guessing the "]" isn't supposed to be here:
>
> 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.
