
Subject: Re: Logistic model in COMFIT function

Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Wed, 26 Oct 2016 14:24:42 GMT

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On Tuesday, 25 October 2016 13:37:22 UTC-7, bedro...@gmail.com wrote:

> Hi,

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> I am currently using the logistic model in COMFIT. The results are good; however, when I read the equation IDL uses for logistic model, I got confused. The equation is: $y=1/(a_0a_1^x+a_2)$. I can not understand why a_0 and a_1 are necessary? They can be combined as one empirical parameter. How does each of the empirical parameter work in this IDL function?

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> If you can provide any thought, I will greatly appreciate.

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> Thank you.

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> Sincerely,

> Nick

Hi Nick,

To make that equation clearer, to show the order of operations when it is evaluated (exponents before multiplication), it could be written as:

$$y = 1 / ((a_0 * (a_1^x)) + a_2)$$

Does that help to show how a_0 and a_1 are quite distinct?

Cheers,

-Dick

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