
Subject: Re: Need 2-dimensional Y versus X curve fit routine

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jmcfee@dres.dnd.ca (John McFee) writes:

> CURVEFIT in the IDL built-in library which performs a nonlinear fit of a 1-D
> data vector Y to a function of a 1-D vector X and a parameter vector A. I am
> looking for a routine similar except that Y and X are two dimensional (time
> versus depth). CURVEFIT is based on Bevington's CURVFIT (Marquardt's
> method). I extended a fortran CURVFIT routine to 2-D some years ago, but hate
> to repeat the effort in IDL. Has anybody got a 2-D version?

If the problem is that of fitting to a scalar field which is a function of two variables, e.g. height as a function of two spatial coordinates, then CURVEFIT as it is currently written should be able to handle it. The trick is to pass in your coordinates as a structure with the elements of the structure being the two coordinates that the variable being fitted is dependent on. Mathematically this would be expressed as

$$Y = F(X1, X2)$$

and in IDL you could define the structure as

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POS = REPLICATE( {X1: 0.0, X2: 0.0}, N_ELEMENTS(X1) )
POS.X1 = X1
POS.X2 = X2
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This procedure could be generalized to any number of dimensions.

If instead your problem is that you have two dependent variables which are both related to the same independent variables, e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} Y1 &= F1(X1, X2) \\ Y2 &= F2(X1, X2) \end{aligned}$$

and you want to fit to both variables simultaneously, then you would have to modify CURVEFIT.

If the latter is the case, then one routine that might help is a program I once wrote called AMOEBA_F. It's based on the algorithm Amoeba outlined in Numerical Recipes. This should work because you pass in the function to be minimized, i.e. your equivalent of chi-squared, instead of passing the functions F1 and F2.

This routine may call some other routines, which should be available from

ftp://sohoftp.nascom.nasa.gov/solarsoft/gen/idl/fitting/

and parallel directories.

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PRO AMOEBA_F,FNAME,PARAM,ACCURACY=ACCURACY,MAX_ITER=MAX_ITER, $
  LAMBDA=LAMBDA0,CHISQR=CHISQR,N_ITER=ITER,NOPRINT=NOPRINT
;+
; Project   : SOHO - CDS
;
; Name      : AMOEBA_F
;
; Purpose   : Reiteratively minimizes an arbitrary function
;
; explanation : minimizes an arbitrary function via a least-squares reiterative
; technique.
;
; the procedure used is taken from numerical recipes.
;
; use       : amoeba_f, fname, param
;
; inputs    : fname = name of function to be minimized (string variable).
; param = parameters of fit. passed as first guess. returned
; as fitted values.
;
; opt. inputs : none.
;
; outputs   : param = parameters of fit. see note above.
;
; opt. outputs: none.
;
; keywords  : accuracy = accuracy to cut off at. defaults to 1e-5.
; max_iter = maximum number of reiterations. defaults to 20.
; lambda = initial step sizes for param, or if scalar then
; fraction of param. defaults to 1e-2.
; noprint = if set, then no printout is generated.
; chisqr = returned value of chi-squared. only relevant if
; error passed explicitly.
; n_iter = number of iterations used.
;
; calls     : none.
;
; common    : none
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; restrictions: the user defined function is passed by name as a character
; string in the variable fname. the function must have the form.
;
;     y = f(param)
;
; where param is the vector containing the parameters of the fit.
;
; unless lambda is passed as an array, the initial guess for
; param must not contain any zeroes.
;
; side effects: none.
;
; category   : utilities, curve_fitting
;
; prev. hist. : william thompson, august, 1989.
; william thompson, june 1991, modified to use keywords.
;
; written    : william thompson, gsfc, august 1989
;
; modified   : version 1, william thompson, gsfc, 9 january 1995
;               incorporated into cds library
; version 2, william thompson, gsfc, 6 october 1995
;               fixed typo.
;
; version    : version 2, 6 october 1995
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;
; on_error,2
;
; check the number of parameters passed.
;
; if n_params(0) ne 2 then begin
;   print,' this procedure must be called with two parameters:'
;   print,'          fname, params'
;   return
; endif
;
; set up the default parameters.
;
; accur = 1e-5
; if n_elements(accuracy) eq 1 then $
;   if accuracy gt 0 then accur = accuracy
;
; if n_elements(max_iter) eq 1 then nmax = max_iter else nmax = 20
;
; lambda = 1e-2
; if n_elements(lambda0) eq 1 then $
;   if lambda0 gt 0 then lambda = lambda0

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; define npar from the input array. start iter at zero.
;
npar = n_elements(param)
if npar eq 1 then param = make_array(param)
iter = 0
;
; check the array or scalar lambda.
;
nlamb = n_elements(lambda)
if (nlamb ne npar) and (nlamb ne 1) then begin
    print,'** lambda must have 1 or ' + fix(npar) + $
    ' elements, routine amoeba_f.'
    return
endif
;
; calculate the array of parameters to start with.
;
p = param # replicate(1.,npar+1)
for i = 0,npar-1 do begin
    if nlamb eq npar then p(i,i+1) = param(i) + lambda(i) $
    else p(i,i+1) = param(i) * (1. + lambda)
endfor
;
; initialize the array containing chi-squared.
;
chi = 0.*[0,param]
for i = 0,npar do begin
    test = execute('chi(i) = ' + fname + '(p(*,i))')
endfor
;
; print the header.
;
if (nmax gt 0) and (not keyword_set(noprint)) then begin
    print,format="(1h1,3x,'i',10x,'log',20x,'log',16x,'i')"
    print,format="(1x,i4,9x,'error',17x,'chisqr',7x,i9)",nmax,nmax
    print,format="(2x,4(1h-),5x,10(1h-),5x,25(1h-),4x,4(1h-))"
endif
;
; starting point for all iterations. find the highest, next highest, and
; lowest values of chi.
;
iterate:
iter = iter + 1
ilo = 0
if chi(0) gt chi(1) then begin
    ihi = 0
    inhi = 1

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end else begin
  ihi = 1
  inhi = 0
endelse
for i = 0,npar do begin
  if chi(i) lt chi(ilo) then ilo = i
  if chi(i) gt chi(ihi) then begin
    inhi = ihi
    ihi = i
  end else if (chi(i) gt chi(inhi)) and (i ne ihi) then inhi = i
endfor
;
; find the average of p for all points other than ihi.
;
pbar = 0*param
for i = 0,npar do if i ne ihi then pbar = pbar + p(*,i)
pbar = pbar / npar
;
; reflect from the high point through pbar.
;
pr = 2*pbar - p(*,ihi)
test = execute('cr = ' + fname + '(pr)')
;
; if an improvement was achieved, try an additional extrapolation.
;
if cr le chi(ilo) then begin
  prr = 2*pr - pbar
  test = execute('crr = ' + fname + '(prr)')
;
; if an additional improvement was achieved, use the second extrapolation.
;
if crr lt chi(ilo) then begin
  p(0,ihi) = prr
  chi(ihi) = crr
;
; otherwise use the first extrapolation (reflection).
;
end else begin
  p(0,ihi) = pr
  chi(ihi) = cr
endelse
;
; if the reflection yields a value between the highest value and the next
; highest value, use it.
;
end else if cr ge chi(inhi) then begin
  if cr lt chi(ihi) then begin
    p(0,ihi) = pr

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    chi(ihi) = cr
endif
;
; look for an intermediate lower point.  if it's an improvement use it.
;
pr = (p(*,ihi) + pbar) / 2.
test = execute('crr = ' + fname + '(prr)')
if crr lt chi(ihi) then begin
    p(0,ihi) = prr
    chi(ihi) = crr
;
; nothing seems to help.  contract about the lowest point.
;
end else begin
    for i = 0,npar do if i ne ilo then begin
        pr = (p(*,i) + p(*,ilo)) / 2.
        p(0,i) = pr
        test = execute('chi(i) = ' + fname + '(prr)')
    endif
endelse
;
; the reflection yields an intermediate value.  use it.
;
end else begin
    p(0,ihi) = pr
    chi(ihi) = cr
endelse
;
; print out the iteration information.
;
error = total( (p(*,ihi) - p(*,ilo))^2 / (p(*,ihi)^2 + p(*,ilo)^2) )
bang_c = !c
chi_hi = abs(max(chi))
chi_lo = abs(min(chi))
i_low = !c
!c = bang_c
if error gt 0 then errorlg = alog10(error)/2 else errorlg = -999
if chi_hi gt 0 then chilog = alog10(chi_hi) else chilog = -999
if chi_lo gt 0 then clolog = alog10(chi_lo) else clolog = -999
format = "(i5,3f15.5,i8)"
if not keyword_set(noprint) then print,format=format,iter,errorlg, $
    chilog,clolog,iter
if (error gt accur^2) and (iter lt nmax) then goto,iterate
;
; the program has either converged or reached its maximum number of
; iterations.
;
param = p(*,i_low)

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chisqr = chi(i_low)
end
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